

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Terrell Thomas House

AND/OR COMMON
"Seven Gables" (preferred name)

*given name by original owner per
I take Mrs. Lambert 16-19-78.*

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
215 Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN
Baraboo

STATE
Wisconsin 53913

VICINITY OF
CODE
55

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
COUNTY CODE
Sauk 111 ✓

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Ralph B. and Pamela W. Krainik

STREET & NUMBER
215 Sixth Street

CITY, TOWN
Baraboo

VICINITY OF

STATE
Wisconsin 53913

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sauk County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
501 Oak Street

CITY, TOWN
Baraboo

STATE
Wisconsin 53913

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE
1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN
Madison

STATE
Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Seven Gables is a frame, two-story Downingsque Gothic cottage, with its original board-and-batten siding. It originally occupied half a block on "the beautiful knoll about two blocks northeast of the courthouse," with its main facade facing west toward Ash Street.¹ Later houses now block that vista and others have been built to the north. The original winding walks are gone but many of the shade trees remain.

A low-pitched hipped roof shelters the main block of the house. A central projecting entrance pavilion is crowned by a steep, gabled roof the eaves of which are trimmed by a jigsawed ornamental bargeboard with drop pendants. The gable is lit by a modified Palladian window on the second floor. Lights of cranberry-colored glass etched in a floral pattern surround the door. A veranda extends across the front of the house and is trimmed with a soffit jigsawed in a different pattern, roof brackets and brackets on twelve thin, molded piers. A pair of French doors flank the entrance on each side. Dormers on the north and south sides of the main block are also trimmed with drip pendants as are the corners of the building.

Off the southeast corner of the main block is a gable roofed extension. The west side of the extension features a porch similar to the front porch with an enclosed area at the entrance. Above is a large dormer with a zigzag patterned bargeboard. A mansard-roofed sunporch of later construction projects from the south facade of the wing and is decorated along the roofline with a pierced wooden balustrade. The French doors leading onto this balcony are sheltered by a decorative hood. The back of the house was altered probably before the turn of the century. The gable was widened into a wide, three-sided bay and a modern glassed-in porch extends across most of the first floor. A one-story utility room wing was added onto the kitchen at an unknown date.

To the north of the house is the original carriage house which has been much altered into a two-car garage. East of that is a tiny picturesque building with a steeply-pitched roof and a bargeboard.

The interior of the main block is typical, with the central hall flanked by two rooms on each side. Later bookshelves line the hall. Beyond the stair, which turns 90° at its base, the hall has been blocked to make room for a bathroom. To the right of the hall is the old parlor, used by Judge Bohn as a den. One of the walls is lined with books and the other three were painted in the 1930's with scenes of the Baraboo countryside and the mill at Lime Ridge where Judge Bohn grew up. Behind the den is a room now used as the dining room, south of which are two more small rooms in the gable wing, the larger of which has a brick fireplace added in the 1920's.

The kitchen in the northeast corner has been completely modernized and a door leading from the kitchen to the front room has been blocked on the kitchen side, although it remains on the front room side. The upstairs is a jumble of narrow halls and bedrooms. The large room Father Durward used as a chapel is in the front gable and two servants rooms are located along the north side of the house.

¹"A Fine Residence Begun," Baraboo Republic, August 9, 1860.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1860¹

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Seven Gables is among the finest Gothic Revival houses remaining in the state. The Baraboo area contains a relatively high proportion of houses with Gothic stylizations, including the J. J. Gattiker house and the Baraboo Valley Nursery, but Seven Gables is the finest of its type in Sauk County.

It was built in 1860 by Terrell Thomas, a native of Ohio who arrived in Baraboo in 1857 to help organize the Sauk County Bank. In 1859 he became the president of the bank. Thomas was also identified with the water power and manufacturing interests in Baraboo and was a promoter and later president of the Baraboo Airline Railway.²

In 1911 Father John T. Durward bought the house for his retirement. Father Durward was the son of Bernard Durward of near-by Durward's Glen, a romantic homesite for a family of strongly religious and aesthetic convictions. Father Durward became the rector of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Baraboo in 1887. He was greatly respected by his flock as a scholar, poet, and author, having travelled abroad three times and written five books.

When Father John died in 1918, the house was purchased by Henry Jay Bohn, a lawyer who served as district attorney from 1921 to 1929 when he was elected county judge, a position he held until 1955. The current owners acquired the house in 1966 and intend to restore and preserve it.

¹"A Fine Residence Begun," Baraboo Republic, August 9, 1860.

²William H. Canfield, Outline Sketches of Sauk County, Wisconsin, 1891, v. 2.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .6 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Baraboo

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES 4 00

A

1	6	2	7	8	5	0	0	4	8	1	6	8	0	0
ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING										

B

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING										

C

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING										

D

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E

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G

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING										

H

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING										

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The east 32 feet of lot 8; all of lots 9 and 10, and the west 32 feet of lot 11, block 12, Baraboo, formerly Adams, Sauk County, Wisconsin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Katherine E. Hundt, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

March 31, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608-262-2970

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Richard Perry

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

6/9/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12.9.78

ATTEST

Charles A. ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Mary B. Franklin
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

12.1.78

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