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DATA SHEET

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

## NAME

HISTORIC  
↓ First Congregational Church, Garnavillo *wh*

AND/OR COMMON  
Garnavillo Historical Museum

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Washington Street

CITY, TOWN  
Garnavillo

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second

STATE  
Iowa

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF  
CODE

COUNTY  
Clayton

CODE

## CLASSIFICATION

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

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Garnavillo Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER  
Washington Street

CITY, TOWN  
Garnavillo

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
Iowa

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Registry of Deeds, Clayton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
Elkader

STATE  
Iowa

## REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Garnavillo Church is a small, gable-roofed structure, built of red brick, and located on a small lot which faces the city square. The building has a stone foundation; stone, brick and wood are used for trim. The walls are laid in American or stretcher bond. At its base, the structure measures 32' x 50'. The main entrance is at the west end of the building.

Ten tall, double-hung sash windows light the Garnavillo Church. The tops of these windows are rounded. The brick arches above echo the shapes of the windows; each includes a curving row of raised headers and a keystone. A similar treatment of the brick is found above the front entrance. Classical elements are found in the wood cornice and cornice returns.

At the east end of the roof is a wood bell platform. Originally, the bell stood within a frame on this platform (there was no bell tower or steeple). The bell is now in use at St. Peter's Church in Garnavillo.

Because this building has been converted from a church to a museum, a good deal of remodeling has taken place. A new hardwood floor covers the original wood flooring. Ceiling tile has been installed over the plaster on the main floor. The east balcony, as well as the rooms beneath it, are additions. The original east balcony has been altered so that the area is completely enclosed with plate glass. Shelves and display cases are now located on the main floor.

# 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 checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple structure exhibits good proportion and some attractive detailing. Greek Revival influence is seen in the classic cornices and returns, and in the small pilasters on the base of the bell platform. Brick arches over the windows add distinction to a basically simple structure.

The Garnavillo Church was constructed in 1866 by members of the Congregational Church, organized in 1844 by James J. Hill, a member of the "Iowa Band" of missionaries, who left Garnavillo before this church was built. It replaced an earlier structure built soon after the church was formed. Later, this church was used as a community hall and meeting house, then a public library, then a school, until acquired in 1965 by the Garnavillo Historical Society for use as a local museum.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Clayton County, 1882  
James O. Crosby Papers, Garnavillo Historical Society

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Arnold D. Roggman

ORGANIZATION

Garnavillo Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Garnavillo,

STATE

Iowa

# 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

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 11/2/76

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

CHIEF

*Ken [Signature]*

DATE 3/20/97

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*William [Signature]*

DATE 3/22/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER