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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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Calder Houses

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1214 and 1216 2nd Avenue SE

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Iowa

Linn

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Olde Towne Corp. (Tom Riley and Leo Peiffer)

STREET & NUMBER

Riley: 1215 Merchants' National Bank Building; Peiffer: 2857 Mt. Vernon Rd. SE

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cedar Rapids

VICINITY OF

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Assessor's Office, Linn County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Cedar Rapids

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

HABS Inventory

DATE

20 October 1968

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Calder houses in Cedar Rapids were built in 1868. They are set along a main residential street of the city, surrounded mostly by clapboard dwellings dating from the turn of the century.

The houses share many features. Each is 24' x 36', two stories, with gable roofs and narrow, plain cornices. The light red brick was manufactured on the site, and laid in stretcher bond; that of 1216 was once painted white. The basic plan was a small rectangle, to which was attached a one-story, gable-roofed brick kitchen wing (about 12' x 11') at the right rear. Later (date unknown) the porch to the left of the wing was enclosed, forming a frame, shed-roofed kitchen (the earlier kitchen became the diningroom).

Windows, with original shutters, and entrances are segmentally arched, their placement in each house similar, except for the pairing, under one arch, of the second floor front windows in 1216. Entrance treatment differs: 1214 has a small wood porch with a flat arch, 1216 a vestibule of brick.

The interior layout is simple: Walnut staircase and main hall are to the right, opposite the entrance. The front room is living area, with kitchen and diningroom at the rear. Bedrooms and bath are upstairs. Rooms are plastered and papered, floors in 1214 are pine.

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 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of unpretentious brick houses is among the few remaining examples of mid-19th century housing stock in Cedar Rapids. Their vernacular design is strictly functional, in contrast to the variety of architectural influences which characterize much of the later house-building in the city.

Charles E. Calder (1840-1890) was born in central New York state, and came with his family to Cedar Rapids in 1851. The bulk of his fortune appears to have accrued through land speculation, for at his death he was termed "among the heaviest property holders" of the city.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A.J. Mallahan, et. al. (comp.) Cedar Rapids City Directory. Cedar Rapids: Mallahan, Dorwart and Holmes, 1884, p. 47.
 Cedar Rapids Gazette. (obituary) Jan. 2, 1890; December 12, 1965, p. 13B; October 22, 1972, p. 10B; September 17, 1972, p. 10C.
 Interview with Mrs. Ely Christiansen, 20 January, 1977 (Cedar Rapids)
 Interview with Dr. Peter McCormick, February 4,5, 1977 (Cedar Rapids)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one
 UTM REFERENCES

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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
 Sharon Wood

ORGANIZATION
 Coe College

STREET & NUMBER
 Box 436 Coe College

CITY OR TOWN
 Cedar Rapids

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE
 Iowa 52402

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 8/8/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 1/18/78
ATTEST: <i>[Signature]</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE 1-17-78