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| 6. Function or Use | | |
| Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) DOMESTIC/single dwelling | | Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) DOMESTIC/single dwelling |
| Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) | | Materials (Enter categories from instructions) |
| LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20T | | foundation <u>Concrete</u> |
| AMERICAN MOVEMENTS | | walls Brick |
| | | roof Asphalt |
| | | other Glass |

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria Areas of Significance (Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property (Enter categories from instructions) for National Register listing) ARCHITECTURE A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. Property is associated with the lives of persons В significant in our past. X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and Period of Significance distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction. 1920 _ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. **Criteria Considerations** Significant Dates (Mark "x" on all the lines that apply) 1920_____ Property is: owned by a religious institution or used for _ A religious purposes. Significant Person removed from its original location. (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) R С a birthplace or grave. N/A D a cemetery. Cultural Affiliation a reconstructed building, object, or structure. Е _ F a commemorative property. G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years. Architect/Builder Carpenter, Guy A.

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Narrative Statement of Significance - (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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| X State Historical Preservation Office |
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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> **Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

> **Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

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| name/title | William C. Page, Public Historian; Joann | e R. Walroth, | Project Associate |
| organization | Jefferson County Historic Preservation Co | ommission dat | e January 15, 1998 |
| street & number | 520 East Sheridan Avenue (Page) | telephone | 515-243-5740 (Pag |
| city or town Des Moines | stateIowa | zip code | 50313-5017 |

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs - Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items - (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

| Property Owner | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (Complete this item at the request | t of SHPO or FPO.) | |
| name | John L. and Lynn Y. Lass | |
| street & number | 902 South Main Street | telephone <u>515-472-4767</u> |
| city or town <u>Fairfield</u> | state <u>Iowa</u> | zip code 52556 |

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O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House, Jefferson County, Iowa.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This is a 2-story, brick, single-family dwelling with a contemporary and architecturally compatible automobile garage and concrete driveway associated with the property. Constructed in 1920, the house is rectangular in shape, covered with a flat roof, with a 1-story solarium on the south elevation and a full-width porch situated across the facade. A contemporary porte cochere is located on the north elevation of the building. The garage is detached from the house and situated to its northwest. A concrete driveway provides an access to this property from South Main Street.

HOUSE

Roughly speaking, the footprint of this house consists of a rectangle, which measures approximately $32' \times 50'$ (width by depth). An unenclosed facade porch stands on its east elevation and stretches across the entire length of the facade. It measures $32' \times 12'$ and is covered with a flat roof supported by massive, square columns constructed of brick. A 1-story solarium is situated on the south elevation of the main block. It measures $12' \times 24'$ and is also covered with a flat roof. A porte cochere is situated on the north elevation of the main block. It measures $12' \times 24'$ and is also covered with a flat roof. A porte cochere is situated on the north elevation of the main block. It measures $12' \times 16'$ and is covered with a flat roof supported by two massive, brick columns.

A number of architectural features emphasize the horizontal feeling of the building. They include wide eaves situated between the first and second floors and wide eaves situated slightly below the parapet of the building. A parapet surmounts the second floor of the building and further accentuates the horizontal appearance of the building. A series of paired windows on the second floor and low-arched windows on the first floor provide addition horizontal elements.

The building rests on a poured concrete foundation. The building's exterior walls are clad with a brown-colored brick. The flat roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An exterior wall, brick chimney is situated on the south elevation of the building. A second exterior wall, brick chimney is also situated on the north elevation of the building and services a fireplace.

Fenestration is original to the house and generally features double-hung sash with multi-paned upper and single pane lower units. For example, the second floor windows of the facade are 9/1 in configuration.

In the interior, the first floor and second floor each contains a total area of approximately 1,600 square feet. Floors on the first and second floor are of hardwood, and both feature plaster walls. The house has no attic. The basement, which is full, features a concrete floor and unfinished walls.

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The O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House is in fine condition.

GARAGE AND DRIVEWAY

This property features an automobile garage, which is detached from the house and located to its northwest. The garage was constructed at the same time as the house. The footprint of this garage measures $20' \times 22'$. The building rests on a poured concrete foundation and features wood frame walls clad with the same colored brick as the house.

The vehicular entrance to the garage is situated on the east elevation of the building. It features six, wood-panel doors, mounted on wheels, which slide along an overhead track, so the doors can be opened in accordion fashion horizontally. Each of these doors features nine, small window panes over a tall and narrow panel. The door hardware was designed and manufactured by the Louden Machinery Company and has continued in service since the garage was constructed in 1920.

A decorative band surrounds the garage slightly below the roof line. This band is worked in brick and features simple geometric designs. The garage was originally covered with a flat roof. Several years ago, a front-gable roof was built up on top of this flat roof. Although this new roof is visually distracting, it is reversible.

A poured concrete driveway provides an amenity to this property. It leads from South Main Street under the porte cochere and terminates at the garage. This driveway features poured concrete curbs and a curvilinear layout along its course. The concrete for this driveway was poured in small-sized sections. For example, the area at the approach to the garage features slabs about 5' x 5' in size.

SITE

The Fryer House makes a visual impact in Fairfield because of its prominent siting. South Main Street serves as Iowa Highway 1 through the community and the Fryer House is sited on a large lot. Situated in Block 43 of the Centennial Addition to the City of Fairfield, the average frontage of this lot is 120' and its average depth is 160'. The house stands on the west side of South Main Street and faces east. A pedestrian walk runs from the front porch of the house to South Main Street. A pair of free-standing brick bulkheads, surmounted with concrete caps, are situated near the street and flank the pedestrian walk on each side.

The immediate surroundings of the Fryer House are gently rolling in topography. South Main Street gently slopes from north to south as it leads out of Fairfield. The land on which the Fryer House is situated also stands slightly above the street grade. The building benefits visually from this added height, as well as from the fact that it sits well back from the street. South Main Street was developed as a Victorian and Edwardian corridor of residential preference in Fairfield. Numerous showplace single-family dwellings were built along its course. The neighborhood was never mapped for fire insurance purposes.

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SITE MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



Source: U.S.G.S. Map (7.5 Minute Series), Fairfield South Quadrangle, 1980.

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SITE SKETCH PLAN



Source: Jefferson County Assessor Office measurements and William C. Page.

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O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House, Jefferson County, Iowa.

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1920 as a single-family dwelling, the O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House possesses architectural significance, under National Register Criterion C, because it helped inaugurate new ideas into the residential architecture of Fairfield. The property features a number of amenities for the automobile, including a porte cochere, an architecturally compatible garage, and a poured concrete vehicular driveway. The house and garage illustrate the influence of Prairie School styling. This property is of additional architectural interest as the design of Guy A. Carpenter, a free-lance architect practicing in Fairfield during the late 1910s.

The period of significance, under Criterion C, for the O. F. and Lulu Fryer House is 1920, the year in which it was completed.

The property contains two contributing resources for this nomination--the house and the automobile garage. Both are classified as buildings.

BACKGROUND

Ode Franklin Fryer (1870-1950) was president of the Iowa State Savings Bank in Fairfield. Fryer was also prominent in the affairs of the First Methodist Church in Fairfield and served on that institution's building committee responsible for the planning and construction of the present church building in the 1920s. (Welty:180-81) Fryer was known formally as O. F. Fryer, and his first name was pronounced "Odie," when used.

Fryer relocated to Fairfield from nearby Packwood, Iowa, in 1905. Previously Fryer had served as president of the Packwood bank. He relocated to Fairfield to become cashier at the Iowa State Savings Bank and later served as president of the Iowa Loan and Trust Company. According to his obituary, Fryer "retired in 1927 and later returned to Packwood where he was president of the Farmers Savings Bank." (*Fairfield Daily Ledger* 1950:1)

By 1909, Fryer is shown residing at 303 West Adams with Lulu Fryer, his wife. At this time, Fryer served as cashier at the Iowa State Savings Bank. (Fairfield city directory 1909:43) The Fryers continued to live at this address until at least 1917. (*Ibid*.:1917:26)

During World War I, Fryer served as the treasurer of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, which had been organized in 1917 to stimulate food production and saving for the war effort. (Welty:322)

By 1922, Fryer had become president of the Iowa State Savings Bank. He and his family now resided at 904 South Main Street. (Fairfield city directory 1922:125) In 1926, the Fryers sold their property at 902 South Main street and subsequently moved from Fairfield. By 1927, Ralph H. Munro was living there. Munro was a Fairfield attorney. (*Ibid.*:98 and 155)

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O. F. Fryer died on May 5, 1950, and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Fairfield, Iowa. Lulu E. Fryer preceded him in death on April 15, 1947. She is buried beside him.

ARCHITECTURE

The O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House is architecturally significant as a fine and an early example of a residential property whose design catered to the needs of the automobile. The property also calls attention to the influence of Prairie School styling on its design. The Fryer House is significant as the work of Guy A. Carpenter, a free-lance architect in Fairfield during the early Twentieth Century.

Automobile-Related Design

Sited on a visually prominent street in Fairfield, the Fryer House added new dimensions to local architecture. The property's design catered to the needs of the automobile. This can be seen in the prominent porte cochere on the north elevation of the building, in the size of the detached garage, and in the vehicular approach to the house and garage with its curvilinear drive and gutters of poured concrete. The garage features Louden-designed hardware on its folding doors, which remain in operation today. It was unusual in Fairfield to have so many amenities for the automobile in the 1920s. Although the porte cochere had been employed as an architectural element in Fairfield during the Victorian period for horse-drawn vehicles, the Fryer House reintroduced it for use with the automobile.

It is clear that the Fryer family prized the automobile and provided both for its protection and security, as well as their own comfort when driving. The garage is exceptionally wide for such a facility during the period and might have allowed for two vehicles.

Prairie School

The O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House and its automobile garage are architecturally significant because they show the influence of the Prairie School of Architecture on their design. The flat roof and the strongly horizontal lines of the house--the wide upper cornice, as well as that between the first and second floors--are characteristics of this influence.

Although the Fryer House is not the finest example of a Prairie School residence in Fairfield--that distinction goes to Barry Byrne's design for the James F. Clarke House at 500 Main Street--the Fryer House does stand as a visually prominent example in the community because of its siting along South Main Street (which also serves as Iowa Highway 1). This location is on the same street and within several blocks of the Clarke House. Their proximity invites comparisons between a high-style example and one influenced by the style.

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The Fryer garage provides a contributing resource for this nomination because Carpenter designed it expressly to compliment the design of the house. The brick exterior walls and the small-paned garage door windows compliment those of the house. The brickworked panel, which surrounds the garage, also relates this building to the horizontal detailing on the house.

Guy A. Carpenter

Guy A. Carpenter was a free-lance architect practicing in Fairfield during the late 1910s. His name does not appear in the Fairfield city directories for 1917 or 1922, the two years when they were published during that period. Apparently Carpenter lived in Fairfield for only a short time, although several oral informants, including Julius Hilleary, Thomas A. Louden, and Ben J. Taylor, remember him and his architectural practice.

Two local examples of Carpenter's free-lance work have been documented to date--the O. F. and Lulu E. Fryer House and the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Both designs were prepared within several years of one another. Both designs show Carpenter's interest in technology. The many amenities for the automobile at the Fryer House were discussed above. The First Methodist Episcopal Church featured a Louden ventilating system to cool the sanctuary. Air registers were installed at the front of the sanctuary, a large ventilator was installed on the roof, and electric fans moved the air. Although this system was only partially successful (its noise was distracting), Carpenter's effort to solve a heat problem shows his interest in mechanical experimentation.

O. F. Fryer contributed in a significant way to Carpenter's free-lance work in Fairfield. Prominent in the First Methodist congregation, Fryer also served on that church's building committee. The fact that Fryer also commissioned Carpenter to design his own residence attests to his respect for Carpenter's abilities.

Carpenter was a member of the Architectural Department of the Louden Machinery Company. This employment most likely brought him to Fairfield, and employment elsewhere probably took him away. Carpenter's interest in technology and new ideas might be expected for an architect, whose full-time employment was with a company renowned for its innovation. Carpenter's design for the Fryer House illustrates this interest as applied to the automobile.

REPRESENTATION IN OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEYS

This building was surveyed on Iowa Site Inventory Form #51-012-812 in 1981 as part of an architectural survey of Fairfield, Iowa, by the Area XV Regional Planning Commission. The historical context portion of that survey discussed "Vernacular Prairie" styling in Fairfield and noted that:

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date and architect/builder. These could serve as the basis for a very interesting research project. Three examples of this type are: 51-012-713, 1524, and 1529. (Area XV Regional Planning Commission:11)

Although excluded from this short list, the Fryer House certainly falls into that stylistic category. Elsewhere that survey described the Fryer House in this fashion:

Two story brick residence, a vernacular adaptation of "modern" styles of the period; the horizontal emphasis of the Prairie style, the wide, heavy porch popular in both Prairie and Bungalow houses, but with the stark horizontal lines relieved by arched windows throughout the first floor. Both the solarium on the south and porte-cochere on the north are single story units often used in Prairie design.

Not individually significant enough for the N.R., but of local importance. (Ibid.)

Since that survey, further information about the building's architectural history has come to light. This information places the building within a broader context and confirms the survey's comments that Prairie-influenced dwellings in Fairfield offer a field for new discovery.

This house was also surveyed in 1996 as part of the "Louden Machinery Company, Fairfield, Iowa" hybrid reconnaissance and intensive surveys of that historic context within Jefferson County, Iowa. As one resource within that survey, this house was evaluated as individually eligible, under Criteria A and C, for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The State Historical Society of Iowa concurred in this determination.

POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Although the site's potential for historic archaeology is, as yet, unevaluated, the site identification of other ancillary structures associated with this property is slight. Living memory has documented that no other resources have stood on this site.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

The career of Guy A. Carpenter merits further research. Given the fact that the *Iowa Architects Files* contain no information about him, there is the likelihood that he relocated out-of-state upon leaving Fairfield. Carpenter's architectural abilities--as shown in the Fryer House--point to a promising career.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part of the East six acres of the North half of the North half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, in Township 72 North of Range 10 West, described as follows, to wit: Commencing 85 feet North of the South line of said 6 acres tract on the West lie of South Main Street, formerly Jefferson Street in the City of Fairfield and running thence North 120 feet, thence West 160 feet, thence South 60 feet, thence West 160 feet, thence South 60 feet, thence East 320 feet to the place of beginning and being part of Blocks 43 and 46 in Centennial Addition to the City of Fairfield, Iowa.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Contains all land associated historically with the resource.

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