

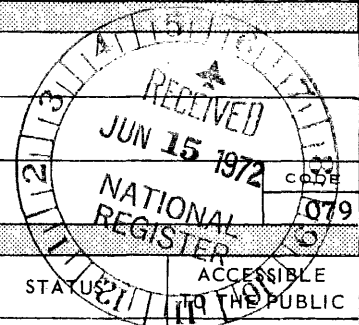
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin	
COUNTY: Milwaukee	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
NOV 7 1972	

1. NAME	
COMMON: Curtin, Jeremiah, House	Congressmen to be notified: Sen. Wm. Proxmire
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (4th Cong. Dist.)

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 8685 West Grange Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Greendale			
STATE: Wisconsin	CODE: 55	COUNTY: Milwaukee	DATE: NOV 7 1972



3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) No present use
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Plans exist for restoration

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Milwaukee County Historical Society			
STREET AND NUMBER: 910 North 3rd Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee	STATE: Wisconsin	CODE: 55	STATE: Wisconsin

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds Office, Milwaukee County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: 903 North 9th Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee	STATE: Wisconsin	CODE: 55	COUNTY: Milwaukee

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1941	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE: 11	DATE: NOV 7 1972

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

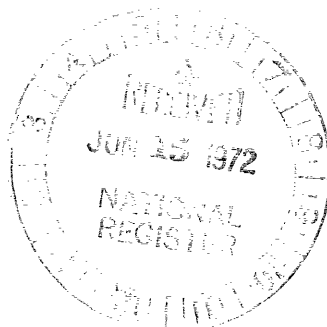
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jeremiah Curtin House is a two story structure, measuring 24' 6" in length by 19' deep. Its walls are approximately 18" thick and are constructed of Milwaukee County limestone and mortar covered with plaster and stucco. The roof is of split cedar shingles. Window and door openings have been closed off by the use of new doors and simulated shutters. A fireplace (main floor) and chimney are situated on the east side of the house. A number of roof rafters are natural timbers, smoothed on one (upper) side.

The basic physical appearance has changed little since its original construction in 1846 or 1847. During much of the early 20th century the house was used for storage purposes, but was restored in a W.P.A. project during the 1930's. It subsequently suffered severely from vandalism. At the time it was acquired by the Milwaukee County Historical Society in 1952, the window glass and sash were badly damaged, the doors removed and the wooden main floor torn up. Periodic repair efforts proved ineffective, and it was concluded to close up the building several years ago until such time as a permanent restoration and preservation program could be put into effect.

Important research data has been accumulated on the interior design of the house and its furnishings at the time it was occupied by the Curtin family.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1846-47

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Ethnic</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Immigration</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

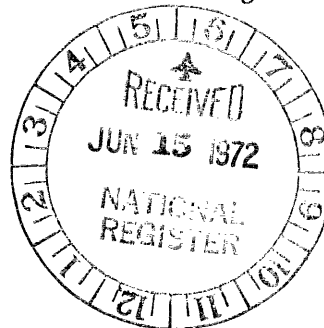
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jeremiah Curtin House is of significance and should be entered into the National Register of Historic Places for several reasons:

It is the family home and birthplace of an individual who gained national and international recognition as an author, linguist, folklorist, translator and member of the U. S. Diplomatic Service. Following Jeremiah Curtin's graduation from Harvard in the 1860's, he served for some years as Secretary to the American Legation at St. Petersburg, Russia. During his lifetime he mastered 70 languages and dialects. He wrote a number of books and collected for publication important material on the legends and folklore of the Irish, Slavs, Mongols and American Indians. He also made important contributions to literature by translating into English the works of Slavic writers, including the important Polish author Henry Sienkiewicz.

The Curtin House (according to a newly found autobiography) was built in 1846 or 1847, and was the first stone dwelling erected in the Greenfield Township. It is, therefore, of architectural importance as the oldest surviving structure in that region representing a significant trend in the use of local natural resources for permanent construction purposes.

The Curtin House also serves as a focal point for the history of Irish immigration to the rural areas of Milwaukee County. Curtin's parents were part of a sizeable Irish colony that settled in this region in the late 1830's. Almost totally ignored by historians, this settlement antedated by a decade the better known Irish immigration to urban Milwaukee.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1.0**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Harry H. Anderson, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION: **Milwaukee County Historical Society** DATE: **May 15, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
910 North 3rd Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Milwaukee** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>James Morton Smith</u> James Morton Smith</p> <p>Title <u>Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin</u></p> <p>Date <u>JUN 20 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert H. Uley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>11/7/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William H. Swartz</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>11.2.72</u></p>
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6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites (State)

1971

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

816 State Street

Madison

Wisconsin

Code: 55

11. Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

May 23, 1972

816 State Street

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