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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 McHenry, William A., House

AND/OR COMMON

Crawford County Historical Society

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1428 1st. Avenue North

CITY, TOWN

Denison

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

--- VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Iowa

CODE
14

COUNTY

Crawford

CODE

047

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Crawford County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Denison

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, CRAWFORD COUNTY RECORDER
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Denison

STATE
Iowa

6 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 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

The McHenry House is a white two and one half story building of clapboard construction sitting on a hill in the heart of Denison. It is of asymmetrical design, with a hipped roof with gable dormers, two inside end chimneys and one central corbled chimney.

There is an imbricated pattern between the first and second stories, decorated frieze, and a two story tower on the southeast corner with stained glass windows immediately above the bays on the first floor.

The interior of the McHenry House features hand-rubbed cherry and hemlock woodwork and inlaid wood floors. Solid walnut sliding doors and four ornate fire-places of cherry, maple and walnut wood with glazed tiles imported from France also remain. Other interior features include heavy brass hardware, (also from France), and a few of the original gas-light fixtures.

Comparisons with an 1895 photograph show that at some point a second story porch, louvered shutters, and the curved roof with finial which once surmounted the second story tower have been removed. A 1935 remodeling resulted in the removal of two small porches on the sides and four rooms to the rear where a garage was added. In addition, the old photograph shows that stucco has been applied to the brick foundation and that the clapboarding, now white, was polychromatic.

The McHenry House is now the headquarters of the Crawford County Historical Society, which is planning to restore the house with as many of the original furnishings as possible.

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 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT L.P. Sewell (W.A. McHenry)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

said to be

Built in 1886 by L.P. Sewell after a design by the first owner, the McHenry House is significant for its relationship to late nineteenth century American architectural trends, its fine interior features and for its association with a prominent Crawford County family.

Although stripped of much of its Victorian Queen Anne elements on the exterior, the McHenry House still stands as a well preserved example of a Midwestern transition style exhibiting traits of the Victorian picturesque and the American streamlined Shingle Style.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McHenry were active socially and many of the organizations formed in Denison in the pioneer days were due to the interest of both of them. Mrs. McHenry, active in the Women's Christian Temperance Union, was elected president of the National Convention of the Women's Relief Corp in Boston, Massachusetts in 1900.

Mr. McHenry was well known as being the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Iowa during the Civil War. He was famous locally as the originator of the pure-bred Aberdeen Angus breed of cattle in Crawford County and for his importation of breeding stock to improve the quality of cattle being raised in the United States.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Myers, H.W., History of Crawford County, Iowa, Volume I and Volume II, 1911.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	3,0,5	2,6,0	4,6	5,4	2,6,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING				
C				D						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

124' by 138'

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 / TITLE

Dorothy W. Mesenbrink

ORGANIZATION

Crawford County Historical Society

DATE

4/9/74

STREET & NUMBER

1504 East Broadway

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Denison

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, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

4.22.76

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

ACTING

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/7/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/1/76