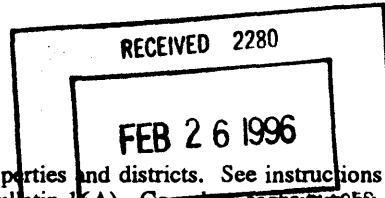


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete this form by marking "x" on the appropriate line or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name DR. WILLIAM E. AND ETHEL ROSENBERGER BERRY HOUSE

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 116 Rosenberger Avenue N/A not for publication

city or town Oskaloosa N/A vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Mahaska code 123 zip code 52577

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this (nomination request for determination of eligibility) meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (meets does not meet) the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant (nationally statewide locally). (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Patticia Chinking DSHD 2-21-96
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property (meets does not meet) the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is :
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register.
- Other, (Explain)

Edson H. Beall
Signature of Keeper

Date of Action
3/29/96

Entered in the
National Register

Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House
Name of Property

Mahaska County, Iowa
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many lines as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one line)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
<u>1</u>		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa, Iowa

**Number of contributing resources
previously listed in the National Register**

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/
Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Wood

roof Asphalt
other Glass

Narrative Description

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

Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House
Name of Property

Mahaska County, Iowa
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" on one or more lines for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- 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 distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" on all the lines that apply)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

1924-1936

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

P. W. Sparks, builder

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

9. Major Bibliography References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- previous determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Record
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historical Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House
Name of Property

Mahaska County, Iowa
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

4 | | | |

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)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Oskaloosa Historic Preservation Commission date October 28, 1994

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city or town Des Moines state Iowa zip code 50313

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 of SHPO or FPO.)

name Ray and Evelyn Cunningham

street & number 116 Rosenberger Avenue telephone 515-673-8274

city or town Oskaloosa state Iowa zip code 52557

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House, Mahaska County, Iowa.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This is a 2-story, frame, single-family dwelling. Built in 1924, it features a side-gable roof, enclosed front porch with wood columns supporting a gable-end roof, and a solarium on the east elevation. Windows, either paired or single, feature 6/6 double-hung sash.

HOUSE

The main portion of the Berry House measures approximately 30' x 26'. The attached, 1-story enclosed porch measures 9' x 18'. The 1-story entrance porch measures 7' x 5'.

The house rests on a tile block foundation, which is faced with brick. Constructed of balloon frame, the house is clad with clapboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Following World War II, the east porch was enclosed.

On the interior, the floor materials on Floors 1 and 2 are hardwood and softwood, some currently covered with wall-to-wall carpet. Interior wall finishes are plaster on Floors 1 and 2 with the modern kitchen having drywall finish. Three rooms are situated on Floor 1 and 3 bedrooms are situated on Floor 2. There is a fireplace on Floor 1. The full basement is unfinished and features a concrete floor. The house possesses no attic.

The house is in good condition.

SITE

A modern, kitchen and two bay garage, constructed in 1992 or 1993, is attached to the Berry House on its west elevation. The kitchen measures approximately 13' x 25' and the garage measures approximately 23' x 25'. This addition is an intrusion to the property. Although the structure is visually distracting, it is reversible in its design.

The parcel of land on which the Berry House is situated measures 60' x 144' (width by depth). It occupies land along Rosenberger Avenue, where it forms an intersection with Gurney Street. When approaching Rosenberger Avenue from the north, the Berry House stands, therefore, somewhat as a vista.

The topography in this area is generally level or very gently rolling. Rosenberger Avenue rises slightly from North Market Street to crest at Penn Boulevard two blocks to the west. The Berry House is situated one block west of North Market and one block south of the William Penn College campus.

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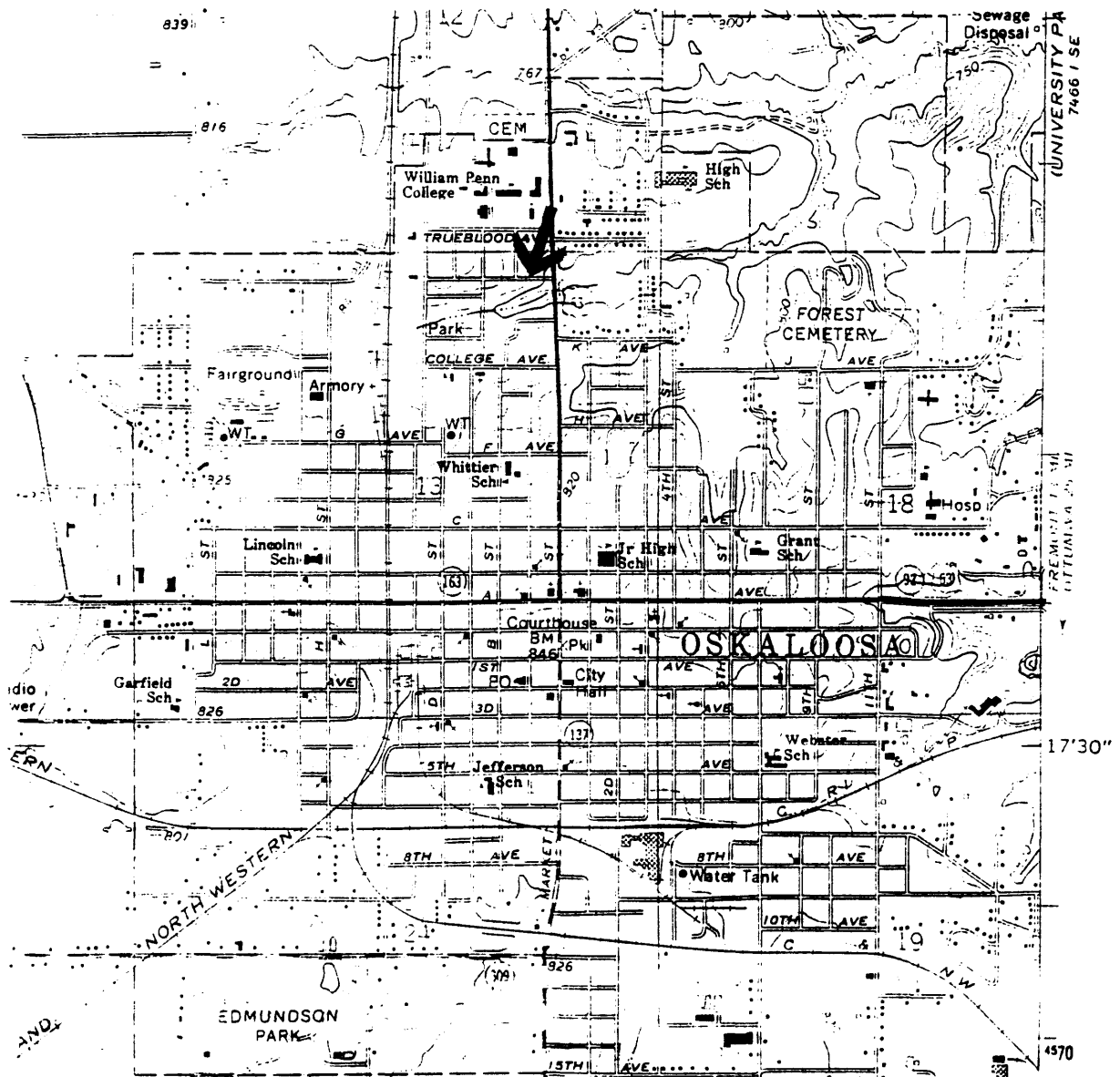
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SITE MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



Source: U.S.G.S. Map (7.5 Minute Series), Oskaloosa Quadrangle. 1968.



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PLAT MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



Source: Oskaloosa City Engineer's Office.



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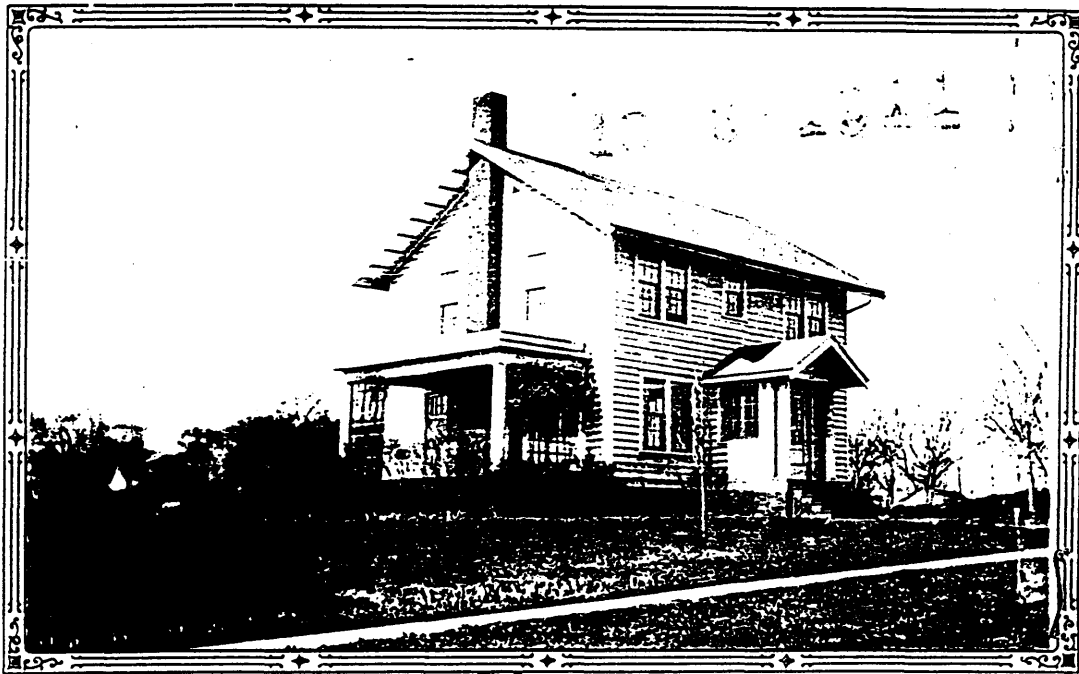
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BERRY HOUSE

CIRCA 1926



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Source: Martha Berry Johnson.

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in 1924 as a single-family dwelling, the Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House possesses historic significance, under National Register Criterion A. Within the historic context "The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa," this house calls attention to events and patterns associated with the administration and faculty of Penn College. The house was the residence of two long-time employees of the institution--Dr. Berry, who taught Classical languages and later served as Dean of the College and Ethel Rosenberger Berry, who taught French. The Berry House also calls attention to the importance of the Berrys as pioneers in the settlement of the Penn College Addition. An important component of that college's finances, the platting and selling of these town lots helped the institution survive. The support of the Berrys, and several other Quaker families, was critical for this success. The Berrys purchased multiple town lots, constructed their home on one of them, and showed by their example the viability of this addition as a residential neighborhood at a time when it was only a rural pasture.

The period of significance, under Criterion A, for the Berry House is 1924-1936, the time Dr. and Mrs. Berry occupied the building.

The property contains one resource for this nomination--the house.

EVENTS AND PATTERNS

The Berry House was the first permanent home of Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry, who had previously lived in several rental properties near the college. As such, the house obtains additional historical significance because it illustrates both the number of faculty couples who have taught at Penn as well as the number of families with members of two generations who have served the school. Berry taught Greek and Latin at Penn College and served as Registrar from 1908 to 1932. He also served as Dean of the College from 1931 to 1936. Berry married Ethel Rosenberger, a daughter of Penn President Absalom Rosenberger, and she also taught at Penn. Dr. Berry was among the twenty faculty and administrators who served Penn the longest, in his case, from 1906 to 1936. He left Penn during the period of financial retrenchment, and went to Earlham College, located in Richmond, Indiana, as a professor of religion. He served this Quaker school for the remainder of his career, thus highlighting the interconnectedness of the Quaker institutions of higher learning.

The Berry House also calls attention to the development of Penn College Addition. Originally platted in 1914 and subsequently replatted in 1917, this property was owned by Penn College. The college offered town lots in it for sale to raise money. Dr. and Mrs. Berry were among the strongest supporters of this program. They purchased at least seven town lots. Soon thereafter, the Berrys constructed this house for their family home. This show of support--town lot purchase and new home construction--encouraged other Penn personnel, including Dr. William H. and Mae R. Klose and Professor Edgar H. and Irene D. Stranahan, who soon followed suit. At this time, the area was mostly undeveloped. Some streets, such as Gurney Street, were platted but not developed. Those streets, which were graded, were surfaced periodically with strewn cinders from Oskaloosa's

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numerous coal-burning furnaces. The rest of the addition was pasture (Martha Berry Johnson Interview).

Dr. Berry believed this helped support the college, as much a motivation for him as investment potential. Berry and Walter Dexter, business manager of the college, subsequently replatted a series of these lots as the Dexter-Berry Subdivision, but the Great Depression and World War II intervened in their development. In point of fact, some of the lots remained in the family long after Berry's death (Martha Berry Johnson Interview).

ARCHITECTURE

The design of the Berry House originated from a plan purchased at the Kalbach Lumber Company in Oskaloosa and modified by Dr. Berry and Olin Frush, a local contractor-builder. Very often in evenings during 1923, Frush visited the Berrys and discussed the design of their new home. A native of Maine, Berry wished to build a house reminiscent of those he had known as a child (Martha Berry Johnson Interview). As built, the house exhibits the influences of Colonial Revival styling, such as the side-gable configuration of its roof, the symmetrical arrangement of bays on the facade, and the columns supporting the front porch roof. The house was constructed by P. W. Sparks, contractor-builder of Oskaloosa.

Berry and Frush made numerous modifications to this plan in order to simplify its design and economize on its costs. A central hall, for example, was deleted, as were some built-in features. In spite of economy, the Berrys built a fireplace. It includes classically influenced columns supporting the mantelpiece, symbols, it is said, of Berry as a scholar of classical languages (Martha Berry Johnson Interview).

REPRESENTATION IN OTHER CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEYS

The Berry House was surveyed in 1981 as part of the Area XV Regional Planning Commission's then comprehensive cultural resources surveys of Mahaska County. At that time, the Historical Survey did not identify or evaluate the building within the context of education in Oskaloosa. The Architectural Survey evaluated the building as not eligible for nomination, under National Register Criterion C. In the intervening years, more information has come to light regarding the Berry House and its place within the historic context "The Quaker Testimony in Oskaloosa, Iowa."

POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Although the site's potential for archaeological research is, as yet, unevaluated, there appears to be little if any in this regard.

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1924-25	Berrys not listed
1931	Berrys residing at 116 Rosenberger
1936	Same
1937	Berry not listed

SECONDARY

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 9 of the Penn College Addition in the City of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary contains all land associated historically with this resource.

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Oskaloosa, IA 52557
Looking southwest
Patricia Pierce Patterson, Photographer
April 24, 1994

2. Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House
116 Rosenberger Avenue
Oskaloosa, IA 52557
Looking northwest
Patricia Pierce Patterson, Photographer
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3. Dr. William E. and Ethel Rosenberger Berry House
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