

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Van Patten House
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Johnson

DATE RECEIVED: 1/20/16
DATE OF 16TH DAY:
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/06/16

REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000379

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL:	N	DATA PROBLEM:	N	LANDSCAPE:	N	LESS THAN 50 YEARS:	N
OTHER:	N	PDIL:	N	PERIOD:	N	PROGRAM UNAPPROVED:	N
REQUEST:	N	SAMPLE:	N	SLR DRAFT:	N	NATIONAL:	N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 3.7.16 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA

REVIEWER

DISCIPLINE

TELEPHONE

DATE

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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and BRANSTAD, E. GOVERNOR

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Paul Loether, Chief
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
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The following properties require delisting from the National Register.

- Enclosed are copies of the notification letters to mayors of each city in which these properties are located, informing them of the SHPO's intent to delist.

Sincerely,
Steve King
Steve King

Steve King
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
CULTURAL AFFAIRS

MARY COWNIE, DIRECTOR
CHRIS KRAMER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR
KIM REYNOLDS, LT. GOVERNOR

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October 29, 2015

The Honorable Matt Hayek
410 E. Washington
Iowa City, IA 52240

Re: Van Patten House, 9 S. Linn Street, Iowa City, Johnson County

Dear Mayor,

It has come to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that the above referenced property was razed. We are providing notification that the SHPO will be requesting that the National Park Service delist/remove the property from the National Register of Historic Places. If we do not hear from you within 30 days of the date of this letter we will move forward with the delisting.

If you have questions, Beth Foster Hill can be contacted at beth.foster@iowa.gov.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Foster
National Register Coordinator



for

Steve King
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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received DEC 27 1982

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1. Name

historic Van Patten House

and/or common Trott and Jansen Law Office

2. Location

street & number 9 South Linn Street — not for publication

city, town Iowa City — vicinity of

state Iowa code 19 county Johnson code 103

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" 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:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. & Mrs. Emil Trott

street & number 331 South Summit Street

city, town Iowa City — vicinity of state Iowa 52240

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Johnson County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Iowa City state Iowa 52240

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Urban Revitalization Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☒ yes ☐ nodate Spring 1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

depository for survey records Office of Planning & Program Development, City of Iowa City

city, town Iowa City state Iowa 52240

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Van Patten House is the last surviving structure of what was once a large number of stylish inner city homes which formerly bordered the eastern edge of the central business district of the city. The immediate neighborhood of the subject property was favored for the construction of significant public buildings, including the Carnegie Library (1903-4), the City Hall (1883, same block south of the alley), and the Post Office (1906, across the street). The Van Patten house offers a fine example of sensitive remodeling for adaptive use.

The Van Patten house was built in two stages, the basic structure is of rectangular plan (24' front, 37' depth) with rear additions (two-story addition 20' x 13', single story kitchen addition, 11' x 8') dates from 1873, the matching northern side wing (12' width and 22' depth) was added in 1898. The house combines wooden frame and a brick veneered exterior (laid in running bond) for structural support. All windows have stone lintels, the original house has segmental stone headings, the side wing substituted flat stone headings. A single tie rod and star bolt is located in the rear of the house. The matching entry bay and window bay appear on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps between 1874 and 1879. The house was almost built as a "row house", with minimal side yard and closely juxtaposed neighboring structures. The overhanging cornice projected above neighboring properties and a three foot right of way on the south was reserved in the earliest deed references. No record was found concerning the acquisition of land for the side wing on the north, although that land was vacant as early as 1888.

The portico features double arched doors with tear drop and paneled inlay designs, and the cornice matches that of the bay window. Brackets beneath the cornices are paired, being separated by single brackets which surmount a chevron motif. A decorative brick frieze utilizes three projecting stringer courses separated by rows of "I's" and "T's" formed by corbelled brickwork. Numerous examples of etched and beveled art glass are found in the entryway, the bay window, and above the siding entryway.

The 1970 remodeling altered much of the interior, altered some side wing windows, removed the iron fence, yet respected the exterior appearance. The interior retains the original entryway with an ornate oak turned staircase, tile floor with pyramid motif, and a multi-colored ceiling medallion. The front parlor retains a ceiling medallion and layered moldings around the ceiling base. The house has a three-quarter basement which is now used for a law library and records storage.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1874–1916 **Builder/Architect** George H. Van Patten, builder.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Van Patten house derives historical significance from its association with its builder and long-term owner/occupant George H. VanPatten, and its relationship with the First Christian Church of Iowa City.

The subject property was originally a portion of the Church Reserves, Block 66, original town plat of Iowa City. As such it was offered by the Territory of Iowa in 1843 for use by the Methodist Protestant Church on which to build a church. Three similar grants, including the Universalists to the immediate west, and the present United Methodist and St. Mary Catholic church lots one block due north, were intended to have faced onto what was City Park, lying north of Iowa Avenue and south of East Jefferson Street. Both churches on Block 66, being less stable and smaller in terms of congregations, began by 1850 to lease portions of their double lots to raise income for operations. Lessees of the subject property included John W. Dunlap and William Shillato (1855), and Robert Tarbet (1856–60). Harriet Marian Van Patten, wife of George H. Van Patten, obtained a lease on the property effective May 9, 1872. On April 15, 1874, the Van Pattens used the property as security for a mortgage and the property description notes " . . . the new brick dwelling house lately erected on said premises." The structure most likely was completed the preceeding fall. The Methodist Protestant Church had ceased to function in 1863, and the First Christian Church (which had its local origins during the 1840's) obtained the land and used the church building. In order to finance their new church, the congregation obtained authorization from the Iowa General Assembly to sell half of the church land (17th General Assembly Chapter 141, March 25, 1878). The Van Pattens finally owned the land beneath their house as of May 2, 1878.

George H. Van Patten (1833–1916) came to Iowa City in 1865 and by 1878 operated a carpentry shop on Gilbert Street. By 1880 he advertised himself as "Carpenter, Builder and Architect. Plans and Specifications Made to Order." By 1897 he is listed as carpenter and contract builder " . . . special attention to all kinds of job work." He is last listed as such in 1900. His obituary stated that Van Patten " . . . was prominently connected with the contracting and building trade circles of the University city for many years. He erected numerous early day structures in Iowa City, and made improvements on hundreds of others." No structures have been linked to Van Patten besides 9 South Linn. Van Patten was as early as 1878, a Trustee of the First Christian Church.

Harriet M. Van Patten is notable for her long-term role as dressmaker, being listed as such as early as the 1870 Federal Census (First Ward, possibly at this site) through 1892. Following her death in 1927, the property passed to the First Christian Church, and the house was used for Sunday school, womens' and youth group activities, and an upstairs apartment was occupied by the church janitor. Seven years later, the Church sold the property. The house subsequently served as a doctor's office for Dr. C.O. Parks, and as a rental property through 1969. It presently houses a law office and three apartments.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Continuation Sheet, Item #9, page 1.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ~~less than one acre~~

Quadrangle name Iowa City West

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7 & 8 of Block 66, Original Town. Commencing 110' south of NE corner of Block 66, west 95', north 24', east 50', north 17', east 45', and south 41' to place of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Iowa code 19 county Johnson code 103

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO

date December 9, 1982

Historical Building

street & number East 12th and Grand Ave.

telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines

state Iowa 50319

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 A. Anderson

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department

date 24 November 1982

For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the

National Register

date

1/27/83

for *Delores Byers*
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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DATE ENTERED

CONTINUATION SHEET BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Van Patten House

9 South Linn

Iowa City, Iowa

Photo No. 1

By: James E. Jacobsen

Date: October 1982

View: to southwest



EMIL G. TROTT
Electrician

Van Patten House

9 South Linn

Iowa City, Iowa

Photo No. 2

By: Larry Goldman

Date: Dec. 1981

View: Detail of bay, east face.



Van Patten House

9 South Linn

Iowa City, Iowa

Photo No. 3

By: Larry Goldman

Date: Dec. 1981

View: Detail of door, east face.



Van Patten House

9 South Linn

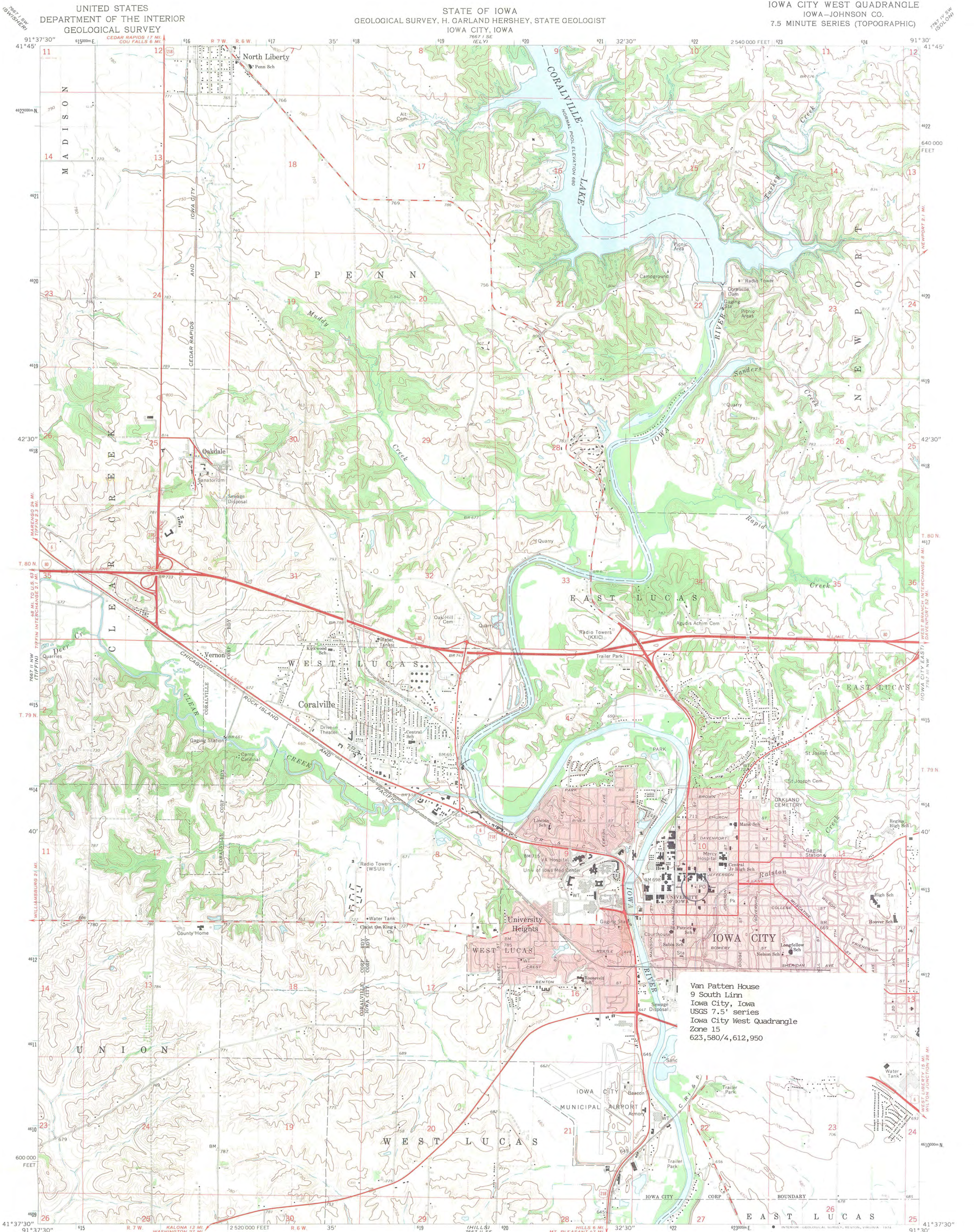
Iowa City, Iowa

Photo No. 4

By: Larry Goldman

Date: Dec. 1981

View: Rear, west face.



Van Patten House
9 South Linn
Iowa City, Iowa
USGS 7.5' series
Iowa City West Quadrangle
Zone 15
623,580/4,612,950

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1964. Field checked 1965

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum.
10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

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are subject to controlled inundation

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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy duty ——— Light duty ———
Medium duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -
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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Van Patten House
Johnson County
IOWA

Working No. 12/27/82-3272
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 1/27/83 - 2/10/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/27/83
☐ RETURN
Entered in the National Register ☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

IOWA STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

15 December 1982

Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places
DOI
W434
Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Keeper:

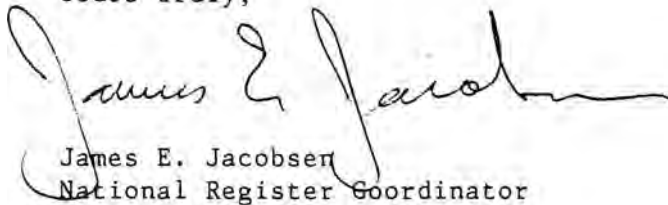
Enclosed are the following National Register nominations which are ready for your review and approval:

County	Property
Buchanan	Illinois Central Railroad Depot, Independence
Cerro Gordo	John L. Etzel House, Clear Lake
Des Moines	Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Freight House, Burlington
"	Starker-Leopold Historic District, Durlington
Fayette	Hotel Mealey, Oelwein
Floyd	Rockford Mill, Rockford
Henry	Brazelton House, Mt. Pleasant
Ida	Bell House, Ida Grove
Jefferson	George A. Wells House, Fairfield
"	Montgomery House, Fairfield
Johnson	Boerner-Fry Company/Davis Hotel, Iowa City
"	Van Patten House, Iowa City
Lee	Primrose Mill, Primrose
Louisa	Springer House, vic. Columbus Junction
Muscatine	Clark-Blackwell House, Muscatine
Polk	Crawford House, Des Moines
Scott	Joseph E. Bettendorf/St. Katherines/St. Marks School, Bettendorf
"	Stone House, LeClaire
Tama	Hope Fire Company Engine House, Toledo
Van Buren	Meek's Mill, Bonaparte
Warren	Farmsite Origin of Polled Hereford Cattle Breed, Jackson Twp.
Winneshiek	Master's Hotel, Burr Oak
"	Winfield Smouse House, Washington
Woodbury	Martin Hotel, Sioux City

Historical Building-East 12th and Grand Ave.-Des Moines, IA 50319-(515) 281-5111

These nominations were all approved at our November 23, 1982 SNRC meeting.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James E. Jacobsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

James E. Jacobsen
National Register Coordinator