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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Iowa
COUNTY:	Louisa
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	AUG 14 1973

#### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
Community Building

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Columbus Junction School 1882-1920

#### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
122 East Maple (just east of Main Street)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbus Junction

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Louisa CODE: 115

#### 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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" 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) <u>Library</u> <u>Meeting Room</u>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>County Art Guild HQ</u>

#### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Town of Columbus Junction

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Town Hall

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbus Junction

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

#### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Louisa County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
117 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Wapello

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

#### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

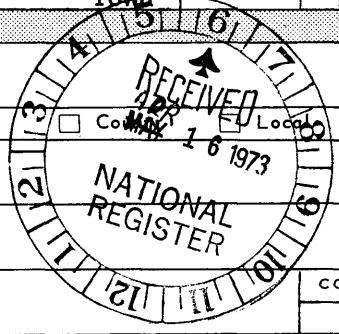
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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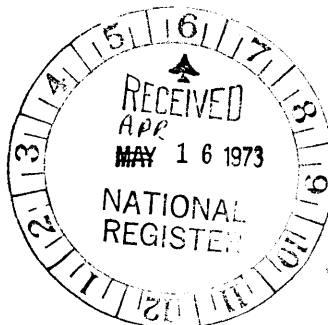
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Columbus Junction Community Building, formerly the Columbus Junction School, is a two-story brick building composed of one large block with one wing on the south side. The broad cornice below the hip roof is supported on diagonal brackets. Star clamps indicating tie rods are visible on the exterior and one on the interior. The glass of the sash windows is the original. The voussiors of the window arches are of brick and limestone. The interior has been subdivided (probably in the 1940's) by modern partitions but the original layout visibly consisted of three large rooms on the first floor, and three on the second plus two smaller rooms which may have served as offices. The doors, hardware and woodwork, including the walnut newel post and rail bannister on the centrally located stairway, are original. Ceilings in all the rooms are high except in the east portion of the first floor where the ceiling was lowered for the present day library facility.

The entire structure was damaged in a fire in the 1960's but only the second story rooms have not been restored to working conditions.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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) **1882**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input 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 Columbus Junction Community Building, one of the very first brick buildings in Columbus Junction, has served as a vital part of community affairs since its erection in 1882. This two story brick building with prominent belfry served as a school house until 1919 or 1920 and continued to be used for community gatherings after WPA repairs and renovations. No knowledge has been preserved of the architects' names or the origin of the materials used in the building, but since the brick seems to be of finer quality than other local brick, it is assumed that much of the material was imported from another location. The design of the building indicates a well-preserved example of a local vernacular style built to suit the specific needs of a certain function (education) for a community of a certain size. The dominant simplicity of the whole is enhanced by the flourish of such details as the belfry (non-extant) and the carving of the interior stairway bannister. This building still serves as a community building and houses a well-used library and meeting room.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Louisa County, Volume I  
 Arthur Springer  
 Pub. S. J. Clarke, Chicago, Illinois

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

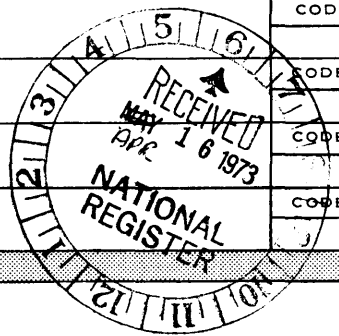
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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: Mrs. G. Lyle (Nell) Weber, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Community Center Board DATE: October 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 903 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbus Junction STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:

National  State  Local

Name Adrian D. Anderson

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 4/13/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert W. Utley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/14/73

ATTEST:  
Lois M. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 8 6 73