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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Iowa	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY 19 1972	

1. NAME

COMMON: * Chautauqua Park

AND/OR HISTORIC: ~~Chautauqua Association~~

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Oak Street

CITY OR TOWN: Red Oak

STATE Iowa	CODE 14	COUNTY: Montgomery	CODE 137
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of Red Oak

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Red Oak

STATE: Iowa	CODE: 14
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: County Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER: Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Red Oak

STATE: Iowa	CODE: 14
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Red Oak

DATE OF SURVEY: 8/30/1909 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: County Recorder (Irreg. Survey Book 2, Page 59)

STREET AND NUMBER: Montgomery County Courthouse

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" 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

In 1908 Chautauqua Park was purchased for \$750.00 and a permanent pavillion constructed. The framework is of structural steel on concrete footings, with steel rafters supporting a wooden roof. The original structure was circular, with a seating capacity of between 3,500 and 5,000. It cost about \$5,200.00.

The present structure is quite deteriorated, with only a shell remaining.

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5. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1908

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chautauqua, established in New York in 1874, rapidly became a major cultural influence in the mid-west, and particularly in Iowa. Thornton (1952:102) notes the establishment of a chautauqua at Clear Lake, Iowa, in 1876. As many as 500 separate chautauqua assemblies existed in Iowa during the 1920's (Thornton: 1952:109). It became a part of the mid-western life-style and did not diminish in importance until the advent of radio and the automobile.

Most of the chautauqua enclosures were tents, and these were lost with the passage of time. The Red Oak Chautauqua Pavillion, built in 1908 by the Chautauqua Association, is an exception. It is clear evidence of a belief that chautauqua would endure as an institution.

The opening address at this pavillion was made by William Jennings Bryan. Other famous names on the program included Jane Addams, the world-famous social settlement leader, Governor Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin, and Gipsey Smith, world evangelist, preacher, and lecturer.

The Pavillion was utilized for the annual chautauqua programs until 1929. It is the only permanent chautauqua facility known to still exist in the State, and is one of the most potent reminders of Iowa's cultural heritage.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Thornton, Harrison John
1952

Chautauqua in Iowa. Iowa Journal of History, Vol. 50, No. 2, April. The State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

NEW YORK STATE

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES								
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	NE	41	00	40	95	15	25
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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: Travis M. Tinsley, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Chautauqua Restoration Committee DATE: 4/8/71

STREET AND NUMBER: Box 117

CITY OR TOWN: Red Oak 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 Liaison Officer

Date 4/18/72

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/19/72

ATTEST:
W. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date May 17, 1972

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