

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Racine
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE NOV 20 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:  
AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Collins, John, House

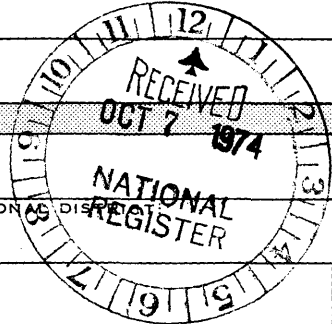
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
6409 Nicholson Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Caledonia (near Racine)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
First

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55 COUNTY: Racine CODE: 101



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>unoccupied</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Sarah Chadek

STREET AND NUMBER:  
7106 Nicholson Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Caledonia

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:  
730 Wisconsin Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
Racine

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: (Wisconsin inventory by Mary Ellen Wietczykowski)  
Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:  
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Madison

STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 53706 CODE: 55

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The John Collins House in the township of Caledonia near Racine is a well-proportioned Greek Revival example. The two story tetrastyle portico features fluted Doric columns set on square stone bases. The doorway is off axis to the right. The Greek Revival portion of the house dated from the early 1850's and has been attributed to the Racine architect Lucas Bradley. A native of New York state, Bradley began his practice in Racine in 1846 after twelve years of architectural activity in St. Louis. To Bradley are attributed two important Greek Revival buildings in Racine: the First Presbyterian Church of 1851 and the Cooley (or Kuehneman) house which dates from 1853 and is one of the finest Greek Revival buildings in Wisconsin.<sup>1</sup> On the great similarity between the detailing of the Cooley house and that of the Collins house an attribution to Lucas Bradley can be made. The Collins house is of mortise and tenon construction and it is therefore likely that the structure itself dates a few years earlier than its Greek Revival sheathing which is of balloon-frame construction. On the lintel of the door and at the corners of each of the five facade window lintels are carved leaf decorations; and a carved panel with delicate double scrolls is set into the center of the door lintel. The interior of the Collins house seems to have largely escaped damage from a fire in 1971. The interiors of the living room and dining room have plaster moldings around the ceiling. There is a beautifully carved open stairway and the original wide board floors have survived. A one story wing was added to the house around 1870.

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<sup>1</sup>Both the First Presbyterian Church and the Cooley [Kuehneman] house appear on the Historic American Building Survey List, and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



**8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"A few miles northwest of Racine...is another temple house which might be called a country cousin of the Kuehneman [Cooley] house. The central Doric tetraprostyle portion resembles the Kuehneman house so very much that it could be concluded that either the same architect or the same architectural handbook played a part in its design. The house is believed to have been built by John Collins of New York State in about 1853. Unlike the Kuehneman house, the Collins house has only one flanking wing to the south and this appears to be an addition of about the 1870 period. The house has not enjoyed the sympathetic care received by the Kuehneman house, but deserves restorative treatment as it is distinctly one of the better surviving examples." --Richard W. E. Perrin, Historic Wisconsin Buildings. p. 29.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Page1, Mary Ellen, "The Greek Revival in Racine." Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, 56:19-21.  
 Perrin, Richard W. E. Historic Wisconsin Buildings (Milwaukee, 1962), pp. 29-30.  
 Perrin, Richard W. E. The Architecture of Wisconsin (Madison, 1967), pp. 64-5.  
History of Racine and Kenosha County, Wisconsin (Chicago: Western Hist. Co., 1879), p. 568.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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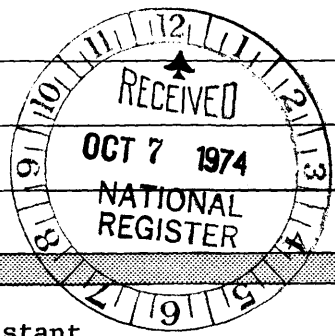
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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:  
Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: 5 June, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin 53706 CODE: 55

**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 James Morton Smith  
 James Morton Smith  
 Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
 Date Oct. 1, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

A. K. Mortensen  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 11/20/74

ATTEST:  
Charlene Stant Engel  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11.14.74