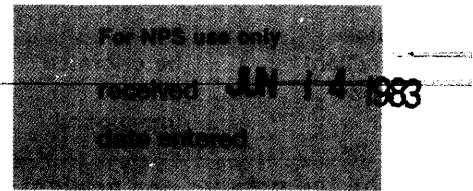


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United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic T. B. Perry House
and/or common _____

2. Location

street & number 212 Benton Avenue West _____ not for publication
city, town Albia _____ vicinity of _____ ~~congressional district~~
state Iowa code 019 county Monroe code 135

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>n/a</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Pabst Law Firm
street & number 212 Benton Avenue West
city, town Albia _____ vicinity of _____ state Iowa 52531

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office
street & number Monroe County Courthouse
city, town Albia _____ state Iowa 52531

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local
depository for survey records _____
city, town _____ state _____

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

Dunham & Jordan, a prominent Burlington, Iowa architectural firm, designed "T. B. Perry's Residence" and William Phinny, an Albia contractor & brick mason, constructed the building in 1877-78.

The building is 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ story, of Greek cross shape & High Victorian, eclectic style. It is basically unaltered. A low (stone) foundation supports brick, load-bearing walls. A stone water table surrounds the house. Slate has replaced the original, wood shingle roof. The building's main block measures 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x52'. There are wrap-around porches on the facade & at the rear of the building; the facade also has a gable balcony.

There is considerable ornamentation on the exterior: one original chimney with corbeled cap; a steeply pitched roof with finials & pendants; brackets with modified frieze under the eaves; barge boards on second story & entry gables; & front porch Gothic tracery millwork. The use of two different colored bricks, laid at random, enriches the texture of the wall surface.

The roofing system is particularly complex. It combines 5-dormer windows, 2-hip & deck roofs, 3-gable roofs, and 2-hip roofs. Metal roof crestings and alternating patterns of straight, imbricated, and diagonal wood shingles originally decorated the roof.

The interior has a side-hall floorplan, 3-rooms deep. It is unaltered with minor exceptions. A front stairway & marbleized, slate fireplaces are notable features. "The woodwork is white walnut & never varnished. It was washed with water into which a few drops of oil were added--then rubbed dry."* Every room & closet has original louvered, window-shutters.

The lot measures 158.88'x170.73'. The property is situated 2 blocks west of the Albia public square. The area is primary residential but a parking lot & hospital are directly east of the house. A hill slopes north from the property; a grassy draw slopes south. The size of the lot protects the building from intrusion.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1877-78

Builder/Architect Dunham & Jordan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The T B Perry House is a fine example of the High Victorian, eclectic style of architecture. Public water & gas service was unavailable in Albia when this house was built in 1877-78. In addition to style of design, the building's private system for inside running water & gassification indicates an experienced, professional architect.

The house calls attention to the firm Dunham & Jordan, architects of Burlington, Iowa. Charles A Dunham (1830-1908) is a good example of an apprenticed trained, 19th century architect. He was born in Connecticut & came to Burlington in 1856. A G Bassett apprenticed Dunham from 1856-1865 during which time the office designed courthouses for Monroe County (Albia, IA) and Appanoose County (Centerville, IA). In 1865 Dunham opened his own office. He won a major commission to design the first building, "Old Main" (non-extant), at Iowa State University. Dunham built a highly successful practice. His clientele ranged over Iowa & surrounding states. Dunham designed buildings in most of the styles popular during the last half of the 19th century. He retired in 1907. Thomas Jordan, Dunham's partner in the 1870s, was also a photographer.

When T B Perry (1832-1921) employed Dunham to plan a large scale residence, Perry intended the building to make a social statement. Perry was a successful Monroe County attorney & capitalist. He served numerous public offices including 2 terms as a state senator. Perry built several commercial buildings which are extant on the Albia square. These call attention more directly to Perry's public career than does his home.

The style of the T B Perry House is eclectic. The pronounced barge boards and gables windows are similar to Dunham's well-known stick style residence, the G B P Carpenter (McArthur-Millard) House at Burlington. Both buildings were built within several years of one another. More in keeping with the High Victorian Gothic style, the T B Perry House displays polychrome through the use of two different colored bricks and a complex roof design.

The architect needed to clarify his instructions for roof construction. An ad hoc plan survives on cheap paper. It shows a 3-dimensional sketch of the roof & indicates measurements for its rises. Undoubtedly Mr Phinny, the contractor, felt satisfaction in completing this roof as it required far more than common skill.

The T B Perry House is one of the three or four show residences of 19th century Monroe County. It is a fine example of Dunham & Jordan's High Victorian, eclectic design. The private systems for inside running water & gassification also indicate an experienced, professional architect. The attention to surface texture and complex roof system distinguish this building from others in Monroe County. The house was built as a quality residence & has been maintained in a similar manner.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet 9-2

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Des Moines

Quadrangle scale 1/250,000

UMT References

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C

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing				

Verbal boundary description and justification

Subdivision 2 of Out Lot 4 of the Second Survey of the City of Albia. Measures 170.73' along W. Benton, and 158.88' in depth, being a rectangular parcel of alnd.

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

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title William C. Page, Historian, SIEDA Area XV Regional Planning Commission

organization for Iowa SHPO date 1 June 1983

street & number Historical Building telephone 515-281-4137
E 12th & Grand Ave.

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 D. Anderson

title Exec. Director Iowa State Historical Department date 6/3/83

For NPS use only

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

for [Signature] 7/14/83

Keoper of the National Register date

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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