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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

Western Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Pin Oak Tavern

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SE of Holy Cross on 4552

Route #1 - Highway 52

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Holy Cross *vic.* VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Iowa

19

Dubuque

061

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Schmitt

STREET & NUMBER

Route #1, Box 165

CITY, TOWN

Holy Cross

VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dubuque County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

720 Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Dubuque

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	SIDING: PINE L. E. BOVICH 11.2.76	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This saltbox house sits on a hill, so that while the front porch is at ground level, the basement is completely exposed at the rear. The foundation is of undressed limestone. A porch extends across the front, and is roofed with corrugated tin, as is the house itself. The thick walls support hewn white oak sills and sawed joists of the same wood. Three inch oak boards cover the floors. In the ceilings of the main rooms on the first floor and the upstairs bedrooms are rows of hooks from which quilts were suspended. Huge iron locks on the two front doors are still extant, as is the 6" key which opened them. Although the house has not been occupied for some years, the original plaster is in good condition, as are the floors.

The building sits adjacent to a heavily wooded area consisting of pine and pin oak trees. Highway 52 borders the north side of the property. A small stream borders the west and curves to the east. Between the stream and house is a stone wall that defines the driveway from the road to the shelter in the rear that the stagecoach may have taken. A suspension footbridge spans the stream to a spring to which this property has access.

The present owner plans extensive restoration, particularly on the interior, for future use by local community organizations as a meeting house.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1849-50

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Builder: John Floyd

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The style (salt box) and construction materials (wood) of the Western Hotel make it an extremely unusual structure for Iowa. The saltbox design is rare in this state, and most known saltboxes here are of stone.

The Western Hotel is an interesting artifact of the early transportation history of Iowa. John H. Floyd came to Dubuque county in the early 1830's. He settled in Concord Twp. and in the 1840's, was appointed postmaster, to distribute mail brought monthly to Dubuque via riverboat. The frame saltbox, built in 1849-50, served as home and the "Pin Oak Post Office". Located on a route frequented by travellers to and from Dubuque, it gradually became known as a hospitable source of food, drink, and rest. For a time, it was also known as the "Western Hotel", by virtue of a sign procured from a building of the same name in Dubuque.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

C. C. Childs, Dubuque County History, Western Historical Company, Chicago, 1880, pp. 957-958.

Telegraph-Herald and Times-Journal, February 12, 1931, p. 12.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.0 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE

Mrs. Kenneth Mercer

ORGANIZATION

Dubuque County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

1198 Mt. Loretta Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dubuque

STATE

Iowa

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

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 10, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

Jays D. Jones
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/9/86

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11.3.76