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DATA SHEET

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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

NAME



HISTORIC

Carter House

AND/OR COMMON

Reimer, W.C. House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

101 High St., S.E.

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Elkader

VICINITY OF
CODE

2
COUNTY

CODE
043

Iowa

Clayton

CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. W.C. Reimer

STREET & NUMBER

101 High Street, S.E.

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clayton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

111 High St. N.E.

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

STATE

Iowa

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reimer House, built in 1850, was originally a duplex in Greek Revival style, with a two-story center block and two one-story, symmetrical side wings, all of red brick. The paired entrance is surmounted by a square-columned, one-story portico. ^{as are the entrances on each wing.} This original portion of the house contains a full entablature. Two brick kitchen buildings, one on each end of the side wings, appear to be later additions (original houses of this period usually contained a winter kitchen in the basement and a summer kitchen set away from the home itself).

The downstairs floors are of narrow oak, upstairs of wide pine boards. The walls are plastered, the woodwork painted white. In the kitchen buildings, wide, horizontal wainscoting supports a chair rail, with plastered walls above. All doors have knobs of white or dark porcelain. The house contains the original gas light fixtures, converted to electricity.

The house has been converted into three apartments, one in each wing and one on the second floor of the center block, through the use of "temporary partitions". However, alteration of the original structure is minimal.

A small (5' x 7') brick structure is located to the rear of the property. It was at one time used as a smokehouse.

Before alteration, the double house contained nine rooms on each side of a thick center wall.

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 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 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reimer House was built by two early settlers in Elkader, the brothers Ernest and Henry Carter. Ernest was first a schoolteacher, then merchant. In 1859 he became president of the McGregor (Iowa) Branch of the State Bank of Iowa, and served as paymaster during the Civil War. He died in Elkader in 1866.

Later owners have sought to preserve the architectural integrity of this lovely Greek Revival home. Alterations have been largely limited to the addition of plumbing and electricity. The classic lines of the house are a reminder of the high standards of architectural beauty found in mid-19th-century dwellings. The Reimer House contributes substantially to the historic ambience of Elkader, not only for itself, but because of its location across the street from the historic Clayton County Courthouse.

