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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Iowa
 COUNTY: Johnson
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: MAY 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Johnson County Child Welfare Department
 AND/OR HISTORIC: ~~The Close House~~ *use Home*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 598 938 South Gilbert Street *see data form*
 CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First
 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Johnson CODE: 103

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Johnson County
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

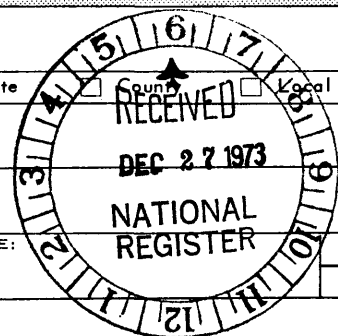
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Johnson County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY



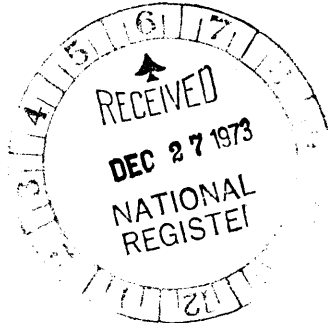
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Close House, built in 1874, is the most imposing surviving dwelling in Iowa City of the Italianate villa style. It was, in its original state, a most opulent edifice, with the dimensions of a mansion. It is constructed of brick two and a half stories high. The principal (southern) facade has a projecting pavillion (a former oeil de boeuf in the gable has been replaced with sash windows) with a single segmental arched and a double round-headed window on the second floor, and a one-story bay and imposing portal on the ground floor. To the north of the pavillion are double windows on each floor. The basic form is rectangular, with a long wing at the rear. All windows are arched, with heavy molded sandstone caps. There was formerly a widow's walk, which has been removed, as has the portico and a Venetian hood over the window beside it. The elaborately bracketed cornice has survived.



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8. 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 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) 1874

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

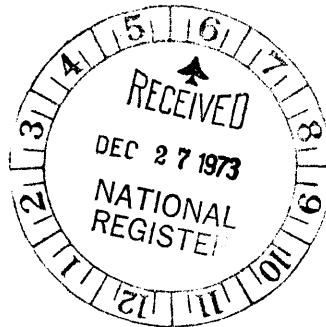
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built by C. D. Close, owner of the Close Linseed Oil Works, which stood diagonally across the street in the last three decades of the nineteenth century. The original cost of the house was \$15,000. Mr. Close was also the owner of a local glove factory, which also was located nearby.

It is significant that even in the mid 1870's, Close built as opulent home next to his industrial ventures. This may indicate that there was no clear distinction between "work" and other aspects of life--a distinction which is now sharp.

The Close House, now the property of Johnson County, is deteriorating and subject to imminent abandonment and perhaps destruction by the County.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Keyes, Margaret N., Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Iowa City (Iowa City, 1966), pp. 65-67.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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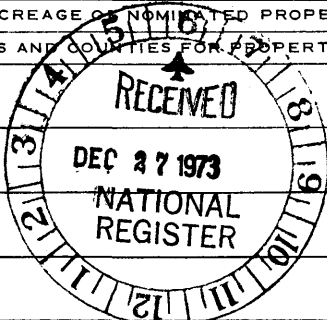
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Less than one acre

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:
Dr. Laurence Lafore, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Architectural Heritage Committee, Project GREEN

DATE: April 20, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
9 Parsons Street

CITY OR TOWN: Iowa City

STATE: Iowa

CODE:

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: John A. Adams

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 12/6/73

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Associate Director, Professional Services
Date: MAY 31 1974

ATTEST:
Charles A. Houghton
Acting Keeper of The National Register
Date: 5-28-74