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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC C.S.P.S. Hall
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1105 3rd Street SE
CITY, TOWN Cedar Rapids VICINITY OF Second
STATE Iowa CODE Linn COUNTY Linn CODE 113
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Service Press and Litho Co.
STREET & NUMBER 1105 3rd St. SE
CITY, TOWN Cedar Rapids VICINITY OF Iowa STATE Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Linn County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Cedar Rapids STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CSPS Hall occupies a full half-block in one of the older sections of Cedar Rapids. The Czech community, for whom the hall was built, is still centered in this area of late 19th and early 20th-century commercial buildings.

The hall was built in three phases (1890-1, 1900, 1908), of tan brick laid in stretcher bond and at some period painted white. The first phase saw the erection of the main hall, approximately 40 feet across the front and 90 feet deep, with a symmetrical, three-bay front facade marked by a high, wide round arch of dark brick over the main entrance. During the second phase, a 30' x 90' addition was made to the southeast, and in 1908 another addition across the rear gave the building a total depth of 110 feet, to occupy the entire northwest side of the block.

Although the various additions have confused the architectural unity of the original building, the use of the same round arched windows, in the late additions as in the original building formed of dark brick, give a certain visual sense of order. The ground floor features somewhat modernized plate-glass storefronts, dominated, as noted above, by the round arch over the main entrance. Second story windows (now with glass block) employ the jack arch, also in dark brick. Round arches, connected to one another at impost level by stringcourses of dark brick, appear on the third story and along the northwest side at ground-floor level. The roofscape, from side perspective, is irregular, as the roof over the auditorium is somewhat lower than that of the front section, and the rear addition is set off by a high parapet.

The ground floor is occupied by commercial establishments. A flight of stairs from the main entrance leads to the auditorium/dance hall, with a U-shaped balcony, which occupies the second and third floors of the original, 1890, block. Stage and scenery storage take up the rear of the building. The 1900 addition on the southeast contained dining room, bar, and meeting areas on second and third floors. Although no longer owned by the CSPS (now Czecho-Slovakian Association), the building is occasionally rented by this and other Czech groups for meetings and banquets.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> _1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1890-1,1900,1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

C.S.P.S.* Hall is significant for its association, as a social and cultural center, with the Czech community in Cedar Rapids, which is among that city's most prominent immigrant groups. C.S.P.S. was a fraternal benevolent society, founded in St. Louis in 1854. Cedar Rapids' first chapter, the Prokop Velky Lodge, was established in 1879, with two more lodges organized by 1882. C.S.P.S., like many immigrant societies of its time, offered an insurance program to its members and supported a variety of social activities, including bazaars, plays, lectures, and dances, for the entire Czech community. The popularity and extent of these programs is indirectly suggested in the building of the C.S.P.S. lodge hall: the first, sizeable building of 1891 required two additions in rather less than ten years, in order to accommodate all who would use its ballroom, auditorium, stage, and meeting facilities.

Architecturally, the building is a good example of a local interpretation of the Richardsonian Romanesque in brick, adapted to the particular needs of a fraternal/commercial project.

*Cesko-Slovanska Podporujici Spolku

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Griffith, Martha Eleanor, "The Czechs in Cedar Rapids," Iowa Journal of History and Politics XLIII (April and July, 1944), pp. 114-161, 266-315.
 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1895, 1913.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Corner block bounded on NW by 11th Avenue, on NE by 3rd St. SE, on SW by Second Street, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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

Steve Altheide

ORGANIZATION

Coe College

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cedar Rapids

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 H. Johnson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/12/78

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

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DATE

4/29/78

ATTEST:

William Belmont

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

Nov 27, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER