

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: IOWA
 COUNTY: CLAYTON
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY DATE: JUL 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Clayton School
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: First Street Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, blk. 9
 CITY OR TOWN: Clayton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second
 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Clayton CODE: 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

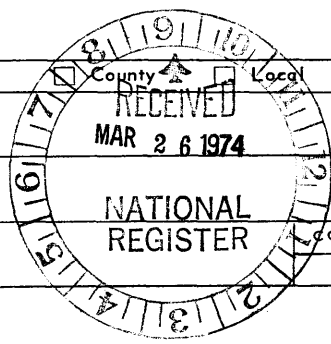
OWNER'S NAME: Town of Clayton
 STREET AND NUMBER: First Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Clayton STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: Elkader 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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COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER: 301974

DATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

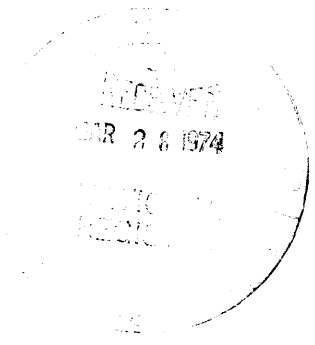
The Clayton Stone School Building is a two story gable-roofed rectangular structure of vernacular ~~classical~~ style. Built of native limestone laid in the random ashlar fashion, it measures approximately 28 by 50 feet. Still standing in its original setting, (property includes equivalent of five town lots) between the Mississippi River and a forested bluff, the Clayton School and its property do not yet suffer from distracting modern intrusions.

And, for the most part, the Clayton School building itself, is in its original condition. Changes include the additions of ^{toilets} bathrooms on the first floor, the installation of a new hardwood floor on the first level, cupboards on the second, interior and exterior staircases and the removal of the original school desks.

Exterior features are the octagonal wooden cupola with louvered panels, squat dommers (probably later additions) in the gable roof, roof brackets (differing in style from those of the cupola indicating the possible replacement of one or the other set of brackets), simple stone lintels and sills, wrought iron S-clamps, and the prominent gable-end main entrance complete with white-painted wood pilasters, full entablature and transom.

The double hung sash windows are large and arranged symmetrically in keeping with the 1860's development of the Greek revival.

A bronze plate to the right of the front entrance acknowledges the building's construction date and historical significance.



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6. 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) 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

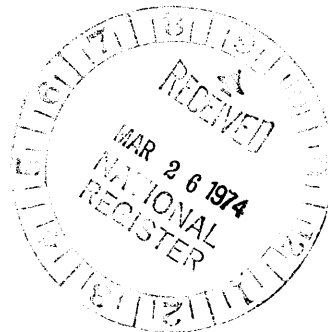
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> 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

One of two large stone ~~Mississippi River~~ school buildings in northern Iowa Mississippi River towns, the Clayton School reflects the mid-nineteenth century prosperity of the area which it served. Built in 1860 of native limestone (stone which also was used for a series of other large but non-extant buildings such as the Diamond Joe Steamship Warehouse) the Clayton School shows fine workmanship of strong and simple design in both wood carving and stonework. In fact, the workmanship and materials were so fine that the structure was used continuously as a school (primary and secondary grades) until very recently when consolidation with another school district allowed the building to be converted for use as a town hall and community gathering place for the town of Clayton alone. Although the population of the Clayton School area has decreased and prosperity is not so evident, interest in preserving this building is great. Local preservationist are concerned that if the Clayton School and property is not recognized as an historic place at state and national levels soon, appreciation of the building if not the building itself will be endangered by the intervention of modern construction.

*The other is the Lansing Stone School (1864).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Clayton County, Iowa, Volume I, 1850-1860, page 93, "Boom Days at Clayton"
 Historical Atlas of Iowa - A. T. Andreas, 1875

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

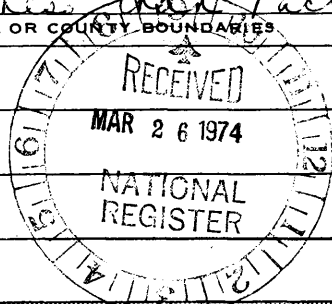
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 town lots less than 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

UTM
 15/651370
 4751450
 CD



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Arnold D. Roggmann

ORGANIZATION: Garnavillo Historical Society DATE: September 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Garnavillo STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Alvin D. Anderson

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date March 19, 1974

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

ARueckhaus
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/30/74

ATTEST:

W. S. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7.26.74