

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin	
COUNTY: Waukesha	
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ENTRY NUMBER FEB 23 1972	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Hawks Inn	Congressmen to be notified: Sen. William Proxmire Sen. Gaylord A. Nelson Rep. Glenn R. Davis
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

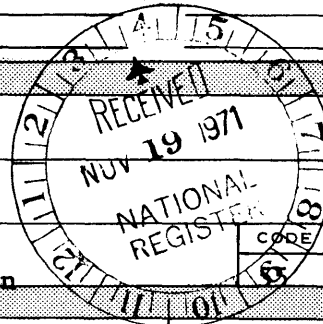
STREET AND NUMBER: 428 Wells Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Delafield			
STATE Wisconsin	CODE 53018	COUNTY: Waukesha	CODE 133

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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: Hawks Inn Historical Society, Inc.	
STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Mrs. John Wyssling, President 505 Lapham Peak Road	
CITY OR TOWN: Delafield	STATE: Wisconsin



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Waukesha County Courthouse	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Waukesha	STATE: Wisconsin
	CODE: 55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia
	CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

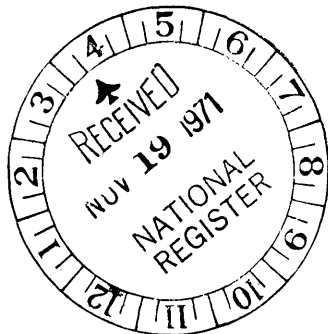
Hawks Inn, built c. 1846, is a substantial, gable-roofed frame mass of 2 1/2 stories in Greek Revival style. It is a handsome structure with a single story tetraprostyle portico extending across the entire front, surmounted by a balustraded deck at the second story level. Columns are square Doric. The front is 5-bayed and has an interesting arrangement of door openings, which constitute the middle three bays. A cornice extends across the entire system of doorways and is supported by three pairs of pilasters. Each door is single, and all are eight-paneled. The center door, which is the main opening, has narrow, multi-paned sidelights between the door frame and the pilasters. The center door is repeated directly above, in the second floor opening off the deck, with an identical arrangement of sidelights and pilasters, and a cornice.

Roof cornices and returns are wide, with correspondingly wide frieze boards. On the front face of the roof there is a substantial brick chimney near each gable end. Shingles are wood and siding is of clapboards.

Originally there was a 1 1/2 story kitchen ell which housed a large kitchen, pantry, and a stairway to the second floor. This ell was removed in the 1920's. Two years after the inn was built, a single-story wing was added to the right gable end but that, too, was subsequently removed. The original portico was removed also and was missing at the time the building was measured for the HABS in 1936. In restoration of the exterior, the original portico was faithfully reconstructed and it is planned that eventually the kitchen ell will be reconstructed in order that the inn will be as it was originally. Except for possible reconstruction of the ell, exterior restoration is complete. The interior has been refurbished and a number of rooms equipped with period furnishings.

Until 1960 the inn stood on its original location, but moving became necessary to escape demolition. Hawks Inn is now permanently situated on a property owned by the Hawks Inn Historical Society Inc., and is assured of permanent preservation and maintenance.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

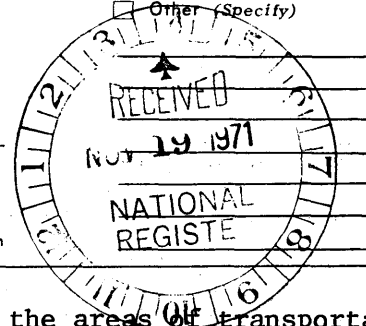
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1846**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hawks Inn is of considerable significance in both the areas of transportation and architecture, and in Wisconsin there is a certain linkage between them. Perrin states that, "During the middle years of the 19th century many stagecoach inns were built along the plank roads that connected the principal cities in Wisconsin. Only a few of these important landmarks have survived. Among them are the Wade House at Greenbush, Hawks Inn at Delafield, and the Dunkel Inn at Brookfield. All are in the Greek Revival style."¹ It might be added that in general architectural style, the three important survivals have numerous affinities, the common characteristics being the 2 1/2 story mass with a gable roof, classic cornices with returns at the ends, a large chimney at either gable end of the roof, a kitchen ell, and a square colonnaded portico extending across the front side of the inn. Hawks Inn is a handsome example of this Greek Revival style, and is indeed one of Wisconsin's most significant survivals of the frame stagecoach inns. Its situation on a heavily traveled territorial road from Milwaukee to Madison made it one of the more important stagecoach inns of the day, and it was a favorite stopping place of a number of Wisconsin's historical persons--especially those concerned with the development of Milwaukee, like Solomon Juneau, Byron Kilbourn and Daniel Wells--who had business to conduct at the capitol in Madison.

The builder of the inn, Nelson Paige Hawks, was an important figure in the development of the settlement of Delafield, where he owned the first hotel, a store, saw mill and flour mill, served as first postmaster, platted an addition to the town, and contributed to its growth by giving "deeds to alternate lots to all who would make their homes there."² Hawks had the personality and charm a successful innkeeper needed, provided the finest food and drink for his guests; and for some twenty years his inn was one of the most popular of such establishments in Wisconsin. Besides, states Perrin, "Not the least of the interesting features of this inn, is the fact that it served as a station for the Underground Railroad by which fugitive slaves made their escape."³

After surviving for nearly twelve decades and lapsing into near-ruinous condition, Hawks Inn was scheduled for demolition in 1960 to make way for a service station. Because of its significance as a Wisconsin landmark, however, the owner offered to donate it to anyone who would remove it from its location. The Hawks Inn Historical Society, Inc., was formed for the purpose of accepting the inn, and successfully raised enough money to move, restore, and furnish the inn with appropriate period pieces, and to operate

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cole, Henry E., Stagecoach and Tavern Tales of the Old Northwest, Arthur H. Clark Company, Cleveland, 1930, 118-125.
 Perrin, Richard W. E., Historic Wisconsin Buildings, Milwaukee Public Museum, 1962, 32, 38.
 Taeye, Marlys, Hawks Inn Revisited, n.p., 1969
Wisconsin Architecture, Historic American Buildings Survey, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., 1965, 24, 41. (Narrative by Richard W. E. Perrin).

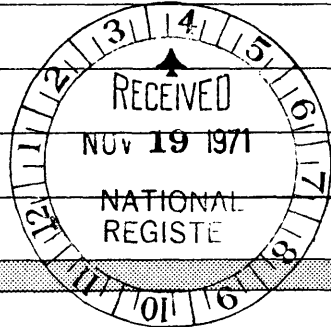
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.4

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Donald N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division.

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: 9/21/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin CODE: 55

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 James Morton Smith
 James Morton Smith

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date NOV 2 1971

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Conrath
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DATE - IN FULL
FEB 23 1972

Date _____

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date February 2, 1972

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