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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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

General James Bintliff House (preferred)

AND/OR COMMON

Edmund C. Hamilton House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

723 - 18th Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

55

COUNTY

Green

CODE

045

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- \_\_\_ DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- \_\_\_ STRUCTURE
- \_\_\_ SITE
- \_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- \_\_\_ PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- \_\_\_ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- \_\_\_ IN PROCESS
- \_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED
- \_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- \_\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED
- \_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- \_\_\_ AGRICULTURE
- \_\_\_ MUSEUM
- \_\_\_ COMMERCIAL
- \_\_\_ PARK
- \_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- \_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT
- \_\_\_ RELIGIOUS
- \_\_\_ GOVERNMENT
- \_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC
- \_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL
- \_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION
- \_\_\_ MILITARY
- \_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Edmund C. Hamilton

STREET & NUMBER

723 - 18th Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Monroe

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1976

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This ivy-covered Gothic Revival house is set among trees, ornamental shrubs and flower gardens on a 120' by 120' lot in Monroe, north of the downtown. It is constructed of cream brick painted red and is basically symmetrical in plan, with a cross-gabled roof. The four gables are decorated with solid oak bargeboards in a zigzag pattern. In the central pavilion on the main (east) side are three French windows, nine feet high. Most of the windows in the house retain their original glass. In the northwest corner is a one-story brick wing from which projects a square entrance porch. The woodwork of this porch was probably taken from porches which once existed on each side of the central pavilion.<sup>1</sup>

The house was built on a brick foundation with solid masonry interior walls which, since they are load-bearing partitions, remain intact. Two chimneys project from the asphalt shingled roof.

There are four rooms downstairs and three bedrooms and a bath upstairs. The first floor has hardwood floors and the second story has pine floors. The house has painted softwood trim, plastered walls, which are now papered, and one fireplace. All interior doors are equipped with Bennington door knobs and a porcelain and glass chandelier hangs in the dining room. When modern plumbing was installed in 1942, the northeast front entrance was closed, a powder room was installed in the former entry at the northeast corner of the house, and the side porch became the main entrance. A carpenter spent three weeks rebuilding the graceful spiral staircase, made of walnut and mahogany with butternut trim, in the new main entryway. At that time also the kitchen was moved from the basement into a south room.

To the northwest of the house is a barn built in the same year as the house. It has been much remodelled and is now used as a garage.

# 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
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<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Association with historic person
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1858<sup>1</sup>

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bintliff house is Monroe's best domestic example of the Gothic Revival style. In addition, it was built by General James Bintliff, one of Monroe's two Civil War generals and also an important local businessman.

Architecture: The Bintliff house is an excellent example of the small Gothic Revival cottage. Its steeply pitched gables decorated with wooden bargeboards and its symmetrical configuration reveal the pervasive influence of A. J. Downing and his interpretation of Gothic forms for domestic architecture. The Bintliff house is the best of three houses of this style in Monroe. Houses designed in the Gothic Revival are relatively rare in Wisconsin and are usually found in early Yankee communities such as Monroe. There is no record of an architect or a builder for the Bintliff house. An early engineer and operator of sawmills in Monroe, Norman Churchill, built many houses at this time and may have built the Bintliff house.

History: James Bintliff was born on November 1, 1824 in England. At the age of 17 he immigrated to New York state where he worked in several wool factories. In 1847 he married and joined in his father-in-law's teazle company and farm, but in 1851 he moved to Green County and took up farming for himself, the first farm in "British Hollow." Two years later he moved to Monroe where he served first as a bookkeeper in a drygoods store, then cashier for a newly-organized bank and in 1856 as register of deeds. In 1859 Bintliff was admitted to the bar. His early career is exemplary of the more ambitious young pioneers who settled in Wisconsin's early communities.

Bintliff was one of the organizers of the Republican party and was avidly anti-slavery in his sentiments. In 1860 he and a partner purchased the Monroe Sentinel which he owned throughout the war years. In 1862 he raised a company, Co. G, 22nd Wis. Vol. Inf., which was subsequently captured in the Battle of Thompson Station, Tenn. After a short imprisonment, Bintliff returned to Wisconsin to recruit the 38th Wis. Vol. Inf. In April, 1865 he was breveted a Brig. General for his distinguished service in leading a successful charge against Reeve's Salient, a small Confederate fort, and holding it against later attacks. At that time he was commander of the 38th Wis., 109th N.Y., and 207th Penn. Vol. Inf. After retiring in June, 1865, Bintliff sold his interest in the newspaper and travelled to Missouri to scout for a new home. But he found conditions too unsettled there so he returned to Monroe where he engaged in the book, stationery,

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/3 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Monroe, Wis.-Ill.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 283640 4720070

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 8 and 9, Block 9, Tallman's Plat, City of Monroe, Green County, Wisconsin.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Orene Lamboley

ORGANIZATION

Woman's Club of Monroe

STREET & NUMBER

1703 Lake Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Monroe

DATE

October, 1978

TELEPHONE

414-325-4531

STATE

Wisconsin 53566

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

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

*Richard M. Henny*

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

3/22/79

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

DATE

5-14-79

ATTEN:

*Charles D. Henny*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

5-11-79

*Wesley B. Franklin*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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and wall-paper business. In 1870 he purchased a half interest in the Janesville Gazette and moved to Janesville. He later owned the Darlington Republican and was an influential member of the State Board of Control.

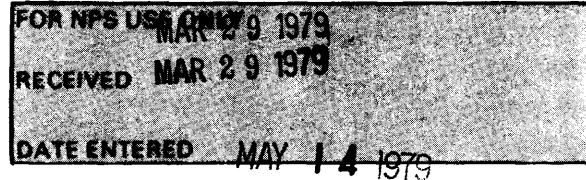
From 1873 to the late 1880s, N. C. Twining lived in the house. Twining was the head of the local schools in Monroe. The Henry Pick family lived in the house for many years. In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hamilton purchased the property. It was in this house that Hamilton, after retiring as editor and publisher of the Monroe Evening Times, researched and wrote about the history and architectural history of Monroe. Hamilton researched three houses in Monroe which have been listed in the National Register, but he never took the time to do his own. The Woman's Club of Monroe is nominating his historic home was a tribute to the work he started and which they hope to complete.

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<sup>1</sup>Tax records for Monroe in the collections of the Area Research Center, UW-Platteville.

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