

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Theodore White House

and/or common White Sisters House

2. Location

street & number Broadway Street _____ not for publication

city, town South English _____ vicinity of

state Iowa code 019 county Keokuk code 111

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Connie C. Brubaker

street & number Box 95

city, town South English _____ vicinity of state Iowa 52335

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Keokuk County Courthouse

city, town Sigourney state Iowa 52591

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Theodore White House is an unaltered example of the transitional Queen Anne style. As such, the house is the only one of this style and scale in the town, and is a prominent local landmark.

The White house presents a simplified Queen Anne plan, evidencing the influence of early 20th Century styles. Three elements enliven the otherwise spartan square house plan. A broad shingles two story corner tower with conical roof, imparts the feeling of a castle turret with its band of five square eyebrow windows which underscore the projecting round eaves. Pedimented projecting dormers on three facades dominate the hipped roofline, especially on the main facade where the dormer projects above a two story chamfered bay. The wrap-around porch dominates the front and north sides of the house, and consists of seven bays which are bridged by low angled triangular arches.

Square brick piers support the porch base and flooring, and the tower foundation consists of rubbed header bricks set in off-center courses. A single story kitchen wind with corner porch projects from the rear of the house.

The house is intact, except for the loss of a chimney in 1981. The house was newly roofed that same year. Inside, the house retains an ornate wooden stairway. A black marble fireplace was removed in 1980 but the present owner has recovered the marblwork for restoration.

The house faces west and is centered on a double lot, which is located on the southern outskirts of town, to the southwest of the business district.

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 checked="" 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 1899–1900

Builder/Architect Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Theodore White House (1899–1900) is an intact example of the transitional Queen Anne style. The house is unique in South English in terms of its scale and style.

Theodore Elroy White (1858–1928), original owner of the house, was a noted local merchant in South English for over seventy years. He assumed full ownership of "White's Emporium" general store in 1890. This firm was founded as Hogan, Adams & Co. prior to 1858, and was purchased by his father Jonathan F. White (1835–1914), that same year. The family also operated White State Bank from 1908 until 1919 and Theodore White served on the bank's board. The White family occupied the house until the early 1970's.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet 9-2

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name South English

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

A

1	5	5	7	6	0	4	0	4	5	8	9	8	7	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 9 & 10, Block 12, J. F. White's First Addition to the Town of South English.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n.a. code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date 31 May 1983

Historical Building

street & number E. 12th & Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

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 S. Anderson

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Dept. date 6/3/83

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

Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 7/14/83

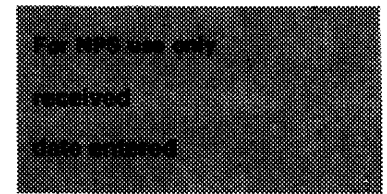
Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Bibliography

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