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DATA SHEET

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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

AND/OR COMMON

Aunty Green Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

602 Washington St.

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Bonaparte

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Iowa

CODE

Van Buren

CODE

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

Van Buren County Historical Association

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Keosauqua

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 52565

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Van Buren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Keosauqua

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Aunty Green Hotel is one of Iowa's early structures, built three years after Bonaparte was laid out in 1841. It consists of the hotel proper and a smaller brick structure attached to the rear which is, probably, of a slightly later date. Both are made of locally-manufactured brick.

The hotel is two stories high, 45' long and approximately 21' deep, with a tin-covered gable roof which extends over the recessed, two-story gallery in the front. Windows are shash, with 6/6, 3/3 and 2/2 lights, and wide, flat stone lintels and sills. One brick chimney is located at the east end. Two entrances in the front and one in the east facade have small transoms.

The interior has been remodelled over the years to accommodate a variety of uses. Original features remaining are the wood flooring, some chair rails, the walnut staircase, two fireplace mantles and a stone fireplace in the basement.

Attached to the rear of the hotel is a 1½ story brick structure, 23' x 22', with a high gable roof and narrow cornice. The windows and entrance, set somewhat randomly in the east facade, have triangular arches and brick hoods. Windows on the first floor are 6/6 sash, those above 4/4. The door has a 9-light window and five-light transom. This structure was probably living quarters for the proprietors of the hotel.

The two buildings now house the local public library and the beginnings of an historical museum. A run-down garage attached to the west end of the hotel is scheduled for removal in the near future.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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	
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<input 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 1844

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Green

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Aunty Green Hotel is considered the first brick building erected in Bonaparte, a small river town founded on the milling (lumber and flour) businesses of William Meek and his sons in 1837. This hotel, the second in Bonaparte, was built by John Green, a native of England. His wife, Mary (1808-1891) apparently ran the hotel for many years after John's death, giving the business the name by which it is known today. Subsequent businesses in the building were a photograph studio, doctor's offices, the first local telephone exchange, a creamery and gas station. It was rescued from planned demolition by the Van Buren County Historical Association, and is now administered by the Bonaparte Historical Association.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Speech by A.H. McCrary, reprinted in Pioneer Addresses given to the Pioneer Association of Van Buren County, 1877 (Aug. 15) and 1875 (Aug. 19).
 Van Buren County Historical Society. History of Bonaparte. Bonaparte Record Republican (printers) 1967.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 2 in Block 3 in the Town of Bonaparte, Iowa

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

Mary Warner and Dorothy Watson

ORGANIZATION

Bonaparte Historical Association

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 306

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bonaparte

STATE

Iowa 52620

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. Peterson MS

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 8/5/74

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles A. [Signature]

DATE

1-20-75

DATE

1-17-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER