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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

McMahon House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

800 English Lane

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Dubuque

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY
Dubuque

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

- | | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Roseanne Reiser Wiedner

STREET & NUMBER

800 English Lane

CITY, TOWN

Dubuque

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dubuque County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

720 Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Dubuque

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 McMahon House is a 2-story house of dressed limestone, 40' x 24'. Because it is built into the side of a hill, there are no windows in the north and west walls; those of the east and south walls have 6/6 lights in a double hung sash, and wood lintels and sills. The symmetrical front facade has a wood porch supported by square grooved columns and supporting a balcony with spindle balustrade (this porch replaced the original, which had deteriorated.)

The interior has been remodeled through the removal of some partitions and an attic, to create larger rooms, one (beneath the old attic) with a cathedral-type ceiling. Shutters have been added to the windows.

The house is located in a heavily-wooded, little traveled section of Dubuque.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1861-62

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Ross McMahon

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McMahon House is a good example of early vernacular house architecture. It is well-constructed and exhibits an excellent use of stone in an attractive yet unpretentious structure.

Ross McMahon, the builder of this house, was a master stonemason. He is known to have worked on a number of churches and road bridges in the area during the mid-late 19th century. McMahon also was interested in lead mining; shafts still exist on the adjoining property once owned by his son.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robert Beasley, "Restoration in Dubuque," The Iowan, Sentinel Publishing Co., Shenandoah, Iowa, April-May, 1957, pp. 32-35.

Interview with granddaughter, Mrs. Ludvig Hetland, 1506 South Grandview Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Lot 50' x 100' - *less than One Acre*
m. Bowers 11.12.76

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>15</u>	<u>691360</u>	<u>4705485</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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. Kenneth Mercer

ORGANIZATION

Dubuque County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

1198 Mt. Loretta Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dubuque

STATE

Iowa

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 A. Anderson

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 10, 1976

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

Acting

Charles A. [Signature]

DATE

11/21/96

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11.15.26