

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
Diamond Jo Boat Store and Office

AND/OR COMMON
Dubuque Tank Terminal Co. and Inland Molasses Co. Operations Office

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Jones and Water Streets

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN
Dubuque

___ VICINITY OF

Second

STATE
Iowa

CODE

COUNTY
Dubuque

CODE

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 checked="" 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input 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"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Dubuque Tank Terminal Company

STREET & NUMBER
12th Floor, American Trust Building

CITY, TOWN
Dubuque

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorder's Office, Dubuque County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Dubuque

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Water Transportation Survey

DATE
July, 1976

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS State Historical Department, Division of Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN
Iowa City

STATE
Iowa

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Diamond Jo Boat Store building is a simple, two-story structure with a flat roof. It is slightly trapezoidal in plan due to the shape of the lot on which it is located, and measures 32' x 120'. Window and door openings have segmental arched heads. The narrow flat sills are stone. The 4/4-light windows are equipped with modern plastic shutters, but were bare, according to fire insurance maps, during the period concerned in this nomination. A freight entrance is located on the south end. The only decorative feature on the structure is a narrow strip of corbelling below the flat brick cornice.

The Diamond Jo Line office was located at the east end of the structure, overlooking the levee and the Mississippi River. The remaining portion was used for the storage of equipment and supplies for the Diamond Jo steamers. Today the building houses operations offices for two Dubuque firms, and the original steamboat-associated structures which surrounded this store have been replaced by tank farms. No alterations, other than the addition of shutters, appear to have been made to the structure.

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 built ca. 1885

BUILDER/~~ARCHITECT~~ Joseph Reynolds

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Diamond Jo Boat Store and Office building is the last remaining structure in Dubuque which can be directly linked to the steamboat era on the Mississippi River. The building is also significant because it served as the headquarters of Joseph Reynolds' "Diamond Jo Packet Line" from the mid-1880's until the demise of the company in 1911. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the Diamond Jo Packet Line was one of the most active on the upper Mississippi.

Joseph Reynolds entered the steamboat business after the Civil War, running cargoes of wheat on the Mississippi between Minnesota and the Chicago and Northwestern railhead at Fulton, Illinois. In 1873, Reynolds moved his headquarters (originally in MacGregor, Ia.) to Dubuque. With the decline of freight traffic in the 1880's, due to increased competition from the railroads, Reynolds began to build passenger boats at his shipyard at Dubuque's Eagle Point. To augment this passenger fleet, he also purchased boats from other lines, including the Northern Lines Packet Co. and the St. Louis and St. Paul Packet Line. Joseph Reynolds died in 1891, many times a millionaire, and his son continued the business until 1911 when the Diamond Jo Line was sold to the Streckfus Line.

This boat store was only one of many structures once housing Diamond Jo activities in Dubuque. Others on the levee were a freight and ticket office, and a freight house on the waterfront. These, as well as many other buildings on the levee, were destroyed by fire in 1909.

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 at Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City, Iowa.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	22385	4426120	B			
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C				D			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Hans Muessig, Historical Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa State Historical Department

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

B-13 MacLean Hall

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

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

Admin D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

2/11/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Robert B. Rethig

DATE

11/23/77

~~DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE

11/17/77

~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~