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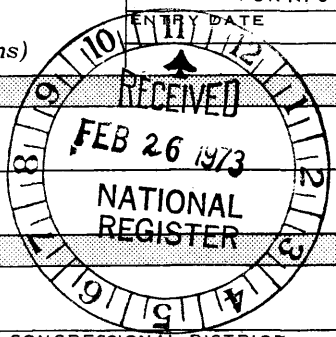
Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Iowa
COUNTY:	Woodbury
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUL 23 1973



<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON:	Sioux City Central High School
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Castle on the Hill

<b>2. LOCATION</b>			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1212 Nebraska Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Sioux City		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
STATE: Iowa	CODE: 14	COUNTY: Woodbury	CODE: 193

<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>PRESENT USE</b> (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>Classes there ended June 1972</u>	

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>			
OWNER'S NAME: Sioux City Community School District (Board of Education)			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1221 Pierce Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Sioux City		STATE: Iowa	CODE: 51105 14

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Woodbury County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: Seventh and Douglas Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Sioux City		STATE: Iowa	CODE: 51104 14

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>			
TITLE OF SURVEY: City of Sioux City Town Platting			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Woodbury County Recorder's Office			
STREET AND NUMBER: Woodbury County Courthouse, Seventh and Douglas Streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Sioux City		STATE: Iowa	CODE: 51104 14

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Sioux City Central High School Building was constructed in 1892 of rough-hewn, brownish-pink Lake Superior sandstone and is of strong and heavy Romanesque-Gothic design. A centrally-located, castellated bell tower marks the main entrance facing the Missouri River and is flanked by two stepped-gable roof and facade projections. The symmetry of the whole, including identical window placement, places the round-arched romanesque and the castellated medieval character of the whole building in a classically ordered context.

The interior of the structure contains over 145,000 square feet: a large auditorium, a stage, a gymnasium, locker rooms, large study halls, laboratories, a library and administrative offices.

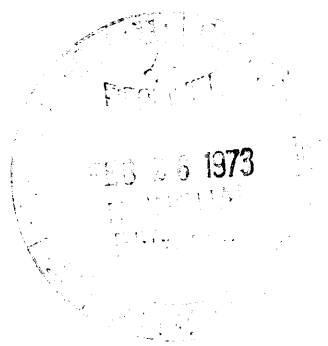
The north wing was added in 1911-12. Floors in this wing are reinforced clay tile and concrete with terrazzo finished surface. The stairs here are steel with terrazzo trends and open steel rails.

By 1930 stairwells in the original part were encased on three sides with masonry partitions and new walls installed of reinforced concrete and terrazzo finish.

In recent years new wooden flooring has been added in the classrooms on all four floors and tile board ceilings in approximately 30 percent of the rooms.

Also in 1930 the hip roof was removed and the walls between turrets and tower were extended to accomodate a fourth floor addition.

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**6. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

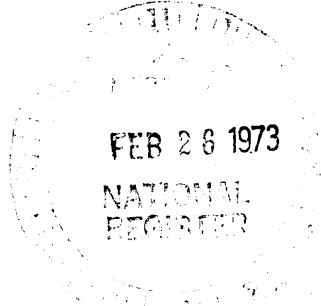
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Architecture</u>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Known as "The Castle", the Sioux City Central High School, the city's oldest community high school, was built in 1892 and served the community as an educational institution until 1972. Still located at the city's center, this building stands as a monumental example of the kind of civic pride which accompanied the late nineteenth population boom which many towns such as Sioux City experienced. Covering an entire city block, "The Castle" was designed by the architect F. S. Allen of Joliet, Illinois, and the construction contract was awarded to contractor, Eric Lund of Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"A Historical Profile of Sioux City" by John F. Schmidt  
 Editions of the Sioux City Journal  
 "History of Sioux City Public Schools" by H. C. Roberts

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

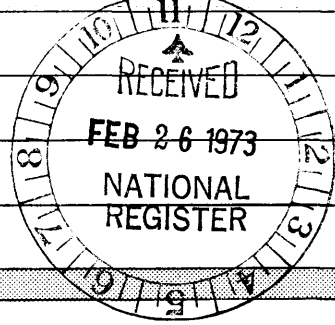
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NE	°	'	"	42	30	13
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	96	24	3

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One acre**

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 AND TITLE: **Mrs. Raymond J. Goodson**

ORGANIZATION: **Save the Castle and Castle Study Committee**      DATE: **July 16, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2206 Heights Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sioux City**      STATE: **Iowa 51104**      CODE: **14**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National       State       Local

Name: *Adrian A. Anderson*

Title: *State Historic Preservation Officer*

Date: *2/3/73*

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*Robert M. Utley*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *7/23/73*

ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *7 13 73*