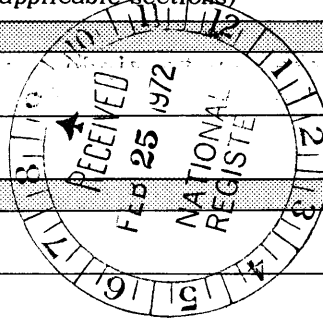


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: Dubuque City Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 West 13th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Dubuque CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of Dubuque

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 West 13th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dubuque County Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER: 720 Central Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None Known

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE:

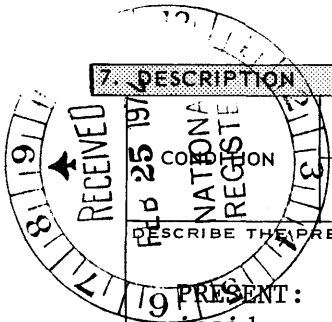
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7 DESCRIPTION					
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(Check One)			(Check One)		
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

PRESENT: Entire bell tower removed. Exterior tuckpointed 1955. Bays to inside market stalls bricked up to window conformity. Farmer's market continues around west end of building. First floor contains police and city government offices. Second floor remains same with council room in near original state. Third floor used only as police archery range and storage. Partition has been added to make room in west end for storage engineering maps, etc. Bow in this wall not major. Floor unsafe for heavy loads.

ORIGINAL: Designed and built by John Francis Rague, begun February 1857, occupied February 1858. Three story brick, gable roof structure 152'x 50'. From ground line to top of gable 68'.

Exterior:

Building rests on heavy limestone podium with dressed coping. All 4 walls divided into series of regulated bays. Windows on 2nd and 3rd floors 11' high; on 1st floor windows cut to floor to permit wagons to back up to interior stalls on market day. These windows measure 11' 6 1/2".

Thick walls of building punctured by arched recesses around windows. Projecting brick sheathing, an extra layer of brick that buttress walls and terminate like pilaster, are capped with white limestone inserts.

Roof line supported by pairs of brackets at wide intervals, made of single pieces of wood with exposed ogee sides. Near top of each gabled end is a circular window. At east end of building a tall, Italianate cupola with ornate curved top section, double arched shutters and round windows decorating each of 4 sides. A small dome with projecting circular windows cap the whole structure. The cupola is 5 stories high, the first being inside the gable of the building. The bell occupies lower part of square structure, above that the fire-watch room, next above was to have enclosed a clock, the last story for viewing the city.

Interior: Basement, entered from outside (south) contained a "calaboose", several saloons and fireproof vaults for records.

1st floor, one market stall per bay except north side, 3 central bays devoted to entrance and staircase. Each stall 22' wide, equipped with gas outlet and stove. Cast iron brackets placed at 2-bay intervals to support story above. Wainscoting 4'9" high dressed walls. Meat Market held on this floor.

2nd floor reached by 190 degree stairs. Hallway 9' wide divides floor and connects two large end rooms, each 28' x 46'. East room council chambers, west room for general meetings. Other rooms house city offices. Wainscoting prevails this floor, also.

3rd floor undivided but contains housing at east end for stairs to cupola, supported by 4 cast iron columns. Ceiling 18' high.

The building is supported by cast iron columns embedded in floor and resting on 10" x 10" beams. In basement and 1st floor there are 3 rows of 14 columns each; basement columns are 8'8" tall, 1st floor columns 17' tall; Only 8 columns on 2nd floor resting directly on floor.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1857**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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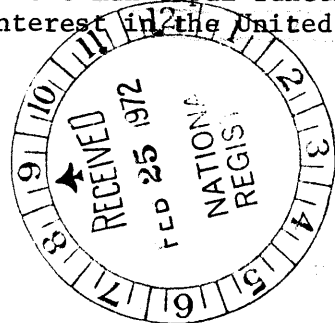
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

✓ The Dubuque City Hall was designed and built by Midwest architect John Francis Rague (1799-1877) in 1857 with "great care and expense to provide a market house of immense convenience and accommodation and an ornament to our city". Occupied in February, 1858, when its market was declared "superior to any in Chicago". The market drew farmers from many miles distant. The building was a symbol of Dubuque's prosperity and growth, a superb landmark in its day, as now.

✓ It is a comparatively rare and highly interesting example of combined market house and municipal offices, a combination of functions which stems from medieval tradition. The ground floor originally divided into market stalls, is now used for city offices. The third floor was used as a ballroom as well as for galas for the socially elite. A cupola housed a bell which tolled for church services, fires, curfews, the end of wars and to welcome returning heroes, as well as various other occasions.

This building is of immense cultural significance because of its role in the history of the city, its dominance of the entire skyline at that time, as well as in its specific area now. It still functions as the focal point of city business.

The market function in association with the municipal function makes the City Hall a cultural rarity of major interest in the United States.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Dubuque County, 1880

John Francis Rague: Mid-19th Century Revivalist Architect, 1799-1877.
Thesis at University of Iowa by Betsy H. Woodman

National Trust for Historic Preservation: report by Denys Peter Myers, consultant, May 16, 1971

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"						
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Kenneth Mercer, President

ORGANIZATION: Dubuque County Historical Society DATE: June 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. box 305

CITY OR TOWN: Dubuque STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Adrian D. Pedersen</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>15 Feb., 1972</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>9/14/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>John Bradford</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>9/13/72</u></p>

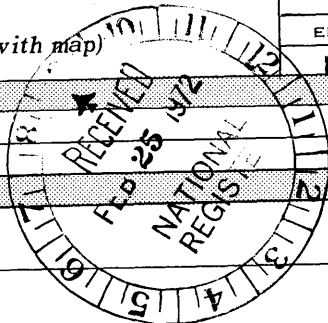
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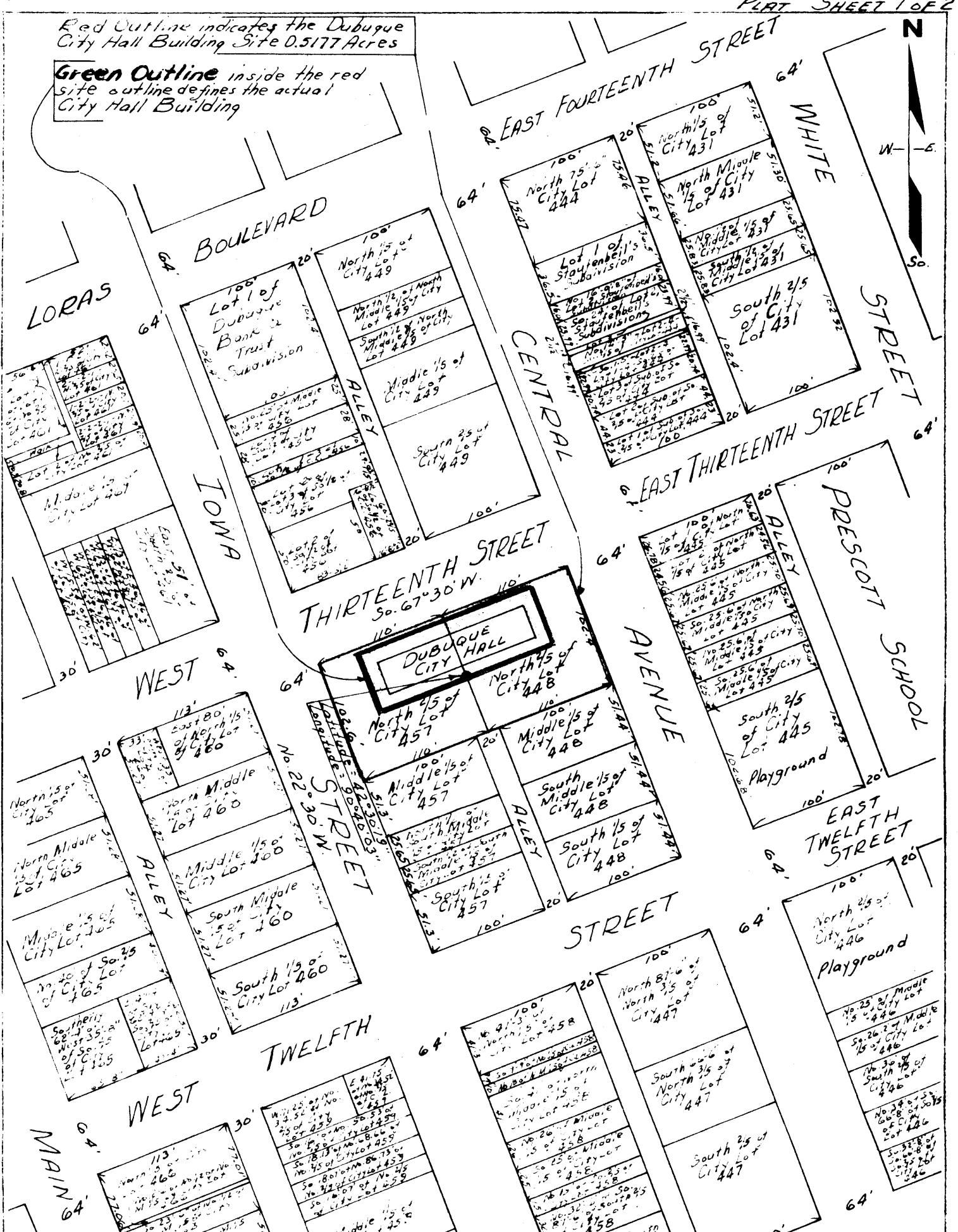
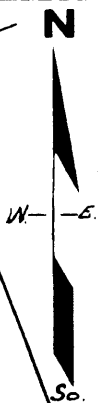


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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Bartels, McMahan, LeMay, Haas and Baule Engineering Co.			
SCALE: 1" = 100'			
DATE: June 28, 1971			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.		Latitude and Longitude	
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.		N 42° 30' 19" W 90° 40' 03"	

Red Outline indicates the Dubuque City Hall Building Site 0.5177 Acres

Green Outline inside the red site outline defines the actual City Hall Building



DUBUQUE CITY HALL
So. 67°30' W.

TWELFTH STREET

EAST FOURTEENTH STREET

EAST THIRTEENTH STREET

EAST TWELFTH STREET

LORAS

BOULEVARD

IOWA

WEST

WEST

MAIN

CENTRAL

AVENUE

PRESCOTT SCHOOL

WHITE

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

Lot 1 of Dubuque Bank & Trust Subdivision

Middle 1/5 of City Lot 449

North 1/5 of City Lot 460

Middle 1/5 of City Lot 465

South 1/5 of City Lot 466

North 1/5 of City Lot 449

Middle 1/5 of City Lot 449

North 1/5 of City Lot 457

Middle 1/5 of City Lot 457

South 1/5 of City Lot 457

North 75 of City Lot 444

North 1/5 of City Lot 448

Middle 1/5 of City Lot 448

South 1/5 of City Lot 448

North 3/5 of City Lot 447

South 1/5 of City Lot 447

North 1/5 of City Lot 431

North Middle 1/5 of City Lot 431

South 1/5 of City Lot 431

North 1/5 of City Lot 445

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