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Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Do not check any box by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the *Standards*. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Mary's Rectory
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 610 E. Jefferson St. N/A not for publication
city or town Iowa City N/A vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Johnson code 103 zip code 52245

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)
Patricia Olenking 5-30-95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date
State Historical Society of Iowa
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:
 entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain): _____

for
Elson H. Beall Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action 7/7/95

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19TH CENTURY/ Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/ Limestone

walls WOOD / Weatherboard

ASBESTOS

roof ASPHALT

other CHIMNEY: Brick

PORCH: Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1854

Significant Dates

1854; 1856

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

St. Mary's Church

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property Less than one acre**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone	Easting	Northing	
2			

3			
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4			

 See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Joan and Michael Hartorganization _____ date July 1, 1994street & number 328 E. Jefferson St. telephone 319 - 338 - 4142city or town Iowa City state Iowa zip code 52245**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Joan and Michael Hartstreet & number 328 E. Jefferson St. telephone 319 - 338 - 4142city or town Iowa City state Iowa zip code 52245

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St. Mary's Rectory
Iowa City, IowaINTERAGENCY RESOURCES DIVISION
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Description

The original St. Mary's rectory at 610 E. Jefferson St. in Iowa City, Iowa, is a two story Greek Revival style frame house built in 1854-1856. The house was built on the north side of the lot next to the Catholic Church in block 67 of the Original Town and moved four blocks down Jefferson Street in 1891 to its current location in block 26 of the Original Town. The abstract map included with the property shows the general plotting and topography of the Original Town of Iowa City in the late 1850's and early 1860's.¹ The house measures 33 x 33 feet and is set 70 feet back from Jefferson St. on a lot 205 feet in depth. The foundation is of limestone and the frame is of balloon construction. The origin of the wood from which the frame was made is not known. At the rear of the lot is an old, partitioned two car garage that is considered a non-contributing resource. Between the house and garage is a garden with a variety of perennials.

The house appears to have a large amount of interior and exterior integrity. "The house is a relatively unaltered example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture from the 1850's which, for Iowa City, is relatively rare."² The front entrance and door are original; the door on the second floor of the house above the front entrance is also an original door as is the rear entrance door. The front entrance door has six panels; these are raised panels with flat moldings. The door frame is flanked by three rectangular small windows on either side and ten small panes above the door. One of these panes has an etched signature; the signature in the bubbled glass is in a florid handwriting style that says Math H. Speculation: the identification of the signature leads to Rev. Mathias Hannon, the young pastor of St. Mary's, who was responsible for having the rectory built. The threshold of the door measures 13½ inches in width, a generous width, considered by some a feature signifying the dignity due a clerical residence. This entranceway was cited as a local example of Greek Revival doorways by the panel researching and recommending preservation plans for Plum Grove, the historical home of Robert Lucas, the first governor of Iowa.³ The balcony door on the second floor above the main entrance is a more simple six paneled door with four of the panels being panes of glass. The rear entrance door is a four paneled door. Interior doors, six of which are four paneled and two which are simple two paneled, remain; some of the doors have original hardware remaining. Most of the windows (six panes) are original and many of the panes are of antique glass. The interior layout has remained unchanged with a central hall separating the two rooms south and two rooms north on either side of the hall. The second floor plan is the same with the addition of a bathroom sectioned off one of

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the bedrooms. Woodwork is all original as is the central hall staircase and railing. The woodwork of the 1854 rooms has simple architectural detailing while the 1856 addition is totally plain. The simple decorative crowns with ears on the window frames of the 1854 rooms are very fine and very typical features of the Greek Revival style. Ceilings are original including a wood ceiling in the kitchen. Floors are all original pine boards without subflooring.

Statement of Significance

St. Mary's Rectory, built in 1854, 1856, is historically significant as a relatively unaltered example of frame construction in the vernacular Greek Revival style in Iowa City. This residence is a relatively rare example of this architectural style in Iowa City and includes several very fine features of the style; it appears to have much of the original construction materials intact both on the exterior and in the interior of the house. The house served as the first residence for pastors of the first Catholic community in Iowa City. Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, the pioneer priest west of the Mississippi River, secured the two prime lots for St. Mary's Church from the Territory of Iowa in December, 1840. It is stated in the Fuhrmann history of St. Mary's that Fr. Mazuchelli drew the original plans for Old Capitol and participated in the superintendence of the construction of that Greek Revival building. The St. Mary's Rectory is both a visual record and a current reminder of the commitment held by Iowa City's pioneer settlers towards their public duty, both civic and religious, in building a community. The Greek Revival style was the public expression which embodied the philosophical attitudes of energetic spirit and high idealism held by these pioneers. The residence was in continuous use by pastors of St. Mary's from 1854 until 1891 when it was moved to its present location on Jefferson St. It has continued to be used as a residence sitting back on the lot in the same modest manner as it was in its first location.

Historical Background and Significance

The four front rooms of the house (1st and 2nd floors) were constructed in 1854 when the home was built as the first rectory for St. Mary's parish. It was built on the north side of the lot at 220 E. Jefferson St. Rev. Mathias Hannon described this residence as finished and furnished in September of 1854 at a cost of \$1100; he had been assigned as pastor of St. Mary's in January, 1853. Two separate references are made by him regarding the house in "Reminiscences of St. Mary's Church,"

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parts of which were excerpted in the 1916 History of St. Mary's Church and in James E Jacobsen's History of St. Mary's School.^{4,5} Rev. M. Michels enlarged the house with the addition of two rooms on the north side of the house in 1856.⁶ During recent renovations of the basement stairway, portions of two Catholic newspapers and one public newspaper were found pasted to stretchers that were part of the wall on the north east side. One of the Catholic newspaper pieces was printed in English and dated November, 1856;⁷ the other piece is printed in Gothic German and dated September, 1856.⁸ The third old newspaper fragment is dated in 1855.⁹ A corner of the house in its original location is visible in a photo taken of St. Mary's Church prior to 1871 but after 1868, the period of time when the church tower was being constructed.¹⁰ The house is also shown in the sketched map "Bird's Eye View of Iowa City" of 1868.¹¹ An 1879 fire map of Iowa City indicates the house next to the church.¹² An 1854 map of central Iowa City shows the home on the north side of the lot next to the church also.¹³

It should be noted that a simple porch with a small balcony on the home probably existed as the second floor door is original to the home as well as the main entrance door. Porches were generally not drawn in the "Bird's Eye View" of 1868 as evidenced by the lack of porticos on Old Capitol, for example.

In 1891, the house was moved four blocks down Jefferson St. to its present location at 610 E. Jefferson St. when a new brick rectory was built on the south end of the lot beside the church. It is not known when the present front porch was built, but it was likely done in 1891 at the time of the move. A picture taken sometime before 1916 shows the house with its present porch.¹⁴

Since 1891 the house has been variously used as a single family and as a multi-family dwelling. The present owners purchased the house in 1991. Since 1991 the following changes have been made; the dirt floor of the cellar has been covered with concrete; the support beams reinforced; and a new furnace was installed. A new roof has been built. The back porch, which had been built with asbestos siding of a type used in the depression years, was removed. The asbestos siding and the north wall of the house has been replaced with cedar siding. The interior stairwell from the kitchen to the cellar has been widened slightly to fulfill safety requirements. These alterations have been carefully done to preserve the original materials and character of the home as much as possible. The front of the house has exposed, original siding; the two side walls have

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original siding under the asbestos shingles.

Few examples of Greek Revival architecture are found in the Iowa City area. A June 12, 1992, local newspaper article features the placement of Rose Hill, a fine example of brick Greek Revival, on the historic register.¹⁵ The home at 610 E. Jefferson St. is a particularly fine example of a complete and relatively well-preserved Greek Revival wood frame home.

Footnotes:

1. Abstract Map of Original Town of Iowa City. Plat Book No. 1. Page 116.
2. Correspondence from David Arbogast, architectural conservator, to Mr. Ralph Weber, prospective owner, January 28, 1991.
3. Plum Grove: The Governor Robert Lucas Home: An Architectural Historical Study and Recommendations for Development. Iowa Division of Historic Preservation. Iowa State Historical Department. 1977. p. 35, Plate 26.
4. Fuhrmann, Joseph. Souvenir of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Mary's Church. Iowa City, Iowa. Celebrated May 21, 1916. And History of the Principal Events of the Congregation with Sketches of Buildings, Priests and Bishops. 1840-1916. Published in Iowa City, 1916. pp. 35-36.
5. Jacobsen, James Edward. A History of St. Mary's School. Iowa City. 1979. Iowa State Historical Society. (with references from) Reminiscences of St. Mary's Church by Rev. M. Hannon. Reproduced from "Old Settlers of Johnson County, August 21, 1902, 36th Annual Reunion. pp. 107-110.
6. Fuhrmann, J. Ibid. pp. 39-40.
7. Catholic newspaper fragment in English: November 22, 1856.
8. Catholic newspaper fragment in Gothic German: September 4, 1856.
9. Public newspaper fragment, English language, 1855.
10. Photo by Isaac's Wetherby of Rev. William Emonds with St. Mary's Church. Iowa State Historical Society
11. "Bird's Eye View" of Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, 1868. Iowa State Historical Society.
12. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Iowa City, 1879, 1899. Iowa State Historical Society.
13. Jacobsen, J. E. Ibid. Map 3 B.
14. Fuhrmann, J. Ibid. p.36.
15. J. R. Clairborne, "Rose Hill Placed on National Register." Iowa City Press Citizen. June 12, 1992.

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Maps:

"Bird's Eye View of Iowa City", Johnson County, Iowa, 1868. Iowa State Historical Society.

Abstract Map of Original Town of Iowa City, late 1850's - early 1860's.

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Photo: Isaac's Wetherby photo of Rev. William Emonds with St. Mary's Church. Iowa State Historical Society.

Correspondence: from David Arbogast, architectural conservator, to Mr. Ralph Weber, a prospective buyer of the property, January 28, 1991.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Original Town of Iowa City. W 40' Lot 6 Block 26

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the lot on which the nominated house has been located since 1891.

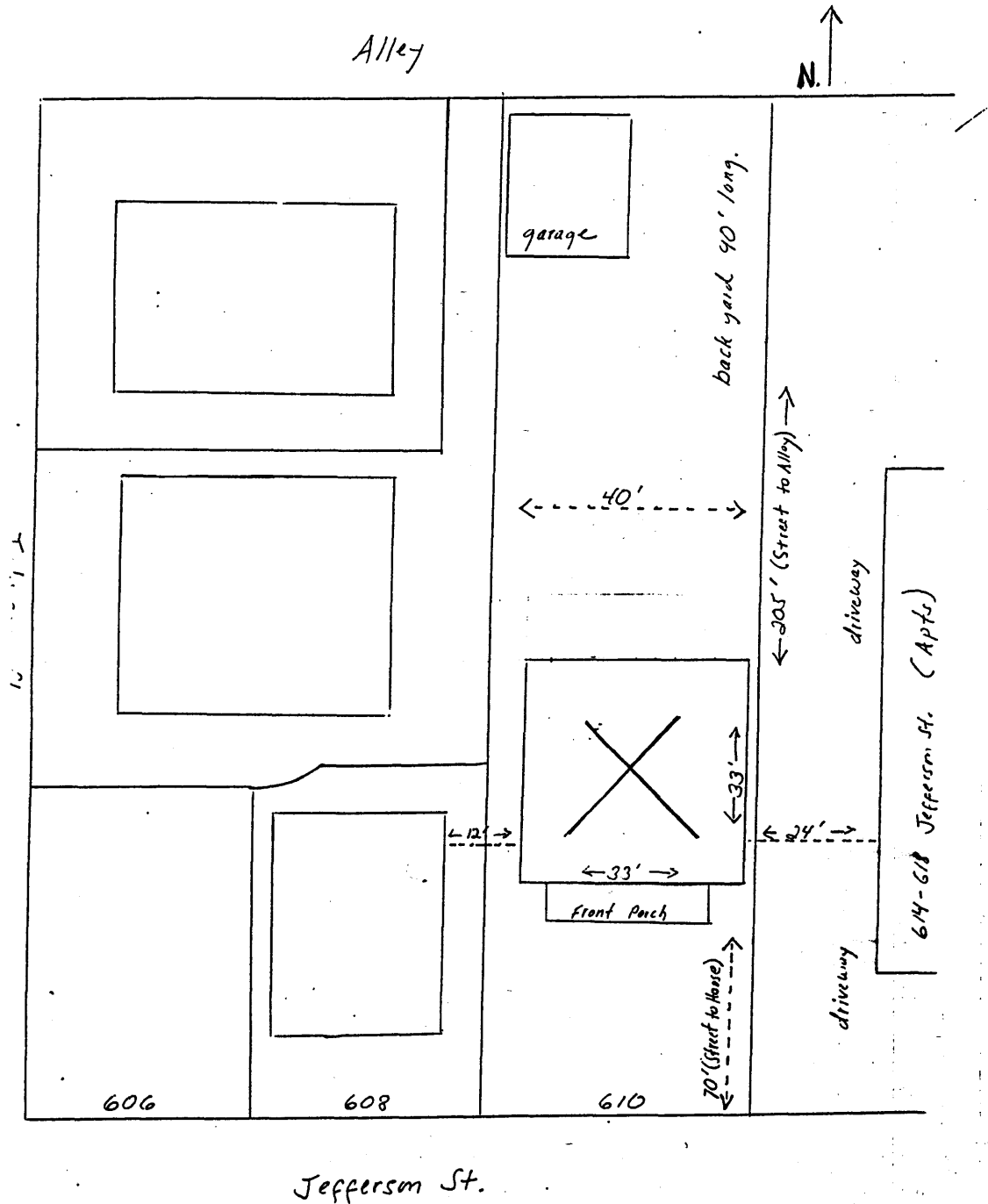
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Sketch Map of Property



Jefferson St.

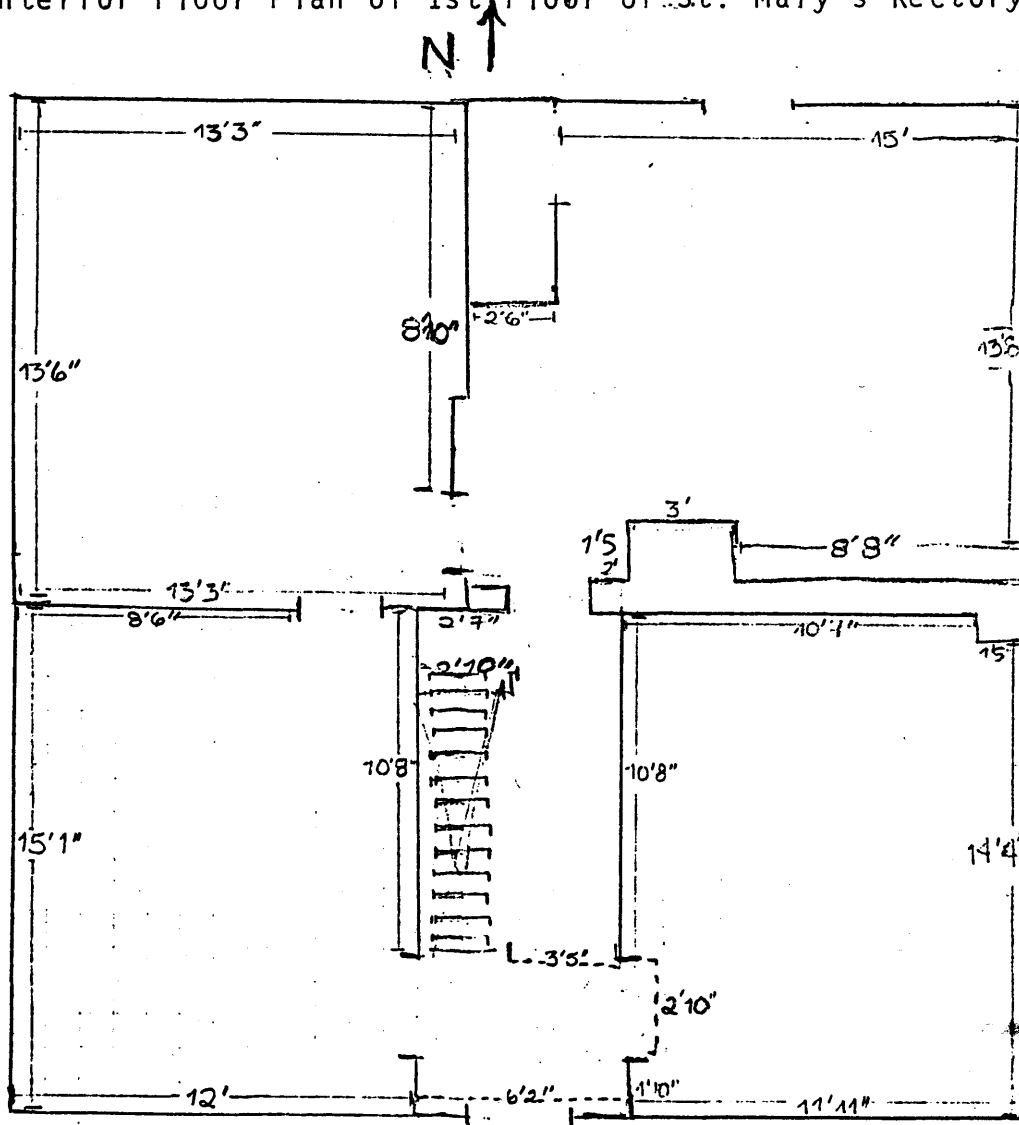
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Interior Floor Plan of 1st Floor of St. Mary's Rectory



PLAN FOR
1ST FLOOR
610 E. JEFFERSON

JOAN M. HART
(319) 338-4142

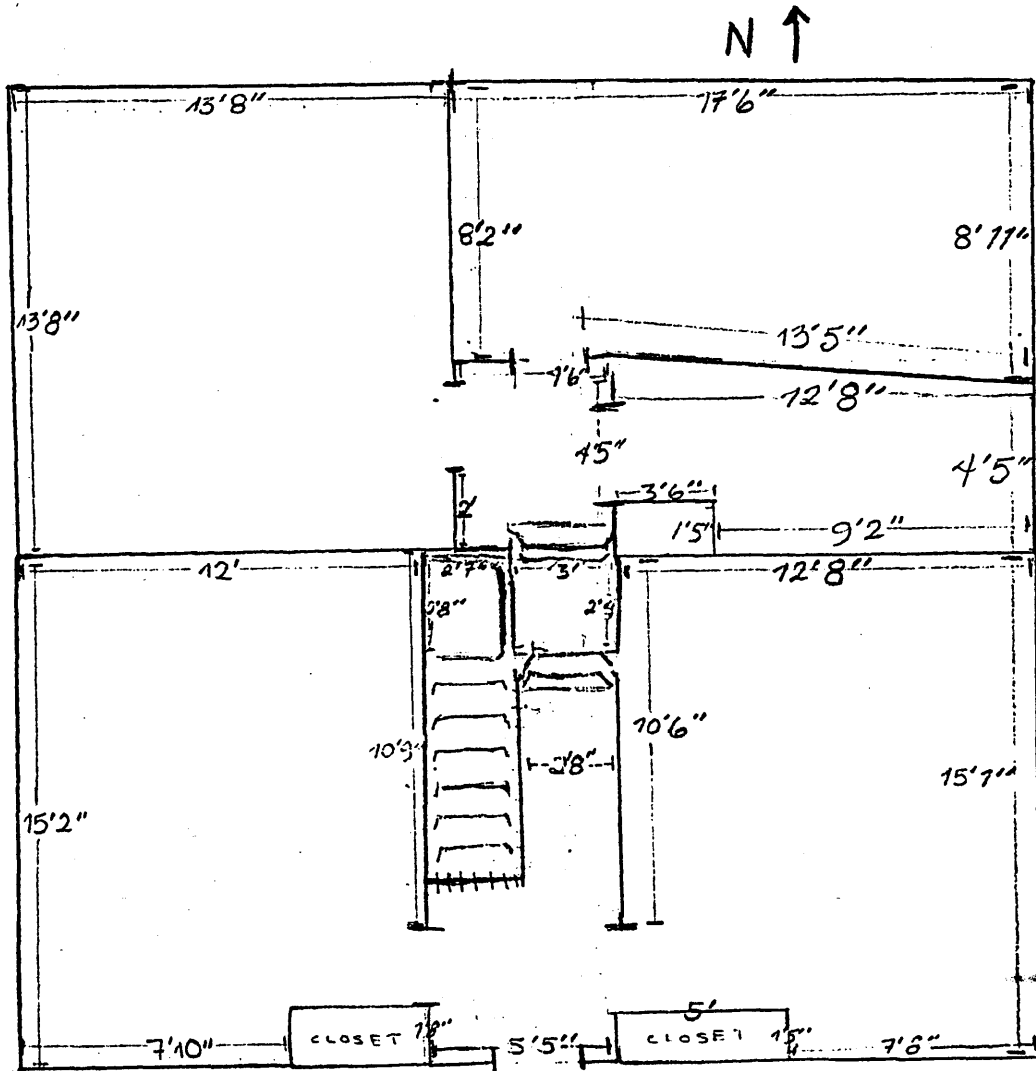
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Interior Floor Plan of 2nd Floor of St. Mary's Rectory



PLAN FOR
2ND FLOOR
610 E. JEFFERSON

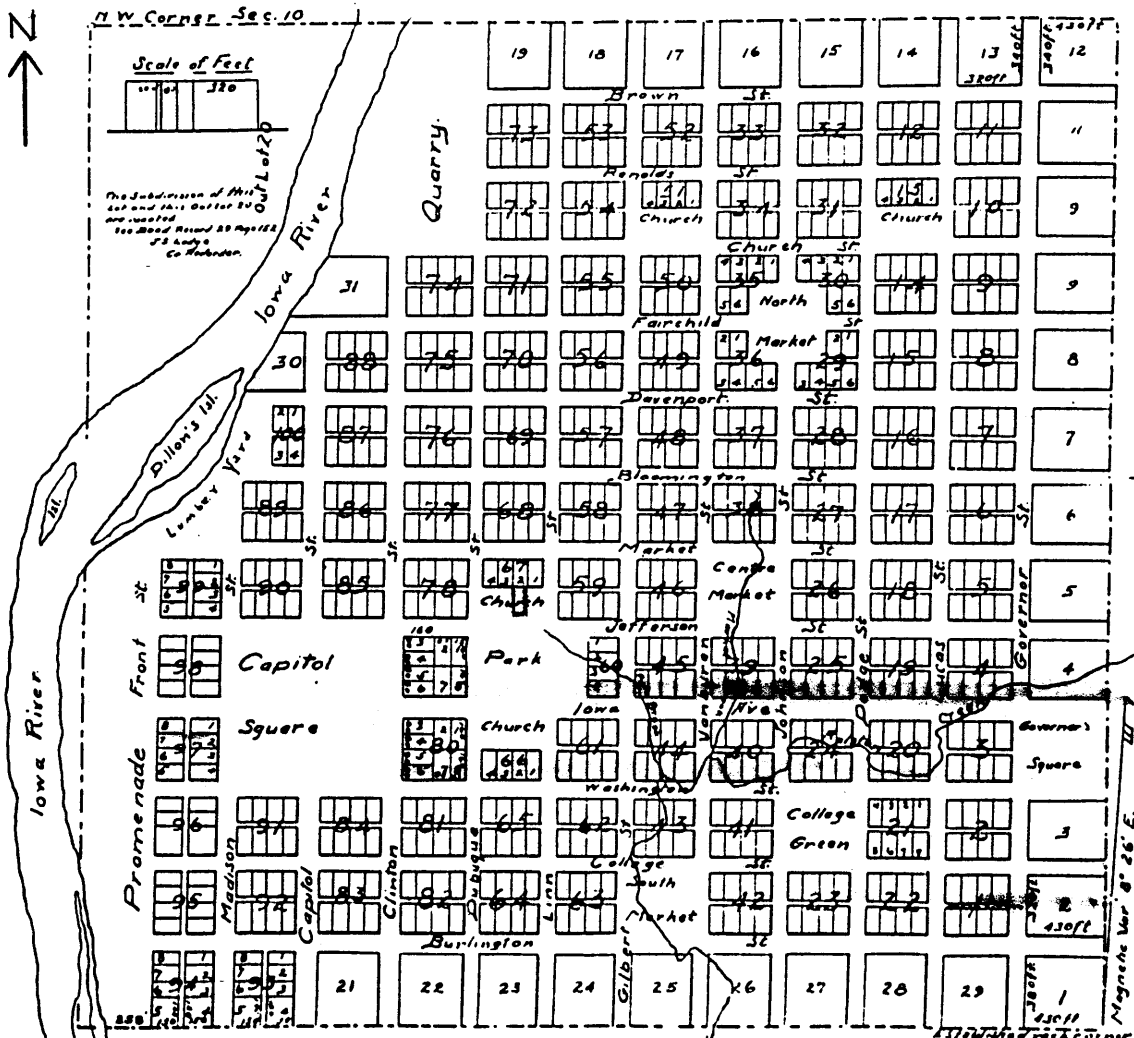
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Abstract Map: Copy of Map of Iowa City
Plat Book #1, p. 116
Johnson County, Iowa MAP

Original lot location, St. Mary's IOWA CITY
Rectory: Block 67, square
inclosing "R" in Church Park TWP 79N R6W5PM



Explanation - The dimensions of Fractional and Out Lots are noted on their respective lines
Out Lots are numbered separate from the Block - Blocks are 120 ft by 130 ft, Alleys are 20 ft.
Iowa Ave is 120 ft wide, Washington Jefferson, Clinton, Capitol and Madison Sts are each 100 ft
All others are 80 ft. Regular Lots are 60 by 150 ft

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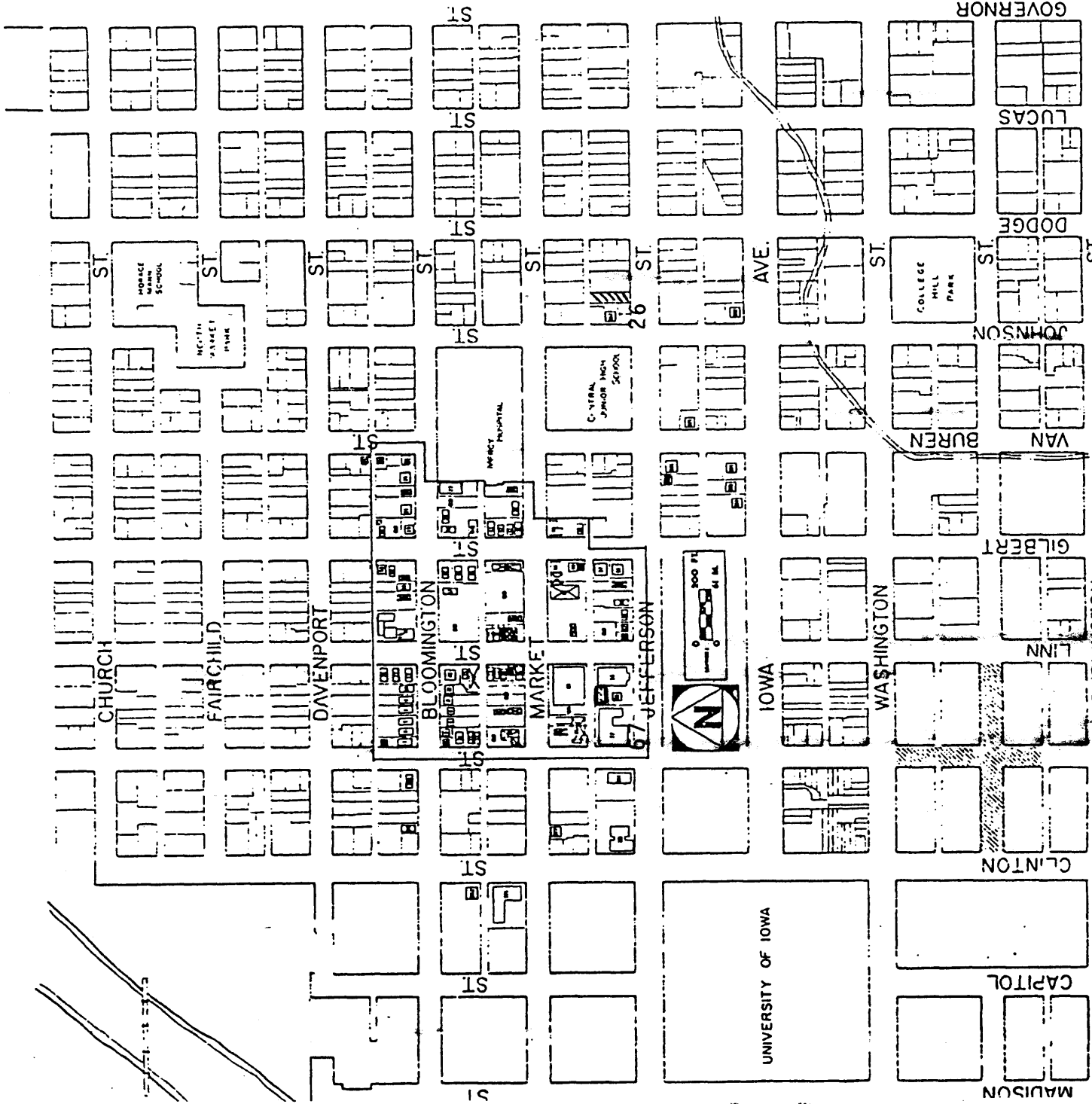
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Summer, 1981

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St. Mary's Rectory: Original Site: Block 67
Current Site: Block 26

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