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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 Burg Wagon Works building

AND/OR COMMON Lewis Burg Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 131 So. Second Street

CITY, TOWN Farmington

STATE Iowa COUNTY Van Buren CODE 177

3 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Donald and Donna Linwood

STREET & NUMBER Box 236

CITY, TOWN Farmington STATE Iowa 52626

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Van Buren County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Keosauqua 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Burg Wagon Works building is a two-story structure approximately 40' across the front and 20' deep, with a 10' x 15' mass on the northeast corner. It is built of rock-faced limestone laid in a random ashlar pattern. The building is divided into six bays across the front and rear, three on the sides, and two on the north face of the rear corner mass. The low-pitched gable roof has the ridge parallel to the front elevation. A wide-double-bracketed tin cornice is found on the north side, but has been removed from the front. Windows and the north entrance have segmental arches, many with keystone metal hoods. The ground floor is broken into three "storefront" segments, featuring double doors flanked by slender pilasters and turn-of-the-century display windows. A staircase gives exterior access to the second floor on the north side, in place of a long veranda which once wrapped around this side and along the front. Tall brick chimneys with corbelled caps were originally located along the roof edges at the front and rear, but only stubs remain. A ventilator centered in the roof ridge has also been removed. The rear elevation is quite plain, with segmental arches on windows and doorways. Obscured by a small stone rear addition is a 7' x 9' arched doorway, of a size to allow the movement of wagons.

As the building has had a variety of uses over time, the only interior features remaining from the years of wagon manufacture are slender metal columns supporting the second floor. The second floor was converted to apartments (possibly as early as the 1880's, but probably around 1900 from the appearance of the wood-work) laid out in a rather irregular pattern. Through many years of neglect, the building, though structurally sound, requires a good measure of repair and restoration, including remortaring and extensive interior work. The present owners acquired the building in May, 1977, and live in a portion of the second floor while operating an antique shop below.

The building is located on a corner lot toward the edge of the central business district. Surrounding buildings appear to date from the late 19th century, and the majority of them are brick. The wagon works is one of the few buildings in the commercial area made of stone.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1867-8 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Lewis Burg

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burg Wagon Works building is significant as an example of local industry and industrial architecture in 19th-century Iowa. This building, erected in stages beginning about 1867, formed the nucleus of a small-scale industrial complex which included at least two other buildings, now gone.

Lewis Burg, a native of Bavaria, came to the U.S. in 1853 and joined his brother John's carriage works, established in Burlington in 1851. Lewis Burg moved to Farmington in 1865, and erected the stone factory building during 1867-68. The Keosauqua Republican first featured advertisements for Burg's "eastern wagon manufactory" in June, 1869. A "western wagon manufactory", run by Henry Kassebaum, was also advertised here, and in July of that year yet a third factory, that of August King, was apparently established in the town. Burg, however, ran the largest shop, by 1870 having invested \$2100 in capital. At that time, he employed 10 hands, and was doing about \$18,000 worth of business in wagons and buggies (Iowa Industrial Census, 1870). In the next ten years, Burg nearly doubled his production. According to the 1880 Iowa Industrial Census, he then employed 18 men, had \$20,000 invested in the plant, and was doing \$33,000 worth of business -- clearly a major manufacturer in Farmington. According to the property abstract, Burg sold the wagon works building in 1892, and is believed to have gone to Dallas City, Illinois, to manufacture automobiles.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Keosauqua Weekly Republican, 24 June, 1 July, 8 July, 22 July, 18 November, 1869.
History of Van Buren County, Iowa. Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1878, pp. 481,565.
Iowa Industrial Census, 1870, 1880.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one
UTM REFERENCES

A | 1 | 5 | | 6 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 0 | | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 0 |
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot #8 in Block #3 in the city of Farmington, Iowa.

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

Donald and Donna Linwood

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 236

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Farmington

STATE

Iowa 52626

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

William D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/12/78

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

Charles A. ...
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11.14.78

ATTEST:

Marcelle ...
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 11-8-78