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Form 10-300 (July 1969) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A modest-sized $1\frac{1}{2}$ story octagonal house with hipped roof and four large gable-roofed dormers-one each facing north, south, east and west-and with a chimney rising through the apex of the roof, this structure was built, so far as is known, about 1856. There is a wing extending from the west side, containing the bathroom and possibly a woodshed, and a single story porch around approximately the northeast quarter of the house. The main portal and the front steps face northeast. Although the original appearance of the house can only be inferred, it seems that the addition of the wing and replacement of the front porch are the only alterations of any consequence, and the wing was apparently built with preservation of the house's integrity of design in mind. At least Perrin so concludes, stating "...even the bathroom was provided as an addition to the house in order to keep the original configuration intact."

While the exterior currently presents a somewhat run-down appearance, Perrin says of the fabric, "Its physical condition is excellent, reflecting good maintenance over the years and respect for the architectural integrity of its origin. The foundation walls are local limestone laid random ashlar and the outside walls above grade are grout as advocated by Fowler, furred and stuccoed rough cast on split wood lath on the outside and lathed and plastered on the inside. Interior partitions appear to be wood studs, lathed and plastered on both sides. Wood trim throughout is extremely simple but well joined and reminiscent of late Greek Revival with its crisp squared and bevelled profiles. Two bay windows and vestiges of the original front porch are somewhat more ornate with bracketting on the outside and curvaceously profiled moldings on the inside...

"An examination of the basement discloses that it was very soundly built and evidently never had any water problems such as leaking walls or rising ground water. There is evidence that at the center of the octagon there was a stone-walled cistern adjoining the chimney...There are also indications that the house had a central heating plant, most probably a wood-burning furnace, right from the beginning. A very simple stairway adjoins, also at the center, in characteristic Fowler fashion.

"Both first and second floor plans are remarkable with respect to the usual alterations and 'modernizations' usually encountered in buildings as old as this and situated near the core of an urban community...The house has one fireplace, closed off, and the ceilings are quite high especially on the second floor where they are about twelve feet, and the second floor dormers ... are also so high above the floor that the windows can only be reached by ascending a small stair to a platform under each window. While this arrangement detracts esthetically on the outside, it is extremely functional on the inside inasmuch as the bedroom doors are provided with transoms, thus allowing true cross ventilation at a sufficient height without causing drafts, and still permitting complete privacy in each bedroom..."

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Perrin states, "The house is an excellent specimen of the Octagon phase of American architecture during the mid-Victorian period - following much more closely the precepts of Orson Fowler than some of its more impressive Wisconsin contemporaries - although in a more naive, unsophisticated way."

The fact that it does not contain all of the features which Fowler advocated is more than offset by the fact that the walls are built of grout, the material whose use he especially espoused.

Perrin sums up the significance by saying, "From the standpoint of architectural history this house is an excellent and eminently important specimen which under any circumstances should be restored and preserved - the restoration appearing to be a readily and comparatively economical feat to achieve..."



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