

STATE:
IOWA

COUNTY:
POLK

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ENTRY DATE
JUL 10 1974

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Naylor House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Naylor House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
944 West Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Des Moines

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14** COUNTY: **Polk** CODE: **153**

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

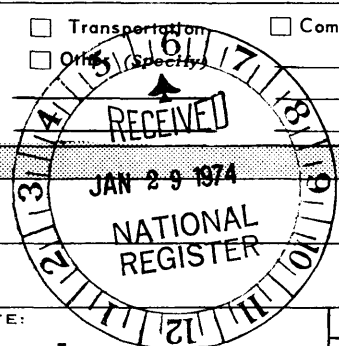
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
John M. and Elaine G. Estes, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
944 West Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Des Moines

STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Polk County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
500 Mulberry

CITY OR TOWN:
Des Moines

STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory (Iowa)

DATE OF SURVEY: **1964, 1972** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Iowa State University

STREET AND NUMBER:
Ames

CITY OR TOWN:
Ames

STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14**

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input 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 Thomas Naylor House is a two-story brick building with full basement, limestone foundation and a combination gable-hip roof. The overall plan is composed of one rectangle joined at its midpoint by another. Unaltered on the exterior and interior, the building has suffered only the loss of a widow's walk area atop the front hip-roofed section.

The exterior of the Naylor House is enhanced by two Carpenter Gothic wood porches, one with balcony, a bay window (also with balcony), Eastlake design pre-cast cement window hoods, small paired roof brackets and cornice returns on the gable ends. Window openings are tall and slightly arched. Two circular windows appear at two gable ends.

The dimensions of the building at its longest and widest are 63 feet by 50 feet and it is 36 feet in height.

The extensive woodwork on the interior is original and in good condition. Floors are made of six inch floorboards. Plaster moldings and rosettes appear on the eleven foot ceilings. A carved walnut stairway rises from the entrance hall. Originally, the kitchen and dining area were part of an earlier frame structure. Three and one-half other rooms plus a pantry and two fire places compose the ground floor. The second floor has three bedrooms, a bath and another fireplace. A staircase found in the ground floor pantry leads to a three-room basement with two foot thick stone walls.

At the present the Naylor House stands alone in an Urban Renewal area. The front iron fence and the small brick wash house at the rear help to maintain the separate unity that the Naylor property has enjoyed since the 1870's.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) **1869**

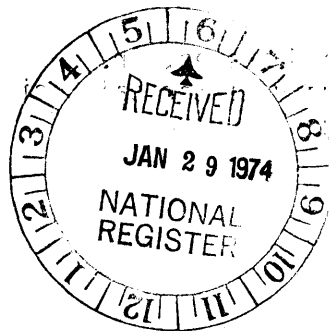
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Owned and maintained by the same family for nearly one hundred years, the Naylor House has been virtually unaltered since its construction in 1869. Believed to have been designed by Iowa architect William Foster, student of Richard Upjohn, the Naylor House has features similar to his work and to that of another contemporary designer, W. W. Boyington, as well. Pre-cast cement window hoods appear on both the Naylor House and Boyington's National Register Site Terrace Hill, (1869) soon to be the Governor's Mansion in Des Moines.

Thomas Naylor, a native of England and prominent Des Moines grocer, built his house soon after moving to this capital city. His family, and now a local preservation group, are responsible for securing its position as one of the purest examples of Victorian architecture in the city.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

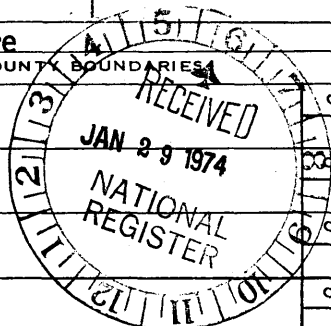
| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| NE | ° ' " | ° ' " | 93° | 37' | 46" |
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| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 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. John M. Estes, Jr.

ORGANIZATION: Polk County Historical Society DATE: _____
Iowa Society for the Preservation of Historic Landmarks (board) March 25, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 944 West Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Des Moines STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Adrian D. Anderson</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>12/13/73</u></p> | <p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. Quatman</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation 7/10/74</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles A. ...</u> acting Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>7-10-74</u></p> |
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