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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	DELAWARE
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ENTRY DATE	DEC 19 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Lenox College

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lenox College

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
College Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hopkinton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Delaware CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input 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"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Maquoketa Valley Community School District

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Delhi

STATE:
Iowa

CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
County Recorder

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Maquoketa

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

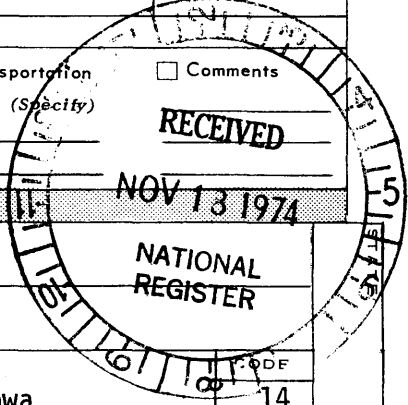
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lenox College (formerly Bowen Collegiate Institute) consists of four acres of land and four major school buildings. Distinguishing features of the property are its level grade, large elm trees. A marble Civil War Monument near the center was erected in 1865. This twenty-two foot monument has a limestone base and a shaft of carved marble; it commemorates all those from the Bowen Collegiate Institute who served in the Civil War. Each building is placed on the outer edge of the central square and is a sense faces this monument. All are brick with twentieth century shingle roofing and together represent vernacular interpretations of stylistic trends ranging in time from the 1860's to early 1900's.

Old Main is essentially a brick Italianate school building which was constructed in two parts, the first in 1856-1859 and the second in 1875. The earlier portion, six (6) bays long and four (4) bays wide measures 40 feet by 60 feet and is a gable roofed rectangle with a central, nearly pedimented pavilion (cornice returns are a later addition). Its roof is bracketed, windows are slightly arched and the two front doorways are topped by impressive fan-lights. Originally, several prominent chimneys with corbeled caps and a large cupola with louvered, arched openings adorned the roof. A supposed stone foundation is now covered with cement and the arched doorways are protected by a large modern (1930's) entryway with concrete steps and railing. The later addition, which joins the original block at right angles measures 55 feet by 30 feet and shows much more emphatic Italianate characteristics: stone quoining, ornate pendulum scroll brackets, window hoods with keystones and a full pediment with a round opening at the gable end. The interior of Old Main was remodeled in 1884 and in 1900-1905 new floors, a steam heating system electric lighting and a double stairway were added. Also at this time, old partitions, possibly 1884 additions, were removed.

Clark Hall is a two and one-half story "vernacular Victorian" brick structure with high pitched gables accentuating an overall asymmetrical plan. Its facade is highlighted by stone and brick banding at the sill and lintel levels. The windows are arched and topped by incised panels with floral Eastlake designs. A large semi-elliptical fanlight window appears at one gable end. The high stone foundation and water table are met at the front entrance by a modern (1930) concrete, gable roofed porch. Originally a dormitory, Clarke Hall now serves as the Delaware County Historical Society Museum.

Doolittle Memorial Hall (1900-1905) is a two and one-half story hip-roofed brick building approximately five (5) bays wide. Its features, including the rock-faced stone foundation, basic square plan and round arched windows, suggest the Romanesque Revival style. Measuring 40 feet by 60 feet, Doolittle Hall provides enough space for a gymnasium, library and museum as well as several meeting rooms. Showing the vernacular nature of this style, are the brick patterning of the upper story, the brick banding at the lintel and sill levels, and the central gable dormer

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8. 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) **1859-1944**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <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 | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bowen Collegiate Institute (1859-1944)--Lenox College (1864-1944) is considered to be significant because of its early establishment in Iowa, its contribution of student man-power to the Union Army in the Civil War and because of its diverse architectural resources. Named for two of its major donors, Chauncey T. Bowen and later, James Lenox, the Institute was established "to provide facilities for high Christian education without the inconvenience and expense of sending children to eastern colleges." Its graduate-missionaries travelled the globe. In its early years, the Bowen Collegiate Institute was closed because the majority of its students volunteered, with their college president, Captain McKean as the leader of their "School Boy Company," to serve in the Civil War. The architectural styles of the four (4) buildings are vernacular interpretations of national trends ranging in time from 1860 to 1916. All materials and labor were found locally.

The Lenox College buildings are now being used by the Delaware County Historical Society and the Maquoketa Valley Community School District.

- 1854 - Idea is born by Henry Carter of Hopkinton.
- 1855 - Committee organizes to plan the school.
- 1856 - Plan is drafted. Brick is donated locally by a Mr. Littlefield and Kilpatrick. Plans are drawn by William Robinson. Name is chosen by donor Chauncey T. Bowen of Chicago.
- ✓ 1856 - Old Main construction is begun.
- 1859 - After many delays, Bowen Collegiate Institute opens with "Old Main" as its "house."
- 1861 - Limited control of the college is given to the Old School Synod (Presbyterian) of Iowa, North.
- 1864 - All but two of the student body agree to serve in the Civil War and come to be known as "School Boy Company." Name of Bowen is changed to Lenox Collegiate Institute after another greater contributor-donor, James Lenox of New York City.
- 1865 - Monument ordered by James and Brother of Dubuque at a cost of \$1,000.00 and dedicated on November 10, 1865.
- 1875 - Old Main enlarged.
- 1884 - Name is officially changed to Lenox College.
- 1890 - Clarke Hall, girls' dormitory, is constructed.
- 1900 - Doolittle Memorial Hall is added.
- 1916 - Finkbohner Hall is constructed by local tradesmen.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

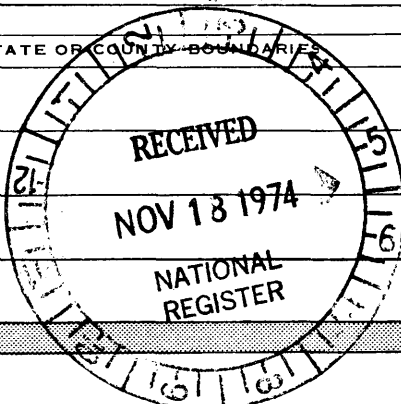
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Four (4)**

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. H. A. Gearhart, President

ORGANIZATION: Delaware County Historical Society

DATE: April 25, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Hopkinton

STATE: Iowa

CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name: Adrian D. Anderson

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 11/12/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Adrian D. Anderson
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/19/74

ATTEST:
Constance L. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 12-18-74

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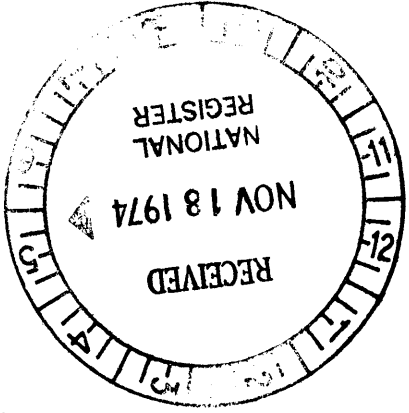
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7. Statement of Description Continued

which rises from the facade as though it were the top of a tower. As with the other buildings at this site, a covered entryway, in this case made of concrete blocks, has been added.

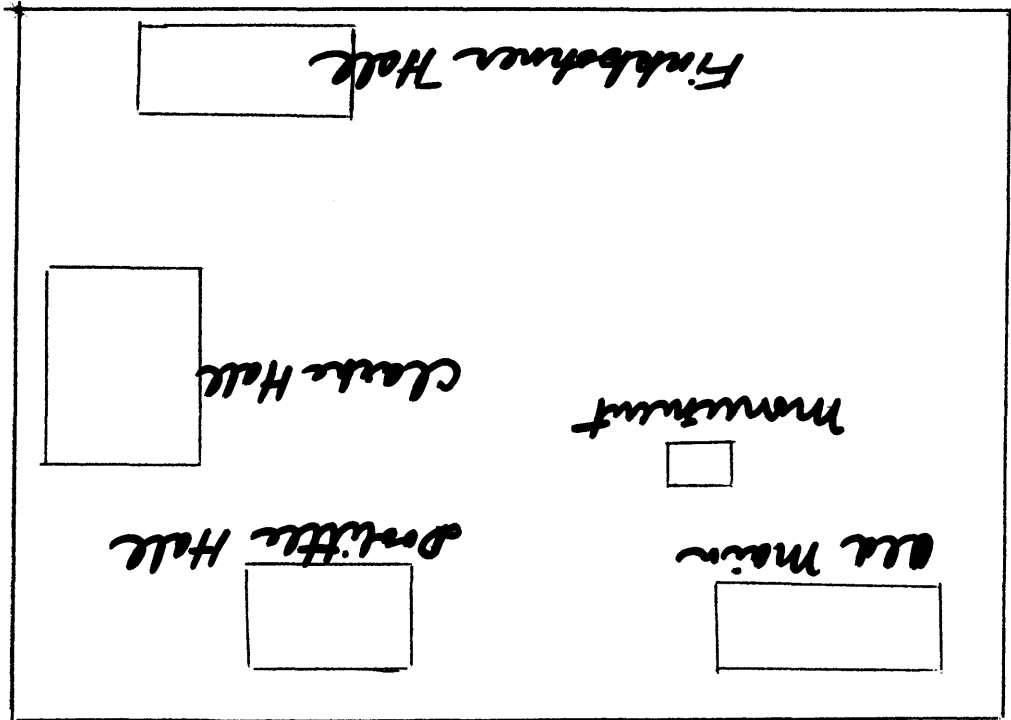
Finkbohner Hall (1916) is a gable-roofed rectangular building seven (7) bays long and three bays wide. Housing a gymnasium and auditorium, it measures 116 feet by 50 feet. Unlike the other structures on this former college campus, Finkbohner Hall is basically without ornament save brief cornice returns at the gable ends, and diagonal brick banding between the first and second story levels. All windows are arranged symmetrically with stone lintels at the first level and stone sills at the second. A high cement foundation and watertable appear just below the lower windows and the upper windows appear just below the eaves. Attached to one end of the building is a covered entryway with brick pilasters and a composite shingle roof.





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