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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

NAME

HISTORIC

Brown, Corydon, House

AND/OR COMMON

Mill Farm House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SE corner Sec. 6, T91N R28W

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Dakota City

X VICINITY OF

6

STATE

CODE

Humboldt

CODE

Iowa

19

91

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

X PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

X MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

__PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

__OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Humboldt County Historical Association

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Humboldt County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Dakota City

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Iowa

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Corydon Brown house is a two-story vernacular Italianate residence, of 7-course common-bond brick on a stone foundations, with overall dimensions of 30' x 60'. The main block has three bays, to which is attached a two-story protruding bay at the northwest corner. Off the main block is a two-story wing once containing dining and pantry areas. The kitchen is in a one-story block directly to the rear of this latter mass.

The fenestration is somewhat irregular, particularly on the wing and at the rear of the main block. Windows are 2/2 sash, beneath curved keystone hoods of stone. There is a bracketted cornice on the front and side elevations, and brick quoining, indicative features of the Italianate style. The two porches, one over the entrance and one across the front of the west wing, have flat roofs and slender wooden posts.

The interior is arranged in a center hall plan, with "ballroom" off the left and a parlor and library to the right. The second story contains three bedrooms and nursery, with a sewing room and storage area over the diningroom. The kitchen and diningroom display original woodwork, flooring, trim and wainscoting. Double sliding doors to the ballroom are gently arched at the top. The walnut staircase with turned spindles has an inlay of maple along the spine of the railing.

The house is situated on a small acreage on the eastern edge of Dakota City. The immediate area is distinguished by many large trees to the north, south and west, and open cropland to the east.

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Corydon Brown house is a well-preserved example of vernacular Italianate residential architecture, made of brick manufactured on-site by Brown's sons. According to a local informant, this house is virtually alone of its kind in Dakota City, and the last remaining building constructed of local brick.

Corydon Brown (1829-1927) may be termed one of Dakota City's "prominent citizens". He was born in Steuben County, New York, and went into the mercantile business as a young man. According to his obituary, Brown obtained some land in Humboldt County in exchange for his share in a store in Syracuse, and first came to Iowa in 1868. Over the next nine years, he built a solid financial base for himself in Dakota City, which included "C.H. Brown and Sons", a general store run at first by himself and later by his son, Manly. In 1877, Brown purchased the "Mill Farm" property (so named for the flouring mill located thereon), and brought his wife and five children to Iowa. The big brick house was begun the following year. Along with his commercial and milling activities, Brown was locally known for his interest in purebred cattle, and was credited with the introduction of the Shorthorn breed to the county. He and his wife retired to Des Moines in 1905, where they lived until his death.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bicknell, Frank W. (Corydon Brown Obituary) Humboldt County Independent,
 17 February 1927.
History of Kossuth and Humboldt Counties, Iowa. Springfield, Ill.: Union Pub-
 lishing Co., 1884, pp. 743, 745.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .63 acres

UTM REFERENCES

40
 A

1	5	4	1	2	5	0	0	4	7	3	0	7	0	0
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

 B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

 C

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

 D

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet

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

Kathryn L. Parsons

ORGANIZATION

Humboldt County Historical Association

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 1

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Humboldt

STATE

Iowa 50548

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

Adrian W. Johnson

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. Johnson
 DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Marcelle Sherfy*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11-14-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 11-8-78

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the East quarter corner of Section 6, in Township 91 North, Range 28, West of the 5th P.M., thence south 0 degrees 07½ minutes east 1041.3 feet along the east line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 6, thence north 70 degrees 13½ minutes west 905.4 feet, thence north 19 degrees 46½ minutes east 33.0 feet to an iron stake on the right of way line of the present highway which is the point of beginning. Thence north 70 degrees 13½ minutes west 141.2 feet along said right of way line to the easterly line of a tract of land known as the "Old Mill Property", said line having been marked by a fence which has recently been removed but which is evidenced by a line of post holes, thence north 18 degrees 34 minutes east 169.0 feet along said line to an existing fence which is the southerly line of a portion of a tract of land known as the "Old Mill Property", thence south 74 degrees 27 minutes east 155.7 feet along said line to a 1" x 2" wooden hub set this survey, thence south 17 degrees 01½ minutes west 178.5 feet to an iron pin set this survey on the right of way line of the present highway, thence north 76 degrees 38½ minutes west 19.2 feet along said right line to the point of beginning.

The above described tract of land contains 0.63 acres, more or less.