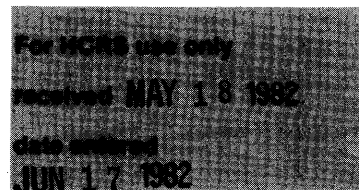


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Jonathan Clark House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 13615 N. Cedarburg Road not for publication

city, town Mequon vicinity of congressional district

state Wisconsin code 55 county Ozaukee code 089

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> X </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> X </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> X </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> N/A </u>	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gregory E. Custer

street & number 13857 N. Green Bay Road

city, town Mequon vicinity of state Wisconsin 53092

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds, Ozaukee County Courthouse

street & number 109 W. Main Street

city, town Port Washington state Wisconsin 53074

6. Representation in Existing Surveys (continued)

title Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in Ozaukee County Between the centers of Mequon and Cedarburg, the Jonathan Clark House is a one-story-plus-attic coursed fieldstone Greek Revival building with one-story rear wing. Limestone blocks form quoins at the corners of the main block, beneath wide wood fascias and returning cornices. Lintels and sills are of limestone, enclosing regularly-spaced six-light double-hung sash.

The principal facade of the house, on the south gable, is simple: the single center door is flanked by a single window to each side and topped by two smaller windows centered in the attic overhead. The only decorative element is the primitive inscription stone/lintel ("1848/Jonathan Clark") over the door. Three windows mark each side wall, and a pair of attic-level windows look out over the north wing. The rear entrance to the main block fills the north side of an included porch in the northeast angle of the juncture of the rear wing. Recently-constructed blond brick chimneys, both on the main block of the house, rise from the north end of the ridge and west slope. Originally of cedar shingles, the roofs are now covered with asphalt.

Although few substantial changes have been made on the interior (evidence indicates early removal of dividing walls, in addition to recent reduction of another, on the first floor), there are no features of particular note. The surfaces of the thick walls are plastered, as are the ceilings, and openings are framed by thick profiled moldings. Wood floors (hardwood or pine plank) are visible throughout the first and attic story. Alterations made to the first floor to accommodate the present use (a dentist's office) were designed to be reversible: non-bearing dividing walls, counters, and equipment can be removed. The two small bedrooms to the south of the large dormitory space on the attic level are currently used for storage.

A split rail fence encloses the site along the Bonniwell Road on the south and Cedarburg Road on the west, and natural vegetation forms a screen to the north and east. A one-story log building, moved and reconstructed on the property nine years ago for use as a garage, is not included in the nomination. (The fieldstone barn across the road to the east, once associated with the Clark House, is no longer a part of the property.)

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1848¹ Builder/Architect Jonathan Clark¹

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Said to be among the finest fieldstone Greek Revival houses in Wisconsin,² the Jonathan Clark House in Mequon is a fine representative of its period of construction. Thickly set with mortar, the variegated fieldstone walls are neatly joined with tooled-limestone quoins. With its low gable roof, hallmark returning cornices, and regularly-spaced openings, and unornamented except for the inscription stone over the front door, the building is a clean and simple statement of domestic taste of the mid-nineteenth century in Wisconsin.

Early Mequon settler Jonathan Merrill³ Clark, whose original ownership is documented⁴ on the inscription stone of the house, was said to have walked from his native Vermont to stake his claim to land in the Wisconsin Territory. Clark and his wife Mary Turck (daughter of the operator of one of the town's first saw mills,⁵) and family retained ownership until 1872, when the property was purchased by John Doyle.⁶ The Doyles held their claim well into the twentieth century (1946), after which the house and farmlands passed through several hands. Restored to fine condition by previous owners Mr. and Mrs. William Welty, the Jonathan Clark House was named a Mequon Landmark in 1981.

¹ Inscription stone.

² Richard W. E. Perrin, The Architecture of Wisconsin, 1967, p. 65.

³ Although Clark's middle name is consistently noted as Morrell in documents and histories, great granddaughter Eleanor C. Wanger of Portage, Wisconsin, in a letter of September 16, 1976 to former owner William Welty, insisted Merrill was actually correct. The letter is in possession of current owner Gregory Custer.

⁴ Mrs. Wanger, in the aforementioned letter, gave Jonathan Clark's state of origin as Vermont, and not New Jersey, as had been previously believed.

⁵ Walter D. Corrigan, Sr., History of the Town of Mequon, 1951, p. 9.

⁶ Property abstract.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Perrin, Richard W. E., the Architecture of Wisconsin, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1967.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Cedarburg, Wis.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification The nominated property shall consist of a rectangle 100 feet north to south and 60 feet east to west, whose SW corner lies 100 feet north and 300 feet west of the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Town 9 North, Range 21 East in the City of Mequon, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By (continued)

name/title Diane H. Filipowicz/Architectural Historian

organization State Historical Society of Wisconsin date 12/81

street & number 816 State Street telephone 608/244-8087

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Richard Murray

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin date 4/19/82

For HCRS use only

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

J. Allora Byers date 6/17/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS:

Richard W. E. Perrin, The Architecture of Wisconsin, State Historical Society of Wisc.
date: 1967 state (selective)

H. Russell Zimmermann, The Heritage Guidebook, Inland Heritage Corporation, Milwaukee
date: 1976 regional (SE Wisc.)

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