

7. DESCRIPTION

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)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Scofield house, built c. 1868, is a large, two-story Victorian structure of buff colored brick, one of the first brick houses in Oconto, with a 1½ story rear wing. Roofs are hipped and there are three hooded roof dormers on the main house, each ornamented with a finial. Hoodmolds over the window openings and wide cornices supported by paired, heavy wood brackets give the house a somewhat Italianate appearance and feeling. In Scofield's day there was a large colonnaded and balustraded single story veranda, with a balustraded deck, that extended across the front of the house and part way along both sides. This has been removed, and the house now has a simple, pedimented front opening with a simple iron-railed stoop leading to the front door. This is the only major exterior alteration. The house has been well-maintained and is in excellent condition.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1897-1901**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edward Scofield, a Civil War veteran who had been promoted for gallantry at Gettysburg and had spent ten months in twelve different Confederate prisons, came to Wisconsin in 1868 and settled in Oconto where he became foreman in a local lumber mill. He started his own lumber business in 1876, continued to expand, and eventually became a partner in the Scofield and Arnold Manufacturing Company.

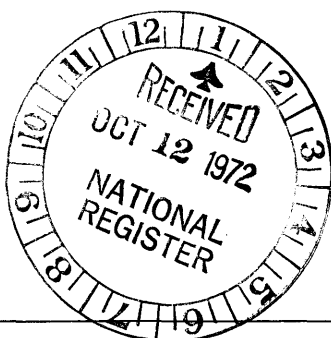
Scofield served as a state senator from 1887-1890 and as a two-term Wisconsin governor from 1897-1901, twice defeating the Progressive Robert M. La Follette who was later to become a political great.

Scofield was a businessman and his administration "was characterized by businesslike efficiency in the internal structure of state government: revision of the bookkeeping system, civil service installations, and recommendations for the establishment of a tax commission."

A humorous and interesting highlight of Governor Scofield's administration involved his cow. Assemblyman A. R. Hall had been trying since 1891 to prohibit railroads and express companies from granting passes to public officials, but with no success. When Scofield came to Madison in 1897 to assume the governorship, however, he "brought his favorite cow in a crate transported on a pass issued by the express company. The incident was widely publicized and caught the public fancy with the result that Hall's antipass bill became law and Hall became the only assemblyman in the history of the state to be commemorated by a plaque on the wall of the assembly."

Except for the time that Scofield spent in Madison, he lived in the house in Oconto from 1883 to the time of his death in 1925. The house is the site most closely associated with Governor Scofield.

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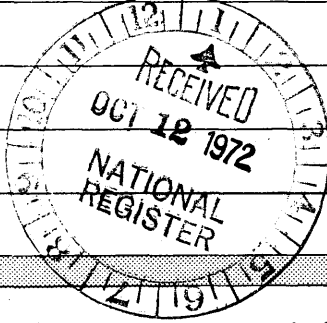
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.75**

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:
Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **July 26, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date OCT 6 1972

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

Robert K. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 4/11/73

ATTEST:
Wm. [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 4.3.73

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Scofield, Governor Edward, House, Oconto, Oconto County, Wisconsin

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