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DATA SHEET

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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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Clarence D. Chamberlin House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1434 Second Avenue South

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Denison

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Crawford

CODE

047

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Ethel C. Thompson

STREET & NUMBER

1434 Second Avenue South

CITY, TOWN

Denison

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Crawford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denison

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historical

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Smithsonian Institute

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

STATE

Iowa

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

This frame house, now covered with siding, was constructed in the late 1890's. It has a somewhat irregular mass, due to projecting wings, bays, and vestibules. The gable roof is covered in composition shingles.

The first floor contains five rooms and a large hall with stairway. An upper hall and four bedrooms comprise the second story. There is also a full, finished basement.

Some change has occurred in the house over the years. In the mid-1920's, a wrap around porch on the South and East was removed and two small porches were substituted at the entrances. A modern garage was attached in the 1940's to the northwest rear corner of the house. The driveway is situated on the north side of the house. On the west side of the house is a carriage house that is now in private hands and has been converted to a comfortable house.

The house is in an area of houses of similar age and character. It is still owned by the Chamberlin family (Clarence Chamberlin's sister is the present occupant.)

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1910-14

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is Iowa's only link with Clarence Chamberlin, one of that generation of aviators, including Charles A. Lindbergh, who contributed to the exciting and spectacular development of American aviation after W.W. I. Chamberlin is best known for his June 4-6, 1927 flight across the Atlantic which, by reaching Germany, broke Lindbergh's 2-week old distance record.

Chamberlin was born in Denison, Iowa, on 11 November, 1893. He lived in this house until 1914, completing high school here and attending Iowa State University (then College.)

Chamberlin's flight was to have been made one week before that of Lindbergh, but due to differences between the plane's builder and financier, the flight was held up until June 4, 1927. His plane, the "Columbia," succeeded in flying 295 miles further than that of Lindbergh's, landing on June 6th at Eisleben, Germany, in a wheat field. With him on the flight had been Charles A. Levine, the financier of the plane, thus making this the first transcontinental passenger flight.

In less spectacular, but perhaps more valuable ways, Chamberlin before and after his flight contributed to the growth of American aviation. He was a test pilot for Giuseppe Bellanca, a pioneer designer of aircraft who also built the "Columbia," flying all of Bellanca's early planes to test their speed, mileage, handling, and safety. In August, 1927, he made the first trans-Atlantic airmail flight. In later years, he continued to test aircraft for a variety of companies, and served as chairman of the New York City aviation commission.

Chamberlin has been elected to the Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, of which Charles A. Lindbergh was a member. He and astronaut John Glenn will be inducted on July 24, 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/8 acre

UTM REFERENCES

4653

A

15	305	255	4650870
ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING

B

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING

D

ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Iowa		Crawford	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Howard A. McMinimee

ORGANIZATION

Crawford County Historical Society

DATE

February, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. #1

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Denison

STATE

Iowa

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

August 11, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CHIEF

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

4/28/97

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

3-18-77