

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Brazelton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 401 North Main St. _____ not for publication

city, town Mount Pleasant _____ vicinity of

state Iowa code 19 county Henry code 087

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Larry L. Belles

street & number 277 Barrington Street

city, town Rochester _____ vicinity of state New York 14607

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Henry County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Mount Pleasant state 52641

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes _____ no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

Built in 1858, the Brazelton House is located in a residential neighborhood which was heavily developed in Mount Pleasant between 1875 and 1925. Locally known as one of the "Three Sister Houses" for their similar Italianate style, the other two houses are located one block south and one block west of the Brazelton House.

The 38' x 49' two story brick house features an asymmetrical design, typical of the picturesque tradition, with segmental arched windows, heavy bracketing at the eaves, and an ornamental porch with fluted corinthian columns. A square wooden tower at the center of the main facade is topped by an octagonal coupola and a finial on the roof. A bay with side turrets is on the north side of the building. On the south side is a one story bay window with brackets and tall, round arched windows. In 1925, the north-west porch was enlarged and the balustrade removed and subsequently incorporated into an addition in 1967.

The interior originally had wide pine floors on the first floor which have been carpeted. A large white marble fireplace is located in the parlor. The original horsehair plaster is well maintained but the ornate window moldings have been painted. Presumably the woodwork was black walnut to match the staircase. In 1925 the downstairs bath was added. The pine floors have been restored on the second floor, probably at the same time this floor was remodeled with a kitchen and bath as a separate living space in 1925.

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 1858

Builder/Architect William P. Brazelton

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As one of the earliest substantial homes built in Mount Pleasant, the Brazelton House is a valuable contribution to the history of domestic architecture in the town. William P. Brazelton was one of the early leaders in the development of Mount Pleasant, owning the Brazelton Banking House and the Brazelton Hotel during the mid-1800's. Even today, the house is an imposing landmark, but when it was built, before the surrounding structures were constructed, its design and ornamentation were considered to be outstanding. The interesting combination of stylistic elements makes this house of special interest vis a vis local architecture of this era. The large front porch has a Moorish flavor, despite the Corinthian columns and heavy brackets with pendants. The tower exhibits a Romanesque influence with the triple round arched windows within a round arched drip molding. These windows, however, are placed between the segmental arched window hoods of the other windows, more typical of the Italianate style. The Romanesque influence can also be seen in the two story turretted bay, the one story bay, and the coupolas with their elongated round arched windows. Despite the eclectic use of style elements, the design is pulled together by the large double brackets, by smaller single brackets, and by a balance of projecting and receding shapes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of Title.
Bird's Eye View of Mount Pleasant, n.p., 1869.
Henry County Deed Records, Tax Records.
Mount Pleasant Home Journal, 17 January 1863.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Mount Pleasant

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

A

1,5	6,2,1,7,8,0	4,5,3,6,2,1,0
Zone	Easting	Northing

B

Zone	Easting	Northing	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 43
Lot 1 and the South 24 feet of Lot 2, excepting the West 50' thereof in Thompson's
Subdivision, City of Mt. Pleasant. Measures from west line of Main St. and 60' N or
NE corner of Lot 6, Block 43, north 80', West 10-', south 88', east to pt. of beg.

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

state Iowa code 19 county Henry code 087

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date 13 December 1982

street & number Historical Building
East 12th and Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-437

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50 319

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 A. Anderson

title Executive Director, Iowa State Historical Department date 24 November 1982

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 1/27/83

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration