

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin	
COUNTY: Columbia	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.55.0014	DATE 10/28/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters

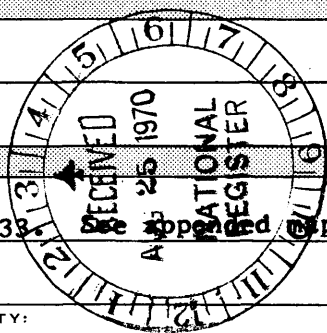
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
0.1 mi E of City Corporate Limits, on Wis. 38 & Appleton Rd. Sps.

CITY OR TOWN:
Portage

STATE Wisconsin	CODE 53901	COUNTY: Columbia	CODE 021
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Wisconsin Society, Daughters of the American Revolution

STREET AND NUMBER:
% Mrs. James S. McCray, State Regent
Route 1, 1681 Granville Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Cedarburg

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
48

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Columbia County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Portage

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A U-shaped, gable roofed, hand-hewn log house, the Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters is set upon a quarried stone foundation. Each of the two wings of the house contains two connecting rooms of about equal size, with a connecting passageway between the wings at the closed end of the building. Within this passageway is a fireplace area. There is a single small room in the attic.

The use of exterior trim gives the quaint log building a distinctly dressed appearance. Rather than merely being neatly cut and fitted, the corners of the house are covered with plain sawed boards, and window and door casings are trimmed to match. Muntined windows have two panes to the sash and are fitted with plain vertical board shutters.

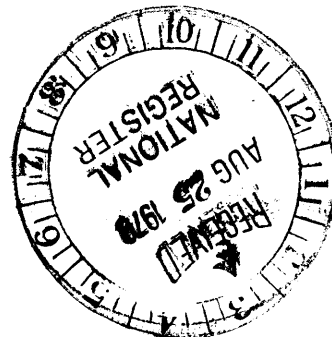
An interesting classic revival influence is noted in the use of raking cornices with wide frieze boards and cornice returns at the gable ends of the wings. These architectural details were undoubtedly added at the time of conversion of the log building from its original use as a fur trader's home and then as a sutler's store to suitable housing for the post surgeon, in 1834. The original log house was built sometime between 1818 and 1828.

In the restoration of the Surgeon's Quarters in the early 1950's, plans furnished by the War Department, which had been used in the remodeling of 1834, were used to determine the original placement of partitions, fireplaces, chimneys, stairway, doors and windows. Exact locations of fireplaces were determined by location of the original foundations and footings under the floor. The exact location of the kitchen fireplace was shown by the old red brick base which is still in place. The chimneys have been restored and the three fireplaces were rebuilt on the original foundations to conform to the general plan of fireplaces of the period, since there was no description or plan of their exact appearance. Two of them were rebuilt with bricks known to have been made at the Armstrong brick kiln (at Portage) which furnished the original bricks for Fort Winnebago.

Much of the original flooring remains and the original structural members such as ceiling joists, roof trusses and beams of hand-hewn pine or tamarack are also in an excellent state of preservation.

The building was plastered on hand-sawed and hand-tooled lath and the plaster made of lime burned nearby.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fort Winnebago was established in 1828 and built both to preserve peace with the Indians and protect the fur traders, from whom the Indians were starting to exact increasingly high tolls for the use of the 1 1/2 mile portage between the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, an important link in the water route from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin's earliest settlements and most important trade centers. The presence of the fort was also meant to encourage settlement in the area of the portage. The fort was successful in all these phases of its mission.

Although Fort Winnebago was of strategic importance due to its location, it was never a heavily fortified garrison and never engaged in fighting actions of any consequence. It did not figure directly in the Black Hawk War of 1832. However the troops stationed at the fort were responsible for building the portion of the Green Bay - Prairie du Chien military road extending from the portage to Green Bay.

The life of the fort was relatively short; it was garrisoned only from 1828 to 1845. During that period the fur trade disappeared, the Winnebago were removed from their lands in Wisconsin, the Military Road from Green Bay to Prairie du Chien was completed, the Wisconsin Territory was created, and there was an attempt to dig a canal to connect the Wisconsin and Fox rivers.

Jefferson Davis, Secretary of War, who had been stationed at Fort Winnebago in its early days, sold the reservation lands to private owners in 1853-54. In 1856 about a third of the barracks buildings burned down and in 1866 the rest of the buildings were torn down except for the surgeon's quarters, which was used as a farm home and not destroyed. The Wisconsin Society, Daughters of the American Revolution purchased the building when it was in danger of demolition in 1937 and faithfully restored it.

The Fort Winnebago Surgeon's Quarters, on its original location, is the last remaining building of a military installation which, despite a relatively short existence, was highly significant to the commerce and development of Wisconsin in the years just prior to achievement of territorial status in 1836 and for most of the ensuing period until Wisconsin's attainment of statehood in 1848.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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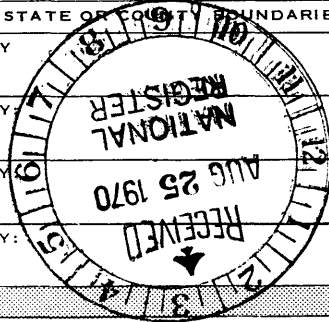
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **3.0**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Donald N. Anderson, Assistant Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **5/14/70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin 53706** CODE: **48**

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: Richard A. Erney
 Title: Acting Director
State Historical Society of Wis.
 Date: 8/20/70

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 28 1970

Date: _____
 ATTEST:
William J. Mustang
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: **OCT 20 1970**

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4. Owner of Property (Continued)

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Dalton, WI 53926 ✓

Mr. Gary Van Wormer
Route 1
Portage, WI 53901 ✓

Mrs. Roland A. Wernecke ✓
State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution
5431 Village Drive
West Bend, WI 53095

Mr. W. F. Wambach ✓
District 1 Engineer
1317 Applegate Road
Madison, WI 53713

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