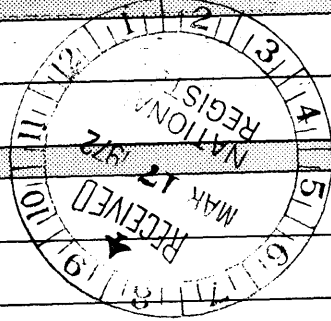


STATE: Iowa
 COUNTY: Lee
 FOR NPS USE ONLY
 ENTRY NUMBER: OCT 10 1972
 DATE:

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME
 COMMON: Dr. Frank Brown Home
 AND/OR HISTORIC: Samuel Freeman Miller Home

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: 318 North 5th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Keokuk
 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Lee CODE: 111

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNERS NAME: Lee County Iowa, Historical Society
 STREET AND NUMBER: 318 North 5th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Keokuk STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Recorder's Office, Lee County Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: 126 North 5th Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Keokuk STATE: Iowa CODE: 14
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one fifth (1/5) acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY: None known to the applicant
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE: IOWA
 COUNTY: LEE
 ENTRY NUMBER: OCT 10 1972
 DATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

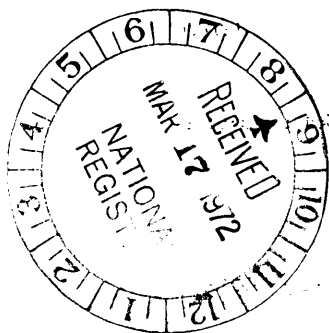
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Samuel Freeman Miller home is a large 3-story house standing on its original foundation. The entryway is on the second floor from North 5th Street and is the original entrance to the home. None of the original building has been added on to nor any of it removed since the house was built. The present physical appearance of this house is almost the same as when it was first constructed. Research has failed to reveal any significant changes in this century old brick home. There are, however, some minor modifications in the interior of the house such as several temporary partitions, a couple of bricked in fireplaces, and changes in decor which do not present any difficulty in the restoration of this property to its previous appearance.

We wish to point out that the last private owner (of 45 years) realized the historic value of this property and made no structural changes in it that would significantly reduce its integrity as an historic home.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



8. SIGNIFICANCE

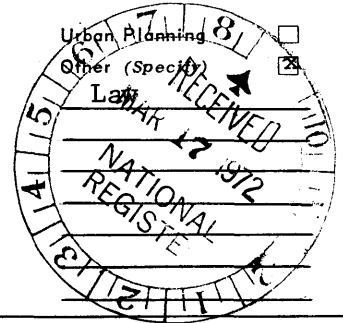
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built in 1859

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	Law	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	Invention	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Art	Landscape	Social/Humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce	Architecture	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Communications	Literature	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	Military				
	Music				



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

✓ Samuel Freeman Miller was born in Kentucky and studied at Transylvania College for a career in medicine. Upon graduation from Transylvania, he followed the medical profession at Barbourville, Kentucky. It was while he was in Barbourville that he became interested in studying law and decided to change his profession. He left Kentucky in 1850, after he had passed the bar, and settled in Keokuk. He maintained his home here and always considered it to be so even after he took up residence in Washington D. C. Justice Miller was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862. His appointment at that time was the first appointment to the Supreme Court from west of the Mississippi River. Keokuk was an important center during the Civil War years and has Iowa's only National Cemetery.

The significance of the Samuel Freeman Miller home is not as a unique architectural gem, or a home of rare beauty but rather because it was the home of one of the nation's outstanding jurists. In our tripartite system of government, the legislative and executive parts of our system appear to receive nearly all the recognition. Samuel Miller was a great Justice on the United States Supreme Court at a time when this country was building a foundation from which we see great advances in every field of human endeavor today. Some of Justice Miller's interpretations of the U. S. Constitution during the last century aided the smooth approval by the judiciary of many areas of legislation in this century. Some historians feel that Justice Miller was one of the top nine justices to have served on the U. S. Supreme Court since it was established and thus putting him near the greatness of such jurists as Marshall, Holmes, and etc.

With the historical background of this outstanding individual and city, Justice Miller's home should merit national recognition.

(NOTE: Continuation of Item "8" on attached continuation sheet provides a record of the succession of the real estate involving this residence.)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Dictionary of American Biography, vol xii, p. 637.
2. Fairman, Charles -- Mr. Justice Miller and the Supreme Court, 1862-1890. Harvard University Press 1939, reprint Russell & Russell 1966.
3. Gregory, Charles N. -- Samuel Freeman Miller, State His. Soc. of Iowa 1907.
4. Stiles, Edward H. -- Recollections and Sketches of Notable Lawyers and Public Men of Early Iowa, Homestead Pub. Co., Des Moines, Ia. 1916.
5. Strong, Henry -- Justice Samuel Freeman Miller, Annals of Iowa (3) 1:241, 1943.
6. Davis Papers -- Manuscripts, Vol. 5 p. 11, Keokuk Public Library.

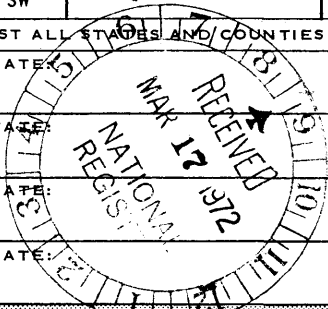
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		40 ° 23 ' 54 "	91 ° 22 ' 46 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

UTM
15/63752L
447300C
CD

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE:
STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE:
STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE:
STATE:	CODE:	COUNTY:	CODE:



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William L. Talbot, Treasurer

ORGANIZATION: Lee County Historical Society DATE: Aug. 30, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 226 High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Keokuk STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

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 Adrian D. Anderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 2/24/72

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

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

Date 10/10/72

ATTEST:
William L. Talbot
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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

(Continuation Sheet)

STATE Iowa	
COUNTY Lee	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
OCT 10	1972

(Number all entries)

Continuation of Item 8: Significance

Official Lee County Recorder's records disclose the succession of real estate transfers involving this residence, which began, as did all other property in the City of Keokuk, with the sale of 101 parcels of land in the Half-Breed Tract, extending from Santa Fe Avenue in Fort Madison to the Missouri line. Lots designated as Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Block 61, entered into the transactions, beginning in April 1840.

1854: Lewis R. Reeves, Miller's law partner, obtained the rear 55 feet of Lot 1 and 2; upon his demise, Elizabeth, his widow, and their daughter, Alice, became heirs of the property.

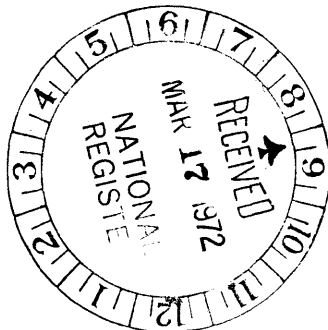
1857: Miller bought Lot 3 from James M. Billings, member of a family of pioneer Keokuk merchants on February 27, enlarging the holdings to 55 x 150 feet. In the meantime, he had married the widow Reeves.

✓ 1859: Miller erected the home on the site at 318 North Fifth Street.
1872-

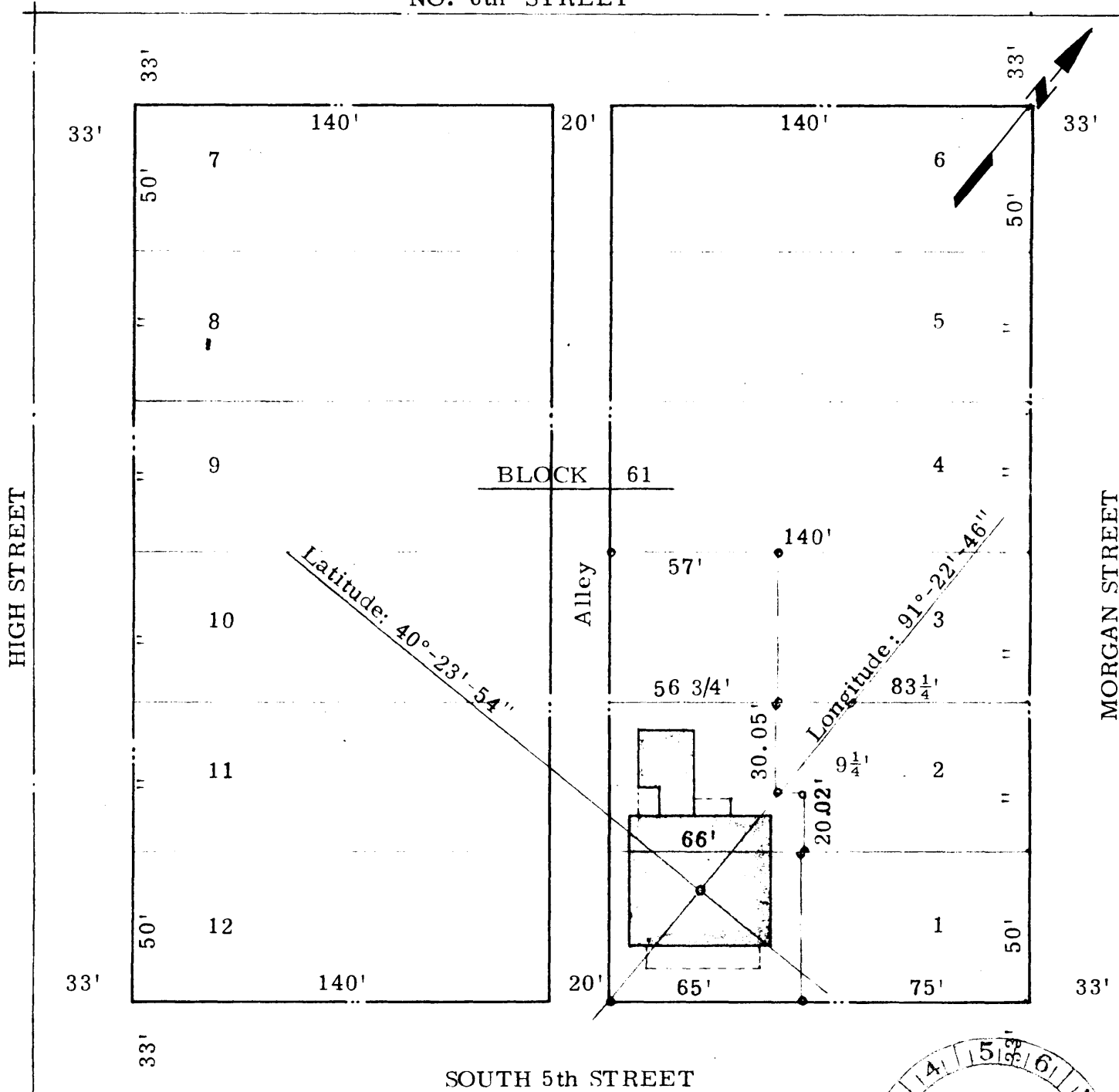
✓ 1881: The record shows that Miller and his wife sold the home to Thomas N. Pond, produce dealer. But Pond died less than a year later on April 5, 1873; and his widow, Emma C., sold the property to Benjamin C. Taber, steamboat captain and lumberman, on October 7, 1881.

1911: On December 2, the Taber family disposed of the home to Josephine C. Brown and H. L. Hansen.

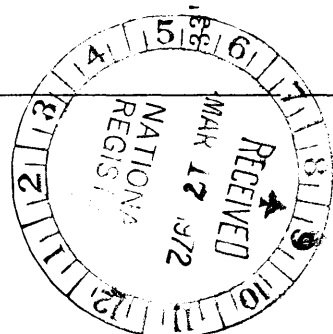
1965: On July 17, the Board of Directors of the Lee County Historical Society voted unanimously to purchase the home from the estate of Josephine Brown.



CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA
NO. 6th STREET



DESCRIPTION: The rear 65 ft. of Lot 1;
The rear 66 ft. of the East 20.02 ft. and the
rear 56 3/4 ft. of the remaining West 30.05 ft.
of Lot 2; and the rear 57 ft. of Lot 3, all in
Block 61, Original City of Keokuk, Lee County,
Iowa.



KREBILL ENGINEERING COMPANY LAND SURVEYORS & CONSULTING ENGINEERS Tel. (319) 524-2883 KEOKUK, IOWA 52632				LEE COUNTY IOWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Parts of Lots 1, 2, 3-Blk. 61 - Original City SAMUEL F. MILLER HOME Keokuk, Iowa			
Surv.	Drwn.	Gkd.	Appr.	Date	Scale	No.	Rev
—	PMB	JR	RFK	8/31/70	1"=50'	3274-1	