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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
Park House Hotel

AND/OR COMMON
Burkeley Apartments

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
130 East Jefferson S.H.
CITY, TOWN
Iowa City
STATE
Iowa
VICINITY OF
First
COUNTY
Johnson
CODE
103
NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: apartment
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Crest Townhouse, Inc.
STREET & NUMBER
Professional Building
CITY, TOWN
Spencer
STATE
Iowa 51301
VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Johnson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Court and Clinton St.
CITY, TOWN
Iowa City
STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Park House, which first opened for business in 1852, is located on a corner lot two blocks from Iowa City's central business district, and about two blocks from the old territorial (and first state) capitol building. It measures 45' x 100', and is built of brick on a rock-faced stone foundation, with five bays across the front and 9 along the sides. The flat-topped windows have brick jack-arches, stone sills, and 6/6 sash. On the west side are two, three-story protruding bays. The main entrance is centered in the south facade, leading directly to a center hall with rooms on either side.

The present aspect of the building is the result of a number of modifications made over many years. An 1854 map shows a drawing of the building which includes a large wing off the west side, but, as far as can be determined, this feature was never actually built. The earliest known photograph (1865) shows the building with a low hipped roof, cupola on the roof deck toward the south end, and 9 chimneys, four on east and west roof edges and one at the north end. The corbelled, denticular cornice is rather wide. Across the south facade, on the second floor, is a projecting balcony, carried on brackets.

The mansard appears to have been added about 1875. A photo c. 1880 indicates that this feature was covered with wide bands of light and dark shingling, cut in square or toothed patterns. Dormers in this photo (three on north and south, six on east and west) contained single 2/2 sash and slightly curved roofs.

Early in the 20th century, the building was painted white and the shingling a uniformly dark color. A 1906 fire map shows the building heated by steam, rather than by individual fireplaces. Following a change of ownership in 1909, the building was converted to apartments. Alterations included removal of the front balcony, the addition of the two projecting bays on the west side and a small 1-story block at the rear, and the enlargement of the dormers into double windows. An entrance toward the south end of the east side became another window, and the cupola was removed. Only the center dormer of the south side, with windows set in a flat, aedicular frame, was left relatively intact. Presently, the mansard is covered with modern composition shingle, and the chimneys have been cut off near the base. The main entrance is sheltered by a utilitarian flat roof.

The overall dimensions of the property are 100' x 120'. This includes the building proper, and the small courtyard to the west, where grass, trees, and small shrubs provide a pleasant setting for the old hotel.

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 1852

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Park House is one of Iowa City's few remaining commercial buildings which date from the city's period as the state capital. It is well-proportioned, with vestiges of the Greek Revival still seen in the woodwork of the front hall. The alterations have not detracted from the building's integrity, but serve instead as reminders of other periods in the building's history.

Park House was built for Ferdinand Haberstroh, and opened in November, 1852, catering, most likely, to the business generated by Iowa City's then role as the state capital. With the official removal of the capital to Des Moines in 1857, the hotel's patronage probably declined. Following Haberstroh's death in 1860, the property was transferred, along with a \$2600 debt, to Fr. William Emonds of St. Mary's Church.

The second chapter in the history of the building began in 1862, with the opening of St. Agatha's Female Seminary, operated by the Sisters of Charity (BVM). The sisters offered a secondary-school curriculum and boarding facilities for young women, many of whom in the first decades came from outside Iowa City. Although run by Catholic sisters, St. Agatha's was strictly non-denominational, admitting female students of all (Christian) persuasions. By 1875, the school, which had first occupied only the first floor of the former hotel, and expanded to require the addition of the fourth (mansard) story. Classrooms were located on the first two floors, with upper floors used for housing both the sisters and the students.

St. Agatha's closed in 1909, primarily due to a shortage of teachers, and the building was sold to Albert Berkeley, who converted it for use as a women's dormitory or boarding house, called "Svendi". After 1918 it was known as "Berkeley Place", and has been an apartment building since that time.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	6 2 2 1 5 0	4 6 1 3 1 3 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South 100 feet of Lot 8, Block 78 of the original town of Iowa City, and south 100 feet of the east 40 feet of Lot 7, Block 78.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie A. Wilk

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

130 East Jefferson St.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Iowa City

Iowa 52240

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

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/25/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/11/78

ATTEST:

Bill Blough

DATE

12/7/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER