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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** 

# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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AND/OR CONMON	imer, W.C. House					
LOCATION				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
STREET & NUMBER			,52			
101 High St.	101 High St., S.E.			NOT FOR PUBLICATION		
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT			
Elkader STATE		VICINITY OF CODE	COUNTY	CODE		
Towa			Clayton	6 <sup>4</sup> 3		
CLASSIFIC	ATION			<del></del>		
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS		PRESENT USE		
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	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIA MILITARY	LTRANSPORTATIONOTHER:		
OWNER OF	PROPERTY	<del></del>				
NAME Mrs. W.	C. Reimer					
STREET & NUMBER		· • · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
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STREET & NUMBER	· ·	<u> </u>				
CITY, TOWN	111 High St. N.E.	<del> </del>	STATE			
	Elkader_		Iowa			
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#### CONDITION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE The Reimer House, built in 1850, was originally a duplex in Greek Revival style, with a two-story center block and two one-story, symmetrical side wings, all of red brick. The paired entrance is surmounted by a square-columned, one-story portico. This original portion of the nouse contains a full entablature. Two brick kitchen buildings, one on each end of the side wings, appear to be later additions (original houses of this period usually contained a winter kitchen in the basement and a summer kitchen set away from the home itself).

The downstairs floors are of narrow oak, upstairs of wide pine boards. walls are plastered, the woodwork painted white. In the kitchen buildings, wide, horizontal wainscoting supports a chair rail, with plastered walls above. All doors have knobs of white or dark porcelain. The house contains the original gas light fixtures, converted to electricity.

The house has been converted into three apartments, one in each wing and one on the second floor of the center block, through the use of "temporary partitions". However, alteration of the original structure is minimal.

A small (5' x 7') brick structure is located to the rear of the property. It was at one time used as a smokehouse.

Before alteration, the double house contained nine rooms on each side of a thick center wall.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION	
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE	
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER	
X1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850

## **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reimer House was built by two early settlers in Elkader, the brothers Ernest and Henry Carter. Ernest was first a schoolteacher, then merchant. In 1859 he became president of the McGregor (Iowa) Branch of the State Bank of Iowa, and served as paymaster during the Civil War. He died in Elkader in 1866.

Later owners have sought to preserve the architectural integrity of this lovely Greek Revival home. Alterations have been largely limited to the addition of plumbing and electricity. The classic lines of the house are a reminder of the high standards of architectural beauty found in mid-19th-century dwellings. The Reimer House contributes substantially to the historic ambience of Elkader, not only for itself, but because of its location across the street from the historic Clayton County Courthouse.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Clayton County, 1882, p. 576 Cedar Rapids (Iowa) <u>Gazette</u>, Sept. 23, 1962, p. 3B Personal Communication from Mrs. W.C. Reimer

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