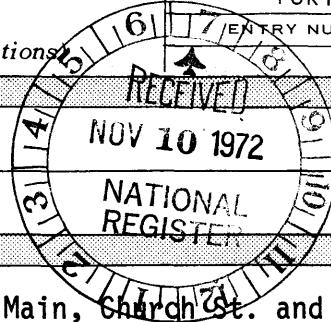


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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Marshall County Courthouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Square block bordered by Center, Main, Church St. and First Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Marshalltown

STATE Iowa	CODE 50158	COUNTY: Marshall	CODE 127
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
County of Marshall, State of Iowa

STREET AND NUMBER:
Center and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Marshalltown	STATE: Iowa	CODE 50158	CODE 14
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Center and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Marshalltown	STATE: Iowa	CODE 50158	CODE 14
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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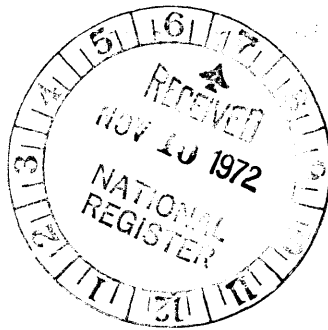
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7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marshall County Courthouse is an 86 year old building of Classic-Revival style architecture. It is 4 (plus) floors topped by a large tower with clock, dome, and cupula reaching a height of 175'. The building is ornamented with sheet metal sculpture and cut, as well as sculptured limestone facing. It contains a rotunda with dome, columns, terrazo floors and carved woodworking. The dome and roof trimming is covered with sheet metal. The building, placed in the center of a full square block on some of the city's highest elevation, is visible from throughout the town and surrounding farming community. /



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

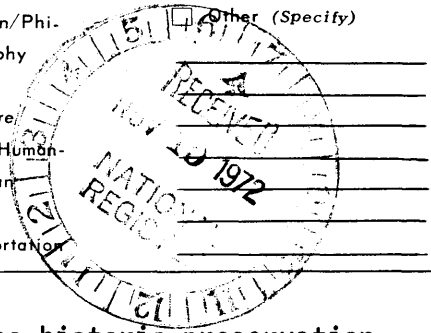
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Constructed 1884-1886**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" 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) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There is considerable significance for the historic preservation of the Marshall County Courthouse.

One of the few remaining examples of Classic-Revival Architecture in our state, it was designed by J. C. Cochrane of Chicago, the architect of the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines. Costing \$144,000.00, built of the same LeGrand limestone used in the State Historical Building, it was well built and is still sound except for exterior deterioration above the third floor.

Completed in 1886, it culminated thirty years of brisk and determined effort of early citizens in selecting and establishing their seat of government. It became a familiar landmark, visible throughout the surrounding community, the view from the tower being the delight of proud citizens and tourists.

The first courthouse to serve the county was a frame building built a few miles northwest of Marshalltown in the early 1850's in the village of Marietta. The site was not determined by the settlers but by out-of-county authorities. In the decade that followed Marshalltown grew more rapidly, was better located and became so desirous of the county seat that they built a sizable brick building to accomodate the county government and instigated legal and physical

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Iowa, A Guide to the Hawkeye State
 State Historical Society, 1938

History of Marshall County Gerald Schultz
 Marshall Printing Co. 1955

Marshalltown Times Republican Centennial Issue
 June 30, 1953

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 TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. J. W. Norris, Mrs. Guilford Collison
Historical Committee Mrs. Nile Oldham, Mrs. E. J. Marble

ORGANIZATION: Friends of the Courthouse DATE: 8/30/72

STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Mrs. Nile Oldham 8 North 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Marshalltown STATE: Iowa 50158 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 31 October, 1972

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

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

Date 11/21/72

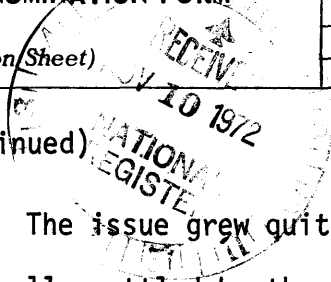
ATTEST: William H. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 11-17-72

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proceedings to gain it. The issue grew quite contentious and almost bloody, being finally settled by the Iowa Supreme Court in December of 1859 in Marshalltown's favor.

The second courthouse, the brick building facing the town square on the east was built in 1858 and served the county from January 1860 until November 1886 when the present courthouse was completed. Most of the buildings of the village of Marietta were moved to Marshalltown including the first courthouse, now in good repair used as a residence. The second courthouse was demolished in the 1960's. Few knew its significant past.

The third courthouse is the present magnificent structure more than four stories tall with a tower rising to 175'. It is centered on the town square donated for the seat of county government by the town's founder, Henry Anson. The pride of the county was evident by the gay and lengthy dedication ceremonies November 19, 1886. (see reprint "B")

It is hard to understand why the building has been so poorly maintained the past 30 to 40 years. The deterioration causes some citizens to think it should be torn down. An extensive survey by structural engineers, Foss, Engelstad and Foss of Sioux City, Iowa; and another survey by Frank B. Dennis, P. E. of Vanderlinden and Dennis of Des Moines has shown that the building is structurally sound. Repairs were estimated (including renovation to update heating, lighting and air-conditioning and space usage) at

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approximately \$900,000.00. Mr. Dennis reported "I believe that this building could be repaired and if properly done could continue to function for an indefinite time."

With some early Iowa courthouses already demolished and more are doomed for that fate, it would seem that this one is architecturally, structurally and historically worthy of it's preservation and continued use.

