

STATE: IOWA
 COUNTY: DALLAS
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 ENTRY DATE: NOV 26 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dallas County Courthouse
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Town Square, bordering Eighth and Main
 CITY OR TOWN: Adel CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fifth
 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Dallas CODE: 049

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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 type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

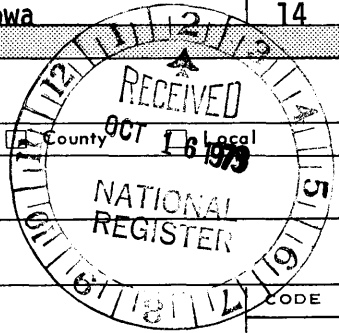
OWNER'S NAME: Dallas County
 STREET AND NUMBER: Eighth and Main
 CITY OR TOWN: Adel STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Courthouse
 STREET AND NUMBER: Eighth and Main
 CITY OR TOWN: Adel STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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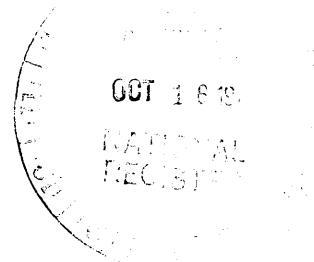
7. DESCRIPTION

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 type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site					

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A three and one-half story building (84' x 126') of Bedford gray stone, the Dallas County Courthouse has not suffered any major alterations since its construction in 1902. Considered to have been designed with the French Renaissance in mind, this building has the ornately carved dormers and the rounded cone-crowned corner towers of that style. The red-shingled roof is high-pitched and irregular. At the center a 128 foot clock tower with parabolic dome appears. Story divisions are boldly marked by strong stone horizontals. The vertical groupings of the window openings are equally as pronounced. All corner windows have curved panes. (These are currently under consideration for replacement by rectangular aluminum framed glazing.) A rusticated stone foundation supports the whole. Only minor remodeling has occurred on the interior where oak wood trim, wood floors, cast iron stairs and slate stair treads contribute to its finish. The original electric wiring has been replaced. The hot water pipe heating system remains. The entire building was sandblasted within the last ten years.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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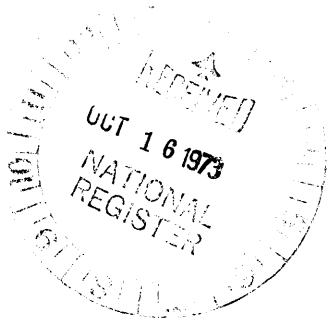
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1902**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Government</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed by the Iowa firm of W. T. Proudfoot and George Bird, the Dallas County Courthouse was constructed in 1902 at a cost of \$109,243.00. Since that time, local residents have delighted in the building's similarity to the French Chateau Azay-le-Rideau at Indre-et-Loire, west of Tours. A sixteenth century building, built to the specifications of Francis I by his chief treasurer, Gilles Berthelot. The chateau was reputedly the direct source of inspiration for designer George Bird. Proudfoot and Bird also designed the Salt Lake City Courthouse in Utah and the Polk County Courthouse in Iowa. Still in very good condition and used for its original purpose, the Dallas County Courthouse continues to present a distinguished and prominent profile for the enjoyment of residents for miles around.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mick Youngman, Adel News, October 6, 1965.

Des Moines Register, May 31, 1964.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

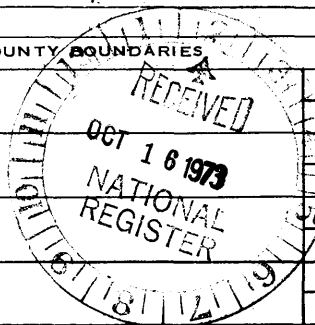
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.6

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Clarence S. Hill

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: May 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: Route #1

CITY OR TOWN: Minburn 50167 STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 (Act 108)

Name: Alvin D. Johnson

Title: Historic Preservation Officer

Date: September 20, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley
Associate Director, Professional Services

Date: 11/26/73

ATTEST:

Wm J. Mumby
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 11-26-73