

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Fond du Lac
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Woodruff, Jacob, House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
610 Liberty Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Ripon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Fond du Lac** CODE: **039**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

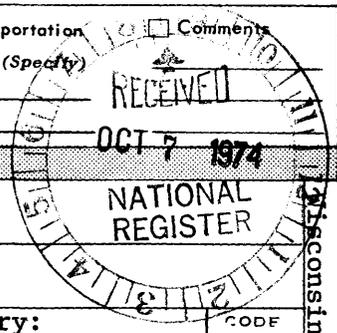
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<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:
Jack Steinbring

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of Anthropology, University of Winnipeg

CITY OR TOWN:
Winnipeg, 2, Manitoba Code: **8060** ~~XXXX~~ Country: **Canada** CODE: **260**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Fond du Lac County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
190 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Fond du Lac STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin Historic Preservation Plan, The Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: **1974** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

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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
	(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

The Jacob Woodruff house is a small octagonal grout house two stories tall. It has a shingle roof with a very shallow pitch. At its summit a widow's walk is formed by a wooden balustrade. Double windows with wooden frames are set into the grout walls and a five-sided wooden bay filled with tall windows projects from the face of the octagon next to the main entrance. A brick chimney can be seen well above the roof line on the same side as the wooden bay. Originally, the house was a simple octagon, but it was enlarged in 1890 by the addition of a north wing in wood and enlarged again after 1900 by the addition of front and back porches.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **ca. 1850**

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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

The Jacob Woodruff house is Ripon's only remaining octagon house. The plan for the house was probably influenced by Orson S. Fowler's book A Home for All. Popular during the 1840's and 1850's, Fowler's book suggested the octagonal plan as the one most suitable to human dwellings, and Fowler believed that concrete was an almost perfect building material. Born in Litchfield, Connecticut in 1813, Jacob Woodruff came to Wisconsin in 1845 as part of the Ceresco Phalanx, a utopian Socialist Fourierite settlement established adjacent to the land which became Ripon a few years later. The Ceresco Phalanx was disbanded in 1850, but many of its members remained in the area and became early citizens of Ripon. Jacob Woodruff was one of these, and the land on which his house stands was originally part of Ceresco. By profession Woodruff was a blacksmith who was interested in spiritualism and in horticultural experiments. In 1870 he planted his land, originally the whole block on which the Woodruff house now stands, in blackberries and began large-scale fruit farming. In politics Woodruff was an abolitionist and he served on the first committee of the Republican Party founded at Ripon in 1854. His son, Ensign Woodruff, was born in 1855 and also lived in the Liberty Street house. Until his death in 1893, the elder Woodruff lived with him.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pedrick, Samuel M. and Miller, George H. (ed.) A History of Ripon, Wisconsin. Ripon, Ripon Historical Society, 1964. pp. 4, 108.
 Pedrick, Samuel M. The Ripon Necrology. Vol. III (1857-84) p. 134.

Steinbring, Jack. A Letter to Ms. Ellen Threinen, dated Apr. 30, 1974,
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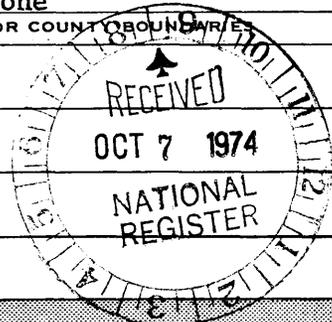
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		U.T.M. Zone 16:	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		351,530 E.	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		4,856,420 N.	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "			° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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:
Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE: 23 July 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: Madison STATE: Wisconsin 53706 CODE: 55

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

Name James Morton Smith
 Title James Morton Smith, Director State Historical Society of Wisconsin
 Date Oct. 1, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/30/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date DEC 27 1974