

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Wisconsin</b>
COUNTY: <b>Sheboygan</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>JUL 10 1974</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Friendship House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Home for the Friendless**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**721 Ontario Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Sheboygan**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Wisconsin 6th**

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Sheboygan** CODE: **117**

**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 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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<b>Home for under-</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<b>privileged children</b>	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Friendship House, Inc.**

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**721 Ontario Avenue**

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**Sheboygan**

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**55**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Sheboygan County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**615 North 6th Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Sheboygan**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Wisconsin Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969-1973**  Federal  State

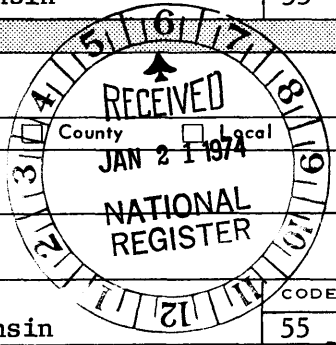
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Madison**

STATE:  
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Friendship House has been maintained in excellent condition. The rear portion of the building is an early addition, date unknown. The only other modifications are minor front entrance alterations and exterior remodeling and renewal to suit the modern needs of the residents.

The two-story building is constructed of brick and masonry. Included in its fine features are elliptical and round-arched openings, richly bracketed cornices, low-pitched hip roof, and an elegant cupola (widow's walk) crowning the composition. A wrought iron rail defines a small porch above the entrance foyer. At the front line of its 60' x 150' City lot is a wrought iron fence with decorative swinging gates. The rear lot line is adjacent to the City's Central City Urban Renewal Project. Latest plans will greatly enhance the immediate environment of the building, thus enhancing the building itself. Included will be extensive landscaping, removal of overhead wires, street closing (Ontario Avenue), and more.



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**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)

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 checked="" 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

This attractive example of the Italian Villa Style is believed to have been built in the early 1870's for John Pfeiler, proprietor of the Park Hotel, formerly located in the same city block. Its distinct features are among the best of that style in the city. The architectural office of A. L. Weeks was directly across the street from Friendship House, and it is believed that Mr. Weeks was its architect.

The home changed hands a first time in 1885 when George Cole, a prominent local real estate investor bought it. In 1910 it was sold again, this time to the Kohler Foundation. Since then it has served as Friendship House for hundreds of Sheboygan County's neglected, delinquent, and dependent children, providing living and learning experiences and a place for basic social behavior traits to be nurtured.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1870, '71, '72 City Assessment Records (Lot 4, Block 105, O.P.)  
 City Directories - 1888 and others (Under Pfeiler)  
 Paper written by George C. Gallati - December 29, 1967 )  
 "Friendship House" - 5-page paper, March 31, 1970 ) - Sheboygan County  
 Speech on Friendship House - 2 pages, September 23, 1964 ) Landmarks, Ltd.  
 2-page paper, September 13, 1963 ) Records  
 "Friendship House, Inc." by Esther Nichols Stein, 1958 )  
 (Sheboygan County Welfare Council)  
 Sheboygan Press, August 10, 1953 - June 8, 1972

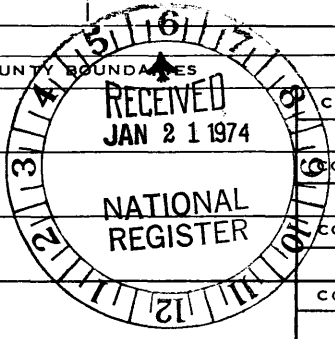
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		N 43° 45' 18"	W 87° 42' 42.5"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 1.0

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

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Erik A. Jensen, Rehabilitation Planner**

ORGANIZATION: Department of City Development, Redevelopment Authority      DATE: 18 November 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
828 Center Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Sheboygan      STATE: Wisconsin      CODE: 55

**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: James Morton Smith  
 James Morton Smith

Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date: January 11, 1974

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

Arthur W. ...  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/10/74

ATTEST:

Charles ...  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7-9-74

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FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

11. Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers  
Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

13 December 1973

Madison

Wisconsin

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