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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John
Old Southeast Water Trough

AND/OR COMMON

Old Trough

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast 11th and Scott St.

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth 04

STATE

Iowa

___ VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Polk

CODE
153

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- ___ DISTRICT
- ___ BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- ___ SITE
- ___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- ___ PRIVATE
- ___ BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- ___ IN PROCESS
- ___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- ___ UNOCCUPIED
- ___ WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- ___ YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- ___ NO

PRESENT USE

- ___ AGRICULTURE
- ___ COMMERCIAL
- ___ EDUCATIONAL
- ___ ENTERTAINMENT
- ___ GOVERNMENT
- ___ INDUSTRIAL
- ___ MILITARY
- ___ MUSEUM
- ___ PARK
- ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ___ RELIGIOUS
- ___ SCIENTIFIC
- ___ TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Des Moines

STREET & NUMBER

East First and Grand

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Polk County Courthouse Title or Survey

STREET & NUMBER

500 Mulberry

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Southeast Watering Trough is a six-foot granite structure composed of a rectangular shaft or column and a large 6' bowl and two small dispensing pipes. Four small cups appear at the base to provide refreshment for fauna. The fountain rests on a base of tiles at an intersection of streets in a fast deteriorating neighborhood of Des Moines.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Southeast Watering Trough is a survivor of the horse and buggy age. It is a visible reminder of an earlier period of public utilities technology designed to meet mass needs prior to the introduction of indoor plumbing. Places such as these served a social function as well, for they provided focal points where a community's residents engaged in social exchange.

This is one of the last of 15 horse watering troughs installed around Des Moines by the Iowa Humane Alliance, established in 1883. As one of two Ensign fountains presented to the city in 1906, this structure still provided water for an area of Des Moines referred to as the "Southeast Bottoms". It was presented to the city by the National Humane Alliance, to honor their founder, Herman Lee Ensign. The other fountain presented by the Society was located at S.E. 6th and Hartford Avenues, and was later moved close to the entrance of Owen Crist Farm, 3800 Park Ave.

Increased interest by the citizens of the area and the Des Moines City Council has led to the desire to have the water trough preserved as a neighborhood landmark.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hyde, John, "End of 'Water-Trough' Era in Southeast Des Moines Seen," Des Moines Register, 13 June, 1974.
 Pratt, Leroy. Discovering Historic Iowa. Des Moines: Dept. of Public Instruction, 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	4,5,0	0,3,5	4,6,0,3	4,1,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Northeast corner of the intersection of S.E. 11th and Scott Streets

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Richard Wilkey, City Manager

ORGANIZATION City of Des Moines DATE 16 July 1974

STREET & NUMBER East 1st and Locust Streets TELEPHONE _____

CITY OR TOWN Des Moines STATE Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Adrian N. Anderson

TITLE Director, Div. of Historic Preservation DATE April 14, 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Jerry L. R... DATE 10/8/86

ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 10/7/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER