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

1 NAME

HISTORIC ** Rath, Johann Christian, Frederick, House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 120	4 Mt. Loretta Ave.			
CITY, TOWN			CONGRESSIONAL DIST	RICT
Dubuq	ue	VICINITY OF	Second	
STATE		CODE	COUNTY	CODE 6 (
Iowa			Dubuque	<i>\(\Color\)</i>
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	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL	TRANSPORTATION
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rath House is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -story rectangle, 30' x 40'. The steep slope of the property allows for a walk-in basement at the rear.

The foundation is limestone, the 18"-thick walls of the house rose brick, set in Flemish bond and painted white. Windows throughout (except for the dormer) are segmental arched, with 6/6 lights in double hung flush frames. There are louvred shutters on windows of the main floor. Door openings, one at the front, and on basement and main floor levels at rear, are centrally placed in the symmetrical facades. All three are segmental-arched, with sidelights and transom windows; lights in the front door transom are lozenge shaped.

The shingled gable roof is extended slightly at the rear to cover a two-story wood porch. It is supported by narrow columns, and has latticework on the main floor balustrade and at each end on the ground level. Also at the rear, two small dormers have been connected (1940) to form one long dormer: it is covered with modern siding and has modern aluminum windows. There are four interior chimmeys, two at each end, placed equidistant from the roof ridge.

The interior is divided on all levels by a central hallway which also contains stairways. The original arrangement was two rooms on either side of the hall; this has been slightly altered only on the main floor. These alterations and that of the dormer were made in 1940. No other structural alterations have been made.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rath House is a modest, well-preserved residence from a rather early period in Iowa. It is distinguished by the number of features strongly Georgian Revival character, from the general form to the window shapes, chimney placement and five-bay, symmetrical composition.

The house was built in 1852-53 by Johann Christian Frederick Rath, who came to Dubuque from Hanover (Germany) in 1851. Rath was a cabinet maker, truckfarmer, and, once in the ore-rich area of Dubuque, a lead miner. Over the years he acquired much land along Wilde (now Mt. Loretta) Street, parcels of which he gave to his children as they came of age. Rath died in 1881; the house remained in the family until 1937.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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