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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 Taylor, Wenzil, Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Main St.

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Spillville VICINITY OF Second

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

Iowa Winneshiek 191

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Spillville

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE
Spillville VICINITY OF Iowa 52168

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Winneshiek County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE
Decorah Iowa 52101

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Spillville Historical Survey

DATE 1977-78 ___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS City Hall, Spillville

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Taylor building is a mid-19th century commercial block, 31' x 54', with side and rear walls of rubble limestone and a brick front. The side and rear walls are quite plain, with window and door openings somewhat randomly arranged. Windows on the second story of these facades have shallow triangular tops. The front elevation, in contrast, is considerably more elaborate and sophisticated, in its use of brick arches with dressed limestone keystones, recessed brick panels and brick pilasters as principal design elements. The ground floor facade is composed of three large arches which spring from panelled brick impostes; the main entry is in the center arch. The second floor facade is a five-bay composition of arched windows and brick pilasters, and the parapet wall above has recessed brick panels. The building retains much of its original window sash, exterior doors and wood trim.

On the interior, the first and second floors are quite plain, each containing a single room. The basement is divided into three rooms, two of which are continuously barrel-vaulted spaces which were probably brewery cellars. These latter features occupy the front half of the basement.

The building is presently in a poor state of repair, having stood vacant for more than 20 years before being acquired by the City of Spillville, at which time the building was enclosed and stabilized. The city's plan for the building includes restoration of the exterior and the adaptation of the interior for use as a town hall and community center.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Taylor building, executed in a "brickmason's vernacular Victorian Italianate" style, is one of four similar commercial structures in Spillville. Despite its neglect, the Taylor building retains the greatest integrity of design and character of the four. Of the other three buildings, two have undergone extensive alteration that has included the replacement of the first floor facades, and one of these has also been stuccoed, obscuring much of the original decorative brickwork. The last building in the group, while being in the best physical condition, is the least architecturally sophisticated (It does, however, have some significant historical associations with composer Antonin Dvorak).

The Taylor building is also of significance as the sole surviving commercial structure at the south end of the main street. The original commercial district was located in this area, but, by the 1870's, the focus of commercial activity in Spillville began to move to its present location, about three blocks north of the Taylor building.

The building was erected for Wenzil Taylor, for use as a general merchandise store. Subsequently, it was purchased by A.A. Novak, and operated by him until 1908, when he left the business to found the Citizens Savings Bank in Spillville. A.A. Novak was the son of Wenzil Novak, the patriarch of one of the original Bohemian families in Spillville. After 1908, the building continued as a general store under a variety of proprietors, and was in the end used as a private residence before being abandoned.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of St. Wenceslaus Church, Spillville, Iowa. Unpublished mss., 1928 (original in Czech).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME La Crosse, Wisc.; Minn.; Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:250,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 115 58501010 4783950
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

City Lots 2-5, 3-5, 3-6, 4-6, of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 19, T97R9

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 / TITLE

Todd R. Mozingo, Preservation Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Wehner, Nowysz, Pattschull & Pfiffner, Architects

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

201 Dey Building

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

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 A. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/29/79

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

for Charles Adams

DATE

3-13-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Brascham 3-12-79

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION