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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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historic	John Reic	hert Farmhouse		
and/or common	Wheary Ho	use		
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	14053 N.	Wauwatosa Road		not for publication
city, town	Mequon	vicinity of	c ongressional district.	
state	WI co	de ⁵⁵ count	y Ozaukee	code 089
3. Clas	sification			
Category district _X building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered NA	Status _X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted _X yes: unrestricted no	entertainment government	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty		
name	Mr. and M	rs. Frediric W. Whe	eary	
street & number	14053 N.	Wauwatosa Road		
city, town	Mequon	vicinity of	state	Wisconsin 53092
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Descript	ion	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc.	egister of Deeds, O	Ozaukee County Courtho	ouse
street & number	109 W. Ma	in Street		
city, town	Port Wash	ington	state	Wisconsin 53-74
6. Repi	resentation	in Existing	Surveys	(cont.)
title Wisconsi	in Inventory of Hi	storic has this p	property been determined elig	gible? yes _X_ no
date 197	76	Places	federal _X_ state	e county loca
depository for su	rvey records S	tate Historical Soc	ciety of Wisconsin	
city, town	Madison		state	Wisconsin 53706

7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The former John Reichert farmhouse is a two-story, cross-plan frame building with small decorative porches in its northeast and northwest angles. Gable ends facing east and north are filled with decorative struts and wood cut-work, crowning trompe l'oeil bay windows below. A gravel drive along the north side of the house also serves the frame "carriage house" (garage and loft) several yards from the northwest corner of the house. Situated among tilled fields in the outskirts of the city of Mequon, the recently-restored house appears today as it might have when newly-constructed nearly a century ago.

A coursed, rusticated-stone foundation supports the building, and recently-replaced wood shingles cover the cross-gable roof. Windows, generally a pair per story on each face of the gable arms, are symmetrically-disposed; delicate denticulated entablatures or profiled moldings cover the double-hung sash. Imbricated shingles above and below paired windows on the east and north gable ends suggest bays, trimmed with flat wood "brackets," saw-tooth moldings, and circular medallions. The small front and rear porches are composed of saw-tooth and finial-trimmed pierced valences supported by thin capital-trimmed posts. Iron cresting trims the half-deck of the front porch roof, and a simple balustrade guards the north side. The simpler rear porch is open. Both have flat, baluster-pattern wood skirts. The single four-panel wood doors are trimmed with a center saw-cut molding, and framed by flat "bracketed" moldings. A single diamondshaped window (bordered with small Queen Anne panes) appears in the closed bay (inside vestibule) of the front porch; and a single oculus lights the interior stair from the west side of the south gable end. Interior chimneys rise from the ridge of the west (rear) and east (front) arms of the building. A one-story shed-roof addition is included in the southwest angle.

The interior decoration is modest; a beveled-glass transom over the paneled door in the vestibule and stencilled baseboard along the enclosed stair are the sole elegant notes. The original simple door and window moldings and wood floors (maple on the first story, pine plank on the second) are intact. Remodeling has been restricted to the kitchen, and conversion of one small bedroom (of the four on the second floor) to a master bath.

Constructed in 1980, a compatible carriage house (garage and storage loft) is located several yards northwest of the house. Likewise covered with clapboards and a wood shingle roof, the one-and-one-half-story structure is fitted with the same double-hung windows with denticulated entablatures that appear on the house. Frames over the garage door on the south side and loft door on the east side are mitered. A pair of gables rise from the south slope of the gable roof, and a small louvred cross-gable cupola with weather vane marks the ridge. The one-story shed-roof extension to the rear (north) is lighted by a diamond-shaped window on the east side. Although the building visually enhances the site, its recent construction prevents technical inclusion in the nomination.

Of the original outbuildings associated with the house, only a small shed to the north remains; it and the surrounding eighty acres of the original farm now belong to other owners. (A barn once located on the property was demolished in the 1970s.)

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture x architecture art commerce communications	= = =	landscape architectur law literature military music t philosophy politics/government	e religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1885 - 86 ¹	Builder/Architect [Jnknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Preserved into the twentieth century with full integrity and recently restored to excellent condition, the John Reichert Farmhouse, a frame stick style design, is the Mequon area's best representative of its period of construction. Although the decoration of the two-story house is restrained and abbreviated, the effect is more elaborate than that of the typical Queen Anne farmhouse of the period. A compatible "carriage house" (garage) to the rear strengthens the visual and period quality of the site, although its recent date of construction (1980) prevents its technical inclusion in the nomination.

The building, presumably the second on the site, 2 dates to the ownership of John Reichert. Various owners of the previous building and property, and of the house itself, were among the earliest or well-known settlers of the area. Jesse Hubbard, who owned the property in the 1840s, 3 was described as "...an early settler in Mequon," and "...prominent in county affairs during the early days...; subsequent owners the Corcorans were listed among the "early Irish families in the Town...; and later owner Joseph Reichert (late 1880s-1890s) was elected Superintendent of Schools during his residency in the house.

The house was designated as a Mequon Landmark in 1981.

Inspection of tax records for the property from 1879 through the 1890s suggest that the house was constructed previous to the only conspicuous rise in valuation during the period.

²Early plat maps of the area show the appearance of the building on the site sometime between 1867 and 1873; the property deed first specifically mentions a building on the eighty-acre parcel in 1879. Visual inspection of the present building strongly suggests that the construction is consistent, and not the result of extensive alteration of an earlier building.

³Property deed, in possession of current owner.

Western Publishing Company, <u>History of Washington and Ozaukee Counties</u>, Wisconsin, 1881, p. 545.

⁵ Walter D. Corrigan Sr., <u>History of the Town of Mequon</u>, <u>Brought Down to About 1870</u>, published by Mequon Club, pp. 9, 11, 12.

Ozaukee County Historical Society, <u>Early Ozaukee County Historical Sketches</u>, 1967 p. 42.

⁷Cedarburg <u>Weekly News</u>, November 3, 1886.

Major Bibliographical References Corrigan, Walter D. Sr., History of the Town of Mequon, Cedarburg News Print. Ozaukee Co. Historical Society, Early Ozaukee County Sketches, 1967. **Geographical Data** Acreage of nominated property __Approx. 1 Five Corners Quadrangle name _ Quadrangle scale 124,000 **UMT References** Verbal boundary description and justification See Continuation Sheet List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code state code county Form Prepared By (cont.) name/title Diane H. Filipowicz/Architectural Historian State Historical Society of Wisconsin organization date December, 1981 street & number 816 State Street telephone(608) 244-8087 Madison Wisconsin 53706 city or town state State Historic Preservation Officer Certification The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: X_ local state 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 Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin title For NPS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register Entered in the date National Register Keeper of the National Register date Attest:

Chief of Registration

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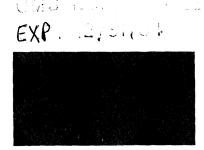
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H. Russell Zimmermann, The Heritage Guidebook, Inland Heritage Corporation, Milwaukee date: 1976 regional (SE Wisc.)

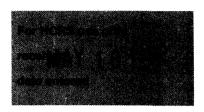
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property shall consist of a rectangle 218 feet north-south by 200 feet east-west, whose southeast corner is located 218 feet north of the southeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, Township 9 North, Range 21 East in the City of Mequon, Ozaukee County Wisconsin, and whose east boundary shall correspond with the east line of said section.

11. FORM PREPARED BY (cont.)

Research Assistance by: Mr. Frederic Wheary

14053 N. Wauwatosa Road Mequon, Wisconsin 53092

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