UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
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
Brownlie, Alexander, House

AND/OR COMMON
'Sod' House

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
206 Pine Street

CITY, TOWN
Long Grove

STATE
Iowa

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
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
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RECREATIONAL
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lage

STREET & NUMBER
206 Pine Street

CITY, TOWN
Long Grove

STATE
Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Recorder

STREET & NUMBER
Scott County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN
Davenport

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIPT THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This L-shaped, two-story house with gable roof was built in three sections over the 19th and early 20th centuries. The original portion was constructed in 1839, and made of molded clay and grass bricks. Lathe was attached by square nails to the bricks, plaster added, and the exterior clapboarded. The foundation is of coursed limestone.

The second section was extended east of the original structure around 1846. It is a wood frame with brick nogging, two and one-half stories high. A chimney on the original portion was removed to make a connecting doorway between the old and newer parts of the house. The original door (in the earth section) was moved to the right and is now on the very edge of the original section. A bracketed hood with a hipped roof was added over the entrance at some later date.

The third section, which, built on the north side of the brick section, completed the "L" shape of the floorplan, was added sometime after 1893. It is a simple frame structure of no particular architectural or structural interest.
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SPECIFIC DATES 1839, ca. 1846

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brownlie House is an interesting example of rural architecture as it developed over time. It began as a simple, functional structure made of local materials put to unusual use. As its owners prospered, the house grew in size and pretentiousness, and finally became the building seen today: a substantial farm house in a small, rural community.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Documents: Abstract of Title; Genealogical Study, prepared by H.L. Brownlie;
Sod House Historical Society pamphlet; Long Grove Christian Church history (1939);
Land Deeds and Mortgage Books, Scott County Courthouse, Davenport, Iowa.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A 1 5 7 0 9 1 6 0

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
B

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Howard L. Brownlie

ORGANIZATION
Scott County Historic Preservation

DATE
Jan. 1975

STREET & NUMBER
C/o David Johnson, 3610 Chateau Knoll

CITY OR TOWN
Bettendorf

STATE
Iowa

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE X LOCAL ___

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

DATE 4-22-76

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12/22/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/20/76
Alexander Brownlie House, Long Grove, Scott County, Iowa

#7: Paragraph 3, last sentence, replace with:

This last addition to the house is a plain, frame structure which is in a style compatible to the earlier sections, but of itself has no particular architectural or structural interest.

#8, Addendum:

The significance of this house lies in the juxtaposition of several construction methods and materials, used over a 60-year period. The three sections also demonstrate historical changes in local building materials: in 1839, manufactured bricks would be scarce in Iowa, if not nonexistent, and the use of locally- obtainable sod and clay a practical construction method. By the time of the first addition (ca. 1846) manufactured bricks would have been more readily available, and a decided improvement over making sod bricks by hand. The last addition used sawn lumber, by the 1890's a common, relatively inexpensive, and simple-to-use building material.