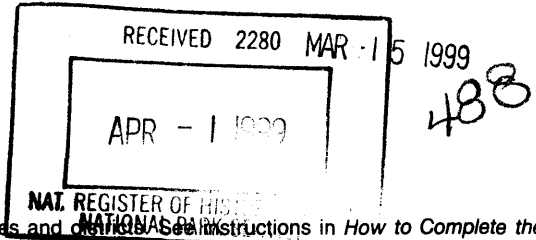


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Green, William House

other names/site number Anderson Hall

2. Location

street & number 1709 Madison Street  Not for publication

city or town Rochester  vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Cedar code 031 zip code 52772

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Tom McCain 3/24/99  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

**STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA**  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date

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State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Edson H. Beall 4/29/99  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

William Green House  
Name of Property

Cedar-Iowa  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

Domestic/Hotel

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone/Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

c a. 1853-1855

Significant Dates

c a. 1853

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lori E. Nelson

organization N/A date

street & number 1939-4th St. telephone 319/946-2019

city or town Tipton state Iowa zip code 52772

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Janet R. Nelson

street & number 1901-2nd St. telephone 319/946-2322

city or town Tipton state Iowa zip code 52772

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Cedar County, Iowa

The William Green House is a L-shaped structure which is located in the historic village of Rochester, Iowa. Its location on the bank of the Cedar River served it well as a hotel and stage stop for overnight guests.

The red brick used in the construction of the house was fired in a kiln at the brick factory started by the first owner, William Green and his son. The location is said to have been one mile north of the village. At the present time, seven other structures of this same brick are still standing, (the school, a store, and five houses), although some have been covered with stucco.

There is a second story L-shaped wooden verandah. On the north side there is a small porch. The second story has 4 bedrooms, one of which has since been converted to a second bathroom. These four rooms open onto the verandah. There are two staircases leading to the second story. The back staircase was added in the early 1900's. At that time the kitchen and first floor bathroom were added. The house has a limestone basement under the two stories facing north. The two stories facing east have no basement, but during recent repair to the bathroom floor, the owner discovered a large hole--possibly an old cellar--under the south portion of the house. The house was said to have a cell-like room extending from the second floor to the basement.

The kitchen which was added about 1920, is of frame construction with no basement. The limestone basement has a bricked-over door. It has not been unsealed.

The first floor windows have been replaced by the previous owner, but the second story windows are old and covered by storm windows.

The house contains seven fireplaces, which were all covered before 1928. The present owner has uncovered one. One complete mantle and one partial mantle are in place. The complete mantle is made with wooden pegs. Much of the woodwork is original, and seven exterior doors are original, all of yellow pine. The first story floors are of yellow pine and have been recently refinished. The main staircase has been stripped and is solid walnut. Much work was involved in this project. The second story bedrooms and front hallway have only sub-flooring, top nailed with square nails. The second story bedroom facing east has beautiful yellow pine flooring, making the present owner believe that this part of the house was added later. The back bedroom, and now the bathroom were only accessible by the second story verandah before the back staircase was added. This was probably because the house was a riverboat hotel and stagecoach stop.

The porch facing north was a verandah with a second story door opening onto it. It was converted to a first floor porch with a slant roof and concrete pillars around 1920. The roofs are all composition shingles at this time. This was done in the last five years.

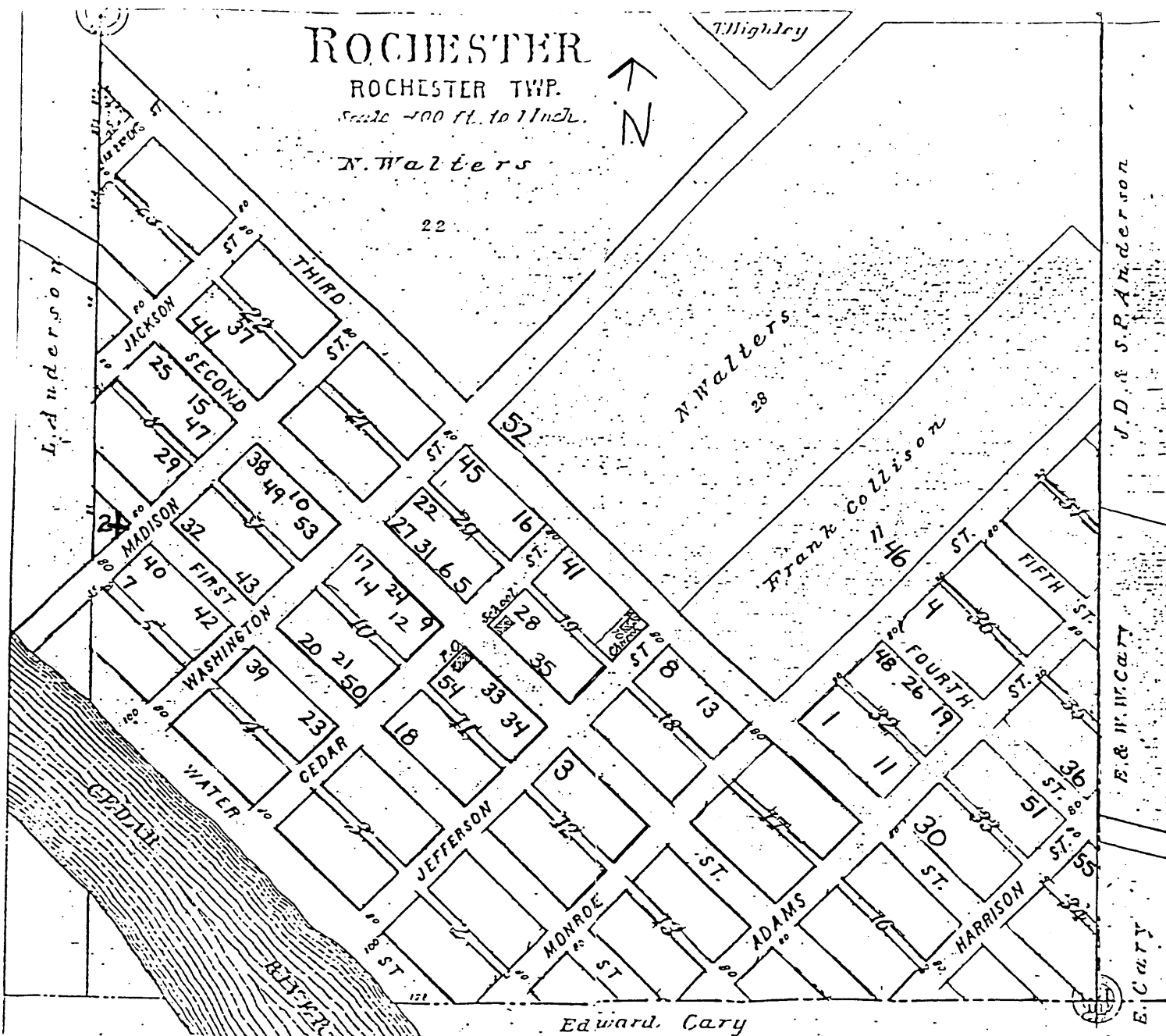
The brick on the house was painted white for many years. About twenty years ago a previous owner had it sandblasted and tuckpointed. Unfortunately for the house this was a bad move. The soft sand brick was deteriorated by the sandblasting and the mortar used was too hard. This needs to be corrected as much as possible. The former owner put plywood over the decking on the verandah and covered the posts with imitation brick. This also needs to be corrected.

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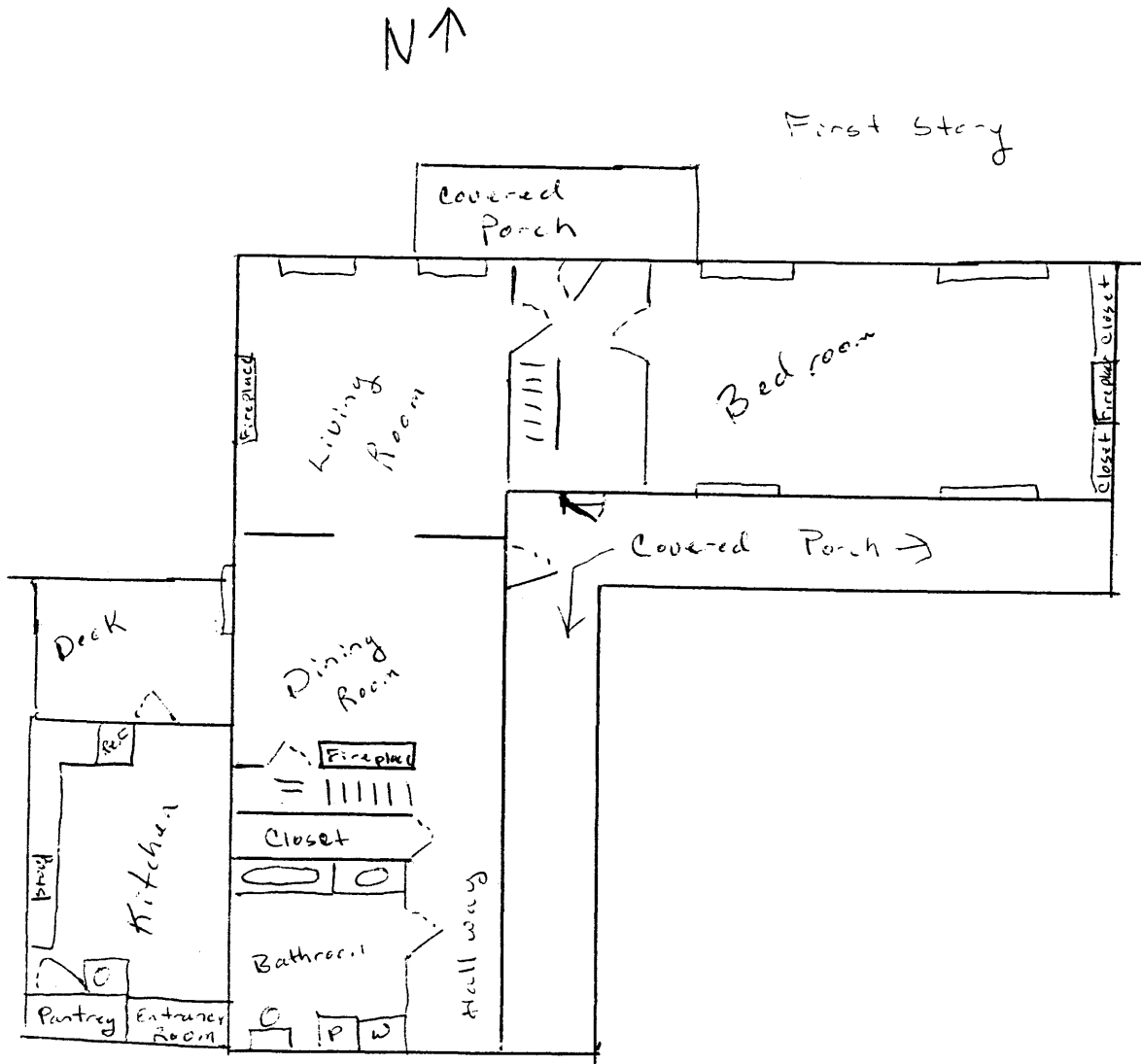


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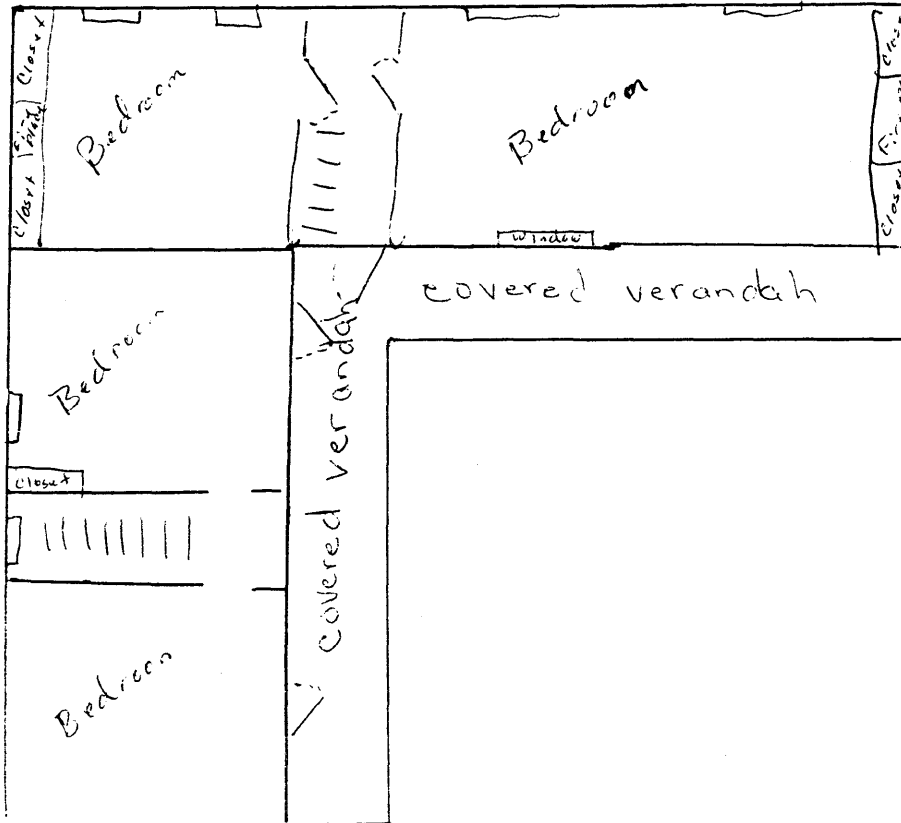
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### Statement of Significance

The William Green House is significant under Criterion A as the principle surviving building associated with the once thriving river village Rochester, Iowa. It was built about 1853 by one of the town's leading entrepreneurs, William Green. He owned a sawmill, brick yard, and other enterprises in association with his son Dr. Noah Green.

Rochester is the oldest town in Cedar County, Iowa. The town was platted in 1836 by William Gordon at the request of the original settlers Stephen Toney and George McCoy. Rochester had been an Indian trading post as early as 1831. George Davenport ran the trading post from 1831-1835. Chief Poweshiek and his band of Fox Indians camped on the east side of the river during that period. Stephen Toney and George McCoy were the first Rochester settlers in 1836, and McCoy was elected county sheriff. In April 1837, Henry Brown a carpenter, settled in Rochester and was the first undertaker in the county. In May 1837, William Green and his family arrived in Rochester. Mr. Green purchased a mill site from one of the first settlers of Rochester, Stephen Toney, and established the first sawmill on nearby Rock Creek. Green was also a partner in the county's first brick kiln which fired its first bricks in 1839, providing building materials for many of Rochester's houses. William Green was active in politics, and was a member of the Rochester delegation to the state legislature in 1840. Rochester was the county seat from 1836-1841. The town had a population of around 500 during its early days, and extended along the river for nearly two miles. Rochester prospered with a tailor shop, two general stores, three blacksmiths, two physicians, two hotels, a three story brick steam flouring-mill, saloons, a Masonic Lodge, and a newspaper among other businesses. The first recorded major flood of the Cedar River occurred in 1839, the same year that the commissioners met to decide on Rochester as the permanent county seat. The severity of the flood caused the decision to go against Rochester, contributing to the town's decline. In 1852, William Green presented an unsuccessful petition with 436 signatures "that the county seat of Cedar County be relocated in Rochester."

The William Green house was built in 1853 on the banks of the Cedar River, on the east side of the Cedar River where the old Rochester Bridge was later built. According to legend this house was a stop on the Underground Railroad assisting runaway slaves to escape. A tunnel was supposed to have existed leading to the river bank. There is a bricked-over doorway in the basement and a cell-like hole under the the south portion of the house. The house is approximately three miles across the river from the site where John Brown stayed near Springdale, from where the raid on Harper's Ferry was planned. The rope ferry operated by Nate Swank ran across the Cedar River and docked at the William Green house. The road leading to Tipton, runs next to the house, and there are a number of houses in Tipton that are believed to have been stops on the Underground Railroad.

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The Cedar County Newsletter, published in Rochester, Iowa 1852, advertises the new stage coach route from Davenport to Iowa City through Rochester. The stage carried passengers, mail and freight, and took twelve hours in good weather.

Dr. William Furnish, retired professor emeritus from the State University of Iowa, discusses the perfect location of the William Green house at the end of the bridge over the Cedar River, as an overnight stop for stage passengers. The house also served passengers traveling by riverboat.

The brick house is a 2-story, L-shaped dwelling with a covered verandah on the river side. The four up-stairs bedrooms (one has since been converted to a bathroom) open on to the balcony, and on the side facing away from the river there is a small porch. At one time this porch was a small square verandah with an upstairs door opening onto it. This porch was later lengthened and the upstairs door converted to a window. There are two staircases leading to the second floor. The back staircase was added in the early 1900's when the kitchen and first floor bathroom were added. During recent repair to the bathroom floor, the owner discovered a large hole-possibly an old cellar-under the south portion of the house, the side of the house where there is no basement. There was said to have been a cell-like room extending from the cellar to the second floor. According to local history, William Green had a daughter with an undesirable suitor; to keep the two from eloping, the daughter was lowered into this cell until things cooled off.

The William Green house fronted on Madison Street, and after construction of the Rochester Bridge in 1880, the Green house was well-placed to serve as a hotel stage station. Lee Anderson became the owner of the Green house in 1910, and members of the Anderson family lived in the house until 1947. During this period the house was identified as "Anderson Hall" and held dances and community affairs.

The exterior of the William Green House at Rochester, Iowa has not been altered except for the addition of the kitchen around 1900 and the small verandah on the north side converted to a first floor porch. Very few structural changes have taken place on the interior with exception to those for the bathrooms and updates for the kitchen.

Future archeological research may show that the property has significance under Criterion D.



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### Verbal boundary description

Part of Block 6, Rochester, Cedar County, Iowa, and part of vacated First Street, Rochester, and part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 79 North, Range 3, West of the 5th Principle Meridian, Cedar County, Iowa.

### Verbal boundary justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the William Green House.

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Photograph #1: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1934-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: North and west sides of William Green House, camera facing south and east.

Photograph #2: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: North and sides of the William Green House, camera facing south and east.

Photograph #3: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: South and east sides of the William Green House, camera facing north and west.

Photograph #4: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: North side of William Green House, camera facing south.

Photograph #5: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998.  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: East side of the William Green House, camera facing west.

Photograph #6: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, Iowa 52772  
Description of photo: South and east side of the William Green House, camera facing north and west.

Photograph #7: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer  
Date of photo: August, 1998  
Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772  
Description of photo: Entire south and east sides of the William Green House, camera facing north and west.

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Photograph #8: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer

Date of photo: August, 1998

Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772

Description of photo: Inside the William Green House living room, original fireplace,  
camera facing west.

Photograph #9: Lori E. Nelson, Photographer

Date of photo: August, 1998

Location of original negative: 1939-4th Street - Tipton, IA. 52772

Description of photo: North and west sides of the William Green House, camera  
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