

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Iowa	
COUNTY: Henry	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAY 25 1973



1. NAME

COMMON:
Harlan-Lincoln Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
James A. Harlan Home

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
101 West Broad

CITY OR TOWN:
Mount Pleasant

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Henry CODE: 087

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Iowa Wesleyan College

STREET AND NUMBER:
601 North Main

CITY OR TOWN: Mount Pleasant STATE: Iowa CODE: 52641 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Henry County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 East Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Mount Pleasant STATE: Iowa CODE: 52641 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Not Applicable

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The date of the house's original construction is unknown. In 1854 it was purchased by James Harlan, who extensively remodeled it in 1872 or 1873, when it became the Harlan family's permanent residence. At that time Harlan had the addition erected on the west side of the house, and also had a veranda built along the front. The veranda was later removed, replaced by a small porch over the front entrance. In the 1930's a rear portion of the structure was removed.

The house is Italianate in the Venetian tradition, with triangular pediments and corner pillasters. Five four-light, double-hung windows, three on the second floor and two on the ground floor, flank the front door. A wide-bracketed cornice supports a hip roof containing a flat lantern. Twin, bracketed bay windows project from the east wall. The house is an unusual combination of Italianate form with classic and high Victorian detail.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

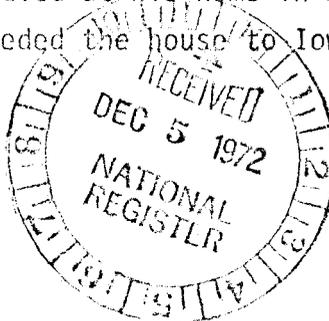
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

James Harlan (1820-1899) was the first Iowan to hold Cabinet rank in the United States government. A leading Whig in Iowa politics after his removal to the state from Indiana in the 1840's, Harlan settled in Mount Pleasant as president of Iowa Wesleyan College in 1853. Two years later he won election to the United States Senate, where he soon shifted his allegiance to the newly formed Republican Party and became an important spokesman for western interests. During the Civil War he was one of a group of Republican Senators frequently consulted by President Lincoln, who shortly before his assassination elevated Harlan to the post of Secretary of the Interior. Harlan served in this capacity under President Andrew Johnson until mid 1866, finally resigning in protest against Johnson's Reconstruction policy. He returned to the Senate the following year to vote for Johnson's impeachment and served until defeated for re-election in 1872.

In 1868 his daughter, Mary Eunice Harlan, married Robert Todd Lincoln, son of the martyred sixteenth President, in the house at Mount Pleasant. In subsequent years Robert Lincoln and his family frequently spent their summers there. Harlan died at his home in Mount Pleasant in 1899, and in 1907 his daughter deeded the house to Iowa Wesleyan College.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

John Brigham, James Harlan (Iowa City, Iowa, 1913).

"A Pictorial History of Mount Pleasant--Item 19," Mount Pleasant (Iowa) Free Press, July 17, 1947.

R. Gerald McMurtry, "The Harlan-Lincoln Tradition at Iowa Wesleyan College," Lincoln Herald, 48 (October, 1946).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"
NE	0	.	"	0	.	"	40	58	18	91	32	57
SE	0	.	"	0	.	"						
SW	0	.	"	0	.	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
<u>Not Applicable</u>			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY: <u>DEC 5 1972</u>	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 ✓ Mrs. Kay Lange, Director, James A. Harlan Home

ORGANIZATION: Iowa Wesleyan College DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
601 North Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Mount Pleasant STATE: Iowa CODE: 52641 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Adrian B. Anderson

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 22 Nov. 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

R. L. ...
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/25/73

ATTEST:
...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 5 23 73

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