

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

received

date entered

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Brazelton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 401 North Main

not for publication

city, town Mount Pleasant

vicinity of

state Iowa

code 19

county Henry

code 087

3. Classification

Category

___ district

building(s)

___ structure

___ site

___ 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

___ educational

___ entertainment

___ government

___ industrial

___ military

___ museum

___ park

private residence

___ religious

___ scientific

___ transportation

___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. Larry L. Belles

street & number 277 Barrington Street

city, town Rochester

vicinity of

state New York 14607

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Henry County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Mount Pleasant

state 52641

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built in 1858, the Brazelton House is located in a residential neighborhood which was heavily developed in Mount Pleasant between 1875 and 1925. Locally known as one of the "Three Sister Houses" for their similar Italianate style, the other two houses are located one block south and one block west of the Brazelton House.

The 38' x 49' two story brick house features an asymmetrical design, typical of the picturesque tradition, with segmental arched windows, heavy bracketing at the eaves, and an ornamental porch with fluted corinthian columns. A square wooden tower at the center of the main facade is topped by an octagonal coupola and a finial on the roof. A bay with side turrets is on the north side of the building. On the south side is a one story bay window with brackets and tall, round arched windows. In 1925, the north-west porch was enlarged and the balustrade removed and subsequently incorporated into an addition in 1967.

The interior originally had wide pine floors on the first floor which have been carpeted. A large white marble fireplace is located in the parlor. The original horsehair plaster is well maintained but the ornate window moldings have been painted. Presumably the woodwork was black walnut to match the staircase. In 1925 the downstairs bath was added. The pine floors have been restored on the second floor, probably at the same time this floor was remodeled with a kitchen and bath as a separate living space in 1925.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1858

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As one of the earliest substantial homes built in Mount Pleasant, the Brazelton House is a valuable contribution to the history of domestic architecture in the town. William P. Brazelton was one of the early leaders in the development of Mount Pleasant, owning the Brazelton Banking House and the Brazelton Hotel during the mid-1800's. Even today, the house is an imposing landmark, but when it was built, before the surrounding structures were constructed, its design and ornamentation were considered to be outstanding. The interesting combination of stylistic elements makes this house of special interest vis a vis local architecture of this era. The large front porch has a Moorish flavor, despite the Corinthian columns and heavy brackets with pendants. The tower exhibits a Romanesque influence with the triple round arched windows within a round arched drip molding. These windows, however, are placed between the segmental arched window hoods of the other windows, more typical of the Italianate style. The Romanesque influence can also be seen in the two story turretted bay, the one story bay, and the coupolas with their elongated round arched windows. Despite the eclectic use of style elements, the design is pulled together by the large double brackets, by smaller single brackets, and by a balance of projecting and receding shapes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of Title.

Bird's Eye View of Mount Pleasant, n.p., 1869.

Henry County Deed Records, Tax Records.

Mount Pleasant Home Journal, 17 January 1863.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ~~less than one acre~~

Quadrangle name Mount Pleasant

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

A

1	5	6	2	1	7	8	0	4	5	3	6	2	1	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 43
Lot 1 and the South 24 feet of Lot 2, excepting the West 50' thereof in Thompson's Subdivision, City of Mt. Pleasant. Measures from west line of Main St. and 60' N or NE corner of Lot 6, Block 43, north 80', West 10-', south 88', east to pt. of beg.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Iowa code 19 county Henry code 087

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date 13 December 1982

Historical Building
street & number East 12th and Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50 319

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Adrian A. Anderson

title Executive Director, Iowa State Historical Department date 24 November 1982

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Photo # 1

Brazelton House
401 North Main
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Photo No. 1
By: David L. Cordes
Date: 11 November 1980
View: to west

Photo # 2

Brazelton House
401 North Main
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Photo No. 2
By: David L. Cordes
Date: 11 November 1980
View: to north

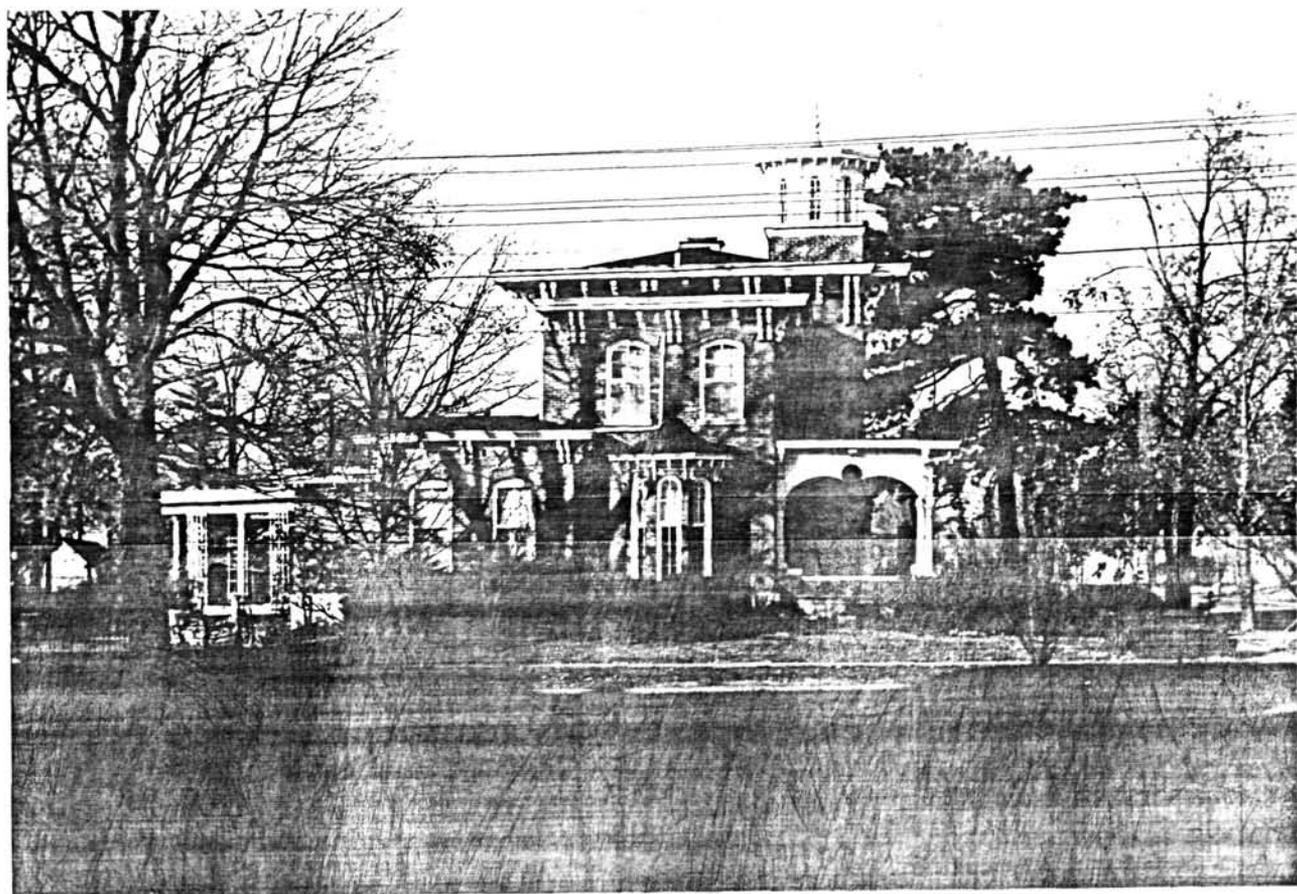
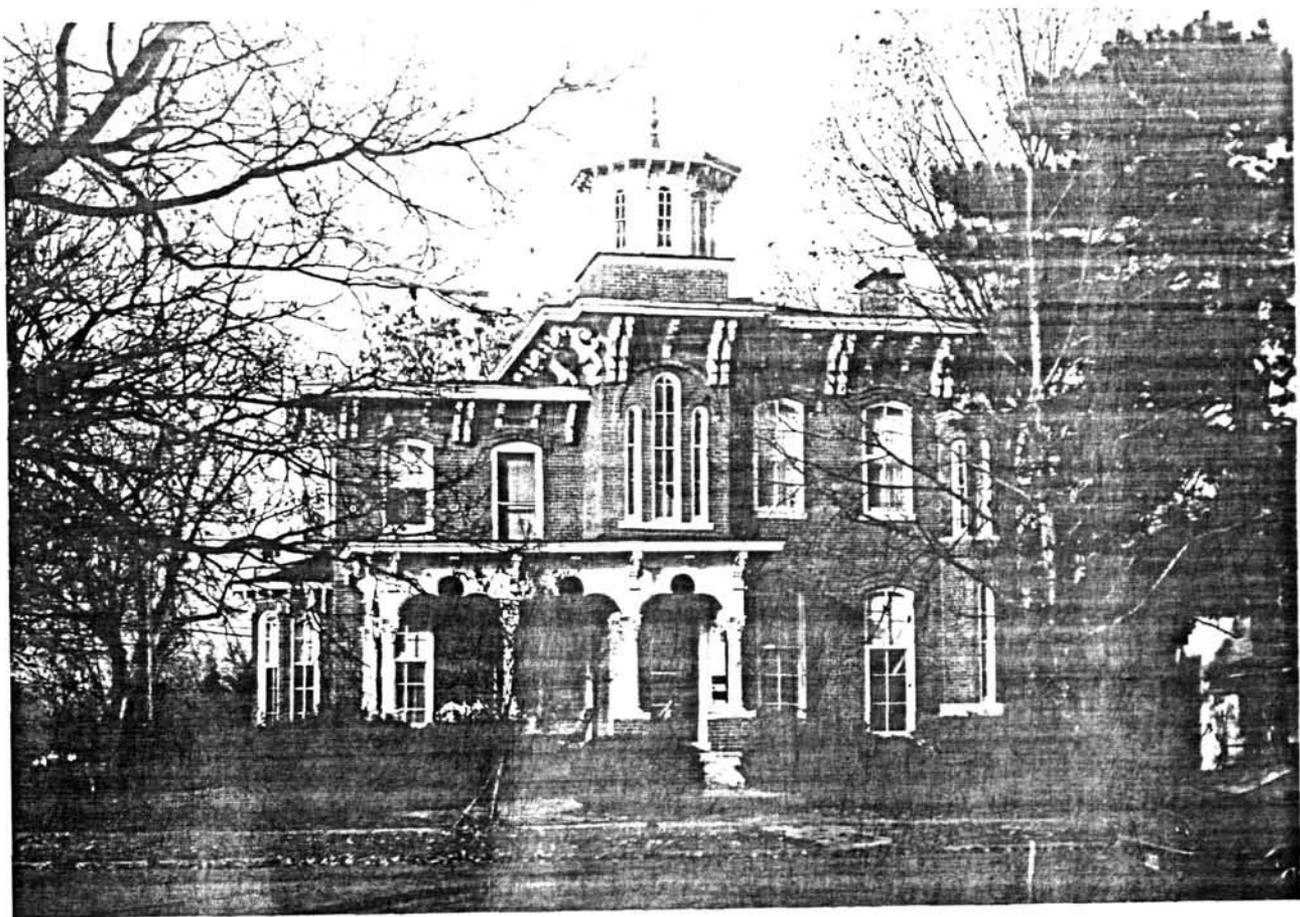


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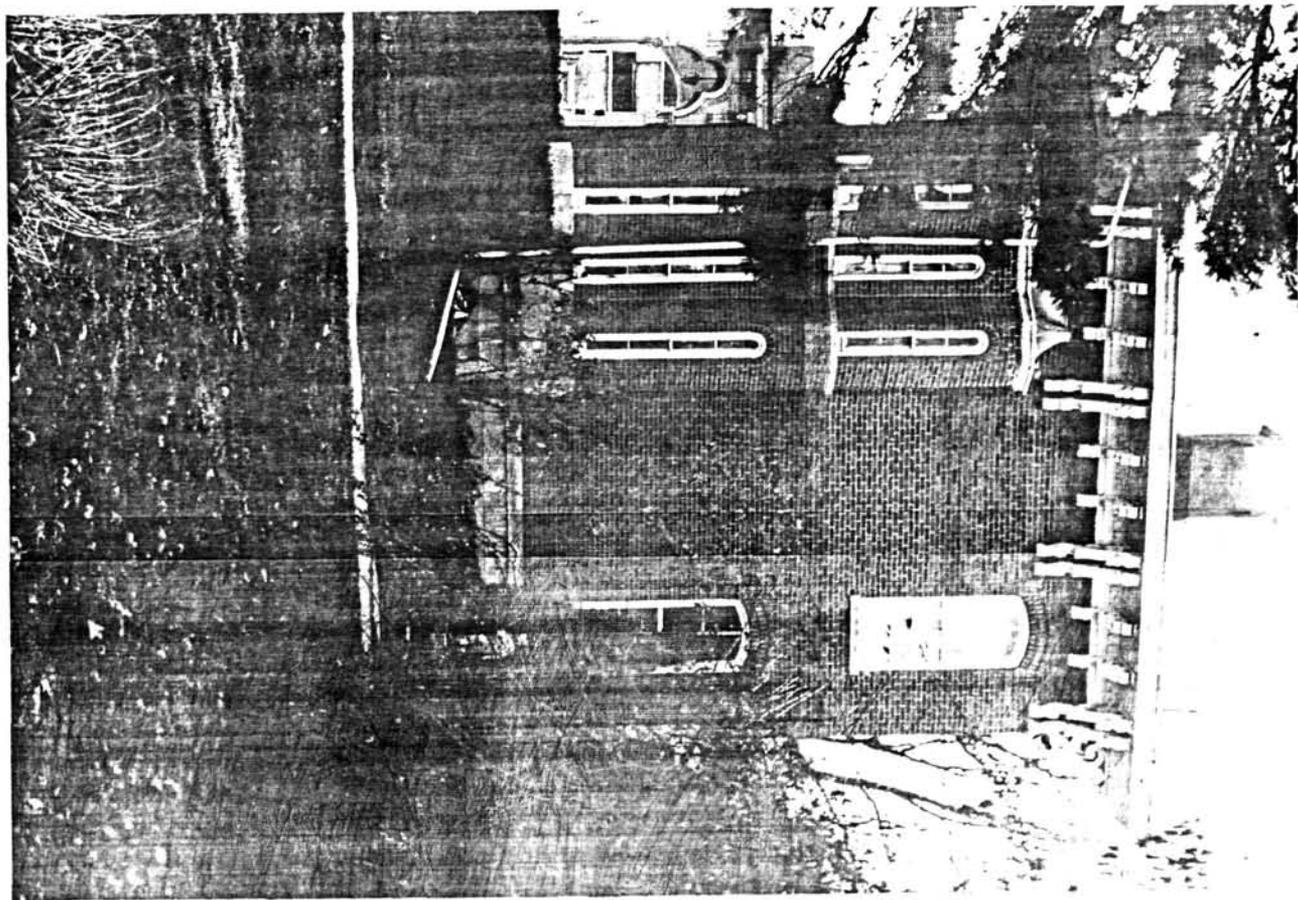
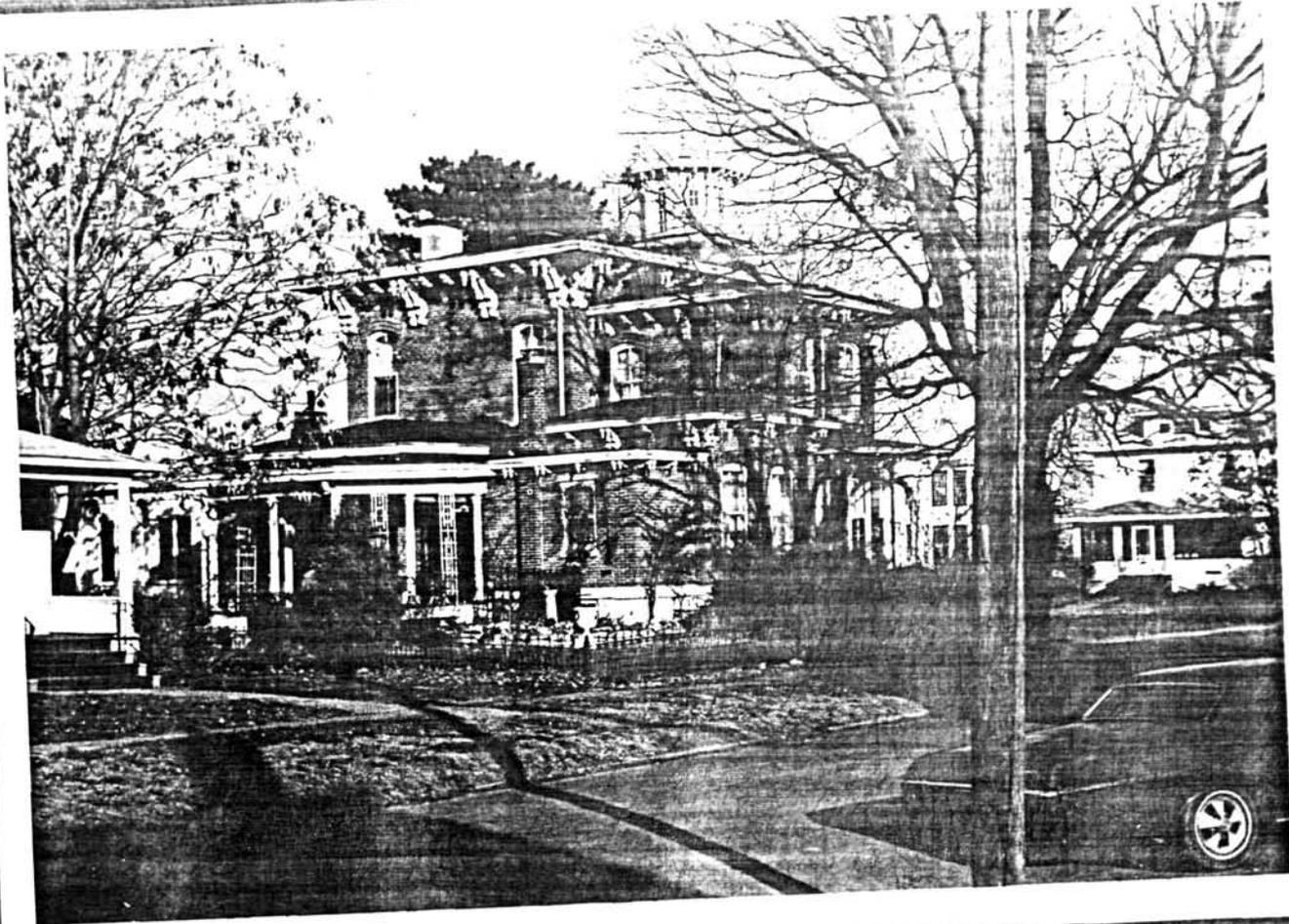
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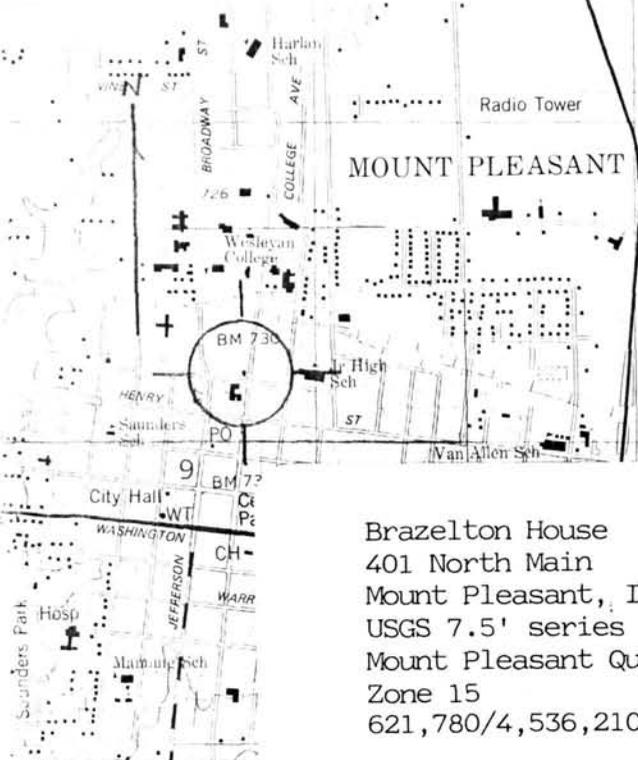
Brazelton House
401 North Main
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Photo No. 3
By: David L. Cordes
Date: 11 November 1980
View: to northeast

Photo # 4

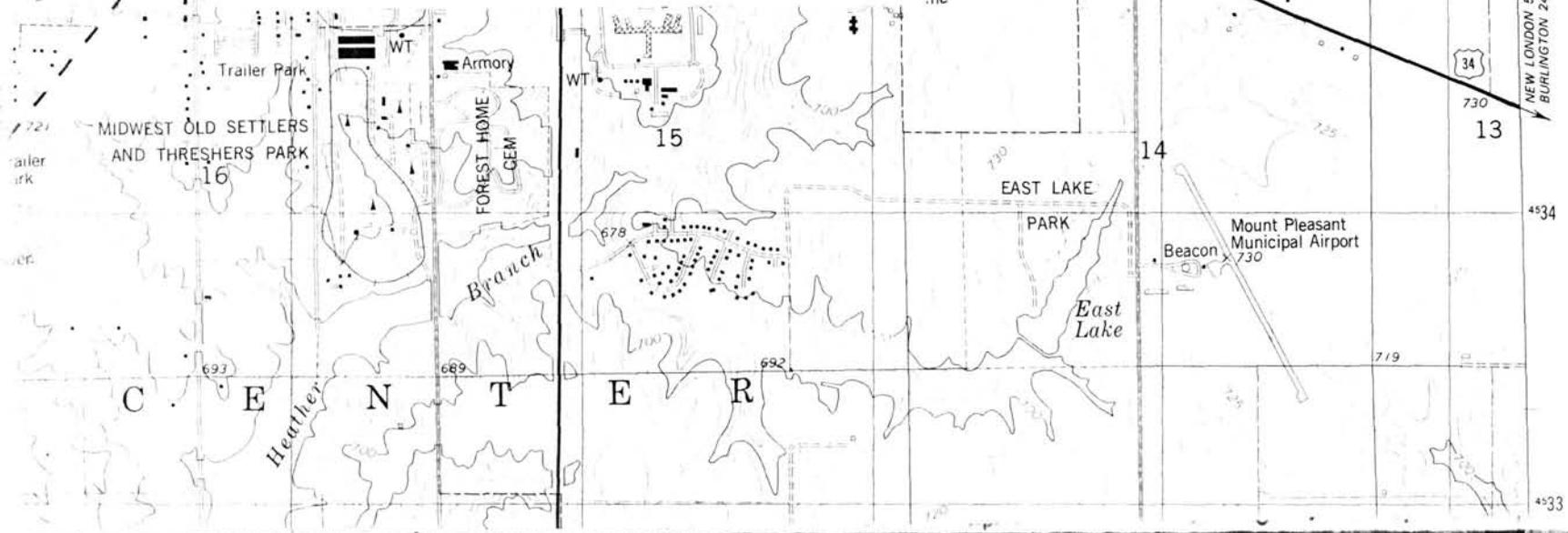
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Brazelton House
401 North Main
Mount Pleasant, Iowa
Photo No. 4
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View: to south





Brazelton House
 401 North Main
 Mount Pleasant, Iowa
 USGS 7.5' series
 Mount Pleasant Quadrangle
 Zone 15
 621,780/4,536,210



4537
 4536
 57'30"
 4534
 4533

NEW LONDON 5 MI
 BURLINGTON 24 MI

