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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME
HISTORIC
1.0.0.F. Hall
AND/OR COMMON
Garnavillo Lodge Hall

LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Centre Street
CITY. TOWN
Garnavillo
STATE
Iowa
VICINITY OF
—NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second
COUNTY CODE
Clayton

CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
—DISTRICT
X BUILDING(S)
—STRUCTURE
—SITE
—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
X PUBLIC
—PRIVATE
—BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
—IN PROCESS
—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
—OCCUPIED
—UNOCCUPIED
X WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
X YES: RESTRICTED
—YES: UNRESTRICTED
—NO

PRESENT USE
—AGRICULTURE
X MUSEUM
—COMMERCIAL
—PARK
—EDUCATIONAL
—PRIVATE RESIDENCE
—ENTERTAINMENT
—RELIGIOUS
—GOVERNMENT
—SCIENTIFIC
—INDUSTRIAL
—TRANSPORTATION
—MILITARY
—OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
Garnavillo Historical Society, c/o Arnold Roggman
STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN
Garnavillo
STATE
Iowa
VICINITY OF
52049

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clayton County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY. TOWN
Elkader
STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY. TOWN

STATE
This two-story, front gable frame building was erected in 1860, by the local Odd Fellows chapter. A few years later, an addition was made to the south end, lengthening the building by about 12 feet. There is a solid stone foundation under the original three-quarters of the building, while the rear is supported on short stone "piers". The standing-seam metal roof has a brick chimney at the southwest corner.

The main elevation (approx. 20' across) features a triangular pediment with louvred fanlight in the tympanum, and corner pilasters. The central entrance has two doors and is flanked by single 2/2 double hung sash windows. There are two 9/6 d.h.s. windows at second floor level, between which is the Masonic emblem.

The west side has two windows on the first floor. On the east side, toward the rear, are three doors, each opening into a separate room. The rear elevation features partially returned cornices and a louvred fanlight, two second-floor windows and a single window on the first floor.

The first floor contains one large room (the dimensions of the original building) used as the public library and community center for many years. It has plaster walls (now panelled) and a dropped ceiling. At the southeast corner of this room is a small vestibule, opening onto the staircase to the second floor, and a small room occupying the rear of the building.

Three-fourths of the upper floor forms the lodge hall, which features a coved plaster ceiling. A platform, about 8' high and 3' wide, runs-around three sides of the room, and is furnished with chairs from which lodge members viewed ceremonial proceedings in the center. The rear portion of this floor contains the staircase and two small rooms.

The lodge hall is located on the south side of the town square, with residential area to the west and commercial structures to the east. On the west side of the square is the former Congregational Church, built in 1866 (NRHP 27March1977).
The I.O.O.F. Hall at Garnavillo is a very nice example of Greek Revival architecture, a style which is relatively uncommon in Iowa. (Iowa settlement began at the height of the Greek Revival's popularity, but most of the state's remaining architecture expresses later 19th and 20th century styles.) Principal features of the hall are the triangular pediment and corner pilasters of the main facade. The building is also noteworthy as a very early fraternal hall, and the lodge room on the second floor appears to have retained much of its original character, thus contributing substantially to the building's significance.

The I.O.O.F. lodge at Garnavillo was first organized in 1850. It was reorganized in 1860, apparently for the purpose of erecting a meeting hall for the organization's own use and for that of the community at large. The first floor housed the Garnavillo Union library, and was the site of numerous community gatherings. The I.O.O.F. members met in the upper, ceremonial room, which as was (and is) typical of many fraternal organizations, was never open to the public. In 1936 the local Masonic order purchased the building (the Odd Fellows having disbanded). The Masons substituted their own emblems for those of the Odd Fellows, but otherwise left the lodge room intact. The Garnavillo Historical Society purchased the building in 1976, and will maintain it as a museum.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Clayton County Journal, 3/9/1855; 2/27/1860; April, 1864.
100F Lodge Records, now in Garnavillo Historical Society Museum, Garnavillo, Iowa.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one
QUADRANGLE NAME: Garnavillo, Iowa
QUADRANGLE SCALE: 1:24,000

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:
The East 51 feet of Lot 8, Block 12, Original Town Plat of Garnavillo, Clayton Co. IA

FORM PREPARED BY
M.H. Bowers, Historian
Division of Historic Preservation
26 East Market Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION
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
Title: Director, Division of Historic Preservation
Date: 5/1/79

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE: 6/18/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
DATE: 5/1/79
LODGE HALL
Garnavillo, Ia.

Built in 1860 by the Oddfellows, later owned and used by Masons.

Outside Measurements
20½' x 48½'

Lower Floor
Ceiling height - 8' - 4"
Walls - Paneling.
Ceiling - Celotex blocks.
Floor - Wood flooring.

On Center St.
Lot 8, Blk. 12
Facing the City Square.
Outside Measurements 20½' x 48½'.

The platforms along each side are lined with chairs, this is where the members sat. The officials were seated on the front platform.