

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	DALLAS
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	NOV 26 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:	Dallas County Courthouse
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:			
Town Square, bordering Eighth and Main			
CITY OR TOWN:		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
Adel		Fifth	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Iowa	14	Dallas	049

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☒ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☒ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) ☐ Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

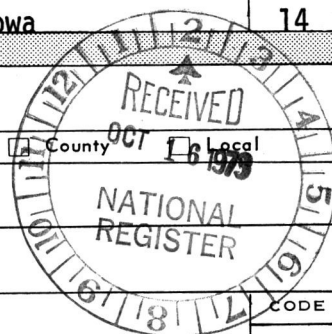
OWNER'S NAME:	Dallas County
STREET AND NUMBER:	Eighth and Main
CITY OR TOWN:	Adel
STATE:	Iowa
CODE	14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:	Eighth and Main
CITY OR TOWN:	Adel
STATE	Iowa
CODE	14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:	
DATE OF SURVEY:	☐ Federal ☐ State ☒ County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	
STATE:	



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent☒ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

☐ Altered☒ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A three and one-half story building (84' x 126') of Bedford gray stone, the Dallas County Courthouse has not suffered any major alterations since its construction in 1902. Considered to have been designed with the French Renaissance in mind, this building has the ornately carved dormers and the rounded cone-crowned corner towers of that style. The red-shingled roof is high-pitched and irregular. At the center a 128 foot clock tower with parabolic dome appears. Story divisions are boldly marked by strong stone horizontals. The vertical groupings of the window openings are equally as pronounced. All corner windows have curved panes. (These are currently under consideration for replacement by rectangular aluminum framed glazing.) A rusticated stone foundation supports the whole. Only minor remodeling has occurred on the interior where oak wood trim, wood floors, cast iron stairs and slate stair treads contribute to its finish. The original electric wiring has been replaced. The hot water pipe heating system remains. The entire building was sandblasted within the last ten years.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☒ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1902

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Education

☐ Political

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Engineering

☐ Religion/Phi-

☒ Other (Specify)

☐ Historic

☐ Industry

losophy

Government

☐ Agriculture

☐ Invention

☐ Science

☒ Architecture

☐ Landscape

☐ Sculpture

☐ Art

Architecture

☐ Social/Human-

☐ Commerce

☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications

☐ Military

☐ Theater

☐ Conservation

☐ Music

☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed by the Iowa firm of W. T. Proudfoot and George Bird, the Dallas County Courthouse was constructed in 1902 at a cost of \$109,243.00. Since that time, local residents have delighted in the building's similarity to the French Chateau Azay-le-Rideau at Indre-et-Loire, west of Tours. A sixteenth century building, built to the specifications of Francis I by his chief treasurer, Gilles Berthelot. The chateau was reputedly the direct source of inspiration for designer George Bird. Proudfoot and Bird also designed the Salt Lake City Courthouse in Utah and the Polk County Courthouse in Iowa. Still in very good condition and used for its original purpose, the Dallas County Courthouse continues to present a distinguished and prominent profile for the enjoyment of residents for miles around.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mick Youngman, Adel News, October 6, 1965.

Des Moines Register, May 31, 1964.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

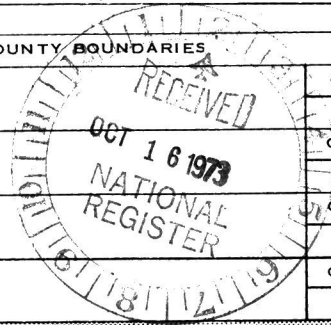
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



15/415230
4607630
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Clarence S. Hill		DATE: May 1973
ORGANIZATION:		
STREET AND NUMBER: Route #1		
CITY OR TOWN: Minburn 50167	STATE: Iowa	CODE: 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 ☒ (Act 105)

Name

Adrian A. Johnson

Title

Historic Preservation Officer

Date

September 20, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert M. Utley

Associate Director, Professional Services

Date

11/26/73

ATTEST:

Wm J. Mumty
Keeper of The National Register

Date

11-26-73

PROPERTY

Dallas County Courthouse

STATE

Iowa

73000723
Dallas

WORKING NUMBER

10.16.73.3785.

TECH REVIEW

PHOTOS

1

MAPS

1

CONTROL REVIEW

cm
10/17/73

HISTORIAN

could be better info. but all County
Courthouses are locally sign.OK
Accept
HML
10/17/73

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Justified under govt too
not elaborated onAccept
10/18/73
C. Shull

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
KHC
10/23/73

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

Accept
C. Shull
10/21/73

KEEPER

Com
11/26

National Register Write-up

1-11-74

Send-back

Federal Register entry

1-1-74

Re-submit

Entered

NOV 26 1973

INT: 1538-73

INSERT PHOTOS



NPS Number 11/26/73

Title: Dallas County Courthouse

Form No. 10-301a
(7/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE Iowa	
COUNTY Dallas	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	NOV 26 1973

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AND/OR HISTORIC:

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STREET AND NUMBER:
Town square, bordering 8th & Main.
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Adel
STATE: Iowa

CODE
14

COUNTY:

Dallas

CODE
049

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: George T. DeFord, Editor and General Manager,
Dallas County News
DATE OF PHOTO: August 3, 1973
NEGATIVE FILED AT:
Dallas County News Office

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of the southeast corner of the courthouse

INT: 154-72

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

1. NAME

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NUMERICAL CODE (Assigned by NPS)

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2. LOCATION

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN

Iowa

Dallas

Adel

STREET AND NUMBER

Town Square, Bordering Eighth and Main

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE

DATE

SCALE

U.S. G. S.

1949

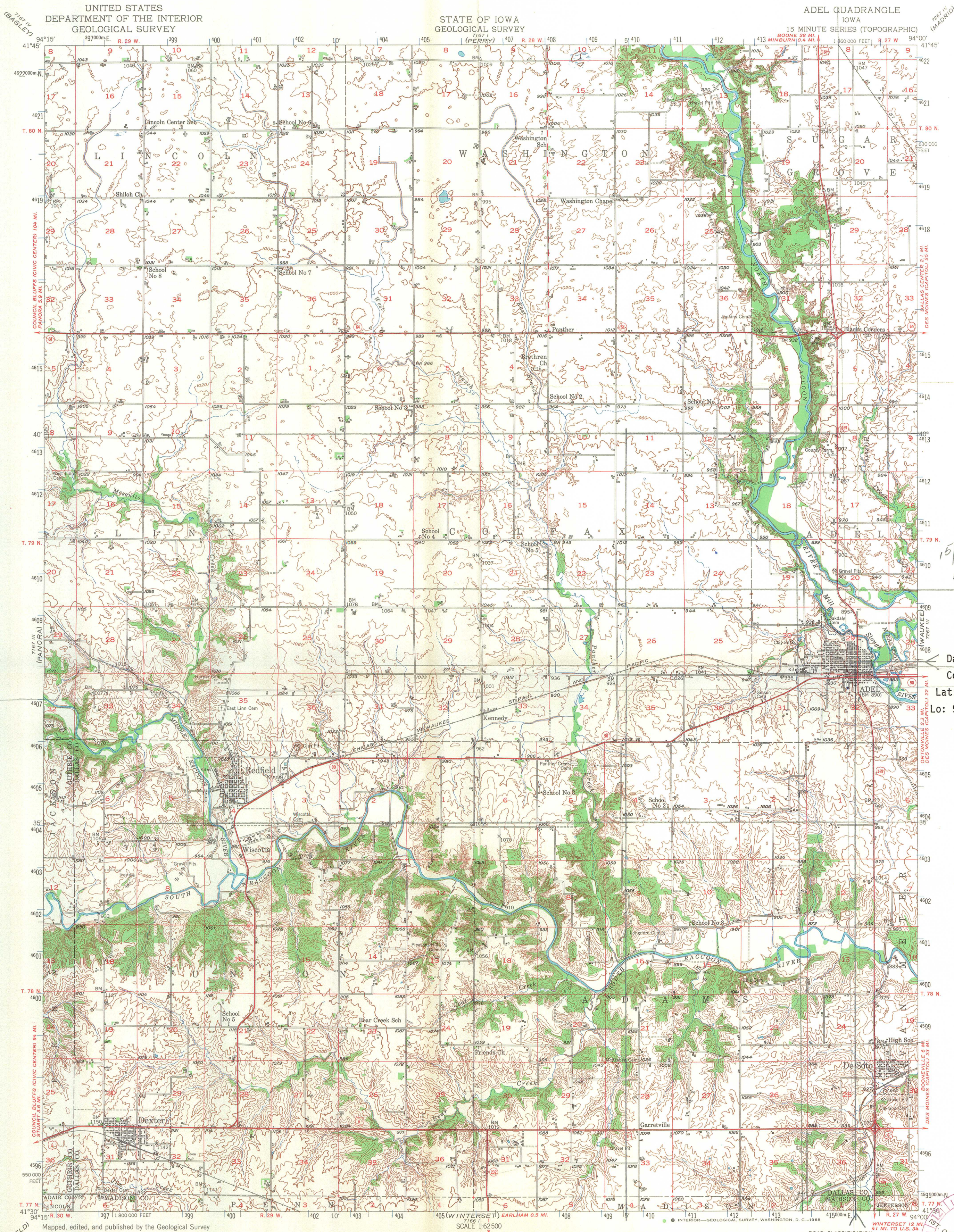
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW:

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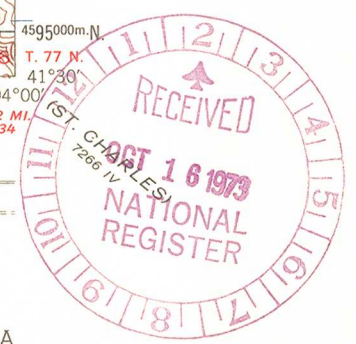
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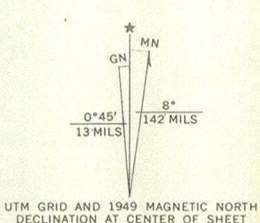


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4607630

Dallas Co.
Courthouse
Lat: 41°37'05"
Lo: 94°00'57"



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by multiplex methods from aerial photographs
taken 1947, and by plane-table surveys 1949
Field check 1949
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system,
south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue



SCALE 1:62,500
CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

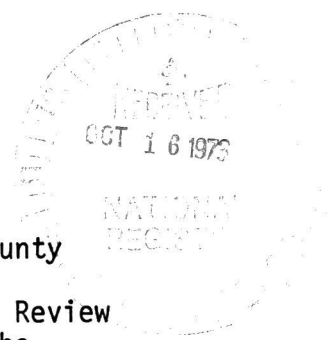
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ADEL, IOWA
N4130-W9400/15
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STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the nomination of the Dallas County Courthouse, Dallas County, Iowa to the National Register of Historic Places has been approved by a majority of the State Review Committee for Historic Sites. We recommend transmittal of the nomination forms to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places.



Robert R. Dykstra 7-10-73
Dr. Robert R. Dykstra Date

Marshall McKusick 9-20-73
Dr. Marshall McKusick Date

David Gradwohl 10-2-73
Dr. David Gradwohl Date

Wesley L. Shank 6-18-73
Mr. Wesley I. Shank Date

Jack D. Musgrove 7-24-73
Mr. Jack Musgrove Date

Gerry Schnepf 8-10-73
Mr. Gerry Schnepf Date

Richard Shutler Jr. 7-20-73
Dr. Richard Shutler, Jr. Date

Peter T. Harstad 7/17/73
Dr. Peter T. Harstad Date

Adrian D. Anderson 9/20/73
Mr. Adrian D. Anderson Date

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October 11, 1973

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Please find enclosed herewith the completed National Register of Historic Places nomination forms for the Dallas County Courthouse, Adel, Iowa.

We would appreciate it very much if you would have your staff review this site for National Register status.

Thank you for your courtesies and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Shay
Secretary
State Historic Preservation Program
B-13 MacLean Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

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Enclosures

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE **IOWA**

Date Entered **NOV 26 1973**

Name

Location

Dallas County Courthouse

**Adel
Dallas County**

Also Notified

**Hon. Harold E. Hughes
Hon. Richard C. Clark
Hon. William J. Scherle**

Director, Midwest Region

**State Historic Preservation Officer
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