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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Porter Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

706 Drake Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Centerville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Appanoose

CODE

**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

Joseph and Shirley K. Hammond

STREET & NUMBER

706 Drake Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Centerville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 52554

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Appanoose County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centerville

STATE

Iowa

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

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

This house dates from just after World War I, and is an example of that era's "period house", in this case modelled on medieval and Tudor forms. The house is 2½ stories, of wood frame construction, the exterior worked in half-timber and stucco, on a base, rising to the level of the first floor window sills, of brick.

The main facade features a large front gable, intersected by full-height open gables on each side. Each gable features molded vergeboards culminating in finials. On the south side, the second story overhangs a first-floor screened porch which extends beyond the upper floor and is topped with a deck at the SE corner. The screened openings of this porch have shallow pointed arches of Tudor influence. At the rear, the house is extended by means of overhanging second-story masses supported on large triangular brackets. There are two chimneys, both fairly tall, with corbelled caps and double flues.

Fenestration is irregular, but characterized for the most part by the use of multi-light casement windows that open out. Standard double hung sash windows are used on the front elevation.

The main entrance, to right of center in the front gable, is set beneath a small shed roof supported on triangular brackets, and within a wide wood frame of pilasters supporting a shallow Tudor arch.

The interior is characterized by very plain molded doorframes and exposed beams, all of oak, as is the flooring. The beams are carried on flat oak pilasters with narrow molded capitals. The main stairhall is open a full two floors, with shallowly-vaulted ceiling that repeats the broad, shallow arch above the second story landing.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is locally significant as a well-kept example of early 20th century picturesque revival domestic architecture, the style represented here being an adaptation of the English medieval half-timber form. Porter Hall displays the more obvious elements of the style, including the half-timberwork, cambered "tie beam", overhanging second stories, "Tudor" arches, and multilight casement windows. Treatment of the interior is suggestive of Craftsman influences; noteworthy elements include the exposed posts and beams, windows in interior walls for increased ventilation, craftsman-style main staircase and built-in cupboards. The medieval theme is not fully carried through (for example, the use of double hung sash at the front, and the shallow, flat-roofed rear additions), but the overall intention to emulate a picturesque medieval form is clearly expressed.

The house achieved its present aspect under the ownership of Dr. Charles James. The present owner believes Dr. James began work on the house in 1917, but Sanborn fire insurance maps indicate major expansion of the main block as early as 1913, with further expansion to the rear by 1924. The present owner believes that the present form of the house derives from a major remodelling of a house built here in 1882 by George Neuse. To date, no illustrations of the earlier house have been found, and there is no clear physical evidence of an earlier house within the present structure. Confirmation of this theory would require detailed investigation of the premises.

The property holds local interest historically, in that Claude C. Porter lived at this address from 1906-1909 (thus the origin of the common name for the house). Porter (1872-1946) had an active political career at the state level, and in his later years achieves appointive posts in Washington. He was born in Centerville, and after schooling at Parsons College and law school in St. Louis, opened a legal practice in his home town, in 1893. Although a Democrat in a heavily Republican district, Porter was elected in 1895 to the state House of Representatives, and he served two terms before being elected to the Iowa Senate (also for two terms, 1900-04). For 20 years (1906-26) Porter was a perennial candidate (governor, senator) for the Democrats.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sage, Leland L. A History of Iowa. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1974.

Hammond, Shirley K. "The History of Porter Hall", typescript, 1979

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

**ACREAGE NOT IDENTIFIED**

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Centerville, Iowa; Mo.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:250,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1, 5 | 5, 1, 0, 8, 0, 0 | 4, 5, 0, 8, 2, 0, 0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B    |    |     
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C    |    |   

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E    |    |   

F    |    |   

G    |    |   

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 13 and the North half of Lot 16 in Block 2, J.W. Lane's Second Addition to Centerville; Appanoose Co., Iowa

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. H. Bowers, Historian

September, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

319-353-6949

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

TELEPHONE

Iowa 52240

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City,

STATE

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

December 3, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Carl D. Stahl*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1-24-80

ATTEST:

*William H. Graham*

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

1-23-80

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Property Parter Hall

State La - Appomattox

Working Number 12-11-79 2913

**TECHNICAL**

**CONTROL**

Photos 9

Maps 1

**HISTORIAN**

*locally significant Tutor revival structure with associations with area political figure.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*accept  
Braham  
1.23.80*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*accept  
Braham  
1.23.80*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

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Entered JAN 24 1980

Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

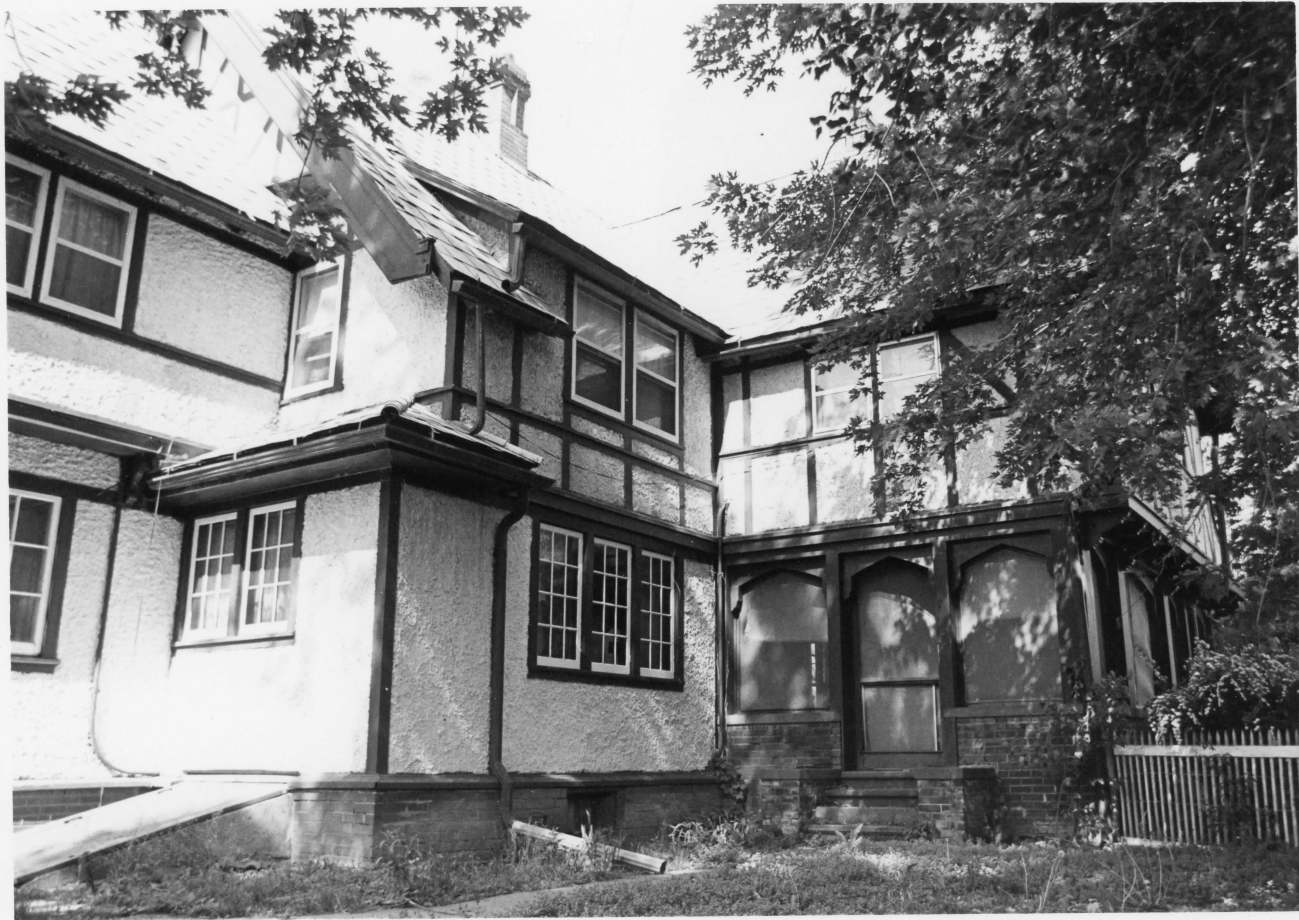
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Porter Hall  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA  
Credit: Cindy Sherrard  
Date: 1979  
Neg.at: Hammond  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, IA.  
View: East (main) and north  
elevations.

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JAN 24 1980



Porter Hall  
706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.

Credit: Cindy Sherrard

Date: 1979

Neg.at: Hammond  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, IA.

View: Looking NE.

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706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.  
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Date: 1979  
Neg. at: Hammond  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, IA.  
View: South gable of  
screened porch.

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706 Drake Avenue  
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View: Garage, from NE

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Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.  
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Date: 1979  
Neg. at: Hammond  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, IA.  
View: Interior, looking  
E from dining room  
into living room.

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706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.  
Credit: Cindy Sherrard  
Date: 1979  
Neg.at: Hammond  
706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, IA.  
View: From living room,  
looking SE.

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Porter Hall  
706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, Appanoose  
County, Iowa

Credit: Cindy Sherrard

Date: 1979

Neg.at: Hammond

706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, IA.

View: Staircase from  
second floor  
landing, looking  
north.

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Porter Hall  
706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.

Credit: Cindy Sherrard

Date: 1979

Neg.at: Hammond  
706 Drake Avenue  
Centerville, IA.

View: Staircase, from mid-  
floor landing.

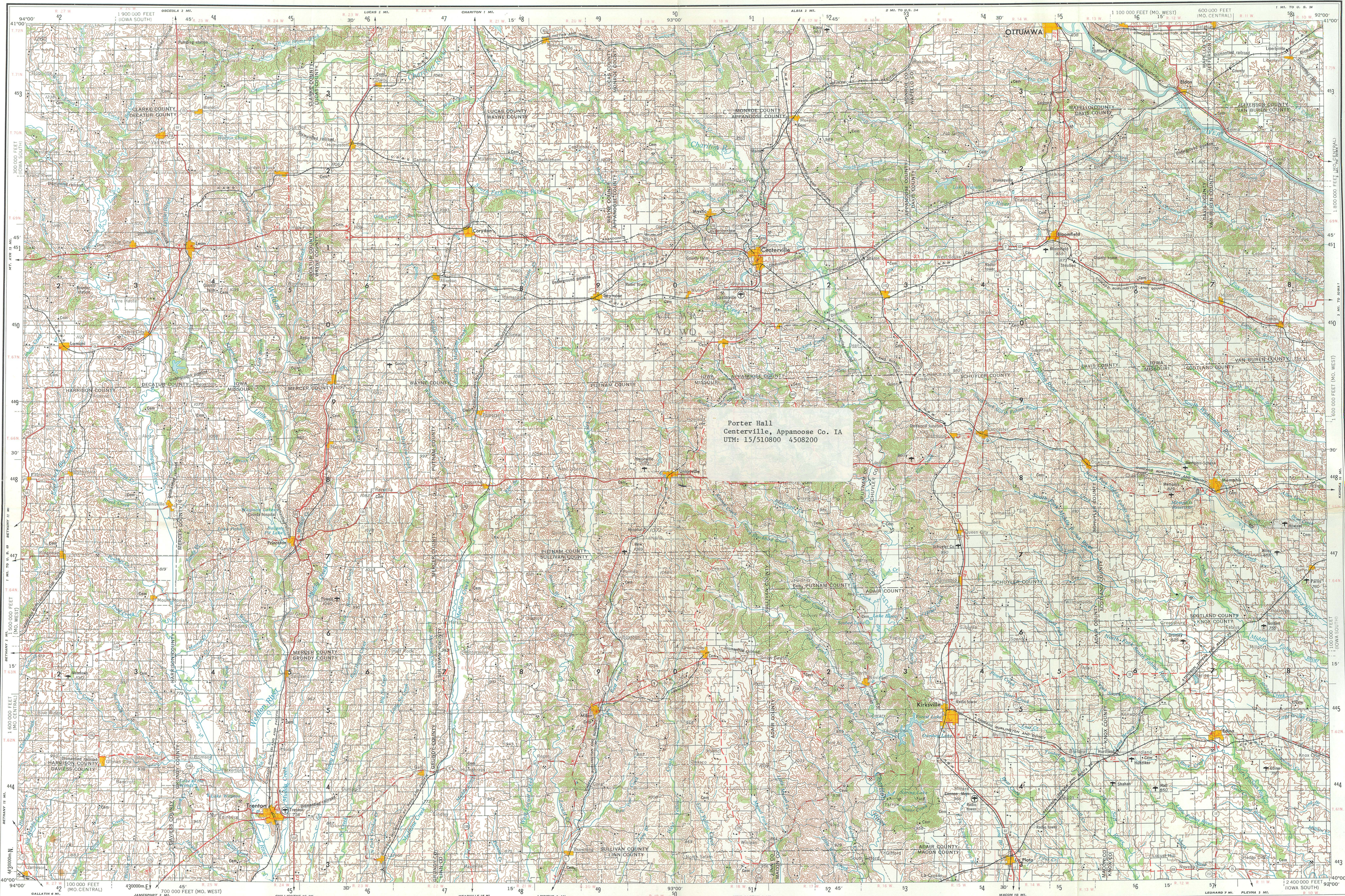
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Centerville, Appanoose Co., IA.  
Credit: Cindy Sherrard  
Date: 1979  
Neg.at: Hammond  
706 Drake Ave.  
Centerville, IA.  
View: Second floor hall,  
looking W.

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51 0800  
450 8200

V502, EDITION 3

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**LEGEND**

ROAD DATA 1954 PARTIALLY REVISED 1967  
Figures in red denote approximate distances in miles between stars

**POPULATED PLACES**

Over 500,000  
100,000 to 500,000  
25,000 to 100,000  
5,000 to 25,000  
1,000 to 5,000  
Less than 1,000

**RAILROADS**

Standard gauge  
Narrow gauge  
Landplane airport  
Seaplane airport  
State  
County  
Park or reservation

**ROADS**

Hard surface, heavy duty  
More than two lanes wide  
Two lanes wide; Federal route marker  
Hard surface, medium duty  
More than two lanes wide  
Two lanes wide; State route marker  
Improved light duty  
Unimproved dirt  
Trail

**LANDMARKS**: School, Church, Other  
**Horizontal control point**  
**Spot elevation in feet**  
**Marsh or swamp**  
**Seaplane anchorage**  
**Woods/bushwood**  
**Power line**

**APPROXIMATE ROAD ALIGNMENT**

Scale 1:250,000

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Statute Miles

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Nautical Miles

CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 FEET  
WITH SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOURS AT 25 FOOT INTERVALS  
TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

BLACK NUMBERED LINES INDICATE THE 10,000 METRE UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR GRID, ZONE 15  
1965 MAGNETIC DECLINATION FROM TRUE NORTH FOR THIS SHEET VARIES FROM 7° (130 MILES) EASTERLY FOR THE CENTER OF THE WEST EDGE TO 6° (130 MILES) EASTERLY FOR THE CENTER OF THE EAST EDGE.

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092

**LOCATION DIAGRAM**

MISSOURI	ILLINOIS	INDIANA	KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE	MICHIGAN	OHIO	PENNSYLVANIA	DELAWARE	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	MISSISSIPPI	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	ARKANSAS	MISSOURI	ILLINOIS	INDIANA	KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE	MICHIGAN	OHIO	PENNSYLVANIA	DELAWARE	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	MISSISSIPPI	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	ARKANSAS	MISSOURI	ILLINOIS	INDIANA	KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE	MICHIGAN	OHIO	PENNSYLVANIA	DELAWARE	MARYLAND	VIRGINIA	NORTH CAROLINA	SOUTH CAROLINA	MISSISSIPPI	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	ARKANSAS
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**SECTIONIZED TOWNSHIP**

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**GRID ZONE DESIGNATION**

15T

**TO GIVE A STANDARD REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET TO NEAREST 1000 METRES**

**GRID ZONE IDENTIFICATION**

VR WR WQ

**TO GIVE A STANDARD REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET TO NEAREST 1000 METRES**

**SAMPLE POINT IDENTIFICATION**

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2. Locate first VERTICAL grid line to LEFT of point and read LARGE figure labeling the line either in the top or bottom margin, or on the line itself

3. Locate first HORIZONTAL grid line BELOW point and read LARGE figure labeling the line either in the left or right margin, or on the line itself

Estimate tenths from grid line to point.

**SAMPLE REFERENCE**

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**CENTERVILLE, IOWA; MISSOURI**

1954  
LIMITED REVISION 1967

STOCK NO. V502XNK1511-03



Porter Hall  
12/27/79

Dec. 31, 1979  
Porter Hall, 706 Drake Ave  
Centerville, Iowa 52544

4P United States Dept. of the Int.  
Heritage Conservation & Rec. Ser.  
Washington D. C. 20240

Appanoose Co. (IA)

Carol D. Skull Acting Keeper of the Natl. Reg. (Attn: NOM)

Dear Carol Skull,

I thank you for your letter of Dec. 18  
and for the enclosed materials that we will  
study.

We do desire to respond in any way  
that would be effective in your  
consideration of whether Porter Hall  
should be listed. Other than the material  
that has been submitted, a brief personal  
note might be helpful.

We do plan to keep the property as  
a home and personal effects, family  
heirlooms and collections have been  
moved here. There is also the incentive  
of the family farm located in Appanoose  
County that we feel give roots for us to  
this area and there is even a family  
burial ground with twelve grand and  
great grandparents there at Shriver  
Cemetery nearby, so that we do have  
these and other close ties, adding to this  
voluntary commitment.

Porter Hall is even more beautiful than the pictures show and has been carefully planned, so that after living here we feel that it is a practical as well as a spacious home. For these reasons we feel that it deserves the protection that listing in the National Register would provide.

I thank you for the address of the Technical Preservation Services, where we can obtain information for benefits of the Tax Reform Act. These would certainly provide additional incentive to keep Porter Hall a cultural resource.

Sincerely,

Rozella Hammond  
706 Drake Ave  
Centerville, Iowa  
52544

Owners

Joseph & Shirley K. Hammond  
706 Drake Ave  
Centerville, Iowa 52544  
Re: Porter Hall

JAN 7 1950

FEDERAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (ATTACHED)

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\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_

INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

201/15/20

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE IOWA

Date Entered JAN 24 1980

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Darwin, Mary, House	Burlington Des Moines County
Parr, Charles Henry, House	Charles Floyd County
Steyer Opera House	Decorah Winnebago County
Porter Hall	Centerville Appanoose County
Spirit Lake Public Library	Spirit Lake Dickinson County

Also Notified

Honorable Roger W. Jepsen

Honorable John C. Culver  
Honorable Jim Leach  
Honorable Charles E. Grassley  
Honorable Thomas J. Tauke  
Honorable Neal Smith  
Honorable Berkley W. Bedell

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Adrian Anderson  
Director, Iowa State Historical  
Department  
Division of Historic Preservation  
26 East Market Street  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

NR Byers/bjr 1/29/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.