UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Outagamie
ENTRY DATE: NOV 19 1974

1. NAME
COMMON:
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Whorton, John Hart, House

2. LOCATION
STREET AND NUMBER:
315 West Prospect Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:
Appleton
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Eighth

3. CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY (Check One)
- District
- Site
- Building
- Structure
- Object

OWNERSHIP
- Public
- Private
- Both

STATUS
- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
- Yes:
- No:

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Religious
- Private Residence
- Public Acquisition:
- In Process
- Being Considered
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
OWNER'S NAME:
Karl A. Schuetter
STREET AND NUMBER:
315 West Prospect Avenue
CITY OR TOWN:
Appleton

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Outagamie County, Register of Deeds
STREET AND NUMBER:
410 South Walnut Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Appleton

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin Historical and Architectural Field Survey
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973
STATE:
Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Madison
STATE:
Wisconsin
CODE: 55
ENTRY NUMBER: NOV 19 1974
FOR NPS USE ONLY
This High Victorian Italianate house was built in the 1870's. Its first known owner was John Hart Whorton, a wealthy Appleton lumberman and banker. The Whorton house is a two-and-one-half story house with a three-story tower. Constructed of cream-colored brick it is decorated with carved wood details. The front facade is asymmetrical. On one side of this facade is a two-story bay with a heavily corniced gable. There is a round attic window decorated with prominent stone keystones and raised bricks. The cornice is supported by elaborately carved wooden brackets. On the other side of the facade is a three-story bay, the third being a square tower with a flat roof visually supported by wooden brackets. Across the front of the house is a one-story porch supported by six wooden columns. The roof above overhangs and is decorated with dentils. Above there is a balustrade marked by posts topped with ornamental finials. The house has a wide variety of fenestration. The main entrance is through arched double doors. There are paired stilted arch windows to one side of the door and a single stilted arch window on the other side, all ornamented with hoodmolds.
The John Hart Whorton house was the home of one of Appleton's most influential businessmen and entrepreneurs. Whorton was born in New Brunswick in 1824. He had little formal schooling, having worked with his father as a lumberer from an early age. He settled with his brother in Wisconsin in 1855, and purchased land for timber. Later he constructed a saw mill which he and his brother operated until they had opened a larger mill near Grand Rapids in Wood County. In 1881 Whorton was an organizer of the Commercial National Bank of Appleton which he served first as vice-president and then as president. Whorton was also an important figure in the Ravine Paper Company and in the Fox River Paper Company. He was a trustee of Lawrence College, an important figure in the Methodist Church in Appleton, and a staunch Republican who had been a major supporter of Abraham Lincoln in his first presidential campaign.

Whorton's house is indicative of the wealth and position of its owner. It is finely designed and decorated with High Victorian elaboration. The variety of the decoration, the fine lines, and the beautiful detailing of the Whorton house make it one of the finest High Victorian houses in Appleton.
Biographical Dictionary of Representative Men of Chicago and Wisconsin.

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY

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NAME AND TITLE:
Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION
State Historical Society of America

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE:
Wisconsin

DATE
12 August 1974

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 [X]

Name
James Morton Smith

Title
Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date
12 August 1974

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date
11/19/74

ATTEST:
Keeper of the National Register
Date
11/13/74
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View of the house, looking south.

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