

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Henry Lubben House, Smokehouse, and Springhouse
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number West Side of County Road Y34 not for publication
city, town Baldwin vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52207

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Limestone Architecture of Jackson County, IA
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

David C. 4/10/92
Signature of certifying official Date
State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. **Entered in the National Register**
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Shelene Byrum 7/24/92
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

AGRICULTURE/Processing

AGRICULTURE/Outbuilding

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

AGRICULTURE/Outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Limestone

roof Composition shingles

other Wood frame

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Henry Lubben limestone house, smokehouse, and spring house are located on the west side of County Road Y34, approximately one mile north of Baldwin. The road is on a NE/SW axis at that point, so the house faces to the SE. The two and one-half story gable roof house (c.1858-60) is rectangular in shape, measuring 24' x 36', with a rear ell measuring approximately 18' x 18'. The south part of the first floor of the ell is of limestone construction, with a wood frame addition extending it to the second floor and adding about 8' to the north. (The stone part of the ell is original, but no firm date has been established for the frame portion.) The main block of the house features a symmetrical five bay facade on the east elevation. An enclosed porch (1931) obscures the view of the front entry, but it does have a transom and sidelights. The north and south elevations feature two windows at each of the three levels. The rear elevation has four symmetrically placed openings, but several are hidden by the ell addition. Windows throughout are 6/6 double hung, with six light half windows in the gables. The stonework is of coursed cut stone that varies in size, but averages about 9" x 18". The sills and lintels are of dressed stone. It is said that the stone for all three of these buildings was quarried on the farm, just a quarter of a mile to the west. The house features a denticulated wooden cornice. This cornice sets the Lubben house apart from most of the limestone houses in Jackson County (another exception being the Sieben house a quarter of a mile south). There are two chimneys: an interior chimney at the north end which has been stuccoed, and an exterior brick chimney at the south end.

The construction date of the smokehouse (14' x 16') to the south, and the springhouse (14' x 16') to the west, has not been firmly established. Some sources say these were built at the same time as the house, while others place their construction later in the century. Both buildings are rectangular in shape with a gable roof. The smokehouse is about two feet taller than the springhouse, and features a single door on the north gable end. A window on the east elevation is not original. The springhouse features a side gable entrance on the east elevation with a window to the left of the door. A shuttered window is located on the north elevation. The stonework on the outbuildings is not the caliber of that found on the house, but that

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1858-60

Significant Dates

c. 1858-60

Cultural Affiliation

N.A.

Significant Person

N.A.

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Henry Lubben house (c.1858-60), smokehouse, and springhouse are significant under Criterion C as good examples of the use of the abundant local limestone for a variety of building types in mid-19th century Jackson County.

There were 217 limestone buildings and structures recorded in the county-wide survey. Of these, 101 were houses, thirteen were springhouses, and thirty-six were "farm-other". One of each of these three building types is found on the Lubben farm. The house is representative of the majority of the houses recorded. 89 of the houses have a gable roof, and of these 76 have the entrance on the side gable. The Lubben house is one of seven featuring a symmetrical five bay facade. Although presently obscured, the entrance has a transom and sidelights. A denticulated wooden cornice adds a "high style" touch to the design. The stonework here is of coursed cut stone, said to have been quarried just west of the house. Windows throughout have dressed stone sills and lintels. The stonework on the two outbuildings is not of the same quality found on the house. The size and shape of the stones varies much more than those used on the house, and the treatment of doors and windows is less finished. One of the things that makes the Lubben buildings significant is that the three are grouped together. No examples of totally limestone farmsteads have been located, although some undoubtedly existed. There are several houses with extant springhouses, but only two farms have been located with more than two stone buildings, the Lubben farm, and the DeFries farm in Perry Twp. (The DeFries buildings are also being nominated.)

Family history indicates that Henry Lubben himself was involved in the quarrying of the stone, and possibly the actual construction of these buildings as well, but this has not been proven. Lubben was born in Oldenberg, Germany, and came to Jackson County in 1837. He was one of the earliest settlers in Monmouth Twp. It is said that he

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
Historic photographs from the Jackson County Historical Society.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879, p 653.
Information submitted by present owners.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This nomination includes the house, springhouse, and smokehouse, but does not include any other buildings on the farmstead.

See continuation sheet

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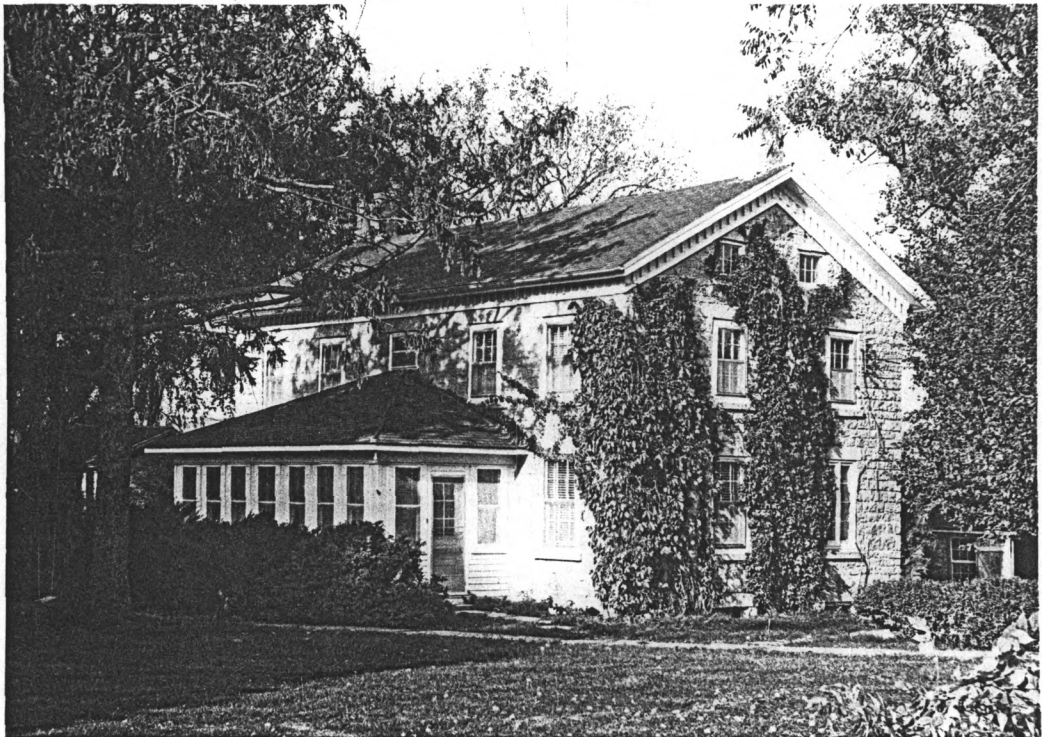
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is often the case. Both of these buildings consist of coursed stone blocks of greatly varying size and shape. A stone lintel is found over the door of the smokehouse, but timber sills and lintels are used on the springhouse. The smokehouse is currently used for storage. The spring is still active (having gone dry on only two recorded occasions since 1837), but is now piped away from the stone springhouse.

Although there are a number of other buildings on the Lubben farmstead, these three are individually important because of their limestone construction, early construction date, and proximity to each other. There is not a historic district on the farmstead because there would be too many non-contributing, non-limestone, structures.

The county-wide limestone survey did not address interiors. In some cases, such as the Lubben house, the present owners have provided information. Floor plans are included for this house.



Photograph c.1950.

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Main Floor. Ground Level

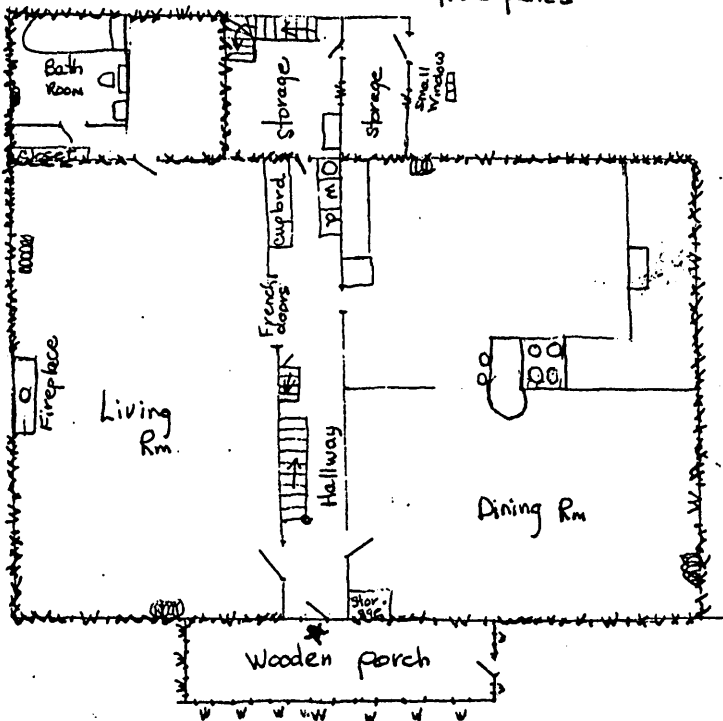
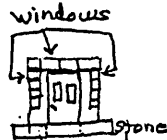
☐ - open stairway to 3rd level

☐ - enclosed stair to basement

☐ - washer/dryer
x = limestone portion
- = wooden

☐ - steam heat radiators

* = original doorway - 12" stone entryway framed with glass panes



Upstairs

- = wood walls

☒ = limestone wall

☐ - open stairway to second (main level) floor

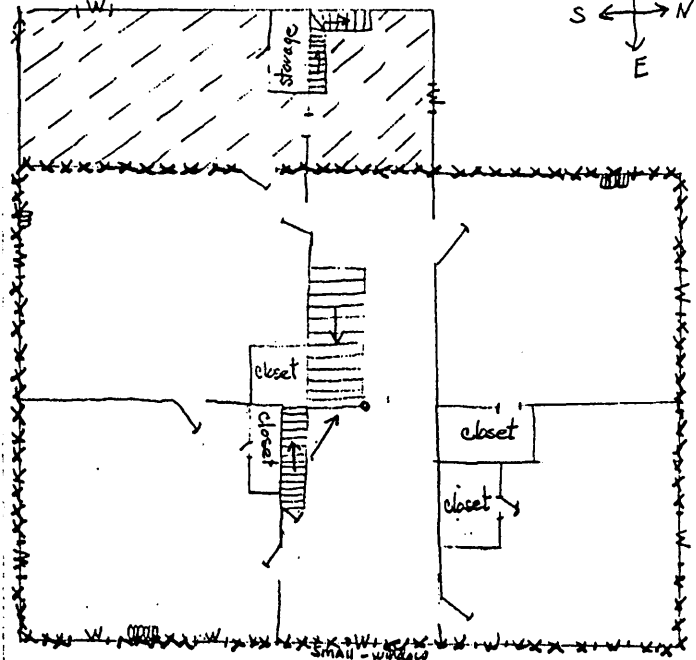
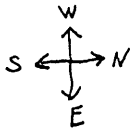
☐ - enclosed stair to attic - 4th level (is directly above open stairway)

☐ - rt. angle partially enclosed stairwell - to back of house and wooden addition of home.

☐ - window
☐ - steam water radiators

/// - roughly finished areas - wooden addition of home unheated.

outer walls



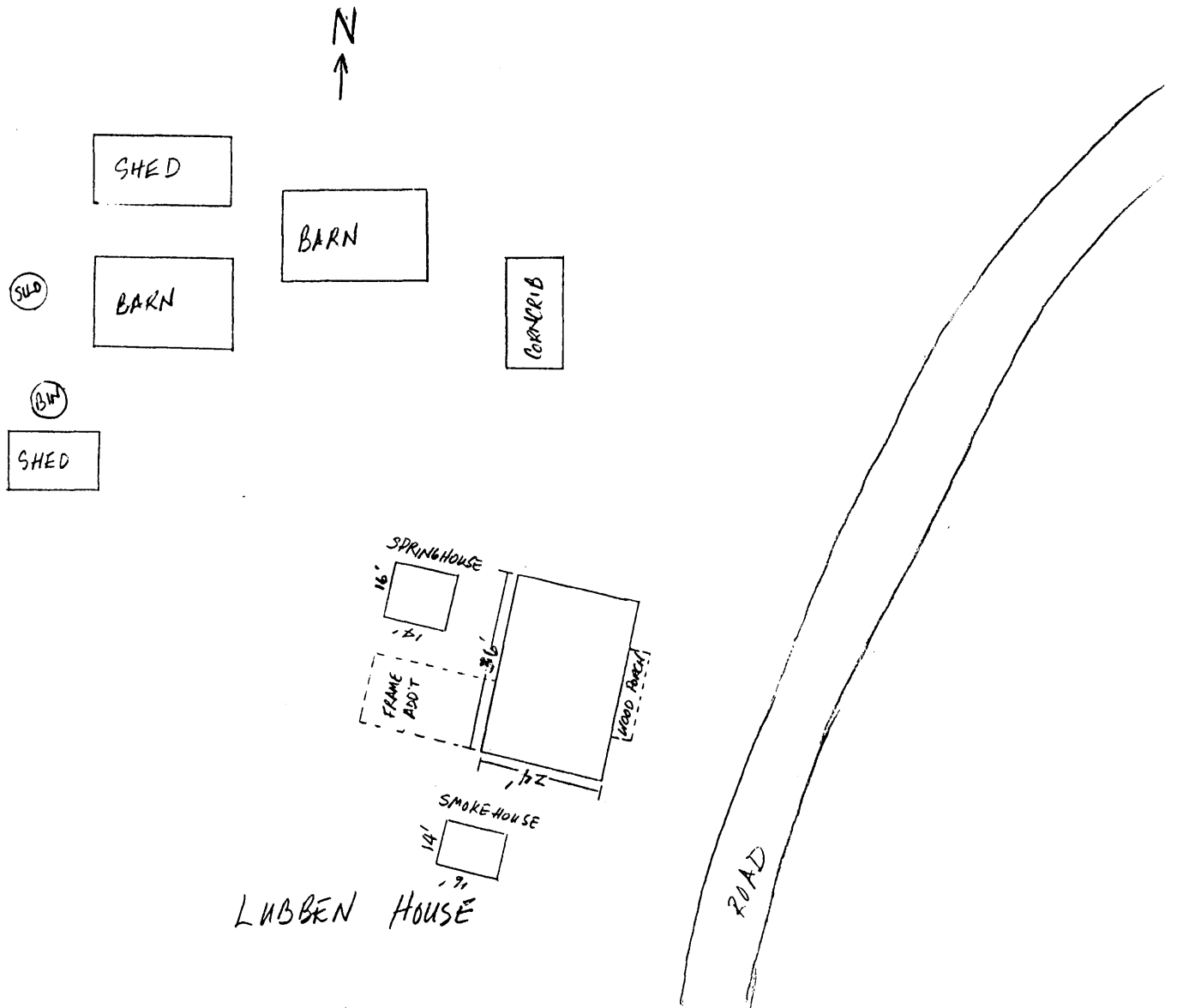
Plan for Henry Lubben House
(Courtesy of owner)

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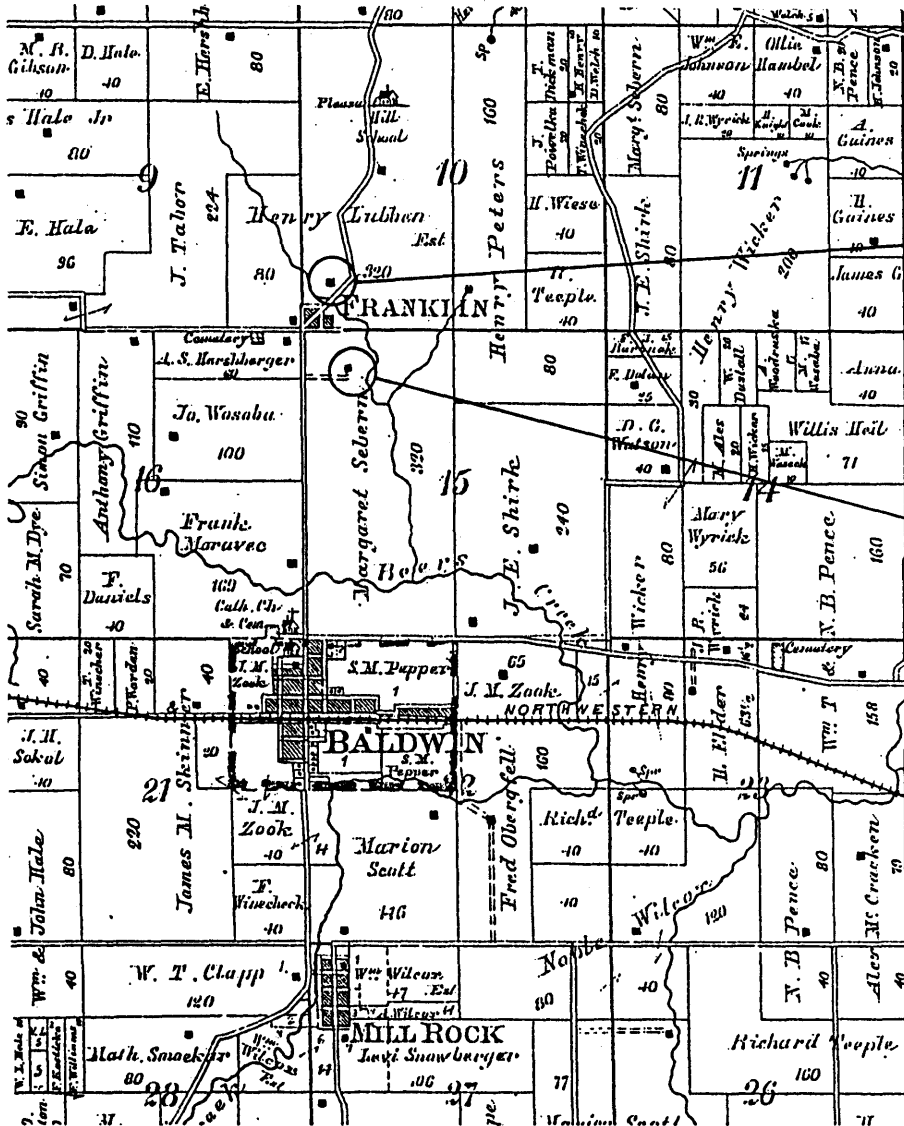


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Henry Lubben House,
Smokehouse,
Springhouse

Mrs. M. Sieben House

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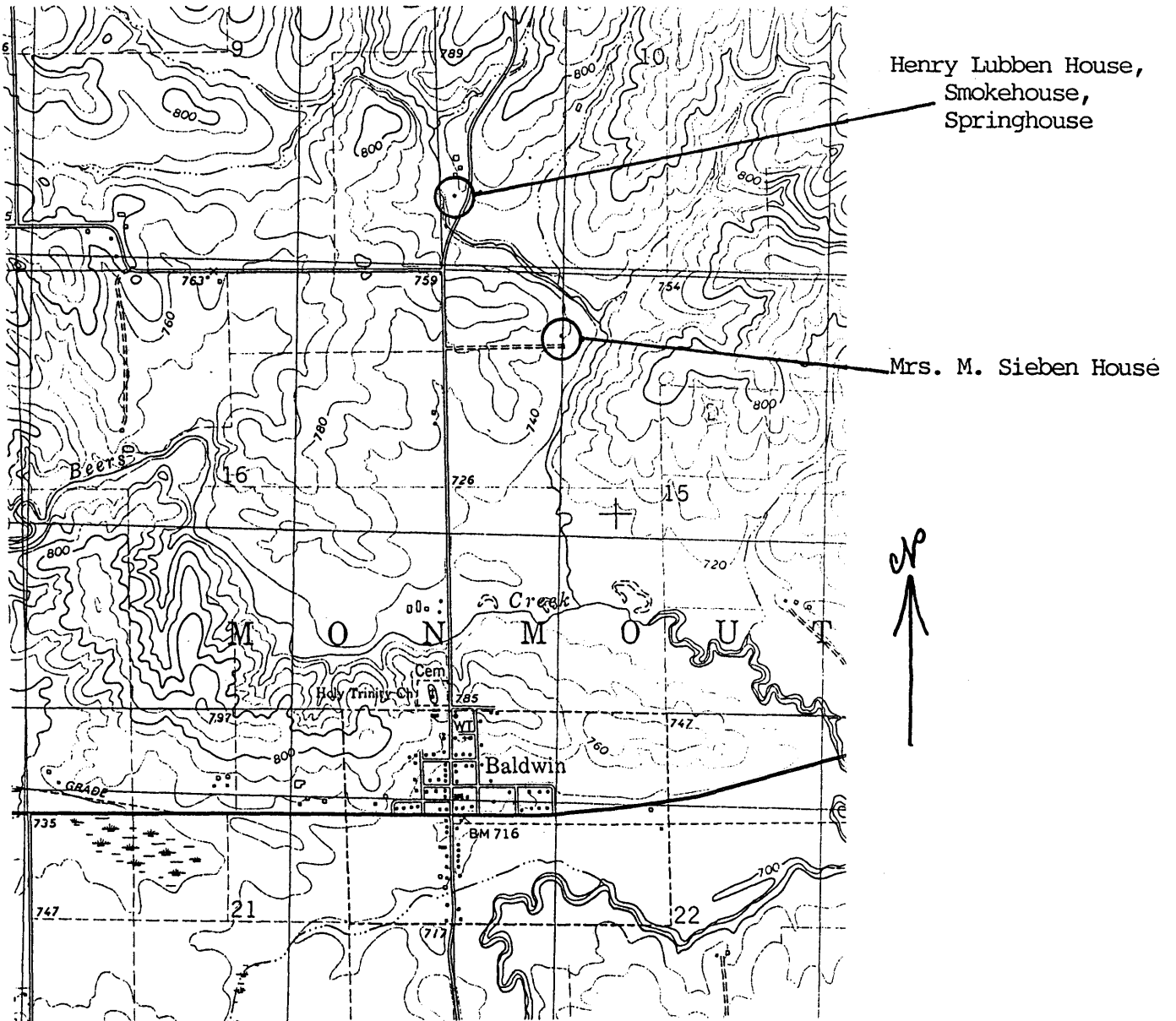
Monmouth Twp.
1893 Jackson County Atlas

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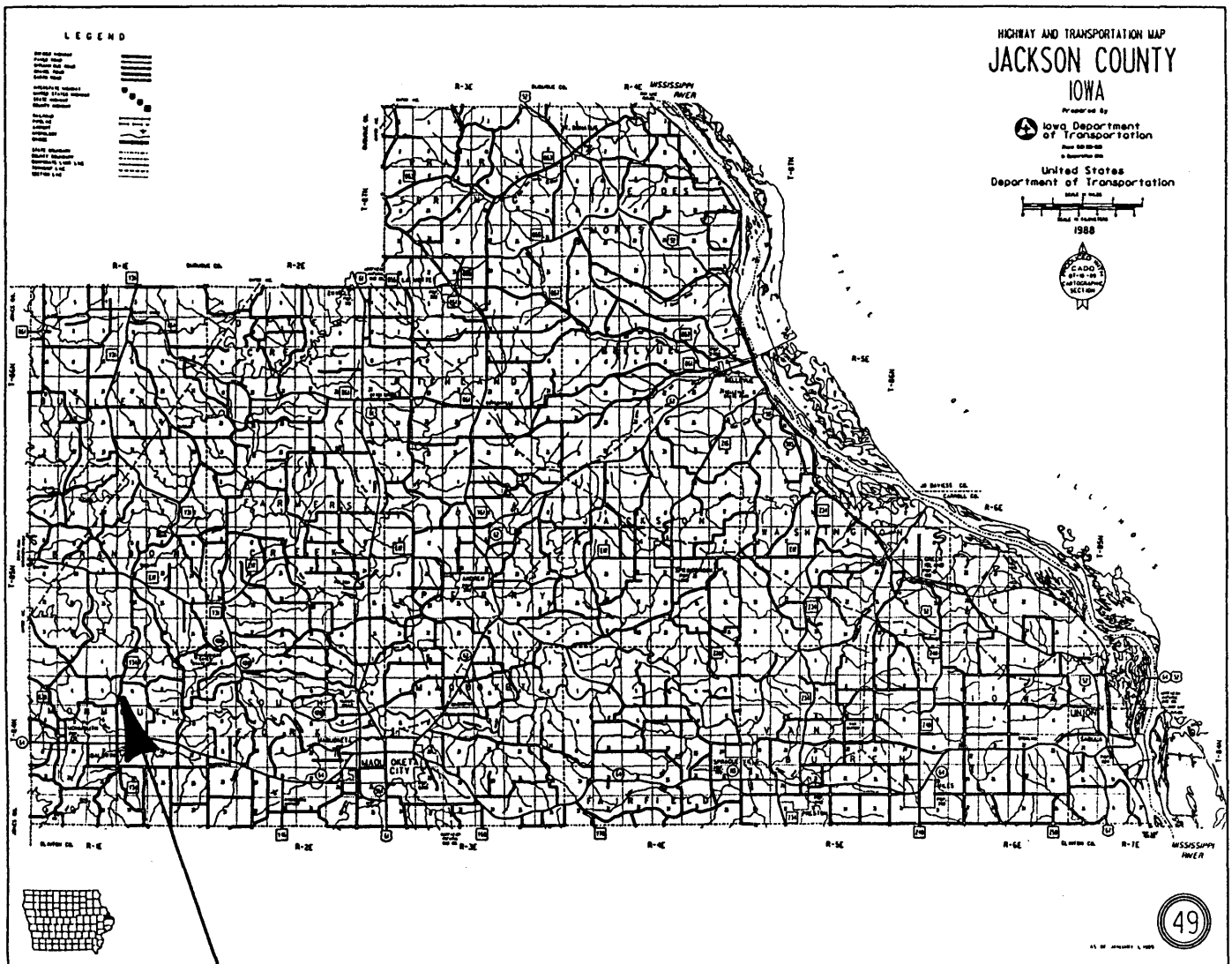
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Location of Henry Lubben House, Smokehouse, & Springhouse
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selected this particular site for his farm because of the presence of a large spring, near which he built a log cabin. In 1858 he married. Some accounts say that he had completed construction of this house for his bride, while others date the beginning of construction to 1858, with completion in 1860. Likewise, construction dates for the two outbuildings have been given as both c.1860, and "later in the century". The buildings all retain a high level of integrity, probably because the farm remains in the hands of direct descendants of Henry Lubben today.

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Verbal Boundary Description

A rectangular parcel of land on the west side of County Road Y34 approximately one mile north of Baldwin in T84N R1E Sec 10 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$. This parcel begins at a point on the west side of the road where the right of way intersects with a point ten feet north of the north wall of the house, thence west to a point ten feet west of the west wall of the springhouse, thence south 100' to a point ten feet south of the south wall of the smokehouse, thence east to the right of way along the west side of Y34, thence north 100' to the point of beginning. This allows a space of at least ten feet around the three buildings.