

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Stone House

and/or common Stone House

2. Location

street & number 817 North Second Street not for publication

city, town LeClaire vicinity of

state Iowa code 19 county Scott code 163

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Robert D. and Phyllis K. Busch

street & number 817 North Second Street

city, town LeClaire vicinity of state Iowa 52723

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Scott County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Davenport state Iowa 52801

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title n/a has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Stone House occupies a prominent bluffside location which overlooks the Mississippi River. The house is the only limestone structure to be found in the northern part of LeClaire, an area that was originally settled as the town of Parkhurst.

The house is a substantial and well-built example of a vernacular settlement-era house built out of limestone. It is unique in that the side walls are blank, (save for a small basement window in the south side), the original plan was that of a duplex (a lateral bearing wall divides the basement), and it has a remarkably large number of window and door penetrations given the fact that the walls are load-bearing.

The plan is rectangular, with a hipped roof with ridge. Fenestration is symmetrical on each duplex half face. All doors appear to have originally contained transom windows. All windows have stone sills and lintels. Sash is original, being 6/6. Built on the bluff crest, the east basement is above ground level in the rear of the house. Originally, a double verandah covered the east side face. The roof is of beam and bolt construction with two kingposts supporting the ridgepole ends.

A single functioning corbelled brick flue remains of the original four internal flues, two being on each side wall. An external brick flue has been added on the north wall. The house never had fireplaces. A shed roofed garage adjoins the north wall of the house, and dates from the 1930's.

The walls are constructed with random ashlar blocks. The masonry work is fairly roughly executed on the wall faces, but the corners are sharp and are composed of dressed stones.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1850's–1932      **Builder/Architect** unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Stone House in LeClaire is an early settlement-era building, the only stone house to be found in the area. The house is of architectural interest because of its internal roof structure, its plan and the materials and the treatment of those materials which were used in its construction.

The construction date for this house predates early 1859 when the newspaper The LeClaire Republic inventoried existing buildings in the Parkhurst (a speculative suburb adjoining the LeClaire plat) as ". . . eight frame dwellings, one brick, one stone, and two logs; two stone store buildings, one frame barn and one log barn."<sup>1</sup> The building probably dates from the middle 1850's. Early title owners were largely noted area speculators including Laurel Summers (who platted the town of Parkhurst, now part of LeClaire), James Eads and Lyman Smith.

Documented owner-residents included Henry Stone (1793–1876), farmer, settled in the county in 1844, owned the house from 1866 through 1877; L.G. Condit (1809–1881), farmer, who with wife Phoebe occupied the house through 1881 with one hired farm worker; and Emma Parmelee (daughter of the Condits) and her husband Henry who lived in the house as late as 1885 with Phoebe Condit. The Parmelees sold the house to the Hurd family in 1892 and that family owned it as late as 1920 but do not appear to have lived in the house.

Undocumented local history credits the construction of the house to a single local elderly craftsman who only put in the windows after he was paid for the stonework. The house is also associated with a girls' school, but this is not documented. The house does not appear in census records as being a duplex, or a commercial site.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Please see Continuation Sheet, Item #9, page 1.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Port Byron Illinois-Iowa

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	5	7	2	1	2	5	0	4	6	0	9	2	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 12 and 13, Block 4, town of Parkhurst, also the south 21' and west two thirds of Lot 14, same block.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Iowa code 19 county Scott code 163

state \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date December 9, 1982

Historical Building

street & number East 12th and Grand Avenue telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines state Iowa 50319

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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 Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department date 24 November 1982

### For NPS use only

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

for Delores Byers Entered in the National Register date 1/27/83  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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