

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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 Central School
other names/site number Hickory Grove School

2. Location

street & number Corner - Bellevue-Canton Rd & Dubuque-Canton Rd not for publication
city, town Canton 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>1</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>1</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.
[Signature] 6/10/92
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.
 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): _____
[Signature] 7/24/92
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION/School

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

foundation Limestone

Vernacular

walls Limestoneroof Composition Shinglesother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Central School is a single story gable roof limestone building from 1868. It is rectangular in shape, with a gable entry, and measures 33'2" x 27'1". The entrance is located on the east elevation. The side elevations have three symmetrically placed windows, while the rear (west) wall has no openings. The present windows are 1/1 double hung, replacing the original 6/6 windows. An interior brick chimney is located at the rear of the building.

The stones in this school are of unusual size and shape. Although they vary, most are about 3" x 18", very narrow and long. This may have been a deliberate choice, or may have been caused by the stratification of the stone in this part of the county. The stone for this building came from a quarry still in operation about a mile to the north. Stones used for the corners are somewhat larger and all of the stones are laid in courses. Dressed stone is used only for the sills and lintels. A name/date stone is located in the east gable

CENTRAL
SCHOOL
1868

The school is located at the intersection of the Bellevue-Canton and Dubuque-Canton roads, and sets on a NW/SE axis. Other buildings on the site include a mobile home and a garage, but neither is included in this nomination. The school was used until 1965. The present owner purchased the building from the school district in 1977. She plans to continue her preservation efforts.

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)	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
Architecture	1868	1868
	Cultural Affiliation	
	N.A.	
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	
N.A.	Unknown	

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

The Central (Hickory Grove) School from 1868 is significant under Criterion C as a good example of the use of local limestone for a variety of building types in mid-19th century Jackson County.

This is one of 217 examples of limestone architecture recorded in a county-wide limestone building survey, and is one of only twelve extant stone schools. Records show that in 1875 there were 147 school houses in Jackson County. Of these, 102 were constructed of wood, thirteen were of brick, eleven were log, and twenty-one were stone. All of the remaining limestone schools are single story rectangles, with a gable roof, and entrance on the gable end. The size of the stone varies from building to building, as does the masonry technique. It appears that the buildings were probably constructed by area stone masons rather than a single mason being responsible for all of the stone schools in the county. Although the name of the stone mason responsible for Central School has not been absolutely identified, it is believed to have been built by one of two nearby masons, either G.W. Kelsall or Issac Wilmer McCulloch of the McCulloch stone quarry. McCulloch built the Oak Grove School two miles to the west of Central.

Limestone buildings and structures were found in all eighteen townships of Jackson County, but the majority are located in the northeast corner, Tete des Morts and Bellevue townships. To the south and west the examples are far less numerous. Of the ten sites identified in Brandon Township, one is already listed on the National Register (Canton School, 1877) and one is being nominated, Central School.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Abstract of Property including Quit Claim Deed dated February 1983.
A.T. Andreas Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa.
1875, p 443.
Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
Historic photographs from present owner.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879.
Jackson Sentinel, 26 October 1968, p 16.
Maquoketa News, no date.
Information supplied by present owner, Marie Yarolem Heister.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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

C _____

B _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

A rectangular parcel of land located in T85N R1E Sec 16 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ at the intersection of the Bellevue/Canton and Dubuque/Canton roads. The parcel has a NW/SE axis. Beginning at a point 10' SW of the SW corner of the building, thence SE to the public right of way, thence NE 47'1" along the right of way, thence NW 53'2", thence SW 43'2", thence SE 10' to the point of beginning.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This nomination includes only the limestone school noted above. It does not include any other buildings or structures located on the site.

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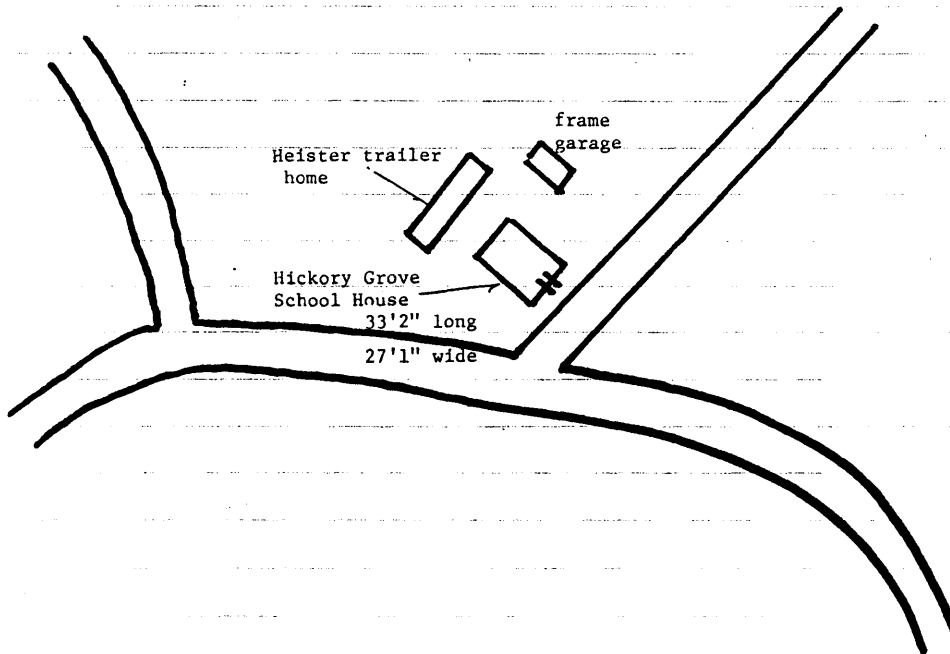
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HICKORY GROVE SCHOOL HOUSE
(CENTRAL SCHOOL)

OWNER: MARIE HEISTER

LOCATION: NW OF THE NW SEC 16 T85, R1E- BRANDON TOWNSHIP-JACKSON CO.

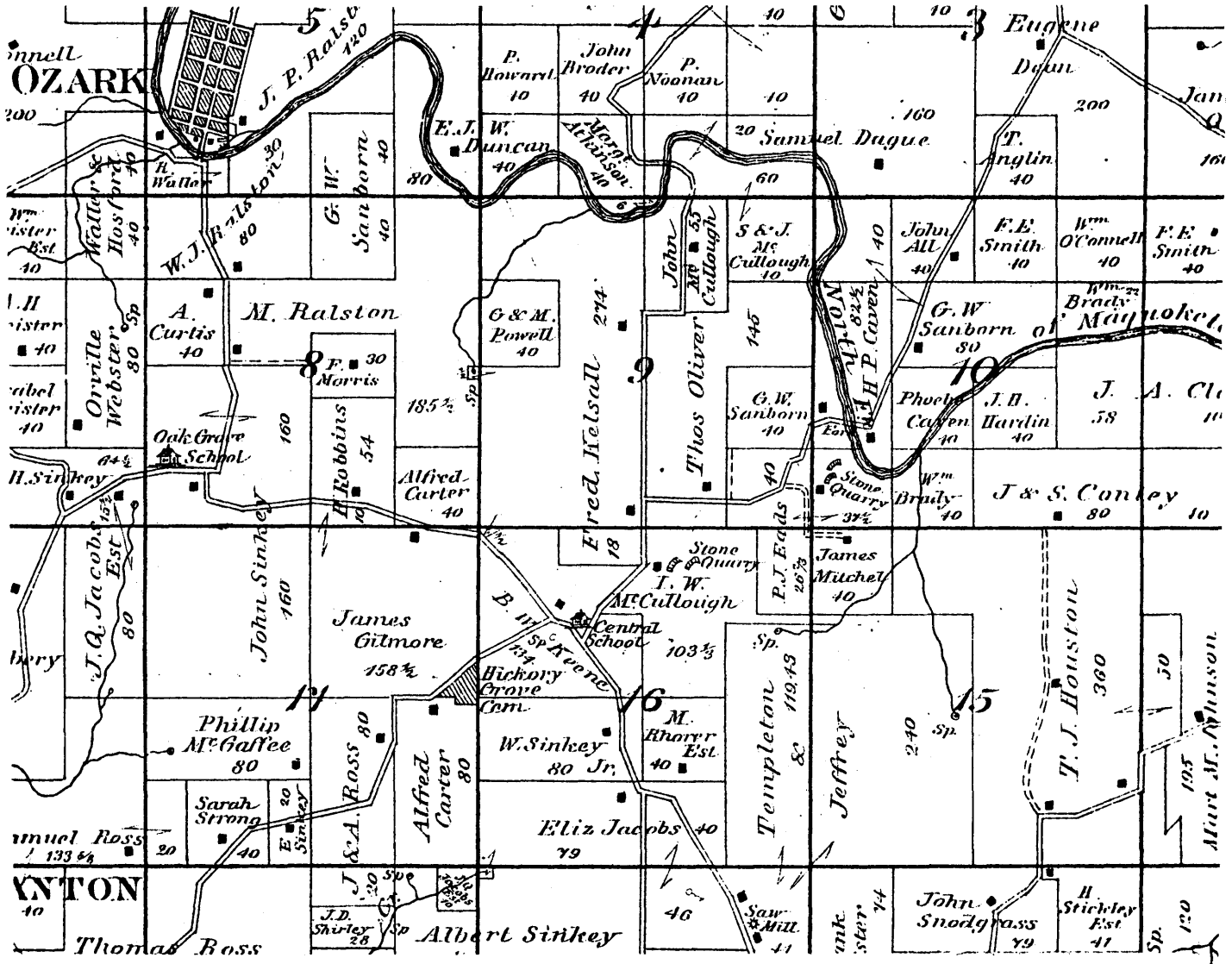


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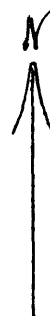
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Brandon Twp., 1893 Jackson County Atlas



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Central (Hickory Grove) School

