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National Park Service

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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 Upper Stone School House

and/or common Scott House

2. Location E of Vinton

street & number Section 15, Twp. 85N, Range 9 West, Benton County ? not for publication

city, town vicinity of Vinton

state Iowa code 019 county Benton code 011

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	n/a	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Russell D. and Barbara B. Glime

street & number R.R.#2, Box 169

city, town Vinton vicinity of state Iowa 52349

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Benton County Courthouse

city, town Vinton state Iowa 52349

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

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

The Upper Stone School House is an intact and early example of the uncommon use of stone for the construction of a one-room country school house in Iowa.

The Upper Stone School House is rectangular on plan (18' by 24'), is a single story in height and has a gable roof. The load bearing walls are built in random coursed ashlar style using light colored local limestone. Corners are as would be expected sharply drawn and utilize larger and more regularly worked stones.

Each side of the building has symmetrical fenestration, three double hung sash (2/2) penetrate each sidewall. An exterior cellar door entrance is located at the rear of the building, and an off-center (right-hand side) door is the only opening on the front wall. Plain stone lintels set flush with the wall surface and thinner projecting stone sills frame each window. The entrance has a similar sill and a more elaborately carved lintel with a raised central panel upon which the date "1875" is incised.

A chimney flue is built into the front wall and the chimney projects from the ridge line. The cornice and frieze are plain. Alterations include the addition of a concrete front stoop, an interior metal flue alongside the existing in-wall flue, an exterior planter along the west side wall, and recent tuckpointing work. The original single room interior has been altered into a residence and now contains a combination kitchen-living room, bathroom, and a bedroom.

The building is located in eastern Benton County, one mile south of the Cedar River, on the east side of the section road which separates Sections 15 and 16 in Benton Township. The setting is one of rolling and sparsely timbered farmland.

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1875 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Upper Stone School House is an early surviving example of a single room country school, unusual due to its being made of stone. It is the oldest of two similar stone school buildings in the county, both of which were constructed in the same township in the years 1875-76.

According to early Benton County plat maps, the original frame school in the area of the Upper Stone School House was located one half mile south and one eighth mile west of the present building site. That school originally served the educational needs of fully eight rural sections of farmland which were located south of the Cedar River. The construction in 1875 and 1876 of two limestone school houses, the subject property in Section 15, known then as school house #7, and school house #2 in Section 23, two miles to the east, and one half mile south, divided this large area between the new schools.

The builder(s) of these schools is not identified. Stone lintel dates provide the only evidence for their construction dates. A county history of 1877 states that by that year the county had 188 school houses, including three made of brick, and only two of stone. It is interesting to note that only Benton Township briefly utilized this material for school house construction.

The school is located on the northwest corner of a twenty acre plot of land which is located in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Benton Township, Benton County. This land was owned successively by J. Inman (1872), Sarah Brumwell (1885-1917), and finally by the Scott family. The last named purchased the school house when it finally was closed c. 1910-20.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet 9-2

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Center Point Northwest

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Beginning at the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 15, T85N,R9W thence south along the section boundary line for 50', thence due east for 50', thence north 50', thence west 50' to place of beginning. Contains only the schoolhouse.

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

state n/a code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa SHPO date 25 May 1983

Historical Building

street & number East 12th & Grand Ave. 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 W. Anderson

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department date May 25, 1983

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

Entered in the National Register

John A. Byers date 7/7/83
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Bibliography

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