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## 7' DESCRIPTION

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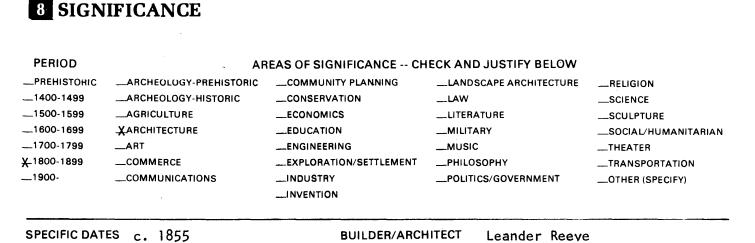
The Leander Reeve house was built about 1855, and is believed to be one of the oldest extant houses in Franklin County. It is located in a rural area south of Hampton, the county seat, at the junction of two county roads. It has been vacant for many years, and has suffered vandalism and neglect.

The house has dimensions of approximately  $26' \times 32'$ . It is  $l\frac{1}{2}$  stories on a full basement, with foundation and exterior walls of rubble limestone. The front gable roof (reshingled in 1962) has a rather shallow pitch, and narrow wooden cornices. A single chimney is centered on the roof ridge.

The front (west) elevation is three bays wide, with main entrance to left of center. There are two windows in the attic story. The north side is divided into four bays, with an entrance in the second bay leading into the kitchen area at the rear of the house. The south side has another kitchen entrance, with a window to the left. The east (rear) facade is similar to the front, but has no entrance. The southeast corner wall has disintegrated, leaving a rather large hole. Window and door lintels are oak, window casings walnut. Replacement 6/6 d.h.s. windows were installed in 1962, but many are now broken. Doors are pegged oak.

Interior walls have light wood members, covered with lathe and plaster. The kitchen area occupies most of the rear half of the house, with a small room (pantry) in the southeast corner. At the front, the main entrance opens directly into a large square room. The southwest corner has two small rooms, one of which contains the staircase to the attic story. The upper floor has one large room at the rear, and a small square room at the northwest corner.

Since last fall (1978), there has been increasing local interest in the possibility of repairing the building and finding something useful to do with it. The question of profitable use for the house will be difficult to answer, due to its rural location. For some years, the County Conservation Board held title to the property, but this group was unable to maintain it. It has since reverted to private ownership.



#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The simple form, straightforward use of local materials, and age of the Reeve house place it in a significant category of lowa's architectural resources: the stone structures built by early settlers in mid-19th century lowa before brick or milled lumber became readily available. There are relatively few such houses remaining in the state; but, wherever found, they display a directness and simplicity which make them distinctive in the lowa landscape. The Reeve house is forthright in its use of local materials: limestone from area quarries, native oak and walnut. The stone is uncut, the wood lintels are simple slabs, and doors, window casings and cornices are plain. The house is nicely proportioned, with some thought taken in the arrangement of the front and rear elevations, and in the easy access via doors on each side. In form, and in the arrangement of the front facade, the house suggests the Greek Revival (although wholly lacking the detail characteristic of this style) -- perhaps a reflection of the builder's youth in Ohio's Western Reserve. 1.1.5

Leander Reeve came to Franklin County in 1853, following his brother, James, who arrived here the previous fall. They were among the first permanent settlers in this county. According to local tradition, Leander Reeve built this stone house about 1855, but, as his wife Harriet was unhappy with life in lowa, the Reeves returned to Ohio in 1858. Other members of the Reeve family remained in the state, and contributed to the early development of Franklin County.

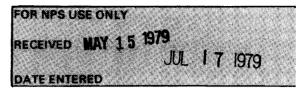
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Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing at the center of intersection of North and South Road (formerly known as Road No. 10) and State Highway No. 134, running thence East along center of State Highway No. 134, 134 feet, thence south 140 feet, thence west 134 feet to the Center of North and South Road (formerly known as Road No. 10), thence north to the place of beginning, containing 0.43 of an acre, more or less, being a part of Lot 1 in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 23-91-20.