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| 1 City, Village or Town: BELOIT ✓ | | County: ROCK ✓ | Surveyor: Richard P. Hartung | Date: July, 1981 | Street Spring Creek Road Number 2501 |
| Street Address: 2501 Spring Creek Road. | | Legal Description: Lot 2, Certified Survey Map #914859, Vol. 9, pp. 85 and 86 | | Acres: 0.843 | |
| Current Name & Use: Residence | | Current Owner: Bill DeMontigny and Wife | | | |
| Film Roll No. RO-48 *RO-112 | Affix Contact Prints | | Current Owner's Address: Route 4, Box 122, Beloit, Wisconsin | | |
| Negative No. 26 *34 | | | Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: UTM: Zone 16 Easting: 329230 Northing: 4710070 USGS Beloit Quadrangle/Scale: 1:24,000 Interior visited? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | | |
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| 2 | Original Name & Use: (preferred) Clark Nye House (Beloit MA) | Source A | Previous Owners | Dates | Uses | Source | Town Range Section |
| | Dates of Construction/Alteration 1846 | Source A | | | | | |
| | Architect and/or Builder: Clark Nye | Source A | | | | | |
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| 3 | Architectural Significance <input type="radio"/> Represents work of a master <input type="radio"/> Possesses high artistic values <input checked="" type="radio"/> Represents a type, period, or method of construction <input type="radio"/> Is a visual landmark in the area <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input type="radio"/> None | 4 | Historical Significance <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with lives of significant persons <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with significant historical events <input type="radio"/> Assoc. with development of a locality <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ <input checked="" type="radio"/> None | Section Map Name City Engineer's |
| | Architectural Statement: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET | | Historical Statement: SEE CONTINUATION SHEET | |

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| 5 | Sources of Information (Reference to Above) A Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Chicago: 1889, pp. 971-972. | 6 | Representation in Previous Surveys <input type="radio"/> HABS <input type="radio"/> NAER <input checked="" type="radio"/> WIHP <input type="radio"/> NRHP <input type="radio"/> landmark <input type="radio"/> other: _____ | Map Code CE 88/24 |
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| C | | 8 | District: _____ <input type="radio"/> pivotal <input type="radio"/> contributing <input type="radio"/> non-contributing initials: _____ date: _____ | |
| D | | 9 | Opinion of National Register Eligibility <input checked="" type="radio"/> eligible <input type="radio"/> not eligible <input type="radio"/> unknown <input type="radio"/> national <input type="radio"/> state <input checked="" type="radio"/> local initials: RH | |
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ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: Built of locally quarried limestone, roughly cut and coursed with thick mortar joints, the Clark Nye house is two rooms wide, two rooms deep, and rises a story plus attic, reflecting the rectangular plans and proportions of the Greek Revival style. The low-pitched gable roof--with roof ridge running from east side to west side--terminates in a heavy cornice with unornamented fascia and frieze, and gable returns on the side gable ends. The symmetrically disposed openings (two windows and center door on the south elevation, and two first floor windows and two attic windows on the sides) are rectangular in shape, surmounted by cut stone blocks set vertically over the windows in a slightly radiating fashion, with projecting limestone sills beneath. The thick limestone walls are tawny in color and rugged in texture, and are framed by limestone quoins with a smoother finish. Otherwise, the exterior is left unornamented, reflecting the vernacular simplicity of the builder. The front porch and west chimney are later additions but do not significantly detract from the original appearance or character of the house. A frame shed is attached to the rear wall.

Significance: The Clark Nye house is an architecturally significant example of the vernacular Greek Revival farmhouses of Beloit's pioneers. Built of limestone quarried at the site and lumber hauled from Milwaukee (A), the Nye house reflects all the characteristics of the style, including gable returns, an unornamented frieze, and symmetrical fenestration. Although small in scale, the limestone walls and simple detail add an apparent strength to the house. Now located within the corporate limits of Beloit, the Nye house is a rare example of the rural Greek Revival existing in the city.

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

This simple Greek Revival house was built in 1846 by Clark Nye, a Beloit farmer. Nye, born in Oswego, New York in 1803, "resolved to cast his lot with the early settlers of Rock County." Arriving in the "wild, uncultivated" county in 1846, Nye immediately bought 120 acres, cleared the land for cultivation, and built a limestone house. "From his own land he dug the stone which was used in building his house," according to an 1889 history, "and from Milwaukee, which is distant eighty-seven miles, he hauled the lumber." Nye's farm was later enlarged to 160 acres and he lived on the farm until his death in 1889.(A)