

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Wisconsin</b>
COUNTY: <b>Walworth</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>DEC 3 1974</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Ames, Howard, House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Loomis, Horace, House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**On County "G" 0.7 miles north of County "D"; 2.4 miles south of E. Troy Line**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**East Troy**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**First**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

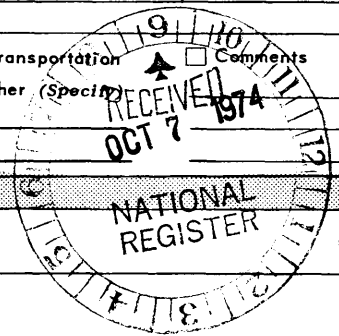
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COUNTY:  
**Walworth**

CODE: **127**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)



**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Ames, Howard**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Route 1**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**East Troy**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Register of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Walworth County Court House**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Elkhorn**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973**  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Madison**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This cobblestone house was built in 1851. A two story block stands to the right of a one-story wing. There is an inset porch. The walls of the entire house are of cobblestone facing of various sizes and colors. The cobblestones on the left side and the end wall of the wing are somewhat larger than the average, and the largest cobblestones of all are on the rear wall. The house faces the highway, toward the east. The corner quoins of the Loomis house are squared gray limestone blocks which have been left rather rough and are set almost flush against the plane of the cobblestone walls. Four square Doric columns, two of them engaged, support the porch. The low-pitched, gabled roof with its returned eaves and simple cornice suggests the Greek Revival style, but the overall effect is that of a simple, well-built dwelling without grand pretensions. The Loomis house is now in need of some minor repairs, for instance in the area of the porch, but it remains basically sound.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1851**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Loomis house was built in 1851 by Horace Loomis, a farmer from Vermont who had emigrated to Wisconsin via New York State. (Both of Loomis' sons, Francis and Charles, had been born in New York State.)<sup>1</sup> The Loomis house is a fine example of the cobblestone architecture imported into Wisconsin mostly by settlers who, like the Loomises, came either from New England or New York. The beauty of the Loomis house comes from the fairly small oval stones used. These are set out rather prominently and create a strong texture. Richard W.E. Perrin calls the Loomis house "a cobblestone classic."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Census records for Walworth County, 1860.  
<sup>2</sup>Richard W.E. Perrin, The Architecture of Wisconsin, p. 55.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Federal Census, 1860, Walworth County, Wisconsin, Vol. 1, pp. 358-9.  
 Schmidt, Carl F. Cobblestone Architecture. Scottsville, New York, 1966.  
 Perrin, Richard W.E. The Architecture of Wisconsin. Madison: State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1967.  
 Perrin, Richard W.E. Historic Wisconsin Buildings. Milwaukee: 1962.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

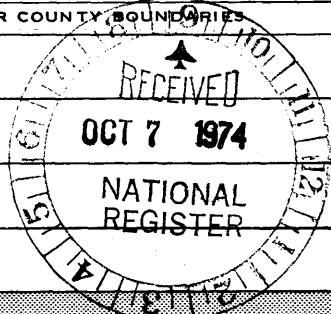
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CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
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NW	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"

Degree Zone 16: 384,880 E. 4,734,470 N.

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OK  
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one.**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **June 15, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**      **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name James Morton Smith  
 Title James Morton Smith, Director State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
 Date Oct. 1, 1974

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

Al R. Montross  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/13/74

ATTEST:  
George J. ...  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date Nov. 27, 1974