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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name WOOD, WILLIAM KENNISON, HOME

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number R.R. 2 N/A not for publication

city or town Iowa Center N/A vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Story code 169 zip code 50161

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Patricia Chelmer 4-17-95
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historical Society of Iowa
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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 of the Keeper

Date of Action

Linda McClelland 6/5/95

W. K. Wood
Name of Property

Story Iowa
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/Granite

walls WOOD/Weatherboard

roof WOOD/Shingle

other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

Ca. 1865-1917

Significant Dates

Ca. 1865

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

W. K. WOOD

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

W. K. Wood
Name of Property

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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3

Zone	Easting				Northing									

2

Zone	Easting				Northing									

4

Zone	Easting				Northing									

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title JO ANNE and WM. J. OWEN

organization _____ date 1994

street & number R.R. 2 telephone (515) 387 1237

city or town MAXWELL state IOWA zip code 50161

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Jo Anne and William J. Owen

street & number R.R. 2 Box 169 telephone (515) 387 1237

city or town Maxwell state Iowa zip code 50161

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Honorable William Kennison Wood home is a two story Late Victorian Italianate home. It is situated in a rural area and is sited in the middle of a spacious yard among a group of large, old, cedar, maple and pine trees. Two large stones, each with a horse tie ring embedded, are set back from the country road at the end of the walkway that leads past a formal garden to the porch.

The stone foundation is visible. The wood siding of the home is a light gray with a darker trim. The exterior doors are of natural finish. The large columns on the front entrance are over a stone foundation and support a porch accessible from the second floor. A sloping basement door is located on the west of the home.

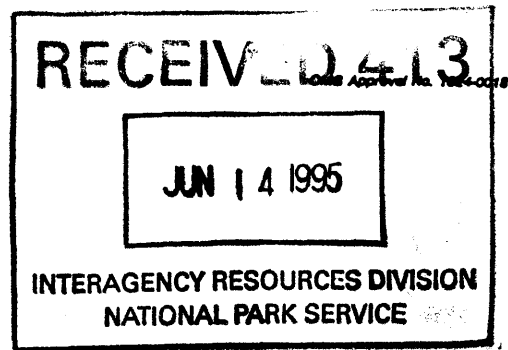
The roof has wood shingles, except for the north portion which is scheduled to be shingled with wood in 1995. The roof line is gabled. Three equal size gables face the north, two face the south, and one faces the west. All the overhangs, as well as the porch posts, are supported by decorative brackets.

Most of the woodwork of the interior is original. Replaced wood, when possible, came from the timber on the farm or reclaimed from old homes. Finishing and mold copying of replacement wood was accomplished on the farm. The floor of the dining and sitting room are oak. The rest of the house, except for the stairways and bathrooms, which are walnut and tile respectively, are hard yellow pine.

There are two bathrooms. The walnut trimmed bathroom was partitioned off the sitting room in the 1940s. The oak trimmed bathroom, located in southwest corner of the house, was remodeled from a small wash room in 1986.

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Narrative Description (continued)

The diningroom, sitting room, and living room all have painted trim. All the rooms have wallpaper except for the upstairs servant's quarters. The library has the original wallpaper and carpet. The paper of the library is worn as is the carpet. Efforts are being made to copy the original wallpaper. The trim of the library is heavy and ornate. A decorative frieze encircles the sidewalls about ten inches from the ceiling.

There are two stairways to the second floor. One leads to the servant's quarters over the kitchen. It is completely separated from the other second floor bedrooms. This single room with wainscoting is finished in natural pine. Windows open to the east and south. The other stairway is open with a curved walnut handrail, oak balusters, and walnut treads. The hall along the stairway leads to the dining room with side doors to the living room and library. The original ornate front door is flanked by flowered designed, red stained glass. The hallway trim and doors are finished with feathered or tramp art. This finish is of excellent quality. The open stairway is curved with midway and second floor landings. The second floor landing opens to two formal bedrooms. The landing also has two window doors that open to the outside over the front entrance.

The W.K.Wood home appears in the 1875 A.T.Andreas Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa. Since 1984 Vel Tyler, a 72 year old cabinet maker, has worked to help restore the home to its original form by using this picture and other collected data. The east and south porches had been

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Narrative Description (continued)

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enclosed and extended with shed-like roofs. The north porch with its columns and deck had also been removed. The stone foundations were all in good repair and were used when replacing the porches to their original form. A flat roof dormer extended from the east roof of the servant's quarters. This was changed to a gable. The stained glass windows that had been on both sides and across the top of the north entrance were gone; however, broken parts were found and were copied for their replacement.

The north entrance is the main entrance. The road which had run west to a bridge over Indian Creek has been abandoned. The terrain of the yard clearly shows the old road pathway. The lone existing road now runs north-south and is east of the home. A driveway approach is being planned to facilitate the use of the formal north entrance.

The barn, privy fence and dirt mounds as shown in the Andreas illustration have been removed. The time of their demise is not known however the privy was still in use in the 1940s. The two stones with horse ties that are presently in the yard are not shown in the illustration. We are unable to determine when they were added. Large old pine and cedar trees are presently in the yard and may be the same as depicted in the illustration of the home in the 1875 Andreas Atlas.

The exterior wood was in good condition as were most of the windows. Replacement siding was required around one window and the one flat dormer changed to a gable. This was less than 10% of the total siding. Windows and doors were repaired or replaced to match the existing wood and design. One exterior

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Narrative Description (continued)

door and 5 windows were replaced. Old glass was saved and used where possible. Two of the three chimneys had been removed to below the roof line.

The basement was expanded in 1980. The stone walls of the old basement were retained as well as all the peripheral foundation. The excavation left a three foot concrete ledge so as not to disturb the original stone. Brick remains of a cistern were removed from the southwest corner of the basement.

A family room addition was added to the south of the house in 1991 to replace the summer kitchen which is partially shown in the Andreas illustration. This was built to blend with the design of the original home. The wood trim and wainscoting are walnut milled from timber on the farm.

The Andreas illustration shows the east windows of the living room as being flush with the house. A bay window has been added in this area, apparently in the 1880s or early 1890s.

The interior of the house had very little change from the original. A false ceiling was removed from the kitchen. A restaurant type booth was removed from the east wall of the kitchen. The floor of the kitchen was the only floor to be replaced. The remaining floors were sanded to smooth and remove paint.

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Statement of Significance

The W. K. Wood home stands as a monument to Wood himself and to the early settlers of Iowa and Story County. The 130 year old house is solid and square on a foundation of stone. W. K. Wood purchased the original land from the government and remained at the same place until his death. He was a successful farmer and livestock producer, an entrepreneur and active politician. He, with his home, meet the requirements for criteria B and C of the National Register.

The Honorable William Kennison Wood arrived in Southern Story County in 1851 with a sick wife and five dollars in his pocket. He remained at this location for 66 years until his death at 93 years in 1917. He became one of the largest and wealthiest landowners of the area. He voted in the organization of Story County in 1853 and became what was called the most representative citizen of the area. He built the most pretentious farm home of the county (W. O. Payne, History of Story County, pp410) in the mid 1860s. He was elected to the Iowa General Assembly in 1868 and 1870 for the 13th and 14th sessions. Local rumor states that his home was used as a stage coach stop and that President Lincoln had stayed overnight.

W. K. Wood was born in Ohio on April 19, 1828, moved to Indiana, then to northern Polk County near Cory Grove in 1849. His last move in 1851 was to a location just south of what was to become Iowa Center in Story County. He squatted on the land for two years until Story County was organized in 1853, and then participated in its organization. He purchased the land from the School Fund Commissioner of Story County in 1854.

W. K. Wood was known for his energy and industry and valued for his honesty and integrity. It was his initiative the first saw

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and grist mill were built in Story County. They were located just east of Iowa Center and known as the Webb-Wood Mills. Iowa Center, at this time, was the second largest town in Story County and was being considered as a possible location for the State capital. The location of the railroad three miles south of Iowa Center, to what was to become Maxwell, led to the demise of this thriving community.

W. K. Wood became one of the largest land holders of Story County. He owned 1300 acres and was considered one of the wealthiest farmers. He was a well known pure bred livestock producer and dealer. His political career and agricultural affairs contributed to give him "popular acquaintance" with nearly every citizen in Story County. He served on several committees in the 13th and 14th Iowa General Assembly including the important Agricultural College and School Committees.

W. K. Wood had four wives. Three are buried together in the Iowa Center Cemetery. He had three children with the first wife. Two of these sons attended the Agricultural College and became prominent agents on the Chicago Livestock Exchange. He had one child each from the second and third wives. The fourth wife had a daughter from a previous marriage and survived Mr. Wood. She is buried in the Iowa Center Cemetery but in a separate location.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

The W. K. Wood home appears in the 1875 A. T. Andreas' Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa. The time of construction was in the mid 1860s. The house is of Late Victorian Italianate design. It was one of the first two story homes to be built in Story County. The home, 130 plus years old, remains solid on a foundation of stone and retains its' original qualities.

Mr. Wood's fourth wife was deeded the home with part of the land on October 3, 1901. Her daughter, Ida Thompson, subsequently inherited the farm. We became acquainted with Ida's daughter, Mildred Nelson, in 1956. She inherited the home and land in 1945. Mrs. Nelson's daughters, Mary Kirk and Margery Shaw inherited the land and home in 1967. Jo Anne Owen visited the home in 1956. Much of the original furniture was still in place. The home then became a rental property and Mrs. Nelson's furniture was sold at auction. Jo Anne and William J. Owen purchased the home and land, which now includes 160 acres, from Mary Kirk and Margery Shaw in 1980. These two ladies were great granddaughters of W. K. Wood's fourth wife.

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W.K. Wood Home Story County, Iowa

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary, Description

NE NE BG NE CR S 605.6 NW 1368.6 N TO QTR LN E TO BEG
OF Section 16, Township 82, Range 22, Story County, Iowa.

Boundary Justification

This description includes the W.K. Wood home and yard
extending from the house to the unmarked county road east of
the house 140 feet.

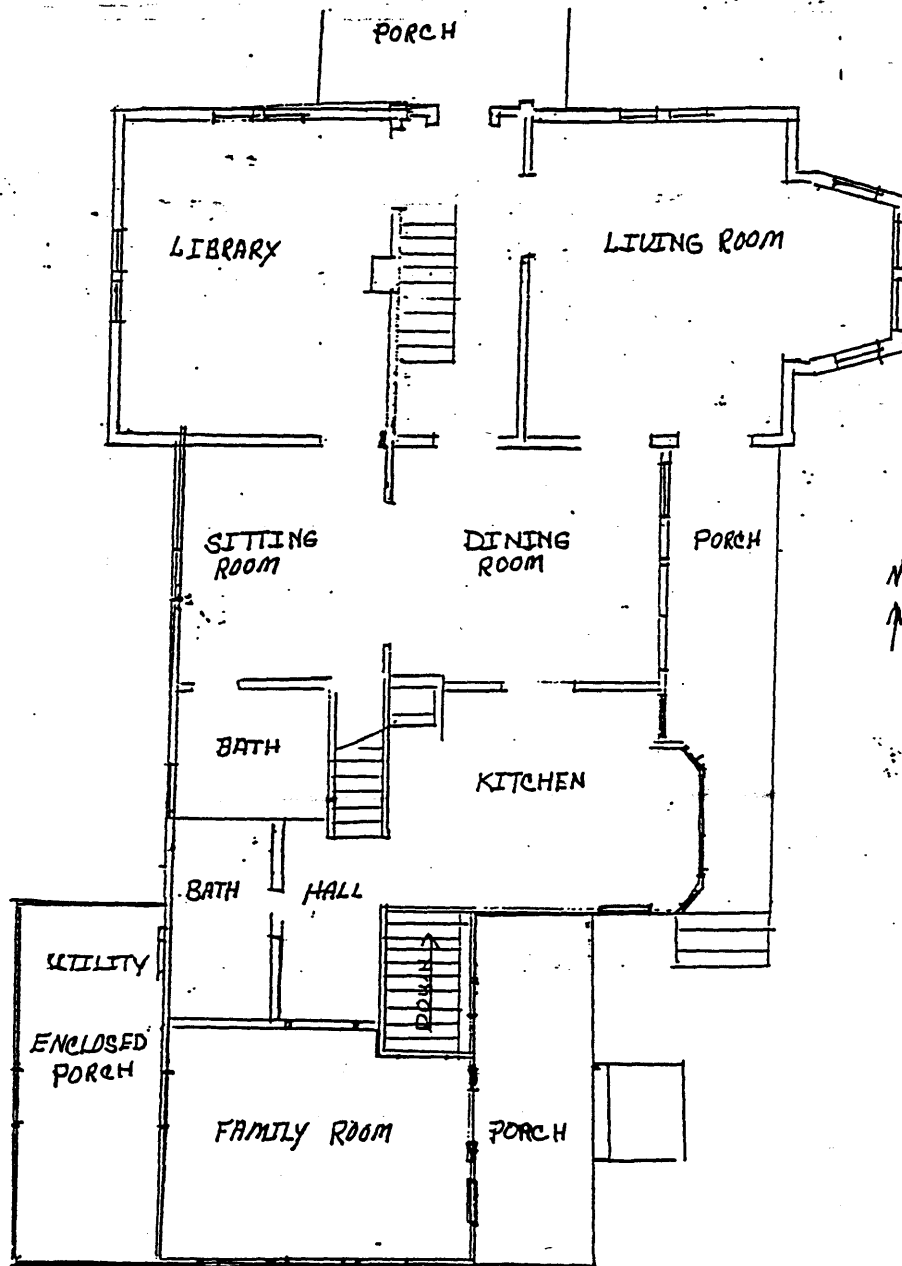
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Home Sketch Main level



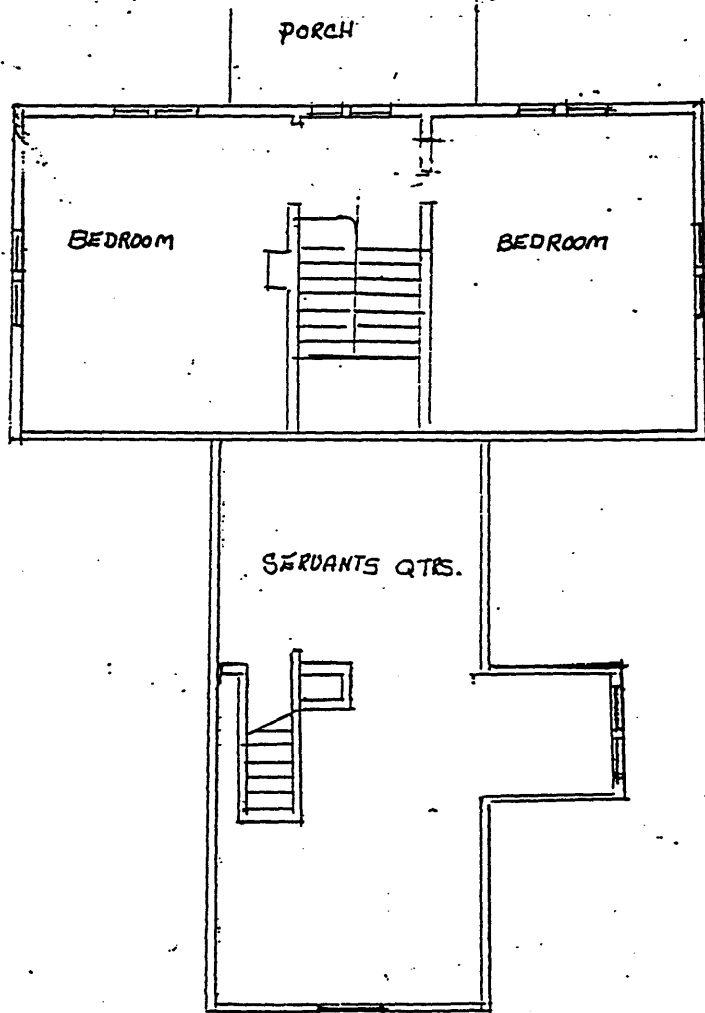
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Home Sketch Upper level



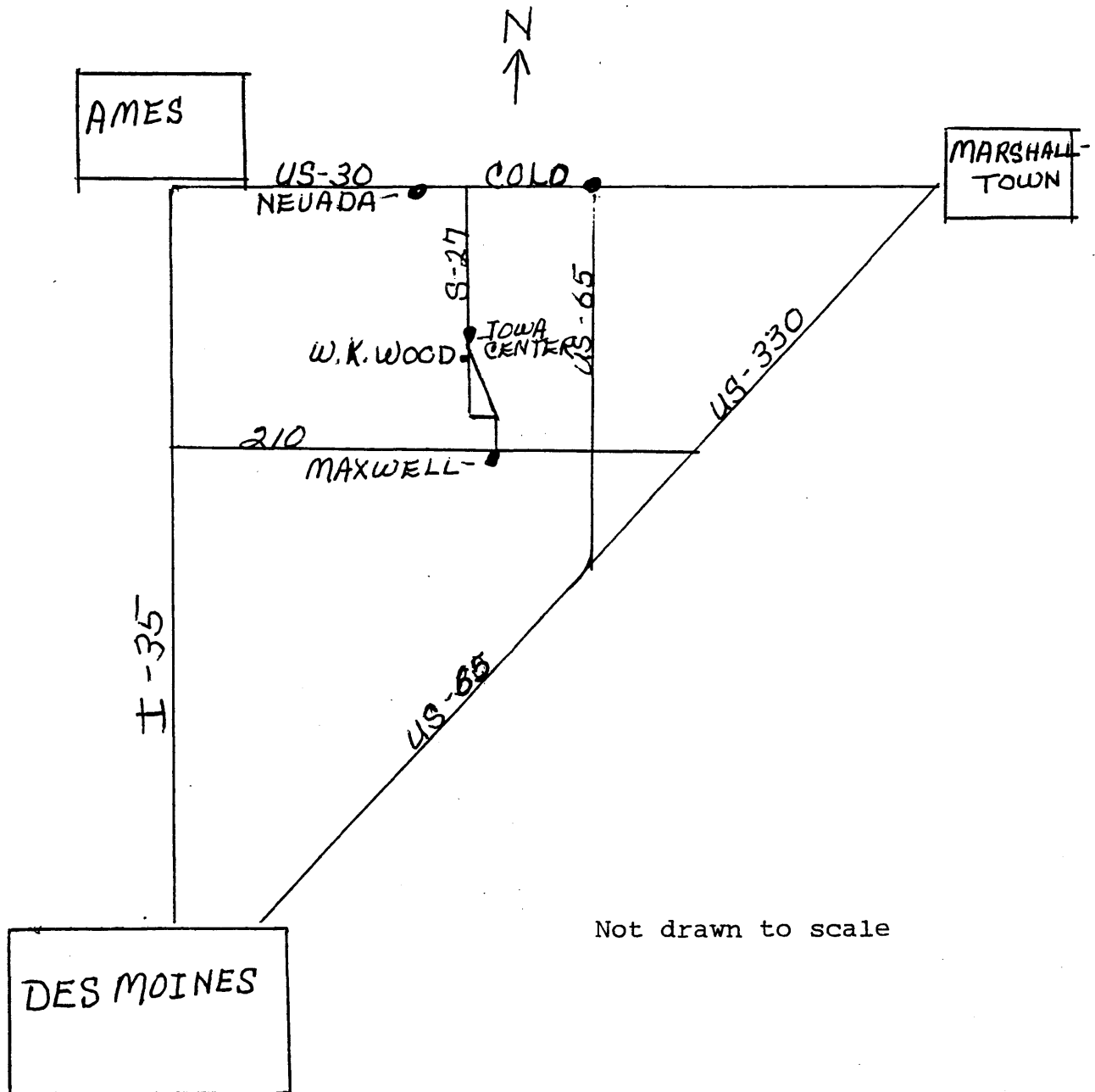
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Site Plan



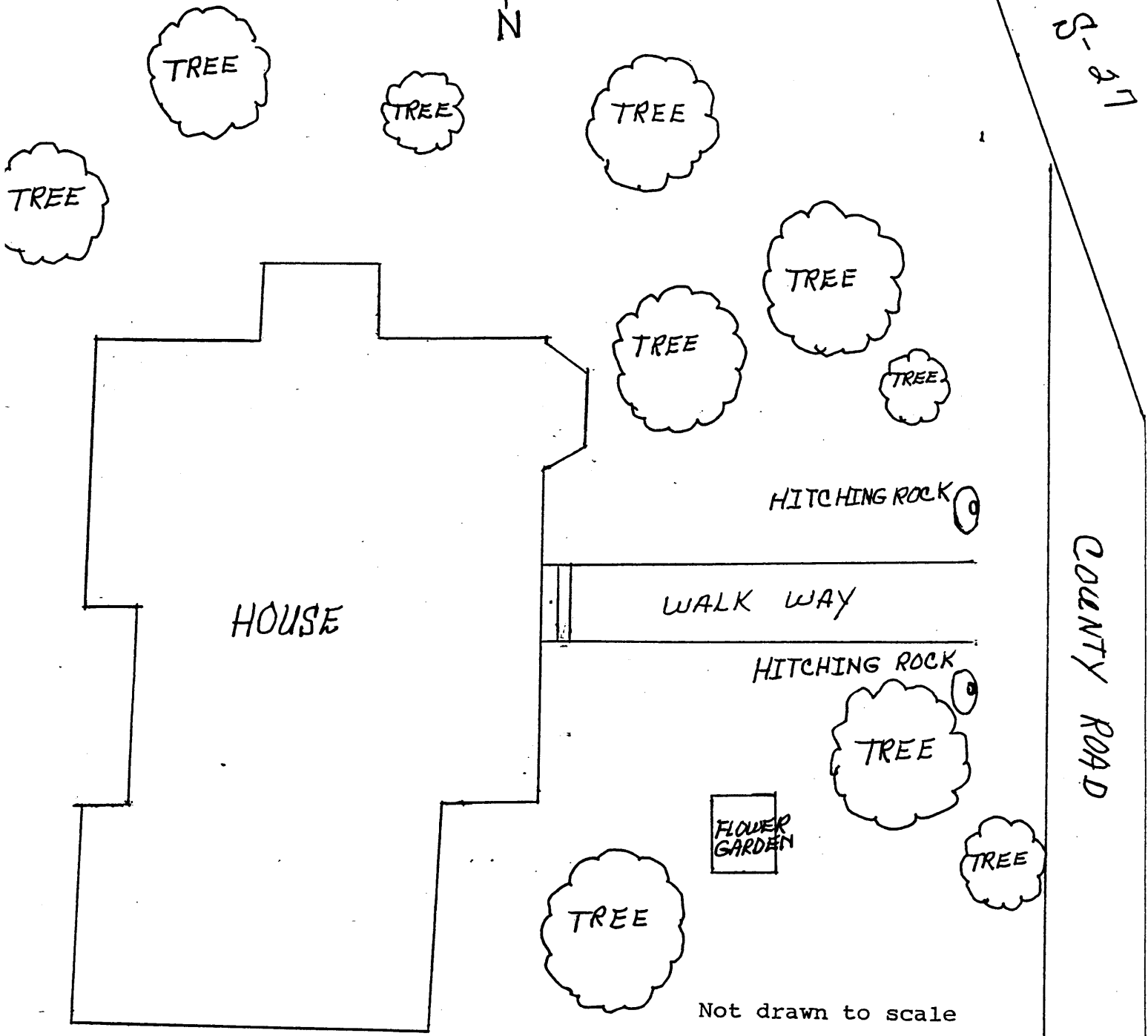
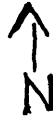
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Site Plan



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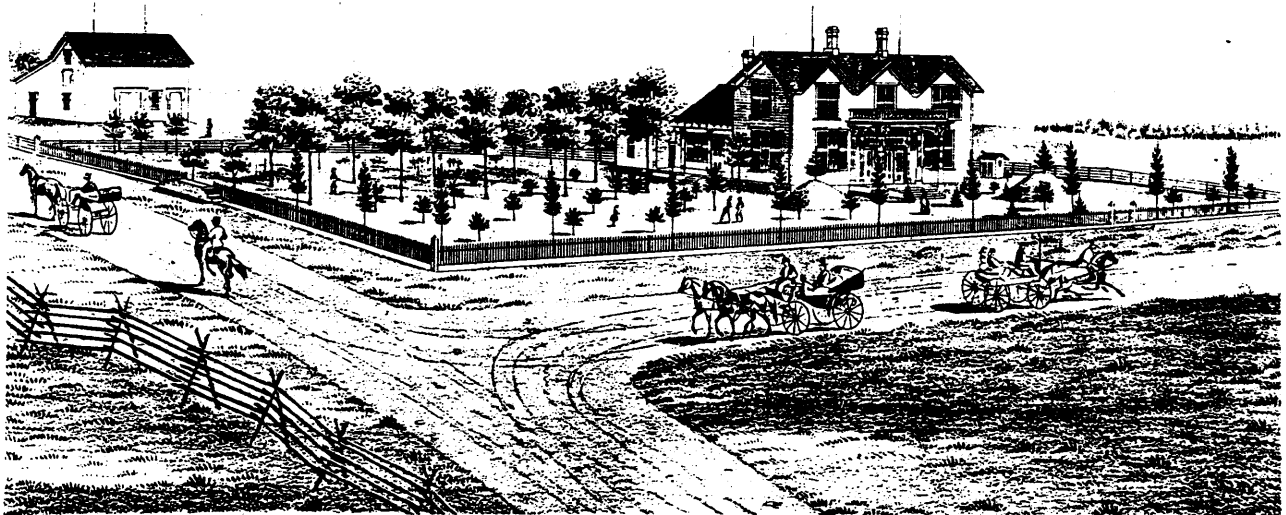
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From 1875 A. T. Andreas' Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa



RESIDENCE OF W. K. WOOD, IOWA CENTRE, STORY COUNTY, IOWA.

