

United States Department of the Interior
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hans M. Koch House
other names/site number Brickyard Residence

2. Location

street & number 0.5 mi. south of Kimballton, west of Hwy. 173 N/A not for publication
city, towns/site number Kimballton X vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Aubudon code 009 zip code 51543

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: See continuation sheet Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

David [Signature] Date 8/13/91
Signature of certifying official

State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this 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 for the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

Beth Boland 10/3/91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Other: Gabled Double-Pile House Type

Materials

foundation brickwalls brick

roof asphaltother glass

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hans M. Koch House is situated on a large open lot just west of Highway 173 and within the extreme southern portion of the 1908 plat extension of the Town of Kimballton. The building is a 1.5 story square brick dwelling with a broad gabled roof which has a broad, front facing (north) triangular gabled wall dormer. The house is defined as a gabled double-pile house type by the ethnic survey results and is characteristic of that type by having a ground plan that is two rooms wide by two rooms deep and having a gabled roof with a centrally-placed gabled wall dormer. The Koch house was constructed in 7:1 American Bond utilizing culled bricks manufactured at the Crystal Springs Clay Products factory which was situated to the west of this house.

Fenestration is symmetrical with the front facade consisting of a central door (infilled with brick in the early 1950s) flanked by single segmental arched windows, with two windows in the gabled wall dormer. All of the window openings are segmental arched. The basement level of the house is partially visible above ground because of the gradual slope of the lot to the north. An exterior basement entry is situated on the front facade directly underneath the first floor infilled door. This basement entry was originally covered by a small, open, portico porch to the first floor entry. That porch was also removed in the early 1950s because it had deteriorated because of the close proximity of a large pine tree. Additional modifications to the building include an open shed-roofed porch and brick enclosed entry added to the rear in 1947 and a deck and sliding glass door added to the east side of the rear in the early 1960s. The rear addition is compatible to the house core as it was constructed with matching bricks from the brickyard.

The interior has been little altered since the house was constructed. The interior modifications have included the removal of the double-wide pocket doors which originally separated the two front rooms and the addition of a bathroom and interior entry to the basement at the rear of the house core. Interior woodwork exhibits egg-and-dart molding.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

	<input type="checkbox"/> nationally	<input type="checkbox"/> statewide	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
Areas of Significance	Period of Significance		Significant Dates	
<u>ETHNIC HERITAGE/European</u>	<u>1908-1924</u>		<u>1908</u>	
<u>ARCHITECTURE</u>	_____		_____	
<u>INDUSTRY</u>	_____		_____	
_____	Cultural Affiliation		_____	
_____	<u>N/A</u>		_____	
_____	_____		_____	
Significant Person	Architect/Builder		_____	
<u>N/A</u>	<u>Koch, Hans Mikkelsen</u>		_____	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hans M. Koch House is locally significant under National Register Criterion A within the multiple property historic context of Danish Immigrant Settlement, 1865-1924: Construction Trades and Industries because it is directly associated with the Danish immigrant construction industry of the Crystal Springs brickworks. It was built to serve as the manager's residence for this brickyard and was situated within close proximity to the yard itself. The property is also locally significant under National Register Criterion C, within the historic context of Danish Immigrant Settlement, 1865-1924: Construction Trades and Industries because it exemplifies the work of a skilled Danish immigrant craftsman and the products of an important local building industry established by Danish immigrants. The building is further significant under Criterion C within the context of Danish Immigrant Settlement, 1865-1924: Building Trends because it is a gabled double-pile house type which was common to the Danish settlement area of Shelby and Audubon counties in the early 1900s and may be a reflection of a Danish house form. The Koch house may be particularly significant in this regard as it is the only known example of a brick gabled double-pile house in the two county area and, as such, even more closely resembles the Danish form which was commonly constructed of brick. Therefore, it also potentially relates to the historic context of Ethnic Influences on the Architecture of Shelby and Audubon Counties, the Danish Immigrant Case Study: 1865-1924. The beginning date of the period of significance and the significant date of the nominated property is its date of construction, 1908. The end date of the period of significance is the end date of the Danish immigrant settlement context of 1924. Because this property is significant for its association with the brickyard, the period of significance can be extended to that year. The yard was still an important local industry by 1924 under the management of Hans Koch.

The Crystals Springs brickyard and its later incarnation as the Roxy Clay Works supplied the brick and tile for a large number of the commercial buildings, foundations, chimneys, silos, and outbuildings of the Kimballton-Elk Horn vicinity. The brickyard itself survives only as a highly impacted archaeological site, therefore, the Hans M. Koch House is the best preserved remnant of that operation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Andersen, Annette. "Crystal Springs Brick and Tile Works," Kimballton: General Store Museum, 1989.

Betsinger, Signe Tronborg. Danish Design Influences in Housing and Home Furnishings in a Selected Community in Southwest Iowa. Ph. D. dissertation, University of Minnesota, pp. 48, 176-178, 198, 1970.

History Book Committee. Kimballton: 1883-1983. Kimballton: History Book Committee, pp. 76-77, Section I, 1983.

Naturalization Declaration of Intention. Audubon: Clerk of Court, Audubon County Courthouse, p. 52, Book 2.

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 # _____

_See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:
XState historic preservation office
_Other State agency
_Federal agency

_Local government
_University
_Other
Specify repository:
_Bureau of Historic Preservation

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 15 327260 4609440
Zone Easting Northing
C _____

B _____
Zone Easting Northing
D _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is bounded by the legal description as indicated on the topographical quadrangle map, USGS Elk Horn, Iowa, 1978: SW1/4, NW1/4, NE1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4, of Section 30, T79N, R36W, of Sharon Township in Audubon County, Iowa. This description was obtained by placing the template at the SE corner of the section.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the building itself and extends ten feet out from all sides of the building.

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Name of related multiple property listing:

The Ethnic Historic Settlement of Shelby and Audubon Counties: 1860-1941

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Hans M. Koch built the nominated property for his residence as manager of the brickyard, a position he would retain until his son, Frode, assumed management in the 1930s. Hans Koch continued to work in the brickyard as long as he was physically able, but lived in Kimballton after his son became manager. Koch was born in Slesvig, Denmark, in 1861 and trained as a brickmaker in that country. At the age of 18 he became the "confrere" of an itinerant brickmaker and traveled from farm to farm making bricks on the spot. Koch later became the manager of the brickyard near the Askov Folk School in Denmark. In 1893 he immigrated to the United States settling first in Michigan where he made bricks for a Danish settlement. Koch had to return to Denmark in 1897 because he had fallen on hard times and, once there, assumed management of a brickyard near Fredericia. His son Frode immigrated again in 1905 and became the buttermaker at the Crystal Springs Creamery in Kimballton. When a survey of Ole H. Jacobsen's land adjacent to the Creamery revealed a deposit of fire clay, Jacobsen decided to build a brickyard. Frode sent word of this to his father, and Hans Koch immigrated to Kimballton in the spring of 1908. Hans Koch and Ole Jacobsen built the kiln and buildings for the brickyard and it opened for business in 1909. Of the buildings for which it is known that Koch did the construction work, his dwelling is the best surviving example. The use of culled bricks was well-executed by Koch, particularly considering that even the best bricks manufactured by this brickyard were soft and subject to deterioration. According to oral history, the house was patterned in design after the Koch home in Denmark, but unfortunately this cannot be confirmed by photographic documentation. It does stand as a local landmark symbolic of the former brickyard and remains a structurally sound brick dwelling and a testament to Danish craftsmanship.

Previous surveys in the area, coupled with the results of the present ethnic survey, have suggested that the gabled double-pile house is reminiscent of a common type of Danish architecture, and while not an imported Danish form, it may have been selected by Danish immigrant settlers because of its resemblance to houses they had known in Denmark. This may, in fact, be exactly the case with the Koch House. While the exterior of this building has been modified to an extent, including the infilling of the front entry and the removal of the front porch, the significance of this house form lies in its overall plan, the materials with which it is constructed, and the presence of the central gabled wall dormer, all of which remain intact.

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*** Hans Koch House
Kimballton, Iowa vicinity
Leah Rogers, photographer
Original negatives at the Iowa Bureau of Historic Preservation

<u>Photo #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Photo #</u>	<u>Description</u>
#1	House 2/20/91 view to SE		
2	House (rear) 2/20/91 view to NW		
3	House 8/30/90 view to SE		

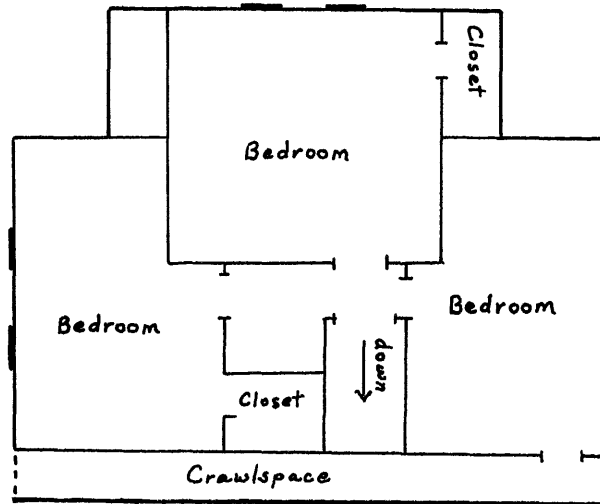
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Hans Koch House
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Second Floor



First Floor

