

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Smiley, Samuel, House

and/or common N/A

2. Location SE of Orfordville on WI 213

street & number Highway 213 ___ not for publication

city, town Orfordville vic. vicinity of 1st congressional district

state Wisconsin code 55 county Rock code 105

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Gary and Marie Roden

street & number Rural Route 4

city, town Beloit ___ vicinity of state Wisconsin 53511

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Rock County Courthouse

street & number 51 South Main Street

city, town Janesville state Wisconsin 53545

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Rock County Survey of Historic
title Sites and Buildings has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records Rock County Historical Society

city, town Janesville state Wisconsin 53545

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The 1846 Greek Revival Style house of Samuel Smiley is of frame construction, clapboard sided, and set upon a low foundation of dressed limestone blocks. The front facade of the house faces south, and is five units wide, with center entrance. Corner pilasters support a wide entablature of architrave, frieze and cornice across the facade of the house, terminating on the sides beneath returning cornices. A low wing in Greek Revival Style, pre-1846, projects to the north completing the "T" shape of the structure. Windows are six over six double hung, many with their original glass. The windows on the sides and upper story of the facade are simply framed. Those of the first story have a shouldered architrave trim beneath a shelf molding; wood panels fill the interspace to the foundation. Shuttered quarter-round windows on either side of the chimneys light the attic portion of the gable ends.

The wide pilaster framed recessed entrance is protected by a porch. Paired slender columns grace the front of the porch, supporting the shallow arcading; a closed wood balustrade crowns the flat roof. Lattice work between the columns and on the sides enclose the porch and provide privacy for the bench seats along the sides. The entrance itself is framed by sidelights and a transom of three narrow paned lights. The paneled door is of walnut and is three inches thick.

Of the two original interior chimneys only that on the east end of the gable roof remains. The west chimney of red brick was constructed later; it rises from the ground against the west wall from the first-story. The chimney of the rear wing has been removed at the roofline.

The interior of the house features a center hall with a curved, rounded, winding walnut staircase to the second floor. In the four principal rooms (two up and two down) the original classical window and door frames have been retained. Wood panels are set between sill and mopboard. Wide pine floorboards are still visible throughout.

From the interior, the arrangement of the rear wing is little altered. Original window and door openings have been retained. The second floor still appears as in 1846 with its doorway to the staircase of the front portion. A short flight of steep stairs, partially enclosed, gives access to this loft area from the rear part of the wing.

The earlier wing to the rear of the house, also in a simpler version of the Greek Revival style, has been remodeled over the years. A view of the house in the 1873 New Combination Atlas of Rock County Wisconsin shows an open porch extending the full length of the wing on the east. This has been enclosed. A 1913 picture, in the possession of the Gerald Andrones (current owners of the house) shows a loggia on the west side of this wing which has now been enclosed with double-hung and clapboard siding. The "eyebrow" windows in the entablature remain, and retain the original glass.

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The house is situated in a hollow between low rolling hills with farm lands on all sides. A horse barn, granary, cow barn along with other sheds and buildings (not included in the nomination) are sited to the east and slightly north of the house, separated from it by a wide driveway. The house itself is quite close to State Highway 213; a shrubbery barrier has been planted to shield the house from traffic. The grounds immediately around the house include several large walnut trees and evergreens giving added shade and protection to the property.

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State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Ca. 1846 (1) Builder/Architect Samuel Smiley (2)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Samuel Smiley House is a fine example of a Greek Revival Style farmhouse reminiscent of late Federal style. The retention of so many interior original features, wide pine floorboards, door and window moldings, and curving walnut staircase, lend added significance to the exterior features of the home. With its five unit wide facade, corner pilasters and pedimented gable, the Smiley house represents a carry-over influence of the late Federal style/Greek Revival style. Amongst Rock County farm homes it is an outstanding example of this mixing of styles. The Smiley family came to Wisconsin in 1845, settling in what would become Plymouth Township. (3) Samuel Smiley was a wealthy older man, a former bridge builder, when he came west from Pennsylvania with his family. The family moved into the pre-existing house (now the rear wing) on the farm while Smiley began the construction of the larger portion. The whole of the structure is built of oak and walnut cut from the land and hauled to Milwaukee for milling. The main staircase spindles were made by Smiley from walnut lumber grown on his land, as was all the woodwork and the front entry door. (4) Smiley was elected a Supervisor of the Town of Plymouth during its organizational session in 1847-48. At the organizational meeting of the Hanover Cemetery Association, April 25, 1850, Smiley's name appears as a trustee for the association. (5) Smiley was also interested in education. The first classes of the Fisher School were held in the front rooms of the house, and Smiley was to donate the land on which the school would be built. (6) Smiley was among the fifty-one original organizers of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the Town of Newark (known today as Newark Mutual Insurance Company) in 1874 and his home is still insured by the company today! (7)

- 1.--Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Wisconsin, Acme Publishing Co., Chicago, 1889, p.570
- 2.--Notes of Conversation: Ruth Ann Willis and Mrs. Gerald Androne, March 1980. Mrs. Androne is the granddaughter of Samuel Smiley. RCHS Library.
- 3.--Portrait and Biographical Album, op.cit. p. 570
- 4.--Notes of Conversation, op.cit.
- 5.--The History of Rock County, Wisconsin, Western Historical Company: Chicago, 1879, pgs. 522. 673.
- 6.--Notes of Conversation, ibid.
- 7.--Beloit Daily News, January 4, 1874, p. 6.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Beloit Daily News, Beloit, Wisconsin, January 4, 1974
 The History of Rock County Wisconsin, Western Historical Company; Chicago 1879
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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one.

Quadrangle name Newark, Wis.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

1	6	3	18	9	50	4	7	1	8	5	10
Zone			Easting			Northing					

B

Zone			Easting			Northing					

C

Zone			Easting			Northing					

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Zone			Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification Sec. 28, Township 2, Rnge 11: W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 80 acres
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40 acres. (continued)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

Maurice J. Montgomery, Assistant Director
 name/title Ruth Ann Willis, Preservation Officer

organization Rock County Historical Society date January 20, 1981

street & number P.O. Box 896 telephone 608-756-4509

city or town Janesville state Wisconsin 53545

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Richard Murray

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

date 9/14/82

For HCRS use only

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

for *Shelton Byers*
 Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
 National Register

date 10/21/82

Attest:

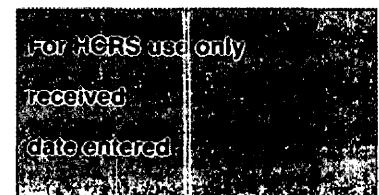
date

Chief of Registration

X

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Verbal Boundary Description: From a point 2' north of the North East corner of the structure thence 41' westerly, thence 65' southerly, thence 43' easterly, thence 65' northerly, thence 2' westerly to the point of beginning.