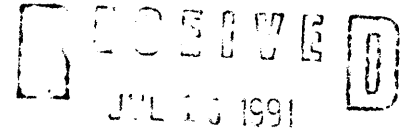


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 Henry Roling House
other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Route 2 (Spruce Creek Rd)
city, town Bellevue
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects, Total 1

Name of related multiple property listing: Limestone Architecture of Jackson County, Iowa
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 (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official: [Signature]
Date: 7/5/91
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 (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register
determined not eligible for the National Register
removed from the National Register
other, (explain)
Entered in the National Register
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]
Date of Action: 8/30/91

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

VACANT/not in use

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century

Vernacular

foundation Limestonewalls Limestoneroof Corrugated metalother

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story gable roof house is rectangular in shape, and has a four bay facade on the eave side, with the door offset to the right. This entry is flanked by transom and sidelights. Interior chimneys are located on each end. The stonework is of cut stone (varying in size and shape) laid in courses, with limestone sills and lintels used throughout. An unusual aspect of this house is the use of stone quoins. Only the quoins, sills, and lintels are of dressed stone. The house measures 38'2"x 20'1" with a single story addition to the east measuring 18'2"x 14'11". This addition appears to have been made during the 19th century.

This house sets back about a quarter of a mile on the north side of the Spruce Creek Road. It is in the center of a farmstead which includes not only the house built to replace this one, but also the original log house on the farmstead. The view from the farmstead is a sweeping one to the east, south, and west of the Spruce Creek valley.

The physical condition of this house is a concern. While it has been vacant for a number of years, and is deteriorating, it has not reached a point where it can be called a ruin. The potential for restoration is there and should be encouraged.

8. Statement of Significance

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

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

c.1850

c.1850

Cultural Affiliation
N.A.

Significant Person
N.A.

Architect/Builder
Unknown

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

This house is significant under Criterion C as a good example of an early vernacular limestone house in Jackson County.

The Roling house is one of 217 examples of limestone architecture recorded in Jackson County, and is one of 101 residences. Of this number, 89 were rectangular houses featuring gable roofs, very similar in plan to the Roling house. The most common design was a two story house with a symmetrical three or five bay facade on the eave side. The Roling house differs from this in the number of bays (four). In all other details it is representative of the most common stone house type built in the 1850s in this part of Jackson County, with walls of small cut stones laid in courses, dressed stone sills and lintels, double hung windows, and a transom and sidelighted entry. The use of quoins is unusual in a simple vernacular house such as this.

Jackson County was one of the earliest counties settled, being part of the Wisconsin Territory, then Iowa Territory, then the State of Iowa. The first stone house in Jackson County, (the Theodore Niemann house) was built about a mile west of this one in 1845. The Roling house appears to have been constructed shortly thereafter. Both the Niemann and Roling houses have the even number of bays on the facade that appears to be common in Luxembourgian architecture. (The houses are so similar in design they are almost mirror images of each other and can easily be confused.) This tradition can be seen in houses in Bellevue and Prairie Springs townships in Jackson County, and in some of the southern townships in Dubuque County. Unlike many of the Luxembourgian houses, the Roling house has not been stuccoed.

There are several extant limestone buildings in the Spruce Creek valley, three of which are currently being nominated to the National Register. The earliest settlers here, including the Niemann and Roling families appear to have been German. No specifically German characteristics have been noted on the houses, and it is not been

9. Major Bibliographical References

Andreas Atlas of the State of Iowa. 1875, p. 164.
Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879; 1897.
Interview with Ed Ernst conducted by Bel Tubbs, 28 January 1991.
Interview with Marie Weis conducted by Bel Tubbs, January 1991.
Historic photographs of farmstead.

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:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References:

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Verbal Boundary Description

A parcel of land located approximately 1/4 mile north of the Spruce Creek Road (at the end of a long lane) in T86N R4E Sec 3 NE1/4. This parcel is rectangular in shape with an E/W axis, measuring 76'4" east to west, and 40'1" north to south, centered around the stone house in question. This rectangle allows for an extension of ten feet on all sides of the house.

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Boundary Justification

This nomination includes only the above noted stone house. It does not include any other buildings or structures located on the farmstead.

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11. Form Prepared By

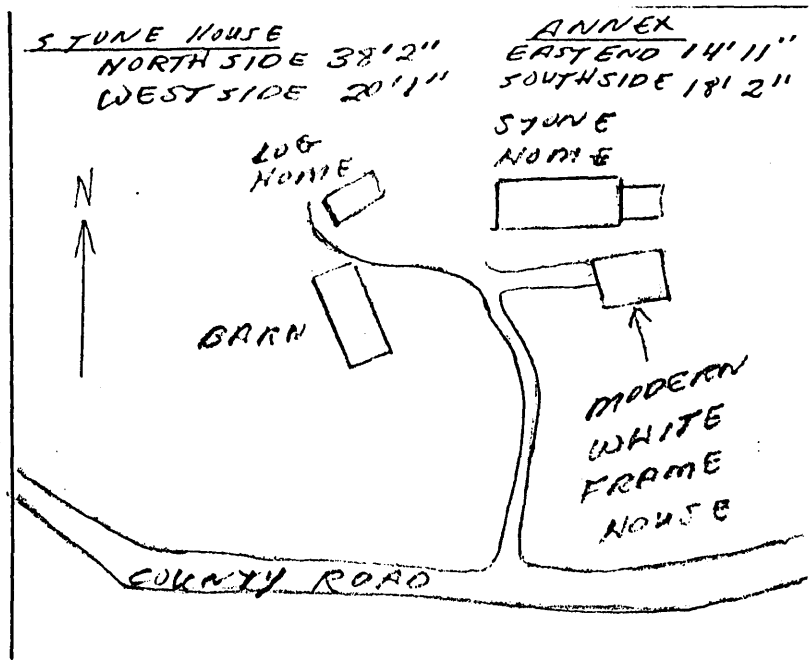
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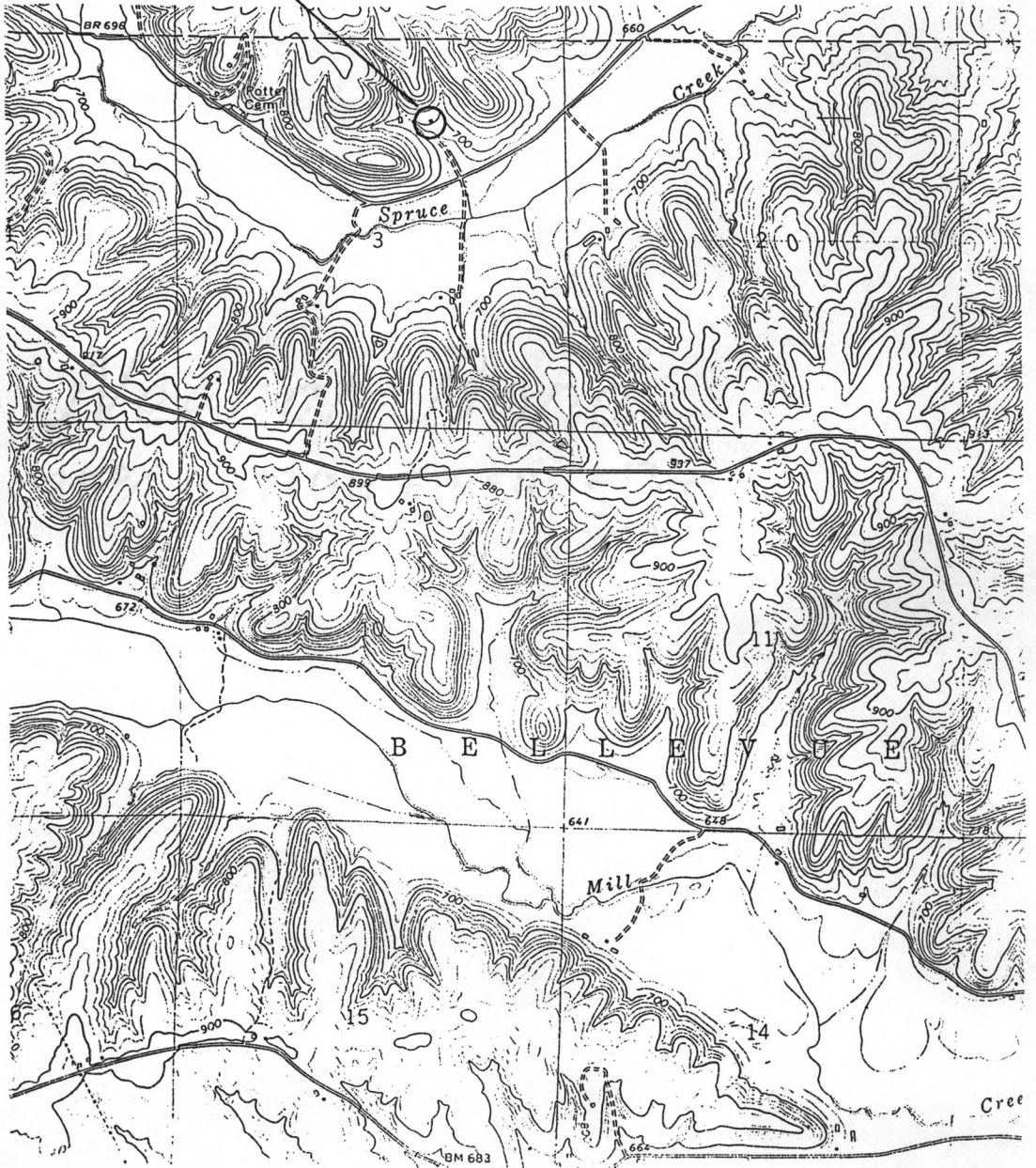
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Henry Roling House

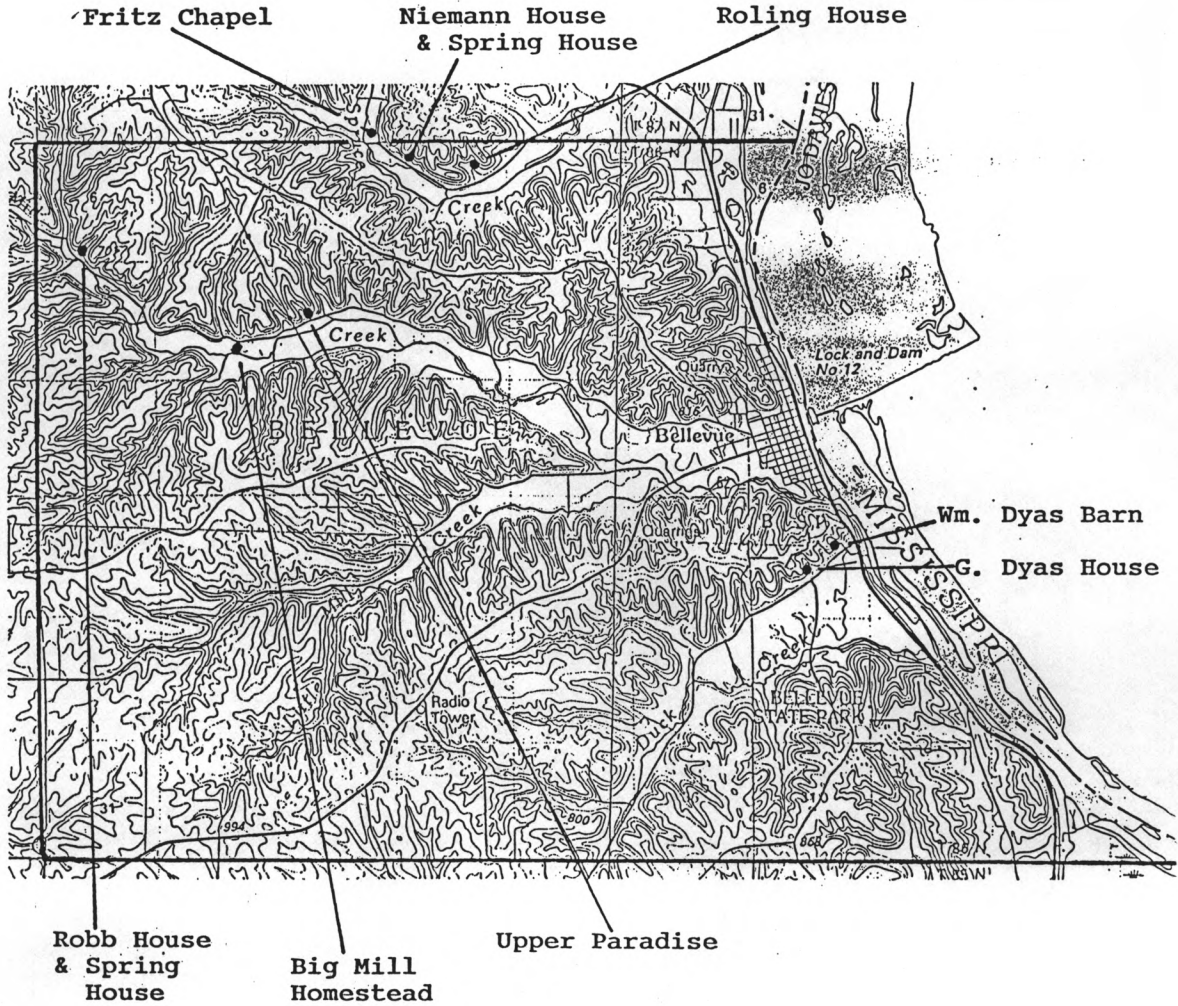


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Rural limestone resources being nominated
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determined who the stonemasons were. It is known that there were a number of stone houses and buildings constructed in this valley, many on small, 40 acre farms. It is said that the owners of several of these farms were stone masons who left the area during the week to work, coming home only for weekends. The Roling house is a particularly good example of a vernacular limestone residence, and deserves preservation.

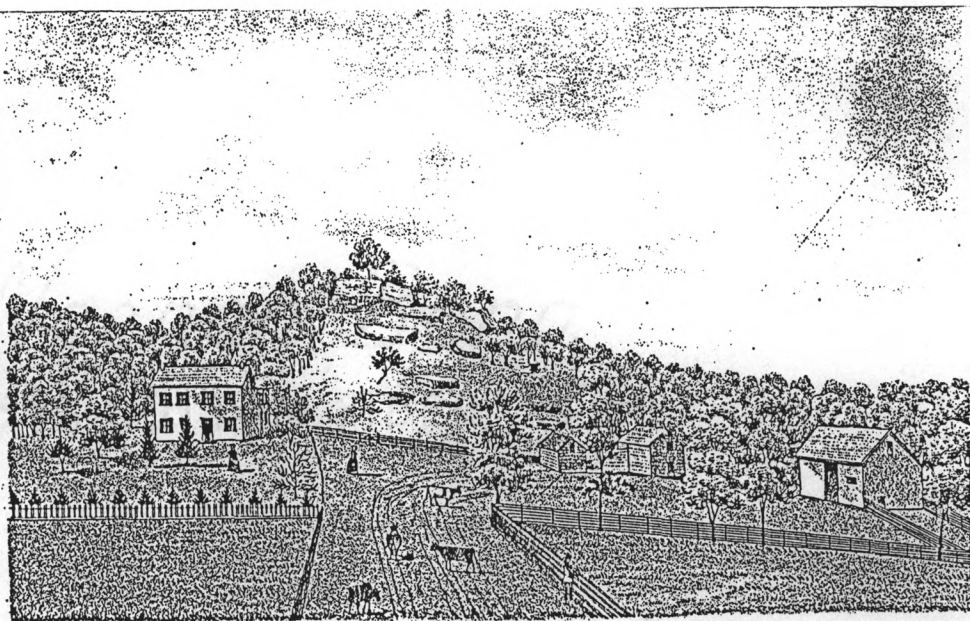
Henry Roling joined Theodore Niemann in giving 12 acres for a German Roman Catholic church and cemetery in 1855. Named St. Nikolaus after the parish in Germany from which both families came, the land lies between the Roling and Niemann houses. Today, the small cemetery, and a stone church from 1855 (somewhat altered) remain.

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FARM OF THEODOR NIEMANN, BELLEVUE T^P, JACKSON CO.

This lithograph from the 1875 Andreas Atlas of the State of Iowa illustrates how very similar the Niemann and Roling houses are. This print appears to be of the Roling house with its door off-set to the right, rather than the Niemann house with the door off-set to the left.

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