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Registration Form

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" on the appropriate line 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.

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1. Name of Property

historic name PERRIGO-HOLMES HOUSE  
other names/site number J. J. & Mary Snell House; Leand A. & Myrl H. Douglass House; Emmabelle Douglass House; Douglass House

2. Location

street & number 721 Carroll Street N/A not for publication  
city or town Boone \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity \_\_\_\_\_  
state Iowa code IA county Boone code 015 zip code 50036

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.)  
[Signature] Date 7/27/94  
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 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] Signature of Keeper  
Edson H. Beall Entered in the National Register Date of Action 9-8-94

Perrigo-Holmes House  
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Boone County, Iowa  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many lines as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one line)

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

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2	1	Total

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

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC, single dwelling  
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DOMESTIC, single dwelling  
COMMERCE/TRADE, restaurant  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Italianate  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation Stone, brick  
walls Wood  
roof Asphalt shingle  
other Glass  
\_\_\_\_\_

**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" on one or more lines 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" on all the lines 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)

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

Circa 1871

**Significant Dates**

Circa 1871

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** - (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

**9. Major Bibliography 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):**

- previous determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Record
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Name of repository

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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**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**

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**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 Joleen C. and Merlin Muench

street & number 721 Carroll Street telephone 515-432-4078

city or town Boone state Iowa zip code 50036

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Perrigo-Holmes House, Boone County, Iowa.

This property presently consists of three resources, two contributing resources--an historic single-family dwelling and an historic barn--and one noncontributing resources--a modern garage. All these resources are situated on one city lot in Boone, Iowa.

### HOUSE

This is a two-story, frame, single-family dwelling subsequently converted to an apartment house whose first floor now also operates as a tea room.

The house consists of a two-story main block, measuring approximately 36' x 38', and a one-story rear wing, measuring approximately 18' x 23'. Although the house is essentially a cube, the main block contains a facade extension, which measures approximately 18' x 8'. This extension gives the house an ell-shaped appearance, which the roof configuration further emphasizes. Exterior walls are clad with wooden siding. The roof is a moderately pitched, facade gable roof, which intersects with a side gable roof to cover the main block. The slope of the roof tapers into wide flares. The rear wing is covered by a gable roof. Although originally probably covered with wood shingles, all these roofs are now covered with asphaltic shingles. A stone foundation, now parged with concrete on the exterior and supported by buttresses of battered brick on the interior, stands under most of the main block. Stone footings support the rear wing and the northwest portion of the main block.

This building is counted as a contributing resource to the property.

### Exterior

In addition to the features already described, the main block contains a wide cornice under the eaves embellished with symmetrically placed paired-brackets, which are made of wood. (These brackets are not present on the rear wing and were never features here.) The house possesses two interior brick chimneys with chimney caps. One is an end wall chimney situated on the facade gable end, while the other, located on the side gable roof west of its apex, features slope placement. The chimney cap of the first flares outward, surmounted by several courses of regularly laid brick, while the chimney cap of the second features a more pronounced flair.

The side gable portion of the facade features a full-width one-story porch. Measuring approximately 16' x 6', its almost flat roof is supported by a series of paired columns enriched with brackets. A balustrade surrounds the two open sides of this porch.

A second porch stands on the south elevation of the rear wing, situated in the ell formed by it and the main block.

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Interior

The interior of the building features numerous architectural details. They include a decorative plaster-worked ceiling in the parlor--featuring geometric designs arranged symmetrically around a central medallion--as well as false grained double doors leading from the hall to the parlor and to the living room, and double pocket doors leading from the living room to the rear sitting room (which also features a central plaster-worked medallion on the ceiling).

**BARN**

A one-level barn with hay-mow is situated west of the house near the west property line and adjacent to an alley. Measuring approximately 16' x 24', this barn appears to have been constructed in the Nineteenth Century, possibly contemporaneously with the house. It features a gable roof, covered with asphaltic shingles and board-and-batten clad walls. A later lean-to wing, measuring approximately 8' x 24', is attached on the north elevation and covered with a shed roof. The lean-to features horizontal wood siding. Although this barn lacks maintenance, the basic structural elements remain sound. A new, metal over-head door has been installed in the main entrance on the south elevation.

This structure is counted as one contributing resource to the property.

**GARAGE**

Constructed in 1979 and measuring approximately 24' x 28', this is a tile block garage. It features space for two vehicle, having a double width overhead door on the east elevation and a single width overhead door on the west elevation. Designed by Donald Hardman, a safety consultant for Weitz Company, Inc. of Des Moines, the garage is solidly built. The lintel over the vehicular entrance is, for example, of industrial quality, having been salvaged after a fire in the Younker's Merle Hay department store in Des Moines.

This structure is counted as one noncontributing resource to the property.

**SITE**

This site comprises one standard-sized city lot in Boone, Iowa, measuring 60' x 180'. The facade of the house faces east and is located about 52' from the center of the right-of-way. This setback is consistent with that of other facades on the west side of Carroll Street in this block. The barn is located at the rear of the lot, near the north-south alley. The modern garage stands between the barn and the house. The garage is served by an unimproved driveway, which runs south of all these buildings between Carroll Street and the alley.

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A cast iron fence, which once embellished the site, has been removed. About 100' of this fence remains in storage in the basement. The present owner wishes to reinstall the fence at a later date.

Although there are a few older trees and other plantings, the property features no historic landscape architecture of significance. The front yard now features a row of hedge situated between the sidewalk and the yard proper. A flagpole is also situated in the front yard. A wooden handicap access ramp runs between the front porch and the driveway. Although this is an intrusive feature, it is easily reversible and is also screened from view by the hedges mentioned above. All these features have been constructed within the last five years.

This site is not counted as a resource for this property.

#### **SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOOD**

The neighborhood surrounding the Perrigo-Holmes House has been, historically, one of mixed residential and institutional land-use. Within the last ten years, the neighborhood has become the destination point for regional and state-wide tourism, drawn here by the presence of the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace Museum and Library.

Laid out in 1865 by John I. Blair, railroad baron and land speculator, the town of Boone quickly grew as a railroad center. It became the Iowa division point of the Chicago Northwestern railway. Blair subsequently laid out nine additions to Boone. He was actively associated with the establishment of other communities along this railroad line, Ames, Iowa, for example, as well as Blair, Nebraska, a namesake.

The Perrigo-Holmes House stands in an historic residential neighborhood within the original plat of Boone. This neighborhood is located near Boone's central business district several blocks to the east. A transitional land-use corridor stands between this residential and commercial section of Boone. It consists of public and semi-public institutional buildings. Already in the Nineteenth Century the First Presbyterian Church had located their sanctuary at 703 Greene Street, and, by 1925, the Swedish Lutheran Church stood at 702 Carroll Street. (This building has since been replaced by a funeral home business.) In the Twentieth Century, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was constructed on the southeast corner of Carroll and 8th Streets. The Ericson Public Library of Boone (NRHP, listed 23 May 1983) also stands nearby at 702 Greene Street.

The birth and subsequent fame of Mamie Doud Eisenhower, native of Boone, has more recently affected the Carroll Street area. Born in 1896 at 718 Carroll Street, Mrs. Eisenhower lived in this one-story, single-family dwelling until her family's relocation in 1897. Threatened with demolition in the 1970s to make way for a church parking lot, a Birthplace Restoration Committee was formed and successfully preserved the building by relocating it to a lot directly across the street, at 709 Carroll Street. Now rehabilitated, furnished with family and other period artifacts, and housing a depository

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for President and Mrs. Eisenhower memorabilia, the building now serves as the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace Museum and Library.

Since the establishment of this house museum and library, land-use has continued to evolve within this block of Carroll Street. A gift shop has been established next door at 715 Carroll Street. The entire block has been rezoned for commercial use, and the Perrigo-Holmes House, which stands two doors north of the museum, has been converted into a tea room.

This surrounding neighborhood is not counted as a resource for this property.



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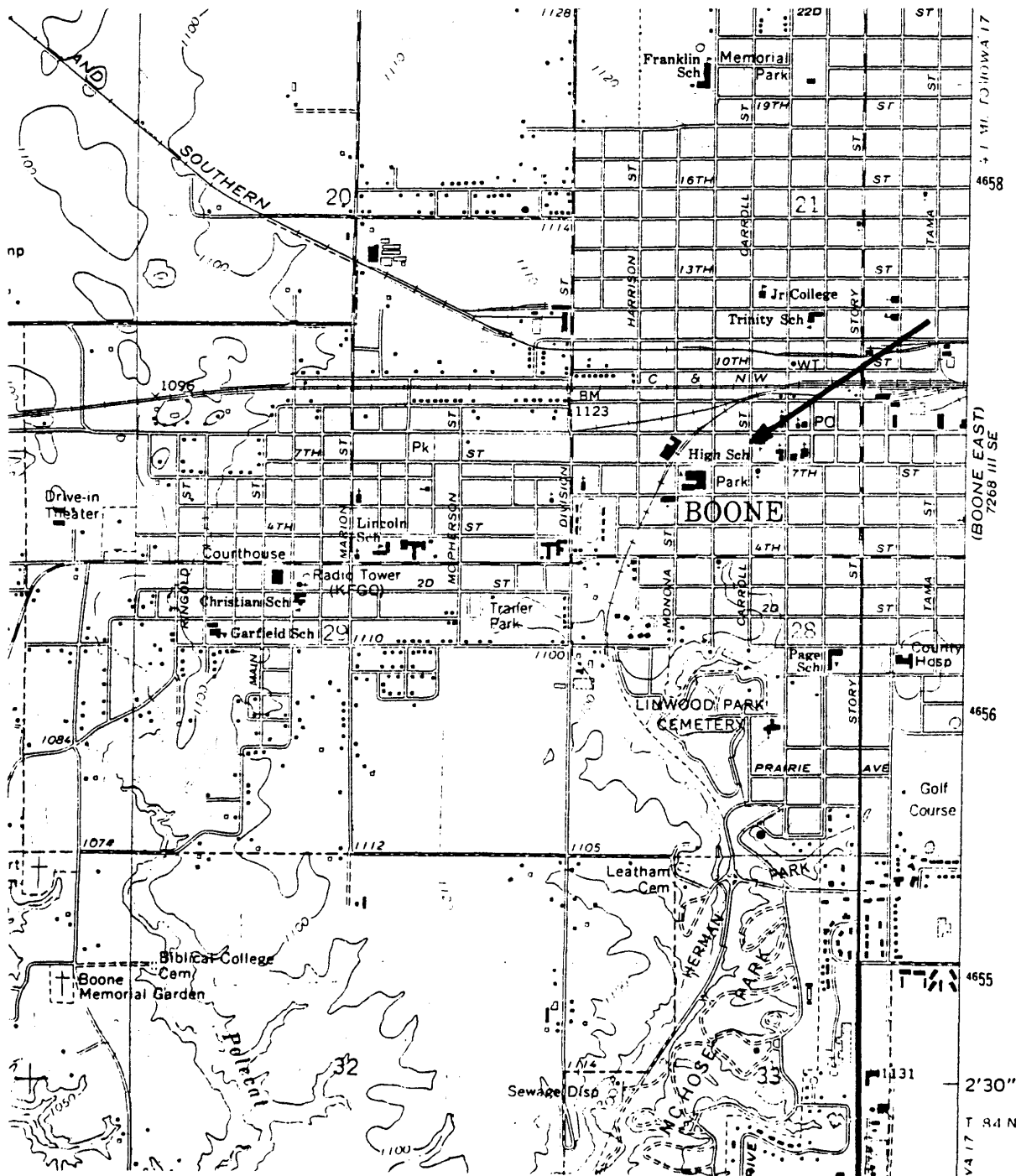
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# CURRENT MAP



Source: U.S.G.S. Map, Boone West Quadrant.  
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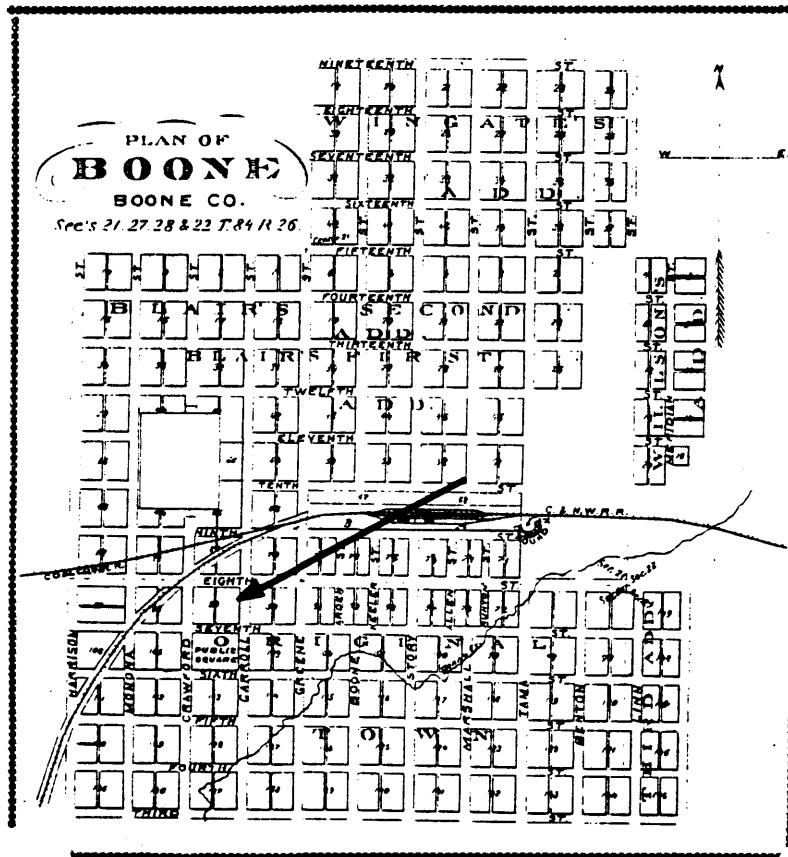
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## PLAN OF BOONE IN 1875



Source: Andreas Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa.  
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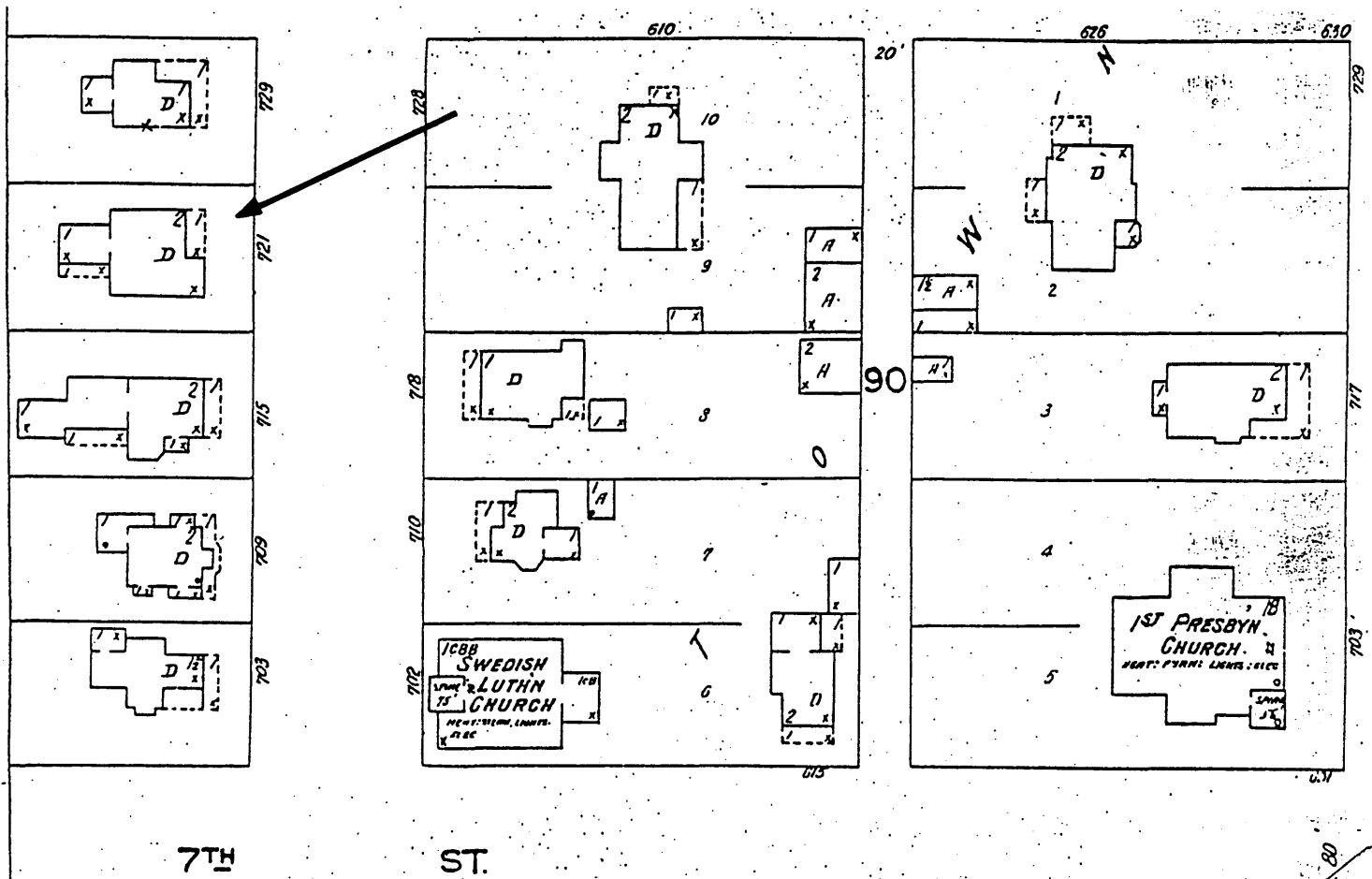
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## NEIGHBORHOOD IN 1925 ARROW LOCATES PERRIGO-HOLMES HOUSE



Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map; June 1925.



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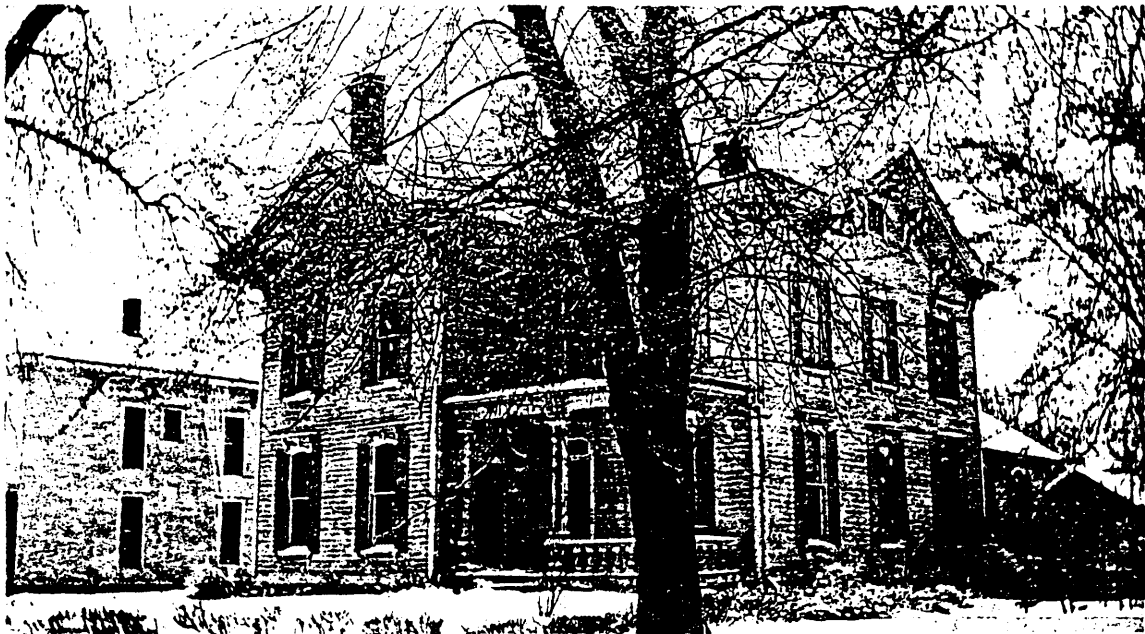
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### 721 CARROLL STREET



Source: Photographic snapshot, circa 1945, looking southwest.

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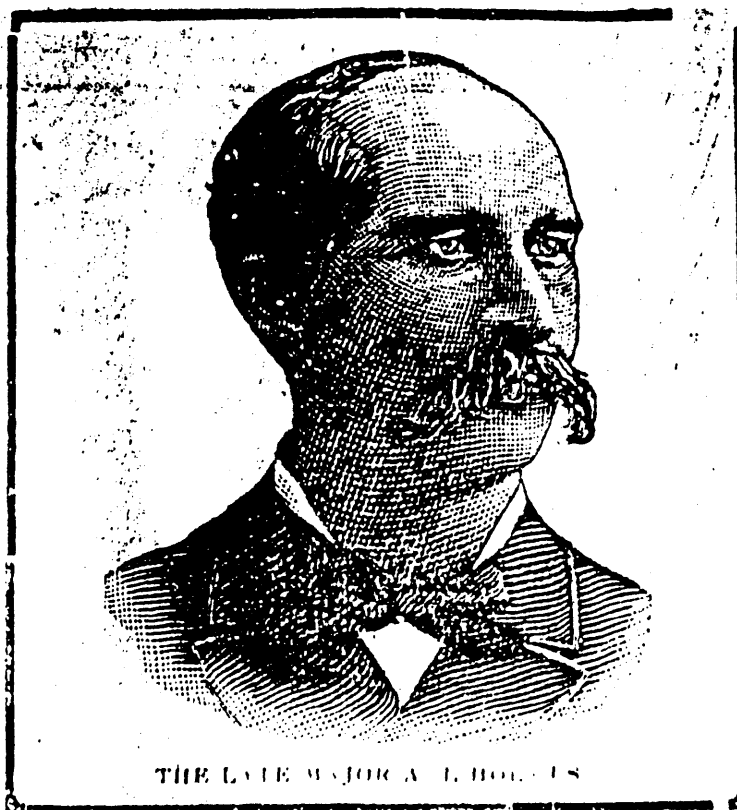
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### PORTRAIT OF MAJOR A. J. HOLMES



Source: *The Boone County Republican*, January 30, 1902, p. 3, cols. 3-4.

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### INTERIOR IN 1946



On the occasion of Mrs. G. K. Hobson's 80th Birthday.  
Mrs. Hobson (seated), Allan H. Hobson (l.), and Myrl H. Douglass (r.).  
March 9, 1946.

Source: Photographic snapshot property Emmabelle Douglass Hardman.

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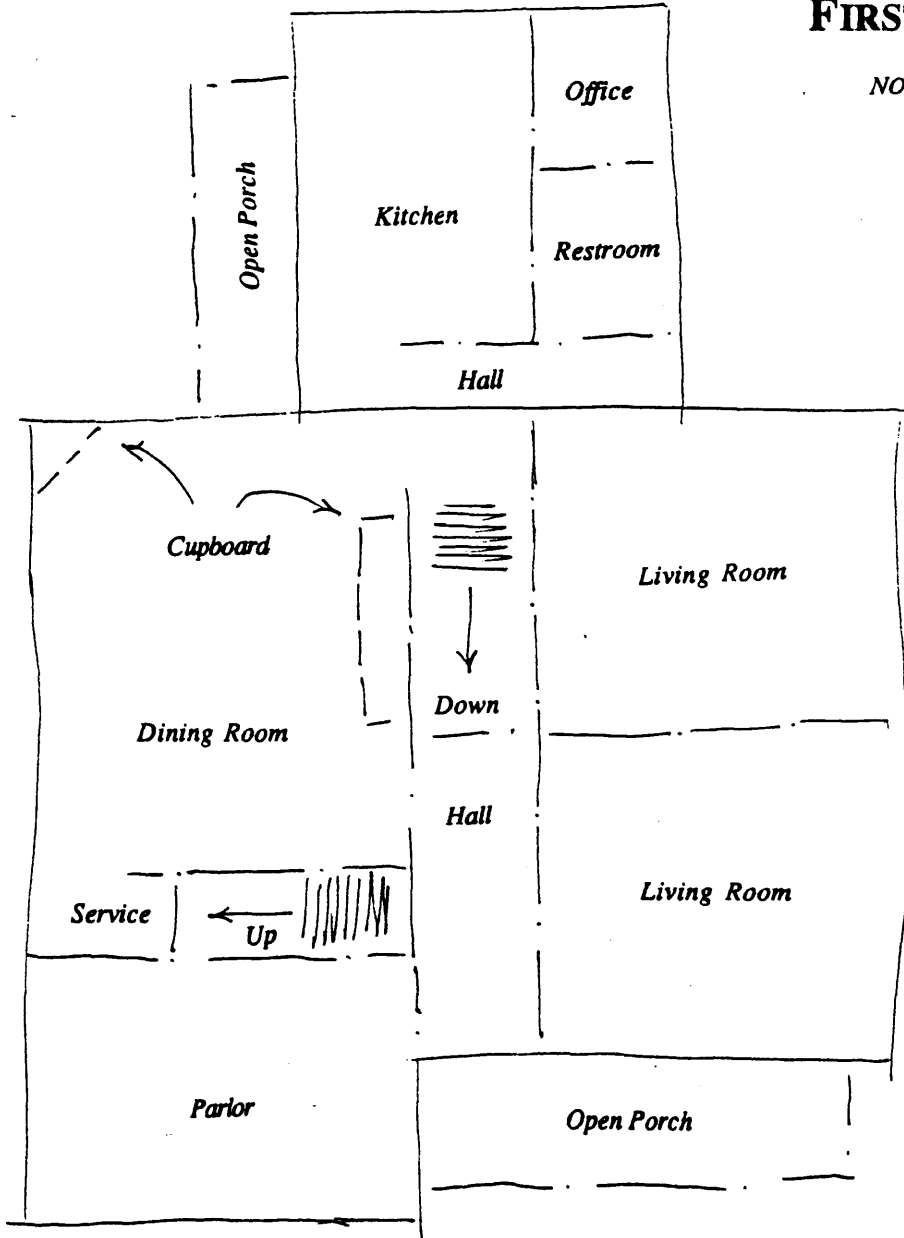
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### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Perrigo-Holmes House, located several blocks west of the Boone central business district, is significant, under Criterion C on the local level, as an outstanding embodiment of residential architecture influenced by the Italianate taste. Constructed circa 1871 for Joel C. and Sabra A. Perrigo, the house would appear to be architect designed, but the identity of such an individual is, as yet, unknown. Rich architectural detailing distinguishes this edifice's exterior. Its interior woodwork further enhances the building. A barn, possibly constructed contemporaneously with the house, provides a second contributing resource to the property.

The period of significance for this property, under Criterion C, is circa 1871, the time when it was constructed.

### ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

#### House

The Perrigo-Holmes House stands as an outstanding example of Italianate influenced architecture in Boone. Popular during the first generation of the city's growth, the Italianate taste influenced many early local residences. While most of these buildings are vernacular in nature--the Italianate influence signaled mostly by two-story cube massing and low-pitched roofs with hipped configuration--a few houses manifest a high-style Italianate influence. The Perrigo-Holmes House is an exceptionally refined expression of such houses and is notable for its asymmetrical massing of a gable-front-and-wing design and for its richness of architectural detail. In addition to its ell-shaped asymmetry, the building features flared roofs, elaborately paired brackets, delicate front porch, and carved hood molds above the windows. The roof configuration is particularly well conceived, suggesting, as it does, a complexity of design, which belies the house's basically cubic shape.

Built within a decade of Boone's founding, the Perrigo-Holmes House dramatically expresses the optimism and economic vitality, which Boone experienced as a result of the railroad's presence. The wealth of its decorative elements also calls attention to the local availability of manufactured building materials, which were restricted in Boone prior to the railroad's arrival.

This residence illustrates the architectural delicacy, which Italianate styling can convey. The thin porch columns, tall chimneys with their decorative caps, and tall windows project a vertical feeling, while the low-sloping roof and massing of this ell-shaped building convey a horizontal one. The wide eaves of this building convey picturesqueness, provide the building with protection from elements, and impart a feeling of security. The building's elaborate brackets are particularly pronounced because they are paired. While these brackets help support the wide eaves, they also provide points of visual attraction.

The massing of the Perrigo-Holmes House required special design solutions. Although the building appears, from the facade, to be a gable-front-and-wing design, its footprint corresponds more accurately to an Italianate cube, in which rooms are organized two-units deep. (In this respect, the house departs from vernacular expressions of gable-and-ell designs, which usually feature one-unit



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deep room configurations in the wing.) The reality of the Perrigo-Holmes House footprint is belied by the configuration of its roof. Although this roof was moderately pitched, it needed to cover a two-unit area in the "wing." To solve this problem, the house's design provided exceptionally flared projections to the roof. While these projections added picturesque quality to the building, they are also integral to the roof's function.

Because no surveys of building interiors have been conducted in Boone, the interior of the Perrigo-Holmes House cannot be evaluated in comparison with other contemporary homes in the city. This notwithstanding, the richness of its interior woodwork evinces a quality commensurate with its exterior. Decorative plaster-work embellishes the ceilings of two rooms. Double doors, pocket doors, false graining, as well as substantial mop boards, cove molding, and door- and window surrounds remain in place throughout the house.

Barn

The presence of this barn adds architectural significance to the property because it contributes to its overall integrity, calling attention, as it does, to the design, location, and size of an ancillary structure and its relationship to the dwelling unit. This structure is additionally significant because it is one of the few surviving examples of a town barn constructed during the late Nineteenth Century in Boone, a property type once common.

Significance in Relationship to Other Similar Properties

Popular during the first decades of the city's settlement, Italianate design influenced the first generation of residential buildings in Boone. Numerous cube-shaped houses with low-pitched, hipped roofs were constructed under Italianate influence. The house at 715 Carroll Street, immediately south of the Perrigo-Holmes House, stands as a good example. Far fewer houses were constructed, however, with more richly developed Italianate design. As already mentioned, the Perrigo-Holmes House is exceptional because of its asymmetrical massing, flared roofs, elaborately paired brackets, delicate front porch, and carved hood molds. This property is additionally significant in relationship to other sites because it retains its barn outbuilding.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF A. J. AND EMMA J. HOLMES**

The Perrigo-Holmes House was the home of A. J. and Emma J. Holmes. Although historical significance is not claimed for the building in this regard, A. J. Holmes was a notable politician in Iowa. He began his career as an attorney, subsequently becoming Mayor of Boone, Iowa, United States Congressman, and Sergeant of Arms of the United States House of Representatives. Active to support the establishment of the Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown, Iowa, Holmes helped to found it in 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes purchased the Perrigo-Holmes House in 1884, soon after he was elected to the United States Congress. A. J. continued to live here until his health declined in 1900. Emma

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continued her residence in the building until 1907. At this time, she and her son, Clarence Folsom Holmes, sold the property and are thought to have moved to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Adoniram Judson Holmes was born on March 2, 1842, to Dr. Benjamin Franklin and Susan Parker Holmes, then residents of Wooster, Ohio. He had two brothers and one sister. The family relocated to Palmyra, Wisconsin, in 1853, and A. J. attended school there. He matriculated at Milton College, located in Milton, Wisconsin, but he did not graduate at this time. Instead, he left college at the age of twenty to enlist in the Union Army and fight in the Civil War.

Holmes flourished in the service of his country. Although he enlisted as a private in the Twenty-fourth Regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, he was soon promoted. He eventually became a first lieutenant in the Thirty-seventh regiment of the infantry. His units saw much action in some of the fiercest action of the war. While in the western theater of war, he fought in the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, and Missionary Ridge, and participated in the siege of Knoxville. At Stone River, he was wounded.

From February to April of 1864, he was assigned to duty at General Philip Sheridan's headquarters. When that officer was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, Holmes was promoted to second lieutenant and assigned under Sheridan. Holmes participated in the battle of Cold Harbor and the subsequent assault on Petersburg. During the siege of Petersburg, Holmes participated in the action near the mine, which other Union forces attempted to blow up. As a result of the explosion, many troops were captured, including Holmes.

He was first taken to Richmond, and then transferred a number of times from one prison to another. Eventually he had been held in three different states. Part of his time was spent at the infamous Andersonville Prison, where conditions were the worst of all. While being held in South Carolina, Holmes and another prisoner managed to escape for several days. During his time in prison, however, he refused to languish or repine. Instead, he spent the hours studying a shorthand manual, a skill which he would use years later to increase his income. After approximately eight months, Holmes was paroled on March 1, 1865. In May he was commissioned a first lieutenant and detailed to Washington, D.C., where he served until the end of the war. He was mustered out on July 27, 1865.

Following his discharge, Holmes again enrolled at Milton College. Upon graduation, he entered the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which institution he received his degree in 1867.

Holmes then decided to move to Iowa, and he chose the small town of Boone, which had been founded only two years before, for his new home. He studied for the bar, which he passed in 1868, and began his own practice, the first in Boone. During his early years, while struggling to form his practice, Holmes supplemented his income by serving as the local court reporter, a position he held for several years. In 1871, he formed a partnership with L. W. Reynolds, also a Michigan graduate, and Holmes & Reynolds quickly achieved the preeminent position in the region. The firm remained in business until the press of politics forced Holmes to dissolve it in 1884.

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In 1878, Holmes married Emma J. Folsom (1846-1924), the daughter of Z. Allan and Margaret Robin Folsom. The family was related to Frances Folsom, wife of President Grover Cleveland. The Holmeses subsequently had one daughter, Lulu, and two sons, Judson and Clarence (1886-1919). Only the latter survived infancy, and he was only sixteen years old at the time of his father's death.

About 1875, Holmes was appointed city attorney of Boone. In 1880, he entered politics, running successfully for mayor, an office to which he was reelected the following year. He affiliated with the Republican Party. In 1882 and 1883, he further served his town as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives. During this time he achieved statewide prominence for his successful attempt to secure a medal of commendation for Kate Shelly, who had risked her life to stop a train from crossing a dangerous bridge over the Des Moines River.

His career accelerated further, when he was elected to the United States House of Representatives, commencing his first term on March 4, 1883. Holmes served in the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, and Fiftieth Congresses (1883-1889). He was defeated for renomination to the Fifty-first Congress, but his colleagues rewarded him with his appointment as Sergeant at Arms of the National House of Representatives for that Congress. "Career" politicians were relatively unknown during the Nineteenth Century, when it was common for men to serve only one or two terms in government service and then to return home to make their fortunes. Although Holmes' appointment as Sergeant at Arms suggests that he was very capable and also well-respected in Washington, D.C., research for this nomination could not document this. Following his term as Sergeant of Arms, Holmes returned to Boone and resumed his interrupted law practice. In 1896, he was selected as county attorney, as position he held for three years.

An active member of the Grand Army of the Republic (the G.A.R.), Holmes worked tirelessly for his fellow veterans. One of his causes was the establishment of the veterans home at Marshalltown, Iowa. In the G.A.R., Holmes was a founding member of the J. G. Miller post, which he participated in until his death. This unit, organized in Boone, Iowa, is notable because it was biracial, with both white and "colored" members from its founding. The acceptance of four African-Americans speaks highly of Holmes and his comrades, particularly since these years also saw the establishment of "Jim Crow" segregation in the South. As a congressman, Holmes lent his support to the veterans movement, which culminated in 1886 in establishment of the Iowa Solders' Home at Marshalltown, Iowa. At the time of his death, Holmes was serving as post commander. In his later years, he was often referred to as "Major Holmes" or simply "the Major," titles which reflected his position in the G.A.R.

A man of varied interests, he was also a member of the Royal Legion and the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.). Holmes also enjoyed outdoor pastimes, especially hunting with his dogs. At the same time, he participated actively in the Shakespeare Club, and he was well known for his love of poetry, which he frequently memorized and recited.

Sorrow clouded the later years of Holmes' life. During his long period of public service, Holmes had lost his clientele and this proved slow in recovering. He also speculated in land in Texas, which, though promising, turned out unfortunately, and he lost his fortune. Holmes also suffered declining mental health. "The long years in [prison] camp and field, the hardships of early life and the strain of official duties had impaired his health" (The Biographical Record, p. 345.) Such health problems were not uncommon among Civil War veterans. Holmes was subsequently judged insane. In 1900 Emma J. Holmes, his wife, was

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appointed his guardian, and he was admitted to the state infirmary at Clarinda, Iowa. A. J. Holmes died in this public institution on January 21, 1902. Internment followed in Linwood Cemetery in his adopted hometown of Boone.

**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF OTHER OWNERS**

In addition to the Holmes family, the Perrigo-Holmes House has served as home for other families prominent in the Boone community. Although historical significance is not claimed for them at this time, the following biographical sketches are provided as additional information for this nomination.

Joel C. and Sabra A. Perrigo

Joel C. Perrigo was born in Rutland County, Vermont and resided in Ohio before relocating first to Boone County, Illinois and then to Boone County, Iowa. While in Illinois, Perrigo began work with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. Later he worked for the Illinois Central and then the Chicago and North Western Railroad, which probably provided Perrigo's connection with Boone, Iowa.

According to the 1880 History of Boone County, Iowa, Perrigo was a large landowner, having 160 acres of land in Jackson Township and 80 acres in Des Moines Township. Having also purchased one residential lot of land in Boone in 1870 from Thomas K. Soper (who had previously purchased it from John I. Blair, original proprietor of Boone), Perrigo improved the property with the construction of the house, which is the subject of this nomination. The house was constructed by 1873, if a mortgage for \$1,025 on the property dated in that year can be understood to stand as surety for this note (Boone County Recorder's Office, Mortgage Book 1, p. 381).

In 1882 Joel transferred title to this property to Sabra Arnold Perrigo, his wife. About two years later, Sabra transferred this title to A. J. Holmes.

E. E. and Mary E. Ilgenfritz

Having purchased the property from Emma Holmes in 1907, the Ilgenfritzes retained title to the property until 1915. During their occupancy, a portion of Carroll Street was paved, a special paving tax having been paid by them in 1906.

J. J. and Mary A. Snell

J(oseph) J(udson) and Mary A. Snell held title to this property from 1915 until 1934.

A native of Leicester, Massachusetts, J. J. was born April 20, 1852. As a boy Snell relocated with his parents to Dane County, Wisconsin. The family made several other moves, including Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and Ogle County, Illinois prior to relocating to Boone, Iowa. In 1869 Snell entered Iowa State

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College at Ames. After his father's illness had temporarily interrupted his course of study, Snell removed to Ogden, Iowa in 1869. He returned to Iowa State and graduated with the Class of 1876. That same year Snell and Mary A. Palmer married in Ogden.

By 1880, J. J. had become cashier of the Ogden Bank. He then became active in the law, first serving as clerk of the district and circuit courts of Boone County. Snell later became an attorney at law, whereupon his practice boomed. He ceased his banking work. In 1901, Snell was elected Mayor of the City of Boone.

Snell died on January 31, 1931, last rite services were held both at home and at the First Presbyterian Church in Boone, and Snell was buried in Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone, Iowa.

Mary A. Snell was a native of Ohio. As already mentioned, she married J. J. on August 13, 1876. Their children were Eloise W., Vivian E., Judith, and Palmer H. Snell.

Mary preceded J. J. in death. He continued to reside in the house until his death in 1931. The estate sold the house in 1934.

The current owner of the house possesses Mr. Snell's "Attorney at Law" office sign.

Leand A. and Myrl H. Douglass

In 1934, Leand A. and Myrl Douglass purchased this house from the Snell estate. It remained in their ownership until inherited by their daughter Emma Belle Douglass.

Born in Illinois on May 3, 1892, Leand (who was frequently known as Leon) was a grain merchandiser by occupation. Having relocated to Humboldt and then Boone, Iowa, he traveled this state for a number of years as an assistant to E. W. Bailey and Company, a brokerage firm on the Chicago Board of Trade. Soon after the United States entered World War II, Bailey ceased operations. Leand Douglass continued to pursue business in grain merchandising, establishing his own business, the Douglass Grain Company. Although never storing grain in Boone, he operated his business, mostly by telephone, from an office in his home. At one time, Douglass employed a staff of three at this office to assist him. He died on October 30, 1957 and was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Des Moines, Iowa.

During the Douglasses' tenure, they entertained President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower on several occasions in this home during the First Family's visits to Boone, Mrs. Eisenhower's place of birth.

Myrl died in 1983. Title to the property, which she had held jointly with her daughter, passed at that time to Emmabelle.

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Emmabelle Douglass Clark Hardman

Emmabelle Douglass Hardman (1930-present) moved with her parents into this house when she was four years old. She continued living here until 1991, when she sold the property.

Joleen C. and Merlin Muench

In 1991, the present owners purchased the property. Both native Boone County residents, the Muenchs wished to establish a tea room business in Boone. When this house came on the market, they bought it with this purpose in mind. Joleen successfully petitioned the Boone City Council to rezone Block 89 to allow for commercial use and the business opened as The Douglass House in 1991.

**POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY**

Although the site's potential for archaeological research is, as yet, unevaluated, there appears to be little in this regard, because the extant buildings were probably the first constructed on the site. The possibility exists, however, to discover the archaeological remains of a privy, although this location is unidentified.

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Lot 2 in Block 89 of the Original Town plat of Boone, Iowa.

### BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The National Register boundary contains all land historically attached to this resource.