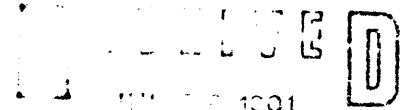


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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations 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 George Dyas House  
other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street & number Route 3, Z-15  not for publication  
city, town Bellevue  vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

### 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	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
[Signature] 7/5/91  
Signature of certifying official Date  
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. **Entered in the National Register**  
 See continuation sheet. [Signature] 8/30/91  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:)  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

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DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

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DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

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Mid-19th century

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vernacular

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

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foundation Limestone

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walls Limestone

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roof Composition shingles

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other Wood

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Stucco

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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This rectangular gable roof limestone house (30'3"x 35'5") is built into a hill, so it is one and one-half story on the west, but a full two and one-half stories on the east side and rear. The facade (south elevation) is symmetrical, with a front entry surrounded by transom and sidelights, while the window on each side is floor length. A gable projects above the front entrance. Windows on the side elevations on this main level are also floor length. An entrance to the lower level is found on the east end. Limestone sills and lintels are used throughout. The stonework here is of coursed stone of varying sizes and shapes. It is not rubble, as it has been cut into basically rectangular blocks. Stone for the house is said to have been quarried from the adjacent bluffs. There is no indication that this house was ever stuccoed. Location of door indicates that a porch originally was found along the south elevation, and probably wrapped around the east as well. A small wood frame rear wing has been added, but it is not intrusive as it cannot be seen from the front. There do not appear to be any other major changes.

The Jackson County survey focused on the use of limestone as a building material, with emphasis on exteriors. Little information was gathered on interiors.

This house is located on the north side of a road leading from the Mississippi River through a valley to the southwest. It is the westernmost of a group of houses and buildings known as the Dyas farm. The other two houses are of brick (c.1850-60), the various farm buildings are of wood frame, except for one stone barn (which is being considered separately). Just east of this house the farm buildings are located on both sides of the road. At some point, this entire complex may be considered as a potential rural district.

**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
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>c.1850</u>	<u>c.1850</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	<u>N.A.</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	
<u>N.A.</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	
_____	_____	

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

This limestone house is significant under Criterion C as a good example of limestone residential architecture from the mid-19th century which exhibits a touch of "high style" design.

This two and one-half story limestone house is one of 217 limestone structures recorded in Jackson County, and one of 101 houses identified. 89 of the houses are rectangular in shape with a gable roof as seen here. This particular house features a three bay facade on the eave side, the entry flanked by transom and sidelights, and topped by a projecting front gable. This is suggestive of the popular Gothic Revival style, but lacks the elaborate vergeboard and finials associated with such designs. The long windows in the formal rooms are another element that set this apart from most of the stone houses. It is interesting that the area around Bellevue is the only part of the county in which stone houses with this Gothic Revival feeling are found (other examples are Spring Side, pending NR listing, and 505 Court which is being nominated as part of this submission). There may have been one builder in Bellevue who specialized in Gothic cottages, or it may have been that Bellevue was more cosmopolitan because of the riverboat traffic. The stonework here is of coursed cut stone block, with dressed stone lintels. Originally a veranda would have wrapped around the south and east sides of the house (though no historic photographs have been located).

Members of the Dyas family were allowed to enter the area now known as Jackson County prior to the official opening of the territory, and staked claims to a number of acres just south of what is know the town of Bellevue, and built a cabin. Family members arrived in 1833, with the brothers and sisters building houses within a mile or so of the original cabin. The Dyas homestead is located on the north side of the valley along Duck Creek, the houses being built at the base of the hills. Two of the houses were constructed of brick fired on the site, and two were built of local limestone. The George Dyas house is representative of the stone houses.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.  
Dyas, Robert W. The Dyas Family Moves from Ireland to Iowa. Unpublished  
manuscript by great-grandson of George Dyas, 1988.  
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879; 1897.

See continuation sheet

**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

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acres of property Less than one acre.

**UTM References:**

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

A parcel of land located on the north side of County Road Z-15 (the road runs NE/SW) in T86N R5E Sec 19 NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ . The parcel is rectangular with a NE/SW axis, measuring 55'5" across the front of the house by approximately 62' from front to back, and it centers on the stone house in question. It allows a ten foot extension on all four sides.

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

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

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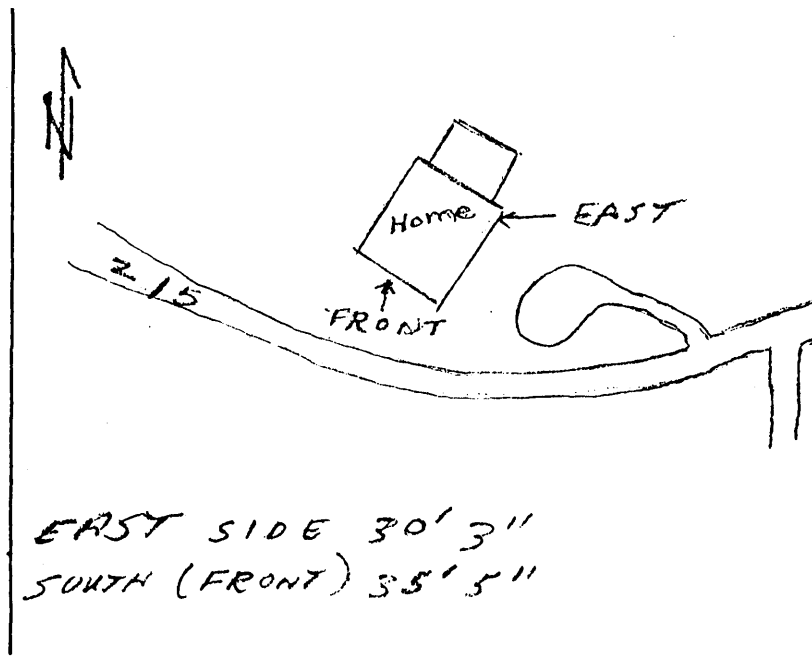
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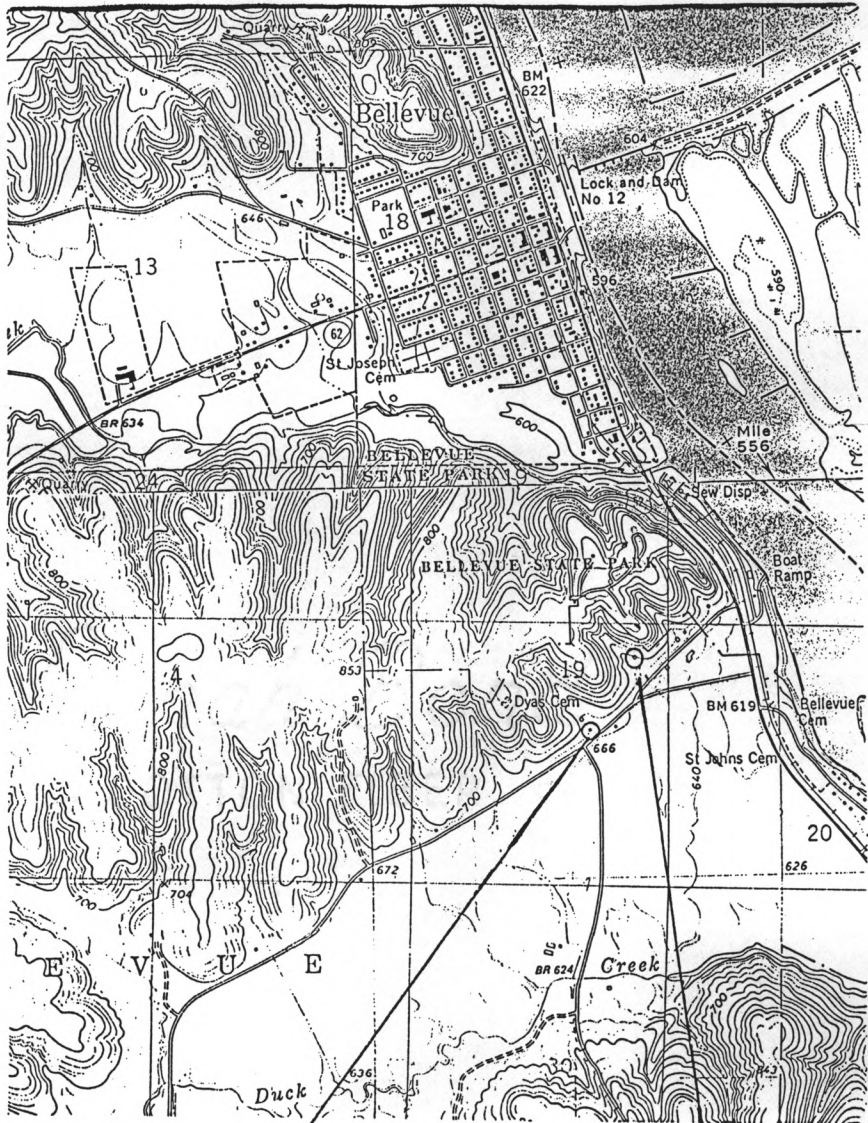


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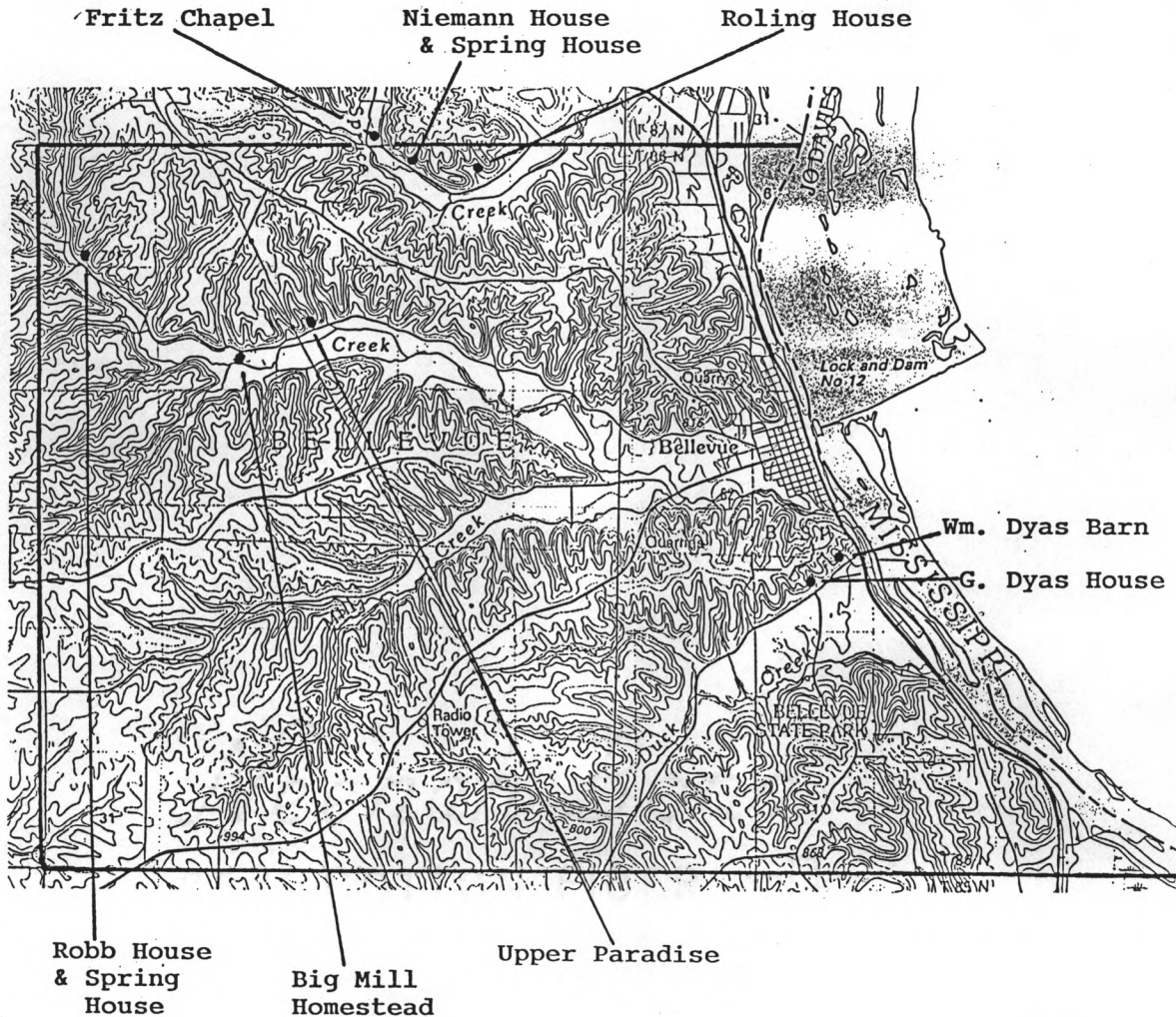
William Dyas Barn

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Rural limestone resources being nominated  
with this submission.

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