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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 Mrs. Margaret Sieben House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number .3 mile E of County Road Y34 not for publication
city, town Baldwin vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52207

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] 6/10/92
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] 7/24/92
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Mid-19th Century

Vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Limestone

roof Corrugated Metal

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This limestone house built for Mrs. M(argaret) Sieben in 1869 is located at the end of a lane .3 mile east of County Road Y34. The house is not visible from the road as it rests just over a slight rise. It faces to the east, looking down a gently sloping hillside toward a creek. This is one of the largest of the limestone houses inventoried in the county. The main block is a two and one-half story rectangle measuring 24'2" x 34'2" with an E/W axis. There is a one and one-half story wing to the south measuring 38' x 16'2". An enclosed wooden porch stretches across the east side and south end of the wing. The main block features a three bay facade on the east gable end. The entrance, with transom and sidelights, is offset to the left. The north elevation features four symmetrically arranged windows on each of the two levels. The west (rear) elevation has three windows on each floor. All windows are 6/6 double hung except the half windows in the east and west gables which contain six lights each. No windows are found on the south elevation. The side wing features four double hung 6/6 windows and a door on the first floor of both the east and west elevations, and a single opening on the south end. Above these are four half windows on the east and west walls, and a full window in the south gable. The stonework varies on the house. The east, south, and north elevation of the main block, and the east elevation of the side wing, feature ashlar blocks, while the rest of the house consists of coursed stones of varying size. Sills and lintels throughout are of dressed stone. A hausspruch (name/date stone) is located on the facade (east elevation) between the first and second floor windows. Carved in script it reads "Mrs. M. Sieben 1869". On the north elevation is another hausspruch, this one in block letters,

MRS. M. SIEBEN

A.D. 1869

A denticulated wooden cornice is located on all four sides of the main block and on the east elevation of the side wing. This denticulation is repeated on the porch. The south and west sides of the wing have a plain wooden cornice. The present roof is of corrugated metal. There are two chimneys, a brick one in the center of the side wing, and an exterior chimney of concrete block at the west end of the main block. A small frame entry porch of unknown date has been removed from the facade.

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>1869</u>	<u>1869</u>
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_____	_____	_____
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	<u>N.A.</u>	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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.

The Mrs. M. Sieben house (1869) is significant under Criterion C as a fine example of limestone residential architecture from mid-19th century Jackson County.

This house is one of 217 limestone buildings and structures recorded in Jackson County, and is one of 101 houses identified. Of these 101 houses, 89 have a gable roof. The majority of these gable roof houses feature an entrance on the side gable. The Sieben house is one of only thirteen which have a gable end entry. The houses with a gable entry are not located in one particular geographic area, but are scattered throughout the county. The Sieben house is one of seven which feature a side wing. This house is one of the largest and most impressive of the houses inventoried. The stonework around the county varies from building to building, but most are constructed of coursed cut stones of varying size and shape. The Sieben house is unusual in the use of ashlar blocks for the major elevations. The use of ashlar, along with the "high style" details such as the denticulated cornice, point to a pride of both ownership and craftsmanship. A point of interest is the use of the traditional German hausspruch on the two primary elevations.

Mrs. M(arget) Sieben was born in Oldenberg, Germany, and came to Jackson County in 1850. The following year she married fellow German immigrant Diederick Sieben and they settled on the farm he had purchased earlier. Mr. Sieben died in 1861 leaving his wife and two small children on the farm (the son died in 1865, and the daughter in 1870). Mrs. Sieben had this large house constructed in 1869, eight years after her husband's death. She was described in 1879 as being "a woman of more than ordinary business talent, having carried on her (630 acre) farm since her husband's death with marked success."

The 1870 census listed forty-seven stone masons in Jackson County, two of whom lived in Monmouth Twp. It is known that many of the stone masons were of German origin. No documentation has been

9. Major Bibliographical References

Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
Ellis, Hon. James W. History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1912, Vol I, p 620.
Historic photographs from the Jackson County Historical Society.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879, p 655.
Maquoketa Record, 15 Oct 1902, p 8, c 5.
Records from the Supreme Court of Iowa, September Term, 1879, an Appeal from Iowa District Court. Concerns land dispute between Margaret Sieben and Sarah Franks.

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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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

A parcel of land located approximately .3 mile east of County Road Y34 (the road runs N/S) in T84N R1E Sec 15 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$. The parcel is rectangular in shape, with a N/S axis, measuring 54'2" x 82'2", centering on the limestone house in question. It allows a ten foot extension on all four sides.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

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

See continuation sheet

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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 considered a ruin. The potential for restoration is there and should be encouraged.

The only other building now at this site is a garage. A barn foundation is visible to the SE, and there may be other foundations which have not been located. The garage is not included in this nomination as it is not of limestone construction.



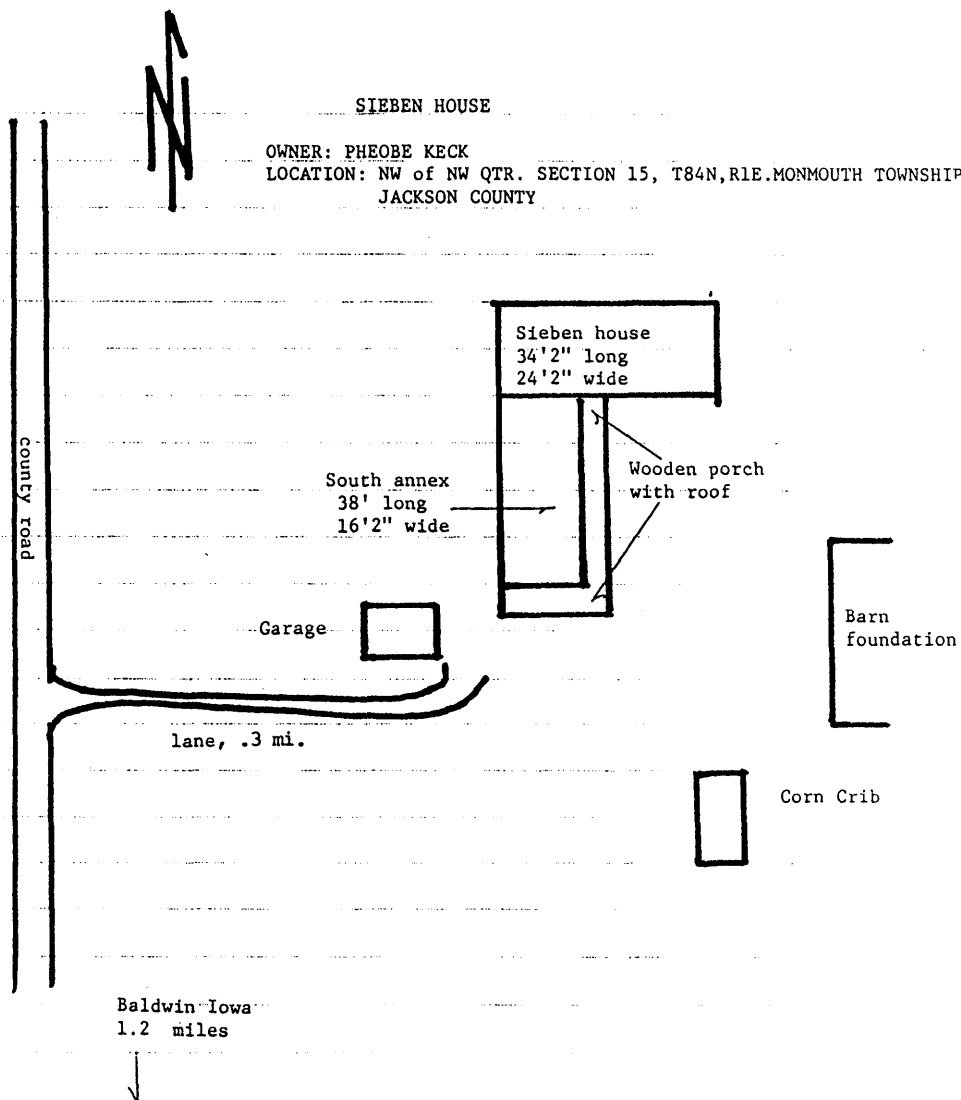
Photograph from c.1950.

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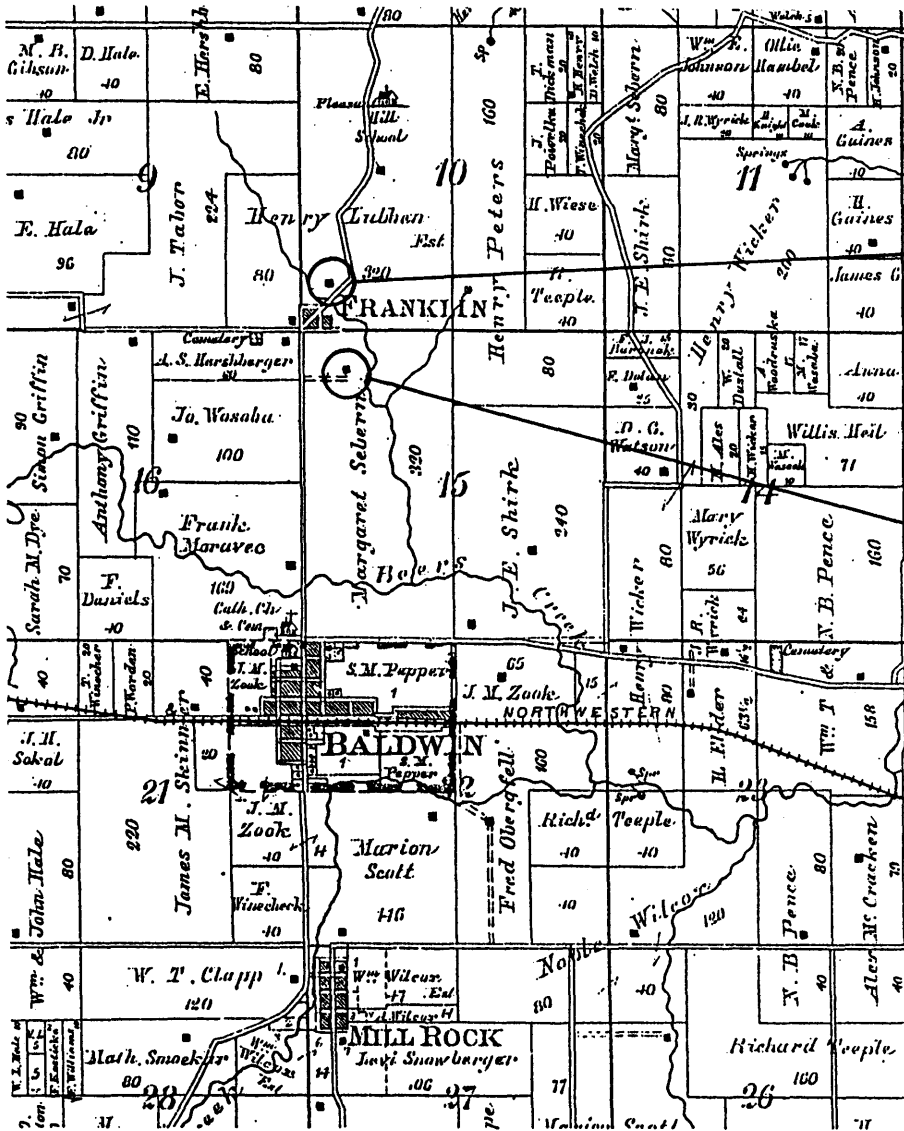


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Henry Lubben House,
Smokehouse,
Springhouse

Mrs. M. Sieben House



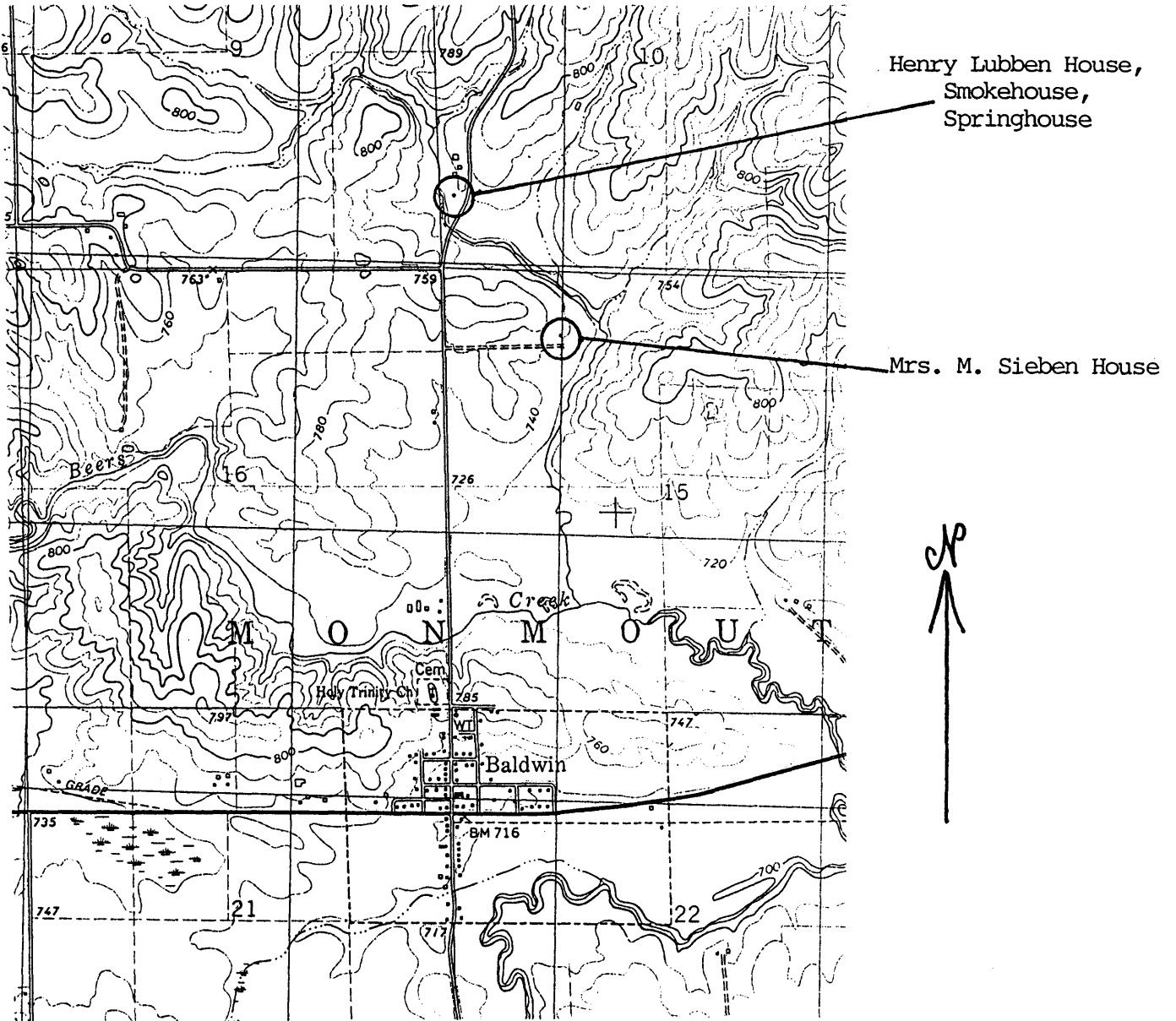
Monmouth Twp.
1893 Jackson County Atlas

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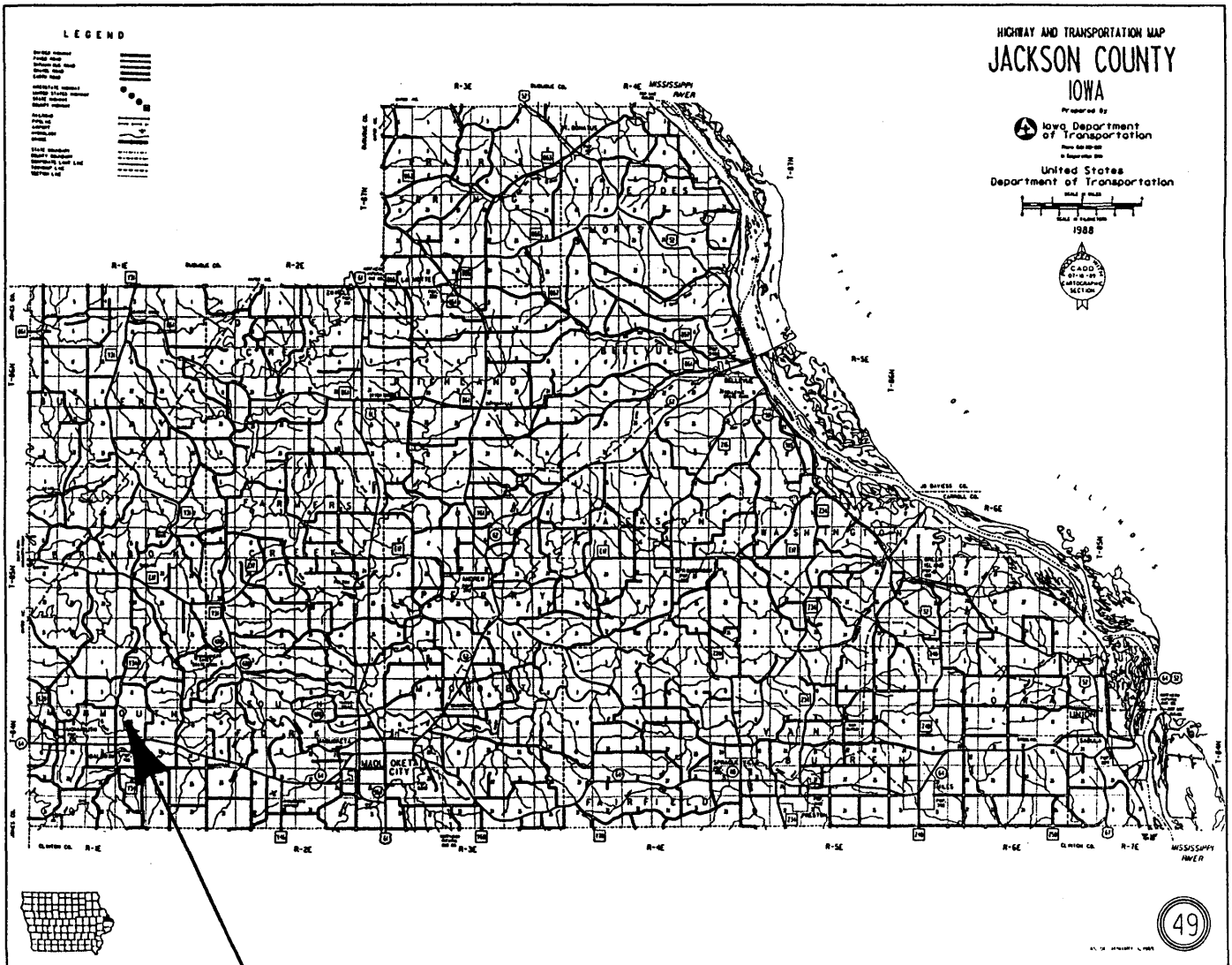
U.S.G.S. Map

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Location of Mrs. M. Sieben House, Monmouth Twp.

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located on the identification of the mason responsible for the Sieben house. Whether the hauspruch was added at the request of the German owner, or by a German mason has not been determined.

While the physical condition of the house is a concern, the integrity of design has been maintained at a high level. It definitely meets the integrity requirements established in the Multiple Property Document.