

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number 75 N 27 W- 8
District Name Legacy In Stone TR
Map Reference # 11

Identification

1. Site Name Henry and Elizabeth Adkinson Evans House
2. Village/Town/City Vic. Winterset Township Scott County Madison
3. Street Address 1/2 mile east of US 169 on G50
4. Legal Location 75N 27W 8 NW1/4 NW1/4*
Urban: subdivision block range parcel section Rural: township range 1/4 section of 1/4 section
(Map 2)
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 416,920 northing 4,573,630; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Lee
7. Owner(s) Address Rt. 1 Box 166 Winterset IA 50273
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Residence Original Residence

Description

9. Date of Construction 1885 Architect/Builder unknown
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other Native limestone
12. Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
Porch changes - car port
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll _____ Frame _____ View _____

*Nomination boundary:

A circle, 150' diameter, with center point located at center point of house. Excludes outbuildings.

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Architectural Significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- Theme(s) Vernacular Architecture
- Function: Residential

The Henry and Elizabeth Adkinson Evans House is the latest example in the county of a transitional farm residence built of limestone. It is the only extant symmetrical massed rectangle house.

The square two story hip roofed house is constructed of locally quarried ashlar. The east main entrance facade has an entrance on the left and a window on the right with two second story windows above. There is a walk out basement with a ground level entrance on the left. The main floor has a porch across it that covers the basement entrance. It has been enclosed to make a garage. The north public facade has an entrance on the right and window on the left with two windows above in the second story. The west facade has two windows at the first floor and two above in the second story. The south facade has a covered entrance and two second story windows.

The house is built of dimension ashlar with two against one bond. Quoins and jambs are chamfered. Lintels have protruding cornices. Sills are protruding. The hipped roof has closed overhanging eaves and verges. There is a chimney in the center of the roof.

21. Historical Significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing Structure
- Theme(s) Early Settlement

Henry Evans came to the county with his mother when he was 14. He helped her farm 175 A. near Buffalo. After her death, he inherited 100 A. in 1875. He opened a quarry, cut the stone and built the house about 1885. This is the last of the stone houses to have been built by local builders who quarried native limestone.

22. Sources

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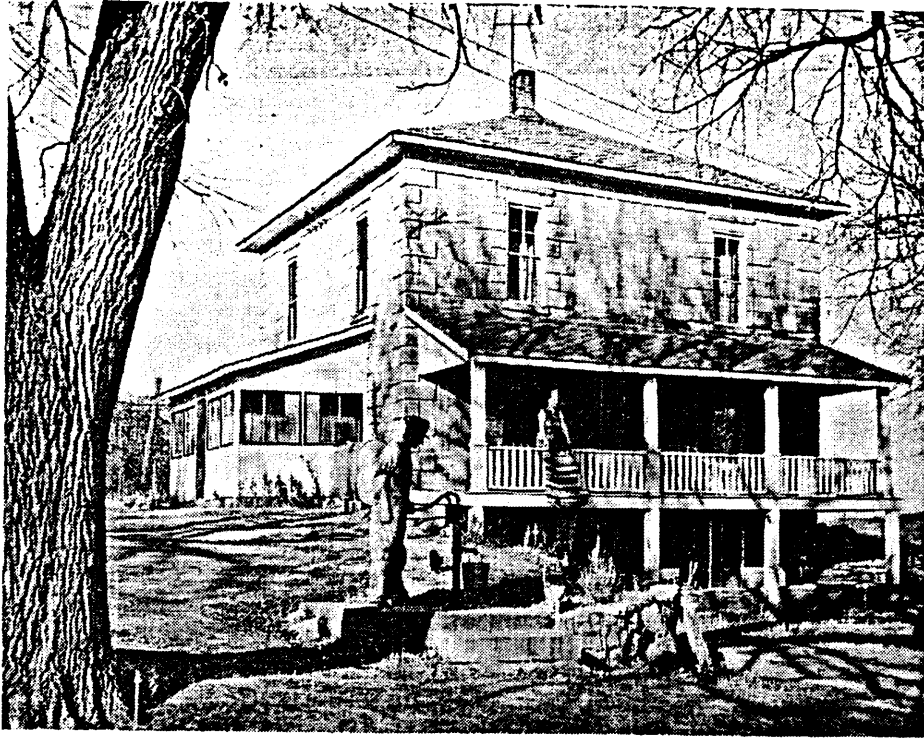
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The Evans or Fleming house is on St. Charles road along Middle River.

Iowan Magazine: August-September 1954, 2:6, view of east side.