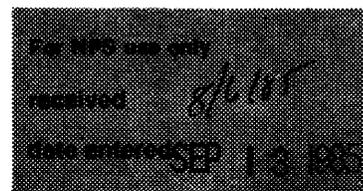


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Murray-George House
County Highway P
Turtle Township

Owners: Mrs. Ruby George
612 High Street
Clinton, Wisconsin

The Murray-George House is located north of County Highway P in Turtle township, Rock County. George M. Murray, originally from Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, came with his parents, brothers and sisters to Rock County in 1841. The family engaged in farming in both Clinton and turtle townships. George M. Murray began the building of this house around 1845.¹⁴

For purposes of this nomination the house is included in an area of less than 1 acre beginning from a point 2' south and 2' east of the southwest corner of the structure, thence 48' easterly, thence 53' northerly, thence 48' westerly and thence 53' southerly to the point of beginning. The limitation of the boundary includes only enough land to accommodate the structure of the house as now built and excludes a detached garage. There are no other buildings of significance to the nomination on the property.

The cobblestone house consists of a 2 story west wing and a 1 story cobblestone "ell" to the east.

To the rear, north, side of the house is a new two story frame wing which was added in 1969-1970, which for the purposes of this nomination is not considered significant. This wing abuts the original construction, and replaces a deteriorated frame wing removed at that time. It should be noted that the interior north wall is constructed of rubble limestone and is original to the house: It was apparently covered by the now-demolished original frame wing.

The cobblestone two story wing features a Greek Revival style returned cornice on the southerly side. Limestone quoin, sills and lintels, and a watertable are other features of the exposed cobblestone construction. The cobblestones themselves are of fairly uniform size and are predominantly grey and brown in color. Many similar 1 1/2 to 2" diameter stones are still being turned to the surface by plows in the fields around the house to this day. The cobblestones are laid in horizontal rows, four courses to a quoin, and separated by layers of V-shaped mortar. No major alterations to the cobblestone fabric had been made. The windows of this section of the building are all six over six double-hung sash.

