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The gable above is frame. Wooden gables also appear on the other two grout wheat warehouses, and on the now-razed Allen-Shumway house at the southwest corner of Parkview and Madison Avenue, but they are not characteristic of the four other grout houses remaining in Milton.

In 1902 the house reverted briefly to a McEwan; from 1906-1945 it belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Story, who willed it to the present owner, Mrs. Elwyn Johnson, and her husband. The Storys added the front porch, but, according to Mrs. Johnson, the porthole window inserted near the front of the west side, first story, dates from the 19th century, as does the frame horse barn to the rear. The Johnsons enclosed the front porch, added a one-story wing on the back or south side, and remodeled the interior as two apartments, upstairs and down.

Unfortunately, wooden mouldings and window frames of the front parlor were removed when the downstairs was "modernized" by the present occupant, the owner's daughter, who since then became aware of the historic value of this building.

Significance:

The significance of 711 East High is primarily on architectural grounds, for its grout construction. It is interesting as a building which has served multiple functions. Built evidently as a grain storehouse, it has long been an example of adaptive use as a residence, though the second story may have been used to store grain as late as the turn of the century.

(1858 Rock County map; Douglas and Hartung, Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings, pp. 126-27; Bicentennial History of Milton, pp. 4, 60; interview with Mrs. Elwyn Johnson, Sept. 1977.)

Owner: Mrs. Elwyn Johnson
415 South Parkview Drive ✓
Milton, Wisconsin 53563

Goodrich - Buten House
528 East Madison Avenue
Outlot 295, less than one acre
UTM: 16/341350/4737690

Description:

The Goodrich-Buten house, built, according to Milton tax rolls, in 1850, is a one-and-one-half-story whitewashed grout house with a full-sized double-hung sash

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window centered at the second story front and low eyebrow or frieze windows under the side eaves. Frieze boards echo a triangular jut at the corners, which are possible vestiges of a returned cornice. A simple 20th-century pillared porch over the left two-thirds of the front of the house and a frame wing at the rear, built about the 1870's, are later additions to the house, which was built on land sold by Joseph Goodrich to Frederick Buten in January 1851 with a warranty deed of \$175.00.

Significance:

This house is significant primarily for its grout construction, and also for its connection with Joseph Goodrich, bringer of grout construction to Milton, who owned the lot in 1850. It may be conjectured, if the house was built in 1850, that it was constructed by Goodrich. A December 15, 1850 entry in the diary kept by his niece Caroline mentions inspecting "Uncle Joseph's new gravel house," which could possibly be this house, located next door to the grout wheat warehouse built that year by Elijah, Caroline's father. However, as a Buten was listed as a builder for the Polly Goodrich house, he may have taken part in the building of this house, too.

(Caroline Goodrich Diary, 1850, ms. in Milton Historical Society; Douglas and Hartung, Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings, pp. 126-27; interview with Lois Westlund, 1977.)

Owner: Ralph Nottingham
R. R. ✓
County Highway M
Milton, Wisconsin 53563

Elijah Goodrich Wheat Warehouse and
Polly Goodrich House
602 East Madison Avenue
Outlots 296 & 297, less than one acre
UTM: 16/341370/4737720 and 16/341380/4737680

Cancelled

Description:

The Elijah Goodrich grout wheat warehouse and the Polly Goodrich cream brick house are considered as a unit, for the purposes of this nomination because, in the summer of 1850 Joseph Goodrich sold land including this plot to his cousin Elijah and to Elijah's wife Polly, who was also Joseph's sister. The warehouse was built first, in 1850, and the house was built in 1851.