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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	IDA
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	AUG 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
MOOREHEAD ~~PIONEER~~ STAGECOACH INN

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same as above

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rural Route #1 off U.S. 59

CITY OR TOWN:
Ida Grove

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth District

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Ida CODE: 093

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ida County, State of Iowa

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Ida Grove

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Office of the Ida County Recorder, Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Moorehead Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Ida Grove

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

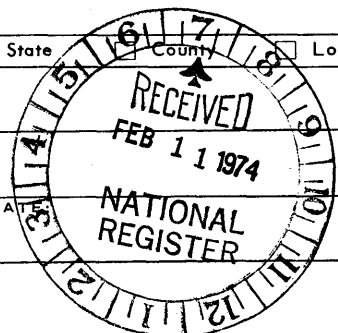
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:



STATE: _____

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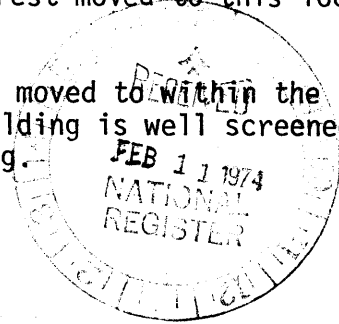
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally built as a stagecoach inn, the Moorehead building has also served as the site of many beginning institutions in Ida County-- religious, educational, political and commercial. It is a badly deteriorating one and one-half story L-shaped wood frame structure with 12 rooms. There is a slight indication of Gothic inspiration on the bargeboard of one gable end. Interesting, too, are the diminutive second story windows. All exterior enframing appears to be the original and is as basic and simple as that of most early pioneer structures. Resting on its original site on a small bluff along Timber Creek in Moorehead Pioneer Park, the Moorehead Pioneer Stagecoach Inn has suffered from interior alteration and neglect. It is protected now by the Ida County Conservation Board which is also responsible for other nearby buildings of historic interest moved to this location, Moorehead Pioneer Park.

Yet, although other buildings have been moved to within the general proximity of the Moorehead Inn, the building is well screened with trees to preserve its individual setting.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1863

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Medical</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

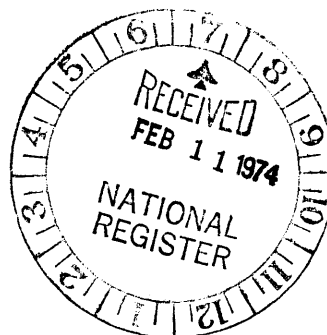
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Moorehead Stagecoach Inn is considered to be one of the most historic buildings in all of Ida County, for this, a substantial frame building in its time, was the center of activity for the first fifteen years of Ida County History. John H. Moorehead began construction on his stagecoach inn in 1856 a year after the Western Stage Line began to run stagecoaches from Lizzard Point (Fort Dodge, Iowa) to Sergeant Bluff (Sioux City, Iowa) in 1855. The Inn was completed in 1863 and until 1871 it was the only structure of any significant size in the area, a landmark for westward bound travellers and settlers.

The Moorehead Stagecoach Inn was named Ida County's courthouse in 1860, two years after the county was organized, and served in this capacity until the new courthouse was built in 1871. The first election was held here in 1858. It was the first post office and John Moorehead its first postmaster (from 1857). It was the site of the first medical operation (an amputation) in 1857, the first grade school classes taught by Miss Van Arsdall, the first marriage in 1860 and the first church services performed by a visiting minister Reverend Landon Taylor. In addition to being the first Ida County Postmaster, John Moorehead was Ida County Judge, a very important position to hold in the new western counties of Iowa at that time.

Protected by the ownership of the Ida County Conservation Board, the Moorehead Stagecoach Inn is the only historic structure in Moorehead Pioneer Park that is on its original site and which touches so many areas of local history. Plans are under way for its restoration and use as a museum.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Aruther F., HISTORY OF NORTHWEST IOWA AND TRADITIONS, S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, Chicago, 1927, Volume II, pages 749-756 and Volume III, pages 1334-1340

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History of Ida County, Ida County Pioneer Record Press, Ida Grove, Iowa, 1927

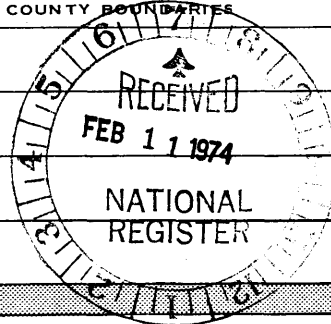
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		42° 21' 15"	95° 28' 45"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *less than 1 acre*

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



UTM
15/295830
4691870

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Morris C. Hurd, State Historic Society Liaison Officer

ORGANIZATION: Ida County Historical Society DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 209 Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Ida Grove STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Adrian W. Anderson

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date February 4, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. R. Mortenson
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 8/27/74

ATTEST:
Charles Herring
Keeper of The National Register

Date 8-27-74



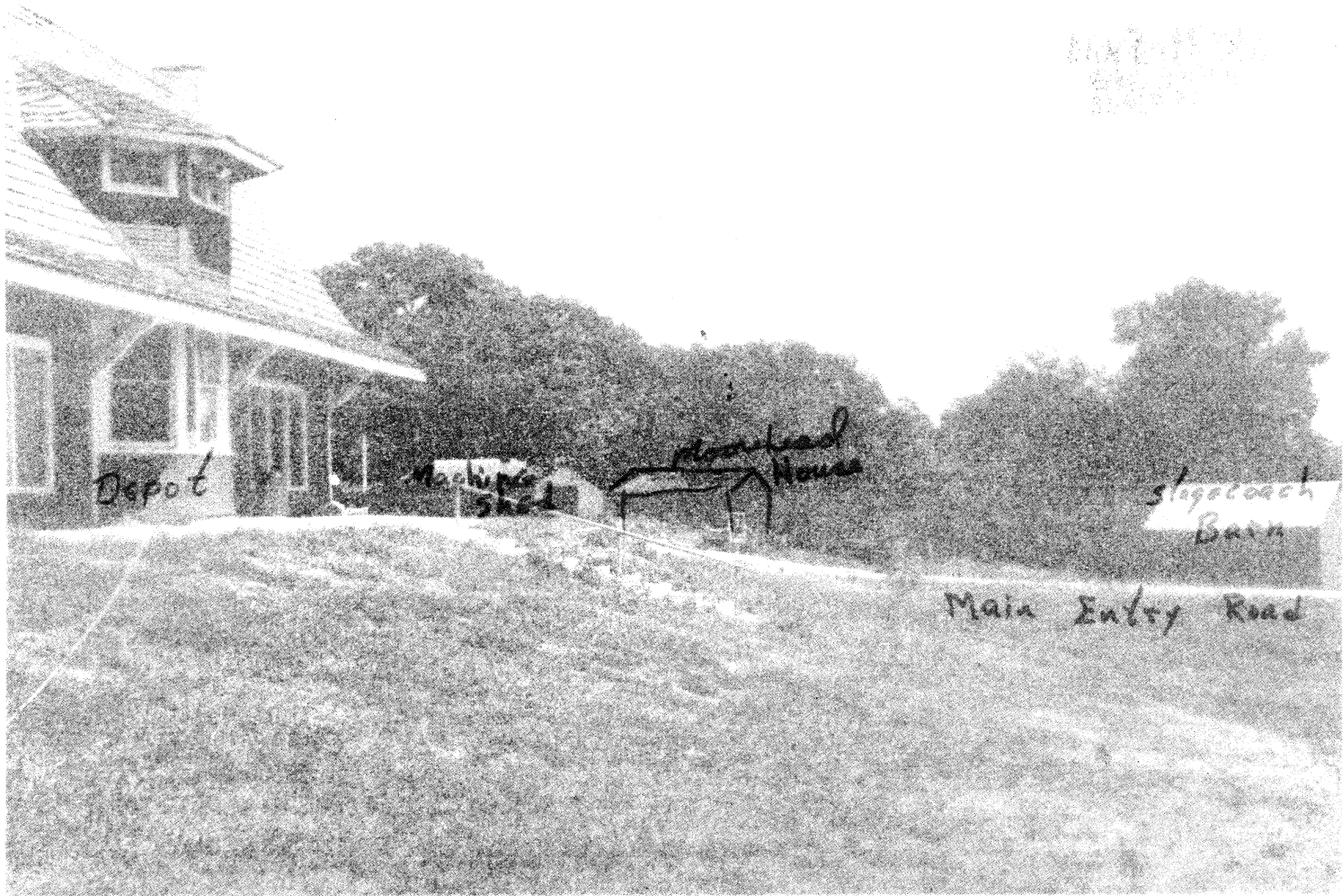
Barn

Murdered
House

Manmade
Lake

stagecoach trail + stop

Maple River flows behind camera



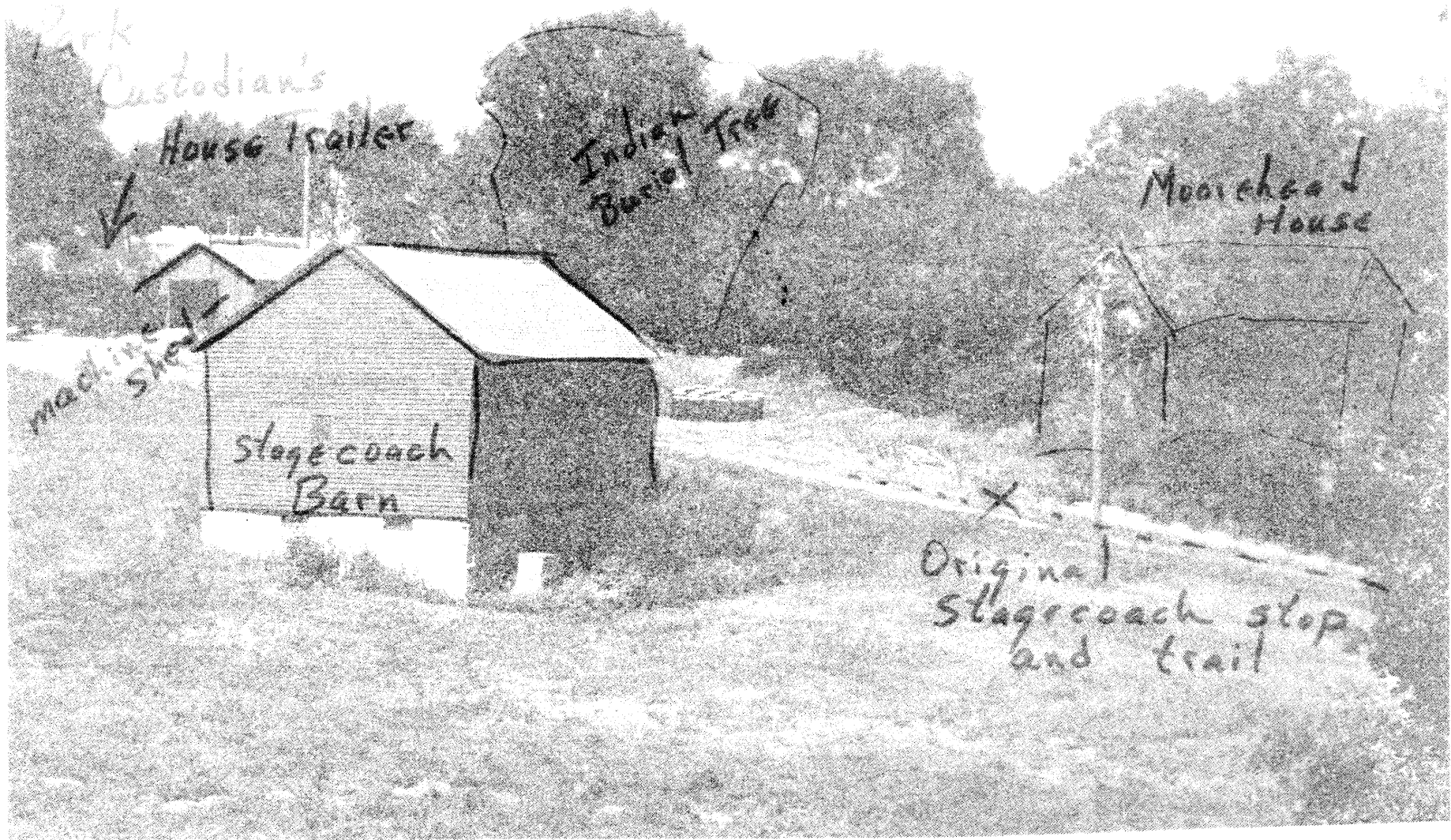
Depot

Workshop

Covered House

Stagecoach Barn

Main Entry Road



Park
Custodian's

House Trailer
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Indian
Burial Tree

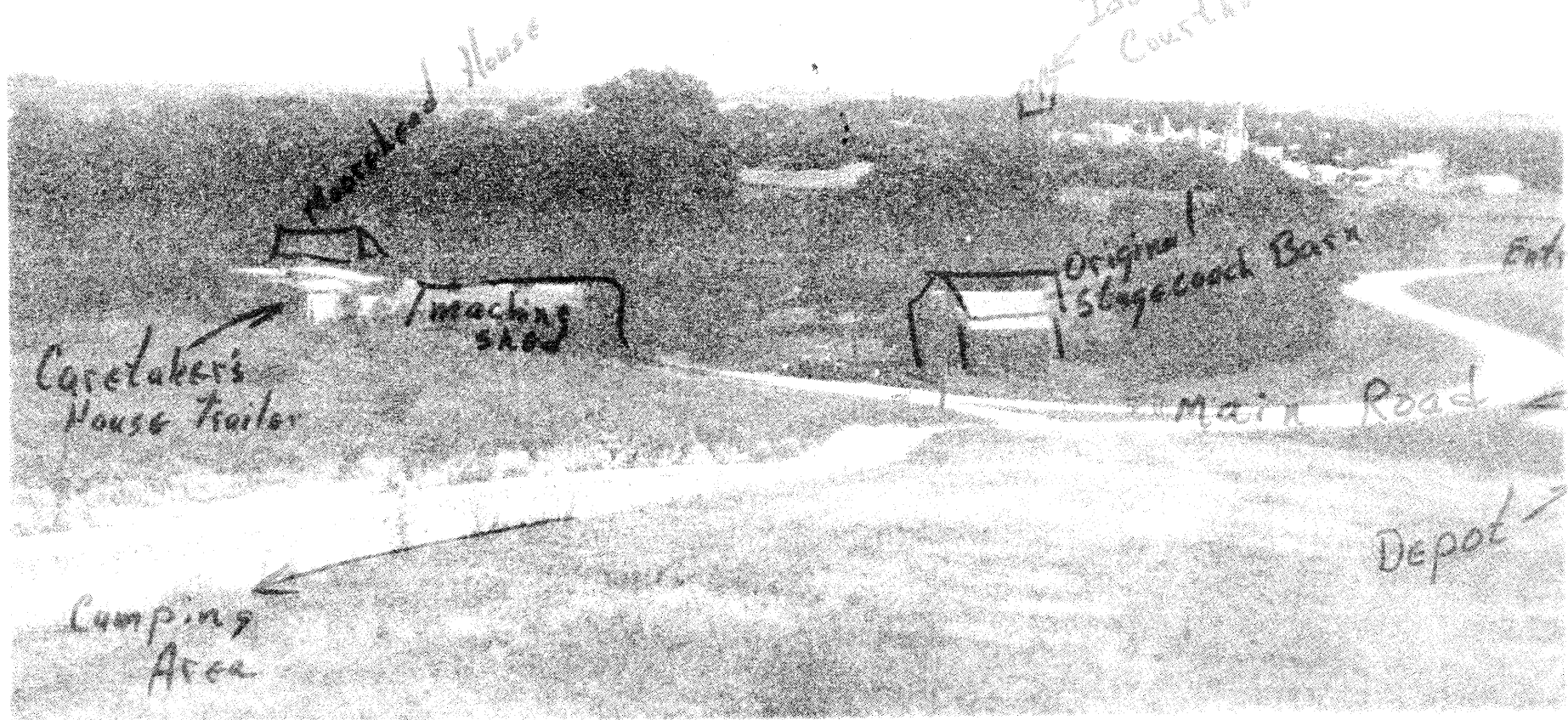
Moochee
House

machine
shed

Stagecoach
Barn

X
Original
Stagecoach stop
and trail

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Caretaker's
House Trailer

Wareland House

Loading
Shed

Original
Stagecoach Barn

Main Road

Camping
Area

Depot

Ida County
Courthouse

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