

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 77N 29W - 35
District Name Legacy In Stone TR
Map Reference # 58

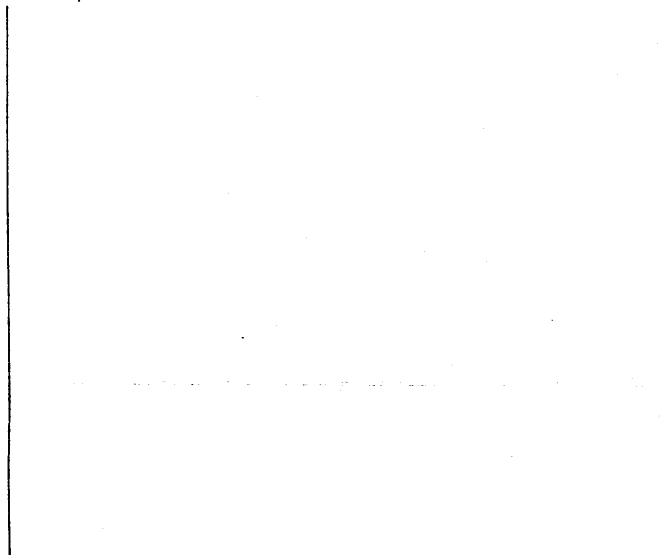
Identification

1. Site Name Peter and Isabelle McCulloch McQuie Milkhouse
2. Village/Town/City Vic. Earlham Township Penn County Madison
3. Street Address 1 1/4 miles east of P53 on unnamed road, section 35
4. Legal Location 77N 29W 35 NE1/4 NW 1/4*
Urban: subdivision Rural: township block range parcel section subparcel % section of 1/4 section
- (Map 7)
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 403,120 northing 4,587,030; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Mrs. Gale Manston
7. Owner(s) Address 501 Cherry St. Earlham IA 50072
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Storage Original Milk house/living quarters

Description

9. Date of Construction 1870's 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:
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other barn has stone first story
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 farmsted

18. Map



19. Photo
Roll _____ Frame _____ View _____

*Nomination description:

A circle, 50' diameter, with center point located at center point of milkhouse. Includes only subject building.

SIGNIFICANCE

20. Architectural Significance

--a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register

--b. Contributing structure _____

Theme(s): Vernacular Architecture

Subtheme(s): Function: Agricultural.

The Peter and Isabelle McCulloch McQuie Milk House is an early example of a vernacular farm building built of limestone. It is the only extant duplexed building. It consists of a single cell milk house with centered gable entrance in the front and what may have been a single cell residence with under eave entrance toward the rear of the facade. Notable features include stone bunkers through which water ran to cool the milk.

The 15' x 24' one story gabled building is constructed of ashlar and rubble limestone which may have been quarried at the Parkins Quarry in Madison Township, Section 18. The north two thirds of the building is a milk house. The south back one third, separated by a stone wall, may have been a residence for a hired hand. The north public facade with normal road setback has a centered gable entrance. The east main residential entrance facade has an under eave door with flanking windows. The door is not centered, but toward the back of the building. The south facade has no openings, and the west facade has two under eave windows, one to each room.

The north and east public facades are constructed of ashlar with the face roughly finished with a square ended tool. Stonework is coursed with random bond and ribbon joints. These facades have a protruding water table with margin lines and exaggerated quarry faced texturing. Quoins and jambs are ashlar with margin lines and roughly tooled with a square ended tool. Lintels on these facades have protruding cornices. Sills on all facades are protruding and have axed texturing. The west and south facades are constructed of rubble with three against one broken bond within broad courses and with ribbon joints. Lintels on the west facade are dimension stone with margin lines. Jambs are quarry faced finished cut stone. Window treatment consists of splayed windows with plain wood paneling in the reveals and some decorative wood trim around the windows. Sashes are four over four. The recessed doors have plain wood covering one-half of the width of the reveals. The overhanging eaves and verges are closed with mitred soffits and have mited boards against the stone.

There is a flue within the stone wall separating the milk house from the residence and opening into the residence. There is a small square stone chimney at the gable ridge. The milk house has two stone bunkers along the entire west wall which could be used for water to cool the milk. They have a drain to the north exterior of the building. There is a stone trap door to a cellar under the milk house.

Although the stone probably came from Parkins Quarry, the builder is unknown. There is a large barn associated with the building which has a first story built of stone.

21. Historical Significance

--a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register

--b. Contributing Structure _____

Theme(s) Early Settlement

Peter and Isabelle McQuie came to the United States from Scotland in 1857. In 1871 they came to Madison County, bought a 320 acre farm and built many fine buildings. By 1875, the family was well established. They eventually owned 680 acres.

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22. Sources

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