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The two-story portion of the Goodnow House is a simple structure of rough cut limestone. The four corners of this section are quoined with large smooth cut stones. All windows and doors were designed with large cut stone lintels and sills; custom built adjustable louver shutters were also fitted to each window.

While the front two-story section of the house has a definite course pattern, the one-story section has rubble stone walls with no course pattern whatsoever. Both parts of the house have wood shingled gable roofs, with the north end of the lower roof running flush with the south wall of the second story.

Wood additions were made over the years. There is a small basement under the single story section, with a small stone-lined root cellar in the northeast corner.

The stone retaining wall and wrought iron fence on the east and north sides of the house are also part of the original design.

The house and outbuildings are currently undergoing extensive repairs aimed at restoring them to original condition as nearly as possible.

Originally built in 1857, the structure consisted of a stone cabin with a basement and a wine cellar when Goodnow purchased it in 1859. Additions were made periodically during the Goodnow occupancy. By 1869 the main part of the house had been completed. The last additions a frame bedroom, was built in 1876.



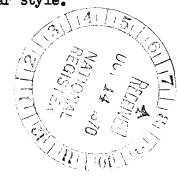
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the eastern United States, soliciting funds to build and equip the college.

He served in the state legislature in 1862, where his goal was to get Bluemont College taken over as the state university. He failed in that, but later the school was taken over as the state's agricultural college. Goodnow was subsequently elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1862 and 1864. In that position he played the key role in organizing the Kansas State Teachers Association in 1863 and served as its first president. For his efforts in setting up local public school districts, he has been called the "founder of the Kansas common school system." It has been said that the Kansas education system owes more to Isaac Goodnow than to any other single individual.

Goodnow acquired this home in 1859 and periodically had additions made until 1876. He continued to live here until his death in 1894. After completion of the restoration project, the house will be administered as a museum by the Kansas State Historical Society.

Also significant architecturally, it is an early Kansas residence built with stone in the Plains Vernacular style.



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