

# Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 75N 26W - 7  
District Name Legacy In Stone TR  
Map Reference # 5

## Identification

1. Site Name Hogan and Martha A Runkle Queen  
2. Village/Town/City Vic. St. Charles Township South County Madison  
3. Street Address 5 Miles West of St. Charles on G50 - County Road G50  
4. Legal Location 75N 27W 7 SW1/4 SW1/4  
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section  
(Map 2)  
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 424,870 northing 4,572,400; Acreage less than one acre\*  
6. Owner(s) Name William C. Johnson  
7. Owner(s) Address RR 1 Box 119 St. Charles IA  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)  
8. Use: Present Residence (vacant portion) Original Stagecoach Stop & Residence

## Description

9. Date of Construction c. 1856 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:  
Frame addition to East side Garage on North  
15. Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn  other farm structures  carriage house  garage  privy  
 other \_\_\_\_\_  
16. Is the building endangered?  no  yes—if so, why? deterioration  
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 Boundary:

A circle of 150' diameter, its center-point being the centerpoint of the said house. Excludes all outbuildings.

## **SIGNIFICANCE**

### **20. Architectural Significance**

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

—b. Contributing structure \_\_\_\_\_

Theme(s): Vernacular Architecture

Subtheme(s) Function: Residential

The Hogan and Martha Runkle Queen House is an early example of a vernacular limestone farm residence which was also used as a stagecoach stop. It is one of three extant two and one half story asymmetrical massed rectangle houses with entrance to the side of the gable front. Notable features include cut out barge boards, a protruding water table and lintel course, an octagonal stone chimney, a stone chimney with four rounded off sides and a door with elaborate transom and side lights.

The 25' x 32' two and one half story gabled house is constructed of ashlar, finished cut quarry faced stone and rubble which are reported to have been quarried on the farm. The main public facade on the south with a normal road setback has a door on the right of the gable front and two windows beside it. There are second floor windows above each window and the door and a centered window at the top floor level. The west, also a public facade with normal street setback, has four windows at ground level and four second floor windows above them. Additions obscure part of the north and east sides, but there is a top floor window centered in the gable on the north facade, and the east facade appears to have had a window arrangement like the west facade.

The south main facade is constructed of ashlar with draft lines and finished with a tool with a small round end. Stonework is coursed random bond with very close joints. A protruding water table forms the door sill and there is a protruding lintel course of dimension stone above the first floor windows and door. The west secondary public facade is constructed of finished cut quarry faced stone laid in courses with random bond and grapevine joints. The north and east facades are constructed of rubble with coursed random bond and grapevine joints. Quoins have draft lines and are finished with a small round ended tool. The jambs on the main facade have the same finish, but those on the other facades are finished cut quarry faced stone. The sills are protruding dimension stone with surface texturing. Splayed window recesses are paneled with cabinet work with two inserts on each side. The recessed doors have cabinet paneling with three sections at each side of the reveal. Transoms and sidelights are complex, being made of many small panes of two different sizes. The overhanging eaves and verges are closed with mitred soffits and coving against the stone. The cut out barge boards have the same design as those used on the Shriver (W-CO-E6) and Hornback (W-BU-E1) Houses. The flues are within the gable wall; there is an octagonal stone chimney at the south gable ridge and a rounded four sided stone chimney at the north ridge.

### **21. Historical Significance**

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—b. Contributing Structure \_\_\_\_\_

Theme(s): Early Settlement

Hogan Queen came to the county in 1853 and began buying land, some of it from his relatives. So that by 1855 he had 900 acres. He quickly increased his holdings to 1420 acres. Queen was a leading citizen who was a livestock dealer, farmer and operator of a stage coach stop in this building. The house is reported to have been a stop on the underground railroad.

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