

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	IOWA
COUNTY:	DAVIS
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	APR 16 1974

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stringtown House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Junction of Troy, Pulaski, Bloomfield Roads

CITY OR TOWN:
Centerville vic.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Davis CODE: 051

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Richard Schmidt

STREET AND NUMBER:
R. R. #1

CITY OR TOWN:
Milton

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Davis County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Bloomfield

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

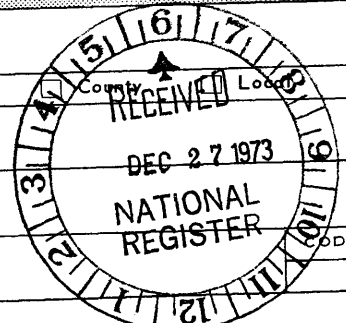
TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

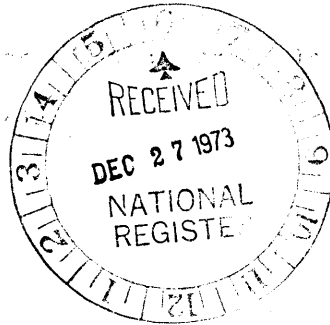
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<input type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stringtown House is an early frame structure - a double one and one-half story building with a saltbox profile. Two entrances appear at the front and rear. The front porch, possibly a later addition, has a "hip" roof and extends the full length of the street side. It is supported by slightly carved alternated wood posts. Windows on the upper half are very squat, paned (some original glass) and flanked by louvered shutters. The first floor windows, evenly spaced, are larger and have 12 panes. Wood sills and frames are simple. The lean-to porch at the rear of the building is of a much simpler design than that of the front and may possibly be original. The limestone foundation of the building is extended to the "floor" of this overhang. The wood framing of the structure has been covered by asphalt "tiling" on the two "gable" ends.

Two chimneys on the far end of each part of the "duplex" are of deteriorating brick. Since they are of unequal size, these sections may have been built at slightly different times. However, no documentation save what evidence the building itself provides is available to substantiate anything other than the supposed building date of 1832.

On the interior, the only new portion is that of a bathroom. The walnut woodwork is original though covered in many layers of paint. The fireplaces are brick with two inch walnut plank mantels.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1832

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>hotel</u> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is perhaps the oldest house remaining in Davis County and the only one left in its original condition of what was once a small community and stage coach stop known as Stringtown. It is also a rare representative of a style not often found in Iowa.

Stringtown was on a road travelled between Fort Madison and Des Moines. The mill, store, and hotel as well as other residences located here no longer exist.

The house was built in 1832 by Byron Wilson who bought the land from the U. S. Government; the property was then owned by Jake Day, John Schmidt and his son, Richard, the present owner.

The Stringtown one-room school is also on the property but in poor repair, having been used as a chicken house.

Stringtown was the first town in Davis County. It was first called Harpersville, then Dover, then Stringtown. It was originally on land owned by B. F. Wilson, situated partly on the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of section 35, township 69, range 12 about a mile and a half south of the present town of Troy, surveyed and platted by John Ellis, county surveyor. One of the earliest settlers was Berney Carter, a whiskey seller. The population in 1951 was 32.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mr. Richard Schmidt, Owner

The History of Davis County, Iowa, Des Moines: State Historical Company, 1882, page 603.

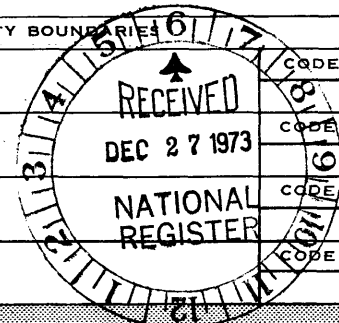
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. W. David Haufe, Liaison Officer for Davis County

ORGANIZATION: Davis County Historical Society DATE: Spring 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 413 North Columbia Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bloomfield STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 D. Anderson

Title Historic Preservation Officer

Date 30 Nov., 1973

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

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

Date 4/16/74

ATTEST:

George F. Emery
Acty Keeper of The National Register

Date April 11, 1974