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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Not applicable off I-80

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Branch

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF

CODE

19

COUNTY

Cedar

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(if applicable)*

Midwest Regional Office, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

VICINITY OF

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

List of Classified Structures

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CITY, TOWN

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STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Development within the historic district of Herbert Hoover National Historic Site occurs within three distinct zones. They are: the historic village environment, the Presidential Library (which is not under National Park Service jurisdiction), and the Hoover Graves. Landscape and ground cover within the park boundaries match generally that of the surrounding town and farmland, the farmland within park boundaries being put to agricultural use (primarily in corn) and that area within the town of West Branch planted with bluegrass and miscellaneous trees. An exception is the grave-site which is formally landscaped with rows of various evergreens.

The emphasis in development of the immediate core area surrounding the Hoover birthplace has been to recreate the atmosphere of Hoover's boyhood environment. Because many of the structures that once existed in the neighborhood no longer exist, it was believed that the sense of time and place could be more legitimately achieved by replacing them with similar, compatible residences that fill in the scene, as opposed to reconstructions of original structures on the basis of limited information. The result is that the National Historic Site's historic core area now resembles a typical Iowa small town of the late 19th century and thus recaptures in atmosphere, if not in detail, the surroundings familiar to the boy Hoover.

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~~The boundaries of the National Historic Site include lands required for various practical or administrative purposes, including modern streets and roads. Those lands are not considered important to the historical significance and are not included in this nomination. This national register property includes the historic core area or neighborhood surrounding the Hoover birthplace, the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover with their immediate environment, the Presidential Library and its grounds, and the Miles Farm, which dominates the skyline over the core area and was an important visual feature during Hoover's time in the area.~~

Historic structures serving to recreate the childhood environment of Herbert Hoover are as follow:

HS-1 Hoover Birthplace Cottage. A one-story two-room cottage of board-and-batten construction, 14'x 20', with front door facing South Downey Street. Built in 1871, the structure was relocated in 1890. In 1938, the structure was returned to its original site and restored to its appearance of the 1870-75 period of occupancy with two rooms, lean-to shed and covered porch. Exterior is simulated whitewash and structure is in excellent condition.

HS-2 P.T. Smith House. A two-story frame structure, 21'x 39', with clapboard siding and asphalt-shingled roof. It is located on the southeast corner of Downey and Cedar Streets. Built in 1874, the main body of structure is painted with period Munsell 10GY G/2 tint and trim is Munsell 5Y 8.5/2.

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During the Hoover period of the 1880s, the structure had different porch columns, pilasters and front door as well as a north elevation bay entrance. The back porch was different as well as chimney location. Shutters covered some windows and metal covered the roof. It is in deteriorated condition and vacant.

HS-3 Quaker Meetinghouse. A one-story frame structure, 60'x 46', with restoration to the 1880 period complete. Built in 1856, it contains a large porch on north elevation as well as "cry room" with a privy. One main room on the first floor, 30'x 50', served as partitionable place of worship (meeting) and business sessions. Interior furnishings are not original to structure but were transferred from the Hickory Grove Meetinghouse. The building occupies a position held by a private residence in the historic period. During the Hoover boyhood, the Meetinghouse was located near the juncture of Downey and Green Streets. It is painted titanium oxide white on the exterior. Historically it was lead-oxide white. Structure is in excellent condition and open to visitors.

HS-4 Hannah Varney House. A two-story frame house, 26'x 28', built in 1899. The structure was moved from its original location on Lot 83c to Lot 87b in 1967 to provide a non-intrusive setting for the Birthplace cottage. In 1900 the house had a different porch railing, a back stoop and a scuttle. House is painted beige pink with white trim. Wood shingle roof was restored to structure. It faces on Downey street and is in good condition. It is occupied as quarters.

HS-5 Dr. Leech House. A two-story frame structure, 24'x 40', built in 1920. The house's architecture is not in disharmony with the historic scene. It is located on the south 74 feet of Lot 87a and fronts on Downey Street. During the historic period this location was partially occupied by the demolished Satterthwait house. HS-5's historic and contemporary appearances are almost non-divergent. The house is painted Munsell tint 5Y 7/1 rather than its 1920 titanium white to reduce disharmony with the primary historic scene. Structure is in excellent condition and occupied as quarters.

HS-6 Laban Miles House. A two-story frame structure, 29'x 51', built during the period 1869-1872. The house is painted sienna with reddish brown trim and has a wood shingle roof. The exterior appearance of the already partially restored house differs little from the historic period with the exception of the east elevation where contemporary doors will be obliterated. The house is in fair condition and vacant. It is undergoing renovation to make it usable as quarters.

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HS-7 Amanda Garvin House. A two-story frame house, 23' x 32', built in the period 1871-74, on Lot 6. This house exterior differs little from its pre-1905 appearance except for asphalt shingles on the roof, later back porch addition and the auto garage attached to a shed associated with the 1900 period. Main body color is 2.5Y 9/4 tint, with 2.5Y 6/4 trim. House is in deteriorated condition with major structural repairs required. It is vacant and unusable as quarters without renovation.

HS-8 C.E. Smith House. A two-story frame house, 33' x 26', built in 1903. This house was relocated in 1969 from its original position south of the P.T. Smith house to Lots 8 and 9, fronting on Downey Street. Not contemporary with Hoover boyhood, the house was relocated to support the concept of a vintage historic scene in the vicinity of cottage. It is little different from its pre-1915 appearance with the exception of the missing pergola outside the kitchen entrance and the approach to kitchen door. Its wood shingle roof and period paint hues have been restored. It is in good condition but needs interior renovation to make it fit for quarters.

HS-9 James Staples House. A two-story frame structure, 45' x 34', built in the early 1870s (precise date unknown). Contributing to the historic scene and fronting on Poplar Street, only the main section of the house is contemporaneous with the Hoover boyhood period. A two-story ell, about 18 feet square, was added to the north elevation in 1912. The house will be modified to more accurately depict its pre-1915 appearance by reconstruction of the 1870 period front door, doorway, stoop and stairs and replacement of east elevation shutters. The foundation stones of the south and east elevations will be exposed and the present asphalt roofing replaced with wood shingles. Paint hues of Munsell 2.5Y 8/4 and 5G 3/4 have been restored to home. The house is in fair condition and occupied as quarters.

HS-10 E.S. Hayhurst House. A two-story frame structure, 40' x 30' (without attached garage), whose north wing was constructed in the early 1870s (precise date unknown). Restoration plans will remove accretions post-dating 1910 including (a) removal of patio porch and restoration of original porches (b) removal of picture window on south elevation, and, (c) replacement of overhead garage doors with hinged type. Period wood shingling has been restored to home as well as 1870 period paint hues of Munsell 5Y 7/1. This house fronting Poplar Street is maintained to provide historic mood and backdrop for visitors. It is in excellent condition and occupied as quarters.

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HS-11 Isaac Miles Farmhouse. A two-story frame structure, 36' x 28', built in the late 1870s (precise date unknown). The external appearance of the structure circa 1880 will be recovered by (a) reconstruction of the east elevation bay (b) the removal of materials enclosing front porch (c) demolition of the north elevation chimney (d) reroofing with cedar shingles, and, (e) repainting entire structure lead oxide white (Munsell 5Y 9/1) instead of present titanium oxide white. The house is in good condition and occupied as quarters.

HS-12 Isaac Miles Barn. This three-level structure, 36' x 32', was built in the late 1870s. Restoration to its appearance of 1880 will include (a) replacement of east elevation first level doors, and, (b) replacement and repair of lightning rods. Exterior finish has been restored to red and white. The barn serves as storage while the hayloft houses the park centralized TV antenna. It is in good condition with some interior strengthening required and serves to enhance historic scene.

HS-13 Isaac Miles Corncrib. This rough plain wooden structure, 36' x 8', was not associated with the Hoover boyhood and was constructed in 1940. Its exterior appearance, except for the addition of a coat of russet paint, is similar to structures used for the same purpose in the Hoover period and it is roofed with wooden shingles and in good condition.

HS-14 Isaac Miles Garage. This frame structure, 10' x 19', is an auto garage apparently of the 1925-35 period. It is in fair condition, constructed of vertical-lap siding with wood shingle roof and painted white. It serves as a garage for the farmhouse occupant and is not in disharmony with the historic scene. Exterior painting similar to the barn would further insure harmony.

HS-15 Isaac Miles Shed. This wood frame, one-level structure, 12' x 20', is constructed of vertical-lap siding, roofed with wood shingles and painted white. It is apparently of 20th century vintage, served as a woodshed and today functions as storage space for farmhouse occupant. Painted barn red, it would not be in disharmony with historic scene.

HS-16 Hoover Blacksmith Shop Replica. This one-story two-room frame structure, 36' x 30', built in 1957, serves as a replica of the Jesse Hoover Blacksmith Shop of the 1874-1879 period. It is built of period materials and loosely resembles the original which is programmed for eventual reconstruction by the Park Service. The replica is inaccurately located. When the reconstruction is accomplished the replica may have utility as period-like storage building placed in another section of the Park to contribute to the historic mood. It is in otherwise excellent condition.

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HS-17 First West Branch Schoolhouse. This single-story frame structure, 26' x 18', was constructed in 1853. It is not on its original site but occupies a position in the Park on Lots 29 and 30 where a private home stood in the Hoover boyhood period. Hoover may have attended primary classes in this structure. Service restoration plans call for recovery of 1853-77 appearance by (a) relocation of certain windows (b) relocation of entrance door to south elevation (c) repair and replacement of siding (d) installation of wood shingle roof and complete interior restoration as an exhibit of a functional classroom of the period. Building is in good condition with restoration in progress.

HS-18 David Mackey House. A two-story wood frame structure, 18' x 34', built in the period 1869-1871. It fronts on Poplar Street and contributes to the historic setting of the birthplace cottage. To restore its appearance to the 1874-86 period the (a) concrete block porch will be removed (b) the carport will be removed, and, (c) the front and south facades of the structure restored. The house is painted Munsell tint 10 GY7/2 and duplicates period paint hue. Home is in good condition and occupied as quarters.

HS-19 William Wright House. This two-story wood frame structure, 35' x 25', was built about 1874. To restore its exterior appearance to the pre-1905 era it will be necessary to (a) restore the front porch and front door (b) demolish and remove back room built by the Pennocks, and, (c) reshingle with wood shingles. The house reinforces the historic scene. Present garage will be demolished. House is painted Munsell 5Y 7/1 tint with 2.5 B6 4/4 trim as in historic period. House is in fair condition and occupied as quarters.

HS-20 Isaac Miles Windmill. This metal structure, 45 feet high with three supporting legs 12 feet apart, was installed in the early 20th century to pump water from a well. Manufactured by the Iowa Windmill and Pump Company of Cedar Rapids, it is complete, operable and in fair condition. Although post-dating the Hoover period it lends character to the historic scene and is similar to historic period windmill/pumps in design.

HS-21 Historic Roads and Alleys. These streets, as they lie within the park, are: (1) Downey Street from its juncture with Wetherell Street on the north to its juncture with Parkside Drive on the south (2) Cedar Street from its juncture with Downey Street east to its juncture with Parkside Drive (3) Penn Street from its juncture with Downey Street west to its juncture with Poplar Street (4) Poplar Street from its juncture with Penn

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Street to its juncture with Wetherell Street. These streets historically were unpaved with virtually no vegetative cover and dusty and barren in the summer except for weeds. They were mud much of the time in the spring and fall. At present the roads are "improved" with a mixture of gravel and clay and covered lightly with soil. All are planted in blue grass cover. Downey Street has recreated strips of wear, "wagon tracks", running from Wetherell Street south to a juncture with the Library entrance drive. Penn Street would appear to be close to its historic appearance. Downey Street is also crossed by the Library Drive and two boardwalks that were not known historically.

HS-22 Laban Miles Horse Barn Site. This barn, which no longer exists, was a one-story frame structure with a loft, erected adjacent to the Laban Miles home (HS-6) on the southeast corner of the property by Dr. L.J. Leech. It was painted red and trimmed in white and four bay horses were kept in the barn.

HS-23 Hoover Cottage Privy. This structure is located in the northwest corner of the Hoover Cottage yard. Reconstructed in 1974, it is 5' x 5' with board-and-batten walls painted white and a wood shingle roof. Inside is an electric transformer. It is in excellent condition.

HS-24 Hoover Cottage Chickenhouse. This structure is located in the west section of the Hoover Cottage yard. It is 14' x 10' with white board-and-batten walls and a shallow wood shingle shed roof. It was reconstructed in 1975. It is in excellent condition.

HS-25 Second Hoover House Site. This site was once the location of a two-story frame house built between 1868 and 1870 and occupied by the Hoover family from 1879 to 1884. The house was razed in 1923. It is currently proposed to be designated with an interpretive marker.

HS-26 Downey Street Bridge Site. The South Downey Street bridge, located about eighty feet from the Birthplace Cottage, was an important part of the historic scene and remembered clearly by Tad Hoover. During the historic period the bridge consisted of a wooden vehicular bridge with a separate foot bridge alongside, but downstream about fifteen feet. The walkway consisted of 2 x 6's spiked to three 3 x 12 stringers. The railings were 2 x 4's with 1 x 6 caps. The present bridge is of concrete and built in 1917 and will be demolished.

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HS-27 Hoover Cottage Gardens and Orchard Site. The flower gardens of Huldah Hoover were located in small beds in front of the home and at the sides. In addition, the front walkway was lined with portulaca and the flower beds were lined with clamshells. Contemporaries recalled phlox, sweet william, columbine, petunias, balsam and verbenas with dark red tulips earlier in the season. Peonies and lilacs were recalled at the front and sides of the cottage. Tad Hoover also recalled marigolds, snap dragons, tiger-lilies and pansies. Tad Hoover recalled a vegetable garden in lot 43 and the unpublished Lou Henry Hoover collection "Memories of a Little House" indicate archtypical produce of the period.

HS-28 Amanda Garvin Cottage Shed and Garage. This frame structure, 16' x 8', was built about 1899. It appears as it did before the turn of the century, except for the addition of a garage about 1943. The Historic Structures report recommends the preservation of the shed with adaptive use and removal of the 1943 garage addition. It is in fair condition.

HS-29 Port Scellers Stock Barn. This two-story frame structure, 21' x 26' (without attached carport), was built by Port Scellers sometime during the 1890s. It was extant in 1909 when a panorama of West Branch was made and served as a horse barn. The Stock Barn shows evidence of being constructed of materials once used in another structure. The barn was repaired and the interior altered during the early 1950s and modern type garage doors replaced the swinging doors on the north elevation. More recently, a carport was added to the east elevation and a door cut into the east elevation at the south corner. There is no evidence to indicate when the small storage shed attached to the west elevation was added. The building adds to the historic scene and has much utility in adaptive use as a storage building for modern vehicles and equipment of park residents. When other storage barns are rebuilt, the carport should be removed. The building is in good condition and painted russet. The 1909 photograph indicates it to be a light color. Its asphalt shingles should be wood.

HS-30 Hoover Birthplace Cottage Well and Pump. The Historic Structures Report identifies the site of the well and pump that served the cottage. The well continued in use during the occupancy of the cottage (subsequent to its 1890 relocation) by Port Scellers. During the Hoover period the pump was a wooden one and likely affixed to a wooden well cover. The park has located a replica of a rubber bucket pump made of wood in the location, attached to an appropriate recreation of a well cover. The well is dry. Restoration of the well and pump would include the reconstruction of an appropriate wooden working pump and slight redeepening of the well to yield water.

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HS-31 Garvin Cottage Well and Pump. The Historic Structures Report identifies the site of the cottage well and iron pump used from the earliest days of the structure at the southeast corner of the cottage. The pump is identified as iron. The Park has located a period iron pump and wooden well cover at the site of the well which still yields water and the historic structure in toto (except for the missing foot valve) has been restored.

HS-32 Laban Miles House Well, Cistern, and Pumps. At the turn of the century, the cistern, well and pumps were located immediately southeast of the kitchen door of the house. The pump for the well was iron and the cistern pump was wood. The well and cistern are now dry. A replica wooden well cover has been placed over the well. Restoration should include the addition of appropriate period iron and wooden pumps.

HS-33 Birthplace Cottage Fence and Gates. Fencing at the cottage is picket on the east and north boundaries of lots 41, 42, and 43. One pedestrian gate is adjacent to the front door of the cottage on Downey Street and another pedestrian gate is located at a point in the Penn Street fence adjacent to the Blacksmith Shop. Another gate, sufficiently large to permit passage of a vehicle, is located in the Penn Street fence adjacent to the back yard of the cottage. A closed vertical board fence encloses the Hoover yard on the west and south sides. The park has reconstructed these fences after research of contemporary styles and modes in use in the east Iowa area. The reconstruction is painted titanium white to simulate whitewash and only approximates original lot lines. It is in excellent condition.

HS-34 James Staples House Fence and Gate Site. An 1878 photograph shows in detail the picket fence which enclosed the yard of the James Staples House during the Hoover period. It appears to have been whitewashed. An exact reconstruction is possible and would contribute to validity of the historic scene. It is the only fence in the core area buffer zone between the Birthplace Cottage and modern West Branch that can be reconstructed with absolute accuracy.

HS-35 William Wright House Garage. This one-story, frame building (24' x 12') was constructed by the Pennocks (in part) from a 19th century barn built by the first residents of the house. The barn was torn down in the 1920s. With relocation of the swinging barn doors on the west, the garage is serving as a garage for the resident. The building is in excellent condition, of lap vertical siding with a wood shingle roof.

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HS-36 Laban Miles House Shed. This one-story frame structure, 12' x 18', was apparently extant in the mid-1890s and is the only surviving out-building from the late 19th century. According to a former resident of the Laban Miles House in the 1890s, this same building served as a large woodshed and the privy stood only a few inches from its south elevation. It is in deteriorated condition with a sheet iron roof. Its historic color remains to be analyzed as well as age confirmation by historical architects.

HS-37 Historic Sidewalks. The Historic Structures Report identifies the location of boardwalks in the immediate environment of the Cottage and buffer zone as follows: By the autumn of 1884 sidewalks of two-inch planking laid "crosswise" were completed between Main Street and the Wapsinonoc (four feet wide) on the east side of Downey Street. An ordinance stipulated that the east side walkway south of the creek be three feet wide (the distance this walkway ran south of the creek is not definitely known). The width of the walkway on the west side of Downey to just south of the Cottage was six feet. It is felt that sidewalks may have existed prior to 1900 on Penn and Poplar Streets but no evidence has yet been located to substantiate this belief. During the period 1973 through the present the park has reconstructed board walkways in the locales known to have had walkways historically and have constructed others to facilitate visitor entrance and use. On those sites for which we have definite information the reconstruction conforms to the known historic appearance (the bearings are 4 x 8's rather than 4 x 4's and are anchored in concrete) with the exception of the installation of four foot walkway south of the creek to facilitate visitor access to the Quaker Meetinghouse. (The historicity of that locale was somewhat compromised originally by the location of the Meetinghouse therein.)

HS-38 Methodist Church Street Lamp. During the historic period a kerosene street lamp was erected in front of the Methodist Church on Downey Street. The park has secured reconstruction of a copper replica lamp and post based on photo evidence and placed it in its historic locale. (The post was made in three sections and glued to make one tapered shaft.)

HS-39 Laban Miles House Carriage Block and Hitching Post Site. These items are detailed by photo evidence and precise description and remain the only grouping of these common items the service can restore with accuracy in the district.

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HS-40 Levi Forney House Site. In the historic period a frame home stood across Downey Street from the Hoover Cottage. The Forneys were the most immediate Hoover neighbors. Little is known about the Forneys (he was a tailor) nor the architecture of their home. The site of their home has no importance other than it was across the street from the Cottage. That historic presence is highly significant however in the representation of the immediate environment of the cottage. Reconstruction is not feasible since, to date, no accurate descriptive information is available. We are, however, postulating the preservation of this home site by the eventual location of a period home (when available) in the Forney home location.

HS-41 Hoover Graves. The Hoover Grave area is formally landscaped with a semi-circular grouping of evergreens around the graves which are set on a hillside overlooking a broad meadow. The gravestones themselves (HS-41) consist of two white marble blocks, 10'2" x 4'6" x 1', atop a polished black granite base, 10' x 4'4" x 6". They are in excellent condition.

Miscellaneous historic structures include the following:

HS-42 Statue of Isis. A bronze statue of the Egyptian goddess Isis, measuring 4'6" x 3'8" x 7'6" high, on a poured concrete base, measuring 5'6" x 7'4" x 3'6" high. It was created by A. Puttemans, cast in Brussels, Belgium, and given by the Belgian people in memory of the war relief work conducted by President Hoover. It is in excellent condition.

HS-43 Iowa Award Plaques. Two bronze lozenge-shaped plaques, measuring 9½" x 9" x ½", on a pink granite base, measuring 2'0" x 1'3" x 7" (rear) x 3" (front), commemorating the Iowa Award presented by the state of Iowa to her famous son. They are in excellent condition and have been moved from the Birthplace Cottage yard.

HS-44 D.A.R. Monument. A bronze plaque, measuring 1'8" x 1'3" x ½", attached to a red granite rock, commemorating the birthplace of Herbert Hoover. It is in excellent condition, having been moved from the yard of the Birthplace Cottage.

Non-historic structures include the Caretaker's House (1938), Storage Shed (1920s), Comfort Station (1953), Boy Scout Picnic Shelter (1953), East Picnic Shelter (1953), Miles Farm Machine Shed (1940), Miles Farm Chicken House (1940), Gravesite Guard House (1945), Gazebo (1974), and Footbridge.

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The Herbert Hoover Library, which is administered by the National Archives and Records Service of the General Services Administration, was dedicated August 10, 1962 and added to in 1964. It is a one-story limestone building designed in a modified Colonial Revival. It includes exhibit galleries, stack areas, a 200-seat auditorium, a library room, a research room, office and work areas, and a photographic area. The library's collection includes virtually all original manuscripts, film materials, and books by and about Herbert Hoover, with the exception of his "War and Peace" manuscripts which are housed at Stanford University. Besides these documents, there are numerous mementoes, diplomas, and gifts received by Hoover during his lengthy career.

To be substituted for third paragraph Item 7:

As the accompanying maps indicate, the boundaries of the National Historic Site include lands acquired for administrative purposes that are not historically important and do not contribute to the qualities that account for the site's significance or whose historical integrity has been wholly compromised. These include lands to the east and north acquired for visitor facilities, unrelated government office space, and open space accessible to visitors, and a new road built to free a historic street from visitor traffic; and a large land buffer to the south and west significantly removed from the birthplace neighborhood acquired to preclude intrusive developments. Lands possessing National Register qualities include the historic core area or neighborhood surrounding the Hoover birthplace, the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover with their immediate environment, the Presidential Library and its grounds, and the Miles Farm, which dominates the skyline over the core area and was an important visual feature during Hoover's time in the area.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1874-1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Herbert Hoover National Historical Site commemorates the birth and boyhood of Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President, elder statesman, humanitarian and engineer. Herbert Hoover's birthplace was designated a national historic site on August 12, 1965. It is of value in illustrating and commemorating American history by preserving in a fair degree of integrity the environment of a future president, the legacy of his public service represented in the collections of the Presidential Library and his final resting place. As such, the national historic site is a complex of resources that evoke and illustrate the entire career of an important figure in 20th century history.

The park contains three separate areas that together memorialize the life of Herbert Hoover. The portion of the village of West Branch immediately adjacent to and including the birthplace cottage and blacksmith shop is undergoing restoration. When complete it will recall the small, late 19th century Midwestern village from which Hoover came. The Presidential Library, administered by the National Archives and Records Service, represents his years as a public servant and stands near the historic village. The gravesite is the third of the areas.

Birthplace Cottage. Built by Jesse Clark Hoover about 1870, the two-room birthplace cottage, now restored and refurnished, stands on its original site not far from Wapsinonoc Creek's west branch, from which the town drew its name. The Hoovers lived in the house until 1879, when Jesse Hoover sold both it and the blacksmith shop and moved his family into a larger dwelling farther south on Downey Street. When the birthplace cottage was restored to its 1870 appearance in 1939, as much as possible of the original furniture belonging to Jesse and Huida Hoover was acquired for the house.

Quaker Meetinghouse. During his years in West Branch, Herbert Hoover attended meetings here with his parents. In fact, his mother often spoke before the congregation that worshipped in the building. Neglected for many years, the meetinghouse was purchased by the people of West Branch in 1964 and presented to the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation. In 1964-65, after being moved to its present location on the east side of Downey Street opposite the Presidential Library and southeast of the birthplace cottage, the meetinghouse was restored to its original appearance.

(See Continuation Sheet, Page 11)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 (See Continuation Sheet, Page 12)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION 46 13-750

Beginning at a point (A) about 100 feet south and 200 feet east of the intersection of Main Street and Downey Street in West Branch, Iowa, the boundary of the historic district within Herbert Hoover National Historic Site proceeds due south about 1,200 feet to a point (B) where it turns due west about 200 feet to Downey Street where it turns due south about 700 feet to the northwest side of west- (See Continuation

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES Sheet, Page 13)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David Arbogast, Historical Architect

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

DATE

April 7, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

TELEPHONE

402-221-3423

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National ___ State ___ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE SEP 23 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 8.16.78

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7.27.78

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The Quaker Meetinghouse has an additional significance not dependent on its biographical relationship to Hoover. It was the site of Quaker schismatic conflict directly relating to the third great revival of Post-Civil War America, a significant theme of the history of religion in America.

Blacksmith Shop. Near the birthplace cottage is a replica of Jesse Hoover's blacksmith shop. It houses an extensive collection of contemporary tools and other objects.

Other village structures from the period of Hoover's boyhood include many restored homes, a one-room schoolhouse moved onto a former house site, and the P.T. Smith house which was moved in 1967 to a site formerly occupied by the Methodist Church.

Graves of President and Mrs. Hoover. On a hillside about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile southwest of the birthplace Cabin are the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover. Landscaping provides a circular setting for the flat, white marble gravestones, with a view across a broad meadow to the birthplace.

The Presidential Library, the fourth such designated in the history of the United States, is notable in that it contains the most complete collection of artifacts and written material connected with Herbert Hoover in the world.

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Interpretive Prospectus, Hoover National Historic Site, National Park Service, 1971.
The Master Plan, Hoover National Historic Site, National Park Service, 1970.

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bound entrance ramp to Interstate 80 which it follows about 150 feet to a point (C) where it turns due west about 1,700 feet to a point (D) where it turns due north about 1,400 feet to a point (E) where it turns due east about 1,300 feet to a point where it turns due north about 500 feet to a point (F) where it turns due east about 650 feet to the point of beginning (A).

It should be noted that from the time of the last USGS survey, as represented by the enclosed map, to the present, several structures have been removed and streets rerouted in West Branch.

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

Prepare in duplicate. Send original to Regional Office. Retain one copy in park office.

Building Name	Caretaker's House (Estal)	Page No.	51
Location in Park	Park General		
Park, Monument, Etc.	Herbert Hoover National Historic Site		

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Quarters	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By Hoover family	Year 1938	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE

Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 5000 ⁰⁰	1	5	Full	1786	929	857	---

3. TYPE

4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Construction Type	Foundation	Walls, Exterior	Walls, Interior	Floor	Roof
Board & Batten	Concrete	Boards	Plaster	Wood	Asphalt

5. CONSTRUCTION

Walls	Floors	Ceilings	Trim
Paint	Wood, Linoleum	Paint	Paint

6. INTERIOR FINISH

Water	Electric	Gas	Sewer	Telephone	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

7. UTILITIES

Plumbing	Heating	Fuel	Electric	Hot Water	Other
1 bath	gas	gas	See below	Electric	

8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

As of (Date)	Structural	Mechanical	General State of Repair
10/22/74	Good	Good	Fair

9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

10. FIRE PROTECTION			Extinguishing Equipment		
No. Hydrants	Size	Distance	Mechanical	Hand	Other
1	8"	450	None	2	

11. PHOTOGRAPHS. Furnish 8 x 10½" photographs or smaller photographs mounted on 8 x 10½ sheets. Attach to photographs. Name of park, location in park, and name and number of building.

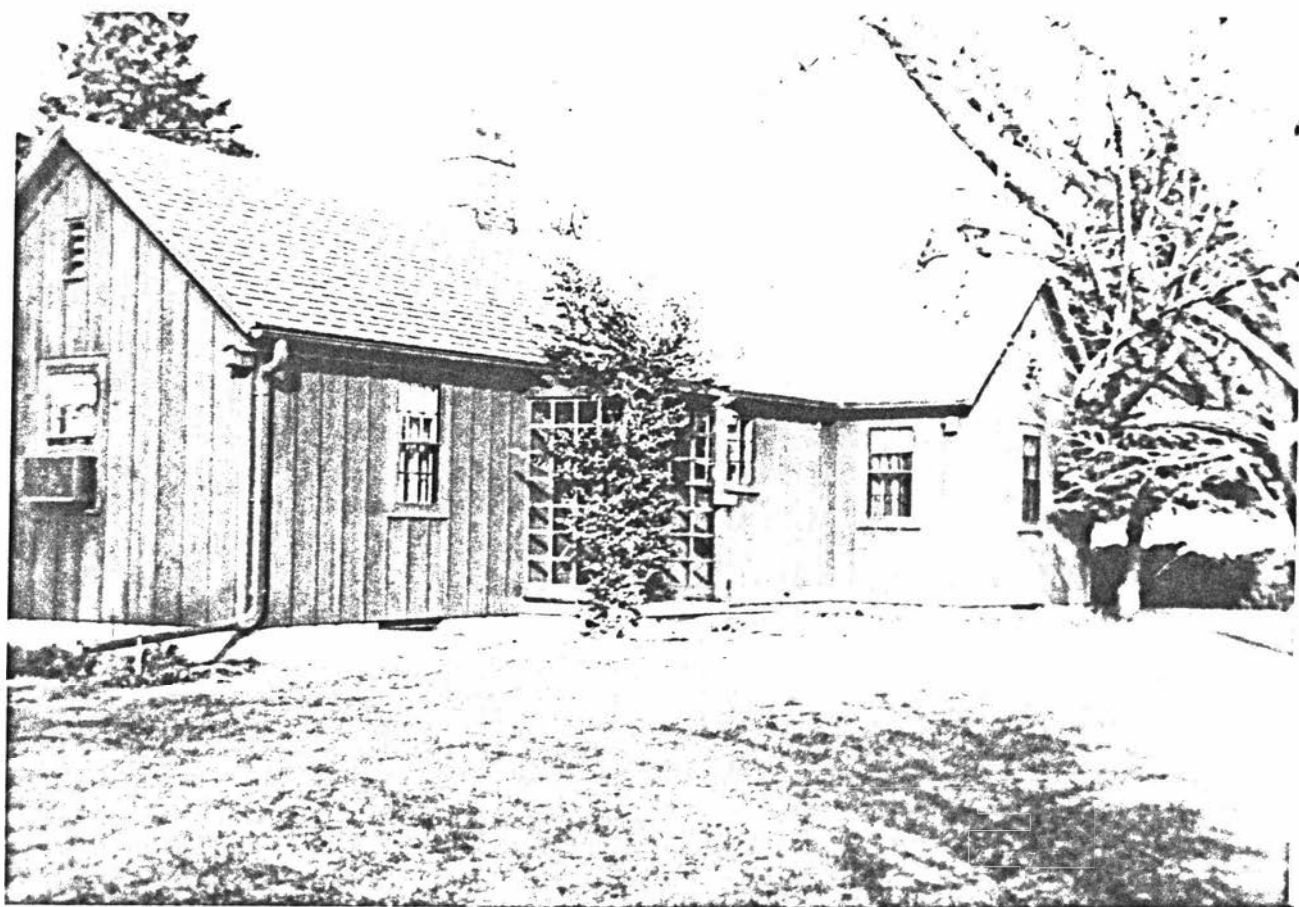
12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

- HEHO acquired 7/1/71
- Painted May 1973
- Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet
- L.P. Stove - Owner's own
- Refrigerator Prop. No. 144, 1974
- Hot Water Heater, Ancient type
- Dehumidifier in basement (old)
- Furnace at least 20 years old
- Window air-conditioner
- Asphalt shingles, new 1973
- TV Cable Tapoff
- Initial treatment for Termites prior to 1965



Prepared By <i>Judy K. Maske</i>	Date <i>12/18/74</i>	Approved By <i>L. L. Mintzmyer</i>	Date <i>12/19/74</i>
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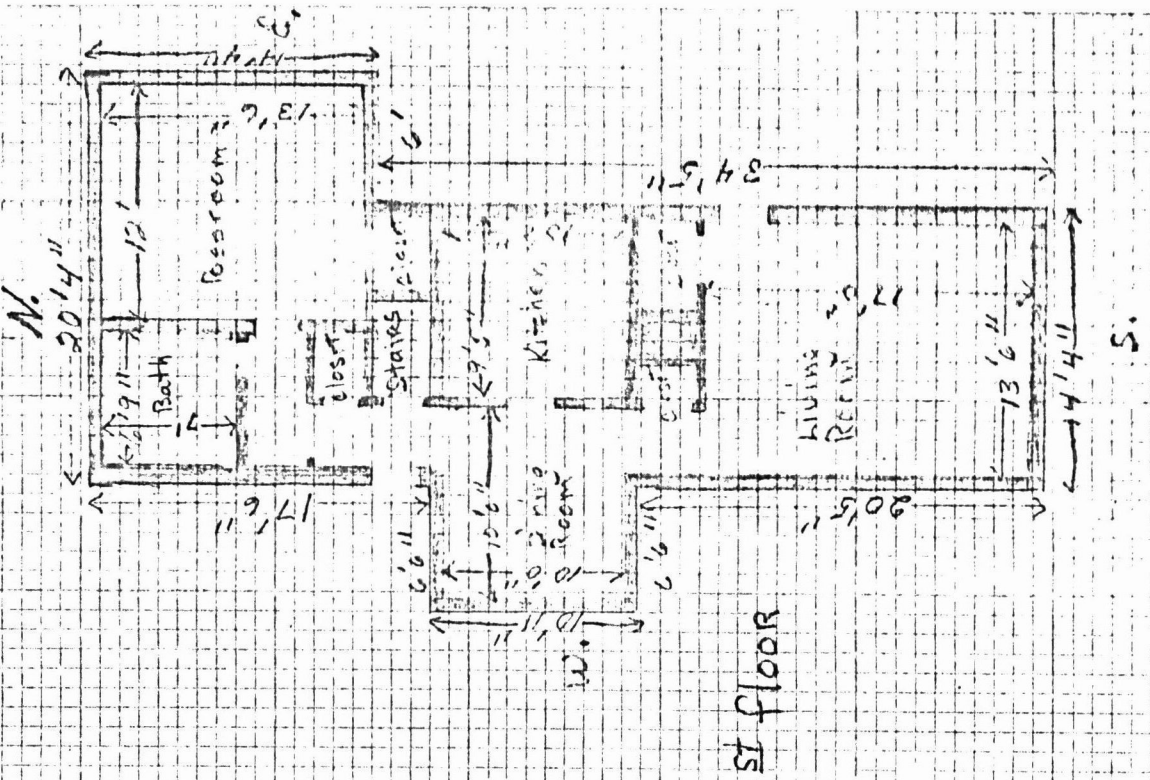
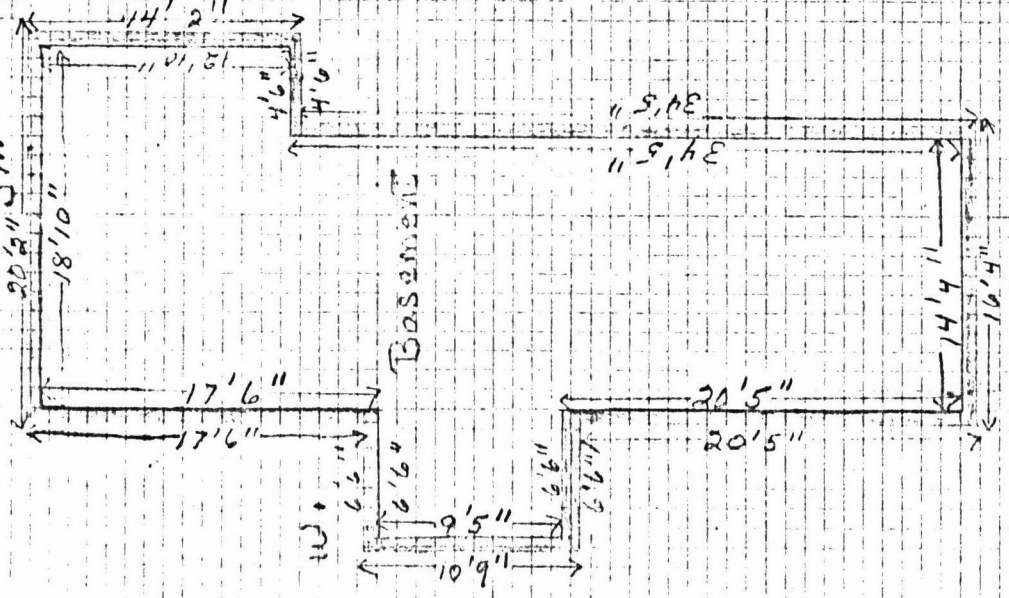


Bldg. No. 51 - Caretaker's House
Park General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

Herbert Hoover
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg. No. 51

4" = 1'
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INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

Prepare in duplicate. Send original to Regional Office. Retain one copy in park office.

Building Name	Bldg. No.
Maintenance Building - 2nd St.	52
Location in Park	
Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc.	
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy	Owned By	Operated By	
Maintenance headquarters	United States of America	National Park Service	
Maintained By	Constructed By	Year	Drawing No.
Herbert Hoover NHS			
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.
NPS Maintenance Cres		1974	

2. VALUE

Original Cost
\$19,000.00

Present Value
\$ 15,188.62

3. TYPE

No. Stories
2

No. Rooms
4

Basement

Overall
2728

4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Basement

1st Floor
2410

2nd Floor
318

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type	Foundation	Walls, Exterior	Walls, Interior	Floor	Roof
Brick	Concrete	Brick	Brick/Plaster	Concrete	Asphalt

6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls	Floors	Ceilings	Trim
Paint, Unfinished	Linoleum, Unfinished	Paint, Unfinished	Paint, Unfinished

7. UTILITIES

Water	Electric	Gas	Sewer	Telephone	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing	Heating	Fuel	Electric	Hot Water	Other
1 bath	2 blower furnaces	gas	tools etc.	electric	

9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date)	Structural	Mechanical	General State of Repair
10/23/74	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants	Size	Distance	Mechanical	Hand	Other
1	8"	75	None	4	

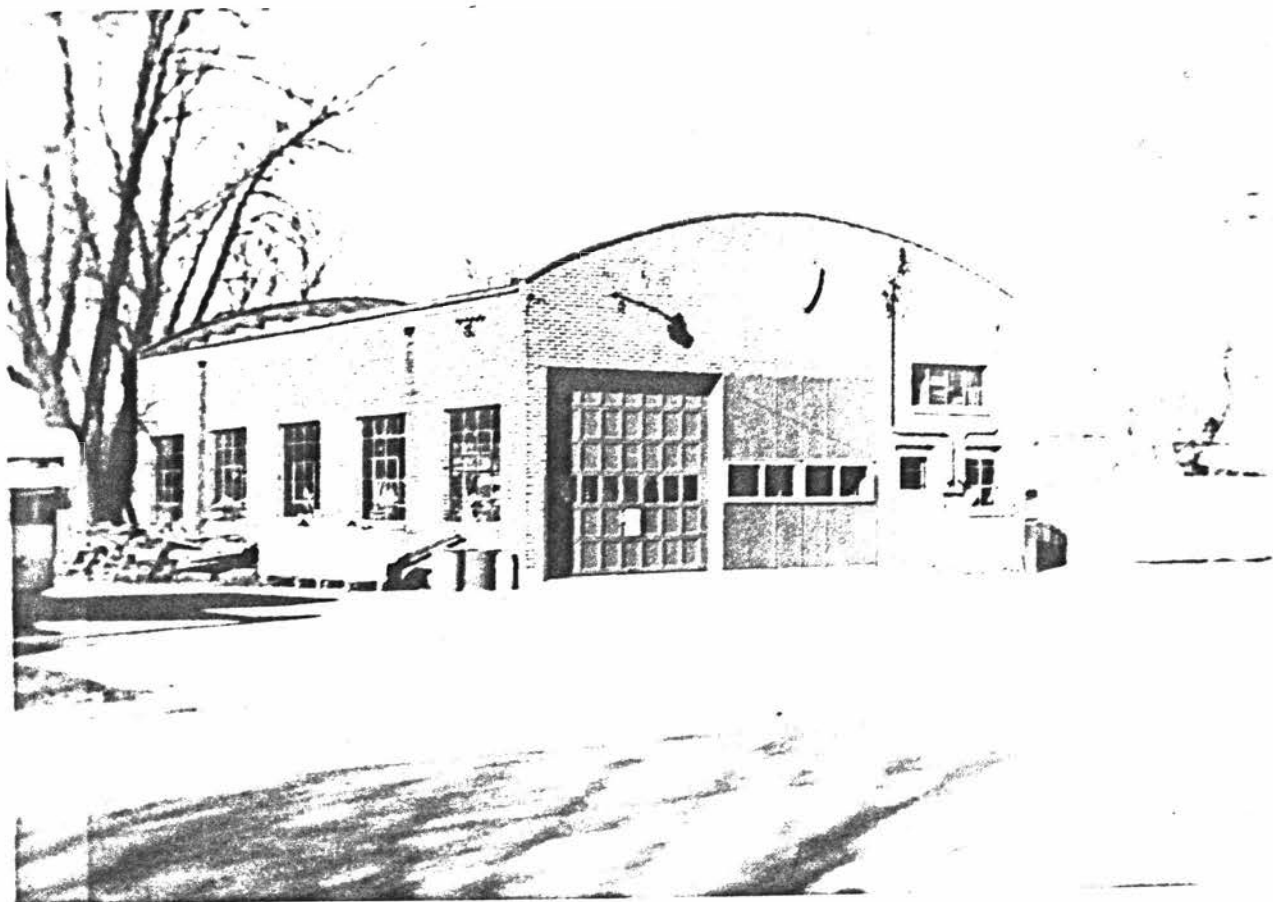
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 1970
2. Two new furnaces installed 11/74, Hanging blower type
3. False ceiling installed fall 1974 to save fuel and make warmer

Prepared By	Date	Approved By	Date
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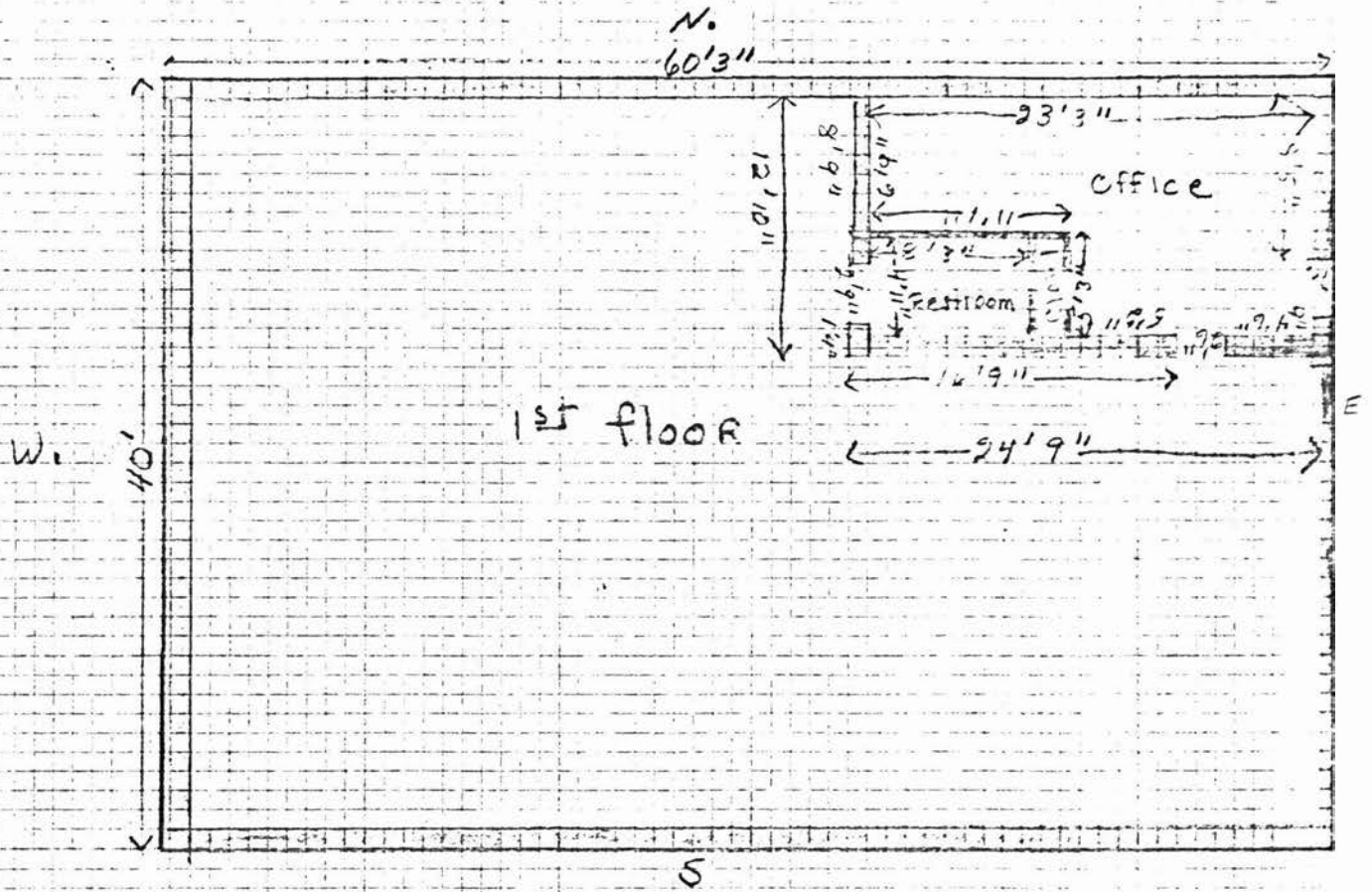


Bldg. No. 52 - Maintenance Bldg. (2nd St.)

Park General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

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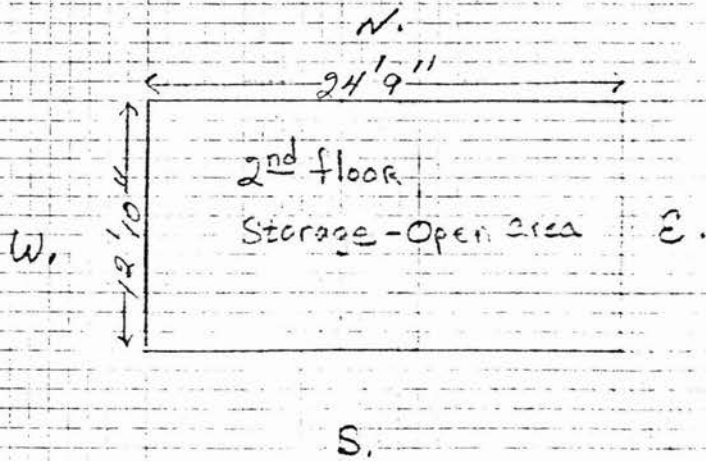
Bldg No. 52



1/4" = 1'

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Building Name Storage Shed (Maint. Yard)	Bldg. No. 54
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy None-Vacant	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By	Year	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE

3. TYPE

4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Original Cost \$	Present Value \$ 500 ⁰⁰	No. Stories 1	No. Rooms 2	Basement ---	Overall 201	Basement ---	1st Floor 201	2nd Floor ---
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5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Concrete	Walls, Exterior Shiplap	Walls, Interior Boards	Floor Concrete	Roof Asphalt
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls Paint	Floors Cement	Ceilings Unfinished	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water Yes	Electric Yes	Gas No	Sewer Yes	Telephone No	Other
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing 2 bath	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric Lights	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/22/74	Structural Poor	Mechanical Poor	General State of Repair Poor
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

Extinguishing Equipment

No. Hydrants 1	Size 8"	Distance 850	Mechanical None	Hand None	Other
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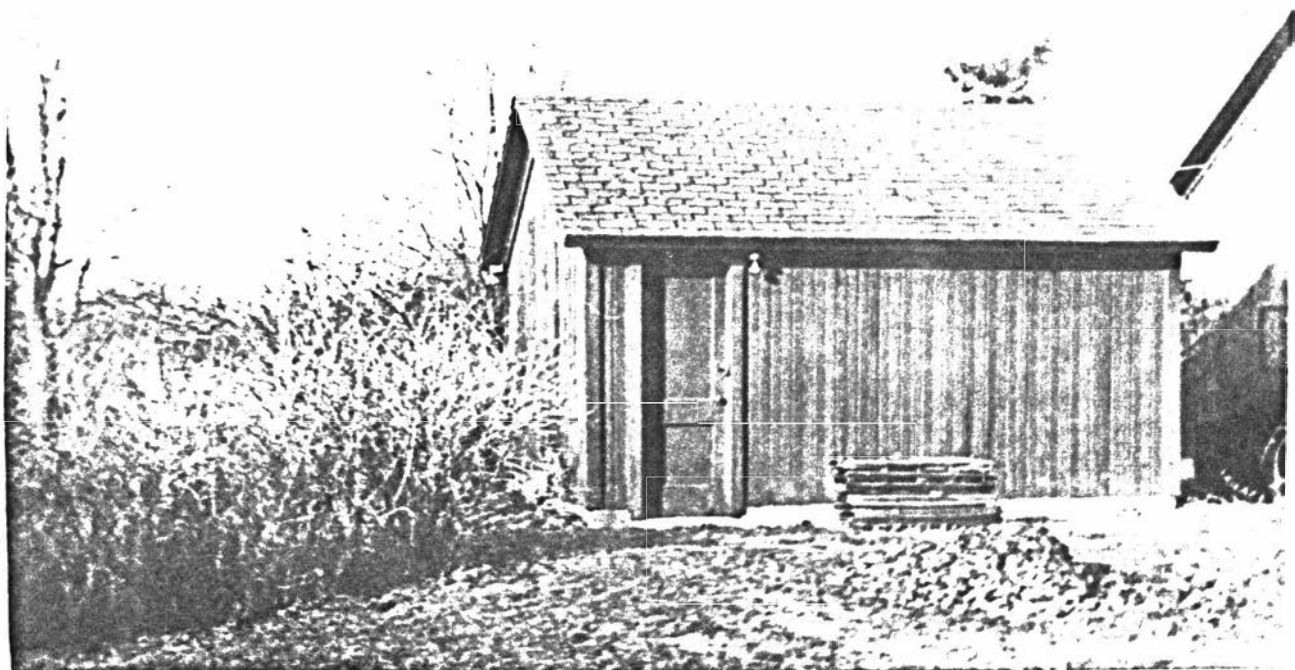
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

- HEHO acquired 7/1/71
- Painted May 1973
- Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet

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Bldg. No. 54 - Storage Shed
Park General
East Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

Prepare in duplicate. Send original to Regional Office. Retain one copy in park office.

Building Name Gazebo	Buildg. No. 67
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Interpretive	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By NPS Maintenance Staff	Year 1974	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE		3. TYPE			4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)			
Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$ 200.00	\$ 600.⁰⁰	1	1	---	100	0	100	---

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Wood	Walls, Exterior ---	Walls, Interior ---	Floor Wood	Roof Wood Shingles
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls ---	Floors Wood	Ceilings Wood	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water No	Electric No	Gas No	Sewer No	Telephone No	Other
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing None	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric None	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - if New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/22/74	Structural Excellent	Mechanical ---	General State of Repair Excellent
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants 1			Size 8"			Distance 400			Mechanical None			Hand None			Other		
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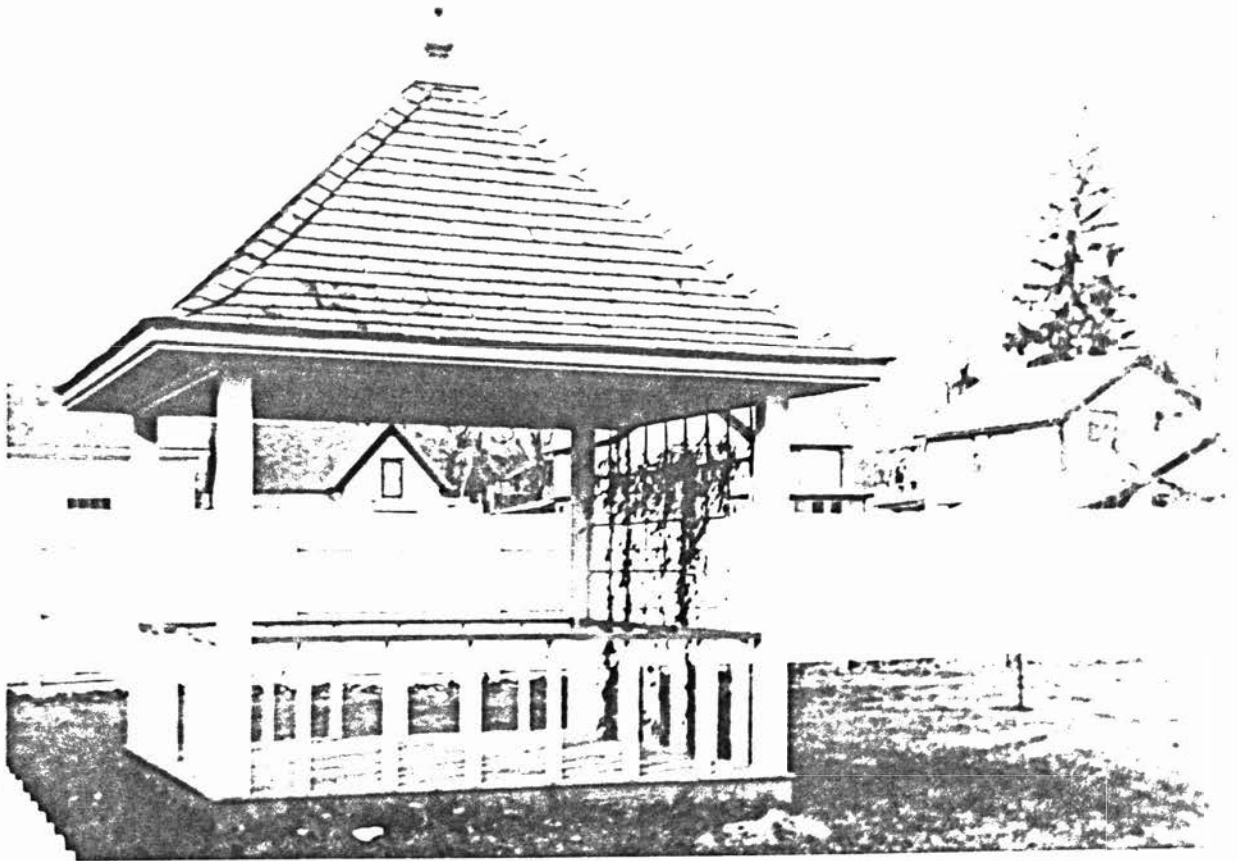
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. Heho Acquired 6/74
2. Painted 6/74
3. Paint color: Ceiling--Hoover Blue
Trim--light green
Body--Cream
Floor--deck enamel grey

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Bldg. No. 67 - Gazebo -

Park: General

East Elevation

Photo: 11/21/74

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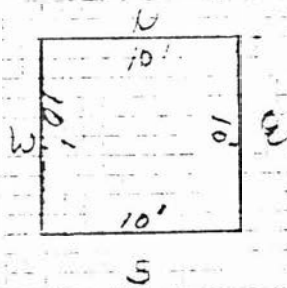
Gazebo

Bldg. No. 67

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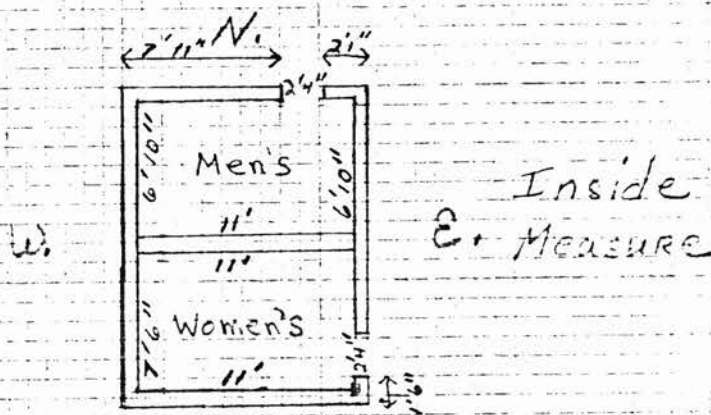
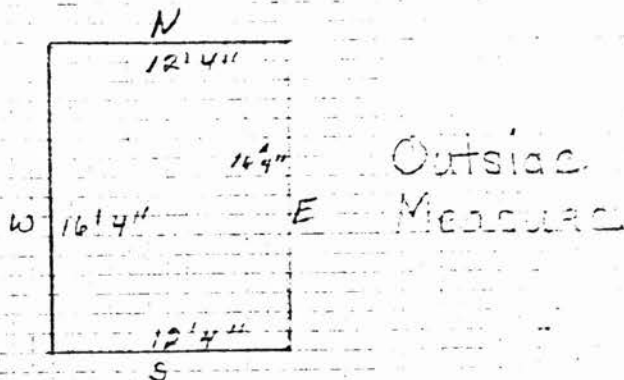
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Outside
Measure
(Open)

Bldg. No. 54



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INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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Building Name Comfort Station (West)	Blg. No. 55
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Comfort Station	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By	Year	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE		3. TYPE			4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)			
Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 500.00	1	2	---	144	---	144	---

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Cement	Walls, Exterior Boards	Walls, Interior Boards	Floor Cement	Roof Asphalt
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls Paint	Floors Cement	Ceilings Paint	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water Yes	Electric Yes	Gas No	Sewer Yes	Telephone No	Other
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing 2 bath	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric Lights	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/23/74	Structural Fair	Mechanical Good	General State of Repair Fair
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants 1			Size 8"			Distance 850			Mechanical None			Hand None			Other		
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 7/1/71
2. Painted 1973
3. Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet

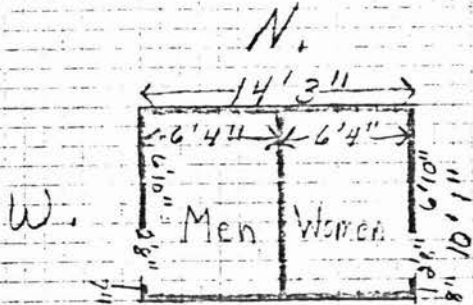
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Bldg. No. 55 - Comfort Station
Park, General
Northeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg No. 5



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Nov. 74

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INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

Prepare in duplicate. Send original to Regional Office. Retain one copy in park office.

Building Name Picnic Shelter (Boy Scout)	Bldg. No. 56
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Picnicking	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By Buffalo Bill Council Boy Scouts 1953	Year	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE		3. TYPE			4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)			
Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 3000⁰⁰	1	1	---	951	---	951	---

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Concrete	Walls, Exterior ---	Walls, Interior ---	Floor Concrete	Roof Asphalt shingles
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls ---	Floors ---	Ceilings Paint	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water NO	Electric No	Gas No	Sewer No	Telephone No	Other
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing None	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric None	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/22/74	Structural Good	Mechanical ---	General State of Repair Good
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants 1			Size 8"			Distance 400			Mechanical None			Hand None			Other		
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11. PHOTOGRAPHS. Furnish 8 x 10½" photographs or smaller photographs mounted on 8 x 10½ sheets. Attach to photograph: Name of park, location in park, and name and number of building.

12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 7/1/71
2. Painted 6/74
3. Paint color: Brown
4. Fireplace
5. Benches and Tables

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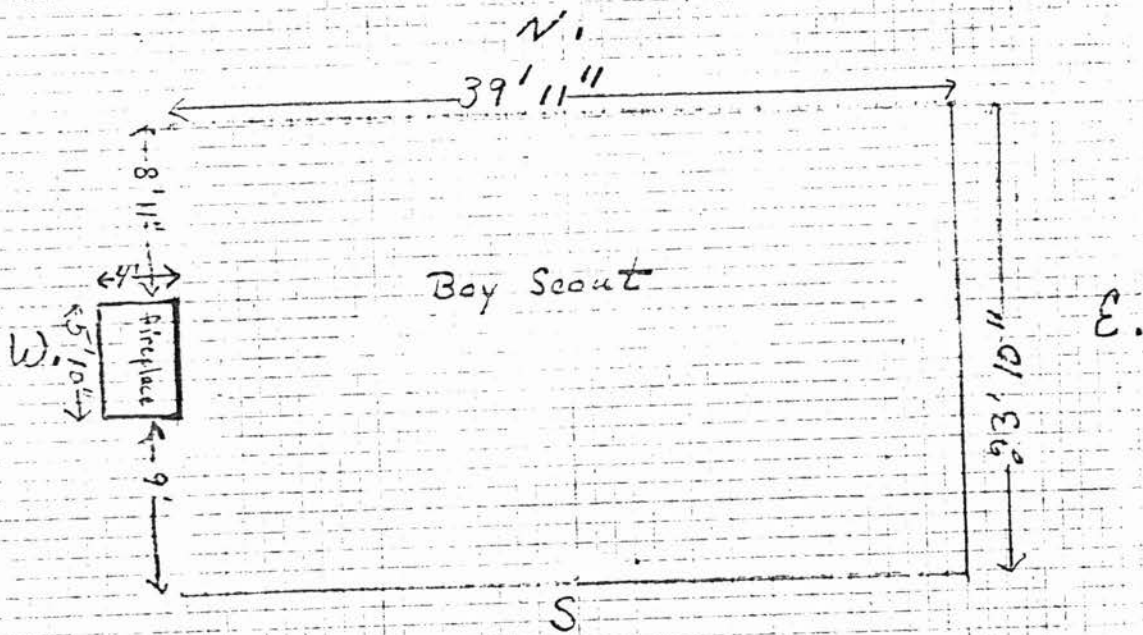


Bldg. No. 56 - Boy Scout Picnic Shelter

Park General
Southwest Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

Herbert Hoover
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg. No. 56



$\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$

Nov. 74

J.K. Maske

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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Building Name Picnic Shelter (East)	Bldg. No. 57
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Picnicking	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By Hoover Birthplace Society	Year 1953	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE

Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 2000.00	1	1	---	800	---	800	---

3. TYPE

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Concrete	Walls, Exterior ---	Walls, Interior ---	Floor Concrete	Roof Asphalt shingles
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4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Walls	Floors	Ceilings	Trim
---	Concrete	Paint	Paint

5. CONSTRUCTION

Water	Electric	Gas	Sewer	Telephone	Other
No	NO	No	No	No	

6. INTERIOR FINISH

Plumbing	Heating	Fuel	Electric	Hot Water	Other
None	None	None	None	None	

7. UTILITIES

As of (Date)	Structural	Mechanical	General State of Repair
10/22/74	Good	---	Good

8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

10. FIRE PROTECTION			Extinguishing Equipment		
No. Hydrants	Size	Distance	Mechanical	Hand	Other
1	8"	350	None	None	

11. PHOTOGRAPHS. Furnish 8 x 10 1/2" photographs or smaller photographs mounted on 8 x 10 1/2 sheets. Attach to photograph: Name of park, location in park, and name and number of building.

12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 7/1/71
2. Painted 6/74
3. Paint color: Brown
4. Needs new roof

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Bldg. No. 57 - Picnic Shelter

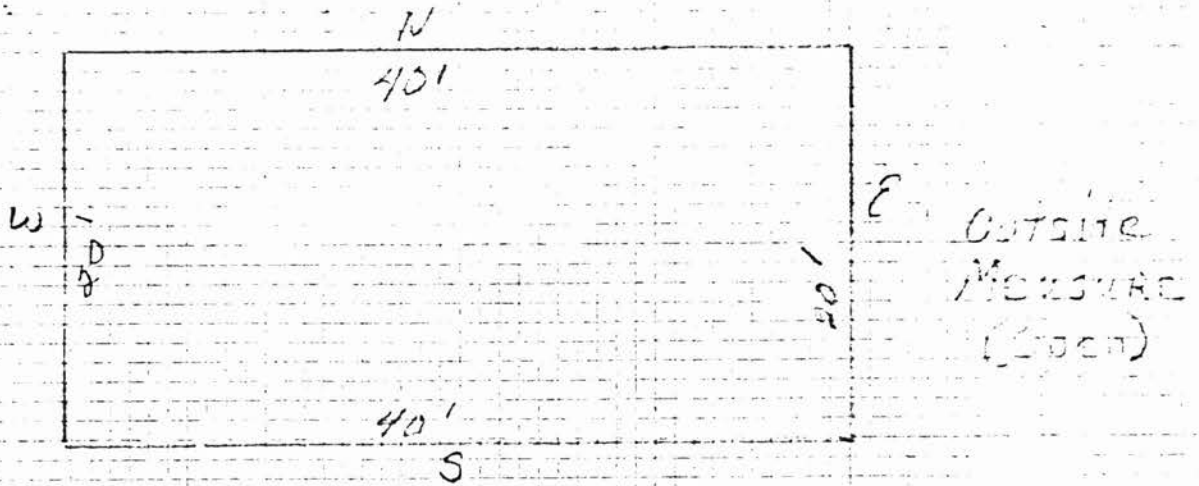
Park General

Southeast Elevation

Photo: 11/21/74

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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg. No. 57



$\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$

NOV. 74

S. R. Macke

Building Name	Bldg. No.
I. Miles Farm Machine Shed	58
Location in Park	
Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc.	
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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I. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Storage	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By Kofron	Year 1940	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE		3. TYPE			4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)			
Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 300.00	1	1	---	627	---	627	---

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type	Foundation	Walls, Exterior	Walls, Interior	Floor	Roof
Wood Frame	Poles	Board	Unfinished	Dirt	Tin

6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls	Floors	Ceilings	Trim
Unfinished	Unfinished	Unfinished	Unfinished

7. UTILITIES

Water	Electric	Gas	Sewer	Telephone	Other
No	No	No	No	No	

8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing	Heating	Fuel	Electric	Hot Water	Other
None	None	None	None	None	

9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date)	Structural	Mechanical	General State of Repair
10/23/74	Good	---	Good

10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants	Size	Distance	Mechanical	Extinguishing Equipment	
1	8"	450	None	Hand	Other
				None	

11. PHOTOGRAPHS. Furnish 8 x 10½" photographs or smaller photographs mounted on 8 x 10½ sheets. Attach to photograph: Name of park, location in park, and name and number of building.

12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

- HEHO acquired 7/69
- Painted 1973
- Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet
- Will eventually be removed - not historic

Prepared By	Date	Approved By	Date
Judy K. Maske	12/18/74	L. L. Mintzmyer	12/19/74

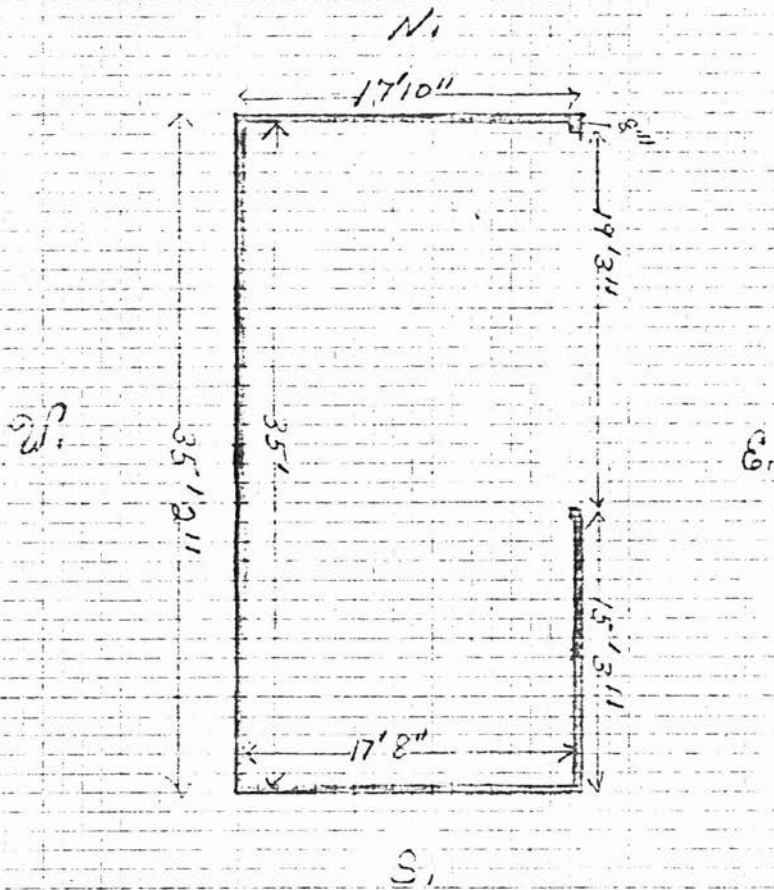


Bldg. No. 58 - I. Miles Farm Machine Shed

Parl: General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

Bldg. No. 58

$1/4" = 1'$
NOV. 74
J. K. MOORE



INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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Building Name	Bldg. No.
I. Miles Farm Chicken House	59
Location in Park	
Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc.	
Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By Kofron	Year 1940	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE

3. TYPE

4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Original Cost	Present Value	No. Stories	No. Rooms	Basement	Overall	Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor
\$	\$ 200. ⁰⁰	1	1	---	493	---	493	---

5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type	Foundation	Walls, Exterior	Walls, Interior	Floor	Roof
Wood Frame	Concrete	Boards	Unfinished	Concrete	Wood Shingles

6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls	Floors	Ceilings	Trim
Unfinished	Unfinished	Unfinished	Unfinished

7. UTILITIES

Water	Electric	Gas	Sewer	Telephone	Other
No	No	No	No	No	

8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing	Heating	Fuel	Electric	Hot Water	Other
None	None	None	None	None	

9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date)	Structural	Mechanical	General State of Repair
10/23/74	Good	---	Good

10. FIRE PROTECTION

Extinguishing Equipment

No. Hydrants	Size	Distance	Mechanical	Hand	Other
1	8"	450	None	None	

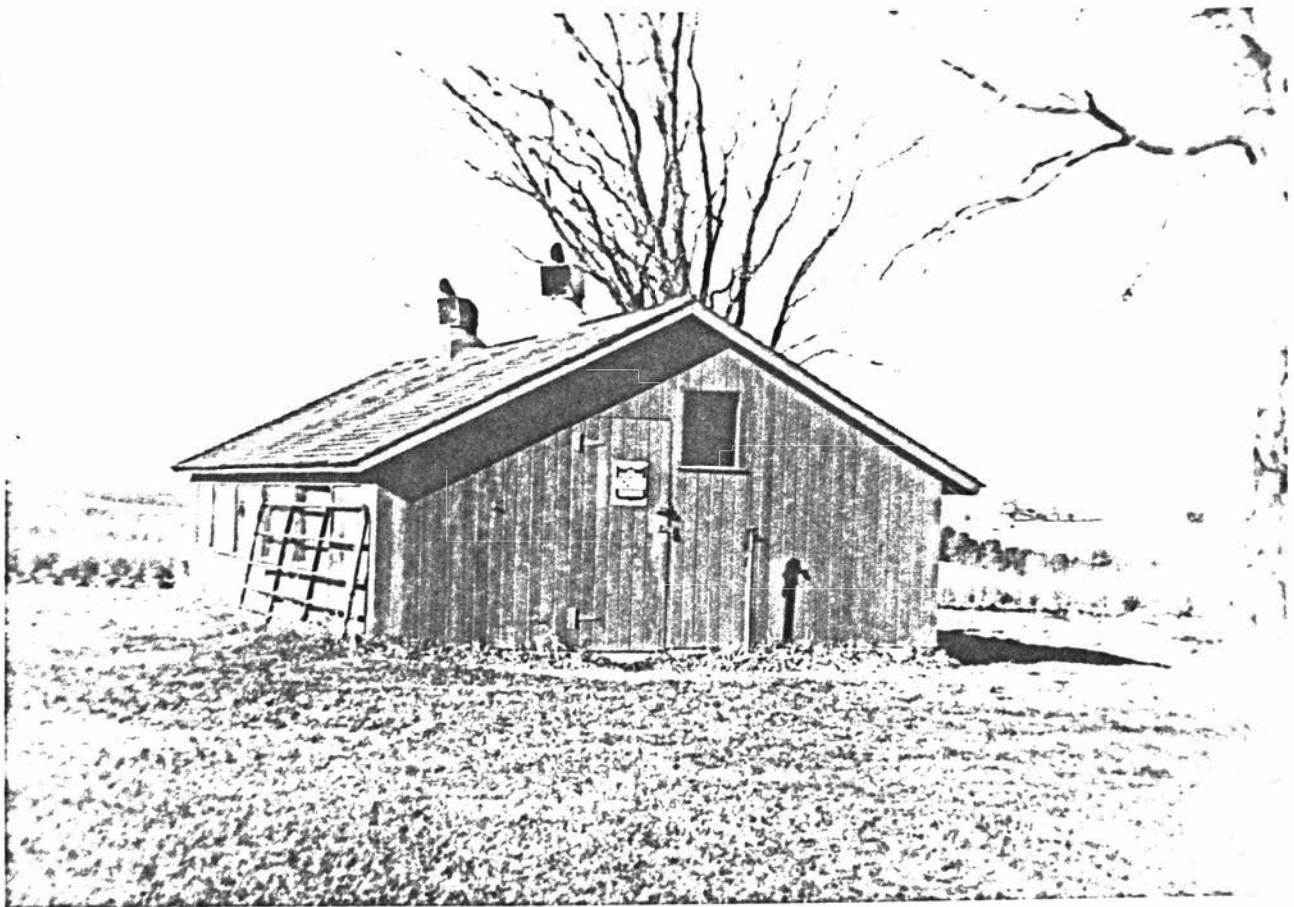
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 7/69
2. Painted 1973
3. Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet
4. Will eventually be removed - not historic

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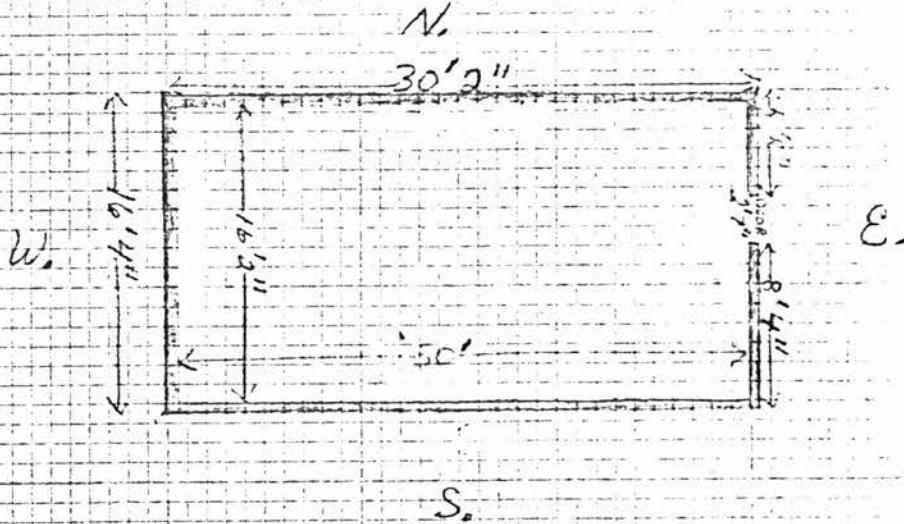


Bldg. No. 59 - I. Miles Farm Chicken House
Park General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg No. 59

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Nov. 74
S. K. Macke



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INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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Building Name Guard House (Gravesite)	Bldg. No. 61
Location in Park Park General	
Park, Monument, Etc. Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	

1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy None	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By	Year Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year Drawing No.

2. VALUE

3. TYPE

4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Original Cost \$	Present Value \$ 50. ⁰⁰	No. Stories 1	No. Rooms 1	Basement ---	Overall 25	Basement ---	1st Floor 25	2nd Floor ---
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5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Cement	Walls, Exterior Boards	Walls, Interior Boards	Floor Cement	Roof Tim
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls Paint	Floors Unfinished	Ceilings Paint	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water No	Electric Yes	Gas No	Sewer No	Telephone Yes	Other Intercom only
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing None	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric Lights	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/23/74	Structural Good	Mechanical Good	General State of Repair Good
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

Extinguishing Equipment

No. Hydrants 1	Size 8"	Distance 1125	Mechanical None	Hand None	Other
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11. PHOTOGRAPHS. Furnish 8 x 10½" photographs or smaller photographs mounted on 8 x 10½ sheets. Attach to photograph: Name of park, location in park, and name and number of building.

12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, scale, and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

- HEHO acquired 7/1/71
- Painted 1973
- Paint color: Olympic Stain - Russet

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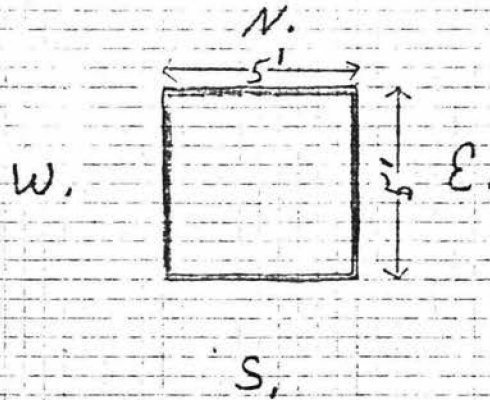


Bldg. No. 61 - Gravesite Guardhouse
Park General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

Herbert Hoover
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bldg No. 61

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J. K. Maske



Building Name Bandstand and Platform	Bldg. No. 66
Location in Park Herbert Hoover National Historic Site	
Park, Monument, Etc. Park General	

INDIVIDUAL BUILDING DATA

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1. GENERAL

Use and Occupancy Interpretive Activities	Owned By United States of America	Operated By National Park Service	
Maintained By Herbert Hoover NHS	Constructed By NPS w/Paulson Const. Co.	Year 1974	Drawing No.
Remodeled By		Year	Drawing No.

2. VALUE

Original Cost \$ 21,000.00	Present Value \$ 21000.00
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3. TYPE

No. Stories 1	No. Rooms 1	Basement ---
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4. SIZE (Sq. Footage)

Overall	Basement	Platform Platform 426	Band Band 117
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5. CONSTRUCTION

Construction Type Wood Frame	Foundation Wood	Walls, Exterior ---	Walls, Interior ---	Floor Wood	Roof Wood Shingles
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6. INTERIOR FINISH

Walls ---	Floors Wood	Ceilings Paint	Trim Paint
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7. UTILITIES

Water No	Electric No	Gas No	Sewer No	Telephone No	Other
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8. MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Plumbing None	Heating None	Fuel None	Electric None	Hot Water None	Other
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9. EXISTING CONDITION (Indicate Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor - If New Building Leave Blank)

As of (Date) 10/23/74	Structural Excellent	Mechanical ---	General State of Repair Excellent
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10. FIRE PROTECTION

No. Hydrants 1	Size 8"	Distance 200	Mechanical None	Hand None	Other
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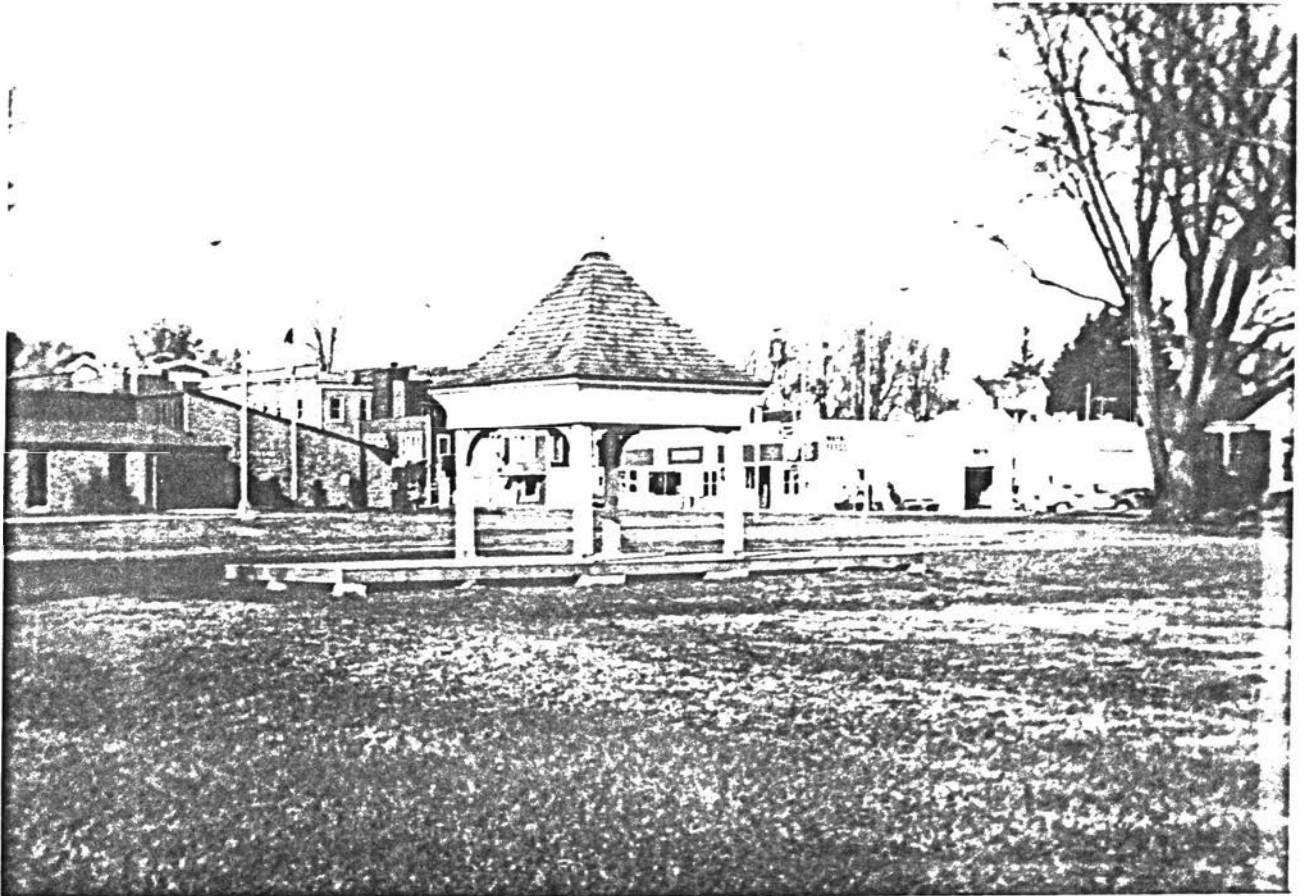
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12. SKETCH PLAN. Furnish legible sketch on separate sheet including over-all dimensions, names and sizes of rooms, etc. and date drawn. Use double line to indicate walls of building.

13. REMARKS (Furnish any other pertinent data to complete record)

1. HEHO acquired 8/74
2. Located Village Green 10/74
3. Painted 8/74
4. Paint Colors: Trim--light green
Body--cream
Deck--grey
5. Portable platform 33 X 60 stored in barn @ farm
6. Drawings in file: William Wagner, 432-80017 and 432-80018, 1974

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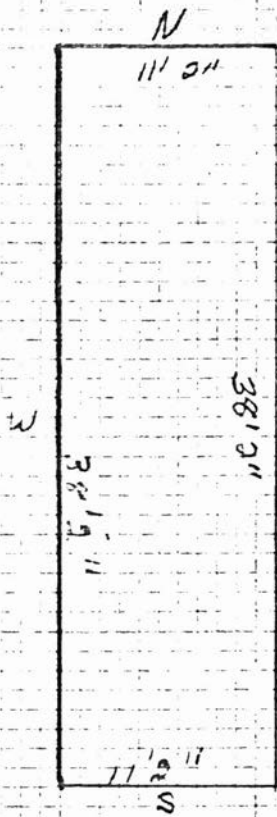
Bldg. No. 66 - Bandstand
Park General
Southeast Elevation
Photo: 11/21/74

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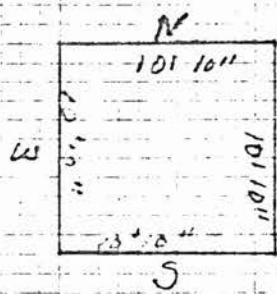
Bandstand

Bldg. No. 66

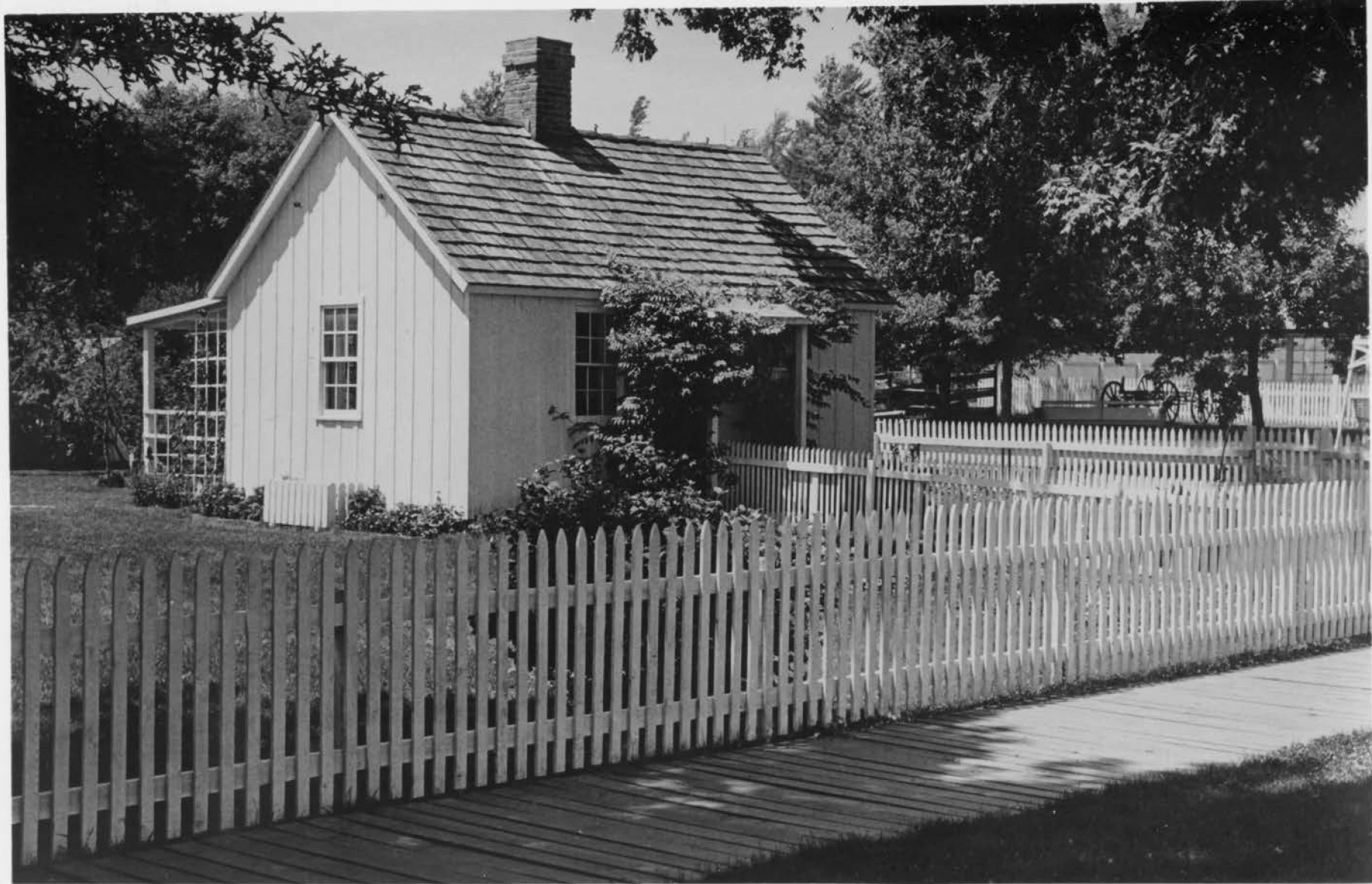
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CUT TO MEASURE
(38' 9")
Bandstand Platform



CUT TO MEASURE
(10' 10")
Bandstand



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Today some 400,000 visitors annually pass through the humble two-room cottage where the 31st President of the United States was born. This is one of several buildings in the Downey Street neighborhood which have been carefully restored by the National Park Service. The cottage is furnished with many of the original pieces which belonged to Hoover's parents, Jesse and Hulda, who built the home about 1870.

Herbert Hoover

National Historic Site
West Branch, Iowa



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PHOTO NO. 1

View of southeast corner of Hoover Birthplace Cottage from Downey Street

1 # photo



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A view down historic Downey Street, now closed to traffic, recreates the era of Herbert Hoover's birth a century ago in rural West Branch, Iowa. More than 400,000 visitors annually tour the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site.

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National Historic Site
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PHOTO NO 2

View looking north along west side of Downey Street from east side
across from Birthplace Cottage (HS-1)

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West Branch, Iowa Cedar County
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July 25, 1975
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West

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2 LOCATION

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PHOTO NO 3

View of southwest corner of Friends Meetinghouse (HS-3) from
Downey Street

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West Branch, Iowa Cedar County
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July 25, 1975
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Interior

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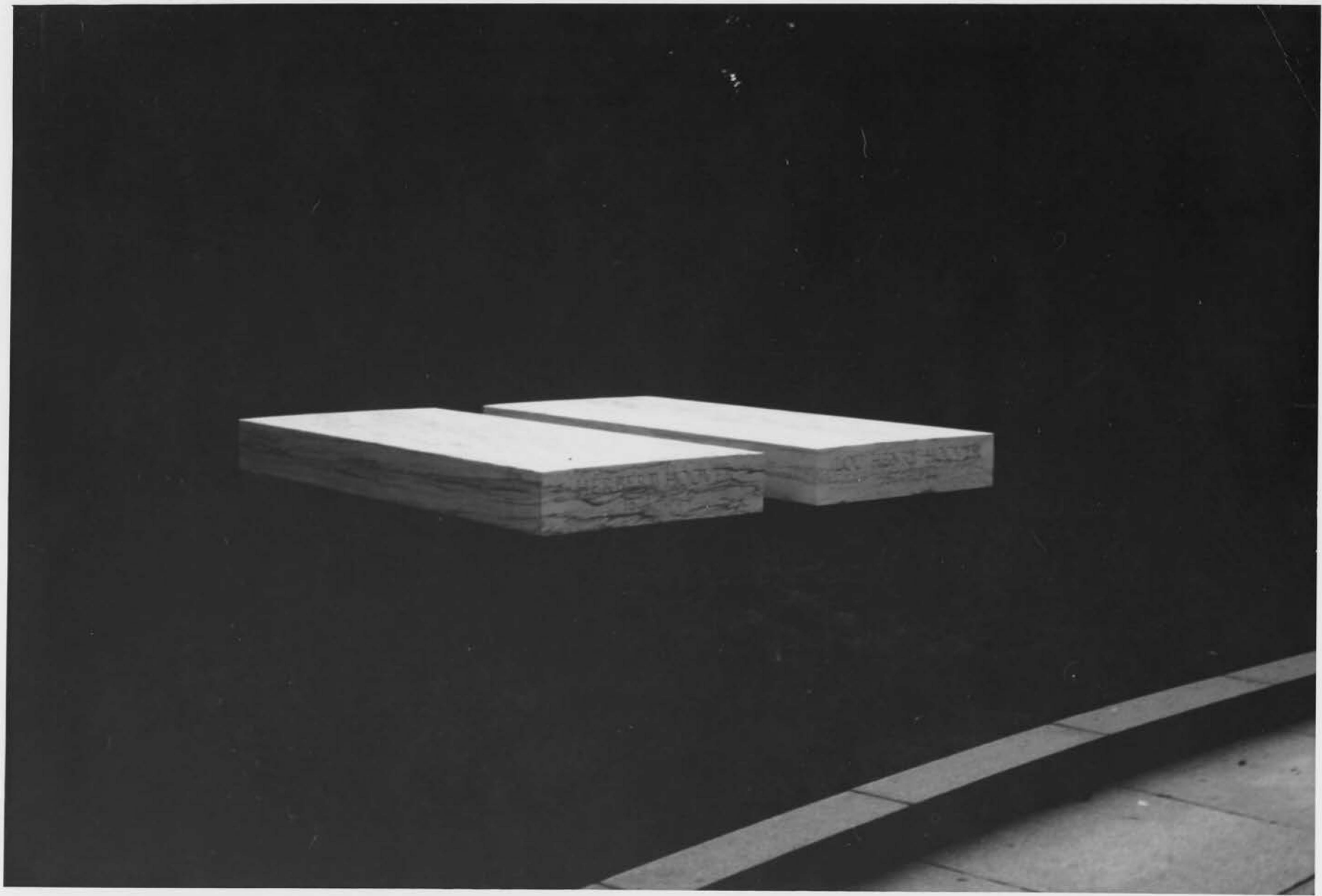
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View of interior of Friends Meetinghouse (HS-3)

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West Branch, Iowa Cedar County
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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

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View of Hoover Graves (HS-41) from north

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#32 Laban Miles well

HEHO 45-32

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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HEHO HS-22

#22 Kaban Miles barn site
from west

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HTS-39
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39 Kaban Miles
hitching post



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HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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#34 staple house
fence site



HEHO HS-26 JUN 9 1977

#26 Downey St.
bridge site

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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HS-9 James Staples House JUN 9 1977 He 160

⁴/₁₄ front and south elevation from
south east

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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HS-2 P.T. Smith House
Front from North west

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HS-10

E. S. Hayhurst House

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South elevation from south

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HS-30: PUMP AT BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE
JULY, 1975

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HS-28: SHED BEHWD GARVIN HOUSE

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HS -16

Replica of Old Blacksmith Shop

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Front and east elevations

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HS-14

Isaac Miles Garage

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front and west elevation class C

HS-20

Isaac Miles Windmill

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HS-11 Isaac Miles Farmhouse Helto
4/14 Front and south elevation from southeast

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HS-12 Isaac Miles Barn
South elevation class B

1666

HS-13 Isaac Miles Corn Crib

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100 ft. x 100 ft.
6. 1. 1928

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HS-37: SIDEWALKS & FENCES, EAST SIDE OF DOWNEY ST.

JULY, 1975

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HS-19

Wm Wright House

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Front and south elevations

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HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.
HS-35: WRIGHT GARAGE
JULY, 1975

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HS-6 Laban Miles House JUN 9 1977 Hella

Front and south elevation from southwest

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H9-24: HOOVER COTTAGE CHICKEN HOUSE, N.E. CORNER

JULY, 1975

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HS-40: LEVI FORNEY HOUSE SITE

JULY, 1975

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HS-36: SHED, LABAN MILES HOUSE, S.W. CORNER --

JULY, 1975

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HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.
HS-31: PUMP AT GARVIN HOUSE
July, 1975

JUN 9 1977

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
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HS-8

C. E. Smith House

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1974/66

Front elevation from East

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PORT SCHELLER'S STOCK BARN

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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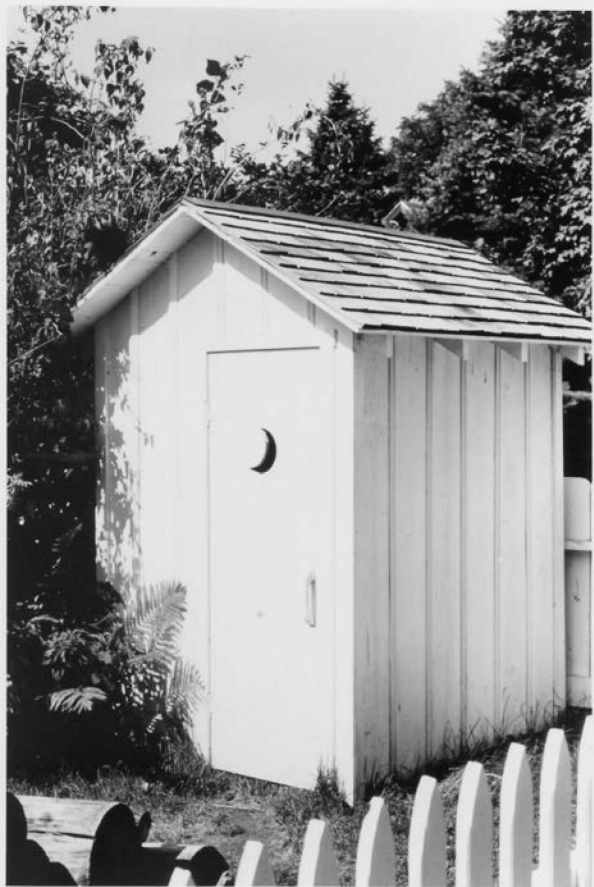
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12/18/76
First West Branch Schoolhouse
Front and South elevations
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HS-17



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HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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July, 1975

HS-23: Hoover Cottage Hwy, D.E. View

HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.

JUN 9 1977



#5-18 David Mackey House

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Front and south elevations

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HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
Cedar County, Nebraska

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HS-7

Amanda Garvin House

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1974 Ho

front and south elevation from south east

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.

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HS-33: GATE & FENCE AROUND BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE

JULY, 1975

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HS-44: DAR. MONUMENT
JULY, 1975

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HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.

HS-38 : STREET LAMP

JULY, 1975

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
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HS-4 Hanna Varney House JUN 9 1977 He Ho

4/14 Front elevation from west

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
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HS-5

Dr. Leech House

JUN 9 1977 Helle

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Front and south elevation from southwest

class B

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HERBERT HOOVER N.H.S.

JUN 9 1977

HS-25: SECOND HOOVER HOUSE SITE

JULY, 1975

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Cedar County, Nebraska

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HS-27: GARDEN AT BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE

JULY, 1975

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
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1 NAME

HISTORIC Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

CITY, TOWN West Branch

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY Cedar

STATE Iowa

3 MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE United States Geological Survey

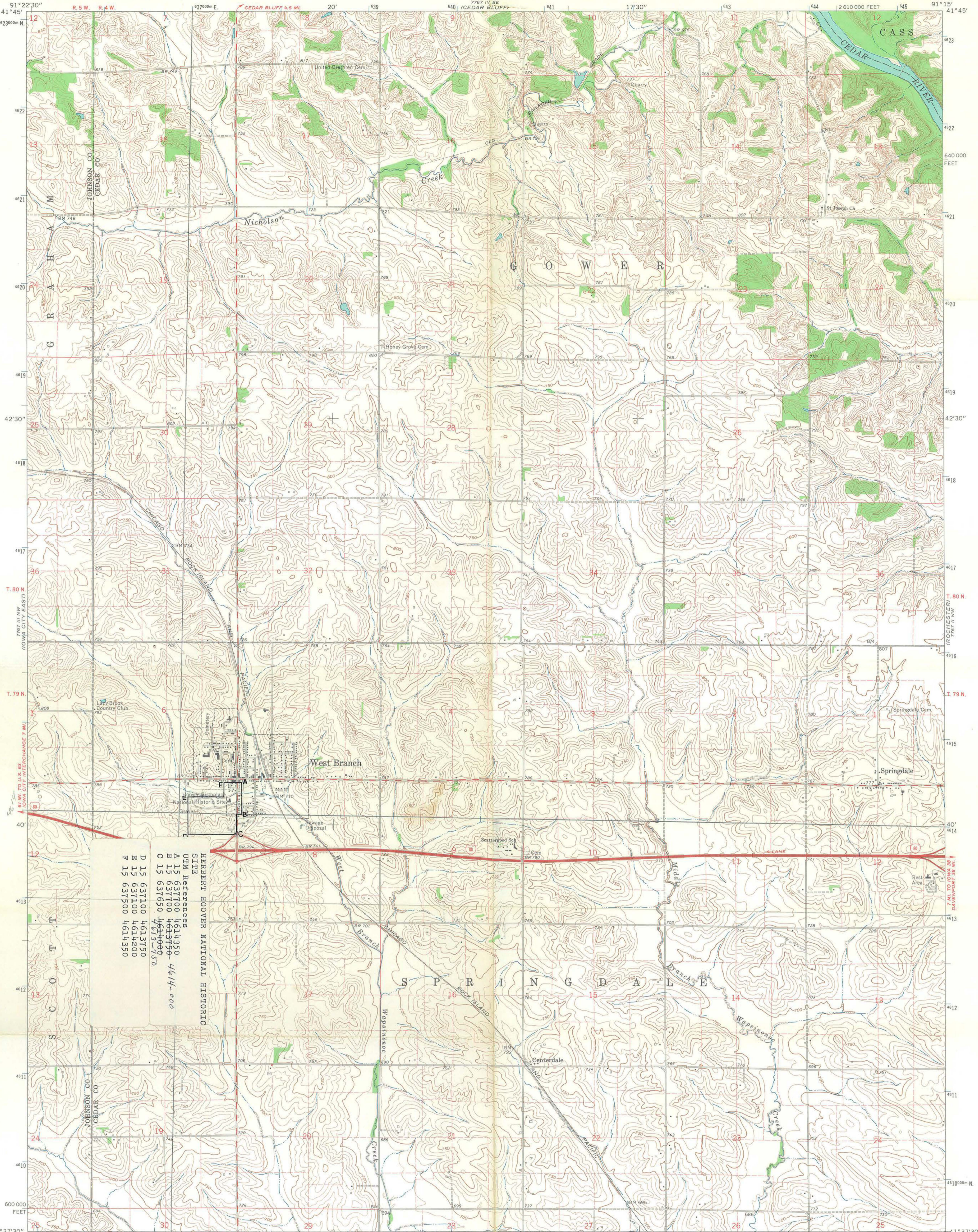
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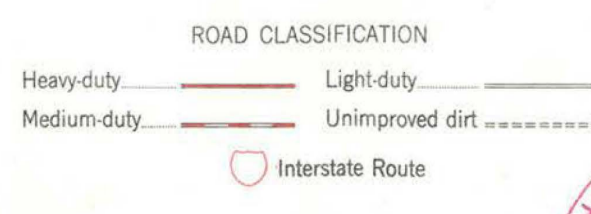
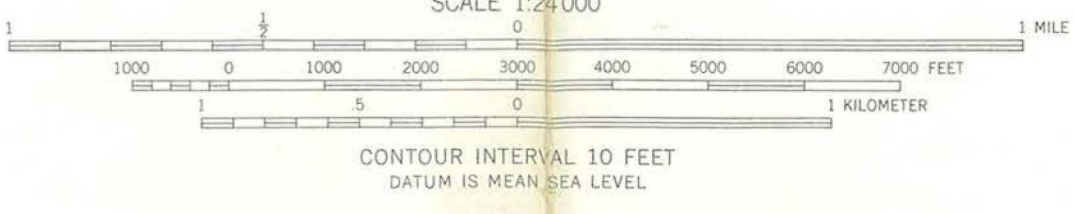
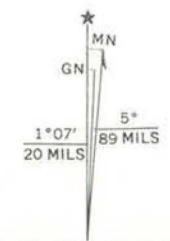
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SOURCE Park brochure

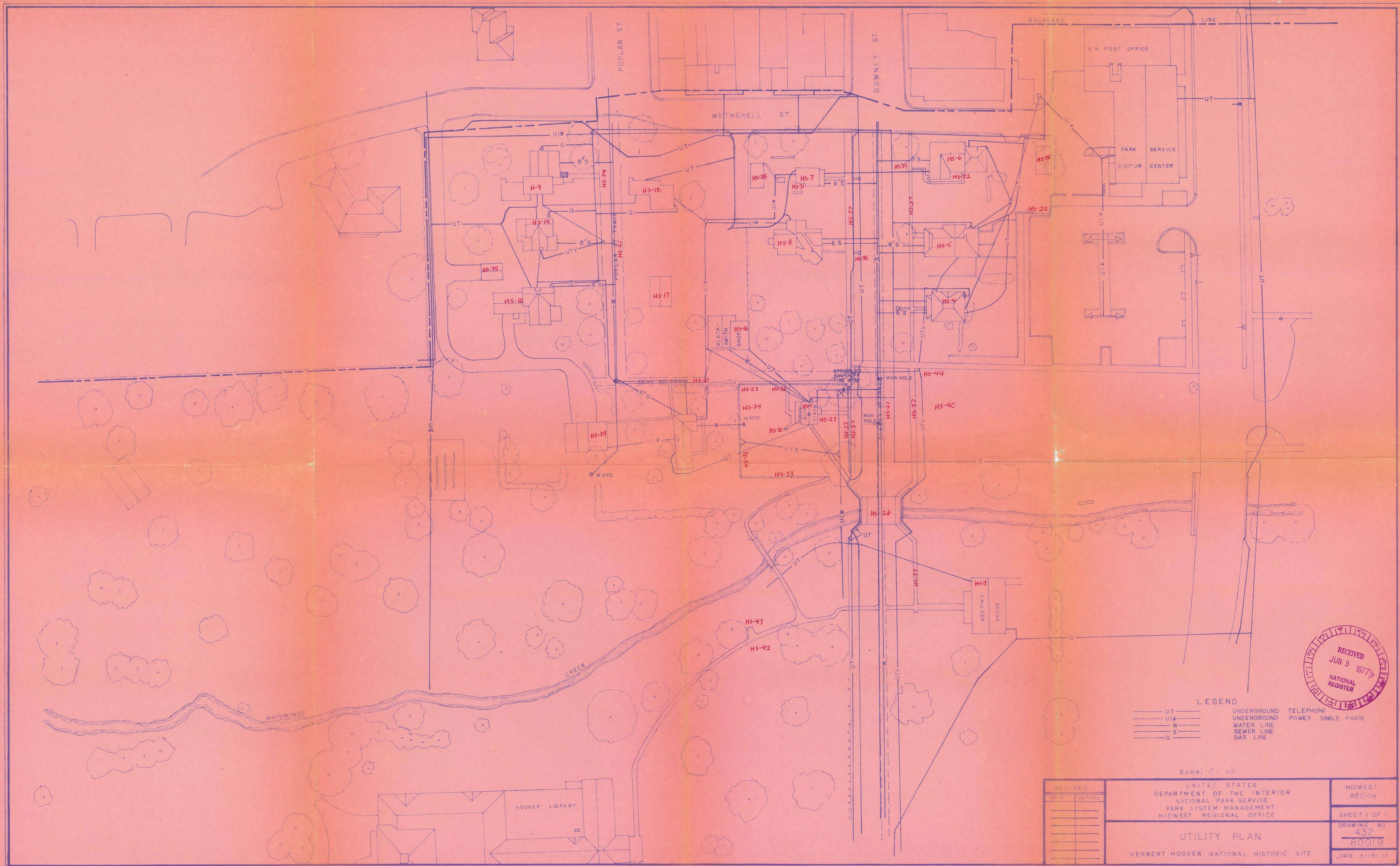
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LEGEND

— UT — UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE POWER SINGLE PHASE
 — UI — UNDERGROUND WATER LINE
 — W — WATER LINE
 — S — SEWER LINE
 — G — GAS LINE

Scale: 1" = 40'

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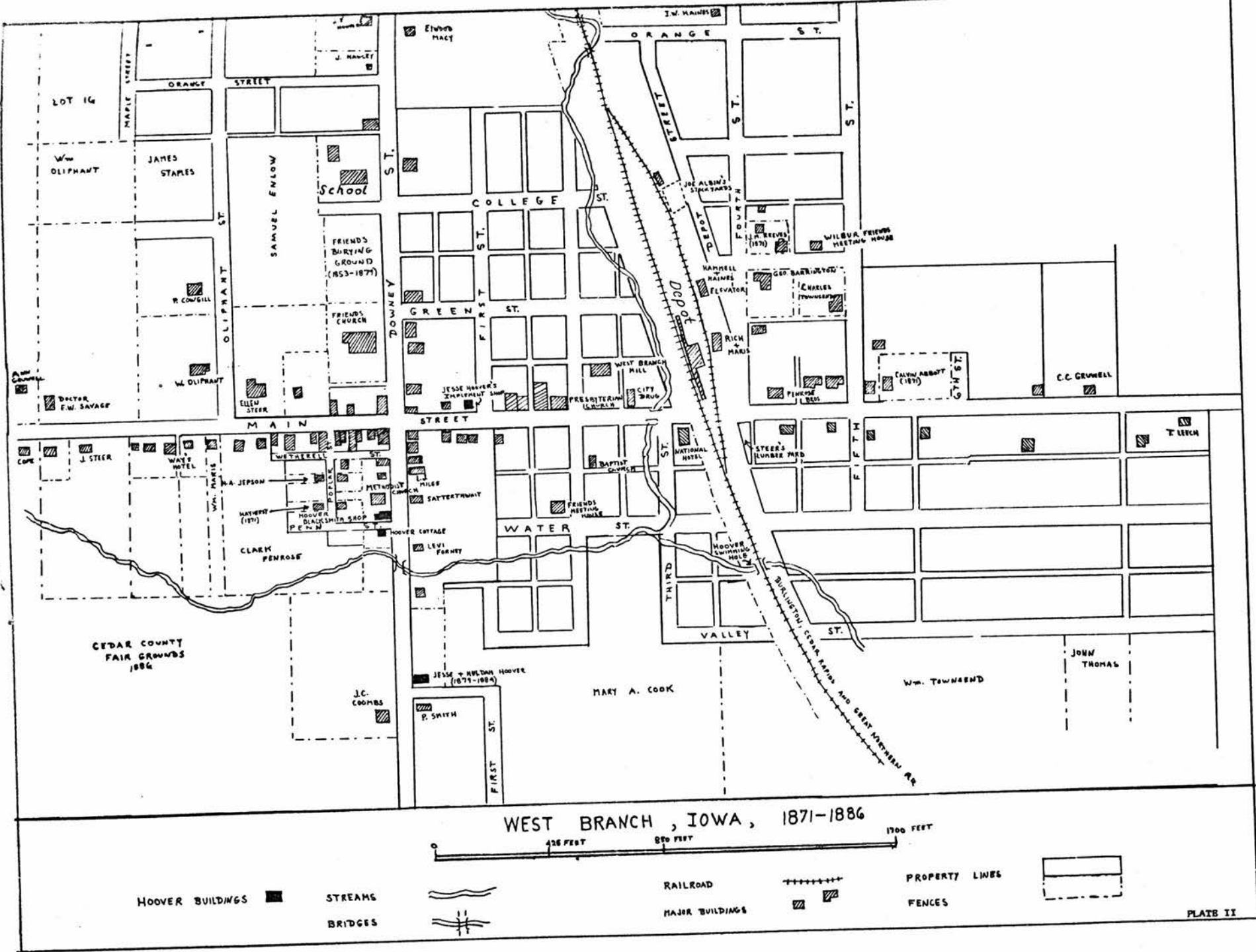
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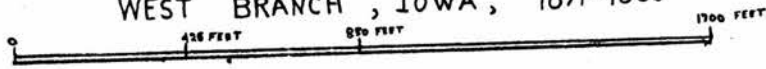
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WEST BRANCH, IOWA, 1871-1886



- HOOPER BUILDINGS
- STREAMS
- RAILROAD
- PROPERTY LINES
- BRIDGES
- MAJOR BUILDINGS
- FENCES



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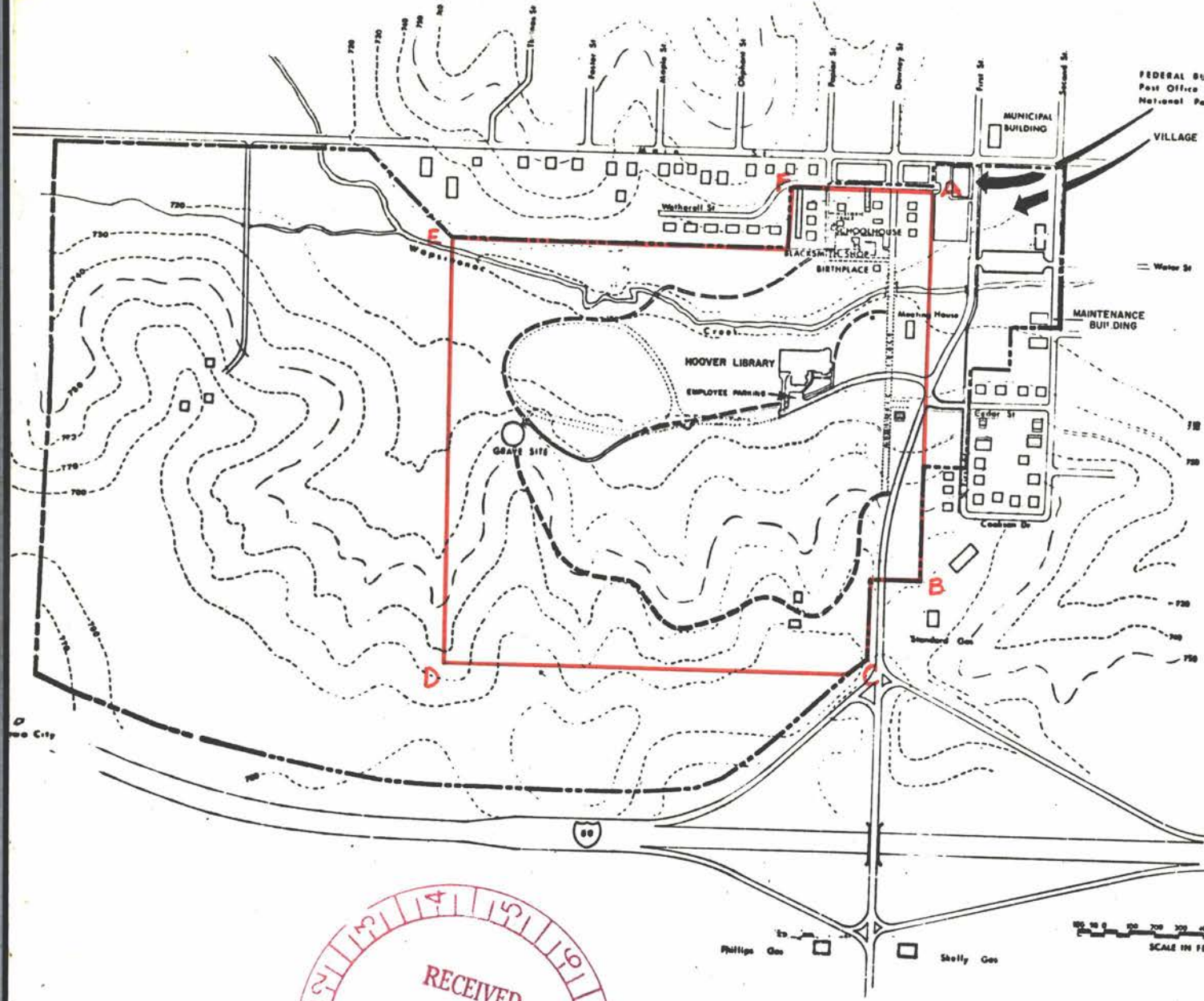
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BOUNDARY MAP HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

FEDERAL BUILDING
Post Office
National Park Service

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

VILLAGE SQUARE

Wetherell St
SCHOOLHOUSE
PLACESMITH SHED
BIRTHPLACE

MAINTENANCE BUILDING

HOOVER LIBRARY
EMPLOYEE PARKING

GRAVE SITE

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LEGEND		
EXISTING	PROPOSED	OBLITERATE
SOFT BOUNDARIES		
ROADS		
BUILDINGS		
WELLS		



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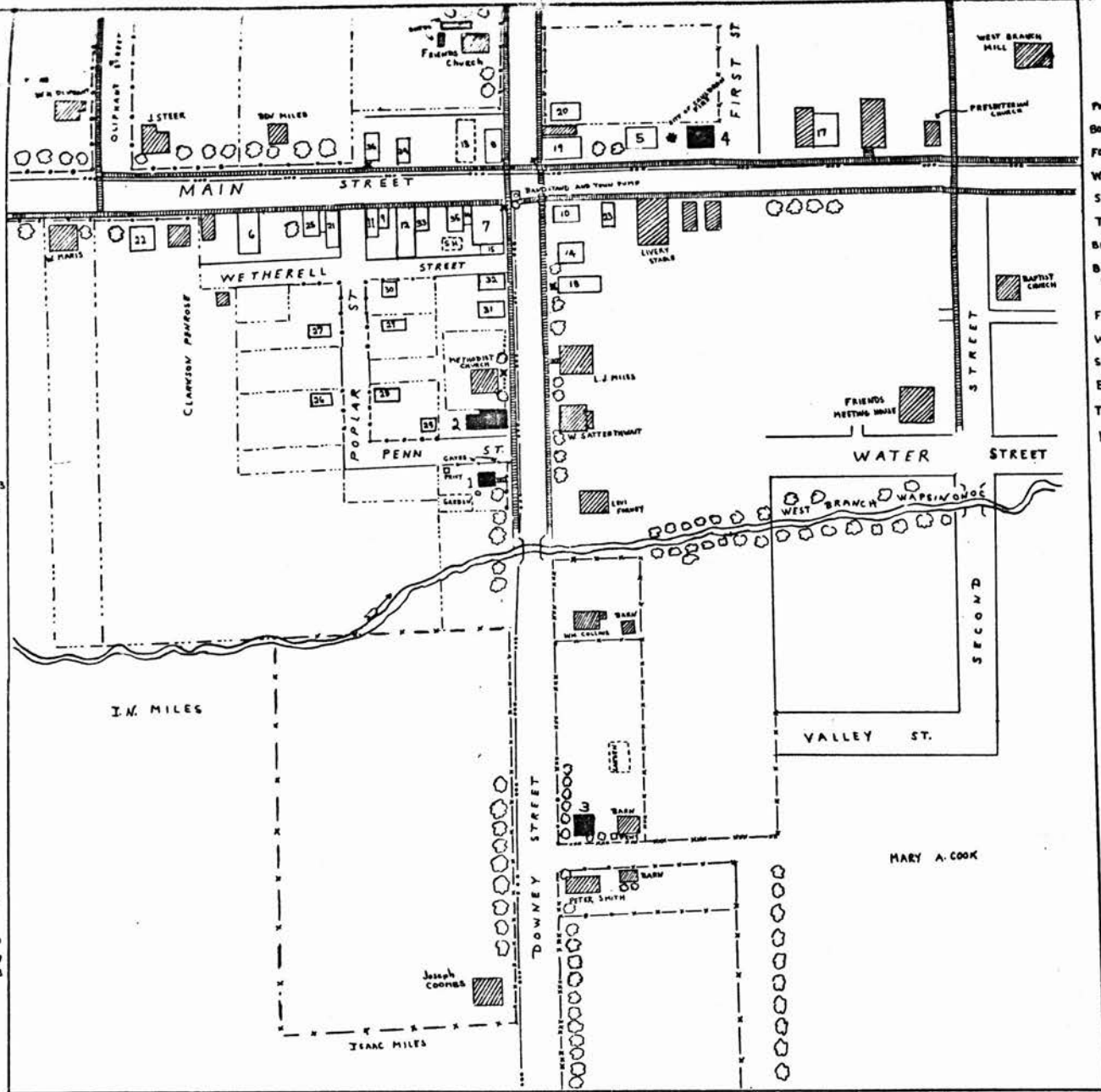
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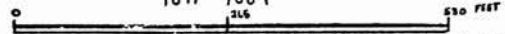
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- 1 HOOPER COTTAGE
- 2 HOOPER BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 3 HOOPER HOUSE (1874-1884)
- 4 JESSE HOOPER'S IMPLEMENT SHOP
- 5 RUMFELL'S MEAT MARKET 1878-1879
- 6 SCHWELLS MEAT MARKET 1881-1883
- 7 L.L. MILLS' WAREHOUSE
- 8 INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL 1883
- 7 CROOK'S HOTEL
- 8 WEST BRANCH BANK 1877-1894
- 9 POSTOFFICE 1874-1885
- 10 PEOPLE'S STORES
GRUWELL BROS & CO
GRUWELL & JOHNSON
EMERSON GROCERY STORE
THE REGULATOR
- 12 FOXNEY BUILDING
- 13 ALBIN BUILDING 1886
(COPPING & CREW 1882-1888)
- 14 MCELLELLAN'S STORE 1884
- 15 COPPING & CREW'S WAREHOUSE 1883
WEST BRANCH BANK 1876-1877
- 16 SCHLIEPERS' HARNESHOP 1880
COHETOSTAY MEAT MARKET 1883
- 17 COONB'S WOODWORKING SHOP
FUNERAL PARLOR
- 18 BRANSON'S BOOKSTORE
DEAN'S HALL
- 19 DEAN'S HARDWARE STORE
GRUWELL'S SON 1882-1884
- 20 DR. J. I. BAILEY 1874-1883
- 21 LANGSTAFF & BRUNDIGE
- 22 "DE W. H. WALKER'S HOUSE
- 23 FIRE HOUSE
- 24 ICE HOUSE
- 25 CLARK BEAN'S HOUSE 1872
- 26 R. P. SCHELLER'S HOUSE 1883
- 27 HENRY JEPSON'S HOUSE
- 28 WASH JACKSON'S HOUSE
- 29 DAVID MACKIE'S HOUSE
- 30 WIDOW SMITH'S HOUSE 1871
- 31 MORGAN COVERT'S HOUSE 1880
- 32 MARY ALBIN'S HOUSE 1880
- 33 GINWELL BUILDING
- 34 BUTLER'S SHOP SHOP 1880
- 35 RUMFELL'S MEAT MARKET 1879
- 36 BURDEN & CURRAN 1883



- CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS
- PICKET FENCES ————
 - BOARD FENCES ————
 - FOUR BOARD AND POST FENCE ————
 - WIRE FENCE ————
 - STREET LAMPS +
 - TREES ○○○
 - BUILDINGS [hatched box]
 - BUILDINGS IF KEYED [boxed number]
 - FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE (1883-1885) [dashed box]
 - WELLS [circle with dot]
 - STREAMS [wavy line]
 - BRIDGES [zigzag line]
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THE HOOVERS AND THEIR WEST BRANCH NEIGHBORHOOD
1871 - 1884










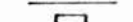
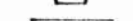



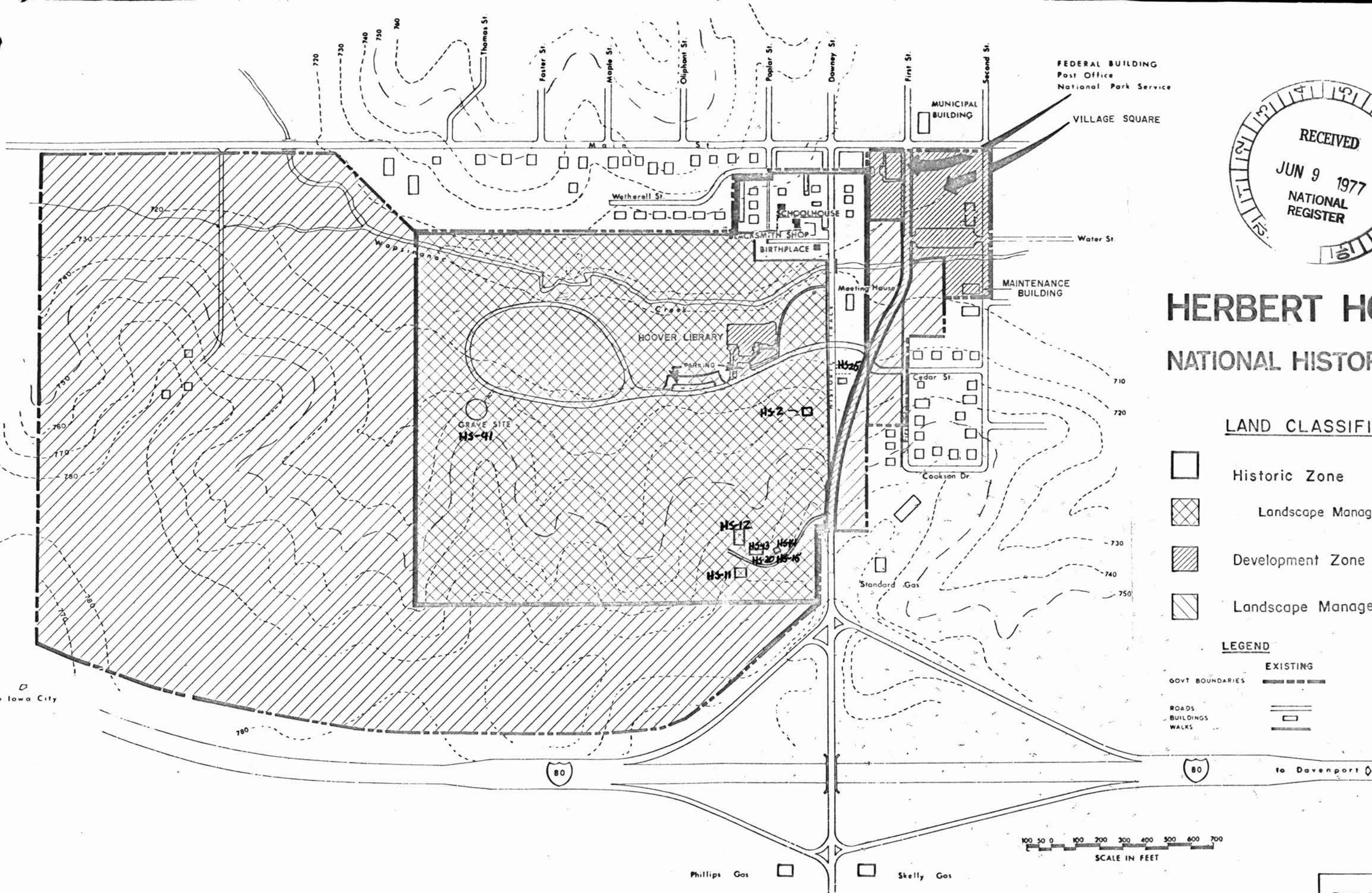
HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

LAND CLASSIFICATION

-  Historic Zone
-  Landscape Management Subzone
-  Development Zone
-  Landscape Management Zone

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- EXISTING
- GOVT BOUNDARIES 
- ROADS 
- BUILDINGS 
- WALKS 



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National Register of Historic Places

Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2013

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Cedar

DATE RECEIVED: 6/28/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/14/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 66000110

NOMINATOR: FEDERAL

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8/14/13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

see boundary increase and attached comments

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER *Alberndy* DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Name of Property

County and State

Section number _____ Page _____

Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 660000110 and 13000594

Property Name: Herbert Hoover National Historic Site (Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase)

County: Cedar State: IOWA

Multiple Name:

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Alexis A. Kennedy 8/14/2013
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

In Section 8 of the National Register of Historic Places nomination the period of significance has been changed to better reflect current documentation of the resource. The Staff and Region of the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site have been notified of the change. The staff had not had time to adequately document the National Park Service's operation of the site, therefore the period of significance will stop in 1970. The visitor's center in Section 7 on page 6 will be stay non-contributing, as will the two maintenance buildings also mentioned in section 7 page 6 (c. 1946) as these are within the National Park Service's maintenance area that is separated from the main museum grounds and as mentioned before have not been adequately documented.

In Section 7 page 6 of the National Register of Historic Places the nomination form has been changed from non-contributing to contributing for the picnic shelter (c. 1966). This has been confirmed with the Park and the Regional office. The picnic shelter and other shelter dedicated by the Boy Scouts are both part of the same mission and conservation plan and contribute and are eligible to the National Register.

In Section 7 page 6 of the National Register of Historic Places nomination form has been changed from non-contributing to contributing for the Barn/storage shed (1952). Constructed of recycled materials from other buildings on the property and is located within the area of the museum complex. Similar to other buildings with the museum complex the Barn/storage shed contributes to the historic district and is eligible to the National Register.

National Register of Historic Places
Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property Hoover, Herbert, NHS

Already on NR
Aug. 12, 1965

State Iowa

Working Number

TECHNICAL

Photos 5

Maps 1, 3 Sketch maps

CONTROL

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HISTORIAN

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ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

We need a sketchmap indicating all structures in NHS. - particularly those they are administratively determining not significant in the boundaries

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Robert Cole
10/27/76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

Send-back 10.27.76

Entered _____

Federal Register Entry _____

Re-submit 6.9.77

INT:2106-74

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7 Description: Please include photos and a sketch map
indicating the bldgs. ^{and open space} which are within the N.H.S
but which you are excluding from the "historic
area" as well as more specific statements concerning

8 Statement of Significance: their significance / or lack of /
to the area, as well as to
the Hoover home.

9 Bibliography: _____

10 Geographical Data -- Acreage: _____

UTM Reference(s): _____

Verbal Boundary Description: _____

12 Certification: _____

Photographic Coverage: _____

Map Coverage: Please Key the descriptive #s (Hs-1 thru Hs.44)
to a ^{modern} sketch map, the boundary map doesn't indicate
anywhere near 44+ structures.

Other: _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Kate Cole
on the National Register staff, telephone x 35483 (523-5483)

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Mathewes D. Cole
Chief, Branch of Registration

Date: 10-27-76

Property Herbert Hoover NHS

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7-12-65
Cedar, Co.

State Iowa/CEDAR Working Number

TECHNICAL

Photos ~~35~~ 40
Maps 6

CONTROL

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OK- 6.9.77

HISTORIAN

I believe we now have a reasonably complete look at excluded bldgs with explanation. ~~We don't see first office as Fed bldg. We may want to call on them although~~
(see explanation or continuation sheet #10) for description
accept
12-29-77
Sherfy

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

they have keyed historic buildings - but they haven't done so for non-historic - but when we really didn't ask for that
JANN H. GILMORE
5/11/78
Accept...
ALTHOUGH DOCUMENTATION IS ANYTHING BUT CLEAR, THEY HAVE COMPLIED WITH OUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THEREFORE, I ACCEPT.

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

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LEBORICAT
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BRANCH CHIEF

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Coke
7/5/78

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Herbert Hoover

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The great advances have not been brought about by mediocre men and women. They were brought about by distinctly uncommon people with vital sparks of leadership. Many of the great leaders were, it is true, of humble origin, but that alone was not their greatness.

—Herbert Hoover



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Herbert Hoover, world-renowned engineer, humanitarian, and 31st President of the United States, was born in a simple two-room cottage on this site in the village of West Branch, Iowa, on August 10, 1874. Although he spent only the first 10 years of his life here, these years on the banks of the Wapsinonoc (an Indian term meaning "sweet water") left an indelible impression upon this man whose life of public service took him to all parts of the world and won for him distinction everywhere. His life at West Branch, Hoover recalled, was "filled with adventure and great undertakings, with participation in good and comforting things."

"Bertie," as he was then affectionately called, was the second of three children born to Jesse and Hulda Hoover. The family was Quaker and the source of the principles that guided Hoover's life—honesty, loyalty, hard work, cooperation, and generosity. Jesse Hoover, a blacksmith, died from pneumonia in 1880, at the age of 34. His wife died from typhoid fever 3 years later and the orphaned Hoover children went to live with relatives. Herbert moved in with an uncle, Allan Hoover, on the uncle's farm just northeast of West Branch.

At age 11, Herbert journeyed to Newberg, Ore., to live with another uncle, Dr. H. John Minthorn. At 17 he entered the engineering school of the newly opened Stanford University, where he showed a marked aptitude for mathematics. He graduated

with a bachelor of arts degree in geology in May 1895. After working several months in the California gold mines, he became a mining engineer in Colorado and then served on the staff of a leading mining engineer in San Francisco.

In 1897 Hoover joined the international British firm of Bewick, Moreing and Company as chief of mining operations in western Australia. A year later, he accepted a position with the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, which sent him to Peking in March 1899. (Before going to China, he married Lou Henry, whom he had met at Stanford.) The Boxer Rebellion broke out shortly after the Hoovers' arrival in China, and it was during this conflict that Hoover received his first taste of war and relief experience, doing humanitarian work among the refugees. Late in 1901—after the rebellion ended—he returned to the United States as a junior partner with Bewick, Moreing and Company, whose world-wide interests kept him constantly on the move. "I circled the globe five times" while working for them, he later wrote. He was with the firm 7 years.

With the outbreak of World War I, Hoover (who was then living in England) headed the American Relief Committee in London, which aided Americans stranded in Europe. Later he headed the Commission for the Relief of Belgium. In 1917 he was appointed food administrator of the United States to provide food for the allies in the war and to control domestic production and distribution. This mission later merged into another when, after the Armistice in 1918, he was appointed Director-General of the Relief and Reconstruction of Europe. He held this post until August 1919. Subsequently, Hoover organized the volunteer American Relief Administration, which continued relief until July 1923. His work during World War I brought food to millions of hungry people in more than 33 nations.

In 1921 President Warren G. Harding appointed Hoover Secretary of Commerce, a post he held for more than 7 years under two Presidents. Under Hoover the activities of the Commerce Department were expanded, particularly in the field of foreign trade and communications. When President Calvin Coolidge refused to seek renomination in 1927, Hoover became the Republican Party's leading candidate. He was nominated overwhelmingly and subsequently defeated his Democratic rival, New York's Gov. Alfred E. Smith, by the largest popular and electoral vote that any President had received up to that time.

Hoover's administration had many notable accomplishments, including the signing of the London Naval Treaty, the inauguration of the nonintervention policy in Latin America, reforms of the criminal procedure for Federal courts, bankruptcy legislation, creation of the Federal Power Commission, new banking laws, regulation of stock speculation and securities promotion, expansion of the improvement of waterways, and the conservation of oil and other natural resources. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was created, as were home loan banks and a new agricultural credit

system to help farmers. Hoover was influential in the convening of a world economic conference to reduce trade barriers and stabilize world currency.

On October 29, 1929, the stock market crashed, triggering an economic depression that did not fully end until World War II. Hoover hoped to relieve the distress by a policy of indirect Government assistance to the masses of unemployed. But despite these efforts, his popularity evaporated. Though renominated on the first ballot at the 1932 Republican convention, Hoover lost the election to the Democratic nominee, Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York. After Roosevelt's inauguration, Hoover retired to his home in California. He devoted much of his time to the Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, once describing it succinctly:

Here are the documents which record the suffering, the self-denial, the devotion, the heroic deeds of men. Surely from these records there can be help to mankind in its confusions and perplexities, and its yearnings for peace.

The purpose of this institution is to preserve the American way of life and to promote peace. Its records stand as a challenge to those who would destroy the freedom in America and who would promote war.

But Hoover's public service was not finished. In 1946, President Harry S Truman asked him to study food supplies and make recommendations for averting a post-World War II famine—a task that took him to 39 countries. In 1947, Hoover was appointed head of a commission to investigate and make recommendations for improving the organization of the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. Congress enacted into law many of the commission's recommendations.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower created a second commission in 1953, and Hoover again served as chairman. After 8 years, and the work of the commissions ended, Hoover finally retired from public life on June 30, 1955. He died on October 20, 1964, and was buried on a hillside overlooking his birthplace in West Branch. A few days after his burial on October 25, the body of Mrs. Hoover (who had died in New York in 1944) was reinterred here.

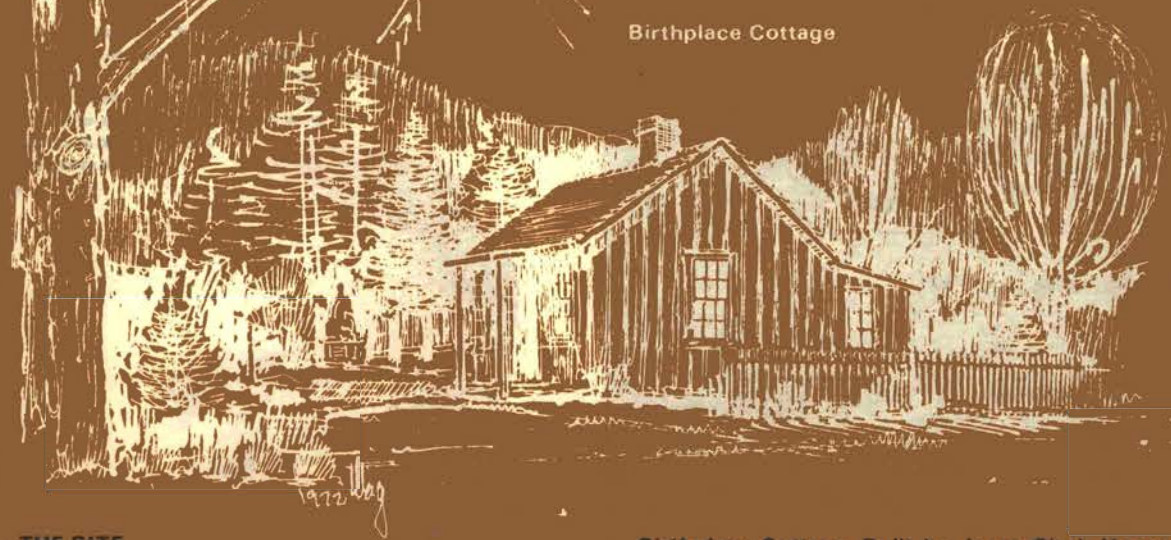
ADMINISTRATION

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Box 607, West Branch, IA 52358, is in immediate charge.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities to protect and conserve our land and water, energy and minerals, fish and wildlife, park and recreation areas, and for the wise use of all those resources. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. administration.

National Park Service

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



Birthplace Cottage

THE SITE

Herbert Hoover's birthplace was designated a national historic site on August 12, 1965. It is located on Downey Street in West Branch, less than 1 mile north of Int. 80.

The park contains three separate areas that together memorialize the life of Herbert Hoover. The portion of the village of West Branch immediately adjacent to and including the birthplace cottage and blacksmith shop is undergoing restoration. When complete it will faithfully recall the small, late 19th-century midwestern village from which Hoover came. The Presidential Library, administered by the National Archives and Records Service, represents his years as a public servant and stands near the historic village. The gravesite is the third of the areas.

Birthplace Cottage. Built by Jesse Clark Hoover about 1870, the little two-room birthplace cottage, now restored and refurbished, stands on its original site not far from Wapsiponoc Creek's west branch, from which the town drew its name. The Hoovers lived in the house until 1879, when Jesse Hoover sold both it and the blacksmith shop and moved his family into a larger dwelling farther south on Downey Street. When the birthplace cottage was restored to its 1870 appearance in 1939, as much as possible of the original furniture belonging to Jesse and Hulda Hoover was acquired for the house.

Quaker Meetinghouse. During his years in West Branch, Herbert Hoover attended meetings here with his parents. In fact, his mother often spoke before the congregation that worshipped in the building. Neglected for many years, the meetinghouse was purchased by the people of West Branch in 1964 and presented to the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation. In 1964-65, after being moved to its present location on the east side of Downey Street opposite the Presidential Library and southeast of the birthplace cottage, the meetinghouse was restored to its near original appearance.

Herbert Hoover Presidential Library. The library faces Downey Street and houses the large collection of papers accumulated by Hoover during his many years of public service. It also holds his collection of books and objects associated with his long, distinguished career. Many items are on display in exhibit areas. A 180-seat auditorium occupies one wing of the building. The library was built by the Herbert Hoover Birthplace Foundation. The gift of the buildings and grounds by the foundation to the Nation was accepted August 10, 1964. An admission fee is charged.

Blacksmith Shop. Near the birthplace cottage is a well-executed replica of Jesse Hoover's blacksmith shop. It houses an extensive collection of contemporary tools and other objects.

Graves of President and Mrs. Hoover. On a hillside about 1/4 mile southwest of the birthplace cabin are the graves of President and Mrs. Hoover. Landscaping provides a circular setting for the flat, white marble gravestones, with a view down the long mall to the birthplace.

- 1 INFORMATION CENTER
- 2 BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE
- 3 BLACKSMITH SHOP
- 4 SCHOOLHOUSE
- 5 OQUAKER MEETINGHOUSE
- 6 STATUE OF ISIS
- 7 HERBERT HOOVER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY
- 8 GRAVES OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. HOOVER
- 9 HISTORIC HOUSES (PRIVATE RESIDENCES)



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OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68102



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MAY 13 1976

Memorandum

To: Associate Director, Professional Services, WASO
 To Attention of: Assistant Director, Park Historic Preservation

From: Regional Director, Midwest Region

Subject: National Register Forms, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

We are enclosing Forms 10-306, National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Forms, for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, a historical area of the National Park System already listed in the National Register. Because the significance of the property has been determined in the past, and in accordance with instructions, we have provided an informational copy only to the State Historic Preservation Officer, but have not sought his signature or review by the State Board. Additionally, because of the incorporation of the Presidential Library in the property, we have provided an informational copy of the forms to the Federal Representative of the General Services Administration.

Please note that the nomination includes only those portions of the National Historic Site that meet the National Register criteria.

Meritt A. Beal

Regional Director

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Enclosure

cc: Manager, Denver Service Center
 Attention: Chief, Historic Preservation Division w/c enc.

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 Attention: Assistant Manager, Midwest/
 Rocky Mountain Team w/c enc.
 Chief, Midwest Archeological Center w/c enc.
 Superintendent, Herbert Hoover NHS w/c enc.



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Mr. Merrill D. Beal
Regional Director
National Park Service-Midwest Region
1709 Jackson Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68102

Dear Mr. Beal:

On November 3, 1978, the Council received a determination from the National Park Service that the proposed removal of trees and shrubs, pedestrian bridge, flagstone and concrete walkways, and fences would not adversely affect the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Cedar County, Iowa, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director does not object to your determination.

A copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and should be kept in your records as evidence of your compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320).

Your continued cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Myra F. Harrison
Assistant Director
Office of Review
and Compliance



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

L7019 MWR(PPH)

DEC 8 1976

Memorandum

To: Associate Director, Management and Operations, WASO
To Attention of: Chief, Cultural Resources Management Division

From: Regional Director, Midwest Region

Subject: Additions to National Register Nomination Forms, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site

Enclosed please find Forms 10-306, National Register of Historic Places Inventory/Nomination Forms, related correspondence, and additions for Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. Following comments and instructions by Kate Cole of the National Register staff we have added photographs of all historic structures (excluding HS-42, the statue of Isis and HS-43, the Iowa award plaques); copies of material relating to non-historic buildings within Park boundaries, not merely historic district boundaries, which are maintained by the Park Service; and two additional maps pinpointing exact locations of the historic structures. It should be noted that there is a farm complex within the Park boundaries which is held in scenic easement. Because the farm is not operated by the Park Service nor owned outright we have not included any material relating to it nor have we included it within the historic district boundaries. We hope this additional information will satisfy the needs of the National Register and have sent copies to the State Historic Preservation Officer and to the Federal Representative of the General Services Administration.

Randall A. Cole
Regional Director

Enclosures

cc:

Manager, Denver Service Center

Attention: Chief, Historic Preservation Division

Manager, Denver Service Center

Attention: Assistant Manager, Midwest/Rocky Mountain Team

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 12/19/76
Reviewer: INITIALS: Bg
DOE approved
8/1/78

NR

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ~~Herbert Hoover~~ ^{Herbert Hoover} National Historic Site

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN *West Branch*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT *1st*

STATE *Iowa*

VICINITY OF

COUNTY *Cedar* code *031*

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline)

FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR: Substantially intact-1
 unknown - 4
 not applicable - 7
EXTERIOR: Substantially intact-2
 unknown - 5
 not applicable - 8
ENVIRONS: Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 6
 Not applicable-9

~~Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0~~

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- *community*

now- *historic district: residential, museum, outbuildings, birthplace, grave, library*

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS-GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO

"oldest" YES NO

"only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role & appropriate date)

personal ⁽¹⁸⁷⁴⁻¹⁹⁶⁴⁾ Herbert Hoover - birthplace, grave, Presidential Library

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): Birthplace cottage - 1871

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: 20th C. ~~1938~~

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S): 1874 - 1879; 1965 - present

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY: NPS

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

67.5

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Description: includes 3 areas - restoration of a portion of the late 19th C. mid-western town, the Presidential Library, and the Graves of President & Mrs. Hoover. Village contains 2-1/2 m. frame birthplace cottage (moved in 1890, but returned to original site in 1938 ^{and restored}) with some original furnishings, a replica of Hoover's father's blacksmith shop, a restored Quaker meetinghouse, and homes.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

West Branch was the birthplace (8/10/1874) of Herbert Hoover, a successful engineer, administrator of international disaster relief programs, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, 31st U.S. President, and lifelong public servant.

HERBERT HOOVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 66000110
(Resource Name) (Reference Number[s])
CEDAR COUNTY IOWA
(County) (State)

10 / 26 / 2016
(Date Form Completed)
WALL
(Completed by)

STATUS:

1. MISSING _____ 2. REMOVED/ DEMOLISHED _____ 3. NHL 4. TR _____ 5. MRA _____ 6. OVERSIZED _____ 7. NPS UNDOCUMENTED _____ 8. DOE- OWNER OBJECTION _____ 9. RESTRICTED _____

EXPLANATION:

1. Missing Status: Entire Folder (); Nomination (); Map(s) (); Photos ();
Available on: Microfiche (); Optical Disk ();

2. _____
(Cause for Removal)

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(Date Removed)

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(NHL Name, if different than NRHP Name)

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(Date Designated)

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(TR or MRA Name)

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(Current source of partial documentation)

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(Target Date)

COMMENTS: (Where found or source of replacement)

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