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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Madison

816 State Street

STATE Wisconsin COUNTY: Waukesha FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY DATE

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections) I. NAME COMMON: AND/OR HISTORIC: Hinkley, Ahira R., House 2. LOCATION STREET AND NUMBER: N E of Eagle off W354 S7910 Highway 59 CITY OR TOWN: CONGRESSIONAL DIST Eagle mè Wisconsin 9th STATE COUNTY: CODE CODE Wisconsin 133 55 Waukesha 3. CLASSIFICATION CATEGORY **ACCESSIBLE** OWNERSHIP STATUS (Check One) TO THE PUBLIC Public Yes: District Public Acquisition: Building Occupied Restricted ☐ In Process ☐ Site Y Private ☐ Structure Unoccupied Unrestricted ☐ Both ☐ Being Considered Object Preservation work **▼** No in progress PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) ☐ Government Park ☐ Agricultura! Comments ☐ Transportation Industrial Private Residence Commercial Other (Specify) ☐ Military ■ Educational Religious Museum Entertainment Scientific OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Jean Penn Loerke STREET AND NUMBER: W354 S7910 Highway 59 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE Eagle 55 Wisconsin 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Waukesh Waukesha County Courthouse STREET AND NUMBER: CITY OR TOWN: STATE CODE Waukesha Wisconsin 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS **ドロゴカイ** Wisconsin Survey of Historic Sites & Buildings DATE OF SURVEY: Federal **▼** State ☐ County Local 1971 NUMBER DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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The cobblestone house built in 1848 by Ahira R. Hinkley, one of the two founders of Eagle, is a handsome, two-story, rectangular mass, of Greek Revival style, three bays wide by three bays deep, with a single-story ell on the rear left (southwest) side. The foundation consists of even rows of well-mortared large cobblestones which Perrin compares in size to small cannonballs. Above this is a cut stone water table. Sills and lintels are also of cut Waukesha limestone.

The wall cobblestones are round, closely sized, somewhat larger than eggs, and laid in very even rows separated by V-joints. Adding to the attractiveness of the exterior of the house is the variegation resulting from use of black, buff, red and tan stones at random. The most unusual feature, according to Perrin, is the lack of quoins or any other kind of special corner treatment. "Slightly elongated cobblestones were used to form their own returns at the corners without any apparent structural difficulty," he states.

The house, once considerably run-down, has been carefully refurbished and furnished with various appropriate period pieces in every room. There has been some interior alteration. The condition of the house is excellent exteriorly and at least very good interiorly.



SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as	Appropriate)	,	
Pre-Columbian	☐ 16th Century	☐ 18th Century	20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicab	le and Known) 1848		
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cobblestone architecture, though quite common in New England and New York, is found only sparsely in Wisconsin and, according to Perrin, is very rare outside of Wisconsin "this far into the middle west." The number of such buildings in Wisconsin has not yet been determined definitively. Some fifteen to eighteen cobblestone buildings, however, are located in a rather circumscribed area of southeast Wisconsin where many of the settlers came from New York and New England areas, and Perrin states, "Hardly coincidental is the fact that the best Wisconsin cobblestone work would be located in or near places with names such as Rochester, Palmyra, Troy, Genesee, Geneva, and Walworth." Nonetheless an occasional cobblestone house can be found in parts of the state quite remote from the southeast.

In 1969 the Ahira Hinkley house was designated a Wisconsin Registered Landmark. In his evaluation of the house while such designation was under consideration, Perrin wrote, "...Wisconsin has a few excellent examples of this kind of masonry work and the Hinkley house is one of the best."



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