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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Iowa	
COUNTY: Crawford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 047	DATE JUN 14 1972

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Dow House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
(just outside edge of town, see detailed location below)

CITY OR TOWN:
Dow City

STATE Iowa	CODE 14	COUNTY: Crawford	CODE 047
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3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Crawford County Conservation Board

STREET AND NUMBER:
Crawford County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Denison	STATE: Iowa	CODE 14
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Crawford County Court House (County Clerk's Office)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Denison	STATE: Iowa	CODE 14
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dow House is a two-story brick-masonry structure with nine rooms, plus halls and stairs, above ground, and with additional rooms in the full basement. The modified hip-roof originally was of shingles, with a rain-gutter of tarred metal extending out over the ornamental cornice. The cornice is decorated with scrollwork and pendants of wood.

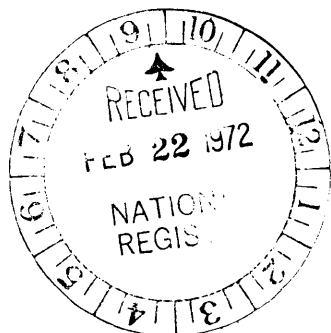
The house combines an essentially colonial floorplan with decorative features popular at the time of its construction in 1872-74 ✓

The main structure and major interior partitions are in basically original condition, except for certain well defined changes in door and window openings, and a number of partitions added in successive remodelings. The first of these was done in 1902-1910 ✓ by the second owners, who partitioned off part of the upper hallway and added some closets. They also built a large frame addition for a summer kitchen and milk house. The second remodeling came but a few years ago, in an abortive attempt to convert the structure to an apartment.

None of these alterations have seriously damaged the main structure of the buildings and the partitions can be removed easily for period restoration.

✓ A restoration/refurnishing master plan for the property including grounds has been prepared by the firm of Harold Hoskins and Associates of Lincoln, Nebraska. This will be implemented over a period of years under the terms of an agreement between the Crawford County Conservation Board, the Crawford County Historical Society, and the Town of Dow City. ✓

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

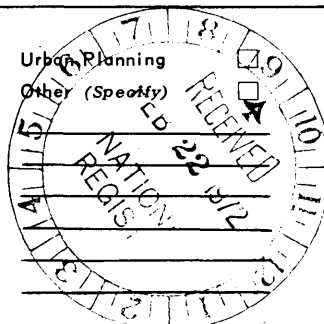
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1872-74**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Art | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Dow House derives its primary significance through association with the family of the builder, Simeon E. Dow. Mr. Dow was prominent in the region. He came to Iowa in 1854, and to Crawford County in 1855. In that year, he secured this piece of property along with others, under a soldiers' land warrant. Near a spring on the property, he built his first cabin. Subsequently he built a larger house, and ultimately in 1872-74 the structure listed here.

Dow built a successful real estate business upon his initial trade in soldiers' land warrants. In this he was a contemporary, and in some matters an associate of J. W. Denison.

He helped found the first school and the first Baptist Church and the cemetery in the community. He donated considerable land for public purposes.

He introduced purebred shorthorn cattle to the region in the 1850's, and continued active in stock raising.

With the coming of the Northwestern Railway in 1869, Dow helped found the town that bears his name, in collaboration with the noted promoter, John I. Blair. At various times he held office as postmaster, probate judge, and county treasurer. He was an active Democrat throughout his life.

At the peak of Dow's activities in the 1870's and 1880's, he owned a number of businesses in Dow City, including a grain elevator, a cheese factory, a mill, a hardware and farm implement business. In addition, he was a major source of farm credit, and continued active in the stock trading line.

During the period of 1874-1902, the Dow House was the center of much of the economic, political, social and cultural activity in the community.

In addition to its strong historic significance the house is interesting in its combination of architectural features. It stands out in sharp contrast to the houses of contemporary period in Dow City and Denison, where most are of Gothic Revival pattern.

The structure has high potential for restoration and refurbishing as an interpretive exhibit helping visitors to visualize the life style of an entrepreneur in Iowa's formative years.

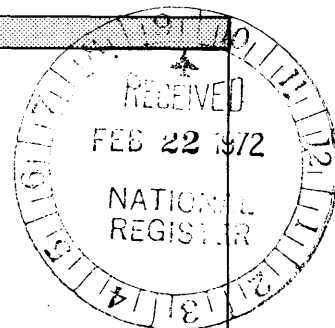
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Denison Review (newspaper)
 F. W. Meyers, History of Crawford County, Iowa,
 S. J. Clarke & Co., 1911.

Robert A. Murray, "Report on the Dow House Project,
 Dow City, Iowa," n.p.mss.

Harold Hoskins & Associates, Master Plan for the Dow House
 (in press), Lincoln, Nebraska, 1970.



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41° 55' 30"	95° 29' 50"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Thomas R. Eller, Crawford County Attorney

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 4-29-71

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1st National Bank Building

CITY OR TOWN: Denison STATE: Iowa 51042 CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Adrian D. Anderson

Title State Liaison Officer, Iowa

Date 3 Feb. 1972

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

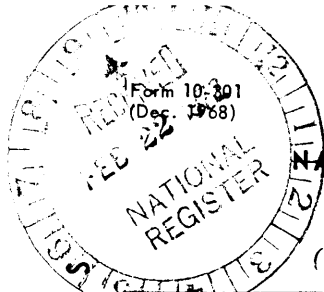
Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/14/72

ATTEST:
William P. Muehlenberg
 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

NO OTHER CO SEE INSTRUCTIONS



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South End of Prince Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dow City

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Iowa	14	Crawford	047

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
Crawford County Engineer's Office Denison, Iowa

SCALE: 1 inch = 200'

DATE: April 1971

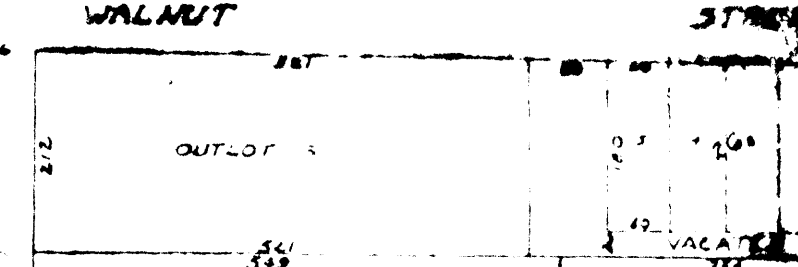
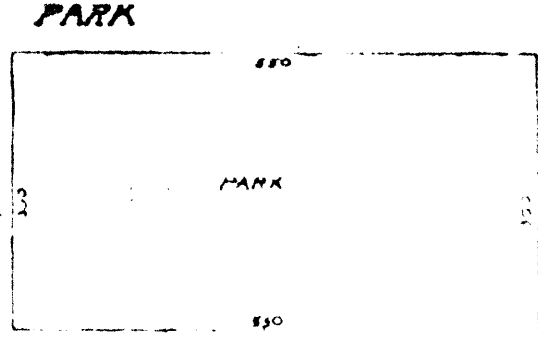
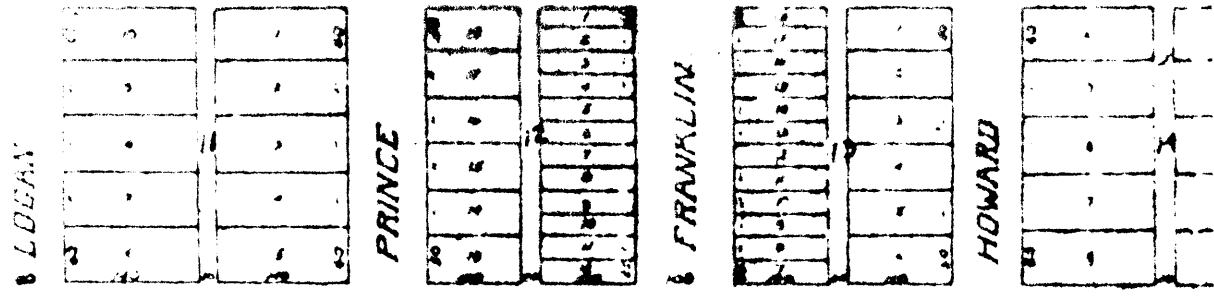
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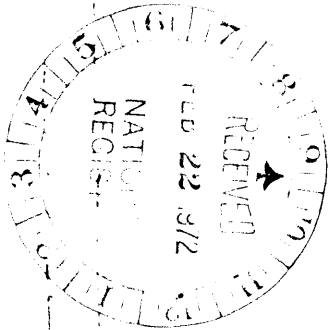
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Latitude and Longitude
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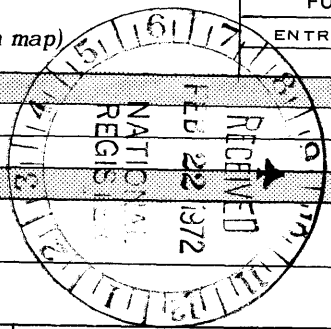


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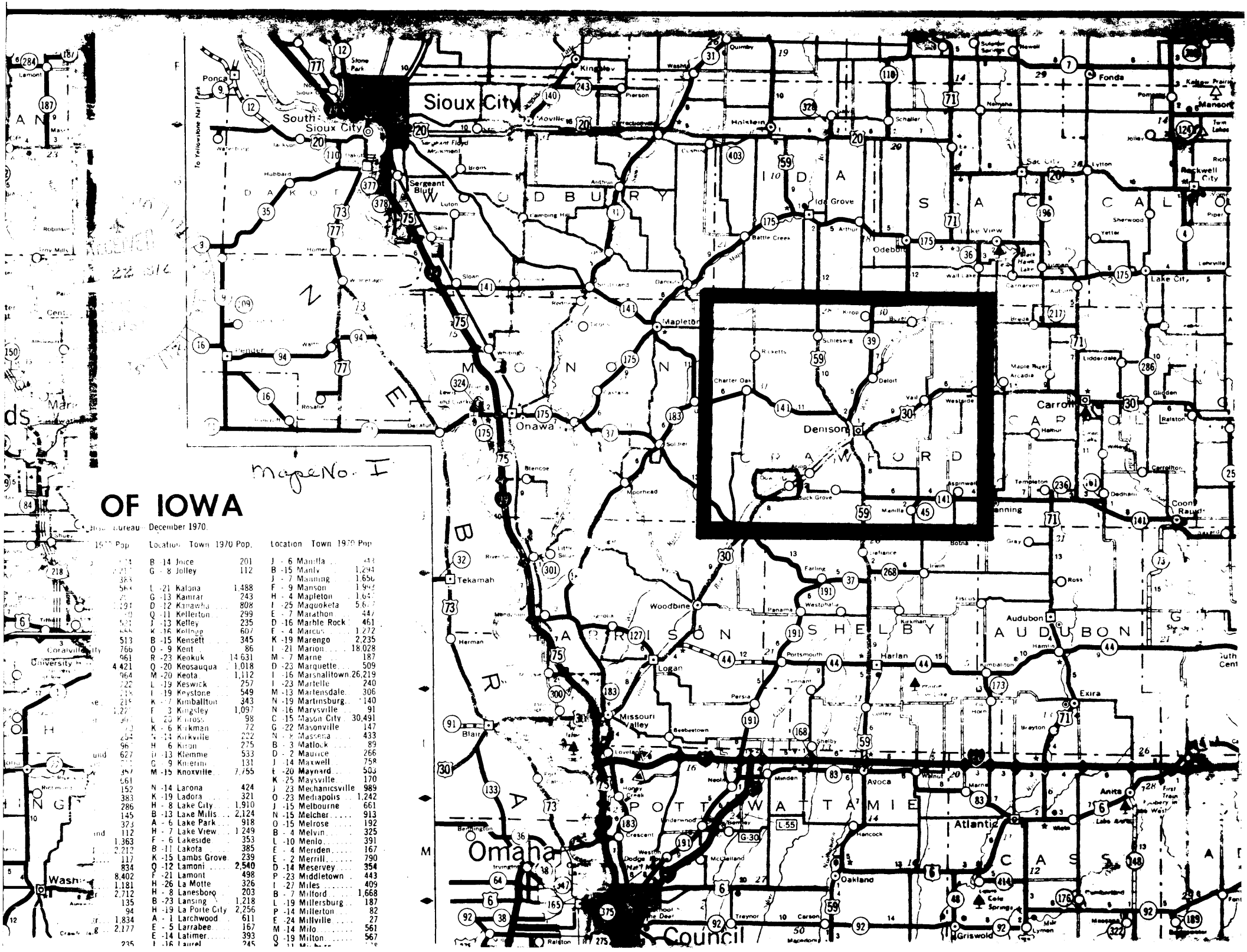
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December 1970.

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1970 Pop.	Location	Town	1970 Pop.	Location	Town	1970 Pop.		
1,213	B	14	Joice	201	J	6	Manilla	433
363	G	8	Jolley	112	B	15	Manly	1,294
27	G	13	Kamrar	243	J	7	Mansion	1,656
191	O	12	Kamrasha	808	H	9	Manson	1,992
531	Q	11	Kellerton	299	I	4	Mapleton	1,641
444	J	13	Kelley	235	E	7	Marathon	447
513	K	16	Kelling	607	D	16	Marble Rock	461
766	B	15	Kensett	345	F	4	Maricou	1,272
961	O	9	Kent	86	K	19	Marengo	2,235
4,421	R	23	Keokuk	14,631	I	21	Marion	18,028
964	Q	20	Keosauqua	1,018	M	7	Marne	187
227	M	20	Keota	1,112	D	23	Marquette	509
215	L	19	Keystone	257	I	16	Marshalltown	26,219
215	L	19	Keystone	257	I	23	Martelle	240
215	K	7	Kimballton	343	M	13	Martinsdale	306
1,227	F	3	Kingsley	1,097	N	19	Martinsburg	140
39	L	23	Kirkross	39	N	16	Marysville	91
254	K	6	Kirkman	72	C	15	Mason City	30,491
96	H	6	Kirkville	222	N	3	Masonia	433
627	H	6	Kiron	275	B	3	Matlous	89
561	H	13	Klemme	533	D	2	Mauve	266
152	G	9	Knerup	131	J	14	Maxwell	758
383	M	15	Knoxville	7,755	I	20	Maynard	503
286	N	14	Larona	424	K	25	Maysville	170
145	K	19	Ladora	321	J	23	Mechanicville	989
373	H	8	Lake City	1,910	O	23	Mediapolis	1,242
112	B	13	Lake Mills	2,124	J	15	Melbourne	661
1,363	A	6	Lake Park	918	N	15	Melcher	913
2,213	H	7	Lake View	1,249	O	15	Melrose	325
113	F	11	Lakota	353	B	4	Melvin	192
834	K	15	Lamb Grove	289	L	10	Menlo	391
8,402	Q	12	Lamoni	2,540	E	4	Meriden	167
1,181	F	21	Lamont	498	L	2	Merrill	790
2,712	H	26	La Motte	326	D	14	Meservey	354
135	H	8	Lanesboro	203	P	23	Middletown	443
94	B	23	Lansing	1,218	I	27	Miles	409
1,834	H	19	La Porte City	2,256	B	7	Millford	1,668
2,177	A	1	Larchwood	611	L	19	Millersburg	187
29	E	5	Larabee	167	P	14	Millerton	82
29	E	14	Latimer	393	E	24	Millville	27
29	I	16	Laurel	245	M	14	Milo	561
29	Q	19	Milton	567	Q	19	Milton	567

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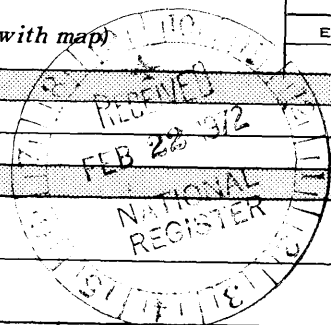
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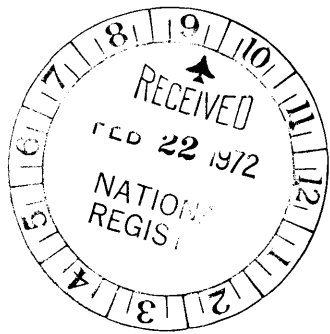
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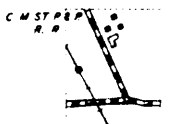
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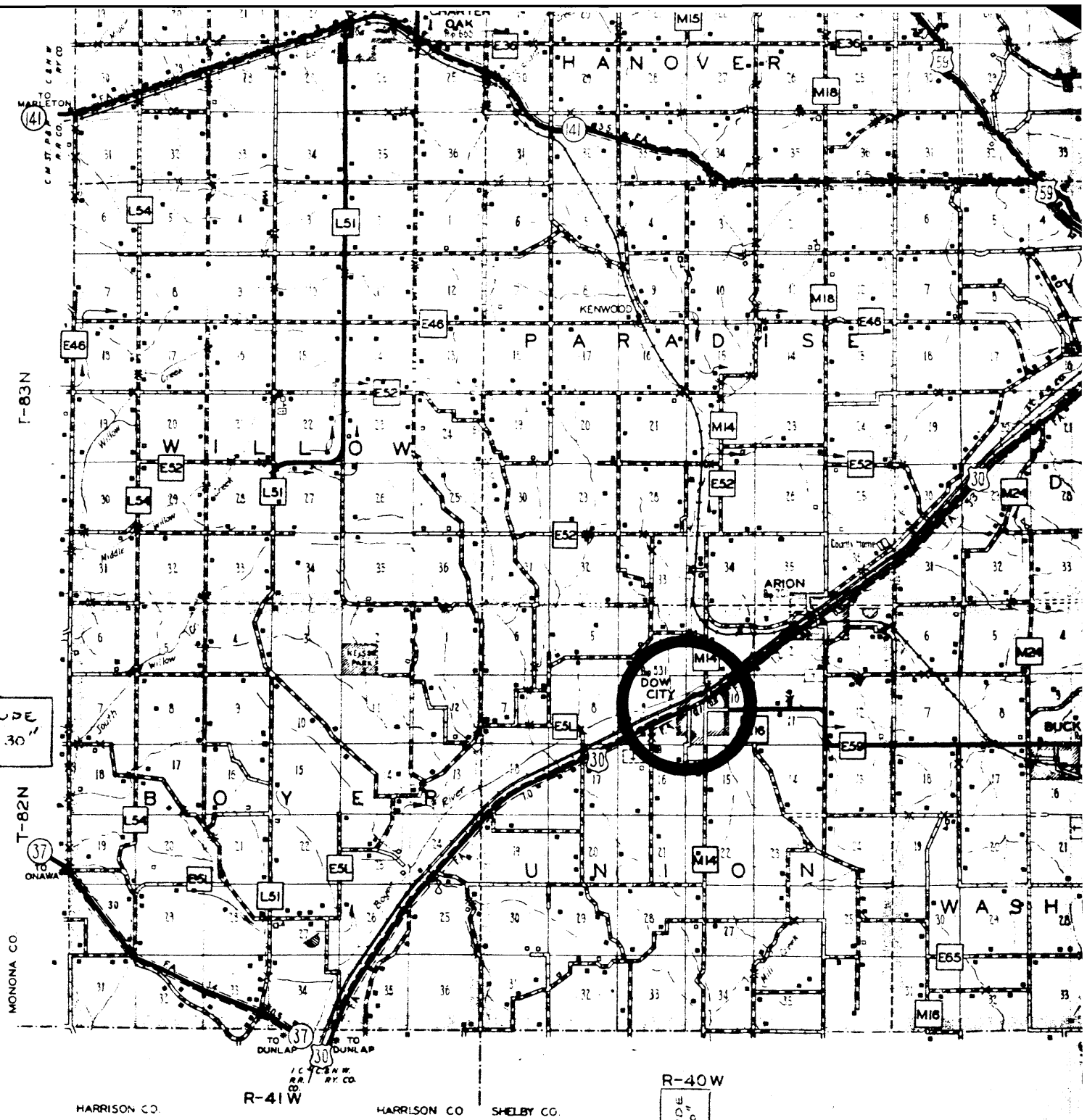
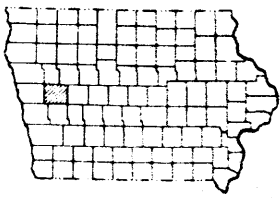
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