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# DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC



North River Stone Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*W. Winterset, Ia 5059*  
~~Douglas Twp., Sect. 2~~

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5 Fifth

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Madison

CODE

### CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

#### PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Myles and Blair Young

STREET & NUMBER

73 W. Green St.

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Madison Co. Court House

STREET & NUMBER

City Square

CITY, TOWN

Winterset

STATE

Iowa

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The North River Stone Schoolhouse is a one-story rectangular building, 35' x 25', of coursed native limestone. The walls are 2 feet thick, and there is quoining on all corners. The east and west facades contain four windows each, capped with stone lintels. The doorway on the south facade is off-center to the right, and is similarly capped with a stone lintel. A central chimney surmounts the gable roof.

This one-room structure was renovated and restored during the period 1962-73, which included the pointing up of the building, new roof, ceiling, door and aluminum storm windows. The interior has been repainted, walls light gray, woodwork a darker shade of gray. These alterations have not destroyed the architectural integrity of the building. It is completely furnished as a usable schoolroom, and administered by the Madison County Historical Society

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

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## SPECIFIC DATES

1874

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This structure was in continual use as a schoolhouse from its construction until 1945. It has been host to over 2500 visitors since being opened to the public in 1973, as a reminder of the educational heritage of rural Iowa.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Smith, Lloyd. Scenic Madison County. Winterset, Ia.: Joe Graham and Co., 1961.  
 School Records, County Superintendent's Office  
 Interview with Floyd Bennett

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

2500			3700					
A	15	410250	4580360	B				
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C				D				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Henry C. Miller, Madison Co. Liaison Officer, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

Madison County Historical Society

DATE

10 April, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

515 W. Fremont St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Winterset

STATE

Iowa

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Adrian D. Anderson*

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

4-22-76

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

CHIEF

*Ken A. [Signature]*

DATE

4/11/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

DATE

3-18-77

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Significance: (add: Architecture)

The North River Stone Schoolhouse is locally significant as a typical 19th-century Iowa rural school building. In design it is wholly characteristic: a small, box-like structure with gable roof, made of locally obtainable materials, in this case, limestone. The architectural feature which sets this school apart from others of its kind in the state is the quoining, which is exceedingly unusual, if not unique, in this type of building, and which suggests that its builder, stonemason David Harris, may have had training or experience beyond that of most builders of Iowa's rural schools. In 1875 this school was one of six, which were located at carefully-spaced intervals to allow equal access from all points in the township -- a distribution also typical of rural public educational facilities in Iowa. As many as five may still be in existence, although consolidation of rural schools has rendered all of them obsolete.