

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name William Dyas Barn other names/site number

2. Location

street & number Route 3, Z-15 not for publication city, town Bellevue vicinity state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing (1), Noncontributing (0 buildings, 0 sites, 0 structures, 0 objects), Total (1).

Name of related multiple property listing: Limestone Architecture of Jackson County, Iowa. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: [Signature] Date: 7/5/91 State or Federal agency and bureau: State Historical Society of Iowa

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: Date: State or Federal agency and bureau:

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: entered in the National Register. determined eligible for the National Register. determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register. other, (explain:). Entered in the National Register. Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: 8/30/91

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/out building

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/out building

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century

vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation

Limestone

walls

Limestone

roof

Corrugated metal

other

Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two and one-half story limestone barn (42'x 34'3") features a gable roof, with main door on the gable end. The stone used is cut stone, not rubble, and varies greatly in both size and shape. Large stones are used at the bottom, with the size diminishing as the wall gets higher. Like many houses in the area, the barn is built into the side of the hill, with a second floor door at ground level in back, a true bank barn. The gable end is symmetrical with doors in the center on both first and second floors, flanked by a window on each side. Windows on the south (side) elevation are new paired 6/6, which have been added. An original door and window can be seen near the east end of the south wall. The gable end features vertical boards in the gable rather than limestone (stone houses almost always have full stone gables). The east gable end appears to be rapidly deteriorating. The north elevation is windowless. The roof is covered by corrugated metal.

The focus of the Jackson County survey was the use of limestone as a building material with emphasis on exteriors. Little information was gathered on interiors.

This barn is in the middle of a mid-19th century farmstead. As part of the Dyas family complex, the farmstead is on the north side of the road, at the base of hills rising to the north. A brick house (c.1850) is located to the southwest of this barn, with two "newer" out buildings east of the house, and south of this stone barn. The barn appears to be in use.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

c.1850

c.1850

Cultural Affiliation
N.A.

Significant Person
N.A.

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This limestone barn is significant under Criterion C as a representative limestone agricultural structure from the mid-19th century in Jackson County.

217 limestone structures were recorded in Jackson County, fifty-eight of these being agriculture related, non-residential. Of this fifty-eight, only nine are barns. The barns range in size from large horse/wagon barns, to smaller ones such as the Dyas barn. In the 1840s and '50s stone agricultural buildings would have been built in great numbers. Extant examples of stone farmhouses, spring houses, and buildings of undetermined function, have been located throughout the county. It stands to reason that many more barns once existed. For decades in the first half of the 20th century, farm journals gave advice on the demolition of these "old-fashioned", outdated, stone buildings. Unfortunately, many farmers heeded the advice.

The stonework on this barn is different than that seen on other buildings being nominated. Although the stone appears to have been quarried, the individual blocks vary greatly in size and shape. Larger stones are found at the base, with size rapidly diminishing as the walls get higher. Limestone lintels are not used, all openings having almost flat segmental arches. The fact that the walls do not extend into the gable end is another unusual feature. Alterations to the windows are unfortunate but the general shape and mass of the building is intact, and the sense of it being a limestone structure is not diminished. This barn is significant as an example of a rapidly vanishing building type.

The Dyas family was one of the earliest to settle in the area (1833). After staking out their claim, the following years saw a series of five family houses constructed in this valley. David Dyas built a house of both brick and wood frame construction, Robert and William built houses of brick fired on the site, and George and brother-in-law Thomas Nicholson used limestone construction (see nomination for George Dyas house). This barn belongs to the William Dyas brick house.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Dyas, Robert W. The Dyas Family Moves from Ireland to Iowa.
Unpublished manuscript by great-grandson of George Dyas, 1988.
Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879; 1897.
Unevaluated inventory files on stone barns in Iowa collected by Lowell Soike,
BHP files.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than one acre.

UTM References:

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

A parcel of land located on the north side of County Road Z-15 (the road runs NE/SW) in T86N R5E Sec 19 NE $\frac{1}{4}$. This parcel is rectangular, measuring 62' by 54'3", centered on the stone barn in question. This allows for a ten foot extension on all sides of the building.

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Boundary Justification

This nomination is for the barn noted above. It does not include any other buildings or structures on the site.

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11. Form Prepared By

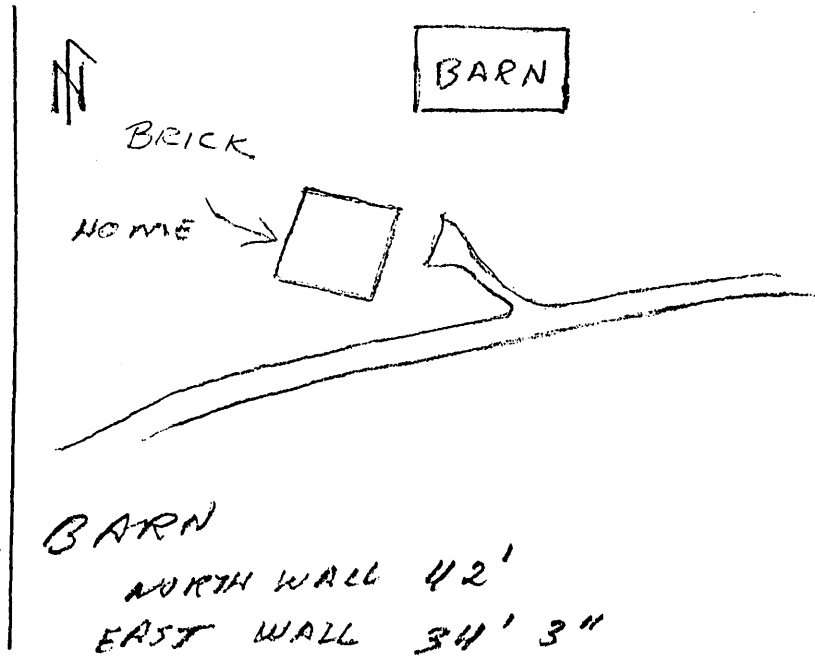
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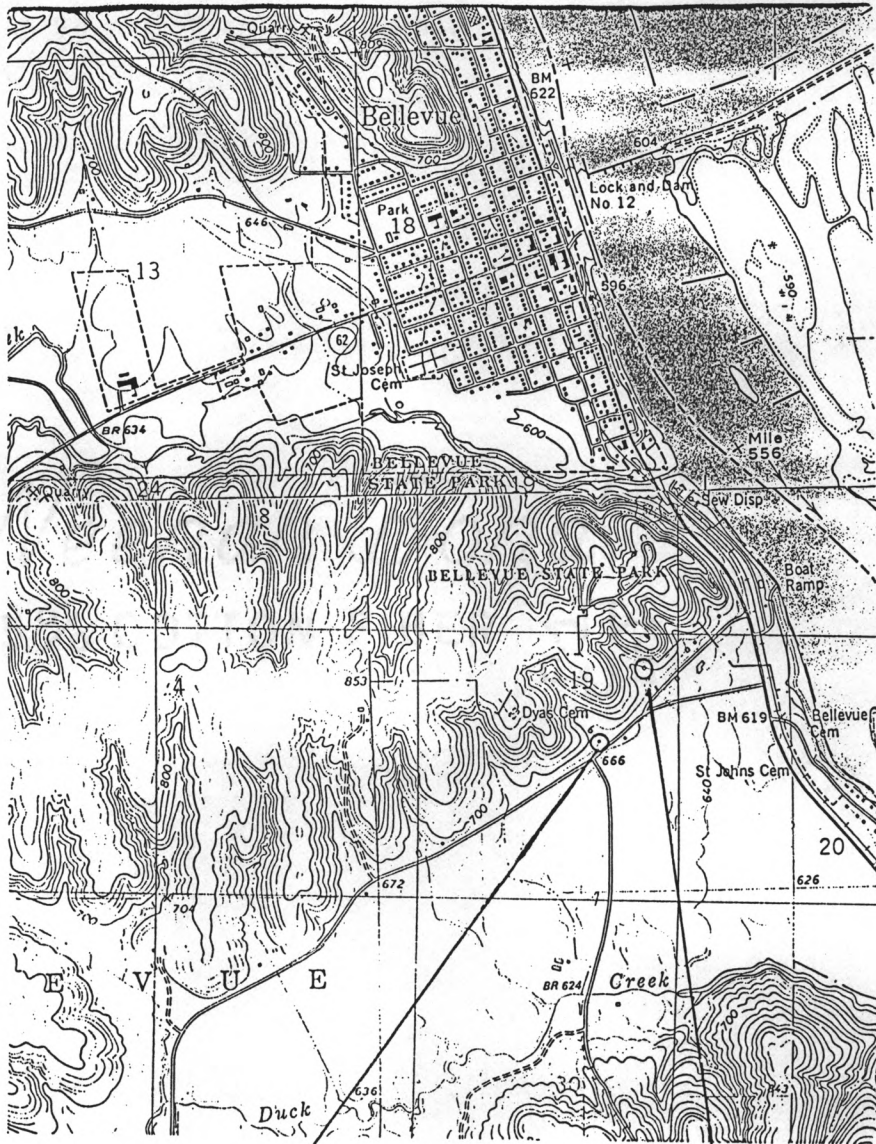


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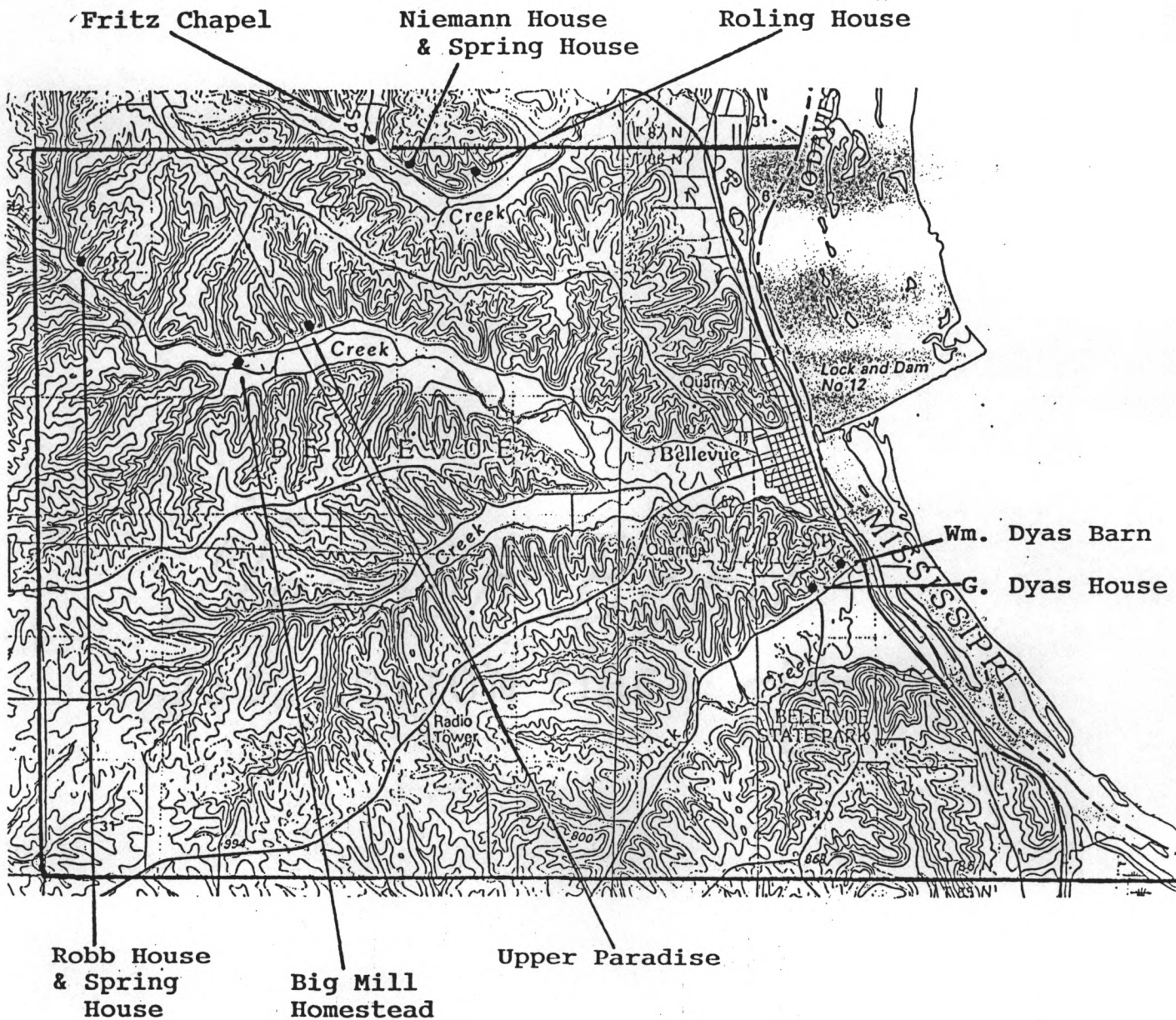
William Dyas Barn

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Rural limestone resources being nominated
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