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Keosauqua  
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1106 High Street Des Moines, Iowa 50309

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

This is a view of the east side of the Odd Fellows Hall, Iowa's oldest Odd Fellows Hall, and possibly the first in Iowa. The building sits on the north bank of the Des Moines River, facing the street to the north. The building now houses Indian and other artifacts.

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View looking north at Bentonsport main street from Des Moines River bridge.



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Front of vacant store building at extreme west end of block on Bentonsport main street. This view taken looking north shows the front of the building facing to the south, an example of "steamboat gothic" architecture.



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View looking northeast at west end of main street of Bentonsport, showing steamboat architecture of business house.





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This is the village bank of Bentonsport at right, with old Greef mansion in right background, now owned by Pherrin Dowell of Des Moines. Old smithy shop to immediate left of bank has been removed. General store is at left of blacksmith shop. Buildings face onto the south, facing the river.

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Rear view of Bentonsport store buildings. Building at left is rear view of general store, with upper story projecting above. This view was taken to the south, rear of buildings facing northward.



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Bentonsport General Store (center) and dry goods store to the left, view facing south toward the Des Moines river...front or street view.



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View of a vacant store building in Bentonsport. This photo shows the east side of the building. Building faces the road to the south. This building is located to the extreme west of the other building complex on "main street".

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This is possibly Iowa's oldest high school, the Bentonsport Academy, viewed from the east. The building sits on the north side of the street.



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This is a view of the old "HANCOCK HOUSE", looking northward up the road. The building faces the road to the west, and features an open staircase with 12 varieties of wood. Plans for the house are in the National Archives. Notice the mosque tower on back of house, housing an old steamboat bell.

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Downer