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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

Stone School,

AND/OR COMMON

Stone School/Independent School District, #1

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

*W of LeClaire*  
Section 29, T79N R5W

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

LeClaire

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
First

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY  
Scott

CODE

3 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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Henry Clark

STREET & NUMBER

R.F.D. #1

CITY, TOWN

LeClaire

VICINITY OF

Iowa

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Scott County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

416 West 4th Street

CITY, TOWN

Davenport

Iowa

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stone School is a small rectangular structure of locally-quarried limestone, measuring 46½ x 26 feet. It has a gable roof of wood shingles and a bell tower with louvred, round-arched openings. Windows and doors are evenly spaced in the walls and are topped with decorative stone lintels but have simple sills. Quoining appears at the corners to contrast with the otherwise coursed stone walls. An ocular window with stone molding appears at the gable end above the main entryway, and a brick chomney (probably not original) appears at the opposite end. The windows have 9/9 lights and are proportionately tall and narrow. The belfry is enhanced by decorative millwork and is topped by an unusual flared roof.

Both the exterior and interior remain in their original, though deteriorated, condition. The east end of the school contained two entryways, one for the boys and one for the girls, a library and entrance to the bell tower. Due to the thickness of the walls the window wells are deep. No original furnishings remain.

The building is currently being used as a pig sty.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1866

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Eastern Iowa has produced a number of stone schoolhouses, each of which is worthy of active preservation consideration. However, the Stone School near LeClaire is especially deserving of note because of the ornamental features which give a basically undistinguished building an unusual and attractive character not generally found in Iowa's 19th-century rural schoolhouses. Chief among these exterior details are the ornate belltower, use of quoining and the fine proportions exhibited in the window placement.

At least one reason for the unusual character of this schoolhouse is that it was not built for public use, but was a private, family educational facility. The first Stone, Horatio, came to Scott County in 1839, followed by his brother, Henry Stone, in 1844. They established farms on Sections 5, 31, and 32 in LeClaire Township. Both men had large families, and together they built a log structure for use as a private school. The present school was built in 1866, by which time Stone grandchildren would have been of school age. Eventually (although the date is not known), the schoolhouse was incorporated into the local public educational system as Independent School District #1, by which name it was known until it closed in the 1940's.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Scott County, Iowa. Chicago: Interstate Publishing Company, 1882.  
 Downer, Harry. History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa. Chicago: S.J. Clarke  
 Publishing Company, 1910.  
 District School Records, Scott County, Iowa.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	716760	4609740	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

Dorothy B. Lage

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1934 Lorton Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Davenport

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, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/19/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

*Robert B. Rettig*

DATE

12/27/77

DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Charles A. ...*

DATE

12-22-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER