



**Preservation with Purpose:
How Historic Preservation Can Make a Tangible Difference in Your County**
Iowa State Association of Counties **March 22, 2017**

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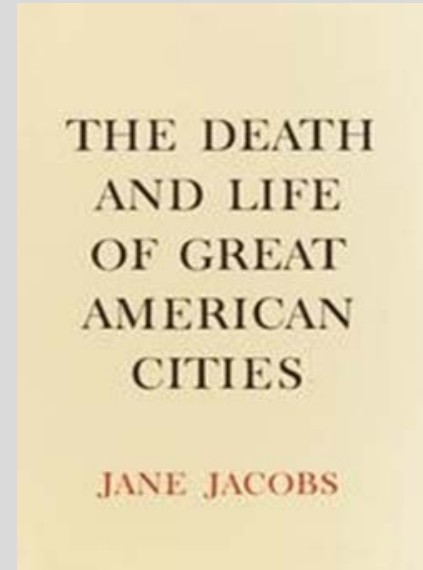
Presenters:

- **Paula Mohr**, Certified Local Government Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office
- **Brenda Hollingsworth**, Chair, Madison County Historic Preservation Commission
- **Aaron Price**, Chair, Madison County Board of Supervisors

Dramatic changes in the U.S. after World War II



... in response, the historic preservation movement emerges in the 1960s....



National Historic Preservation Act – 1966

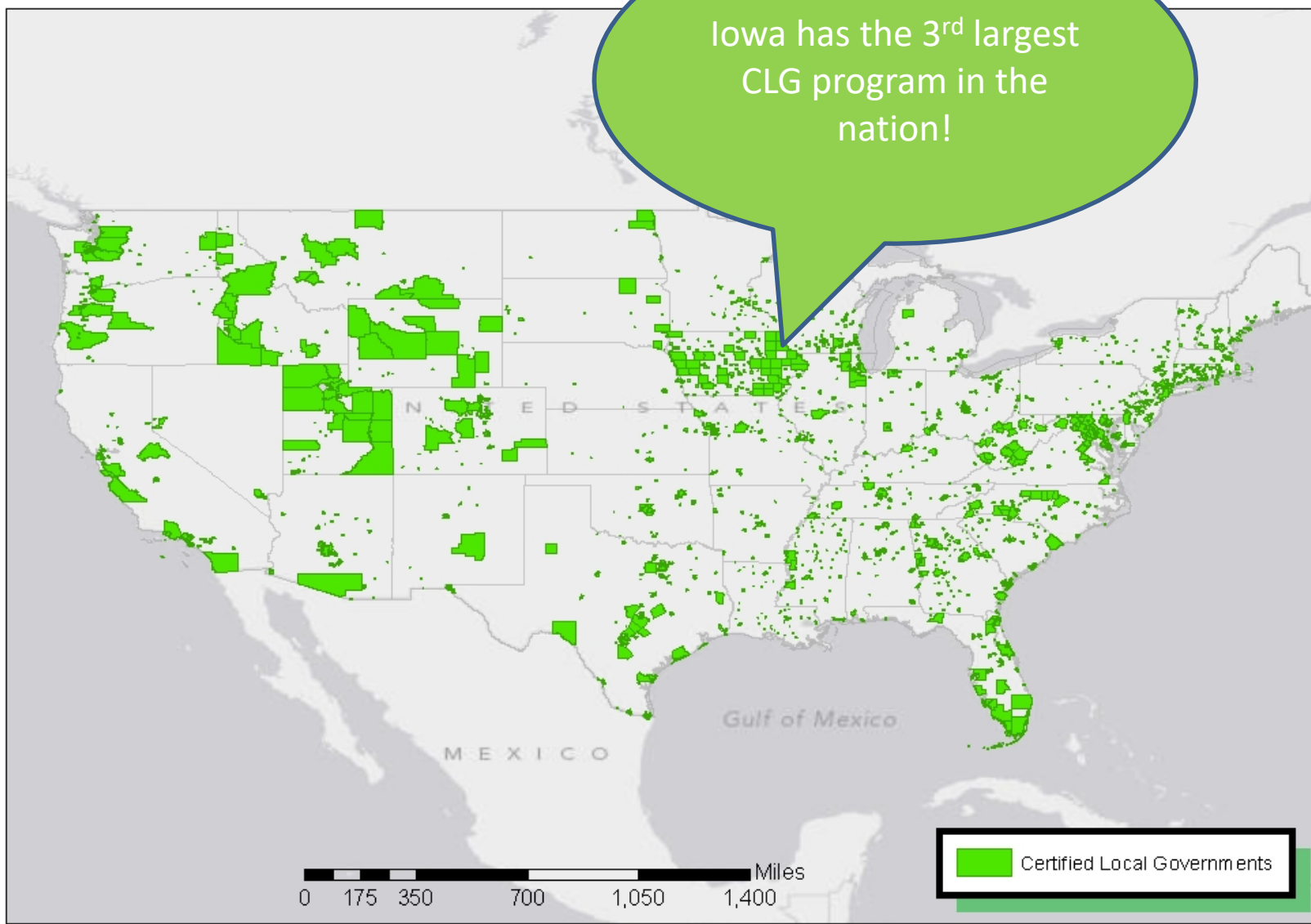
- Created a program between the Federal Government and the States; established a SHPO in each state
- Early work focused on finding and documenting historic properties
- 1980 amendment added the local government by creating the Certified Local Government (CLG) program

The Manning CLG has done several grant funded projects downtown





Iowa has the 3rd largest CLG program in the nation!



How it all works together: Iowa's preservation network



Other important players at the national level include: Preservation Action, Partners for Sacred Places, League of Historic Theatres, Vernacular Architecture Forum, etc.

Historic Preservation and the CLG Program

- Local government (county or city) partners with state and federal government
- Institutionalizes historic preservation at the local government level; historic preservation commission is an arm of the local government
- Framework is established by the *National Historic Preservation Act, as Amended* and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards

I am the
beautiful
Franklin Co.
Courthouse



Benefits

- Facilitates preservation at the local level
- Provide technical assistance to cities and counties
- Provide funding to underwrite various historic preservation activities (CLG and state preservation grant money)

Activities and responsibilities

- The preservation voice in community decisions
- Being a source of information and ideas
- Public education



Learning how to
preserve a historic
storefront



CLG requirements

- Enforce local ordinance
- Maintain a system for the survey and inventory of properties
- Nominate properties to the National Register
- Preservation activity
- Maintain commission qualifications, meetings, communication with state, annual training

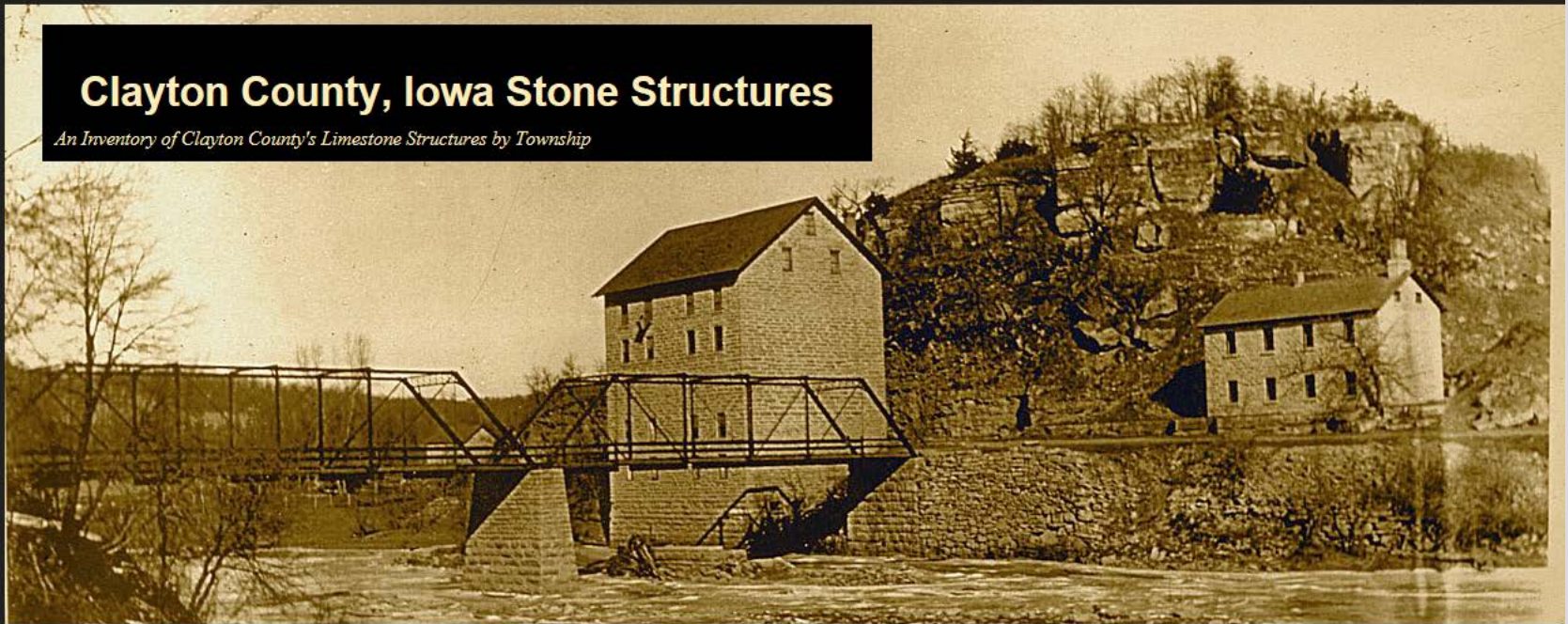


Clayton County has been a CLG since 1985



Clayton County, Iowa Stone Structures

An Inventory of Clayton County's Limestone Structures by Township



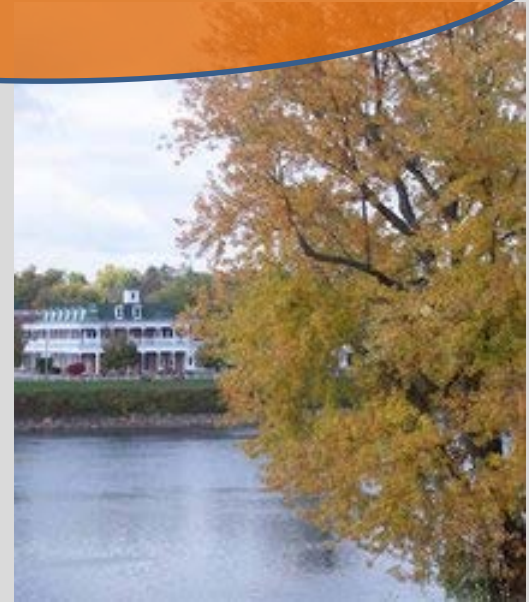
Immigrants to the United States in the 1800's who would want to pursue their trade as Stonemasons would want to settle in an area that would have an abundance of exposed limestone. The Western Settlement Society headquartered in Cincinnati, OH offered lots in Guttenberg, Iowa in the mid 1800's. Because the majority of immigrants that settled in Clayton County, Iowa were German the exposed limestone and steep bluffs would have reminded them of the areas along their native Rhine River. Therefore this area of northeast Iowa

Garnavillo Township





Van Buren County came into the
CLG program in 1991










SITE OF THE VILLAGE OF SALUBRIA

FOUNDED IN 1839

KNEELAND MANSION

THE VILLAGE OF SALUBRIA WAS FOUNDED BY MEMBERS OF THE FIRST SOCIETY OF FREE ENQUIRERS OF BOSTON WHO WERE SEEKING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ON THE FRONTIER. THE FIRST KNOWN MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY TO LIVE IN SALUBRIA WAS TYLER PARSONS WHO ARRIVED IN THE SUMMER OF 1837. THE PERMANENT SETTLERS, SILAS SMITH, ABNER KNEELAND AND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TOWER, ARRIVED ONLY AFTER THE LAND WAS PURCHASED FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN 1839.

THE BEST KNOWN OF THESE SETTLERS WAS THE FAMOUS AMERICAN PANTHEIST, ABNER KNEELAND. HE CAME TO SALUBRIA AFTER BEING THE LAST PERSON IMPRISONED BY MASSACHUSETTS FOR BLASPHEMY.

A PROJECT OF THE
VAN BUREN COUNTY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMISSION 2010

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HOW HAVE WE USED THE
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WHO IN THE WORLD IS BRENDA HOLLINGSWORTH AND WHY IS SHE TALKING TO US ABOUT PRESERVATION?

- farm wife, mother of 3, grandmother of 10
- researcher, farm record keeper
- community volunteer
- BA Interior Design, ISU
- retired Chamber Director





MADISON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION & VOLUNTEERS

Row 1: JoAnne Walker, Sally Oldham, Molly Clause, Linda Smith

Row 2: Carol Liechty, Ron Howell, Beth Grey, Brenda Hollingsworth

Row 3: Jared McDonald, Jean Fifo, Steve Reed, Dave Braga, Roslea Johnson

WHAT OUR COMMISSIONERS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE IN COMMON

- Love of community
- Passionate about history
- Willing to make a time commitment to meetings and projects
- Variety of skill sets

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Winterset Courthouse Square Historic District

PROJECT STEPS

WROTE GRANT - DIDN'T GET GRANT 2011
STARTED PROJECT RESEARCH ANYWAY 2011
WROTE ANOTHER GRANT 2012 - RECEIVED GRANT
PHASE 1 PROJECT LAUNCH 2012, COMPLETED 2013



Winterset Courthouse Square Historic District

PROJECT STEPS

WROTE ANOTHER GRANT - RECEIVED GRANT 2013

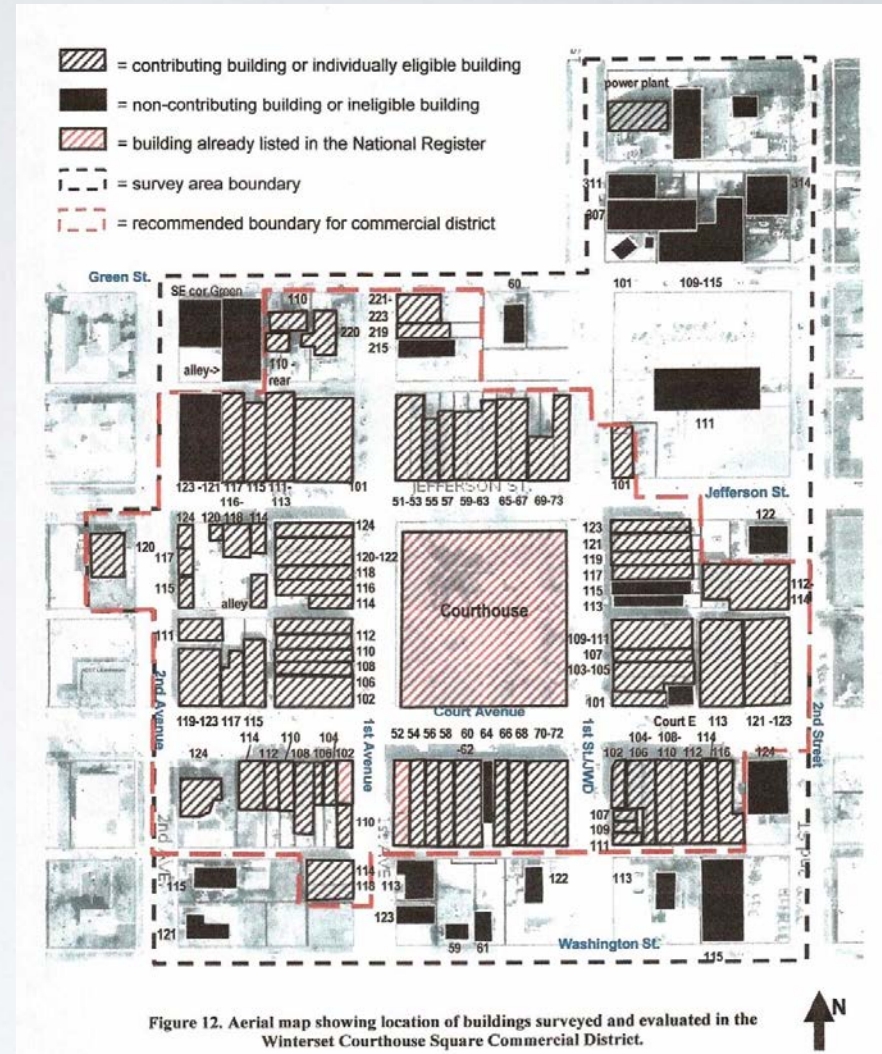
PHASE 2 PROJECT LAUNCH 2014

PHASE 2 COMPLETED 2015

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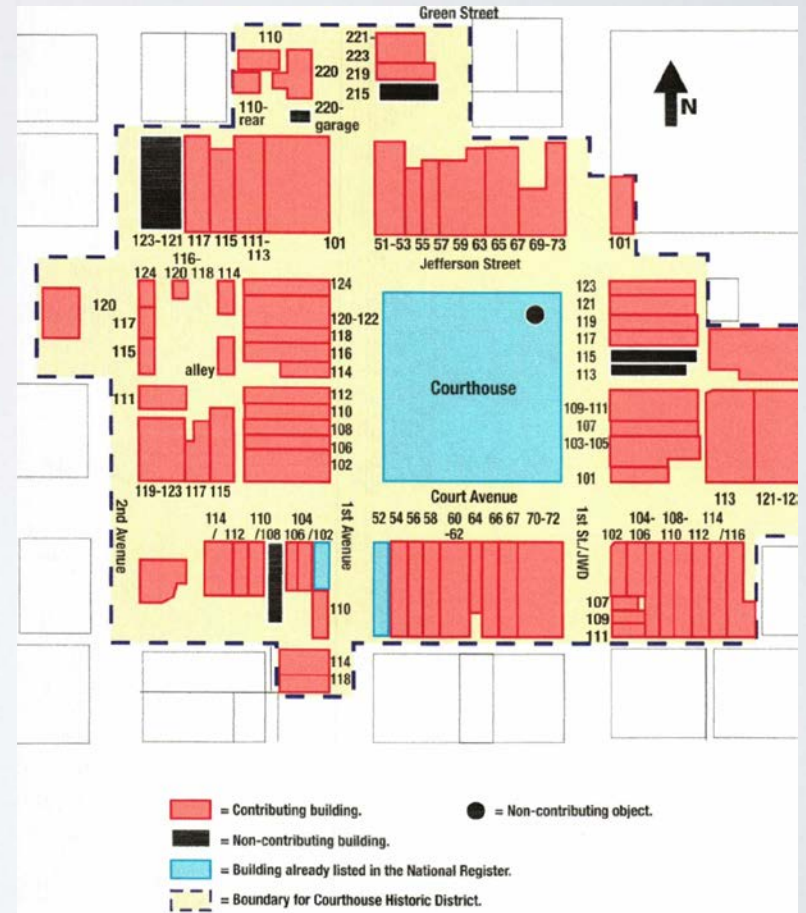
Contributing
Non-contributing
Already listed

Survey area - Phase 1



WINTERSET COURTHOUSE HISTORIC DISTRICT

- 74 contributing buildings
- 7 non-contributing buildings
- 1 non-contributing object
- 3 previously listed buildings



WORK ON THE DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT NOMINATION RESULTED IN THESE SPIN OFF PROJECTS

Madison Co Underground Railroad
Research

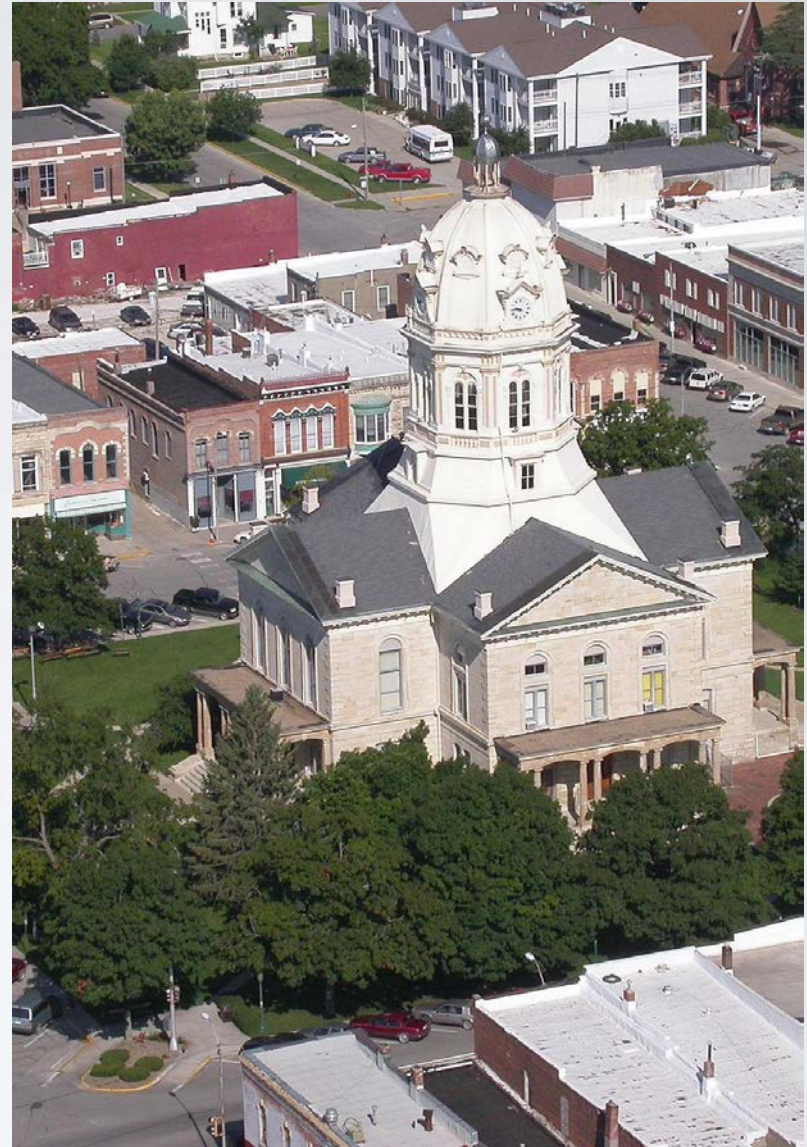
Pioneer Cemetery Restoration Project

Traveling History & Photo Display

Hosted 2015 Preserve Iowa Summit

Historic District Bronze Plaques

Research Library Archival Preservation
Project





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LOCAL PRESERVATION BENEFITS

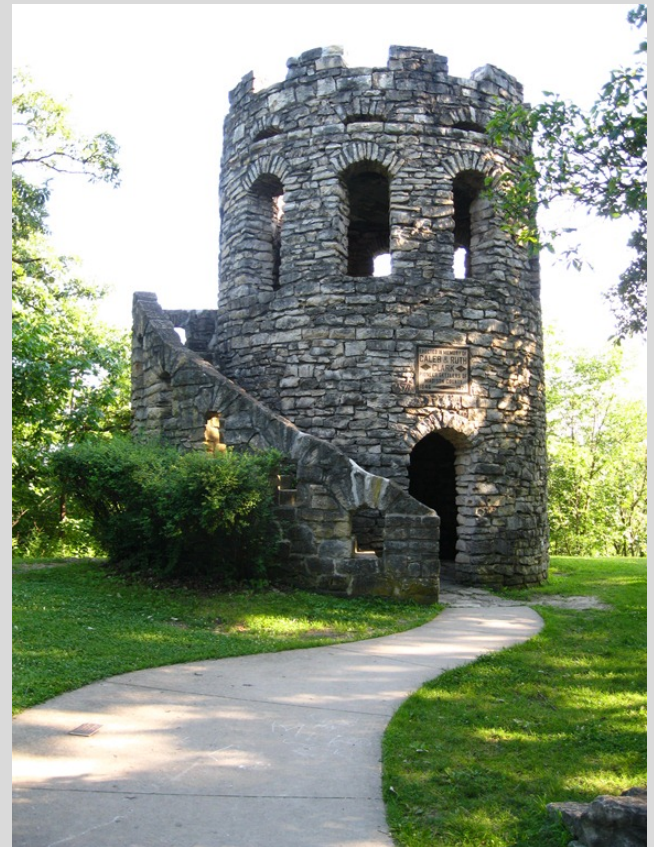
- Creates pride of ownership
- Promotes good stewardship
- Stimulates downtown revitalization
- Grows public/private investments & partnerships
- Attracts investment
- Generates another reason for people to visit - Heritage tourism
- Raises local awareness and creates momentum

Who is Aaron Price?

- Family man married for 24 years and counting, father of 4 children, and looking forward to grandchildren
- Madison County Supervisor since 2013
- Field Artillery Officer that served in the Army for 26 years
- Bachelor's degree in Physical Geography, MS degrees in Engineering Management and Business Ethics and Compliance.

Why Historic Preservation?

- Reluctant Historic Preservationist
- Ties to the past
- It is Interesting



Benefits to participate

- Why take an active role in preservation?
 - Elected officials
 - Community
- Economic
- Cultural





PRESERVE IOWA SUMMIT
Mining the Past | June 8-10 **2017**

Plymouth Gypsum Mill Fort Dodge, Ia.

Fort Dodge
June 8-10, 2017

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A high-angle, panoramic view of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road curves through a green field towards a red barn and a tall, cylindrical silo. To the left, a cornfield with distinct rows of crops is visible. The middle ground is dominated by a dense forest of green trees. In the background, rolling hills and fields are visible under a clear sky. The word "Questions?" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

Questions?

Thanks for participating!
Here's how to contact us:

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