

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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
Lathrop-Munn Cobblestone House
AND/OR COMMON
Munn Cobblestone House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
524 Bluff Street
CITY, TOWN
Beloit
STATE
Wisconsin 53511
VICINITY OF
First
COUNTY
Rock
CODE
55
CODE
105

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Miss Grace Munn
STREET & NUMBER
528 Bluff Street
CITY, TOWN
Beloit
STATE
Wisconsin 53511

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Rock County Court House
STREET & NUMBER
51 South Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Janesville
STATE
Wisconsin 53545

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Rock County Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings
DATE
1975
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
Rock County Historical Society
CITY, TOWN
Janesville
STATE
Wisconsin 53545

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lathrop-Munn house was built ca. 1848 as a 1 1/2 story 26' x 30' cobblestone block in Greek Revival style, with gabled roof and returned cornices. Walls are only 1' thick, suggesting a probability of brick infill. The cobblestones are well matched and relatively small, probably creek bed stones. Across the east front they are arranged in alternating bands of tan and black stones, 3-4 courses deep, giving a pronounced striped effect. Selection of color is more random on the south side, but here too stones are well matched for size and shape. The larger and more irregular stones were reserved for the north side. Throughout, they are set in rows in mortar which is raised in pronounced horizontal ridges between the courses of stones. Mortar bands also surround the buff limestone quoins and lintels. Rough-cut limestone was used for foundations, water table and quoins; the heavy straight lintels were tooled to create a dotted texture.

Later additions to the rear of the house and interior remodeling add to the livability of the house and enhance its usefulness and chances for preservation. About the 1870's, a frame, gable roofed wing was added flush with the north side to the rear; this 18' x 34' wing provides an ell extending 8' to the south. In the late 19th century three dormer windows were added to the cobblestone block, one window penetrating through the roof and frieze; and a first story bay was added on the south side creating a window frame 2' thick, rather than the foot thick frames of the cobblestone walls.

Interior walls are plastered; moldings date to ca. 1880 in the frame wing and approximately turn-of-the-century in the two parlors and the front hall, which utilize the cobblestone block. The installation of the oak entrance stairway resulted in the shuttered closure of a first story window on the north side. A fireplace with a fine copper grate (of Arts-and-Crafts and Japanese motifs) and beveled glass at the lights at the front doorway also seem to date from this period. A flat-roofed porch to the rear was enclosed and remodeled as a kitchen and porch about 1955.

The house is sound and very well maintained. There is an old metal tie rod near the front. A 19th century veranda was removed years ago. The stone work was tuckpointed and the back wing and the trim were painted in 1975. The house is presently operated as a rental property adjacent to the frame house of its owner.

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 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
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<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 c. 1848

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lathrop-Munn cobblestone house is one of the two best preserved cobblestone houses remaining in the City of Beloit. (The other is the Hinman-Rasey house.) The 1870 census of Beloit listed 25 cobblestone houses;¹ by 1976 there were only six buildings remaining in the City of Beloit which were all or partially constructed of cobblestone.² It is a fine example of the cobblestone architecture imported into Wisconsin by settlers who came mostly from New England or New York, and is noteworthy for the fine matching of smooth pebbles, creating a striped pattern of tan and black across the facade of the house. Additions do not seriously detract from the cobblestone fabric of the building.

The house was built on Lot 104 of Hackett's Addition on the west side of the Rock River. John Hackett (1808-86), was the first store owner (1837-38) and postmaster (1839) of Beloit. With his father-in-law, Caleb Blodgett, he had been one of the first permanent settlers of Beloit. He became a prominent businessman, landowner, and mayor (1879). In 1848 Hackett sold the lot for \$700, with the house possibly already constructed, to Frederick A. Lathrop, who apparently then retained ownership until 1864. In the latter part of the 19th century the house was owned by an inventor and a physician, and in the first half of the 20th century, by a plumber.

1. M. Burkhardt, "Cobblestone Heritage in Beloit," Beloit Daily News, June 14, 1969.
2. Douglas and Hartung, Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings, 1976, p. 14.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Book of Beloit, (Beloit, 1936)
 Burkhart, M., "Cobblestone Heritage in Beloit," Beloit Daily News, June 14, 1969. Illus.
 "Cobblestone Architecture," file in Rock County Historical Society Library
 Douglas, Nancy B. and Hartung, Richard P., Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings,
 (Janesville, 1976), 195-197
 Shedd, N. S., "Cobblestone Buildings in Southern Wisconsin," Antiques Journal, April,
 1974, p. 21, fig. 2

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.2
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1 6	3 3 2 2 1 0	4 7 0 7 1 9 0	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

Nancy Belle Douglas, Preservation Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Rock County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 896

CITY OR TOWN

Janesville

DATE

December 3, 1976

TELEPHONE

608/756-4509

STATE

Wisconsin 53545

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

Richard W. Murray

TITLE Acting Director,
 State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

1/25/77

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W.D. Murtagh
Charles H. Newberry

DATE

8/25/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-18-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER ^{See} Below PAGE 1

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6. Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory
1975
State
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison
Wisconsin 53706
11. Donald N. Anderson, Historian & Registrar, Historic Preservation Division
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison
7 December 1976
608/262-0746
Wisconsin 53706

Property Lathrop-Munn Cobblestone House

Rock

State Wisconsin Working Number 2.4.77.223

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

CONTROL

OK ^{pl} 2.7.77

HISTORIAN

accept
B. Grosvenor
4/26/77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept
Lobovich
4.20.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
4/27/77

BRANCH CHIEF

Herrington
8.18.77

KEEPER

Wm
8/22/77

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 10.4.77 Re-submit _____

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

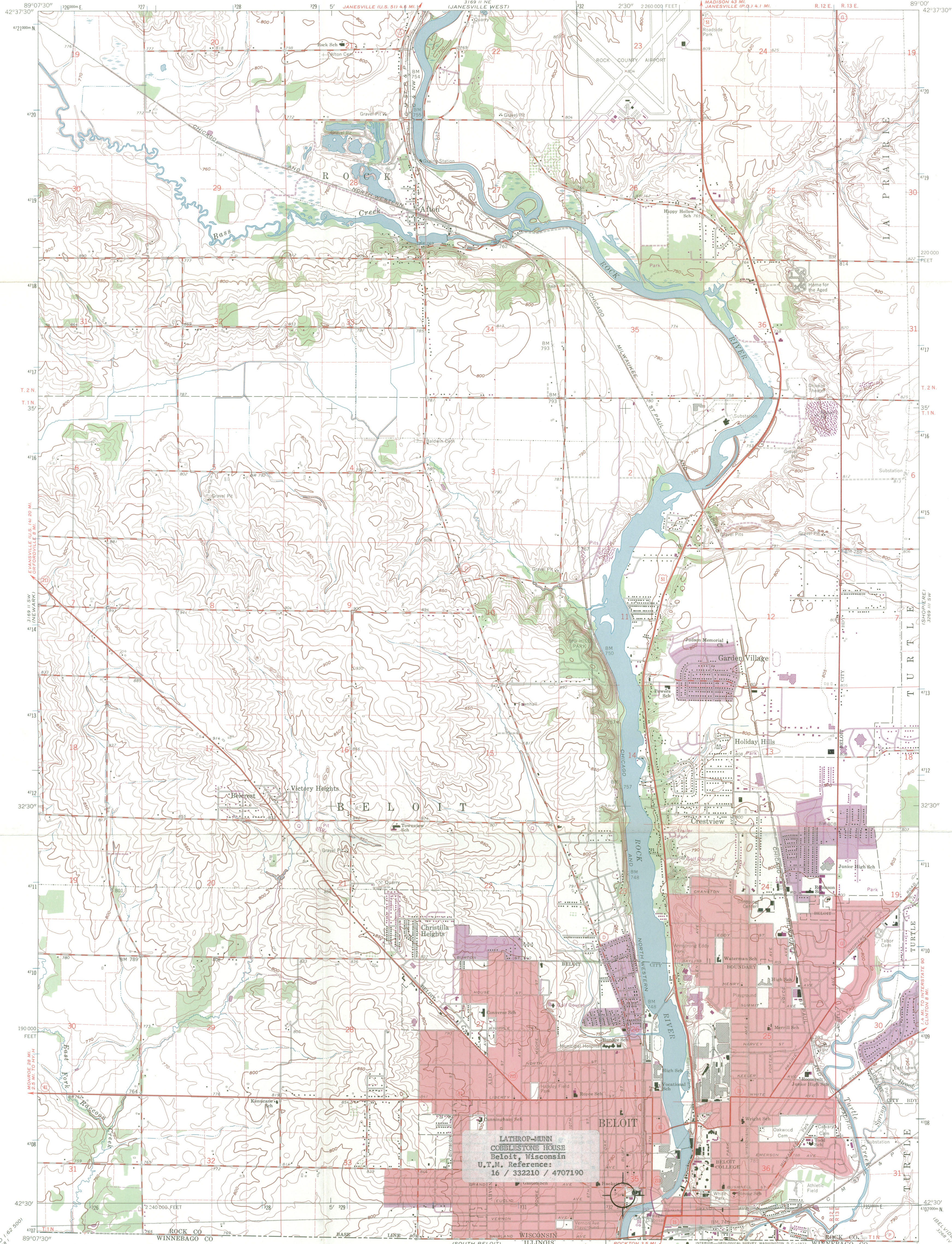
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Lathrop-Munn House, Beloit,
Wis., Feb., 1975. Photo #1 of
1. View taken from southeast.
Photo by Nancy B. Douglas. Neg.
at State Historical Society
of Wisconsin

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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey in cooperation with State of Wisconsin agencies

Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1962

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum

10,000-foot grid based on Wisconsin coordinate system, south zone

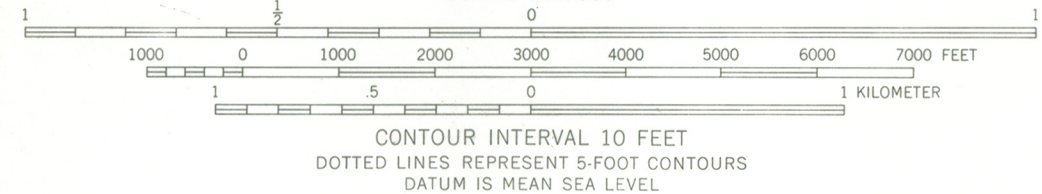
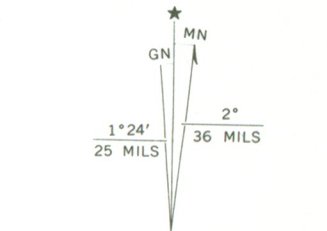
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1971. This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———

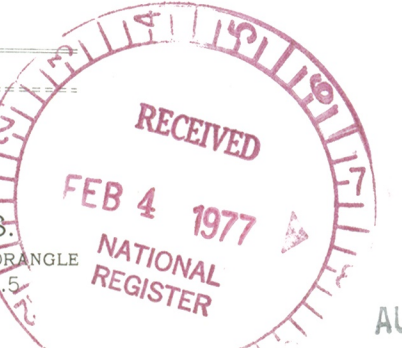
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———

U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
AND BY THE WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53706
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BELOIT, WIS.
SE 1/4 JANSVILLE 19 QUADRANGLE
N 4230—W 8900

1962
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 3169 II SE—SERIES W861



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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WISCONSIN

Date Entered AUG 22 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Culton, Charles L., House	Edgerton Rock County
Lathrop-Munn Cobblestone House	Beloit Rock County
Soo Line High Bridge	St. Croix County

Also Notified

Hon. William Proxmire
Hon. Gaylord Nelson
Hon. Les Aspin
Hon. Alvin J. Baldus
Regional Director, Midwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Richard A. Erney
Acting Director, State Historical Society
of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

NR Data Sheet

DATE: April 20, 1977
Reviewer INITIALS: Leovich
NR DOE AUG 22 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Lathrop-Munn Cobblestone House

OTHER NAMES: Munn Cobblestone House

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 524 Bluff St.

CITY, TOWN Beloit

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st

STATE Wisconsin 55 VICINITY OF

COUNTY Rock code 105

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
then- residential
now- residential

SIGNIFICANCE:

- | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | | <input type="checkbox"/> planning |

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: *cobblestone*

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *c 1848*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS: *late 19th c*

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

.2

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

cobblestone, rectangular, 2 story, gable with cornice return + dormers, perpendicular frame 2 story rectangular gable wing.

stone lintels + quoins

SIGNIFICANCE:

(maximum two sentences)

one of the few best preserved cobblestone houses in Beloit