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The written history of Iowa begins on June 17, 1673, when Joliet and Marquette paddled out of Wisconsin and into the broad expanse of the Mississippi just below McGregor, Iowa. Everything before that date is pre-historic Iowa and is best represented by the Effigy Mounds National Monument above present-day Marquette.

The Effigy Mounds National Monument was established by Presidential proclamation on October 25, 1949. Establishment of the area resulted from the efforts of conservation-minded Iowans (including the State Historical Society of Iowa) over many years.

The Society is proud of its part in bringing this much-deserved honor to Iowa. The two square miles embracing Effigy Mounds National Monument contain mounds dating back nearly 1,000 years to the period of the Crusades and form a good starting points for "Some Historic Sites in Iowa."

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Explanatory Signs Help the Visitor.

Headquarters of the Effigy Mound National Monument.
Guides Explain the Mounds Along Picturesque Trails.

The Mississippi Can Be Seen From Park Trail.
REMAINS OF OLD FORT ATKINSON

Fort Atkinson

Established — 1840; Abandoned — 1849; Sold at Auction — 1853.

Fort Atkinson was established to protect the Winnebago Indians from the Sioux on the North and from the Sauk and Fox on the South. The Winnebago were removed from the Neutral Ground to Minnesota in 1848.
Monument Commemorating Visit of Renowned Composer in 1893.

The Home in which Dvorak lived. Here he completed the "New World" symphony, composed his "American Quartette" and a quintette for strings, and found inspiration for "Humoresque." The Bily Clocks are now housed in this home.
SYMPHONIES IN WOOD: SOME BILY BROTHERS CLOCKS

Spillville

Violin Clock

The Statuary Clock

First Thanksgiving Plaque

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NORWEGIAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Decorah

THE HARLAN HOME
Mount Pleasant
Exterior of Cabin on Luther College Campus.

Interior View of Pioneer Cabin.

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHAPEL
Near Festina

(At right) Interior View of 4-pew St. Anthony Chapel.

ST. PETER’S GERMAN UNITED EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Near Garnavillo

Built in 1858 near Ghost Village of Ceres.

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There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier place in the dale
No spot is so dear to my childhood,
As the little brown church in the vale.
A French Canadian who came to Prairie du Chien in 1785, Dubuque received permission of the Fox Indians to work the lead mines around present-day Dubuque in 1788. A Spanish Land Grant was made to him in 1796. He died in 1810.

CENTURY-OLD SHOT TOWER — SYMBOL OF THE LEAD ERA

Dubuque
THE TRAPPIST ABBEY OF NEW MELLERAY
Near Dubuque

Exterior of the Abbey.

Interior View of Chapel at New Melleray.

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A LUXEMBURG IDYLL OF THE 1850'S

St. Donatus

The Church at St. Donatus.

Main Street in St. Donatus.
FOURTH STREET ELEVATOR

Dubuque

THE OLDEST LOG CABIN IN IOWA — 1833

Eagle Point Park in Dubuque.

From State Historical Society Collection
MARKER FOR FORT MADISON: THE FIRST AMERICAN FORT IN IOWA (1808-1813)

Fort Madison
REPLICA OF THE FIRST SCHOOL IN IOWA (1830)

Galland

SCHOOL ATTENDED BY HERBERT QUICK

Orion Park in Grundy Center

HERBERT QUICK
SCHOOL-HOUSE.
Wildcat Den State Park — Muscatine County
IOWA SOLDIERS HOME

Marshalltown

Statue of Soldier

Cemetery
OUR HEROIC DEAD — CIVIL WAR

Samuel Ryan Curtis
Keokuk

John M. Corse
Burlington

National Cemetery
Keokuk

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MONUMENT TO CHIEF WAPELLO

Agency

GRAVES OF CHIEF WAPELLO AND JOSEPH M. STREET

Agency
OUR FIRST IOWANS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Chief Keokuk
Keokuk

Chief Mahaska
Oskaloosa

Black Hawk Springs
Burlington
HOME OF FIRST GOVERNOR OF TERRITORY OF IOWA

Plum Grove — Home of Governor Robert Lucas

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AMANA — THE COMMUNITY OF TRUE INSPIRATION

Amana

From State Historical Society Collections

Amana Church
A BIT OF HOLLAND IN IOWA

Pella

Pella Historical Museum
THE WILLIAM BOYD ALLISON MONUMENT

Des Moines

IOWA STATE CAPITOL

Des Moines
THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE: 1857
Arnolds Park

Monument erected 1895

Gardner Log Cabin — 1888
From Gilchrist's Iowa

Gardner Log Cabin — 1960
Photo by Grace A. Rindsig
GRAVE OF ANSEL BRIGGS — FIRST STATE GOVERNOR

Monument Over Grave of Ansel Briggs

Bronze Tablet Marking Tree Planted by Ansel Briggs

Butterworth Tavern — Ansel Briggs Lived Here
WAR EAGLE'S GRAVE OVERLOOKING THE BIG SIOUX

Sioux City

MONUMENT TO SERGEANT CHARLES FLOYD

Sioux City
LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL

Council Bluffs

Lewis and Clark passed along the western border of Iowa from July 18 to August 20, 1804. They held a council with the Missouri and Oto Indians in the vicinity of Council Bluffs for which the present city has received its name.
ALONG THE WAUBONSIE TRAIL
Fremont County

Photos Courtesy Iowa Conservation Commis...
BIRTHPLACE OF IOWA'S ONLY PRESIDENT

West Branch

Herbert Hoover Birthplace

Replica of Blacksmith Shop of Jesse Hoover

West Branch

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TERRITORIAL AND STATE CAPITOL — 1841-1857
Now University of Iowa Administration Building
Iowa City