

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Dick-Kobel Homestead

and/or common William Kobel Property

2. Location

street & number _____

_____ not for publication

city, town Jamestown
North Moniteau Township vicinity of X congressional district #4-Hon. Ike Skelton

state Missouri code 029 county Cooper code 053

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes; restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes; unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William Kobel

street & number RFD

city, town Jamestown ☒ vicinity of _____ state Missouri 65233

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of Recorder of Deeds, Cooper County Courthouse

street & number Main and High Streets

city, town Boonville state Missouri 65233

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

1. Friends of Historic Boonville, Phase 11

title County Survey has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 3/1980-3/1981 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

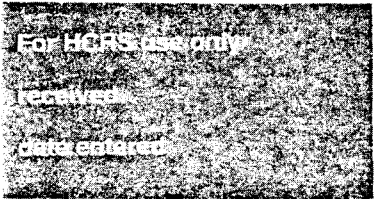
depository for survey records Friends of Historic Boonville
P.O. Box 1776

city, town Boonville

state Missouri 65233

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2. Missouri State Historic Survey
1981
Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Program
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City

State

Missouri 65201

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Built of 8" by 8" hand-hewn horizontal log, this 1-1/2 story house sits high on a bluff overlooking the Moniteau River Valley. The original room is capped by a gable roof, supported on cedar pole rafters which are pegged at the peak without using a center ridgeboard (see photo 4). It sits on stone piers and has a hand-sawn floor with a mud pack and wood slat subfloor. A lean-to section on the primary (east) facade is built of vertical logs set into a hewn log sill with wattle and daub (see photo 7). The structure is clapboarded and embellished with large, exposed top plate corner blocks, a raking cornice and trabeated two-over-two windows with shutters. On the interior is an exposed beam ceiling which runs east to west, a unique wall surface of 1" to 1-1/2" straw and mud daubing (see photos 5 and 6), and a boxed corner stair in the northeast corner, measuring 3' by 3' at the base, and retaining its plank door. The walnut plank door in the east wall is also original and measures 3' wide.

To the north, a frame addition and open pent porch on the northeast were built in 1901. The porch has since been enclosed for an equipment storage area. In the northeast corner of the room is a boxed stair which has an exterior entrance. At the time of this construction, a quarried stone foundation was put under the original room and clapboarding was added. These rooms were heated by stoves and there is no evidence of a fireplace in the log section. (See attached floor plan for measurements and details).

Numerous log outbuildings, including a smokehouse, granary, barn, drying shed, were originally associated with this property; only a barn to the southwest remains (see drawing for location of original buildings). The remaining log barn is a single crib with a gable roof with pent frame additions to its north and south facades. A later frame gable and pent outbuilding to the northwest is an intrusion to the area.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1854; 1901 **Builder/Architect** Adolph Dick/John Kobel; Johannas Kobel

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This log and frame 1-1/2 story building is significant because it:(1) represents a fine example of log construction in an area of the state where numerous log structures are still extant; (2) is unique in the use of mud and straw pack as subfloor material and as interior wall surface; (3) is the only example of true wattle and daub technique known in the central area of the state; and (4), although it is not as old as other structures in Cooper County, this dwelling has been well preserved and stands as an exceptional example of log construction as practiced by the early German immigrants.

In 1854, Adolph and Anna Dick and their three children emigrated from Prussia, Germany, to Cooper County where they constructed this log residence and later, a series of outbuildings. The Dick heirs sold the improved farm and cabin to the Frederick Schneider family in 1878. Johannas and Sophia Kobel and a brother John Ulrick Kobel, Swiss immigrants who arrived in Missouri in 1889, purchased the 160 acre farm in 1891. Oral history indicated they chose this site because the Moniteau Creek and its surrounding hills were reminiscent of their native land. It was the Kobel family who made the 1901 alterations and addition. The property continued in the ownership of the Kobel family, but in 1918 the dwelling ceased to be used as a residence. In 1941, William J. Kobel, a grandson of Johannas, became the sole owner and in spite of the fact that the structure is used as an outbuilding, for hay storage at present, he has continued to maintain and preserve the log and frame building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

1. 1877 Atlas Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
2. 1897 Illustrated Historical Atlas of Cooper County, Missouri.
3. 1915 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name "California North, Mo."

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References lat.: 38 44 48 long.: 92 35 33

A

1	5	5	3	5	4	1	2	4	2	8	8	5	3	6
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B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification The cabin sits on a bluff facing east and is part of a larger tract. Only the area described below is being nominated. The above UTM reference is the midpoint. Beginning at a point 10' north of the northeast corner of the structure, and extending east 50' to a fence and gate which run north to south (cont)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Linda Harper, Architectural Historian
1. James Higbie, Historian

organization	<u>Friends of Historic Boonville</u>	date	<u>January 1981</u>
street & number	<u>P.O. Box 1776</u>	telephone	<u>(816) 882-7977</u>
city or town	<u>Boonville</u>	state	<u>Missouri 65233</u>

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title	<u>Director, Department of Natural Resources</u> <u>and State Historic Preservation Officer</u>	date
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

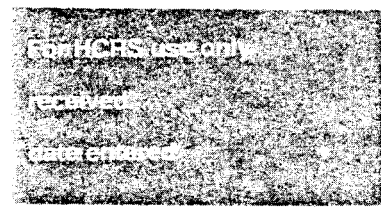
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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- 4. 1874 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
- 5. 1925 Map of Cooper County, Missouri.
- 6. Property Abstract.
- 7. Interview with Mr. and Mrs. William Kobel, August 1980.
- 8. Adolph Dick Geneological Records, copy in Friends of Historic Boonville Archives.
- 9. Note from Mrs. Frank Dick on Dick Family history, Friends of Historic Boonville Archives
- 10. Fredrick Schneider Probate Court Records, Probate Court Records, File #4974, County Courthouse, Boonville, Missouri.
- 11. Interview with Mrs. Charles Frialing, September 1980.
- 12. Original photograph of John Ulrick, Johannas and Sophia Kobel, ca. 1925, in possession of William Kobel.

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then south along this fence 80', then west on a line parallel to the south facade of the cabin approximately 150' to the southwest corner of the log outbuilding, then north 80' and then east approximately 73' to the point of beginning.

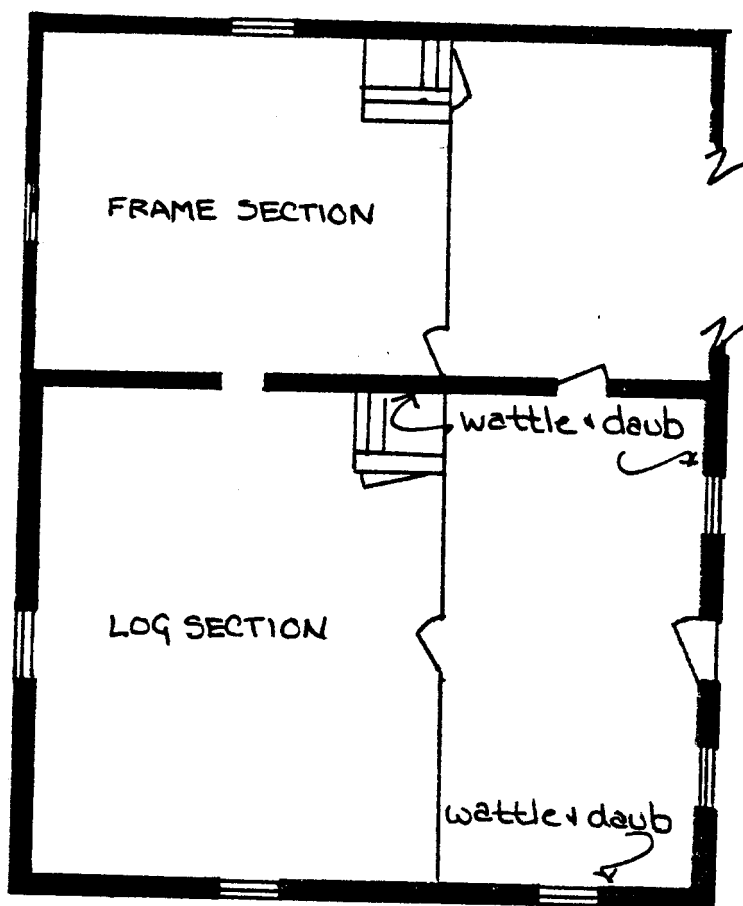
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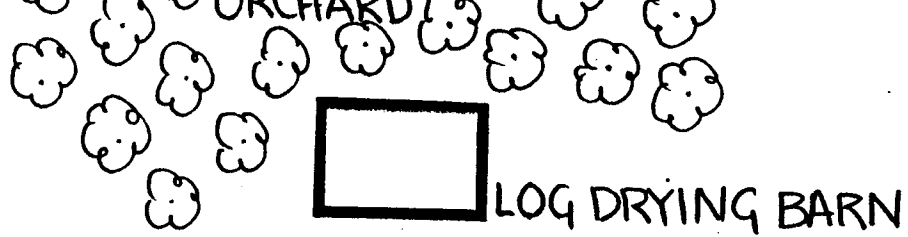
2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey and State Contact Person Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Program P.O. Box 176 Jefferson City	April 1980 (314) 751-4096 Missouri 65201
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DICK-KOBEL HOMESTEAD

cooper county, mo.

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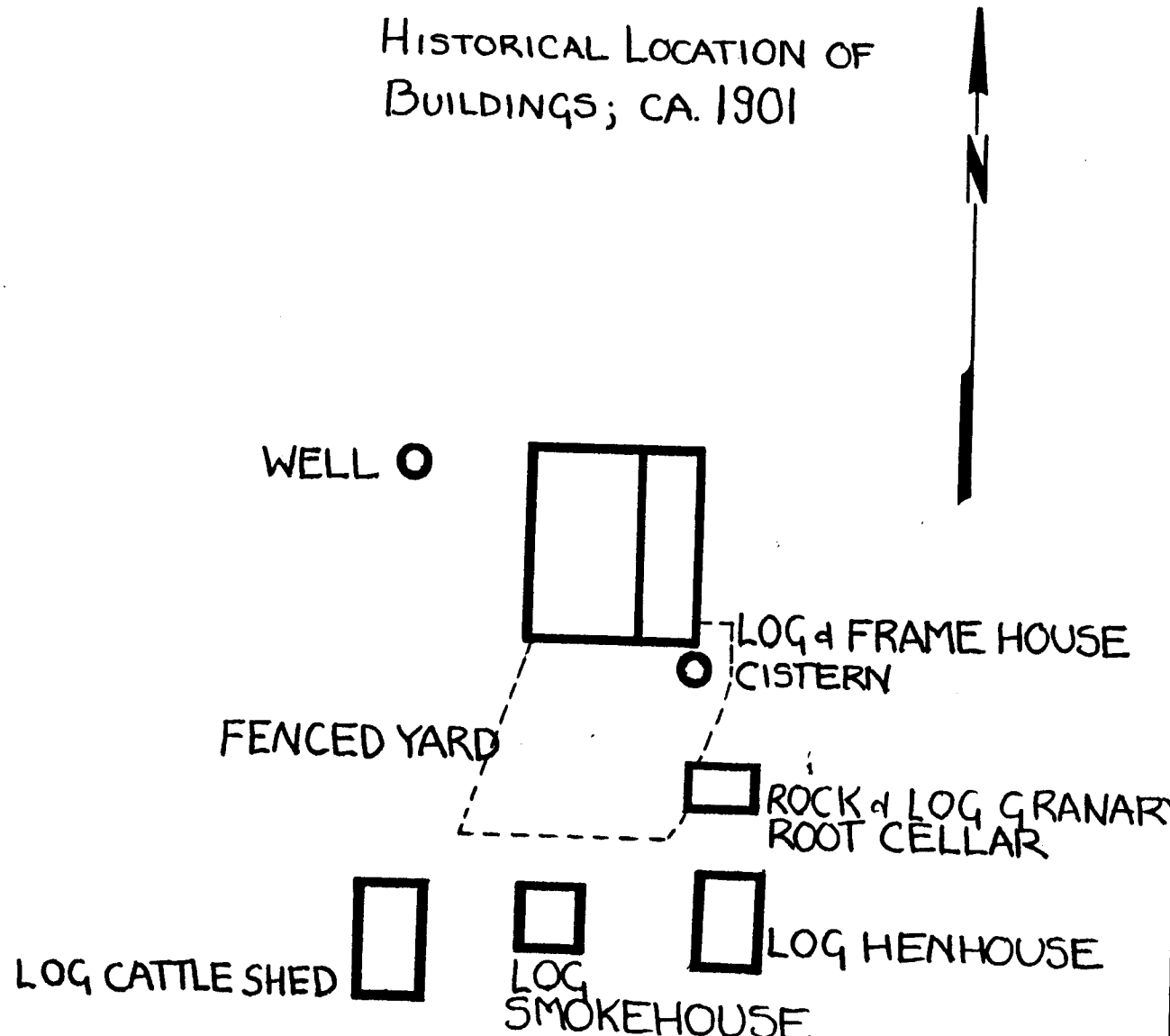




DICK-KOBEL HOMESTEAD

COOPER COUNTY

HISTORICAL LOCATION OF
BUILDINGS; CA. 1901



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

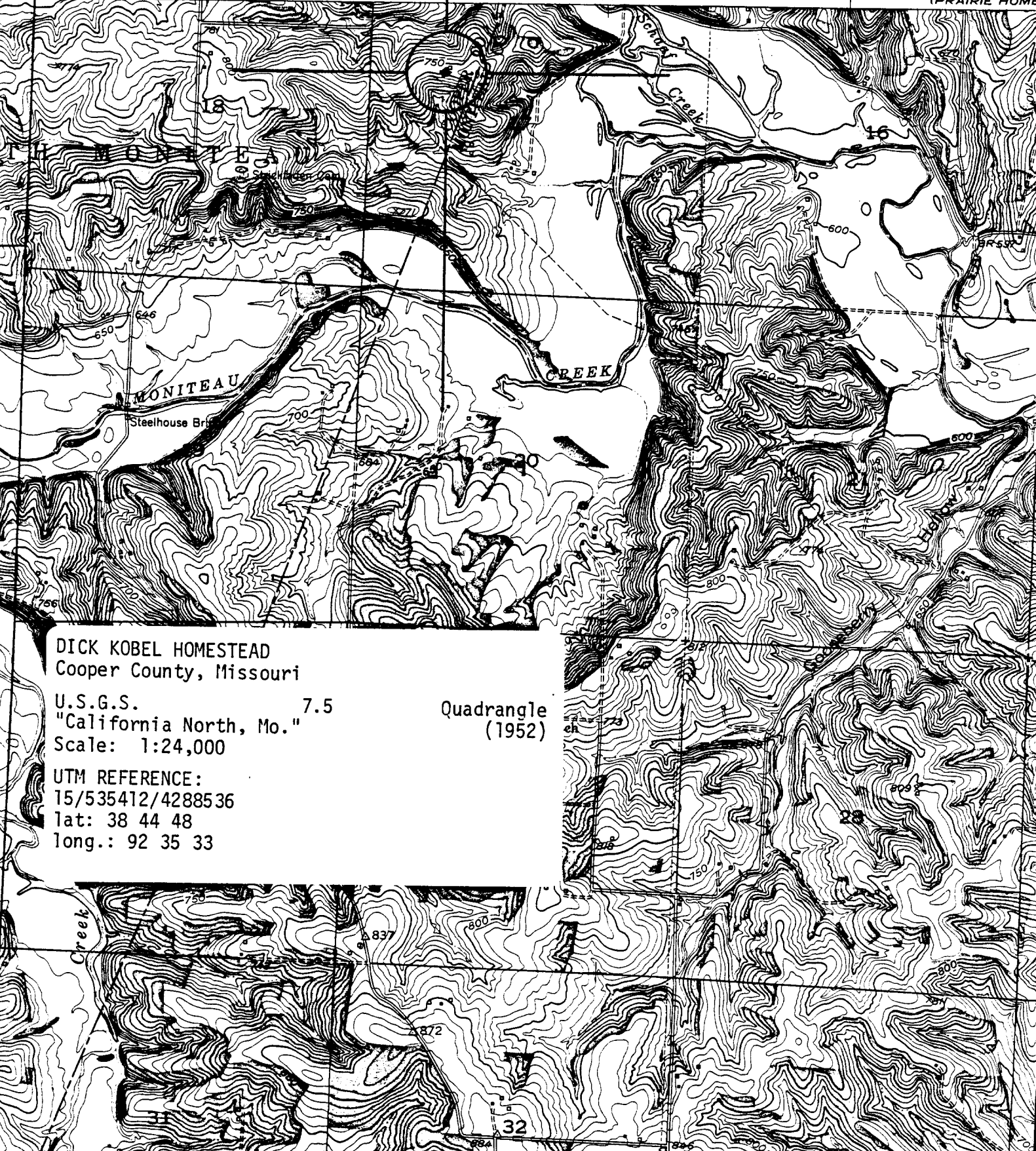
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PRAIRIE HOME 5.2 MI.

35'

STATE OF MISSOURI
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND WATER
EDWARD L. CLARK, STATE

(PRAIRIE HOME)



DICK KOBEL HOMESTEAD
Cooper County, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5
"California North, Mo."
Scale: 1:24,000

Quadrangle
(1952)

UTM REFERENCE:
15/535412/4288536
lat: 38 44 48
long.: 92 35 33

Photo Log:

Name of Property: **Dick-Kobel Homestead**

City or Vicinity: **Jamestown vicinity**

County: **Cooper County** State: **MO**

Photographer: **J. Higbee**

Date

Photographed: **August 1980**

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 7. View looking SW

2 of 7. View from SW looking NE

3 of 7. View showing quarried foundation stone, diagonal chinking between logs, and mud pack of subfloor.

4 of 7. View of cedar pole rafter construction

5 of 7. View of interior E wall showing exposed beam ceiling, mud and straw dobbling, and plank door.

6 of 7. Detail of interior mud and straw pack

7 of 7. Detail of Wattle and daub in SE room













