

Independence Township Continued

- #122 Pleasant Hill School
- #123 The First Kamrar School

Liberty Township

- #124 School #1
- #125 School #3 / Deakman School
- #126 School #2 / Ford School
- #127 School #1 / Halsne School
- #128 School #6 / Doolittle School
- #129 An Unnamed School
- #130 Liberty Center #5 / Bluff Prairie School
- #131 School #4 / Oltoff School
- #132 An Unnamed School
- #133 School #7 / Brock School
- #134 School #9 / Klaver School
- #135 School #8 / Luppess School

Rose Grove Township

- #136 School #1 / Silvernail School
- #137 An Unnamed School
- #138 School #3
- #139 School #2 / Snow School
- #140 School #6
- #141 An Unnamed School
- #142 Rose Grove Center School
- #143 School #4
- #144 Walker School
- #145 School #7
- #146 Skunk Grove School
- #147 Rose Grove School
- #148 School #9
- #149 School #8

Williams Township

- #150 School #6
- #151 School #7 / Lenz School
- #152 School #5
- #153 School #5 / School #4
- #154 Jaycox School
- #155 School #3 / Williams Center School
- #156 An Unnamed School
- #157 School #3 / School #2
- #158 School #1
- #159 First School

Blairsburg Township

- #160 Chapman School

- #161 School #4
- #162 Mulberry School
- #163 Irving / Ashpole School
- #164 Safford School
- #165 Ashpole or Irving School
- #166 First School
- #167 Thompson School
- #168 McCartney School
- #169 School #3
- #170 Cooper School
- #171 First Blairsburg School

Cass Township

- #172 Frakes School
- #173 School #1 / Oak Glen School
- #174 An Unnamed School
- #175 Foster School
- #176 Sunnyside School
- #177 Boak School
- #178 First School / White Fox School
- #179 An Unnamed School
- #180 School #7
- #181 An Unnamed School

- #182 Beisner School
- #183 Bickford School
- #184 Hillcrest School
- #185 Stone School

Freemont Township

- #186 Bach Grove School
- #187 School #3
- #188 School #4
- #189 Oak Grove School
- #190 An Unnamed School
- #191 School #3
- #192 An Unnamed School
- #193 An Unnamed School
- #194 Fremont Center School
- #195 School #4
- #196 School # 5
- #197 School #6
- #198 School #5
- #199 School #7
- #200 School #6 or the Youngclas School
- #201 School #8



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Country School Houses

COUNTRY SCHOOLS



A total of 201 Country School Houses were located at one time or another in Hamilton County, Iowa!

1854 saw the first school built in Hamilton County. By 1874 there were eighty of them. There are no longer any Country School Houses operating as such in the County.

Liberty Center #5 in Liberty Township is the only one left on its original site.

Sometimes they moved the school houses and called them a different name.

Many were sold and moved, turned into houses or farm buildings.

Most were demolished.

We will never know the full stories these Hamilton County Country School Houses could tell us today.

The map of the school houses are shown in today's format of 16 Townships with 36 Sections each.

Hamilton County Townships have gone through several reorganizations. It is beyond the scope of this brochure to include all those changes.

Sources of information:

The 1985 edition of *The History of Hamilton County* by Martin E. Nass. It has been used with permission of the Kendall Young Library. They are the repository of his works.

The 1875 *History of Iowa*.

The 1875 - 1930 Hamilton County plat maps.



Harmony School ~ # 89

Harmony School was located in the middle of the W border and E one-fourth mile in Section 9 of Webster Township.

It closed in 1949 and was moved to the Bell's Mill County Park. More information about the Park can be found at: <https://www.mycountyparks.com/County/Hamilton/Park/Bells-Mill-Park.aspx>



Harmony Center School ~ #93

Harmony Center School was located in the NW corner and one-fourth of a mile S in Section 24 of Webster Township.

It was moved to the Wilson Brewer Complex in Webster City in 1977. Renovations have been made to maintain this piece of our history. More information about this school can be found at: <https://webstercity.com/our-community/arts-culture/wilson-brewer-historic-park/harmony-center-school/>



Liberty Center Number Five / Bluff Prairie School ~ #130

Liberty Center Number Five is located in the SE corner of Section 16 of Liberty Township.

It is the only non-converted Country School House in situ in Hamilton County. According to L. Jensen the school was built about 1875 and burned because of a lightning strike.

It was rebuilt. The original two separate outhouses were replaced at the same time by a double outhouse which were attached to the coal shed.

It closed in 1939 and has been the Township Hall ever since. It is in the process of being restored for use as a museum and educational purposes.

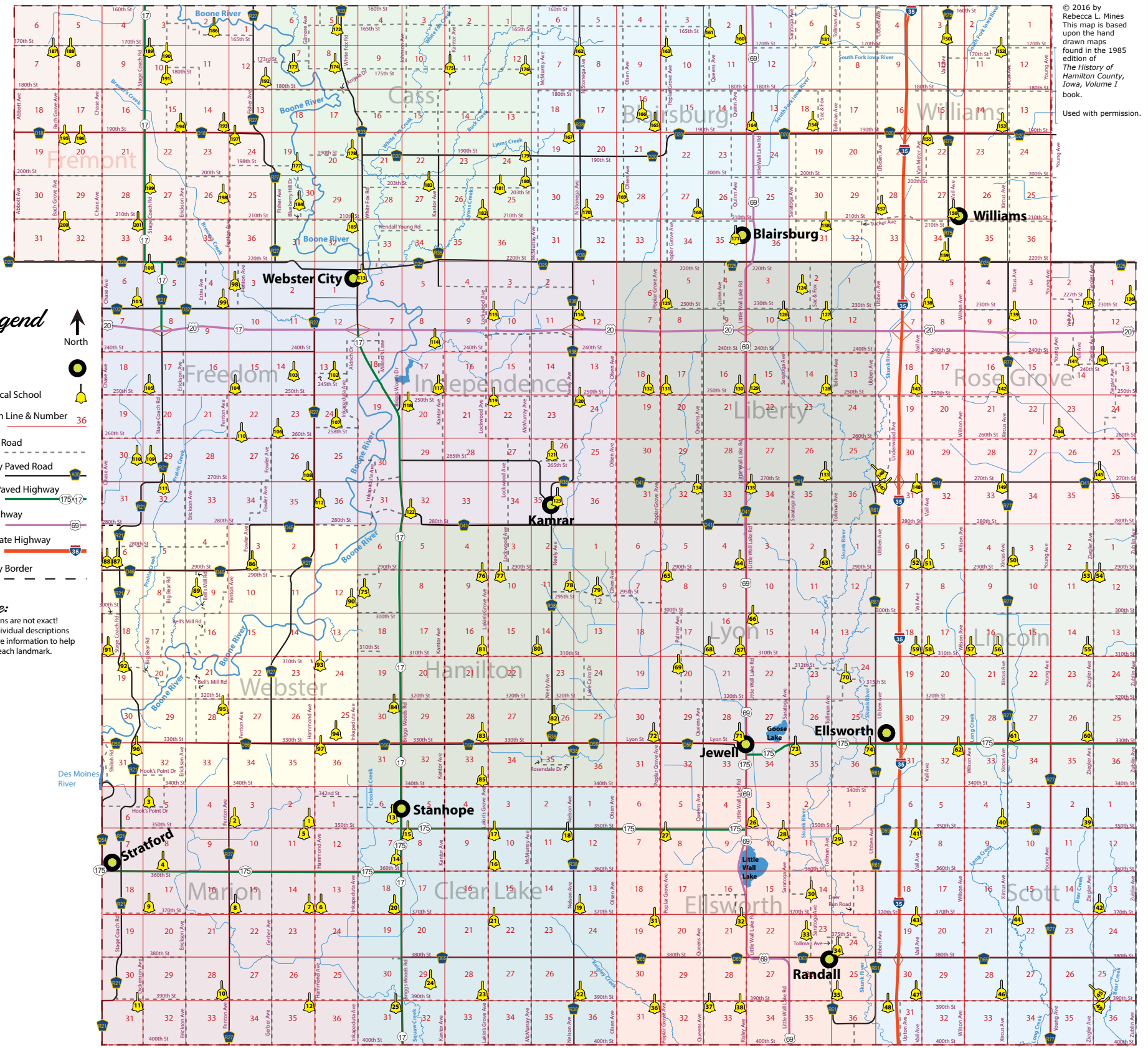
Hamilton County Iowa

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Legend

- North ↑
- Town ●
- Historical School 🏫
- Section Line & Number 36
- Gravel Road
- County Paved Road
- State Paved Highway
- US Highway
- Interstate Highway
- County Border

Note:
Locations are not exact!
See individual descriptions for more information to help locate each landmark.



Marion Township

- #1 School #5 / Northeast Marion School / Bitter Creek School
- #2 School #2 / Crane School
- #3 Hook's Point School
- #4 An Unnamed School
- #5 An Unnamed School
- #6 School #6 / School #5 / East Marion School
- #7 An Unnamed School
- #8 School #7 / School #8 / Marion Center School / Lund School
- #9 School #8 / School #3 / West Marion School
- #10 School #10 / School #7 / South Marion School
- #11 School #9 / School #8
- #12 School #11 / School #6

Clear Lake Township

- #13 An Unnamed School
- #14 Wilson School
- #15 School #2 / Squaw Creek School
- #16 An Unnamed School
- #17 School #3 / School #2
- #18 School #1
- #19 School house #5 / Kniveland
- #20 School #3
- #21 School #6 / School #4 / Lake Center School
- #22 School #4 / School #6 / Rosendale School
- #23 School #7
- #24 An Unnamed School
- #25 School #7 / School #8

Ellsworth Township

- #26 School #3 / School #4
- #27 School #1 / School #9

#28 An Unnamed School

- #29 School #3
- #30 An Unnamed School
- #31 School #5 / School #8
- #32 School #5 / School #4
- #33 School #2 / School #8
- #34 Randall School
- #35 School #1 / Ellsworth Center School
- #36 School #4 / School #7
- #37 An Unnamed School
- #38 School #6

Scott Township

- #39 School House #1 / Salem School
- #40 School #2 / Spring Valley School
- #41 School #5 / School #3
- #42 School #3 / School #6 / Sunnyside School
- #43 School #4 / Branyard School
- #44 School #5 / Scott Center
- #45 School #7 / Viking School
- #46 School #2 / School #8 / Shady Lawn School / Espe School
- #47 School #9 / Sandness School
- #48 School #1 / Sheldall School
- #49 School #7 / Viking School

Lincoln Township

- #50 School #2
- #51 School #3
- #52 School #3
- #53 Fixen School
- #54 School #1
- #55 School #6 / Elwick School
- #56 School #5 / Lincoln Center School
- #57 An Unnamed School
- #58 Lincoln #4 / Fosseen School

#59 School #4

- #60 School #7 / Maxon School
 - #61 School #8 / Cragwick School
 - #62 Lincoln #9 / Sexy School
- ### Lyon Township
- #63 Prairie School
 - #64 North Lyon School
 - #65 School #3 / North Cairo School
 - #66 An Unnamed School
 - #67 Lyon Center School
 - #68 An Unnamed School
 - #69 School #4
 - #70 Lakin's Grove School
 - #71 First Jewell School
 - #72 South Cairo School
 - #73 School #5 or Ridge School
 - #74 An Unnamed School

Hamilton Township

- #75 Saratoga School
- #76 New Grandview School
- #77 Grandview School
- #78 Cairo School
- #79 An Unnamed School
- #80 An Unnamed School
- #81 Hamilton Center School
- #82 Lake View School
- #83 An Unnamed School
- #84 Fairview School
- #85 Garden Center School

Webster Township

- #86 Bethel School
- #87 Homer School
- #88 An Unnamed School

#89 Harmony School

- #90 An Unnamed School
- #91 An Unnamed School
- #92 Shelton School / South Bend School
- #93 Harmony Center
- #94 An Unnamed School
- #95 The White Elephant School
- #96 School #2 / McKinney School
- #97 Pleasant Prairie School

Freedom Township

- #98 School #10
- #99 Cooper School / Morrow School
- #100 An Unnamed School
- #101 Russell School
- #102 School #7
- #103 An Unnamed School
- #104 Freedom Center School
- #105 West Freedom School
- #106 Poplar Grove School
- #107 The Union School
- #108 The Silvers School
- #109 Hamar School
- #110 Prairie Mound School
- #111 Swamp College
- #112 Coal School

Independence Township

- #113 The First Webster City School
- #114 Essig School
- #115 Woodleaf School
- #116 School #1
- #117 School #2
- #118 School #3
- #119 School #4 / Independence Center School
- #121 Poland's Grove School