BUILDING FORMAL ANALYSIS
28 SHAKE RAG STREET, MINERAL POINT, WI
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The house at 28 Shake Rag Street in Mineral Point, WI (also known as the Ingraham House, or the Joseph James Cottage, or the Issac Tamblyn Cottage) is currently owned by the Wisconsin State Historical Society and run as a Bed and Breakfast. It is an example of a single story L-shaped Cornish house built c. 1844 (Mineral Point Tax Records, University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Library) with an attached root cellar. The original portions of the house are constructed of limestone. Other frame additions were made later to the back of the house. The house is set at the bottom of a hill and close to the street. Looking at the house from the North side you can easily see the two gable shake roofs that slant towards each other and create a valley at the center of the original structure. You can also see the exposed root cellar, which looks in character like another part of the original house with another gable roof, and how the stone of the root cellar attaches to the rock in the hill in the North West corner.

The front façade of the house has an uncoursed layering of limestone. The front two corners of the house have large stones alternating up the corners so one dressed stone faces the front, while the next stone above it faces the side of the house, repeating the pattern from ground to roof. This 'quoining' of the corners adds both strength and pattern. The sides of the house are made of rubble stone. The stone walls of the first period structure vary in thickness from 15" to 18" thick. The front door is in the center of the facade with a matching window centered on each side. Each opening for the door and windows on the front of the house are splayed on the inside with six-over-six windows. There are three chimneys, one at each of the

three side gables. The two on the North side of the house have fireplaces. The one on the South side of the house does not and is not currently used. They all may have originally only had stoves since it is evident from both the outside and in the attics that all the chimneys were built into the top of the wall at each gable and show no evidence of a chimney going all the way down the wall for a fireplace.

To the left of the front door, there is evidence on the floor of a wall that has been removed. Thus, the one large room that now exists may have been two rooms. A modern bathroom now occupies about half of what may have been the South room on the left. Straight across from the front door is a single step down into the other leg of the original L-structure. This room would most likely have been the kitchen.

Attached to the kitchen is a small door opening into the root cellar. The root cellar has a vaulted ceiling, again all made of rock. At the back of the root cellar in the ceiling there is a 5”X9” vent. This vent was opened in the summer months to keep the root cellar drier, and covered in the winter months if necessary to keep the root cellar warmer. The root cellar and vaulted ceiling are all made of rubble stone and white-washed inside. The walls and ceiling of the root cellar are varying from 2 to 3 feet thick. A modern addition includes an expanded kitchen area and a bedroom.

The roof structure of this house is interesting since it has two gable roofs that slant toward each other creating a valley. The roof rafters of each gable appear from the attic to sit on the rock walls. They are made of hand cut 2X4 approximately 2 feet on center. When the roof rafters meet in valley of the two gables, they are cut at an angle, sit on the stone, overlap each other and are nailed together. The ceiling joists are also cut at an angle to fit under each

of the roof rafters and span each of the main rooms. Scrap pieces of 1X6 are then nailed to the peak of the roof rafters and the center of the ceiling joists. A perpendicularly positioned gable roof was probably added over the root cellar (possibly at the time of the timber additions).

Along the North and West sides of the root cellar are stone ledges that were built into the walls of the root cellar at ground level. On the North side this ledge curves vertically and extends almost to the roof line. They extend about one foot out from the walls.

Originally owned by Joseph R. James (Iowa County Deeds book H-428), this house was originally part of a very important street in Mineral Point, WI and would, as it still does, have many similarly built houses of the same style, size, and materials. From 1885 to 1900 the house was owned by Isaac Tamblyn and his family. This was one of many properties that he owned at the same time. (Iowa County Deeds Books 45-94, 52-440, 58-356, 62-296-299) According to a family source, Dr. John Rowe came from England and lived in this house. He worked in the mines when not helping sick people or animals. He is not listed in the Deeds, but may have been a renter of the Tamblyn family. (Mineral Point Room, Intensive Survey Form, Joseph James Cottage)

The additions were added sometime after a 1936 photo (see Appendix-B). According to local sources, Robert Neal and Edgar Hellum were responsible for some of the changes and restoration work. Care was taken to blend the modern additions into the style of the original building by putting splayed windows in. When this house was built, it was an example of the common side gable stone houses of the time in size, style, plan, and craftsmanship. However, having two gables sloping towards each other makes this house a bit less common.

Census Research for:

28 Shake Rag Street (Hoard Street) Mineral Point, WI

"Ingraham House" or "Joseph James Cottage"

Name:	**William Trewartha**
Age:	46
Estimated birth year:	abt 1804
Birth Place:	England
Gender:	Male
Home in 1850 (City,County,State):	Mineral Point, Iowa, Wisconsin
Family Number:	188
Household Members:	

Name	Age
William Trewartha	46
Sarah Trewartha	40
Sarah E Trewartha	8

Ass't Mar[illegible] **SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in** District No 6 the Town of Mineral Point **in the County of** Iowa **& State** Wisconsin **enumerated by me, on the** 26th **day of** July **1850.** George Mesenmith **Ass't Marshal.**

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Whether deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Age.	Sex.	Color, white, black, or mulatto.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	Place of Birth. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 y'rs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	186	Thomas James	24	m		none		England				
		Nana E James	24	F				Do				
		Thomas James Jr	3/12	m				Wisconsin				
	187	Nicholas Hollman	24	M		Miner		England				
		Mary A Hollman	18	F				Do				
	188	William Trewartha	46	M		Miner	150	Do				
		Sarah Trewartha	40	F				Do				
		Sarah E "	8	F				Do		1		
	189	John Thomas	30	M		Carpenter	350	Do				
		Mary Thomas	28	F				Do				
		Mary "	7	F				Do				
		Susan "	5	F				Do				
		John " Jr	4	M				Do				
	190	John Williams	53	M		Miner		Do				
		Martha "	16	F				Do				
	191	Elizabeth Carbes	26	F			250	Do				
		James "	4	M				Wisconsin		1		
		Susan "	2	F				Do				
		John "	8/12	M				Do				
		Elizabeth Ward	61	F				England				
	192	Samuel Harris	36	M		none	100	Do				
		Eliza Harris	30	F				Do				
		George Harris	11	M				Do		1		
		Bessy Harris	10	F				Canada		1		
		Ann Harris	9	F				Do		1		
		Eliza Harris	5	F				Do		1		
		Lucy "	2	F				Wisconsin				
		Elizabeth A. "	2/12	F				Do				
	193	James Robb	36	M		Stone Mason	500	Pennsylvania				
		Catharine E. Robb	40	F				Missouri				
		John "	12	M				Wisconsin		1		
		Lucina "	10	F				Do		1		
		Rebecca "	8	F				Do		1		
		James "	2	M				Do				
		Catharine J "	8/12	F				Do				
	194	George Wilkison	33	M		Blacksmith	500	England				
		Hanah Wilkison	34	F				Do				
		Hana M "	8	F				Iowa				
		Charlotte "	6	F				Wisconsin				
		James "	3	M				Do				
		John H "	1	M				England				
		Grace "	18	F				"				

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Name:	**Isaac Tamblyn**
Census Date:	1895
Residence County:	Iowa
Residence State:	Wisconsin
Locality:	Mineral Point Ward 3
Line:	22
Roll:	v226_13
Neighbors:	View others on page

Household Members:

Name	Age
Isaac Tamblyn	

Enumeration of the Inhabitants in the City of Mineral Point in the County of Iowa, State of Wisconsin, on the 30th day of June, A. D. 1885.

H. L. West
City Clerk

Name of Head of Family	Aggregate Population: White	Aggregate Population: Colored	Natives													
A. P. Dickey	2	2	4													
John Collins	1	1		2												
Thos. L. Morton	2	2	3	1												
Pearley Stephens	2	1	3													
B. J. Bennett	1	3	4													
W. Hilberry	1	2	3													
W. G. Holmes	1	4	4	1												
J. P. Moulton	1	5	4	2												
Bert Paden	3	1	4													
M. Dobson	1	1	2													
J. E. Fletcher	1	2	1	1			1									
Mrs Mary Pearley	3	1	4													
Geo. Richardson	2	3	3	2												
Wm. Perry	1	1		2												
Alfred Jenkins	1			1												
Arnold Pascoe	1	2	3													
Ernest Wesson	4	1	5													
Mrs J. H. Jones	3		3													
Jas. Hewes	1	1	2													
Chas. Horning	2	2	4													
A. L. Blanchard	1		1													
Albert Cross	3	3	6													
W. H. Pine	1	1	2													
Chas. McDermott	1															
	67	10	67	2	10	1										

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David Brown	2	3	5	2												
David Brown Jr	1	3	4													
Jas. Edgar Tracy	3	1	4													
Wm. Hammill	1	4	5													
John Stephens	2	5	2	1	1											
J. H. Mulhauser	1	4	4													
Jas. C. Dunlavy	2	3	4	1												
J. Jenkins	5	4	8	1												
Wm. Solomon	1	5		2												
J. B. Martin	4	5	8	1												
Jas. Aylward	1	1	2													
Ben. Bennett	1	1	2													
Jas. Rowsey	4	4	6	2												
Peter Seiger	1	4	5													
John Pentreath	3	7	10													
Henry Seiger	3	3	4	2												
A. Hawstable	5	2	3	2												
Adam Goldy	1	2	2	1												
Ben. Tonkin	3	7	9	1												
Peter Otto	4	1	5													
Mrs Wm. Cock	3	3	1	1												
Isaac Tomlyn	2	1	3													
Thos. Tracy	1	1	2													
Jas. Tillery	2	2	4													
Peter Wickenstein	1	3	4													
Mrs Thos. Matthews	1		1													
	51	75	99	6	15	1										

<u>Deed Research For:</u>

28 Shake Rag Street (Hoard St.), Mineral Point, WI

"Ingraham House" or "Joseph James Cottage"

<u>8/1/1840</u>
Volume H-428

Joseph R. James and *wife Ruth* sold to *Samuel Sherman*

<u>2/27/1841</u>
Volume H-559

Samuel Sherman, William Mitchell and Jane (Jenny), *Henry Rippin and Mary, William Rippin, Eliz Rippin, Sophia Sherman, Thomas Sherman* (from county of Cornwall, Eng) sell to *Charles Kruger* for $60.00

<u>7/6/1841</u>
Volume I-9

Charles and *Katherine Kruger* sell to *William Trewartha* (b. 1804, England) for $80.00
Note in margin: was lot 94, as of March 1854 became **lot 94 and 12**

<u>1/12/1842</u>
Volume J-173

William Trewartha and *Sarah* sell to **lot 94** to *Samuel Jenkins* for $90.00

<u>1/14/1843</u>
Volume J-172

Sam Jenkins (from Herfordshire, England) and *Jane* sell lot (number unknown) to *Abraham Goldsworthy* for $90.00

<u>9/30/1875</u>
Volume 29-570

Abraham Goldsworthy (from Cornwall, England) and *Mary* sell to *Thomas Day* (from Kent, England)

<u>1/5/1882</u>

Lot sold at a Sheriffs auction to *Samuel Jenkins* ***Jr.***

11/25/1885
Volume 45-94

Samuel Jenkins and Eliz sell to Isaac Tamblin (b. 1825, England) $125.00

12/16/1891
Volume 52-440

Isaac Tamblin gave **all** possessions and real estate to daughter *Savinia Tamblin* (Tamblyn)

3/17/1898
Volume 58-356

Savinia Tamblyn GAVE all back to Isaac Tamblyn

3/9/1900
Volume 62-296-299

The estate, cash, and property divided equally to seven people

12/22/1945
Volume 148-158

Reuben M Fine sells to *Thomas* and *Barbara Barthel* $750.00

2/25/1947
Volume 156-416

Warren Edward Barthel and *Patrician Ann* sell to *Velda Gibson*

4/26/1955
Volume 177-589

Velda Ralph Gibson sold *to Ellen MacQuarrie*

8/3/1960
Volume 194-521

Ellen G. MacQuarrie sell to *Katheryn Ingraham* for $6500.00

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Katheryn Ingraham deeded to *Wisconsin State Historical Society*