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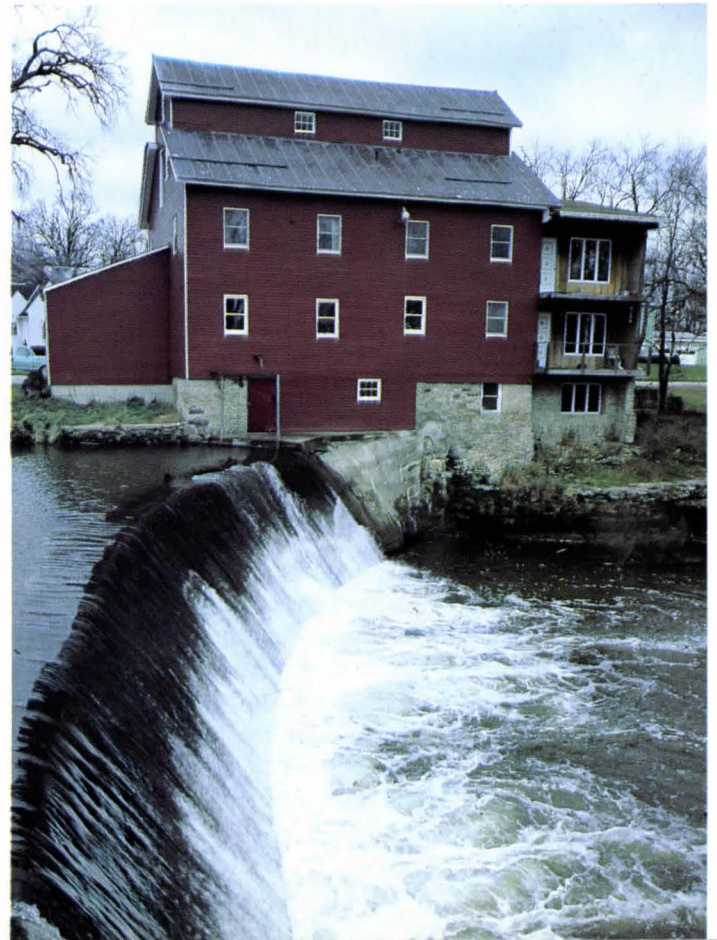


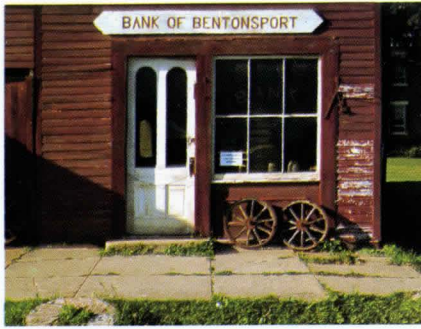


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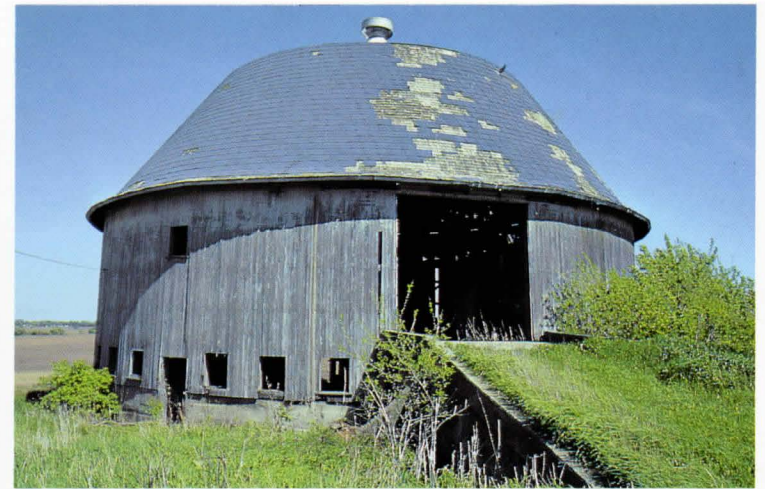
From the wide banks of the Mighty Mississippi to scenic rivers and sparkling blue water lakes, from rolling prairies to wooded hills and steep, rocky bluffs—Iowa has natural beauty at every turn. Embedded in this divergent landscape are cities and towns, all inhabited by warm and friendly people.





Iowa's four distinct seasons provide a natural change of scenery. The glisten of snow fades as Iowa's fields transform into seas of blossoming wildflowers. Throughout the summer, the black, fertile soil bears fruit, and in the fall, the harvest season is a crescendo of brilliant oranges, reds and yellows.





As you move from Iowa's rolling countryside into the hearts of our major cities, the horizon erupts with sleek, contemporary structures that reach out toward tomorrow. Our cities also respect the past as the graceful beauty of 19th- and early 20th-century architecture is restored and preserved.

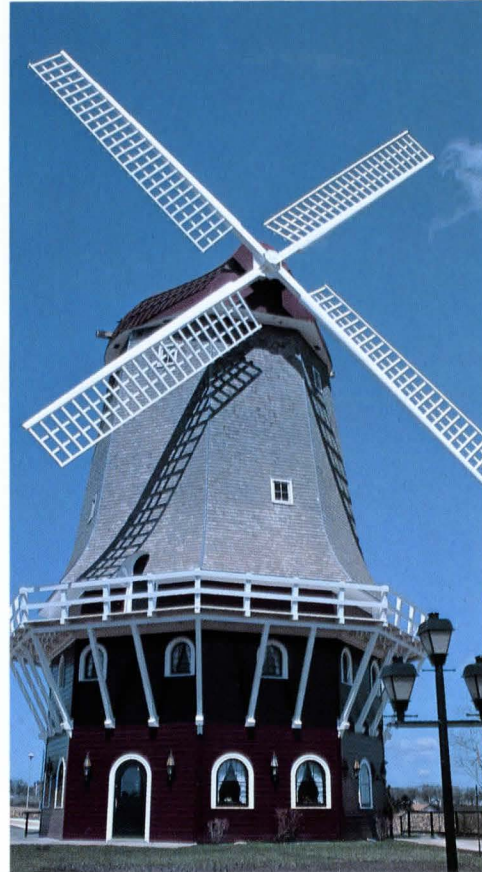
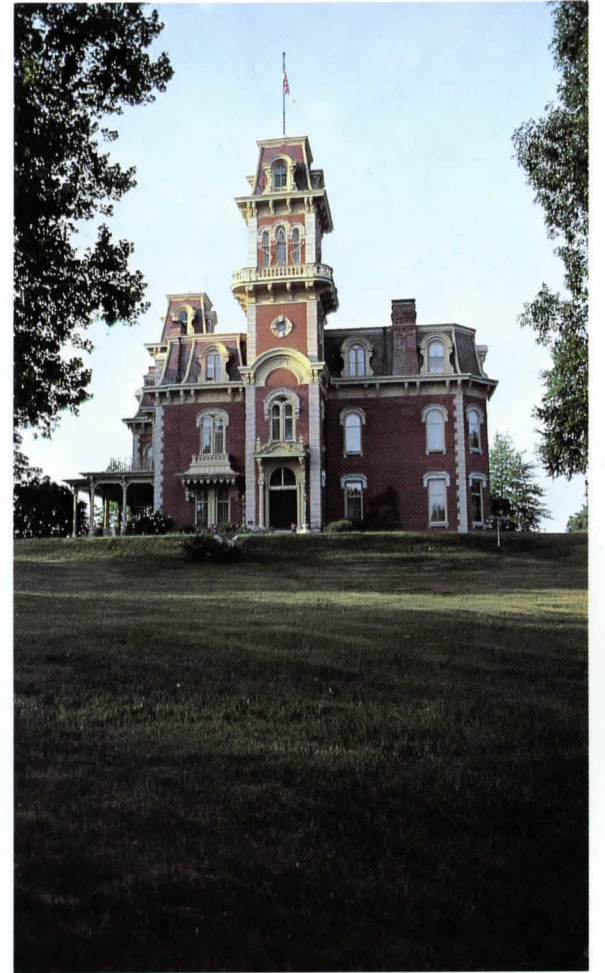




Immigrants from many lands came across the sea to Iowa during the last century, drawn by its fertile soil. Today, their contributions live on. From the Amish farmers in Kalona to the largest settlement of Danes in Elk Horn, from the Czechs in Cedar Rapids to the Mesquakie Settlement in Tama, Iowa's ethnic tapestry is honored, not only in museums but in colorful festivals that highlight traditional foods and customs. . . delightful reflections of Iowa's rich and varied cultural heritage.





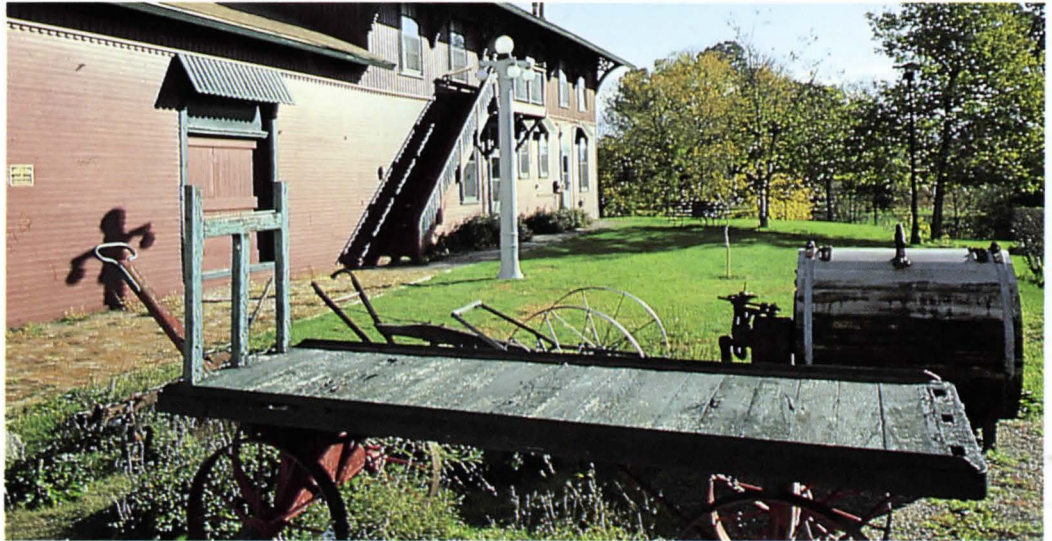


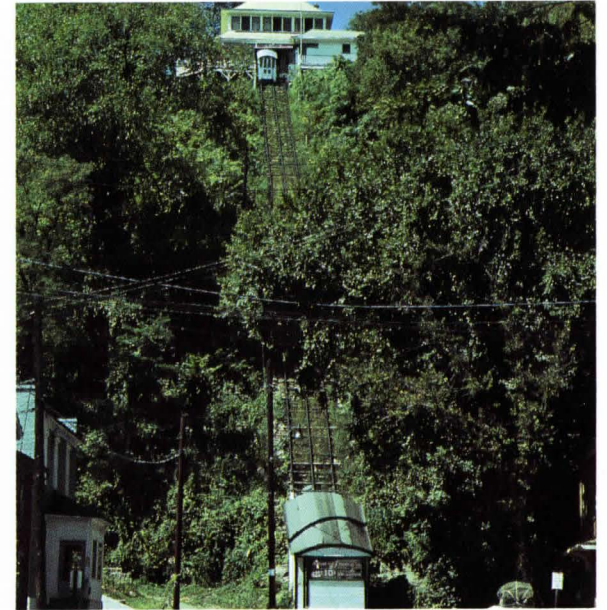
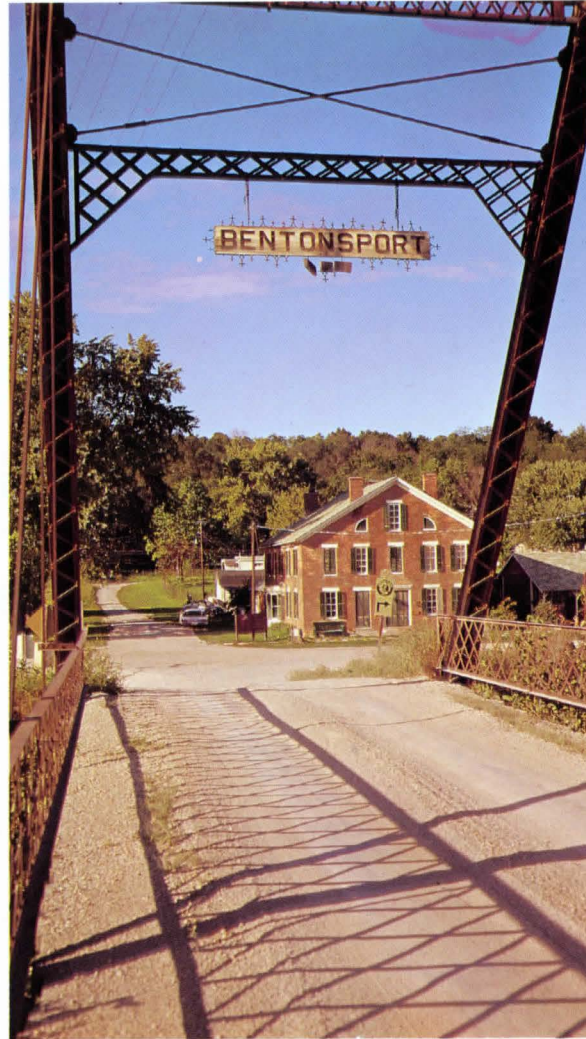


The diversity of the land is reflected in Iowa's cities and towns. Iowa's countryside is dotted with towns that typify the "American way of life." Here you'll find the perfect town square, white frame house, rustic barn and the ever-present steeped country church.



Iowa's blend of the past with the present enhances your production location possibilities. From elegant Victorian mansions to pioneer log cabins, from lush green farms to city lights, you can easily recreate the past, present or future by choosing an Iowa location. Scout Iowa for your next production and discover for yourself that Iowa is "A Picture of Excellence."

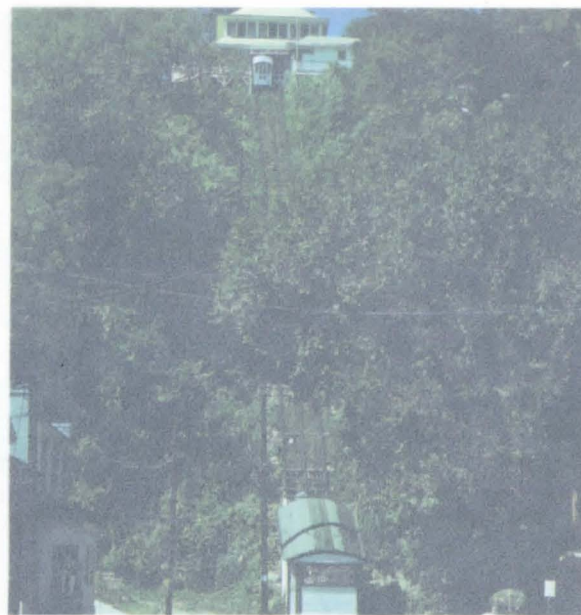
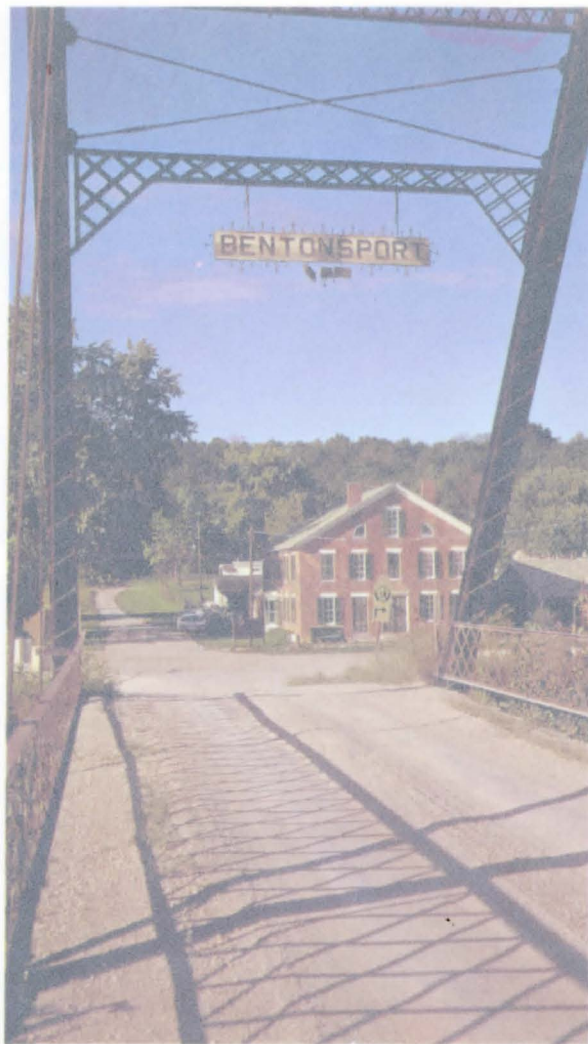




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