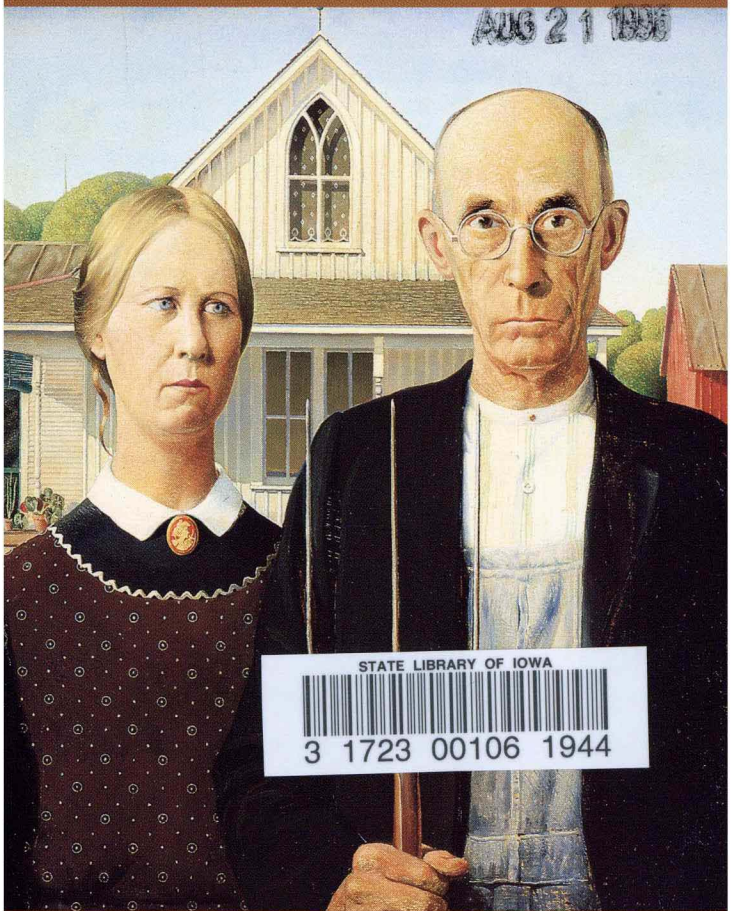


American Gothic House

❖ Built in the 1880s ❖



Strike an American Gothic pose and take a photograph in front of the small white house made famous by Iowan Grant Wood, one of America's most beloved artists. Although not open to the public, visitors are welcome to view the house from the outside as Grant Wood did in 1930 when he was inspired by its unusual Gothic window. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the American Gothic House. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 🐾

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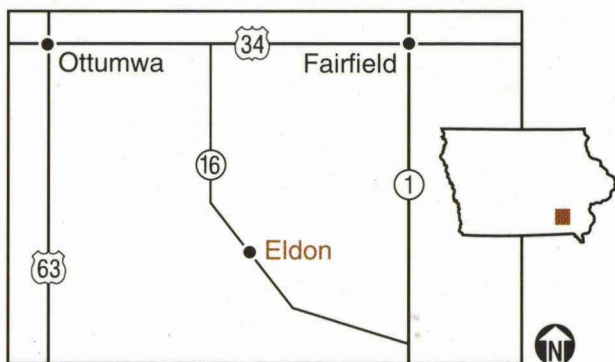
Parodied thousands of times, "American Gothic" is one the world's most recognized images. The State Historical Society of Iowa has restored the American Gothic House to its 1930 appearance.



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Celebrate Gothic Day in Eldon the second Saturday in June every year. Visit the various gift shops in Eldon. Eat home-cooked meals at Jones Cafe on Main Street or at the famed Big Food Diner owned by celebrities Tom and Roseanne Arnold. Eldon is located in the Des Moines River Valley where outdoor enthusiasts will find hiking, fishing and hunting opportunities.

The original "American Gothic" painting is owned by The Art Institute of Chicago. Nan Wood Graham, Grant Wood's sister and model for the painting, collected parodies which are housed at the Davenport Art Gallery. Other Wood paintings and prints can be seen at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Davenport Art Gallery and Des Moines Art Center. Anamosa and Stone City each host an annual Grant Wood Art Festival.



American Gothic House Historic Site — Located on American Gothic Street, Eldon

Address: For more information contact the State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 East Locust Street, Des Moines, IA 50319. Call (515) 281-5111.

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