

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number 148
District Name Iowa's Round Barns, Thematic
Map Reference # 148

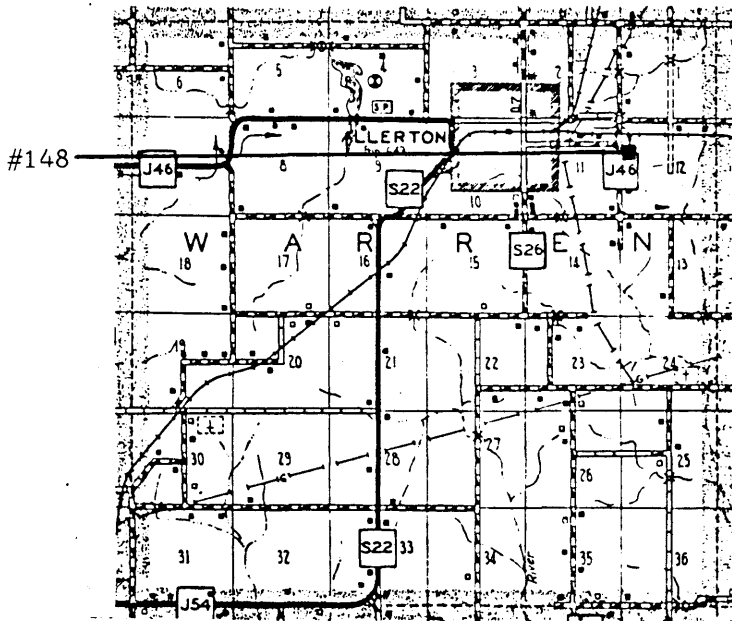
Identification

1. Site Name Nelson Round Barn
2. Village/Town/City vic. Allerton Township Warren County Wayne
3. Street Address County Road J46
4. Legal Location 68N 22W 12 SW 1/4 of NW 1/4
Urban: subdivision block parcel SW 1/4 of NW 1/4
Rural: township range section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 470,820 northing 4,506,040 Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Ms. Susan Kaster
7. Owner(s) Address Corydon IA 50060
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present stable Original Dairy Barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1912 Architect/Builder (original owner/builder named Nelson)
10. Building Type:
 - single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 - multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 - commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
12. Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
Well preserved roof line, cupola intact, original cladding and intact open interior.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
Public ownership and incorporation into a park is likely.
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo Roll 405 Frame 9 View to NE

Verbal Boundary Description:

A ninety foot diameter circle, its centerpoint being the centerpoint of the barn's interior. Includes only the barn.

Significance (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

20. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

N/A

Description: Fifty feet diameter, dimension plank framing (bottom and top plates are composed of multiple 1" x 6" planks to form the curve), vertical board siding.

Interior plan is open in center with hay and grain bins, stalls, tack room, and nine cow stanchions built around the perimeter of one wall. The second floor plan is open and unobstructed.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) True-Round: Dairy

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This barn is characterized as a dairy barn by the existence of original cow stanchions built at the perimeter of the barn. The construction, in the early 20th century, of special function barns represented an important experimental shift in the traditional use of the barn.

22. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

Jim Kastor, 511 W. Jefferson, Corydon, IA 50060
Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
Organization _____

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

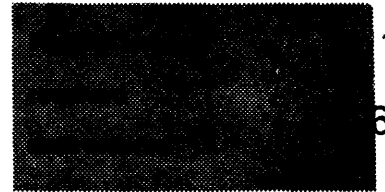
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3. Photo Images _____

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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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



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Property Title: Nelson Round Barn
Site Number: 148

Location: County Road J46, vic Allerton,
Warren Twp., Wayne County

This property is nominated as part of the the Thematic Resource Nomination Iowa Round Barns: A Sixty Year Experiment. This resource was accepted by the State National Register Nominations Review Committee and I submit it for addition to that thematic nomination.


David E. Crosson
State Historic Preservation Officer

September 16, 1986
Date: