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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

DIVISION OF  
NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAMS  
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Tanttari, Waino, Field Hay Barn  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Off Township Road 585  not for publication N/A  
city, town Tower (Waasa Township)  vicinity  
state Minnesota code MN county St. Louis code 137 zip code 55732

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> objects
			<u>      </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Rural Finnish Log Buildings of St. Louis County, MN  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of certifying official: Pat R. Stewart Date: 1/25/90  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau: Minnesota Historical Society

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau: \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet. 4/9/90  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE:

storage

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE:

storage

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Log

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Log

Weatherboard

roof Metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Tanttari Hay Barn is located in an open field near the end of County Road 585 in northwestern Waasa Township. It is a freestanding log building with no other structures in the immediate area.

Measuring 25'6" x 34'3", the Tanttari Barn is made of horizontal round logs that rise for 23 tiers and are joined by saddle corner notches. Horizontal planks fill the upper gable ends above the eaves. The building stands on ten fieldstones located at each corner and along each axial wall under four summer beams that run perpendicular to the roof ridge. Wooden spacers and dowels driven vertically between the log tiers are placed near the gable openings. Each log is spaced a short distance apart to permit air movement. The east gable end has a pair of hinged doors and the west gable features a large piece of plywood covering a 10'-wide opening. The metal clad gable roof is supported by twenty log rafters that are hewn flat on the top and bottom. Hewn vertical posts are bolted to the center of each sidewall to provide additional stability.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Agriculture

Period of Significance  
1935-1939

Significant Dates  
1935

Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Tanttari, Waino, architect and builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Tanttari field hay barn is historically significant under National Register Criterion A because of its association with the transformation of northeastern Minnesota's cutover area into productive agricultural land by Finnish immigrants during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Tanttari barn represents the fourth associated property type (Field Hay Barns), which were an integral component of many Finnish-American farms. These farms, regardless of their size, often had at least one lato in which hay was stored. The Tanttari barn is thus representative of the agrarian way of life experienced by Finns in rural St. Louis County when the iron ore mining and lumber industries provided employment for most residents in the area.

The decision by Waino Tanttari to construct a hay barn of this type as late as 1935 indicates a willingness to continue using a traditional agricultural outbuilding form that had been relied on in Finland for centuries. Although Tanttari's land was contiguous with his farmstead and he had easy access to his fields, he still chose to build a hay barn about one-quarter of a mile from the farmstead and other agricultural buildings.

The hay barn is in excellent condition, retains historic integrity, and continues to be used for hay storage.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See Historic Contexts Bibliography

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

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Zone      Easting                      Northing

B 

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Zone      Easting                      Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The property is a rectangular parcel measuring 35'6" x 44'3", whose northwest corner is ten feet directly northwest of the northwest corner of the foundation of the barn and whose southeast corner is ten feet directly southeast of the southeast corner of the barn.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes just the field hay barn because the farm with which the hay barn is associated no longer maintains its historic integrity due to a) modern intrusions, b) buildings that were moved to the site and that have no historical association with the farm, and c) alterations to existing buildings.

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