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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
****** Buresh Farm
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
W. of Solon off IA 382
CITY, TOWN Solon VICINITY OF First
STATE Iowa COUNTY Johnson CODE 103

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Fred and Alice Mally
STREET & NUMBER R.R. 4, Box 447
CITY, TOWN Solon VICINITY OF Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Johnson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Clinton Street
CITY, TOWN Iowa City STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Buresh Farm consists of five structures (house and agricultural buildings) on 12 acres of land on the north shore of Lake McBride. The land is rolling, with patches of timber scattered about. All the structures, except the hog house, are thought to have been built around 1894, and all are of frame construction on limestone foundations.

The farmhouse is two stories, 36' x 23', with a gable roof and wide eaves. A root cellar beneath the house features an arched ceiling of brick. The facades are symmetrical, with a center door. Windows, in plain moldings, are 2/2 sash. To the rear is a one-story gable-roof wing. The wooden porch, which extends across the front of the house, replaced a much smaller porch sheltering the door. The present, hip-roof, porch, is supported by four shaped wood posts. A brick chimney is centrally located on the main roof ridge. Alterations, besides the porch, are minimal: removal of shutters, installation of a plate glass window to the right of the front door, and a small modern garage.

(first used as summer kitchen)

The barn, granary and wash house are of board-and-batten construction. The barn, 52' x 42½', has a wide gable roof sloping to a shed roof on the north side, covered with tin. The interior is constructed with hewn beams held together with wooden pins. Horse stalls are located on the north side, a cattle shed on the south, with a wooden hay floor between. The hay mow covers both animal sections, and is open in the middle. A decorative feature is the square wood cupola, with four small gables and louvred openings.

The granary, just north of the barn, has a saltbox roof covered with wooden shingles. The roof extension covers a machine storate area open on east and west ends. Dimensions are 30' x 20'. It is divided into two levels: the lower for oat storage, the upper with individual wooden grain bins for wheat and rye.

The little (8' x 12') wash house, beside the farmhouse on the east side, has a wood-shingled gable roof and a brick chimney on the east end. A door of narrow, vertical boards is located on the north wall, and there are small square windows on east and west sides. The wash house was originally painted white, now redone in red with white battens.

The hog house, although its construction date is unknown, appears from its nonconforming shape to be later than the other farm buildings. It is 75 feet long, 35 feet wide, on a concrete block foundation, of clapboard construction, with a wide gambrel roof. The sides, 11 bays long, feature small, 6/6-light windows. Each end has a wide entrance into an equally wide "hall" running the length of the structure. A small brick chimney is located at the southeast corner of the roof, which was recovered three years ago with composition shingle.

None of these agricultural buildings have undergone alteration, other than recent repainting

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Buresh Farm is a well-preserved example of a late 19th-century agricultural operation in Iowa. The farm buildings reflect the variety of activities which typified premechanized farming: cattle and hogs for home and market, horses for plowing and hauling, and several crops (oats, wheat, rye and corn). While not unique, this farm is of the sort which is steadily disappearing from the state as changing agricultural techniques render structures like those of the Buresh farm obsolete.

A number of Czech (or "Bohemian") names are associated with the property, among them that of Buresh. From at least 1889 until 1917, the farm was owned by members of the Buresh family (the first, Joseph Sr., is thought to have come to the U.S. and Johnson County in 1869). Also associated with the farm are Burianek and Kremenak family members, through intermarriage.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Johnson County, Iowa. Iowa City, 1883, p. 792

Personal interviews between initiator of nomination (Alice Mally) and Tillie Dvorak of Ely, Iowa, and Clarence Beltz, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, December 1976. Typed copies on file with the Division of Historic Preservation, Iowa City.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 12 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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C	1,5	6	1,9	2,9	5	4,6	2,9	3,1	0	D	1,5	6	1,9	3,0	0	4,6	2,9	5,3	0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Commencing at a point 406.5 feet west of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section twenty (20), township 81 north, range 6 west of the 5th P.M., thence south 3 degrees 55 minutes east 772 feet, thence westerly to a point on the west line of the east half of the southeast quarter which point is 1840.0 feet north of the southwest corner thereof, thence north to the north line of the southeast quarter of said section 20, thence east to the point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice and Fred Mally

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 4, Box 447

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Solon, Iowa

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 1/20/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting Chief

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/29/77

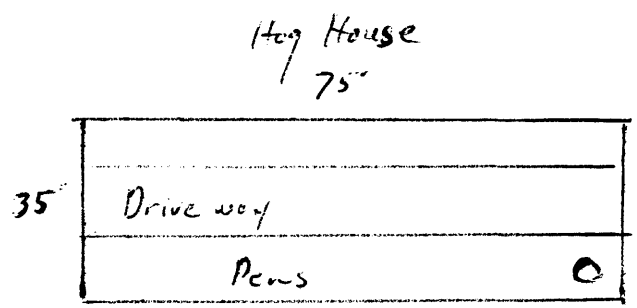
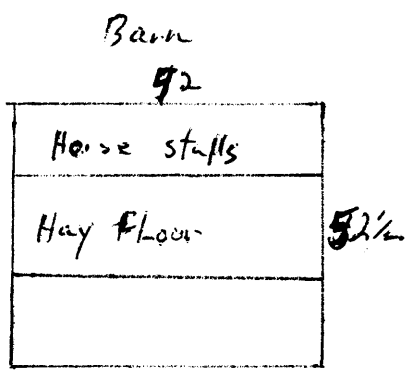
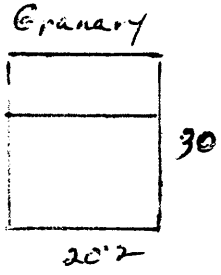
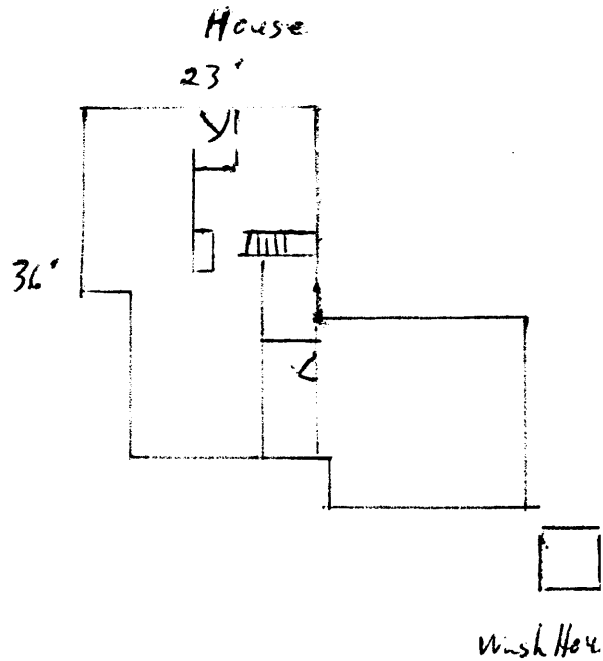
ATTEST:

Charles Adams

DATE 4-29-77

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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