

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 119
District Name _____
Map Reference # 119

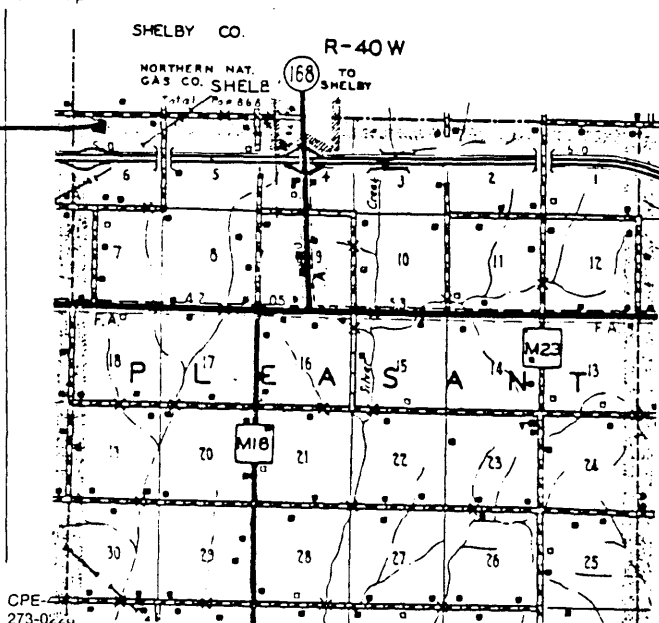
Identification

- Site Name Eckle Round Barn
- Village/Town/City Shelby vic. Township Pleasant County Pottawattamie
- Street Address Off State 168
- Legal Location 77 N R40W 6
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 291,880 northing 4,597,670; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name Wahling Farms Inc. (Eugene Wahling, President)
- Owner(s) Address R. R. #1 Shelby Iowa 51570
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present Not in use Original Dairy barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1926-28 Architect/Builder Ed Brown and George Robinson
 First Owner: Richard Eckle
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 shiplap
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:
See reverse side.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll 634 Frame 0 A View _____

VBD: A circle 74' diameter, based on center point of barn, includes only attached addition.

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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

Continuation of 14. Integrity.

Circular interior' around central clay tile silo with 14' diamter. Barn with 54' diameter. Laminated frame. Wood shingles on gambrel roof. Small milk room attached. Clay block foundation.

True - Round;

Illinois/Crouch type.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s)

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- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

See Continuation Sheet.

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

Ed and Moda Wahling, Shelby, IA 51570

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

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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Continuation Sheet

Item Number(s)

It is known from the 1979 Mail Questionnaire that this barn was originally built as a dairy barn. Though long out of use, cow stanchions still surround a feed trough which surrounds a central clay tile silo on the main floor. There are also a separator room and a calf holding room on the main floor, and a milk parlor is attached to the outside. The construction, in the early 20th century, of special function barns was an important experimental shift in the traditional use of the barn.

The Eckle Round Barn's true-round form, central silo, self-supporting single hip gambrel roof, and horizontal wood siding characterize it as an Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station / H.E. Crouch type. The influence of the Illinois Ag. Exp. Station may be seen in similar round barns throughout the midwest. The horizontal siding, while an expected characteristic, is uncommon for any Iowa true-round barn.