

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 14
District Name _____
Map Reference # 14

Identification

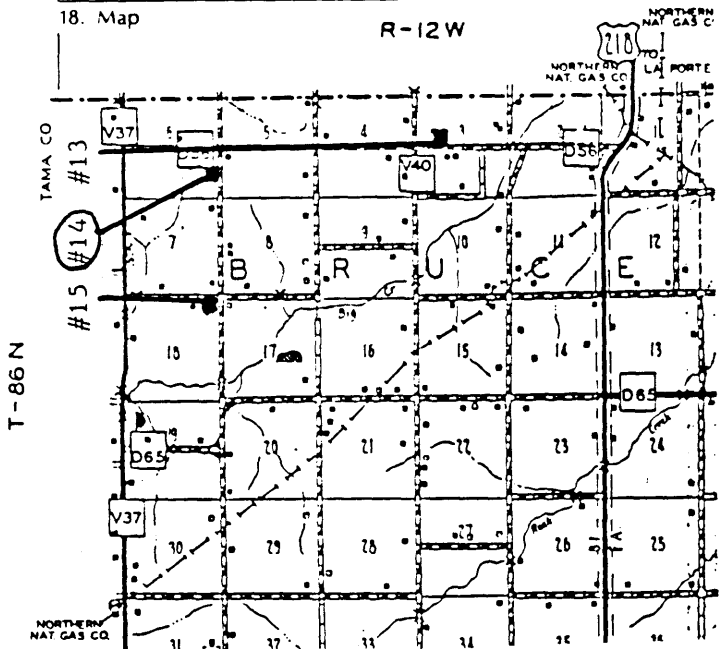
1. Site Name Round Barn, Bruce Township, Section 6, Benton County
2. Village/Town/City vic. La Porte Township Bruce County Benton
3. Street Address West of US 218
4. Legal Location 86 N 12 W 6 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section 1/4 section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 559,310 northing 4,681,660; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Don Casbon
7. Owner(s) Address R. R. #3 La Porte City Iowa 50651
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Hog barn Original Gen'l purpose barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1914 Architect/Builder _____
10. Building Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other Clay Tile
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 reversed 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 692 Frame 2 View _____

VBD: A circle of 70' diameter using center of barn as reference point including two adjacent connected silos, excluding other nearby buildings.

MAY 27 1986

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.

Interior - 3/4 open. 4 double horse stalls facing central silo Conical roof with wood shingles. Original cupola. Diameter - 50' silo - clay tile. 12' diameter. Milk stanchions removed. May have been sold by J. G. McQuilkin.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) True-Round; True-Round; Iowa/King type; Johnston Bros. Specialty Contractor; Clay Tile Supplier.

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

One of two barns thought to have been sold by J.G. McQuilkin in his role as a representative of the Johnston Brothers' Clay Works. This barn is specifically characterized as a Johnston Brothers' sub-type by its exterior wall of "...small red clay tile in the lower story and larger tile above..." (Soike 1983). The conical roof is another common feature of the Johnston Brothers' design. The clay tile exterior wall and silo wall generally classify this barn as an Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station / Matt King influenced type. The use of structural clay tile was one of the later improvements in the history of round barns.

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

Don Casbon, RR 3, La Porte City, IA 50651
Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by _____ Date _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 Organization _____

For Office of Historic Preservation Use Only

<p>1. Office Information Sources on this Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> County Resource File <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield Survey <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Grants-In-Aid: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Determination of Eligibility <p>2. Subject Traces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Review and Compliance Project:</p> <p>_____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>3. Photo Images _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
---	--