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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in <u>Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms</u> (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.

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6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions	Current Functions
AGRICULTURE/animal facility	AGRICULTURE/animal facility
AGRICULTURE/storage	VACANT/NOT IN USE
7. Description	
Architectural Classification	Materials
	foundation <u>concrete</u>
Other: Square Hipped Roof Barn Type	walls <u>wood/weatherboard</u>
	roof wood/shingles
	other <u>glass</u>

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Hans J. Jorgensen Barn is situated on a southeast-facing gradual slope at the northwest corner of new Highway 44 and Main Street at the north end of the town of Kimballton. The building is square in ground plan, measuring approximately 36'x 36' and rising 22' from a rusticated concrete block foundation. The roof is a steeply pitched pyramidal hip with broad, triangular gabled wall dormers on all four sides. Copper ridgerolls and guttering are present on the roof. The walls are clad with horizontal drop siding, and the windows are rectangular, fixed four-light windows. This barn accommodated animals on the first floor with a very high-ceilinged hay loft above. timber mortise and tenon construction was utilized for the animal stalls and as support for the hay loft floor. Eight feet four inches above the loft floor, a timber extends from each wall to the opposite wall with a central post supporting the two timbers where they cross. The outer walls and upper story loft are of balloon framing construction. The floor plan of this barn consists of a central aisle with animal stalls to either side. A grain bin is situated in the northwest corner. A drop-down hay mow door is present in the north dormer peak.

Situated on the south side of the barn, and considered a contributing structure to this property, is a a 16' diameter silo constructed of rusticated concrete blocks laid in courses. The blocks from this silo and those of the barn foundation were likely manufactured at the Kimballton/Elk Horn Construction Company's factory in Kimballton. It is also likely that the barn foundation and silo were constructed by masons employed by this company.

Both the barn and silo have undergone few modifications since their construction. The roof of the silo has been removed and there is some deterioration of the mortar; however, the structure is sound. The only modifications to the barn has been the cutting of a new single-wide door into the east facade to the north and the loss of some window panes, but both of these changes are minor. Overall, the barn retains a remarkable amount of its original components and looks much the same as it did when first constructed.

The original farmstead itself has undergone major alterations including the moving of a rectangular barn built in 1898, the construction of a modern house, and the division of the original farmstead by the construction of new Highway 44 through this property. The original house of this farmstead is still standing but has been greatly modified and retains little integrity. This house has literally been separated from the remainder of the farmstead by the new highway and is no longer part of this property. Because of these radical modifications to the original farmstead, this unit as a whole is not eligible for nomination. Therefore, only the square barn and silo, which have not been moved or altered, are being nominated. The lot on which these properties are situated is wooded, but both are highly visible from a variety of vantage points along the highway.

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Significant Person Jorgensen, Hans J.					chite nknow	ct/Bui n	ilder					
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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hans J. Jorgensen barn is locally significant under National Register Criterion B within the multiple property historic context of Danish Immigrant Settlement, 1865-1924: Danish Communities because it best represents the life and accomplishments of Hans J. Jorgensen who was instrumental in the origin and growth of the Danish community of Kimballton. The property is further significant under National Register Criterion C within the contexts of Danish Immigrant Settlement, 1865-1924: Construction Trades and Industries, specifically cement works, and Building Trends because it embodies the characteristics of a rare barn type associated with the Danish settlement area and exemplifies the products and skills of an important local Danish immigrant building industry. The barn type is that of the Square Hipped Roof Barn, pyramidal roof variant, and is the only surviving example of this barn type in the Danish Settlement area. The products used in the construction of the barn foundation and silo were the concrete blocks manufactured at the Elk Horn/ Kimballton factory, an important Danish-influenced local industry. The period of significance for this property begins with year in which both the barn and silo were constructed, 1908, and ends with the death of Jorgensen in 1914, thereby encompassing the period in which the nominated property was associated with Jorgensen's life and influence.

Jorgensen was born in Aero, Denmark, in 1843 and worked for a time as a farmer and stockraiser in Denmark before immigrating to Illinois in 1874. He worked as a farmhand for four years before migrating to Audubon County where he purchased unimproved land and established a farmstead. Jorgensen donated the land for the platting of the Danish community of Kimballton which bordered the remainder of his farm holdings. In addition to founding this community, he served as the first postmaster, donated the land for the first school and church, served as President of the Kimballton Investment Company and was instrumental in the construction of the Kimballton Hotel and the securing of the Atlantic Northern rail line to Kimballton, and played an important role in the establishment of the Landmands National Bank for which he served as Vice-President and was a major stockholder. He was also known for helping others who were in need and opened his farm home to many when they had no other place to stay. Jorgensen played the leading role in the establishment of the Danish community of Kimballton and was important to its subsequent growth and development as an ethnic community. Many of the early town residents were natives of Aero, and were likely encouraged to settle here by Jorgensen.

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1895 Iowa State Population Census.	
Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual	See continuation sheet Primary location of additional data:
listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register	XState historic preservation office Other State agency Federal agency
_designated a National Historic Landmark _recorded by Historic American Buildings _Survev #	_Local government _University _Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	Specify repository: Bureau of Historic Preservation
10. Geographical Data	
Acreage of property Less than one acre	
UTM References A 15 327270 4610780 B Zone Easting Northing Z C D	one Easting Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description	
The nominated property is bounded by the topographi Kimballton, Iowa, 1978, quadrangle map: the NW1/4, of Section 19, T79N, R36W, of Sharon Township, Audu Specifically, this includes the barn building and 2 thus encompassing the contributing silo.	NW1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4, bon County, Iowa.
Boundary Justification	
The boundary includes only that portion of the hist encompasses both the nominated barn and silo.	oric farmstead which
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11. Form Prepared By name/title Leah Rogers, Project Director	
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9. Major Bibliographical References

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The Ethnic Historic Settlement of Shelby and Audubon Counties: 1860-1941

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The barn has served as a landmark in the Kimballton vicinity since its construction, and the present owner has demonstrated an interest in its preservation.

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Jorgensen's main occupation continued to be farming until 1912 when he retired. He died on March 19, 1914, at the age of 70. His daughter and son-in-law then purchased the farm outright, having rented it since Jorgensen's retirement. The nominated property is the best extant representation of Jorgensen's lifework and accomplishments. His farm home and his farmstead as a cohesive unit have retained little integrity with the exception of the barn and silo being nominated. Additionally, the Kimballton Hotel is no longer extant, and the Landmands Bank building has been completely remodeled.

The concrete blocks that went into the construction of the silo and barn foundation were manufactured at the local cement factory. Both the silo and foundation were likely constructed by masons employed by that industry. Commonly, these masons were Danish immigrants trained in Denmark. From the results of the ethnic survey, it can be stated that the silo is one of the few that remain extant in the two county area and in such a good state of preservation. The barn and silo were constructed in 1908 when the cement factory was just two years into production.

The barn itself is one of only five such barns once known to have been present in Shelby and Audubon counties. Of these five, only three remain extant, and only two are well preserved. Of the original five, there were two subtypes or variants within the general square hipped barn type with each defined by the distinctive shape of the roof. Two had pyramidal hipped roofs, while the other three had truncated hipped roofs. The two pyramidal barns were associated with the Danish settlement area, while the truncated variant was not associated with any particular ethnic group. Of the two pyramidal hipped barns, only the Hans J. Jorgensen barn survives. The non-extant barn is known from historic photographs and was situated on the Chris N. Jensen farm in Jackson Township near the former Danish community of Poplar.

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Hans J. Jorgensen Barn Kimballton, Iowa Roslea Johnson, photographer Original negatives at the Iowa Bureau of Historic Preservation

Photo # Description Photo # Description

#1 Barn
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view to SE

2 Barn and silo
8/10/90
view to NW

3 Barn from a distance
Leah Rogers, photographer
2/20/91
view to NE