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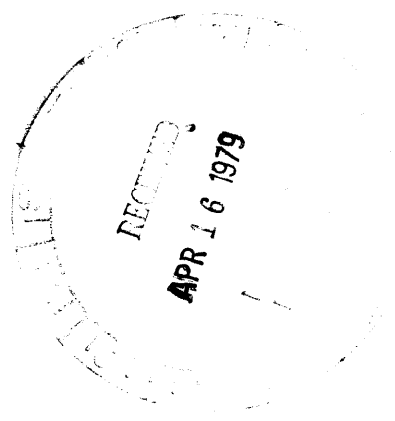
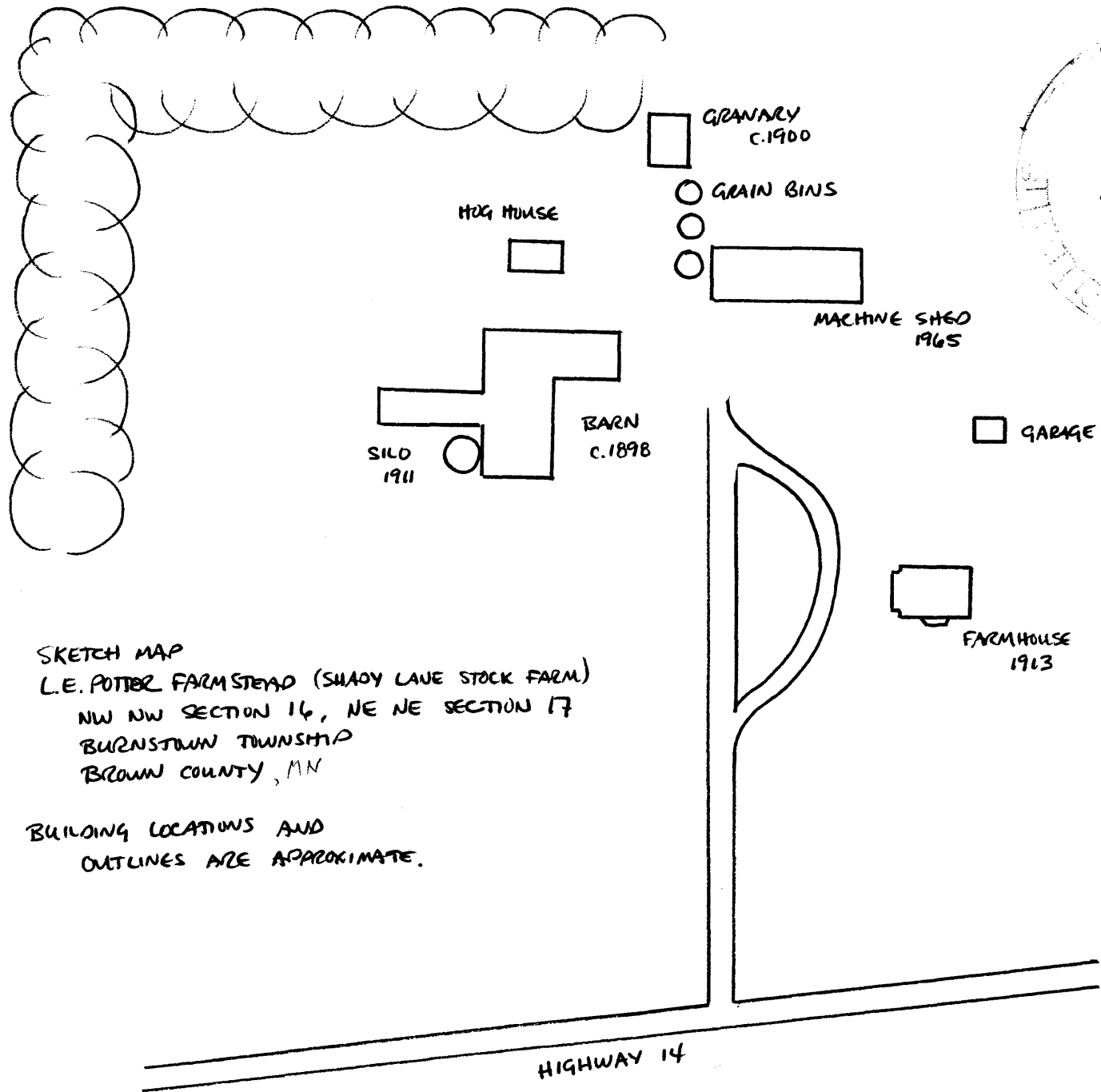
was held at the farm in 1914; Potter served as its president for several terms. He also served as president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau and was instrumental in organizing the Junior Livestock Show and the Central Co-operative Association at South Saint Paul. He was on the National Farm Bureau Livestock Board and a director of the National Farm Bureau Association, as well as a member of the Minnesota Senate and University of Minnesota Board of Regents.

Locally, Potter was instrumental in the organization of the Farmers Elevator and the Co-operative Creamery in Springfield.

The buildings remaining on the farmstead reflect the importance of Potter's operation. The barn, unusually large for the area, was constructed at about the time Potter began his livestock breeding operations. The common cornbelt-cube form of the house is made distinctive through the use of detailing and materials.

Of particular interest is the clay block silo developed at the neighboring A.C. Ochs Brickyard. The only known block silo to have been constructed by the company previous to the one on the Potter farm was of straight blocks and was razed in the 1920's; the Potter silo is thought to be the prototype for the scores of "A.C.O." silos scattered throughout the midwest. Builder of most of the silos, A.C. Blue, boarded at the Potter farm for a number of years. Most of the structures, which continued to be built until about 1944, are easily identifiable by the A.C.O. letters at the top, but the letters are not present on the Potter silo. The reddish color and flattened dome cap of these silos continue to distinguish them as one of the most striking components on today's farmscapes.

The Potter Farmstead is significant as one of the most progressive farms in the area during the early part of the century, especially in regard to livestock-breeding operations; for its associations with a farmer exceptionally active in local, state, and national agricultural associations; and for the presence of a prototype for a locally-produced farmstead structure which appeared, subsequently, over a wide geographic region.



SKETCH MAP
 L.E. POTTER FARMSTEAD (SHADY LAKE STOCK FARM)
 NW NW SECTION 16, NE NE SECTION 17
 BURNSTOWN TOWNSHIP
 BROWN COUNTY, MN

BUILDING LOCATIONS AND
 OUTLINES ARE APPROXIMATE.

HIGHWAY 14