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Site # CZ 10-b

- 1. Joseph Herman Rubblestone Barn.
- Tabor Township Tabor Vicinity South Dakota Code: 046

First Congr. District
Bon Homme County Code: 009

- Building; Privately owned; NA acquistion; Occupied; Restricted access; Agricultual.
- 4. Monte and Ruth Smith RR 1, Box 243 Tabor, SD 57063
- 5. Register of Deeds
  Bon Homme County Courthouse
  Tyndall, SD 57066
- 7. Good; Unaltered; Original site.

Located several yards north of the Herman House (CZ 10-a), the Joseph Herman Barn is a rectangular rubblestone masonry building with overall dimensions of 41'2" by 44'1". Initially, it was built to dimenstions of 24°9" by 44'I", but, later, a rubblestone leantu was constructed on the east axial facade to provide two small calf pens. With little or no excavated foundation, the barn was constructed of irregualar field stone mortared originally with mud and later with cement. Ceiling joists in the original (west) bay are unhewn logs, and those in the addition are machine-cut 6"X6" timbers. The gable roof was constructed of 23 common rafters with triangular collars at the peak, which are covered with horizonal rough boards and wooden shingles. When the building was expanded, the rafters on the east side were extended to create a gradual sloping roof on the east. The building is topped by a west axial dormer for outside entry to the loft and a cupula for ventilation. A whitewash or white paint is barely visible on interior walls.

8. 1869-1899: Architecture, Exploration/Settlement, Czech Ethnic.

Specific date unknown. Attirbuted to Joseph Herman.

Significant in architecture, the Joseph Herman Barn is a very well preserved example of Czech masonry construction common around Tabor, SD. It is also the only masonry barn in the survey area that was expanded by its original owners and shows the adaptability of this building technique to changing needs of the Czech-American farmer. It is the best of three folk buildings located at this site. The present owner continues to use the building as an occasional shelter for dairy cattle and calves.

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The Herman Barn is also significant in the history of Czech Settlement in the state. Joseph Herman was born in Teletin, Bohemia in 1833. He brought his family to Dakota in 1870 and started a brewery in Tabor. His sons Joseph, Frank, Anton, and Charles all moved to Hutchinson County and established farms there.

Major biographical source: Dvorak (1980), 116.

10. Acreage: less than one acre. Scale: 1:24,000. Quad.: Tabor. UTM: 14/ 604420/ 4757800.

The Joseph Herman Barn is oriented on an axis that is canted approximately 20 degrees Northwest from Geographic North. The boundaries of the property are formed by imaginary lines that connect to form a rectangle that is centered on the rectangular barn. Each line lies 10 feet from the exterior walls of the barn. The site is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 94 North, Rnage 58 West, in Bon Homme County.

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SITE PLAN OF FARMSTEAD CONTAINING CZ 10-b ON REVERSE SIDE

