

**Historic Name:** Henry Dammon Round Barn  
**Common Name:** Earl Griffith Round Barn  
**Owner's Name and Address:** Leroy and Joann Wehrle  
 2001 Bates Avenue  
 Springfield, Illinois 62704

**County:** Goodhue  
*Red Wing, Minn.*  
**Community:** Wacouta Township  
**Address/~~Legal Desc.~~:**  
 Highway 61, east of Red Wing.

**Classification:**  
**Building**  **Structure** \_\_\_\_\_ **Object** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**  
 1½ acres more or less.

**Condition:**  
**Excellent**  **Good** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fair** \_\_\_\_\_ **Deteriorated** \_\_\_\_\_

**Verbal Boundary Desc.:**  
 Begin 300 feet east of the southwest corner of the NW¼ of the SE¼ of sec. 35, T113N R14W.; continue east 250 feet thence north 250 feet, thence west 250 feet; thence south 250 feet to beginning.

**Open to the Public:**  
**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No**

**Visible from the road:**  
**Yes**  **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupied:**  
**Yes**  **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Use:**  
 honey-processing plant

**History:**  
**Date Constructed:** c.1914 **Original Owner:** Henry Dammon  
**Architect/Builder:** Oliver Landick **Original Use:** Dairy barn

**UIM Reference:**  
 15/542900/4932550  
 Maiden Rock Quadrangle

**Description:**  
 The Henry Dammon Round Barn is located on the south side of U.S. Route 61, in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 35 of Wacouta Township.  
 The Henry Dammon Round Barn is a circular structure some 60 feet in diameter and standing nearly 60 feet tall. Built about 1914 as a dairy barn, it is divided into sections according to the functions required by this use. The ground floor, where the animals were kept, is constructed of limestone and is built into a hillside at its rear (south) side in order to provide ground-level access to the upper section. There are two simple, wooden doors in the front (north) facade of the ground floor, and a similar door in the east side. The top of the ground floor is ringed by 18 small, square, four-paned windows (one of which, at the rear, has been filled in). The upper  
 (continued)

**Level of Significance:**  
**Local**  \_\_\_\_\_  
**State** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Status:**

Survey	Date
Local	_____
State	6/78
Nat'l. Reg.	_____
Nat'l. Land.	_____
HABS/HAER	_____

**Significance:**  
 The Henry Dammon Round Barn is significant as an indication of the creative response of the farmers of southeastern Minnesota to the problems raised by dairy farming.  
 By the early 20th century, dairy farming had completely replaced wheatfarming as the principal form of agriculture in the region. At first, farmers tried to cope with this change by adapting their existing barns to dairy use. However, as decades passed without any diminishing of dairy production, new forms of barns were developed that were specifically tailored to dairying needs. One such type of barn was the round barn, of which the Henry Dammon Round Barn is an excellent example. Often built around a silo (as the Dammon Barn was originally), the round barn offered such advantages as: the surrounding haymow kept the silage from freezing in the winter; with the cattle arranged in a circle around the silo, head-in, it was easy to feed them; and, through an over-head track-and-bucket

**Theme/s:**  
**Primary** Agriculture  
**Secondary** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Contact/Org.:**  
 Goodhue County Historical Society, Red Wing

**Prepared by and date:**  
 B. Michael Zuckerman  
 August 1978

## Description:

section of the barn, which held the haymow, has two distinct parts on the exterior. A vertical wall of narrow wooden clapboards, laid horizontally and painted white, rises one story above the stone section. It has three very small windows on each of its east, north, and west sides, and a doorway in its south (rear) side. Capping the whole affair is the great conical roof, whose pitch levels off markedly as it approaches the pinnacles, upon which sits an ornate galvanized steel ventilator and weather vane.

## Significance:

system to the rear of the cattle, it facilitated cleaning out the barn.

Unfortunately, however, the complexity of erecting round barns prevented their widespread adoption. As a result, the Dammon Round Barn is only one of two such structures standing in an area as large as Goodhue County.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Dammon, Henry, Round Barn in  
Goodhue County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002058

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Goodhue

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Dammon Round Barn

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Red Wing

**ADDRESS:** Mn. Hwy. 61

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**

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**Date**