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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Duff Barn

other names/site number 76N-28W-24.2

2. Location

street & number US Hwy 169, 1.6 miles N. of SR 92 not for publication

city or town Winterset vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Madison code 121 zip code 50273

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David Cross 1/22/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historical Society of Iowa
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

for Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Autumnella Lee 3/18/93

Duff Barn
Name of Property

Madison County, Iowa
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Legacy in Stone: Settlement of
Madison County, Iowa

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/Subsistence: Storage
Agriculture/Subsistence: Animal
Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture/Subsistence: Storage
Agriculture/Subsistence: Animal
Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

No Style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone
walls Limestone
roof METAL: Steel
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See attached.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1870

Significant Dates

c. 1870

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Duff Barn
Name of Property

Madison County, Iowa
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	1 5	4 1 5 1 8 0	4 5 7 9 8 4 0
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2			

3			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4			

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tracy A. Cuning with assistance from Roslea Johnson

organization _____ date 25 September 1992

street & number P. O. Box 1093 telephone 602/968-0615

city or town Tempe state Arizona zip code 85280

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Harriet Campbell

street & number 910 West South Street telephone 515/462-1618

city or town Winterset state Iowa zip code 50273

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Duff Barn
name of property
Madison County, Iowa
county and State

Physical Description

The Duff Barn (c. 1870) is one of only five stone barns known to have existed in Madison County, three of which are extant and already listed on the National Register. (Those listed are the Allen Barn, Bevington Barn and Holmes Barn.) The Duff Barn is a 1 1/2 story structure with an asymmetrical massed rectangle plan and off-center gable front entry. Curiously, this is the same plan that stone mason David Harris typically used for residences, which may suggest that Harris and/or one of his employees built the barn (Legacy in Stone TR). The exact date of construction is unknown but the Duff farm was established by 1875, and the overall quality of workmanship found in the barn indicates that it was built during the active period of stone construction in the county.

The 21 x 27 foot, 2 x 3 bay, gable front barn is constructed of locally quarried limestone. The south public facade has a left-bay pass door and a right bay window, with a smaller window centered in the gable. The west side has three, small, square stall windows, two of which are covered by a long, 1 story wooden ell. The north gable end has a left-bay pass door and a window centered in the gable. The east side is covered by a large, 1 story wooden ell. Sheet metal covers the medium-pitch, gabled roof.

The south public facade is constructed of finished cut quarry-faced stone laid in two-against-one with broken bond within courses. The other facades are constructed of coursed, roughcut rubble. It is evident that two or more masons built various sections of the walls. Some portions are carefully coursed and laid in two-against-one bond and some are less carefully coursed and laid in random bond. Joints were grapevine tooled, but most have been repointed. Lintels are of dimension stone with draft lines and margin lines. Lintel faces are raised and finished with a square-ended tool. Quoins and jambs are not dimension stone, but have the same texturing as the lintels. The sills are smooth dimension stone projecting slightly from the face of the building. All windows are recessed but not splayed, and have 4- or 6-light fixed sashes. The open eaves have a relatively shallow overhang. A stone ramp leads up to the south entry, which is covered by a vertical batten door flush with the wall.

Alterations to this well built barn consist mainly of the two wooden additions. The western ell has vertical plank walls and a wood shingled gable roof. The eastern ell has vertical board and batten walls and a broken gable roof covered with sheet metal. The stone barn's roof has been replaced with sheet metal. Dates for these alterations are unknown, although they appear to predate World War II.

The frame farm house associated with the barn has a small, 1 story stone ell, which was probably a very early house on the property if not the first. The house has undergone extensive alterations and is ineligible for the National Register under the Legacy in Stone TR. The large wooden barn, garage/machine shed, and other buildings are also ineligible.

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Historical Background and Statement of Significance

The Duff Barn is an unusual vernacular stone farm building in Madison County, and for this reason it is significant under Criterion C. Research and fieldwork for the Legacy in Stone TR revealed very few stone agricultural buildings in the county. Of the handful of agricultural building types identified, barns were the most common, numbering five.¹ Three have already been listed on the NRHP: the Allen, Bevington, and Holmes Barns. The Parkins Barn is nonextant. Who built the Duff Barn is unknown but the level of craftsmanship it displays suggests that a skilled mason constructed most of it. The Duff Barn is better constructed than the other extant barns, and it is unlike any of them in design and plan. Three characteristics of master mason David Harris's work are evident: asymmetrical massed rectangle plan, two-against-one broken bond, and the textured surfaces of the quoins, jambs and lintels. The tooled stonework is very similar to that found on the North River School (three miles northwest of here), which is attributed to David Harris (Legacy in Stone TR). It is in good condition, probably due in part to its craftsmanship, and the two wooden additions are removable.

Silas Barnes purchased 160 acres of section 24 in 1847, and obtained the patent deed in 1850. Robert Duff bought 80 acres from Barnes, and Samuel W. and Jeannie McDonald Duff purchased that parcel in 1870. Samuel Duff arrived in Madison County in 1860, and in 1869 both Robert and Samuel were listed as farmers and registered voters in Douglas Township. The 1875 county atlas shows Samuel at this location, and the barn was probably erected before that date. Samuel Duff died in 1876, three years after Robert's death, and Jeannie owned the property until c. 1900. Who commissioned the Duff Barn's construction, Robert or Samuel, and who erected it are mysteries, but its distinctive features clearly place it within the David Harris building tradition of Madison County.

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¹ It should be noted that there may have been many more stone agricultural buildings in the county, but because they were undocumented, dismantled or collapsed, they have escaped our notice.

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description: The precise verbal boundary for the Duff Barn is a rectangle measuring 150 feet east to west, and 37 feet north to south, centered on the barn. This area allows for a margin of several feet on all sides of the original stone barn and its later additions.

Boundary Justification: This nomination includes only the Duff Barn. All other structures located on the farmstead are excluded from the stone building theme by virtue of their age, materials or modifications.

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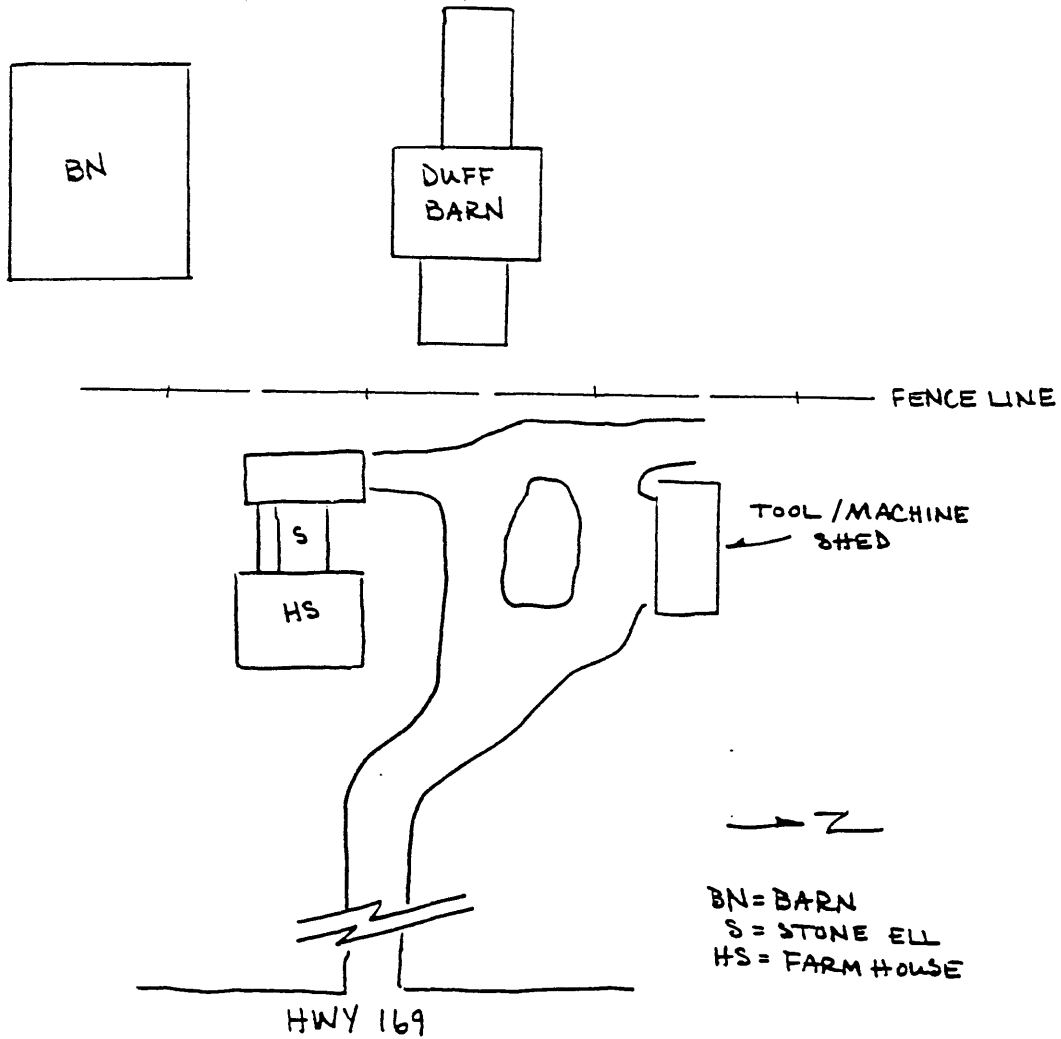
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Duff Barn
T76N-R28W, Section 24
Douglas Township
U.S. Highway 169, 1.6 miles north of Winterset

Sketch Map -- Not to Scale



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Key to Photographs

- 1.) South and east sides, looking NW, 2 July 1992
South gable end of stone barn flanked by wood frame additions.
- 2.) East and north sides, looking SW, 2 July 1992
North gable end of barn.

All photographs taken by Tracy A. Cunning.

All original negatives on file with the Historic Preservation Bureau, State Historical Society of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, Iowa 50319