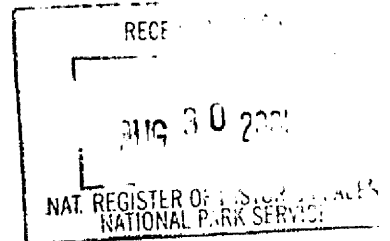


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations 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 AULD STONE BARN

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 255 UTAH ROAD  not for publication

city or town WAKEFIELD  vicinity

state KANSAS code KS county CLAY code 027 zip code 67487

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.)

Richard D. Parkert D-SHPO 3/1/01  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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 commenting 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Entered the National Register

10-14-01

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 |            |
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| 1            |                 | buildings  |
|              |                 | sites      |
|              |                 | structures |
|              |                 | objects    |
| 1            |                 | Total      |

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: GABLE ROOF, RECTANGULAR

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: LIMESTONE

walls STONE: LIMESTONE

WOOD: WEATHERBOARD; METAL: STEEL

roof METAL: STEEL

other

Narrative Description

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

**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**

1910

**Significant Dates**

1910

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

AULD, JAMES: BUILDER

**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:**

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

Name of repository:

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AULD STONE BARN  
Name of Property

CLAY COUNTY, KANSAS  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** LESS THAN ONE ACRE

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |
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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 JESSIE J. BRADEN

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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city or town KENNEWICK state WA zip code 99336

**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 LOUIS AULD

street & number 255 UTAH ROAD telephone 785-461-5853

city or town WAKEFIELD state KS zip code 67487

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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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The Auld Stone Barn is located about 5 miles south of Wakefield, Clay County, Kansas on the SE corner of the NE 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29.

On a photograph of the barn taken by Jessie Rolland Auld (daughter of the original owner) on the back of the photo, she notes the following - "This barn was finished in the spring of 1910. The lower part is line stone and the upper part is galvanized steel stone (9 x20), the roof is 3V crimped galvanized roofing, the cupolas are also galvanized and the south windows have steel frames. They use the hay fork on either end. We designed it ourselves. I made the drawing." signed "Jessie R. Auld" "Taken Oct. 1910".

The top half of the barn is all open for hay storage. There is a wall ladder in the second section (from the west end) as entry to the loft. The metal skin of the upper story is over boxing and the metal of the roof is over framing. A track runs the length of the roof ridge to carry a huge hay fork and hay could be put in from either end. It took a team of horses to pull the hay fork full of hay from the hayrack up into the barn through the huge drop down doors on either end (east and west). There are two small sliding doors, one on the south loft wall and one on the north loft wall. There are three dormer windows on the roof of the south face of the barn to give light to the loft. The lower part of the barn is divided into 4 sections with two arched doorways to each section. There are no openings in the lower portion of the building on the east, north and west. There are two other barns and corrals incorporated in the use of the stone barn but they are not included in this proposal. The western most section was incorporated by fences to a regular horse barn and was used as a run for the stallions. The second section, with corrals, was used for calving in the spring and later in the year, for feeder cattle. The third section was incorporated with the cow barn and hence, used as a milk cow run. The last section was open to the pasture for shelter for the animals grazing there.

Each of the 4 sections of the barn contain feed troughs and hay racks for feeding. There are openings in the loft floor to deliver feed and hay into those stations. Narrow spring loaded doors allow entry from one section to another so that one does not have to go outside to enter the next section.

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It is one of the largest barns in the area - stone or timber. The outside overall measurement is 30'4" x 180'6". From the ground to the metal siding, it is 8'11" and from the stone to the eave is 6' 6". Inside measurement from the haymow floor to the fork rail (in gable) is 161' 6". The cut limestone blocks were of varying lengths - 12 1/2" to 36" x 11". The arch openings are 10' wide by 8' tall at the highest point. The walls are 18 1/2" thick. The stringers for the loft support are 2" x 10" x 30' and are set on 16" centers.

The only alterations to the barn were two small doors cut in the east and west end near the large door to accommodate small baled hay. The barn was used for hay storage and animal activities. It is no longer used for hay storage but is still used as animal shelter but not to its capacity.

The barn received quite extensive damage in a freak windstorm in 1977. That damage was repaired. It has, however sustained considerable damage from time and weather and needs repairing to save the structure.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on the SE corner of the NE 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 29 in Republican Township, Clay County, Kansas. It is bounded by other buildings that comprise the farmstead. A ten foot perimeter surrounds the nominated barn, whose physical measurements are 30' 6" from north to south and 180' 6" from east to west. The measurement of the nominated property is 50' 4" from north to south and 200' 6" from east to west.

Boundary Justification

The property is located on a 360 acre tract that has always been in agriculture. The outside dimensions of the barn are 30'4" x 180'6", therefore, less than an acre would be involved in the nomination. Two other barns that are historically associated with the stone barn stand to its south but are not included in this nomination.

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The Auld Stone Barn (1908 - 1910) is being nominated to the National Register under criterion C for its architectural significance as a limestone barn.

James Auld was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, 28th Aug. 1838. In 1857, he sailed for New Zealand to take a position with a farmer in Auckland, New Zealand. He moved to Napier, New Zealand in 1860 where he worked in the Post Office. In 1862, he went to Invercargill, New Zealand (South Island) to join his brother, Robert, in a farming venture. James returned to Scotland in 1868 after the death of his brother, Robert. He met and married Jane Hunter (a teacher) on the 16th of May, 1870. They left directly after marriage for America and settled on a farm near Alida, Geary County, Kansas. To this union was born four children - 3 sons and a daughter. Jane Hunter Auld died in 1880 while giving birth to her fifth child who also died. The family lived on the Alida farm until James purchased the land in Clay County in 1901, the tract where the nominated stone barn was built.

The land (160 acres) was originally railroad land purchased by Archibald Simpson in 1869. It was sold to Jacob Show in Nov. of 1869. Included in this purchase by Jacob Show was another 160 acre tract, purchased from Landen Farr. This parcel remained in the Show family until it was purchased by James Auld in Jan. of 1901. Upon the occasion of James death in 1926 - the farm passed to Robert Hunter Auld Sr. At the time of his death in 1963 - the farm went to his wife, Ida Gfeller Auld. At her death in 1983, her son Louis James Auld, inherited the farm and is the present day owner. There are 4th and 5th generations of Auld now working the farm. We are nearing the 100th anniversary of ownership of the farm by the Auld Family.

The Auld Stone Barn was built to facilitate the business of breeding and raising horses. It was the primary business here from 1901 until 1922. It was an active, working farm with hay, oats, corn, alfalfa, cane and wheat being the principle crops - most used to feed the livestock on the farm. There was a period of about ten years that there were no stallions for breeding. A purebred Percheron Stallion was purchased in 1929 and the breeding business was resumed. It finally concluded approximately in 1945 when tractors were readily available.



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This barn was built under the supervision of James Auld. Construction began in 1908 and was completed in 1910. Limestone for the barn came from the Wachle Quarry located about 3 miles from the site of the barn. During the building of the barn, things went fairly well up to the point where the arches were to start. The masons on the job did not know how to cut arch blocks so construction was stopped. Robert Hunter Auld went to an elderly stone cutter to see if he could recommend someone who could cut the blocks. He did not know anyone but he said he could teach Auld to cut them. This came to pass and Auld cut all the arch blocks needed to complete the stone portion of the barn.

James Auld kept meticulous account books which document most to the cost for labor and materials for the barn. We also know the names of the stone masons who worked on the barn.

Of special note are the stringers used to support the loft. They were especially milled for the barn and are 2" x 10" x30'. The line item listed in 1910, "Mch. 23 - Lumber (stone barn) -\$426.25" is most likely the cost of those stringers.

Just as all farms and houses are "named" in Scotland - James planned to name the Wakefield farm "Wayside" - hence, some of the stallions that were born and raised on the farm had, as part of their registered name - "Wayside", i. e. "Wayside Pride", " Wayside Ladd".

There has been some discussion about the idea that this building would be a good setting for displaying antique farm equipment. There is quite an amount of old machinery on this farm.

The barn is representative of the large stock barns that were constructed in Kansas during what was known as the "Golden Age of Agriculture." The use of native stone added a regional construction feature to the barn. Its large proportions allowed the barn to house the core of the Auld family's breeding business for several decades. The roomy loft, with its dormers and feeding shoots, provided an efficient and modern building in which to raise both horses and cows. The barn stands today as a testament to an earlier time in this country's agricultural dominance. Its fine stone arches and elegant metal roof vents support and surmount the solid connection that this building has with our history. The large barns are now an outmoded element of our society. The craftsmanship, materials and sheer size of the Auld Barn is a testament to an earlier time.

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