

HISTORIC NAME: Eitzen Stone Barn COUNTY: Houston
 CURRENT NAME: Schroeder Stone Barn CITY/TWP.: Winnebago Township
 LEGAL DESC.: See below ADDRESS: south of Eitzen City, along
 Iowa Avenue, east side

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Agriculture</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Other: Building</u>
Object _____	Fair <u>X</u>	National _____	Others <u>Technology</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		<u>Settlement (ethnic)</u>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___ PRESENT USE:
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___ Farm storage
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1870s-80s ORIGINAL USE: Barn
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Christian Krueger (?)

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Robert Schroeder
 Dorchester, Iowa ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A

FORM PREPARED BY: Robert M. Frame III, Ph.D.
 DATE: May 29, 1981

UTM REFERENCE:
 Eitzen, Minn.-Iowa Quad.
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DESCRIPTION:

The stone barn is located at the south edge of the city of Eitzen along the east side of the road which, historically, connected the community of Portland Prairie, Minnesota, with Dorchester, Iowa. The rectangular barn is constructed of random-coursed rubble stone with rough-hewn, pegged-timber interior framing. The corrugated metal gable roof and supporting wood beams are of more recent construction. There are several round-arch door openings in the north, south, and east walls, including two large vehicle entryways. The west wall has a serious crack in the stonework.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Eitzen Stone Barn is significant in the areas of local agriculture, vernacular architecture, and ethnic settlement. Although the date of construction is unknown, it probably was built by either Christian Krueger (property owner 1865-79) or Johann Christopher Schroeder (owner 1879-94); both were part of the German immigrant community in the Eitzen area. (Krueger was the stone mason who constructed the stone store for Christian Bunge Jr. also included in this Multiple Resource Nomination.) Agriculturally, the barn represents the general farming orientation of the community and county which, until the 1800s, were largely devoted to growing wheat. Architecturally, it is an unusual vernacular example of the stone mason's art, distinctive in Houston County, although representative of the general use of stone in southeastern Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Commencing in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 32, Township 101, Range 5, at the intersection of the east right-of-way line of Trunk Highway 76 and the Minnesota-Iowa state boundary; thence northerly along said right-of-way 100 ft. to a point of beginning; thence due east 150 ft.; thence due north 100 ft.; thence due west to said right-of-way line; thence southerly along said right-of-way line to point of beginning.