

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 any 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 Maple Grove Sales Pavilion and Farrowing Barn

Other names/site number FM00-085

2. Location

Street & number 2408 Road W

Not for publication

City or town Tobias

Vicinity

State Nebraska Code NE County Fillmore Code 059 Zip code 68453

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)


Signature of certifying official

June 1, 2009
Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society
State or 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 this property is:

entered in the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

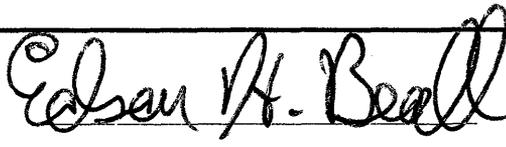
determined eligible for the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): _____

 7-16-09


Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Maple Grove Sales Pavilion and Farrowing Barn

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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

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/animal facility

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/storage

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation Concrete

Walls Wood frame

Roof Tin

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.)

- X 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 a 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCE

Period of Significance

Ca. 1912-1959

Significant Dates

Ca. 1912

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

William McCurdy - original owner

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 for additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local Government
University
Other
Name of repository:

Maple Grove Sales Pavilion and Farrowing Barn

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10. Geographical DataAcreage of property Less than one

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	637530	4471042	3.			
2.				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 Byname/title Jill Dolberg/Review and Compliance Coordinatororganization Nebraska State Historical Societydate April 22, 2009street & number 1420 P Street/Box 82554telephone (402) 471-4773city or town Lincolnstate NEzip code 68501-2554**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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title Bob and LaDean Endorfstreet & number 2408 Road Wtelephone (402) 243-2307city or town Tobiasstate NEzip code 68453

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The Maple Grove Stock Barn is located on a farmstead situated between Tobias and Ohiowa, Nebraska. The landscape around Tobias consists of plains, flat-lying land which lies above the valley. The plains are made up of sandstone or stream-deposited silt, clay, sand and gravel, overlain by wind-deposited loess.

The one story, wood frame sale barn was built in two distinct sections: a hipped portion with a large cupola and a narrower rectangular portion with a gabled roof. The square, hipped roof portion of the barn was used for livestock auctions. The main public entrance is on the west side of the building, which features the original sliding wood door with cross bracing. Additional doors are found on the south side and lead into the holding pen outside. The large cupola has a hipped roof covered in tin with a King Ventilation System vent topped with a weather vane with a hog, as well as original two-over-two, double-hung windows. Originally there were five windows on each side of the cupola, but some have been removed and their spaces covered in wood siding as they failed. It is possible that the windows did not fail at all, but instead having so many windows in the cupola structure caused instability in high winds, and that the windows were removed to prevent damage. Whichever is true, at present each side has two or three windows intact. On the main floor, each side of the barn has at least two large two-over-two, double-hung windows, with the exception of the side that also has the rectangular portion of the barn and therefore has only one. These windows were necessary for allowing the maximum amount of light in the space for the auctions.

The rectangular portion of the barn was used primarily for farrowing and housing young piglets until they were ready to be weaned. The barn is long and narrow, approximately half the width of the sale barn portion, and has pens along side the walls. Along the ridgeline, three additional King Ventilation System vents are situated at even intervals. The wooden structure that supports the vents is covered in imbricated shingles. Historic photographs show that there was originally a chimney that also punctuated the ridgeline, and its stove provided warmth for the piglets and sows during cold winters. It is no longer present. There is one door on the far east side of the rectangular portion.

The interior of the sale barn has an open concrete floor, and the walls were finished in beadboard. The upper structure of the building is visible, and the four corners of the cupola are supported by large square beams. Originally, three sides of the sale room had bleacher seating. The farrowing pens are still present, and a tin sign above states "Purebred Sires Exclusively Used on this Farm. We Are Cooperating for Better Livestock with the State College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture."

The sales barn is part of a larger complex of agricultural buildings, including a farmhouse, corn crib, silos and an additional barn, as well as a moved in historic school from elsewhere in the county. The remaining buildings have been sided in vinyl, and do not retain sufficient historic integrity to consider the farmstead as a whole for listing in the National Register. The historic integrity of the sales barn is excellent, the only changes being the loss of a handful of windows and the tin roofing material that replaced the shake shingle roof it had historically. Tin is a common roofing material in rural Nebraska, and does not constitute a lack of integrity by Nebraska SHPO standards, and the number of windows that have been removed is minor.

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The Maple Grove Stock Farm was well known for raising purebred Duroc hogs. The sales pavilion and farrowing barn, built in approximately 1912, was built for several functions. The tall square portion of the building with the large cupola was built to host livestock auctions, while the long, one story rectangular section was used as a farrowing shed.

The Maple Grove Sales Pavilion and Farrowing Barn was built in approximately 1912 by the owner, William McCurdy. McCurdy and his son, Guy McCurdy, operated Maple Grove Stock Farm together in the 1910s and early 1920s. They were known for raising Duroc hogs and "big type Poland-Chinas" on their Tobias, Nebraska farm, and advertised that stock was for sale at all times.

Duroc swine have their origins in the eastern United States and in the Cornbelt. Most often red in color, Durocs were well established in the United States by the mid-1800s, and would have begun their move into the Cornbelt in the later half of the 19th century. Durocs were relatively rare in Nebraska.

Part of the sale barn was used to farrow the hogs, or to house sows during and after the births of their litters. During auctions, the hogs were run through the building from the east end to the west, and buyers would observe the livestock from bleacher style seating that ringed the sale barn. The auctioneer traveled from western Iowa to take part in their sales. One letter from Auctioneer Duncan, dated July 1918, urges McCurdy to ensure that there is ample light for the auction, so that buyers will adequately see the products for sale.

In rural Nebraska, sales such as livestock auctions were popular social events, in addition to serving the purpose of buying and selling livestock. Given the distances between farmsteads, an auction was a justifiable distraction from work on one's own farm, and gave an opportunity to socialize and compare notes and techniques with other farmers. Between sales, the building was also used for barn dances, an additional social outlet for the outlying rural community.

The Nebraska Historic Buildings Survey database holds records of only eight sale barns that have been surveyed individually throughout the state. Of these, few sale barns were located on a private farmstead. Those remaining were either located in fairgrounds or as businesses in town. The vast majority of livestock sales were undertaken after the animals had been shipped to some central location, such as the barns mentioned above. The incidence of buyers being able to buy livestock directly from the breeder/owner at their base of operations must therefore be extremely low, and only an excellent reputation in the field would ensure that buyers would make the trip. Sellers of extremely well-bred or rare breeds were the only breeders likely to have their own sale barn.

This barn is a fairly rare property type within the state of Nebraska, and given its excellent historic integrity and its significance, it is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is eligible under Criterion A for its association with a less documented facet of Nebraska's agricultural history, the breeding and sale of a rare breed of swine, the Duroc. The owner was well known throughout the region for his livestock, and was sufficiently respected to draw buyers who would travel to purchase one.

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Bibliography:

Olson, James C. and Ronald C. Naugle. *History of Nebraska*, 3rd edition. (Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 1997.

Verbal Boundary Description:

SE ¼ NW ¼, NE ¼ SW ¼ and N ½ SE ¼, Section 24, Township 5 North, Range 1 West.

Boundary Justification:

The boundaries include the land upon which the Maple Grove sale barn is situated.