

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number 122
District Name _____
Map Reference # 122

Identification

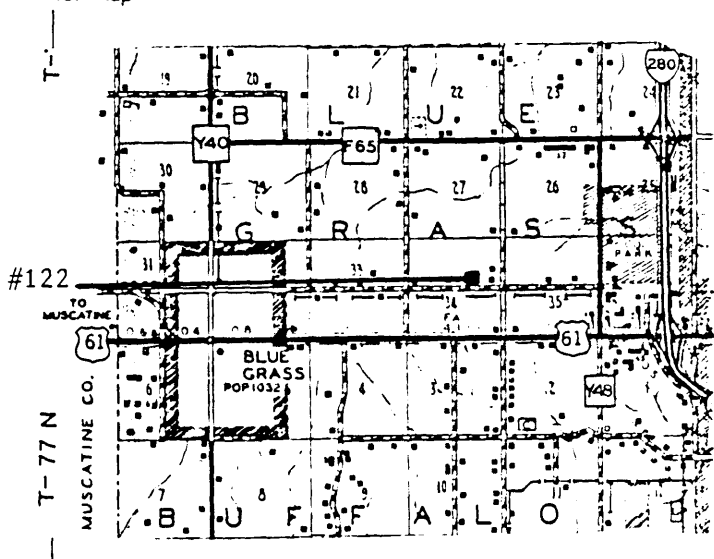
- Site Name Nebergall "Knoll Crest" Round Barn
- Village/Town/City Blue Grass vic. Township Bluegrass County Scott
- Street Address Telegraph Road, east of Blue Grass
- Legal Location 78 N 2 E 34 SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4
Urban: Rural: subdivision township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 690,680 northing 4,598,400; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name Nanrob, Inc. & Roger E. Nebergall c/o Donald C. Nebergall
- Owner(s) Address P. O. Box 4331 Cedar Rapids Iowa 52407
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present Storage Original Gen'l purpose barn

Description

- Date of Construction 1914 Architect/Builder Benton Steele Original owner: Charles W. Nebergall
- Building Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> multiple-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> commercial			
- Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten* shingles stucco
 other clay tile (1st) *begins at hay mow or second floor level
- Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
- Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
- Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
See reverse side.
- Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
- Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
- Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll 653 Frame 28 View _____

VBD: A 7.6 foot diameter, based upon center point of barn, excludes nearby detached buildings.

Significance (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

20. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

N/A

Continuation of 14. Integrity.

Circular interior. Central drive. Diameter 56'. Gambrel, wood-shingled roof. Cupola with cone roof. 1st floor clay tile, 2nd board and batten.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____ True-Round: _____ Specialty Contractor;

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Benton Steele.

See Continuation Sheet.

22. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

Donald C. Nebergall, Box 4331, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407
Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
Organization _____

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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Continuation Sheet

Item Number(s)

Built during the peak years for construction of round barns, 1910-1920, this is the only known surviving round barn built on an Iowa farm by Benton Steele. Steele first built barns in the dairy districts of Indiana and Wisconsin and later in Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. To advertise his work, Steele regularly wrote articles describing his latest design in popular agricultural journals of the day. Contractors such as Steele put farmers in touch with expertise beyond that of the local carpenter.

At the time of its construction the Nebergall Round Barn was considered a novelty - one well worth copying due to its many labor saving qualities. Cow stanchions on the main level, in circular arrangement around a feedway and grain bins, characterize this barn as a dairy barn.

Horse stalls and cow stanchions ringed the outer perimeter of the main level with driveway through the middle dividing the cow side from the horse side. Grain bins and feedways filled the void between the animals and the center drive. A separate hay chute serviced each side of the barn so that the horse hay and the cow hay could be efficiently stored and fed. The barn had a central drive with no silo.