

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 141
District Name _____
Map Reference # 141

Identification Johnson

- Site Name Thomas Jordan Polygonal Barn, Lime Creek Twp., Washington County
- Village/Town/City Wellman vic. Township Lime Creek County Washington
- Street Address Off IA 114
- Legal Location _____

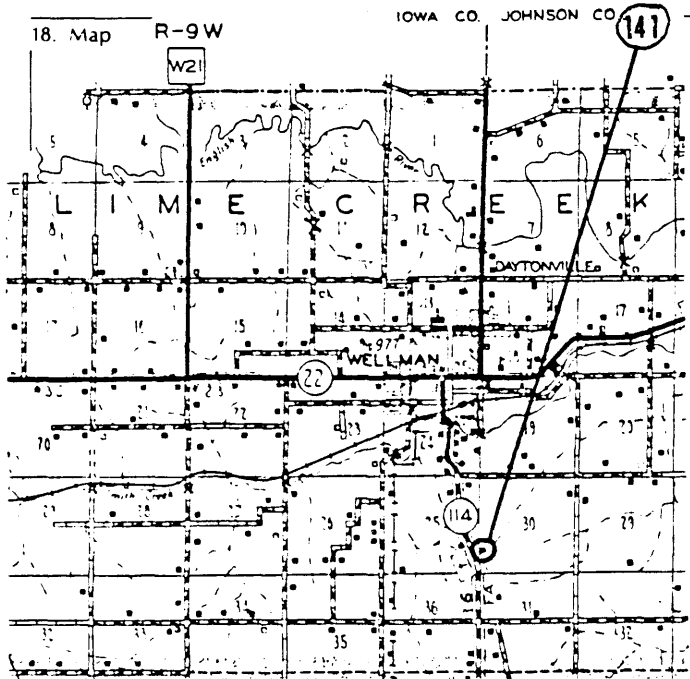
Urban Rural:	subdivision township	block range	parcel section	subparcel ¼ section of ¼ section
	<u>T77N</u>	<u>R9W</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>W½ SW½</u>
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 597,850 northing 4,587,970; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name Thomas Johnson
- Owner(s) Address _____

(Street address)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)
<u>R. R.</u>	<u>Wellman</u>	<u>Iowa</u>	<u>52356</u>
- Use: Present Hog Original Hog

Description

- Date of Construction early 20th Century Architect/Builder Thomas Johnson
- 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 vertical board siding
- 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 reversed 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 _____



19. Photo Roll _____ Frame _____ View _____

VBD: A circle 60' in diameter defined by the center point of the barn, excluding nearby structures.

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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.

16 sided 40' diameter 15 pens (and doorway) around interior. Vertical board siding. Each side 8', straight conical roof with asphalt shingles and metal aerators 2 rows of windows in roof. Non-self supporting roof.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Special Function; Hog type.

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Characterized as a hog barn by the fifteen pens built around the perimeter, and by the many windows in both the roof and in the exterior wall. Light and ventilation in hog barns were a concern of this time. The construction, in the early 20th century, of special function barns represented as important experimental shift in the traditional use of the barn.

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

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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