

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 105
District Name _____
Map Reference # 105

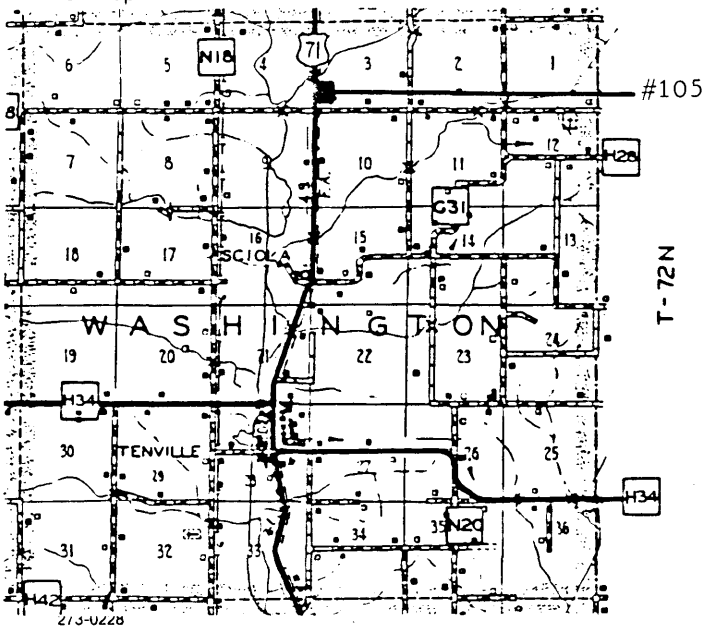
Identification

- Site Name Round Barn, Washington Twp., Montgomery County
- Village/Town/City vic. Sciola Township Washington County Montgomery
- Street Address US 71
- Legal Location 72 N 36 W 3 SW 1/4
Urban: Rural: subdivision township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 333,330 northing 4,547,180; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name Dale & Cynthy Spencer
- Owner(s) Address R. R. #2 Villisca Iowa 50864
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present Cattle barn Original Hog barn

Description

- Date of Construction 1917 Architect/Builder _____
- Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
- Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
- 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 1578 Frame 3 View _____

VBD: A circle 80' diameter, based on the center point of the barn, and excluding any detached nearby buildings.

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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.

60' diameter. Board and batten over dimension plank lumber wall framing. 16-sided w/ 16 sectioned, two-pitch self-supporting roof. Stalls around perimeter, open center.

21. Historical Significance

Them(e)s Special Function; Hog type.

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It is known from the 1979 Mail Questionnaire that this barn was originally built to shelter hogs. As a special function hog barn, the significant identifying features include the many windows of the outside wall and of the cupola, designed to provide both sanitizing light and ventilation to the interior of the barn. The interior of the barn is open in the center and has stalls, or pens, around the perimeter. The construction, in the early 20th century, of special function barns represented an 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.):

Dale and Cynthia Spencer, RR 2, Villisca, IA 50864
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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