

# Iowa Site Inventory

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

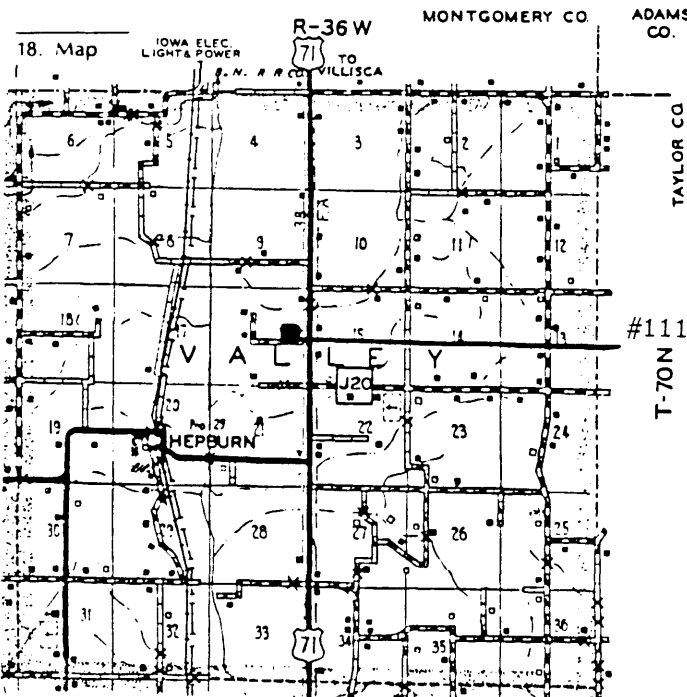
Site Number 111  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 111

## Identification

- Site Name McCoy Polygonal Barn
- Village/Town/City Hepburn vic. Township Valley County Page
- Street Address Off US 71
- Legal Location 70 N 36 W 16 NE 1/4  
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
Rural: township range section 1/4 section of 1/4 section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 332,630 northing 4,525,490; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name Malcom McCoy
- Owner(s) Address R. R. #1 Villisca Iowa 50864  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present Hog barn Original Sales pavilion

## Description

- Date of Construction 1914 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 shiplap
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_



9. Photo Roll 631 Frame 19 View \_\_\_\_\_

VBD: A circle 50' in diameter, based on the center point of the barn, excludes attached shed to west.

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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.

Circular interior. 6 - sided barn with 30' diameter. 6 - sided Monitor with 12 windows.

Theme(s) Common Variation; Monitor type.  
Special Function; Farm Sale type.

## 21. Historical Significance

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One of five round barns with a multi-windowed monitor known to have been built on an Iowa farm, and one of only two which remain in good condition. Monitor round barns are specifically characterized by a large multi-windowed monitor, of much greater proportion than standard cupolas, which is designed to provide natural light to the barn's interior. Several of these barns were built in Iowa along the lines of a circular hoghouse in McLean County, Illinois which was featured in the February 26, 1920 issue of Breeder's Gazette. The McCoy Round Barn was originally built as a hog sale barn, which would explain the owner's concern for good light.

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

Malcolm McCoy, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## For Office of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_
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### 3. Photo Images \_\_\_\_\_

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