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National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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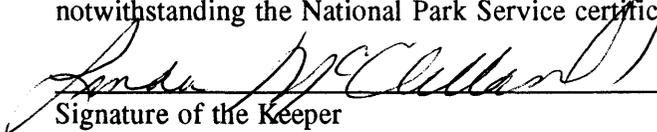
NRIS Reference Number: 99000739

Property Name: Slayton Farms--Round Barn

County: Hardin State: Iowa

Iowa Round Barns: The Sixty Year Experiment TR
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

 July 7, 1999
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8. Significance:

"Architecture" is, hereby, added to the Areas of Significance to correspond to the property's significance under Criterion C as an example of a true-round barn using the hollow clay tile method of construction.

The Iowa State Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

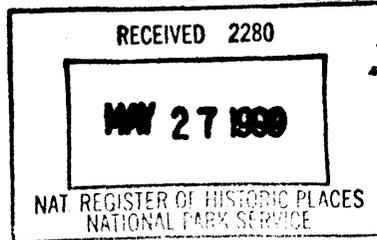
DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Slayton Farms - Round Barn _____

other names/site number _____

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2. Location

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street & number 20478 135th Street _____ N/A not for publication _____

city or town Iowa Falls _____ vicinity X

state Iowa code IA county Hardin code 083 zip code 50126 _____

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally X statewide X locally. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official Date

State Historical Society of Iowa _____
State or Federal agency and bureau

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In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification
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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): _____

Linda McVellard 7/2/99

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Classification
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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

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> buildings
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
<u> 1 </u>	<u> 0 </u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture/subsistence/____ sub _____
Agricultural_Outbuilding_____ _____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: _Vacant/Not in Use_____ Sub: _____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

_No Style_____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _Concrete_____
roof _wood_____
walls _Terra Cotta_____

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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.)

- 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.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

 Agriculture

Period of Significance 1915

Significant Dates 1915

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

 N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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 of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	15	476120	4706720	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.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Marcia Hovinga
organization Iowa Falls Community Theatre date August 28, 1998
street & number 10867 DD Avenue telephone 515-859-7208
city or town Alden state IA zip code 50006
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Additional Documentation
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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)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Bob and Diana Shaner
street & number 20508 135th Street telephone 515-648-2977
city or town Iowa Falls state IA zip code 50126
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Section number 7, 8 Page 1 Slayton Farms round barn, Hardin County, Iowa

Narrative Description

The Slayton Farms round barn is located near the southwest edge of Iowa Falls. It is in a rural setting with a small number of houses nearby. No other buildings or structures remain from the time when the barn was part of the Slayton farm operation.

The true-round barn rests on a poured concrete foundation. Its walls are of hollow-clay tile constructed in the manner of that practiced by the Johnson Brothers Clay Works near Fort Dodge, Iowa. This construction design featured smaller dark red clay tile in the lower story and larger size tile above. The roof is of a two-pitch gambrel type with an attractive hay dormer. Two metal roof aerators are located on either side of a central silo.

Within the barn, the lower level is arranged in circular fashion around the silo. Metal stanchions for dairy cows surround the silo, from which silage was shoveled for feeding the cattle. Above, loft floor joists radiate outward from the silo, first to a curved laminated beam at the interior's center where the stanchions are situated, and from there extending to the outer hollow clay tile exterior walls. An interior ventilation system for the cattle in the lower level carries fresh air from the window openings up through ventilator pipes running from the loft floor alongside the silo wall up to the metal roof ventilators.

The barn has been vacant for some time and the roof is in deteriorated condition. Present plans call for the owners, Bob and Diana Shaner, to give the round barn to the Iowa Falls Community Theatre Pastimes Players. Once the legal transfer arrangements occur, restoration will begin with the purpose of having a theatre in the barn.

Statement of Significance

The property is locally significant under criterion C as a surviving example of a type of round barn construction mainly found in Iowa, namely the true-round variety built with hollow clay tile walls. It is one of sixteen such barns believed to have been built by the Johnson Brothers Clay Works, a Fort Dodge firm whose model design used two sizes of tile—a smaller tile in the lower story and a larger tile above.

Hollow clay tile round barns became a distinctive trait of Iowa's round barns compared to those found elsewhere. This era of agricultural prosperity coincided with the state's leadership in clay tile production when massive efforts were underway to drain her many wetlands in order to expand cultivation in the area's rich soils. Here in Iowa, the hollow clay tile silo was developed by clay tile manufactures in cooperation with farm buildings specialists at Iowa State University and it gained immense popularity. In similar fashion, the idea for constructing round hollow tile "silo" barns took hold and encouraged providers to market tile for building construction as well. The Slayton Farm round barn exemplified this time of building tile construction.

Frank Slayton, one among an influential family in Hardin County and Georgeton, had the round barn built in 1915. Georgeton had been a dream of George Senter, an early settler, who platted the village in 1856 about one and one-half miles west of the business section of the city of Iowa Falls. At its height, the village contained a sawmill, horse racing track, school and several residents. John Slayton—father of Frank—was one of the original residents and the person in charge of the sawmill. He brought the machinery for the mill from Iowa City with teams of horses. Voters elected him to be a Hardin County Trustee in 1859 and he was a delegate to the 1865

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county Republican Convention. When John Slayton died in 1904 leaving all his property to his wife Harriet, Frank Slayton—one of three sons—became the executor of the will.

At the time of his father's death, Frank Slayton lived in Saint Joseph, Missouri where he was a well known railroad man. Frank had become head of the motive department of the St. Joe & Grand Island railway and later became connected to the Baldwin locomotive works. While with the Baldwin firm, he spent many years selling locomotives in India and South America. After his father died, the farm continued to operate as a dairy farm for a number of years thereafter. Today, other than the round barn as a local reminder of the Slayton family's one-time presence, a street is named after them in Iowa Falls while Georgetown Road acknowledges the existence of the small hamlet of Georgeton on the southwest side of Iowa Falls.

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History of Hardin County Iowa from History of Iowa. Springfield, Ill.: Union Publishing, 1883

Verbal boundary description

The nominated boundary of the round barn is a circle with the circumference of 202 feet centered on the barn. The center of the barn is located 115 feet from the north boundary and 62 feet from the west boundary of the property.

Verbal boundary justification

The nominated property includes only the barn on the parcel historically associated with the building, there being no other structures within this boundary.

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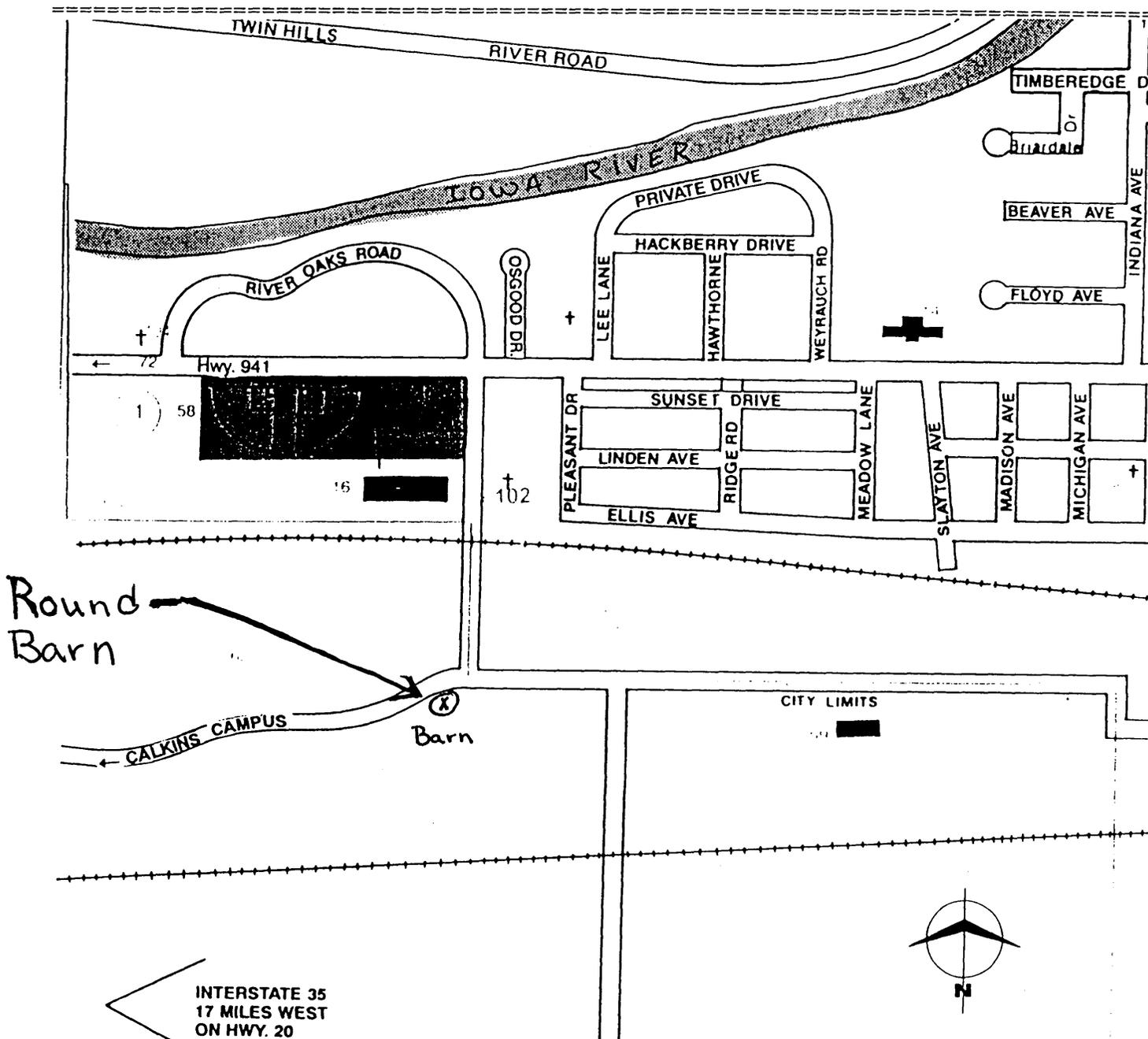
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Slayton Farms - Round Barn
name of property
Hardin Iowa
county and State



INTERSTATE 35
17 MILES WEST
ON HWY. 20