

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 62
District Name _____
Map Reference # 62

Identification

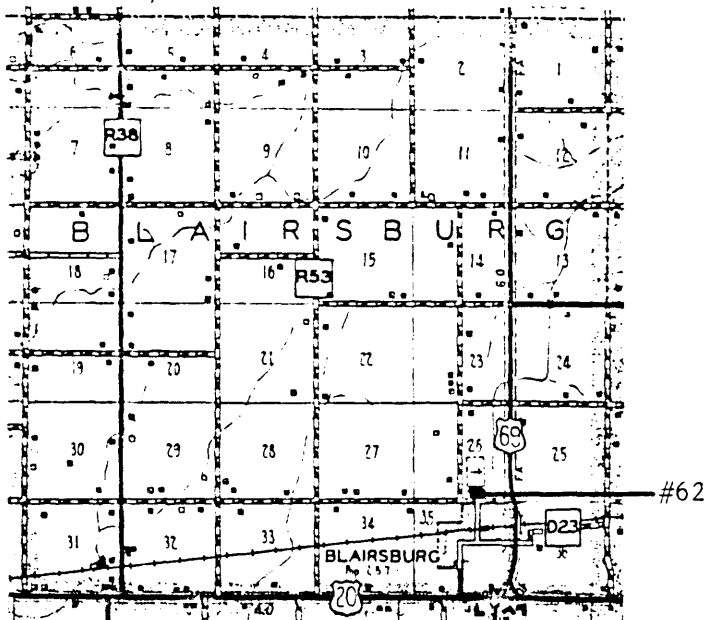
1. Site Name William Oakland Round Barn
2. Village/Town/City Blairsburg vic. Township Blairsburg County Hamilton
3. Street Address Off US 68
4. Legal Location 89 N 24 W 26 SW 1/4 of SW 1/4
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section 1/4 section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 447,960 northing 4,703,760; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Margaret Cory
7. Owner(s) Address 2711 30th Columbus Nebraska 68601
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Hog barn Original hog and sales barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1910 Architect/Builder William Oakland, first owner.
10. 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			
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other clay tile
12. 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 _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. 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.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll 590 Frame 24 A View _____

VBD: A circle 70' in diameter, based on center point of barn, includes barn only.

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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.

Presently open interior with central clay tile silo of 16' diameter. Barn with 50' diameter. Gambrel roof with asphalt shingles. Row of windows just below break in roof. Entrance to loft floor through gable, dormer double doors.

True-Round; Iowa/King type; Supplier Unknown.
True-Round; Socialty Contractor; Supplier Unkown.
Special Function; Hog type.
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21. Historical Significance

Theme(s)

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

See Continuation Sheet.

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

Verdis Fortune, RR 1, Blairsburg, IA 50034

Clarke, S.J. History of Hamilton County, Vol. II. Chicago: 191?.

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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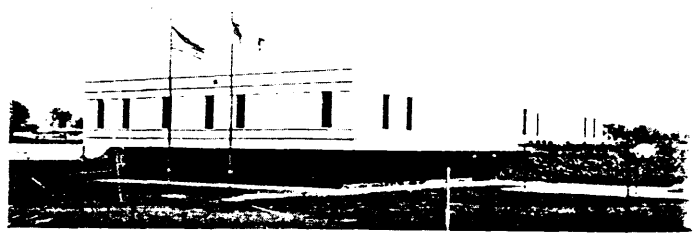
It is known from the History of Hamilton County, by S.J. Clarke, that William T. Oakland built this barn in the early 1900s as a combination hog and sale barn. The barn was designed for pig farrowing on the ground level with a sale ring on the upper level. To accommodate sales, the upper level was well lit by a row of sixteen windows located just below the break in the two-pitch gambrel roof. The windows on the ground level, characteristic of barns designed for hogs, were likely built for reasons of sanitation.

The supplier of the clay tile is unknown, as is the name of the builder(s). The use of structural clay tile was one of the later improvements in the history of round barns, believed to have been introduced around 1910 by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station.

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October 24, 1985

Lowell J. Soike, Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Historical Building
East 12th & Grand
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

RE: William Oakland Round Barn, Blairsburg Township, Hamilton County

Dear Mr. Soike;

We are pleased that the William Oakland Round Barn is being considered by the State National Register Nominations Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. We diligently support preservation of historic sites, and urge with appreciation your consideration of the William Oakland Round Barn.

Sincerely,

The Hamilton County Board of Supervisors
by Lana D. Hinderks, Hamilton County
Auditor/Commissioner of Elections