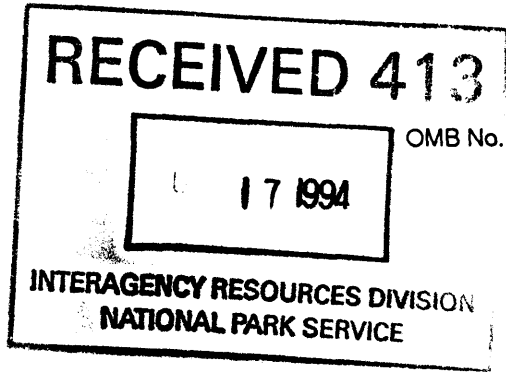


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National Register of Historical Places Registration Form

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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mundstock, Carl August, Farm other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number W 5648, R. 1, U.S.H. 14 - 61 not for publication N/A city or town Town of Shelby vicinity N/A state Wisconsin code WI county LaCrosse code 063 zip code 54601

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 statewide X locally.

Signature of certifying official State Historic Preservation Officer-WI Date Oct. 10, 1994

State or Federal agency and bureau

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

4. National Park Service Certification

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):

Signature of the Keeper Edron H. Beall

Date of Action 11.21.94

Entered in the National Register

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

| Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) | Category of Property (Check only one box) | Number of Resources within Property | | |
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| | | Contributing | Noncontributing | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | buildings sites structures objects Total |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-local | <input type="checkbox"/> district | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-State | <input type="checkbox"/> site | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal | <input type="checkbox"/> structure | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> | |

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/ single dwelling
AGRICULTURAL/storage
AGRICULTURAL/animal facility
AGRICULTURAL/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC/ single dwelling
VACANT/NOT IN USE
VACANT/NOT IN USE
VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
LATE VICTORIAN/Queen Anne

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation stone
roof metal
walls brick
wood
other stone

Narrative Description

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

8. Statement of Significance

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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1906

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.

Significant Dates

1906

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Wuensch, Wenzel (builder)

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(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: LaCrosse Area Research Center

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Name of Property

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County and State

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 5.06 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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| | | | | | _____ | 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.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

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)

Property Owner

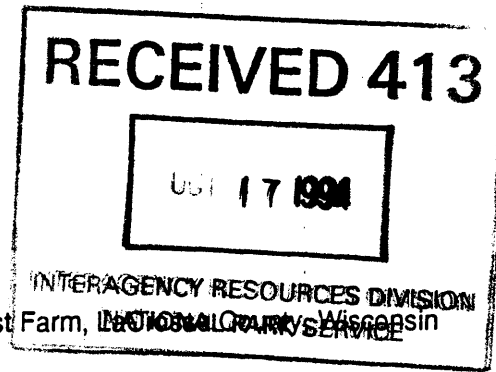
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city or town LaCrosse state WI zip code 54601

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Section 7 - Architectural Description

The Carl August Mundstock Farm is a collection of eight buildings associated with Carl Mundstock family. The two-story brick Queen Anne style house, constructed in 1906, and the associated sheds and barns, are located on the north side of U.S.H. 14-61 in the Town of Shelby, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. The valley where the farm is located is the drainage basin of Mormon Creek, which drains into the sloughs of the Mississippi River at Goose Island, approximately one mile west of the farm.

Landscaping around the house includes a large white pine tree east of the house and a number of mature hardwood trees to the south and north of the house, including black walnut and oak.

Ornamental evergreen shrubs have been planted close to the house on the front (south) and side (west) facades near the open porch. The house sits approximately thirty-five feet north from the edge of Highway 14-61. The outbuildings are located within one hundred to two hundred feet from the house to the north and east. A paved driveway enters the complex between the house and the outbuildings, and curves to connect with the three-car attached garage behind the house to the north. Across the highway, to the south, are agricultural fields and a trailer house development. To the west, north and east of the house are agricultural fields.

Most of the outbuildings contribute to the architectural significance of the Mundstock Farm in that they assist in creating a sense of historic siting for the farmhouse itself. The feeling and association of the historic outbuildings, which are contemporary with the historic farm-related use of the house itself, are important features to the overall historic and

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architectural integrity of the Mundstock Farm.

A. Mundstock House

Date: 1906

Contributing

The Carl August Mundstock House is a two-story brick Queen Anne style house. Constructed in 1906, the house sits on a stone foundation, with a smooth-cut stone watertable between the rough-cut foundation and the red brick walls. The irregular-plan building is covered by a combination hipped/gabled roof and a conical shaped turret roof. The entire roof is covered in metal, as it was originally. The original roof was damaged and replaced after a 1990 wind storm.

The front, south facade is asymmetrical, with an open porch supported by simple, tapered, tuscan columns. At the southwest corner is a rounded turret. The shape of the porch, which wraps around to the west side, matches the turret's shape. In the 1980s the porch floor, which had rotted, was replaced by a concrete deck, which now supports the columns. New concrete steps were also laid at that time. The porch ceiling is painted tongue-in-groove wainscotting. The porch roofline features a simple frieze and a molded cornice. The roof of the porch, on the south facade, is ornamented with an open balustraded balcony. The wood balusters are turned, with turned newel posts.

The first story of the front, south facade is almost entirely covered by the porch. The front door is slightly off-set to the east, with a modern screen door on the exterior, and the original moulded wood panel door inside, with a single etched-glass pane upper. A simple stone lintel is set over the doorway. Single,

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fixed pane windows flank either side of the doorway. Simple, stone lintels cap the windows, simple stone sills are set under the windows, and the tops of the lintels are flush with the roof ceiling.

Three one-over-one double-hung sash windows are set in the first floor turret. A single continuous lintel wraps around the turret over all three windows. The wrap-around porch terminates beyond the turret, to the north.

The second floor of the south facade is similar in organization to the first floor. One-over-one double-hung sash windows, with simple stone sills and lintels, are set approximately above the fixed-pane windows on the first story. A wood door with four horizontal panes is set above the first story door. Three one-over-one double-hung sash windows are set in the turret in locations corresponding to the first floor. A simple wood frieze is placed under the roof eave.

The multi-formed roof features an asymmetrically placed front-facing gable on the east side of the main facade. The gable is heavily ornamented with Queen Anne style details. Two side-by-side one-over-one double-hung sash windows are set in the center of the gable. A small vent is set above the windows. The entire gable is clad with fish-scale shingles. The gable peak is ornamented with a scrollwork gable brace. The cornice is a simple wood moulding.

The conical roof of the turret, which is clad in metal roofing material, is capped with an elaborate finial. When the roof was replaced in 1990, the roofers discovered that the original roofer

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had signed the inside of the finial with the following: "John Ledegar made this fennel (sic) Oct. 25, 1906, a Thursday" (Jorgensen). John Ledegar was a well-known roofer in the LaCrosse area from the turn-of-the-century to the 1950s.

The west, side facade is relatively simple, with windows on the first and second stories. The first story windows include a set of three double-hung sash windows on the north side, a small double-hung sash window in the center, and a pair of double-hung sash windows to the south. The second story features two standard size double-hung sash windows flanking a small double-hung sash window. All windows have stone sills and lintels. The side gable which projects from the hipped roof is similar to the front gable, with fish-scale shingles, two small windows, and wooden scrollwork in the gable peak.

The rear, north facade is simpler than the south and west facades. One sash window is set on the west end of the first story and one window is set on the west end of the second story. The gable of the roof on the north facade is inlaid with fish-scale shingles, however no scrollwork has been added. The east end of the first story is attached to a brick breezeway which is, in turn, attached to a three-car garage constructed in 1987. The garage, designed by the architectural firm of Schute-Larson Architects in LaCrosse (Jorgensen), was constructed of brick and has a hipped, metal roof, complimenting the overall mass and style of the house.

The east facade is more elaborate than the west and north facades. The south end of the first floor features a single double-hung sash window, then north of the window is a door which is elevated above the ground level. A wooden stair descends from the door,

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and is ornamented with a turned spindle balustrade. A portico supported by brackets covers the doorway. Though it is not certain, the millwork of the doorway suggests that this door is contemporary with the original construction of the house.

To the north of the doorway is a three-sided bay window. The bay is capped by a three-sided hipped roof, clad in metal. The three windows in the bay are similar to other windows in the house, with one-over-one double-hung sash and stone sills and lintels.

The facade juts inward approximately four feet at its midpoint, to accommodate an indented facade for the side porch. This porch, with a metal clad hipped roof, features a balustraded stair, turned posts and scrollwork, a spindled frieze, and a wood scrollwork screen door. The entire porch is screened. Inside the porch is another door, which enters into the kitchen, which is paneled on the bottom, with a glass pane above.

The attached, three-car garage faces the east, though it is angled to the northeast, away from the north-south axis of the house. The brick matches the color of the house, and the metal roof matches the same pitched angle as the house's roof.

The interior of the house is simple in design, with some formal features. The overall interior plan features a front entry/hallway offset by a formal sitting room, a dining room, downstairs bedroom and bathroom, and a large kitchen. Floors are hardwood and walls and ceilings are plastered. The second story features four bedrooms, an upstairs sitting room and a kitchen. The house also has a full attic and basement. Floors appear to be pine and walls are plastered.

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One enters the house through the entrance on the south facade from the front porch. Once passing through the front door, the visitor is standing in an open front hallway. To the right is the open stairs to the second floor. The square newel post and turned balusters were replicated in the 1980s to match the original balustrade which was removed during a remodeling of the second story in 1947 (Jorgensen).

The front sitting room is situated to the west of the front hallway. The room is simple in design with floor boards laid in a corner herring-bone pattern. The painted plaster walls feature a strip of wood moulding which surrounds the room.

The front hallway leads to the north, through another doorway, into the dining room. This room features a bay window, the wall moulding, and a built-in china cabinet with glass doors. The upper part of the wood cabinet is flush with the wall moulding, and it features three shelves behind glass doors, an open shelf below, and two drawers and wood doors enclosing lower shelves on the bottom. The walls in this room are painted plaster, and the floors are hardwood.

The room to the west of the dining room is currently used as a bedroom. The ceiling is clad with wood panels, which are divided by sections and painted. A small bathroom, which had originally been part of the kitchen, is set to the north of the bedroom.

The kitchen is entered from the dining room through a doorway. This large room spans the east/west width of the house. This room has been thoroughly modernized in the last ten years. It features

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sink and counters on the west wall, with an island counter supporting the stove. To the east of the counter is an informal sitting area. The east side door leads out to the side porch. The north wall of the kitchen features a new fireplace with an inset woodstove. The back stairway, which was originally enclosed, is open, and extends behind the fireplace area. A small half-bathroom is located in the northwest corner, in a room which was originally a pantry. The stairs to the basement are set at the east end of the north wall.

The second story, as was previously mentioned, was remodeled extensively in 1947 when the house was converted to accommodate a tenant on the second story (Jorgensen). The second story is reached through the front stairway. At the top of the stairs is a long hallway which extends from the front, south end of the house to the door of one of the rear bedrooms. The south end of the hallway terminates in a door, exiting to the porch roof of the house, which is surrounded by a wood balustrade.

At the east side of the south end of the hallway is a small bedroom. The floors are pine and the woodwork has been painted. Across the hall from the bedroom is the doorway into a large, open room which faces the south and west. The rounded corner of the turret makes up part of this room. Though probably originally a bedroom, this room is now the living room for the upstairs apartment. To the north of the living room is a wide entry which extends into another room which was remodelled into a kitchen. Wood cabinets, stove, sink, refrigerator and a bar counter are located in this room.

Further to the north down the hall is another small bedroom to the

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east. At the end of the hall is a door which leads to yet another bedroom. Another door is set at the north end of this bedroom to a rear hallway, which leads to yet one more bedroom, a small bathroom, and the rear stairway, which opens into the kitchen.

The attic is accessed through a small door set at the north end of the second story. A steep stairway leads to the open, unfinished attic. Plank floors and gable end windows are notable features in the attic.

The basement is accessed through a door on the north wall of the kitchen. The basement features three rooms with stone walls. New concrete floors have been poured in the last ten years. Perhaps the most notable features of the basement are large hand-hewn support beams, which are believed to have been salvaged from a building which stood on the property before the Mundstock House was constructed. A room for smoking meats was added to the southwest corner of the basement in 1947.

B. Shed

Date: pre-1906

Contributing

This one-story gable-end frame building was believed to have been built prior to the construction of the house, though probably sometime after Carl Mundstock purchased the property in 1900 (Jorgensen). The foundation, which reaches approximately three feet high, is constructed of concrete block. The upper, frame portion is clad in galvanized metal sheeting. The south facade features sliding, garage doors, a hinge door and a fixed two-over-two pane double-hung window. The gable-ends feature similar windows. The interior plan is one open room.

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The integrity of this building is fair. It has been altered with the addition of the concrete block foundation in recent years, however it remains in its original location.

C. Corn crib

Date: unknown, but probably contemporaneous with the barn.

Non-contributing

This building is a small, one story frame building with a gable end corn crib, which is clad with narrow boards attached horizontally, allowing ventilation in the corn storage bin. The roof is clad with rolled asphalt. The base of the crib tapers to a narrower width at the base than at the roofline. The crib has a lean-to shed attached to the south end, which is open at the east end.

The integrity of this building is low. The frame of the building is deteriorating, which is causing the entire building to sag.

D. Barn

Date: unknown, but roughly contemporaneous with the house.

Contributing

The barn is a large, two story gambrel frame building with a concrete foundation and base. The gambrel ends face east/west. The sides are clad with vertical flush boarding. Large sliding doors face the south, set at the west side of the south facade. A milking parlor is located at the east end of the building. A frame, gabled one-story addition is set into the south facade. This addition appears to have been constructed as a milkhouse.

The upper level of the barn was designed as a mow for hay and straw storage. The roof is clad with asphalt shingle. A ceramic

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tile silo is attached to the barn at the east end of the building.

The integrity of this building is good. The barn is intact, on its original location, and appears to be structurally sound.

E. Shed

Date: unknown, but early 1900s

Contributing

This one-story gable-end frame building was apparently built in the early 1900s. It features a concrete foundation, horizontal weatherboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. A wood door is set in the center of the west facade, flanked by two square, open frame windows. Similar windows are set on the east facade. An open lean-to shed roof is set on the south end of the building.

The integrity of this building is good. It appears to be structurally sound, and appears as it probably did when it was first built.

F. Concrete Block Barn

Date: unknown, perhaps late 1940s

Non-contributing

The barn, probably constructed sometime in the late 1940s, is a two story gambrel roofed building with gambrel ends facing east/west. The lower story is constructed of concrete block with fixed six-pane windows. The second story is constructed of vertical board siding. A two-over-two pane window is fixed in the gable peak on the west end. The gambrel roof is clad with asphalt shingle, and two metal ventilators are set on the spine of the roof.

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The integrity of this building is good. The building is structurally intact, with all original windows and doors. It does not appear to have been altered throughout its history.

G. Garage

Date: unknown, ca. 1906

Contributing

This building appears to be one of the earliest buildings on the property, and was probably constructed around the same year as the house. It is a wood frame building with both vertical and horizontal board siding. The two sets of hinged doors feature vertical board siding and cross bar supports. The roof is gable-on-hip form. A shed roofed addition is attached at the north end. The roof is clad with asphalt shingle and rolled asphalt.

The integrity of this building is low. It has sagging interior supports, and the roof is badly in need of repair.

H. Shed

Date: unknown, but roughly contemporaneous with the house.

Contributing

This building is a front gabled one-story frame building with vertical board siding. Though not as old as the adjacent building, this building appears to have been built sometime between the construction of the house and the construction of the barn (D). Sliding garage doors are set on the west facade. The roof is clad with wood shingles.

The integrity of this building is good. It appears to be in good repair.

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Section 8 - Statement of Significance

The Carl August Mundstock House is locally significant under Criterion C, as a good example of a late Queen Anne style, rural residence LaCrosse County. Though many brick farmhouses are located in the county, most are vernacular in form, with few decorative features. This house features elements distinct to the late Queen Anne style, such as fishscale shingles, sawn scrollwork on the porch and gables, a rounded corner turret and a finial on the roof. The tuscan columns on the porches are typical of the Queen Anne style in its transition towards Classical Revival style. This house was constructed in 1906 by Carl Mundstock. The associated outbuildings were constructed during the years of the Mundstock family's ownership of the property.

Historical Background

The Mundstock House is located near the mouth of Mormon Coulee in the Town of Shelby, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin (The term "coulee" is the local vernacular word for "valley"). The Town of Shelby, south of the city of LaCrosse, is bordered by the Mississippi River on the west and is situated south of the city of LaCrosse. In the fall of 1843 Mormon Coulee was selected by a group of Mormons as a place of settlement because of its easy connection with the Mississippi and good agricultural potential. Changes in the Mormon church and the death of the Mormon spiritual leader, Joseph Smith led the settlers to abandon Mormon Coulee and return to the Mormon settlement in Nauvoo, Illinois (Bryant: 231-232).

The first permanent settlers came to the present Town of Shelby in

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1844. By 1845 the first road was built in the township along the Mississippi. Settlers began settling the township for its agricultural qualities. By the turn of the century, the prevalent crops grown were hay, oats and corn (Bryant: 232-233).

The Mundstock House was built in 1906 for Carl August Mundstock, who was then a thirty-three year old farmer, and his wife, the former Clara Young, on land purchased by them in 1900 from Gottlieb Martin (LaCrosse County Record of Deeds: Vol. 97, Pg. 482). The Mundstocks had been married on March 30, 1897, in the Town of Shelby and both came from farm families, so it was natural for them to follow the same vocation (LaCrosse County Marriage Records: Vol. 7, Pg. 287). According to Ruth Frisbie of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, the second daughter born to Carl and Clara Mundstock, her parents were involved in "general farming" which probably meant they raised livestock along with major crops such as hay, oats, and corn. Other leading crops grown in this area, and possibly by the Mundstocks were apples and potatoes (Frisbie; Bryant: 233).

From 1900 to 1906 it is believed that Carl and Clara Mundstock lived in a frame farmhouse which was located to the rear of the present brick house and which was probably razed once the new brick house was completed (Jorgenson).

The reason for the choice of Queen Anne style architecture for the Mundstock House is not clear. Carl Mundstock evidently wanted to build a house which would be a showpiece in the coulee. The Queen Anne style was prevalent in Wisconsin by the 1880s. It is identified by an irregular plan and massing, a variety of surface textures, roof and wall projections, steep pitched roofs which

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often feature a prominent front facing gable, bay windows and turrets. Often the asymmetrical facade displays wrap-around verandas and classical details. The Mundstock House exhibits many of these typical Queen Anne features (Wyatt: Architecture, 2-15).

Brick farmhouses are common in the vicinity of the Mundstock house. A recent survey of twelve neighboring houses revealed only two frame structures. Two possibilities for the prevalence of brick buildings in the vicinity exist. First, the Meir Brickyard, which operated from 1883 to 1958 only one-and-a-half miles from the Mundstock house, supplied a large number of bricks to area builders. A second reason is linked to a June 1906 tornado that swept the area, destroying numerous frame houses while leaving brick houses standing. It is likely that this tornado convinced many farmers in the area to build new houses of brick or to brick veneer their old frame houses as a deterrence to future wind storms (Rausch/Zeitlin: 52-53; LaCrosse Leader-Press 7 June 1906, p.1).

The brick for the Mundstock House probably came from the Meir Brickyard, which was founded in 1883 by Robert Herold and his father Gotthelf. By 1881 a tract of land was purchased in Mormon Coulee near the present intersection of Highways 35/14/61 where there was a deposit of "red ball" clay and a nearby source of wood. The new business was known as the Mormon Coulee Brick Works. The family-run brickyard eventually was operated by Amelia Herold and her husband Michael Meir, whom she married in 1884. Their son, Louis E. Meir, continued to run the brickyard in later years. At the time the Mundstock House was constructed, the Meir Brickyard was still using a wood burning kiln, which they changed to coal-burning by 1914 (Rausch/Zeitlin: 52-53).

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The 1906 construction date for the brick house is based on the following three sources: County tax records; newspaper accounts; and physical evidence. First, county tax records for the property show a large jump in the valuation of improvements to the land (from \$600 to \$2700) between 1905 and 1910. The tax record jump correlates with items in old LaCrosse newspapers which mention construction of the house (LaCrosse County Tax Rolls).

Second, the local newspapers made brief references to the construction of the Mundstock House. The May 9, 1906 LaCrosse Leader-Press states in a column entitled "Morman Coulee News" (page 8) that "The coulee is prospering with new dwelling houses. Joseph Streh, August Munstock, and Rev. Andreas are all busy at work putting up fine houses." That item was followed by another in the September 1, 1906, LaCrosse Leader-Press (page 8) which noted, "Wenzel Wuensch is busy at work putting up a new residence for Aug Mundstock which, when completed, will be one of the finest residences in the coulee." Little is known about Wenzel Wuensch who is listed as a carpenter-contractor in LaCrosse city directories from the late 1880s to 1937-38. He died in LaCrosse in 1949 at age 88. No record could be found of the structures he helped to build during his lifetime (LaCrosse City Directory, various 1889 to 1937; LaCrosse Tribune, 22 Sept. 1949).

The third substantiation of the 1906 construction date is a note found inside the finial on the metal roof of the house when the roof was replaced in 1990. The note states, "John Ledegar made this fennel (sic) Oct. 25, 1906, a Thursday." John Ledegar was a well-known sheet metal and roofing contractor in LaCrosse from the turn-of-the-century to the 1950s. He died in 1959 at the age of

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81, but little record exists of construction projects he was involved with during his career (LaCrosse City Directory, various, 1901 to 1950; LaCrosse Tribune, 26 Sept. 1959).

According to Mundstock family members, a telephone was first installed in the house in 1910, and in 1930 the house was electrified. By 1947 there was indoor plumbing in the house, and the smoke house was installed in the basement. Also in 1947 the upstairs of the house was converted to accommodate a tenant (Jorgensen).

The Mundstock House and associated buildings remained in the Mundstock family until recent years. Edgar Mundstock, son of Carl and Clara, eventually came to own the house, and Clara lived with Edgar until her death in 1964 (LaCrosse Tribune, 25 Apr. 1964). Edgar lived until 1982, and in that year, the current owners, Gerald and Nancy Jorgensen, purchased the property. The Jorgensens restored the house, making major renovations to the kitchen. By 1987 they added the three-car garage. On May 16, 1987 the Mundstock House received the Heritage Award from the Preservation Alliance of LaCrosse (Jorgensen; LaCrosse Tribune, 10 May 1987).

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Statement of Archeological Potential

The vicinity of this property contains numerous archeological sites including: LC-79, LC-91, LC-479, LC-503, LC-78, LC-460, and LC-461. These sites are varied and include historic and prehistoric materials, lithic debris, and various projectile points. The farm itself has not been surveyed, but given the number of identified sites in its surroundings, some archeological deposits are likely.

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Section 10 - Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

A parcel of land being part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 23, T15N, R7W, Town of Shelby, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of said Section 23, thence S48°15'40"E 1038.71 feet to the northerly right-of-way of U.S. Highway 14 & 61 and the point of beginning of this described parcel.

Thence N56°01'E 467.00 feet, thence N33°59'W 467.00 feet, thence S56°01'W 467.00 feet, thence S33°59'E 467.00 feet, to the point of the beginning.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the Mundstock Farm encompass an area immediately surrounding the house and outbuildings. These boundaries delineate the property lines of the current property ownership.

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Photographs

The following information applies to all photographs.

Carl August Mundstock Farm
Town of Shelby
LaCrosse County, Wisconsin
Photographs by Barbara Kooiman
Taken March 1993
Negatives located at State Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin

Photo #1 of 15
Mundstock House and associated outbuildings
Photographer facing north

Photo #2 of 15
Mundstock House
South facade
Photographer facing north

Photo #3 of 15
Mundstock House
South and west facades
Photographer facing northeast

Photo #4 of 15
Mundstock House
West and north facades
Photographer facing south

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Mundstock House
East facade
Photographer facing west

Photo #6 of 15
Garage attached to Mundstock House
East facade
Photographer facing west

Photo #7 of 15
Mundstock House, interior
Front door
Photographer facing south

Photo #8 of 15
Mundstock House, interior
Front hallway stairway balustrade
Photographer facing east

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Mundstock House, interior
Dining room built-in cabinet
Photographer facing south

Photo #10 of 15
#B - Shed
Photographer facing north

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Photo #11 of 15
#C - Corn crib
Photographer facing northeast

Photo #12 of 15
#D - Barn
South facade
Photographer facing north

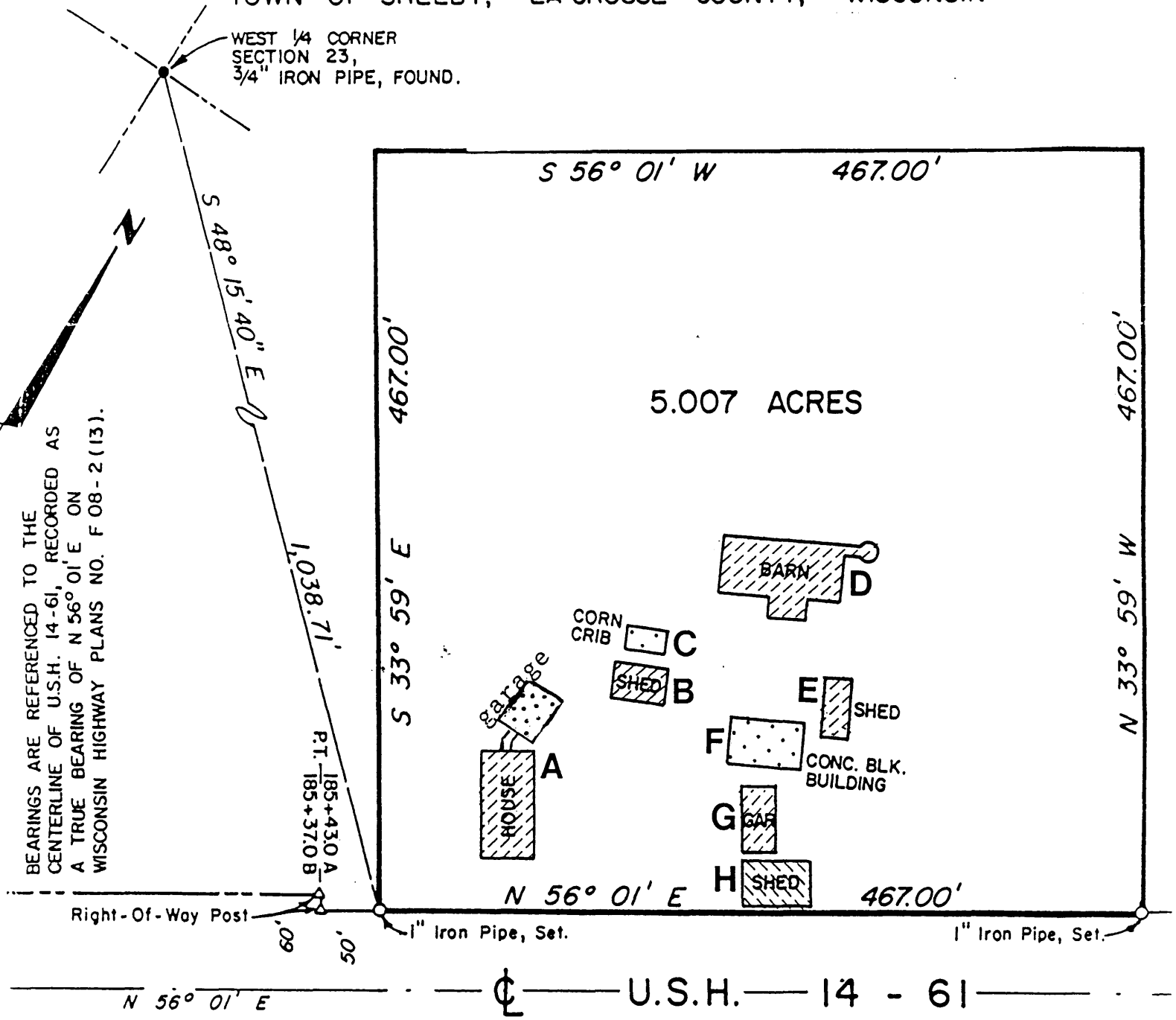
Photo #13 of 15
#E - Shed
West facade
Photographer facing east

Photo #14 of 15
#F - Barn
West and south facades
Photographer facing northeast

Photo #15 of 15
#G - Shed (on left of photo) and
#H - Shed (on right of photo)
West facades
Photographer facing southeast

PLAT OF SURVEY

LOCATED IN THE NW¹/₄ - SW¹/₄, SECTION 23, T 15 N, R 7 W
TOWN OF SHELBY, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN



BEARINGS ARE REFERENCED TO THE CENTERLINE OF U.S.H. 14-61, RECORDED AS A TRUE BEARING OF N 56° 01' E ON WISCONSIN HIGHWAY PLANS NO. F 08-2 (13).

WEST ¹/₄ CORNER SECTION 23, ³/₄" IRON PIPE, FOUND.

5.007 ACRES

Right-Of-Way Post

P.T. 185+430 A
185+370 B

1" Iron Pipe, Set.

1" Iron Pipe, Set.

N 56° 01' E

U.S.H. 14 - 61

CARL AUGUST MUNDSTOCK FARM

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= Non-contributing

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