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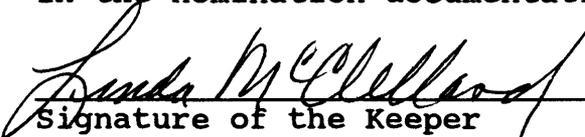
NRIS Reference Number: 95000776

Date Listed: 06/30/95

Property Name: Ryman, Melchior Farm
County: Brown State: South Dakota

Rural Resources of Brown County MPS
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.



Signature of the Keeper

June 30, 1995
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

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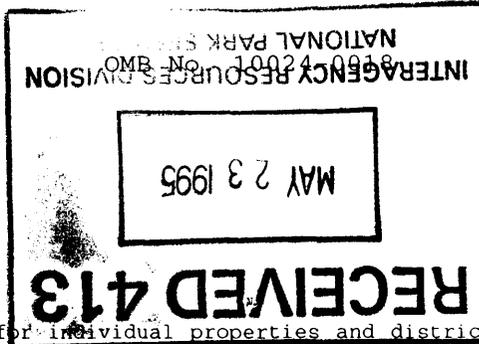
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Melissa Dirr, National Register coordinator for the South Dakota, State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment on June 30, 1995.

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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 an 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 Ryman, Melchoir Farm

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 3 mi. north of Mansfield & 2 mi. west of Hwy 281
N/A not for publication

city or town Mansfield x vicinity

state South Dakota code SD county Brown code 013 zip code 57460

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

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Signature of certifying official/Title

5-16-95
Date

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 certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State of Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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.
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- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Anda McCallister Date of Action 6/30/95

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include listed resources within the count)	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district		<u>2</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-state	<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>2</u> structures
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	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u> Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Rural Architectural and Historical Resources of Brown County, South Dakota 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling</u>	<u>DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE:</u>	<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE:</u>
<u>Storage, Animal Facility,</u>	<u>Storage, Animal Facility,</u>
<u>Agricultural outbuilding</u>	<u>Agricultural outbuilding</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>LATE 19TH and EARLY 20TH CENTURY AMERICAN MOVEMENTS</u>	foundation <u>CONCRETE</u>
<u>Other: American Foursquare</u>	walls <u>WOOD/Weatherboard</u>
	roof <u>WOOD/Wood Shakes</u>
	other <u>METAL, GLASS</u>

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 the National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
<input type="checkbox"/> A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	<u>Architecture</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	Period of Significance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.	<u>1910</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	Significant Dates
	<u>1910</u>

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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

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

name Steven and Deborah Munger
street & number HC 75 Box 100 telephone 605/226-1537
city or town Mansfield state South Dakota zip code 57460

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Section 7: Architectural Description

The Melchoir (Mike) Ryman Farm is located in Warner Township, Brown County, South Dakota, approximately three miles north of the village of Mansfield. The farm includes a house, two barns, and other related outbuildings, all located within two hundred feet of the house. The American Foursquare Style house with Craftsman Style influences was constructed in 1910. The property contains a metal fence on the south and east property lines with a ranch type motif, including the inscription of an "M" in the fenceline. The "M" symbolizes the last name Munger, the great-great grandson of Melchoir Ryman and current owner of the property. The area surrounding the house contains a few mature deciduous and conifer trees, as well as some younger deciduous trees to the south of the house and medium height shrubbery near the house. A decorative concrete block patio is located to the northeast of the house from the east side entrance. A dirt path leads from the road to the west of the house to the barn and sheds to the north of the property.

A. House
1910
Contributing

The two-and-a-half story American Foursquare Style house includes Craftsman/Bungalow Style details. The house has a one-story porch on the south elevation which wraps to the east elevation. The porch has wide supports, with decorative brackets between, and a balustrade. The roof of the porch is a balcony, which also has wooden balustrade and the area serves as a second floor sleeping porch. The frame house has a hipped roof with an extended clipped gable roof on the north elevation and features hipped dormers on the south, east, and west elevations. The roof has asphalt shingles and displays exposed rafter ends, on the roofline, as well as the dormer hoods. The house contains a concrete foundation and horizontal weatherboard siding walls, painted white with wooden stringcourse between the first and second floors on all elevations and corner boards. The attached two-car garage to the south was added to the house in 1989.

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The main (south) elevation of the house has an asymmetrical facade with an off-center entrance exhibiting a Craftsman Style door with a single upper pane. The first level features a large bay window, to the west of the entrance, and a smaller single one-over-one sash window to the east. Fenestration on the second level features a centrally located door onto the balcony with a modern metal screen door, one-over-one sash windows, on either side of the door, featuring wooden sills and lintels and a trio of small windows in the dormer.

The east elevation is visually dominated by the first-story porch which wraps around from the south elevation. The open porch extends approximately halfway around the elevation and at its termination there is an entrance to the house. The east elevation steps back about two feet on the north end and displays a number of fenestration openings on the first and second levels. The first level features a group of four windows and a single window on the north side where the building is inset in addition to a doorway entrance. The metal door exhibits twelve panes on the upper half and a cross pattern on the lower half. The second level displays a series of four windows and a single window on the main section and a single window on the addition. The dormer of the east elevation also features three small one-over-one windows. At the foundation line there are three small hopper windows with two vertical panes.

The north elevation includes a two-car garage addition constructed in 1989. The building has a side gable clipped roof and is constructed in materials that are comparable to the house, with wood siding, an asphalt roof and a concrete foundation. Two overhead garage doors are featured on the west elevation and a small fixed window on the north elevation and three small one-over-one windows are located below the clipped gable roof.

The west elevation displays a protruding bay window to the north of the elevation featuring one-over-one sash windows and a shed roof. To the north of the bay there is a side entrance to the house and the attached garage extends from the rear of the house. To the south of the bay there is a single one-over-one sash window and the second level features two one-over-one sash

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windows and a dormer exhibits a trio of small windows. At the foundation there are two hopper windows with two vertical panes.

The interior of the house contains two levels in addition to an attic and basement. All interior woodwork, except for the kitchen and pantry is the original red oak, shipped from the Pacific Northwest (Munger 1994). The first floor contains a kitchen, pantry, dining room, two sitting rooms and an entryway. The dining room, and the two sitting rooms have solid wood pocket doors with one panel over three panels. The kitchen has a linoleum tile floor and the other rooms have been carpeted, but the original oak floor is underneath. The kitchen has been remodeled and a mud room was added on the west side of the kitchen, but the pantry remains as originally constructed. A back staircase enters the kitchen. Also located off of the kitchen, next to the mud room, is a bathroom. Woodwork detailing includes a ten inch baseboard in all the rooms, except the kitchen and pantry, a ceiling rail about four inches wide, a platerail about eight inches wide and five feet from the floor and wood trim around the doors and windows. The dining room has a built-in cabinet with glass doors with nine panes. Also original to the dining room is a wrought iron chandelier in a floral pattern of lilies. The stairwell, located immediately to the east of the main entrance, extends to the second level and turns to the west. The stairwell has large square wooden spindles and there is a built-in seat at the landing of the stairway. The threshold of the living room, from the main entrance is defined by a wooden colonnade of large, square spindles.

The second level has four bedrooms, a bath, a sitting area at the top of the stairs and a sleeping porch on the balcony of the porch roof. Three of the bedrooms have their original hardwood floors, with two inch wide slats, and there are radiators in all of the rooms. The woodwork detailing on the second level includes a two-to three-inch-wide ceiling trim, and woodwork around the doors, windows and baseboard.

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B. Garage/Shed
ca. 1920
Contributing

The garage, located to the north of the house (A), has a rectangular plan and a front gable roof. The frame structure has a concrete foundation, weatherboard walls, an asphalt shingle roof and includes a modern overhead garage door on the west elevation. Original windows and doors are displayed on the north, south and east elevations. The north has two small windows on the east side, the east elevation features a row of five small windows, and the south elevation exhibits a five panel wood door and a small four vertical pane window to the west that has been painted over. The garage retains a good amount of integrity and is considered to be contributing to the architectural character of the farm.

C. Shed
ca. 1939
Noncontributing

The shed, located to the northwest of the house (A), has a rectangular plan and a gable roof. The foundation is concrete, the walls are vertical metal siding, and the roof is also covered in metal siding exhibiting exposed wood rafter ends. The building displays a sliding metal door on the south elevation and the gable ends of the east and west elevations feature four-over-four fixed wood frame windows. The building is being used for storage and is well maintained, but is considered to be noncontributing to the architectural character of the farm because of its modern siding material.

D., E. Granaries
ca. 1948
Noncontributing

The granaries are both located to the north of the house (A) and feature a circular plan, a concrete foundation, metal siding, and

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a metal roof that peaks towards the center. The granaries have a high degree of integrity, but are considered noncontributing to the architectural character of the farmstead because they were constructed after the period of significance.

F. Shed
ca. 1948
Noncontributing

The shed, located to the northwest of the house (A), adjacent to the barn (G), has a rectangular floor plan and a front gable roof with metal siding. The structure has a concrete foundation and vertical metal sided walls. The south side of the shed includes a modern slab door and a modern overhead metal garage door and the gable ends of the north and south sides feature four-over-four fixed window. The shed is in use as a storage facility and is being maintained. The structure is noncontributing to the architectural character of the farm because of its modern construction date, after the period of significance.

G. Barn
ca. 1950
Noncontributing

The large barn is located northwest of the house (A) and is the farthest outbuilding from the house. The barn has a rectangular plan, a sloping peaked roof, a concrete foundation, horizontal weatherboard walls, and an asphalt shingle roof. The east elevation displays a large sliding double door and in the gable ends two small, fixed, four vertical pane windows and a small vent in the center. The roofline slopes on the north and south sides to about four feet from the ground, and then the sides are curved towards the ground and have metal siding below the roofline. The west elevation also displays two fixed, four vertical pane windows in the gable ends. The barn retains a high degree of integrity, but is considered to be a noncontributing structure to the architectural character of the farmstead because of its construction date.

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H. Polygonal Shed
ca. 1910
Contributing

The frame polygonal shed has eight sides and is located southwest of the house (A). The shed has no foundation and the walls are covered with metal siding and the peaked roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a sliding wood door on the east side of the shed, which is probably not original to the building. The functional design of the polygonal shed, which does not need a center support beam, allows the interior space to be open for ease of storage and other uses. The polygonal shed retains a high degree of integrity and contributes to the architectural significance of the farm.

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Section 8: Statement of Significance

The Melchoir Ryman Farm is located in West Gem Township in Brown County, South Dakota, just north of the village of Mansfield. The Melchoir Ryman residence, constructed in 1910, is an excellent example of the American Foursquare Style with Craftsman Style details and has undergone very few modifications, thus retaining a high degree of integrity. The Melchoir Ryman Farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C: Architecture as a strong example of the period of architecture and craftsmanship. The Melchoir Ryman Farm can be placed in the historic context "Depression and Rebuilding (1893-1929): Changing Rural Patterns and the Impact of the New Farm Technologies" as defined by the South Dakota Historical Preservation Center in *Historic Contexts for Historic and Architectural Resources in South Dakota*. The farm can also be placed in the context of the Multiple Property Document, "Rural Architectural and Historical Resources of Brown County, South Dakota."

History of the Area

Mansfield is located in Warner Township on the Brown-Spink county line. Three towns were located in Warner Township in the early 1880s. Warner and Rudolph were both platted in 1881, and Mansfield was platted a year later. Warner and Mansfield continue to be villages today, but Rudolph is almost a ghost town (Brown County Territorial Pioneer Committee 1970, 172-174; Brown County Museum and Historical Society 1980, 46). Mansfield, platted along the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, received its name from Irish immigrant John Mansfield who had donated the land for the town (Brown County Pioneer Territorial Committee 1970, 173). The town's post office opened in October of 1882, and prior to that time the mail was walked to Mansfield from the Warner Post Office (Brown County Museum and Historical Society 1980, 59). By 1892, the town, in addition to a post office, included several homes, two stores, depot, blacksmith shop and a saloon all on the Brown County side. The first grain elevator appeared in Mansfield in 1900 and during the first decade of the twentieth century two more were constructed, in

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addition to a broom factory, and a nursery (1906). The grain elevators in the village allowed Mansfield to be a central meeting place for the surrounding farmers to ship their crops and to purchase supplies. The population of the town in 1900 census was reported to be twenty-five people, but by 1906 the town had grown to a population of 200 and as development increased, Mansfield crossed over Main Street (the county line) and began expanding into Spink County in 1904 ("Mansfield File," Dacotah Prairie Museum). A fire in 1910 destroyed many businesses and residential buildings (Brown County Museum and Historical Society 1980, 42,59; Sneve ca. 1950s, 78). In 1950 about 200 people and ten businesses were located in Mansfield. In 1994, the village of Mansfield is still home to residents, a bank, post office, three grain elevators, garage, repair shop, bar, church, and the old Modern Woodmen of America Hall.

Melchoir Ryman Farm

Melchoir (Mike) Ryman, the first owner of the farm, was born in Switzerland in 1836 and emigrated to the United States in 1863 with his wife Magdalena (Bossly). The couple first settled in Sullivan County, New York, where he was a dairyman and cheesemaker, and remained there until about 1882. The Rymans then came to South Dakota and staked claim on the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Township 17, Section 121, Range 64 (Mansfield Centennial Committee 1982, 71). Melchoir Ryman traveled to California in 1901, but returned to Brown County in 1908 and settled in Warner Township (Alexander Mitchell Public Library Files). Melchoir Ryman was a farmer, but he also invented a self-feeder for the threshing machine that would make his farming duties and those of others less time consuming (Brown County Territorial Pioneer Committee 1970, 171).

The farm has remained in the Ryman family since its original claim. Previous owners included Dean and Margie Wiedebush, Margie is Melchoir Ryman's great granddaughter, who owned the property until 1984. Today (1995), the property is owned by the great-great grandson of Melchoir Ryman, Steven Munger and his wife Debbie.

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Architecture

The house was built in 1910 by two bachelor brothers from Wisconsin, Al and John Zophee (Munger 1992). The American Foursquare Style was a popular residential style at the turn of the twentieth century, largely promoted through pattern books and publications. The style was based on the earlier vernacular cube style which is often two stories in height, with a hipped roof, overhanging eaves, central dormers and a one-story front porch (Erpsted and Wood u.d., 5:4). The Melchoir Ryman house includes each of these Foursquare Style elements, in addition to representing details of the Craftsman Style.

The Craftsman Style, also became popular in the United States following the turn of the century and continued popularity into the 1920s (McAlester 1989, 454). The typical Craftsman Style residence displays low roofs, with overhanging eaves, often with exposed rafter ends, and exposed roof beams. The Craftsman Style also has distinctive doors and windows which are related to the Prairie Style and display multiple panes, often over a single pane or are divided by vertical panes over a single pane. The Melchoir Ryman house includes a few characteristic features of Craftsman Style, including exposed rafter ends and brackets between the porch supports.

The two-story farmhouse is large and displays architectural features and a style which was more prominent than many of the vernacular form farmhouses located within the county. The seven outbuildings of the Ryman Farm are located within close proximity of the house and for the most part the buildings were constructed after the period of significance and are evaluated as noncontributing resources of the farm. Two outbuildings, the garage and the polygonal shed, were constructed contemporary with the house and contribute to the architectural integrity of the farm. In conclusion, the large Melchoir Ryman house is an excellent example of the American Foursquare Style with Craftsman Style influences. The house and contributing outbuildings are in excellent condition and retain a high degree of integrity which contributes to their architectural significance.

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Section 10: Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Melchoir Ryman Farm are the Southeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 17 of Township 121 North and Range 64 West.

Boundary Justification

The defined boundaries of the Melchoir Ryman Farm are the parcel currently owned by the descendants of Melchoir Ryman and part of the area of the original Ryman farmstead.

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Photographs

The following information applies to all photographs.

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Brown County, South Dakota

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Date: June 1994
Negatives: Located at the South Dakota Historical Preservation
Office, Vermillion, South Dakota

Photo #1 of 12
Exterior, House, west and south elevations
Photographer facing northeast

Photo #2 of 12
Exterior, House, south and east elevations
Photographer facing northwest

Photo #3 of 12
Exterior, House, east and north elevations
Photographer facing southwest

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Exterior, House and garage, north and west elevations
Photographer facing southeast

Photo #5 of 12
House, Interior detail showing chandelier in dining room
Photographer northwest

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House, Interior detail showing built-in cabinet in dining room
Photographer facing north

Photo #7 of 12
House, Interior detail showing stairs in the entryway
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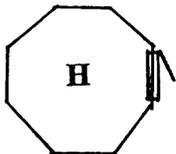
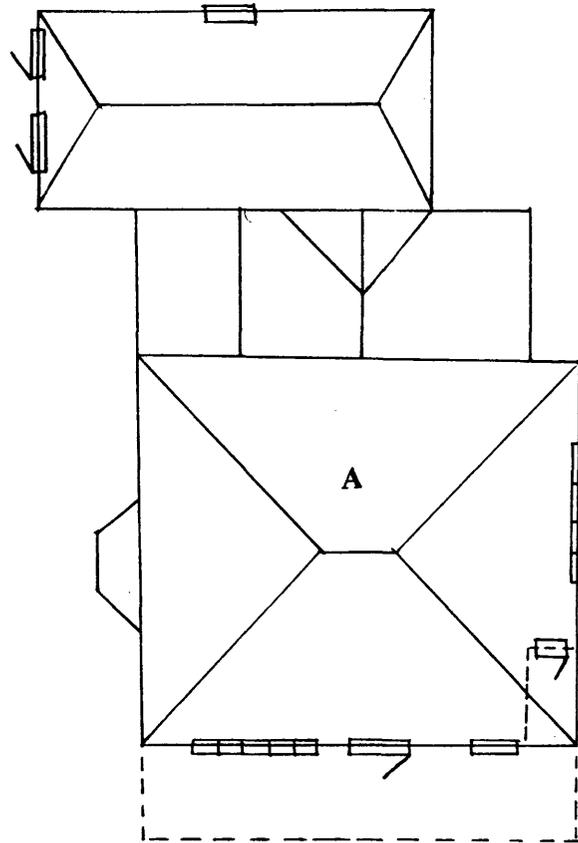
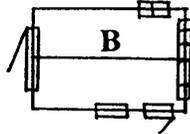
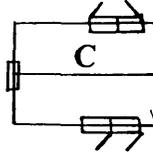
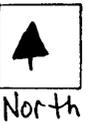
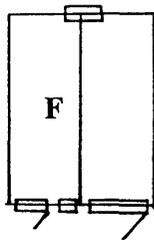
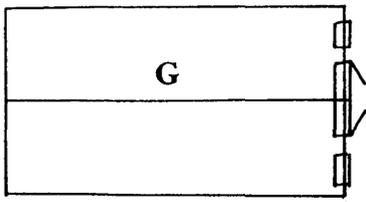
Photo #8 of 12
Polygonal Shed, exterior
Photographer facing west

Photo #9 of 12
Garage, exterior, south and east elevations
Photographer facing northwest

Photo #10 of 12
Steel Silos, exterior
Photographer facing north

Photo #11 of 12
Garages, south and east elevations
Photographer facing northwest

Photo #12 of 12
Barn, exterior, east and north elevations
Photographer facing southwest



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- A = House (contributing)**
- B = Garage/Shed (contributing)**
- C = Shed (noncontributing)**
- D = Granary (noncontributing)**
- E = Granary (noncontributing)**
- F = Shed (noncontributing)**
- G = Barn (noncontributing)**
- H = Polygonal Shed (contributing)**