

HISTORIC NAME: Moody Barn

COUNTY: Chisago 70001898

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Chisago Lake

LEGAL DESC.: Begin at a point on the eastern edge of Co. Rd. 24 ADDRESS: County Road 24, four
 150 ft. north of the southerly line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the miles south of Chisago
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 32, T33R20; thence easterly 200 ft.; thence southerly 200 City
 ft; thence westerly 200 ft. more or less to Co. Rd. 24; thence northerly
 along eastern edge of Co. Rd. 24 to point of beginning (200 ft. more or less).

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Agriculture</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary _____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted _____

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

Dairy Barn

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1915

ORIGINAL USE: Dairy Barn

ORIGINAL OWNER: C.A. Moody

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Warren W. & Alice J. Moody
Chisago City, Minnesota 55013ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Chisago County Historical Society
Taylors Falls Chapter

UTM REFERENCE:

Scandia Quad.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Moody Barn is located in a picturesque setting on the west shore of Moody Lake in southern Chisago Lake Township. The site is on the east side of County Road 24.

The large round structure, constructed in 1915, measures fifty-six feet in diameter and about the same in height. The frame building is finished in board and batten siding and painted a deep blue-grey with white trim. At the ground level are small evenly spaced windows with four over four lights. Windows of the same size are more widely spaced at the roof line. Two large sliding doors face southwest and are adorned with small single paned windows. A simpler doorway, also large enough to accommodate a team of horses and wagon, is located on the lakeside. A large conical variation of the gambrel roof terminates in a cupola capped by a conical roof and weathervane. Ventilators near the roof's base break the otherwise smooth roof surface. Exterior alteration is limited to the replacement of the wood roof shingles with asphalt.

A forty-two foot high wood stave silo is located slightly off center in the barn's interior. Also on the ground level are a hay loading area and stanchions for eighteen cows. The upper level is for hay storage.

The barn is an excellent state of preservation and continues to shelter a dairy operation.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Moody Barn is significant as a highly visible landmark associated with Chisago County's dairying industry, an important aspect of area agriculture since the turn of the century. Agricultural development of the county followed the general trend of initial subsistence farming, intensive wheat production in the 1870s, and subsequent diversification by the 1890s. By 1900, more specialized dairy farms were becoming increasingly important. The Moody Barn was constructed for one of these operations in 1915, along a plan popular for its functional and structural advantages at the time of construction. The farming operations of C.A. Moody are representative of the small owner operated farms which have dominated Chisago County's rural landscape. The plan and excellent state of preservation make the Moody Barn a locally distinctive landmark reflecting the significance of dairying in area agriculture.