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Site # CZ 10-c

1. Joseph Herman Log Stable.
2. Tabor Township  
Tabor Vicinity  
South Dakota Code: 046  
First Congr. District  
Bon Homme County Code: 009
3. Building; Privately owned; NA acquisition; Occupied; Restricted access; Agricultural.
4. Monte and Ruth Smith  
RR 1, Box 243  
Tabor, SD 57063
5. Register of Deeds  
Bon Homme County Courthouse  
Tyndall, SD 57066
7. Deteriorated; Altered; Original site.

The Joseph Herman Log Stable is a small rectangular single-pen structure, located several yards west of the Herman Rubblestone Barn (CZ 10-b). Its dimensions are 16' by 28'5", and it has no foundation. The floor is merely packed dirt. Logs used for the walls are irregular in size, ranging in diameter from 1'5" to 4.5 inches. Corner timbering is of full-dovetail notches. Most logs are hewn to a two-sided plank, while others are left in their natural round shape with all bark removed. Wide interstices are chinked with plaster, stones, and later concrete. The gable roof is constructed of 10 common rafters spaced 2'4" apart and triangular collars at the peak. It is sheathed with rough horizontal boards and deteriorated wooden shingles. A single entry door opening is located in the center of the east facade.

At some point long after initial construction, a wood frame L-shaped lean-to was appended to the west and north facades, to provide more space for animal confinement. Also, vertical boards were hurriedly applied as a veneer to the log wall on the south facade.

8. 1869-1899; Architecture, Exploration/Settlement, Czech Ethnic.

Specific date unknown. Attributed to Joseph Herman.

The Joseph Herman Stable is significant in architecture. While it is smaller than most of the animal confinement sheds found in the survey area and does not easily conform to the barn forms discussed in the overview it does display many Czech log construction techniques. Although erected more hastily than houses and in generally poor condition, this structure still utilizes full-dovetail corner notching, some earthen chinking, and some

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two-sided planking. It continues to be used daily for animal confinement and offers a compliment to the other folk buildings at this farmstead.

The Herman Stable is also significant in the history of Czech Settlement in the state. Joseph Herman was born in Teletin, Bohemia in 1833. He brought his family to Dakota in 1870 and started a brewery in Tabor. His sons Joseph, Frank, Anton, and Charles all moved north to Hutchinson County and established farms there.

Major Biographical Source: Dvorak (1980), 116.

10. Acreage: less than one acre. Scale: 1/24,000.  
Quad.: Tabor. UTM: 14/ 604350/ 4757800.

The Joseph Herman Stable is bounded by imaginary lines that connect to form a rectangle that is centered on the rectangular building. Each line lies 10 feet from the exterior walls of the structure. The site is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 94 North, Range 58 West, in Bon Homme County.

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SITE PLAN OF FARMSTEAD CONTAINING CZ 10-c ON REVERSE SIDE

SITE PLAN (Complete inventory of all structures, their function, dates & details of construction, and surrounding vegetation) WITH NORTH ARROW

SITE NAME: John Herman  
CZ SURVEY #: 10a, b, & c

