

# Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 132  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 132

## Identification

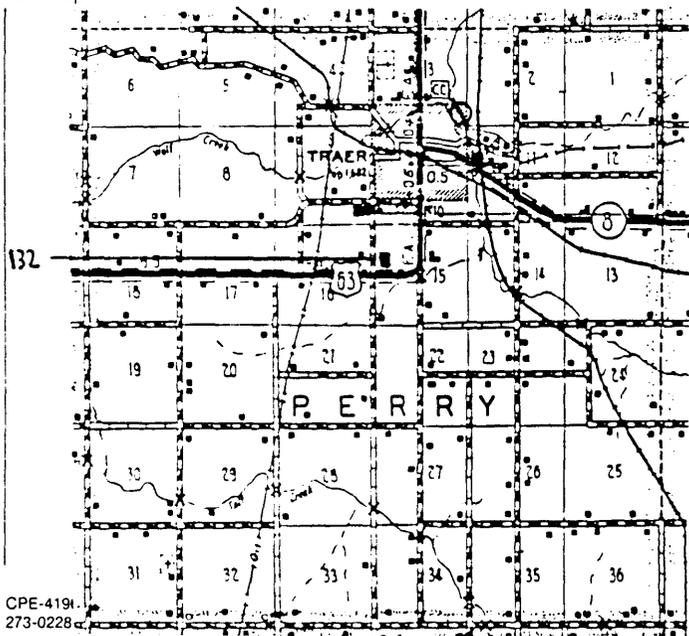
- Site Name John W. Young Round Barn, Perry Twp., Tama County
- Village/Town/City Traer vic. Township Perry County Tama
- Street Address Off US 63
- Legal Location 85 N 14 W 10 NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
Rural: township range section  $\frac{1}{4}$  section of  $\frac{1}{4}$  section
- UTM Location: zone 15 easting 543,400 northing 4,671,170; Acreage less than one acre
- Owner(s) Name R. Harold Young
- Owner(s) Address 703 Crestview Traer Iowa 50675  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- Use: Present Cattle and hog barn Original Gen'l purpose barn

## Description

- Date of Construction 1917 Architect/Builder Joe Seda & owner.
- 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			
- Exterior Walls:  clapboard  stone  brick  board and batten  shingles  stucco  
 other Clay Tile
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- Condition:  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn  other farm structures  carriage house  garage  privy  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
- Is the building endangered?  no  yes—if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
- Surroundings of the building:  open land  woodland  scattered outbuildings  densely built-up  commercial  
 industrial  residential  other \_\_\_\_\_

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll 405 Frame 18 View \_\_\_\_\_  
 VBD: A circle 85' diameter defined by the center point of the barn.

# 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.

Open interior with central slay tile silo. Silo - 18' diameter 45' height. Barn - 65' diameter. Gambrel roof. Asphalt shingles put over wood in 1971. No cupola Silo extends out of roof. Tin roof of silo blew off. Barn built around silo 2 years after silo put up.

The light brown tile is identical in barn and silo, the latter actually pre-dates the barn by two years. The probable tile vendor was the Mason City Tile Company.

True-Round; Iowa/King type;  
 Clay Tile Supplier (Unknown).  
 True-Round; Specialty Contractor;  
 Clay Tile Supplier (Unknown)

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s)

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While the supplier of the yellow colored structural clay tile of this barn is unknown, the owner/builder is known from the 1979 Mail Questionnaire to have been Joe Seda. The use of structural clay tile for farm buildings, for round barns in particular, was an improvement developed at the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station in the early 20th century. In addition to the clay tile exterior wall, the central clay tile silo, which in this case preceeded the barn by two years, is another important characteristic of this type.

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

R. Harold Young, 703 Crestview, Traer, IA 50675  
 Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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. \_\_\_\_\_
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### 3. Photo Images \_\_\_\_\_

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