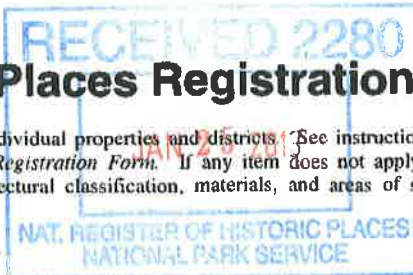


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. 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.



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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Acre Family Barn

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

N/A

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

2. Location

Street & number: Route 2, Box 37

City or town: Canton State: Oklahoma County: Blaine

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

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 at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

		<u>1-22-13</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

In my opinion, the property <input type="checkbox"/> meets <input type="checkbox"/> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	
Date	
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

Joe Edison H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

3-13-13
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture/Subsistence: Agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Agriculture/Subsistence: Agricultural outbuilding

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Barn

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Acre Family Barn is a one-and-one-half story, medium-sized Transverse crib barn located approximately three miles southwest of Canton, Blaine County, Oklahoma. The barn is located west of the farm house and is accessed via a driveway to the north. The barn is positioned to the rear of the main house with a modern shop to the north. This barn has a symmetrical, rectangular shape and measures 42 feet long by 37 feet wide. It has a moderately-pitched gable roof, with the south side continuing sharply into a saltbox roof line. The barn was built by the Acre family ca. 1916. The barn has open fields to the south and north for cattle grazing.

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Narrative Description

Set against a backdrop open agricultural land, the ca. 1916 Acre Family Barn is a contrast to the surrounding open fields. Dominant design elements of the building are off-set roof pitch, the hay hood and the vertical board siding. The rectangular barn rests on a concrete foundation and has a tin panel roof.

The façade, east elevation, has hinged centrally located wagon doors directly under the steep eave. The doors are hinged so that they swing outward. Directly above the wagon doors is a set of small doors providing access to the upper loft. These hinges are such that the doors swing upward toward the roof. There is no door that corresponds to the shape/design of the hay hood. Located south of the main gable is a sweeping saltbox wing. The east elevation of this salt box wing is a Dutch door. The north elevation has a small hinged door approximately 3 feet by 3 feet located near the eave.

The west elevation, rear, has an elongated Dutch door centered under the gable peak. The door is hinged to swing outward. The south elevation has an off-center Dutch door. This door has a mechanism on the interior to catch the door once it is open and not release it until the mechanism is activated from the interior. Located at the southwest corner of the south elevation is an elongated panel door which is hinged to swing outward.

Interior:

The north side of the barn is completely open for hay storage. The wagon doors and small hinged doors on the facade provide access to this area of the barn. Located in the eave is a pulley system for moving the hay. Also the siding on this end of the barn is spaced to allow for airflow through the barn. There is an alley between the hay storage and the south side of the barn which allowed for access to the stanchions for feeding the cattle.

The south side of the barn has stanchions the full length and a small work area at the southeast corner. This area of the barn is accessed from the east and south elevations with cattle entering through the off-centered south Dutch door.

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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.

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 grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance
Ca. 1916

Significant Dates
Ca. 1916

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Architect/Builder
Acre Family

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Acre Family Barn is significant at the local level under Criterion C for its architectural style. It is a well-preserved example of a Transverse-crib barn dating to ca. 1916. This barn is an excellent example of a Transverse-crib barn.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Acre Family Barn is an example of a modified Transverse-crib barn. Transverse-crib barns evolved as distinct folk barn in southern Appalachia during the 1810s (Jordan, 1998). The Transverse-crib barn is the single most common barn type in the Upland South. They are also the most common barn type in western Oklahoma, including Blaine County, although there are many variations in size and detail (Bays, 2011). The traditional floor plan of a Transverse-crib barn is simple: a central aisle running parallel to the ridgeline flanked on both sides by a row of three or more square cribs, which—individually or in combination—serve as stalls, granaries, or storage space. A haymow or “loft” for hay and/or grain storage is above ground level. A wagon door is in one or both gable ends of the barn.

The Acre Family Barn is a modified example of the traditional Transverse. The floor plan has a central aisle allowing access to the feed troughs or the first floor hay storage area. The south, side of the barn serves as the livestock area with built-in wood stanchions for milking. Above the stanchions is a storage area. The north side of the barn served as a hay storage area from floor to ceiling. Along the ridge line is a hay wench. The wagon door was located on the façade, east elevation. Other doors throughout the barn are Dutch-doors; those that open on the top for ventilation and light while leaving the bottom closed to secure livestock.

Transverse-crib barns are multiuse barns used for storing hay, grain, and livestock shelter. The Transverse-crib barn is easily expanded by adding pairs of cribs to a gable end. Transverse-crib barns may have any type of roof or wall cladding.

The Acre Family Barn represents the western extension of the Transverse-crib barn from the Upland South into Oklahoma. The *2010-11 Survey of Barns in Northwest Oklahoma* recorded 63 barns in Blaine County, including twenty Transverse-crib barns. Unfortunately, the Acre Family Barn was missed, presumably because of the tree coverage. In terms of integrity, this specimen is a good example of a Transverse-crib barn in Blaine County. It retains a high level of integrity of any barn surveyed in Blaine County. The property is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for architectural merit because it demonstrates the distinctive features of the Transverse-crib barn as it has been adapted for use in Oklahoma.

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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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
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Or
UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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| 1. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary includes less than one acre within northeast quarter of Township 18N, Section 17 Range 13W: Beginning 1 foot north of the northeast corner of the barn, extending south 38 feet to the southeast corner thus traveling west for 43 feet to the southwest corner thus travelling north for 38 feet to the northwest corner thus extending east to the original starting point.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The barn is the only building, structure, or object on the farm that maintains architectural integrity and is an excellent example of a Transverse-crib barn in Blaine County.

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11. Form Prepared By

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date: 26 July 2012

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Acre Family Barn

City or Vicinity: Canton Vicinity

County: Blaine

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda Ozan

Date Photographed: 16 July 2012

No.	Subject	Dir.
0001	Acre Family Barn, East Elevation	West
0002	Acre Family Barn, North Elevation	South
0003	Acer Family Barn, Stanchion	Interior

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Acre Family Barn
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OKLAHOMA, Blaine

DATE RECEIVED: 1/25/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/13/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000073

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 3.13.13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

The John T. and Ella Acre Family Barn in Blaine County, Oklahoma



In about 1916 pioneer farmers John T. & Ella Acre erected a beautiful wooden barn on their new farm in northwest Blaine County. Oklahoma was hardly a decade old and these American pioneers, the descendents of Danish-German and Irish immigrants, were eager to plant deep roots into their new homeland. At the time of the construction, their son Charles M. Acre (who was my grandfather) was serving in the US Army in France near the Argonne during World War I; he would not get to see the barn until he returned to the United States at the end of the war. No fewer than 6 generations of direct descendants of this family have enjoyed the barn. The farm has been in the family for almost one hundred years and will, within a few years, be eligible to be certified as an Oklahoma Centennial Farm.

The barn measures approximately 37 by 42 feet and is constructed of wood with a galvanized tin roof. At the peak it measures about 33 feet tall. The beams were approximately 6" X 4" with side boards of 12" size. This barn was constructed without the use of modern day power tools, scissor lifts, nail guns, or electric cement mixers. The construction was by hand! Probably the relatives, neighbors, and friends did much of the work. It might have resembled the barn raisings that were so iconic of that day. And of course, it was painted "barn red!"

The barn was designed to serve 2 major purposes: as an area for livestock and an area for storing hay for the harsh winter months. The north part of the barn was the hay storage area. It is approximately 16' by 41' with a peak of about 33 feet. Inside along the ridge of the roof runs a rail upon which sits a mechanism designed for moving hay through the massive door on the east end of the barn to the west end. Using the rope pulley and hay fork, the farmer could move loose hay from the hay wagon to the inside of the barn. In later years the loose hay was replaced with baled hay.

The south half of the barn measures about 22' by 41' and was for milking cows and to feed the bucket calves. Originally there were about 6 or 7 stanchions. Each cow had her own stanchion and it seems that each of the favorite cows had her name painted above her stanchion: Spot, Jersie, Cupie, and Blossm. The boards with these names (and their unique spelling) although faded but still visible, are in the barn to this day. A larger stanchion was at the east end of the barn for the bull who also wanted to come in at milking time to get fed some extra hay. While the cows munched on the sweet hay, the farmer and members of this farm family would sit upon their wooden milk stools and with a rhythmic tug would milk the cows. The calves were kept in the calf run and were fed the excess milk with a calf bucket that was hung on the gate of the run. To this day the notch worn by the calf bucket is easily visible on the gate.

Though most of the cows were extremely gentle, there were hocks to place on the ankles of any cow who was annoyed by the milking. These hocks prevented the cow from kicking the person who was milking the cow; they also prevented the cow from knocking over and spilling that bucket of precious milk.

The door through which the cow entered the barn on the south side was the typical Dutch style door, divided in half horizontally. One of the most interesting features of the south Dutch door is the

February 27, 2013

Ms. Glenace L. Butler
1411 Ortega
Carlsbad, NM 88220

Dear Ms. Butler,

I wanted to thank you for the materials you provided regarding the John T. and Ella Acre Family Barn in Blaine County, Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Officer, Dr. Bob Blackburn, has submitted a formal nomination to have the Acre Family Barn listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Our office is currently reviewing that documentation and should complete its evaluation in the near future. The materials you provided will be added to the documentation submitted by the State and will become part of the permanent nomination record.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service. Please let us know if we may provide further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Lusignan, Historian
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service

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March 4, 2013

Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the Register
National Park Service 2280, 8th Floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

I am writing this letter in support of saving the Acre Family Barn in Blaine County, Oklahoma. My perspective might be a bit different from other letters of support because I did not grow up on the Acre farm, nor did I live in Canton, Oklahoma. So what does farming or saving an historic barn in Canton have to do with me? Well, in my opinion a great deal.

My father was a principal at Hennessey, Oklahoma, a farming community some 45 miles to the east of Canton. When my family first moved to the Hennessey area, we knew no one but were blessed with a wonderful neighbor family who just happened to be a farming family. They took us under their wing and quickly introduced my dad to many of the area farmers. My dad and his new friends would meet at the local feed store to crack peanuts and discuss politics, the weather and town business. But something else happened there too: friendships were built, and my father gained knowledge and respect for our farmer friends. And that knowledge and respect was passed on to my sister and me.

We were taught not to complain when it rained just because we wanted a sunny day: the farmer needed rain. We were taught to value the food on our table: the farmer provided it. We were taught admire someone who made an honest living: the farmer worked hard.


As my sister and I grew up we naturally formed friendships with farmers' children who were in our classes. These friendships gave us the opportunity of having first-hand experiences on the farm. Feeding the cows and chickens, seeing calves being born, and roaming in the pastures were all very exciting for two "town" girls. One summer we even got to ride on a combine and a wheat truck.

But for me the most memorable times were the times spent at my best girlfriend's farm exploring in her family's barn. Now that was sheer heaven. The smells, sights and sounds of that barn are indelibly marked in my memories. We would climb on the pulley rope, tramp through the hay, and play in the loft where we would open the doors wide and perch ourselves in the opening with our legs dangling in the air. Then began the giggling, planning and dreaming of little girls. Those are cherished times that will always be in my heart.

Now days as my husband and I drive to Oklahoma City or other destinations throughout our great state, we always comment on the barns that dot the countryside. Their beauty and their legacy there for all to see: the farmers, the "town" people, and everyone who is just traveling through. The barns are often all that's left to do the talking for the many generations of hard-working, dedicated farmers who were so instrumental in building the foundation of our state, indeed of our country. When I see the barns I can hear their echoes of sorrow and joy, defeat and triumph, but mostly I can always hear the laughter of my friend and me. I can "hear" my childhood through these barns.

Sadly, fewer and fewer of these historic storytellers remain as so many are left to decay and crumble to the ground. Newer versions are replacing the old barns, but of course, without the character and the magic. And that is why I am respectfully requesting that the Acre Family Barn be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Acre Family Barn is not just a wonderful barn that touches the hearts of the family who owns it; it is the heritage and history that we as a state and a country share. If it is preserved, the Acre Family Barn will have memories to spark and stories to whisper to many generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Lovell".

Patricia Lovell
921 Quail Ridge Road
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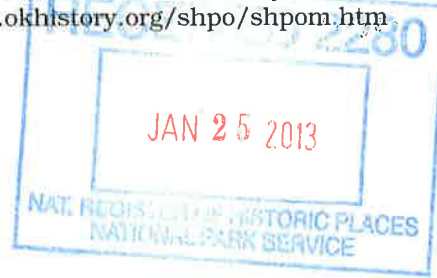


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January 23, 2013

Ms. Carol Shull
Acting Keeper of the Register
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

We are pleased to transmit two National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Acre Family Barn, Canton Vicinity, Blaine County
United Founders Life Tower, 5900 Mosteller Drive, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County

The members of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the field of historic archeology was absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. However, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property was present and participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda S. Ozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Melvena Heisch".

Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures

February 11, 2013



To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you in regards to the John T. and Ella Acre Family Barn located near Canton, Oklahoma. The barn has stood the test of time and is a testament to what hard work and determination can give back to those who invest in these long standing American traditions and ideals.

This barn was built by John T. and Ella Acre. In addition to being the constructors of the barn, they were the first owners. Although the barn has been in my family for six generations, it symbolizes much more than a piece of family history and part of a family farm.

When my great great grandparents' families first came to this country, they knew that they had come to a land of opportunity, a land of opportunity that could not have been afforded to them in their ancestral native Europe. Through hard work and determination, they turned this land of opportunity into a land of success. This land of success was personified by the barn itself. The barn proved to be an integral part of their lively hood as farmers.

As a child, I remember going to the barn with my grandfather. At the time, it seemed to be a massively huge edifice. Now as an adult, I marvel not at it size, as you get older things do not always seem to be as big as they once were, I marvel at what this building represents as it has stood the test of time and stands as a reminder of what this country can offer to people who are willing to work.

I do realize that the building itself is no longer as functional as it once was, but it still stands as a reminder to what this country can offer. Although it is fine to see pictures of old things or to have a replica made, it is the real item that carries the impact both culturally and educationally that cannot be replicated. It is my hope that the committee looks favorably upon the request to designate this piece of American history as a national landmark.

Most Sincerely,

Glen R. Habbershaw

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