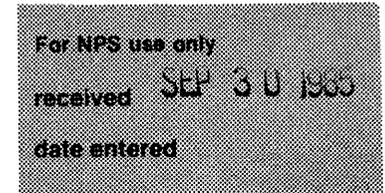


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1. Jacob and Amelia Tuohino Farm
2. 5 miles west of Lake Norden, 1 mile south of Hwy 28
3. buildings; privately owned; NA acquisition; occupied; restricted access; agriculture, residence
4. Julia and Francis Tuohino  
both Lake Norden, Post Office Box  
Lake Norden, South Dakota 57248
5. Register of Deeds  
Hamlin County Courthouse  
Hayti, South Dakota
7. good; slightly altered; original site

The Tuohine Farm is located in a low lying area in the bend of a creek and is oriented to the east. The site consists of fifteen buildings and several objects, including lathe, saw and arbor.

The house (contributing) is a one-and-one-half story, frame T-plan dwelling. Resting on a rock foundation and covered with wooden shake shingles, the house had two intersecting gable roofs. Horizontal lapped siding covers the walls and the windows are 2/2, double-hung sash. An enclosed porch extends along the stem of the T. Two small, shed-roofed additions are attached to the front and rear facades; one accommodates indoor plumbing and the other is a bedroom. The house was begun in 1899 and is painted pale yellow with dark green trim.

Across the yard is the barn (contributing) which is painted red and white and was built in 1929. The barn is a light plank, Shawver truss, gambrel roof structure. It has a concrete foundation, which may be more recent, and a tarred paper roof covering. An integrated shed is attached to the north facade and a metal ventilator caps the roof.

The old barn (contributing) is located to the south and was built in c. 1900. It has the plan design elements of Finnish folk barns. A narrow door on each gable end opens onto the central aisle. This aisle is flanked by cow and horse stalls. The second story was used to store feed. On the exterior, five windows light the stalls on the axial facades. There are four air vents into the foundation level. One window lights each gable end wall. The building is built of frame and has a simple gable roof. It rests on a concrete foundation and is painted a dark red. Covered with wooden shakes, the roof is rather steeply pitched and the walls are covered in narrow horizontal grooved siding.

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To the east of the old barn is the granary (contributing) which dates from 1901. This gable-roofed, frame structure rests on a stone foundation and has two doors and one window opening in each gable-end wall. The roof is covered in wooden shakes.

Between the old and new barns is the garage and combination granary (contributing). The garage is a gable-roofed structure with large sliding doors across the front wall. The granary is a gable-roofed frame building which is collapsing. Both rest on concrete foundations and the granary has a wooden shake roof.

Three chicken coops (contributing) mark the north edge of the farm yard. One doubles as a shop, has a gable roof and one door and four windows across the front facade. A door is located also in the south, gable-end wall.

Immediately to the west of this coop is a lathe mounted on a wooden sawhorse. The remaining two chicken coops are smaller structures. One has a bank of windows on the south side, while the other has a single, small window. Built of frame, the structures rest on the ground. (contributing)

A gable-roofed shed (contributing) is located on the south side of the yard. Adjacent to it is the woodshed (contributing) and circular saw mounted on a wooden platform.

There are two wooden outhouses (contributing); one is located next to the chicken coops, the other is sited to the east of the granary.

Finally the sauna (contributing) completes the yard. On the east end of the sauna building is an arbor enclosed by a trellis. Large washtubs are turned over indicating the wash water was heated in the sauna on the wash days. The sauna measures 8'2" by 14'2" and is a smoke or savusauna. The entrance is in the south axial wall and a partition wall divides the two rooms. A concrete-encased, stone kiuas is located on the northeast corner of the bathing room, while benches line the west wall. A smoke vent is located above the benches in the ridgeline. In addition the sauna rests on unmortared stone slabs placed under each corner. The sauna was built in c. 1914-15.

All the outbuildings are painted red with white trim. The farmyard creates a slight enclosed courtyard. There are no axes, except for the sauna and chicken coops. All buildings face into the yard. Several unusual aspects of the yard are the bird house and arbor to the south of the house, the two outdoor pumps, tool platforms and wash area. This is a very domesticated site and indicates that running water was introduced into the farm after 1968.

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8. 1900-1890; 1900- ; vernacular and folk architecture, settlement and Finnish ethnic history

Dates: c. 1897-1930

Builder: Jacob Tuohino (and others?)

The Tuohino farm is an extremely well-preserved and undisturbed example of a Finnish farmstead and contains both American vernacular and Finnish folk buildings and is significant as an example of the blending of these two cultures during the early years of settlement.

In 1893 Jacob Tuohino emigrated from Rantsila, Oulu Province, Finland to Michigan. Two years later, as a single man, he came to Hamlin County.

In another two years he married Amelia Matson, whose family homesteaded the Matson farm (see site #41) in 1881. Amelia had been born in the original sod house. Three more years passed before the Tuohinos moved onto this farm which had been owned by Amelia's father. During the days Jacob worked for Henry and each evening he returned to his own farm to continue building.

Jacob and Amelia had ten children, two of whom still own the farm, although both have retired from active farming. The Tuohinos belonged to the National Lutheran Church in Lake Norden and when that church declined, they joined the Suomi Synod, now Trinity Lutheran Church.

#10 Acreage: 4

Scale: 1:24 000

Quad: Gertson Slough

UTM: 14/634110/4936880

Verbal Boundary Description

The site is located in the SE/SE quarter, Section 21, T113N, R54W. The site is bounded by the west edge of the road on the east, the creek on the north, the grove of trees on the south and an imaginary line lying 10 feet from the west wall of the old barn on the west.

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