

# Iowa Site Inventory

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Iowa State Historical Department  
East 12th & Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

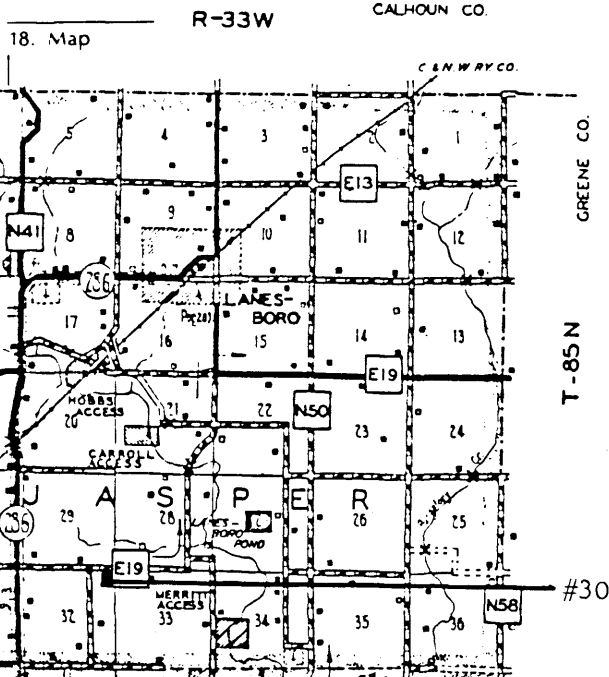
Site Number 30  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 30

## Identification

1. Site Name Fobes Octagon Barn
2. Village/Town/City Lanesboro vic. Township Jasper County Carroll
3. Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ IA 286
4. Legal Location \_\_\_\_\_ 85 N 33 W 32 NE 1/4 of NE 1/4  
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 358,810 northing 4,666,210; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Leland J. Roden
7. Owner(s) Address R. R. #1 Box 97 Glidden Iowa 51443  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Gen'l purpose barn Original Gen'l purpose barn

## Description

9. Date of Construction 1883 Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_
10. Building Type:  
 single-family dwelling     industrial     other institutional     religious  
 multiple-family dwelling     educational     public     agricultural  
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls:  clapboard     stone     brick     board and batten     shingles     stucco  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
12. 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 \_\_\_\_\_
13. Condition:  excellent     good     fair     deteriorated
14. 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:  
See reversed side.
15. Related Outbuildings and Property:  barn     other farm structures     carriage house     garage     privy  
 other \_\_\_\_\_
16. Is the building endangered?  no     yes—if so, why? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Surroundings of the building:  open land     woodland     scattered outbuildings     densely built-up     commercial  
 industrial     residential     other \_\_\_\_\_



19. Photo Roll 340 Frame 33 View \_\_\_\_\_

VBD: A circle 96' in diameter, based upon barn's centerpoint. Includes only barn.

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# 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

Interior - rectangular. Presently 2 granaries and horse stalls between remain, rest open for machinery. Stone foundation. Asphalt shingles. Square cupola with 1883 on it. Diameter - 66'. Modified hip roof.

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Octagon; Coffin type.

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One of, at most, fourteen 19th century octagon barns known to still exist on an Iowa farm. The modified hip roof identifies this barn as a Coffin type, the roof being similar to that of the 1867 Lorenzo Coffin octagon barn in Webster County. Other identifying characteristics include the heavy timber construction, rectangular interior arrangement, and general purpose function. Compared to rectangular barns, octagon barns were uncommon and considered experimental in their day.

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

Leland J. Roden, RR 2, Glidden, IA 51443  
Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_

## For Office of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 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. \_\_\_\_\_
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### 3. Photo Images \_\_\_\_\_

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