

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 68
District Name _____
Map Reference # 68

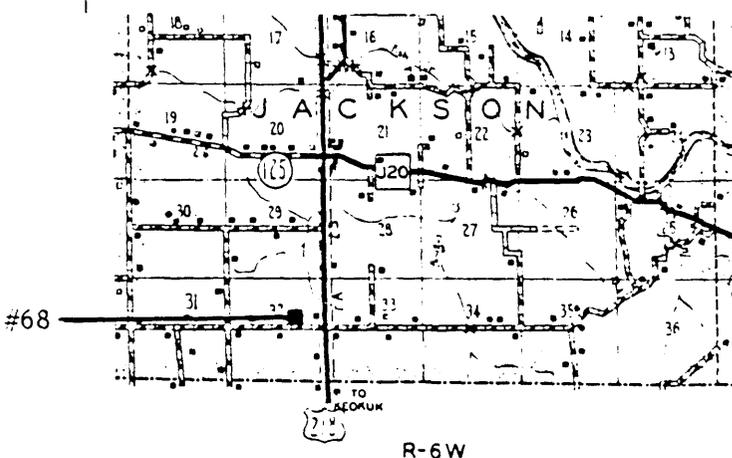
Identification

1. Site Name Holtkamp Round Barn
2. Village/Town/City Salem vic. Township Jackson County Henry
3. Street Address Off II S. 218
4. Legal Location 70 N 6 W 32 SE 1/4 of NW 1/4
- Urban: _____ Rural: _____ subdivision township _____ block range _____ parcel section _____ subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section _____
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 620,660 northing 4,519,690; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Sylvan Joan (Holtkamp) Nichting
7. Owner(s) Address Pilot Grove Iowa 52648
- (Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Not in use Original Gen'l purpose barn
Plans: Matt L. King
Tile: Mt. Pleasant Brick & Tile
Original Owner: B. J. Holtkamp (builder)

Description

9. Date of Construction 1918 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 Clay Tile
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 reverse 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 _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll 652 Frame 5 View _____

VBD: A circle 70' in diameter, based on center point of barn, includes 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.

Circular interior 1st floof. Machine, grain, adn hay storage 2nd floor. Hay carrier. Dirt floors. Gambrel roof with windows in roof. Tile from Mt. Pleasant Brick & Tile Mfg. Co., Mt. Pleasant, IA. Plans probably from permanent Building Society, Des Moines, IA. Diameter - 50'.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) True-Round; True-Round; Farm Plan Service; Permanent Bldg. Soc. Specialty Contractor; Clay Tile Supplier.

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See Continuation Sheet.

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

Rev. Karl Holtkamp, St. Mary Church, 402 N. 3rd, Fairfield, IA 52556
Soike, Lowell J. Without Right Angles. Des Moines, Iowa: Iowa State Historical Department, Office of Historic Preservation, 1983.

Prepared by _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
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. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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Continuation Sheet

Item Number(s)

"...This is one of two hollow clay tile round barns evidently built according to plans prepared by the Permanent Building Society, the head of which was Matt L. King, a leading advocate of the use of clay tile for farm buildings...The attractive clay tile came from the Mt. Pleasant Brick and Tile Manufacturing Company" (Soike 1983). Correspondence between Mr. B.J. Holtkamp, the owner who built this barn, and representatives of the P.B.S., the Mt. Pleasant Brick and Tile Co., and other suppliers of materials, have been saved by the Holtkamp family. A construction photograph of this barn also exists.

The use of structural clay tile was one of the later improvements in the history of the round barn movement in Iowa and is believed to have been introduced, around 1910, by the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station. Farm plan services, specializing and improving the designs of the agricultural experiment stations, were another early 20th century development.