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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
 AND/OR COMMON
Corson Emminger Round Barn

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 2 of Watertown on Unit #1
Rural Route #4
CITY, TOWN: Watertown VICINITY OF: 1st
STATE: South Dakota CODE: 46 COUNTY: Codington CODE: 029

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: L.H. Moeller
STREET & NUMBER: Rural Route #4
CITY, TOWN: Watertown VICINITY OF: South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Codington County Court House - Register of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER:
CITY, TOWN: Watertown STATE: South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: South Dakota Historic Sites Survey
DATE: September 1976
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historical Preservation Center
CITY, TOWN: Vermillion STATE: South Dakota

7-DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Corson Emminger Round Barn, built from 1909-1910, is an extremely tall circular barn about fifty feet in diameter. Concrete blocks appear as the buildings facing materials; the surface is rough faced. This material for many years was unpainted but today is a two-tone of white and green.

A double pitched roof with asphalt shingles covers the structure. It is topped by polygonal, louvred cupola which has a conical termination. Ramps used to lead to and from two large vehicle entries which appear on the second level.

There are two other entries on the first story which are much smaller. Also on the southwest portion a very narrow entry is present, probably used by animals. The windows vary in size but none are very large; some are double hung.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1909-1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Corson Emminger-Builder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

South Dakota's economy and history has and does depend upon agriculture productivity. Barns are the symbols of farming, and some of the state's best examples should be recognized and preserved as reminders of the significance of agriculture to the state. Also some barns should be recognized for architectural importance such is the case of the Corson Emminger Round Barn.

Emminger came to South Dakota from Wisconsin in the early 1900's. He may have gotten the idea of building the round barn from the many located in his native state. There are few of these structures in South Dakota, especially those constructed from concrete blocks. The barn was apparently originally used in the process of dairy production.

In 1905 Emminger bought the farmstead for \$6,000 and began construction of the barn four years later and finished it in 1910 at a cost of \$1,500. He lived on there for four years when he moved into Watertown and then to California in 1920. The barn was his pride and joy and became a landmark for that part of the state.

Jacob Krull owned the farm from 1914-1943, except for one year. He bought the place for \$13,600. Other owners have included Martin Krull, Martha Sprang, Jacob E. Krull, Henry Zirbes, Marvin and Edward Aljoe, John Zirbes, and the present owner L.H. Moeller; who is planning to restore the structure.

The barn is truly a landmark in South Dakota; it is located on one of the states main highways. Therefore, because of its architectural significance and relation to agriculture, it should be placed on the National Register.

