

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 100
District Name _____
Map Reference # 100

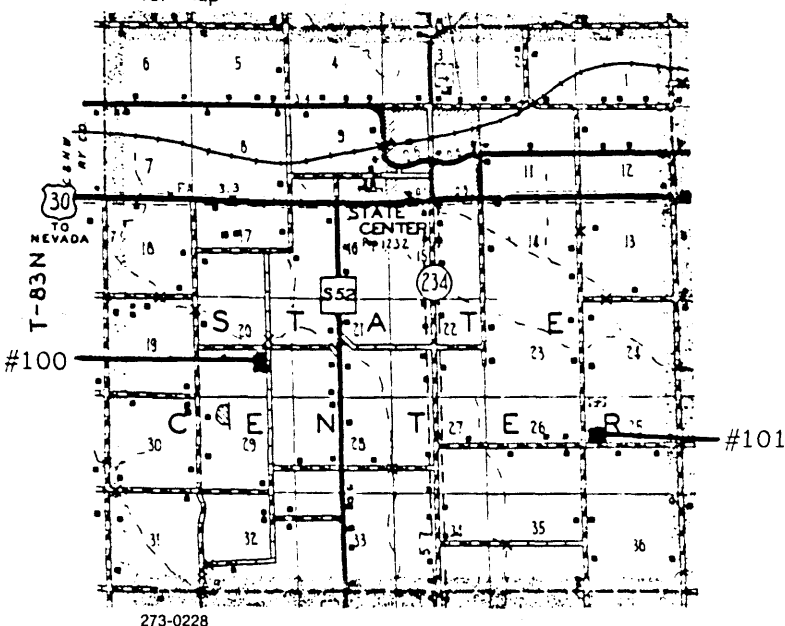
Identification

1. Site Name Dobbin Round Barn
 2. Village/Town/City State Center Township State Center County Marshall
 3. Street Address Off County S-52
 4. Legal Location 83 N 20 W 20 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4
Urban: Rural: subdivision township block range parcel section Subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
 5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 483,470 northing 4,647,920; Acreage less than one acre
 6. Owner(s) Name Daniel Dobbin
 7. Owner(s) Address R. R. #2 Box 35 State Center Iowa 50247
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
 8. Use: Present Gen'l purpose barn Original Dairy and horse barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1919 Architect/Builder Carpenter/builder: Ike Ingersol & Amos Thompson
 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 vertical sawed wood
 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 649 Frame 1 View _____

VBD: A circle 80' diameter based on center point of 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

Circular interior around central clay tile silo, 12' diameter 60' diameter Gambrel roof with large round cupola with cone roof. Cupola surrounded by louvered windows. Asphalt shingles. Appears almost identical to State Center Township Round Barn. Being painted summer of 1985.

Themes(s) True Round; Illinois/Crouch type.
True Round; "Mail.-Order/Pre-Fab. type;
Gordon Van Tine.

21. Historical Significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible intrusion

See Continuation Sheet.

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

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Dobbin, RR 2 Box 35, State Center, IA 50247
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)

Henry Dobbin had this barn built on his farm in 1919 after his neighbor to the east built a similar Gordon - Van Tine "Barrel Barn No. 214" round barn. (See site sheet # 101). The Gordon - Van Tine Company was a provider of mail-order pre-cut barns. Their designs were modeled after those of the college experiment stations and agricultural engineers. The company advertised their barns extensively in midwestern farmpapers. Mail-order, in the early 20th century, was a new method of marketing barns, placing farmers in touch with expertise beyond that of the local carpenter.

Identifying characteristics of this sub-type possessed by this barn include wood frame construction, central silo, circular interior arrangement, and a self-supporting single hip gambrel roof. The name of the Gordon - Van Tine Company is stamped on lumber inside this barn.