

HISTORIC NAME:	Siemer Silo and Barn	COUNTY:	Nobles
CURRENT NAME:	Same	CITY/TWP.:	Adrian, Minn. Grand Prairie Township
LEGAL DESC.:	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 4, Township 101, Range 43.	ADDRESS:	County Highway 19 W of Adrian
CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	National <input type="checkbox"/>	Others <input type="checkbox"/>
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>		
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>	PRESENT USE:	Barn and Silo
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
OCCUPIED:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
DATE CONSTRUCTED:	Barn-1918, Silo-1936	ORIGINAL USE:	Barn and Silo
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Charles Siemer	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	
OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Charles Siemer RR1 Adrian, MN 56110	ACREAGE:	Less than one acre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:		UTM REFERENCE:	14 / 741250 / 4829120
FORM PREPARED BY:	Thomas Harvey		Ellsworth, Minn-Iowa; 1:24,000
DATE:	March 1979		

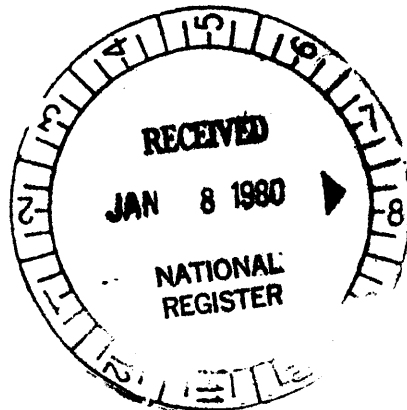
DESCRIPTION:

Barn - The Siemer barn in a 48x32 foot frame structure typical of early barns in the area. Painted red with white trim, the gambrel roofed barn is used as a horse barn. The roof is cedar shingles and has a metal cupola vent. The barn is punctuated by doors in all sides and several square windows and vents. The hay loft access is in the north gabled end. On the south side is the attached silo.

Silo - The silo on the Siemer farm is of wood hoop construction. It was built by a local agent of the Independent Silo Company of St. Paul. It is their triple wall design constructed of heart stock redwood. The inner wall is 2x6 redwood tongue-and-groove stave. The middle wall is waterproof felt. The outer wall is redwood hoops with special interlocking joints. The 14 foot diameter silo is 40 feet tall and is anchored in a concrete base. The roof is a flared conical shape and is constructed of redwood drop siding. The silo is still painted in its original color scheme; red with a white upper band and a blue-green roof. Both barn and silo are in excellent condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Siemer wood hoop silo is significant as a rare example of a once common type of silo. Wood hoop silos were commonly built before 1900, but were largely displaced by wood stave, then concrete stave, silos. The Independent Silo Company, however, continued to build wood silos, such as the Siemer silo, well after concrete silos became popular. These wood hoop silos are now unusual. Although the Siemer barn is a typical frame barn type and not rare at this time, it is a good example of the traditional barns which are fast disappearing from the American farmstead.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Note: These changes apply to
Siemer Silo and Barn in Nobles
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002095

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Nobles

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Ellsworth

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 19

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date