

Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 48
District Name _____
Map Reference # 48

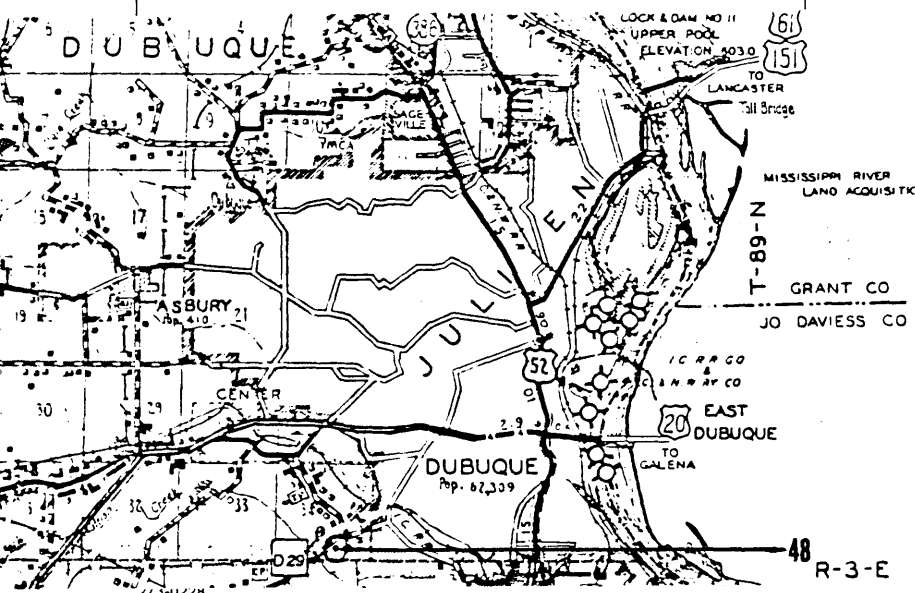
Identification

1. Site Name Round Barn, Dubuque Twp., Dubuque County
 2. Village/Town/City Dubuque Township Dubuque County Dubuque
 3. Street Address 2810 N. Cascade Road
 4. Legal Location T89N R3E 34 SE 1/4
Urban: subdivision Rural: township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
 5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 688,450 northing 4,704,680; Acreage less than one acre
 6. Owner(s) Name Wayne Ohmert, Don Ohmert
 7. Owner(s) Address 3134 Barony Drive Dubuque Iowa 52001
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
 8. Use: Present Beef cattle barn Original Dairy barn

Description

9. Date of Construction 1915 Architect/Builder UNKNOWN
 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 654 Frame 28 View _____

VBD: A circle 80' in diameter, based on center point of barn, includes barn only.

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.

Interior - Circular around central silo. Diameter -60'. Silo - clay tile 14' diameter. Stone foundation. Roof - conical, roll roofing over wood shingles, large projecting gabled granery.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) True-Round; True-Rouns; Iowa/King type; Johnston Brothers. Specialty Contractor; Clay Tile Supplier.

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

George Ohmert, RR 2, Dubuque, IA 52001

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 Surveys
- 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)

One of eighteen round barns known to have been built on an Iowa farm with vitrified hollow clay tiles believed to have been supplied by the Johnston Brothers' Clay Works of Webster County and with a design similar to the Johnston Brothers' promotional, prototype barn located next to the clay pits. The names of the actual builders of this barn, and their connection to the Johnston Brothers, is unknown.

This barn is specifically characterized as a Johnston Brothers' sub-type by its exterior wall of "...small red clay tile in the lower story and larger tile above..." (Soike 1983). The conical roof is another common feature of the Johnston Brothers' design. The clay tile exterior wall and silo wall generally classify this barn as an Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station / Matt King influenced type. The use of structural clay tile was one of the later improvements in the history of round barns.