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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 Dorrough Round Barn and Farm  
AND/OR COMMON Round Barn

**LOCATION**

*N of Hickory Level on*  
STREET & NUMBER Villa Rica Road  
CITY, TOWN Hickory Level *me* VICINITY OF  *X* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth  
STATE Georgia CODE 013 COUNTY Carroll CODE 045

**CLASSIFICATION**

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

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Dorough  
STREET & NUMBER Route 1  
CITY, TOWN Temple VICINITY OF STATE Georgia

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Superior Court  
STREET & NUMBER Carroll County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN Carrollton STATE Georgia

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic Structures Field Survey: Carroll County, Georgia  
DATE January, 1977  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources  
CITY, TOWN Atlanta STATE Georgia

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dorough Round Barn and Farm is located on the Villa Rica Road one mile northeast of Hickory Level. The farm complex, consisting of several structures, is situated on 196.31 acres of land.

The Round Barn is actually a fourteen-sided structure of oak board-and-batten construction. The two-story structure has a diameter of ninety feet and is forty feet tall. The foundation is of reinforced, poured concrete. A circular monitor is located on the roof. A nail pattern appears over the double doors on the first floor.

The Round Barn contains a 150-ton silo, located in the center of the barn. It is held together with steel rods. On the first floor, feed bins circle the silo and stalls for dairy cattle are located on the outer wall. The threshold has been removed to allow the entry of large machinery into the barn. The first floor is now used to store farm machinery. The second floor is open and spacious. It is presently vacant. Irregularly placed holes provide ventilation for the barn.

The farmhouse is a nineteenth-century, one-and-one-half-story frame structure. The rear of the structure dates from the early-nineteenth century, while the main portion of the house was added in the late-nineteenth century. The roof is pitched with a high central gable. The central entrance is flanked on each side by a window. A shed porch, supported by four square wood columns, is attached to the front of the house.

Also located on the property are several other structures. A carriage house is located directly behind the farmhouse. It now serves as the farm's workshop. Directly behind the carriage house is the privy, now used as a storage room for farm tools. A tenant house is located behind the privy and is in a deteriorated condition. A small barn is located between the Round Barn and the farmhouse. It is used for storage of farm equipment. A well-house is located near the northeast corner of the farmhouse.

Structures that no longer exist today are documented by available maps. These structures include several tenant houses and several barns. Many of the tenant houses collapsed from deterioration. Several barns were torn down when the Round Barn was completed.

A twentieth-century house has been constructed in the northwest corner of the nominated property. It does not contribute to the significance of the property.

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The majority of the gently rolling terrain of the Dorough farm is no longer under agricultural production today. While approximately two-thirds of the nominated property is now forested, the remaining property is cleared. On the cleared land, the Doroughs grow hay and have a garden. A stream is located in the forested region of the nominated property.

# 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1917	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dorrough Round Barn and Farm is significant to the architectural and agricultural history of Georgia. The Round Barn is an unusual example of agricultural architecture. As an early dairy farm in Carroll County, the construction of a round barn attempted to introduce new methods of increasing productivity of dairy products. The acreage that is being nominated has been associated with the farm for many years and the 202.5-acre land lot remains almost intact. The land has remained in the Dorrough family for several generations.

The Round Barn is architecturally significant due to its circular shape, a progressive agricultural building technique at that time. It is one of the most unusual utilitarian structures found in west Georgia. It is one of four round barns that have been located in Georgia to date. The Round Barn employs progressive architectural techniques, such as the reinforced, poured-concrete foundation as opposed to the more common fieldstone foundation. A round barn allowed for more utilized floor space and a central silo would enable the farmer to store large amounts of feed in a small, readily accessible location. An example of design pretension is found in the nail pattern over the double doors.

Many articles in periodicals and books published prior to the construction of the Dorrough barn described the advantages of the American centric barn. Publications promoted the construction of circular barns around the turn of the century. Articles found in periodicals such as Building Age and Hoard's Dairyman, described progressive architectural techniques in barn building. Many books offered architectural plans for centric barns. Whether publications such as these influenced E.W. Dorrough and his decision to build a round barn is not known; however, the county agent of Carroll County had access to such publications, as well as information from the University of Georgia's School of Agriculture.

Returning from a trip to Arkansas in 1917, E.W. Dorrough was encouraged by the county agent of Carroll County to engage in the dairy business. Deciding to establish a dairy operation, Dorrough determined to achieve the easiest method of tending a herd of dairy cattle. He chose to build a round

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 196.31

QUADRANGLE NAME Villa Rica

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boundaries are indicated by heavy black line on Carroll County Tax Map 150. The nominated property is parcel 29 of land lot 72.

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kacy Ginn, National Register Researcher

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Sec., Dept. of Natural Resources

DATE

Sept. 24, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia 30334

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   X  

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Elizabeth A. Lyon*  
 Elizabeth A. Lyon

DATE

TITLE

Acting Chief, State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*1/20/80*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*W. J. Davis*

DATE

*1/15/80*

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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barn, patterned after a round barn he had seen in Arkansas. Although the idea of a "round barn" was scoffed at by his neighbors, Dorough employed Floyd Lovell to construct his barn. According to Dorough family tradition, Lovell cut each piece of wood before the actual construction began. He used thirteen kegs of nails and approximately 53,000 wooden shingles to construct the original roof. The cost of the barn was \$7,500; the silo was built at an additional cost.

The Dorough dairy operation was an early dairy business in Carroll County. The industry received its greatest boost in the late 1940s and early 1950s with the establishment of the Carroll Creamery. The Dorough dairy operation began in 1917 with the completion of the Round Barn and existed until 1925-26. Dorough encountered several problems that eventually led to the demise of his dairy operation: (1) the long hauls to the creamery were not practical, (2) the dirt roads proved impassable during the rainy season, and (3) the winter season proved to be a hazard to the infant dairy operation. In 1925-26, Dorough abandoned his dairy operation.

The land lot that has been associated with the Dorough family for several generations was granted to W.H. Taylor in 1835. The property remained in the Taylor family until it was deeded to Florence Taylor Dorough, wife of E.W. Dorough, in 1907. The property now belongs to E.H. Dorough, E.W. and Florence Dorough's son. The property has been farmed continuously since it was granted to W.H. Taylor. The "heyday" of the farm existed at the time the Round Barn was built in 1917. The main crops were wheat and oats, but other crops, such as peanuts and cotton, were produced. Three tenant families lived on the Dorough place and helped on the farm. Six to eight mules were used to aid in the farming process. It was during this time that many of the outbuildings were constructed. The farmhouse and other structures created a farm complex that enabled the Dorough family to successfully operate a dairy and farm.

In 1919, the boll weevil hit the Dorough cotton fields and destroyed all but three bales of cotton. The farm never regained its former level of production. Today, E.H. Dorough plants a garden and several acres of hay. Three generations live on the Dorough property today: E.H. Dorough, his son and granddaughter.

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No formal archaeology has been reported for the nominated property. Knowledge of previous structures is available through a 1936 plat map and oral family tradition. Knowledge of these former structures are important to the understanding of the farm complex.

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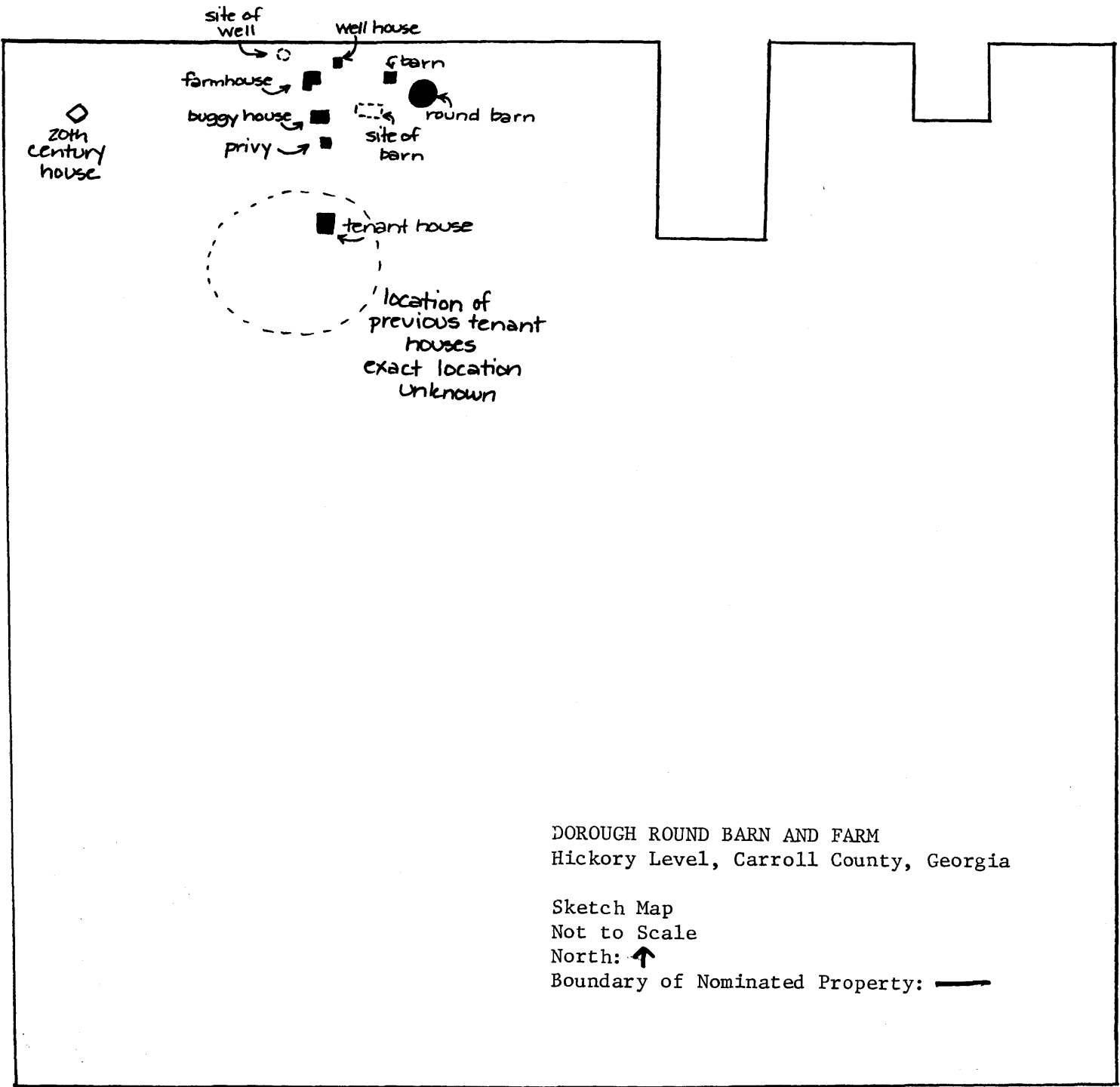
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NOT TO SCALE

DOROUGH ROUND BARN AND FARM  
Hickory Level, Carroll County, Georgia

Sketch Map  
Not to Scale  
North: ↑  
Boundary of Nominated Property: —