

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Eitzen Stone Barn  
NAME:

MULTIPLE Houston County MRA  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Houston

DATE RECEIVED: 9/23/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/08/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82002965

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

\_\_\_ ACCEPT \_\_\_ RETURN \_\_\_ REJECT \_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 11-7-16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

Minnesota Historic Preservation Office

Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places



**Name of Property:** Eitzen Stone Barn (NR 82002965)

**Address:** Iowa Avenue South

**City/Township:** Eitzen

**County:** Houston

**Reason for Removal:** Property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be listed have been lost or destroyed. (36 CFR 60.15 (a))

**Dates and Nature of Change:** Razed, 2004.

**Comments:**

Built sometime in the 1870s or 1880s, the Eitzen Stone Barn was in "fair" condition when it was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 as "an unusual vernacular example of the stone mason's art, distinctive in Houston County."<sup>1</sup> Built and owned by German immigrants, the barn also represented the agricultural way of life that flourished in Eitzen's German immigrant community.

At the time of its nomination, the barn was used for farm storage. Twenty-two years later, in 2004, owner Charlie Schroeder had the building torn down.<sup>2</sup> James Gulbranson dismantled the barn and moved the stones to his farm where he planned to reassemble them. According to President Shirley Johnson of the Houston County Historical Society, "that project was never completed."<sup>3</sup>

At the time of the 1980 nomination, the Eitzen Stone Barn retained the seven aspects of integrity (location, design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling and association). The property's *setting* remains the same on a quiet rural road, just one hundred feet from the Iowa border. But the barn's *location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association* were lost when the property was dismantled.

**References:**

<sup>1</sup> Frame, Robert M., III. "Eitzen Stone Barn," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 1982. Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.

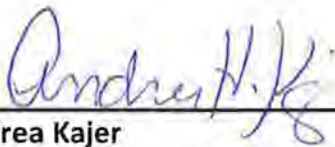
<sup>2</sup>Houston County Historical Society (HCHS) email to Emily Ganzel. 19 April 2016.

<sup>3</sup>President Shirley Johnson of the HCHS email to Emily Ganzel, 22 March 2016.

**Field Check:** Emily Ganzel, 14 February 2016

**Legal Description:**

Commencing in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 101, Range 5, at the intersection of the east right-of-way line of Trunk Highway 76 and the Minnesota-Iowa state boundary; thence northerly along said right-of-way 100 feet to a point of beginning; thence due east 150 feet; thence due north 100 feet; thence due west to said right-of-way line; thence southerly along said right-of-way line to point of beginning.



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**Andrea Kajer**  
**Deputy Minnesota Historic Preservation Officer**

9-19-16

**Date**









HISTORIC NAME: Eitzen Stone Barn COUNTY: Houston  
 CURRENT NAME: Schroeder Stone Barn CITY/TWP.: Winnebago Township  
 LEGAL DESC.: See below ADDRESS: south of Eitzen City, along  
 Iowa Avenue, east side

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Agriculture</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Other: Building</u>
Object _____	Fair <u>X</u>	National _____	Others <u>Technology</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		<u>Settlement (ethnic)</u>

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT USE:  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Farm storage  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1870s-80s ORIGINAL USE: Barn  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Unknown ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Christian Krueger (?)

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Robert Schroeder Dorchester, Iowa	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A	UTM REFERENCE: Eitzen, Minn.-Iowa Quad. 15 / 624190 / 4817670
FORM PREPARED BY: Robert M. Frame III, Ph.D. DATE: May 29, 1981	

## DESCRIPTION:

The stone barn is located at the south edge of the city of Eitzen along the east side of the road which, historically, connected the community of Portland Prairie, Minnesota, with Dorchester, Iowa. The rectangular barn is constructed of random-coursed rubble stone with rough-hewn, pegged-timber interior framing. The corrugated metal gable roof and supporting wood beams are of more recent construction. There are several round-arch door openings in the north, south, and east walls, including two large vehicle entryways. The west wall has a serious crack in the stonework.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Eitzen Stone Barn is significant in the areas of local agriculture, vernacular architecture, and ethnic settlement. Although the date of construction is unknown, it probably was built by either Christian Krueger (property owner 1865-79) or Johann Christopher Schroeder (owner 1879-94); both were part of the German immigrant community in the Eitzen area. (Krueger was the stone mason who constructed the stone store for Christian Bunge Jr. also included in this Multiple Resource Nomination.) Agriculturally, the barn represents the general farming orientation of the community and county which, until the 1800s, were largely devoted to growing wheat. Architecturally, it is an unusual vernacular example of the stone mason's art, distinctive in Houston County, although representative of the general use of stone in southeastern Minnesota.

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Houston County Multiple Resource Area  
State MN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Houston County Courthouse, Jail  
and Municipal Garage

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

2. Sprague, Ellsworth Ara and Robert  
David, Houses

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

3. Williams, Spafford, Hotel  
(Barnes House)

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

4. Houston County Poor Home

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

5. Bunge, Christian, Jr., Store

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

6. Eitzen Stone Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

7. Johnson, Charles, Flour Mill  
(Upper Mill)

Substantive Review

Keeper

Attest

8. Portland Prairie Methodist  
Episcopal Church

Entered in the  
National Register

Keeper

Attest

9. Cameron, Daniel, House

Entered in the  
National Register

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10. Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church  
(previously listed 6/2/70)  
Schech's Mill  
(previously listed 1/31/78)

Keeper

Attest





Eitzen Stone Barn  
Winnebago Twp.; Houston County  
Robert Frame  
1976

Minnesota Historical Society, 690  
Cedar St.; St. Paul, MN 55101  
Northwest perspective  
01719/20

MAR 2 1982

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

## EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Eitzen Stone Barn  
Houston County Multiple Resource Area  
State, County: MN, Houston  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

82002965  
Working No. 3/2/82-585  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 4-1-82 4-16-82  
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/6/82  
☐ RETURN  
☐ REJECT

Entered in the  
National Register

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

photos \_\_\_\_\_  
maps \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below  
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

### 1. Name

### 2. Location

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

### 4. Owner of Property

### 5. Location of Legal Description

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

### 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Minnesota Historical Society  
State Historic Preservation Office  
345 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102  
651-259-3451



**TO:** Stephanie Toothman, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places

**FROM:** Denis P. Gardner

**DATE:** September 19, 2016

**NAME OF PROPERTY:** Eitzen Stone Barn

**COUNTY AND STATE:** Houston County, Minnesota

**SUBJECT:** National Register:

- ☐ Nomination
- ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
- ☐ Request for determination of eligibility
- ☒ Request for removal (Reference No. 82002965)
- ☐ Nomination resubmission
- ☐ Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No. )
- ☐ Additional documentation (Reference No. )

**DOCUMENTATION:**

- ☐ Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
- ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
- ☐ Continuation Sheets
- ☒ Removal Documentation
- ☒ Photographs
- ☒ CD w/image files
- ☐ Original USGS Map
- ☐ Sketch map(s)
- ☐ Correspondence
  - ☐ Owner Objection
    - The enclosed owner objections
    - Do ☐ Do not ☐ constitute a majority of property owners

**STAFF COMMENTS:**



September 19, 2016

Ms. Stephanie Toothman  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
Mail Stop 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1201 Eye Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005



Dear Ms. Toothman:

RE: Removal from the National Register:  
Blind Department Building & Dow Hall, State School for the Blind (90001092), Faribault, Rice County, MN  
Pierce House (80002101), Rochester, Olmsted County, MN  
Eitzen Stone Barn (82002965), Eitzen, Houston County, MN  
Bridge No. L1409 (90000978), Hillsdale Township, Winona County, MN

The Minnesota Historic Preservation Office is requesting the removal of four (4) properties from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed sheets indicate the names and locations of the properties and the change in status which necessitates the removal request.

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.15, the legal owners and the applicable chief elected local official have been notified in accordance with the state's established notification procedures and were given the requisite time (30 days) to respond.

If you have any questions regarding this request for removal, please contact Denis Gardner, National Register Historian at 651-259-3451, [denis.gardner@mnhs.org](mailto:denis.gardner@mnhs.org), or the address listed.

Sincerely,

  
Andrea Kajer  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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