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

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Significance

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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.

Interoir: rectangular. Milk house added. Roof with 8 wedge-shaped sections and hay dormer. Barn was indentical to one constructed by S. S. Patterson.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) Octagon; Stewart type.

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

One of, at most, fourteen 19th century octagon barns known to still exist on an lowa farm. The conical roof constructed of eight wedge shaped pieces distinguishes this octagon barn as a Stewart type. Elliott W. Stewart, a New York State farmer and agricultural editor, designed the prototype of this barn in 1874. Strength, warmth, economy of materials, and efficient use of interior space were considered the main advantages of the octagon barn. In general, as an octagon barn, characteristic features of the Grimes Octagon Barn include the rectangular interior arrangement and absence of an interior silo.

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

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