

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Myhre, Jens, Round Barn

MULTIPLE NAME: North Dakota Round Barns TR

STATE & COUNTY: NORTH DAKOTA, Eddy

DATE RECEIVED: 5/29/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/14/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86002749

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 7-14-15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED
from
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 7-14-15

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.



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National Park Service**

Jack Dalrymple
Governor of North Dakota

26 May 2015

**North Dakota
State Historical Board**

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Park Service
1201 Eye Street NW (MS 2280)
Washington DC 20005

Calvin Grinnell
New Town - President

A. Ruric Todd III
Jamestown - Vice President

Dear Mr. Loether,

Margaret Puetz
Bismarck - Secretary

Enclosed please find four memos requesting removal of demolished buildings from the National Register of Historic Places.

Albert I. Berger
Grand Forks

Though I am saddened by the loss of this historic North Dakota property, we will continue to seek out new properties to represent our history in the National Register.

Gereld Gerntholz
Valley City

Diane K. Larson
Bismarck

Sincerely,

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.
Bismarck

Sara Otte Coleman
*Director
Tourism Division*

Claudia J. Berg
State Historic Preservation Officer
(North Dakota)

Kelly Schmidt
State Treasurer

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Mark Zimmerman
*Director
Parks and Recreation
Department*

Grant Levi
*Director
Department of
Transportation*

Claudia J. Berg
Director

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Date: 26 May 2015

**North Dakota
State Historical Board**

To: J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

From: Lorna Meidinger/Claudia J. Berg

Architectural Historian/State Historic Preservation Officer, ND

Re: Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places

Calvin Grinnell
New Town - President

A. Ruric Todd III
Jamestown - Vice President

Name of Property: Jens Myhre Round Barn, 32ED33

Margaret Puetz
Bismarck - Secretary

Address: Twp 149 R 67 Sect 2, S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4

Albert I. Berger
Grand Forks

State: North Dakota

Gereld Gemtholz
Valley City

City/Township: New Rockford vic.

Diane K. Larson
Bismarck

County: Eddy

Chester E. Nelson, Jr.
Bismarck

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

Sara Otte Coleman
*Director
Tourism Division*

Date and Nature of Change: The building has been demolished.

Kelly Schmidt
State Treasurer

Comments:

When listed in 1986, the property retained all seven types of integrity (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association). Demolition of the barn resulted in a total loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State

Mark Zimmerman
*Director
Parks and Recreation
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Grant Levi
*Director
Department of
Transportation*

Prepared by:

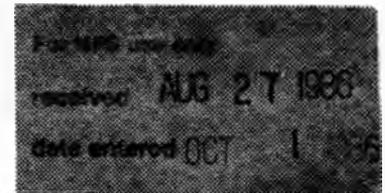
Lorna Meidinger, Architectural Historian
State Historical Society of North Dakota

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Director

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NAME: Jens Myhre Round Barn

LOCATION: Vicinity of New Rockford, North Dakota 30, Eddy County 027

CLASSIFICATION: Status Unoccupied; Present Use Agriculture

OWNER OF PROPERTY: Mary and Eugene Hartl, Rural Route 1, New Rockford, North Dakota, 58356

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Register of Deeds, Eddy County Courthouse, New Rockford, North Dakota

DESCRIPTION: The former Jens Myhre round barn is located in slightly hilly country in central North Dakota. The farm is situated within an L-shaped shelterbelt to the site's west and north sides. The south side of the property is bounded by the gravelled county road and the east side by a grazing area which terminates in a slough. Power lines crisscross the site.

The round barn at 80' in diameter is large in comparison to others in the state. That size is increased by a west side vehicular ramp to the mow. The ramp is supported by 4 large timbers measuring 4" x 6" which connect the ramp's concrete bulkhead with the barn's poured concrete foundation. The ramp's crossing boards are 2" x 10" lumber. There were two railings which served as guides on either side of the ramp, however, only the south side guide remains. The windows on the round barn are fixed sash, 2-over-2. The door is on a track which makes it slide and the track itself is curved as is each door. The doors are of vertical board, but the rest of the barn is horizontal drop siding. The barn has a wood shingle roof, and a ventilation shaft in the northwest side as well as on the top.

Inside the barn on the ground floor rubble boulders used in construction of the wall foundation are exposed, giving the wall a rougher texture than on the exterior side of the wall which is finished smooth, appearing to have a sand and gravel aggregate. The stalls are arranged in a north-south linear pattern, with two alleys. In middle portion there are space for six stalls, with the north two stalls being used as a feeding manger. The west row also consists in feeding mangers. On the east row of stalls there are two large open stall areas.

Posts which support the barn are 4" x 4." Some of the posts on the east alley have shoulder supports, but those on the west alley posts do not. In the north half of the alley vertical boarding is added to partition off visually those halves of the barn. However, the south half of the barn is open. On the west side of the east alley are metal stations that held animals. The barn's floor joists are triple 2" x 2" boards.

A metal feeding track that runs north-south is found in the both alleys. At the south side of the barn the feed track curves so that both alleys' feed tracks are continuous

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and connected. As the feed carrier moves from the south point of the barn northward curves to the east and exits through a door in the middle of the east side alley. In that way feed could be loaded outside of the barn and brought in without having to be in the barn and taking up space.

The interior of the mow is open without silo or post supports for the roof. One feature of note is the hand wrought wooden manual crank which activates the hay sling system. The barn, although unused, is in excellent condition.

SIGNIFICANCE: Date: 1919
Architect/Builder: unknown

The former Jens Myhre round barn is significant for being an extremely intact surviving example of the round barn theme. Three facts about the barn make it architecturally significant: Its exterior ramp, its interior ground floor space, and its physical condition.

First, it is the only round barn surviving in the state which employed a ramp to the mow area. Photographic evidence show only two others ever used that efficient means of loading the mow. Most round barns may have abandoned that method by the second decade of this century because it was made obsolete by innovative hay moving slings and tracks, many of which survive in the extant barns. To construct a ramp during the late teens may have been perceived as out of fashion and behind the times.

Second, its interior arrangement is a throwback to an earlier period when round barn builders had not resolved the conflict of circular space and rectangular stalls with the circular arrangement of pie shaped stalls. The traditional two alley linear arrangement suggests a vernacular builder who clung to a familiar spatial arrangement while adopting the new enclosure.

Third, it is quite large and possessed of excellent integrity. This is especially important, for the barn merits further study to untangle its inherent contradictions. The concrete foundation and wall symbolize the barn's collection of old and new technologies. Just as the wall's exterior appears to be modern smoothly finished poured concrete, its interior texture is rough from the broken fieldstones used as aggregate, typical of older concrete practices. Likewise, the round shape of the barn suggests a modern application of the latest technologies in farming, yet the arrangement of stalls is nineteenth century, and frankly inefficient for the shape. Closer inspection and continued interviews may explain these apparently conflicting trends.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Nominated Acreage: Less than one acre
Map Quad: New Rockford, 1950 (Photo revised 1975)
UTM Coordinates: Zone: 14
Easting: 484770

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Northing: 5287875

Verbal Boundary Description: The nominated property is located in the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 149 North, Range 67 West, and includes the land the round barn is standing on and a protective zone extending fifteen feet from the perimeter.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name North Dakota Round Barns Thematic Resources

State Divide and other counties, NORTH DAKOTA

Substantive Review *Conn Beth Grovena 10/1/86*

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 1. Baker, Cecil, Round Barn *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Alvina Byers 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 50* 2. Abell, Robert, Round Barn *Substantive Review* Keeper *L. J. ... 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 3. Funseth, Carlott, Round Barn *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Alvina Byers 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 50* 4. Cote, Urbain, Round Barn *Substantive Review* Keeper *L. J. ... 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 5. Gerhardt Octagonal Pig House *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Alvina Byers 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 6. Glick, Levi, Round Barn *Substantive Review* Keeper *Beth Grovena 3/25/87*
Attest _____
- 7. Marriage, Sylvanus, Octagonal Barn *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Alvina Byers 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 8. **Myhre, Jens, Round Barn** *Substantive Review* Keeper *Beth Grovena 10/1/86*
Attest _____
- 9. Nielsen, Niels, Fourteen-Side Barn Farm *Entered in the National Register* *for* Keeper *Alvina Byers 10/7/86*
Attest _____
- 10. Patterson Octagonal Barn *Determined Eligible* Keeper _____
Substantive Review Attest *Eligible: Beth Grovena 10/1/86*

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION



Jens Myhre Round Barn
Round Barn Thematic Nomination
New Rockford vicinity, Eddy County, ND

Photo credit: L. Martin Perry

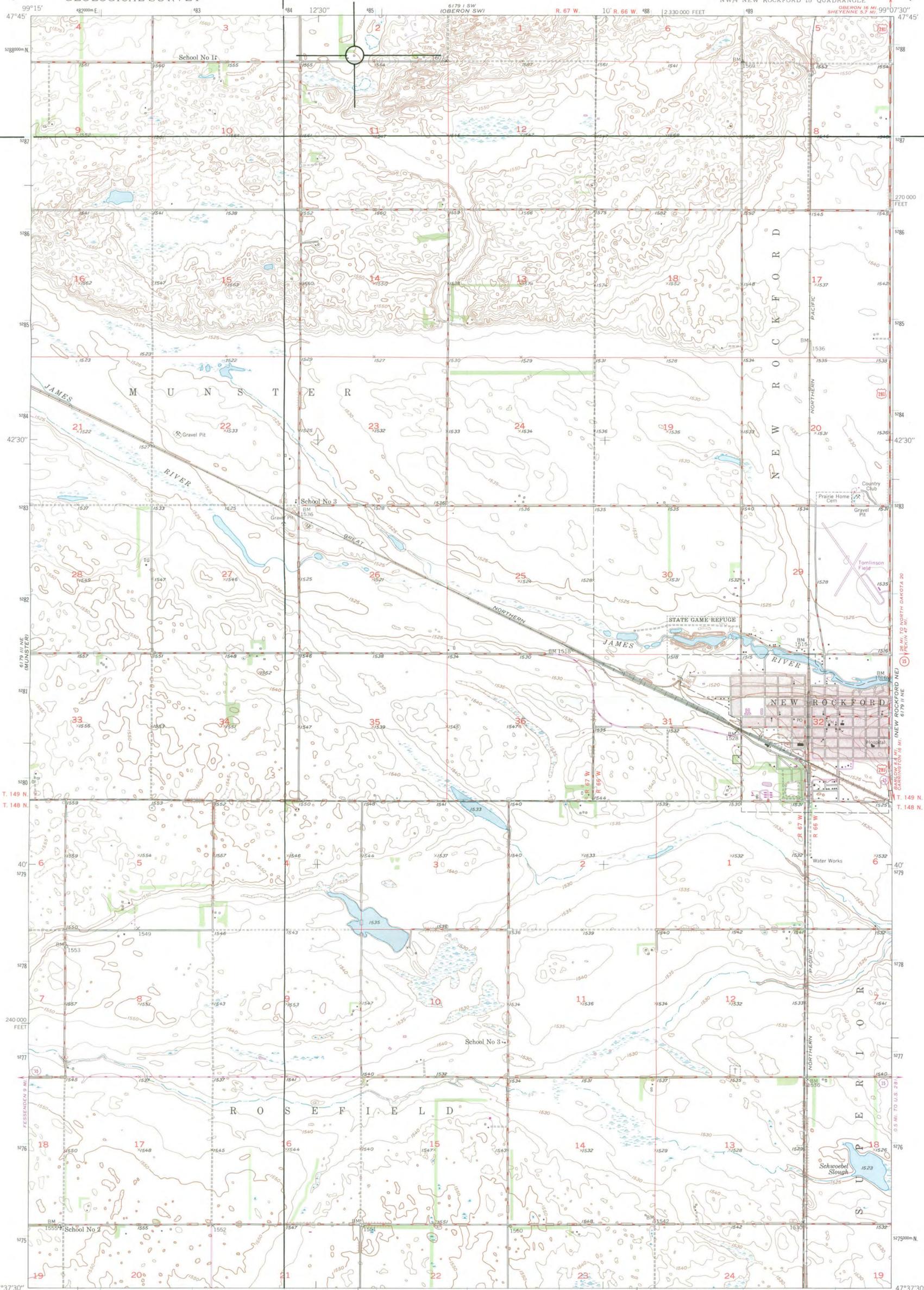
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North Dakota Heritage Center
Bismarck, ND 58505

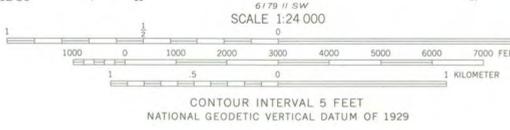
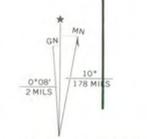
Direction to East

Photo 9 of 12

Jens Myhre Round Barn
Round Barn Thematic
New Rockford vicinity
Eddy County, ND
Zone: 14
Easting: 484770
Northing: 5287875



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Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs taken 1944
Topography by plane-table methods 1949
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on North Dakota coordinate system, north zone
Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

HARD-SURFACE ALL WEATHER ROADS	DRY WEATHER ROADS
Heavy-duty 4 LANE 10 LANE	Improved dirt
Medium-duty 4 LANE 10 LANE	Unimproved dirt
Loose-surface, graded, or narrow hard-surface	
U. S. Route	State Route

NEW ROCKFORD, N. DAK.
NW/4 NEW ROCKFORD 15' QUADRANGLE
N4737.5 - W9907.5 / 7.5
1950
PHOTOREVISED 1975
AMS 6179 II NW-SERIES V871

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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AND STATE WATER COMMISSION, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA 58501
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Memo to File

Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

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Eddy County
NORTH DAKOTA

Substantive Review

AUG 27 1986

Working No. _____

Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88

Date Due: 9/25/86 - 10/11/86

Action: ACCEPT 10-1-86

RETURN _____

REJECT _____

Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept - A, C
 Reviewer G. J. ...
 Discipline Historian
 Date 10/1/86
 _____ see continuation sheet

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

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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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"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

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 _____

UTM 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: _____