

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Myhre, Jens, Round Barn  
NAME:

MULTIPLE North Dakota Round Barns TR  
NAME:

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 Removed

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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26 May 2015

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

Dear Mr. Loether,

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

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.

Sincerely,

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

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Date: 26 May 2015

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

Name of Property: Jens Myhre Round Barn, 32ED33

Address: Twp 149 R 67 Sect 2, S ½ of SE ¼ of SW ¼

State: North Dakota

City/Township: New Rockford vic.

County: Eddy

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)).

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

Comments:

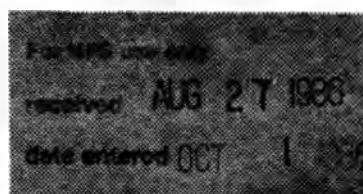
When listed in 1986, the property retained all seven types of integrity (location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association). Demolition of the barn resulted in a total loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Prepared by:

Lorna Meidinger, Architectural Historian  
State Historical Society of North Dakota

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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

Reviewed Beth Giovanna 10/1/86

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Baker, Cecil, Round Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

Attest

2. Abell, Robert, Round Barn

Substantive Review

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

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3. Funseth, Carlott, Round Barn

Entered in the  
National Register

keeper

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Attest

4. Cote, Urbain, Round Barn

Substantive Review

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

Attest

5. Gerhardt Octagonal Pig  
HouseEntered in the  
National Register

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

Attest

6. Glick, Levi, Round Barn

Substantive Review

keeper

Beth Giovanna 3/25/81

Attest

7. Marriage, Sylvanus, Octagonal  
BarnEntered in the  
National Register

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

Attest

8. Myhre, Jens, Round Barn

Substantive Review

keeper

Beth Giovanna 10/1/86

Attest

9. Nielsen, Niels, Fourteen-  
Side Barn FarmEntered in the  
National Register

keeper

Melvin Byers 10/7/86

Attest

10. Patterson Octagonal Barn

Substantive Review

Determined Eligible  
keeper

Attest

DOE/OWNER OBJECTION

Eligible: Beth Giovanna 10/1/86



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

Photo credit: L. Martin Perry

Date of photo: April, 1986

Location of negative: State Historical Society of North Dakota  
North Dakota Heritage Center  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Direction to East

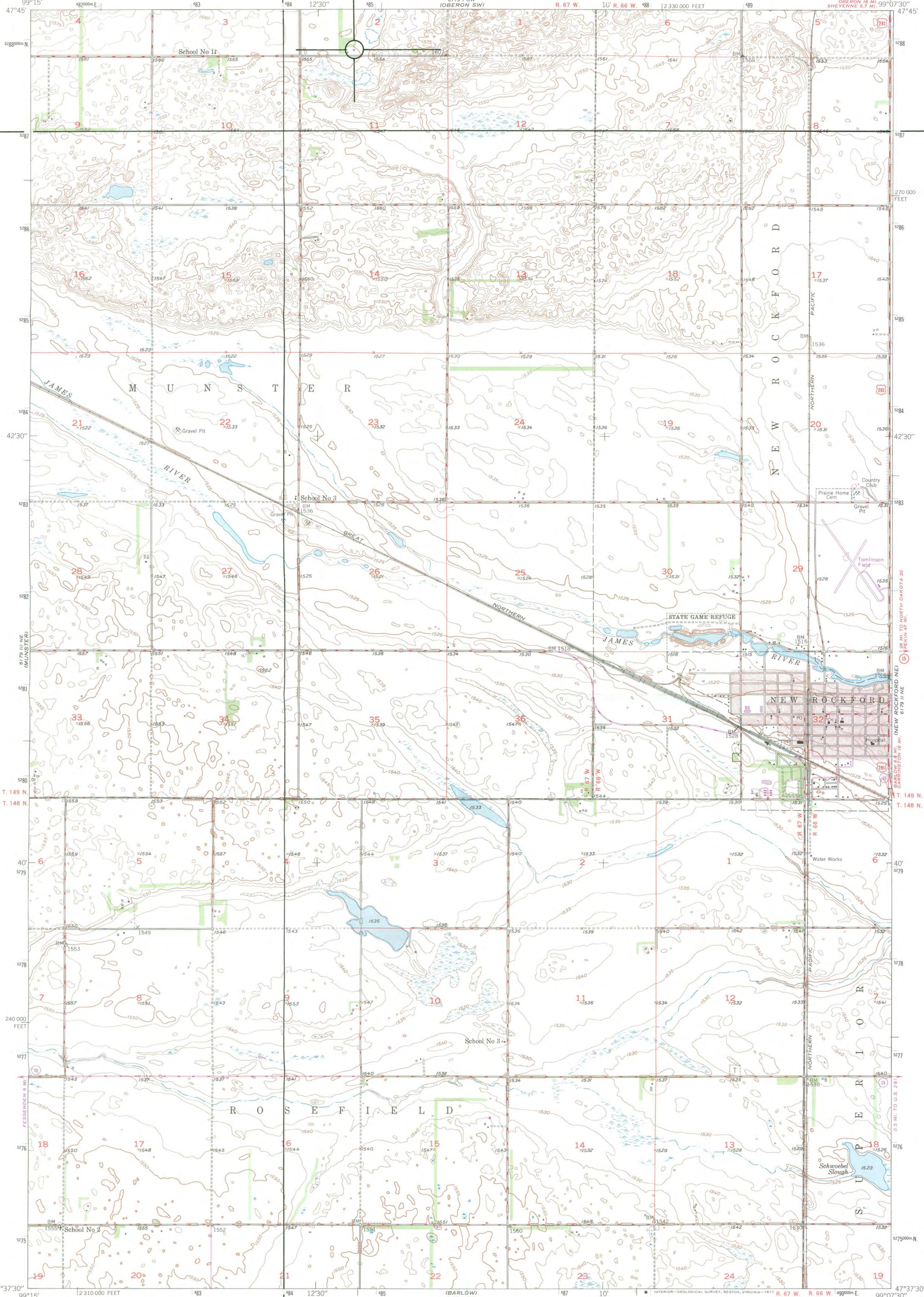
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Jens Myhre Round Barn  
Round Barn Thematic  
New Rockford vicinity  
Eddy County, ND  
Zone: 14  
Easting: 484770  
Northing: 5287875

NEW ROCKFORD QUADRANGLE  
NORTH DAKOTA-EDDY CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW 1/4 NEW ROCKFORD 15' QUADRANGLE

6 79 SE  
(SHEYENNE)



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
as part of the Department of the Interior program  
for the development of the Missouri River Basin

Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Cultivation 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

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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.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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Myhre, Jens, Round Barn (North Dakota Round  
Barns TR)  
Eddy County  
NORTH DAKOTA

## Substantive Review

AUG 27 1986

Working No.

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due:

Action:

 ACCEPT 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 *Jens Myhre*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	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 _____
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## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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## **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

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## **9. Major Bibliographical References**

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## **10. Geographical Data**

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

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

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## **11. Form Prepared By**

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### **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

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## **13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_