

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM

PROPERTY NAME: Robert Weber Round Barn

LOCATION: T28N,R11E,SE,NW,Sec 23
vicinity

COUNTY: Winnebago

OWNER'S NAME: Robert Weber

LOCATION: 10123 Freeport Road

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY: Durand

STATE: IL

ZIP: 61024

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LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Winnebago County Courthouse
County Recorder
Rockford, IL

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: circular area measuring 75 feet in diameter
from the central point of the barn

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: less than one

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1917

ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER: Mason unknown;
roof by Haas brothers

DESCRIPTION - SECTION 7:

This 55 foot diameter barn rests on a poured concrete foundation. It has a central silo with a 24 foot diameter. The barn and silo walls are built of brown, hollow, vitrified tiles each measuring 1 foot by 4 3/4 inches. Loft entrance is by a banked earthen ramp on the north side. Animal access is on the west side. These entrances and all windows are framed in metal. The single-hip roof is supported by a brace on both sides of each rafter in the fashion promoted by the Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Illinois. Wooden shingles cover the roof which is capped by a small metal ventilator.

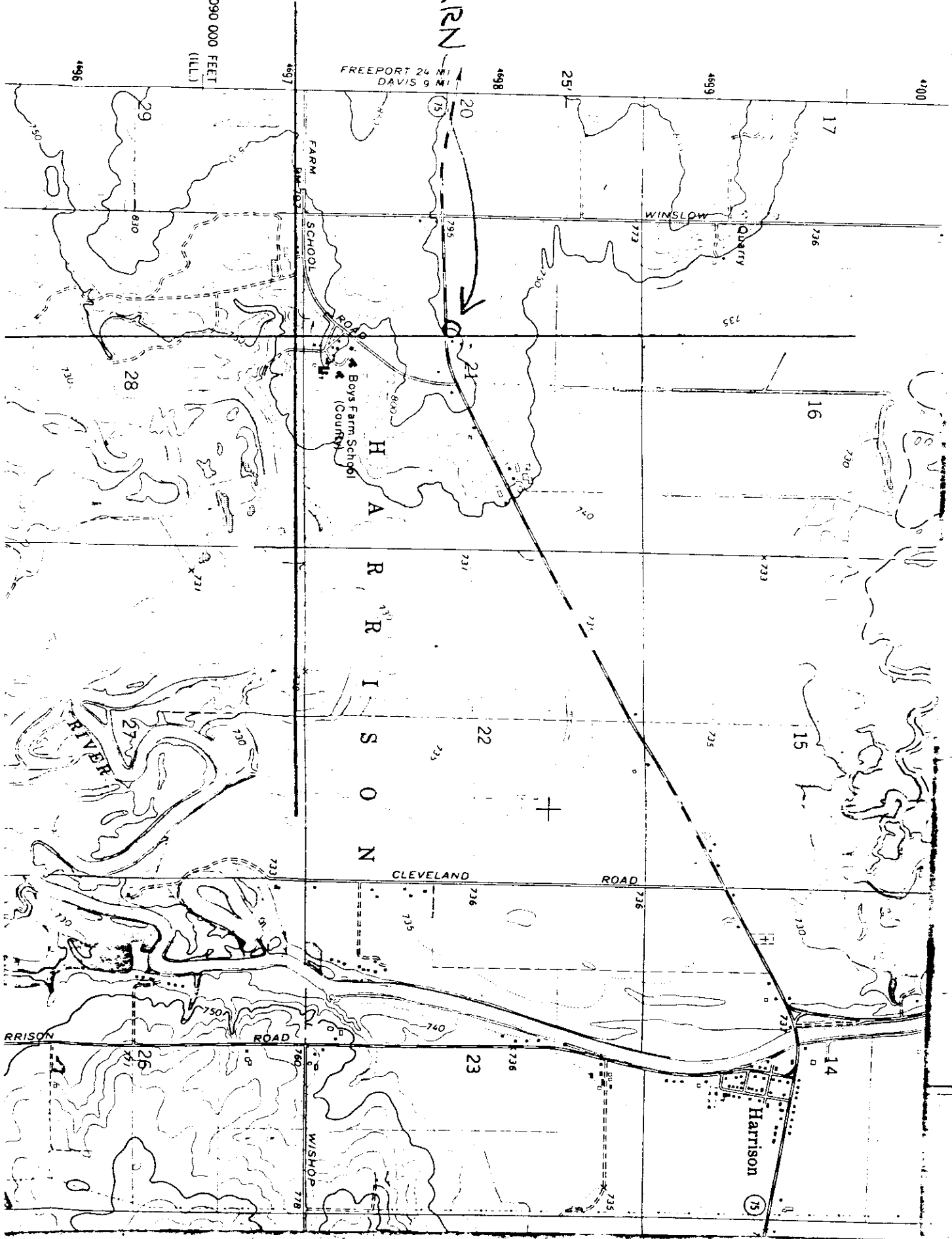
The original design and materials are completely intact.

SIGNIFICANCE - SECTION 8:

The Weber Barn is significant for two reasons. First, it is the last round barn on which the Haas brothers are known to have worked. They built the roof. Therefore, their craftsmanship links it with the large number of round barns in Stephenson County whose best surviving examples are the major subject of this nomination. Second, the Weber Barn contrasts significantly in design and building materials with the other round barns in this nomination, and, thereby contributes to a design continuum in which the round barns of this nomination can be understood. The overall aspect of this barn is one of sophistication in contrast with all other barns in this nomination. This impression is due to the masonry walls, metal clad entrances and windows, and specially braced hip roof. Vitrified tile, like that in the Weber Barn, was preferred in the last period of round barn construction in the United States (Soike 1983:32). Metal clad entrances and windows complement the feeling of durability. In addition, the hipped roof with rafters braced at the hip joint by 4 inch by 4 inch pieces, 8 feet long, nailed on each side of the rafter and with a 2 inch by 4 inch piece extending from the roof hip and nailed between

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E of Durand (02/23/84)

MISSOURI, Laclede County, Lebanon, Wallace House, 230 Harwood Ave. (03/22/84)

TEXAS, Starr County, Roma-Los Saenz, Roma-San Pedro International Bridge, SW of Hidalgo St. and
Bravo Alley (03/23/84)

Multiple Resource Areas are identified by M R A

Thematic Resources are identified by T R

NHL designates a National Historic Land mark