

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM

PROPERTY NAME: James Bruce Round Barn
LOCATION: T26N,R7E,SW,NW,Sec 13
vicinity
COUNTY: Stephenson County
OWNER'S NAME: James Bruce
LOCATION: R. R. #2

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY: Freeport
STATE: IL ZIP:
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STATE: IL ZIP: 61032

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Stephenson County Courthouse
County Recorder
Freeport, IL

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: circular area measuring 80 feet in diameter
from the central point of the barn

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: less than one

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1914 ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER: Jeremiah Shaffer
and the Haas brothers

DESCRIPTION - SECTION 7:

This barn has a diameter of 58 feet and 8 inches. It is enclosed with a locally popular type of horizontal wooden siding known as "drop siding". The barn also has a poured concrete foundation. A single hip roof with asphalt shingles has a cupola. The roof hip is strengthened by a series of braces. Each brace is a 2 inch by 6 inch member nailed on one side of each rafter about four feet above the roof hip and to the opposite side of the same rafter about four feet below the roof hip. The wooden stave silo has a 12-foot diameter, is centrally located, and is accessible from the loft by a banked entrance on the northeast side. The main animal access is at grade level on the south side. Especially noteworthy are the "overshoots" which project diagonally from the plane of the wall above entrances on the south and northeast quadrants to compensate for the barn's lack of storm protection for man and animals.

The barn retains original materials in excellent condition. Except for the replacement of asphalt shingles for wooden shingles, the original materials have not been changed. The original design has also survived intact.

SIGNIFICANCE - SECTION 8:

This barn is significant for two reasons. First, it is the last round barn known to have been built by the team of Jeremiah Shaffer and the Haas brothers who were probably responsible for the unusually large number of Stephenson County's round barns. Second, the barn's central silo and single-hipped roof with braces illustrate the evolution of round barn design in the area. The central silo may reflect the cumulative influence of both the agricultural experiment stations at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois which advocated the central silo (King 1890:186; Fraser 1910:13). The hipped-roof and type of brace at the roof hip is an adaptation of the earlier conical roof initiated by the Shaffer-Haas team.

History:

This barn was built in 1914 for George Bruce by Jeremiah Shaffer and the Haas brothers (Bruce, 11 May, 1983).

OHIO, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Beehive School, 4345 Lee Rd. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Clatsop County, Astoria, Clatsop County Courthouse, 749 Commercial St. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Deschutes County, Bend, Smith, N. P., Pioneer Hardware Store, 935-937 NW Wall St. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Douglas County, Canyonville, Canyonville Methodist Church, Second and Pine Sts. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Jackson County, Ashland, Trinity Episcopal Church, 44 N. Second St. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Josephine County, Grants Pass, McLean, Robert and Lucy, House, 724 NW 4th St. (04/05/84)

OREGON, Washington County, Beaverton, Fanno, Augustus, Farmhouse, 8385 SW Hall Boulevard (04/05/84)

PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia County, Philadelphia, Broad Street Historic District, Roughly bounded by Juniper, Cherry, 15th, and Pine Sts. (04/06/84)

SOUTH CAROLINA, Aiken County, North Augusta, Georgia Avenue - Butler Avenue Historic District Georgia, Butler Aves. and Martintown Rd. (04/05/84)

SOUTH CAROLINA, Edgefield County, Edgefield, Simkins, Paris, House, 202 Gary St. (04/05/84)

SOUTH CAROLINA, Marlboro County, Bennettsville, Robertson-Easterling-McLaurin House, W of Bennettsville off SC 912 (04/05/84)

SOUTH CAROLINA, Richland County, Columbia, Fair-Rutherford and Rutherford Houses, 1326 and 1330 Gregg St. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Bradley County, Cleveland, Broad Street United Methodist Church, 263 Broad St., NW (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Hamilton County, Chattanooga, Market Street Warehouse Historic District, 1118-1148 Market St. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Loudon County, Loudon vicinity, Robinson Mill, TN 72 (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Marshall County, Cornersville vicinity, Valley Farm, Cornersville Rd. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Marshall County, Lewisburg vicinity, Ewing Farm, Franklin Rd. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Maury County, Spring Hill, White Hall, Duplex Rd. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Maury County, Williamsport vicinity, Webster, George, House, Sawdust Rd. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Polk County, Parksville vicinity, Copeland House, Cookson Creek Rd. (04/05/84)

TENNESSEE, Sumner County, Hendersonville, Hazel Path, 175 E. Main St. (04/05/84)

WYOMING, Carbon County, Saratoga, Hugus Hardware, 123 E. Bridge St. (04/05/84)

The following properties were also entered in the National Register but were excluded from a previous notice:

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Dakota, Leek, Clyde, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), Off N. Dakota Rd. (02/23/84)

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Eleroy vicinity, Harbach, Gerald, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), US 20 (02/23/84)

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Eleroy vicinity, Otte, Dennis, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), of Eleroy (02/23/84)

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Freeport vicinity, Bruce, James, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), S of Freeport (02/23/84)

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Lena vicinity, Jensen, Chris, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), 11723 W. Galena Rd. (02/23/84)

ILLINOIS, Stephenson County, Orangeville vicinity, Fehr, Charles, Round Barn (Round Barns in Illinois TR), NE of Orangeville (02/23/84)

1. Name of site:

Common **Round Barn**

Historic

2. Location: **NE cor Becker School & Park Rds.**

Street and number

Township

Section

City or Town

Zip Code

Florence
Range

13
Section

County

T26N

SW¼ of NW¼

Stephenson

R7E

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

Integrity (check one)

- District Building
- Site Structure

- Altered Unaltered
- Moved Original Site

4. Ownership

- Private
- Public

Status (check one)

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in Progress

Access to Public

- Yes Restricted Unrestricted No

Present Use (check one or more)

- Agricultural Industrial Religious
- Commercial Military Scientific
- Educational Museum Transportation
- Entertainment Park Other (specify)
- Government Private Residence

5. Ownership of Property

Owner's name **James Bruce**

Street and number

Phone Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description **large white round barn**

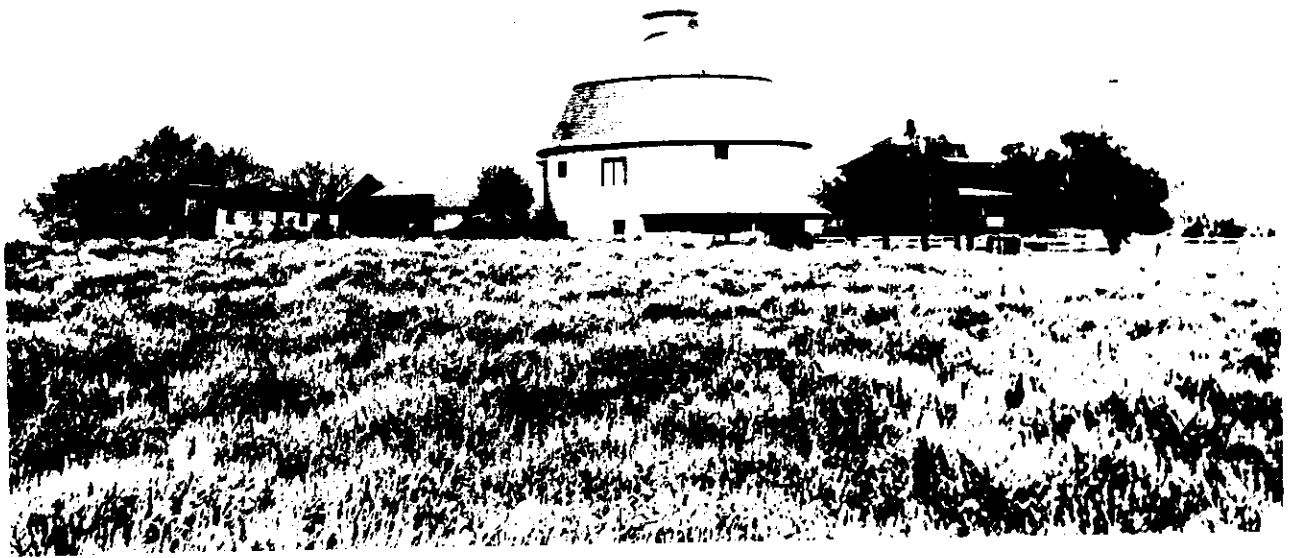
Condition

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed
- Is there a program of preservation underway? Yes No

7. Historical Themes: (check one or more of the following)

- Archaeological Site (Pre-Columbian)
- Archaeological Site (Post-Columbian to 1673)
- French Influence 1673-1780)
- Illinois Frontier (1780-1818)
- Illinois Early (1818-1850)
- Illinois Middle (1850-1900)
- Illinois Late (1900-present)
- Famous People (give names & dates)

AGRICULTURE



8. Specific Date: ca 1910-1920 or later???

Areas of significance (check one or more of the following)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal (pre-historic) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | |

Brief statement of significance: (include all names and dates.) Use additional sheets if necessary. **for State Hist. Soc. barn survey**

9. Form prepared by:

Name and title: _____ Date: _____
Organization: _____
Street and number: _____
City or town: _____ County _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number: _____

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search for references for a particular site. When filling out the Survey form, please list according to the following example, published references to the site for which forms are being completed. If a bibliography can be compiled, it will greatly deduct from the Survey's task.

Bibliography

Robertson, Robert, Of Whales and Men. New York, Alfred K. Knopf, Inc., 1954.