

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM

PROPERTY NAME: Charles Fehr Round Barn  
LOCATION: T29N,R8E,SE,NE,Sec 24  
COUNTY: Stephenson County  
OWNER'S NAME: Charles Fehr  
LOCATION: R. R. #1, Orangeville  
vicinity

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY:  
STATE: IL ZIP:  
CITY/TOWN/VICINITY: Rock City  
STATE: IL ZIP: 61060

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: circular area measuring 76 feet in diameter  
from center point of the barn

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: less than one

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1912 ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER: Jeremiah Shaffer  
and the Haas brothers

DESCRIPTION - SECTION 7:

This barn has a 56 foot diameter and rests on a poured concrete foundation. The loft is supported by a centrally located concrete shaft on top of which joists radiate in spoke-like fashion. The construction date and builders' name are inscribed on the shaft's east side. The original "drop siding" is covered by sheet metal. Access to the loft is over an earthen ramp on the west side while animal access is on the southeast quadrant. An "overshoot" shields the animal and secondary entrance for the farmer on ground level. Inside, the loft walls have wind bracing between the studs. The single-hip roof is also braced. 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 roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The original design is unaltered except for the silo lost from the southeast quadrant of the barn and the cupola.

SIGNIFICANCE - SECTION 8:

This example is significant because it illustrates the evolution of design in the round barns which are the subject of this nomination. It is the first barn among those in the nomination which was built with a hipped roof. This feature was added probably to increase the mow capacity. It documents the ability of local builders to introduce design changes without recommendations from the otherwise influential Agricultural Experiment Stations at Madison, Wisconsin, and Urbana, Illinois.

History

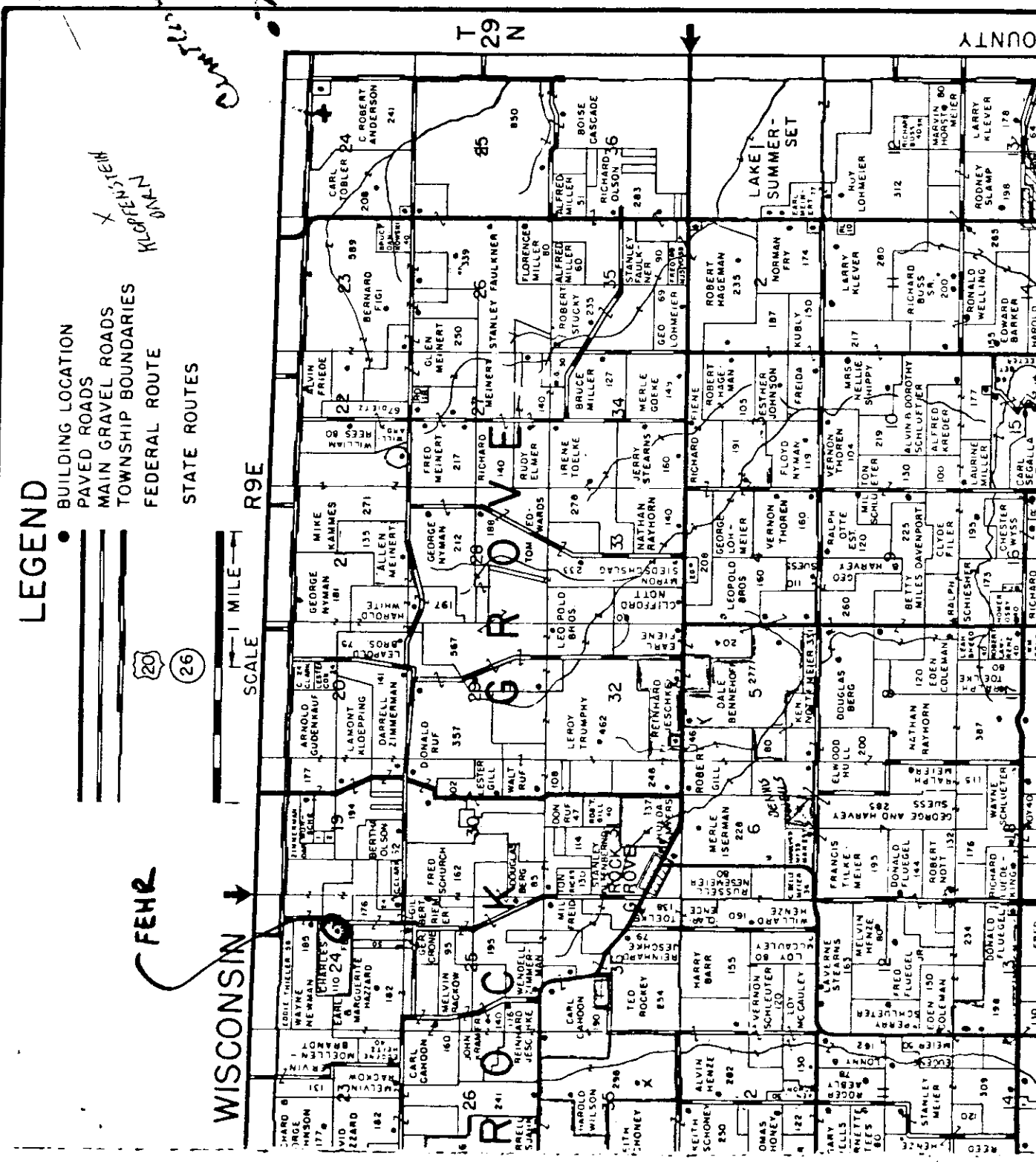
This barn was built in 1912 for Walter Knott by Jeremiah Shaffer and the Haas brothers.

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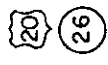
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By Ross, Wis.



# LEGEND

- BUILDING LOCATION
- PAVED ROADS
- MAIN GRAVEL ROADS
- TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES
- FEDERAL ROUTE
- STATE ROUTES



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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), E  
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)