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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Lemuel Milk Barn

AND/OR COMMON Stone Barn, Stone Barn Bakery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
165 North Indiana

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
17th

CITY, TOWN  
Kankakee

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Illinois

CODE  
012

COUNTY  
Kankakee

CODE  
091

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Junior Service League of Kankakee

STREET & NUMBER  
165 North Indiana

CITY, TOWN  
Kankakee

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Illinois

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kankakee County Court House

STREET & NUMBER  
450 East Court Street

CITY, TOWN  
Kankakee

STATE  
Illinois

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE 1. Inventory of Historic Landmarks in Kankakee County  
2. Inventory of Historic Structures in Kankakee County

DATE 1. November 1974 2. October 1972  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Illinois Department of Conservation (405 E. Washington)

CITY, TOWN  
Springfield

STATE  
Illinois

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Milk barn is in good condition and is located on its original site. It is a two story rectangular building with the long side running north and south. The barn was built between 1861 and 1868 as it appears in a lithograph entitled "Birdseye View of the City of Kankakee", published in 1869 by Ruger and Stores; Madison, Wisconsin.

The barn is built of limestone taken from one of many local quarries. While there have been alterations in the interior, the wide bracketed cornice on the exterior is original. The windows and their frames are mostly original. The original carriage entrance is the current pedestrian entrance on the west side. All door placements are original. New shutters were added to the windows in 1973. A cupola with a weather vane highlights the roofline and is placed at the crossing of the two gables. The current cupola is a restoration built in 1973 on the dimensions of the existing base.

In the interior, the roof trusses having been made of rough cut full dimension, are original. The floor elevations remain the same. Originally, the second story floor included a groom's apartment. This has been removed. The first story floor was changed to concrete in the 1920's. Part of the present first story floor was altered in 1970 by laying bricks coming from a portion of Dearborn Avenue, a street in the downtown business area which was eliminated for commercial building expansion.

After its original use as a livery stable, the barn in about the early 1920's was used as a car painting garage and then for about ten years was occupied by a sign painting company. Its next use was as a warehouse for a hardware store owned by Fred Swannell, Sr. In 1973 it was converted to a bakery and restaurant. At this time ovens were installed and located against an exterior stone wall. No physical changes other than prefabricated metal venting in the ceiling were necessary for this alteration. Sinks were installed and the kitchen floor was covered with floor tile which is still in place. Modern electric lighting was installed. The walls and partitions have been painted white which was likely the previous color. When the bakery and restaurant failed, the oven and other contents were removed and sold. There was no damage to the structure at this time. Currently, the barn is used as a meeting place for the Junior Service League and any other group which is interested in renting it.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES built between 1861 & 1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lemuel Milk Stone Barn is significant because of the contributions of its original owner, Lemuel Milk, and is one of the oldest examples of Italianate architecture in the downtown business district. Lemuel Milk was a leader in farming who pioneered in the drainage of local land and in the raising and breeding of purebred cattle and horses. Mr. Milk also was involved in two major business enterprises, a department store at Chebanse, Illinois and the Waldron Ice Company.

Mr. Milk came to the Kankakee area from the state of New York about 1855. Much of the land in the Kankakee area was described as wet prairie and was not tillable. Mr. Milk drained large acreages and then turned it to pasture for large herds of cattle and horses and finally to grain crops. One of his outstanding accomplishments was draining in 1871 what was known as the Kankakee swamp and lowering of Beaver Lake. At one time he was reputed to be one of the largest, if not the largest landowner and stock grower in Illinois and Indiana owning 25,000 acres.

Mr. Milk was a leader in merchandising. In 1868 he erected a huge building in Chebanse, Illinois to house a department store. When he determined that Kankakee was to be the area's major business center, he sold the store on March 1, 1883.

Another important business was the Waldron Ice Company which began in 1876. This was his largest business enterprise. Ice was harvested from the Kankakee River and nearly 500 men were employed in the operation. The ice harvest ran as high as 42,000 tons. It is reported that Mr. Milk used the Stone Barn for his ice wagons and their matched teams.

Mr. Milk was community minded and served as a trustee on the board of the Illinois Eastern Hospital for the Insane at Kankakee. He helped to organize the Mound Grove Cemetery Association and served as president from 1882-1894. He is buried there.

In addition to Mr. Milk's contributions the barn is significant as an example of an architectural type which is disappearing in the downtown area. Only two other buildings remain which are contemporary or older. These are the First Baptist Church and the sanctuary of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

The Barn is also the lone remaining architectural fragment of the Milk homestead. Milk occupied a 17-room mansion once located on the corner of Oak and Indiana Avenue. The mansion no longer exists. The Barn was the carriage house where the family cow, matched black team of blooded horses, the provendor for the stock, and the carriage was kept.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois - Bateman, Newton and Selby, Paul: Editors,  
Middle West Publishing Co., Chicago, 1906.

History of Kankakee County - Kenager, William F. and LeTourneau, George R.;  
Editors. Middle West Publishing Co., Chicago, 1906.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 2,000 sq. ft. (less than one)

QUADRANGLE NAME _____			QUADRANGLE SCALE _____				
UTM REFERENCES							
A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
E	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	F	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
G	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	H	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Stephen E. Liehr / Instructor

October 11, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Kankakee Community College

DATE

(815) 933-0277

STREET & NUMBER

Box 888

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Kankakee

STATE

Illinois

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 9

PAGE 4

Of the People - Houde, Mary Jean and Klasey, Jack. General Print Co., Chicago, 1968.

In September 1975 the Kankakee Journal ran a series of short articles on Lemuel Milk by Bruce Brown.

Interviews on October 4 and October 10, 1978 with Don DesLauriers: Curator, Kankakee County Historical Society.

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
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STATE

Date Entered JUN 4 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Dutch Mill	Batavia vicinity Kane County
Milk, Lemuel, Barn	Kankakee Kankakee County

Also Notified

Honorable Charles H. Percy  
Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson  
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Honorable George M. O'Brien

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

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Bill Bralham will change name of this site to "Lemuel Milk Carriage House" before Federal Register list published in January '80.

Phone conversation 6/19/79 -- JSE.

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1. Name of Site:

Common

'The Stone Barn Bakery'

Historic

2. Location: North-central section of block bounded by Oak, Dearborn, Court&Inc

Street and Number

Township

Section

City or Town

Zip Code

Range

1/4 Section

Kankakee  
County

3. Classification:

Category (check one)

Integrity (check one)

- District
- Building
- Site
- Structure

- Altered
- Unaltered
- Moved
- Original Site

4. Ownership:

Status (check one)

- Private
- Public

- Occupied
- Unoccupied
- Preservation work in progress

Access to Public

- Yes
- Restricted
- Unrestricted
- No

Present Use (check one or more)

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

5. Ownership of Property:

Owner's Name

Phone Number

Street and Number

City or Town

State

County

Zip Code

6. Description:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Deteriorated
- Ruins
- Unexposed

Is there a program of preservation underway?

- Yes
- No

AGRICULTURE



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

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site       | (Pre-Columbian)          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological Site       | (Post-Columbian to 1673) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Influence         | (1673-1780)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Frontier        | (1780-1818)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Early           | (1818-1850)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illinois Middle          | (1850-1900)              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Illinois Late | (1900-present)           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Famous People            | (give names & dates)     |

8. Specific Date:

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <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 vernacular | <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. According to P. J. Cleary, this was the barn  
Lemuel Milk, an important area farmer.

9. Form prepared by:

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

During the course of the Survey we often find it necessary to search 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.

