

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Illinois
COUNTY:	Henry
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME

COMMON:	Ryan Round Barn
AND/OR HISTORIC:	same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: SE one-quarter, sec. 34, Annawan Twp., Henry Co.			
CITY OR TOWN: 6 mi. north of Kewanee, Ill		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 19th-Congressman Thomas Railsback	
STATE Illinois	CODE 17	COUNTY: Henry	CODE 073

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Under consideration for use as park office and/or museum.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Illinois, Dept. of Conservation, Div. of Parks	STATE: Illinois
STREET AND NUMBER: Centennial Building	
CITY OR TOWN: Springfield	
STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Henry County Courthouse	COUNTY: Henry
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge	
STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Illinois Historic Structures Survey	FOR NPS USE ONLY	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Glessner House, Historic Structures Survey Ofc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1800 S. Prairie Av.		
CITY OR TOWN: Chicago	STATE: Illinois	CODE: 17

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DESCRIPTION:

The Ryan round barn is located on the side of a long rolling gully in the southwest portion of the Johnson-Sauk Trail State Park. The park consists of 1200 acres, including a 58 acre lake and 3 acre pond, the whole situated on the edge of a former great midwestern swamp. The Park is located about 6 miles north of the city of Kewanee. Park property runs up to State Rt.78 on the west and is about 6 miles south of Interstate 80. The barn is approximately 200 yards east of Rt.78.

The barn is a large round frame structure, about 61' high to the top of the cupola, 74' in diameter with a circumference of 233', having a centrally located silo 11' in diameter with a circumference of 53'. The structure is set on a reinforced concrete wall 8' high. There is a partial concrete floor on the ground level. There are three and one-half levels consisting of the ground floor, entered from the west through large double doors; the second floor, of frame construction entered from the east via a concrete ramp; and the third level, also frame, access to which is by numerous ladders along the walls of both the barn and silo. A section of the third level, about 20%, is raised about 4' creating a half or fourth level.

Construction above the first floor concrete wall is of vertical 2x6" fir studding placed at about 20" intervals, covered on the exterior with 1x6" siding, apparently soaked and bent and laid horizontally. The roof level begins 9' above the third floor level and is constructed of horizontal 1x2" fir stripping spaced about 6" apart on center forming hoop-like wooden concentrics laid over 2x6" fir vertical studding which cants inward at three distinct levels coming to rest on the silo acting as a main support. The silo is constructed much the same as the barn except reversed; the studding is on the exterior with the bent horizontal siding on the inside. The entire silo interior is covered with smooth plaster. There are four gambrel roof dormers spaced evenly around the roof and double hung windows at all three levels. Flooring is 9" pine planking laid over a spoke-like arrangement of 2x12" floor joists.

The roof is presently composed of asphalt shingling laid over the original cedar shakes.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1910

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ryan Barn, largest and best example of the round barn type known to exist in Illinois, provides an excellent and instructive example of this relatively unusual kind of structure. As an example of efficient building in an agricultural application, this type of barn is of technological as well as agricultural interest. That the barn is both an excellent example of the type and at the same time in such a good state of repair, gives it a advantage over other barns of its type in the state that demands special recognition.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Oral Histories, collected by Div. of Parks, Ill. Dept. Conservation
 American Medical Association records, Chicago.
Radford's Combined House and Barn Plan Book, (1908), Radford
Architectural Co., Chicago-New York.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		41 °	19 ' 25 "	90 ° 53 ' 48 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Thomas G. Yanul, Field Surveyor & Paul E. Sprague, Director

ORGANIZATION: Illinois Historic Structures Survey DATE: Aug. 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
1800 S. Prairie Av.

CITY OR TOWN: Chicago STATE: Illinois CODE: 17

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name

Anthony J. Ryan

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

10/1/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered DEC 31 1974

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Alton Military Prison Site	Alton Madison County
Ryan Round Barn	Kewanee vicinity Henry County

COPY OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III
Hon. Paul Findley
Hon. Tom Railsback