

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM

PROPERTY NAME: Chris Jensen Round Barn  
LOCATION: T28N,R6E,NW1/4,NW1/4,Sec 29  
COUNTY: Stephenson County  
OWNER'S NAME: Chris Jensen  
LOCATION: 11723 West Galena

CITY/TOWN/VICINITY: Lena vicinity  
STATE: IL ZIP:

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

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: less than one

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: unknown ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER: unknown

DESCRIPTION - SECTION 7:

This 60 foot diameter round barn sets on a poured concrete foundation. Its main entrance is on ground level on the northeast quadrant and leads to a rectangular opening in the mow floor for hay access. Animal access is on the southeast quadrant. Stalls are arranged at right angles to two large (5 1/2 inch by 7 3/4 inch) loft joists located 7 feet 9 inches apart across the barn's center. Members (6 inch by 1 3/4 inch) arranged diagonally between the loft studs brace the barn against the wind. The barn is enclosed with "drop siding" which has been covered with sheet metal. The conical roof is capped with a tall thin cupola.

The original design is intact. The only noteworthy structural deterioration is the roof which was warped when the wind pushed the cupola askew.

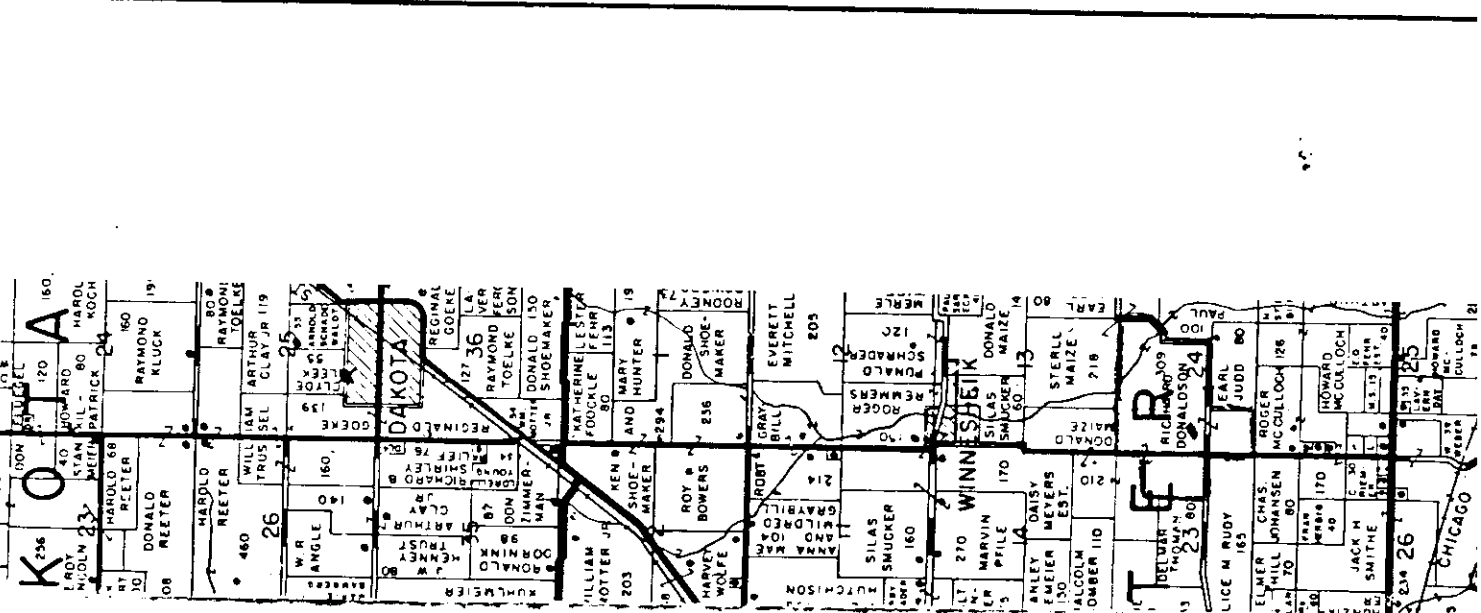
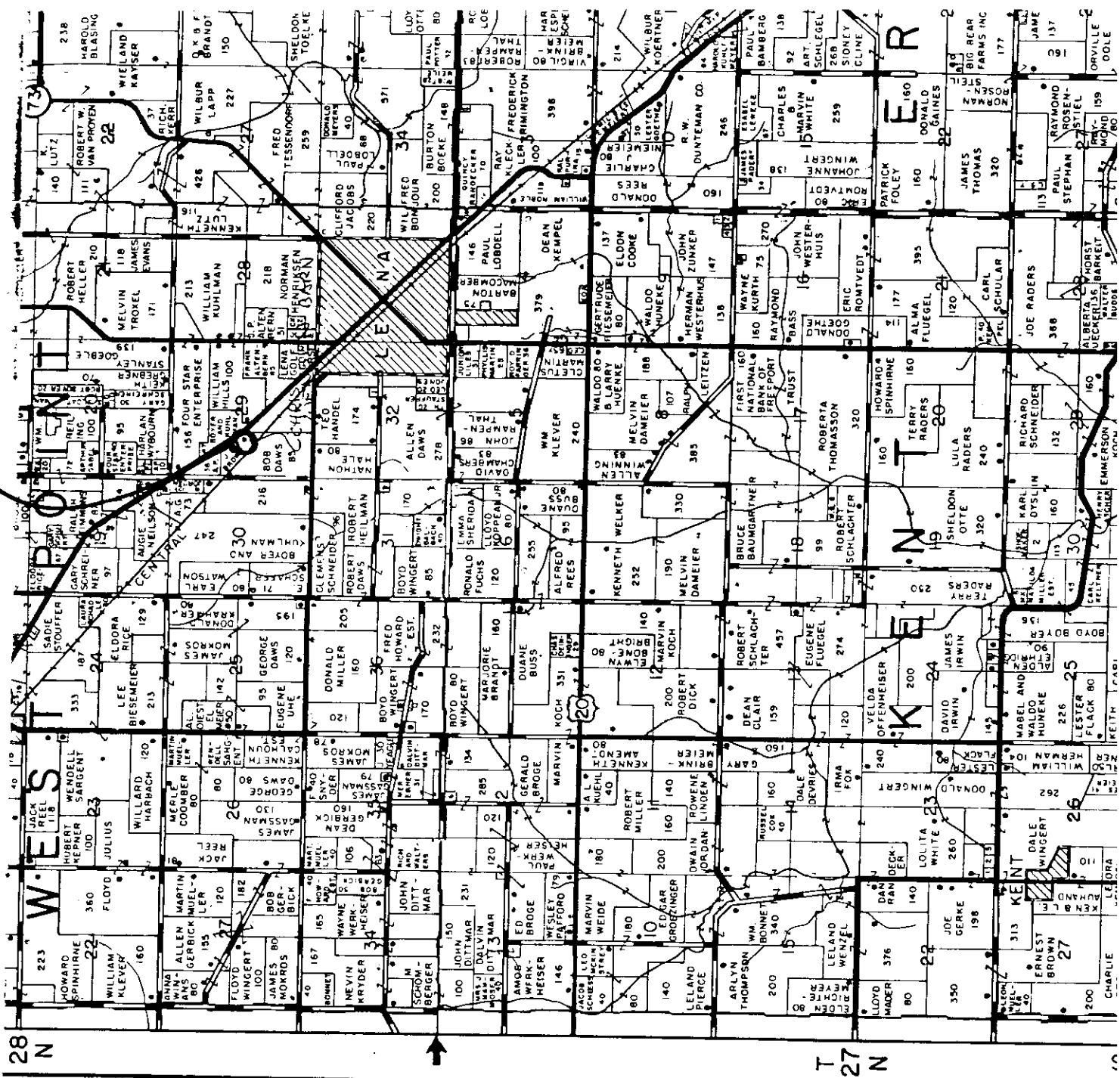
SIGNIFICANCE - SECTION 8:

This barn is significant because it is unique among the barns in this nomination and generally among round barns. Most round barn ground floor plans were arranged around the circle with wedge-shaped stalls to save work as part of the innovative barn's proposed advantages. Advocates contended it was easier to feed animals in stalls arranged around a single point at the barn's center rather than from a succession of parallel stalls (King 1890:192; Fraser 1910:5; Fraser 1918:6). Obviously, the original owner of the Jensen barn was unpersuaded by this particular claim for the round barn's proposed advantages. The Jensen barn's exceptional floor plan testifies to the effectiveness of the buyer to alter the tendency toward uniformity in round barn promotions.

History:

The name of the original owner and construction date are presently unknown. The roof and cupola profile, however, are reminiscent of the Leek barn built in the first decade of the twentieth century by the Shaffer-Haas team.

JENSEN BARN



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CHICAGO

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)