

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY STRUCTURE FORM**



**SITE INFORMATION**

\*SURVEY DATE: November 23, 2011 \*ADDRESS: 46113 Timber Road  
\*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone \*COUNTY: Clay  
\*CITY: Vermillion

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Hwy 50 West of Vermillion, turn left (South) on Hwy 19, turn right (West) on Timber Road, about 4/4 of a mile, turn left (South) about 1/4 mile down the lane to farmstead.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4 of Section 15, 92, 51-52, Vermillion Twp

\*QUARTER 1: SW 1/4  
\*QUARTER 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*TOWNSHIP: Vermillion  
\*RANGE: 51 - 52  
\*SECTION: 15  
ACRES: 190

OWNER NAME: Kirk Sorensen  
OWNER ADDRESS: 46113 Timber Road  
OWNER CITY: Vermillion  
OWNER STATE: South Dakota  
OWNER ZIP: 57069  
QUAD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER CODE 1: P  
OWNER CODE 2: F S L P  
OWNER CODE 3: F S L P

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

\*DOE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*DOE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON INELIGIBLE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC  
PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L  
CRITERIA 1: A B C D  
CRITERIA 2: A B C D  
CRITERIA 3: A B C D  
CRITERIA 4: A B C D

SIGNIFICANCE NOTES: Barn is in fair condition.

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**STRUCTURE DETAILS**

SHPO ID: 15 CL 0000570  
 \*PROPERTY NAME: Chris Sorensen barn  
 OTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT FUNCTION: <u>Storage</u>	FOUNDATION: <u>Poured concrete</u>
CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: <u>Horse barn &amp; hay storage</u>	ROOF MATERIAL: <u>Steel over cedar shingles</u>
HISTORIC FUNCTION: <u>Horse barn</u>	ROOF SHAPE: <u>Gambrel</u>
HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: <u>Milk cows, grain &amp; hay storage</u>	STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: <u>Balloon framing</u>
	STYLE: <u>Gambrel roof</u>
OCCUPIED: YES	TYPE: <u>Horse &amp; milk cow barn</u>
	<u>2 x 6 rough sawn cottonwood studs w/ rough sawn diagonal sheathing</u>
ACCESSIBLE: YES with Permission	WALLS: <u>diagonal sheathing</u>
	Chris Sorensen & Morton Sorensen
STORIES: <u>2</u>	SIGNIFICANT PERSON: <u>Sorensen</u>
*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: <u>1917</u>	CULTURAL AFFILIATION: <u>Danish</u>

**ALTERED/MOVED NOTES:** Original site, some of horse stalls have been removed. Steel roofing applied on the roof. Some of the lower walls have steel roofing applied. 19' x 33' open shed attached on West side. Kirk Sorensen thinks that the open shed was built at the same time, but roof was changed to one slope and covered with steel roofing.

**INTERIOR NOTES:** (3) rows of 6x6 posts and 6x6 beams of rough sawn cottonwood running East to West. Beams are 7'- 6" O.C. with 2x10 rough sawn cottonwood floor joists which makes a very strong support for the hayloft floor, (actually is over built). Some of the original horse stalls are still in place, and also the milk cow stall.

**OTHER NOTES:** First floor windows are four light (9x12) over four light (9x12) barn sash which are moveable as a double hung window for ventilation. Five four light (9x12) barn sash in hayloft. One swinging door on North, East and South sides and a sliding door on the East.  
Rafters are modified braced rafter trusses.

**\*PHYSICAL NOTES:** Barn is in fair condition. Needs siding, some of the siding is gone and the diagonal sheathing is starting to deteriorate. Interior studs, rafters, rafter bracing, 6x6 beams and 6x6 posts are in very good shape. All of the posts, beams, 2x6 framing and diagonal sheathing are rough sawn cottonwood.

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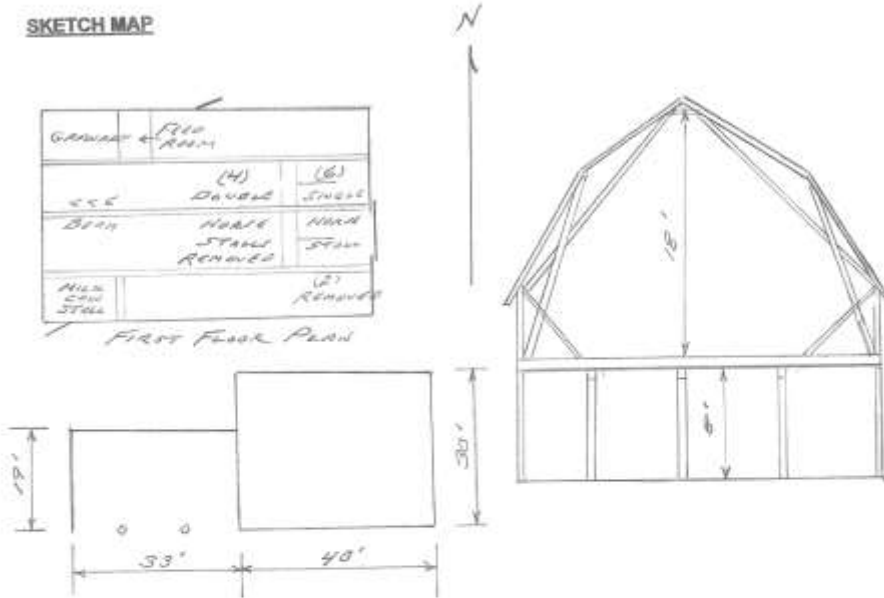
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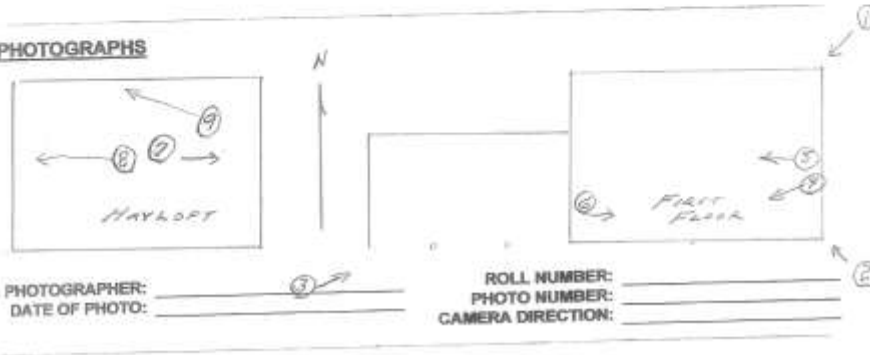
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**SKETCH MAP**



**PHOTOGRAPHS**



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**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Jim Stone  
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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 1  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SW, NE corner



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 4

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking NW,  
6x6 posts, 6x6 beams  
and 2x10 floor joists.



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 5

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking NW,  
6x6 posts 6x6 beams  
and 2x10 floor joists

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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 6  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking East, milk cow stall



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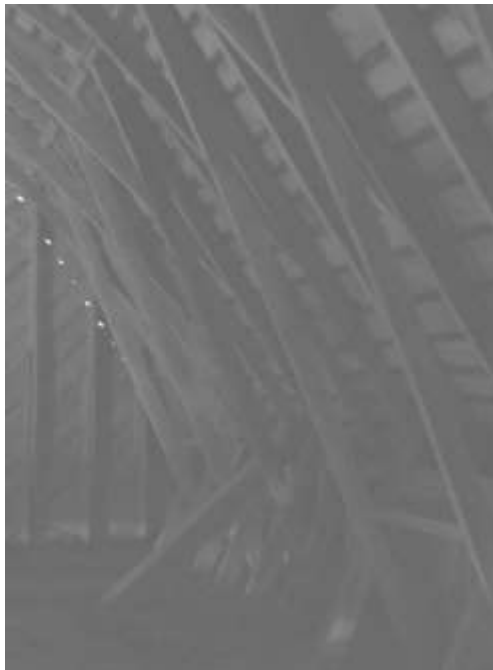
**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Hayloft, looking East

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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 8  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Hayloft, looking West,  
note diagonal sheathing



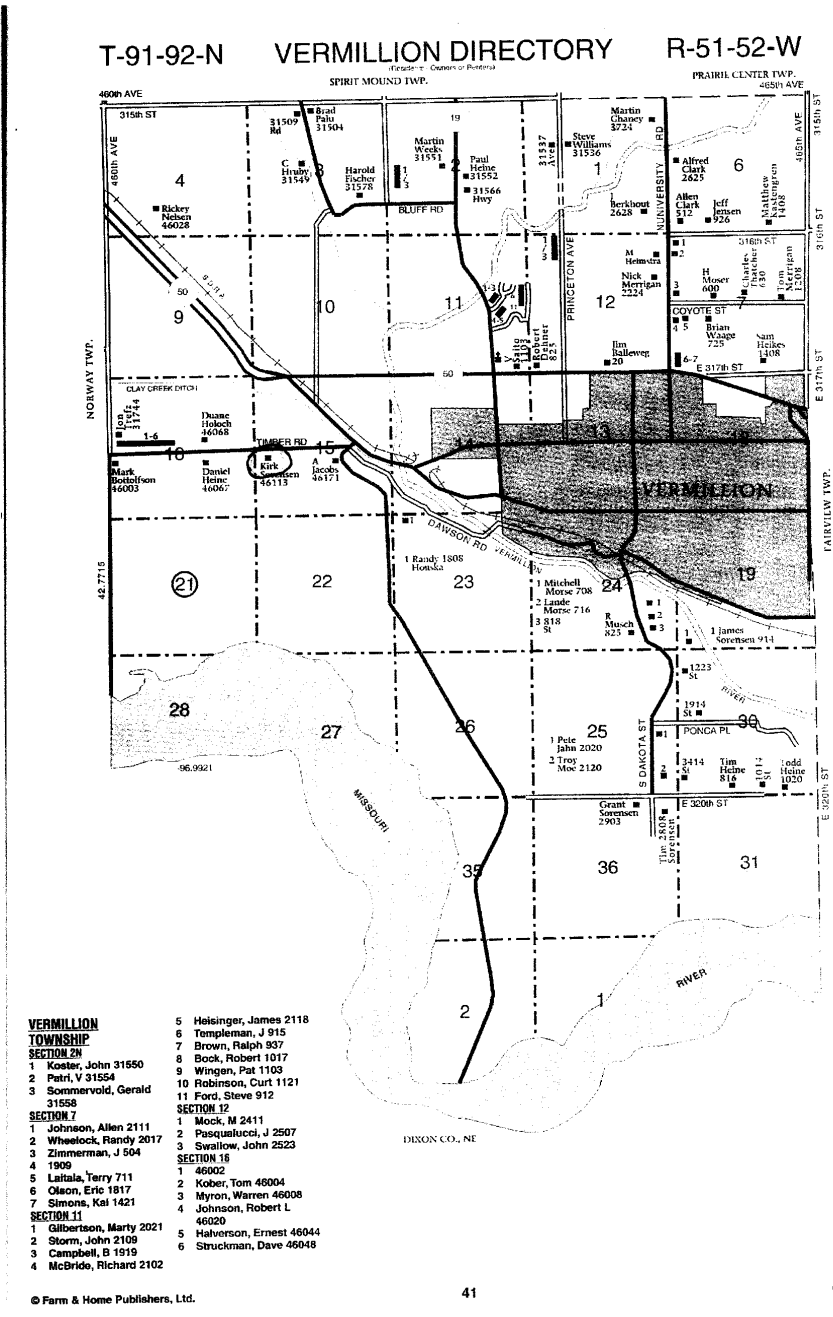
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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 9  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Hayloft, looking NW, 2x6  
rafters and 2x6 roof  
bracing

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## **HISTORY**

This farm located in the SW ¼ of Section 15, Vermillion Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Josette Auge.

The 1894 and 1901 Clay County Atlas lists Lee & Prentis as the owners.

The 1912 Clay County Atlas lists C. E. Prentis as the owner.

The 1924, 1937, 1948 and 1956 Clay County Atlas lists Christ Sorensen as the owner.

**The Following Is From**

Kurt Sorensen, present owner.

Christ Sorensen born 1880's in Denmark. Died in Clay County 1956.

Christ Sorensen immigrated from Demark to United States in 1913. Changed his name by dropping the T to Chris.

He bought the land in 1915.

Built the cattle shed and hay shed in 1916.

Built the barn in 1917. He and his wife Hannah hosted an open barn/barn dance upon the completion of the barn. Someone dropped a cigarette or cigar and started a fire. It was discovered soon enough to be extinguished and avoid a disaster.

Son was Morton Sorensen, born 1919, died Febr. 1983.

Morton's son Kirk Sorensen now owns the land and lives here.

Soren A. Sorenson , father to Chris Sorensen ( Kirks great grand father) immigrated to United States and homesteaded on Section 8, Meckling twp, Clay County.

Calle Nisien Johnsen, homesteaded on Section 32, Meckling twp, Clay County. Built the Danish brick barn there. Clay was obtained on site, bricks made and fired on site. Barn is still standing. He was a brother in law to Soren A. Sorensen. He worked on the transcontinental railroad first and worked part time on the railroad after he homesteaded.