

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



SITE INFORMATION

*SURVEY DATE: May 14, 2013 *ADDRESS: 31450 452nd Ave.
*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone *COUNTY: Clay
*CITY: Gayville

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion, South Dakota Highway 50, West to Meckling, continue West for 3- ¼ miles to 312th Street, turn left (South) and the right (West) on 312th Street two miles to 452nd Ave, turn left (South) 2-1/2 miles, on the left (East) side, long lane

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4, Exc Tract 2, Fargo's Addn in SE ¼, SW ¼, 31- 93 - 53 Meckling Twp.

*QUARTER 1: SW 1/4
*QUARTER 2: _____
*TOWNSHIP: Meckling
*RANGE: 53
*SECTION: 31
ACRES: 138.97

OWNER NAME: Nels A. & Mary E. Jensen Revocable Trust
OWNER ADDRESS: 6372 Palma Delmar Blvd #106
OWNER CITY: St. Petersburg
OWNER STATE: Florida
OWNER ZIP: 33715
QUAD NAME: _____

OWNER CODE 1: P
OWNER CODE 2: _____
OWNER CODE 3: _____

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: _____

STRUCTURE DETAILS

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SHPO ID: _____
 *PROPERTY NAME: _____
 OTHER NAME: _____

CURRENT FUNCTION: Vacant FOUNDATION: Poured concrete
 CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: Storage ROOF MATERIAL: Steel roofing over cedar shingles
 HISTORIC FUNCTION: Livestock barn ROOF SHAPE: Gambrel roof
 HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Hay and grain storage STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Balloon framing
 STYLE: Gambrel gable roof barn
 OCCUPIED: Yes TYPE: Livestock barn
 ACCESSIBLE: Yes with permission WALLS: 2x4 studs, 1x8 horizontal sheathing, 1/2"x6" cedar lap siding

STORIES: 2 SIGNIFICANT PERSON: M. H. Fargo
 *DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1940's CULTURAL AFFILIATION: Welsh (English)

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Any evidence of horse stalls has been removed. Steel roofing installed over the cedar shingles. Several posts supporting the 2x8 floor joists have been removed. 16' x 18' milk room added on the West side. A 44' x 110' dairy loafing barn with a milking parlor added the South side. Walls have been lined on the first floor. Granaries on the South end have been removed.

INTERIOR NOTES: Three rows of 6x6 posts and (3) 2x8's laminated for beams. Floor joists for the hayloft floor are 2x8's. Milk cow stanchions are still in place on the East side.

OTHER NOTES: 2x6stud walls, 1x8 diagonal sheathing and 1/2"x 6" cedar lap siding. The rafters are 2x6's with a 2x6 brace at the hip and a 2x6 brace down to the floor 4' O. C. Two 2x6's for a beam at the hip. Metal cupola still in place with name Warnock painted on it.

***PHYSICAL NOTES:** Barn is in fair condition. All of the lumber is rough sawn cottonwood, sawn on the farm as the barn was built.

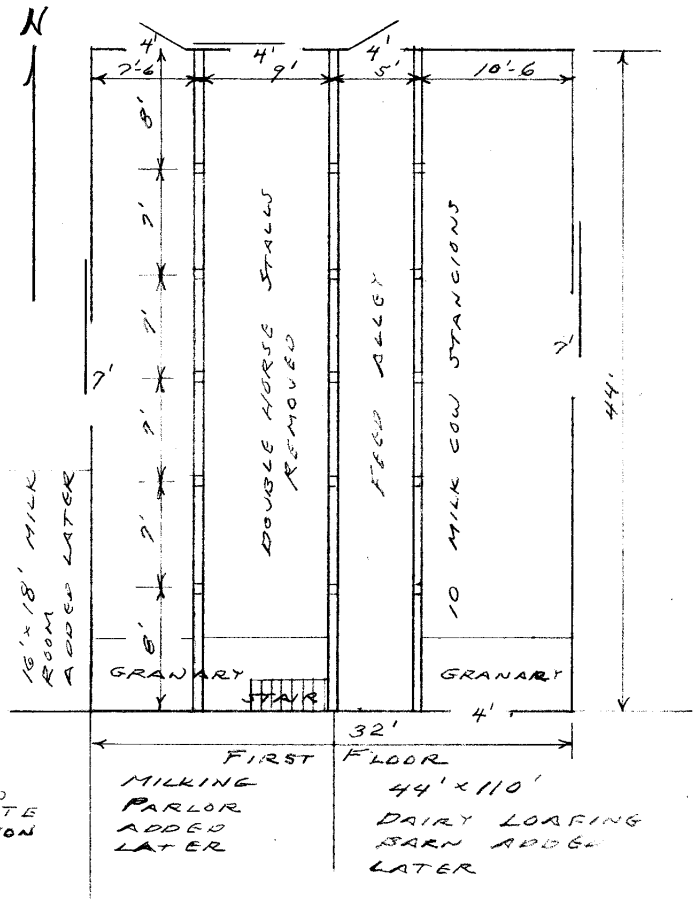
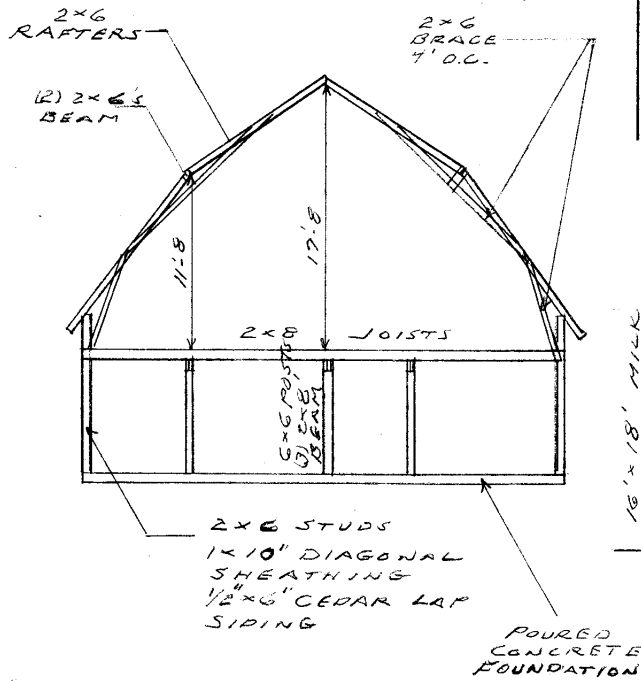
*UTM ZONE: _____ *RESTRICTED: **Y or N**
 *UTM EASTING: _____
 *UTM NORTHING: _____

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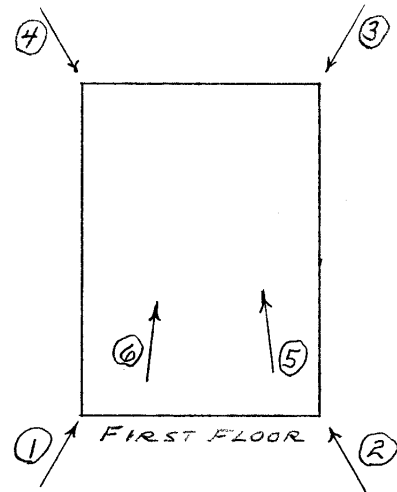
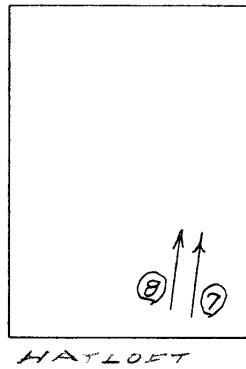
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SKETCH MAP



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DATE OF PHOTO: May 10, 2013

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 1
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NE, SW corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 2
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW, SE corner

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 3
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SW, NE corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 4
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SE, NW corner

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 5

CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NW,
milk cow stanchions on
East side.



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 6

CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NE,
(3) laminated 2x8 beams
with most posts
removed.

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 7

CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, looking NE, 2x6
rafters with 2x6 brace
down to the floor, 4' O.C.



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
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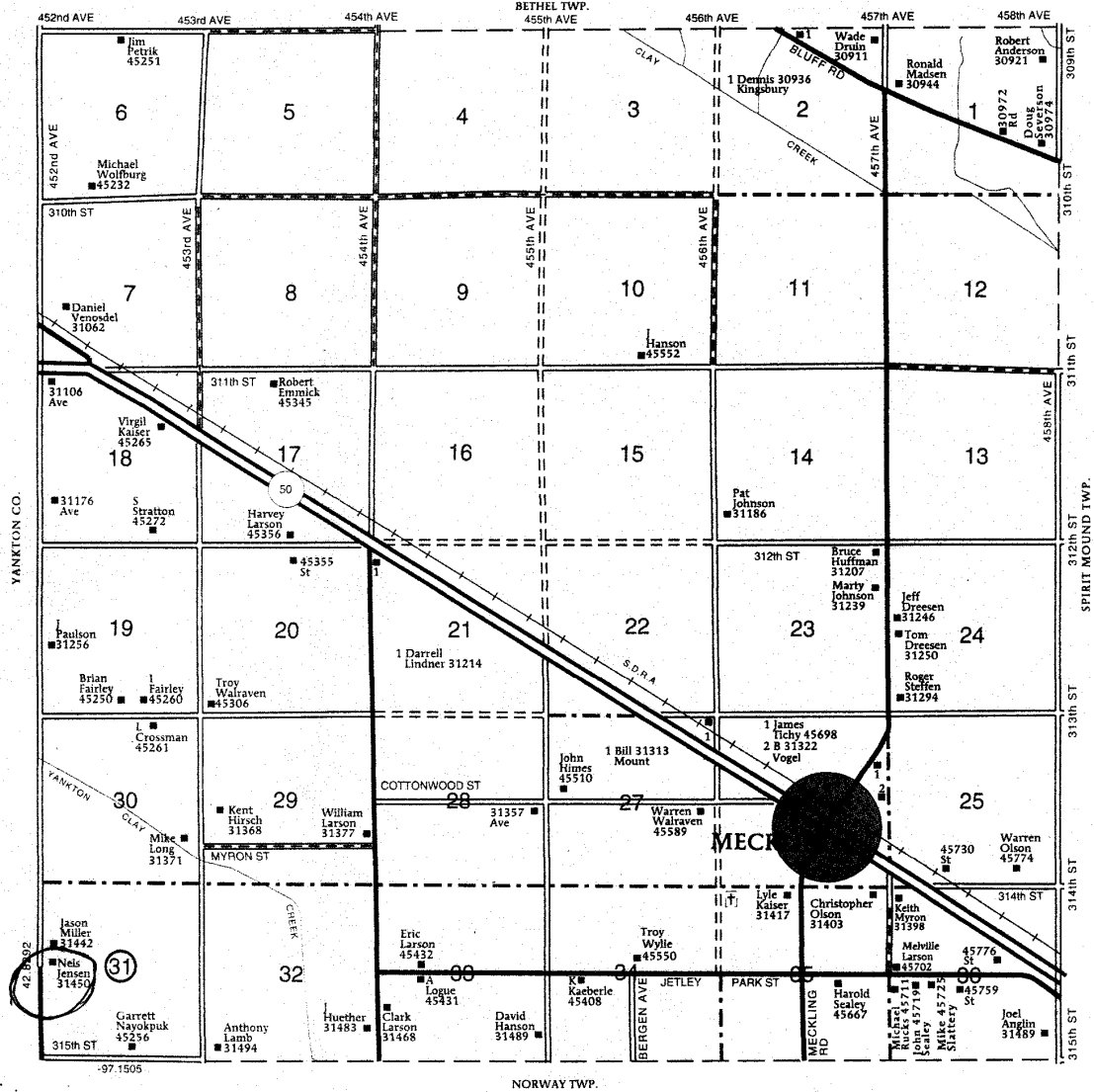
CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, looking NE, 2x6
rafters with 2x6 brace 4'
O.C. at the hip, note (2)
2x6's for beam and 1x10
brace.

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T-93-N MECKLING DIRECTORY R-53-W
(Residents - Owners or Renters)



HISTORY

This farm located in the SW ¼ of Section 31 in Meckling Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Grove Buel.

The 1894 Clay County Atlas lists E. H. Sands as the owner.

The 1901, 1912, 1924, 1937 and 1948 lists J. Sylvester Fargo as the owner.

The 1956 Clay County Atlas lists M. H. Fargo as the owner.

In the 1940's J. Sylvester Fargo had a company move a sawmill onto the farm. His grandson M. H. Fargo was living here at that time. They hauled cottonwood logs from the Missouri River and had all of the lumber sawn on the farm as they built the barn. All of the 2x6's, 2x8's, 6x6's and the ¾"x 8" lumber are rough sawn cottonwood.

Following is from

Hay Country History

A story of the pioneers of the Gayville and Meckling, South Dakota Area

Sylvester Fargo and Sarah Congdon were married in New York on April 11, 1855. Four of their children were born there: Charles 1857; Mary, 1858; Frank, 1860; and Ella, 1862. The Fargo's joined the James S. Foster Colony of one hundred families and started for Dakota Territory in April, 1864. They traveled as far as Marshalltown by train. From there, they came by ox team and covered wagon, arriving in Dakota in June. Joel Fargo was born October 1, 1864 in Yankton. Sylvester served in the first territorial legislature. In 1868 Sylvester took a homestead claim in Clay County. Their sixth child, James S. Fargo was born in 1868 in a log cabin. In 1871, Carrie was born, but died as an infant. The old stage road went past the homestead and many Indians stopped and enjoyed Sarah's johnny cakes and sorghum molasses. Many times the braves rolled in their blankets and slept "thick as flies" on the floor while the family slept in the loft.

The Fargo's hired some of the young Danish and Norwegian immigrants to help with the farming and Sylvester started freighting to Deadwood in 1878 with 16 yoke of oxen hitched to three wagons. Sarah put up butter in one hundred pound firkins in brine and garden produce and had it loaded on a boat at Yankton to be shipped to Pierre. Sylvester, after delivering his first load would return to Pierre and pick up the second load from the steamship. He would quit freighting when the railroad reached the hills. The Fargo's built their farm home in 1880. They brought cottonwood saplings from the banks of the Missouri and planted around the farmstead. Sarah took great pride in winning prizes at county and state fairs on fancy work, baking and gardening. She even won prizes at the Worlds Fair in Chicago in 1893. Sylvester died in 1900 and Sarah in 1916. They were buried in the Yankton Cemetery.

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James S. Fargo, the only child of Sylvester Fargo's to remain in the community. Jim and Louise Mahacek were married in 1891 by Reverend Y. R. Oaks of the Methodist Church at Gayville. Dolly had come to Dakota from St. Louis, Mo. as a young woman. She and her husband were active members of the Gayville Methodist Church for over half a century. Their children were; Albert, Etta (Mrs. Jess Spry), Edith (Mrs. Melvin Mortensen), Ruth 1908-1971 (Mrs. Evar John), Charles and Stanley. They were all reared and educated in this community. Jim was a long time merchant of Gayville, as the proprietor of the Farmer's Store. Two of the Fargo son's Charles and Stanley are still residents of this community. Charles married Edna Schaeffer and they have two sons, James and Bill. Mark farmed in this community until he retired several years ago. He married Lucille Hazen and they had six children; Beulah (Mrs. Don Anderson); Mary (Mrs. Nels Jensen); Eunice (Mrs. Russell Hanson); Lois R. (Mrs. Alec Solberg); Judith (Mrs. Tom Ingalls) and John M. Fargo.