

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



SITE INFORMATION

*SURVEY DATE: October 15, 2012 *ADDRESS: 31340 463rd Ave.
*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone *COUNTY: Clay
*CITY: Vermillion

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of South Dakota Highway 50 bi-pass and South Dakota Highway 19, North 4-1/2 miles to 313th Street, turn right (East) 1/2 mile to 463rd Ave., turn right (South) about 1/3rd mile, on the left (East) side of the road.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NW 1/4, 25 - 93 - 52 Spirit Mound Twp.

*QUARTER 1: NW 1/4
*QUARTER 2: _____
*TOWNSHIP: Spirit Mound
*RANGE: 52
*SECTION: 25
ACRES: 158

OWNER NAME: Robert L. & Patricia A. Macy
OWNER ADDRESS: P.O. Box 512
OWNER CITY: Wellsburg
OWNER STATE: Iowa
OWNER ZIP: 50680
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: <u>Vacant</u>	FOUNDATION: <u>Native rock with sand and lime mortar foundation</u>
CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: <u>Vacant</u>	ROOF MATERIAL: <u>Cedar shingles</u>
HISTORIC FUNCTION: <u>Livestock barn</u>	ROOF SHAPE: <u>Gable</u>
HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: <u>Hay storage</u>	STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: <u>Balloon framing</u>
	STYLE: <u>Gable roof barn</u>
OCCUPIED: <u>No</u>	TYPE: <u>Livestock barn</u>
	<u>2x6 stud with 1x8 sheathing & 1/2"x6" cedar lap siding.</u>
ACCESSIBLE: <u>Yes with permission</u>	WALLS: <u>Native rock with sand and lime mortar foundation</u>
STORIES: <u>2</u>	SIGNIFICANT PERSON: <u>Robert S. Howey</u>
*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: <u>Early 1870's</u>	CULTURAL AFFILIATION: <u>English/German</u>

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Milk cow stanchions that were in the East side have been removed. Foundation has been repaired with Portland cement mortar.

INTERIOR NOTES: No posts or beam to support floor joists. 6x8 posts support sides of 10' wide door openings on the South side. There is a 6x8 beam from each post back to the North wall in place of a 2x8 floor joist.

OTHER NOTES: 2x6 stud walls with 1x8 sheathing and 1/2"x6" cedar lap siding and some 1/2"x8" cedar lap siding. 2x8 floor joists 20' long with no center support. 2x4 rafters with no bracing. Three doors to pitch hay into hayloft on the south side. All 2x4's, 2x6's, 2x8's and 6x8's are rough sawn cottonwood. Barn was used for milk cows and beef cattle. Horses were in the barn Southwest of this barn.

*PHYSICAL NOTES: Barn is in very poor condition. Walls are leaning and roof and floor joists are rotting out. Mortar in the foundation is crumbling.

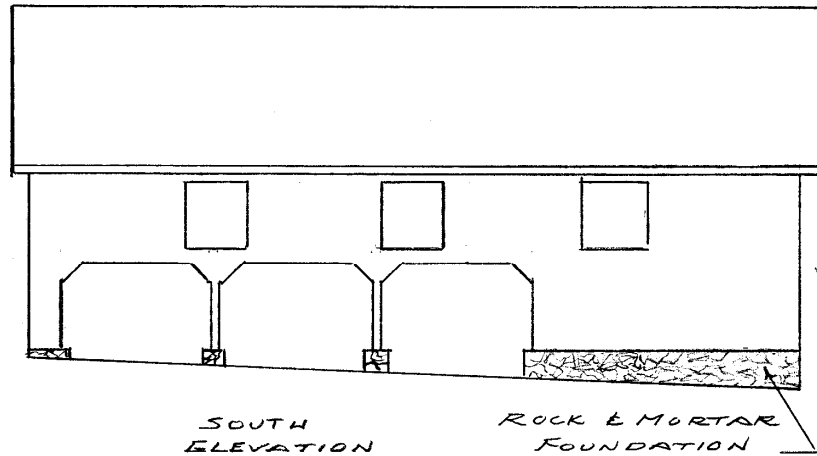
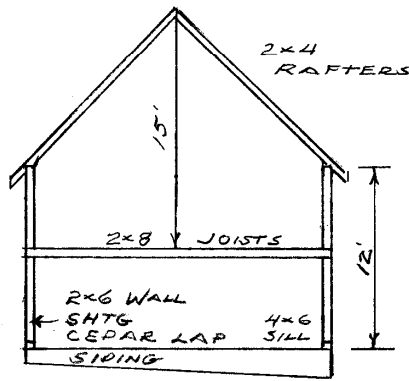
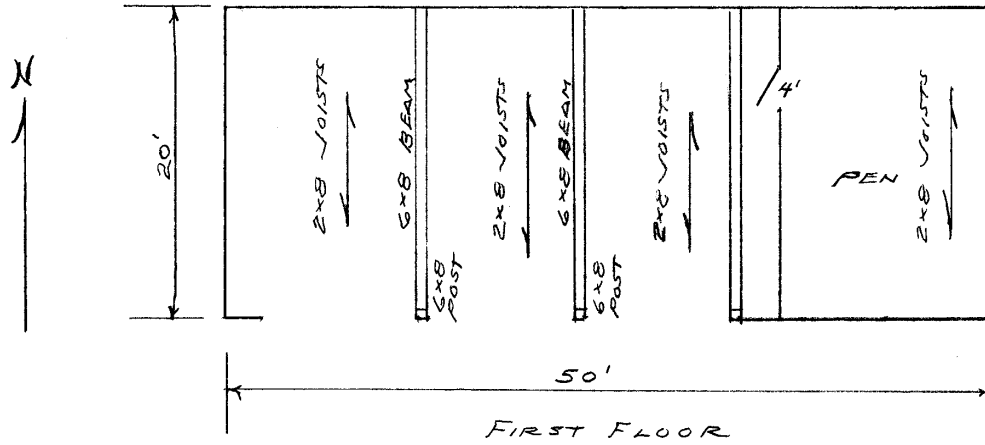
*UTM ZONE: _____ *RESTRICTED: Y or N

*UTM EASTING: _____

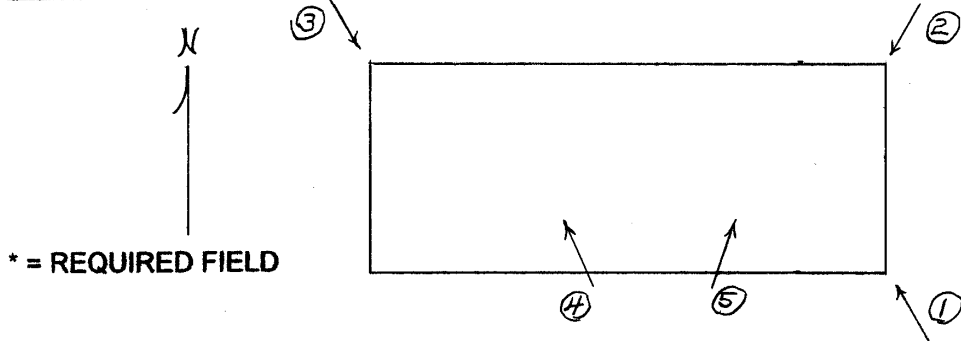
*UTM NORTHING: _____

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SKETCH MAP



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 1
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW, SE corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 2
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SW, NE corner

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 3
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking SE, NW corner



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 4
CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NW into large door opening, note 6x8 beam between floor joists

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 5

CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NW into large door opening, note 6x8 beam and 6x8 post.



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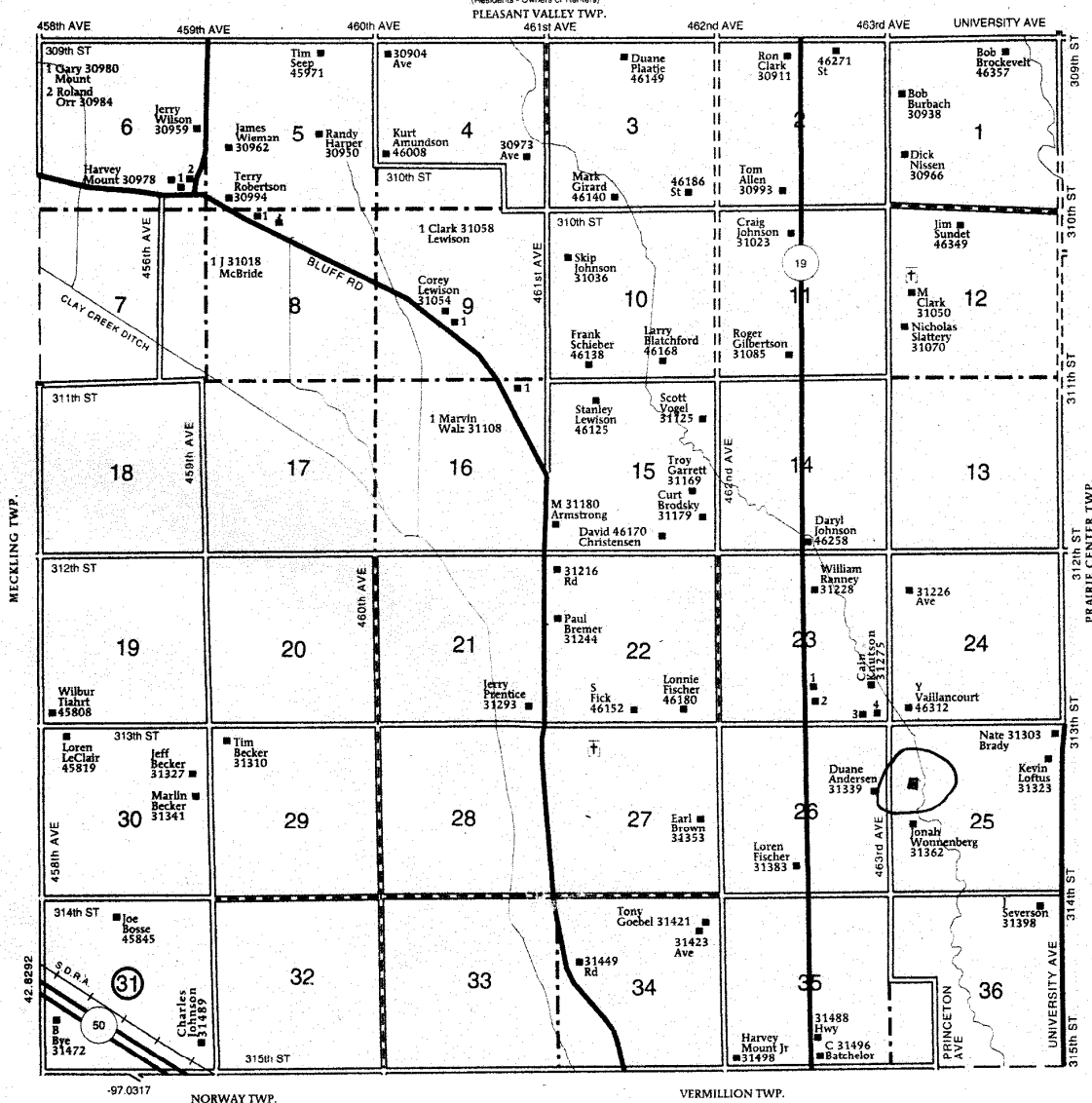
CAMERA DIRECTION: First floor, looking NE, solid wall dividing east section.

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T-93-N SPIRIT MOUND DIRECTORY R-52-W



**SPIRIT MOUND
TOWNSHIP
SECTION 23**
1 McDonald, Ben 31284
2 Freidel, Mike 31288
3 46292
4 Wood, Robert 46296

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HISTORY

This farm located in the NW ¼ of Section 25, Spirit Mound Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Robert S. Howey.

The 1894 and 1901 Clay County lists Robert S. Howey as the owner.

The 1912 Clay County Atlas lists Hulda Howey as the owner.

The 1924 Clay County Atlas lists B. Harry Macy as the owner.

The 1937 Clay County Atlas lists B. Harry Macy and Assoc. Farms Inc. as the owners. The 1937 Atlas also lists B. Harry Macy as the operator (renter).

The 1948 and 1956 Clay County Atlas lists B. Harry Macy as the owner.

The Following Information Furnished by

Lowell Macy and Clay County Historical Society

Robert S. Howey homesteaded this land in 1869. He received his land patent February 14, 1874. It was listed as a "tree claim". Mr. Howey agreed to plant 10% of the land with trees to qualify the land as a tree claim. He named this farm "Walnut Grove". Most of the buildings were built in the 1870's. The first house was a dug out with walls of native stone mortared with sand and lime. In the 1870's a home was built on top of the dugout. The dugout became the partial basement of the house. The house is still standing today. Mr. and Mrs. Howey and six children lived in this dugout, which measured about 12' wide and 14' long!

Benjamin Harry Macy bought this farm and moved here March 1, 1915.

The 1924, 1937 and 1956 Clay County atlas listed B. Harry Macy as the owner. This farm has been in the Macy family for 97 years.

Howey Family Genealogy

Robert Singer Howey born Jan.4, 1832, Rouse's Point, Canada. Died Aug. 18,1905 Vermillion, South Dakota. Buried Bluff View Cemetery Aug 20,1905.

Married - Anna S. Hart in 1856. She was born Sept. 4, 1838, Charlotsville, Canada. Died Mar. 8,1881 at Vermillion, South Dakota.

Their eleven children :

Caroline M. (Howey) Spencer, born April 16, 1857, Portage, Wisconsin. Married Oct. 8,1874

Ella M (Howey) Hartwell, Born Mar 10,1859, Portage, Wisconsin. Married Dec ?,1877.

Rozetta E. (Howey) Vaughn, Born Sept. 14, 1861, Simco Canada. Married July 26,1881.

Amanda M. (Howey) Fralle, Born June 3,1863, Simco, Canada. Married Aug 23,1882. Died Oct. 23, 1897.

John E Howey, Born Febr.11,1866, Osian, Iowa. Married Martha Olson, Dec. 9,1891. Died Dec. 23, 1892.

Elmer J. Howey, Born Jan. 7,1869 Sioux City Iowa. Married June 14, 1907. Died 1918.

Olive (Howey) Dye, Born Febr.17,1871, Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Febr. 22,1892.

Adelbert "Delbert" Howey, Born May 23, 1873, Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Betsy Olson, Aug. 6,1893. Died July 25,1901.

Inez (Howey) Bookhart, Born Oct. 3,1876, Vermillion, South Dakota. Married G. Bookhart, Dec. 1, 1902.

Isaac Howey, Born Aug. 21,1879, Vermillion, South Dakota. Died Sept. 1,1879.

Robert T. Howey, Born Mar. 3,1881, Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Clara Ellingson, Nov. 26, 1902. Died at Hitchcock, South Dakota.

Anna (Hart) Howey died Mar. 8,1881, at Vermillion, South Dakota and is buried at Vermillion.

She was 43 years old. This left her husband of 25 years of marriage and 10 living children.

On October 1,1881 Robert S Howey married Hilda Goodburn of Postville, Iowa.

Their four children :

Ethel (Howey) Lull, Born Nov. 121882 at Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Edward Proctor Lull, Febr. 26, 1902

Wallace Howey, Born Nov. 29, 1884 at Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Elizabeth Clifton, Dec. 11, 1904.

William Howey, Born Dec.17, 1892 at Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Pearl Simonson, June 4, 1917.

Earl Singer Howey, Born Febr.1, 1898 at Vermillion, South Dakota. Married Marquerite, July 5,1920.

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OBITUARY OF ROBERT S HOWEY

(Born June 4, 1832 - Died August 18, 1905)

In the closing of the eyes of Robert S. Howey in the long sleep of death, there was removed from the scene of the world, one of the pioneers of Clay County - and a man loved and esteemed by all. For some time Mr. Howey had been a sufferer from Bright's disease and that malady was the cause of his death, which occurred at his home in Spirit Mound Township on Friday of last week. It was with genuine sorrow that the news of his passing was received by his friends and the old time pioneers who came to this State in his company.

Robert Singer Howey was born near Rouse's Point, Canada on June 4, 1832. He was one of a family of ten children of Isaac Howey and Nancy Singer; the father of English and the mother of German descent. Here on the farm he grew up to manhood. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Anna S. Hart at Simcoe, where they both lived at that time. The same year he and his wife and her people migrated to the State of Wisconsin and settled near Portage. They remained here for four years, returning to the old home farm in Canada in 1860, where they lived till the Western Fever again so filled their mind that he and his wife and four daughters came over into the States during the Civil War in September of 1863 settling in Michigan. Here they lived till the spring of 1865 when he came west to the then Dakota Territory, and filed on the homestead in Spirit Mound Township which has ever since been his home, and on July 4 of that year his wife and six children arrived to take up the pioneer life with him. In 1881 his wife was removed by death, (leaving her husband and 10 children), for that better land on March 8. One son of this marriage died in infancy.

As an old pioneer, and after a solid foundation had been laid for a prosperous home, he was at this time left alone with his children. On October 1, 1881 he was married again to Miss Hilda Goodburn of Postville, Iowa - who survives him with their four children, one daughter and three sons. One daughter dying in infancy.

Of his first children, three crossed death's river before their father, Mrs Amanda M Tralle of Yankton, John E of Castalia, and Adalbert of Vermillion. Of his children, all are grown up except the two younger lads. As an old pioneer he was among the few left in this county. Those who were best acquainted with him know of the sterling qualities of his character. After but a few day's illness he was called by the

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Great Physician to Himself. On Friday morning August 18, he passed across the river leaving 11 children, 21 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren, with the wife and mother to mourn the loss of a dear husband and father. Of his family now living the children were all present at the funeral, with the exception of the families of Mrs Ella M Hartwell of Aberdeen, South Dakota and Mrs. Ollie Dye of Pullman, Nebraska.

On Sunday a large concourse of friends and neighbors gathered at his late home to pay that last tribute of respect to one whom they knew and loved so well.

Services were conducted by Rev. Messrs Craig S Thoms and J S Stewart, and the remains were laid to rest in the Bluff Cemetery.

To the surviving widow and the children the sympathy of the community is extened in their bereavement.

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