

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



SITE INFORMATION

*SURVEY DATE: June 11, 2013 *ADDRESS: 29757 460th Ave.
 *SURVEYOR: Jim Stone *COUNTY: Clay
 *CITY: Centerville

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion, the intersection of South Dakota Highway 50 bi-pass and South Dakota Highway 19, North 15 miles to 302nd Street, turn left (West) about 3 miles to Frog Creek Road, turn right (North) 3 miles to 299th Street, turn right (East) 1 mile to 460th Ave., turn left (North) about 1-1/4 miles, on the left (West) side.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE 1/4, 5- 95 - 51 Riverside Twp.

*QUARTER 1: SE 1/4
 *QUARTER 2: _____
 *TOWNSHIP: Riverside
 *RANGE: 51
 *SECTION: 5
 ACRES: 169.91

OWNER NAME: Pamela K. Nelson ETAL
 OWNER ADDRESS: 28651 460th Ave
 OWNER CITY: Davis
 OWNER STATE: South Dakota
 OWNER ZIP: 57021 - 6512
 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>Cow calf barn</u>	FOUNDATION:	<u>Poured concrete</u>
CURRENT SUBFUNCTION:	<u>Storage</u>	ROOF MATERIAL:	<u>Asphalt shingles over cedar shingles</u>
HISTORIC FUNCTION:	<u>Livestock barn</u>	ROOF SHAPE:	<u>Gothic round roof</u>
HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION:	<u>Hay and grain storage</u>	STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:	<u>Balloon framing</u>
			<u>Gothic round roof</u>
		STYLE:	<u>barn</u>
OCCUPIED:	<u>Yes</u>	TYPE:	<u>Livestock barn</u>
	<u>Yes with</u>		<u>2x6 studs, 1x6 #106</u>
ACCESSIBLE:	<u>permission</u>	WALLS:	<u>drop siding</u>
STORIES:	<u>2</u>	SIGNIFICANT PERSON:	<u>T. I. Gunderson</u>
*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	<u>Early 1920's</u>	CULTURAL AFFILIATION:	<u>?</u>

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Most evidence of horse stalls and or milk cow stanchions has been removed. Asphalt shingles has been installed over cedar shingles on the roof. Two lean-to's have been added much later. Lean-to's are pole barn construction with steel sides and roof. Metal cupola has been replaced with a modern roof ventilator.

INTERIOR NOTES: One row of 4"x4" posts, and 4x4 beam support the 2x8 joists for the hayloft floor in the original barn on the East side. A 2x6 stud wall in the center with 1x6 shiplap divides the West 14' from the East 14'. 2x8 floor joists are doubled to span the 14' on the West side. Milk cow stanchions were on the East side, but have been removed. Milk room and granary are still on the South side. All evidence of horse stalls has been removed.

OTHER NOTES: 2x6 stud walls with 1x6 #106 drop siding on all four walls of the original barn. Rafters 3 ply 1x6 x 5' - 4" on the main barn and were built on site. The lean-to's have 2x8 rafters 4' O. C.

Asphalt shingles over cedar shingles on original barn and steel roofing on the lean-to's. Windows are 4"x24" four light. Boards over two rafters in center of hayloft, to form an air chute from first floor up to cupola. A chute is on the East and West sides to ventilate both sides on first floor.

***PHYSICAL NOTES:** Barn is in fair condition.

*UTM ZONE: _____

*RESTRICTED: Y or N

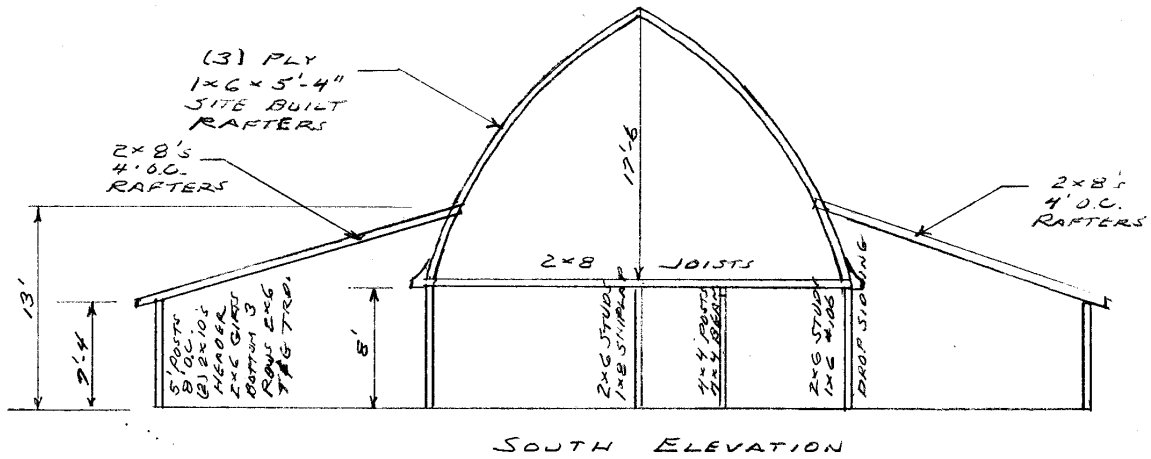
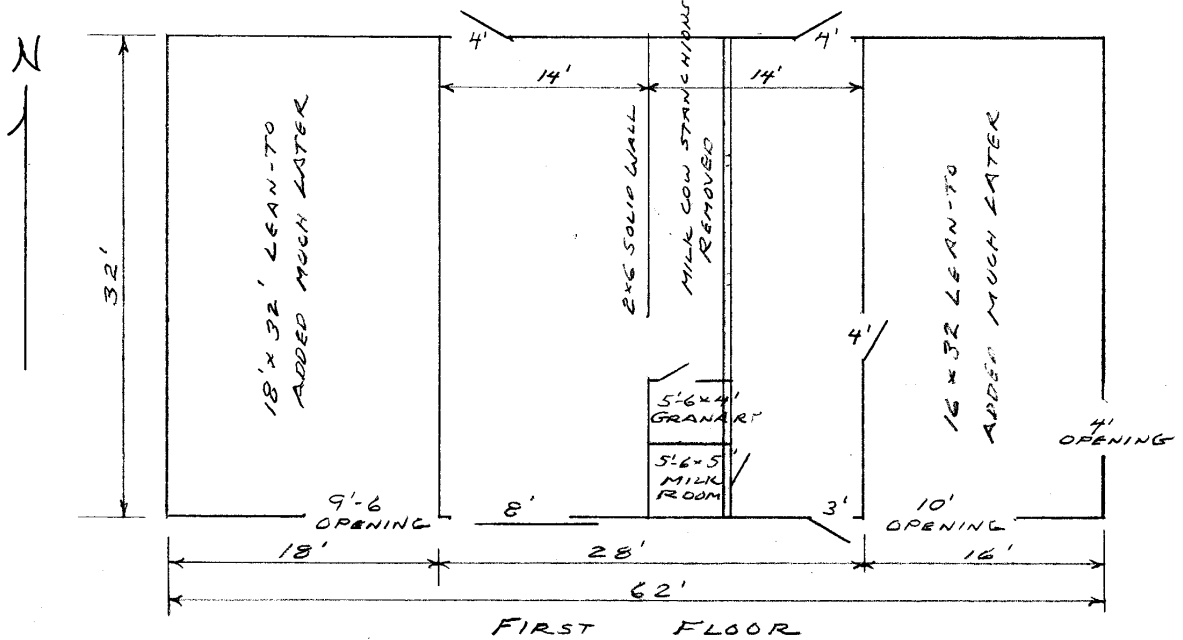
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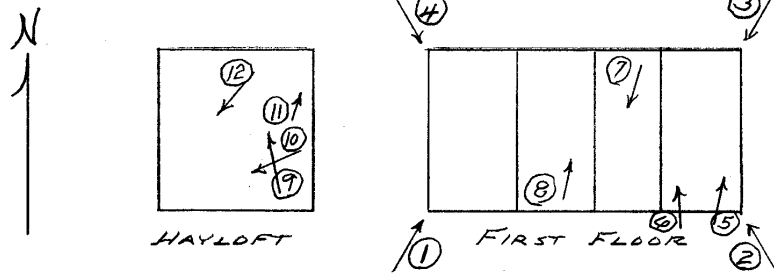
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SKETCH MAP



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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
DATE OF PHOTO: June 11, 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

First floor, East lean-to, looking NE, 5" posts 8' O. C', (2) 2x10's header, 2x6 girt, (3) 2x6 T&G and 2x8 rafters.

CAMERA DIRECTION: _____



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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 6

First floor, East lean-to, looking NW, 2x8 rafters cut into original barn roof.

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 7

First floor, original barn on East side, looking SW, 4x4 posts, 4x4 beam, granary and milk room.

CAMERA DIRECTION: _____



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DATE OF PHOTO: June 11, 2013

ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 8

Original barn, first floor, West side, 2x6 solid wall, 2x8 joists doubled on this side.

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 9

**Hayloft, looking NW,
vertical trusses
reinforcing North gable
wall**

CAMERA DIRECTION: _____



PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone
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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 10

**Hayloft, looking SW, one
of two vertical trusses
reinforcing South gable
wall**

CAMERA DIRECTION: _____

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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 11

CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, looking NE, (3)
ply 1 x 6 x 5'-4" site built
gothic round rafters



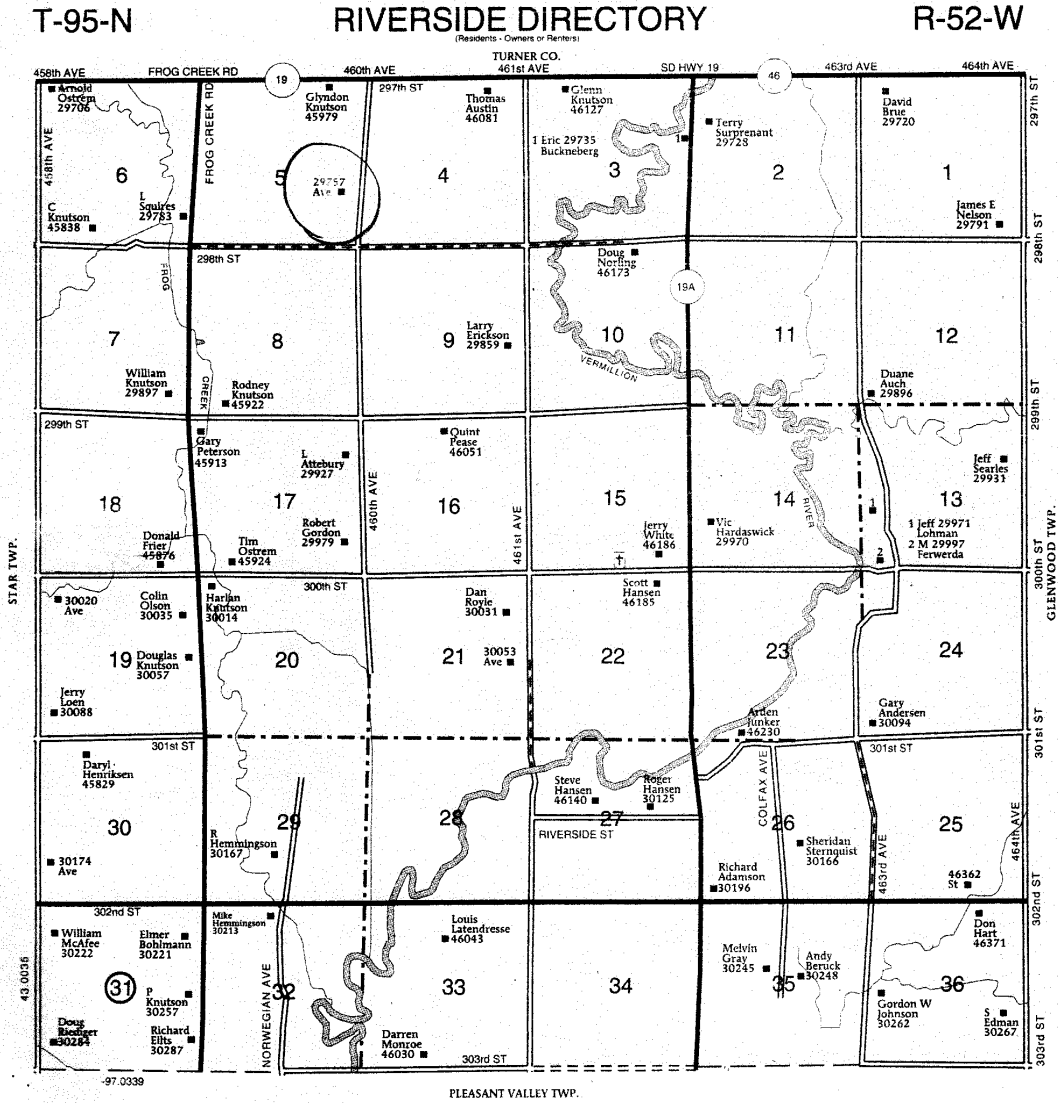
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ROLL NUMBER: _____
PHOTO NUMBER: 12

CAMERA DIRECTION: Hayloft, looking SW, air
ventilation chute from
first floor up to cupola.

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HISTORY

This farm located in the SE ¼ of Section 5, Riverside Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Hiram B. Newton.

The 1894 and 1901 Clay County Atlas lists Hugh Langan as the owner.

The 1912 Clay County Atlas lists J. A. Langan as the owner.

The 1924 Clay County atlas lists T. I. Gunderson as the owner.

The 1937 Clay County Atlas lists Nellie Gunderson as the owner.

The 1948 and 1956 Clay County lists G. C. Knutson as the owner.

The Following is from
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Dakota Territory - Sunshine state
Our home town
1883 A Century of Memory 1983



Tenus Issaac and Nellie Gunderson

Tenus Isaac Gunderson, better known as T. I., arrived in Centerville in 1890's on foot, walking from his early home in near Vermillion to go to work for Governor Andrew E. Lee at his ranch south of Centerville buying and selling cattle. He was born Sept. 11, 1870.

Nellie May Richardson, born Feb. 9, 1873 came to Centerville from her farm home near Wakonda in the late 1890's. She had taken a course in Millinery and dress making in St. Paul and decided to open a shop of her own. Here she met the man who was to become her husband and she and T. I. Gunderson were married Nov. 27, 1897 at her parents home. They spent all of their married life in Centerville, living most of those years in the Chalkstone House, which they had purchased from the man who built it, a Mr. Ayers.

T. I. Was forced to go into business for himself in a most unusual way. On a cattle-buying trip, because the price was so favorable, he bought carloads of cattle without consulting Governor Lee. When the cattle arrived in Centerville, Lee refused to accept the shipment and fired T. I. on the spot. T. I. persuaded the railroad people to unload the cattle at the stockyards, so they could be fed and watered

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and then got in touch with a commission firm in Chicago with whom he had dealing and they agreed to finance the operation if he would ship the finished cattle to them.

Thus it was that he got started in an enterprise that would eventually make him the largest cattle feeder in South Dakota and Centerville the center of cattle feeding operations in the Midwest. T. I. topped the Chicago market on many occasions. On July 11, 1912, he was paid the highest price \$9.70 per hundred-weight and that was the highest price paid on the world market in 42 years.

In those early years of the 1900's, T.I. was a familiar figure as he rode through the countryside on horse back looking after his varied interests. The profits from his cattle feeding operations went into buying land and related businesses, enabling him to become a successful businessman and a community leader. At one time his land holdings including 3000 acres of southeastern South Dakota land and 1200 acres of North Dakota land. He bought an elevator in 1905 and became a grain dealer. He later expanded into the farm implement business, becoming a dealer for International Harvester Company and a reputation of stocking more parts for their equipment than any other dealer in the territory. Along the way he also became the authorized automobile dealer for Reo, Buick, Plymouth and Dodge, each in their turn.

T. I. was a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Centerville and was its vice president. He was the Mayor of Centerville for eight years (1919-1927) and served on the City Council at various times prior to becoming Mayor. In both capacities he safeguarded municipal interests with the same care and thoroughness as his own. He was a generous contributor to all worthy causes and gave liberally of his time, energy and resources to community projects. He reached out with a helping hand to those less fortunate and it was said of him "that his right hand never knew what his left hand was doing."

In the spring of 1921 he gave four acres of land along the Vermillion River to the city for recreational purposes with the provision that the city spend \$600 on improvements. The city agreed to the plan and appropriated the money. The park became such a popular place that in 1923 T. I. gave an additional 3.4 acres so the park could be expanded.

T. I. and Nellie were the parents of seven children; Lee Elden 1898 – 1953, Charles Henry (1900 – 1950), Mable Genevieve (1901), Harry Gordon (1904-1951), Ralph Harvey (1906-1957), Gertrude May (1909), Robert Wilson (1915).

Mrs. Gunderson was active in community affairs even though her large family demanded much of her time. She was an active member of the Garden Club that was responsible for many town beautification projects. In the early years she organized suppers that were held in her home. The proceeds from which were used to provide curbing for the grounds of all the churches in the community. She served on the School Board for several years, one of the first women to do so. In the days before welfare, Mrs. Gunderson was one of a small group of women who collected and distributed food and clothing to the needy in the area. She became interested in Christian Science and was instrumental in organizing a Christian Science Society in Centerville in the 1920's.

T. I. had many successes in his life span, but there were heartbreaking reverses too. When the wartime prices broke after World War 1, he had 52 carloads of fat cattle on the Chicago market and the loss was \$52.00 a head. In the stock market crash of 1929 he lost much of what he had accumulated, but he never

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lost faith in himself or in the land. He died Jan. 23, 1931, at the age of 60. Mrs. Gunderson died Nov. 17, 1948, the result of injuries received in an automobile accident.