

# Barn Rehabilitation Case Study Form

**GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE BARN**

Address of Barn: \_\_\_\_\_ City/County/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Owner's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, FAX and/or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*(if different from above)* \_\_\_\_\_

Phone, FAX and/or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_ Based On: \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter the original known or estimated date of construction. Indicate whether this is based on: a DATE STONE, PERSONAL OR PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, COMMON KNOWLEDGE, a VISUAL GUESS, PRESENT OWNER RECOLLECTION, OR SOME OTHER REASON).

Original Builder: \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter the name of the individual or firm that actually constructed the barn (e.g., OWNER, CARPENTER/ BUILDER). If not known, enter UNKNOWN.

Source of Original Barn Design/ Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter the name of the person or design source (e.g., ARCHITECT or the ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES of WATSON BROTHERS MANUFACTURING COMPANY, a FARM BUILDINGS CATALOG, MIDWEST PLAN SERVICE, plan from a AGRICULTURAL MAGAZINE, a plan from a GOVERNMENT AGENCY, etc.)

Original Use: \_\_\_\_\_

(Enter the function that best describes the main use of the barn (e.g., CATTLE FEEDING, HORSE, DAIRY, GENERAL PURPOSE, etc.) If not known, enter UNKNOWN.

Present Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the barn part of a working farm?

Using the list below\*, identify those construction materials principally used in the exterior of the

barn? Foundation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walls: \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof: \_\_\_\_\_

\* (NPS National Register Data Categories for Construction Materials)

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| <b>EARTH</b>           | <b>STUCCO</b>         |
| <b>WOOD</b>            | <b>TERRA COTTA</b>    |
| Weatherboard           |                       |
| Shingle                | <b>ASPHALT</b>        |
| Log                    |                       |
| Plywood/particle board | <b>CONCRETE</b>       |
| <b>BRICK</b>           | <b>ADOBE</b>          |
| <b>STONE</b>           | <b>CLOTH/ CANVASS</b> |
| Granite                |                       |
| Sandstone              | <b>SYNTHETICS</b>     |
| Limestone              | Fiberglass            |
| Marble                 | Vinyl                 |
| Slate                  | Rubber                |
| <b>METAL</b>           | Plastic               |
| Iron                   |                       |
| Copper                 | <b>OTHER</b>          |
| Bronze                 |                       |
| Tin Aluminum           |                       |
| Steel                  |                       |
| Lead                   |                       |
| Nickel                 |                       |
| Cast Iron              |                       |

Approximate Dimensions of the Barn

Height (to peak): \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe the type of barn (i.e., its shape, roofline, etc.) or any noteworthy architectural characteristics.

Using the back side of this paper, note any recent improvements or measures taken to preserve or extend the lifespan of the barn (please use the following categories to itemize and include any cost estimates of construction).

Work Completed

Associated Cost(s)

What factors or problems (i.e., structural limitations or functional obsolescence) were taken into consideration in making the decision to preserve or rehabilitate the barn to accommodate its

current use?

Was advice sought from agricultural, preservation or construction professionals? If so, who and when?

How did the costs associated with preservation or rehabilitation compare with new construction?

Note the names and addresses of contractors, architects or any other advisors employed in this work.

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Briefly describe how the owners feel about their barn and any work that they have completed on it. USE QUOTES IF POSSIBLE AND NOTE THEM ON THE BACK SIDE OF THIS PAGE IF NECESSARY.

Possible Probing Questions: *How important was the aesthetic appearance and construction of the barn to your planned use? Would these features be available from a newly constructed building?*

How did the barn owners pay for any work completed (e.g., BANK LOANS, GRANTS, etc.)?

Is the barn on either your State or National Register of Historic Places?

Were tax credits utilized to support any of the barn preservation or rehabilitation work?

Briefly describe how neighbors and the local community reacted to any work the owner completed on the barn. If appropriate include copies of any newspaper articles.

Attach any old or more recent photographs of the exterior and interior portions of the barn.