

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Ehlers Round Barn
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEBRASKA, Lancaster

DATE RECEIVED: 11/15/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/01/14
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 95000799

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

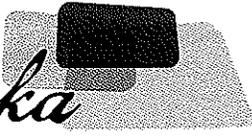
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**REMOVED
from
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 12.31.13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Nebraska

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

October 28, 2013

Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service – National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Keeper:

In September 2000, the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office (NeSHPO) presented the *Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office Guidelines for Removing Properties from the National Register of Historic Places* to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board. The Board subsequently adopted these guidelines.

The Ehlers Round Barn (LC00-035), a National Register listed property located in Lancaster County, Nebraska, is no longer extant. The barn was severely damaged in a storm, and it has been confirmed that the barn is no longer extant. The qualities that caused this property to be listed in the National Register have been destroyed. As documented in 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1), loss of integrity supplies grounds for removing properties from the National Register.

Ehlers Round Barn (LC00-035)

The Ehlers Round Barn was a large clay tile and frame true-round barn that was built in 1922-1924 by Harvey Ehlers. It was associated with the end of the final phase of round barn construction in the United States. Round barns were less expensive to build, more efficient, and more structurally sound than rectangular barns. These barns were built with self-supporting roofs and therefore provided unobstructed interior space for more storage. The barn was significant in the area of architecture as a well-preserved example of a true-round barn. It was one of the few extant examples of a true-round barn in the state.

Current Physical Description

The Ehlers Round Barn suffered severe roof damage during a 2012 snow storm, collapsing much of the self-supporting structure. The building was demolished by owner Don Ehlers based on the cost to repair the structure.

On September 13, 2013, the NeSHPO presented this information to the Nebraska Historic Preservation Board and recommended removal of the Ehlers Round Barn from the National Register. The Board unanimously approved this recommendation.

Please remove the Ehlers Round Barn (NeHBS OT00-086) from the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to 36 CFR 60.15 (a) (1). You may direct any questions regarding the removal of this property to Jill Dolberg, 402-471-4773. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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