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Similar to the Mathias Merkwan Barn (CZ 13), this site also includes a modernized coaxial linear log house. The example at this farm, however, is no longer used as a dwelling. It is instead used for storage and recently has been altered to provide garage space. Yet, enough structural data is extant to support the coaxial form discussed in the overview. It is not eligible for listing.

A vaulted root cellar, with an entry from both inside and outside the house, is located just east of the house.

8. 1869-1899; Architecture, Exploration/Settlement, Czech Ethnic.

Specific date unknown. Frank Svatos, builder.

Significant in architecture, the Svatos Rubblestone Barn is the purest example of medium-sized Czech masonry barns in the survey area. Its walls, roof, and fenestration are basically unchanged from when the structure was erected in the 19th Century. Thus, the barn offers an excellent model for the study of Czech folk building forms. In addition, the farm site is one of two within one mile of each other that contain similar masonry barns and log houses, both illustrating Czech settlement and folk architecture. The barn is used daily as a hog confinement facility.

The Svatos Barn is also significant in the history of Czech settlement in the state. Frank Svatos Sr. was born in 1836 at Radihost, Bohemia and brought his family from there to Dakota Territory in 1870. On the journey across the ocean, his two year old son fell from the ship and drowned. Despite this initial tragedy, the Svatos family persevered and became a prominent Czech Catholic family in the Tabor, SD area.

Major biographical source: Dvorak (1980), 26, 39, 117.

10. Acreage: less than one acre. Scale: 1:24,000.  
Quad.: Tabor. UTM: 14/ 611900/ 4754350.

The boundaries of this property are imaginary lines that connect to form a rectangle centered on the rectangular barn. Each line lies 10 feet from the exterior walls of the building. The site is located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 94 North, Range 57 West, in Yankton County.

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SITE PLAN OF FARMSTEAD CONTAINING CZ 16 ON REVERSE SIDE

SITE PLAN (Complete inventory of all structures, their function, dates & details of construction, and surrounding vegetation) WITH NORTH ARROW

SITE NAME: FRANK SVATOS  
CZ SURVEY #: 16



SECTION ROAD

(FIELD)

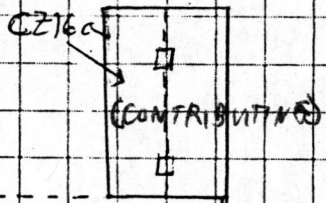
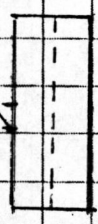
(SHELTER BELT)

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HEN HOUSE  
CONVERTED  
INTO A WOOD SHED



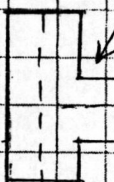
MODERN 1-Story  
House  
(inside fence)



(CONTRIBUTING)

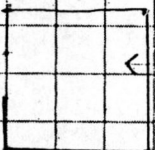
Star-driven  
Hand Pumps  
or Wells  
systems  
open  
Pit

(CZ16b) 1/2-Story House  
CONVERTED INTO  
A GARAGE  
(Bottom Story on W. is  
Const. of LOF)



CELLAR  
ENTRANCE

Skeleton Framework  
for New Const.  
of Machine Shed

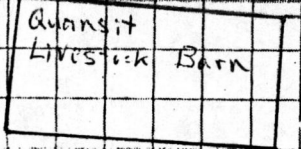


WINDMILL  
Storage



ANIMAL  
LOADING  
SITE

Quansit  
LIVESTOCK BARN



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Name Czech Folk Architecture of Southeastern South Dakota MRA  
State SOUTH DAKOTA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. Noll, Joseph, Chalkrock Barn<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>  | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 12. Pechan, Frantisek, Log House<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>  | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 13. Sedlacek, Jacob, Chalkrock House<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>                                      | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 14. Svatos, Frank, Rubblestone Barn<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>                                       | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 15. Teibel-Sykora Rubblestone Barn<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>  | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 16. Travnicek, John, Chalkrock House<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>                                      | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 17. Walker, Albion, Chalkrock House<br><i>Entered in the National Register</i>                                       | for Keeper <u>Melrose Byers</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____    |
| 18. Hruska, John, Log House<br><i>Determined Eligible</i><br><i>Substantive Review</i><br><b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b> | for Keeper <u>William B. Bushy</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____ |
| 19. Hruska, John, Rubblestone Barn<br><i>Determined Eligible</i><br><b>DOE/OWNER OBJECTION</b>                       | for Keeper <u>William B. Bushy</u> 7/6/87<br>Attest _____ |
| 20.  | Keeper _____<br>Attest _____                              |

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Svatos, Frank, Rubblestone Barn (Czech Folk  
Architecture of Southeastern South Dakota  
MRA)  
Yankton County  
SOUTH DAKOTA

Working No. MAY 27 1987  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 6/25/87 7/11/87  
Action:  ACCEPT 7-6-87  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entered in the  
National Register**

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



Frank Svatos Rubblestone Barn  
Ziskov Twp., Yankton Co., South Dakota  
Rolene Schliesman

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SD State Historical Preservation Center  
North and east facades, facing southwest  
Photo # 31. (CZ 16)

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000792