

Corson Emminger Round Barn

Junction of US 212 & US 81,
then 2 miles south
Watertown, SD
Codington County



Corson Emminger completed construction on this unique round barn in 1910 at a cost of \$1,500. He reportedly used it as a dairy barn. There are few of this type of barn in South Dakota, especially constructed from concrete block. Emminger came to South Dakota from Wisconsin the early 1900's. It is possible he brought with him from Wisconsin the idea for building a round dairy barn. The barn is approximately 50 feet in diameter, constructed of concrete blocks simulating stone. The roof is topped by a polygonal cupola. Though Emminger only lived on the farm a short time before moving into Watertown, and then California, he certainly left behind a prominent reminder of agriculture's importance to South Dakota. The Corson Emminger Round Barn is on privately owned property, but can be viewed from Highway 81.

Located 2 miles South of the U.S. Highway 81 – 212 Junction.