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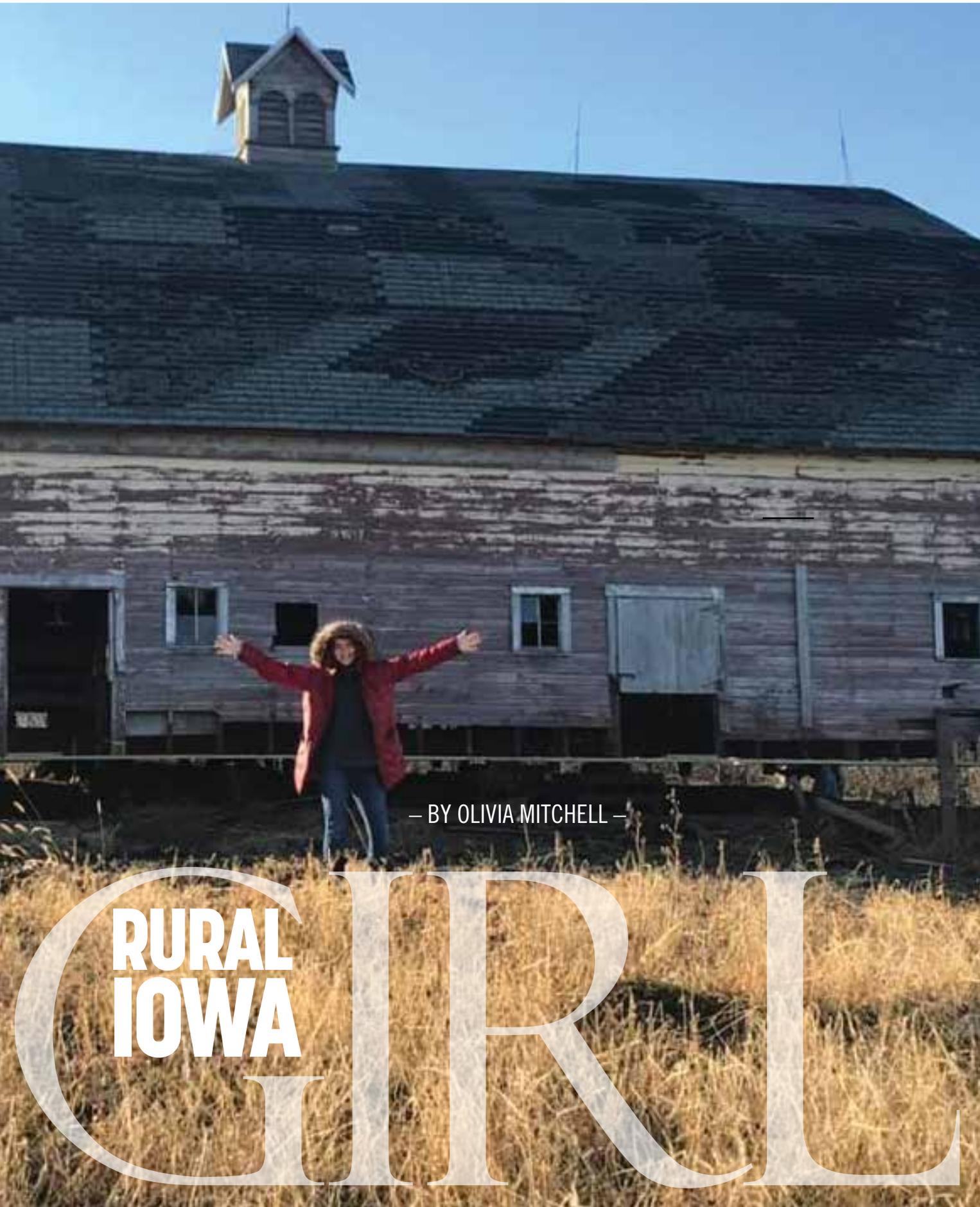
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— BY OLIVIA MITCHELL —

**RURAL
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GIRL

GROWING UP IN RURAL

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ON A FARM HAS HELPED SHAPE MY LIFE TREMENDOUSLY.



The farm that I live on has been in our family for 100 years. My Swedish great grandparents were immigrants who worked as tenant farmers for Ann Smelter's parents, the Ringlands, who were instrumental in the creation of the gypsum industry in Webster County.

It was because of my family that I became interested in the restoration of barns and Iowa history. In an effort to save our barn at home, we approached the land manager of our farm and he gave us the opportunity to purchase our family acreage where my ancestors had lived for a century. We were able to make the necessary improvements to save our barn. Saving the barn that my great grandparents had milked cows and raised livestock was a sentimental and amazing transformation. Our barn now proudly stands with a new roof, siding, windows, and flooring in the hay loft. In addition to our barn, we saved and added on to a crumbling barn structure at my grandpa's house just down the road. My brother Matthew spearheaded the project with the help of family and friends. He now lives at the farm and continues to make improvements to the homestead.



One day, my brother Matthew came home from work with an outrageous idea. He had proposed that we inquire about moving a neighbor's barn. After some strategic contacts he was able to secure the purchase of the old structure, line up Vote Moving of Bradgate, and plan the route through neighboring fields to relocate the barn to his home a mile and a half away. The 1915 barn was going to be demolished for the production of row crops. The successful move occurred December 19, 2019 and it became a labor of love just like the other two barns we saved. It now stands proudly on my brother's farm southwest of Duncombe, Iowa.

My name is Olivia Mitchell and I am the youngest of David and Sharon Mitchell's six kids. My parents strategically named us kids in alphabetical order: Jolene (35), Kelsie (34), Lauren (30), Matthew (29), Nolan (26), and me (21). I suppose that special sequence helped them keep track of us.



I feel absolutely blessed to have my roots planted where they were. I will forever cherish the memories made at home on the farm. I am also fortunate that my family taught me the true value of hard work, dedication, and motivation. I enjoy physical labor while working alongside my dad, mom, sisters, and brothers.

While attending Iowa Central Community College, I became a member of the club "Professional Agricultural Students Organization" also known as "PAS". It was through this organization that my interest in agriculture really flourished because of our advisor Mike Richards. I was able to compete at the state and national level with my speech about the importance of agricultural education.

I graduated from Iowa State University this past May with my Bachelor's Degree from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I majored in Agricultural Studies with an Agronomy minor. I have always been passionate about agriculture and I'm thankful for my family, education, and a promising career in the field of agriculture.





NEW USES & USERS FOR OLD BARNs

— BY STEVE LEKWA, STORY COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST —

I grew up in central Iowa in the 1950s and 60s. Barns, corn cribs, and other wooden outbuildings on farms all over Iowa were in their last years of use even then. Some had already been abandoned. Farming was shifting from a diversified base of mixed crops, forage, and livestock, to row cropping only corn and soy beans. There was no need for barns with hay lofts when they no longer housed horses and cows. Metal sided pole buildings sufficed to shelter machinery needed to raise corn and beans.

Barn swallows still found the old buildings attractive for nest sites, and a few still housed some pigeons, but life pretty much passed the old barns by for a few years. It was later in the 1960s when a new bird began to show up in some numbers in central Iowa; moving up from farther south. That's when I first began to notice those big black birds soaring across summer skies with their wings held up in a V, at least when compared to red-tailed hawks that shared the warm rising thermals of air with them. Turkey vultures had arrived.

Turkey vultures are all black with some gray under the wings. Their small, un-

feathered red heads gave them their name since they reminded people of turkeys. The resemblance was only slight, since vultures lacked the beautiful fan tails and iridescent feathers of their namesake. Although turkey vultures are about as ugly as a bird can get when perched or standing on the ground, they are miraculously transformed when in the air. They can soar effortlessly with little or no wing flapping for hours on end. Few birds can match their grace in the air.

At about the same time that people were waking up to the treasure being lost as old barns fell into disrepair, turkey vultures began finding them quite attractive. The corner of an old hay loft was a nearly ideal spot for them to nest. People almost never visited them and they provided shelter from wind and rain. The big old loft door hanging open and a few broken out windows provided clearance for their six foot wingspan. The old barn roof provided a nice spot to perch in the early morning as the sun warmed things and started the thermals of rising air. Birds that perched outdoors overnight needed a spot with a breeze and sunshine to dry the dew off of



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their wings before they took flight, too. The eggs and young were out of sight from other aerial predators. The vulture's habit of vomiting fowl stomach contents when disturbed or threatened was enough to ward off the occasional raccoon or stray cat.

Vultures once nested on cliff ledges and in large hollow trees; sometimes even when trees were lying on the ground. Those sites are rare in Iowa today, and, unfortunately for vultures and the state endangered barn owl, abandoned farm buildings are becoming more rare with each passing year. A few still house some livestock. Let's hope that a some remain sound enough to provide a home for rare barn owls and those masters of the sky – turkey vultures.

— BY DAVE AUSTIN —

The Dobbin Round Barn

A tribute to the Iowa Family Farm

The 1919 Dobbin Round Barn in Marshall County has been a favorite stop on the Iowa Barn Foundation All-State Tour for many years. Owners Christy Dobbin Chambers and husband Jonathan Chambers have made a significant investment in restoring the barn, house, and additional farmstead buildings over the past few years. When asked the motivation for the project, Christy said, “Our legacy to the Dobbin family is to save the barn for future generations to enjoy. Our legacy to Iowa history is to preserve the entire farmstead as a tribute to the importance of early 1900 family farms to our state.” Christy noted that the land has been owned by the Dobbin family since the 1870s.

Visitors during the tour will notice several recent completed projects including the middle roof ring repair, a new cedar roof, and a repaired haymow floor. The barn will hopefully be getting new windows and a fresh coat of paint soon to complete the project later this year. When the three layers of old roofing materials were removed, there was an amazing view to the sky through the haymow (see cover) and the silo for the first time in over 100 years.

The 1919 barn was a pre-cut structure ordered from Gordan-Van Tine Farm Buildings in Davenport, Iowa. The Gordan-Van Tine Barrel Barn No. 214 catalog description touts the advantages of round barns:

“The Barn That is Most Economical of Space and Labor – A round barn 60 feet in diameter has a greater floor area by 627 square feet than is contained in a rectan-

gular barn of equal outside linear dimensions. In other words, a small round barn has a floor area equal to a larger, rectangular barn. For this reason, and because the feeding and cleaning is quickly accomplished in a round barn, they are recommended by the Agriculture Experiment Stations.”

When the barn was built in 1919, Christy’s great grandfather, Alexander Dobbin, was passing the torch to her grandfather, Henry Alexander Dobbin. Henry graduated from Iowa State University in 1914 with an agriculture degree, which was likely the inspiration that led to the selection of a round barn design. Christy’s father, Daniel Henry Dobbin, was just 3 years old when the barn was built and continued to live on the farmstead until he was 96 years old. Daniel and his wife Betty started off with a dairy operation and had draft horses for working the fields. When the dairy operation finished in the 1950s, a section of the barn was converted to hog farrowing stalls. The barn was an integral part of the family farming operation into the early 1990s.

You only have to talk to Christy and Jonathan for a few minutes to sense the great pride they take in preserving this amazing piece of Iowa agriculture history. Be sure to put this barn on your “must visit” list during the tour this September. Christy and Jonathan look forward to welcoming guests and sharing the barn’s history and beauty.

See more photos of this beauty on next two pages.



INSIDE THE DOBBIN



Work crew removing 3 layers of old roofing and installing the new cedar roof.



View of the main entrance into the barn.



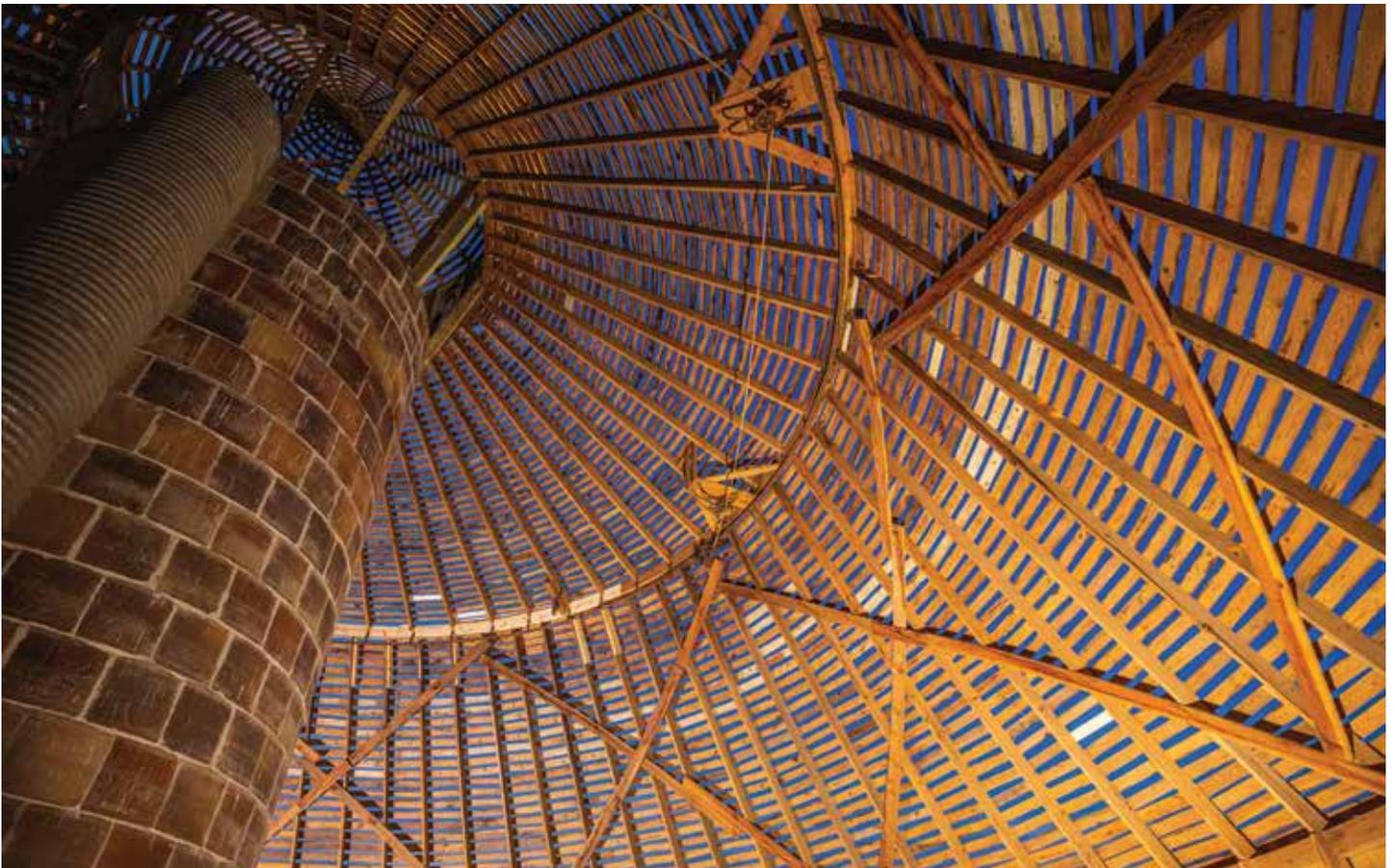


Early morning view looking up through the central clay tile silo when the old roof was removed.

View of the dairy stanchions and hog farrowing stalls on the ground floor.



ROUND BARN



BARN ALL-STATE 2021 TOUR

Revisit Old America Close Up
on the Iowa Barn Foundation's
21st Annual All-State Barn Tour

**SATURDAY, September 25,
AND SUNDAY, September 26**

from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The annual self-guided barn tour is sponsored
by the Iowa Barn Foundation.

Historic barns throughout the state will be on tour.
The barns have been awarded restoration grants
by the Iowa Barn Foundation because of their
importance historically or architecturally.

Other important barns restored by owners are also
on the tour. The Iowa Barn Foundation is an all-state,
primarily all-volunteer, non-profit group that was
founded in 1997 in order to encourage the
preservation of Iowa's rural heritage.

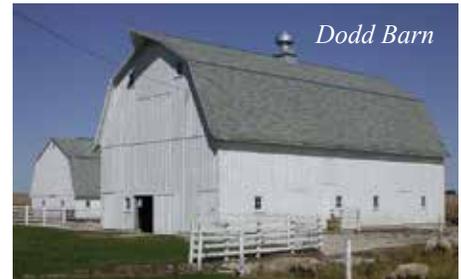
**Because of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, please
wear a mask at the barns, and keep social distance of
at least six feet. The barn owners will appreciate it.
You may want to see the sites from your vehicle.**

For information about the tour,
go to IowaBarnFoundation.org, or
call Roxanne Mehlich, 641-751-1406..

NORTH-CENTRAL COUNTIES



Rory Friedow Barn 1680 Ladd Avenue,
Kanawha (Hancock County). Seven
miles west of Klemme (Hwy 69) on B55
(170 th St), then 1/4 mile south on Ladd
Ave. Floyd Friedow built the barn and
hog house in 1925. He and his three sons
(Doyce, Verlyn & Milton) were known
for their quality Poland China hogs. In
1955 they sent breeding stock to a farm
in Cuba via train and airplane. The barn
originally housed dairy cattle and draft
horses, is now home to sheep, goats and
barn cats. The farmstead has been con-
tinually occupied by the Friedow family.



Dodd Barn, 1854 40th Street, Ackley
(Franklin County) - Four miles west of
Ackley on IA 57. Turn north on S55 for
two miles to 40th Street. Go 1/2-mile
west. Barn was built by Ernest Aldinger,
one of three Aldinger brothers who built
farms within a mile of each other.

New! Clayton Miller Barn, 1890 Indigo
Ave. Latimer (Franklin County) – Take
I-35 to Exit #170, go east on 190th St,
then north on Indigo Ave. Barn is 1 mile,
on the west side. The barn was built by
the Harris family between 1915-1925.
The original purpose was for cows, with
a milking parlor and a milk room. Later
the barn was used for beef cattle, and
later was converted to farrowing pigs.
Clayton Miller purchased the barn in
2011, and plans to restore the barn to
use it to house his flock of sheep.



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NORTHWEST COUNTIES



Johnson Barn

Hoefler Barn, 4680 McKinley Ave, Granville (O'Brien County) - From Granville, go one mile east on IA 10, then turn south onto McKinley Ave and travel about ½ mile south (gravel). Barn is on east side of road. This landmark barn was built in 1914 by Mr. Diers from Germantown. Owners: Joe & Donna Ascherl., it was built in 1917 and is unusual.

Johnson Barn, 4594 Vine Ave, Sutherland (O'Brien County) - From Sutherland, travel one mile north on County Road M12, and turn right onto 460th Street. Barn was built about 1920 for John Adams, a dairy farmer. It has a footprint of over 2000 square feet. Twin cupolas and horse weather-

vanes are original. Arched rafters had to be hoisted in place with pulleys and horse power. This allowed for access to the loft without support poles.

Hansen Crib, 4015-340th Avenue, Ruthven. (Clay County) - Take N18 four miles south of Ruthven. One-of-a-kind landmark cornercrib, built in 1940s, holds 7000 bushels of ear corn and 4,000 bushels of small grain. In middle is a bucket system that transports ear corn to the top of the cornercrib and releases it into multiple outlets. Grandfather of owner died when owner's father was 18 and he had to take over farm.

Wigdahl Barn 4030 360th Avenue, Ruthven (Clay County) From Ruthven, go 1 mile east on Hwy 18 (360th St), then turn right (south) onto 360th Ave, and go 4.25 miles. The barn was built in the 1930's, 34x64 feet, with red clay tile along the bottom. Two brothers designed a running water system, and milk machines to milk the cows, all without electricity. Later the floor was cemented and the entire barn was converted to farrowing and feeding pigs.

Harvey Barn, 4516 190th Street, Estherville (Emmet County) - Take IA 9 through Gruver. Turn south on N40. Go two miles. Turn east 3/4-mile. Farm was homesteaded in 1899. Dan Harvey's great grandparents built the barn in 1927.



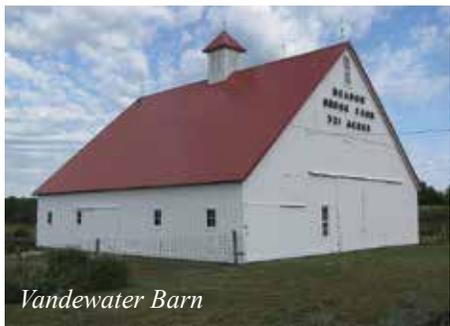
Wigdahl Barn



Harvey Barn

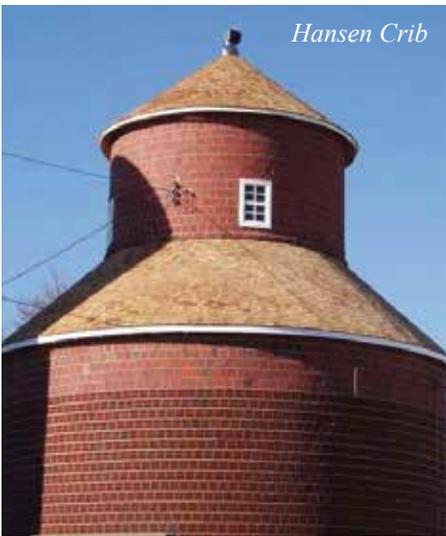
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SOUTHWEST COUNTIES



Vandewater Barn

Vandewater Barn (Meadow Brook Farm), 3100 270th Street, Orient (Adair County) - Between Greenfield and Winterset, take Vinton Avenue (P39) south of IA 92 to 270th Street (G53) and turn right (west). Go one mile west of Hebron Methodist Church. Barn was built by Henry Vandewater in 1911 and has been in the family since. It has notched beams, pegs, mortise and tendon joints and a memorable wooden cupola.



Hansen Crib

CENTRAL COUNTIES



*Rand Faaborg
Barn*

Rand Faaborg Barn, 3490 370th Street, Radcliffe (Hamilton County) – From I-35, near Randall, go east on D65, then north on R77 (Young Avenue), then east on 370th Street. This beautiful cattle barn was built in 1950. It is called a bank barn where the north end is lower than the south end so you can back in to load cattle. It was damaged by the tornado in 2018 and has recently been restored.



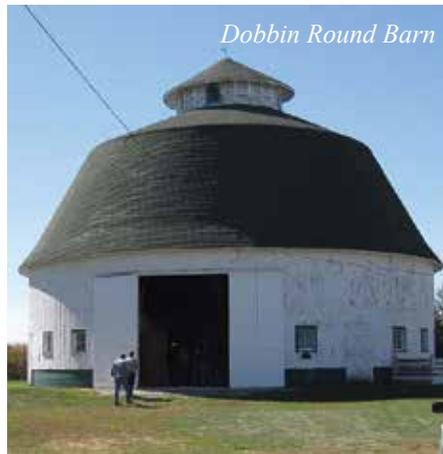
Boriskey Barn

Boriskey Barn, 2115 230th Street, Marshalltown (Marshall County) - At intersection of US 30 and IA 330, go north on IA 330 for 1.3 miles and turn left onto short gravel drive that crosses to county road E41 (230th Street). Turn left again (west) and go 0.7 miles. Barn is on the right (north). Barn known as “long horse barn on 30” was manufactured by Super Structures, Albert Lea, and built in 1958. Has laminated curved rafters. Native lumber in horse stalls.

Dobbin Round Barn, 2551 Brown Avenue, State Center (Marshall County) - From State Center, go west one mile to Cooper Avenue (S52), and turn south. Turn right (west) onto 255th St, then left onto Brown Ave. The 1917 barn was a pre-cut structure designed and made to order by Gordon Van Tine, Davenport,



Twedt Barn

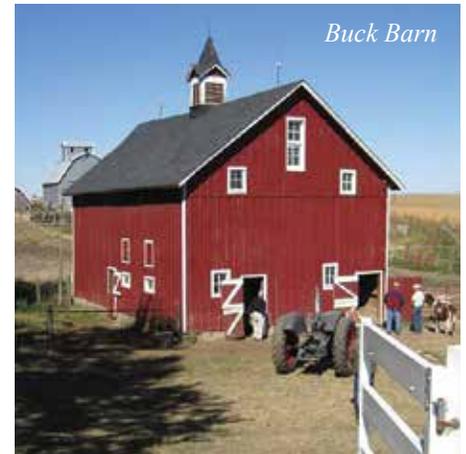


Dobbin Round Barn

for \$6000. Carpenters like Ike Ingersoll and Amos Thompson assembled the numbered pieces into the 65-foot diameter barn with silo in the middle.

Buck Barn, 285th Street, State Center (Marshall County) - From State Center, go west one mile to Cooper Avenue (S52). Go 4.5 miles south to 285th Street. Turn left on gravel. Barn is at first place on left. Barn is an example of how a potential tear-down can be turned into a jewel. It has a wonderful cupola.

New! Lundy Farm, 11450 680th Avenue, Zearing (Story County) - The barn on the Daniel and Lezlie Lundy farm was built in the 1890’s and is a monitor style barn. It was used for horses and



Buck Barn

hay storage. Restoration included some internal structural bracing, wood siding replacement, painting and window replacement. (Award of Distinction).

Twedt Barn, 63645 160th Street, Nevada (Story County) - From junction of E41 (Old Highway 30) and S14 in Nevada, go north on S14 six miles to 160th Street. Turn east onto 160th St, then go 1.5 miles. This barn has 40 two-ply laminate rafters to support its rounded roof so the hayloft is free of posts and beams. Farm was once owned by Hoyt Sherman, brother of the Civil War general. This is an example of how a small barn can highlight a farm.

CENTRAL COUNTIES *(cont.)*



Rimathe Barn

Rimathe Barn, 51349 Highway 210, Slater (Story County) - It's the first farm east of Slater on IA Highway 210. This 30x50 foot barn has been used and beloved by the family since it was built in 1929 by the owner's uncle. The barn was in tough shape after a tornado, but owner, Wayne Rimathe, at great effort, recently restored it.



Uetz Barn

Robert & Carla Uetz Barn, 2011 180th Street, Boone (Boone County) - From US 30, take IA 17 north for five miles (curves and stop signs). Go right (east) at 180th Street one mile just past U Ave. Uniquely framed 36' x 50' barn with large loft was built in 1928 by William Smalley for teams and small dairy herd. Original overhead manure removal system still in place.

Nicholson Barn, 294 240th St, Scranton (Greene County) - From US 30, go south on IA 25, then turn right (west) onto 240th St. The barn was built in the early 1900s by the Nicholson family who settled the farm in 1886. Their descendants have continued to own the farm since that time. The barn is an excellent example of an early, multi-purpose Iowa barn with provisions for grain and hay storage, plus livestock shelter including stalls for draft horses. The barn has pegged beams and a rail and car/rope and pulley system for storing loose hay. The foundation consists of large boulders that are native to the area. The interior of the barn includes log framing.

SOUTH-CENTRAL COUNTIES

McBroom-Hargis Barn, 1218 Highway 169, Winterset (Madison County) - Barn is five miles south of I-80 (Adel, De Soto, Winterset exit) on US 169. Article in Madison County paper (1884) discussed this barn, "It would be the largest barn in this part of the county." It has a wooden track, post and beam, pegs and was designed by I.F. Carter of De Soto.

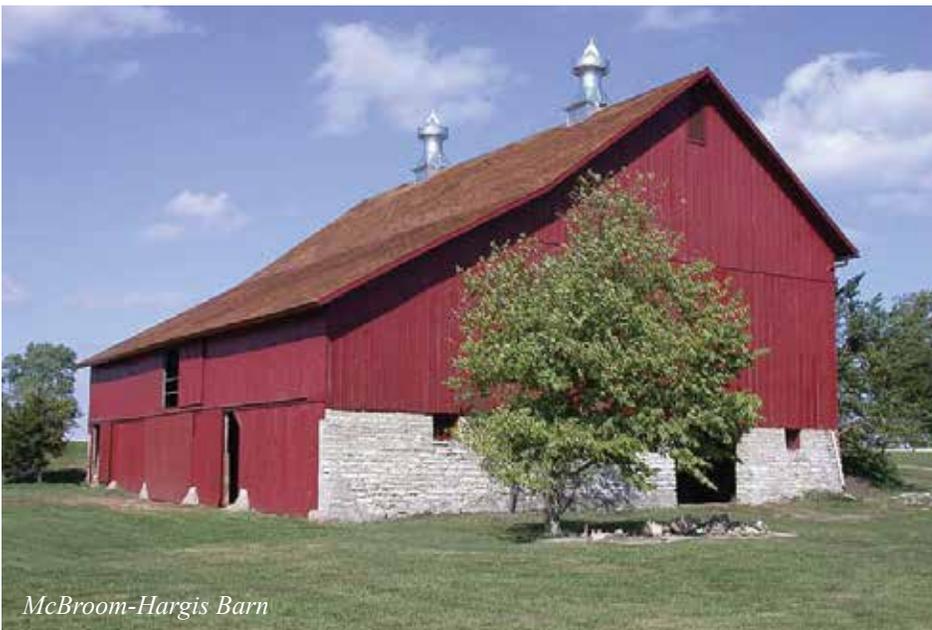
Gillespie Barn, 1257 Highway 92, Winterset (Madison County). Barn was built in 1874 by W.W. George. The property has been in the same family since 1870. It is located on Old Bluff Road which carried early settlers to Council Bluffs.

Jenkins-Randleman Barn, 18012 Highway 5, Carlisle (Warren County) - From Carlisle, go south-east on High-

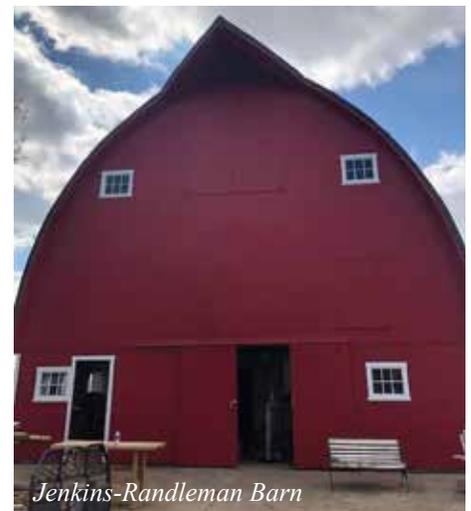


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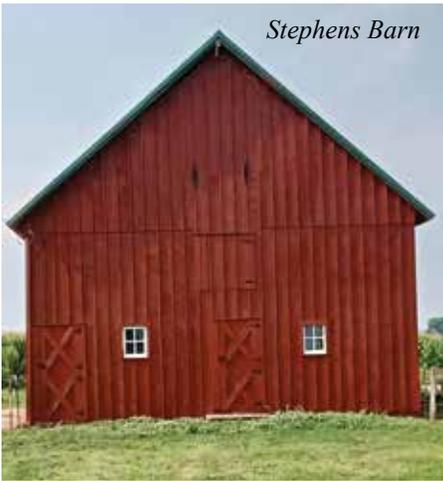
way 5. Dairy barn was built in 1947 out of native cottonwood. It is a landmark in Warren County that was built by the Randleman family who also had a landmark house.



McBroom-Hargis Barn

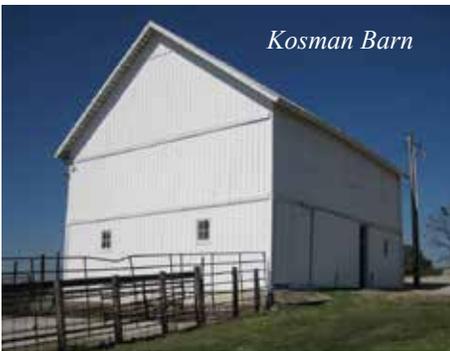


Jenkins-Randleman Barn



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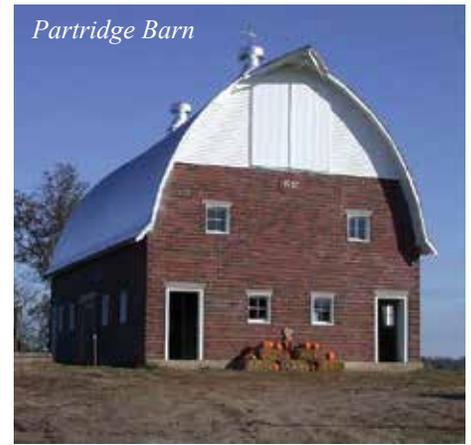
New! Stephens Barn, 1461 28th Avenue, Pleasantville, IA (Marion County) – Located 2 miles West of County Rd S45, between McKimber St and Nevada St, it is the only farm on 28th Ave. The Shadle family were business owners and members of many civic and philanthropic organizations in Pleasantville. It is estimated that the 30' X 40' barn was built between 1880 and 1910. Due to its small size, originally it was used for horses and hay storage. The restoration included replacement of all the exterior siding with Douglas Fir milled and delivered from Idaho. During the restorations process, we uncovered several original door and window openings as well as hay doors that have been re-opened. The barn is currently used for 2 horses and hay storage.



Kosman Barn

Kosman Barn, 10611 240th Avenue, Weldon (Decatur County) - From Osceola, take US 69 south 10 miles to Clarke-Decatur Street (J12). Turn east and go one mile to first gravel road (240th St). Turn south - barn is second house on the west side (right). Barn, built in 1907, was the scene of large barn dances. Barn has always been used for horses and cows.

Partridge Barn, 32086 252th Street, Lineville (Decatur County) - From I-35, go east on IA 2 to Leon and continue 8 miles east of Leon to the intersection of IA 2 and County Road R69 (Woodland Road). Turn right onto Woodland Road and go 5.5 miles to 252nd Street (which is about a mile south of the old Woodland Town site at the intersection of J46). Turn left (east) onto 252th Street (the first left south of Woodland), and the barn is 1/4 mile down the road on the north side. Barn (56x32) built in 1930 by William Massey who wanted the largest and fanciest barn in the area. It was built prior to the Depression and he lost the farm. Blocks delivered by train from Lineville. It was 10 miles by horse and wagon. Barn is in beautiful area.



Partridge Barn

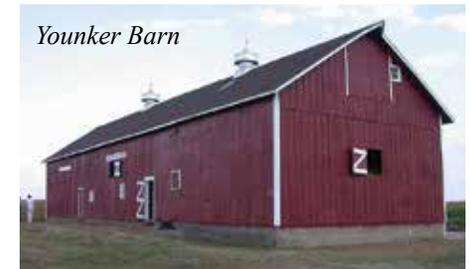
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Birkedal Barn

Birkedal Barn, 1145 330th St, Osage, (Mitchell County) – From Osage, go west on IA 9, then turn left (south) onto Balsam Ave (cnty S70), then left (east) onto 330th Street. This beautiful old barn has been in the Birkedal family for 6 generations and is 7 miles north of Nora Springs. The large barn with the windmill nearby is a landmark in the area. It was important to this family to restore the barn so future generations can have the same fond memories of countless family members who have grown up exploring, playing and working in the barn. The family has also been restoring the old farmhouse and will restore the corncrib as well.

Brown Poultry House, 1971 Bourn Avenue, Rockford (Floyd County) – The two-story Brown Poultry House was built in 1953 for laying hens; it was a state-of-the-art building utilizing labor-saving features. The restoration is authentic, with the exterior made of corrugated tin and all windows reinforced with wire mesh hardware cloth.



Younker Barn

Younker Family Heritage Farm Barn, 25734 Highway 57, Parkersburg, (Butler County) - Three miles east of Parkersburg, on IA 57. This large (112'x30') barn has been in the same family since the barn was built in the late 1800's. Inside the barn is a 16'x24' wooden silo that was manufactured by the Indiana Silo company and was built around 1909. This landmark barn was recently lovingly restored by Eleanor Tostlebe Peterson and family. (Award of Distinction).

The Miller Barn 310 20th Street, SW, Waverly (Bremer County) - on IA 3, west edge of Waverly. It is south of Redeemer Lutheran Church, east of CUNA Mutual campus, and west of Bremwood and Lutheran Services of Iowa. Built in 1914 by W.H. Miller and his brother, Gilbert, it is constructed with locally grown cedar and native oak. The Miller Guernsey Dairy was one of over 20 dairies in Bremer County from 1920 to 1940. The Miller dairy helped supply the local Carnation Company with milk for condensed milk.



Miller Barn



Mikesh Barn

Mikesh Barn, 2714 County Road A14, Decorah (Winneshiek County) - The barn is west of US 52, on County Hwy A14, close to the Minnesota/Iowa boundary. This dairy barn was believed to be built in the early 1900's. It has been painstakingly restored in 2017/2018, by a mother and son who live on the property. They now use the barn for calves and small farm animals.

Blazek Barn, 1755 Ridgeway Boulevard, Lawler (Chickasaw County) - The farm is about 3 miles northwest of Lawler on County V46 / 1755 Ridgeway Blvd. Distinguished large barn had a drive-through center where teams of horses pulled and unloaded full loads of hay. Barn dances were held in mow in early 1900s.

Linderbaum/Palmer Barn, 1206 150th Street, Castalia (Winneshiek County) - From Decorah intersection of IA 9 and US 52, go east on IA 9 for 5.8 miles to Centennial Road. Turn right on Centennial Rd and go 8.4 miles (Centennial



Blazek Barn

Linderbaum/Palmer Barn



becomes W46). Turn left on 150th Street. Go 1.7 miles to Linderbaum/Palmer barn. Rock is from nearby quarry using teams and wagons. Framing of barn was oak harvested from own woodlands. Portable sawmill was brought to saw logs. Some 200-300 men came for a one day barn raising; each man given a new hammer. **No dogs please.**

Kolsrud Barn, 1243 Gjefle Drive, Waukon (Allamakee County) - From intersection of IA 9 and IA 76, 1 mile south of Waukon, travel 4.7 miles east on IA 76 toward Rossville. About 1.7 miles before Rossville turn left on Cardinal Road (gravel). Travel 1.1 mile to north. Turn right onto Gjefle Drive (gravel) and follow it east and northeast for half a mile to the barn. Known as

Kolsrud Barn



Jacob Johnson/Clark, the Kolsrud barn was built in 1870. Jacob Johnson came from Norway and purchased the barn with 80 acres in 1862. He paid \$500 for the farm. Oxen and timber were used in barn from his farm. Rock quarried from 100 yards from barn location. (Award of Distinction).

Hardt Pioneer Barn, 26152 Kayak Road, Farmersburg (Clayton County) - From the intersection of US 18 and US 52, take US 52 south to Kayak Road, then go east on Kayak Road for about 0.6 mile. S.H.F. Schoulte built this barn in 1875 for his livestock. An innovative hay slide was one of the many labor saving devices implemented by Schoulte, which included the corn crib which was attached to one end of the barn.



Hardt Pioneer Barn

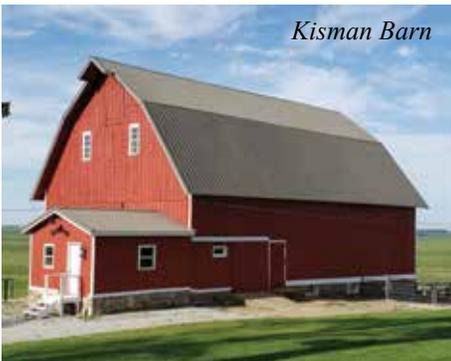
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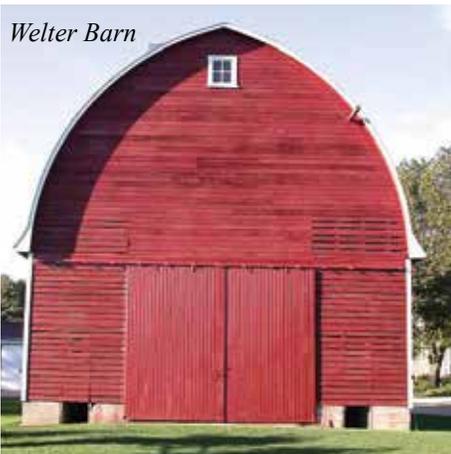
Hayward Barn

Hayward Round Barn, 1520 Hwy V37, Dysart (Tama County) - 3.5 miles north of Dysart on Hwy V37. (Visitors can look at the barn and take photos, but cannot go on the property). Owner's great-grandfather, Charles Hayward, purchased farm in 1881. Barn, built in 1916, is 66 feet in diameter. It may have been constructed by Johnston Brothers Clay Works, Ft. Dodge because of size of clay bricks used.

Kishman Barn, 14918 X Avenue, Cedar Falls, (Grundy County) – From Dike, go east on 160th Street, then turn left (north) onto Cnty T65 (X Avenue and Fredsville Avenue). Built in the mid 1800s as a dairy barn, this barn is still held up by the original rock foundation and has exceptionally long timber that constructed the frame, done with mortise and tennon joints.



Kisman Barn



Welter Barn

Welter Barn, 13725 X Avenue, Cedar Falls (Grundy County) - From Dike, go east on 160th St, then turn left (north) onto County T65 (X Ave and Fredsville Ave). (X Ave is also shown on Google as T65 and Fredsville Ave.) Original blueprints developed by Iowa State University agriculture engineering department. It was built in 1947. Working farm was purchased in 1867 by Ole Johnson and has been in the same family since.

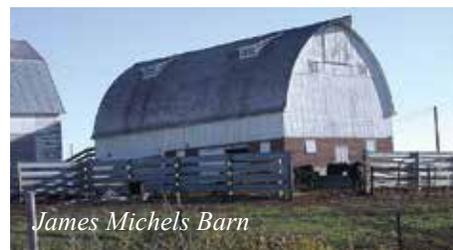


Frost Barn

Frost Barn, 1745 E. Eagle Rd, Waterloo (Blackhawk County) - From La Porte City, take US 218 (La Porte Rd) north, then turn left (west) onto E Eagle Road. Built approximately 1877, and this owner renovated it in 2018. Original use was horses and milk cows, but the barn now houses sheep. The walls are three-foot thick limestone at the base. (Award of Distinction).

James Michels Barn, 1278 Mason Avenue, Stanley (Buchanan County) - From Hazelton (on IA 150), go east on C57 for three miles to Mason Avenue. Turn south and go 3/4 miles. Barn is on the east. Redwood tongue and groove 40'x 80' barn was built in 1947 when the family started raising Angus cattle.

Dighton Round Barn, 3344 120th Avenue, Coggon (Delaware County) - Take paved road (D62) going west out of Coggon (in Linn Cnty) for one mile to Quality Ridge Road. Turn north for 1.5 mile (Quality Ridge Road becomes 120th Ave). Round barn on National



James Michels Barn



Dighton Barn

Register was built in 1914 by Rob Kirkpatrick, grandfather of owner. It is intricate. (Adopt-a-Barn Award).

Steines Barn, 36746 Bellevue-Cascade Road, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Go 1/2 mile west of Bellevue on IA 62. Turn right on Bellevue-Cascade Road (D61) and go 1.5 miles to barn. This simple, primitive barn was built in the early 1900s. (No photo available)

Martin Barn, 12578 222nd Street, Zwingle (Jackson County) – From US 61 south of Zwingle, at Otter's Creek, turn right (west) onto Bellevue Cascade Road (IA-D61) and go four or five miles and cross a bridge. Turn left (south) on 126th Ave and go a half mile to barn. Hand-pegged barn was built in 1880 and is 100x28 feet. Many inside features are hand-carved. Cement stands for draft horses have depressions for each foot. (Award of Distinction)

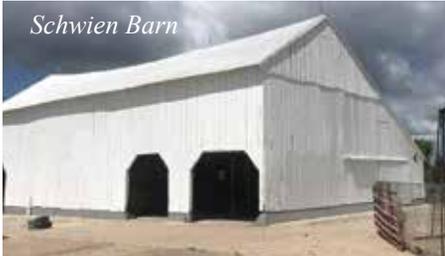
Trenkamp Barn, 893 450th Ave. Preston (Jackson County) - Take IA 64 east out of Preston, turn south onto 450th Ave. Pass cemetery. Barn was built by Justin Berg in 1926. Bernard and Correna Trenkamp purchased the farm in 1945 and used it for dairy cows and horses, and when the horses were no longer needed, the dairy was expanded. When the Trenkamps retired in 1974, Steve and Doris purchased the farm. Steve has been restoring the barn using native lumber when possible. (Award of Distinction).



Martin Barn



Trenkamp Barn



Schwien Barn

Schwien Dairy Barn, 1667 190th St. Clarence (Cedar County) - From Clarence, go south on Cnty X64, then turn left (east) onto 190th Street. Dairy Barn was bought from Cedar County Farm Home and moved to its present location (8 miles) in November of 1979. (Award of Distinction).

Schwien Cattle Barn, 1667 190th St. Clarence (Cedar County) - From Clarence, go south on Cnty X64, then turn left (east) onto 190th Street. Cattle barn was built about 1900 using wooden pegs. It was damaged during a storm in June of 2014. It was repaired with a matching grant from the Iowa Barn Foundation. The current owners bought the farm in 1944 and use the barn for hay storage and cattle.

Schneckloth Crib, 23553 200th Avenue, Davenport (Scott County) - Exit US 61 at Exit 127. Go east on LeClaire Road three miles. Then go south on 200th a half mile. Herbert Schneckloth, prominent Iowa farmer,



Schneckloth Crib



Schwien Barn



Schroeder Barn

whose family emigrated from Germany in 1854, built the landmark round crib in 1926. Work on the 50-foot in diameter structure was done with hand tools. The foundation was dug and poured by hand using a shovel and one-third of a bag of home mix at a time. Handmade forms were used to pour the concrete. The ventilation block tile and matching solid tile were brought from Adel by train and horse-drawn wagons.

Schroeder Barn, 2738 130th Street, Wilton (Muscatine County) - Take Exit 271 off I-80 and go south five miles on IA 38 to 130th Street. Turn left for 1/4 mile. Barn (48x50) was built in 1900 and has roof rafter haymow with haymow door and track intact. The foundation is river rock. The south end of the barn was never painted, so was left that way.

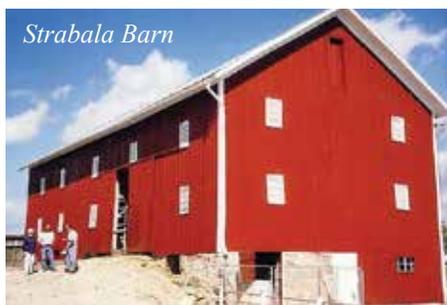
Moershel Buggy Barn (Dennis Zuber), 4454 V Street, Homestead (Iowa County) - V Street is in Homestead

(southeast of Amana), parallel to US 6, east of US 151. Use the driveway at 4454 V Street. Doctor's buggy barn. Built in 1890. House in front of buggy barn was built in 1865 and occupied by the Moershel family. Dr. Moershel was chosen by the society to be trained as a doctor, and the barn housed horses and buggies, ready at all times for the doctor's use. Barn has a local stone foundation, recently reinforced with concrete. The 2-bay garage was added to the barn in 1933.



Moershel Buggy Barn

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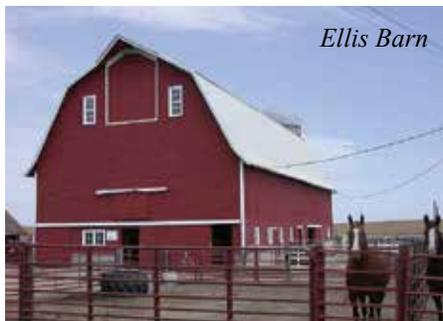
Strabala Barn, 1830 290th Street, Washington (Washington County) - From Washington, go south on IA 1 for 5.5 miles. Turn west on 290th and go one-half mile. The barn is on the right. This large barn was built in the 1920's. Open only on Sunday.

Murphy Barn, 7606 Stony Hollow Road, Burlington (Des Moines County) - Follow IA X99 north from Burlington, then turn west onto Stony Hollow Road (H50). Primitive historic barn has horse stalls, milking area, hog house, corn crib, cattle feeding area, and hay loft. Barn is still used for agriculture. (Award of Distinction).

Rigsby Hill/Parsons Barn, 22055 Hwy 1, Keosauqua (Van Buren) County - On Hwy IA 1, south of Keosauqua Bridge, at the top of the hill on the west side. This is a small, but important, Pennsylvania-style barn built for practical purposes rather than tradition on a gorgeous site above a village. The National Register barn was built in 1869.

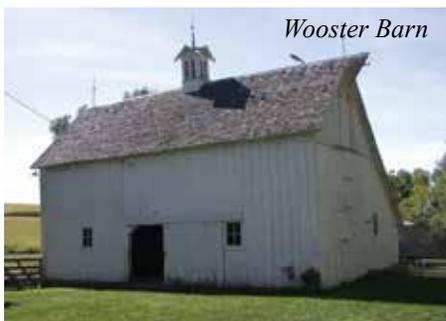


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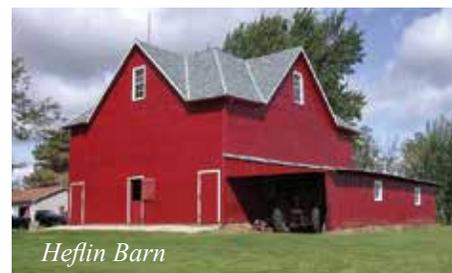


Ellis Barn, 2370 Fletcher Avenue, Lytton (Calhoun County) - The barn is three miles east and 2.5 miles north of Lytton. Landmark red barn, used to raise Red Rock Arabians, is called the "big red barn" by locals. It was built in 1918 and is 40 feet high to the eaves. It has 3x12-inch timbers.

Wooster Barn, 2435 2100th Street, Manning (Shelby County) - From Irwin, take the highway east five miles; turn north on gravel for one mile and turn east for 3/4-miles. From Manning,



go seven miles south on Airport Road on the west side of town. Turn west for 1.75 miles. (Also known as the Manning Barn). Mr. Wooster's grandfather built this barn in 1896. It has always been used in the family farming operation and still is.



Heflin Barn, 837 Orange Road, Harlan (Shelby County) - From the intersection of US 59 and IA 44, go four miles east on IA 44 to Orange road. Then go 1.25 miles south. Farm is on the east side of the road. Once there were several of these unique barns in the area, but this is the only one remaining. The barn, built in 1901, is 40x36 feet. It has been used by four generations of Heflins.

Hinderaker Barn, 2698 Jaguar Trail, Guthrie Center (Guthrie County) - From Guthrie Center, go west on IA 44 for three miles. Turn left on Jaguar and go 4.5 miles south. The original barn was built at the turn of the century. It burned down in 1931, and the present barn was built.

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