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BY JACK SMITH

THE SMITH BARN WAS BUILT IN 1917 BY MY GRANDFATHER JOSEPH SMITH. HE OPERATED A SAWMILL ON THE PROPERTY AND HE CUT AND SAWED THE LUMBER FOR THE BARN.

The actual construction was done by a man named Jack Brehm. He was only 28 years old when he built this beautiful barn. His son Earl told me that he could not continue to work for his boss because that man had a problem with alcohol, so he decided to start his own crew. Jack built several barns after ours and developed a great reputation. His grandchildren remarked that he was a little hard to work for because he demanded perfection.

Joseph Smith was the 3rd generation of Smiths to farm on the site. His mother Julia being the 2nd, her father George came to this farm in 1853. The abstract shows him to actually be the 2nd owner. A man named Horatio Sanford held the original deed. Upon doing some research on Mr. Sanford I learned that he was a very successful land agent in Dubuque in those days. Thousands of acres in northeast Iowa passed from the government through his

office to farmers George Smith being one of many. He acted as an agent for Senator Daniel Webster.

My uncle George Smith was born in 1899. He related to me that Jack Brehm prepared the frame of this barn over the winter previous to its erection. The beams were precut and the holes for the pins were drilled. His crew slept on the lawn during the work week and walked to their home for the weekend. The labor bill was 500 dollars. Sounds pretty fair to me!

Many young boys from this area packed hay in this barn on hot summer days. Most would tell you that hard work like this helped them become the men they are today. My own sons spent summers sweating in this hayloft with me and I remember these days fondly. Filling this big old barn with hay was a gratifying accomplishment. My uncle Ray told me that it would hold 15,000 bales!

Today we use this barn as a calving barn. It is vital to

our cow calf operation. If we did not have this space we would have to replace it. But to me it is much more than that. This barn is a connection to a Grandfather I never had the chance to meet. I wonder at times, why did he build it so large at a time when loose hay was the norm? What were his thoughts insisting that the windows were trimmed in such an ornate manner? This barn has connected my family to the many grandchildren of Jack Brehm who live in this area. What was

the nature of our grandfather's relationship? Who developed the plan?

We in northeast Iowa are so very proud of the beautiful gothic revival churches that dominate our rural landscape. They speak volumes about our ancestors. No one would question efforts to preserve these treasures. What about our barns? Each barn has a story to tell. We'll miss them if they are gone!

The Smith barn was given the Iowa Barn Foundation's Award of Distinction and will be on the all-state tour.



Old buildings have always had a fascination for me, and one in particular will always stand out in my memory. It is a red barn and located about seven miles northwest of Griswold in Wright Township, Pottawattamie County.

An Old Barn Along an Old

The story of this amazing and historic Pottawattamie County barn was written by Fred B. Dewitt and published in the Griswold American February 26, 1958. The ending was a sad one when the 1880 barn burned on April 23, 2003. We are grateful to Sandy Kneisel, Cass County, who sent us the story and to the Griswold American for letting us share it. Stories like this tell us the history of barns and their vulnerabilities.

The barn was built on the south side of the Old Mormon Trail, about a half mile west of Walnut Center in 1880 on land now owned by Wilfred Bates. The present tenant is Warren Kneisel.

The old barn has weathered winter blizzards and summer sun and storms for 78 years. If you should ride past this barn today, you would find it not much different from other barns in the community that were built much later.

It is about the size and shape of the average barn. If you did not know its age or historical background, you would perhaps never give it a second thought.

As the builder is more important than that which he builds, the Passmore Family should be introduced. The first family by that name to migrate from England to America was George Passmore, who came over with William Penn in 1699. George was great grandfather of Samuel B. Passmore, builder of this old barn.

Samuel was reared on his father's farm in Chester County, Pennsylvania. He received his education in a public school. In 1850 he was married to Hannah M. Jackson, native of the same county. They settled on a farm near their old home and in 1855 moved to Bureau County, Illinois where they lived on a farm for 15 years.

They had heard of the vast acres of glowing prairie in Pottawattamie

County and in 1870, when the eastern part of the county was being rapidly settled, followed the Mormon Trail west. They purchased 160 acres of prairie on the north side of the trail, just west of Walnut Creek. They build a one and a half story farm house and a few other buildings. Their first barn was built with poles and a covering of slough grass which grew in abundance along Walnut Creek.

In 1874 they purchased another 160 acres of prairie abutting on the south of the original purchase and south of the Mormon Trail which almost cut the 320 acres in half. Just to the west of the barn they set out 13 acres of native trees. Most of the trees were maples, and they named the farm "Maple Grove". It carried that name as long as the Passmore family lived there.

They also set out some evergreen trees, three acres of apple trees, flowers and shrubs. In a few years it be-



came one of the show places in eastern Pottawattamie County. When the trees in the grove grew tall enough to make some shade, the grove was used as a community center for Fourth of July celebrations and church and school picnics for many years.

The first building done in Griswold was in the late fall of 1879. In the spring of 1880 a lumberyard was established. Before that, most of the building materials were freighted by wagon from Atlantic or Walnut. With a shorter haul for building material, Mr. Passmore decided to build a larger and more durable barn than the old grass-covered pole barn.

He selected the best lumber he could find at the Griswold lumberyard and hauled it to his farm where he and his sons spent most of the spring and summer of 1800 building the new barn.

The barn was built on the south side of the Mormon Trail across from the

house. The foundation was made with limestone blocks hauled from the stone quarry at Sienett. It is built on a side hill, and the wall of limestone blocks on the lower side is about six feet high. The framework is all mortise and pegged; no nails were used in its construction.

The siding and sheeting were put on with square, wrought iron nails, and the best quality wooden shingles were used on the roof. The main part of the barn is 44x46 feet and is 18 feet from the top of the foundation to the eaves. There is a large cattle shed built on the south side of the barn.

Through the years the barn was given the best of care and had been painted many times. It stands as a monument to men who built well, and, with the same kind of attention, should last the century out.

It is now the only building on the farm that was built by the Passmore family. The old house burned down many years ago, and the other buildings either were torn down or just rotted away. More modern building have taken their places.

When the townships in Pottawattamie County were surveyed, most of the roads were located on section lines, but a mile and a half of the old Mormon Trail was left as it is today from a point where the old Village of Whipple was located, running west over Walnut Creek, past the old blacksmith shop and through the Passmore Farm.

For a time, after the Village of Whipple ceased to exist, it looked like a green growth of willows, wild plus, sumac, and wild grapevine would swallow up the old trail. In recent years, the fence rows and the Walnut Creek bottom have been cleared and it now looks like an ordinary country land.

More recent and less famous thoroughfares get the attention and

improvements, and few people travel it today, and it shows no suggestion that it mourns the famished builders and human traffic that once moved along it – the Oregon Settlers, the Mormons, and tens of thousands of pioneer settlers in their prairie schooners and stage coaches, and the old Conestoga wagons with their heavy loads of freight.

The thing that is immortal about this old trail is the quality of hope and endeavor that first cut it across the prairie of Iowa and other states and should be a reminder of the dreams and purposes of those that first shaped it: the builders of a nation.

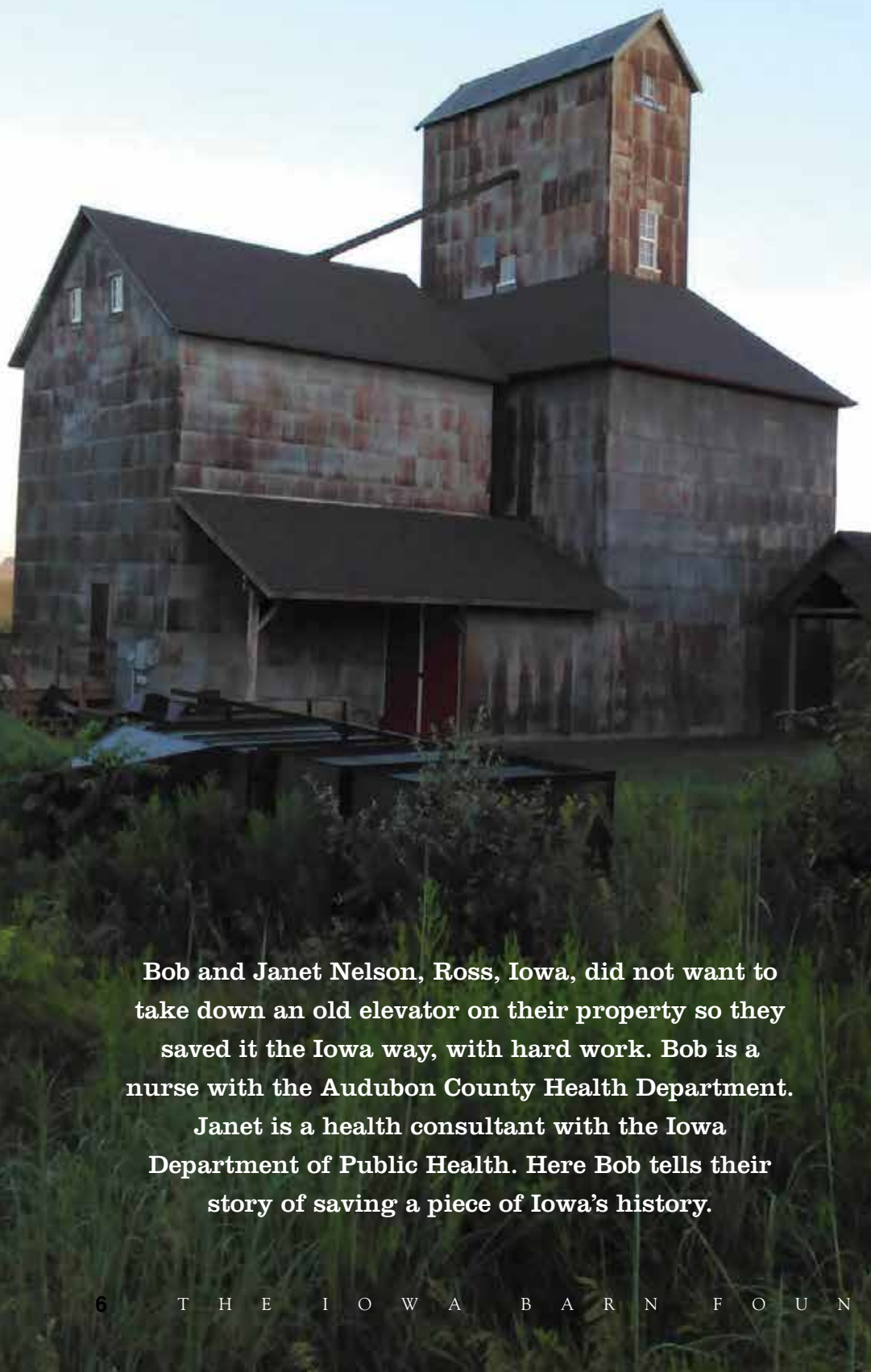
The old trail invites reflections as a new and busy road never does. All the old trails, worthy of a name, whether abandoned or not, have led somewhere beyond the old country store, the blacksmith shop, church, school, or post office, and was once state on a longer journey. They are surely worthy of recognition and suitable markings, and we not only owe this much to those first travelers on the old trails but to generations yet to come.

A few attempts have been made over the years by women's clubs and historical societies, to mark this old trail on a hit-and-miss basis, with temporary markers, but many of the markers have disappeared, with a few markers remaining in western Iowa.

While we spend millions of dollars for new highways, it would seem like the state could provide funds with which to mark old trails which played such an important part in Iowa's early history.

The fact that it is so poorly marked and almost forgotten by many people is proof of the vanity of human effort and it is high time we awaken and put forth a greater effort to get this old trail permanently and uniformly marked across the state.

A Preservation Story **Audubon County**



Bob and Janet Nelson, Ross, Iowa, did not want to take down an old elevator on their property so they saved it the Iowa way, with hard work. Bob is a nurse with the Audubon County Health Department.

Janet is a health consultant with the Iowa Department of Public Health. Here Bob tells their story of saving a piece of Iowa's history.

My wife, Janet, and I purchased the Ross Grain Elevator 2½ years ago. The elevator (called the “old mill” by the old timers) is located near our home in Ross. We often heard people complain about it being an eye sore—that it should come down. When the previous owners asked if we wanted to buy and restore it, we said “yes”. We knew little about barns and even less about restoring an old building, but were certain, if we didn’t purchase the structure, the next owners would tear it down.

We’ve been researching its history and working on its restoration for two years. The project is not complete, but here is a short synopsis.

Wooden grain elevators followed the construction of the railroads and were built approximately every six to seven miles in grain producing states and Canada. Thousands and thousands of these wooden grain bins were built so grain producers could drive their wagons to an elevator and then home the same day.

The Ross elevator was built in 1881 by Civil War veteran, Charles Stuart. After the war, Stuart was employed by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad as a forwarding agent. Part of his job was to determine the location of the railroad through sections of Iowa. Thus, he became a founder or co-founder of several Iowa towns including his namesake, Stuart. He was the largest landholder in Iowa at the time, eventually settling in Audubon County.

We purchased the elevator from the Fred and Betty Seivers family. Fred’s dad had purchased it in the late 1930s for the family farm. The Sievers family continued to use the elevator until the 1970s, but, by then, it had become obsolete.

The elevator complex consists of three buildings: elevator, annex, and



Find more information on the elevator
at www.saverosselevator.com/

and individuals asking for donations. We sent information on the elevator project to newspapers that resulted in stories and created interest. Having the credibility of the Iowa Barn Foundation helped.

The project, including in-kind donations is about \$65,000. (Audubon County Tourism donated \$5,000.)

Much of the work on the elevator and annex have been completed and we will now begin to focus on the scale house. It's a small brick building. The men from Bryan's Barns were helpful with the project.

We've learned — both good and challenging. A project like this takes work, and it's expensive. But, it's the cost of saving history. We hope people now, and through the years, will visit the site and think about farmers bringing in their crops. We have satisfaction in knowing we have contributed to saving a piece of Iowa's agricultural history. Our only reason for saving the elevator is because of history. It cost us a tremendous amount of time and money, and we have no current ideas on how to make a penny in return. Our only goal, since day one, has been to keep it around for another 100 years, and this is already a possibility.

the scale/engine house. The elevator and annex are constructed "crib style". The elevator's cribbing begins with 2x8s on the bottom, 2x6s in the middle, and eventually transitioning to 2x4s at the top. This created an extremely strong building. The scale/engine is double-walled brick.

We are saving the elevator because of its history. This 1.75- acre piece of property once held two grain elevators, train depot, stockyards, cob houses, town dump, and coal shed. The elevator remains. Old timers talked about the long lines of horses and wagons lined up at the elevator at harvest time, the cattle and hog drives from the local farms to the stockyard. They told stories, remembered from childhood, about being frightened of the hobos and gypsies that hung out by near the "east grove".

The elevator complex was in poor condition when we purchased it. The limestone foundation had collapsed, and large sections of the roofs were gone. Siding had blown off exterior walls, and windows were fragile causing damage and rot. The consensus was, "It's too far gone" and "You're foolish to try."

Shortly after purchasing it, we contacted local contractor, Bryan Olson, who said, "Anything made entirely of wood and stone can be fixed."

He added that it just takes time and money.

The most challenging aspect, other than fund-raising, was working within time constraints, the weather, and opportunity costs. Contractors had limited time to work on the project. Due to weather not always being ideal, many days did not coincide with restoration work days. Opportunity costs were tough because money that we would have used for upkeep of our own house were being used on the elevator. We did not go on family vacations.

Instead, the family was involved in painting the windows and doors of the elevator and annex, hand digging tons of old dirt and grain from the basement, power and hand-washing generations of dirt from the walls, sanding, staining and varnishing the annex floors, cleaning hundreds of bricks from the scale house by chopping off the mortar with hatchets, and hours of grunt work.

How could we possibly afford to have it restored? I was aware of the Iowa Barn Foundation and contacted them about their matching grant program. The group had a site visit, and we were awarded \$25,000. The group added more for the annex.

We had to raise matching funds so we created a Facebook and web page about the elevator. We sent hundreds of letters to local and regional businesses



IOWA SPRING TOUR

Please join us

**JUNE
10 & 11**

for our

Spring Tour in Clinton & Jackson Counties

Barns in Jackson and Clinton Counties will be on tour Saturday, June 10, and Sunday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-guided tour, sponsored by the Iowa Barn Foundation, is free and opened to the public.

The annual June Iowa Barn Foundation area tour highlights barns in different counties each year.

A picnic lunch will be served at noon on Saturday at the farm of Dan and Jolene Witt, 4010 220th Street, Clinton. The farm, which the Witts purchased in 1980, is two miles east of Elvira on 220th Street or four miles west of Clinton on 220th Street.

Reservations for the picnic can be made by sending a check for \$10, made out to the Iowa Barn Foundation, to: Ann Harvey, 3835 34th Street, Des Moines, IA 50310.



The Dyas Barn

JACKSON COUNTY BARNs INCLUDED IN TOUR:

Dyas Octagon Barn

Dyas Octagonal Barn was built by Edward Samuel Dyas in 1920. His father, Robert, developed the land he called Christian Valley into five farms, one for each son. The land was known as "The E.S. Dyas and Sons Riverview Farms". The barn is 50-feet in diameter. The roof with its central cedar silo is self-supporting. The barn is on the National Register of Historic Places (see NRHP web page). From the National Register application: "One of four known round barns with an original flat or near flat roof built on an Iowa farm. Built during the peak construction years for round barns and the period of most frequent experimental design variation, 1910-1920, this barn

reveals the great variety and personal expression found within the round barn thematic group."

Directions: 41279 243rd Street – Barn is on the south edge of Bellevue just off Highway 52.

Jackson County Poor Farm & Insane Asylum

Jackson County poor farm and insane asylum. This poor farm building was built in 1870 from locally quarried limestone, to shelter people who were labeled "incurably insane" by the state. (The poor farm consisted of 160 acres when it was purchased by Jackson County for \$6000 in 1858). In 1883 a large brick residential home was completed across the road and for a time the stone asylum was used as a schoolhouse, and orphaned children were kept in the upper level in barred cells, which can still be seen on the upper level. The poor farm in early years was self sufficient, then later the land was rented out. Smaller animals were raised and then sold. According to a story dated Oct 28, 1911, this stone building was completely converted into agricultural use – the second floor was cemented



Poor Farm

and used as a hog house. It was quite a spectacle to see pigs run up and down a ramp on the outside of the building! A story in the *Quad City Times*, August 6, 1975, described the raising of chicken and rabbits on the first floor.

This multi-use building was restored in 1993. A reconstructed stairway was installed in 2016. It is on the NRHP, is one of Iowa's Great Places, and is the only building that remains of the Jackson County poor farm.

Directions: Barn is northwest of Andrew and on the eastern side of County Road Y61.

Fowlers' Hillcrest Barn

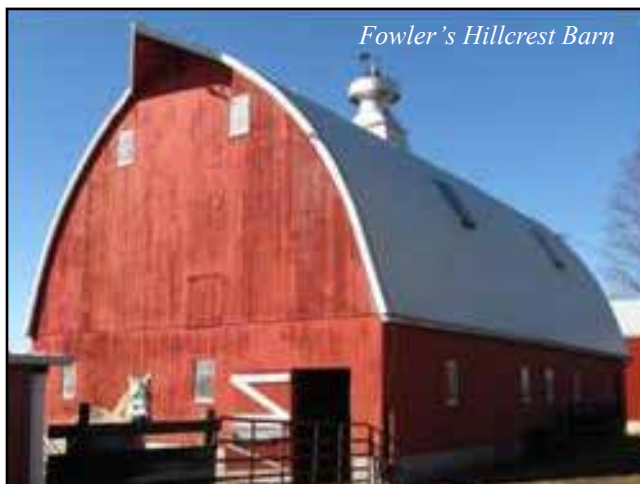
Fowlers' Hillcrest Barn. Barn was built in 1940 by Gus Klemme, well-known area barn builder. It has four-inch tongue and groove siding and original milking stanchion and horse stalls. Pine rafters were handcrafted using a jig on the floor of the haymow. It has post and beam construction.

Directions: 2715 100th Street, Maquoketa. Go five miles east of Maquoketa on IA 64 (or 10 miles west of Preston). Turn south on 288th Avenue, travel to 100th Street, and turn right. Barn is to the left on Hillcrest.

Stewart Family Barn

Stewart Family Barn is a Civil War barn and is a good example of primitive construction. It is wooden pegged and has numerous timber beams. Tree branches placed side-by-side created a floor for loose hay. The barn has been in the Stewart family for 150 years. Former state senator, Roger Stewart and his family received the Heritage Farm Award in 2016.

Directions: 3936 317th Avenue, Preston. Go eight miles east of Maquoketa on IA 64 or seven miles west of Preston. Turn north on 317th Avenue. Travel one mile. Barn is on the left.



Fowler's Hillcrest Barn



Stewart Family Barn

Trenkamp's "Lone Ranger" Barn

Trenkamp's "Lone Ranger" Barn is a large (40 x 80 feet) wainscoted-sided horse and dairy barn built in 1926. The farm was known in the past for a large outdoor lighted Christmas display. Floodlights on life-size cutouts of Lone Ranger and Tonto standing in the yard cast a traffic-stopping forty-foot silhouette of the Lone Ranger on the side of the barn. The milking room is still in tact. The family filled stanchions three times each morning and night to milk their prized herd of 75 Holstein cows.

Directions: 893 450th Avenue, Preston. Go one mile east of Preston on IA 64 and turn right on 450th Avenue. Travel one mile; barn is on the left.



Trenkamp's Before Renovation



Stromeyer Barn

Stromeyer Barn

The Stromeyer Barn was built by brothers Henry, Otto, and William F.H Stromeyer using hand-sawed lumber from native cottonwood trees. It included 12 wooden milking stanchions, hayloft, and area for workhorses. There are seven natural, unhewn timber beams and remnants of a recycled split-rail fence that help to support the hayloft. The barn has 96 windowpanes and forty doors. It has always been painted gray with white trim and hay hood at each end to complement the high peaks.

Directions: 37647 Iron Bridge Road, Spragueville. Go west of Preston on IA 64, then turn north on CR Z20 to Spragueville, where you turn left (west) onto Iron Bridge Road (CR E23Y).



Trenkamp's After Renovation

BARNs ON TOUR IN CLINTON COUNTY INCLUDE:

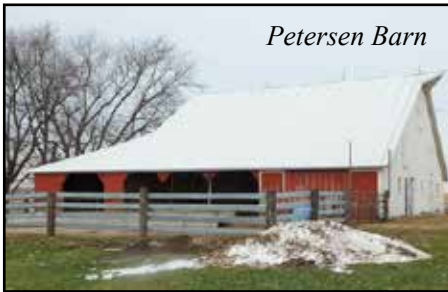


McGarry Barn

Leo McGarry Barn

McGarry Barn, a lovely bank barn, was built in 1884 by Leo McGarry's great grandfather, John. It has housed livestock and stored hay for 130 years.

Directions: 2158 330th Avenue, DeWitt. Take 220th St (CR F12) about five miles west of Elvira, then turn north on 330th Avenue.



Petersen Barn

Petersen Barn

Petersen Barn, a hip-roofed barn (56 x 75 feet), was built in 1900 by Buzzy Wiese and housed cattle, hay, and straw. A corn-crib (20 x 40 feet) was built in 1958. The overhead wood bins hold 4000 bushels of corn. Side storage for ear corn holds 5200 bushels.

Directions: 2192 345th Avenue, DeWitt. Take 220th St (CR F12) about four miles west of Elvira, then turn north on 345th Avenue.



Geffers Barn



Cousins Barn

Cousins Barn

Cousins Barn was built in the early 1900s and has been used for livestock feeding through the years.

Directions: 2854 262nd Street, DeWitt. It is on the east side of Highway 61. Follow IA Y68 (old US 61) to just south of the US 30 interchange, then turn east onto 262nd Street.



Geffers Barn

Geffers Barn, was built in early 1900s by Hugo Geffers for cattle and hogs. Along with the barn there is an elevator corn crib which was built sometime later.

Directions: 2130 190th Street, DeWitt. Four miles west of Welton on 190th St (CR E63, which crosses US 61 at the south end of Welton).

IOWA BARN FOUNDATION

2017 All-State Barn Tour

*Our 17th year of
All-State Barn Tours*
8:30am-5pm

Saturday
September
23

Sunday
September
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The self-guided tour, free and open to the public, features historic and interesting barns that have been restored with Iowa Barn Foundation matching grants or have been given awards of distinction by the foundation. Barns receiving awards of distinction have been restored by owners according to foundation guidelines. Information on the tour will appear in the next Iowa Barn Foundation magazine and on the Iowa Barn Foundation web site.

GRANT APPLICATION FOR SMALL BARNs

The Iowa Barn has a program to encourage the preservation of small barns in Iowa. Owners with barns that qualify will be encouraged to take advantage of Diamond Vogel's 40 percent off retail price for paint bought by members of the Iowa Barn Foundation. Owners will be eligible for a \$500 grant to go toward paying for preparation needed before painting.



BY GINNIE HARGIS



IOWA BARN FOUNDATION IS GOING TO THE IOWA STATE FAIR

Ron McBroom and Ginnie Hargis, Winterset, are long-standing Madison County barn representatives. A few years back they volunteered to organize the Iowa Barn Foundation booth at the Iowa State Fair — a big job that has meant hard work but has brought raves from everyone.

Here Ginnie tells about their work — and asks for volunteers.

Our role is to get volunteers to sit in the booth and talk with visitors about the Iowa Barn Foundation. We set up a display to draw attention to our booth. For those who don't know about IBF, we explain what it is and encourage them to join the effort to help save Iowa's barns. For us, there is satisfaction in answering questions folks have about the foundation and barn preservation

For several displays, we used a ½ inch scale model of our barn. In 2015 we had a one- inch scale model of our neighbor's barn. We began entering the competition in the Heritage Division in Pioneer Hall so that we would qualify for a booth. All we needed was a display of 10 or more antique items. We try to display barn-related items. Two years ago, we won a white ribbon, and this past year we received a red ribbon. The prize money was donated to the foundation.

We worked out a new display for 2016. Early in the spring, Brian Vandewater, the Adair County Rep for IBF,

stopped by to talk about our plans for the fair. He suggested a video/DVD showing the barns that would be on the IBF Fall Tour. He wondered if a monitor/All-In-One computer might work. We all thought it would; as long as IBF web-master, Jeff Fitz-Randolph, could get programming done for a continuous scrolling of the barns.

We would need a cabinet or something to hold it. Ron thought it should look like a barn!

We had our assignments, Brian worked on getting a computer and getting it it programmed to show the barns and/or access the IBF website for grant guidelines, etc. Ron worked on building a barn front with an opening for the computer. I helped Ron and come up with our display of antiques/primitives.

Ron built the barn front with a sliding hay mow door. The computer would be mounted on the back and would show through the door. Brian built a steel bracket to bolt the computer in place. Ron shingled the roof and built a fence with cedar posts to define our barnyard and to also stabilize the barn.

The barn front was about eight feet wide and eight feet tall. Because it would have to be loaded on a trailer, hauled into the fairgrounds, carried into Pioneer Hall. and set up in our booth, Ron thought it best to build it in two sections and then re-assemble once in Pioneer Hall.

We had barn magazines from prior years available for people to take and business cards with the dates of the IBF Fall Tour that Brian V. had printed. We estimated that we gave out about 700 of them.

We had a lot of good comments about the display and especially the slide show of the barns that were to be on the Fall Tour.

We will soon be thinking about the booth at the 2017 State Fair We hope you will consider volunteering at our booth. It really is a great way to meet nice people who also want to talk about barns. All shifts are filled on a "first requested, first filled" basis. We hope you will join our effort.

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Shortly after the Iowa Barn Foundation was launched in 1997, board member, Dr. Neil Harl, agricultural economist at Iowa State University, said, “We need to have county representatives—a representative for each county.” And, so the Iowa Barn Foundation started recruiting barn-interested folks to take on those jobs. The board started with folks they knew, like dairyman, Joe Lyon, Toledo, now in his eighties and still on the board.

The board learned about county representative candidates from tours, from hearsay, and from notes from interested folks inquiring about the foundation. One man called to offer wood from an old barn he was going to take down. He was talked into restoring the glorious, historic family barn as well as being a county representative.

The county representatives encouraged interest in barns which they saw vulnerable what with a diminished role on the farm. Many of the representatives had grown up working in the family barn and cared that they were preserved so people today would appreciate their history and important role in making Iowa the premier agriculture state. Representatives took calls from county residents inquiring about grants given by the Iowa Barn Foundation. They have looked for interesting barns in their county that

might be part of a tour or eligible for a grant.

Then the Iowa Barn Foundation started all-state and county barn tours. The first was orchestrated by Winneshiek and Allamakee representatives, Marlene and Duane Fensterman. They worked tirelessly finding historic barns in northeast Iowa. So many folks attended the tour from Iowa and beyond that they ran out of capons that were being served for lunch. The work of the Fenstermans is enduring. Later the *New York Times* ran a major story on the barns in that area, and people come from everywhere to see the northeast Iowa barns.

Through the years county representatives have organized tours in many counties. The Iowa Barn Foundation all-state tour has become an annual event that folks look forward to and enjoy.

Coordinating a county barn tour is one of the roles of a county representatives. (This would probably only happen once.)

A county representative is a contact in the county for folks wanting to know about Iowa Barn Foundation barn preservation grants.

The representative is a friend to barns that need to be discovered and preserved.

The representative is a “barn historian” sending interesting information on historic barns in their county to

the foundation and to the Iowa Barn Foundation Magazine.

And, the representative is a recruiter of barn-interested folks encouraging them to get involved with barn preservation.

If a barn in the county has received a grant and is on the all-state barn tour, the county representative can assist if any coordination is needed.

The Iowa Barn Foundation is twenty years old. Some of our devoted county representatives have “retired” from their duties. The foundation hopes that barn-enthusiastic folks will sign up to replace them. The foundation will help each new recruit so it's an easy transition. A list of present county representatives is printed on page one. Thus, counties not on this list need representatives.

We hope that you will consider signing up and joining our effort. It's really about being a contact. If you have questions, call the Wayne Rimathe (see below).

A county representative can be proud for contributing to Iowa's history—to America's history.

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