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JOE LYON DEDICATED TO DAIRY

As a farmer and as a leader in the dairy industry.

n the early 1930s, Joe started milking cows on the family farm near Toledo. His father, Earl, and uncle, Bob, raised purebred hogs, but also kept four or five cows. Joe was seven when he milked his first cow.

"I felt pretty big. It was men's work," he remembered.

With the family labor force increased, Earl added more cows even though he preferred hogs to cattle.

"It was a case of whether you wanted to eat or not, Joe remembered. Having dairy gave you a milk check every couple of weeks. We needed that to survive."

Joe has lived the history of dairy up close. He remembers the drought in the thirties which he called a "tough one." He experienced milking go from being done by hand, to milk bucket, to bulk tank, to refrigerated tank that takes the milk to a processing plant or cheese factory.

Through the years, the Lyon herd grew to 300. He noted that for awhile 400 to 500 cows would maintain a good dairy farm.

"Now people are talking 3,000 cows. Where all of this goes, I'm not sure. Evolution does not stop. They are going for 1,000 to 3,000 cows. It's a challenge for the smaller dairyman. He or she has trouble increasing capital to increase the herd. There's the problem of caring for the manure problem in a healthy way."

Joe, now 89, milked every morning and night through the years. He also served on the board of the American Jersey Cattle Association and the National All Jersey Cattle Association. He was head of a committee that set up dairy research centers around the country. He helped in changing the payment formula for the dairy farmer — from payment for butterfat to payment for butterfat and protein.

Meanwhile, Joe and his wife, Norma, a folk heroine in Iowa as the "butter cow lady" at the Iowa State Fair, raised nine children. Joe believes the dairy farm was the perfect venue for encouraging values, honesty, and the work ethic. All of the Lyons have been successful. Three have been dairy farmers. Joe and son, Eric, have been cutting back, currently with 150 cows.

"This time the small dairies have to make a decision. I didn't think it would come this fast. They have robots and rotary parlors. Some can't keep up. If they are near a city or town, they can go back to processing themselves. People come and buy farm raised. But some small farmers are out of business. Our situation is typical. Our family is gone. The interest in milk cows is not there. We are at another stage. We are milking fewer cows and don't know where we are going to land."

Joe's grandchildren are not interested in dairy.

His son, Eric was his partner in the Toledo barn for years, but now 62, he is easing into the beef business.

"I don't know if he has any cows left."

"If you are past your working days, you accept it, but it's sad. I can't milk, so I have no reason to expect the kids to milk cows. I got over being in the dairy business fast. I miss it, but I can't do the work and can't impose it on my family."

"There will be dairy farms, but they will not be as I've known them for a lot of years."

Lyon brothers milking...back then



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Roger Ramthun HISTORY OF PEGS

Roger Ramthun has never had a farm or owned land, but he has spent his life dedicated to barns and farm life. This devotion started while growing up on a farm in Calhoun County that was homesteaded by his great, great, great grandfather, Frederick Ramthun and handed down generation to generation. Growing up, he listened to his grandfather, Harry, had pointed out every groove and peg in the barn and detailed the history of the barn "big enough to house dairy cows and 4H calves."

Roger's father, Leonard, farmed the land while working in a grain elevator in order to support his wife and six children. Roger happily fell in line and helped on the farm.

This life suddenly came to an end in 1978 when Leonard, 47, died of cancer leaving his wife and six children without an income. "We wanted to buy the farm, but we didn't have enough money. People bought it and tore down the barn before we could say anything."

The farm was sold. As time went on, the barn, house, and other buildings were burned or torn down. When Roger returned to look at what was left of the farm, he recalled, "It hurt me as badly as losing my dad. We walked there and stood where the house was... where every building was."

Roger had wanted to be a minister, but money was limited. Since he had no land for farming, Roger instead got a teaching degree. Unable to find a teaching job in his beloved Iowa, he took a teaching job in Juanita, Nebraska for the next two years.

When he was not in the classroom, Roger worked on Juanita area farms fixing irrigation pipe and rounding up cattle.

AND GROOVES

"Farming was in my blood," he said.

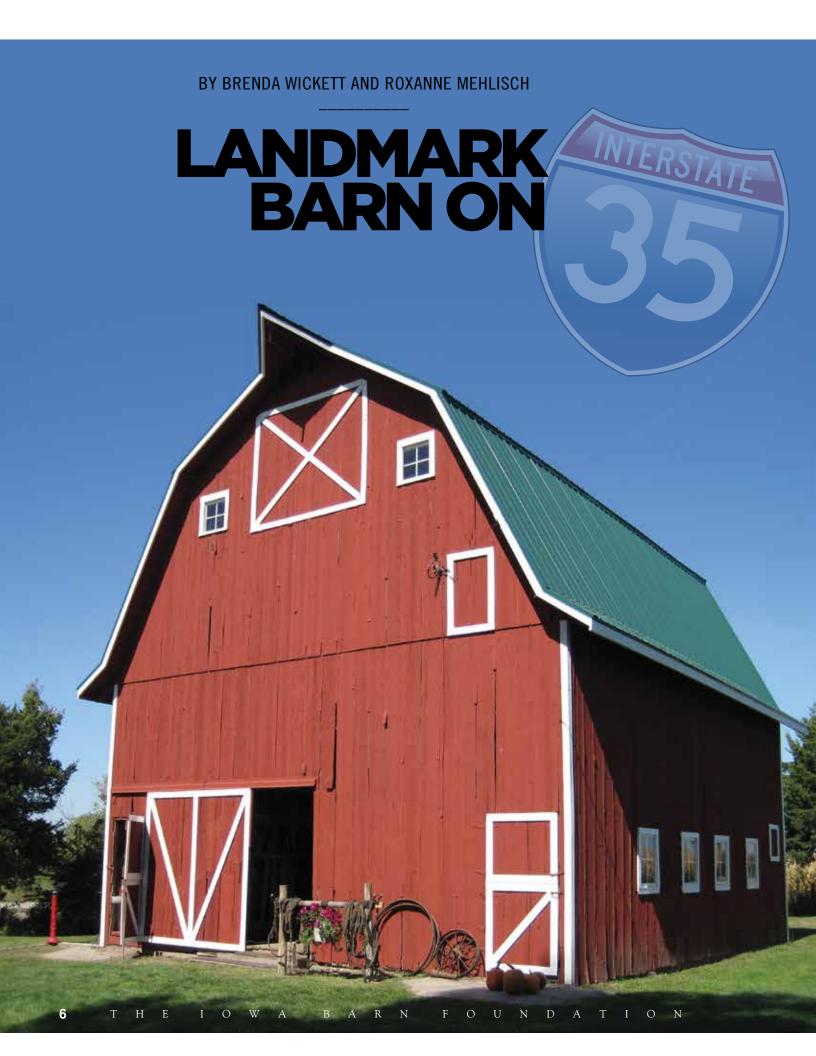
After finding a job in Leon, lowa, he relocated and stayed for 11 years all the while working part-time on a farm. It was there where he met his wife, Susan. In 1983 they moved to Charles City where, again, he taught school and worked for farmers.

"The best part of life was when you plowed ground at night and the moon was shining. I could shut off the lights and see better." He taught in Charles City for 18 years. Meanwhile, he read about the Iowa Barn foundation and offered to be Floyd County representative promoting barn preservation. In the early days of the Iowa Barn Foundation, Roger offered to be Floyd County representative.

"I was ecstatic," he said. "We didn't need vacations. We went to see barns. I never had a farm. I never owned any land. I just worked for farmers."

His hobby is looking at barns. He sees a barn from the road and he just stops. "I like to stop and see one barn on any trip. I see some taking holse and people taking care of them."

Roger's interest in barns has never dwindled. Through the years his wife joined him in his enthusiasm for barns. He is so committed to barn preservation that he and Susan recently donated \$5000 to the Iowa Barn Foundation. Now, Roger feels like he owns barns— Iots of them. He is always pleased when he sees improvement being made to barns.





Seven miles south of Osceola or seven miles north of Van Wert, almost straddling I-35 is a proud red barn holding within its walls an amazing history that is a microcosm of Iowa.

Many passersby have called it the most nostalgic site on I-35.

The story of this barn began in the 1800s when George Marshall immigrated from Knottinghamshire, England, and settled on a small farm on the northwest corner of Weldon in Clarke County. In 1902, his youngest son, Ed, bought nearby vacant land from the government and built the 32x38 foot barn (48 feet high) barn on the east end of a large pasture.

The barn sits on four footings, one-foot off the ground with three-inch plank flooring. It has four box stalls and a small oats bin and corncrib on the west side of the barn. The haymow floor is raised three-feet over the center aisle to give headroom for shoveling grain off a wagon. Grapple hay forks and trolley still glide on the track that runs the length of the barn.

In 1942, Ed's youngest son, Alfred, purchased the farm from the estate. A new footing was poured on the west and north sides of the barn for a lean to for cattle in 1945. But. the tranquility of the farm was erased in 1965 when the Iowa Highway Commission condemned 21 acres of land splitting the farm in two. The barn was on the west side within 100 feet of the road easement.

The farm was no longer the beloved farm the family had cherished and worked for 88 years. Devastated, they sold it.

Fortunately, the barn survived. The new owner only wanted the farm ground, but he liked the barn. He fenced off six acres to save the barn, house, and outbuildings.

The property was sold several times over the years, but the attractive barn remained. Members of the Iowa Barn Foundation often noticed the barn. "Couldn't that barn be a wonderful landmark on the freeway?" they asked. They spent two years trying to locate the current owner. Their research led to Larry Blake, who bought the barn in....

Larry and his wife, Patricia, had moved to Iowa from southern California, where Larry had been in the construction business. Patricia found the farm for sale on the internet. "The barn could give Larry something to do," said Patricia.

In the end, the barn became the reason for buying the farm. The Midwest location was also important. Larry had grown up on a farm that is now part of Moraine Hills state Park in Illinois. Patricia had grown up in Chicago and later lived in Minnesota. The farm is sort of an equidistant location.

Larry took on the challenging restoration of the barn. The most difficult task was painting it. "I did it myself, and didn't have mechanical tools," he said.

Neighbors, thrilled that the barn was being restored, offered him old boards to fill in where some were missing. Raves of appreciation still come from neighbors. And, there have been travelers on I-35 who have looped around to see the barn up close.

George Marshall"s great-great granddaughters, Sheryl Marshall and Brenda Wickett, became friends with Larry and Patricia and have reminisced about childhood days in the barn feeding cows, running ears of corn through the shredder, and playing in the oats bin. They love to talk about Buster, the gentle bull that inhabited the first stall.

The barn received an award of distinction from the Iowa Barn Foundation, an award given to owners who restore their barns on their own, and the barn is featured on the foundation's annual tour held September 22 and 23 of this year.

Larry will remind guests, "Anyone who owns a barn or has influence over one — remember that the past has a story to tell only if it has a future."

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BARNALL-STATE **FOUR**



Most barns on tour have been restored with matching grants from the Iowa Barn Foundation. Other property owners received awards of distinction from the foundation for restorations they undertook themselves.

The lowa Barn Foundation is an all-state non-profit organization founded in 1997 by a group of folks with Iowa roots. It raises money from individuals, foundations, and corporations to

give matching grants to property owners to restore their barns. The barns must be restored as closely as possible to original. The property owner must sign a perpetual easement when receiving a grant. Celebratin our **18th** y

This is the only group of its kind in the country.

The purpose of the tour is to encourage barn preservation in the state, to teach young people about lowa's rich agricultural heritage, and to renew pride in this unique heritage. Owners will discuss the barns and their histories at many stops. Visitors are expected from around the country. The effort has encouraged barn preservation throughout lowa and beyond.

The tour is free although donations to support the foundation's work are appreciated.

For information: www.iowabarnfoundation.org

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Barn Tours



Lyon, Oscelo, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Sioux, Obrien, Clay, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Cherokee, Buena Vista, Pocahontas, and Humboldt



Ackerman Barn, 6357 Hwy 9 Ocheyedan (Osceola County) - One-half mile north of Ocheyedan on corner of L58 and IA 9. On the Todd and Susan Ackerman farm are barn and smaller "matching" hog house built between 1915 and 1918. The barn is 84x36-feet; the hog house is 56x24-feet. At one time two Russian carpenters lived in the haymow of the hog house.

Jones Barn, (no photo available), 2138 Verdin Avenue, Ocheyedan (Osceola County) – From US 59, turn east on A34 (220th Street) and go to Verdin Avenue. Turn north on gravel for nine miles. Barn is ½ mile north on east side of road. One of the largest barns in the area was built in 1917 and is unusual.

Battaglioli Barn, 4819 480th Street, Granville (O'Brien County) - From Granville, take IA 10 east two miles. Turn south on Monroe and drive two

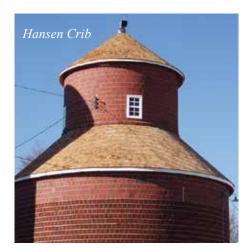






miles to 480th Street. Then travel east one quarter of a mile. This distinguished barn highlights an area.

Johnson Barn, 6610 460th Street, 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 weathervanes 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.



Ferguson Barn, 40415 130th Avenue, Laurens (Pocahontas County) - Barn is 3.75 miles straight north of Laurens at 40415 130th Avenue. Barn and landmark "conehead" crib were built in 1912. Elevator still works.

Hansen Crib, 4015-340th Avenue, Ruthven. (Clay County) - Take N18 four miles south of Ruthven. One-ofa-kind landmark corncrib, built in 1940's, holds 7000 bushels of ear corn and 4000 bushels of small grain. In middle of crib is a bucket system that transports ear corn to the top of the corncrib and releases it into multiple outlets. Grandfather of owner died when owner's father was 18 and he had to take over farm.

Dreyer Barn, 102 310th Street, Fenton (Kossuth County) - From the south side of Fenton, turn west on County Road B19. Go 3/4-mile west to second place on south side of road. Barn was built in 1903 and used as dairy barn until 1944. There is a 1000-gallon wooden water storage tank in hayloft. Manure unloading system is intact.



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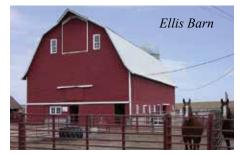
Belfrage Barn, 2410 Port Neal Road, Sergeant Bluff (Woodbury County) -Take Port Neal exit off of I-29 then go "WEST" 2 miles to the first intersection. Turn right and go two miles north. Farm is on the right. Owner's great-grandfather, John Belfrage, served in the Civil War, and bought the land on which this barn stands in 1875. A carpenter named Aaron Gunderson built the barn on the land in 1910.

Conover Barn, 5315 190th Street, Holstein (Ida County) - From Holstein travel 1.5 mile west on US 20. Turn south on L67 and go three miles. Turn left on 190th. It is the first place on north side of road. Barn was built around 1900 and used by C.B. Conover and his son, C.B., Jr., for their outstanding Belgian draft horses. Harry Linn, Iowa's secretary of agriculture, gave draft horse demonstrations here. (Award of Distinction).





Clancy Barn, 1866 Marengo, Pomeroy (Calhoun County) – At the intersection of IA 4 and IA 7. The barn was built in 1948 by Lee and Maureen Olson, along with local carpenter George Julifs. Maureen and Lee put pieces of the barn together in the machine shed prior to erection of the building. In 1962 the farm was purchased by Leo and Geraldine Clancy of Pomeroy. Geraldine and Maureen Olson were sisters. Leo Clancy was one of the charter members of the Iowa Charolais Association. formed in 1961. Leo also served as the Charolais superintendent at the Iowa State Fair for 25 years.



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 and 3x12-inch timbers.

Owens Family Farm, 3747 Jennings Avenue, Lake City – (Calhoun County) - On the east side of N41, two miles south of Lake City. The large barn was built in 1958 by William Owens for his Angus cattle, corn, and soybeans. Once, after a storm, he increased the size a bit. The windows are original. The band, *In Rooms*, will play from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday.







Renze Barn, 22695 Highway 71, Carroll (Carroll County) - Three miles west of Carroll on US 71. Farm was known as "Old Mattes Place." Interesting landmark barn.

Sextro Crib, 12708 280th St, Manning (Carroll County) - From Carroll, eight miles west on US 30, nine miles south on M68, one-fourth miles west. Landmark corn crib was built early 1900s. One of the oldest cribs in the area.

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. Mr. Wooster's grandfather built this barn in 1896. It has always been used in the family farming operation and still is.

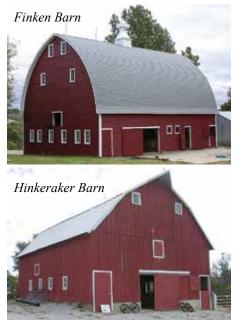




Heffin Barn, 837 Orange Road, Harlan (Shelby County) - From the intersection of US 59 and IA 44, go four miles east on IA 44 to Orange road. Then go 1.25 miles south. Farm is on the east side of the road. Once there were several of these unique barns in the area, but this is the only one remaining. The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

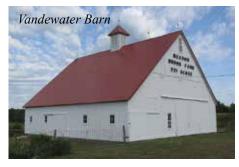
Finken Barn, 3005 335th Street, Logan (Harrison County) - Take I-80 west to I-680 and get off at Exit 21 (Beebeetown and L34). Go north on L34, then turn east onto F66 and go 1.5 miles. Land has been in family since 1892; barn was built in 1917. Roof has laminated rafters which were raised into place with gin pole and horses. Each rafter is five boards thick bolted together and cut in curved shape. Barn was in tear-down condition when it was restored.

Hinderaker Barn, 2698 Jaguar Trail, Guthrie Center (Guthrie County) - From Guthrie Center, go west on IA 44 for 3 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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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.

NORTH-CENTRAL COUNTIES Winnebago, Worth, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Wright, and Franklin

Tenold Barn, *(no photo available),* 4356 Wheelerwood Road (frontage road), Northwood (Worth County) - Barn is 3.5 miles south of Highway 105. Family farm and barn, built at the turn of the century, is across from what was the town of Tenold, which was on the Iowa map until 1960.



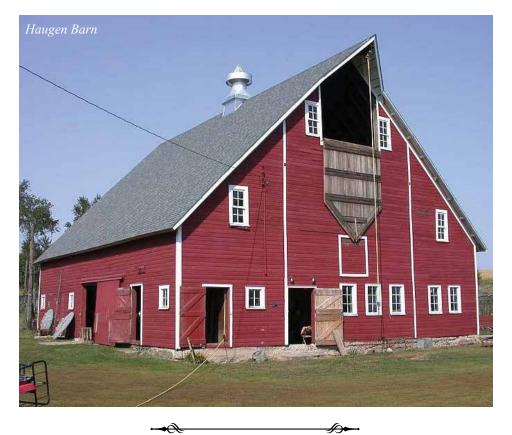
Hoarce Hendrickson Barn 2035 490th St, Northwood (Worth County) - Go east from Northwood on Highway 105 for five miles. Turn left on S56 to 490th Street. Turn east. Barn was built in 1894. Farm was purchased by owner's greatgrandfather after arriving from Norway. This was one of five farms he bought one for each son.

Haugen Barn, 18446 420th Street, Leland (Winnebago County) - Go north out of Leland on US 69 to 420th Street (three miles), and turn right (east) onto 420th (gravel). It is the first place on north side. Barn was built in 1915. In 1924 Peter Haugen enlarged it using a handsaw to split the barn in two. He added to the middle. Chizek Barn (no photo available), 1665 250th Street, Garner (Hancock County) - Go west out of Garner on US 18 to US 69, then turn north on US 69, and go one mile. Then turn left onto 250th St. Barn built by Albert Chizek, owner's grandfather, in 1942. It has an open loft area.

Rory Friedow Barn *(no photo available)*, 1580 Ladd Avenue, Kanawha (Hancock County). Barn was built in 1925 by Floyd Friedow. The family became known internationally for their Poland China hogs. In 1955 they sent breeding stock to a farmer in Cuba via plane and train. The annual Poland China herd sale was held at the farm. The family was also known for their dairy production.



Dodd Barn, 1854 40th Street, Ackley (Franklin County) - Travel 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.



CENTRAL COUNTIES Webster, Hamilton, Hardin, Greene, Boone, Story, Marshall, Dallas, Polk, and Jasper

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, for \$6000. Carpenters like Ike Ingersol and Amos Thompson assembled the numbered pieces into the 65-foot diameter barn with silo in the middle. (Award of Distinction). **Buck Barn**, 1271 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.

Hanson Barn, 11590 N. 87th Av. W., Mingo (Jasper County) - At the intersection of US 65, IA 330, and IA 117, continue onto F17 and turn right on W. 122nd St. N. Go 0.4 of a mile to 87th





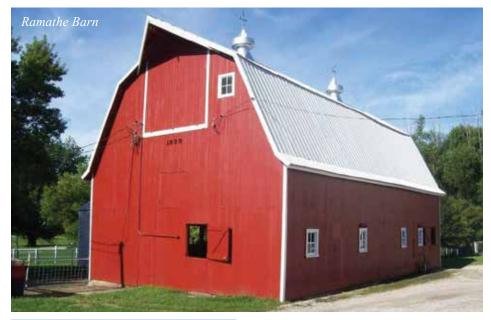


Ave. W and turn left. The barn is a little over 0.7 of a mile on the left side of the road. Most of this pegged barn was build in the 1880s but as the barn was restored and rebuilt over the years, the roof shape may have changed, an addition was built with lumber from an older structure and the interior has been altered. The farm has been recognized as a Heritage Farm being in the family since 1856.

Russell & Danielle O'Rourke Farm,

25623 710th Ave, Colo (Story County) - Take the new US 30 eastward from the intersection with US 65. Turn south onto 710th Street. Barn is on the west side of 710th Street. This barn, part of a lovely farmstead, was built in 1885 for horses. Barn is on National Register.









Handsaker Barn, 65627 200th, Fernald (Story County) - Barn is immediately southeast of Fernald, which is off E29 west of US 65, north of Colo. Large, unique 1875 square barn is on farm purchased by Handsakers in 1853. Family gave land for Fernald.

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. **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.

Robert & Carla Uetz Barn, 2011 180th Street at U Avenue, Boone (Boone County) - From US 30, take IA 17 north for five miles (curves and stop signs). Turn right (east) at 180th Street one mile 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.

Oakdale Farm/Grave of Farceur, 787 210th Street, Ogden (Boone County) - From Ogden go north on P70 for one mile to 210th Street, then turn right (east). The barn is on the left (north) side of 210th St. The barn, where Farceur, the world-famous Belgian was buried in 1921, is one of Iowa's hidden treasures. C.G. Good bought 12-year-old Farceur, the San Francisco World's Fair champion, for \$47.000 in 1915. The horse was a service stud, and, to this day, Farceur's name is on pedigrees of Belgians. Following a European custom, Good buried the horse in the stall of the stud barn-standing up.





Richards Barn, 2201 R, Jamaica (Greene County) - From Cooper, take E57 (305th St) 2.5 miles east to R Avenue, then turn south on R Ave, and go 1/2 mile to the barn (on the east side of R Ave). Or from Jamaica, take P30 north for 7 miles, then turn right (east) onto E57 (305th St) and follow the above directions. The Thornburgh Home Place shows off all of the original buildings, which have been lovingly preserved, including a 1930s milking barn with original stanchions. (Award of Distinction)

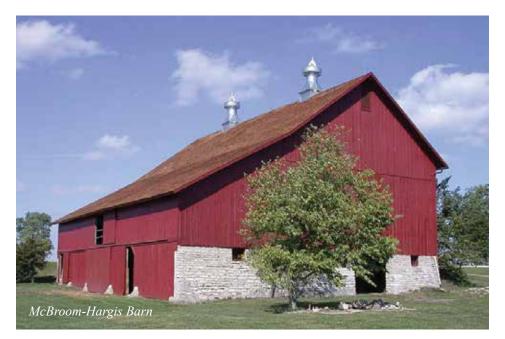
Peters Barn, 19077 H Avenue, Perry (Dallas County) - From the intersection of P58 and IA 141, Perry, go south on P58 to 190th Street and turn right (west), then turn left (south) onto H Ave. Henry and Florence Spintig purchased farm about 1903. The main buildings on the home site were present at that time. The barn has been used for farming by the same family since 1934. The barn is interesting because it has cut out squares incorporated into the beams.

Purviance Barn, 21501 H Avenue, Minburn. (Dallas County) - From the intersection of P58 and F31, go west for two miles, then turn south onto H Avenue, and go 1/2 mile to the first farm on the west side of the road. (The intersection of P58 and F31 is south of Perry and west of Minburn). Local craftsmen built this historic family farm in 1913 for Robert Purviance, prominent Dallas County farmer. The house and two barns are original.

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SOUTH-CENTRAL COUNTIES

Madison, Warren, Marion, Union, Clarke, Lucas, Monroe, Ringgold, Decatur, Wayne, and Appanoose



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.

Oswald Barn, 1071 Harken Hills Drive, Osceola (Clarke County)-From I-35 in Osceola, take US 34 east for about ½ mile. Turn onto Harken Hills Drive



(on the south side US 34) and follow to the barn. Beef barn was designed in the 1930s and can be converted into a show pavilion to seat over 700. Pure-bred Angus were developed there by Dr. C.R. Harken, Osceola physician. Farm was operated with view of helping small producer market his animals. J.C. Penney often visited the farm.

Blake Barn, 2155 Benson Street, Weldon (Clarke County) - Take Exit 29 off I-35 (south of Osceola). Go east for 1.5 miles to US 69. Turn right (south) onto US 69 and go 4 miles to Benson St (CR H50), and turn right (west) for 1.5 miles. The barn is just above the freeway, but there is not an entrance there. Thousands of travelers going up I-35 have seen this red wooden manufactured "kit" barn probably built in the early 1900s. The 32x38 feet barn sits on four footings keeping it off the ground. The barn was built with wood rafters so even the ends are identical to the middle. (Award of Distinction).

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 another eight 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 1/4mile 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. From there it was 10 miles by horse and wagon. Barn is in beautiful area.

NORTHEAST COUNTIES

Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Floyd, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton, Butler, and Bremer

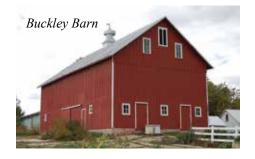
Younker Family Heritage Farm

Barn, 25734 Highway 57, Parkersburg, (Butler County) - Three miles east of Parkersburg, on IA 57. This large (112' x 30') 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 (no photo available), 310 20th Street, SW, Waverly (Bremer County) - The Miller barn is on IA 3 on the 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. This barn was built in 1914 by W.H. Miller and his brother, Gilbert, and 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.

Buckley Barn, 12178 200th St, Elma (Howard County) - About 1 mile south of Lourdes, on US 63, turn west onto 200th Street and go two miles to the barn, which is on the south side of 200th Street. Barn was built in 1915 on land given to family by President Buchanan.



Hotvedt Barn, 1996 County Road A14, Decorah (Winneshiek County) - The barn is about 1 mile west of Hesper on A14, which is close the Minnesota/Iowa boundary. John McMullens bought farm from government in 1852 for \$1.25 and acre. Nearby, Mable Minnesota's steam engine days started on the farm.

Hinsenbrock Barn, (no photo available), 1477 Norske Road, Decorah (Winneshiek County) - From Decorah, take IA 9 six miles east to the second entrance to Oilville Road. Turn left and go one-half mile to the first gravel road, Norske Road. Turn right and go onehalf mile to farm. Pegged barn (36x70) was built into a hill in 1878 by Peder Bakke, an original Norwegian settler in the county. Barn retains original wooden hay drop for loose hay and has unusual double support rafters. There are handhewn timbers, and pegs are in the same condition as when they were made.

Kruger Barn *(no photo available)*, 310 North Line Drive, Waukon (Allamakee County) - From Decorah, follow IA 9 to the intersection with IA 51. Here, turn left (north) onto Apple Road (gravel road), then go one mile and turn right onto North Line Drive. Farm is first on the left. Large dairy barn was built in 1915 and has been in family for 50 years. (From Waukon, go south on Highway 9, then turn right to follow 9 westward. Take a right (north) onto Apple Road (gravel road) and go one mile to North Line Drive. Take a right. Farm is first on the left).

Scholtes Barn (no photo available), 2207 Gruber Ridge Road, Lansing (Allamakee County) - From IA 9, about 2 miles west of Lansing, turn north onto Gruber Ridge Road, and go 2.5 miles to the barn. 1920s barn on beautiful site dedicated to family's sheep operations.

Chimney Rock Ranch Barn, 1245 Chimney Rock Road, Waterville (Allamakee County) - From stop light in Waukon, travel east on Elon Road (A52) about 6.8 miles to Chimney Rock Road-T intersection. Turn right onto





Chimney Rock Road and travel south. Large building is corn crib, granary, hog barn, and machine shed and was built in two parts in 1907-08. The corncrib/ granary has a basement for hogs. The second part was added to the north end of the original building later that year or the next year. (Award of Distinction).

Kolsrud Barn, 1243 Gjefle Drive, Waukon (Allamakee County) - From intersection of IA 9 and IA 76, one 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 curving to the north. Turn right onto Gjefle Drive (gravel) and follow it east and northeast for half a mile to the barn. Known as 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. Timber used in barn from his farm. Rock quarried from 100 yards from barn location. He used oxen in building the barn. (Award of Distinction).

EAST-CENTRAL COUNTIES

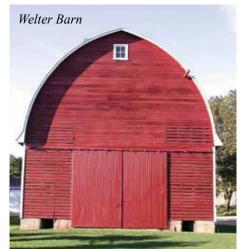
Grundy, Blackhawk, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Tama, Benton, Linn, Jones, Jackson, Poweshiek, Iowa, Johnson, Cedar, Clinton, Scott, and Muscatine



Hayward Round Barn, 1520 Hwy V37, Dysart (Tama County) - 3.5 miles north of Dysart on Hwy V37. Owner's greatgrandfather, 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. In addition, the Corn Crib will be open. The owner writes: "We know very little, for certain, about the building of the Corn Crib, except believe it was built at the same time, or shortly after the Round Barn, because of the materials used (hollow tile bricks) and the style in which it was built, typically used by Johnson Brick and the Works of Fort Dodge, and around the time that the barn was built (1917). We have been told by a number of people that this style of corn crib is very rare – in fact, it may be the only one of its kind".

Welter Barn, 13725 X Avenue, Cedar Falls (Grundy County) - Southwest of Cedar Falls, east of Dike, north of US 20, south of IA57. (X Avenue 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.

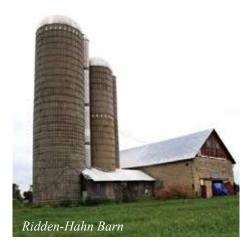
James Michels Barn, 1278 Mason Avenue, Stanley (Buchanan County) -From Hazelton (on IA 150), go east on C57 for three miles to Mason Avenue. Turn south and go 3/4 miles. Barn is on the east. Redwood tongue and groove 40'x 80' barn was built in 1947 when the family started raising Angus cattle. **Dighton 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 Register was built in 1914 by Rob Kirkpatrick, grandfather of owner. It is intricate. (Adopt-a-Barn Award).







Ridden-Hahn Barn, Vine Road, Dyersville (Delaware County) - Barn is on the property of the ethanol plant owned by Big River Resources. To view the barn, follow 332nd Avenue (X49) north from US 20, then turn left (west) onto Vine



Road. The barn is located just west of the plant. The Ridden-Hahn barn dates back to the English settlement around Dyersville in the 1850s. It was built by William Ridden. During the 20th century it was owned by the Hahn family. We should all be grateful to Big River Resources for allowing us to view this barn and for giving it respect and care. It's one of the oldest barns in Iowa. Note: The Plant Manager asks that anyone who comes to see the barn please stay at the road and not go up to the barn.

David & Charlotte Neises Barn,

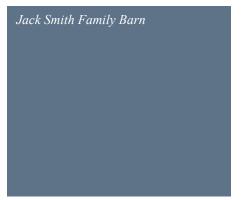
20987 Mud Lake Road, Dubuque (Dubuque County) - Take US 52 North out of Dubuque to Mud Lake Road. Mathias Neises emigrated from Germany and homesteaded on this farm in the 1860s. The stone for the barn's foundation was quarried on the farm. The barn is built into the side of a hill, allowing hay to be loaded directly into the upper level while creating space below for dairy cows and horses. An addition was built in 1890. A silo was added in the 1920s and a cinder block milk house was built in the 1940s. The barn is unrestored, but still features its original unpainted cedar siding, stone foundation, barn doors, and hand-hewn beams held together with wooden pins. The farm has been in the Neises family for seven generations and was designated a Heritage Farm in 2014 (150 years in the same family).



Jack Smith Family Barn, 20922 Asbury Rd., Durango (Dubuque County), From Hwy 20 go north from Peosta on Five Points Road. Turn left on Asbury Road. The Smith barn was built in 1917 by Jack Brehm who had a reputation as a craftsman. Jack Smith's great-great grandfather bought this site in 1853. Jack's grandfather, Joseph Smith, operated a sawmill on the property and the frame for the barn came from there. Brehm arrived at the site in the spring of 1917 with the frame that had been prepared over the winter. The labor bill was five hundred dollars. Brehm built several other barns in the area. Upon completion, a barn dance was held and neighbors signed their names in the northeast corner of the loft. (Award of Distinction)

Gehlen Barn, 100 N. Main Street (US 52), St. Donatus (Jackson County). This magnificent three-story limestone barn, one of the oldest (arguably built in 1839) in Iowa, sits in the middle of this historic Luxembourgish village.

Kaufman Barn, 6206 291st Street (Streff Road), St. Donatus (Jackson County) - From St. Donatus, take US 52 north one mile, and then take a right onto 291st Street (Streff Road) and travel 0.7 miles. Barn is on the right. The 30x80-foot bank barn was recently restored. The farm was homesteaded in the 1850s. Barn has table roof, large rolling doors on a track entirely constructed from wood. A dirt floor remains with its original milk stanchions, horse stalls, long beam construction. The haymow door slides down the front of the barn on a track suspended by two large counter weights. Two log structures and a stone house are on the property. The barn recently received an award from the Dubuque County Historical Society. (Award of Distinction)



Michels Barn, 39016 308th Street, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Go three miles north of Bellevue on US 52 and turn right onto 308th Street. Barn is at first farm on the left. The 30'x50' pegged barn was built in 1926 and has been in the same family for three generations. The wainscot siding used on the barn became unaffordable during the Depression years and World War II era. Glass balls in the lightning rods are the rare color of lavender. (Award of Distinction).

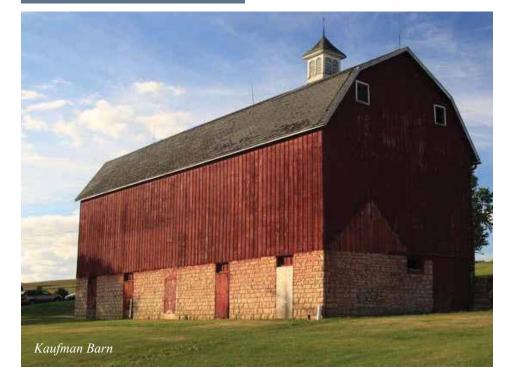
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Steines Barn *(no photo available),* 36746 Bellevue-Cascade Road, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Go 1/2 mile west of Bellevue on IA 62. Turn right on Bellevue-Cascade Road (D61) and go 1.5 miles to barn. This simple, primitive barn was built in the early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

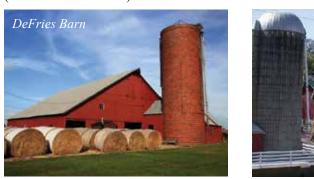
Clasen Barn (*no photo available*), 25219 200th Street, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Follow IA 62 southwest from Bellevue, then turn right onto 200th Street. Wider-than-usual barn has bark on support timbers.

Delaney Barn, 23477 Bellevue-Cascade Road, La Motte (Jackson County) - From US 61 south of Zwingle take D61 east. This lovely farm is known as the Sprank farm. The large barn was built around 1900, and the smaller one in 1940. The large barn has wooden peg construction.



Martin Barn, 12258 222nd Avenue, 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) **The DeFries Barn** on the Doris and Jack Dyas Farm, 17929 232nd Avenue, Maquoketa (Jackson County) - Go north out of Andrew on IA 62, then left on Y61- 250th Avenue (two miles) and left again on 180th St. Go 1/2 mile to first farm on left at 232nd Av. The 47 x 84-foot barn was built in 1885 by A.B. DeFries whose family settled in the area in the 1850s. It has post and beam pegged construction.

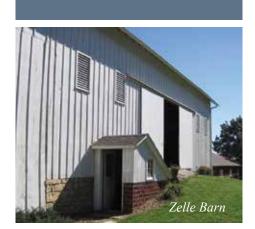
Delaney Barn











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, whose family emigrated from Germany in 1854, built the landmark round crib in 1926. Work on the 50-feet 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.

Frye Barn, 11150 New Liberty Rd, Maysville (Scott County) - From Exit 292 of I-80, go northwest on IA 130 towards Maysville (www.smallfryefarm. com). The Frye farms were settled in 1881. This dairy barn was built around 1921 by great grandfather William Frye, grandfather Arnold Frye and great uncle Alfred Frye. The barn was originally white, but was painted red about ten years ago. All siding is original. All stone and brickwork was tuckpointed in 1996. The farm was designated a Century Farm in 1981. The barn interior, including the hay mow, is essentially unchanged with the exception of window replacements in 1995.

Zelle Barn, 1503 Holland Street, Le Claire (Scott County) - Take Exit 306 off I-80. Turn left at lights (north) and go through Le Claire. Turn left on Holland Street. Continue up hill for 1.5 miles until blacktop ends. Drive is 100 feet on right. This is a 19th century family farm with one of the few barns left in Scott County.

Riessen Barn, 1190 York Avenue, Stockton (Muscatine County) - From Old Highway 6 (F58), one mile west of Y40 (west of Wolcott), go south on York Avenue 1.75 miles. Second place on the right. Barn is 40x80 and has space for 10 teams of horses on the east side of barn and 26 milk cows on the west side. Silo and silo shed were built in 1917. West addition was put on in 1961.

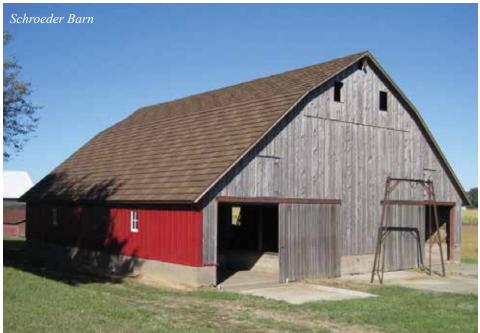
Schroeder Barn, 2738 130th Street, Wilton (Muscatine County) - Take Exit 271 off I-80 and go south five miles



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), 4468 V Street, Homestead (Iowa County) - V Street is in Homestead, southeast of Amana, on 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.





A LOSS

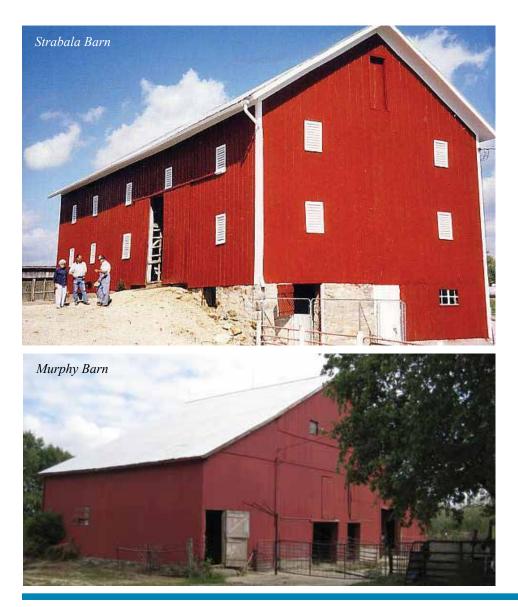
On July 19, one of Iowa celebrated historic barns was swooped 15 feet into the air by a tornado and slammed to the ground leaving only scattered pieces of the stunning National Register treasure on the ground.

Sharon Galloway, the barn's owner, was visiting friends 20 miles away when she received a call from a friend, "Your house is fine, but you don't have a barn anymore."

By the time, she reached home, near Keosauqua in southeast lowa, there were 30 cars parked on the property. "I felt terrible. It was surreal. I look at it, and it's gone," she said.

Sharon's father, Clyde McElhinney, bought the barn in 1957. It had been built in 1890 by William Barker as a dairy barn. It was a basement barn was special because it featured Louden custom equipment. The house, which was not damaged, was built in 1884, The cupola also remains.

Sharon, 77, who was a teacher, is concerned about the 100 bats that lived in the barn. "I wonder what happened to them," she said.



SOUTHEAST COUNTIES

Mahaska, Keokuk, Washington, Louisa, Wapello, Jefferson, Henry, Des Moines, Davis, Van Buren, and Lee

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.

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).



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Dear Grant Applicant:

The Iowa Barn Foundation is pleased that you are interested in maintaining your barn. It is hoped that these grants may save many Iowa barns that otherwise might be lost.

Enclosed is an Iowa Barn Foundation Restoration Grant Application. This grant is a 50/50 match, it is a reimbursement grant, the finished project must be inspected by IBF, and an easement must be signed.

Your historic barn may need a great amount of work or it may simply need minor repair work such as foundation work or a new roof, in other words, you may need a small grant or a large grant to restore your barn.

The Iowa Barn Foundation Restoration Grant is really aimed at saving good barns in need of repair: a new roof, roof repair, some siding, or a repair of the foundation.

These are matching grants. Any funds from the Iowa Barn Foundation must be matched by you or another source of funding. Grants are awarded at our board meeting and the grant is funded when the project is completed. An IBF easement agreement must be signed and filed before any funds can be paid.

Please include the following: Completed application (typed or printed), photos with your name on the back, bids for the cost of the project, and anything else mentioned on the application form, including a \$25 Application Fee. Nothing will be returned to you. (The signed easement form will be submitted toward the end of the project).

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Iowa Barn Foundation. Call or email: Andrea Corcoran, 515-326-1232; acorcoran91@gmail.com

Note about the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) designation:

Barn owners who have a preservation project (for instance, if the barn is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places designation, which may play a part in your preservation plans), are encouraged to apply for a grant from the State of Iowa. The State grant is for 75% and can be coupled with a Federal grant of 20%.

An Iowa Barn Foundation grant for the funds to pay someone to prepare the State grant application is available from the Iowa Barn Foundation. For more information about the NRHP, see web page links at the bottom of this letter.

IOWA BARN FOUNDATION GUIDELINES FOR GRANTS

- 1. All grants must be matched with funds of the property owner.
- **2.** Priority will be given to barns in their original site and of historical significance.
- **3.** Barns must be 50 years or older and be used for agricultural purposes.
- **4.** If awarded a grant, work must begin within 1 year and the project completed within 2 years.

5. Barns must be restored as closely as possible to the original. Metal siding and vinyl/metal windows are not allowed, and adornments such as quilt blocks are not permitted. Shingled roofs are preferred, but metal roofs will be permitted if a grey or beige color is used in keeping with the old barn look.

6. A perpetual easement must be signed. The easement will be filed in the respective county courthouse. This means the easement remains with the barn should the property be sold. The barn cannot be torn down. In fact, it must be kept up. (The signed easement form will be submitted toward the end of the project).

7. Checks are written when the ENTIRE project is completed: windows and doors repaired, barn is structurally sound, roof is repaired and barn is painted.

8. If your grant is approved, you will be notified.

A \$25 Application Fee must be submitted. Make checks payable to Iowa Barn Foundation. Include your check with your Grant Application.

Send your completed Grant Application and all required attachments (including your check) to: I owa Barn Foundation, c/o Andrea Corcoran, 533 Polk Blvd., Des Moines, IA 50312

IMPORTANT GRANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE EASEMENT

Please note that anyone receiving a grant to fix up their barn will also have to sign a "perpetual" easement. The easement will be filed in the respective county courthouse. This means the easement remains with the barn should the property be sold. The barn cannot be torn down. In fact, it must be kept up.

The easement basically states that barn owners receiving grants must:

- 1. Permit public access two 12-hour days per year;
- 2. Permit unlimited photography, videotaping, and other imaging of the structure;
- 3. Use structure only for farming, agricultural or horticultural production;
- 4. Allow a plaque to be affixed to the building identifying it as a project of the Iowa Barn Foundation. It will include names of grantors, names of donors to the project, as well as Iowa Barn Foundation's involvement;
- 5. Cooperate with and participate in nominating the structure for inclusion in the National Registry of Historic Places (if this applies);
- 6. Repair and maintain structure in its easement condition during the duration of easement, ordinary wear and tear excepted;
- 7. Maintain insurance against loss by fire, tornado, snow load, wind and other hazards;
- 8. Maintain at all times public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per incident;
- Notify the Iowa Barn Foundation in writing—anytime property is transferred—prior to transfer. Any document of transfer shall expressly refer to the easement and be subject to its terms and condition.

For more information about the NRHP, see the National Register of Historic Places Program: Fundamentals web page (https://www.nps.gov/nr/national_register_fundamentals.htm). Details of their criteria can be seen on the National Register Criteria For Evaluation webpage (https://www.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins/nrb15/ nrb15_2.htm).

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