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The Apland-Freeland Barn

Driving up or down I-35 south of Ames, watch for the sign for Highway 210. Slow down and turn east on Highway 210. Dotting the landscape, you will see this magnificent historic barn that holds within the story of generations of a family dedicated to preserving it.

Because of this dedication, the barn is one of Iowa's historic treasures. The barn, which sits on a Norwegian settlement, was built by Jens Russell for Norwegian immigrant, Ole Apland in 1875. The barn has remained in the family.

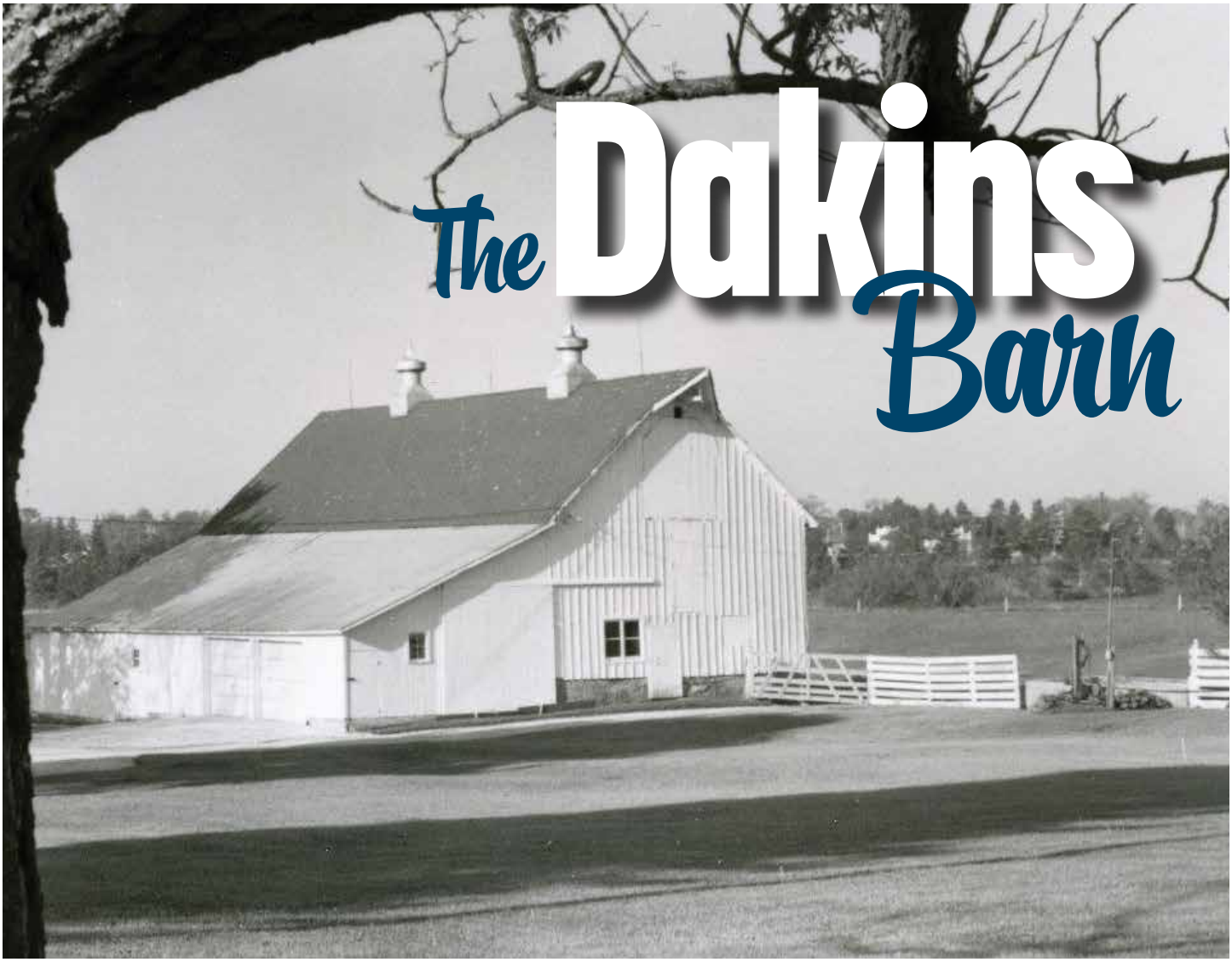
A few decades ago the barn was in fragile condition. Flora Freeland was elderly, but she was determined to get it painted and did. She was very proud of the barn. When she died, the family sold some of the land and had many discussions about the fate of the barn.

Last year the family decided to bring it back it its glory so we can all think about Jens Russell and the old Norwegian settlement. The walnut structural beams remain. This barn is also mentioned in our article on markings in barns. Dates are carved into the barn.

The barn is owned by Esther Johnsen, Mark Freeland, Margaret Nelson, and Kris and Stephen Hostetter.

This "Barn Story" doesn't end well. But we did manage to rescue **PASSION.**

The Dakins Barn



The Dakins Farm, established in 1875 just north of Zearing in Iowa's Story County, became the beloved family home to four generations. Elisha Dakins and his son Solomon first plowed the land and built their house. Records are slim about the outbuildings for their livestock in the nineteenth century. Shortly after Manly Dakins, Solomon's son, began working the land at the beginning the twentieth century, and he built a barn that became a fixture of the property for subsequent decades.

For Manly and Bethany Dakins' six children, their home always remained a cherished touchstone, a place filled with memories of a bustling family growing up in the quiet of rural, central Iowa. In keeping with the time, the house was the domain of the daughters, while the sons found sanctuary in the barn. Decorating their private club house, the boys posted a risqué print – probably an advertisement from the 1920s or 1930s – on an interior wall of the barn. Around this, they chalked and carved various

messages: “Passion,” “Handle with Care,” and “Why men go wrong.” The three Dakins boys and many friends from the community added their names and initials to this makeshift shrine to the wiles of femininity. It was clearly a point of honor to record one’s visit to Passion and to acknowledge the danger that this vice represented.

Over the years, the Dakins farm diminished as a commercial enterprise. The original 160 acres was whittled down first in the 1880s when Solomon gave several acres to Zearing for a cemetery. A dam turned one of Minerva Creek’s deep-flowing tributaries into a small lake, to provide ice to the community. Later it became a favorite place for recreation among locals, eventually turning into Story County’s Dakins Lake Park, once again, removing acreage from the farm.

As the family aged, local farmers worked the remaining tillable land, and the Dakins trust began selling much of what was left. The aging sisters cared for the original house, still their domain, but the sons had gone their own ways, working, retiring, and one by one passing away. Their barn still stood, sheltering Passion, but without maintenance it began to sag until it threatened cars parked there. The last two surviving sisters resolved that the old barn would need to be demolished. It was a sad day for all those of several generations: the structure was an important part of what an extended family regarded as an essential cornerstone of their roots.

When we were visiting the Dakins farm in 1998, the aunts told us of their plan to demolish the barn. All that could remain was to take pictures. On the morning of our departure, Annis Dakins Brouhard, Manly’s second daughter asked if there was anything in the barn that we’d like to have. The answer was obvious: we needed to rescue Passion, and Annis told us to take her. We found wet straw behind the print, which was limp with moisture. A deteriorating Passion would not have survived much longer, but we took her to a conservator who cleaned, mounted, and framed the image. Passion graced our home in the West for nearly two decades.

With the passing of Bernadine Dakins Schaefer at 101, the last of the children of Manly and Bethany Dakins, we made the commitment to move to Iowa so the original Dakins house could remain in the family. And of course, Passion returned with us. We “handled her with care” and from what we can tell, she never steered us “wrong.” Passion now has a place of honor in the house that Elisha and Solomon built, that Manly and Bethany made into a home, and that their six children ensured would remain in the family.

Sometimes only bits of a barn survive together with photographs and memories. Sadly, the old Dakins barn is gone, but Passion remains.

In the first few years of the 1980s, we recorded the recollections of Don Dakins, the youngest child of Manly and Bethany Dakins. A gifted storyteller, Don used his talent to put life into accounts of the past, including the following about his beloved dog, Tobey, ca. 1928. (From Ronald M James and Donald E Dakins, Solid Ice and Other Stories from the Heartland: The storytelling techniques of an American artist - 2017): Tobey and the Billy Goat

We had a Billy goat and a nanny goat. And we had a ladder on the north side of the barn that went up to the haymow. See, it sat there most of the time. Well, Tobe finally learned how to climb the ladder up into the haymow, and he could just go scooting up that ladder. And then he could come down head first, climbing down that ladder.

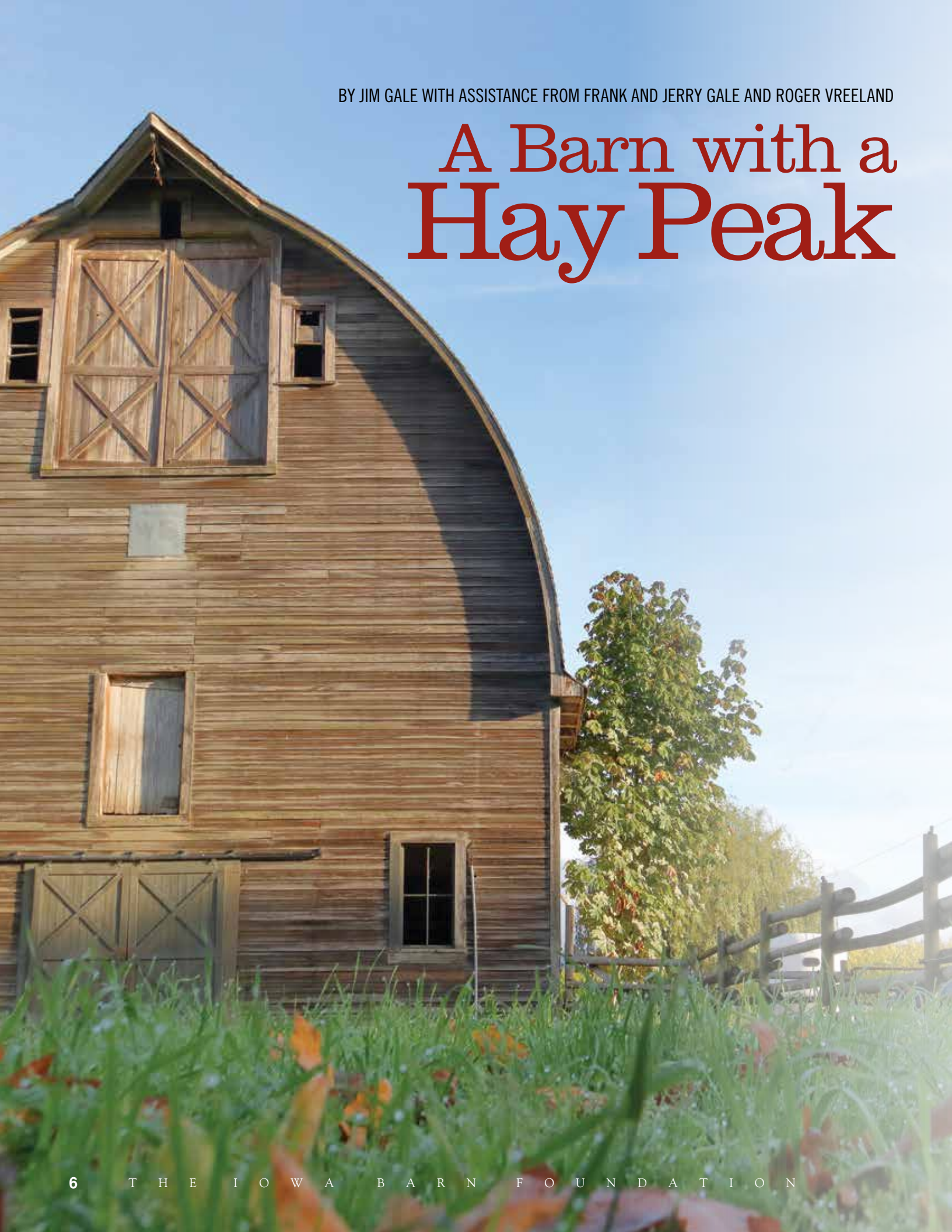
Well, if I was gathering eggs or something, he would go up there with me and fool around up there. When I come down, he would come down too. Well, he and this Billy goat were always having a set-to about something. I never did see what really happened that day. I was there doing something, and Tobe must have grabbed the Billy goat. Tobe was a smart dog. He had it all figured out that he could get away from the Billy goat by running, then shinnying up the ladder and going up into the haymow. Well, what he didn’t know, a Billy goat can climb just as good as he can.

So, he grabbed the Billy goat, or bit him, or something, and took off and up in the haymow. He got to the top of the ladder and whirled around, and Billy looking at him right in the face, see. And they took off, and you could hear them up there going through the haymow. Finally, here come Tobe on the dead run. He didn’t even try to use the ladder. He just bailed out of that haymow and just lit flat with his legs outstretched and just laid there. And Billy comes down the ladder, walks over and looks like, “Well, all right, smarty, try that again and see where you end up.”

Tobe just laid there looking at him like, “I’ve had enough of this. Leave me alone.”

BY JIM GALE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM FRANK AND JERRY GALE AND ROGER VREELAND

A Barn with a Hay Peak



On May 19, 2017, a wind storm lifted one side of the roof of Roger and Donna Vreeland's barn on Highway 14 nine miles north of Marshalltown. The roof was left mostly in tact but was set back down on the barn with a crumbled side.

The barn had been built in 1950 by Meyers Contracting, Gladbrook. Hay Construction Services, Marshalltown, straightened and reinforced weak spots and rebuilt a wall. New windows, siding, and painting are being added.

The barn is a classic Iowa barn with a floor to rafter hay mow, stanchions on one side for milk cows and stalls, and pens for horses and calves on the other side. There are loft areas on each side and on one end above a grain bin. Prior to the wind storm, as my brother and I were looking at Roger's work, He wondered if either of us had actually helped put up hay in that barn. When we told him we had, he asked if we could provide a write up about making hay and putting it in that barn. I have a keen interest in old barns and agreed.

The barn is a high-pitched gable barn with straight roof and sides. The barn has a special feature seen in many older barns in Iowa. It has a peak extending out one end of the roof to allow for lifting and transporting hay bales (or loose hay) to a designated place in the hay mow. These hay lift and trolley systems were used to lift bales from a hay wagon to a large open space and then pulled along a track while attached to a hay fork.

The worker outside retained contact with a rope attached to a lever that was pulled when inside workers yelled to drop it. The bales would then fall randomly in the mow. The inside and workers then stacked the bales building up layers as high as possible in the hay mow. The outside worker on the wagon then pulled the hay fork back outside attached to a hay fork or chain fork and the process would be repeated.

The Louden Company, Fairfield, was one of the companies that produced the pulleys, hay forks, and tracks for the hay lifting system. Roger's barn still has one of those complete systems. For the pulley systems to work, a large (12x12) opening was required to get the loaded hay fork with the hay into the mow.

If a barn has a peak, it will have a hay door that covers the large opening where the hay enters the barn. One of the activities in getting ready to bale hay at a farm was to open the door. It was hinged on the bottom and dropped from the top using the pulley system. Closing reversed the process. Hooks were used to hold the door tight.

At the time the barn was constructed, hay baling was a neighborhood affair. It required a tractor and hay baling machine usually owned and driven by a neighbor. It required one or two loaders on the hay wagons in the field. It required a driver to transport loaded hay wagons from the field to the barn and take the empty wagons back to the field. Two workers were needed in the hay mow. A worker on a tractor pulled the load up from the wagon to the barn door and back along the trolley to the location where it would be dropped. Long ropes and a system of pulleys were used to carry out this process.

Hay baling was labor intensive. This writer and six to eight teenage contemporaries were part of a crew along with three to five farmers. Of this crew only one went into full time farming. Labor became scarce. New techniques for storing hay for winter feeding evolved. Elevators were substituted for the pulley system to lift hay into the mows. Stacking became optional. Large bale systems capable of storage outside were developed. The operation could be done with one or two people.

Hay mows are no longer part of barn construction. The interactions of the crew will be missed. Self-propelled hay balers are the latest innovations. They can be driven at high rates of speed and have zero turning capabilities. In a few days, they can put up the amount of hay that took Iowa crews all summer to place in neighborhood hay mows.

Will anyone have fond memories of stacking hay bales in a classic barn with peak and hay door? Will anyone know why barns had peaks on one end?

2019

BARN ALL-STATE TOUR

Our 19th year of All-State Barn Tours

The annual self-guided barn tour sponsored by the Iowa Barn Foundation will be held

SATURDAY, September 28,
AND SUNDAY, September 29

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

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 tour.

The Iowa Barn Foundation is an all-state primarily all-volunteer group that was founded in 1997. It is non-profit.

For information about the tour to Iowa Barn Foundation.org or call Roxanne Mehlisch, 641-487-7690.

NORTHWEST COUNTIES

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

Lorch Barn

Lorch Mennonite Barn, 6812 220th SE, Harris (Osceola County) - A34 (220th Street) and M18 (White Avenue) - This magnificent Mennonite barn was built in 1889 and has a distinctive overhanging side.

Ascherl Barn, (4680 McKinley, Granville (O'Brien/Sioux Counties) - From Granville, go one mile east on IA 10 and a half mile south on gravel. Barn is on east side of road. This landmark barn was built in 1914 by Mr. Diers from Germantown.

Battaglioli Barn

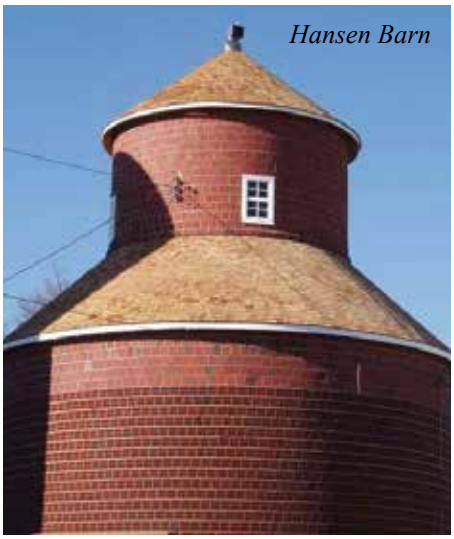
Battaglioli Barn, 4819 480th Street, Granville (O'Brien County) - From Granville, take IA 10 east two miles. Turn south on Monroe and drive two miles to 480th Street. Then travel east one quarter of a mile. This distinguished barn highlights an area.

Johnson Barn

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

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 Barn

Hansen Crib, 4015-340th Avenue, Ruthven. (Clay County) - Take N18 four miles south of Ruthven. One-of-a-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.

Stribe Crib

New! **Stribe Barn** 14030 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.

Harvey Barn

WEST-CENTRAL COUNTIES

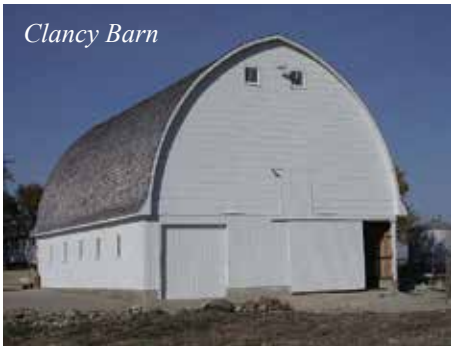
Woodbury, Ida, Sac, Calhoun, Monona, Crawford, Carroll, Harrison, Shelby, Audubon, and Guthie

Belfrage Barn

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

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

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

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.

Sextro Barn

Heflin 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.

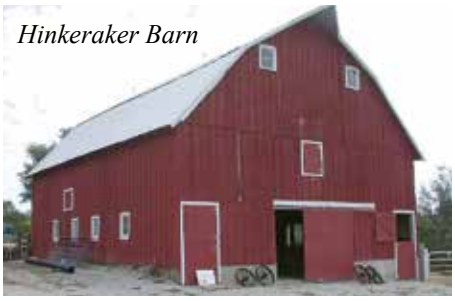
Wooster Barn

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.

Finken Barn

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 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.


Hinkeraker Barn

SOUTHWEST COUNTIES

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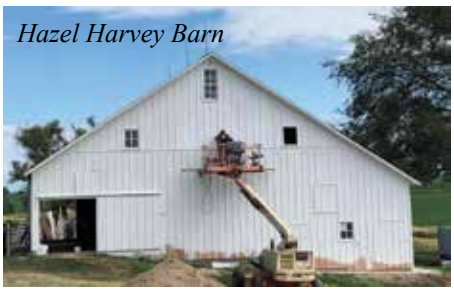

Hazel Harvey Barn

New! **Hazel Harvey Barn** 43898 Juniper Rd, Oakland (Pottawattamie County) – From Oakland, follow US 59 north, then turn right (east) onto Juniper Road – note that Juniper Rd turns right onto 425th St, then left to stay on Juniper Rd. The barn is believed to be a Sears & Roebuck barn built in 1913 by Charles A. Harvey, grandfather of Hazel Harvey who is the owner of the property. It is a split level barn constructed on the sloop of the hill. The middle of the barn was used for hay & straw storage, the stalls on the east side were used for milking cows in the early 1900's and later used to raise hogs and sheep. The west side was used to feed cattle hay from the loft and later used to raise hogs. The renovation of the barn is nearly complete.

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.

NORTH-CENTRAL COUNTIES

Winnebago, Worth, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Wright, and Franklin

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 great-grandfather after arriving from Norway. This was one of five farms he bought - one for each son.

Hoarce Hendrickson Barn

Cooper Barn

New! **Cooper Barn,** 13566 Spruce Ave, Manly (Worth County) - From Manly, go east on IA 9 for 3 miles to Spruce Ave, turn south, and go 1/8 mile, barn is on the west side of the road. This cow barn was built in the 1940's. It still has the old milking stands, hay hook, and hay trolley in the loft.

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 1680 Ladd Avenue, Kanawha (Hancock County). Seven miles west of Klemme (Hwy 69) on B55 (170 th St), then ¼ mile south on Ladd Ave. Floyd Friedow built the barn and hog house in 1925. He and his three sons (Doyce, Verlyn & Milton) were widely known for their quality Poland China hogs. In 1955 they sent breeding stock to a farm in Cuba via train & airplane. The barn which originally housed dairy cattle and draft horses, is now home to sheep, goats and barn cats. The farmstead has been continually occupied by the Friedow family.

Rory Friedow Barn

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.

Boriskey Barn

Pfantz Barn, 210 4th Avenue NE., State Center (Marshall County) - From US 30, go into State Center. Fourth Street is on north side of railroad tracks. Barn is behind Victorian house. Unique horse barn was built in 1902 for Craig Pfantz's great-grandfather, well-known horse broker. The barn has such unique features as handmade screens and a milk cellar. Note the balloon rafters.

Dobbin Round Barn

Buck Barn

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, 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.

Mehlisch Barn, 17590 730th Avenue, Zearing (Story County) - From US 65, north of Colo, take E 29 east to 730th Avenue and turn north. Wendish carpenter, Chris Muschick, built the barn in 1905. Barn was painted white in 1916 according to date on inside wall. (Award of Distinction)

Mehlisch Barn

Handsaker Barn

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.

Pfantz Barn

Rimathe Barn

Uetz Barn

Sill-Caris Barn

Twedt Barn

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.

New! **Hynes Barn,** 27177 610th Ave, Nevada (Story County) – From Nevada, take County S14 south to 610th Ave, then right (west) onto 610th Ave. – This barn received a Paint Grant. The owner writes, "Each board is scraped, nails pounded in, dry brushed to remove dust, painted (paint delivery with spray painter in my left hand) and then brushed in with a bristle brush (in my right hand). This is all after it was power washed. Initially, I thought the power washing would be sufficient but I was wrong."

Hynes Barn

Apland/Freeland Barn

Apland/Freeland Barn, 57304 Highway 210, Cambridge (Story County) - Get off I-35 at IA 210 and go east. Glorious pegged barn was built by Jens Russell for Norwegian immigrant, Ole Apland. Original carving arguably written by Ole Apland in Norwegian marks the date construction was completed. Barn sits in historic Norwegian settlement and remains with some of the original family.

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, 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.

New! **Sill-Caris Barn,** 294 240th Street, 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

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

McBroom-Hargis Barn

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.

Gillespie Barn

Jenkins Barn

New! **Jenkins Barn,** 18012 Highway 5, Carlisle (Warren County) – From Carlisle, go south-east on Highway 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.

Union County Barn

Kosman Barn

New! **Union County Barn,** (also called Harris Barn), located in McKinley Park at Union County Historical Village, Stone Street in Creston (Union County). This barn, built in 1896, is a perfect example of post and beam construction with diagonal braces. Horizontal cladding is rare and is associated with Civil War veterans. Barn Manager- Brian Zachary- 1696 HWY 25 Creston, IA 50801

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.

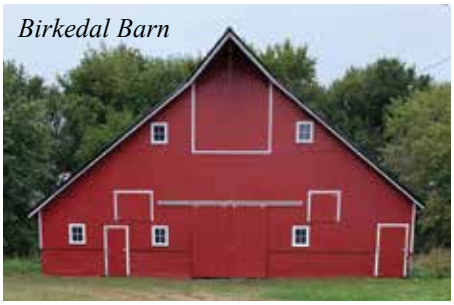
NORTHEAST COUNTIES

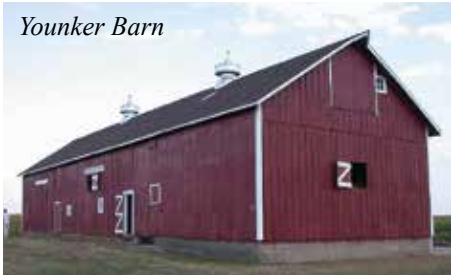
Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Floyd, Chickasaw, Fayette, Clayton, Butler, and Bremer

New! **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 near by are 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.

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


Birkedal Barn


Younker Barn

Miller Barn

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.

Borlaug Barn, 20399 Timber Avenue, Cresco (Howard County) - About one mile south of Lourdes, on US 63, turn east onto 200th Street. Turn south onto Timber Avenue. This 1915 barn is on the farm of Norman Borlaug, who received the Nobel Prize for his work on increasing food production and renowned worldwide. Borlaug's grandparents owned the farm at the time the barn was built. The gable roof-style barn housed their dairy operation, draft horses and young stock. The upper loft area was used for storage of loose hay for feeding the livestock. Norman spent his first eight years helping with the barn chores at the site. The barn size is 26x60'. More information at www.normanborlaug.org.

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.

Borlaug Barn

Mikesh Barn

Blazek Barn

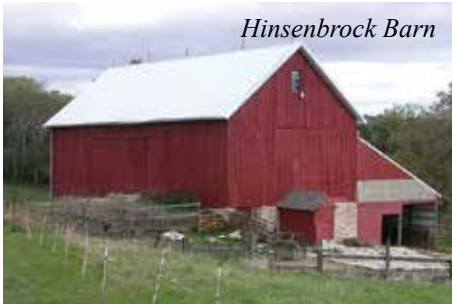
It has been painstakingly restored in 2017/2018, by a mother and son who live on the property. They now use the barn for calves and small farm animals.

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.

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.

Hotvedt Barn

Linderbaum/Palmer Barn


Hinsenbrock Barn

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 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. [Directions could be - From Decorah, follow US Highway 52 south to Castalia. Turn left (north) onto W46 (Centennial Road) and follow to 150th Street. Turn right (east) onto 150th Street and follow for 1.7 miles to the Linderbaum/Palmer barn.]

Hinsenbrock Barn, 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 one-half 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 hand-hewn timbers, and pegs are in the same condition as when they were made.

Boeding Barn/Milk House, 2173 Madison Road, Decorah (Winneshiek County) - West of Decorah, N of 9, W of 52. Mr. Boeding owns two farms on the Madison Road. He has restored a stone milk house and barn on both farms — at his own expense; no grants. He received the Award of Distinction for one of the stone milk houses. (Award of Distinction).

Boeding Barn/ Milk House

Scholtes Barn, 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.

Scholtes Barn

Kolsrud Barn

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 Ross-ville. 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 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).

Hardt 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 Barn

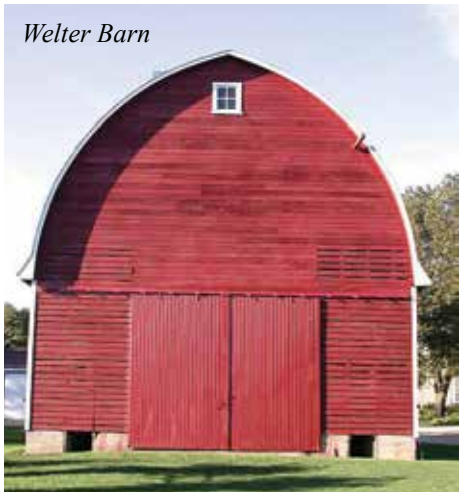
EAST-CENTRAL COUNTIES

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

Hayward Barn

Hayward Round Barn, 1520 Hwy V37, Dysart (Tama County) - 3.5 miles north of Dysart on Hwy V37. 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. 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.

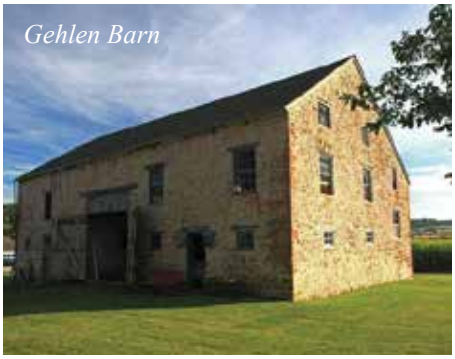

Welter Barn

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).

Dighton Barn

Freiburger Barn

New! **Freiburger Barn,** 6334 Olde Davenport Road (Dubuque County) - From US 52, south of US 151, turn west onto Cnty D41 (Schueller Heights Rd), then turn south into Olde Davenport Road. The barn was built in the 1860's, and has been in the family for 3 generations. It is the oldest barn in the area. The dairy barn has a star above the door on the front and sides. Square wooden pegs logs are used for floor supports, and it has a hay rack. It measures 50x30 feet.


Gehlen Barn

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)

Kaufman Barn

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.

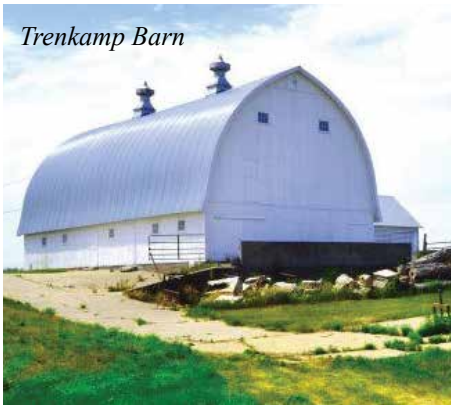
Clasen Barn 25219 200th Street, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Follow IA 62 southwest from Bellevue, then turn right onto 200th Street. Wider-than-usual barn has bark on support timbers.

Clasen Barn

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) -

DeFries Barn


Trenkamp Barn

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 Ave. The 47x 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.

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

Schwien Dairy Barn

Schwien Cattle Barn

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)

New! **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).

New! **Schwien Cattle Barn,** 1667 190th St. Clarence (Cedar County) - From Clarence, go south on Cnty X64, then turn left (east) onto 190th Street.

Martin Barn

Schneckloth Barn

Cattle barn 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, 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.

Schroeder Barn

Frye Barn

Riessen Barn

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.

Moershel Buggy Barn

Murphy Barn

SOUTHEAST COUNTIES

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

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).

SPRING TOUR UPDATE

Some 150 barn-loving folks enjoyed barbecue and German potato salad at tables in the upstairs of the 1917 Jack and Maria Smith barn during the tour of 12 Dubuque County barns. In June. The tour attracted several hundred visitors from Wisconsin, Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Illinois, and as far away as Maryland. Some folks. like the Intvelds of Hull, drove to Dubuque from the far corners of Iowa. They made a weekend getting to know that picturesque area of Iowa.

Jack Smith, Dubuque IBF county representative, spent month orchestrating the tour.

THE MILLER BARN

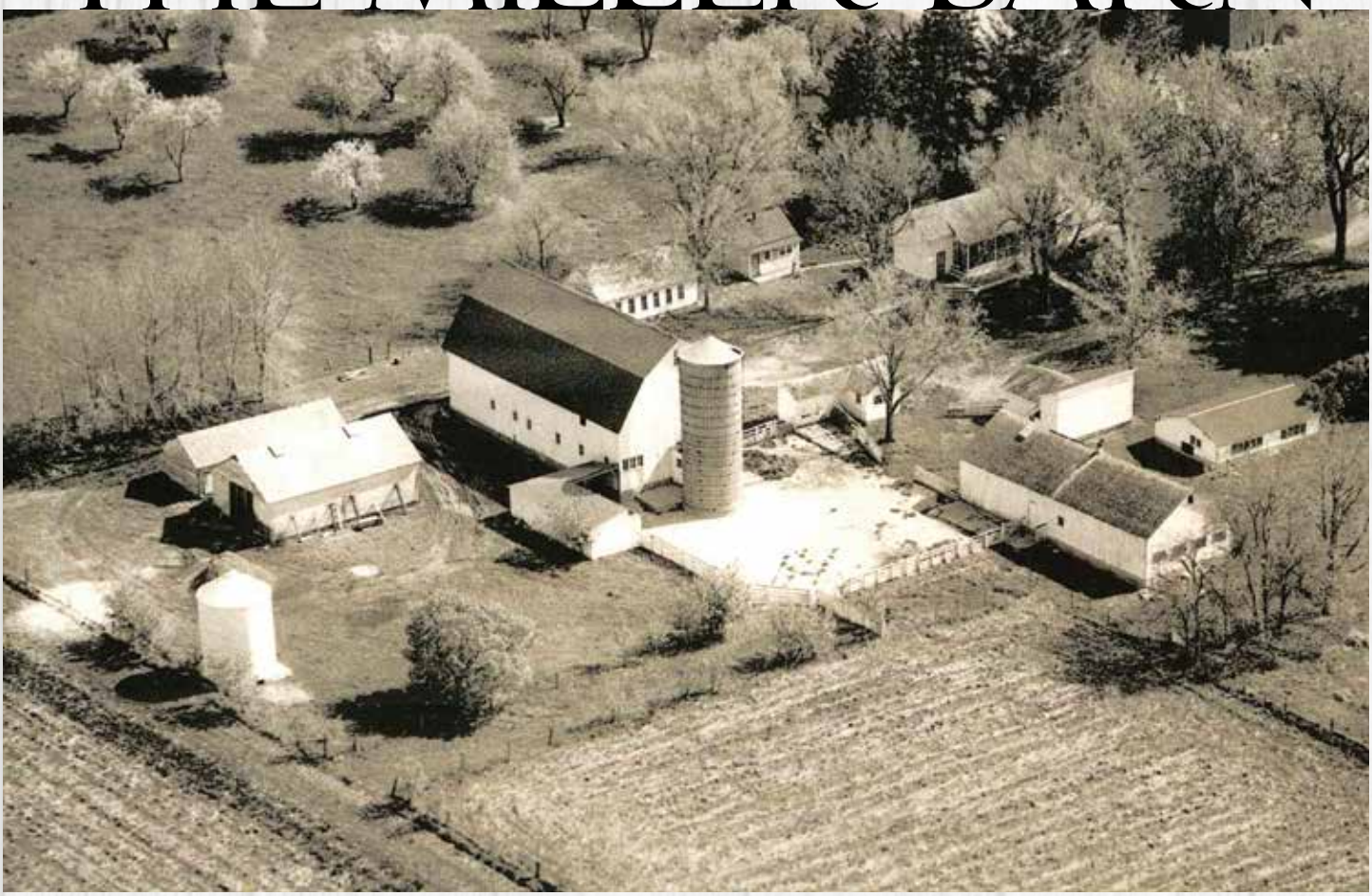


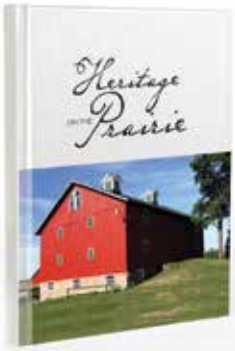
PHOTO OF THE MILLER BARN AND FARMSTEAD BY KENDALL STAREK

This photograph of the Miller Dairy Waverly, was believed to have been taken in the 1930s. The photo illustrates up close the the history of an Iowa farmstead. The only buildings that remain on what was a 100-acre farmstead are the barn, silo, and house.

Guernseys were milked on the farm and provided milk for the area and beyond. The farm had three sets of draft horses, each pair a different breed. Note there is no machinery, there are no cars, and Highway 3 had not been completed. The farm across the road is gone.

The historic barn will be on the Iowa Barn Foundation's all-state barn tour in September. It is highly visible from Highway 3. It is at 310 20th Street, SW, Waverly.

Gratitude to Kendall and Retha Starek helping to bring this story to life.



ABOUT OUR BARNS

The Iowa Barn Foundation's colorful coffee table barn book continues to create interest. The book features colorful photos of some of Iowa's magnificent barns. Folks are buying them as birthday and Christmas gifts. The book, which is $24, can be ordered from Roxanne Mehlisch, 641-487-7690.

We talk about markings inside barns in this issue of the magazine. Do you have markings in your barn we should all know about? Let us know.

If These Walls Could Talk

Do You Have Hidden Markings in Your Barn?

Some years ago the Bartelts, who bought a historic barn south of Mediapolis, had always wanted to know when their barn was built. They had searched the inside and outside of the barn. They didn't see any markings. One day they opened an old closet door. There the date had been written. They had their question answered. The barn was built in the 1800s. Barns hold lots of secrets waiting to be discovered. Old carvings or writings can reveal the barn's history and interests of owners through the years.

The historic Younker Family Heritage Farm in Butler County has an Indiana Silo Company wooden stave silo inside with interesting stamping and markings on the boards. One vertical board to the left of the silo has "Pat. Aug. 31, 09" on it in several places. This date matches patent information found in original Indiana Silo Co brochures. Additionally, every stave of the silo has "Stella Younker Cox, Sinclair, Iowa" (great grandmother of owners Mike Peterson and Jean Jones) stamped on each. This is consistent with Indiana Silo advertising which states the owner's name would be stamped on each board. Also, each board has 10 or 14 inch written in grease pencil denoting the length of each board. The boards are staggered making the silo 24 feet tall.

The Apland barn on the cover has many hidden treasures inside. There is a carving giving the carpenter's name–Jens Russell–and the year the barn was built–1875.

There are also markings on the beams to indicate where they should be attached, and some markings that show the tool used.

There are also personalized markings that were added through the years. The names of milking cows are carved into a door in the basement. There is a carving of an owl. And, one of the early owners wrote some favorite Bible verses.

Do you have markings inside your barn you'd like to share with us?

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