“I never dreamed there would be a storm strong enough to take that thing down”

EARL CANFIELD, DUNKERTON
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Folks who enjoyed the Highway 30 barn tour in June viewed an Iowa treasure: the Louise Robinson barn on the verdant farmland south of Mechanicsville in Cedar County.

It is believed the large bank barn, meticulously cared for and in original condition, was built by early settler Jeremiah Baughman, who arrived in Cedar County from Pennsylvania in 1862. Inscribed on the barn’s oats bin is the date, 1880, suggesting that was the year the barn was built.

Baughman sold the barn to James Shrope in 1904; the barn has been used and beloved by that family since then. Louise Robinson, Shrope’s granddaughter, owns and cares for the farm.

The large 72x46-foot barn was put together with mortise and tenon construction and wooden pegs. The timbers, used in the barn’s construction, were floated down the Mississippi River from the North and hauled by horse and wagon to the farm. The quarried stone foundation has eight nine-paned windows built into it. The barn has five girders—46-feet long—across the width of the barn. At the peak of each end of the barn are two six-paned rectangular windows crowned by a fan-shaped vent.

The barn is covered with slate shingles. Two square cupolas with louvered vents and gable roofs punctuate the barn’s dignity. The cupolas have red stars on four sides suggesting the Red Star Route, a shipping route that went between Muscatine and Cedar Rapids.

Carpenters signed their names on an oats bin on the upper floor of the barn. Originally hay was unloaded by hand from the driveway. Later a wooden track was built into the barn so it could be unloaded by a hayfork. Hay was stored on the east end of the upper level while straw was stored on the west side.

James Shrope cared for the barn and every year swept the barn clean in preparation for hay season. During hay season he was known to overturn a large jar, sit down, and oversee the activities. Cows were milked on the lower level of the barn where there was a small room for calves. The lower level also features horse stalls.

No detail was forgotten when building this barn. A unique feature adjacent to the barn is a large stone—two feet square and two feet high—that has been chipped into a basin. The basin was used to hold extra milk for the barn cats.
A TORNADO, BARNs, & PEOPLE
BY JACQUELINE ANDRE SCHMEAL

In 1938 when Robert Renken, now 86, was a sophomore in high school, a tornado razed all the buildings on the Grundy County farm which his grandparents had settled in the 1860s. Demolished in a moment were generations of hard work: large turn-of-the-century hip-roofed barn, machine shed, corncrib, and hog house. One barn remained.

“It was midnight. We were in bed. I remember hearing a noise and waking up. We didn’t even get to the basement.

“I can remember my folks saying this would be something I’d never forget,” Renken recalled. “I never have. You (he) can almost sense when it’s going to storm.”

That sense was on high alert the evening of May 25. Renken heard on the weather alert that the tornado was seven miles southwest of him. “I went into the basement and called my son (in Parkersburg). I hung up the phone. It was an unbelievable noise, and it was gone.”

He stumbled out of the basement, looked out windows and saw his beloved firs and a 140-year-old pine gone. Trees were piled at the door. It was difficult to breathe. The pump house was gone. The old 32x80-foot turn-of-the-century barn that survived the 1938 tornado was splintered across the farmstead.

Although the barn’s role on the farm had diminished, Renken, who served as chair of the house commerce committee in the Iowa legislature, was still using it for feeder cattle for “something to do.” The barn had always been a part of his life—a building he associated with hard work. And, he misses not having it there. “I love antiques,” he said. “I can almost sense when it’s going to storm.”

There were concerns about the barn during the mayhem. “While the tornado was up in the air, I was worried about everything. I worried about the family first, but I didn’t want the tornado to take any of the buildings.”

The tornado missed the barn, but Roger came out of retirement to oversee a contractor cleaning up debris in Parkersburg.

Earl and Jane Canfield, whose family farm, settled in 1866, is a mile and a half north of Dunkerton, huddled with their four children in the basement of their house while the storm whirled with its might overhead. “It was scary. It was very scary,” said Earl who kept watching the floor joice that went from the basement to the first floor of the house. Would it hold?

The 1923 house was obviously well-built. The roof was ripped off the west side of the house exposing two bedrooms to the elements, but no windows were broken. That was only part of the story.

Once he knew his family was safe, Earl crawled out of the cellar on the east side of the house. “I saw the grain gins smashed. Then I saw I couldn’t see the top of the barn. I couldn’t tell if it were flat or not. It took your breath away. I never dreamed there would be a storm strong enough to take that thing down. Geometrically a round structure is strong. It had a good foundation. It had survived a straight line wind in the past.”

Apparently the wind blew the hay dormer off, then the north side of the roof, and finally the roof cap before the roof caved in and the walls came down.

In an instant the proud 90-year-old landmark Canfield round barn—70-feet in diameter and 70-feet tall—was ripped apart in spite of the strength of its hollow clay tiles. “I didn’t realize how well built it was until now that it’s torn apart,” said Earl. The barn was built by

The round barn after

The round barn before the storm

jostled with the thought of “letting the barn go” nine years ago. But, his dad had built the barn in 1949. “At that time it was the highest priced barn ever built in Grundy County costing over $10,000.”

He couldn’t let it go. The round-raftered barn had been a second home while he milked cows growing up. The modern times restoration cost more than the original price of the barn, but Renken has no regrets. “After I finished it looked like brand new—still does.”

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Earl’s grandfather, Ace, for $12,000. Ace and his brother, Earl, hand dug the foundation—six feet deep and two feet wide. The barn was always used for agriculture by the generations of Canfields.

The silo, inside the barn, survived the recent tornado just as it survived in 1917 when the original wooden barn, to which it was attached, burned. Earl is too busy picking up the pieces of his heritage to contemplate the future of the silo.

The old red 72x26-foot machine shed, built in 1949, can be saved and will continue to be used. The shed and house remain.

On that ominous gray afternoon, David Stukenberg stood in the yard near the barn that has been in his family since 1900. He saw the tornado windup. “It was southwest. I could see the swirl, and it took off. I watched it go in.”

He knew the situation was grave. His daughter, frightened, called him into the house.

Some parts of the barn had been the casualty of winds through the years, but this time the 20x40-foot structure was unscathed. Could credit go to the hurricane hangers in the rafters built when the barn was straightened a few years ago? Or, was the barn just built well?

And, Mike Peterson, a commercial airline pilot, who has been spending vacations repairing his family’s 100x30-foot landmark barn east of Parkersburg on Highway 57, was in Odebolt when he was alerted about the tornado warning in Parkersburg. “I got on line and followed the storm in real time,” he said. “I thought it might miss. It blew up, and I knew it was going to go over there. I was stunned. I was hoping it wouldn’t destroy it.”

He thought about the nineteenth century red barn with its square nails and pegs. “The path it took. It couldn’t have missed it.”

Gaylen Mulder, who does the farming, called the next morning and told Peterson that both of his (Mulder’s) parents had been killed in their home in town. “He could barely talk but said our place was ‘okay or, at least still standing,’” said Mike, obviously upset by the events.

The tornado crossed the farm, whirled toward the river across the road with fury, and sheered to sticks their 25 acres of recently improved timber stand. A tree next to the farm’s house was pushed over.

“Our barn was virtually untouched except for a couple of shingles on the north side,” said Michael. “Even loose wood that had been left around the barn is still there.”

The cupolas, strapped to the barn while it was being re-roofed, remained untouched. Even a ladder leaning against the barn was unmoved.

Across the road Iver Bloomfield, in his 90s, would not seek shelter in the basement of the house on his farm which has been in the family for 154 years. He insisted to those pushing him to safety, “A tornado has never hit here before, and it’s not going to now.” A rock hurled through his double window, stopped at the inner pane, and didn’t crack.

“When he saw a pine tree coming, he decided to step into the basement,” said Patches Atteberry, wife of Iver’s nephew, Larry.

The barn, a replacement barn built in the fifties by Iver and others, lost windows and shingles, but still stands. “It was built strong,” said Patches.

Iver was born in the dining room of the house on the farm. He had left the farm only to serve in World War II. After the wrath of the tornado, he had to stay in a relative’s home in Waterloo for two days. He was not happy away from the farm and begged to go home. “He insisted as soon as (road) opened up that we come back even though no windows, and no lights,” said Patches.

Iver’s comment after living through the tornado: “Now I’ve seen it all.”

We are grateful to Ken Starek, Ackley, for these photographs.
Historic restored barns, throughout Iowa, will be opened to the public during a free, two-day, self-guided, all-state barn tour Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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 Iowa Barn Foundation, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, raises money from individuals, foundations, and corporations to give matching grants to property owners to restore their barns. The property owner must sign a perpetual easement when receiving a grant. The foundation sponsors a spring “area” tour and publishes the semi-annual Iowa Barn Foundation Magazine.

The purpose of the tour is to encourage barn preservation in the state, to teach young people about Iowa’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 tour is free although donations to support the foundation’s work are appreciated.

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NORTHWEST IOWA BARNs

Jones barn, 2138 Verdin Avenue, Ocheyedan (Osceola County) - From Highway 59, turn east on A-34 blacktop (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.

Jensen barn, 2410 560th Avenue, Ringsted (Emmet County) - Travel one mile east of Ringsted on blacktop. Then go one-eighth mile south on P12. Barn with attached milk house was built in 1938. Track and carriage in hayloft are still used to lift hay into the barn.

Roghair barn, 4242 430th St, Alton (Sioux County) - From Alton/Orange City exit on Highway 60, go two miles north and turn west on 430th Street. Go one-half mile to first farmstead on north side of road. Barn, purchased by Roghair family in 1935, has a magnificent collection of carefully maintained original buildings including 1911 summer kitchen and 1916 barn. The proud farm is still used for agriculture. (Award of Distinction)

Ascherl barn, 4680 McKinley, Granville (O’Brien/Sioux Counties) - From Granville, go one mile east on Highway 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. It is 60 x 54 feet.

Battaglioli barn, 4819 480th Street, Granville (O’Brien County) - From Granville, take Highway 10 east two miles. Turn south on Monroe and drive two miles to 480th Street. Then travel east a quarter of a mile. This is one of the few large barns left in the area.

Dwyer barn, 774 480th Street, Linn Grove (Buena Vista County) - The barn is on a hill on C25 five miles west of Rembrandt at 80th Avenue and four miles south of Linn Grove. It is a turn-of-the-century barn on land homesteaded about 1875. (Award of Distinction)

Conover Barn, 5315 190th St, Holstein (Ida County) - From Holstein travel 1.5 miles west on US 20. Turn south on L67 and go 3 miles. Turn left on 190th. It is the first place on the north side of the 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.

Mickelson barn, 5126 Highway 71, Storm Lake (Buena Vista County) - Located 1 ¾ miles north of intersection of Highways 3 and 71 on the east side of the road. This huge (100 x 70 x 45 feet) and distinct barn was built in 1901 to house 22 work horses. Owner Roger Mickelson has lived on the family farm for 76 years.

Johnson barn, 5075 525th Avenue, Rolfe (Palo Alto County) - From the southwest side of Rolfe, find 290th Street. Go seven miles north to 400th (510th) Avenue. Go one-half mile to 525th Avenue. Turn north and go one-fourth mile. This barn was built in 1950 by twins, Lovell and Rodell Long, for Fritz Johnson’s cow and pig operation. Barn has laminated rafters constructed in eight layers. Rafters are set on two-foot foundation to allow for haymow.

Younberg barn, 4886 220th Avenue, Albert City (Buena Vista County) - From Albert City, drive two miles north on M14. Go west one mile on 490th Street to 220th Avenue. Classic Iowa barn was built in 1911 and has always been used for agriculture.

Ferguson barn, 40415 130th Avenue, Laurens (Pocahontas County) - Barn is ¾ miles straight north of Laurens at 40415 130th Avenue. Barn and landmark "cone-
head” crib were built in 1912. Elevator still works.

**NORTH CENTRAL IOWA BARNs**

**Dreyer barn**, 102 310th Street, Fenton (Kossuth County) - From the south side of Fenton, turn west on County Road B 19. Go ¼ miles west to second place of south side of road. The farm has been in the family since 1900; 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.

**Gade barn**, 301 230th Street, Whittemore (Kossuth County) - From Algona go west to the corner of US 18 and State 15. Go north one mile on 15, then east on gravel and down a hill. Farm is on the left. Arnold and Martha Gade bought this farm in 1921 for $3000. They raised their family on the farm and moved off in 1969 selling it to their oldest child, Wayne. It is now owned by their oldest son, Craig and his wife, Deb. There is a special room where cream was separated.

**Haugen barn**, 18446 420th Street, Leland (Winnebago County) - Go north out of Leland on US 69 to 420th Street (three miles). Turn right on 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.

**Tenold barn**, 4366 Wheelerwood Road, Northwood (Worth County) - Exit I-35 at Kensett/Joice. Go ½ miles west to Wheelerwood Road. Turn north and travel 2.5 miles. Barn is across from what was the town of Tenold on the Iowa map until 1960.

**Rockafellow barn**, 4484 Echo Avenue, St. Ansgar (Mitchell County) - Go north out of St. Ansgar on US 218 for two miles. Turn left at Echo Avenue. Beautiful bank barn, with a limestone foundation, was built in 1877 for horses and cattle. The timber was framed with wooden pegs.

**Blake barn**, 11670 300th Street, Mason City (Cerro Gordo County) - Travel on Highway 65 north of Mason City two miles. Take a left on County Road B20. Go four miles west. The farm is on the north side of the road. This barn, typical of those of the Depression era, was lovingly restored.

**Yezek barn**, 22881 Vine Avenue, Plymouth (Cerro Gordo County) - From Rock Falls, go one mile north on the county blacktop. Barn is on the east side of the road. This 32- x 52-foot barn with metal cupola was built in 1930 and is one of the only barns standing in the area. The barn was in vulnerable condition when the Yezeks started the restoration project.

**Mandasgar-Johnson barn**, 1860 Texas Avenue, Hardy (Humboldt County) - From Hardy, go one mile south of elevator and post office. Go one mile west and 3/4 mile south. Barn is on east side of road. Owners beautifully restored old buildings on family farm. (Award of Distinction)

**McBurney barn**, 2550 Gotch Park Road, Humboldt (Humboldt County) - At the Westside elevator, turn right. Go to Gotch Park Road and take the black top 2.5 miles. Stephen Taft, who founded Springvale which became Humboldt, owned the land on which this barn stands. In 1874 he sold the land to Lorbeers who built the house and barn, both still in use. The barn was built in 1890.

**Bennett barn**, 1664 Eagle Avenue, Latimer (Franklin County) - Take I-35 to State Highway 3. Turn west on 3 and go one mile to Eagle Avenue. Turn north and go 2.5 miles. This handsome clay tile barn, with round laminated rafter roof, was built in 1950 by Henning Construction Company, Latimer, for a dairy herd. The cow stanchions had drinking cups; there is a chain lift manure carrier.

**Klousia barn**, 1766 165th St., Hampton (Franklin County) - At the intersection of Highways 65 and 3 in Hampton, turn east for two miles. Then travel north for two miles and finally west a fourth mile to the barn. The barn of peg construction is on a hill on a gorgeous farmstead. The owner copied a Wisconsin dairy barn when he built it in 1888. The barn was proudly placed on the most prominent position on the farm.

**Dodd barn**, 1854 40th Street, Ackley (Franklin County) - Travel four miles west of Ackley on Highway 57. Turn north on S55 for two miles to 40th Street. Go ½ mile west. Barn was built by Ernest Aldinger, one of three Aldinger brothers who built farms within a mile of each other.

**Blazek barn**, 1755 Ridgeway Boulevard (Butler County) - Turn off Highway 24 into Lawler. Go north through Lawler to V46. Follow V46 three miles to farm. 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.
**Welter barn**, 13725 X Avenue, Cedar Falls (Black Hawk County) - Original blueprints developed by Agricultural Engineering Department, Iowa State. It was built in 1947. Working farm was purchased in 1867 by Ole Johnson and has been in the same family since.

**NORTHEAST IOWA BARNS**

**Ellingson barn**, 19987 Timber Avenue, Cresco (Howard County) - From Cresco, take V58 south about 10 miles. At the curve to the east, go to the intersection and turn right onto 200th Street. Go three miles west to Timber Avenue. The barn is on the right. - Barn can be seen from Dr. Borlaug’s farm, half a mile away. The family farm has been beautifully restored.

**Hutchinson barn**, 2299 Scenic River Road, Decorah (Winneshiek County) - From Decorah, drive seven miles northwest on Bluffton Road. Turn right on Scenic River Road. Hutchinson farm is one place on the right. The barn was built in 1929. Farm is postcard idyllic.

**Dighton barn**, 3344 120th Avenue, Coggon (Delaware County) - Take paved road going west out of town for one mile to Quality Ridge Road. Turn north for 1.5 mile. Round barn on National Register was built in 1914 by Rob Kirkpatrick, grandfather of owner. It is intricate. (Adopt-a-Barn Award)

**Geschke barn**, 1744 McCloud, New Hampton (Chickasaw County) - Go two miles north of New Hampton on US 63 (mile marker #207). Barn, on a hill on US 63, was built in 1918 and is 40 feet high to the eaves. It has 3x12-inch timbers.

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

**Renze barn**, 22695 Highway 71, Carroll (Carroll County) - Three miles west of Carroll. Farm was known as “Old Mattes Place.”

**Barry barn**, 3043 Easton Trail, Woodbine (Harrison County) - Go west on Easton Trail (F32) from Woodbine one mile. Charles and Anna Nicely owned the farm when the sweet livestock and hay barn was built in 1936. This barn illustrates how a simple, small structure can be restored to a landmark.

**Finken barn**, 3005 335th Street, Logan (Harrison County) - Take I-80 west to I-680. Proceed west to Exit 21 which is L 34 (Beebeetown). Turn east (F 66) for 1.5 miles. Land has been in family since 1892; barn was built in 1917. Roof has laminated rafters which were raised into

**Boeding milk house**, 2390 Madison Road, Decorah (Winnebago County) - From intersection of Highways 9 and 59 southwest of Decorah, go north on Highway 52 for 8 miles to Madison Road. Turn left at intersection of Highways 9 and 59, and go 2.2 miles to 2390 Madison Road. (Award of Distinction)

**Palmer barn**, 1206 150th Street, Castalia (Winnebago County) - From Decorah intersection of Highways 9 and 52, southwest of Decorah, turn right onto Centennial Road and go 8.4 miles. Turn left on 150th Street. Go 1.7 miles to the Palmer farm which will be on your left. Large barn was built in 1921. Divided hay mow doors on tracks with drive-through for unloading hay.

**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.

**West Central Iowa Barns**

**Belfrage barn**, 2410 Port Neal Road, Sergeant Bluff (Woodbury County) - Get off I-29 at the Port Neal exit 135 and go west for two miles to first intersection. Then go north two miles. Farm is on the right. Owner Winston Belfrage’s great-grandfather, John Belfrage, bought the land on which this barn stands in 1875 after serving in the Civil War.

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place with gin pole and horses. Each rafter is five boards thick bolted together and cut in curved shape.

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 ¾ miles. From Manning, go seven miles south on Airport Road on the west side of town. Turn west for 1 ½ miles. Mr. Wooster’s grandfather built this barn in 1896. It has always been used in the family farming operation and still is.

Heflin barn, 837 Orange Road, Harlan (Shelby County) - From the intersection of US 59 and State 44, go four miles east on 44 to Orange road. Then go one and a fourth 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 and featuring a roofline of four equidistant gabled sides, has been used by four generations of Heflins.

Hindraker barn, 2698 Jaguar Trail, Guthrie Center (Guthrie County) - From Guthrie Center, go west on Highway 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.

Caltrider barn, 3016 Juniper, Casey (Guthrie County) - Exit I-80 at Casey and take Whitepole Road to Highway 25. Turn north for three miles to 310th. Turn left, and go four miles west to Juniper Avenue. Farm is ¼ mile north on east side of road. Farm has been in same family since 1883. Simple barn was built in 1917.

CENTRAL IOWA BARN

Thurmond-Adams barn, South edge of Williams (Hamilton County) - From D 25 (Old 30) south of Williams, turn north on R 75. Turn right on 4th, right on Spruce, and right on Evergreen. Owner recently inherited old tongue and groove barn (36 x 63 feet), with two-inch vertical siding, and two acres from his uncle. He has brought the sad-looking structure so that it is a Williams landmark. (Award of Distinction)

Sparks barn, 15737 E. Avenue, Alden (Hardin County) - Take Alden/Buckeye exit off US 20. Go north to D25. Go west to Avenue. E. G. Herman, 1923, Dubuque, is painted on west inside wall of this very large barn.

Uetz barn, 2011 180th Street at U Avenue (Boone County) - From Highway 30, take Highway 17 north for five miles (curves and stop signs). Turn right at 180th Street and go east one mile. Barn built by William Smalley, well-known Boone County farmer. Original buildings are on farm including chicken house where family lived in the beginning.

Handsaker barn, 65627 200th, Fernald (Story County) - Barn is immediately southeast of Fernald which is off E 29 west of U.S. 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 Ames, go north on I 35 to E 29. Go east on E 29 to S14 and turn left and travel three miles to 160th Street. Barn utilized 40 two-ply laminate rafters to support rounded roof so hayloft is free of posts and beams. Farm was once owned by Hoyt Sherman, brother of the Civil War general.

Buck barn, 1271 285th Street, State Center (Marshall County) - From State Center, go west one mile to Cooper Avenue. 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 barn.)

Dobbin round barn, 2551 Brown Avenue, State Center (Marshall County) - From State Center, go west one mile to Cooper Avenue. Turn south. You’ll see round barn on your right. Wonderful round barn was built by the Dobbin family in 1917. This 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. It has large, round cupola. (Award of Distinction)

Smith barn, 2947 170th Street, Marshalltown (Marshall County) - Go north on Highway 14 to Garvin Road. Go east to Underwood and turn north and turn east on 170th Street. This lovely barn, built in 1915, has been so beautifully restored that the original hardware on doors and windows is highlighted. The original wiring and switches remain and work. (Award of Distinction)

Purviance barn, 21501 H Avenue, Minburn. (Dallas County) - Take P58 (from Perry, go south at Hy-Vee corner or from Highway 44, go north) to F 31. Turn west for two miles. Turn south on H Avenue (gravel) and go ½ mile to first farm on west side of road. Local craftsmen built this historic family farm in 1913 for Robert Purviance, prominent Dallas County farmer. The house and two barns are original.

Becker barn, 13081 NW 158th Av., Madrid (Polk County) - Two miles south of Madrid on Highway 17, turn east on 158th Avenue and go ¼ mile. This pleasant old barn was teetering to oblivion when it was recently restored.

Hanson barn, 11590 N. 87th Av. W., Mingo (Jasper County) - At the junctions of Highways 65, 330, and 117, continue northeast on 330. Go one mile to F 17 and turn east for 0.4 of a mile to W. 122nd St. N., and turn right. Go 0.4 of a mile to 87th Av. W and turn left. The barn is a little over 0.7 of a mile on the left side of the road. Barn was built in 1907 with wood from older barn demolished by a tornado. Pegged barn was built by Elmer Haley and the Hansons.

Gary Richardson barn, 624 E. 150th St. N., Grinnell (Poweshiek County) - From Grinnell, go south three miles on #146; then go west on 410th three miles. Barn on southside. Barn was built in the mid-1940s. Much of the wood used in the interior was from wood used in clearing the land.
Ihde barn, 6647 E. 136th Street N., Grinnell (Poweshiek County) - From Grinnell, take Highway 6 west to T 38; turn north. Take F 27 1.5 miles to 136th N. Barn was designed to emphasize the short, compact body of Angus via two contrasting ceiling levels and higher center alley floor as compared to pen floor. Ceiling above cattle made cattle appear to have larger body size relative to the space they occupied. Working farm, originally Lancroft farms, was known for its Angus.

EAST CENTRAL IOWA BARNS

Clasen barn, 25219 200th Street, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Wider-than-usual barn has bark on support timbers.

Delaney barn, 23477 Bellevue-Cascade Road, LeMotte (Jackson County) - 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.

The DeFries Barn on the Doris and Jack Dyas Farm, 17929 232nd Avenue, Maquoketa (Jackson County) - Go north out of Andrew on Highway 62, then left on Y61- 250th Avenue (two miles) and left again on 180th St. Go ½ miles 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.

Gehlen barn, Main Street, 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. (Award of Distinction)

Michaels barn, 39016 308th Street, Bellevue (Jackson County) - Pegged barn was built in 1926 and has been in the same family for three generations.

Stromeyer barn, 37647 Iron Bridge Road, Spragueville (Jackson County) - From Maquoketa, go east on Highway 64 for 14 miles. Turn left on H 113 to Spragueville. At stop sign in Spragueville, turn left onto Iron Bridge Road and go two miles. Or, take Highway 62 north out of Maquoketa to Iron Bridge Road turnoff south of Andrew.

Travel nine miles on Iron Bridge Road. The Stromeyer farm is a beloved historic family farm. The barn was restored by the family. A pioneer cemetery can be seen from the barn. (Award of Distinction)

Ulch barn, 4672 Sutliff Road, Solon (Johnson County) - On the north edge of Solon is a blacktop, Sutliff Road. Take it east one mile. This barn, built around 1905, is unique in that it is very primitive. The barn is used in farming.

Schneckloth crib, 23553 200th Avenue, Eldridge (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.

Zelle barn, 1503 Holland Street, Le Claire (Scott County) - Take #306 exit 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 farms with one of the few barns left in Scott County.

Ditmars barn, 19638 225th Street, Council Bluffs (Pottawattamie County) - Take Iowa Western exit off of I-80 onto Highway 6. Go east one-half mile on Highway 6. Turn north onto Hunt Avenue and follow signs to Ditmars’ Orchard. This barn was built in 1950 and was part of a dairy operation.

Anstey barn, 71717 710th Street, Massena (Cass County) - Four miles south of Massena on Highway 48, turn right on G61 and travel four miles. Turn left and go one-half mile. Farm is on west side of the road. In 1878, George Anstey, who emigrated from England, bought 880 acres in Cass County and began raising purebred Herefords. By 1927 every major Hereford show winner was the US was a product of an Anstey-bred dam. The barn is still used for the family cattle business.

Kochersperger barn, 64094 US 59 (Mills County) - Four miles south of Emerson. Jacob Kochersperger farm has been in the family since 1870. Barn was built in 1941.
Ramsey barn, east of Mount Ayr on Highway 2 at Lesanville Road (Ringgold County) - From I-35, take Highway 2 west 25 miles to Lesanville Road. (Lesanville Road is five miles west of Kellerton.) Turn north on Lesanville Road and travel one-fourth mile. Solomon Lesan, one of the first settlers in the county, obtained the farm from the government in 1855. The village of Lesanville, site of the barn, has recently been restored.

McCaughey barn, 2531 Highway 2 (1/2 mile west of Ramsey barn on south side of road) (Ringgold County) - From I-35, take Highway 2 west 25 miles past Lesanville Road. Howard Lesan built this large (40-foot) barn for his dairy, the first in the county. This barn was built in 1929 after a fire took an earlier one.

SOUTHERN IOWA BARNS

Beecher barn, 2569 140th Street, Van Meter (Madison County) - From DeSoto, go south on Highway 169. Turn east on 130th Street to stop sign. Then go south on Prairievie Avenue and finally east on 140th Street. Barn is in what was a strong German settlement. Barn was built by the Burger brothers including one who became the first county agent in Iowa.

McBroom-Hargis barn, 1218 Highway 169, Winterset (Madison County) - Barn is five miles south of I-80 (Adel, De Soto, Winterset exit). Article in Madison County paper (1884) wrote about 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. George, great-grandfather of the owner. It is located on Old Bluff Road which carried early settlers to Council Bluffs.

Oswald barn, 1071 Harken Hills Drive, Osceola (Clarke County) - Take Highway 34 through Osceola; go another half mile to Harken Hills Drive on the south side of the road. Beef barn was designed in the 1930s and can be converted into a show pavilion to seat 1000. 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.

Redman barn, 2034 205th Avenue, Osceola (Clarke County) - From I-35, take US 34 west 2.5 miles. Barn was built in 1916 and has been owned by two different families.

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

SOUTHEAST IOWA BARNS

Cutkomp barn, 22682 120th Street, Columbus Junction (Louisa County) - Take Highway 92 from Columbus Junction south to Columbus City. From Columbus City, go straight south. The road becomes gravel and T Avenue. Make the “S” turn and go straight two miles to 120th Street. Take a left (east), and it’s the first barn on the north. Barn was originally built by Lewis Cutkomp in 1911. Native lumber was harvested on the place for the barn put together with wooden pegs. Cutkomp bought the farm in the late 1800s, and it has remained in the family.

Bartelt barn, 16296 Highway 61, Mediapolis (Des Moines County) - The barn is seven miles south of Mediapolis. The owners saw this barn falling into disrepair and subsequently bought and restored it. It is peg and post basement barn with a limestone foundation. (Award of Distinction)

Parsons barn, 22055 Highway 1, Keosauqua (Lee County) - From Keosauqua Bridge at the top of the hill on the west side. This is a small Pennsylvania style barn built for practical purposes rather than tradition.

Proud Farmer: Janice Hotvedt

She was suddenly, unexpectedly a widow at 39.

She was mother to five children between five and 18.

And, she was owner of a dairy farm with 32 to 64 cows that needed to be milked twice a day.

Janice Hotvedt, who grew up hand milking 10 or 12 cows twice a day on a 90-acre dairy farm near the picturesque village of Highlandville in northeast Iowa, was guided in her challenge by the Iowa hard work adage: “keep doing what we were always doing.”

Pert, energetic, and intelligent, Janice was in the room that tough day in 1979 when the doctor told her husband, Spencer, who had been suffering from abdominal pains, that he had about two months to live. “You’re going to die. Get things in order,” the doctor told Spencer, who, at the time, besides running the farm, was president of the Decorah Community School board.

He told the two oldest boys, teenagers Dan and Mark, “I’m not going to make it. You’re going to have to carry on the farm.” “That was a given,” Janice interjected.

“It was awful. I never dreamed about his having cancer.”

Janice and Spencer met while at Decorah High School, married after graduation in 1958, rented a farm “in halfves,” saved money with the help of Janice, who did clerical work part-time, and bought their own farm ten years later. When the 120-acre farm came up for sale, Spencer told her, “It’s the best farm in Winneshiek County.”

It was $250 or $275 per acre. “My parents said, ‘You’re going to go broke for sure.’ We just did it. He tore out the inside of the barn and changed the stanchions. He did the work himself. We just did it.”
Proud Farmer
continued . . .

Janice had been very involved in the dairying aspects of the farm. "I was the primary milker. I had always done the books. Spencer was the figurehead. I knew livestock.

"He expected a lot out of the kids and me."

She recalled that when Dan was 15, Spencer sent him out to plant corn. "I said, 'You're going to let a fifteen-year-old plant corn?'"

"Someday he might have to do it," Spencer had answered.

"When Dan was a senior in high school, he planted corn because his father was sick." She looked away. "I couldn't have done it if Spencer hadn't taught the kids."

The children, like their parents, were achievers in high school. Third son, Craig, who fed the cows, was junior class president at Decorah High. He'd feed the animals at 5:30 in the morning and leave for school before seven. He'd come home after school and go back at night for marching band. Janice asked him once—more than once—, "Craig, how long can you keep up this routine?" (Craig majored in broadcast journalism at Iowa State and is now a news executive with an NBC affiliate in Minneapolis.)

Janice has always approached work without a shrug. She worked from five in the morning until all of the cows had been milked at night doing "whatever had to be done." She drove the tractor just like she always had, but left the combine to others to run. "I never had a downtime. I was too busy. There were loans. We were expanding big time."

And, she became a leader in agricultural activities in the state. She was the first woman to serve on the board of the Farm Credit Association. She was on the Regional Winneshiek Fair Board and active in 4-H. She believes she had more time to devote to household duties than today's working mothers.

Through the years she added acres to the farm. She kept milking cows morning and evening shifts until 1985 when her youngest child left for college, and she hired a young man to work full-time. Then she gave up the evening shift, not the morning. That ended in 1998 when she realized the family dairy operation would go on without her. Dan now has a 600 cow dairy facility, Foresight Farm, with two partners.

Janice still has a financial interest in the farm and keeps the books, but she added diversity to her life, after the children were gone, by taking a job at the information desk at Luther College. She admitted that, when Spencer died, she worried about having no one to talk to. "I would think. It's four in the afternoon. What am I going to do tonight." She's sometimes available to drive Luther students and visitors to regional airports.

Janice eventually bought the historic neighboring farm whose owners she had always known. She was charmed by the comfortable white farm house, adjoining woods, and a unique well-used and cared for barn.

"I didn't buy the farm because of the barn. It had to be taken down or kept up. It was part of the aesthetic value of the farm." She has painted the barn once and is now re-roofing it after spending months studying roofs around the countryside. She has been awarded an Iowa Barn Foundation matching grant for the work.

Janice has the humble confidence of someone who has succeeded but almost doesn't realize it. She never takes credit. "I am what I am today because of him (Spencer). We worked really hard, and he was smart and a good operator."

"I will admit that I've worked hard and probably had more than my share of loss and hardship, but I don't regret any of the hard work and feel I have had many opportunities and a lot to be thankful for."

Written by Jacqueline Andre Schmeal
This article is from the National Builder, 1902, and gives details regarding thoughts and care that went into a large eastern Iowa cattle barn. We believe some part of this barn still stands. Do you recognize it?

IOWA BARN FOUNDATION
Des Moines has engulfed acres of rural of Polk County, and, with it, farms and barns. But, there are still 227,000 acres of farmland in the county which is larger than the average county in Iowa. According to the 2002 census, there were 764 farms in the county, down 14 per cent from 1997. Some coveted treasures remain. Iowa Barn Foundation Polk County representatives, Ober Anderson, long-time Polk County extension agent, and Don Jordahl, publisher of Iowa Banking News, share some of those barns and their histories with us.

**F.A. Wittern Barn (Hubbell Barn)**

2999 Army Post Road, West Des Moines.

This magnificent barn, one of Iowa’s greatest, on the southwest edge of Des Moines, is 36x144 feet. It was constructed in the 1920s by Fred W. Hubbell, who used the barn for his “blue ribbon” shorthorn cattle on the 1200 acre farm. F.A. (Art) and Carolyn Wittern purchased the property in 1964 and reside in the 1928 English manor on the farm. In the early 1960s the barn was used by Diamond Laboratory for animal research, but it is presently not used for agriculture. The Witterns cherish and care for the grand old barn.

**Geisler Barn, 5251 NE. 94th Avenue, Bondurant**

After it was built in 1940, the Geisler barn had connections to Anderson Erickson Dairy for years. The dairy owned the farm from 1941 to 1944. The Geisler family purchased the farm and barn in 1945 and sold milk to the dairy. The barn, possibly built from a kit, is Gothic arch style measuring 32x56 feet. There are four-paned windows on the east and west sides, two cupolas, and three lightning rods. The original hayfork track still exists in the open span loft. The Geisler family, through Growing Family Fun, an agro-tourism event, opens the barn to the public in September and October.

**Pinkley Barn 7533 NE 102nd Avenue, Bondurant.**

This jewel of a barn—36x50 feet—has inscribed on the front, J.E. Mahoney, 1898. The city has built around it; it remains proud.
Grandfather’s Barn, Iowa State Fair
East 35th and Hoover, State Fairgrounds.
This authentic basement barn, still standing on the original site where it was built more than 100 years ago, was part of the original Calvin Thornton Farmstead. The state of Iowa and City of Des Moines purchased the land in 1885 for the fair’s permanent home. The first fair was held here in 1886. The barn, an example of early Iowa agricultural architecture, has a foundation of native stone. The walls are constructed of hewn and rough Iowa lumber, meticulously mortised and tenoned together, and secured with wrought iron nails. The barn was closed for safety reasons in 1989, but a generous donation from Vermeer Manufacturing Company allowed the barn to be rebuilt in 1994.

Hall Barn
2605 NE 118th Avenue, Ankeny
The John Hall family ancestors were among the first to settle in Polk County. On the Hall side, they moved to Ankeny-Elkhart area in 1854. John’s great aunt, Ella Hall, was the first school teacher in Ankeny. John, his wife, Arlys, and sons, Andy and Ben, operate the cattle feeding and row crop farm. The farm was purchased by John’s father, John Raymond Hall, in 1939. The 36x40-foot barn was built in 1910 for draft horses. The owner had a circle drive around the barn and often entertained draft horse buyers. The barn was converted to a dairy facility when purchased by John’s father.

Moeckly Barn
4395 NW 118th Avenue, Polk City
This farm was settled in 1854 when Conrad Moeckly and his family emigrated from Switzerland. The 100x46-foot barn was constructed in 1920 and has a rich history with White Park Cattle which came to the United States from Britain just before World War II. There was anxiety about protecting the 13th century White Park if there were a possible Nazi invasion. Calves were shipped to the Toronto zoo and subsequently to the Bronx zoo. Eventually they were sent to the King Ranch in Texas where they remained from the 1940s until the 1980s when the entire herd was sold to the Moeckly family. The prairie grass pasture is original.

Jordahl Barn
2110 Army Post Road, West Des Moines
This barn illustrates how a preservationist can revive a dying barn. Don Jordahl discovered this barn on a farm between Maxwell and Collins in 1988. One side was caved in; the roof was leaking. He didn’t want to see the barn disappear and moved it to his verdant acreage and, with the help of talented farm carpenters, restored it. It is a nostalgic gathering place which encourages barn preservation.
A Few Letters...

The Iowa Barn Foundation receives heart-warming letters during the year. The letters are really for all the folks who support and work on this amazing all-volunteer effort. Enjoy reading these.

Thank you for the WONDERFUL Barn Foundation and the great work you do. Our Nebraska barn was built in 1888—before the house, of course. Please continue sending the great magazine.  
*Merle and Phyllis Buell, Murdock, Nebraska.*

My husband and I enjoyed your barn tours and loved driving around your state and viewing your marvelous barns. However, Loyd is now deceased, and our barn touring days are over. Please keep up the challenge of restoring your many great barns. 
*Edith Kleen, York, Nebraska*

Thank you for your efforts in restoring the beautiful old barns in Iowa. It certainly improves the beauty of our countryside. We live on a century farm with two of those big old barns that we are trying to keep in a state of repair, and, as you know, it is an expensive venture.  
*Charles and Margaret Blair*

Thank you very much for sending each issue to me. The fall issue with the beautiful red barn on the cover is a lovely issue. I’m sure it is gratifying to you to see so many barns being restored.  
*Laura Plambeck*

Here is my contribution for two subscriptions. I always pay for my parents’ as their birthday gift. They truly love it. Maybe you can suggest that in the magazine for others. Retired farmers, I’m sure, would love it too.  
*Carolyn Geschke, New Hampton, Iowa*

We enjoy being on the tour. The barns always look so nice all “spiffed” up.  
*Kate Johnson, Palo Alto County, Iowa.*

Thank you for your efforts. I look forward to your magazine and have been working on restoring an old barn myself. It is a very slow process, however. What a neat structure I will have when I am finished.  
*Marion Vootvent, Carroll, Iowa*

We have very much enjoyed the Iowa Barn Foundation’s tours the last two years. It is wonderful to see what has been done to save our rural heritage. Thanks to all the hard work of the Barn Foundation board and individuals who wouldn’t let a significant part of our history disappear.  
*Doris and Lonnie Bench, Iowa*

We appreciate the hard work of the board and volunteers of the Iowa Barn Foundation.  
*Barbara Bechley*

My son, Lewis, and his dad were often participants in local barn tours and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. On any given trip, they noted the barns and style and their love for the structures. Last year our son was killed while riding his bike. On his bike rides, he would stop at abandoned structures and explore.  
*Janet Palmer, Waukon*

I enjoy watching the restoration of barns in Iowa and have been on several tours. Keep up the good work. We need to save some of the rural history before it’s all gone.  
*Dan Ocland*

I enjoy the Iowa Barn Foundation very much. Keep up the good work.  
*Rita Figgins*

Thank you for all the long, hard work and for your patience with us hangers-on believers in your efforts to preserve our history.  
*G.*
Recently Iowa Barn Foundation matching grants have been awarded to:

Gary Irwin, Batavia—for his 1930s barn that has three-pin construction of beams and three-level roof.

James and Alice Palmer, Castalia—for their 1921 barn with limestone for foundation quarried from Livingood quarry three miles southeast of farm. It was quarried by hand and hauled with teams and wagons. Framing of barn was oak harvested from their own woodlands. Some 300 men came for the barn raising. Each man was given a new hammer.

Paul Rygh barn, Lake Mills—has been in the family for generations and has always been used for farming—and still is. Large and distinguished barn.

Steiner barn, Bellevue—is an example of a turn-of-the-century Jackson County barn.

Kathy Whitson, McClelland, beloved to folks all over the state, died in June after a long struggle with cancer. Kathy grew up on a farm in Floyd County and loved her childhood barn. Along with hundreds of activities in the Council Bluffs area, she was helpful serving as Pottawattamie County representative to the Iowa Barn Foundation. We will all miss her.

A couple of years ago we featured a story on barn owls and their disappearance from Iowa. Has anyone seen any? We’d all like to know.

While we’re asking questions about “endangered.” What barn is the oldest in Iowa? We believe the limestone barn in St. Donatus may have been built in 1839. We know of a lovely pegged barn in Delaware County built in 1849. Let us know of others.

When we toured the barns of Floyd County a couple of years ago, we visited the magnificent barn of Robert Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt, then in his late nineties, sat in the barn for two days and pointed to the large beams which had been recovered from the original bridge over the Floyd River after a flood in the 1800s. The cover of the program at Mr. Schmidt’s memorial service was recently adorned with a wonderful sketch of his beloved barn.

As folks wandered around Parkersburg and New Hartford after the tornado, there were thoughts and talk about “old” vs. “new” when it comes to building. It appeared that the old buildings in those towns—even the old barns—seemed to hold up better than newly constructed buildings. “Even in severely damaged areas, the old houses are still there,” observed one Parkersburg resident. He believes there was more pride in workmanship in the past—that they used 2x6s instead of 2x4s. He listed air hammers and speed and possibly contributing to the fragility of today’s construction. “You wonder how good a job they are doing?” he observed.

The beautiful Louise Robinson farm, near Mechanicsville, features a magnificent barn built in 1880, the original farm house, the old smoke house, a unique corncrib, and a made-to-last cement bowl where cats were fed milk from the cows.

Carolyn Ihde, rural Grinnell, is a horticulture graduate who has offered to give folks advice on their plant materials. (641) 990 3927

Stage Coach barn

When driving along Highway 30 just west of Toledo, look to the north and observe the massive—and now visible—red barn that once held animals that served the tuberculosis patients from the Native American reservation in the 1800s. Touted as the oldest barn in Tama County—and certainly a landmark—it was recently purchased by Leon Dostal, Toledo.

So many folks quietly donate time to the Iowa Barn Foundation. And, they’re quiet about it. Ken Ruegsegger, West Liberty, made 40 signs for the eastern Iowa part of the Highway 30 barn tour. Ken and his wife, Margaret, also put the signs up and took them down—no small job. Thank you Ruegseggers.

Don Poggensee, Ida County representative to the Iowa Barn Foundation, is helping the Ida County Historical Society save their 1856 Stage Coach Barn. The barn is next to the Stage Coach Inn, the first home built in Ida County. The house, on the National Register, was built in 1860. It is believed the barn, whose exterior appearance may have been altered through the years although the interior framing is believed to be original, was built about 1856. The barn was used to store and change horses on the stage line between Sioux City and Fort Dodge; the house was the overnight stop on the stagecoach line.

Next June our “area” barn tour will feature intriguing barns in Iowa’s northern counties.
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