



### **Barn Number 25**

Historic Name: Andrew Johnson Barn  
Address of Barn: 17322 Beaver Marsh Road, Mount Vernon  
Built Date: c. 1903  
Built By: Andrew Johnson  
Barn Style: Broken Gable  
Features: Hay Hood  
History: Andrew Johnson apprenticed as a carpenter and wheelwright in Sweden, and emigrated from that country in 1871. In 1885, he and his wife came to the Skagit Valley where he worked as a carpenter. In 1894 he bought 80 acres on Beaver Marsh Road and cleared it of stumps and brush. Andrew Johnson lived to be 90 years old. His son, J. Arthur Johnson, farmed the land – adding 40 more acres to the original 80. He retired in the 1960's and the land has been leased since then. The barn retains its original shake roof. The roof structure is supported by 38 posts. These posts are simply the trunks of trees, which show where the original branches were removed but never planed. The barn has undergone significant repairs and rehabilitation. The loft has been re-built using lumber salvaged from the historic Collins Building that once stood on the waterfront in Everett. A concrete floor has been poured in the center of the barn, and lighting has been installed. The farm is currently owned by Andrew Johnson's great granddaughter. It is used for workshops and events – and continues to be enjoyed by generation after generation of the Johnson family.



### **Barn Number 26**

Historic Name: Henning Granquist Dairy  
Address of Barn: 16964 Jungquist Road, Mount Vernon  
Built Date: c. 1915  
Built By: Henning Granquist  
Barn Style: Broken Gable  
Features: Hay Hood, Silo, Milking Shed  
History: Henning Granquist migrated to the U.S. in 1905 through Ellis Island. He traveled overland to Mount Vernon, making his living doing odd jobs and working as a horse trainer and wrangler. He purchased property in 1909 from the local school district. Little is known about the existing barn and outbuildings. Henning and his wife, Mora, raised two children on the farm. The farm is currently owned by Henning's granddaughter. She recalls her grandfather giving her a cow before it was even born. She would sleep with the cow, feed it, walk it and even ride on her as she became fully grown. Henning said that he had never seen a Holstein cow that would let any human do that. The cow, Snowflake, was the largest producer of milk and when she gave birth, always had female twins. A good thing for the milking business!



### **Barn Number 27**

Historic Name: [Unknown]  
Address of Barn: 16835 Jungquist Road, Mount Vernon  
Built Date: c. 1910  
Built By: [Unknown]  
Barn Style: Broken Gable  
Features: Hay Hood, Milking Shed, Milk House  
History: The land was homesteaded in the late 1800's by the Jungquist family. In 1950 Henrietta Jungquist sold the 20 acre farmstead to Lloyd Jennings, Sr. Between 1951 and 1952 Jennings upgraded the barn to meet the Grade A milk standards of the day. Steel milking stanchions and a cement floor in the milking parlor were added, as well as a cinder block milk house. Fortunately at this time cement pads were placed beneath the huge foundation posts in the barn. 38 – 40 cows were milked in shifts. The dairy operation ceased around 1959 and the herd was sold. Beef cattle were then raised, and later the land was leased for agricultural purposes. Today the barn floor remains dirt and the hay lofts, pulley tracts and grain chute are in very good order. The milking stanchions remain with cow names and lactation dates on small wooden plaques above each station. A barn owl often resides in the rafters.