



Barn Number 43

Historic Name: Benson Barn
Address of Barn: 7370 Thomas Rd, Bow
Built Date: c 1938
Built By: Sig Benson
Barn Style: Gambrel
Features: Hay Hood
History: The property on which this barn was built was once part of the Johnson farm, one of the original farmsteads set up by European immigrants near the mouth of the Samish River. This area was cleared, diked and ditched beginning in the 1870s. The barn is relatively simple construction, with concrete-supported logs posts under the bearing walls (south and north sides) and dimensional posts for the longer lengths in the middle and gable ends. The rest of the framing consists of dimensional lumber of various sizes, but in large part 2 x 6 for the rafters and other supports. The barn is sided in 1 x 12 fir boards with profiled batten between. There is a hay loft in the northern third of the barn, below which is a concrete slab milking area. The northeast corner houses a small room where Sig's son recalls the milk being stored in a cold water bath until it could be picked up from a milk stand on the road. Sig Benson was known throughout the farming community for his ability to climb up the roof and hang over the peak to rig the cable for the hay fork system. The third generation of the Benson family owns the farm and uses the barn as storage and a coop for chickens.



Barn Number 45

Historic Name: [Unknown]
Address of Barn: 21220 Cook Road,
Burlington
Built Date: c. 1925
Built By: [Unknown]
Barn Style: Dutch Gambrel
Features: Cupola
History: Verbal history from the son of the original owner says the fantastic wooden rafters had been designed by someone at Washington State College. In County records, there is a covenant on file stating that the barn could never be turned in to a "dance hall"!



Barn Number 44

Historic Name: John Dahlstedt Barn
Address of Barn: 20141 Cook Road,
Burlington
Built Date: 1900
Built By: John Dahlstedt
Barn Style: Broken Gable
Features: Milking Shed
History: The barn was built by John Dahlstedt at the turn of the 20th century and was in the Dahlstedt family until 1987 when it was purchased by the current owners. It was a dairy until the 1960s and has been used for raising livestock since. The structure has three hay tracks, expansive lofts and it retains 90 percent of its original siding.



Barn Number 46

Historic Name: James K. Davenport Barn
Address of Barn: 7129 Old Highway 99 North,
Burlington
Built Date: 1914
Built By: James K. Davenport
Barn Style: Gambrel with lean-tos
Features: Lean-to attached
History: James K and Elizabeth "Bessie" Latham Davenport homesteaded the land in the early 1900s. James was a logger who worked for the Silas Butler Mill and, when the old growth timber was gone, turned to dairying. Bessie was a primary school teacher for 30 years in the bygone community of Belfast, north of the property. She raised a large garden that provided food for canning and cooking for the men who put up the hay in the barn