



Barn Number 12

Historic Name: Otto Larson Barn

Address of Barn: 18598 Skagit City Road,
Mount Vernon

Built Date: 1910

Built By: Tillie and Otto Larson

Barn Style: Salt Box

Features: Cupola, Milking Shed

History: Swedish Immigrants Tillie and Otto Larson built their farm on Fir Island in 1910. Tillie was the farmer and a midwife. Otto ran the ferry across the Skagit River and made hand turned small tables while he waited for customers. They had a dairy and raised chickens and sold eggs. The Larsons planted an orchard and two of the original apple trees are still on the property, as well as remnants of Tillie's asparagus patch. It is still producing after 100 years! This barn was the recipient of a Heritage Barn matching grant and the funds have been used to re-roof the barn, repair the south end and remove areas of dry-rot on the west side's board and batting. The current owners use the barn as an art studio.