



Barn Number 29

Historic Name: Werson/Youngquist Farm
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: We are calling this the Werson/Youngquist Barn as it is difficult to determine who actually owned the property when the barn was built. The land was homesteaded in the late 1800's by the Jungquist family. Records show the property was transferred between Wersons and Youngquists (Jungquists) multiple times, as they were related. Also adding to the confusion is the spelling change of the last name. Some were 'Jungquist' and others changed to 'Youngquist'. 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.