



Barn Number 20

Historic Name: R. C. Koudal Barn
Address of Barn: East Talbott Street,
La Conner
Built Date: 1929
Built By: Albert O. Nelson
Barn Style: English Gambrel
Features: Hay Hood, Milking Shed
History: R.C. Koudal purchased the original property in 1905 after emigrating from North Dakota. The current barn replaced the original structure that burned down in a fire - probably set by Depression-era vagabonds. R.C. Koudal contracted with local barn builder Albert O. Nelson to construct the new barn out of new and used lumber. There was some urgency to complete the new structure as the farm's livestock would have been left out in the upcoming winter weather. As the barn neared completion, Koudal was called to help another farmer with a job. When he returned later that day, he saw that the west side of the barn (the milking parlor) now had a shed roof and the east side was framed as a hip roof. When he asked Nelson "what happened?", the builder responded that he didn't have enough wood to construct gambrel roofs on both sides, so he made an executive decision to 'build with materials on hand'. Koudal always regretted the non-symmetrical profile that resulted. But the story, told over and over through the years, was too good – and the current generation has no plans to change the barn. The barn is currently owned by Koudal's grandson and is used for storage and drying of organic onions and other crops. It serves as a welcome to La Conner and a backdrop to the Hedlin Farm produce stand and gardens.



Barn Number 21

Historic Name: Edward & Clarinda Cowell Farm
Address of Barn: 14311 Calhoun Road,
Mount Vernon
Built Date: c. 1890
Built By: [Unknown]
Barn Style: Gable
Features: Milking Shed
History: Records show that the property was sold to J.A. Wallace in the 1870's by the United States. Wallace took the original homestead and added the more Victorian house that now stands on the property. At the time the barn was built—around 1890—the registered owners were Edward & Clarinda Cowell. The assumption is Mr. Cowell built the barn after purchasing the property. The current owner has found newspapers in the original house dated 1873. The barn has been stabilized over the past years and is currently unused.



Barn Number 22

Historic Name: Dunlap Barn
Address of Barn: 12620 Ring Lane, La Conner
Built Date: c. 1880
Built By: [Unknown]
Barn Style: Gable
History: This barn was one of two moved from the Dunlap farmstead to the Pederson farm in 1933 or 1934. The barn has been used for hay and grain storage as well as equipment storage. The barn has out lasted the one built to replace it on the old Dunlap place. Also on site is a granary – referred to as the sack shed. The building was used to store sacked grain, then later modified to store bulk grain. It has a completely open interior but used to be partitioned for different grain types.