



Barn Number 23

Historic Name: Michael J. Sullivan Barn
 Address of Barn: 16214 La Conner-Whitney Road, La Conner

Built Date: 1885
 Built By: Michael Sullivan
 Barn Style: Dutch
 Features: Cupola

History: Michael Sullivan's parents emigrated from Ireland. Both parents died soon after arriving in this country, leaving him an orphan. He was only 12 years old when he traveled via boat to San Francisco and then on to a mill at Utsalady on Camano Island – and finally on to the Skagit Flats. Michael Sullivan was the first to develop the La Conner Flats from valueless marshland sometimes covered in tidal water into rich and fertile fields. The farm was originally 300 acres – and Sullivan built the original house, a Victorian mansion, and the barn. They used to feed horses and cows in the barn, but the stanchions are now gone. The floor is in original shape – all wood planks. The original grain chaffer, used to process grain, is still in its original condition and is in a corner of the barn. The barn is owned by a descendent of the original builder.



Barn Number 25

Historic Name: Donald & Genevieve Sibley Farm
 Address of Barn: 18469 Beaver Marsh Road Mount Vernon

Built Date: c. 1930
 Built By: Donald & Genevieve Sibley
 Barn Style: Gable

History: The barn was originally used to house dairy cows, and milk them in the parlor. It was then used for horses. Current owners plan to restore the barn to its original state. The barn is currently being used to raise young stock for the owner's dairy farm that is down the road.



Barn Number 24

Historic Name: Willard D. Larson Barn
 Address of Barn: 15555 Summers Drive, Mount Vernon

Built Date: 1931
 Built By: Willard Larson & Lloyd Summers
 Barn Style: Dutch Gambrel
 Features: Hay Hood, Attached open machine shed

History: The barn was used for milking cows. The west end housed work horses. The concrete floor was covered with 2 x 12 planks for the horse's comfort. The milk cows were sold off in 1950. Since then the barn has periodically been used for raising feeder calves. Currently it is used for storage downstairs and hay & straw in the loft.



Barn Number 26

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.