



Barn Number 46

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 47

Historic Name: Hoag Farm
 Address of Barn: 1623 Hoag Road
 Mount Vernon
 Built Date: 1956
 Built By: Hoag Family
 Barn Style: Gambrel

History: The barn was constructed from salvaged materials taken from the B.N.L. Dais barn which was originally constructed in 1885. This may account for the use of large heavy timbers for the main framing of the barn. The barn is currently used for storage.

Barn Number 48

Historic Name: Wilfred Dow Barn
 Address of Barn: 21685 Francis Lane, Mount Vernon
 Built Date: 1926
 Built By: Wilfred Dow
 Barn Style: Dutch
 Features: Cupola



History: The barn was built on the highest piece of ground to protect it from flooding. The owner has a newspaper article describing the "unique construction" of the barn using primitive nailed rafters and laminated beams in place of dimensional lumber. Very beautiful in design, the barn has been the subject of many photos and paintings, and was featured in at least one book on old barns. The barn is owned by the third generation of the Dow family and they continue to work to keep the barn standing as it has begun to sag and "noodle". The barn is still used for agricultural purposes.