

Barn Number 54

Historic Name: James K. Davenport Barn Address of Barn: 7129 Old Highway 99 North,

Burlington

Built Date: 1914

Built By: James K. Davenport
Barn Style: Gambrel with lean-tos
Features: Lean-to attached

History: James K and Elizabeth "Bessie" Latham Davenport homesteaded the land in the early 1900s. James was a logger who worked for the Silas Butler Mill and, when the old growth timber was gone, turned to dairying. Bessie was a primary school teacher for 30 years in the bygone community of Belfast, north of the property. She raised a large garden that provided food for canning and cooking for the men who put up the hay in the barn. Together they raised eight children. The barn had dirt floors, but at one point concrete was laid and the log pillars were simply sawed off about a foot from the floor. There are steel cables spanning the loft area holding the walls together. There used to be a milk house in front of the barn where the milk was filtered and stored until it could be picked up. Even the concrete slab is gone now, but parts of the milking stanchions are still inside the barn.



Barn Number 55

Historic Name: Bloedel-Donavan Barn Address of Barn: 19117 Prairie Road,

Burlington

Built Date: 1910

Built By: Bloedel-Donavan
Barn Style: Pitched or Gull Wing

Features: Hay Lift

History: Bloedel-Donavan was the registered owner of the property at the time the barn was built. During that time in Skagit history there were many large logging companies operating, and many had farms that raised meat and vegetables to feed their crews. The assumption is that this was one of those barns. The rest of the farm and house were added later, and the property became a family farm. The current owners operate 'Prairie Road Farm'.



Barn Number 56

Historic Name: Ephriam Shassay Barn
Address of Barn: 20153 Prairie Road,
Sedro-Woolley

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Built Date: 1909

Built By: Ephriam Shassay

Barn Style: Gable Features: Cupola

History: The barn was built by the current owner's grandfather for her great-grandfather. Made of mortise and tenon structure with wooden pegs, it has an interior hay track and has always been used for cattle and hay. An original bill from the Butler Lumber Co. for supplies to build the barn notes a total cost of \$78.96.