



Barn Number 9

Historic Name: Henry Gay Barn
Address of Barn: 20274 E. Stackpole Road,
Mount Vernon

Built Date: c. 1934
Built By: Unknown
Barn Style: English Gambrel
Features: Hay Hood

History: The Cameron family purchased the farm around 1938 and brought cattle from Kansas via rail and raised them on this homestead. The barn was used to store hay and feed the animals. A portion of the farm, including the barn, was sold in 1945 for \$2,500 to W. H. Bratz who raised lions, tigers, birds and other exotic animals. From 1968 until 1976 it was a dairy farm. Subsequent owners used the barn to house a small airplane & equipment and housing for Boer and Alpine goats. This is likely one of the oldest barns built in this area - east of the freeway. The Gambrel roof barn stands alone easily noticeable in the increasingly residential encroachment.



Barn Number 10

Historic Name: Van Thurman Barn
Address of Barn: 19405 Nelson Road,
Mount Vernon

Built Date: c. 1920
Built By: Van and Dora Thurman
Barn Style: Gable
Features: Hay Hood, Milking Shed

History: Van Thurman was a driver for Darigold and his wife – Dora – was a teacher at Conway School. The Thurmans used the barn to milk their 8 cows, store hay in the loft and store grain in the silo that was attached to the barn. The silo has since fallen down. The barn has a ground entrance with a low ceiling and dirt floor and about ¼ of it opens up to the loft. There is a ramp on the northwest corner that gave the cows access to the 8 milking stalls in the loft area of the barn. The loft is a huge expanse with pulleys, attached ladders and two big doors on the south side for loading in hay. The hay would fill the loft to the rafters. The construction is pillar and post with long cedar poles, old growth cedar siding, and old fir floors in the loft. The barn is currently used for storage of farm equipment and wine barrels for the vineyard on the property.



Barn Number 11

Historic Name: Hannesdale Farm
Address of Barn: 17023 Dike Road,
Mount Vernon

Built Date: c. 1905
Built By: [Unknown]
Barn Style: Dutch Gambrel
Features: Cupola (2), Weather Vane,
Milking Shed

History: According to County records, the owner of the property in 1905 was Andrew Hannesdale, 'a bachelor'. The barn was supported by 90 surrounding acres for cattle, hay and seed. The huge timbers and cedar siding likely came from clearing those 90 acres. The barn was used for milking in to the 1950's. Several milking stanchions still hang in the barn and some beams are worn smooth from cows rubbing their necks against the wood. Whitewash can be seen on some of the beams. The cavernous loft stored hay for surrounding farms, and the rope and pulleys still hang from the ceiling. The pulley attachment on the sliding door shows patent dates of 1901 and 1903. There is a faded hand-lettered metal sign which reads "Dance Saturday Night". Seed bag tags were found in the barn. Seeds were probably stored in the barn before being loaded on barges which came up the Skagit River and into the sloughs to pick up produce. The seeds were going to Lilly's of Seattle (now Lilly-Miller). A metal roof was added when leaking began to damage the timbers in the loft. The barn is currently used for alpacas and hay & grain storage.