



Barn Number 51

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.



Barn Number 52

Historic Name: Shire Barn
Address of Barn: 26319 Hoehn Road,
Sedro-Woolley
Built Date: 1904
Built By: Shire Family
Barn Style: Gable
Features: Milking Shed

History: The Shires were the first “stump farmers” on this property. The current owner’s grandparents purchased the farm from the Shire family in 1910 and continued to farm around the enormous fir stumps and slowly removed them. The construction of the barn is representative in its architectural style of the modest barns that served the small, diversified farmers who worked 20 to 50 acres. A pole structure, the barn is built around 16 upright poles and sided with 12” barn boards and battens. The haymow is supported by pole joists, upon which un-nailed 12” barn boards create the mow. The original steeply peaked shake roof shed water well and provided for the large, high opening for the hayfork pulley system. A tin roof was placed over the original wooden shakes about 1958 – and a new tin roof was added in 1978. The original wooden floor was replaced in the late 1930’s with a cement floor. The barnyard turkeys traipsed around while the cement was still wet and the turkey tracks are still visible in the floor. The barn was the site of a continuous family-run milking operation from 1910 until the early 1960’s. Currently the barn serves as a storage and work area – including the tools necessary for the upkeep and preservation of the buildings and farmland.



Barn Number 53

Historic Name: Hobart & Ruth Wiseman Barn
Address of Barn: 28675 Minkler Road,
Sedro-Woolley
Built Date: c. 1925
Built By: Hobart Wiseman
Barn Style: Gable

History: The farm was originally established in 1897 by the Lyman Lumber and Shingle Company. It passed through a number of owners until 1925 when Hobart & Ruth Wiseman purchased the property. In June of 1925 an easement created for Puget Sound Power & Light Company to run major power transmission lines from the dam necessitated the removal of the original barn. The Wisemans built the current barn at that time. There are two barns – one for hay and horses, the other for milking. The milking barn had an attached building with a hot-water tank and drain that appeared to be used for cleaning the cattle.