

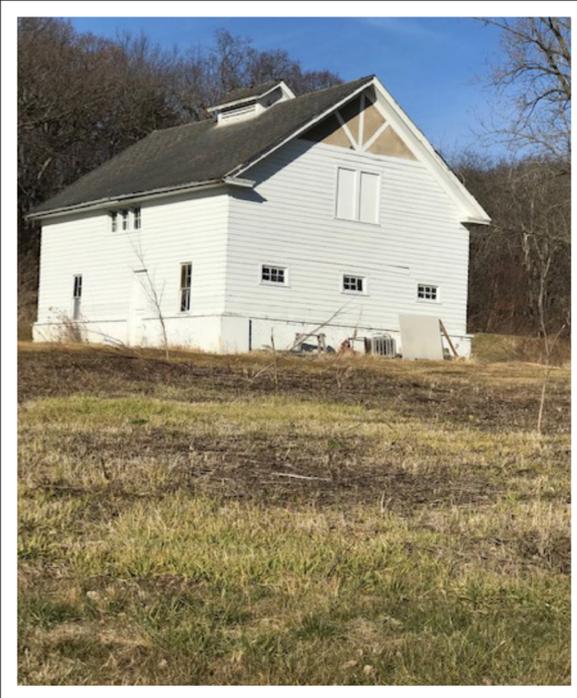
#10 Barn

The Barn, constructed in 1912, is the last original building on the property. The two-story Barn is of wood frame construction with a gabled roof, composite shingles, and a concrete floor and foundation. Originally the Barn had a light brown, pebble dash stucco exterior, the same exterior as the Temporary Laboratory and Tank House. Despite their ordinary functions, the Barn and the brick Pumphouse were the only buildings that exhibited any artistic design. The exterior of the Barn was altered in 1972, and white, wood-clapboard siding replaced the stucco. On the east side of the building the first story has a small glass window, entrance door, and a double-wide stable door. The second story is a double-bay door on a hayloft. The double-bay door has a gable roof and the transom above the door still exhibits the original stucco design.

Initially, the Barn was used as both a storage facility and a stable for the work horses and mules assigned to the station. By 1941-42 horses were no longer used at the hatchery. Since that time the Barn has functioned as a storage building. In 1984, the Iowa State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) recognized the state and national significance of the hatchery and its ties to the pearl button industry. The Iowa SHPO informed the US Fish and Wildlife Service they considered all pre-1930 buildings (e.g., Barn and Pumphouse) eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. In 1996 the Iowa SHPO reiterated this position when the USFWS transferred title of the property to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.



Overview of Barn in 1941 (note the stucco exterior), facing west.



Overview of Barn in 2020, wood siding has replaced stucco, facing north. Note: Original pebble-dash stucco can be seen in the gable between the decorative stickwork.



Overview of Barn in 2021, note wood siding has replaced stucco, facing west. Note: Original pebble-dash stucco can be seen in the gable between the decorative stickwork.

