

**SITE INFORMATION**

\*SURVEY DATE: Aug 4, 2011  
\*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone

\*ADDRESS: 31558 462 Ave  
\*COUNTY: Clay  
\*CITY: Vermillion

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: About 1 mile north of Hwy 50 on Hwy 19 turn left (West) on Bluff Road, for 1/2 mile turn right ( North) for about 1/8 mile on 462 Ave. Turn right at the first lane and about 1/3 of a mile(East) to farm stead.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and Lot B and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 excluding County Road 2 – 92 - 52

\*QUARTER 1: SW 1/4 & SE 1/4  
\*QUARTER 2: SW 1/4  
\*TOWNSHIP: Vermillion  
\*RANGE: 52  
\*SECTION: 2  
ACRES: 152.06

OWNER NAME: Martin Weeks Jr.  
OWNER ADDRESS: 31551 SD Hwy 19  
OWNER CITY: Vermillion  
OWNER STATE: South Dakota  
OWNER ZIP: 57069  
QUAD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER CODE 1: P  
OWNER CODE 2: F S L P  
OWNER CODE 3: F S L P

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

\*DOE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*DOE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON INELIGIBLE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTER NAME: Canute Weeks bank barn #2  
MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC  
PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L  
SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L  
CRITERIA 1: A B C D  
CRITERIA 2: A B C D  
CRITERIA 3: A B C D  
CRITERIA 4: A B C D

SIGNIFICANCE NOTES: Built in the 1880's by Canute Weeks as a livestock barn Martin Weeks Jr. (owner) and the grandson of Canute Weeks wants to get the barn on the So. Dak. State Register and restore this barn.

**STRUCTURE DETAILS**

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SHPO ID: 2 CL 00500002

\*PROPERTY NAME: Canute Weeks livestock bank barn #2

OTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT FUNCTION: Livestock Barn FOUNDATION: Native stone with sand and lime mortar

CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: \_\_\_\_\_ ROOF MATERIAL: Cedar shingles

HISTORIC FUNCTION: Livestock barn ROOF SHAPE: Gable

HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Dairy barn STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Heavy post and beam

STYLE: \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPIED: YES TYPE: Bank barn

ACCESSIBLE: YES WALLS: Posts , 2 x 6, plank siding

STORIES: 2 SIGNIFICANT PERSON: Canute Weeks

\*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1880's CULTURAL AFFILIATION: Norwegian

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site

INTERIOR NOTES: Some log posts and beams, some 8" x 8" posts and beams in the basement.

All 8 x 8 posts and 8 x 8 beams in the haymow. There are 2 rows of posts in the haymow 9 feet in from

The North and South walls with 6 x 6 on top to support the roof. These 8 x 8's are braced back out to the

8 x 8's on outside walls with 8x8's horizontally at the lower eave line and are mortised and tendon with wooden pegs.

OTHER NOTES: 12" vertical board siding with battens. Has a 4 x 4 mounted in the peak for a track to

raise hay with a hay sling up and back into the haymow.

\*PHYSICAL NOTES: Barn needs leveling and straightening, roof needs to be replaced soon.

\*UTM ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_

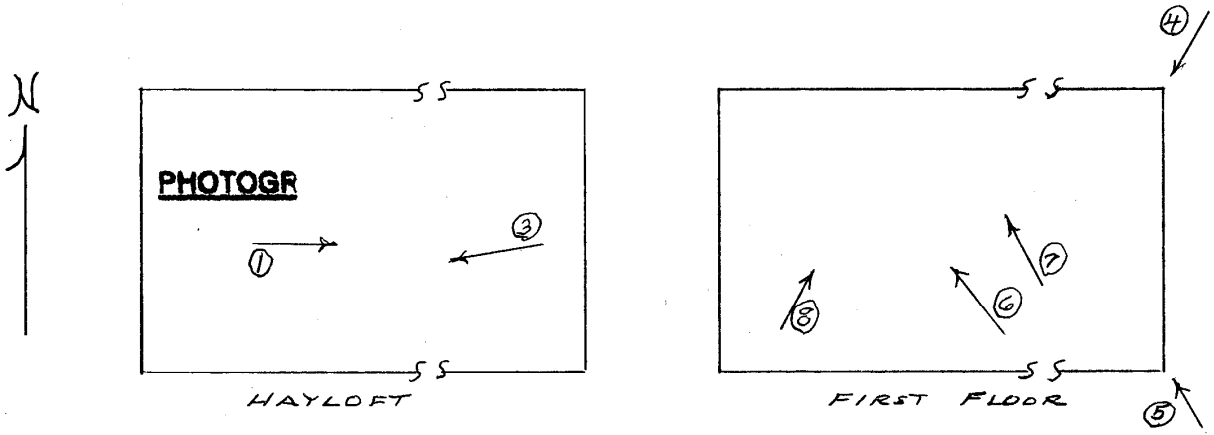
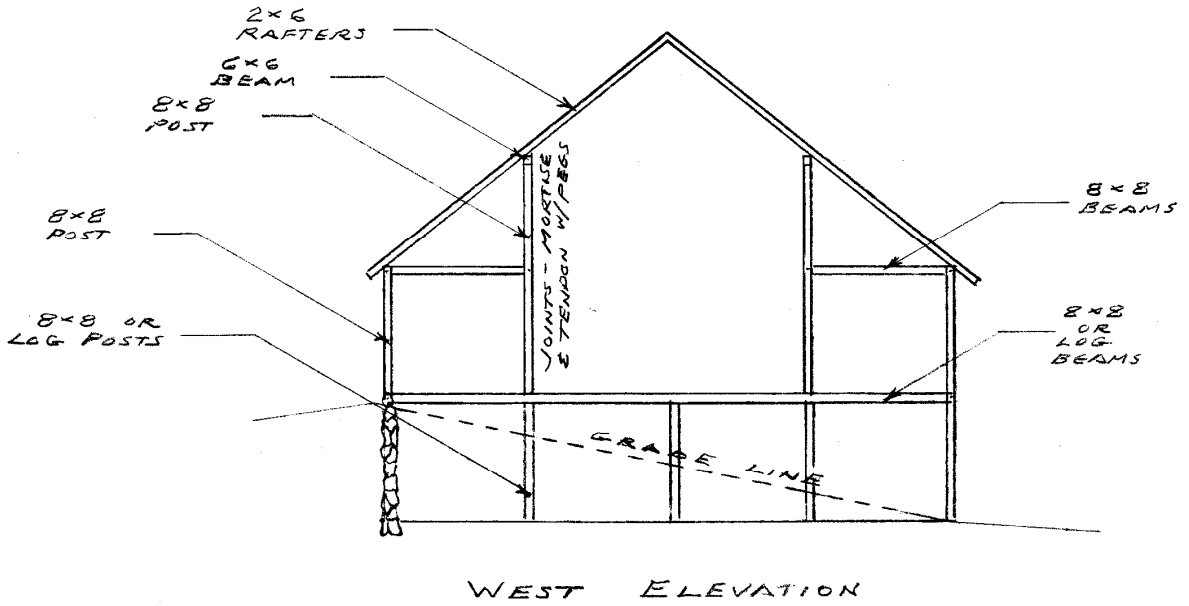
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\*UTM EASTING: \_\_\_\_\_

\*UTM NORTHING: \_\_\_\_\_

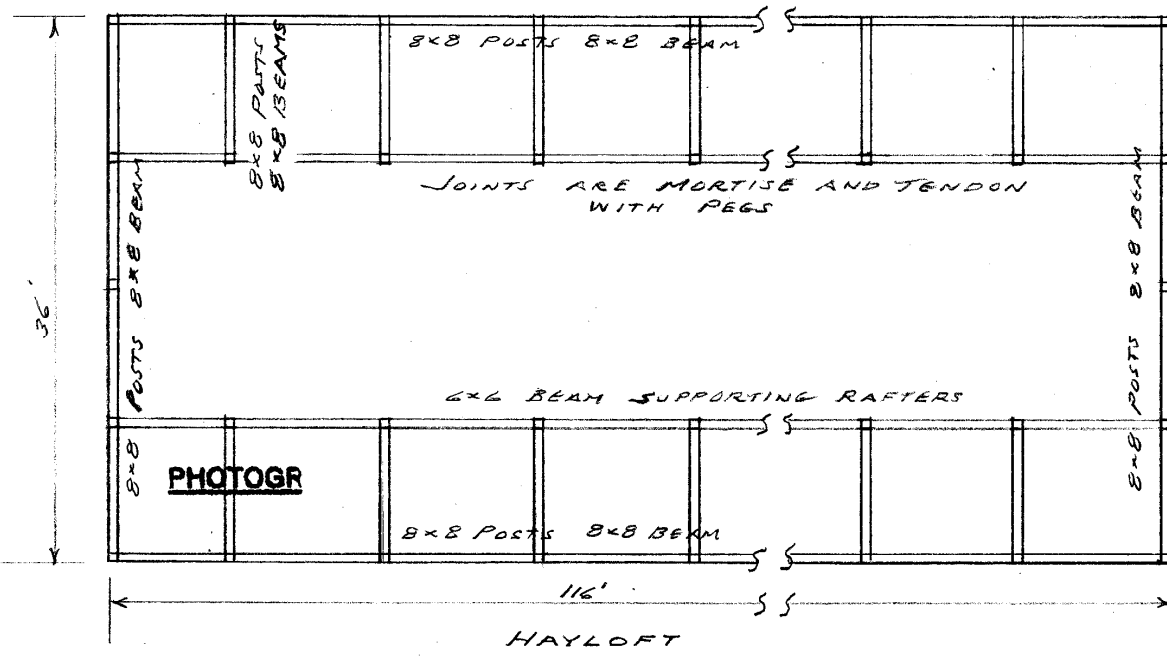
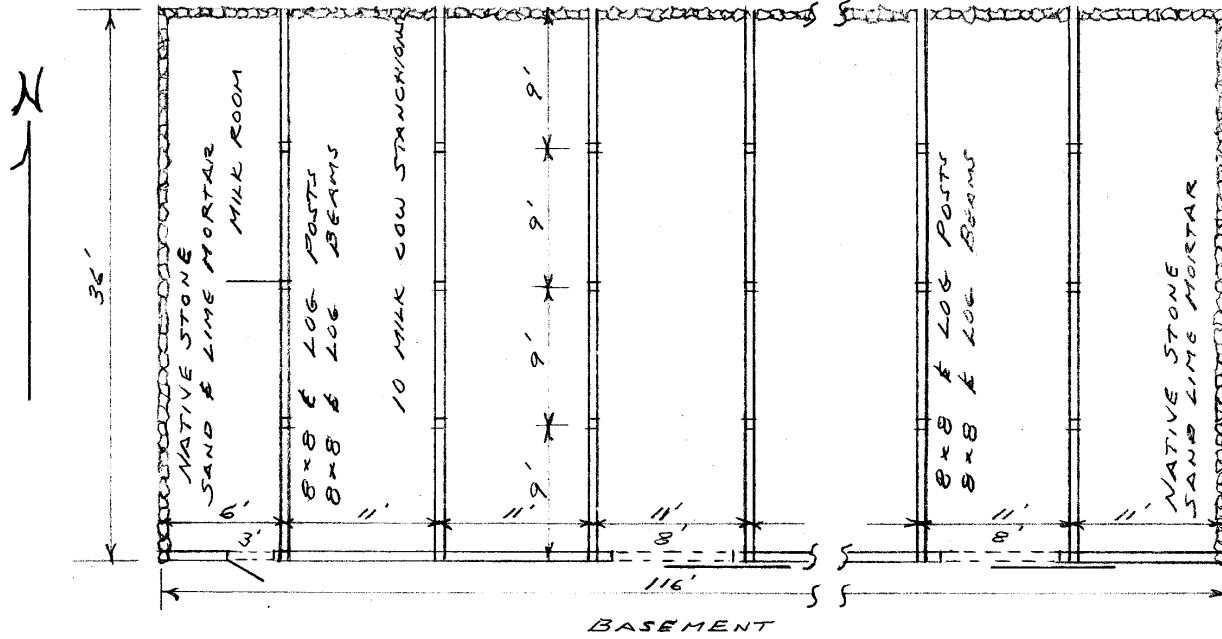
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**PHOTOGRAPHS**

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**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Jim Stone  
**DATE OF PHOTO:** Aug. 4, 2011

**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 1  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SW, NE corner



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 2  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Haymow looking west  
2x8's added later for  
bracing

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PHOTOGRAPHER: Jim Stone  
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ROLL NUMBER: 3  
PHOTO NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking East at the SE corner & South side



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ROLL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHOTO NUMBER: 4  
CAMERA DIRECTION: Looking NW at the SE corner



**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Jim Stone  
**DATE OF PHOTO:** Aug. 4, 2011

**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 5  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Basement North foundation wall



**PHOTOGRAPHER:** Jim Stone  
**DATE OF PHOTO:** Aug. 4, 2011

**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 6  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking NE original milk cow stanchions

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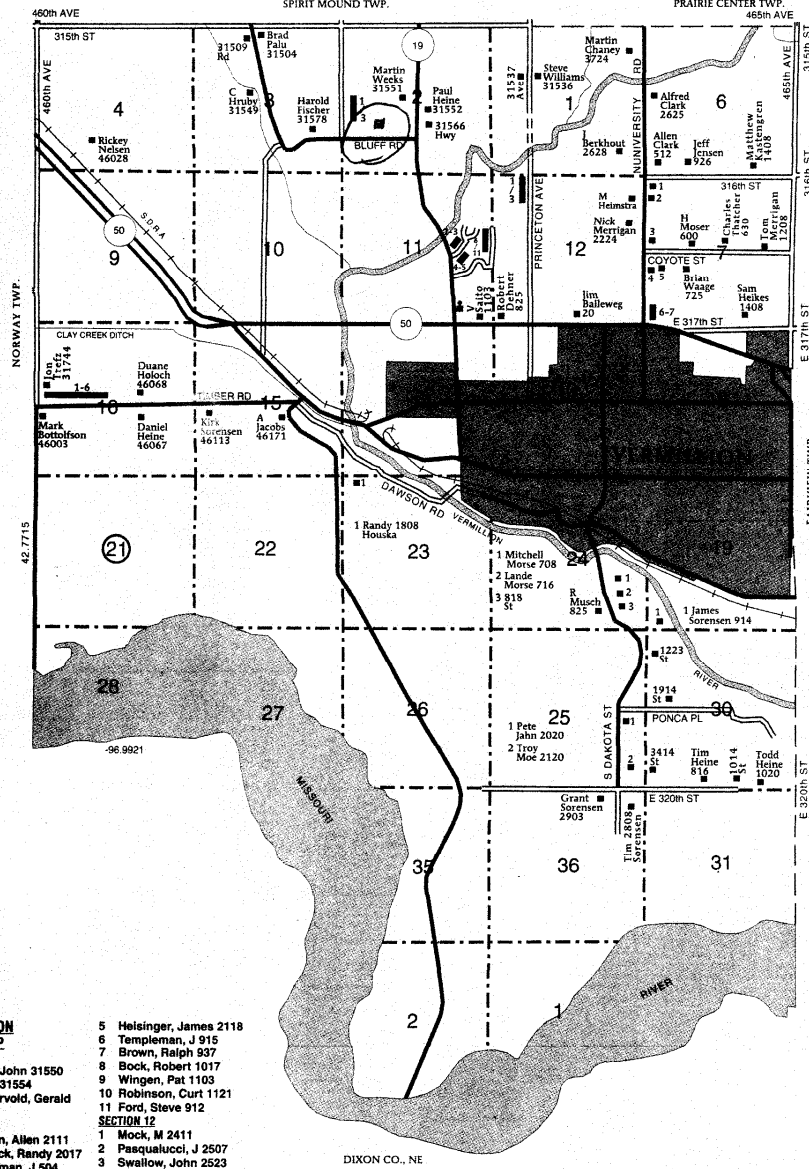
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**ROLL NUMBER:** 7  
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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Basement, looking NW,  
6x6 posts, log beams  
and 2x6 floor joists.



T-91-92-N VERMILLION DIRECTORY R-51-52-W

(Residents - Owners or Renters)



- VERMILLION TOWNSHIP**
- SECTION 21**
- 1 Koester, John 31550
  - 2 Patri, V 31554
  - 3 Sommervold, Gerald 31598
- SECTION 1**
- 1 Johnson, Allen 2111
  - 2 Wheelock, Randy 2017
  - 3 Zimmerman, J 504
  - 4 1909
  - 5 Laitala, Terry 711
  - 6 Olson, Eric 1817
  - 7 Simons, Kai 1421
- SECTION 11**
- 1 Gilbertson, Marty 2021
  - 2 Storm, John 2109
  - 3 Campbell, B 1919
  - 4 McBride, Richard 2102
- 5 Helsing, James 2118
  - 6 Templeman, J 915
  - 7 Brown, Ralph 937
  - 8 Bock, Robert 1017
  - 9 Wingen, Pat 1103
  - 10 Robinson, Curt 1121
  - 11 Ford, Steve 912
- SECTION 12**
- 1 Mock, M 2411
  - 2 Pasqualucci, J 2507
  - 3 Swallow, John 2523
- SECTION 16**
- 1 46002
  - 2 Kober, Tom 46004
  - 3 Myron, Warren 46008
  - 4 Johnson, Robert L 46020
  - 5 Halverson, Ernest 46044
  - 6 Struckman, Dave 46048

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# History

## History of Canute Week's livestock barn

In the 1880's Canute Weeks was starting to feed cattle and sheep. He raised some of the cattle and sheep and bought some. He went to Texas once and bought cattle, drove them to the nearest railroad and had the cattle shipped to Vermillion. He was feeding a large number of livestock to sell for slaughter and needed a large barn to protect his livestock from the weather. This is when he decided to build a larger bank barn. Martin Weeks Jr. said that Canute would have 200 head of cattle in the feed yards most of the time. When these cattle reached market weight Canute would drive them to Vermillion and have them shipped out on the railroad. Most of these cattle and sheep went to Chicago packing houses.

He dug back into the bluff for the basement just like as he had for his first permanent barn. Again he hauled in native stone to build the West, North and East basement walls 8 foot high. The stones were mortared with sand and lime. The stones were large in his first barn but even larger in the lower part of this basement wall. I really wonder how he moved and placed these stones. The basement was 36 feet wide North and South and 116 feet long East and West. This barn is about 5 feet from the Southwest corner of this new barn and the Northeast corner of his first barn.

The South wall is post and beam with beams running North and South. Some of the posts are 8 x 8 rough sawn with 8 x 8 rough sawn beams. Some of the posts and beams are just round logs. The posts are 9 feet spacing the 36 foot depth and about 11 foot spacing the 116 foot length. The floor joists are 2 x 6 rough sawn cottonwood with boards for the hayloft floor.

The hayloft is also built with posts and beams. All of these are rough sawn 8 x 8 posts and 8 x 8 beams placed directly over posts in the basement. The hayloft has two rows of posts 9 feet in from the North and South walls. The posts are braced horizontally back to the outside wall posts with 8 x 8 beams. This brace is at the eave line about 8' from the floor. These beams are mortised and tendon, with round wooden pegs. On top of the interior rows of posts there is a 6 x 6 beam, which supports the mid point of the rafters. The rafters are 2 x 6 rough sawn cottonwood with rough sawn boards for roof sheathing. The roof is covered with cedar shingles. The walls are framed with 2 x 6 rough sawn horizontally between the posts and 12" siding boards applied vertically. Battens were applied over the cracks in the boards to keep out the weather and wind. There is a 4 x 4 mounted in the peak for a hay sling to raise hay up and back into the hayloft. Martin Weeks Jr. remembers a steel track mounted below the 4 x 4 for the trolley track. I could not see any holes where it might have been mounted. The hayloft door is on the East end.

About 1920 Martin Weeks Sr. (Canute Week's son) was running the farm and also feeding a lot of cattle. His wife Josephine (Schoraga) wanted to start a dairy. She supervised most of the work on the dairy with the help of hired hands. The dairy was in the west end of the livestock barn. One of the rows of stanchions is still there. Eventually she had 5 rows of stanchions with each row holding 10 cows. A fifty-cow dairy would have been a very large operation at that time especially milking all of the cows by hand. Eventually they got electricity on the farm and installed milking machines.

They built a cool room in the Northwest corner of this barn to cool and store milk. The milk was poured through a strainer onto a corrugated sheet, which spread the milk out over a larger area. The milk then ran over a corrugated barrel, which had cool well water running through it. The milk was then stored in ten gallon milk cans and lowered into a pit which also had cool well water running through it. The ten gallon cans were hauled to a milk house, which is gone now. There the milk as put into glass bottles. Martin Weeks Jr. remembers his parents had a milk route in Vermillion where they delivered the milk to the homes. The delivery truck was a Ford with an enclosed back for the bottled milk. Later they bought a creamery in Vermillion and just hauled the bulk milk to the creamery. The creamery then bottled the milk and delivered to the homes.

Historical information furnished by Martin Weeks Jr. son of Martin Weeks Sr. and Josephine and the grandson of Canute Weeks. Martin Weeks Jr. is the owner of this property.

