

**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY STRUCTURE FORM**



**SITE INFORMATION**

\*SURVEY DATE: July 9, 2012 \*ADDRESS: 31704 Bergen Ave.  
\*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone \*COUNTY: Clay  
\*CITY: Meckling

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From Vermillion South Dakota Highway 50, West about 1 mile to South Dakota Highway 19 South, turn left about 300' to Timber Road, turn right (West) about 5-3/4 miles to Bergen Ave., turn right (North) about 1/4 mile, on right (East) side.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot J of NW 1/4, NE 1/4, 15 - 92 - 53 Norway Twp.

\*QUARTER 1: NE 1/4  
\*QUARTER 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*TOWNSHIP: Norway  
\*RANGE: 53  
\*SECTION: 15  
ACRES: 3.8

OWNER NAME: Glen J. & Denice A. Gilbertson  
OWNER ADDRESS: 31704 Bergen Ave.  
OWNER CITY: Meckling  
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**STRUCTURE DETAILS**

SHPO ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT FUNCTION:	<u>Farm machinery storage</u>	FOUNDATION:	<u>Poured concrete</u>
CURRENT SUBFUNCTION:	<u>Storage</u>	ROOF MATERIAL:	<u>Steel over cedar shingles</u>
HISTORIC FUNCTION:	<u>Livestock barn</u>	ROOF SHAPE:	<u>Gable</u>
HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION:	<u>Hay storage</u>	STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:	<u>Balloon framing</u>
		STYLE:	<u>Gable roof barn</u>
OCCUPIED:	<u>Yes</u>	TYPE:	<u>Livestock barn</u>
			<u>2x6, sheathing</u>
			<u>&amp;1/2"x6" cedar lap</u>
ACCESSIBLE:	<u>Yes with permission</u>	WALLS:	<u>siding &amp; steel roofing</u>
STORIES:	<u>2</u>	SIGNIFICANT PERSON:	<u>Elling Myron</u>
*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION:	<u>About 1920</u>	CULTURAL AFFILIATION:	<u>Norwegian</u>

ALTERED/MOVED NOTES: Original site. Roof and walls have been covered with steel roofing. All stalls, stanchions and posts and beams have been removed. The barn has been converted into a swine farrowing barn. Additions have been added to the West and the North sides much later than the original barn. Interior walls and ceiling are insulated and lined. I could not access the hayloft.

INTERIOR NOTES: Do not know what the posts and beams were to support hayloft floor. Joists are 2x8. All of the 2x6's for studs, rafters and bracing, 2x8 floor joists and sheathing are rough sawn cottonwood.

OTHER NOTES: Windows were 4"x24" four light. 2x6 stud walls with diagonal sheathing and 1/2"x6" cedar siding. Rafters are 2x6. The North wall of the barn inside the North original lean-to has 1x8 shiplap over the diagonal sheathing. The walls on the lean-to are 2x4, with 2x4 rafters and 2x4 ceiling joists and are all rough sawn cottonwood. Barn was built by Nels Peterson a carpenter by trade and a Swedish immigrant.

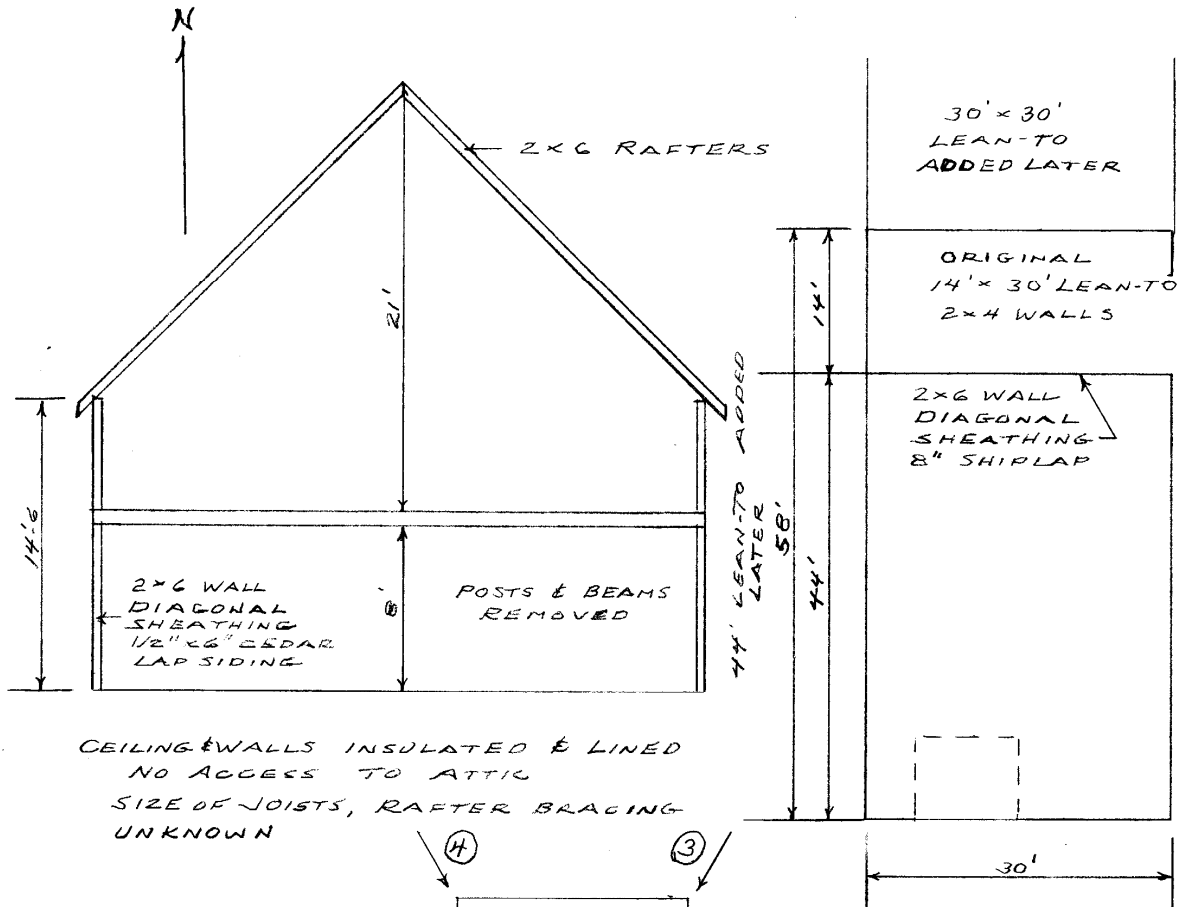
\*PHYSICAL NOTES: Barn is in good condition.

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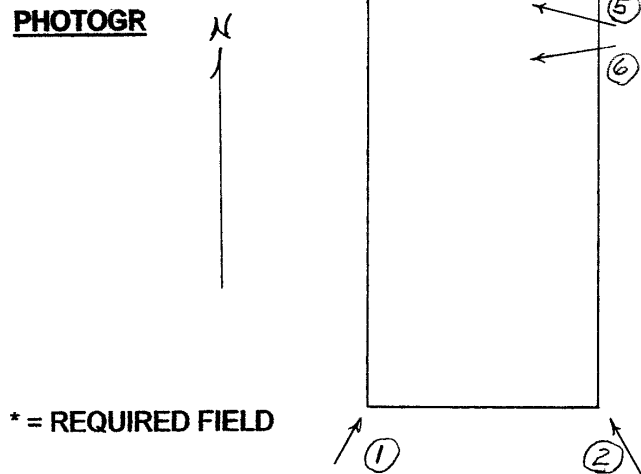
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**SKETCH MAP**



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**DATE OF PHOTO:** July 9, 2012

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



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 2  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking NW, SE corner

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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SW, NE corner



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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SE, NW corner

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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking West into lean-to, 2x4 wall and diagonal sheathing

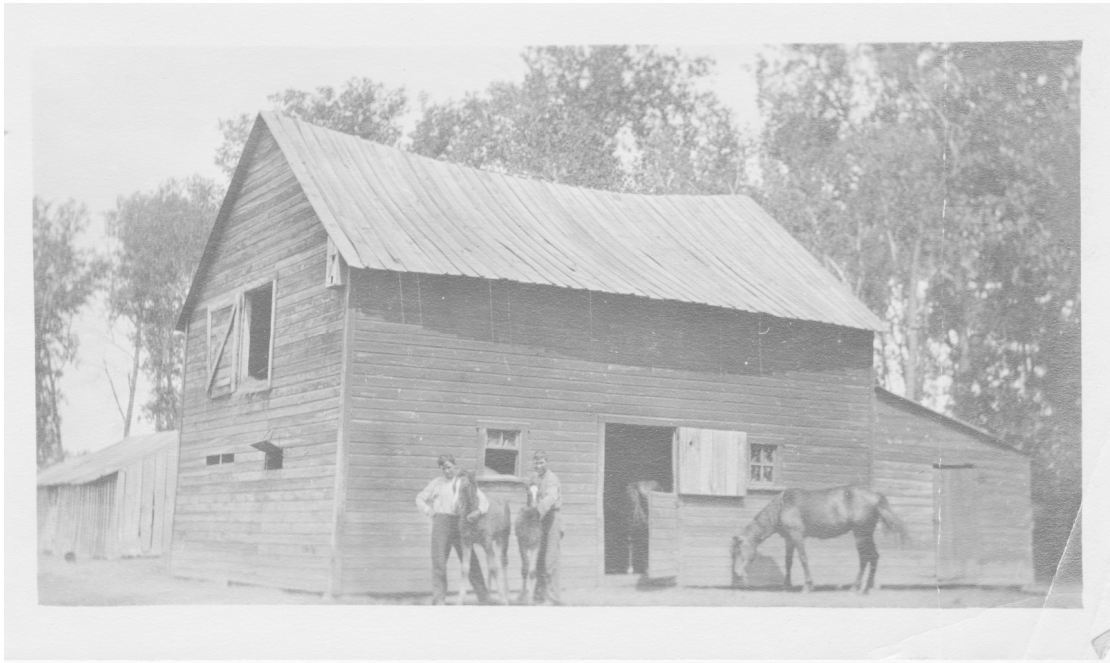


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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking West into lean-to, diagonal sheathing on North wall of barn and 1x8 shiplap

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CAMERA DIRECTION: Original barn years ago.



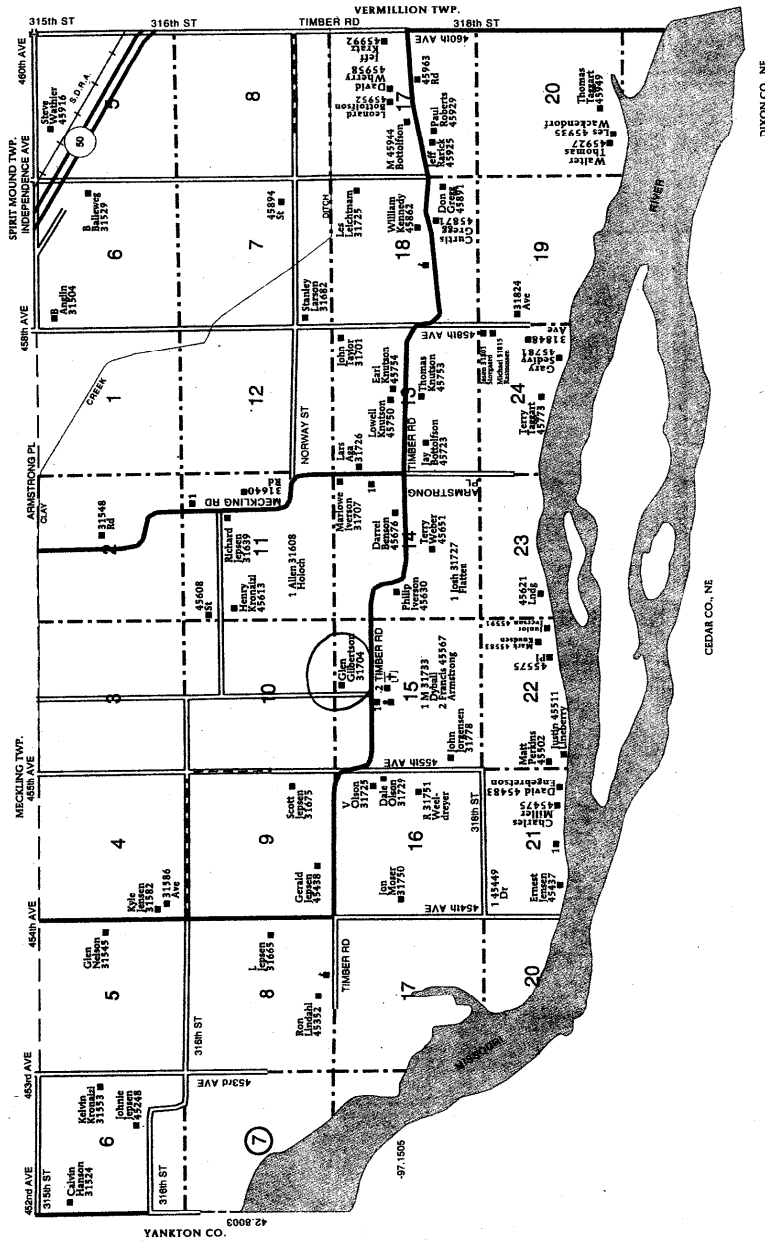
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CAMERA DIRECTION: Original barn many years ago, might be when it was new.

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T-92-N NORWAY DIRECTORY R-52-53-W  
(Residents - Owners or Renters)



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## **HISTORY**

This farm, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, Section 15, Norway Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Elling Olson.

The 1894 Clay County Atlas lists S. S. Myron as the owner.

The 1901 Clay County Atlas lists Elling M. Myron as the owner.

The 1912 Clay County Atlas lists J. G. Iverson as the owner.

The 1924 Clay County Atlas lists Elling M. Myron as the owner.

The 1937 Clay County Atlas lists E. & J. Iverson as the owners.

The 1948 Clay County Atlas lists Arthur Iverson as the owners.

The 1956 Clay County Atlas lists D. E. Myron as the owners.

**The Following Information Is Furnished by  
Milo Gilbertson**

Elling Myron lived on this farm at the time the barn was built. Milo Gilbertson bought this farm from Don Myron, a son of Elling Myron. Milo and Sally Gilbertson lived here for most of their life. They farmed and raised a lot of hogs.

Milo said that a Nels Peterson immigrated from Sweden in 1914. He was a carpenter and built kitchen cabinets for Elling Myron in 1917 in the house that still stands today. Glen Gilbertson the son of Milo and Sally Gilbertson bought the farmstead and lives in the house.

Nels Peterson is believed to have built the barn about 1920. He built other barns and did carpentry work in the area. He just disappeared from the area. He died in 1943 and had requested to be buried at the Norwegian Cemetery. This would be the Meckling Cemetery.

Nels Peterson was married in Sweden, but did not bring his family to America. He was going to make his fortune and then send for his family. His wife finally divorced Nels, but stayed in Sweden. Milo did not know why he did not send for his family after he established his life in America.

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