

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



**SITE INFORMATION**

\*SURVEY DATE: May 29, 2012 \*ADDRESS: 29979 457<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
\*SURVEYOR: Jim Stone \*COUNTY: Clay  
\*CITY: Wakonda

LOCATION DESCRIPTION: From the intersection of South Dakota highway 50 bi-pass and South Dakota highway 19, 15 miles North to 302<sup>nd</sup> Street, turn left ( West) 4 miles to 458<sup>th</sup> Ave, turn right (North) 2 miles to 300<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left (West) 1 mile, turn right (North) on 457<sup>th</sup> Ave. about ¼ mile on the left (West) side.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SE ¼, EXC E 825' of S 1,165' & Nelson Tract 1, 14 – 95 – 53 Star Twp

\*QUARTER 1: SE 1/4 OWNER NAME: Ronald Nelson  
\*QUARTER 2: \_\_\_\_\_ OWNER ADDRESS: 29979 457<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
\*TOWNSHIP: Star OWNER CITY: Wakonda  
\*RANGE: 53 OWNER STATE: South Dakota  
\*SECTION: 14 OWNER ZIP: 57073  
ACRES: 148 QUAD NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER CODE 1: P  
OWNER CODE 2: F S L P  
OWNER CODE 3: F S L P

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

\*DOE: \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*DOE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ MULTIPLE PROPERTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
REASON INELIGIBLE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATION STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE LISTED: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 1: N S L  
REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNIFICANCE LEVEL 2: N S L  
HISTORIC DISTRICT RATING: C or NC CRITERIA 1: A B C D  
PERIOD: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: Livestock (Goats) FOUNDATION: Poured concrete  
 CURRENT SUBFUNCTION: \_\_\_\_\_ ROOF MATERIAL: Steel over cedar  
 HISTORIC FUNCTION: Livestock ROOF SHAPE: shingles  
 HISTORIC SUBFUNCTION: Hay and grain storage STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: Gambrel  
 OCCUPIED: Yes STYLE: Balloon framing  
 ACCESSIBLE: Yes with permission TYPE: Gambrel roof barn  
 WALLS: Livestock barn  
2x6 & 2x8 studs,  
sheathing, 1/2"x6"  
cedar lap siding

STORIES: 2 SIGNIFICANT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 \*DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: About 1918 CULTURAL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**ALTERED/MOVED NOTES:** Original site. Roof and walls have been covered with steel roofing.  
Horse stalls and milk cow stanchions have been removed. 19'x 60' lean-to has been added on the West  
side in 1975. All doors and windows have been covered with steel roofing, except the South sliding  
door.

**INTERIOR NOTES:** Four rows of 6x6 posts with 6x6 beams. 2x10 floor joists for hayloft floor.  
2x6 wall with solid sheathing divides North 34' from South 26'. There is an 8' sliding door in the center  
for a drive through or to divide the two sections. 8' sliding doors on the gable ends.

**OTHER NOTES:** 2x6 stud walls 14' high with horizontal sheathing on the East and West sides. 2x8 stud  
walls with diagonal sheathing on the gable ends. 8"x10" four light windows over 8"x10" four light  
windows double hung for ventilation.

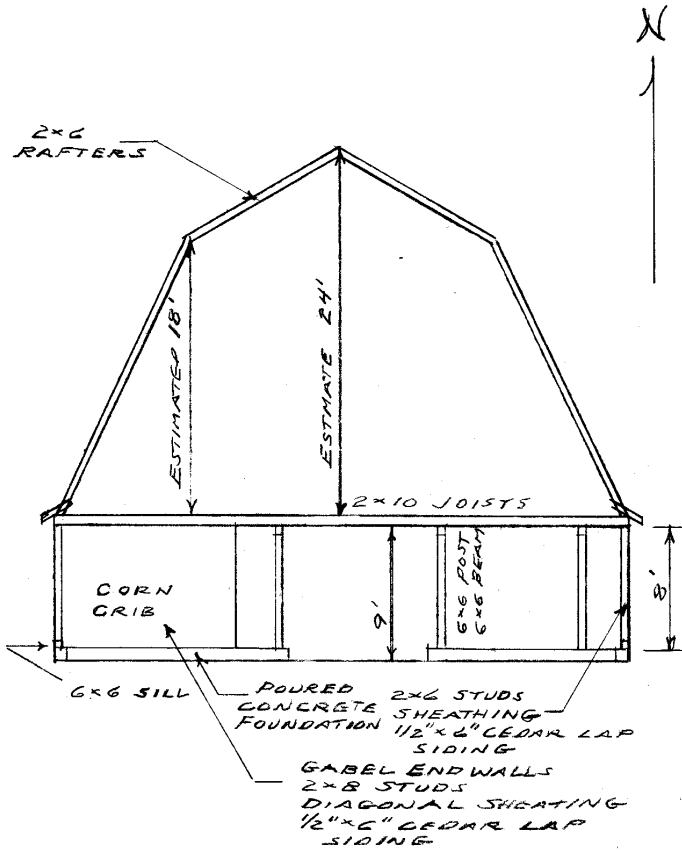
**\*PHYSICAL NOTES:** Barn is in very good condition. Two 10'x16' stud horse box stalls in the NW  
corner. 10'x16' granary south of box stalls and a 12' x 26' corn crib in the SW corner.

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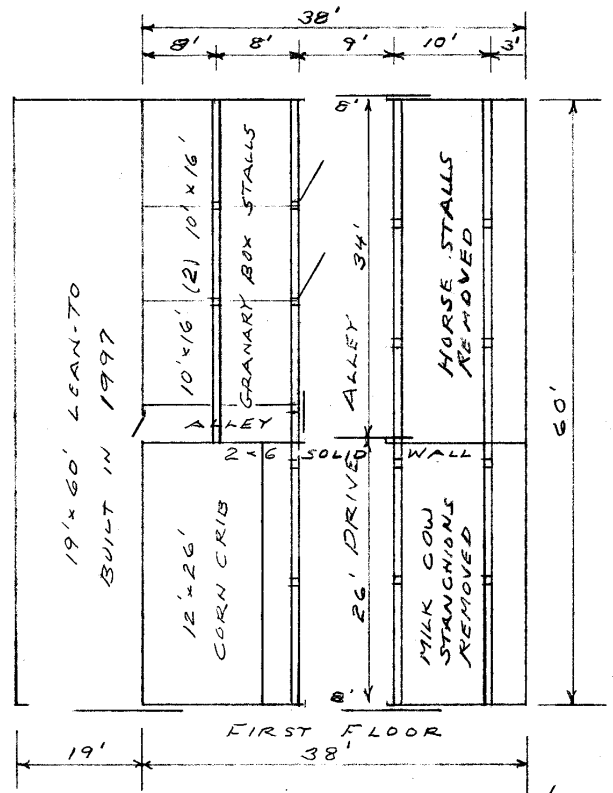
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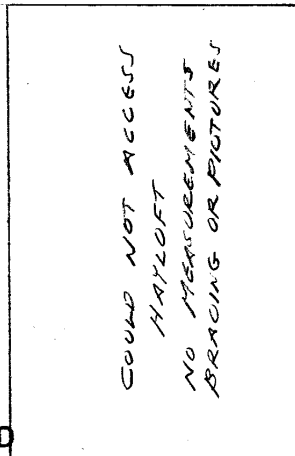
**SKETCH MAP**



POURED CONCRETE FOUNDATION  
2x6 STUDS  
CONCRETE SHEATHING  
1/2" x 6" CEDAR LAP SIDING  
GABLE END WALLS  
2x8 STUDS  
DIAGONAL SHEATHING  
1/2" x 6" CEDAR LAP SIDING

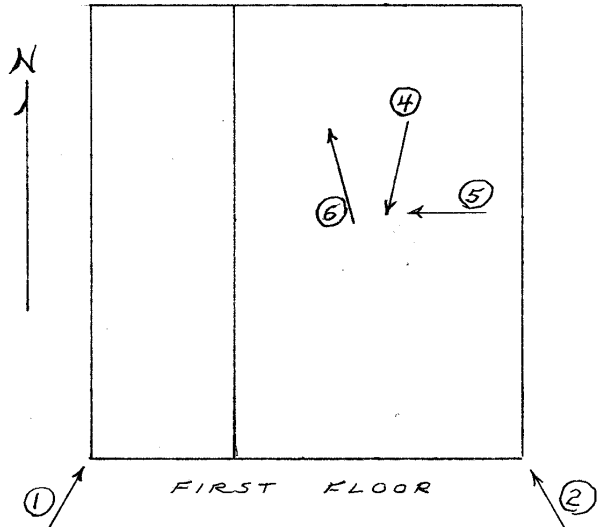


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HAYLOFT



FIRST FLOOR

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**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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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 3  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** Looking SW, NE corner



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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 4  
**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First Floor, looking SE, dividing wall in center of barn, note track for sliding door.

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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHOTO NUMBER:** 5

**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking West,  
feed alley also with  
sliding door



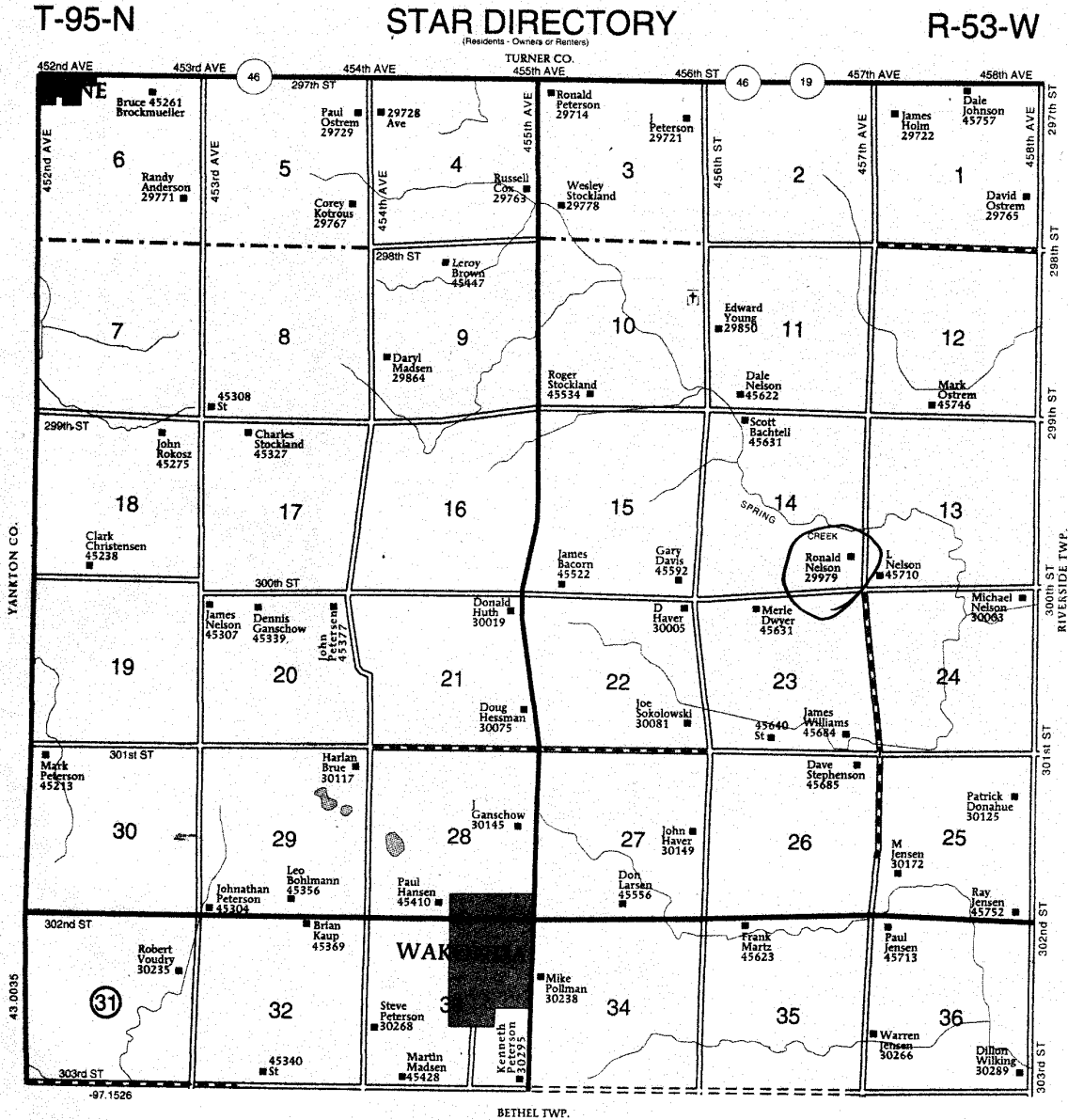
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**ROLL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CAMERA DIRECTION:** First floor, looking NW,  
(2) stud horse box stalls

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## **HISTORY**

This farm located in the SE ¼ of Section 14, Star Township, Clay County was homesteaded by Eli Strayer.

The 1901 and 1912 Clay County Atlas lists Lee and Prentis as the owners.

The 1912 and 1924 Clay County Atlas lists M. E. Dixon as the owner.

The 9137 Clay County Atlas lists Margaret E. Dixon as the owner and J. V. Dixon as the operator (renter).

The 1948 and 1956 Clay County Atlas lists R. A. Peterson as the owner.

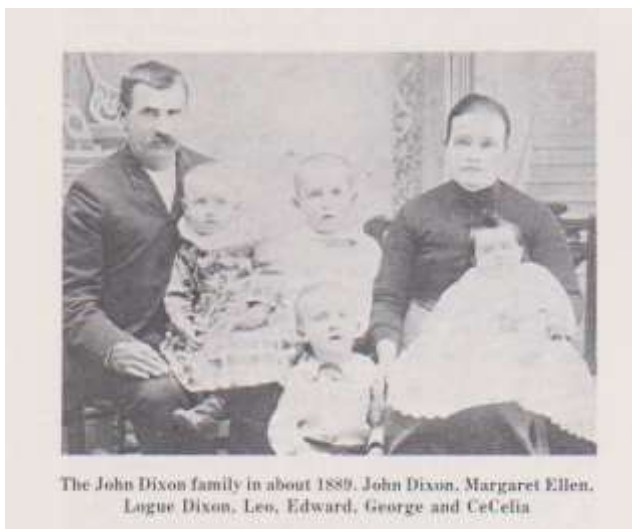
There are notes written in pencil on the north wall of the corncrib in the feed alley of the barn. The owner states that “these notes were written by the builder.” [Elmer Thompson Walhalla, N. D.] Elmer Thompson was the builder of this barn in about 1918. The builder was from Walhalla, North Dakota.



The following is From

## **Wakonda, S. D. Centennial Book 1885 – 1985**

### **John and Margaret Dixon Family**



(If the date on the picture is correct, in 1889 this is about the ages the children were, when they moved to S.D. They must have moved to S. D. earlier than 1901.)

John Dixon was born in 1858 at Philadelphia, Penn. He came to Dixon County, Iowa with his parents in about that same year. In 1878 he came to the area of Vail, Iowa in Crawford County. He married Margaret Logue at St. Ann's Church in Vail, Iowa on Jan. 29, 1883. Their wedding was the first wedding solemnized in the new church. The parish of St. Ann had been formed in 1878. A church was built in 1880 but a tornado destroyed it in September 1881. A second church was built and this was the church in which they were married. Four children were born to them in Vail.

In the spring of 1901 he and his family moved to the Wakonda, S. D. area. They moved by wagon. What a long trip it must have been! The oldest child, Leo was about seven at that time. Celia was about a year old with George and Edward in between.

They purchased land near Wakonda, S. D., in 1901 from Andrew Lee and Charles E. Prentis and their wives. The farm was in the SE ¼ of Section 14, Star Township. What little schooling the children had was received at Mt. Pleasant School. Their son George always said they were sent to school when there was no work to be done or just in the wintertime.

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Three more children were born to John and Margaret. They were; Vincent (Jack) in 1896, Raymond (Tommy) in 1899, and one child named Ellen who died at birth. (These dates are before they moved to So. Dak., see paragraph 2 or they moved to South Dakota earlier than 1901.)

Margaret (Logue) Dixon was born in 1858 at Clinton, Iowa. Margaret was the daughter of Daniel Logue Sr., and Susan (Langan) Logue.

John suffered greatly from asthma and he and Margaret moved into Wakonda to retire in 1917. He died of an asthma attack on April 1, 1925.

Margaret (Grandma) Dixon continued to live in their home until she passed away at the age of 78, in July 1936.

Their son, Leo settled at Wall, S.D. and spent almost all of his adult years there. He operated a garage there. He married Nora Edwards. They became parents of four children; Lowell, Lila, Margarite and Norris.

George married Mary Josphine Dwyer and had a family of three children; Marie, Luverne, and Margaret Ann.

Edward married Margaret Dillion and did not have a family.

Celia married Robert Dwyer and had a family of three children; Mary Angeline (Angie), Eugene Joseph and Robert John (Bob).

John Vincent (Jack) married Agnes Young and had two daughters; Anna Mae and Josephine (Joie).

Raymond Thomas (Tommy) married Nellie McDonald and had no family.

Leo is buried at Wall, S. D. The parents of the other children are buried in St. Columbskille or St. Patrick Cemeteries at Wakonda, S.D,

