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Barn and family, both big. In the Loveland area in the Loess Hills Niels Hansen, age 22, arrived in 1880 from Denmark. Ottolina Aagard joining him in 1882.

They were married the same year and first settled on a farm in Hazel Dell Township near Pigeon Creek. Around the turn of the century Niels built this large barn in Rockford Township that featured gables on three sides.

The Hansens had a big barn and a big family of nine children. Otto, their second child and oldest of four boys, married Lulu Hutchison and they had two sons, Robert and Richard, all pictured in the photo on the right. The farm changed hands a number of times before Niels and Ottolina's great-grandson, Dick Hansen, son of Richard, and his wife Sarah, purchased the farmstead.

Iowa State University used the barn as a bull-testing station at one time, and it was used for storage of machinery and a neighbor's horses when the photos were taken. Gone.

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The family posing in front of the barn in 1925

Left to right: Otto Hansen, his wife Lulu Hutchison Hansen, their son Richard on mule, son Robert holding his dog, and Otto's sister, Christianus Hansen Short

Courtesy of Dick and Sarah Hansen

