

*Story County*  
63645 160th Street, Nevada



*Courtesy of Dennis Kingery*  
*Laminated rafters*



2012

**Forty-two six-ply laminated rafters** supporting the arched roof, in addition to exterior eight-inch car siding, make this barn out of the ordinary.

Built by Christian Larson around 1948, it measures 40 x 28 feet, is 28 feet high, and was in use for livestock until the mid-1980s. In 2006 it was renovated with the help of Iowa Barn Foundation funds.

The famous first owner of this land was Hoyt Sherman, a Des Moines businessman and brother of Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman, who acquired 160 acres from the government in 1856.

A family treasure and part of the Roberta Twedt Trust, the barn is the centerpiece of the farm and the site of annual family gatherings.

*Jackson County*  
39016 308th Street, Bellevue



*View of wainscoting*



2012

**Siding resembling wainscoting** was used for the outside walls, a very unusual barn building material, and the only barn using this material that the author has found. (See photo on left.)

Built in 1926 by Joseph Kueter, it was later owned by Joseph and Anna's son Arnold and his wife Bernice.

It functioned as a dairy barn for the first two generations of Kueters, and then was used for feeder cattle. Gail Michels, daughter of Arnold and Bernice, purchased the farm and restored the barn in 2009.

The restoration, which included new shingles and paint, cost \$20,000.