

## Ringgold County

Washington Township, Section 14

**How many sides?** Was it nine-sided or six-sided? This farmer probably subscribed to *Wallaces' Farmer* and liked the design in a 1903 issue for a similar barn built in Illinois for Lloyd Jones.

The upper section was hexagonal but on the ground level the extensions added resulted in it being nine-sided. There was neither loft nor cupola, and it was not pegged.

It was believed to have been built in 1906 and was probably a showpiece in the county at the time. It was reported that five hayrack loads of shingles were hauled from the depot at Kent for the roof.

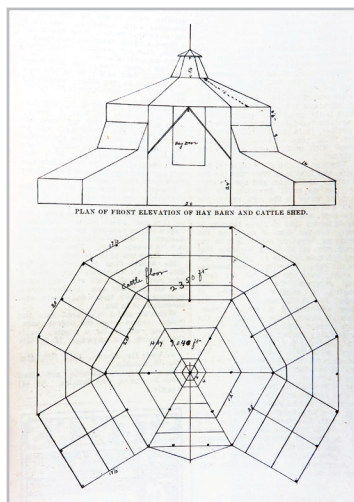
Around the inside perimeter of the barn was an area for feeding cattle and hogs. Hay storage was in the center and extended from ground level to the roof, and threshing even took place inside.

On the adjacent silo was written "White Oak Farm" and "1914."

It did not appear to be in use when these photos were taken in 1984, although there were cattle grazing in an adjacent field. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Gone.



White Oak Farm 1984



The January 16, 1903 *Wallaces' Farmer* magazine published plans for the barn shown here, which were reprinted in 1907 and 1910 issues.



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