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Request for State Historic Registry Listing

St. Patrick's Farm-Barn **Survey # 141-703-05009**

St. Patrick's County Park is located in St. Joseph County, Indiana. We are requesting that the large dairy barn located there be placed on the Historic State Registry.

The barn was originally part of the St. Patrick's Farm operations managed by the Sisters of the Holy Cross to produce food for St. Mary's College nearby. The land was acquired by the Sisters in 1883 and 1886. The barn is 182 feet long, and believed to have been built around 1925, following a massive fire that destroyed most of the original farm structures on site. Architectural information can be found on the attached survey and a floor plan is attached. Barn enthusiasts say it is one of the largest wooden barns of its time period in the region.

Potatoes and other vegetables, milk, beef, fruit, pork and poultry were raised on the property until it became too risky in the 1960s to venture down Highway 31 (now US 933) with farm machinery.

The property became a county park in the late 1970s. At that time the stalls were removed from the barn, and a full concrete floor replaced the dirt and concrete floor that existed there. Today the lower level of the barn is used as a rental facility for corporate picnics and weddings. The upper level, originally used for hay and feed storage, is not accessible to the public.

Still standing nearby is a wooden implement shed, a wood frame hog barn (remodeled into the park administrative offices), metal windmill, a concrete silo with metal roofed

feed lot (scheduled to be torn down), and a hand powered gas pump. There is some question as to whether the entire complex would qualify for the registry and the Park Department would consider this option as well.

St. Patrick's County Park is open to the public year-round, although closed on major holidays. A park entrance fee is assessed on weekends and holidays in summer and winter. Cross county ski rental operations take place in the large barn during the winter.

For more information, please contact St. Joseph County Parks' director, Evelyn Kirkwood at the address at left, or by email at ekirkwood@sjcparks.org

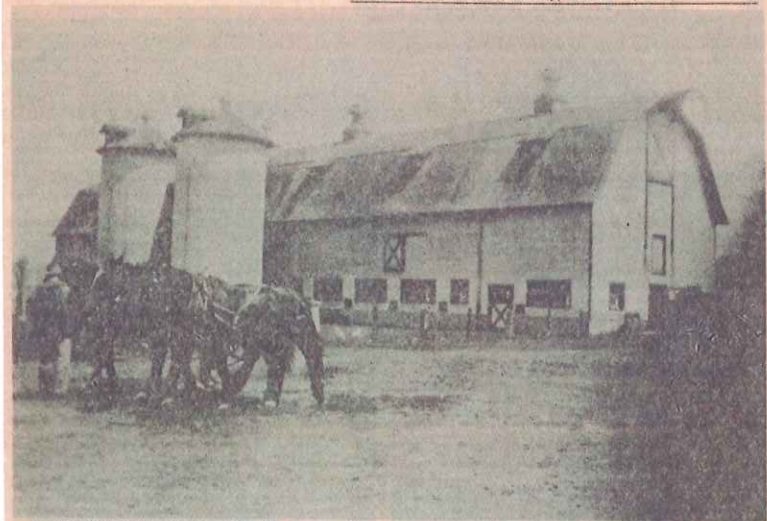
Thanks you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evelyn Kirkwood', written in a cursive style.

Evelyn Kirkwood
Director, St. Joseph County Parks

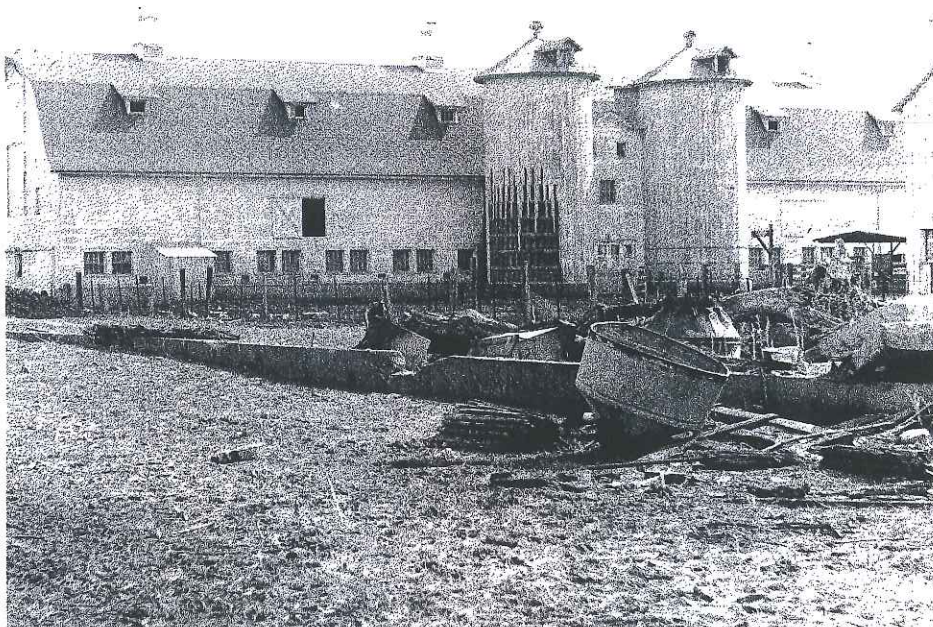
Photos attached



HORSE-POWERED DAYS — The big barn and its twin silos were white, and horses supplied much of the

power when this picture of St. Patrick's Farm was taken about 1935.

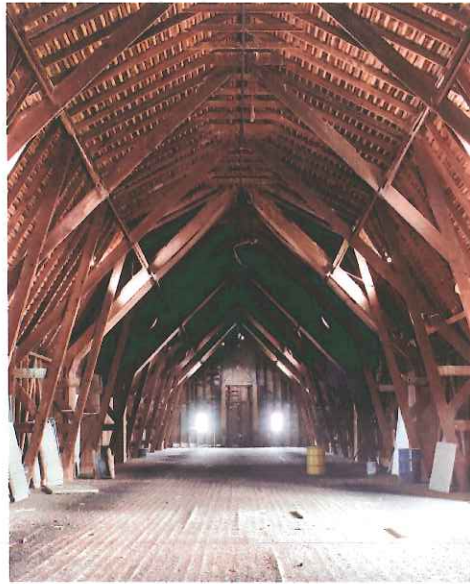
1935 photo of barn



Barn, circa 1970



Interior Features



Twin silos



Red Barn, St. Patrick's County Park 2009



Orientation of Red and White Barns,
concrete silo



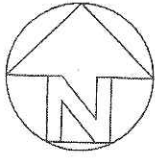
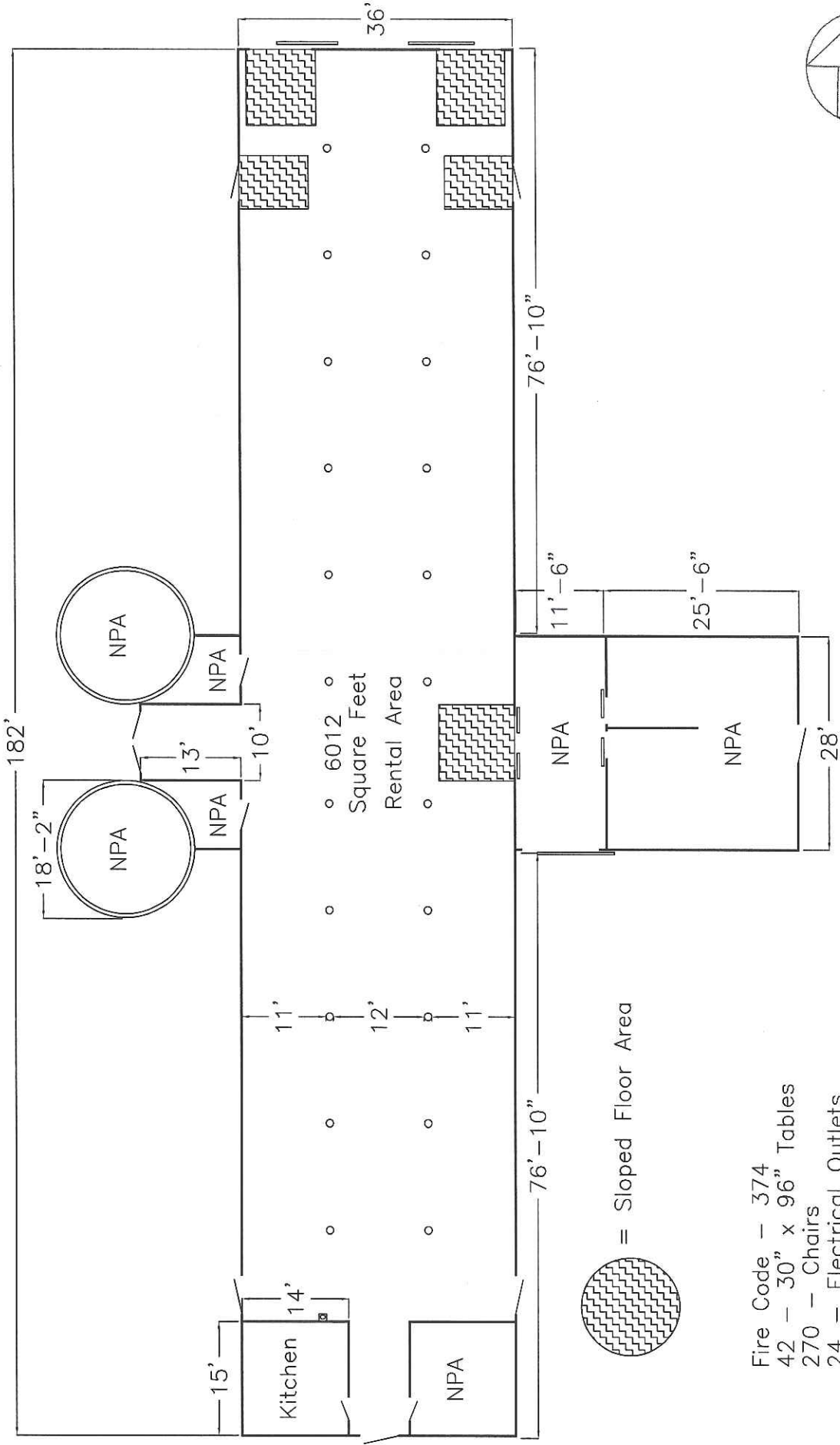
^ Gas Pump

< Windmill



Implement barn, gas pump and
windmill just south of White Barn





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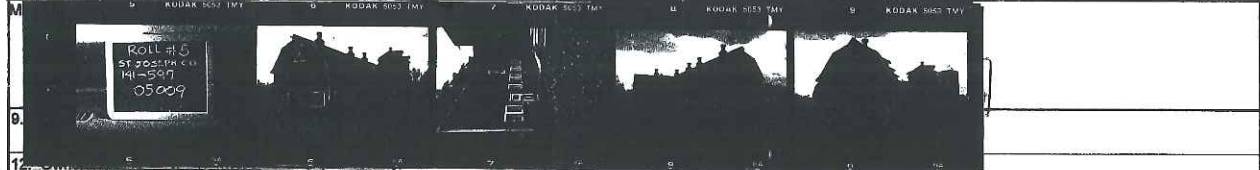
- Fire Code - 374
- 42 - 30" x 96" Tables
- 270 - Chairs
- 24 - Electrical Outlets
- No Heating or Air Conditioning
- Kitchenette
- NPA = Non Public Area
- Drinking Fountain

St. Joseph County Parks Department	
Site: Red Barn - Floor Plan	
Drawn By: S.E.S.	Date: 1/27/97

1. Rating <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outstanding <input type="checkbox"/> Notable <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	2. County 141 St. Joseph	3. Survey No. 141-70 09
4. Historic Name St. Patrick's Farm/Barn	5. Township Clay	Preliminary No.
6. Address 50651 Laurel Road, South Bend IN 46637	7. City	8. Quad Name Niles West

INDIANA HISTORIC SITES AND STRUCTURES INVENTORY

State of Indiana Department of Natural Resources State Form 16622 / Revised 1987



12. Ownership <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private	13. Use Present Past Residence <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Agri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreat'n <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	14. Category <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building <input type="checkbox"/> district <input type="checkbox"/> site <input type="checkbox"/> structure <input type="checkbox"/> object	15. Surveys / Legal Protections	16. Location Notes/Legal Description	17. Condition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	18. Integrity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved Date Moved
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19. Time Period(s) c.1925	20. Style(s) Gambrel roof/trans.frame	21. Architect/Builder
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22. SPECIFY ALTERATIONS

Removals	Replacement	Additions	Other
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23. DESCRIPTION	24. SITE PLAN																								
<p>Stories Multi-stories</p> <p>Plan Rectangle with cross plan wings</p> <p>Foundation concrete</p> <p>Walls Wood: shiplap sid.</p> <p>Roof High gambrel*</p> <p>Porches n/a</p> <p>Openings The windows have either six lights or multi-lights with medium surrounds/ sliding doors.</p> <p>Interior</p> <p>Grounds/Outbuildings There are two, wood silos with conical roofs, gabled dormers and vertical siding (narrow vertical boards. In addition, there is a concrete silo.**</p>																									
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27. Environment Gracious park setting with lakes, drives.																									

28. Areas of Significance:

- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ARCHAEOLOGY:
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOP
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- ENTERTAINMENT/RECREA
- ETHNIC HERITAGE:
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMEN
- HEALTH/MEDICINE
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTU
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MARITIME HISTORY
- MILITARY
- PERFORMING ARTS
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL HISTORY
- TRANSPORTATION
- VERNACULAR/CONSTRUCTION
- OTHER

29. Historic Context(s)/Statement of Significance/Additional Description:

* with wide eaves, boxed cornice, narrow frieze. The barn has corner boards, and shed roof dormers on the roof as well as metal ventilators and lightning rods. There is a narrow hay hood.

** The site also contains a wind mill, and several other barn-like structures which have been built since it was converted to a park in 1966. There is an outdoor amphitheatre which hosts the popular Firefly festival and a building for activities and canoe rental as well as camping and picnicking facilities. An evergreen plantation spells out St. Patrick's (planted in 1979) at the north-end of the park and various garden plantings have also been installed. While most of these are too young to be included, they will qualify as they mature.

This site is significant for its association with the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who maintained a farm here and who built the barn and related structures as part of a working farm which they maintained to produce food for the College (St. ...). It has contextual associations in several areas of significance.

2005 Field Check Updates, Completed by Scott Brown, HLPF

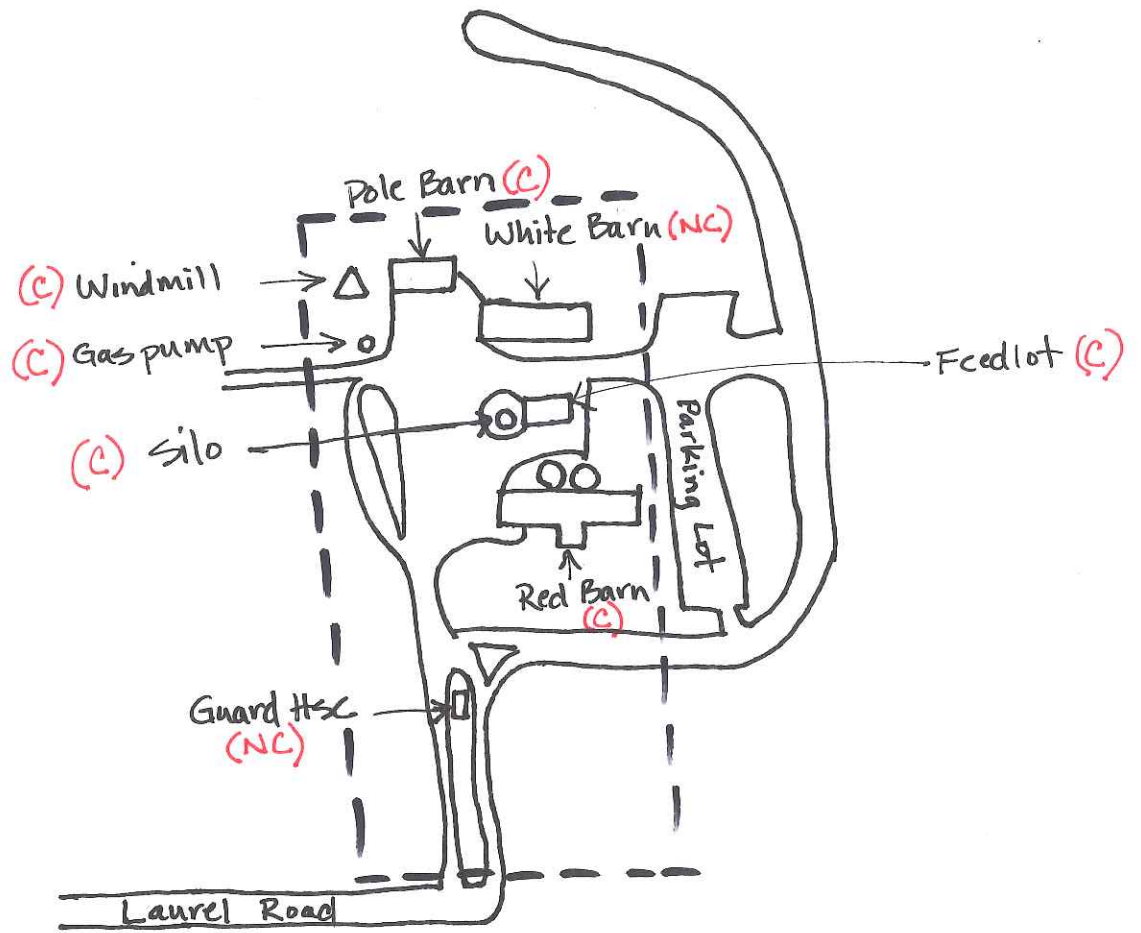
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32. Information Sources

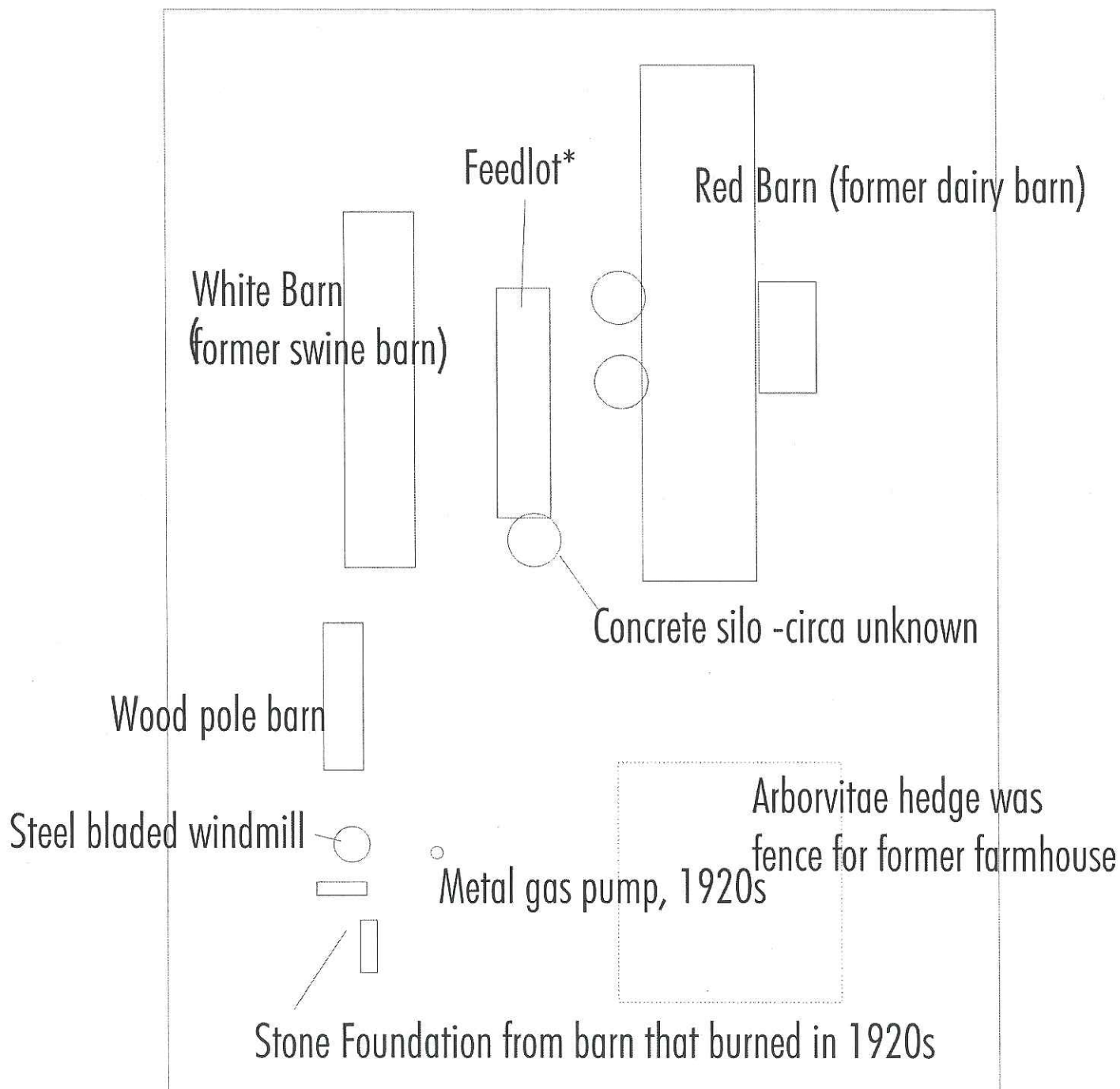
33. Surveyor C.B.Fife	Affiliation Westerly Group, Inc.	Date 5-6-99
34. Revised by	Affiliation	Date
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St. Patrick-s County Park Farm Structures

All Buildings Circa 1928-1935, unless otherwise noted



* Feedlot (circa unknown) scheduled to be torn down and replaced with similar structure