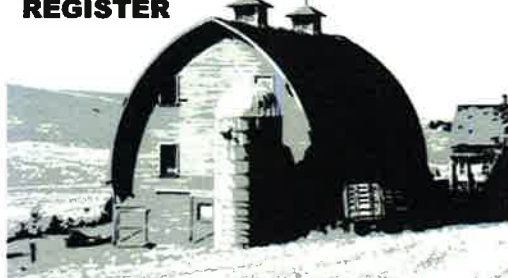


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Washington State HERITAGE BARN REGISTER 	Farm Name Tawasentha Ranch	Property Location Address: E 2429 Colbert RD City: Colbert Zip: 99005
	Historic Name Hildenbrandt Ranch	County Spokane County
	Owners Name Nicette A. Davis Phone: 509-475-7788 Email: thekidavis@comcast.net	Owner Address Address: E 2429 Colbert Rd City: Colbert State: WA Zip: 99005

BARN	ROOF SHAPE	ROOF COVERING	FLOOR PLAN	SIDING	FOUNDATION MATERIAL	PAINTING/ DECORATION	OTHER BARN FEATURES
CONDITION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins BARN BUILT DATE: APPROX 1890	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic Arch <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch <input type="checkbox"/> Conical <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CEDAR SHAKES CURRENT USE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ag <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Square <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rectangular <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular <input type="checkbox"/> L- Shape <input type="checkbox"/> T- Shape Size (length & width): Height (Feet):	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Wood – Horizontal <input type="checkbox"/> Wood – Board & Batten <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood Vertical <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other FRAMING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Round Logs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Hewn <input type="checkbox"/> Dimensional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Lumber Dimensional non standard	Painted? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Color: WHITEWASH Names/Dates/ Decoration? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Describe:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cupola <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dormer <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Hood <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Vane <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning Rod <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milking Shed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Loft, Tack Room, Tool Shed, Root Cellar, Milk Shed, Stalls, Milking Shed, Chicken Coop, Caretaker Cabin

*** PROPERTY HISTORY: (Expand on the history of the barn/property such as use, original owner, builder, architect, family stories and memories, etc.. add additional pages if necessary)**

My Grandfather moved to Colbert Washington from Cincinnati Ohio. He had purchased a farm in 1902. The land was fairly close to Spokane, had a great barn, and hosted a beautiful river that runs through the valley. The stream is the Little Spokane River. The land reminded my Grandfather of a poem that was one of his favorites. That poem was "The Song of Hiawatha", by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. In that poem he read: "In the vale of Tawasentha, In the green and silent valley, By the pleasant water - courses, Dwelt the singer Nawadaha. There he sang of Hiawatha, Sang the Song of Hiawatha".

Grandfather, Irvin L. Hildenbrandt, named the farm and barn – "Tawasentha". The barn was built approximately in 1890. The original builder is unknown, but the lumber used to construct the barn undoubtedly came from upriver several miles north from a small town named "Buckeye". It was around 1889 when settlers first arrived at Buckeye. About this time, Ed Padley formed a company and established a mill in nearby

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Chattaroy. He called the mill "The Chattaroy Lumber Company".

The lumber used in the Tawasentha depicts unusual dimensions (by today's standards"). In several areas one can observe rough hand hewn logs used as cross supports. The whitewashed exterior reflects the "old school" method of exterior maintenance. The Tawasentha's barn boasts an ample loft for hay storage, an adjoining milking area, a tack room, tool shed, box stalls and storage area. A picturesque thirty foot grain silo stands guard to the north. Initially, the barn was designed for the care and subsistence of dairy cows. Gradually, at some point my Grandfather converted its mission to house and care for, horses. Not just horses, but race horses!

We called our Grandfather Papa two, but to his associates he was known as "Hildy" (short for Hildenbrandt). During the Great Depression, farming was financially unrewarding, so Hildy boarded horses to pay his bills. From the early days, he had horse racing experience from the East, specifically Louisville Kentucky. There, a good friend of his, one Colonel Applegate, was involved with Churchill Downs. This was one of the nation's first horse racing tracks. This track sponsored in 1875 the first annual Kentucky Derby, which is still held today. Hildy had many horse racing associates, initiating from Kentucky. He knew what it took to operate a horse racing track. In the late thirties, Hildy's wife, Carrie attended to the Colbert farm while he served as the General Manager for a track in Juarez, Chihuahua. This track was across the Rio Grande from El Paso Texas and drew large crowds from both Mexico and El Paso. Earlier in the 1915 era, this track was patronized by Poncho Villa, a colorful Mexican scofflaw of this period.

Around 1940, Hildy became the General Manager of the horse racing track in Spokane named, "Play Fair". This was in the Spokane Valley, somewhat near Colbert. In 1942, after suffering a heart attack, he officially vacated this high stress job to devote his focus and efforts towards the farm in Colbert. The Tawasentha, was then transformed into his headquarters for running the farm and administering to the cattle and horses that grazed on the farm's lush surrounding pastures.

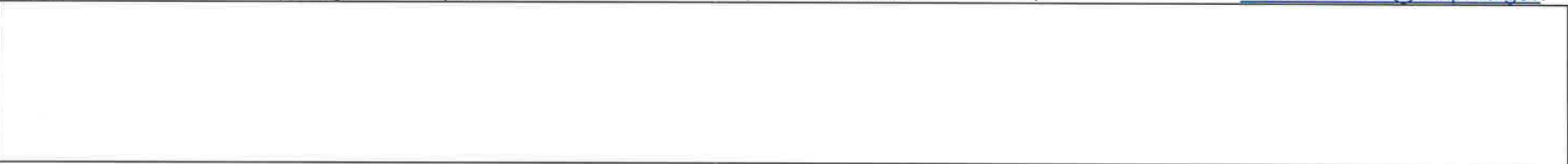
As a child, one my favorite memories of the Tawasentha involved a herd of approximately thirty Shetland Ponies that my folks boarded on the farm. The ponies were ornery and kicked, but during the late 1950's they were a novelty that was all the rage. It was great fun watching the cowboys trim the ponies' hooves, shoe them and broach their manes. Today, the Tawasentha still houses the hay and farm equipment needed to support the demands of farm life. Horses live a long time on the Tawasentha. Today the two remaining "seasoned" race horses bear witness to the memory of the former herd of eight, that once roamed the pastures of the Tawasentha.

It is quieter now... The shadows inside the barn harbor memories, spanning over a century. Today, a walk through the Tawasentha delivers the sweet scent of hay, and horse sweat. Any old cowboy or cowgirl will tell you that if one just pauses, the heart can hear the bawling of calves feeding from a bucket, or possibly, you'll sense the rustling of a hungry animal in a nearby box stall. Early in the morning, you might even catch a whiff of liniment or the smoky aroma of saddle leather. Pluck a straw from the hay stack; put it in your mouth. As the sun rises, a mist rolls up from the river and drifts towards the sun. From the doorway, cast your gaze north towards the river. Squint through the sun and imagine..... "In the vale of Tawasentha , In the green and silent valley, By the pleasant water-courses..."

Photo's and Site Map enclosed.

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Please provide current photos of nominated property (interior and exterior (all four sides)) and a map indicating the location of property in relationship to major roads. Digital images are preferred (please provide disc, send via email) or print on photographic paper.

OTHER FARMSTEAD BUILDINGS

*If building does not exist, please check N/A box
Provide additional photos of secondary buildings/structures regardless of age.*

	ROOF SHAPE (Gable, Hip, etc.)	ROOF COVERING	FLOOR PLAN (Square, L-Shape, Rectangular, etc.)	SIDING	FOUNDATION MATERIAL	OTHER FEATURES: (Style, Color, Trim, etc..)	BUILT DATE
DWELLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Gable	Composition	Rectangular	Cedar	Rock		Approx 1890
OUTHOUSE <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A							
CHICKEN COOP <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Flat	Composition	Rectangular	Wood	Rock		Unknown
MACHINE SHED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Gable	Cedar Shakes		Wood	Rock/Concrete	Part of Barn Proper	1890
MILK HOUSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Flat	Tin	Rectangular	Wood	Rock / Concrete	Separate from Barn	1890
OTHER: Root Cellar <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Gable	Composition	Rectangular	Wood	Rock/Concrete		1890

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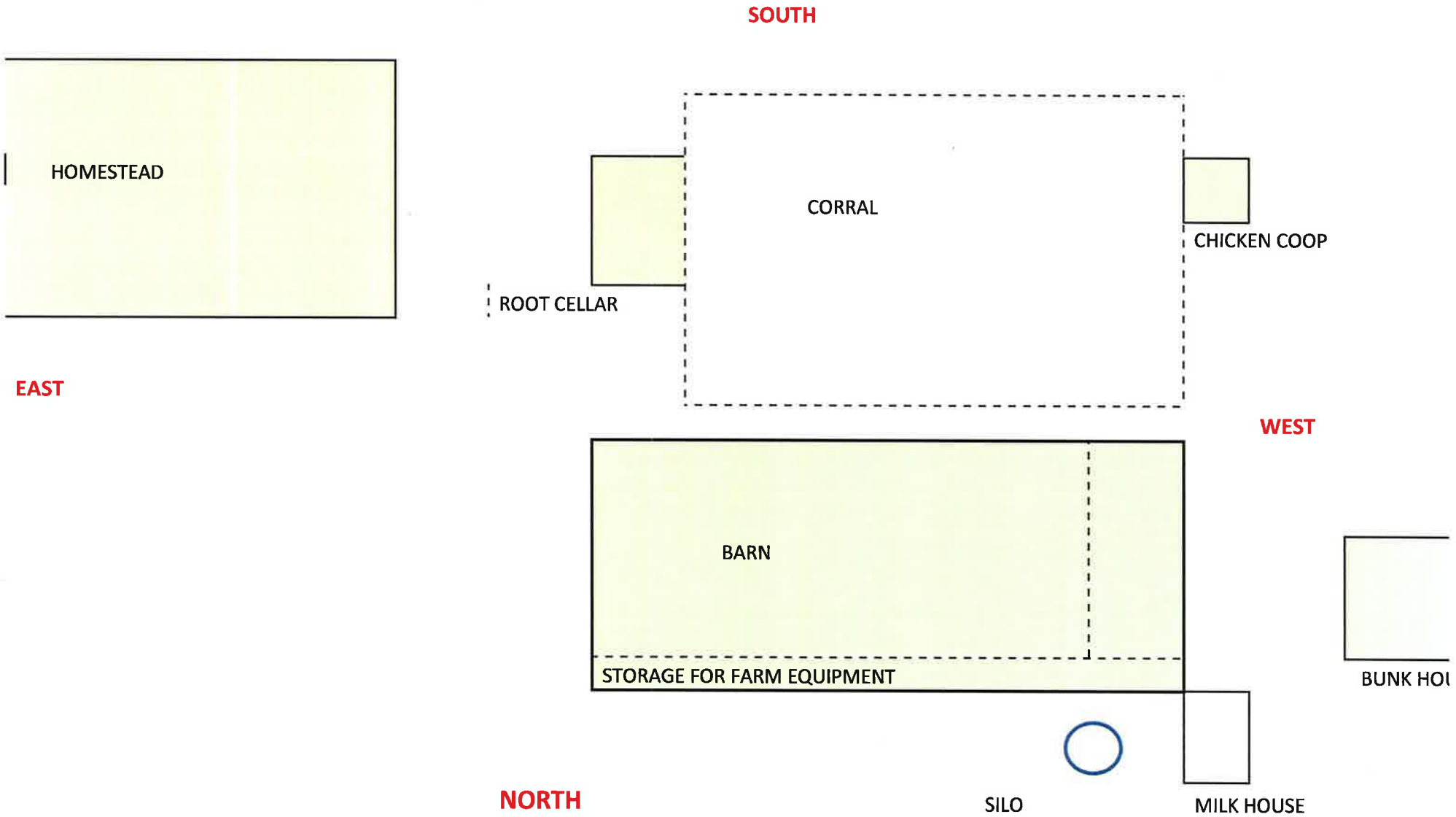
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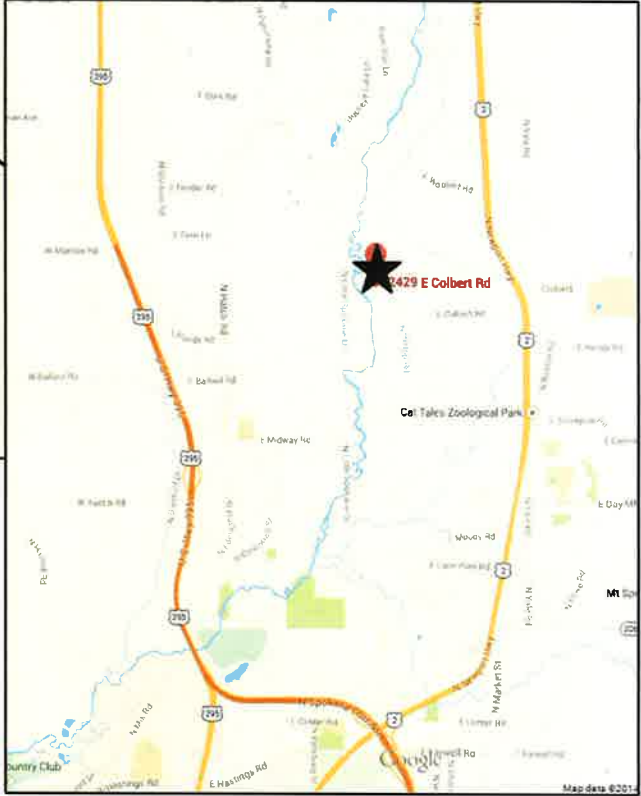
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OTHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> N/A							

Please provide a sketch of the farmstead layout indicating the location of other buildings in relation to the barn. Include an arrow pointing north for directional purposes.

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TAWASENTHA SITE MAP -- E 2429 COLBERT RD, COLBERT WA





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