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Washington State <b>HERITAGE BARN REGISTER</b> 	<b>Farm Name</b> Miller Farm	<b>Property Location</b> Address: 23510 East Hoxie Road City: Rockford, WA      Zip: 99030
	<b>Historic Name</b> Miller, Hamilton & Mary, Farm	<b>County</b> Spokane
	<b>Owners Name</b> Thomas J. Miller  Phone: Work: (509) 624-3020 Home: (509) 922-6380 Email: tjmiller@asisna.com	<b>Owner Address</b> Address: 12613 S. Jackson Road City: Mica, State: WA Zip: 990023

BARN	ROOF SHAPE	ROOF COVERING	FLOOR PLAN	SIDING	FOUNDATION MATERIAL	PAINTING/ DECORATION	OTHER BARN FEATURES
<b>CONDITION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins  <b>BARN BUILT DATE:</b> ca. 1911	<input type="checkbox"/> Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Broken Gable <input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel <input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dutch <input type="checkbox"/> Conical <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metal <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Other  <b>CURRENT USE</b> <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:  Height:	<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 type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Painted? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Color: faded red  Names/Dates/ Decoration? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Describe:	<input type="checkbox"/> Cupola <input type="checkbox"/> Dormer <input type="checkbox"/> Hay Hood <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Vane <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning Rod <input type="checkbox"/> Silo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milking Shed <input type="checkbox"/> Other

**\* 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)

In approximately 1878 Hamilton Miller and his wife, Mary, arrived in the Rockford area with Mary's parents, James and Martha Johnson. Hamilton Miller was originally from a farm family in the Mansfield, Ohio area. I believe they also farmed in Kentucky. James and Martha Johnson were from the Dart, Michigan area. Hamilton Miller served in the Illinois Infantry during the Civil War. James Johnson served with the Michigan Infantry. I presume they met during that period. Hamilton Miller's father, William R. Miller, died in 1876, having survived his wife, Harriet (Rudicil) Miller. I know this from the handwritten eulogy I have from 1876. Hamilton Miller apparently conveyed his interest in the family farm and joined up with the Johnsons in Dart, Michigan, and traveled to what is now Spokane County. They arrived sometime in 1878. They arrived by wagon in that the railroad did not go through the Rockford area until about 1889.

Hamilton Miller cleared and farmed the land. Among their children was William F. ("Frank") Miller, born March 4, 1882, my grandfather. Frank Miller died on November 3, 1965. The longest lived member of the family was Myrtle (Miller) Jarvis, born on September 3, 1891, and died in Moscow, Idaho, after having farmed in the Moscow area, in October, 1993. A daughter, Estella Miller, was killed in a horse accident in approximately 1902. Her mother, Mary, did not live

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long after that. Hamilton Miller survived until New Years Day, 1927. He was 89 years old.

The original Hamilton Miller farmstead was up the hill approximately 350 yards South of the house William F. Miller built during or before 1911. He and Amalia (Kujawa) Miller were married in February 1911 and began occupancy of the farm and farmed from then on.

I have a picture of the house shortly after it was built, in what appears to be the spring of 1911, showing a wagon road where a current heavily traveled highway is now located. Over the years, and particularly in the 1920's, the house was expanded because William and Amalia ("Molly") had three sons, F. William Miller, Clarence J. Miller (my father), and Norman L. Miller. The last survivor of them, Norman L. Miller, died on December 24, 1999.

A few years prior to his death Norman asked me to purchase the farm from the family members, in that I was the one who had the greatest connection with the farm, having spent a good deal of my childhood there. I did purchase the farm. In 2004 I, a friend and local contractor by the name of Michael Poppins, and a friend, Randall Chapman, spent every available day restoring the house. The house foundation was squared up, the floors were sanded and refinished, the original type and color of paint was restored, the house was repainted on the exterior and the machine shed was repainted, also in original white. Next to the house is a woodshed and cold storage area. The cold storage area walls are filled with sawdust which served as a large ice house.

As the pictures of the barn show, there is still much equipment that has been in the barn for at least 80 years. There are several horse collars, horse tack, an old single bottom pull plow, and numerous other articles and hand tools which have been in the barn for my entire lifetime and for some time before that.

A round framed picture of the house shows it upon completion in 1911, with the livestock shed and the barn. The picture is an old colorized photograph. Hoxie Road is shown as a series of wagon ruts. Today it carries the bulk of the traffic in the area to the Coeur d'Alene Casino and to Coeur d'Alene Lake. Thousands of cars drive by within 100 feet of the barn every day. The woodshed and cold storage shed next to the house is in bad repair. That building still contains an old Kitchen Queen, beekeeping equipment, a cream separator and other things that my grandmother, Molly Miller, used on the farm until she passed away on March 14, 1959.

The machine shed was added sometime later. My best guess would be 1935, or before. It was certainly well used by the time I came along in 1949. The machine shed is still in original condition, with the exception of doors added approximately 3 years ago to keep the weather out of the open tractor spaces. Otherwise, the building has been unchanged during my lifetime except for exterior painting. The barn may predate the house. As stated, the house was completed in 1911, the same year my grandparents were married. I suspect the barn was completed and in use before the house, although I never discussed that particular issue during the lifetimes of those who would know. The entire property was built just down the hill from the original house of my great grandparents. That house was built, to my best guess, in the 1878-1879 time frame. My grandfather was born on the farm in 1882. A 1912 township map shows the property in the name of Hamilton Miller. The conveyance to my grandfather took place in 1926. The next conveyance of the property came to the next generational level in 1966, following my grandfather's death. The property then came to me in the year 2000, following my uncle's death.

In sum, excluding the house, there are four buildings that have been on the property for more than 50 years, three of them for approximately 100 years: the barn, the livestock shed, the machine shed and the woodshed and cold storage building.

***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) or print on photographic paper.***

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## OTHER FARMSTEAD BUILDINGS

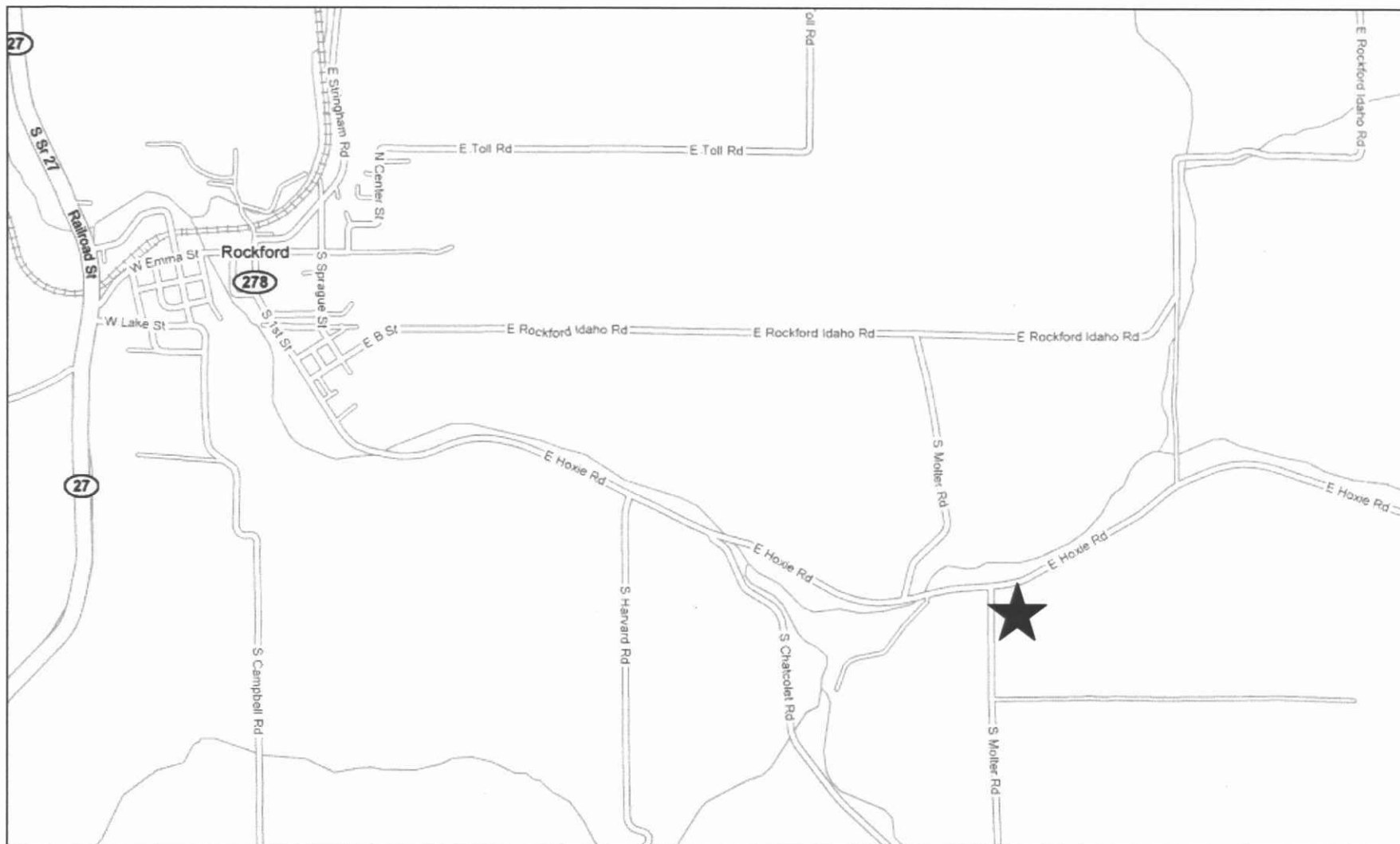
*If building does not exist, please check N/A box*

*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
<b>DWELLING</b> <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	Wood	Concrete	Traditional Farmhouse - White Paint, green trim.	1911
<b>OUTHOUSE</b> <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							
<b>CHICKEN COOP</b> <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							
<b>MACHINE SHED</b> <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	Metal	Rectangular	Wood	Concrete	Traditional 3 bay machine shed with garage and work shop	ca. 1935
<b>MILK HOUSE</b> <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							
<b>SILO</b> <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							
<b>OTHER:</b> <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	Wood Shingles	Rectangular	Wood	Partially Concrete	One-half cold storage and canning, one-half woodshed	ca. 1911
<b>OTHER:</b> <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	Formerly wooden shingles	Rectangular	Wood	Wood	Old livestock shed	ca. 1911

***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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