

# BARN

# OF GREENSBORO

A GREENSBORO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
EXHIBIT

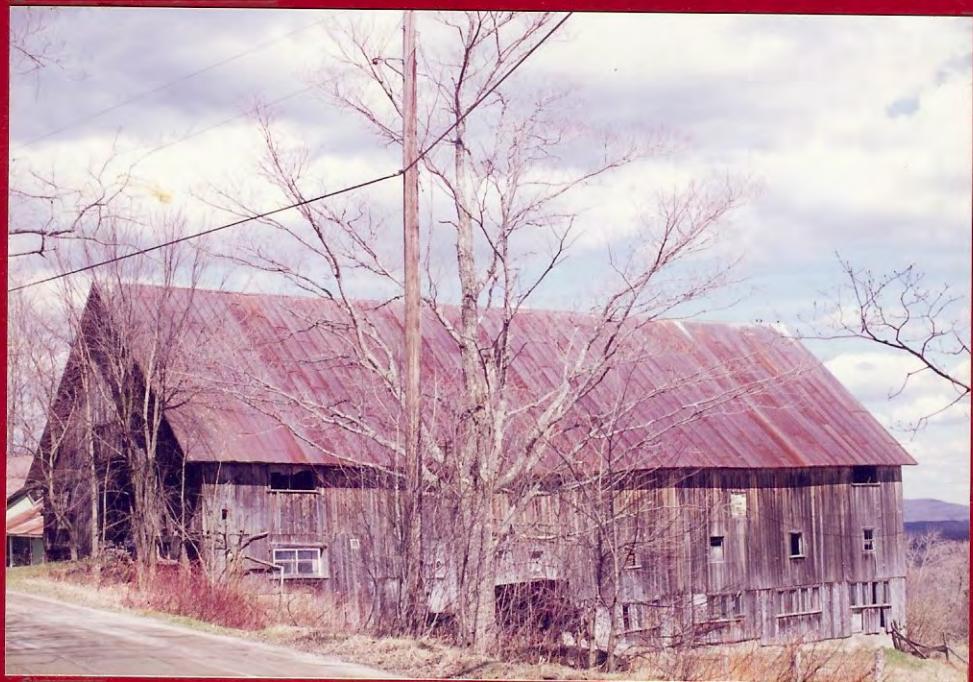
BY  
DAVID PERHAM

1995





1. URIE



2. G. COLLIER: late 1800's



3. WATSON/DAVIDSON: late 1800's



4. KARP: ca. 1860



**5. MERMIN: late 1800's**



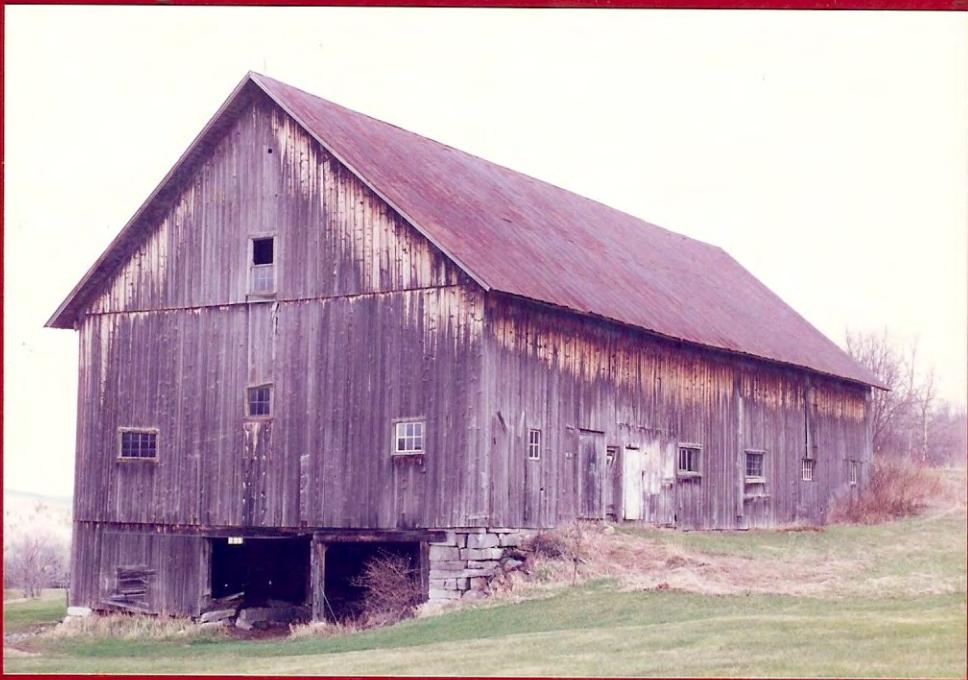
**6. FREEMAN: mid to late 1800's**



7. GEBBIE: mid 1800's



8. FLETCHER: ca. 1960



**9. WITHERBEE**



**10. T. SMITH: ca. 1815**



11. RAMSAY



12. McGRATH: ca. 1860



13. G. HILL: 1960



14. LUMSDEN: late 1800's



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**15. PERRON/MACNEIL: 1946**

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**16. OLDS: ca. 1900**

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**17. McINTYRE: 1873**

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**18. HISLOP**



19. SOWLES: late 1800's



20. NIEMI



21. RANZ



22. SHATNEY



23. SALLS: late 1920's



24. JAFFIN: ca. 1890



25. J. STONE



26. SANFORD



27.      BUCKLEY: 1965



28.      T. HILL



29. YOUNG: ca. 1900



30. ~~C. HILL~~ G YOUNG



31. LING: 1974



32. THOMAS: ca. 1855



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**33. LESSIG**

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**34. DONAHUE**



**35. SURVIVA LTD.**



**36. BARTLETT**



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37.      **GONYAW**

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38.      **A. MESSIER: ca. 1950**



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**39. SILVER**

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- 1. LORRAINE AND ANDY; MARJORIE AND BRETT URIE**  
**Dairy Farm**
- 2. GEORGIA (MRS. LESTER) COLLIER**  
**Home**
- 3. PETER and KATHY WATSON; IAN and FELICITY**  
**DAVIDSON**  
**Vacation Home**
- 4. ERIKA KARP**  
**Home**
- 5. ROB MERMIN**  
**Circus Barn**
- 6. HOUGHTON FREEMAN**  
**Sheep Dairy (1996)**
- 7. PETER GEBBIE**  
**Dairy Farm**
- 8. CLIFFORD AND RACHEL LAPIERRE FLETCHER (est. exec.)**  
**Dairy Farm - Allen Davis**
- 9. JACK AND MARY WITHERBEE**  
**Vacation Home**
- 10. BILL AND TRISH ALLEY (Tom and Beryl Smith)**  
**Home**
- 11. JIM AND CHARLENE RAMSAY**  
**Dairy Farm**

- 12. MARK AND MARY MCGRATH**  
Sugaring, Homestead Farm
- 13. HAROLD AND JANET HILL (owned by GRAY)**  
Dairy Farm
- 14. SHERRAL AND LARRY LUMSDEN**  
Dairy Farm
- 15. TED, IDA, PERRON; ALICE PERRON AND MACNEIL**  
Dairy Farm
- 16. GLEN AND EVA OLDS**  
Vacation Home
- 17. JIM AND JULIANA MCINTYRE**  
Vacation Home
- 18. STEVE AND JENNIE HISLOP**  
Homestead Farm
- 19. JIM AND SIDNEY SOWLES**  
Vacation Home
- 20. BILL AND MARTHA NIEMI**  
Home - Longhorn cattle, Horses
- 21. JENNIFER RANZ**  
Home
- 22. LEO SHATNEY**  
Dairy Farm - Scottish Highlanders
- 23. ERWIN AND WILFRIEDA SALLS**  
Home
- 24. ROSANNA AND CHARLES JAFFIN**  
Vacation Home
- 25. JOHN AND MARCIA STONE**  
Heifer housing - Allen Davis

26. TANYA THOMAS AND STEVE SANFORD  
Home and Veterinary Clinic, Horses
27. BRUCE AND NANCY BUCKLEY  
Home - Horses
28. THOMAS HILL  
Dairy Farm
29. GEORGE AND BEVERLY YOUNG  
Dairy Farm
30. ~~C. HILL G. YOUNG~~  
Heifer housing - G. Young
31. ARTHUR LING  
Dairy Farm
32. WINFIELD AND CAROL THOMAS  
Homestead farm
33. LESSIG  
Home
34. DONAHUE  
Homestead farm
35. SURVIVA LTD  
in process of refurbishing
36. GERALD AND ERNA BARTLETT  
Dairy Farm
37. PERLEY (dec) AND MAYVILLE GONYAW  
Home
38. RAYMOND AND YVONNE (MRS. ALEC) MESSIER  
Home, Hay Storage
39. JACK SILVER  
Hay Storage

Wilhelmina Smith, Aug. 1996 update

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN OPEN BARN WEEK:

Date barn was built :

BRIEF history: (complete if available) Attached

Present owner: TOM AND BERYL SMITH

Name of person filling in reply: Tom Smith.

If willing to take part in Open Barn Week, please indicate --

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If you have tools or implements you would be willing to lend for the week, please indicate here. *Attached*.

If you have old photos, paintings, or information on barns of the past, or present barns as they used to look, please let us know.

I have several books on barns & barn structures, photographs of barn conversions and a copy of a video of a barn raising from the 1920's (got this from Tom Lewandoski & would have to get his permission to show it). Also have photos of our barn restoration.

Stefani

Stefani and Ann: Here's a bit more background info on several of the Greensboro barns!

PERRON barn : Oscar and Annoncia Perron bought their farm from Albert Young in 1920. The new barn (present barn) was built in 1947.

WITHERBEE barn: was "framed in by Alice Calderwood. Jan Lewandoski said at a G. Hist. Soc. meeting in 1986 that the "ridge pole is still straight".

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Alec

The diary excerpts are from the diaries of Alice Macomber Thompson (grandmother of Robert Wilson) in 1883 who lived at the Akin house on the East Craftsbury Road. And from the diary of Albert Young, who lived in practically every house in town. The 1886 entries were by Albert, age 21.

In 1893 he married Margaret Taylor and some of the diary entries are by her.

Several Young entries might be grouped together under one of the barn photos (Peters?)

Sally F.

Box 1330  
Greensboro  
VT 05841  
4/22/95

Dear Nan,

What a great idea to have an "Open Barn Week". We would be delighted to participate. The barn here must have historical significance, don't you think?. The Vermont Division for Historic Preservation looked at it in 1984 and said it was unique in Greensboro for the "unusual treatment of the high drive". Frankly I doubt that. There must be other barns around here that have an equally "high drive" but maybe not. They also dated it as 1895 which is clearly completely incorrect. It has to be much earlier than that because of the hand hewn beams and the spruce shingles. It seems to us that the William Conant who built the house must have built the barn and that would have made it about 1814.

We have been fascinated by old barns for some time and in Connecticut had a construction outfit that converted antique barns into homes. They are really incredible structures.

We also have these ancient farm implements in the barn that may be of some interest.

I have attached a history of the barn &  
a description of the farm implements - which may, or  
may not, be of interest.

Yours  
Tom Smith.

## HISTORY OF THE BARN AT 404 GEBBIE ROAD.

The State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation surveyed the structure in 1984 and stated: "The Atherton Barn has a moderately wide gable roof and an unusual high drive flanked on either side by shed roof extensions, one of which also slopes to the hay drive level. The high drive has paired hinged doors. One of the extensions has stalls at the lower level. Posts and beams are handhewn and those which support the high drive are unhewn (whole tree trunks).

The unusual treatment of the high drive is the only such arrangement in Greensboro."

William Conant bought the land in 1800, built the farm house in 1814, and the barn was probably built at about the same time. This is suggested by the hand hewn beams and the spruce shingle roof (now covered by a metal roof but the shingles can still be seen from within the barn).

The barn should be described as a "New England Barn", a design based on the original "English Barn" design but with a gable entrance. The present size is 33 feet wide by 44 feet long. It has five "bents", a "bent" being the basic unit of assembly of a timber frame. It was originally 60 feet long but a storm destroyed about 20 feet on the West side in 1978 which was not replaced by the Athertons who owned it from 1944 until 1989. Bernie and Lora Atherton used the barn as part of their working farm until 1956. It housed 22 "milkers".

As it was leaning badly the barn was straightened and renovated by the Smiths in 1990 resulting in many new posts, new supporting beams, sway braces and steel anchor bolts. However, the original structure can still be clearly identified.

## FARM IMPLEMENTS

In the barn are two walking (that is, the plowman walked behind them) , horse drawn implements. One might be a plow although there is no blade and the other a seeder. There is also a device with large wheels which might have been a horse drawn seeder that the driver could sit on. The Athertons told us that they were in the barn when they bought it in 1944 and never moved. The walking implements are possibly the best part of 100 years old.

There are also pieces of a large sled probably used for pulling wood but it is in very bad shape.

# Historical background of 'Sunday School Barn'

1795 - 1922, Hale and Jackson Families

This land has been farmed since the late 1700's when Asabel Hale, born in Connecticut in 1773, came to Greensboro in 1795. On June 25, 1817 the First Sunday School Convention in New England was held in a barn which he had just built on this site. Israel Jackson bought the farm around 1850 and passed it on to his son Walter A. Jackson. Around 1880 a new, bigger bank barn with one cupola was built surrounding the earlier barn, which is still visible from level one. [Photocopy of barn with one cupola included with application.] Alpha Jackson, son to Walter, born in 1874 built the addition with second cupola on the barn sometime before 1920. [Photocopy of Alpha's daughter, Helen, born in 1909, standing in front of barn with two cupolas enclosed.]

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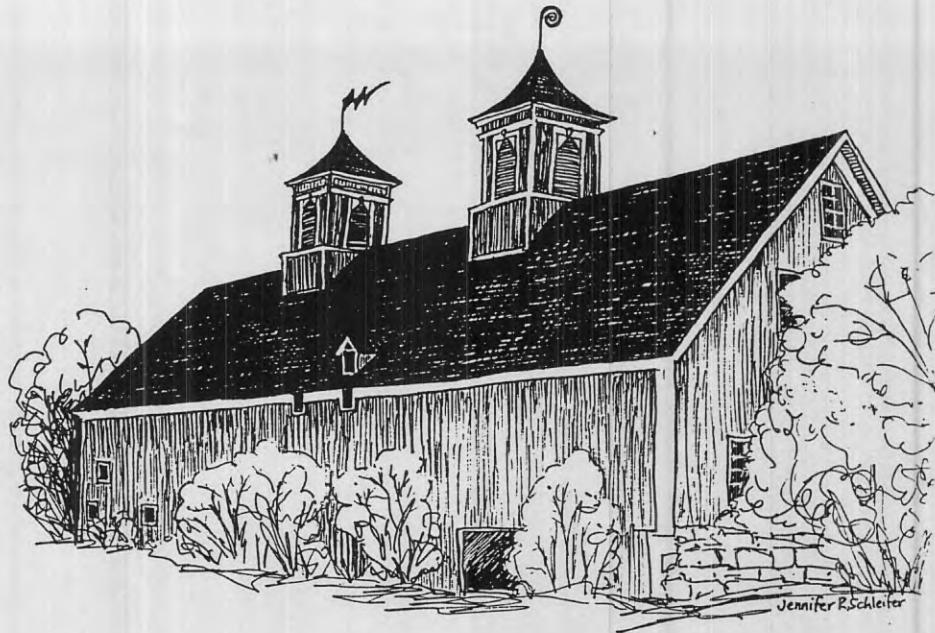
1922 - 1990, Wilson Family

In 1922 Alpha sold farm to Irwin Wilson. The Wilson farm milked approximately 35 registered Jerseys. They also had horses, pigs and chickens. All the work was done with horses until 1940 when Wilson bought a John Deere. Between 1922-1950 up to eight acres were planted in potatoes. On the ground level of the west side of barn is a large potato cellar and some of the old potato harvesting equipment is still in the barn. Sometime before 1950 Wilson halted the dairying operation and stopped growing potatoes because of the drop in prices. The Wilsons used their large house to board summer people and served big meals to the boarders and other customers. The farm was well known for it's beautiful views and level fields. After World War II a summer resident used the fields there for about 5 years as a landing strip for his small airplane. Robert Wilson acquired the farm in 1968 and has since then rented out the farm house. There is a large sugarbush on farm and a 1930's sugar-house where the sugaring operation continues. Fields on both sides of the barn were sold between 1980-1990.

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1990 - present, Schleifer Family

The Schleifers bought the barn and 16 acres in 1990. There are many old fruit trees and well established hedgerows which attract a large variety of birds. New fruit trees and berry bushes have been planted along with a variety of deciduous and evergreen trees. The fields continue to be hayed and manured. There are wood stanchions for more than 35 cows on the main floor and some horse stalls. The cat walk to the west end cupola is still useable. The roof has old wood shingles covered with asphalt and metal. Jan Lewandoski has repaired the structural support of one of the cupolas and done much of the restoration of the wing. Foundation and drainage work along one side of barn was completed recently by Everett Kinsey.



## **OPEN BARN DAY TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1995**

BARN EXHIBIT AT TOLMAN BUILDING

TOURS OF WORKING DAIRY FARMS

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

SPECIAL BARN TOURS

HIKE TO ROCKING ROCK

LUNCH AVAILABLE

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

MORE INFORMATION ON AUGUST 8

COME JOIN US FOR A LEARNING AND FUN EXPERIENCE

## **CASPIAN LAKE ROUNDABOUT SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1995**

8:00 AM DEPARTURE FROM HIGHLAND LODGE

RETURN TO LODGE FOR REFRESHMENTS

\$5.00 ENTRY FEE TO BENEFIT THE GREENSBORO  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REGISTRATION 7:30-8:00 AT THE HIGHLAND LODGE PORCH

RAIN OR SHINE

SPONSOR FORMS AVAILABLE AROUND TOWN

**WALK-RUN-BICYCLE-ROW-RIDE-PADDLE-DRIVE-SAIL**

THE GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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- 11:00 Fellowship Hall. Video on restoration of "Sunday  
School Barn" with Jennifer Schleifer. Exhibit and  
sale of her jewelry.
- 11:30 - 1:30 Grange Hall. Picnic Lunch. Eat there or  
wherever you wish, perhaps Rocking Rock.
- 12:30 Hike to Rocking Rock (from Rocking Rock Farm -- Ask  
for directions at GHS Building.)
- 2:00 Perron/McNeil Barn. Scavenger Hunt for children.  
(Teams of adults and children ages 8 and older)
- 3:00 McIntyre Barn. Tour led by Juliana McIntyre.
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BARN SCAVENGER HUNT  
PERRON-MACNEIL BARN, GREENSBORO, VT.  
AUGUST 8, 1995

1. What is the flap by the milkroom door used for?
2. Why is it so important to have cupolas on a barn roof?
3. Where is the cows' salt lick?
4. What are the white panels on the barn roof for?
5. To the right of the fan as you enter the barn is a U-shaped tool ( hanging on the wall)--what is it used for?
6. How do they milk when the power goes off?
7. Where is the grain stored and how does it get carried to the cows?
8. How do the cows get the water into their bowls?
9. How are the long barn roof support beams (joists) attached?  
(2 ways)

10. How does the sawdust get into the barn?
11. How does the milk get from the cow to the storage tank?
12. How is the barn heated in the winter?
13. On what day were two calves born? Were they twins?
14. How old is the heifer whose dad is "The Gipper"?
15. What is the enclosed machine across from the heifers used for?
16. Where does the manure end up?
17. What is the purpose of the tunnel under the hay bales?
18. What is the orange machine by the hay bales used for?
19. How many square bales will the upper barn hold? (There are about 3000 there now.)  
  
At about 40 lb. per bale, how much weight does the barn have to support?
20. Which part of the barn is the oldest?  
About how old do you think it is? (Look at how it is built for clues)

## SWITCHEL

During hay season, switchel was used to quench big thirsts. Drinking large quantities of cold water, it was thought, invited sunstroke. Switchel has been known to be laced with hard cider or brandy.

8 cups water  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup cider vinegar  
1/2 cup molasses  
1/2 tsp. ground ginger

In saucepan heat together water, sugar, vinegar, molasses and ginger until sugar is dissolved. Chill and serve over ice.

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY -- MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE FOR OPEN BARN WEEK (AUGUST 7, 1995, PLUS FOLLOWING WEEK.)

"Meeting was held Thursday, March 16, 1995, at the Perrons'.

Present were Dorothy Ling, Nan Perron, David Perham, Robert Wilson. The members thought about barns in town, both working and of historic interest, that might be available for tours during the week. Working farms included: Perron, Gebbie, Young, Tom Hill, Harold Hill, Lumsden, Ling, Bartlett, Shatney, Uriel, Ramsey, Old Stone House, Mayville Gonyaw, LaPierre. Barns of historical interest included: Schleifer, McIntyre, Atherton, Rocking Rock (Watson) Jaffin, Garvin, McGrath, the "Perley Allen Place", the "Joyal Place", Georgia Collier, Circus Smirkus, Bill Shatney, Robinson Place, Vogan, Clary, Leonard Dunbar, Erwin Salls, Tolman Place, Messier, Jack Silver.

*Geography*

Ideas included exhibits all week at the Tolman Building -- photos, tools, write-ups, etc. Working barn visits, at least two (at milking time)? Tours organized of other barns; have pictures with articles about each barn, at the Tolman Building; have a map. People can be sent to places to drive by and take pictures or go on a tour (as by prior agreement). Arrangements might be made for guests to go to working farms for milking times, on two designated days, at either milking.

The suggestion was made that a mailing be sent to all working farmers; at other farms, permission would be asked for tours **or** to drive up and take pictures. We could advertise tours and ask working farmers if they want to be open for visitors during milking. Our exhibit would have a photo of each participating barn with a mini-history. These exhibits would become part of permanent historical society records. Later, a booklet could possibly be published to sell.

The final form of the mailing would be to ask barn owners (working or historic) for permission to be on the tour; ask for a brief description and history. Include return postcard.

It was agreed that the committee should meet more often while preparing for Barn Week.

Today's notes are to be typed and distributed to the committee members at the next meeting. We will meet again at Dorothy Ling's on ~~Thursday~~, March 23, 1995, at 3:00 P.M. Today's meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

*Nan Perron*

Nan Perron  
Committee Member

5 copies, to: Dorothy Ling, Nan Perron, David Perham, Robert Wilson, Nancy Hill.

MEETING OF GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OPEN BARN WEEK COMMITTEE  
5:00 P.M. AT HOME OF DOROTHY LING THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1995

Present were Dorothy Ling, Nan Perron, David Perham, Robert Wilson, Nancy Hill.

The notes of last week's meeting were reviewed. Discussion continued on barns available for tour. David volunteered to take the pictures! He is to get a map of the town, village and farms, from Willey's Store; also, he will meet with Robert for barn locations. Pictures will be taken later, when everything is green and beautiful.

A letter must be drafted to people with barns. Also, we will solicit farm tools and implements, for the week only, on loan, for the exhibit. In addition, we will ask for photos of earlier barns, or present barns as they used to be.

Nancy shared ideas for a children's parade -- with pets, calves, etc. The Grange could be asked to participate in projects. Other ideas were as follows: (some for August 8th; some for future consideration.) gathering on the Green.; Girl Scout participation; use a barn? have a Farmers' Praise Day; have open farmers' market, selling syrup, wreath orders, etc.; serve lunch stuff -- milk, cheese sandwiches, etc.; have Cabot display; ask Greensboro Community Day Care Center to participate. In the future, have a parade, or other activities, for the Fourth of July, in addition to the chicken BBQ at the United Church. All present were very enthusiastic about these excellent ideas. It was emphasized that all should be considered for the future, even though not all can be incorporated into this summer's events.

Nan will draft a letter to barn owners and will send copies of it to the committee members for study. Our committee will meet one half hour before the Board Meeting on April 11th, to discuss the letter. (The regular meeting is at 12:00; the special committee meeting will be at 11:30.) Ideas for the letter will be as follows: date built, size, brief history (complete, if available); present owner, name of person filling in reply, answer -- whether or not willing to take part in project; if working farm, what days could visitors come and when is milking; statement of what we are doing; inform owner that David will be coming to take pictures for a permanent exhibit at the Colman Building. The letter should solicit barns for drive by picture taking, or tours (dairy only); it should also ask for farm implements and tools, paintings, for our barn exhibit. A tear-off section could be used for the reply.

We discussed ideas for how to display the exhibit; an idea was photos placed around an enlarged map, with number keys on the map.

Under further discussion, it was agreed that replies to the Membership Drive would come to Nan, at least until Mary Ciaschini returns from Florida, at which time the matter will be discussed with Mary. Other possible attractions for Barn Week could include hikes to Rocking Rock and Pulpit Rock. There could be a farm breakfast, served by the Grange, a milking contest, pancakes and maple syrup available. Another farm mentioned to add to the barn list is the former Schultz place.

MEETING OF GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY,  
OPEN BARN WEEK COMMITTEE, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1995

Again, there was mention of involving other town organizations in the project -- these could include the library, Caspian Center, for children's activities. An artwork exhibit could include model barns made by children, out of cardboard; a hayride, with a picnic; buggy rides, rides in the hearse???

Nancy will contact Jennifer Schleiffer for arts and crafts on August 8; also about use of her barn for large exhibit items.

More barns to be added to the list include Witherbee, Karpf, Stephens (Black Point),

Today's meeting adjourned at 5:05.



Nan Perron,  
Committee Member

copies to: Robert Wilson, Dorothy Ling, Nancy Hill, Dave Perham.

## Owners of barns in Greensboro:

Bartlett, Gerald and Erna, R. D. Greensboro Bend, Vt 05842  
Buckley, Bruce and Nancy, Greensboro, Vt 05841  
Collier, Georgia, R. D. Craftsbury Common, VT 05827  
Fletcher, Cliff and Rachel, R.D., Greensboro Bend, Vt 05842 (Lapierre)  
Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Stowe, VT 05672  
Gebbie, Peter and Sandra, R. D. Greensboro Bend  
Gonyaw, Mayville, R.D., Greensboro Bend  
Hill, Harold and Janet, Greensboro  
Hill, Tom and Lori, R.D. Greensboro Bend  
Hislop, Steve and Jenny, Greensboro  
Jaffin, Charles and Rosanna, 522 Rosedale Road,  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
Karp, Erika, Greensboro  
Ling, Arthur and Debbie, R.D. Greensboro Bend  
Lumsden, Lawrence and Sherral, R.D. Greensboro Bend  
McGrath, Mark and Mary, Greensboro  
McIntyre, James and Juliana, 34 Edgehill St.,  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
Mermin, Rob, Circus Smirkus, Greensboro  
Messier, Mrs. Alex, Greensboro Bend  
Olds, Drs. Eva and Glenn, 31530 NE Canter Lane,  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
Ramsay, Jim and Charlene, R. D. Greensboro Bend  
Salls, Erwin and Wilfreda, R.D. Greensboro Bend  
Sanford, Steve and Tanya, Greensboro  
Schleifer, Jennifer, Greensboro  
~~Shatney, Bill and Linda, R.D. Craftsbury Common, VT 05827~~  
Shatney, Leo, and Shatney, Mr. & Mrs. Steve, R.D.  
Greensboro Bend  
Smith, Tom and Beryl, Greensboro  
Sowles, Dr. and Mrs. James, 39 Irving St.,  
Brookline, MA 02146  
Stone, John and Marcia, RR # 2, Box 57C, Randolph, VT 05060  
Thomas, Winnie and Carol, R.D., Greensboro Bend  
Urie, Mr. & Mrs. Brett, R.D. Craftsbury Common, VT 05827  
Watson, Peter and Katherine, Woodcraft, 12 Between the  
Walls, Pembroke, Bermuda  
Witherbee, John and Mary, 45 Carson Road,  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
Young, George and Beverly, R.D., Greensboro Bend

Perron, Ted and Nan, RD 1, ~~Box~~ 1200, Greensboro  
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Donahue, Walter + Jane

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**GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**GREENSBORO, VERMONT 05841**

Dear

April 18, 1995

The Greensboro Historical Society is currently making plans for Open Barn Week, to be held the week of August 7, 1995. Perhaps you know of barns across the U.S. being a "vanishing breed". The Historical Society is featuring barns in Greensboro, both past and present. The week-long project will begin with the annual meeting on the 7th and will include events of public interest through the week. A very important feature will be an exhibit at the Tolman Building, with pictures and information about barns in Greensboro, and tours of barns in town. This exhibit will become a permanent part of our collection at the Tolman Building.

In connection with this project, a member of our committee, David Perham, will be taking photographs of local barns. By way of this letter, we are soliciting names of barn owners who would like to take part in this project. For those who wish to participate, maps will be available at the Tolman Building to guide visitors to your property. We are interested in both working farm barns and barns of historical significance. Also, we are looking for farm implements, or hand tools, of historical interest, to have on loan for exhibit during Open Barn Week. In addition, any photos, paintings, or information would be welcome on barns which no longer exist; or on presently existing barns as they looked in the past.

If you would like your barn to be a part of this summer event, please give the information on the bottom of this letter. Tear it off and send it to the Greensboro Historical Society, in care of Nan Perron, RFD 1, Box 1200, Greensboro, VT 05841. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 533-2665. Thanking you and looking forward to having you join us in this interesting summer project,

Sincerely yours,

*Nan Perron*

Nan Perron  
(for the Greensboro Historical Society)

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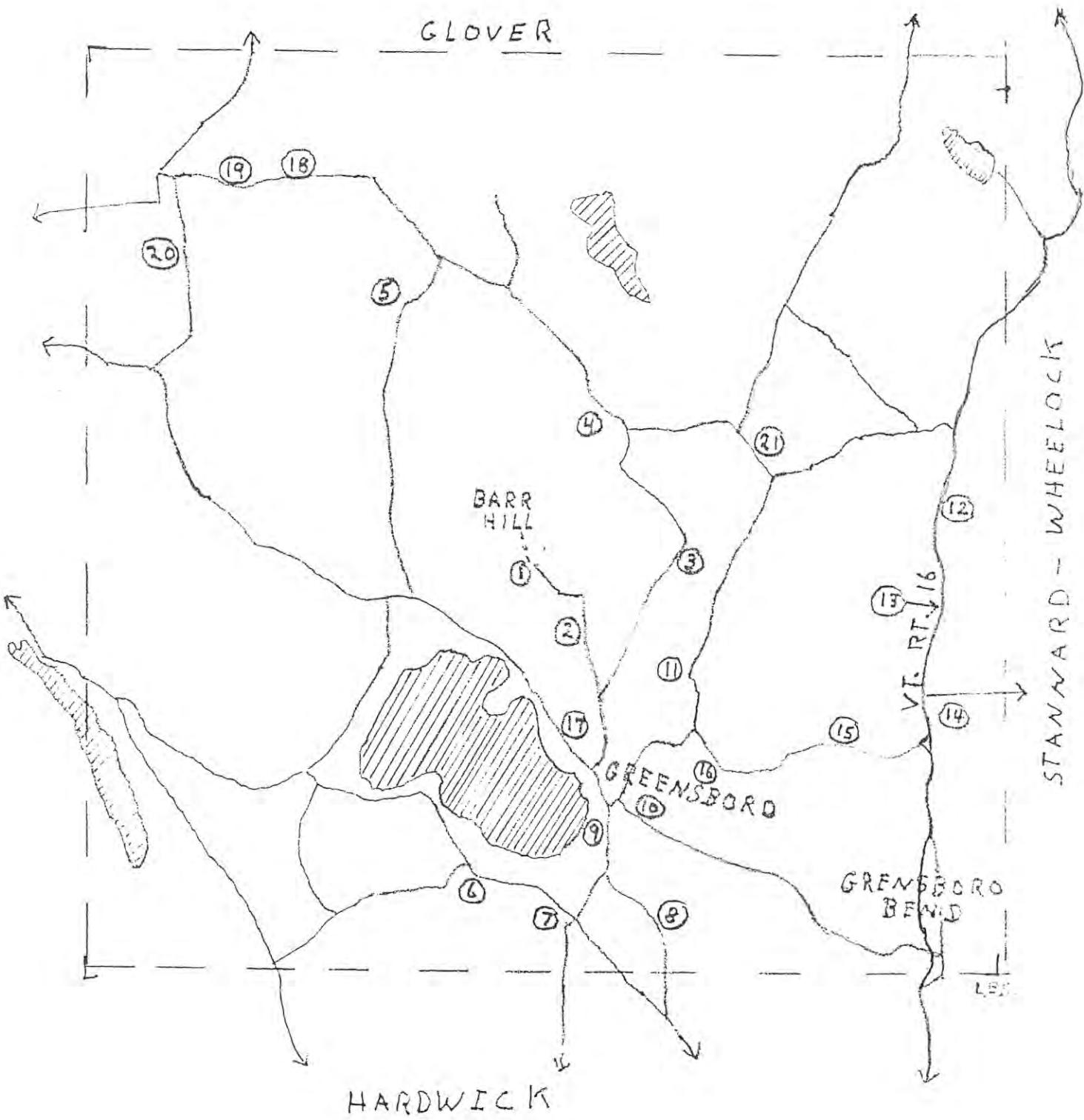
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# GREENSBORO



## THE GREAT BARN HUNT

DIRECTIONS: Match the numbered barns on the map to the descriptive clues and win a prize such as a year's membership in the Historical Society, a copy of History of Greensboro, or a can of maple syrup.

Deliver or post your completed forms to Barbara and Tom Woodward (Box 191, Greensboro, 05841) by Monday, August 14th.

HINTS: 1) Don't forget to look at the barn pictures in the historical building - they will be of some help.

2) One of the barns on your map is not among the photographs displayed.

3) All the barns in this hunt are clearly visible from the road.

4) Not all the barns pictured are on this barn hunt.

Clues	Barn Number
Has green attached cow shed. Also has one cow weather vane	_____
Has long wood ladder against the road side of the barn.	_____
Is attached to gray house through a series of buildings. House has cow mailbox and hex sign on front door.	_____
Is next to pale yellow house and across road from a silver house.	_____
Has two lattice work windows on one side and two louver windows on other end of the barn.	_____
Has rusted red tin roof. Beside green house with red tin roof. Internal ramp into barn has old wheel barrow on it.	_____
Gray barn with red garage attached. Pond in front.	_____
Is across from two fire hydrants.	_____
Has different colored shingles on either side of roof.	_____
Red barn has an oversized eagle on it.	_____
Has three Dari-Cool signs to the left of barn door.	_____
2 small barns, each with a big wood cupola, across road from a red house.	_____
Barn has sign "Rocking Rock Farm."	_____

PLEASE TURN OVER

- Barn has two weather vanes, one with cow and one missing a cow. \_\_\_\_\_
- Barn is across from yellow house with maple syrup sign. \_\_\_\_\_
- Barn has five lightning rods and 8 windows facing road. \_\_\_\_\_
- Red barn with white second floor attached to yellow house. \_\_\_\_\_
- Barn has red attached house and 2 modern weather vanes. \_\_\_\_\_
- Cow shed has gray roof with green plastic skylights. \_\_\_\_\_
- Derelict shed; barn next to white farm house. \_\_\_\_\_
- Has horse weather vane. \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

GREENSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Volunteers for Barn Day

1. Make note in Guest Book:

Barn Days

2. Have everyone sign in.
3. Hand out Clue Sheets.
4. Keep an eye on artifacts.
5. Manage Sale Table. \*
6. Offer refreshments of Switchel or Coffee and Doughnouts.

\* There is a five precent Vermont Sales Tax on items sold.  
Here are some typical amounts:

<u>Sale Amount</u>	<u>5% Tax</u>
\$ 3.50	\$ 0.18
6.50	0.33
20.00	1.00

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Juliana  
McIntyre

Barn Exhibit 1995

McIntyre Barn  
C Village

Barn Exhibit 1995



Perron  
Barn in back

Nan  
Perron

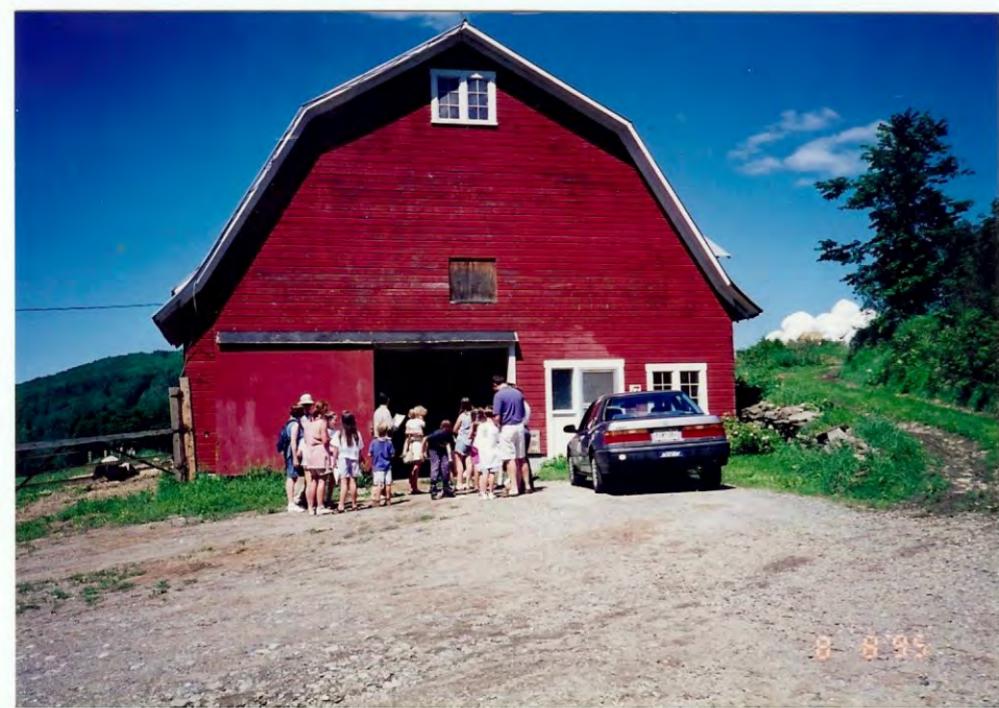
Barn Exhibit  
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McIntyre Barn  
Barn Exhibit 1995

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Gerry Averill Juliana McIntyre ? . ? . ?



Perron  
Bam

Bam Exhibit  
1995

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Perron  
Bam

Bam  
Exhibit  
1995



Barn Exhibit  
1995

Bert  
Hickock

Barn Exhibit  
1995



Barn Exhibit  
1995

Rocking Rock Farm  
Watson-Davison

Barn Exhibit  
1995



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Barn Exhibit

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Barn Exhibit

Ann Phillips



T. Smith

Gebbie

