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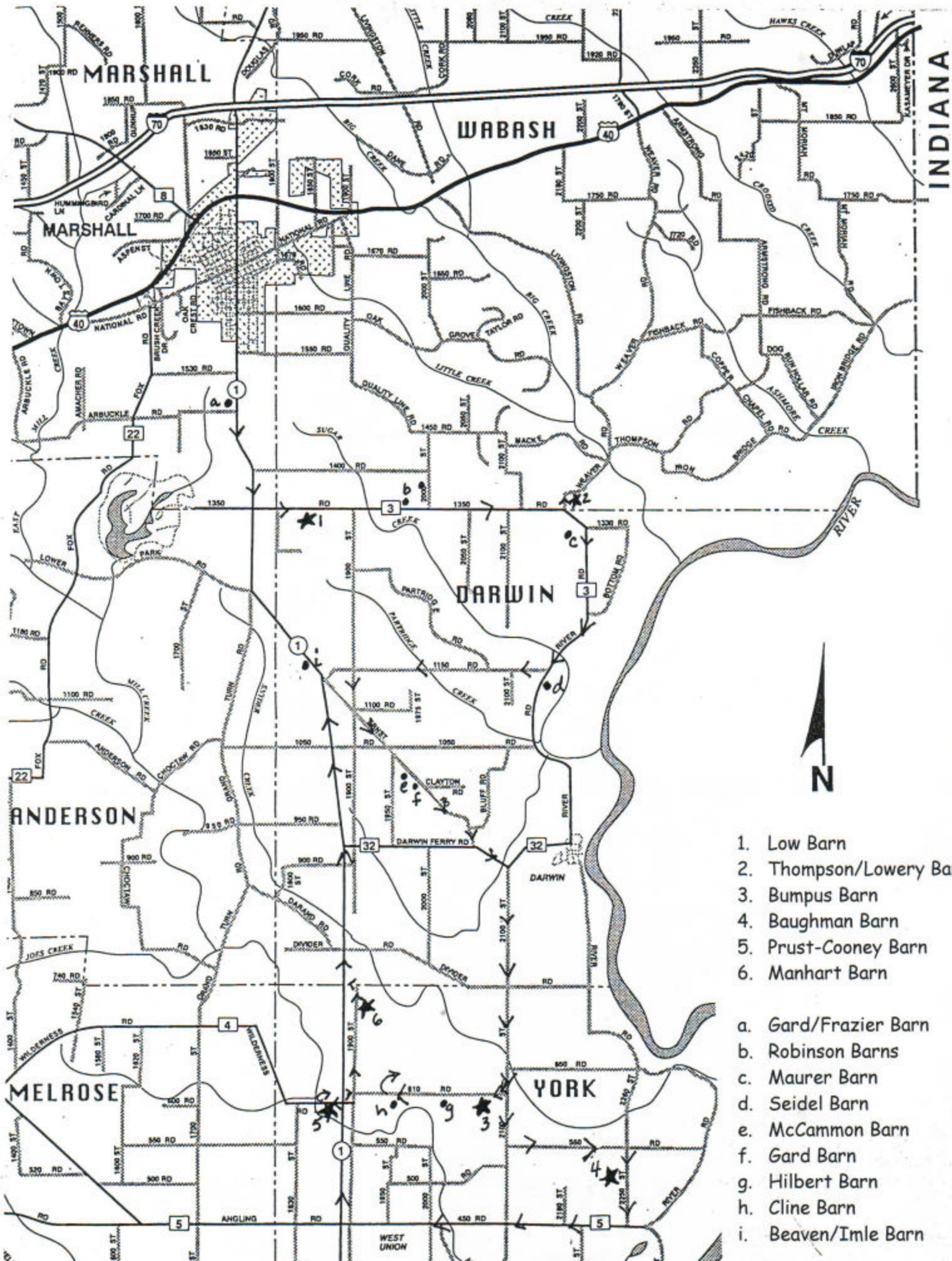
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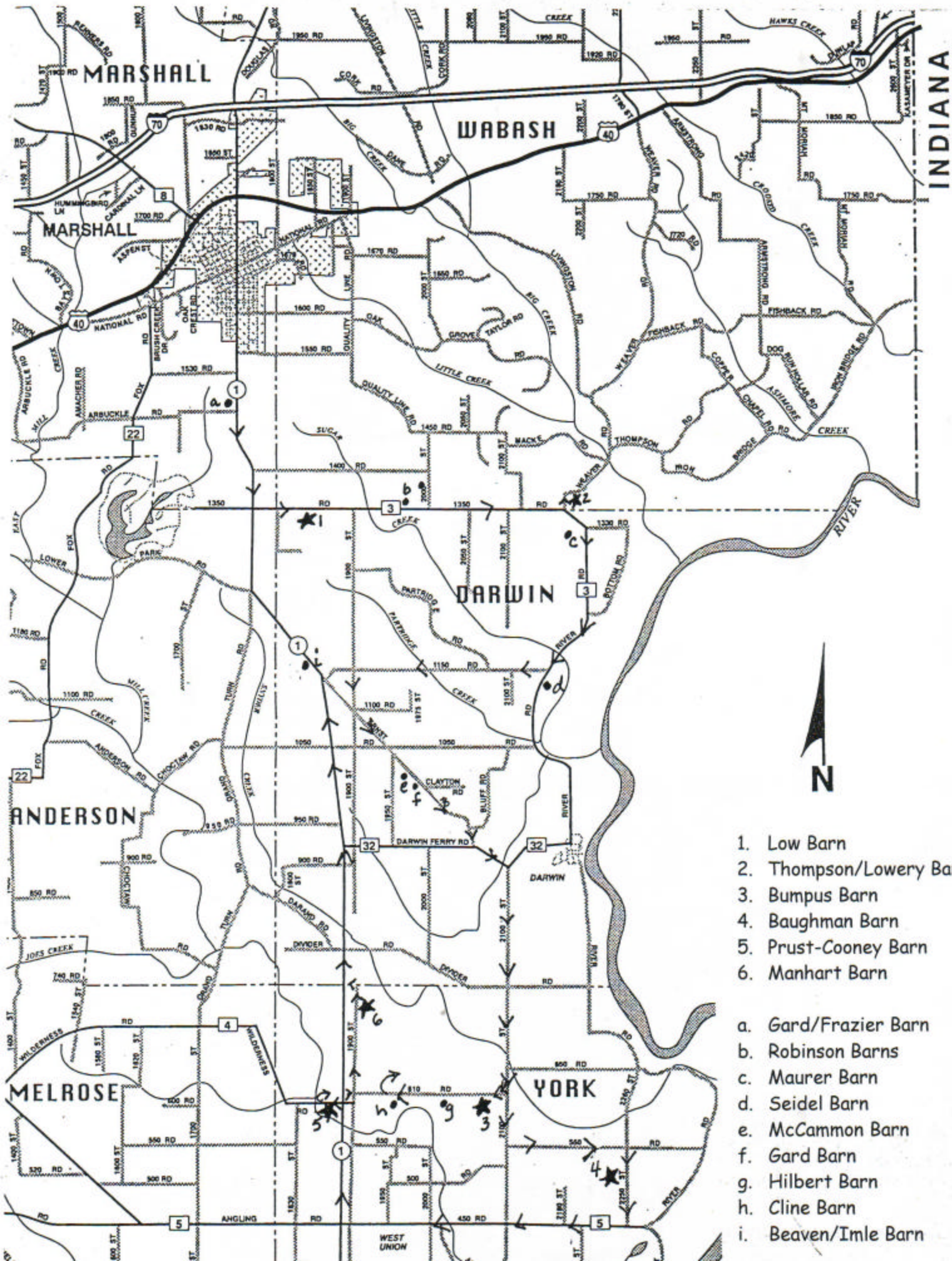
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For generations, Americans have looked upon the barn as the symbol of farm life and rural culture. As with all things, agriculture and rural life are in constant evolution. Early Clark County barns were the heart of the farm. Horses and livestock were housed in them. Hay, corn and other grains were stored in them. Farm implements, horse harness and any other essentials that needed protection were stored in the barns. Barns were often a priority over houses. Many farm women over the years have expressed dismay at the resources expended on the barn while the farmhouse suffered inadequacies.

So often people make trips to see scenic America including its barns. Today's tour highlights the beautiful Clark County countryside and some of its unique and interesting barns.

The pride and workmanship of an earlier day can be seen in these structures. The tour passes through the old German section south of Marshall. This area was settled by many German farmers who went to great lengths to build neat, well-constructed farm buildings and farmsteads. The tour ends in the West Union area. This part of the county was the first settled after Clark County was established in 1819. Its agriculture developed rapidly in the areas close to the Wabash River.

Barns, silos, chicken houses, smoke houses, brooder houses, corn cribs, well houses, milk rooms and other structures were once common place, but are now quickly disappearing.

Enjoy the barns that are left and appreciate the workmanship in building them as well as the work they symbolized. Thank the present day owners for preserving them. The resources and effort that goes in to preserving these barns is considerable. We hope you enjoy today's look at Clark County rural heritage.

## GARD/FRAZIER BARN

G.O. Frazier, the father of Garver Frazier of Marshall, built this house barn in 1938. Herb and Shad Gard are the current owners. It is of the style of many barns in the horse country of Kentucky. The living area in the center of the barn was completed in 1943. This consisted of an office, living and dining room, kitchen and a furnace room on the ground floor with bedrooms and bath upstairs.



**Year Built - 1938**

**Builder & Original Owner of Barn - G.O. Frazier**

**Carpenters & Laborers - Tom Findley was the head carpenter on the original building.**

Unique Features: A 16' wide driveway runs the length of the barn surrounded by 20 12'x12' box stables. The 60 odd 4"X16" solid wood beams across the driveway were originally about 20' long. These came from a building being wrecked in Chicago. It had been a part of the Colombian Exposition in 1898. The inside of all stalls and the driveway walls were all finished and varnished. Johnie Snedeker did most of the varnishing.

## LOW BARN



Wooden silos were fairly common in the early 1900's. However, the barn presently owned by Thomas Low is one of the few remaining with a wooden silo.

The barn was originally used for cattle and hay storage and is used primarily today for storage. The barn has a post frame with wooden pegs and has an attached cattle shed.

**Barn Style - Post frame with wooden pegs**

**Dimensions - 30' x 50' with a 22' x 55' attached cattle shed**

## ROBINSON BARN



Henry Berner, the great grandfather of the late Gerald Robinson, built both of these barns. The age of the barns is not known. However, they were built about the time the house was built, which is about 150 years ago.

## THOMPSON BARN

Since 1978, Gary and Tracey Thompson have owned the Bank Barn originally owned by Allen and Pauline Dean in 1918.

**Barn Style** - Bank Barn

**Dimensions** - 75' x 30'

**Original Use** - Livestock & hay

**Present Use** - Storage

**Builder of Barn** - Mr. Dean & family & friends

**Original Owner** - Allen & Pauline Dean



This outstanding barn graces the farmstead that was once one of the most beautiful in the Marshall area. The barn features four dormers. The lumber for the barn came from the timber on the farm. This property was a centennial farm when purchased by the Thompsons. The farmhouse and first barn were built in 1904. A fire destroyed the barn in 1918 and it was replaced the same year with the present barn.

## MAURER BARN



Currently owned by Sue Maurer and Patricia Ensor, this barn was built in 1900. Originally used for livestock, hay and straw storage as well as grain it is not being used today. The original owner was Benjamin Maurer.

## BIDDLE/SEIDEL BARN

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Biddle now own the barn that is locally referred to as the "Seidel Barn". Overlooking the Wabash River, the barn is 30' x 60' with a basement. Built in 1923, oak and hickory mortis and tendon joints are present on all large timbers. Rafters were made by nailing 1"x4" oak in a curve.

**Cost** - Not certain \$4,000-5,000

**Original Use** - storing hay in mow, corn and wheat on main floor and horses on westside

**Builder of Barn** - Mr. William Finkbiner

**Original Owner** - Alfred H. Seidel

**Carpenters & Laborers** - neighbors - only Mr. Finkbiner special



**Unique Features:** vertical siding - up and down mow also controlled by concrete weights. Two hay chutes to deliver hay from mow to main floor and basement. Corncrib had chute to deliver ear corn from main floor to basement.

**Other Interesting Information:** A well was dug about 50 ft. west of barn by a gentlemen - Mr. Lowery and his horse - thirty some feet deep.

# McCAMMON BARN

**Name of Present Owner** - Joe McCammon

**Year Built** - 1908

## **Other Interesting Information**

According to Joe McCammon, about 1949, Shorty Bohn gutted "nearly the entire barn, including five or six horse stalls along the east wall, the bannistered feedway running north and south, a long corn crib that stretched nearly the length of the barn on the west, and nearly all of the hayloft above.

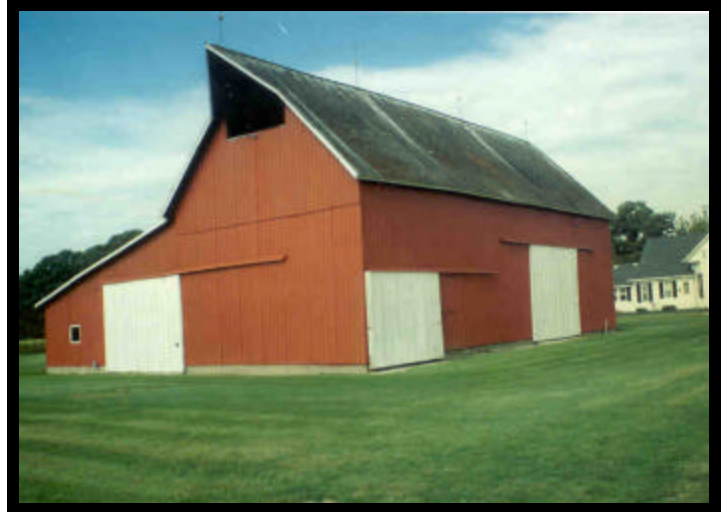
After that, he ripped big openings in both the east and west walls of the barn. These openings, soon to be covered by track-mounted sliding doors, would serve as the entrance and exit of a drive-through for what would be a new, state-of-the-arts elevator, complete with wagon hoist, that would forever end most of drudgery of scooping.

In between this drive-through, on both the north and south sides, he built big corn-storage cribs, complete with steel ventilator shafts for the corn dryers. The two cribs stretched upward next to the sloping, slate roof in what once had been the hayloft. In between these two storage facilities, directly above the drive-through, he constructed four, bottom-tapering bins for the storage of beans, wheat, and other grains. At the bottom of each of these four bins, a handle-operated discharge chute was built for the quick, efficient release of grains into the bed of a truck or wagon.

Finally, Shorty's carpentry was completed, and he began pouring the concrete for the floor. In accordance with the manufacturer's blueprints, he poured the concrete around forms housing a sizeable, rectangular pit that would serve as the grain-dumping area when its heavy steel grate was lifted.

In this pit, a short section of the elevator would be placed in a horizontal position. In this position, when the switch on the big electric motor was thrown, the elevator would travel a few feet north, then begin its vertical rise inside an enclosed tunnel to the upper reaches of the barn.

There, with the flip of a metal discharge spout, corn could be deposited into the north or south crib, while beans or wheat could be directed to the four storage bins located directly above the drive-through.



## GARD BARN

The Dan Gard barn in Darwin Township is an impressive, well kept structure. Built during the cold winter of 1936 by barn builder Percy Hasten, the barn is a three-story bank barn. The Gard family originally milked cows in it and sold milk to the Kraft cheese factory in Marshall. Mr. Hasten stayed with the Gard family while building the barn.



## BUMPUS BARN

Neal and Mildred Bumpus own the hip roof barn located north of West Union and built in 1939 and 1940. The original owners and builders were Edward and Jessie Buckner.

**Barn Style** - Hip roof

**Dimensions** - 40' x 60'

**Construction Methods & Materials**

The barn is made of hard wood & cement. All sawing and mixing was done by hand.



**Original Use** - Livestock shelter

**Present Use** - Livestock shelter & storage

**Carpenters & Laborers** - Burt Curl and helpers

**Unique Features**

The 24-foot shed was added in the early 50's.

The carpenters were from Decatur, IL and roomed & boarded with Neal & Mildred. Mildred cooked for them. The first time it was painted, a man by the name of Q.J. Diles did the work. The 24-foot shed was added in the early 50's.

## HILBERT BARN

Located between the Bumpus and Cline barns on 610 Rd. Vern Hilbert currently owns this barn .



## CLINE BARN

This barn was built in 1900 by Burt Cline's grandfather, George Cline. The floor plan before the shed was added housed 8 horses, 2 box stalls, oats bin, harness room and shop. Burton and Norma Cline and his daughter and son-in-law, Bill and Stephanie Turner own the barn. The barn has wooden ventilators and a very large haymow, which was built for loose hay. It also has 4 foot overhang on each end.



**Barn Style** - ½ Pitch Gable Roof

**Dimensions** - 36 x 50 with 12 x 50 shed

**Construction Methods & Materials:** The barn has a pin frame, hay mows Floor, and sawed and plained 1 inch popular siding. It originally had a metal roof.

**Present Use** - Storage, Shop, and Chicken House

**Carpenters & Laborers** - Newt Lane, George Cline, Ora Cline and Walter Cline

**Other Interesting Information:** This is the second barn in this location. The first one was 2 years old, it had just been filled with loose hay when lightning struck it and burned it totally up. In the barn at the time it burned was all the flooring, doors, windows, baseboard, door casing and window frames for the house which was 2/3 finished. After the fire, they had to cut logs, have it sawed, ricked to dry then plained before they could finish the house. At the time of the fire, Burt's grandfather had \$100.00 insurance on the barn.

## BAUGHMAN BARN

One of the most unique barns in Clark County is the three story brick bank barn owned by **Maxine Baughman** and built in 1916. She has many happy memories and great stories to tell of the 70 years that she has lived on that farm.

The basement floors, foundation and mangers are concrete. It was all mixed by hand. The rough oak lumber was cut from Baughman's woods with a sawmill and steam engine. The walls are 11 carloads of brown glazed paving brick (3 bricks thick) from Terre Haute, Indiana. The roof has two carloads of slate from Bangor, Pennsylvania. The brick and slate were hauled from the railroad with horses and wagons.



**Cost** -They kept an account to \$5000 but still didn't have the roof on.

**Original Use** - Livestock, hay and machinery

**Present Use** - The barn is not used now.

**Builder of Barn** - William David (Bill) Baughman, Sr.

**Original Owner** - W.D. (Bill) Baughman, Sr.

Jacob Keller (Bill Baughman's father-in-law) was 74 years old when he laid the brick for this barn. Jake Kannmacher of Martinsville was the head carpenter and W.D. (Budge) Baughman, Jr. (Bill's son) helped manage the building of the barn.

Floors in the middle and top story are double; one of rough lumber with the other of tongue and groove lumber diagonally over the first layer. Roughage was fed through 10 boxed chutes, reaching from the hayloft to the basement.

Bill Baughman was born in Ohio in 1865. When he was 6 years old, his family went to Kansas and staked a claim. His mother died there in 1873. Bill, his Dad and sister came to Marshall on a train. His father was then killed in a carpenter fall. Bill only got a second grade education. He planned all the details of his barn and had an architect in Terre Haute, IN make a blueprint. To help pay for the land, he cut logs, hauled them to the Wabash River and the Griffith place with oxen. They made rafts and floated them to Vincennes, IN.

# PRUST COONEY BARN

Pull into the drive at the Prust barn and you feel like you are stepping back to about 1929, the year this barn was built. Currently owned by **Jean Prust Cooney**, this beautiful gable roofed barn is located northwest of West Union, just off of Route 1.

This barn was built with timber from the Prust Farm by Milo Prust with the help of True Thompson, Hamil Garn and perhaps others. It has an oak frame secured by mortise and pegs. The exterior is built of poplar weather-boarding and the roof is tin.



**Original Use** - To house cows, horses, farm equipment & to store grain.

**Present Use** - Lawn, garden & farm equipment storage

**Builder of Barn** - Milo Prust & local tradesmen

**Original Owner** - Milo Prust and Lehore Prust

**Carpenters & Laborers** - True Thompson, Hamill Garn & perhaps others.

The barn loft features a haymow with rail and trolley. The roof has three large ventilators. The building originally had a silo and instead of a ladder, there is a staircase to the loft.

The wood was prepared by taking it by horse-drawn wagons to a nearby sawmill. For seven decades, generations of children have enjoyed climbing the stairs to explore the spacious loft, where there were all kinds of unusual treasures and trinkets that were rejects, sometimes temporarily, from the house.

# MANHART BARN

The barn of Garvin & Barbara Manhart, located southeast of Marshall was built in 1937. Its most striking feature is the roof that boldly states R.I.M. FARM 1910.

This barn has 3 ventilators on the roof peak, louvered air vents with one vent on the south wall and one on the north. A drive-through on the west side features a cement drain trough. The middle section has a concrete floor while the other sides have dirt floors.



**Dimensions** - 52' x 46'

## **Construction Methods & Materials**

The major support beams are made of hand-hewn native wood. The barn walls sit up on 3 feet of poured concrete. This is to prevent the wood rotting in the clay soil.

**Original Use** - Primarily for horses

**Present Use** - Garden equipment & storage

**Builder of Barn** - L.A., Ray & Doyle Manhart

**Original Owner** - Ray & Irma Manhart

**Carpenters & Laborers** - Harry Ogle (concrete) hired men

## **Other Interesting Information**

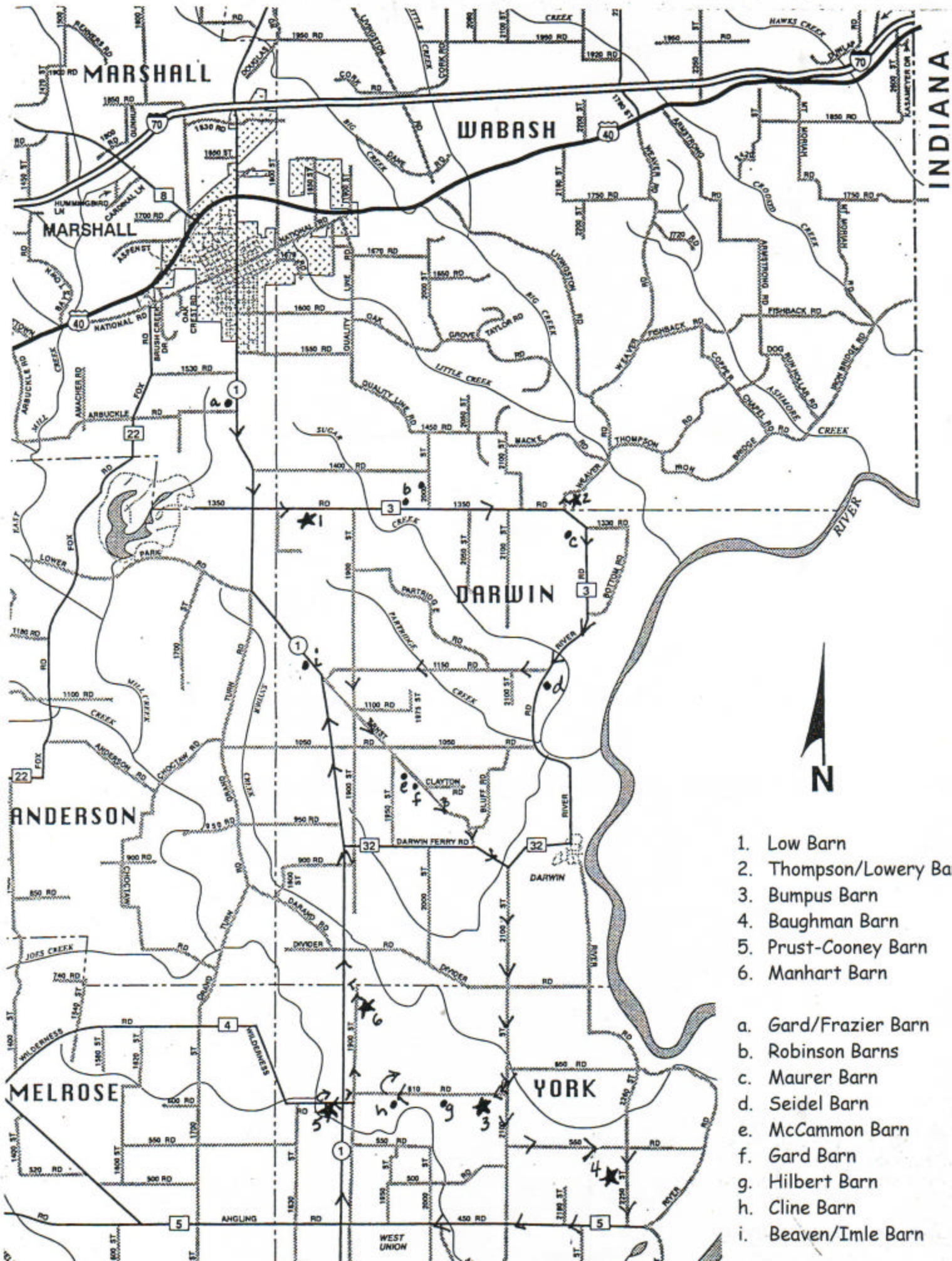
The barn was built from native wood except for the tongue & groove siding and the wainscoting inside. The 7" x 7" support uprights are pegged together as are the crossbeams overhead. Most of the beams were salvaged from a schoolhouse in Indiana and were brought across the river on the ferry and to this property by horses. The rest of the lumber was produced on the farm in the sawmill that no longer stands. The barn was used continuously into the 50's.

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