NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in how to define the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to

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complete all items.		
1. Name of Property		
historic name Milde, Gottlieb and Della, Barn		
other names/site number Lafayette, Edgar and E	Barbara, Barn	
2. Location		
street & number 36898 Northern Dr.	N/A not for publ.	
city or town Brownsville	<u>x</u> vicinity	
state Oregon code OR county Linn	code <u>043</u> zip code <u>97327</u>	
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
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Signature of certifying official Deputy SHPO	July 20, 1998	
Oregon State Historic Preservation	Office	
State or Federal agency and bureau	Office	
п my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register of	criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)	
Signature of commenting or other official	Date	
State or Federal agency and bureau		
4. National Park Service Certification		
hereby certify that this property is:	Date of Action	
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determined not eligible for the National Register		
removed from the National Register		
other (explain):		

Name of Property		County and State
5. Classification		
Ownership of Property _x_ private public-local _ public-State _ public-Federal	Category of Property (Check only one box) _x_ building(s) district site structure object	Number of Resources Within the Property Contributing Noncontributing 1
Enter name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property listing.) Barns of Linn County, Oregon, 1846-1946		Number of resources previously listed in the National Register N/A
6. Function or Use		
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instruction AGRICULTURE/SUBSIoutbuilding		Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE:agricultural outbuilding
7. Description		
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions) Other: Mid-20th Century		Materials (Enter categories from instructions) foundation CONCRETE walls WOOD roof Shake other

Linn County, Oregon

Narrative Description

Milde, Gottlieb and Della, Barn

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Linn County, OR County and State

8. Stateme	nt of Significance	
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10. Geographical Data		
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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)		
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organization Linn County Planning Department	date March 1, 1998	
street & number Linn County Courthouse, P.O. Box	100 telephone (541) 967-3816	
city or town Albany state OR zip code 9	<u>7321</u>	
Additional Documentation		
Submit the following items with the completed form:		
Continuation Sheets		
Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicates	ting the property's location.	
A sketch map for historic districts and propert resources.	ties having large acreage or numerous	
Photographs Representative black and white photographs	of the property.	
Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)		
Property Owner	- 10 hi	
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)		
name Edgar F. and Barbara Lafayette		
street & number 36898 Northern Dr. telephone 541-466-5610		
city or town Brownsville state OR	zip code <u>97327</u>	

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7. Narrative Description

Summary

The Gottlieb P. and Della Milde Barn is a small, 32' x 40', two-level, gambrel-roofed barn built in 1929 by local barn builder and property owner, Gottlieb P. Milde. The wood frame barn is notable for its spatial arrangement which is organized around a feed aisle instead of a drive, intact ventilation system, concrete manure pit located adjacent to the barn, and concrete block grain bin construction. The barn, with its hybrid timber and stud wall construction topped by a modified Shawver roof truss, illustrates the craft of a local barn builder. With the exception a loafing shed addition to the west elevation and the removal of the horse stalls, the barn's design is unchanged. The barn is in good physical condition and is currently used for livestock and to store hay.

The Milde Barn is located approximately two and one half miles east of Brownsville, Oregon, in the Calapooia River Valley. Presently situated on a 102.66 acre parcel on the south side of Northern Drive, the approach to the farmstead is a .4 mile driveway lined with Black Locust trees. At the end of the drive, the farmstead buildings are perched on the terrace edge of the Calapooia River. The setting remains rural and presently the fields surrounding the barn are used for the production of hay and as pasture. In addition to the barn, the farmstead currently consists of: a turn-of-the-century vernacular hall and parlor farmhouse which predates the Milde's occupation of the property; a timber-frame barn, a nut dryer, a chicken coop, a workshop/garage, and an outhouse, built during the Milde's occupation of the property in the years from ca. 1920-1940; and a metal machine shed built in ca. 1965 by the present owners. The timber frame barn, also built by Mr. Milde, was erected sometime prior to 1929 and is located to the north of the nominated barn, on the opposite side of the barnyard. This barn has been altered and presently serves as a cow loafing barn. The barnyard serving the two barns dates to the present ownership of the property. The outhouse has also been moved and was probably built using a WPA design. The extensive nut orchard, located between the barn and the driveway, contains both Black and English walnut varieties and is associated with the Milde Family who also raised filberts. The present nomination encompasses only the

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Exterior Description

The axial alignment of the two level barn is north-south with a footprint of 32' x 40'. The hayhood is located on the north elevation as are the main entry doors. The barn has a concrete perimeter foundation, extending approximately 2 feet above grade, and a slab-on-grade floor.

The barn is clad with $11\frac{1}{2}$ " circular sawn vertical siding with 2" wide rectangular battens. The building edges are finished with $5\frac{1}{2}$ " cornerboards and a rake board trims the siding on the gambrel ends. The barn is painted red with white trim as it was originally. The gambrel roof is presently clad with wood shakes which replaced the original wood shakes in the late 1950s.\(^1\) Eaves overhang with rafter tails exposed. Verges are finished with a verge rafter. Two functional metal ventilators and a decorative wooden cupola are perched on the ridge of the roof. The wooden cupola has louvers on all faces and a cross gable roof. A shed roof supported by posts is located on the east elevation covering the concrete manure pit in that location.

Access to the interior is provided by two hinged doors on the north elevation -- a stock door to the livestock aisle and a pedestrian door to the feed aisle. On the south elevation, a hinged stock door is located at the opposite end of the livestock aisle. All of the doors are constructed of the same boards and battens as the siding with a Z brace on the interior. A roller stock door is located on the south elevation providing access to the loafing shed addition. A gable hay door, which is hinged at the bottom, is protected by a peaked hay-hood on the north elevation.

Each side elevation is illuminated by six single sash windows. Each sash has 6 lights, in a vertical configuration, and is operable; the hopper windows open inward. Wooden

¹ LaFayette, Edgar, Personal Communication, March 1, 1998.

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shields are located on the interior of the windows to prevent drafts. Beneath the four inner windows on the east elevation are shuttered openings hinged at the top to shovel manure from the litter aisle to the concrete manure pit adjacent to the east wall of the barn. The lower walls of the north and south elevations each have a single window. The north elevation window, which lights the former milk can storage area, has 9 lights while the south elevation window, which has 6 lights, illuminates the feed aisle. The north elevation gable has two window openings on either side of the hay door but there currently are no sashes in the openings. The south elevation gable has three single sash windows each with 6 lights. Windows are trimmed with $3\frac{1}{2}$ " side and head casings with simple drip caps. There is a shuttered opening on the north elevation, beneath the hay door, at the level of the loft floor. Presumably this opening was for use of a hay conveyor.

Framing

The framing combines timbers and studs for wall construction. Studs, which extend from the sole plate to the roof plate on the side walls, are 2" x 6" laid 2' o.c. A built-up plate of two 2" x 7" planks, caps the walls, 6 feet above the loft floor. The end walls are framed with timbers: 6" x 6" posts and beams with 3" x 6" braces extending from some posts to the sole plate. The heavier construction of the end walls provides extra support in a location subjected to stresses from the pressure of the hay on the interior and the wind on the exterior. Additional support for the loft is provided by a longitudinal girder, $7\frac{1}{2}$ " x 10", supported by four 6" x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " posts. Joists, 2" x 12", run east-west from the walls to the girder.

The roof is framed with a modified Shawver truss with a truss member located every 14'. Each truss consists of a two chords composed of two 2" x 10" boards with a spacer which extend from the floor of the mow and connect to the upper rafter near the ridge. A cleat extends from the purlin at the hip to the truss. Truss connections are bolted. Two by six inch lower rafters meet the upper rafters with an intervening a built-up purlin composed of two 2"x 8" boards at the hip. At the ridge the rafters meet with an intervening ridge piece. The roof is sheathed with 1" x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " skip sheathing.

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Barn Function and Spatial Arrangement

The plan of the barn is organized around the center feed aisle with a livestock aisle located on the east side of the feed aisle and grain bins and a work area located on the west side of the aisle. Presently, wood cow stanchions and mangers fill the entire livestock aisle but, historically, horse stalls were located on the north side of the aisle. There is evidence of white wash on the joists in the area of the cow stanchions.

On the west side of the feed aisle there are two large grain bins constructed of concrete blocks. This is the only barn in the county that has been recorded thus far with grain bins constructed of any material other than wood. In the front of the barn, on the west side of the aisle, was an area that functioned more recently for milk can storage. Between the grain bins and the can storage area are the loft stairs.

The upper level of the barn functions as the hay mow into which loose hay was loaded from the exterior through a large hay door protected by a peaked hayhood. Two hay chutes measuring 3'x 3½', one at either end of the feed aisle, allow hay to be thrown down from the loft to the feed aisle.

Adjacent to the east wall of the barn is a concrete manure pit. The pit is divided into two compartments by a transverse concrete wall. Four hinged manure doors on the east wall of the barn allowed the waste in the litter aisle behind the stanchions to be shoveled into the manure pit. The covered manure pit with its concrete floor was designed to prevent the leaching of nitrogen.²

Along the interior east and west walls of the barn, extending along the roof to the metal ventilators, are four wooden ventilator shafts, two on each side. The ventilators are 13" wide and are constructed of cedar. Widely recommended as a means of ventilating barns, to date only one other barn in the county was found to have these shafts intact.

² LaFayette, Edgar, Personal Communication, March 8, 1998.

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Alteration Summary

- * The lean-to loafing shed was added to the west elevation in ca. 1955.
- * The horse stalls have been removed.
- * The present metal gutters replace the original handmade metal gutters.
- * The present shake roof dates to the late 1950s and replaces the original shake roof.
- * The hayfork has been removed but the carrier and track are still in place.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Gottlieb Milde Barn is proposed for nomination under Criterion C, in the area of architecture. The barn meets the registration requirements specified in the documentation form for the multiple property submission entitled, "Barns of Linn County, Oregon, 1846-1946" by illustrating the pattern of features common to the property type, "Barns of the Mid-20th Century", and to the sub-type "gambrel-roofed barns". The barn also illustrates the craft of Gottlieb P. Milde, a builder known to have erected a number of barns and houses locally. Mr. Milde designed the barn, crushed the rock for the concrete, which he mixed and poured himself, framed the barn, split the shakes, and made the cupola. This well-preserved barn is one of only two barns identified in the county thus far with intact wooden ventilation shafts, and the only barn with concrete blocks used for grain bin construction and a concrete manure pit adjacent to the barn. The barn's framing, with its combination of stud side walls and timber end walls with diagonal timber braces, is also distinctive. The barn is well-constructed and in very good

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³ Henderson, Dale, Personal Communication to Elizabeth Fox, September 15, 1997.

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physical condition, attesting to Mr. Milde's skill as a builder. The Milde barn was identified as the best example of a gambrel-roofed barn in a survey of the 90 square mile Brownsville Precinct of Linn County in 1990.⁴

Gottlieb Milde was born in Ottag, Germany on March 6, 1875.⁵ In 1883, his family emigrated to the United States settling in Mitchell, South Dakota.⁶ He eventually moved to northern California where he worked as a carpenter for the railroad.⁷ In 1919, Mr. Milde moved to Oregon marrying Della Patty Miller in Kings Valley, Benton County that same year.⁸ Della Miller was born in Tennessee in 1877 and had two children from a previous marriage.

In 1920, the Mildes moved to the Brownsville area purchasing the 54+ acre farm upon which this barn is now located from G. A. and Lilly Caswell. The only building on the property at that time was the present house which was being used to store grain. The present barn was erected in 1929 by G.P. Milde. Near the barn site was a footbridge which was used by local children to cross the Calapooia River to reach the Oak Grove School. (A cable adjacent to the bridge provided transport for cream cans which were only picked up on the road on the south side of the river.) As a child, Linn County resident Dale Henderson recalled seeing Mr. Milde sifting rock and sand from the river

⁴ Gallagher, Mary K., Brownsville Precinct Historic Survey and Inventory Project, Linn County Planning Department, Albany, Oregon, 1990.

⁵ "Gottlieb Milde Dies; Rites Set," Albany Democrat-Herald, Albany, Oregon, January 15, 1962.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Peterson, Florence, Personal Communication, March 1, 1998. (Mrs. Peterson is the stepdaughter of G.P. Milde.)

⁸ Albany Democrat Herald.

⁹ Linn County Deed Records, Book 120, p. 296.

¹⁰ Peterson, Florence, Personal Communication, March 1, 1998.

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and hauling it up to the barn site where he made his own concrete.¹¹

The Mildes did not rely exclusively on farming; Mr. Milde lists his occupation as a carpenter in the 1920 census. According to tax records from the late 1920s and the early 1930s, Mr. Milde owned 2 horses and 3 head of cattle. In addition to selling the cream from the cows, the Mildes also raised poultry and had a filbert and walnut orchard. The nuts were sold to the Nut Growers Association in Salem.¹²

In 1944, the Mildes sold this farm to Donald and Charlotte McLeod.¹³ In 1952, the farm was purchased by the present owners, Edgar and Barbara Lafayette.¹⁴ The barn continues to be used to shelter livestock and store hay.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Henderson, Dale, Personal Communication to Elizabeth Fox, September 15, 1997.

¹² Peterson, Florence, Personal Communication, March 4, 1998.

¹³ Linn County Deed Records, Book 164, p. 341.

¹⁴ LaFayette, Personal Communication, March 1, 1998.

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LaFayette, Edgar, Personal Communication, 1997 and 1998.

Linn County Assessor Records, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1935.

Linn County Deed Records, Book 120, p. 296 and Book 164, p. 341.

Peterson, Mrs. Harry. Personal Communication, March 1, 1998. (Mrs. Peterson is Mr. Milde's stepdaughter.)

United States Census Records, Population Schedules for King's Valley Precinct, Benton County, Oregon, 1920.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated area is located in the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 3 of Township 14S, Range 2W of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon. The nominated area of 90' x 102' encompasses .2 acres of Tax Lot 300 on Linn County assessor map 14S 2W 3. Boundaries of the nominated area parallel the four sides of the barn and lie at a distance of 25 feet from the north, south and east walls of the barn. On the west the boundary extends 25 feet from the west wall of the loafing shed addition.

Boundary Justification

The property owner consents only to the placement of the barn in the National Register. The boundary is drawn to encompass the barn. Other farmstead buildings could be designated contributing at a future date and the boundary enlarged to encompass these buildings.

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All of the photographs were taken by Mary K. Gallagher and printed by Todd Parker. The negatives are on file at the Linn County Planning Department in the Linn County Courthouse in Albany, Oregon. The photographs were taken on September 23, 1997 unless otherwise noted.

Photograph 1 of 13: Milde Barn setting (looking south toward the Calapooia

River).

Photograph 2 of 13: East elevation with covered concrete manure pit in

foreground (looking west). Photograph taken on June 28,

1996.

Photograph 3 of 13: Oblique view of south and east elevations (looking

northwest).

Photograph 4 of 13: Oblique view of the north and west elevations (looking

southeast).

Photograph 5 of 13: Hopper style windows and manure shutters on the east

elevation (Photograph taken on June 28, 1996).

Photograph 6 of 13: Interior livestock aisle (looking southeast).

Photograph 7 of 13: Interior feed aisle (looking south).

Photograph 8 of 13: Interior view of wood stanchions (looking southwest)

Photograph 9 of 13: Interior view of concrete block grain bins and grain bin

door. Photograph taken on June 28, 1996.

Photograph 10 of 13: Interior view of modified Shawver roof truss.

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Photograph 11 of 13: Interior view of wooden ventilation shaft. Photograph taken

on June 28, 1996.

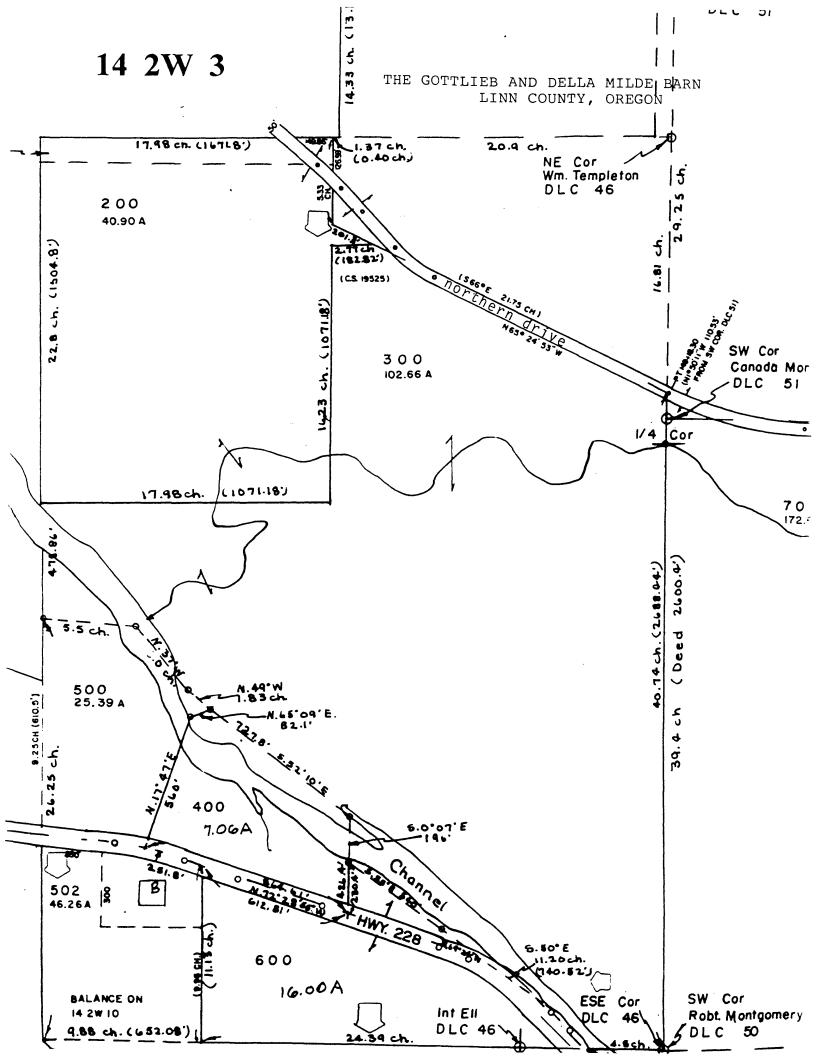
Photograph 12 of 13: Barn built by G.P. Milde earlier in the 1920s. Oblique view

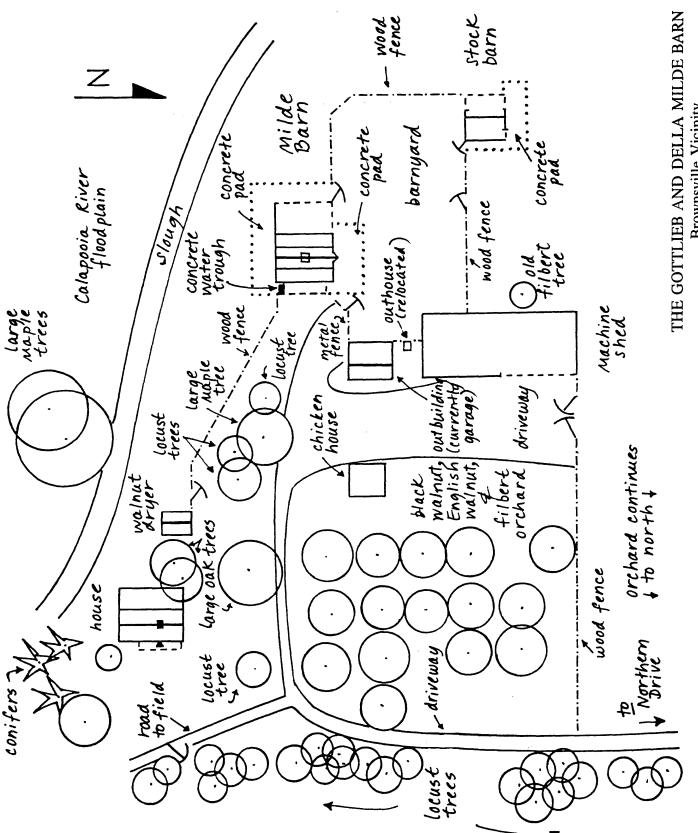
of the north and east elevations (looking to the southwest).

Photograph 13 of 13: East elevation of the vernacular hall and parlor house (ca.

1900-1910) which was used for grain storage when the

Milde's purchased the property (looking west).

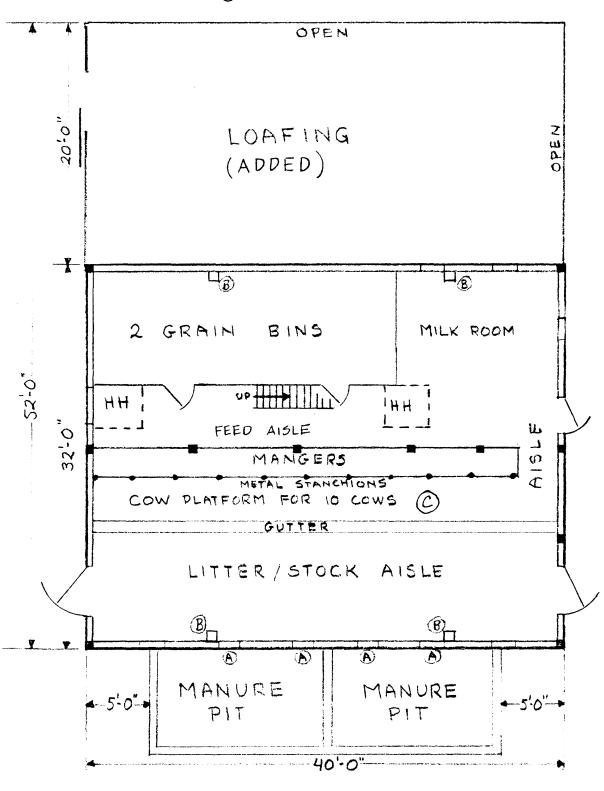




Linn County, Oregon Brownsville Vicinity



- A MANURE DOOR BENEATH WINDOW
- B WOODEN VENTILATOR SHAFT
- (C) FORMER LOCATION OF HORSE STALLS



MILDE BARN LINH COUNTY, OREGON SCALE: 18"=1-0"