

# Round Barns OF JACKSON COUNTY

**Round barns**, a rarity in the United States, are an artistic expression in the rural Jackson County landscape. A briefly occurring phenomenon, round barns were thought to be more economical to build than the traditional rectangular barns because they used less lumber. By 1910 the popularity of round barns began to decline. Critics of the round barns considered them to be inconvenient, poorly lit and ventilated structures with wasted space. Two round barns still dot the Jackson County countryside.



**The Stuckwisch Barn** is located on Co. Rd. 460 W. in Driftwood Township. Completed in 1911 by Daryl Carter for George Stuckwisch, the barn was patterned after the nearby Mahan round barn. It is 60 feet in diameter with a self-supporting two-pitch gambrel roof and was constructed of locally milled beech wood lumber from the Ewing Sawmill. The Mahan barn, which was purchased in 1913 by Mr. Stuckwisch, was destroyed by fire in 1983.



**The Hall Barn** is the largest of the round barns in Jackson County, measuring 72 feet in diameter. Located just east of Hwy. 235 on Co. Rd. 150 S. in Medora, the barn built by Louis Geyer in 1910 was constructed from green lumber sawed on site. The double-hip roofed barn, which has no central silo, stands 72 feet high and has a 216 foot circumference. When built, the well equipped barn included a roomy drive and an apartment for a veterinarian.

