



Cornish Griffin Round Barn

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A History of Round Barns in Indiana

With a documented total of 226 circular barns built in the State, Indiana has more circular barns than any other state. As of 1992 only 111 of these circular barns remain. Nearly 40% of Indiana's round barns have been lost since 1960.

Although construction of round barns in Indiana began in 1870's, most round barns were constructed between 1900 and 1920. Most, but not all, round barns were constructed with a silo in the center of the barn. The silo was used to store forage and feed for the farmer's livestock. The shape of the round barn allowed easy access to the silo from any section of the barn.

Steuben County used to have three round barns. North of Orland stood a round barn with a magnificent self-supporting domed roof. Unfortunately, it was demolished a few years ago. A second round barn can be found in Steuben County across from the airport. It is 60 feet in diameter with a small silo in the center.

The third round barn found in Steuben County is the focus of our restoration efforts: The Cornish Griffin round barn located on West Fox Lake Road.



View of the interior silo/roof

The Cornish Griffin Round Barn is the only known glazed-tile round barn in Indiana. The cupola is actually the upper portion of the silo with the tiles in a decorative pattern. The roof atop the silo had a small dormer for filling the silo, but unfortunately the silo's roof has collapsed. The barn is thought to have been built around 1916 by the Cornish Griffin family.

Unfortunately, the pictures in this pamphlet can not show the deterioration of the interior structures. Many of the rafters, sill plates, and joists have extensive damage and the entire roof is in danger of collapse. The cost of restoration has been estimated at over \$75,000. If you would like to contribute to the restoration of the Cornish Griffin Round Barn please mail your pledges to:

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