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Eastern Iowa's Historic Barns and Other Farm Structures: Including the Amana Colonies (Paperback)

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Lulu.com, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Originally there were approximately 200,000 barns built in Iowa. Now it is estimated that only 60,000 barns remain, with another 1,000 or more barns disappearing from Iowa's landscape annually. This book preserves in print Eastern Iowa's historic barns built from 1839 to 1955 with over 250 photographs from the author's research, the first ever Amana Colonies barn tour, the Johnson County Historical Society barn tour, and the Iowa Barn Foundation's annual barn tour. Eight Iowa counties and twenty rural cities are covered. Former president Hoover lived as a youth five miles from one of the featured octagonal barns when it was built in 1883. This barn's aesthetic beauty is so inspiring that people from other countries come to visit this barn each year to see the unusual bell-shaped roof, a suspended staircase, a railway car, and laminated interior ribs. It may be the only barn built with a bell-shaped roof and is thought to be the oldest surviving barn built of its kind in the U. S.



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