

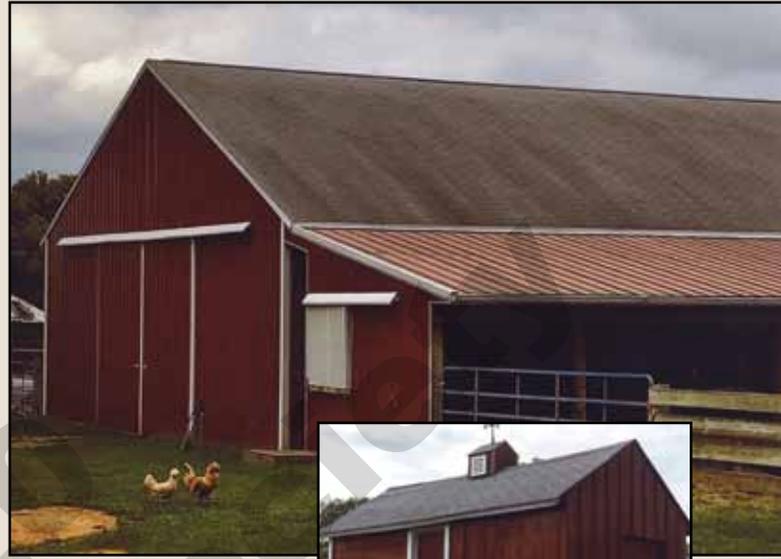
CENTENNIAL FARMS SPOTLIGHTS

CHARLES E. & ESTELLA F. RILEY FARM

PERRY • ESTABLISHED: SEPTEMBER 8, 1919

The Charles E. and Estella F. Riley Farm was established in Perry, Michigan, on September 8, 1919. Prior to owning the farm, Charles served in World War I as a sergeant in Company F, 164th Infantry Regiment. The couple had three sons—Harry, Aaron, and Stanley—and lived in Twelve Corners, Michigan. After Harry bought a farm in Perry, he told his father that the farm next door was for sale and urged him to purchase the land and move the family there. Charles bought the farm and moved himself, his wife, and their sons Aaron and Stanley, along with Stanley's wife, Margaret, and children, Louise and Ellsworth.

The farm passed on to Louise, who reared two children, Mary Ellen and Charles, on the farm. In addition to growing corn and wheat, it operated as a dairy farm. The operation continued into the 1960s, when the dairy herd was sold and the farmland was leased out. The farm has seen many barns throughout the years, since two early barns burned down. Another barn was constructed in the 1940s but taken down three decades later. The original 1940s milk house still stands on the farm today, and a pole barn was built in 2001. ☒



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Above: The pole barn, built in 2001.
Inset: The milk house, which was constructed in the 1940s.

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