

As a young boy, Conrad Kohrs Warren spent much of his time at the ranch of his pioneer grandfather, Conrad Kohrs. He loved the ranch and the life of the cattleman.

After working for the Kohrs Company for several years, he bought the old home ranch in 1940 and preserved it carefully until 1972, when the oldest portion was sold to the National Park Service.

At the same time, he was a rancher in his own right for 50 years, breeding the finest Herefords of the day, serving on the Livestock Commission and caring for the land.

In 1988, the Park Service purchased additional acreage and structures surrounding the original historic site. This added many buildings from the Con Warren era of the ranch's history.

Con Warren



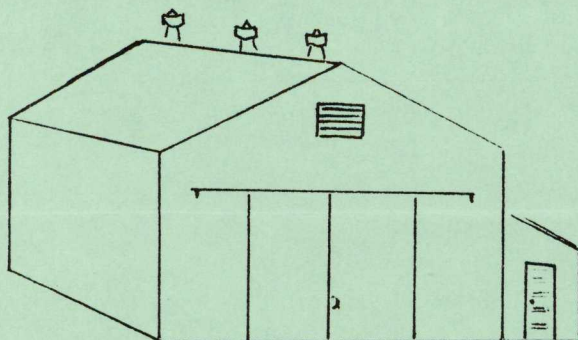
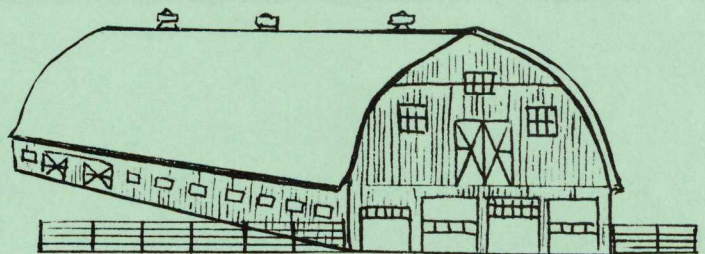
IF IT'S PART OF THE PARK,
WHY ISN'T IT OPEN?

Before any decisions are made about the new property, the land and the buildings must be carefully studied to ensure that their historical significance is understood and protected, and that the land is used properly.

Many options are available to the Park Service, including leasing the land for agricultural purposes, restoring significant structures and using some interiors for non-traditional uses. We welcome comments and suggestions, particularly during this planning phase.

The big red barn has long been a subject of local curiosity, and with reason. Measuring 50' x 120' with a height of 40' at the top of the round roof, the 1950's barn has some unusual features.

A ramp could be lowered from the top floor, and vehicles driven up it. A custom feed mixing setup at the north end of the barn enabled Con Warren to make up the best possible feed for his renowned Herefords.



Though used in recent years as a shop, the metal building to the north of the red barn was originally Con Warren's show barn. With bleacher seats around the walls and a raised platform for the auctioneer, many prize animals were sold to buyers from across the country.

Other structures included in the new park land are cow sheds, chutes, pump houses and the scale house.

For each of these, careful study will precede any decisions. It's easier to preserve something at the start

than to try to get it back after a hasty decision.