

William and Lucina Bowe Ranch,
Cattle Barn
320 feet South-Southwest of House
Melrose Vicinity
Silver Bow County
Montana

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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I. INTRODUCTION

Location: The William and Lucina Bowe Ranch is on the east side of the lower Big Hole River Valley in southwest Montana. It lies in Silver Bow County about 0.1 mile south of the community of Melrose and 35 miles north of Dillon. County Road 40 passes through the property and crosses the river approximately 0.1 mile to the southwest.

The cattle barn is on the south side of the ranch, 320 feet south-southwest of the house.

Quad: Melrose

UTM: Zone: 12; Easting 368640; Northing 5053690

Date of Construction: ca. 1980

Present Owners: Dale and Rosanna Carpenter
P.O. Box 26
Melrose, MT 59740

Present Use: Cattle Barn

Significance: Because the cattle barn is a modern building, it can not contribute to the historical significance of the William and Lucina Bowe Ranch.

Historian: Mary McCormick
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II. DESCRIPTION

The cattle barn is a large, post-and-beam building (32' x 72') located on the south side of the corral complex. It has a gable roof made of 2x4 rafters and 1x6 purlins covered by strips of corrugated metal sheeting alternating with strips of corrugated fiberglass, providing a "skylight window" effect. The east and west end walls are each covered by a pair of corrugated metal sliding doors suspended from a metal runner. Square window vents pierce the gable ends. The interior of the barn has animal stalls on either side of a central corridor.

The cattle barn was built by the current owner in about 1980.¹

III. ENDNOTES

1. Jon Axline, "William Bowe Ranch, "Montana Cultural Resource Inventory Form," April 1996.