

WILLIAM HOELSCHER FARMSTEAD, GARAGE
08529 State Route 219
New Knoxville
Auglaize County
Ohio

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Location: 08529 State Route 219, New Knoxville, Auglaize County, Ohio
USGS New Knoxville Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator
Coordinates: 16.730220.4486310

Significance: The garage contributes to the character of the farmstead continuously owned and occupied by the Hoelscher family for over a century. Square in plan, with a pyramidal roof, the garage exemplifies a form typical of folk architecture from 1905 to 1930.

The garage faces north and is located on the south side of the farmstead near the road. The two-car garage, 20 feet by 20 feet, is constructed of wood frame and siding, rests on a concrete slab and has a hipped roof covered with shingles. On the north side of the building, are two garage doors--one is a rolling vertical board door, while the other is a overhead metal door. The east and west side elevations each contain one small window in the center with four-pane sash. The building is in fair condition.

History: According to Casper and Rachel Hoelscher, the garage was built by the family in 1926. It has been continuously owned by the Hoelscher family until 1990 when it was acquired through eminent domain by Auglaize County.

The garage and the remainder of the farmstead are required to be removed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) because they obstruct the approach to the nearby Neil Armstrong Airport. In accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement dated December 27, 1990 and signed by the FAA, the Ohio State Historic Preservation Officer and the Commissioners of Auglaize County, the house and farm buildings are being recorded and offered for sale for relocation prior to demolition.

Sources: Interview with Casper and Rachel Hoelscher, 3 June 91.

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