

Historical and Architectural Report:

The John B. Clow Farmhouse

10846 S. Book Road, Naperville

Will County (Wheatland Township), Illinois

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. retained Midwest Archaeological Research Services (MARS), Crystal Lake, Illinois, to develop a Historical and Architectural Report for the John B. Clow Farmhouse at 10846 S. Book Road in Naperville (Will County), Illinois.

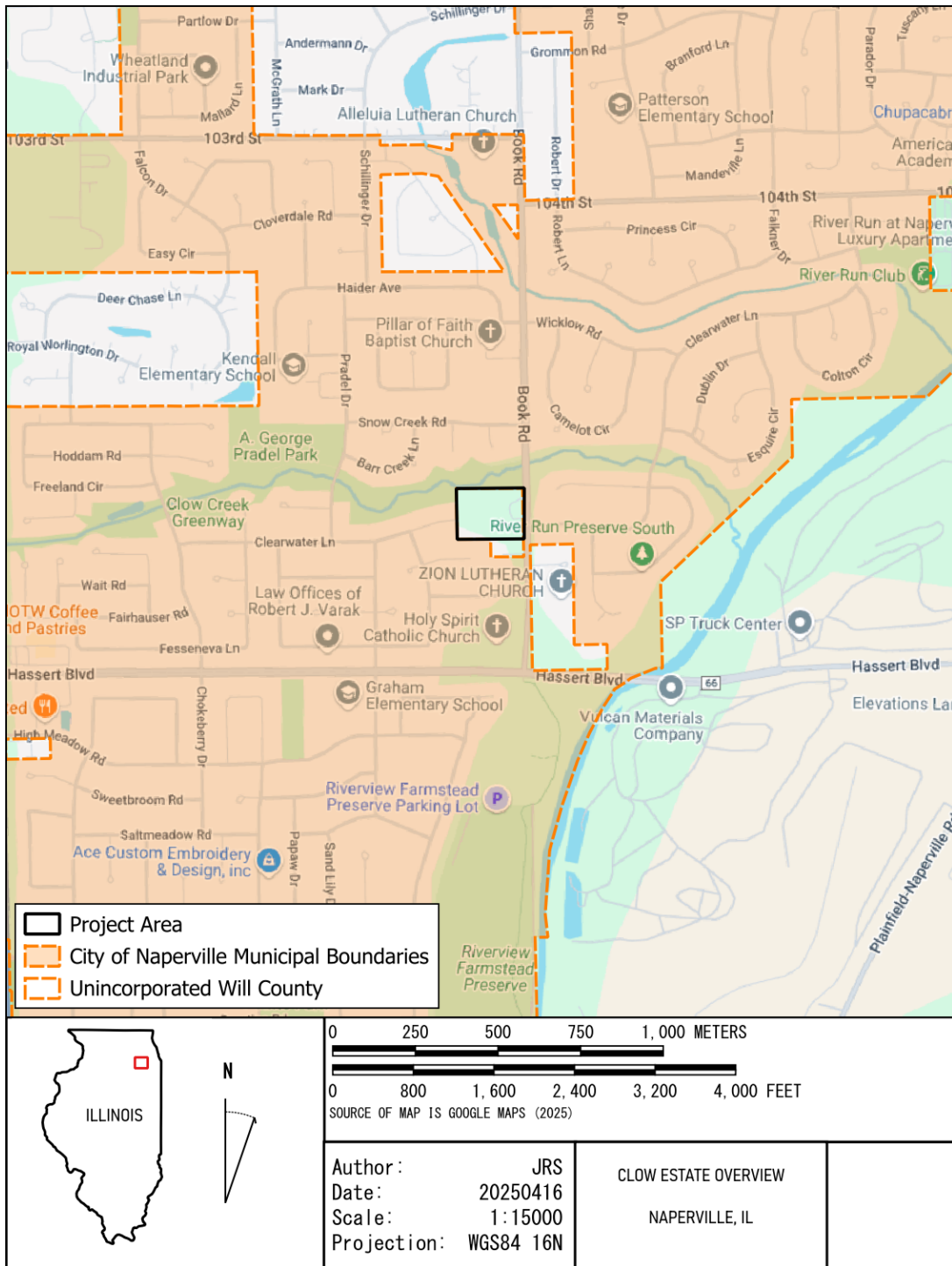
This report was undertaken to mitigate the adverse effects of a proposed residential project by Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. on cultural resources within an eight-acre project area that includes the John B. Clow Farmhouse. The terms of the mitigation were agreed upon and executed to ensure compliance with the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420).

MARS retained Jean L. Guarino, Ph.D., Oak Park, Illinois, to serve as project historian. Guarino made site visits on April 3 and April 24, 2025, to take interior and exterior digital photographs of the farmhouse and its setting, which are included in this report, as are historic plat maps. Darryl White, the owner of the property, provided interior access to the house and information about its history, and shared some photographs. Guarino conducted research at repositories that included the Naperville Public Library, Naper Settlement's Research Center, and the Joliet Public Library, and she reviewed various primary and secondary sources to establish a chronology of ownership and develop biographical essays. All aspects of this project were supervised by Jay Martinez, President, MARS, who edited the report for quality assurance.

The eight-acre property upon which the John B. Clow Farmhouse is situated has been in the Clow family for six generations and was originally part of a much larger tract of land that was purchased from the public domain by Robert Clow Sr. in 1844. Robert Clow Sr. and his nine children—who emigrated to the U.S. from Scotland in 1837—were Will County pioneers, establishing farmsteads that encompassed all of Section 15 and portions of Sections 10, 14, and 22 of Wheatland Township in the 1840s and 1850s.

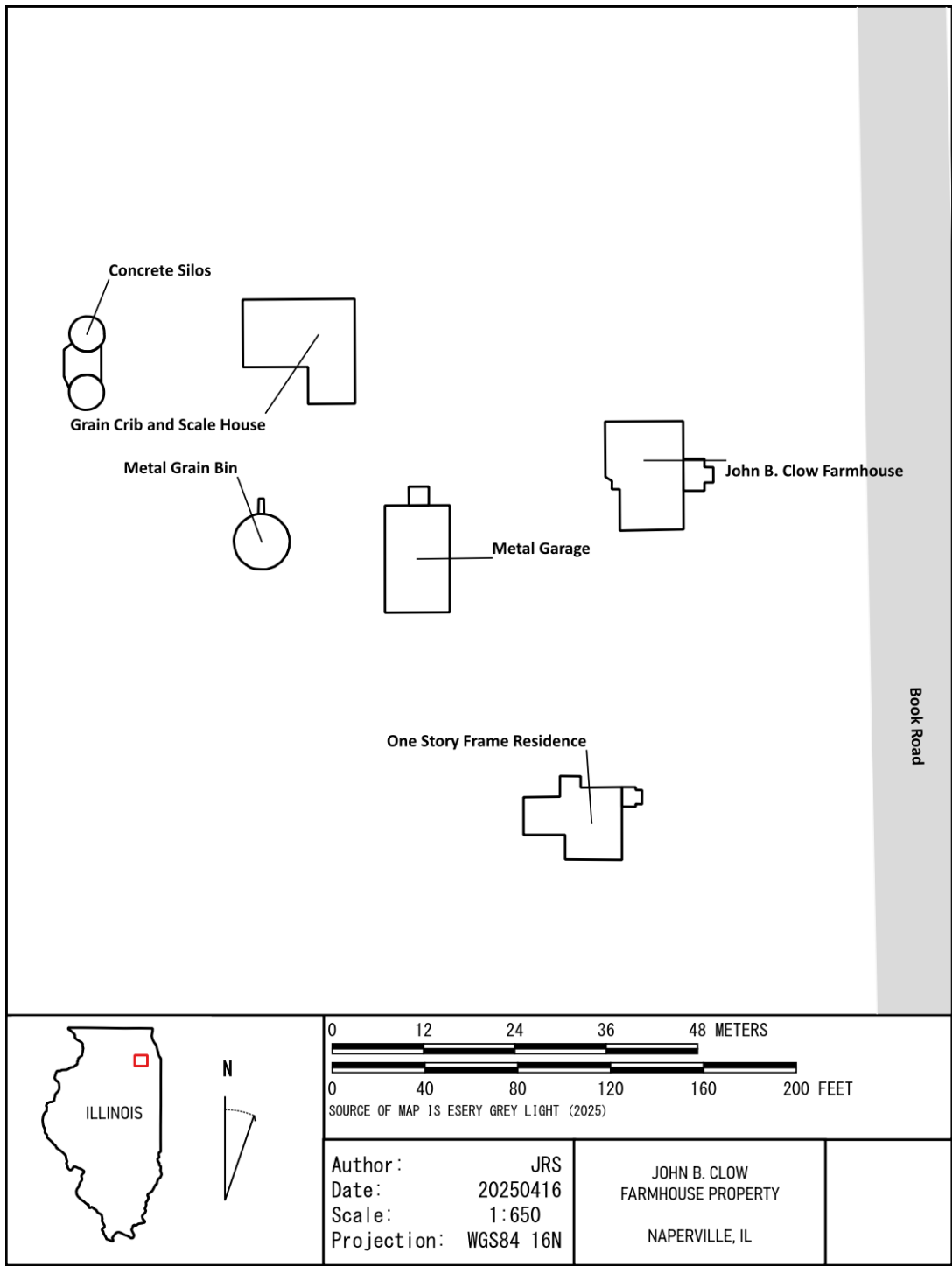
The farmhouse on this property was built c. 1910 by then-owner John B. Clow, the grandson of Robert Clow Sr. It replaced a c. 1850s house built by Robert Clow, Jr., which was destroyed by fire. It is an austere example of an American Foursquare house, a style that was popular in the early twentieth century and often used for Illinois farmhouses of this era. The house has excellent architectural integrity of materials, retaining its original wood clapboard siding, fenestration, doors, and hip roof, as well as its original floor plan, wood flooring, wood paneled interior doors, built-in cabinets/mirrors, and front hall staircase.

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Location Map showing the Project Area at 10846 S. Book Road in Naperville.

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Site Plan showing the John B. Clow Farmhouse and other buildings/structures on the property at 10846 S. Book Road, Naperville.

FARMHOUSE SETTING AND DESCRIPTION

The John B. Clow Farmhouse is located on a rectangular parcel on the west side of Book Road that measures 691 feet east-west and 504 feet north-south. The eight-acre property comprises the south 504 feet of the north 1,333 feet of the east 691.5 feet of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 37 North, Range 9, East of the Third Principal Meridian in Will County (Wheatland Township), Illinois. A creek that is watered by the nearby DuPage River runs alongside the wooded north boundary of the parcel, which is surrounded by post-1990 residential subdivisions. (See Location Map on page 4.)

The east-facing farmhouse is set back about 90 feet from the public right-of-way and is accessed from Book Road via a curving aggregate driveway. The property also includes a one-story house sheathed in wood clapboard (c. 1910) that is accessed from Book Road by a secondary aggregate driveway, a wood grain crib and scale house, two concrete silos, a circular metal grain bin, and a garage sheathed with corrugated metal with a small, attached wood frame chicken coop. (See page 5 for the Site Plan and pages 60-61 for photographs of outbuildings.)

The two-story American Foursquare style John B. Clow Farmhouse, built c. 1910, has a rectangular footprint that measures 46.75 feet north-south and 33.61 feet east-west. It is situated on a concrete block foundation and sheathed in original wood clapboard siding painted white. Its hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has overhanging eaves with wood clapboard soffits. A brick chimney is on the north side of the roof slope. Fenestration primarily consists of original three-over-one wood windows. The exterior of the house is austere in appearance and lacks ornamental detailing.

The front (east) façade has a central, flat-roof entry porch with two squared wood columns and a wood deck accessed by two concrete steps. The wood paneled front door has diamond-paned sidelights. Fenestration on the front façade consists of four windows on the first floor, six windows on the second floor, and three flat-roof dormers, each of which is sheathed with wood clapboard. The central dormer has a pair of windows and each of the flanking dormers has a single window.

The rear (west) façade has two entrances, each with a wood paneled door, as well as five windows on both the first and second floors. The south door of this façade has a bracketed wood canopy. The north façade has five windows on the first floor and two windows on the second floor. The south façade has two windows on the first floor and two windows on the second floor.

The first-floor plan includes a central stair hall; a front parlor and a rear parlor on the south side of the house; a dining room on the north side of the house; a rear kitchen with a door that opens onto a rear staircase to the second floor; a small laundry (former powder room); and a rear entrance vestibule with a door that opens onto a stairway to the basement. The second floor has a central stair hall that opens onto a full bathroom; four bedrooms, one in each corner of the house; and a rear stair landing with a door that opens onto the stairway to the attic. The partially

excavated basement has two rooms that open onto each other. The attic consists of a single open space.

Walls and ceilings are finished in plaster, except in the dining room and the front parlor, where the walls are covered with wallpaper. Original wood flooring is featured throughout the house except in the second-floor bathroom (ceramic tile flooring), and the basement (concrete flooring). The unfinished, partially excavated basement has perimeter walls of exposed stone that comprised the foundation of the original c. 1850s house on this site. The house is heated by steam and has radiators. The basement furnace vents to the brick chimney that can be seen in the attic, which has exposed wood ceiling rafters.

The interior of the farmhouse house retains all its original five-paneled oak doors with decorative hardware. Most rooms feature simple, unadorned wood basement molding, as well as equally simple wood door and window casings. The front hall has an original oak staircase with simple squared balustrade and squared oak newell posts on the first and second floors. The front hall has an original ceiling light fixture, and its south wall has a large mirror with oak surround detailed with Corinthian pilasters and egg and dart molding. The west wall of the dining room features an original built-in oak hutch: drawers on the bottom have oak knobs and the upper cabinet has shelves enclosed by leaded-glass doors. The hutch is detailed with two Ionic pilasters. The front and rear parlors have identical chandeliers that appear to be original.

The second-floor stair landing has an original oak linen cabinet with drawers featuring original decorative hardware and an upper cabinet with paneled oak doors. The second-floor stair hall and the four bedrooms all have identical ceiling light fixtures that also appear to be original.

HISTORY OF THE JOHN B. CLOW FARMHOUSE PROPERTY

Ownership Synopsis

The eight-acre property upon which the John B. Clow Farmhouse is situated has been in the Clow family for six generations and was originally part of a much larger tract of land that was purchased from the public domain by Robert Clow Sr. in 1844. According to the current owner, Darryl White, the present-day farmhouse was built c. 1910 by then-owner John B. Clow, the grandson of Robert Clow Sr. It replaced a c. 1850s house built by Robert Clow, Jr., which was destroyed by fire.

A table showing the property’s ownership history is below. The chain of ownership was established through a review of Public Domain records for Illinois; historic Wheatland Township Plat Maps; census records; post-1965 records on the Will County Recorder of Deeds website; and interviews with the current owner, Darryl White—who is a descendent of Robert Clow Sr.—on April 3 and April 24, 2025.

Property Owners	Period of Ownership
Robert Clow, Sr. (1787-1870)	1844 to c. 1850
Robert Clow, Jr., (1819-1888) and Rosanna (McMicken) Clow (1825-1895)	c. 1850 to 1888
John B. Clow (1859-1941) and Janet (Stewart) Clow (1855-1926)	1888 to 1941
Bessie (Clow) McMicken (1887-1969) and James McMicken (1882-1962)	1941 to 1969
Janet (McMicken) White (1916-1987) and Edward F. White, Jr. (1920-1986)	1968 to 1988
Edward Francis “Frank” White III (1946-2008) and Michaleen (Martz) White	1988 to 2009
Darryl White (b. 1969)	2009 to present

Biographies of Historic (pre-1976) Owners

Robert Clow Sr.

The c. 1910 John B. Clow house is situated on an eight-acre parcel that was originally part of a much larger tract in Section 15 of Wheatland Township that was purchased by Robert Clow Sr. on May 21, 1844 from the Public Domain.¹ Robert Clow Sr. (1787-1870) was the patriarch of a pioneering family in Wheatland Township whose many descendants played an active role in its agricultural, community, and political life for over 100 years, serving as both farmers and stock raisers.

Robert Clow Sr. emigrated from his native Scotland to the U.S. in 1837 following the death of his wife, Sarah Clow. Mrs. Clow's dying wish to her husband was reportedly to, "Sell out here and go to some new country where land is cheap and keep the children together."² Robert Clow Sr. sold the family's 80-acre farm in Scotland, owned by the Clow family for generations, and boarded the mail packet "England" from Liverpool on September 1, 1837 with his six sons and three daughters who ranged in age from six to twenty-four.³ The Clow children included: Helen (1813-1847); Agnes (1814-1890); James (1816-1890); John Henry (1818-1910); Robert Jr. (1819-1888); Adam (1821-1852); Sarah (1824-1903); William (1826-1877); and Thomas (1829-1893).⁴

The Clow family arrived in New York City on October 5, 1837, and then boarded a steamer for Albany, traveling via the Erie Canal to Port Gibson, in western New York. In the spring of 1838, the family rented a farm of some 1,400 acres located in the Sodus Bay, just east of the southern shore of Lake Ontario, in Wayne County, New York. The property features about 100 acres of plowed land as well as orchards and pasture. Here the Clows spent six years.⁵

On March 1, 1844, Robert Clow Sr. and all his children, except John Henry, began their journey to Illinois to pursue their desire to become landowners, rather than tenant farmers. They traveled with Mungo Patterson, also from Scotland, who by then had married Agnes Clow, Robert Sr.'s daughter. Together the group booked passage on the steamboat, Chesapeake, running from Buffalo to Chicago, where they arrived on May 1, 1844.⁶

¹ Ancestry.com. Illinois, U.S., Public Land Purchase Records, 1813-1909.

² Quoted in: Dorothy Cryder, "Go where land is cheap," *Joliet Herald-News* (August 17, 1968) and in: *Naperville Area Farm Families History* (Naperville, Ill.: Naperville Farmers' Riverwalk Committee, 1983) 17-18. Both sources contain excerpts from the diary of Robert Clow, Jr., which is presumably the source of this quote from his mother Sarah Clow. This diary was not found during the research for this report and it is possible that the writers obtained temporary access to it from a Clow family descendent.

³ August Maue, *History of Will County, Illinois*, Volume 2 (Indianapolis, Indiana: Historical Publishing, 1928) 813-814.

⁴ Ancestry.com. U.S., *Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*.

⁵ Maue, Volume 2, 813-814.

⁶ *Genealogical and Biographical Record of Will County, Illinois* (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1900) 166.

Mungo Patterson maintained a diary of the group's experiences upon arrival in northwest Illinois, excerpts from which are contained in *The History and Genealogy of the Family of John and Jane Hall Patterson of Kirtlehead, Dumfriesshire, Scotland* (n.p., n.d.). According to this diary, Mungo and Agnes Patterson, along with the rest of the Clow family, traveled from Chicago to Naperville on May 4, 1844, via stagecoach and hired wagons. There they resided in a rental house while seeking land on the DuPage River to purchase. He described the area upon their arrival:

The only stock we saw on the prairies was a very few cattle here and there. Some places we could see as far as the eye could reach, without timber. We saw plenty of wild game, cranes, prairie hens, and other smaller birds.⁷

George Woodruff's 1878 *History of Will County* stated that in 1844 the Clows purchased "1,080 acres of [Wheatland Township's] beautiful prairie, embracing Section 15 and parts of 14 and 10."⁸ Another contemporary source stated that Robert Clow Sr. and his sons "pre-empted and purchased some fourteen hundred and eighty acres."⁹ Although the exact acreage purchased by the Clow family varies according to the source, the 1862 Wheatland Township Plat Map shows that the Clow family land holdings were vast, encompassing all of Section 15 and parts of Sections 10, 14, and 22.¹⁰

The Clow family built a settlement house in Section 22 of Wheatland Township in the summer of 1844 near what is now Book Road, just south of present-day Hassert Road/111th Street in Naperville. (This house still exists and is part of the 375-acre Riverview Farm, owned by the Forest Preserve District of Will County.) The July 16, 1844, entry from Robert Clow Jr.'s diary states: "Fetched a load of lumber from Hobson and laid off the ground for the house. Contract for building the house was let to Mr. Lyman for \$500. On Dec. 6 the family moved into the new house—the first week in America in which we have not had to pay rent."¹¹ Robert Clow Sr. divided up much of his vast Wheatland Township landholdings in the 1850s among his sons, who established their own farmsteads.

Robert Clow Jr. and Rosanna (McMicken) Clow

Robert Clow Jr. (1819-1888) established a farmstead in Wheatland Township within the decade of settling there with his father and siblings. In 1849 he married Rosanna McMicken, who was also born in Scotland and came to Illinois with her parents in 1843.¹² A year after their marriage,

⁷ *The History and Genealogy of the Family of John and Jane Hall Patterson of Kirtlehead, Dumfriesshire, Scotland*. n.p., n.d.

⁸ George Woodruff, *The History of Will County* (Chicago: William Le Baron, Jr. & Co. 1878) 212.

⁹ *Genealogical and Biographical Record of Will County, Illinois* (Chicago: Biographical Publishing Company, 1900) 166.

¹⁰ *Map of Will County*. Burnhans and Van Vechten, 1862.

¹¹ Quoted in: Dorothy Cryder, "Go where land is cheap," *Joliet Herald-News* (August 17, 1968).

¹² Ancestry.com. *Illinois, Marriage Index, 1860-1920*.

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the couple lived with Robert's father and siblings in the Clow family settlement house in Section 22 of Wheatland Township, as evidenced by the 1850 federal census.

Robert Clow Jr. and Rosanna Clow built a farmhouse during the 1850s that was later replaced by the residence documented for this report. Here, they raised their eight children, who included: William (b. 1850); Sarah (b. 1852); Grace (b. 1854); Ellen (b. 1856); Adam (b. 1858); John B. (b. 1860); Rosanna (b. 1867); and Rachel (b. 1870).¹³ The house was on a 160-acre tract owned by Robert Clow Jr. that included most of the southeast corner of Section 15 and a portion of southwest corner of Section 14, as shown on the Wheatland Township Plat Maps of 1862 and 1873.

The U.S. non-population census for 1860 indicates that the 160-acre Robert Clow Jr. farm then included 6 horses, 7 dairy cows, and 10 head of cattle. His father's 480-acre farm, which included the remainder of Section 15 and much of the south half of Section 10, featured 4 horses, 9 dairy cows, 14 head of cattle and 2 swine. Together, both farms produced 310 bushels of wheat, 800 bushels of corn, 500 bushels of oats, and 100 bushels of potatoes in that year. Three hundred pounds of butter were also produced.¹⁴

Robert Clow, Jr., was an important civic leader in Wheatland Township, serving in 1846 as its first Justice of the Peace. Clow promoted its agricultural interests as Township Supervisor, a position he held in 1857 and from 1861-76. He was elected to the first of two terms as Circuit Clerk of Will County in 1876 and also served one term in the Illinois legislature.¹⁵ The Wheatland Plowing Match was held on Robert Clow Jr.'s Wheatland Township farm in 1878,¹⁶ the year that George Woodruff published *The History of Will County*, which stated:

Mr. Clow has served his township and county in various offices, in all of which he has acquitted himself with credit, and we should take this opportunity of giving him an extended notice, but know that his modesty and good sense shrink from such notoriety.¹⁷

Three leading newspapers—the *McHenry Plaindealer*, *The Inter Ocean* (Chicago), and the *Chicago Tribune*—published obituaries for Robert Clow Jr. following his death on September 17, 1888 in his Wheatland Township home at the age of 69.¹⁸ *The Inter Ocean* obituary stated:

Mr. Clow was one of the most prominent citizens of will County, having been a member of the Legislature and Circuit Clerk of this county eight years. He was also a prominent

¹³ Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*.

¹⁴ Ancestry.com. *U.S., Selected Federal Census Non-Population Schedules, 1850-1880*.

¹⁵ *Genealogical and Biographical Record of Will County, Illinois*, 166.

¹⁶ *Maue*, Volume 1, 377-378.

¹⁷ Woodruff, 538-539.

¹⁸ *The McHenry Plaindealer* (26 September 1888); "The Hon. Robert Clow," *The Inter Ocean* (17 September 1888); "Death of Robert Clow," *Chicago Tribune* (17 September 1888).

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candidate for Congress in this district at the last Republican Congressional Convention. He has always been known for his strict integrity, official rectitude, and social worth.¹⁹

August Maue's *History of Will County Illinois* (1928) referred to Robert Clow Jr. as "a leading farmer and stockman of Will County."²⁰ Rosanna Clow, lived in the farmhouse with John B. Clow's family until her death in 1895.²¹

John B. Clow and Janet (Stewart) Clow

John B. Clow (1859-1941) assumed ownership of his father's property in Section 15 of Wheatland Township in 1888. The 240-acre John B. Clow farmstead included a 160-acre tract facing Book Road that featured the c 1850s farmhouse, barns, and outbuildings, and an additional 80-acre tract. Clow's property is shown on the 1893 Wheatland Township Plat Map, which indicates that his farmhouse was the site of a local township post office in that year. (See page 52.)

John B. Clow married Janet Stewart of Wheatland Township in 1885.²² She was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Stewart, natives of Scotland and early settlers of Will County.²³ John and Janet Clow had two daughters: Bessie (1887-1969) and Helen (1891-1964).

The original c. 1850s Robert Clow Jr. farmhouse on Book Road, which was subsequently occupied by the John B. Clow family, was destroyed by fire in 1910.²⁴ John B. Clow built a small frame cottage just south of the burned farmhouse site immediately after the fire. Here he lived with his wife and daughter, Helen, while construction was underway on a new two-story American Foursquare style farmhouse that is the subject of this report.²⁵

John and Janet Clow's new farmhouse was the site of their daughter Bessie's wedding to James McMicken in 1914. A wedding notice for the Clow-McMicken wedding noted that the couple were planning to "take up homemaking on a farm owned by the bride's father."²⁶ Bessie and James McMicken moved into the cottage on the John B. Clow farmstead following their wedding and James helped his father-in-law operate the farm. Bessie's parents and her sister, Helen, lived in the new farmhouse. Helen Clow married Owen Crego at some point in the 1920s. The newlyweds moved into John and Janet Clow's farmhouse on Book Road.

¹⁹ "The Hon. Robert Clow," *The Inter Ocean*, 17 September 1888.

²⁰ Maue, Volume 2, 813-814.

²¹ *Genealogical and Biographical Record of Will County, Illinois*, 166.

²² Ancestry.com. *Illinois, Marriage Index, 1860-1920*;

²³ Ancestry.com. *U.S., Find A Grave Index, 1600s-Current*.

²⁴ Interview with Darryl White, the great-great-grandson of John B. Clow and current property owner, on April 3, 2025.

²⁵ Ibid. U.S. Census for 1910.

²⁶ "Wheatland," *Herald News* (9 March 1914).

The 1928 *History of Will County* included a brief biography of John B. Clow which stated:

John B. Clow, successful farmer and well known resident of Wheatland Township, is a member of a prominent pioneer family of Will County. He was born in Wheatland, December 25, 1859, the son of Robert and Rosanna (McMicken) Clow. John B. Clow was reared and educated in Wheatland Township, and for many years ranked among the many progressive stockmen of Will County. He specialized in dairy farming. Mr. Clow lives practically retired on his farm of 240 acres, in Section 15, of Wheatland Township. Mr. Clow is a stockholder in the Bank of Plainfield and the Plainfield Grain Company.²⁷

Janet Clow died in 1926 at the age of 71. The U.S. Census for 1930 and 1940 shows that John B. Clow then shared his farmhouse with his daughter Helen, her husband, Owen Crego, and their two children. John B. Clow died in 1941 at the age of 82.

McMicken and White Family Ownership

James McMicken (1882-1962) was born in Na-Au-Say Township in Kendall County on May 5, 1882, the son of Francis (“Frank”) and Elizabeth McMicken. He worked as a laborer on his father’s Kendall County farm as a teenager, according to the U.S. Census for 1900, and later attended three years of college. McMicken married Bessie Clow in 1914, and the couple lived in the cottage on John B. Clow’s property through the 1930s, where James worked as a farmer. Here they raised their daughter Janet (1916-87). A son, Stewart, died in infancy.²⁸

James and Bessie (Clow) McMicken assumed ownership of John B. Clow’s 240-acre farmstead in Section 15 of Wheatland Township in 1941, following John B. Clow’s death, and subsequently relocated from the cottage to the larger two-story farmhouse. James McMicken retired in 1949. Farming operations were supervised during the 1950s and 1960s by his nephew, Wylie McMicken (1913-2023), who lived in the cottage on the property during that period.²⁹ A 1960 aerial photograph shows that the property at 10846 S. Book Road then included two large gable-roof barns, one of which housed livestock. (See page 56.)

James McMicken died in 1962 at the age of 80. Bessie McMicken lived in the farmhouse at 10846 S. Book Road until her death in 1969 at the age of 82.³⁰ The property was subsequently owned by Janet (McMicken) White and her husband, Edward F. White Jr., who married in 1944 and had two children: Frank (1946-2008) and Adelaide.

Edward and Janet White lived with their four-year-old son Frank in Wheatland Township in 1950, according to the U.S. Census for that year, which listed Edward’s occupation as “chemical engineer.” The White family moved to Anacortes, Washington, in 1960 where Frank White

²⁷ Maue, Volume 2, 813-814.

²⁸ “James McMicken,” *The Enterprise* (Plainfield) (1 November 1962).

²⁹ Interview with Darryl White, April 24, 2025.

³⁰ “James McMicken,” *The Enterprise* (Plainfield) (1 November 1962); “Bessie McMicken,” *The Enterprise* (Plainfield) (18 September 1969).

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attended Anacortes High School. The family later relocated to Texas, where Frank attended Texas A&M University for four years. Throughout his school years, Frank White worked every summer on the Wheatland Township farm of his maternal grandmother, Bessie (Clow) McMicken, with whom he was very close.³¹

No evidence was found that Edward and Janet White lived in the farmhouse they owned at 10846 S. Book Road after they assumed ownership in 1969. Frank White married Michaleen Martz of Aurora in 1969, and the couple had two children: Darryl White (b. 1969) and Natalie. The young family moved into the farmhouse at 10846 S. Book Road owned by Frank's parents in 1971, and Frank White assumed operation of the farm.³²

The property at 10846 S. Book Road, which included the John B. Clow Farmhouse, was reduced in size from 160 acres to eight acres in 1988, following the death of Janet White the year before. Frank White assumed ownership of the eight-acre tract, which included the c. 1910 farmhouse and outbuildings, while the remaining 152 acres became residential subdivisions post-1990. Darryl White assumed ownership of the eight-acre tract that included the farmhouse in 2009, a year after his father's death.³³

³¹ Frank White obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/aurora-beacon-news/name/frank-white-obituary?id=29573445>.

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Front façade, view west.



Front façade porch, view northwest.

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Front door and detail of its doorknob.



Three-over-one windows and dormers on the front facade.

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Front (east) and north facades, view southwest.



North façade, view south.

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North (left) and rear facades, view southeast.



Rear (west) façade, view east.

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Detail of rear façade showing doors to kitchen (left) and to southwest room (right).



Detail of wood clapboard and windows.

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Rear (west) façade, view northeast.



Rear (west) façade and south façade, view northeast.

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South (left) and front facades, view northwest.



Front stair hall, view west.

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Oak mirror in front stair hall.



Ceiling light fixture in front stair hall.



Detail of oak mirror in front stair hall showing egg and dart molding and Corinthian pilaster.

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Front stair hall, view east.



Front parlor showing original wood paneled pocket doors, view northwest.

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Hardware on wood paneled pocket doors separating the front and rear parlors, view west.



Front parlor, view southeast.

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Rear parlor showing a portion of the pocket doors on the right, view north.



Rear parlor, view west.

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Rear parlor chandelier. An identical chandelier is in the front parlor.



First floor laundry room, which originally served as a bathroom, view west toward rear vestibule.

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Dining room, view west.



Dining room hutch.



Detail of leaded glass cabinet doors on dining room hutch.



Detail of Ionic pilaster on dining room hutch.

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Dining room, view east.



Kitchen, view north.

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Built-in wood cabinet/drawers in the kitchen, view south.



Rear vestibule, view southwest.

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Rear vestibule with door to basement.



Rear stairwell to second floor.



Front hall stairway at second floor level.



Second floor stair hall, view southwest.



Ceiling light sconce in second floor stair hall.



Second floor stair hall showing built-in linen cabinet with drawers (top and bottom photos).





Detail of linen cabinet in the second floor stair hall.



Drawer pull on second floor linen cabinet.

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Second floor stair hall, view east.



Bedroom 1, view northwest.

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Bedroom 1, view southeast.



Detail of bedroom 1 plaster wall showing original wallpaper beneath the paint.



Typical door knob on five-paneled doors.



Bedroom 2, view south.



Bedroom 2, view north.



Ceiling light scone in bedroom 2.

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Bedroom 3, view south.



Bedroom 3, view north.

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Second floor stair hall, view west toward doors to bathroom (left) and rear stair landing.



Second floor bathroom, view west.

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Second floor rear stair landing, view west.



Bedroom 4, view north.



Bedroom 4, view southwest.



Stairway to attic.

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Attic, view north.



Attic, view northwest. The basement furnace vents through this brick chimney.

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Attic, view south.



Attic, view southeast.



Detail of attic rafters.



Stairway to basement.

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Views of the basement showing stone foundation (left) of the original 1850s house on this property.

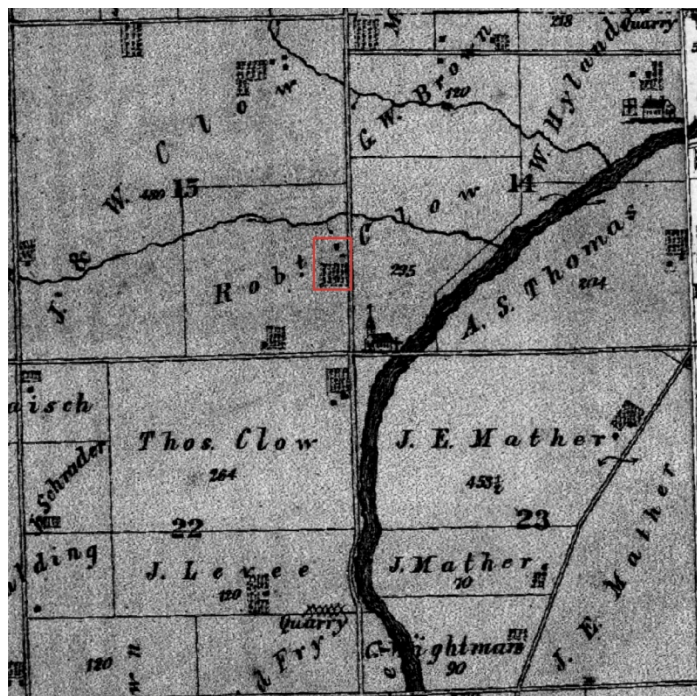


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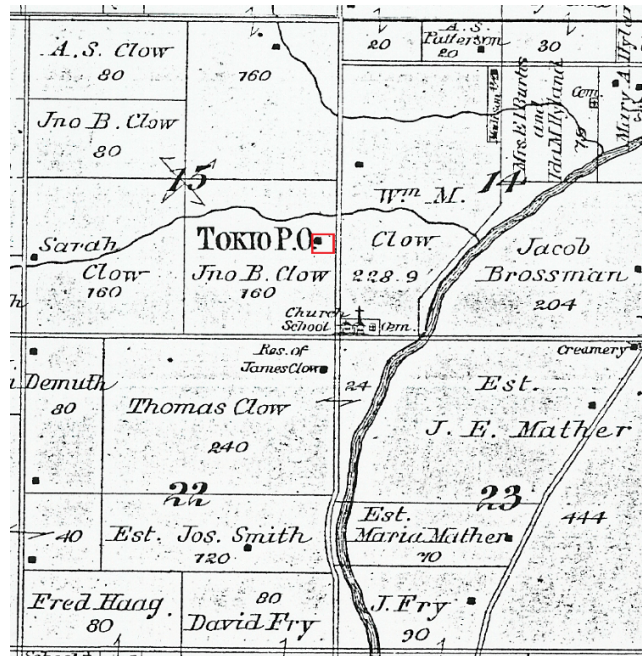


Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1862 identifying Robert Clow, Jr., as owner of a large tract situated in Sections 14 and 15. Clow built the house shown in Section 15 in the early 1850s.

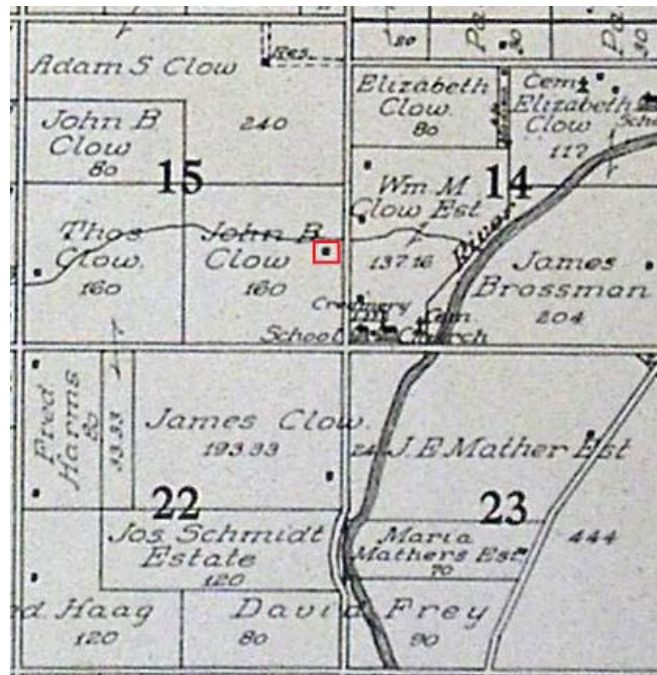


Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1873 identifying Robert Clow, Jr., as owner of a 295-acre tract situated in Sections 14 and 15.

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Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1893 identifying John B. Clow as owner of 240 acres in Section 15, the larger parcel of which included an 1850s house built by his father, Robert Clow, Jr., which also served as the Tokio Post Office.

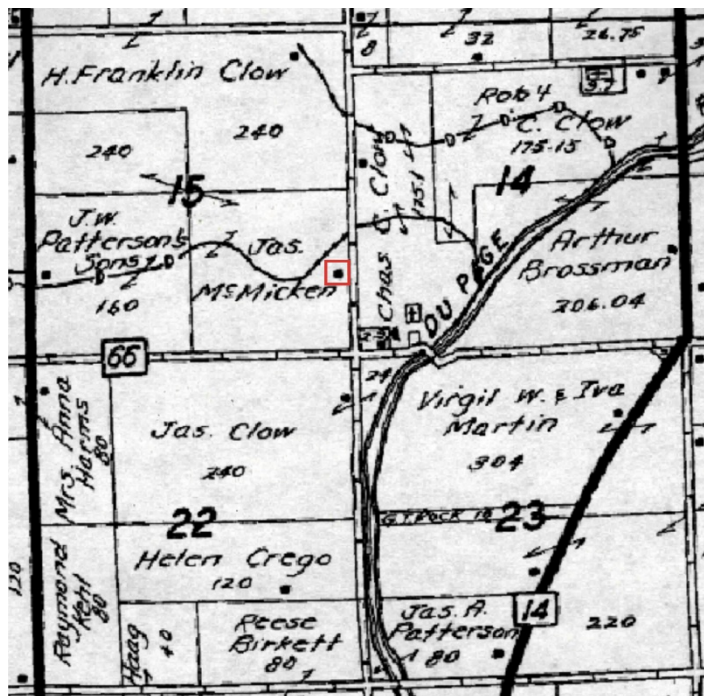


Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1910 identifying John B. Clow as owner of 240 acres in Section 15. The larger parcel comprising 160-acres included the farmhouse that John B. Clow built c. 1910 after the c. 1850s farmhouse built by his father, Robert Clow, Jr., was destroyed by fire.

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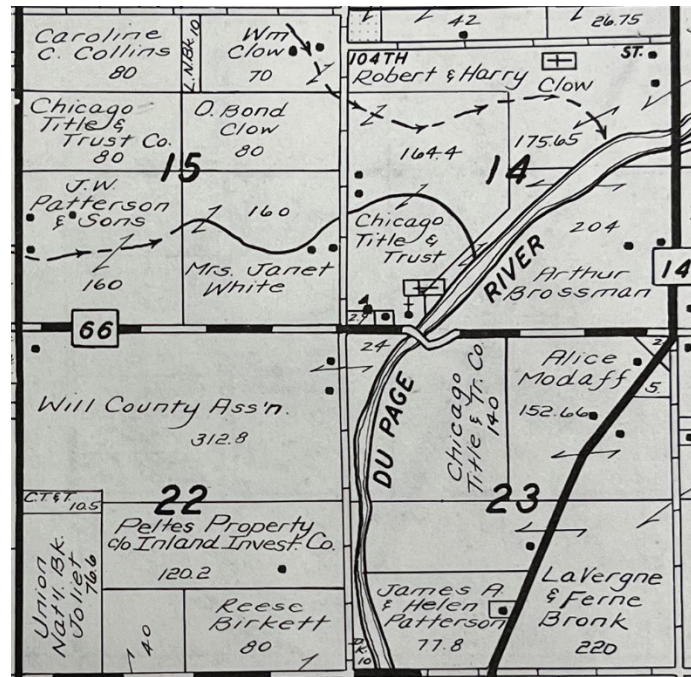


Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1948 identifying John B. Clow (died in 1941) and James McMicken, Clow’s son-in-law, as owners of 240 acres in Section 15 that included the c. 1910 John B. Clow Farmhouse.

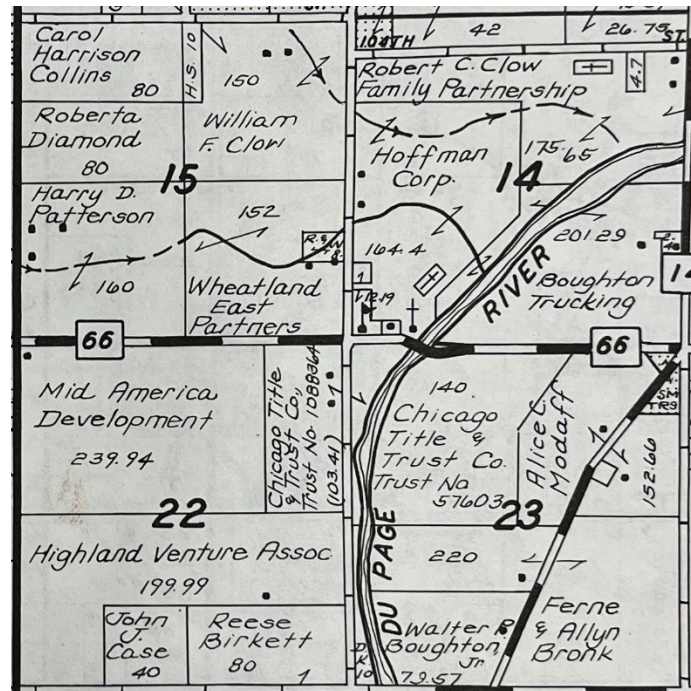


Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1957 identifying James McMicken as owner of 240 acres in Section 15 that included the c. 1910 John B. Clow Farmhouse.

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Wheatland Township Plat Map published in 1981 identifying Mrs. Janet White as owner of the 160-acre tract in Section 15 that included the c. 1910 John B. Clow Farmhouse.



Wheatland Township Map published in 1988 showing that 152-acres of the former 160-acre tract in Section 15 owned by Mrs. Janet White was sold to Wheatland East Partners by that year. The c. 1910 John B. Clow house was situated on the remaining 8 acres owned by Janet White's son, Frank White.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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Aerial photograph showing the John B. Clow Farmhouse when it was part of a 160-acre farmstead, 1961. Source: Darryl White.

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Aerial photograph showing the John B. Clow Farmhouse when it was part of a 160-acre farmstead, 1980. Source: Darryl White.

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Undated photograph of John B. Clow.

Source: https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/88789440/person/140065739670/facts?_phsrc=pqn519&_phstart=successSource



Silhouettes of John B. Clow (1859-1941) and Janet (Stewart) Clow (1855-1926). Source: Darryl White. Source: Darryl White.



Undated photographs of James McMicken (1882-1962) and Bessie (Clow) McMicken (1887-1969). Source: Darryl White.



Undated photograph of Edward Francis "Frank" White (1946-2008).
Source: Darryl White.

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Photograph of the John B. Clow House (left) and outbuildings, view southwest.



Wood frame grain crib and scale house (left) and circular metal grain bin, view southeast.

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Metal garage and attached wood frame chicken coop, view southeast.



Wood frame cottage (c. 1910; left) and John B. Clow Farmhouse (right), view north.