

WILLIAM HOELSCHER FARMSTEAD, CORNCRIB
08529 State Route 219
New Knoxville
Auglaize County
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Location: 08529 State Route 219, New Knoxville, Auglaize County, Ohio
USGS New Knoxville Quadrangle, Universal Transverse Mercator
Coordinates: 16.730230.4486340

Significance: The corncrib is an example of traditional agricultural construction and contributes to the character of the farmstead, continuously owned and occupied by the Hoelscher family for over a century. It reflects the continued growth of the farming operation, requiring more storage space for corn.

Description: The corncrib is a long, narrow structure oriented north-south and is located at the northeast corner of the farmstead. The corncrib is a wood-frame structure, 5'-8" wide by 27'-0" long, with hand-hewn timbers, rests on concrete piers and has a standing-seam metal roof. Clad with vertical board siding painted red, the corncrib has a door at the south end and three small openings near the top of the east wall for ventilation. In, addition, hatches are located in the lower east wall and the upper south wall. The structure is in good condition.

History: According to Casper and Rachel Hoelscher, the corncrib was built by the family in 1939. It has been continuously owned by the Hoelscher family until 1990 when it was acquired through eminent domain by Auglaize County.

The corncrib 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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