

Boone ~~Truly~~ Ranch, Cattle Pens
11119 NE 185th Street
Bothell
King County
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THE BOONE/TRULY RANCH
CATTLE PENS

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Location: 11119 NE 185th Street
Bothell, King County, Washington 98011

U.S.G.S. Bothell, Wash. 15' Quadrangle,
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 10.560780.5289860

Present Owner: Multiple Owners - The University of Washington and Richard Truly

Present Occupant: Richard Truly

Present Use: No use

Significance:

The Truly/Boone Ranch, located near the city of Bothell, Washington, approximately 31 miles north of Seattle, is associated with early settlement in the Sammamish Slough area, and with the general pattern of economic development in King County, Washington. The ranch property has been owned since 1916 by the Benjamin Boone and Richard Truly families. It contains the physical features that characterize a family-operated cattle ranch.

Several generations of the Boone/Truly family have resided on the property since the early 1920s, operating the ranch until the mid-1980s. The Cattle Pens were significant to the operation of the Boone/Truly Ranch because they served as the focal point of much activity at the ranch. Used to contain the cattle in one location, the pens were the site of the annual roundups and the branding of the new calves.

Date of Construction: ca. 1924

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Significant Features:

- Small enclosures, with gates, located on the lower pasture
- Rustic, wood post and rail construction

Architectural Description:

The Cattle Pens are south of the Hay Barn on the east side of North Creek, where the grade becomes a continuous relatively flat plain. The pens have been rebuilt over the years but their configuration and location have not changed. The pens are constructed in a generally square plan shape, and subdivided by interior fencing into one large pen and two small pens. Originally constructed from native cedar, the pens have experienced numerous changes in material. Native cedar was probably used originally due to its availability and resistance to insects, wood disease, and weather. The largest section of the pens has a narrow loading chute on the north side. The smaller pens were used to separate cattle for different purposes, branding or veterinary ministrations.

Note: The plan of the Cattle Pens is indicated on the Site Plan which is included with the Descriptive Data for the overall site, Boone/Truly Ranch, HABS No. WA-218.