



**A, C, D, & J. FETCHER BARN**  
**County Road 62, Hahn's Peak**

The Fetcher Barn represents family-owned ranching and the growth and continuation of agriculture in North Routt County as an economic mainstay, particularly after the collapse of mining, in the Hahn's Peak area, the County's oldest permanent settlement and former County Seat. The barn was constructed in 1929 by J. T. Kelton, a young man who moved with his family to Clark in 1927 and worked various jobs, including that of County Sheriff, to supplement the family's income through the Depression. Two Fetcher families moved to Colorado from Pennsylvania in 1949 and purchased a ranch in Clark. Stanton and his family relocated to the Midwest in 1961; brother John and Criss Fetcher and their three children, later to be four, remained to ranch in the Clark area where Criss taught at the Clark School (See above) and John, an engineer, became involved in establishing the Mt. Werner Ski Area and water conservation projects, including the Stagecoach Reservoir and Steamboat Lake, while continuing to operate their ranch. John was inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in 1980. His long life and many diverse contributions to development as well as conservation serve as the legacy of one of the County's most influential families. The rectangular, scraped horizontal log, gabled metal roofed, barn maintains its structural integrity except for the construction of a new concrete foundation; represents one of the few remaining viable ranching operations in the area, and serves as a visual landmark that conveys a sense of the area's past. Its open loft served as a dance hall for Perry-Mansfield (See Steamboat Section below) and the Lowell Whiteman Schools in the 1950s and 1960s, an activity that dwindled due to a lack of dance callers, but the loft still serves as a location for retreats and meetings for various organizations. Jay, one of the Fetcher sons, continues to use the property for his family's ranching operation. He has placed 1,300 acres of primary ranch land along the Elk River in a conservation easement to perpetuate the tradition of agriculture as well as conservation.