

The Hillis Farm



Owner: John and Madonna Hillis

Above: Baseball games were routinely held by the barn

Right: The Hillis Family would dine under the walnut trees three times a day in fine weather!

The Hillis farm is marked by the Hillis Road northeast of Arlington. That lane remains flanked by huge black walnut trees planted as sprigs in 1898 by Charles Hillis, Sr. who lived in a small log cabin when he acquired the dairy farm from Mr. Hildebrand. After entrepreneurial adventures which took Hillis to Raymond, where he founded log and shingle mills, Charles settled down to a life of farming along the Stillaguamish River with his wife, Florence. He built a substantial two-story frame home which still survives. His son, John Sr., with his wife Madonna, now raise cattle and look forward to the day when, through the efforts of their sons, the restored home will prosper in the shade of aged walnut trees.

