

## 38585 South Crookston Road – Home Build Notes

During our time working for Ted Turner while in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, we were asked to de-commission any buildings that were not going to be utilized for the ranching operations. Prior to demolition, we were allowed to salvage anything we thought could be of use for the ranch or ourselves. Jaynee and I salvaged many nice items from some of the buildings that were historic and iconic to the area. While building our home, we tried to work in these salvaged items and materials in a manner that was respectful to their origins. It was our way of maintaining some of the rapidly disappearing history of the area. Most of the houses we salvaged from were in Cherry County, as that was the heart of Mr. Turner's bison ranching enterprise. However, Sheridan County and Garden County also were locations for some of his ranches, so a small number of items originated from those ranches.

### The French Doors

The French Doors between the Entry/Mud room and the Great Room and the French Doors to the Study we re-purposed from the Cross Five Ranch owner's home. This home was very nice and well-appointed at the time it was built. The Cross Five Ranch was located in the Northwest corner of Cherry County.







## The Transom



This transom above the kitchen counter/bar was made from the side window panels on the large entry door of the Cross Five Ranch owner's home. This home was very nice and well appointed at the time it was built. We turned the window panels sideways and trimmed them to length to fit in a frame we constructed of high-quality Hemlock wood.

## The Beam

The beam, that is part of the separation of the Kitchen/Hall from the Dining Area, is faced with wood that was found in a barn on the Thorton Ranch in Garden County. Mr. Thorton and his wife raised two girls on a 640-acre small ranch. From looking around the ranch, it was obvious the Mr. Thorton salvaged the majority of the materials used on the ranch. This wood looked to have been salvaged from an old school building and was probably destined to floor a small building on his property. We trimmed it to get the "tongue and groove" portion off the wood, lightly sanded, then stained to fit other wood features of the house.



## The Laundry Sink and Back Splash

The enameled steel Laundry Sink came from a bunk house on the James Coble Ranch in South Central Cherry County. The marble Back Splash was found in the basement of the Bear Creek Ranch, also known as the East Unit of the McGinley Ranch in Northwestern Cherry County. The Bear Creek Ranch house was interesting in that part of it was constructed with hay bales as part of the wall material. This house had a lot of nice Oak wood features and showed very good craftsmanship. The Back Splash was probably left after a remodel of the kitchen sometime in the 1970's, when a lot of the best features of the house were changed in an attempt to "modernize".



## The Built in Cabinet

This cabinet originally was a “built in” cabinet in the Fawn Lake Ranch main house. The cabinet was, most likely, designed to hold blankets, pillows, towels, and other bulky household items. The cabinet is deep front to back and the drawers are of a very large size. The original hardware is an interesting mix of copper and brass – obviously using what was available locally. The ornate wood trim is original. The house was of “hay bale” construction and two stories tall – not common for houses utilizing that construction material and technique. The Fawn Lake Ranch was one of the older and larger ranches in the western part of Cherry County.





**The Master Bathroom Vanity**

We built this large Vanity utilizing re-purposed cabinet doors from large storage cabinets that were in the Cross Five Ranch house in northwestern Cherry County. The door panels were utilized to make the “end pieces” and the doors of the vanity. The dimensions of the vanity were largely determined by dimensions of the re-purposed panels. The design of the panel inserts were selected to match the pattern in the tile floor.



