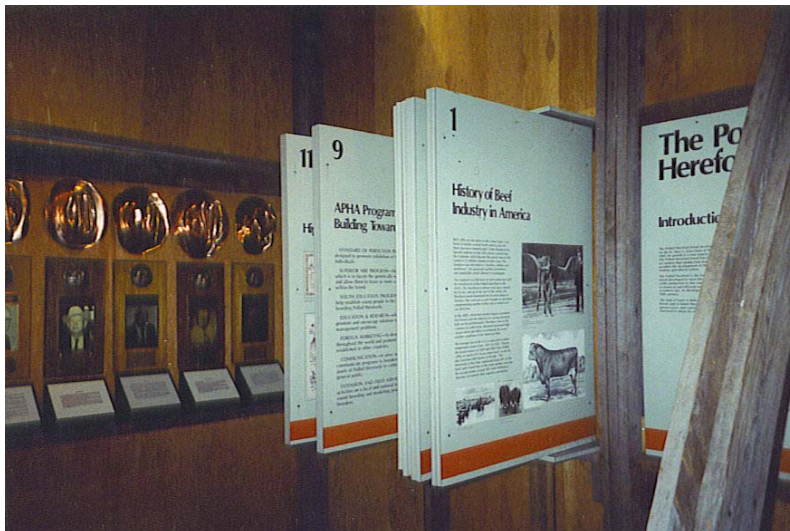


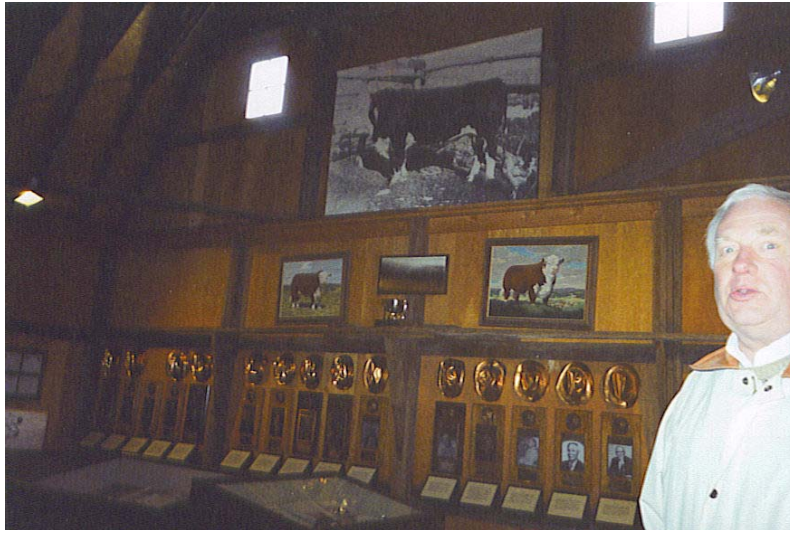
## Giant and the Gammon Barn Birthplace of the Polled Hereford Breed



In 1901, near St. Mary's, Iowa, Warren and Bert Gammon assembled 7 hornless cows and a bull named "Giant" and launched a dream to establish the Polled Hereford breed. By 1923, the year of Warren's death, over 40,000 Polled Herefords had been registered and the first National Show was held in Des Moines. By 1974, annual registrations reached an all time high of 207,000.



Declared a historical site in 1984, the barn was later restored and now stands at the fairgrounds in Des Moines where it was dedicated as a National Polled Hereford Museum.



The Museum is open to all visitors during the Iowa State Fair and can also be visited by special appointment by contacting Nancy Mauer.