



**Holderness Granary
County Road 61, Hayden**

In 1928, Jack Holderness, son of early Hayden settlers Ward and Amy Holderness, married Thelma Toland of Rifle, who was working in Hayden as a stenographer for the Town of Hayden's attorney, Ferry Carpenter. Jack purchased the land two miles southwest of Hayden with money he had saved from his time in the service during World War I. He built a house and outbuildings and raised three daughters, including Pat Holderness, who was the first woman County Commissioner in Routt County (1980-1984). Eventually, Jack built the granary on his property close to their home site. According to the *Steamboat Pilot* dated July 25, 1940, Jack Holderness, as well as a number of other local farmers, began construction of a granary on his property. The granary was anticipated to be able to hold a capacity of 10,000 bushels and was designed to be a gravity flow granary. It also noted that Jack, as well as a number of local farmers, were hoping to store their excess grain to make contracts with the government so that they could borrow against their crops and later sell if they wish. The Holderness family farmed the land into the late 1940's when Jack Holderness leased the property out to Vernon Williams. The property is still in the Holderness family possession and is leased for cultivation to the Deepe family. The Granary structure was donated to the Hayden Heritage Center in 2014. The structure will eventually be moved to the Hayden Heritage Center's property to be used for educational purposes.