



**A & D. CATAMOUNT RANCH DISTRICT**  
**34035 Highway 40, six miles south of Steamboat Springs**

German-born John Geil served in the Union Army during the Civil War. As one of the earliest settlers to the Steamboat Springs vicinity, he originally purchased 160 acres in 1888, made many improvements to the property, and successfully raised hay. His efforts as an early homesteader provided agricultural products to the Yampa Valley, proved the viability of agriculture of the area, and served as a model for future settlers. After his death in 1911, the property had four successive owners and was parcelized. Additional frame structures were constructed at various times by those owners. The property remained in the family until 1912. The Catamount Ranch District, now 4.78 acres, consists of six buildings: the ranch house, a garage, a stock shed, an open shed, a barn (pictured), and a machine shed, and fencing and irrigation ditches. The 1.5-story main house was built circa 1910, presumably by Geil. It has a side-gable, a central front gable dormer over the front entrance, a concrete block foundation, and asbestos shingles over the original wood-lap siding. The T-shaped, two-story, clipped-gabled roofed barn was built in 1929. The built environment reflects the evolving needs of a high over time.