



Clark County Museum

Esslinger Barn

Built: 1955

Style: Ground Stable

**Original address:
Charleston Blvd and Lindell
Rd, Las Vegas, NV**

Moved: 2002

Opened for exhibit: 2004



Allen and Helene Esslinger homesteaded five acres of land in the western part of the Las Vegas valley in the early 1950s. They paid a \$10.00 application fee to the U.S. Department of the Interior and then a \$375.00 filing fee for the five acres.

The Esslingers moved an old house from downtown Las Vegas and with the help of a friend from Montana, built this barn by hand. The barn became a landmark for that area of town. Everyone gave directions by saying “Just look for the big red barn on the side of the hill.”



The barn was used for many purposes including antique auto restoration, parties, and storage. The Esslinger’s daughter, Karen, used the loft as a playhouse

Helene died in 1998. The barn was donated by Allen, Karen, and daughter Julie. Allen died in 2004. It now houses personal items from the family and artifacts that depict the many uses of barns, from cows and horses to farm equipment and wagons.

Major assistance was provided by Karen Esslinger Salamon, an anonymous donor, and the Clark County Museum Guild.

