

The Pontious Farm Tour

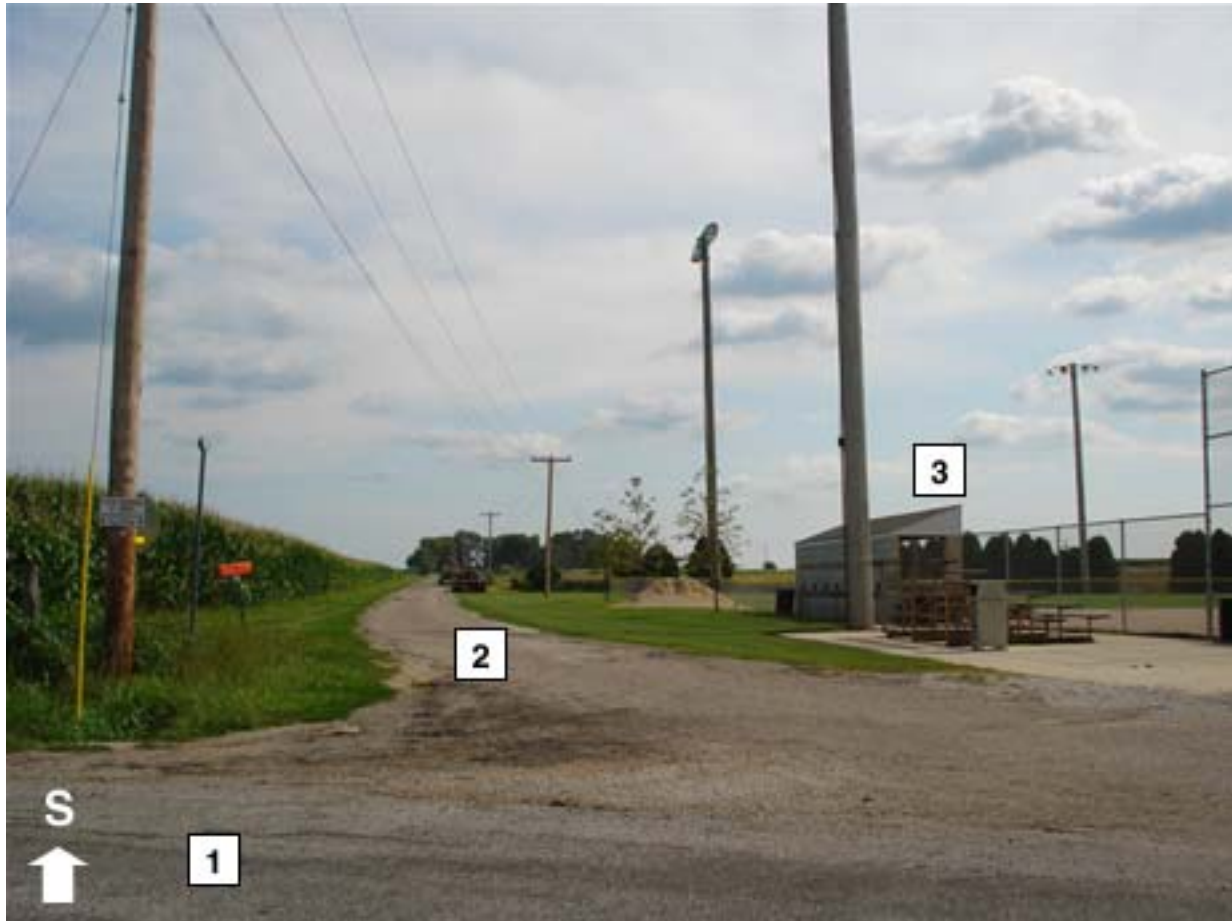
Birds-eye view



- A. Village of White Heath
- B. Creek
- C. Future home of the Piatt County Animal Shelter
- D. Ball field
- E. Large alfalfa hay field
- F. Family homestead
- G. North pasture
- H. Small alfalfa hay field
- I. Sweet corn
- J. Red raspberry field
- K. Small alfalfa hay field
- L. Main blueberry field
- M. Specialty berries, tomatoes, peppers, and other vegetables
- N. Clover/hay field
- O. West pasture and barn
- P. Corral and machine shed
- Q. East pasture
- R. Picking shed and herb garden
- S. Rick and Nancee's home

Travel up Blueberry Lane

Start at the ball field



1. Plum Street
2. Blueberry Lane
3. Softball field – Maintained by the local recreation league on land donated by the Pontious family

In the distance: The Pontious farmstead

Go past the main alfalfa hay field...

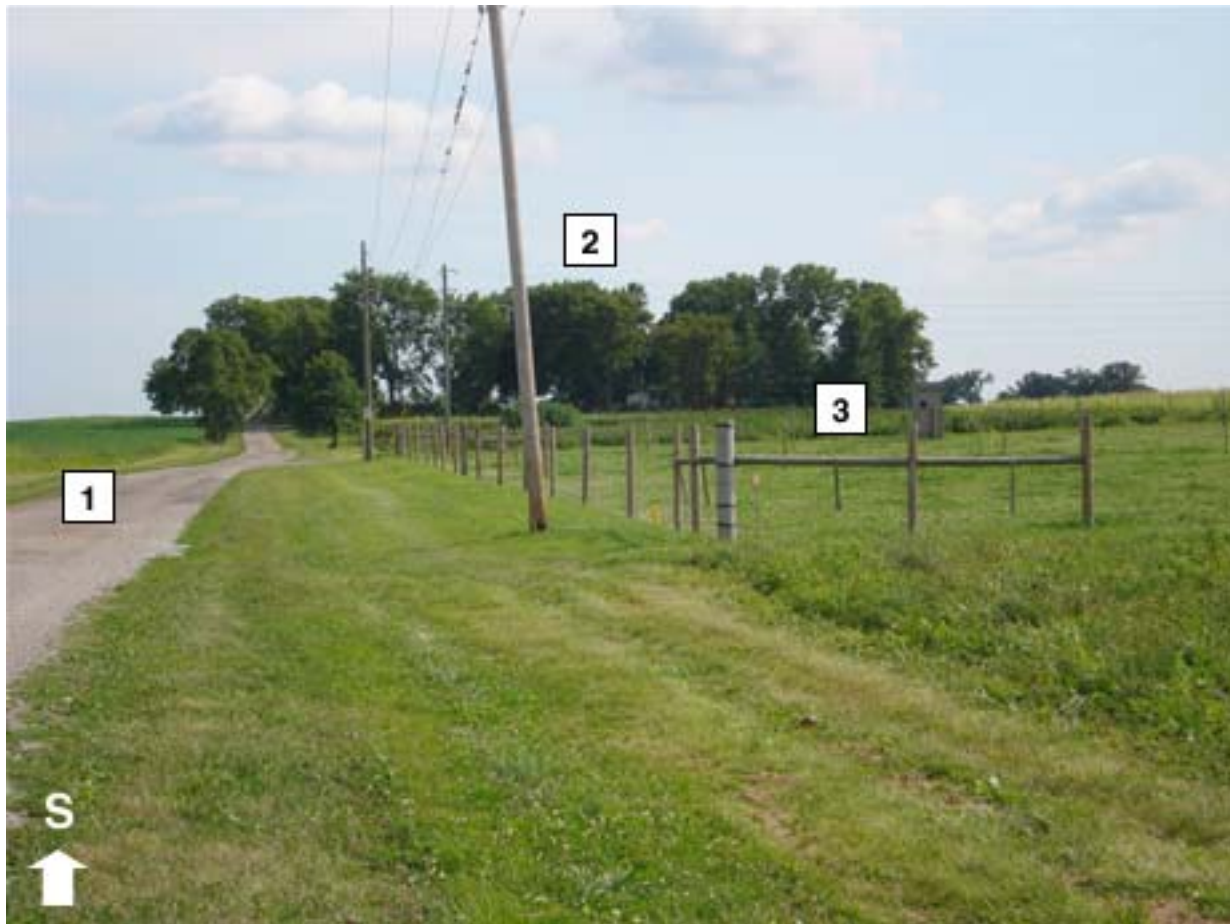
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1. The Pontious farmstead
2. Raked alfalfa hay – Ready to be square-baled for sale and for Pontious Farm horses, goats, and llamas

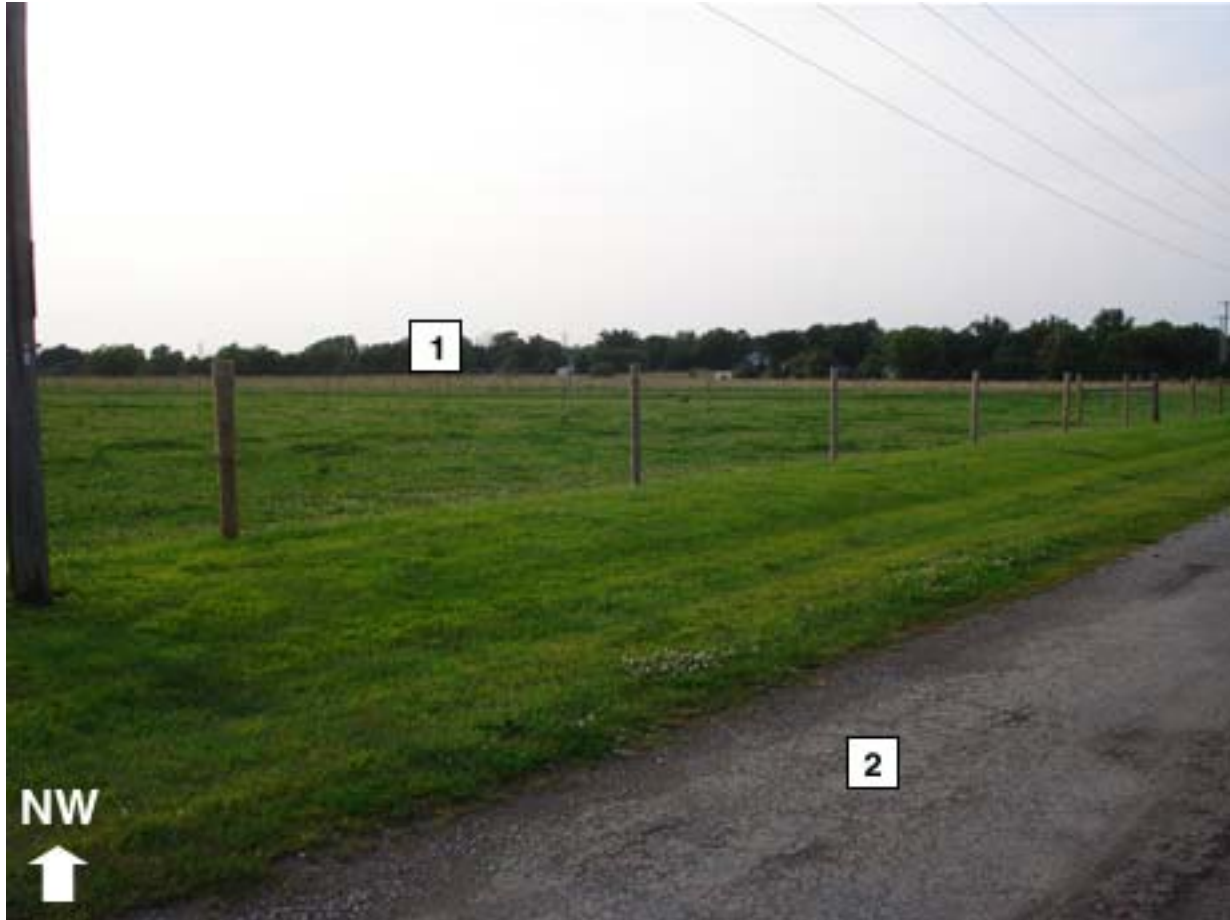
To the left: Blueberry Lane

...and the north pasture



1. Blueberry Lane
2. The Pontious farmstead
3. North pasture – Currently used by family to graze cattle and horses

Look back



1. North pasture – Currently used by family to graze cattle and horses
2. Blueberry Lane

In the distance: Large alfalfa hay field and the village of White Heath (at, essentially, the tree line)

Go past the red raspberries...



1. Red raspberry field
2. The Pontious farmstead
3. Irrigation system – Driven by a 300-foot well drilled to the Mahomet aquifer

...and the small alfalfa hay field...

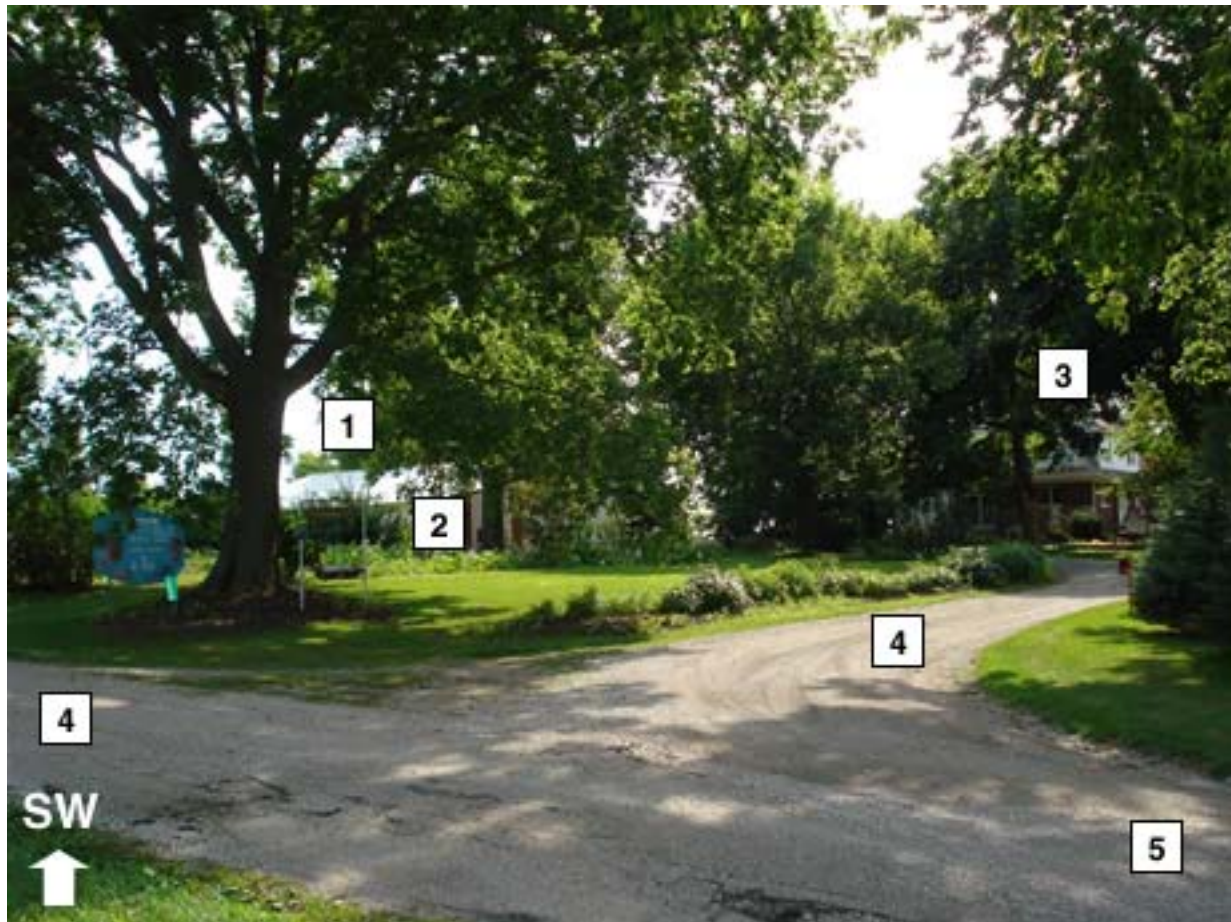
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1. The Pontious farmstead
2. The northern edge of the blueberry field
3. Small alfalfa hay field – Round-baled (this year) for Pontious Farm horses, goats, and llamas; and family cattle
4. Red raspberry field
5. Irrigation system – Driven by a 300-foot well drilled to the Mahomet aquifer

To the left: Blueberry Lane

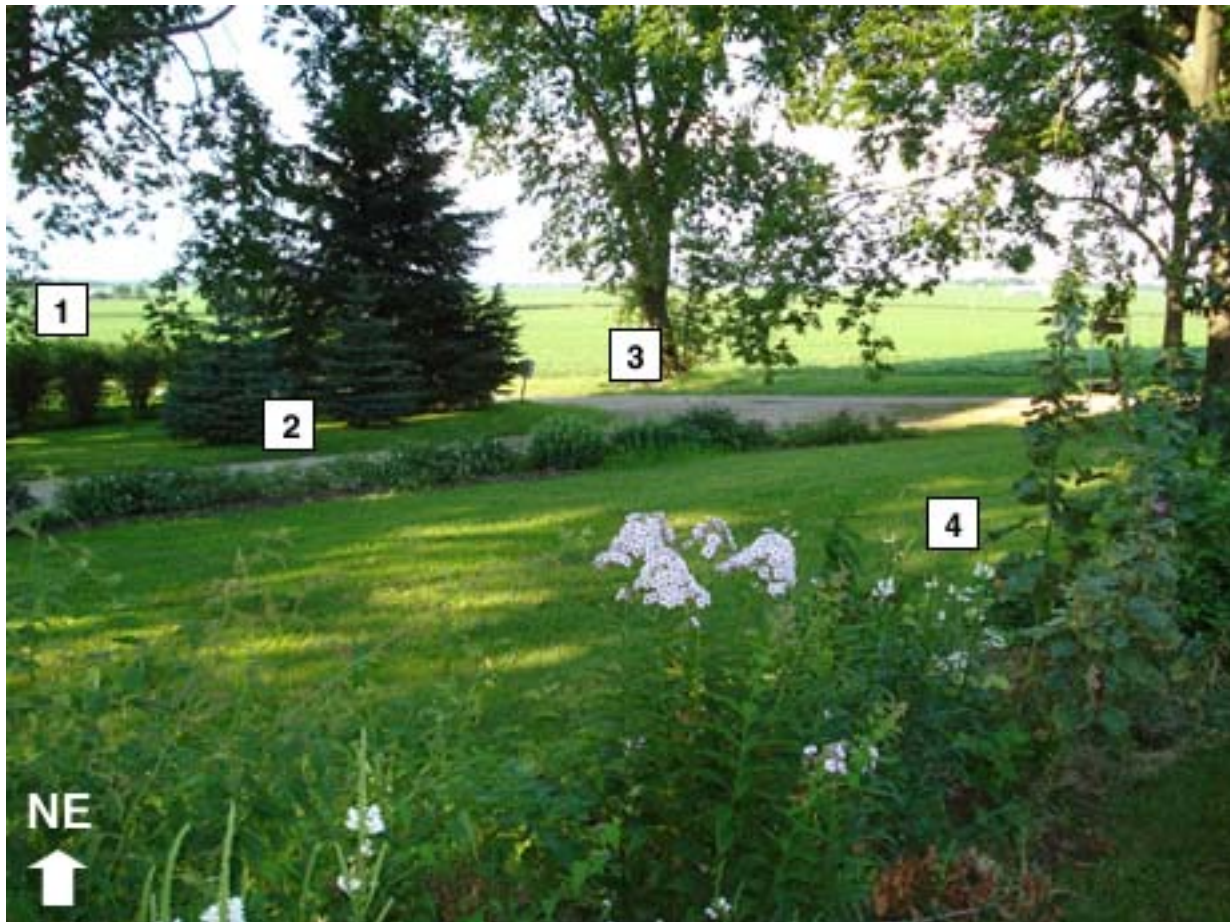
...all the way to the top of the hill



1. Picking shed
2. The herb garden that also contains:
 - Rhubarb
 - Flowers and flowering shrubs
 - Vegetables and onions
 - Established gooseberries and currants – Popularity necessitated planting of new bushes in specialty berry garden
 - Established dwarf sour pie cherry trees – Popularity necessitated planting of a new cherry orchard in 2007
3. Rick and Nancee's home
4. Large circle drive
5. Blueberry Lane

To the right: Main blueberry field

Look back



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2. Large circle drive
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To the left: Playground, and Rick and Nancee's home

Go past the playground...



1. Rick and Nancee's home
2. Playground – A giant sandbox with a swing set and dozens of toys
3. Large circle drive
4. Small circle drive
5. Main blueberry field
6. To the left: The herb garden that also contains:
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...and the house



1. New picnic area
2. Rick and Nancee's home
3. Large circle drive
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In the distance: Playground

...to the red-and-white picking shed



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4. Large circle drive

To the right: Playground, and Rick and Nancee's home

In the distance: Barn