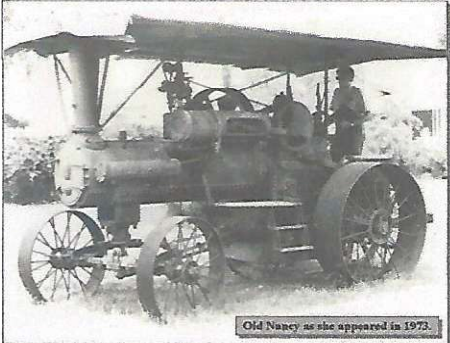
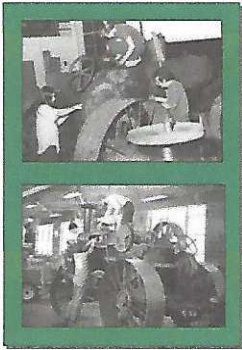


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“Old Nancy” From Retirement To Restoration



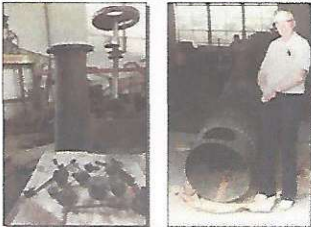
Old Nancy as she appeared in 1973.



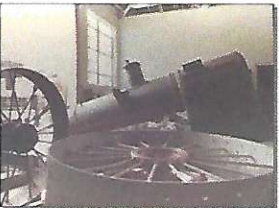
Old Nancy as she appeared at Ag Roundup in 1999.



Restoration began in 1974 with agricultural engineering students disassembling Old Nancy.



All the parts (and there were lots of them) were completely disassembled. Most items were sandblasted and then repainted.



The photos above and below show Old Nancy being reassembled.



**Seventeen, 12 Horsepower—
Antique, Steam-Powered Tractor Restored**

*By Dan Daugherty '77
Illustrated from The Plowman*

Old Nancy is 77 years old and looking every year older. She was put into storage several years ago, but a group of students decided to give her a new lease on life. The restoration project has been a labor of love for the students and faculty alike. The tractor was completely disassembled and the parts were sandblasted and repainted. The boiler was replaced and the engine was overhauled. The tractor was then reassembled and is now in excellent condition.

1900
The tractor was built by the Case Threshing Machine Company in 1900. It was one of the first steam-powered tractors to be used in agriculture.

1901
The tractor was used by the Case Threshing Machine Company in 1901. It was one of the first steam-powered tractors to be used in agriculture.

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LETTER FROM DUFFNER BOLLER & IRON WORKS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Dear Sirs:

We have received your letter of the 11th of February, 1977, regarding the restoration of the Case Threshing Machine Company tractor, No. 1000, which is now in the possession of the University of Iowa.

We are pleased to hear that you are planning to restore this tractor and we are sure that it will be a fine addition to your collection.

We have no objection to your using our name in connection with the restoration of this tractor, provided you acknowledge our contribution to the project.

Sincerely,
Robert D. Duffner
President, Duffner Boller & Iron Works

Duffner Boller and Iron Works refurbished the boiler from Old Nancy. Shown here are their suggestions for the tasks that were needed.



The note below (sent to former Agricultural Engineering Department Head, Fred Kummer) accompanied a contribution toward the restoration of Old Nancy.



Keeping the wood fire going at the 1999 Ag Roundup.



Before Old Nancy was completed, these agricultural engineering students posed for a photo with their work in progress.



The photos left and below show the test firing of Old Nancy on February 17, 1976 at what is now the Tom Corley Building. Shown here are AU Professors Gene Rochester (standing on ground) and Walter Clements (on tractor) who were the main driving forces behind the restoration of Old Nancy. Professor Roy Young also worked with the students.

