

# Bartels Barn

*Holland, Michigan*



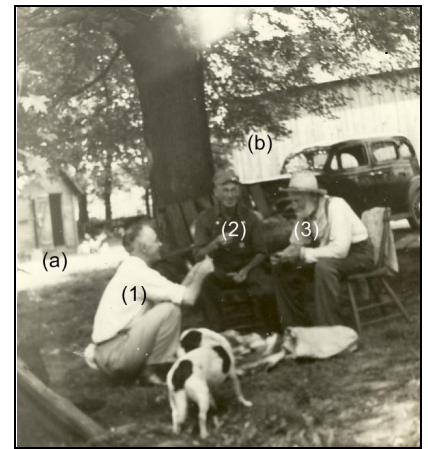
**Bartels Family History:** On March 30, 1888, Berend Bartels purchased a 40 acre farm complete with barn. Two months later he wed his sweetheart, Lena Busscher. Together they raised 7 children, tended crops and managed livestock. Berend sold the farm to one of his sons, Levi Bartels in 1946. Berend continued to live on the homestead until his death in 1953. After two generations of ownership the farm, along with the barn, was sold in 1985. The property was divided into parcels. Due to a failing wall, the barn came down in 2014.

## Barn Facts:

- Barn built c. 1888.
- 50' x 50' x 26' high.
- Hand hewn beams
- Some siding up to 18" wide

- Original roof made of cedar shingles.
- In family for 2 generations.
- Initials carved on a support beam by Herman Bartels.

• Photos courtesy of Bruce Bartels



## Snapshots Through Time:



(1) Levi (2) Herman (3) Berend Bartels (a) chicken coop (b) barn c. 1948

South side of the barn in 1930 and in 2013



(1) Ralph (2) Herman (3) Levi Bartels ( a) Barn (b) Shed (c) Neighbors. Pictures taken 1931 and 2013

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