

# *Boyd Barn*

## *Morley, Michigan*

***The Past:*** In 1866, Myron Boyd bought 80 acres of forested land at \$3.00 per acre. He cleared the forest in preparation for building a home. Sometime between 1880-1890 he constructed the barn. An 1880 issue of the local local paper listed Boyd as an apiarist (bee keeper). Boyd had a booming dairy business and the barn stored hay for the cows. Active in politics, Myron served as town commissioner and was a member of the State Republican Convention in 1881. Myron Boyd died August 24, 1906 due to diabetes. He was 71 years old.



In 1918, the Schoonmakers family purchased the farm. According to granddaughter Connie Schoonmaker, the favorite game to play in the barn basement was "Bloody Murder". All the grown grandchildren have fond memories of playing in the barn in their Easter clothes, getting dirty and having the time of their lives.

### ***Barn Facts:***

- Gambrel roof
- Ramp raised basement barn
- Built on the lower corner of 80 acre parcel
- 40' x 45'
- Collapsed 2013
- Salvaged and brought to California in 2015



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