

Hastings Barn

Hastings, Michigan

The Past: Built in the 1890's, the Hastings Barn was at one time a working dairy barn with ample hay and grain storage. It had the classic gambrel style roof which allowed for more storage of hay in the loft. Through the years it has had several owners; the last one owning it for 50 years. Being a bank barn, it was built next to an embankment which allowed for the cattle to enter below and the farm equipment to be store on the main level. At the time of dismantle, the barn had an ornate and fully operational hay trolley and tongs system.



One of the last sunsets to fall upon the Hastings Barn.



View of embankment leading into the barn,.

The Present and Future: The barn's foundation walls were failing causing it to lean toward the west. The barn was rendered unsafe due to the failing foundation. This was one barn worthy of being reclaimed, and the wood will be put to good use in many future projects.

Barn Facts:

- Barn was 38' x 64'.
- Tongue and groove and butt joint workmanship.
- Barn had five bents creating four separate bays.
- Gambrel style roof allowed for more headroom and hay storage.
- Hand hewn and sawn beams
- Sawn beams were used for the main structure.



Barn treasures



East dormer window.



Inside the main floor.

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