

Hayes Barn

Comstock, Michigan



Barn Facts:

- Built in 1866
- Gable roof
- Bank barn (built into an embankment)
- 32 x 62 feet
- Primary use was a dairy barn
- Timber post and beam
- Hand hewn beams
- Collapsed 2014

Hayes Family History: The Hayes immigrated from Ireland in 1856. Daniel Hayes built the barn in 1866. The only child of Daniel was James F. Hayes who married Mary Hayes (same last name-possibly cousins). James passed away in 1902 and Mary remarried in 1905. She sold the farm to her brother James Russell Hayes. Ownership since changed to the Hoag family who opened the Scott Lake Golf Course in the 1960's. For many years golf carts were stored in the barn. During the winter of 2014, the barn collapsed. The barn wood was salvaged and brought to California so its legacy can live on in a variety of projects.

Hayes Farming History: Throughout the decades, the Hayes barn was the site of a variety of livestock and crops. The United States Census Directory keeps agricultural records of the Nation's farming. Here are the agricultural values for the years 1870 and 1880.



1870 Michigan Ag Census - Hayes Barn

1880 Michigan Ag Census - Hayes Barn

- \$4000 Farm value
- \$150 Machinery
- \$500 Livestock
- 3 Horses
- 3 Milk cows
- 4 Other cattle
- 20 Sheep
- 200 Bushels winter wheat
- 200 Bushels Indian Corn
- 50 Bushels oats

- \$5000 Farm value
- \$300 Machinery
- \$625 Livestock
- \$1350 Produce
- 2 Horses
- 2 Milk cows
- 6 Other cattle
- 10 Swine
- 30 Poultry
- 16 Tons of hay
- 150 Bushels Indian corn
- 100 Bushels oats
- 775 Bushels wheat
- 125 Potatoes
- 350 Apple trees
- 55 Peach trees
- 50 Cords of cut wood

