

# *Lake Barn*

*a.k.a.*  
*Royal St. John Barn*  
*Lake, Michigan*

***The Past:*** In 1903 a young man by the name of Royal St. John purchased a land parcel in Lake, Michigan from the representatives of Flint & Pere Marquette. In 1905, Royal became the town's school district director. It was during the year of 1908, that he built his barn for general farm steading. Royal St. John became more settled on the land and built a brick farm house in 1913. It was here that he raised his family. Over the years, the family developed the property through various oil leases. Interesting fact to note: the presence of an active oil industry led to the High School athletic teams to be renamed the "Oilers". When Royal St. John passed he left the property to his son. The St. John family sold the barn property in 1969.

## ***Barn Facts:***

- Built 1908
- Hand hewn and 10 x 10 rough sawn timbers
- 40' x 56' in size
- log pole rafters
- Stone foundation
- Dismantled in 2016 due to crumbling foundation.



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