

Maple Plains Farm

Muskegon County, Michigan



The Past: The Maple Plains Barn was built circa 1860 by John Klunder. In 1908 Jacob Stobbes tore down the barn and used the old timbers and wood to fashion a new barn. The barn was officially raised on May 26, 1908; on June 11, 1908, a shingling bee was held to roof the newly remodeled barn. Jacob Stobbes was a progressive farmer who put a cement floor in the creamery and even patented an invention to kill potato bugs. The Stobbes were originally from Prussia and were German Baptists. They were very active in the community and held many church and school picnics at Maple Plain Farms.

Muskegon County: Maple Plains-Farm was located in the town of Montague in Muskegon County. Muskegon was known as "The Lumber Queen of the World" when 665,000,000 board feet were cut in 1887 alone.

Barn Facts:

- Barn originally built circa 1860
- Remodeled in 1908
- 30 x 60 x 30 feet
- Gambrel roof
- Barn collapsed in 2014



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