

Morley Barn

Morley Michigan



The Past: Built in 1887, the Morley barn was a working dairy barn. This barn had four bays making up the main floor. Two of the bays were at a lower level which was very unusual. Usually all the bays in a barn are at the same level. The lower level was where the cows were housed. Between bays 2 and 3, there was a wall with horizontal hay doors that were lowered, to push hay through to the cows below.

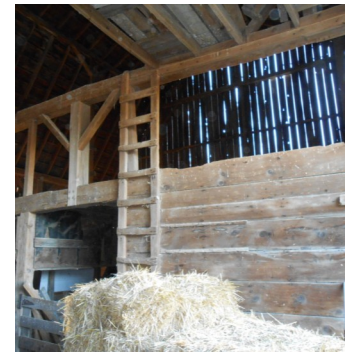
At the time the barn was being built, the town of Morley had a population between 500 and 600. The 2010 census currently has Morley at a population of 493.



The Present and Future: With farm modernization and larger farming equipment, Morley Barn was replaced by a larger barn. Future projects for this reclaimed wood will help continue on its century-plus legacy.

Barn Facts:

- Barn size was 36' x 66'
- Red siding
- Gambrel style roof
- Rough sawn and hand hewn beams
- Barn was made from mostly pine
- Two lean-to additions



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