

# *Tionesta Barn*

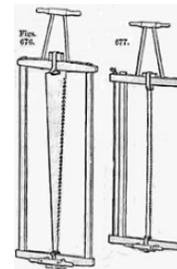
*Tionesta, Pennsylvania*  
*Washington Township*



***Barn History:*** Tionesta Barn was built sometime in the 1840's -1850's. These dates are based on the following attributes: early cut and forged blacksmith-headed nails, sash-sawn siding boards and partial log rafters. Wire siding nails suggest a post 1890 siding replacement date; other evidence suggests the strong possibility that the frame of the barn was moved to last address of ownership and re-sided. Early owners of the barn property had other family home sites nearby, and it was not uncommon to relocate a barn. The barn was one and half stories tall and measured 60 feet by 40 feet. It was a large English barn and was used for animal shelter and dry feed storage. Wood common in the area and used to build the barn include: oak, hemlock, ash, sugar maple, and pine.

Facts researched led to the possible barn builder, Abraham Weaver. Circa 1840-1848, Weaver was a blacksmith in Washington Township with his own property just northwest of the barn parcel. Early cut/wrought nails forged by a blacksmith were found in the boards.

From 1858 to 1921, The Mealy family became the barn parcel owners. In an agricultural census, The Mealy farm was worth \$440 with \$20 in machinery, 2 horses, 3 sheep; crops included wheat, rye, oats, buckwheat and hay. Sarah Mealy Whitton lived adjacent to her father, John Mealy's, property. It is speculated that the barn was moved from her father's property over to Sarah's property. Sarah deeded over her property to her son, Homer Whitton. Homer resided on the property from 1921- 1953. Homer is the father of the current barn parcel owner. After approximately 170 years, the barn was dismantled in 2018.



Example of sash saws.

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