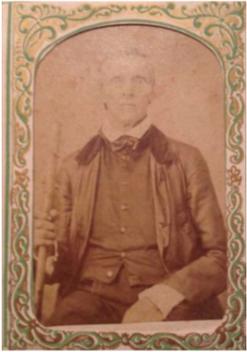
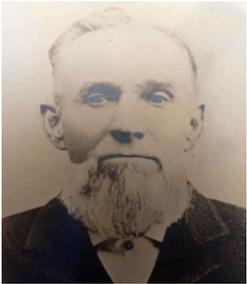


# *Albright Barn*

## *Arcanum, Ohio*



It is estimated that the Albright Barn was built between 1870 and 1900. Overall size of the barn was 85x36 and two stories. Through the years the barn parcel and barn were owned by hearty and industrious pioneers. The first land parcel owner was Philip Albright (1797-1880). Philip (pictured on the left) moved from North Carolina to Ohio in 1835. With his wife, 8 boys, and 4 girls, he led a good life on a successful farm. Philip was touted as a leading stonemason who was a builder of houses and barns. Logging was a big industry in Arcanum. Logs were transported utilizing the rivers. Stories were told that Philip would come to church using a ten foot pole to vault from one log to the next.



On December 22, 1869, Philip sold 80 acres of his land to his son Sampson Albright (1827-1914) for \$2,500. It is surmised that Sampson (pictured on the left) was the original builder of the barn. Sampson was a Methodist minister. Sampson was also a bricklayer, operated a dairy, and owned a harness and drug store. In the 1880 Ag census, the farm had a cash value of \$4000; twice as much as his neighbors. The farm produced hay, barley, wheat, oats, and clover seed. Sampson owned 6 horses, 7 milk cows (which produced 400 pounds of butter). Fresh produce included Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes and apples. Over time, other families would own the barn parcel. Those names include the Shilt family, the Grubbs, and the Shuttleworths.



The farm really came to life under the ownership of Howard Dull (1920-2018). During WWII, Howard, an army soldier, was wounded at the age of 24. Howard is the gentleman on the right side of the picture. He came home to Arcanum and began an excavating business. His slogans were “leave your excavating to a veteran with experience”, and “dig more for less”. In 1960, Howard purchased the barn parcel from Mamie Shuttleworth. Howard Dull now became a local farmer with the plans of growing foods without

chemical fertilizers or use of sprays. Between 1960 and 1980, farm production included soybeans and wheat. In 1971, his farm added organically grown frying chickens at a special price of 49 cents/lb. In 1981, the farm and household items were auctioned off; Howard Dull retired and moved to Florida. Recently, the property was sold and the existing farm house is being renovated



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