

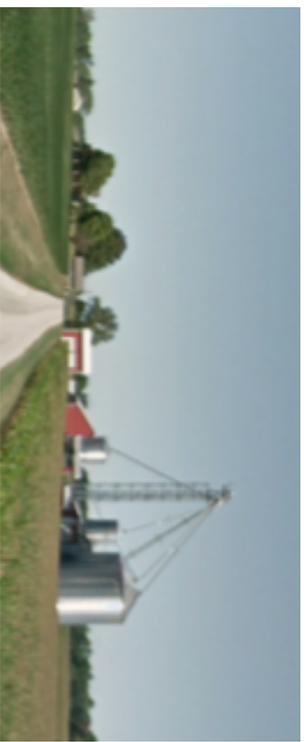
## *Brookville Barn* *Brookville, Ohio*



The Brookville barn was built circa 1850-1860. The land parcel was granted by the government in 1816 to John Waggoner. The land parcel transferred hands several times. In 1850, Jacob Rhoads purchased the parcel in order to settle a farmstead. Jacob had twice been married, and fathered thirteen children. Jacob was a hard working man who could read, but not write. According to the 1850 Agricultural census, the cash value of his farm was \$3700. At that time, Jacob owned: 5 horses, 5 milk cows, 3 other cattle, 75 sheep, 22 swine. The farm produced: 150 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of Indian corn, 75 lbs of wool, 150 lbs of butter, 8 tons of hay. With the addition of the barn, the farms' wheat, butter and hay nearly doubled as well as new crops and livestock were introduced. By 1860, the cash value of the farm went up to \$8000. In 1880, Jacob's grandson, Levi, rented the farm for shares of the farm. During the time that Levi worked the farm, it was valued at \$8500. He worked 120 acres of tilled land and 50 acres of woodland. The 1880 census noted that the farm produced 14 tons of hay, and was home to 3 horses, 5 milk cows (produced 400 lbs of butter), 7 other cattle, 35 swine and 30 barnyard fowl which produced 150 dozen eggs. Grain and produce consisted of: 750 bushels of Indian corn, 630 bushels of oats, 525 bushels of wheat, 40 bushels of potatoes and 75 bushels of apples. Jacob Rhoads died in 1882. One of Jacob's sons, Henry, owned and operated the farm until 1934. Henry was able to pay off the mortgage in 1910. After Henry's passing in 1937, the farm passed on to his children. In June of 1940, the property went up for public sale. The sale included the 7 room brick farmhouse, two barns, and other outbuildings. Over a course of 160 plus years, the barn and land were used for subsistence farming, sale of grain, livestock such as sheep and dairy cattle. During the 21st century, the land has primarily been used for the sale of cash crops.



bushel: 18x12"



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