

# *Liberty Barn*

*( aka, The Maples )*  
*Liberty, Indiana*

The barn was built circa 1850-1865. It was a New England style barn with hand hewn timbers. Records from the 1820's show land ownership by the Quakers. John Wainwright, inherited the land from his father Isaac and built the barn. The farm was prosperous. From 1865-1904, the barn appears to have been owned by Irish immigrants, Micheal Gavin and then Michael and Hanora O'Conner. Hanora bore seven sons. After Micheal Sr. passed, Michael Jr retained part of the farm and the other part of the farm (with the barn) was sold to Morton Jones (pictured right). In 1906, Morton's son, Hubert, was born in the original farm house. In 1926, Hubert took over the property with the barn. Morton and Hubert expanded the farm property by buying neighboring land. Neighbor George Keeler had passed away, leaving his wife Rosella widowed. Rosella had lived on the property all of her life. So when it was time for Mort to move into the house, he allowed Rosella to continue to live there till her death in 1928. Mort continued to live next to Hubert till his death in 1954. Hubert and his wife bore a son in 1928, William Jones (pictured lower right). William ran the farm with his wife, Kitty, till his death in 2022. The farm is currently owned and operated by a great nephew of William. During the multi-generational Jones family tenure, the farm was primarily a pig farm. The top agricultural products of Liberty, Indiana are corn, hogs, beef, dairy and small grain.



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