

Orwell Barn

Orwell, Ohio



The Past: The Orwell barn pre-dates the Civil War with an estimated date of being built as early as the 1820's. The barn was built as a carriage barn, a garage for horse drawn wagons and carriages. It was a very unusual barn as the majority of it was built out of old growth cherry wood. The floor joists and rafters were pit-sawn. The process of pit-sawing in this Ohio region pre-dates steam power.

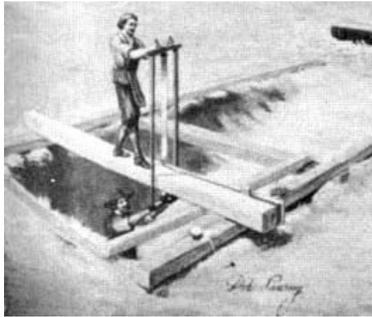


Image of how pit-sawing was done.

The Present and Future: The Orwell Barn was dismantled in 2013. The barn's roof deteriorated thus causing the barn to succumb to the natural elements. Many of the cherry wood floor and roof boards will go toward the making of reclaimed hardwood floors. The beams will make wonderful fireplace mantles as well as decorative ceiling beams. With such beautiful wood, the legacy of the Orwell Barn will continue to live on.

Barn Facts:

- Measured 26' x 36' in size.
- Built Pre-Civil War.
- 4 bents and 3 bays.
- Two doors were used to drive in carriages.
- Floor contained 45 pit-sawn floor joists.
- Full size upstairs loft
- Hay track was made of wood instead of metal.



Cherry roof and floor boards lay across pit-sawn rafters and floor joists.



Carriages of long ago were once housed here.

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