

Troy Center Barn

Centerville, Pennsylvania



The Past:

Built circa 1840's, the Troy Center barn was a subsistence barn. Early day families farmed the land and raised livestock in order to survive. Samuel Stratton was original owner of the barn and the land. From 1850-1861, John G. Stratton owned the barn and parcel until he died from severe burns sustained in a fire. John's wife remained on the farm until 1870. In 1870, William "Zilly" Willy, a Crawford county local, purchased the farm. Zilly Willy made repairs and improvements to the barn. According to the 1927 Pennsylvania Triennial Farm Census, the farm had running water, a heating system, an automobile, a motorized tractor and a telephone. These were amenities that were unheard of on any other farms in the area. From 1944-1970, the farm operated as a dairy; from 1970-1992 the farm produced mostly corn, oats, and hay.

Barn Facts:

- Built circa 1840
- Dairy basement added circa 1950
- Repairs and additions 1970's
- Early 1900's orchards included: 100 apple trees, 2 peach trees, 5 pear trees.
- Timber on surrounding land that was used in the barn: beech, maple, chestnut, oak, and bass wood
- Dismantled in 2016



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