

## *How can you help?*

Join us as we work with the National Barn Alliance and the Heritage Conservancy in saving historic barns. We greatly appreciate the Conservancy's Board of Directors allowing us to partner with them, expediting the non-profit process by hosting us as an affiliate until the time we become a separate 501(c)(3) organization.

Members are invited to attend the HBFF of PA's annual meeting and will receive a quarterly newsletter, along with free admission to HBFF of PA lectures and workshops, plus access to the Foundation's information repository and data.

Membership dues and other contributions should be made payable to the Heritage Conservancy with a notation that the funds are for the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania.

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*Thank you for helping us save barns!*

## Become a Member of the Historic Barn & Farm Foundation of Pennsylvania

**Annual Dues: \$25 for Individual Members**

**\$150 for Corporate Affiliates**

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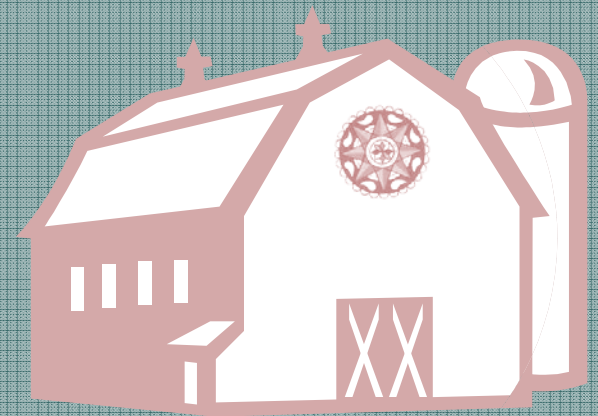
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# HISTORIC BARN & FARM FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA



*Your support keeps barns standing.*

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# HISTORIC BARN & FARM FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania is fortunate to have a strong agrarian history. Integral to the story of the state's flourishing fertile fields that were cleared and cultivated for many centuries and remain productive to this day is the role the sturdy barns played in the settling and use of our farmland.

Pennsylvania is one of the few states that has a style of barn architecture that bears its name. Many types can be found across the Commonwealth, ranging from stone and log barns to immense, later-built frame examples.

A familiar silhouette on any farm's horizon here in Pennsylvania, barn architecture that is exhibited on individual farmsteads is as varied as the heritage of the brave and resilient farmers who settled the diverse regions of our Commonwealth's early frontier. The timbers and stones taken from the cleared land and their hard labor created long-standing storage buildings that provided a safe haven for harvested crops and hungry livestock with each generation.

Today, many of these symbols of our agrarian past are being threatened by demolition and neglect. Present day agriculture has also changed the face of the farmstead, with steel and aluminum replacing stone and lumber as the materials of convenience for today's farm buildings. Too often the weather-worn historic barns are razed to make way for these twenty-first century pre-fabricated buildings and part of our heritage is lost forever.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SAVE OUR HISTORIC BARNS?

A group of enthusiastic people are coming together to create a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve and protect these icons of Pennsylvania's picturesque farms. Our goal is to educate property owners and people everywhere about the superb treasure we have on our landscapes. We need to build a network of folks interested in keeping barns that were built before 1960 standing on their original foundations. We also need to create an inventory of the kind of barns that remain on Pennsylvania's farms, their locations, and provide a reason to keep them as part of the integral farm operation. They can also serve as a means of helping local economies through agri-tourism.



This barn was built in 1856 by Augustus and Matilda Leiss.  
It is located in the village of Host, Berks County.

We are excited about having the support of recognized experts and enthusiasts of historic barn structures on our founding committee, including esteemed authors **Robert Ensminger, Greg Huber, Jeff Marshall**, along with other renowned barn authorities.

We welcome your interest and involvement as members and volunteers no matter what your reason for caring about the preservation of our barns — our architectural treasures.

Contact us, or the National Barn Alliance, for information on historic barns. The websites, mailing addresses, and phone numbers are listed on the back of this brochure. Anyone who would like to have their historic barn recorded as part of our inventory should contact us for a form which will guide you in submitting data for our statewide survey. We also want to know if this information has already been compiled by a local organization so we can partner with them in this effort to compile a complete record for the future.