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Subject: Re: The Farm Museum
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HI JOANNE

WELL MOST OF THE LOGS WERE CUT UP NORTH AND SHIPPED VIA THE GREAT LAKES. REMEMBER, LOTS OF TALL PINES AND OAKS WERE IN WIS AND MINN AND CANADA. THE BEAM GOT SENT FROM LAKE MICHIGAN ON A HORSE DRAWN WAGON.

YOU CAN LOOK AT THE STYRATIONS IN THE WOOD TO TELL HOW IT WAS CUT,,,, ON A BIG BLADE CIRCLE SAW, FOR EXAMPLE... USUALLY DONE ON A STEAM ENGINE, THATS WHY THEY ARE SO EQUAL, THE EARLIER ONES WERE DONE BY HAND SO THE STYRATIONS ARE NOT SO PERFECT... AND THOSE BIG 6 FOOT SAWS WITH THE 3 OR 4 INCH TEETH, WERE FOR CUTTING ICE,,,I REMEMBER DURING WW2 GOING OUT TO CUT ICE AND DRAG IT BACK ON BOB SLEDS...JEEZE WE USED ICE TILL THE MID 50'S,,, CAN YOU BELIEVE...I CAN REMEMBER MY GRAND UNCLE PALMER TELLING ME ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS AS HE WAS BORN BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR AND HE MADE ALL HIS HORSE HARNESS'S BY HAND AN WAGONS...HE HAD HIS OWN BLACKSMITH SHOP AND WAS ON A LARGE DAIRY FARM IN COON VALLEY WIS, THEY HAD A BOUT 360 ACRES, WE ONLY HAD A 180...FARMERS WERE VERY RICH IN THOSE DAYS...I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT STORAGE TANKS IN THE CELLAR FOR DC ELECTRICS....HI COULD GO ON AND ON,,, BUT I AM NOT SURE I AM THE SPECIFIC ONE YOU ARE LOOKING FOR, BUT I DID EXPLAIN A LOT TO THE MAN WHO WAS TRUSTEE AND WORKED AT THE LIBRARY,,,BOB DOLES I BELIEVE...OR DOANS...

WELL I WAS DOING 30 TO 60 YIELD BEANS THIS YEAR AND 80 TO 180 CORN SO THE YIELDS WERE ALL OVER THE PLACE,,, BUT PRETTY GOOD COMPARED TO THE LAS T 5 YEARS.. WELL MAYBE THIS WINTER WE CAN MEET AT THE FARM AS I WILL BE IN CHICAGO MORE OFTEN THAN NOT.....I KNOW I LIKE TO GO FOR THE CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER....I HAVE MANY LOG CABIN BUILDINGS AROUND MY HOME IN WISCONSIN,,, SOME ARE STILL ORIGINAL,, AND I TAKE PICTURES BEFORE THEY GET TORN DOWN...IT IS VERY INTERESTING, SOME OF THE OLDER PEOPLE IN THEIR 80'S WERE LIVING IN THEM JUST LIKE THEY GREW UP AND THEY STILL HAD NO ECTRICITY OR PLUMBING, BUT THEY HAD A PROPANE COOK STOVE FOR MOM...INTERESTING,,,,, AND ALL THIS GETS BETTER THE FARTHER OUT IN THE COUNTRY OR UP NORTH U GO....IT IS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THE IN CONGRUITIES....I LIVE IN TWO DIFFERENT WORDS, FOR SURE,,,,, BUT I LOVE IT

Bill

On Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 5:22 PM, Joanne Marshall-Hosek <joannehosek@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Bill,

I haven't talked to you in a while. Hope you and Vicky are fine. Something came up at the museum and I was hoping for your input.

Many years ago I toured the museum (before I was a member) and there was somebody that was showing people around the barn.

He seemed to know a lot about the history of the barn. I can't recall his name and was thinking it could possibly have been YOU.

So...I'm going to ask you something about the barn. I recall this man saying that their was a beam that went across the right-hand side of the barn (the front part) that he said came from ONE tree. It was very long. He said it came on a ship and then was brought to this area.

Do you have anv recollection of this storv? Does it make anv sense to vou? Accordina to our records the barn

was built around 1850, but the train didn't come until at least twenty years later. So how could the beam get here from a seaport?

What do you think?
Joanne