

# *Richmond Barn*

*State Line Road  
Richmond, Indiana /Eaton, Ohio*

The original barn was built in the mid 1800's with livestock sheds added on into the 1900's. The original property was obtained by Thomas Taylor in 1826. Thomas served in the War of 1812. By 1870, he was a retired farmer with sons living nearby. By the time of his death in 1874, he owned 180 acres of farmland and had 13 children.

After the Taylor's, Joseph and Lucinda Fleisch (pictured below) owned and operated the farm from 1885-1894. Joseph was noted as an industrious and prosperous farmer of hogs and cattle. One of Fleisch's daughter, Viola, married Louis Decker. From 1894-1907, they ran the farm together until his death. After he died, Viola rented the farm out to a series of tenant farmers including her brothers. Throughout these years, the barn housed many horses, dairy cows, hogs, sheep, and chickens. The barn also served as storage for straw, clover, oat and timothy hay. In 1954, she gave the barn and property to her nephew Garner Fleisch.

In 1919, the barn itself is noted as "saving the day". It was during the middle of a big cattle sale, when heavy rain moved in. The rain storm drove 55 head of cattle and eager buyers into the barn; yet, the barn already held 56 hogs in sale pens. The day was a boon for livestock sales. The ladies of the local Cemetery Association served a grand dinner consisting of hot roast beef, browned potatoes, bread and butter, and beans. For dessert, they outdid themselves with pie and good coffee. The sale netted \$10,400.



1969 Vintage Aerials



From 1970- 2020, the barn and property had new owners, Alfred and Martha Peters. Alfred was the elected assistant fire chief for the local district and Martha retired from banking. Martha was not only a farmer's daughter, but a farmer's wife. Farming was her passion. She was active in 4H and earned the title of "Everyone's Grandma". In 2020, the property was listed as vacant agriculture.

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