



Jackson Public Library Trickey Barn

 **52 Main Street
Jackson, NH**

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Story Map

What's Special About This Site

Moved from its original location, the Trickey Barn, as it was called, was formed by the joining of two separate barns. The barns were conjoined in 1858, and were most likely erected by the same carpenters who built the Jackson Covered Bridge. The Jackson Public Library building is a great example of a New England style barn, with large doors located on its gable ends.

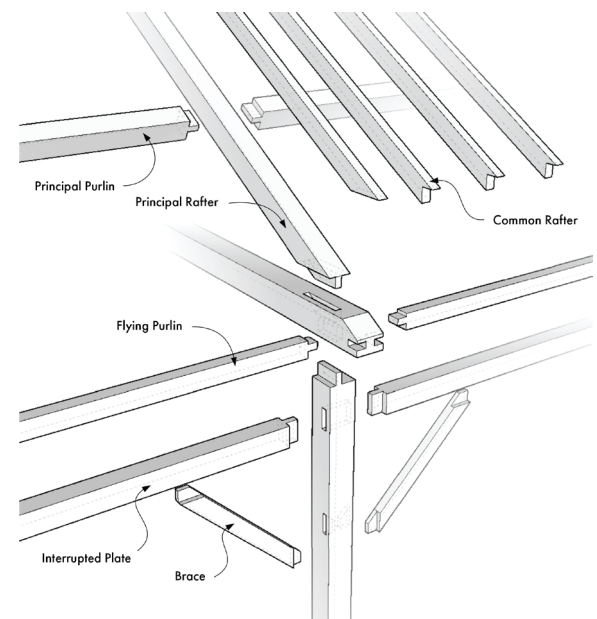


Recent image of the Jackson Public Library. Photo courtesy of Ryan Cutting

Barn History and Use

The Trickey Barn was constructed between 1825 and 1840 to serve the Jackson Falls House, which was a lodging establishment. The barn was used to house horses and other types of livestock, along with vehicles such as wagons, carriages, and sleighs. It was later transformed into a dairy operation. In 2008 the building was dismantled and moved to its current location for use as the Jackson Public Library. The library opened for business on December 7, 2010. A formal open house was held on May 28, 2011.

Detailed illustration of mortise and tenon construction in a New England style barn, courtesy of Jessica MilNeil



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Architectural Features

The barn is post and beam, made with mortise and tenon construction. It has common purlins and major rafters, as well as tie beams and a mixture of sawn and hand-hewn timbers. In its original location, the barn was on a rock wall foundation, but it now sits on concrete. The current structure was formed by joining two barns, estimated to be about 20 to 25 years apart in age. It is divided into north and south additions, as it appears that one barn was added to the end the other. Both barns are 40' x 40'. The north barn had a loft while the south barn did not. Although the modern library has no visible roof boards, based on the barn's age, they likely would have run horizontally. It is currently roofed with metal. The cupola is now located behind the library and is being used as a storage shed. A large, elongated transom graces the front of the barn, and the old hay fork and track run down the center of the structure.

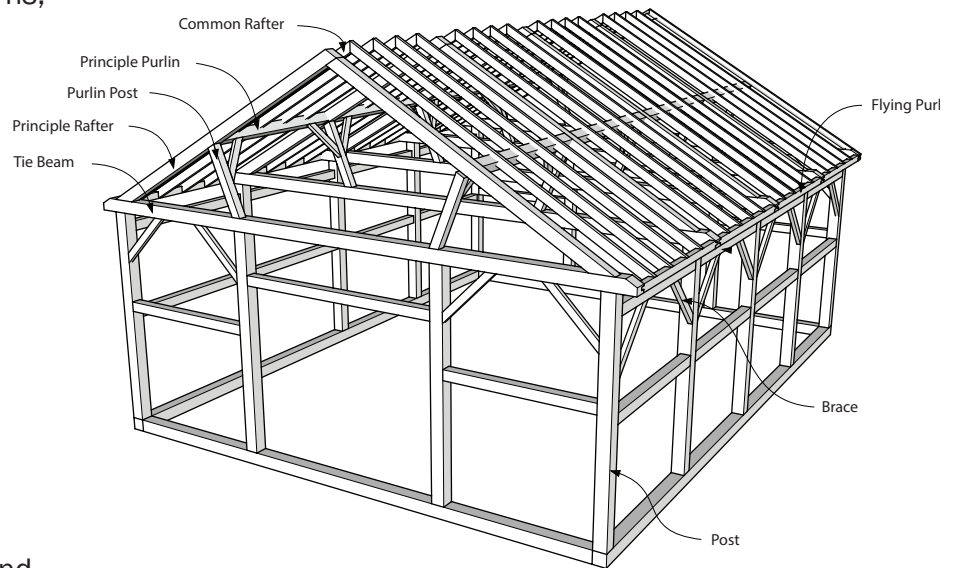


Illustration of New England style barn framing courtesy of Jessica MilNeil

What You Can Do Here Now

The barn is now a library, and visitors of all ages can take advantage of its free programs, book collections and other offerings. The library hosts various events such as story time, book drives, storybook trails, French club,

cookbook club, and more. There is a community garden on site and patrons have access to discounted passes for museums and recreational areas. Visit the library's website to view their online community calendar.



*Interior of the Jackson Public Library.
Photo courtesy of Ryan Cutting*

For Further Reading

Field Guide to New England Barns and Farm Buildings, by Thomas Durant Visser (University Press of New England, 1997).

Barns: Their History, Preservation, and Restoration, by Charles Klamkin (Bonanza Books, 1979).

Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England, by Thomas C. Hubka (University Press of New England, 1984).

An Age of Barns, by Eric Sloane (Funk and Wagnalls, 1967).

Preserving Old Barns: Preventing the loss of a valuable resource, by John C. Porter and Francis E. Gilman (Peter E. Randall Publisher, 2019).