

## **BROCK FARMS – HISTORY**

The Brock barn was built in 1941 by Raymond Brock, 50'x36' designed to house 12 cows and young stock. All materials came from the property (from the rock for the 2 foot thick walls to the cedar shingles for the roof).

Raymond hauled the stone from the fields with horses every morning before the masons arrived at 6:00 am for their 12-hour days. All the timber, planks, and one-inch lumber was sawed on sight along with the cedar shingles. The sawdust from these mills is still evident when plowing the field southeast of the barn.

Raymond borrowed \$600.00 from a neighbor who was a businessman in the spring to build the barn, and returned \$300.00 upon its completion. In 1964 a 36' x 56' round roof was added by Russell and Raymond which would make room for 50 cows. Another 36' was added in 1974 making this barn a total size of 36' x 124', and the free stall barn and milking parlor were built.

In 2000 when Ryan and Johna purchased the farm, the business grew to 200 milk cows along with dry cows, special needs cows, and a fluctuating number of calves. 17 year old Raymond Brock is now involved and he is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation now caring for cattle under its roof, thus the name Brock Farms.