

## KOEHNE FARM

The Koehne family farm was homesteaded by Henry J. Koehne who served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1863. Bill Koehne, the current owner, is Henry Koehne's great grandson.

Henry moved into the Little Suamico area as a hunter and a trapper, then cleared the timber off of the land with oxen, and began dairy farming.

Henry's son Fred and his wife Hattie continued dairy farming as did Bill's father and mother, Henry and May. Henry and May's son Bill and his wife Pat continued dairy and crop farming until they started a log home business on the property.

The barn was lifted up 8' high using jacks. The basement (lower half) was then constructed using fieldstone and mortar. This created room for 34 Holstein cows, calf pens, and two teams of Belgium horses. The top half became the haymow. The corner stone of the basement area remains today and is dated 1884.

After the cows moved out, the log home business operated out of the barn's top half as the saw and finishing mill. The top half of the barn was built around 1881 and is post and beam construction...forty foot long, hand-hewn beams 12" x 16" in size.

Bill and Pat Koehne now live in one of their log homes milled from the farm, and raised their five children there. A total of 7 generations of the Koehne family have lived on the farm and it continues to be family-owned today.

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