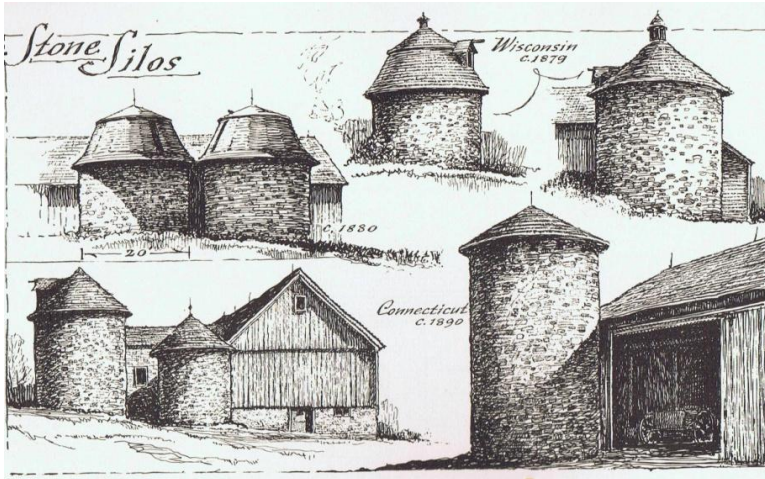
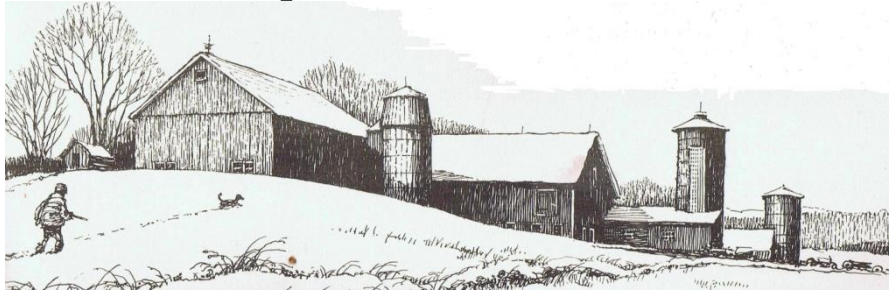


Antique Windmills and Silos



These are stone: they show several roof styles.

Silos

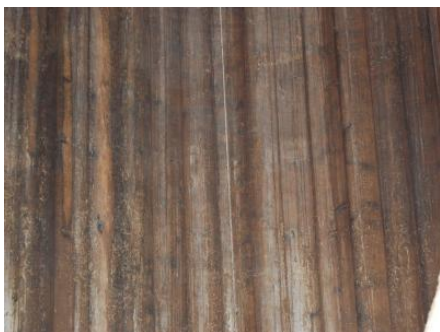
An American Innovation

Silos make great observatory towers, observatories, exhibit halls and entryways, architectural hyphens, breakfast rooms or dining areas.

They are also very useful when they hold a spiral staircase or a glass elevator or handicapped lift. Silo Heights can always be cut down or can be raised by either cutting them or building them on a stone foundation

Check Below! We've got a wonderfully compact 16' high spiral stairs all set for you!

Vermont Silo, c. 1965





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42' High, 20' in diameter

One of the last large wooden silos erected in VT.
Southern Yellow Pine Boards that are 7' and 14' long



The Unadilla Silo



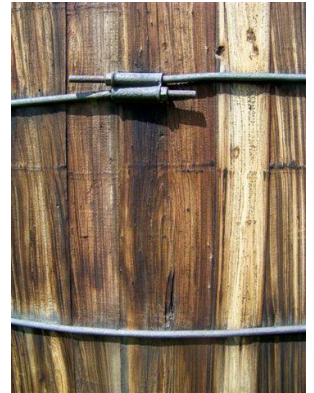
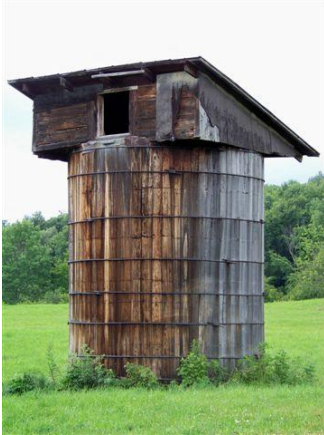
The Unadilla Silo c. 1920

The Unadilla Silo

28' high, 12' diameter

Unadilla is the name of the company that produced these silos. This silo was moved inside a barn in 1930 where it remains today. This was not an uncommon practice. This is in North Central New York. This is built of tongue and groove pine boards, the grain of which indicates second or old growth timber. One of the last mint condition Unadilla silos left in the country.

Cypress Silo



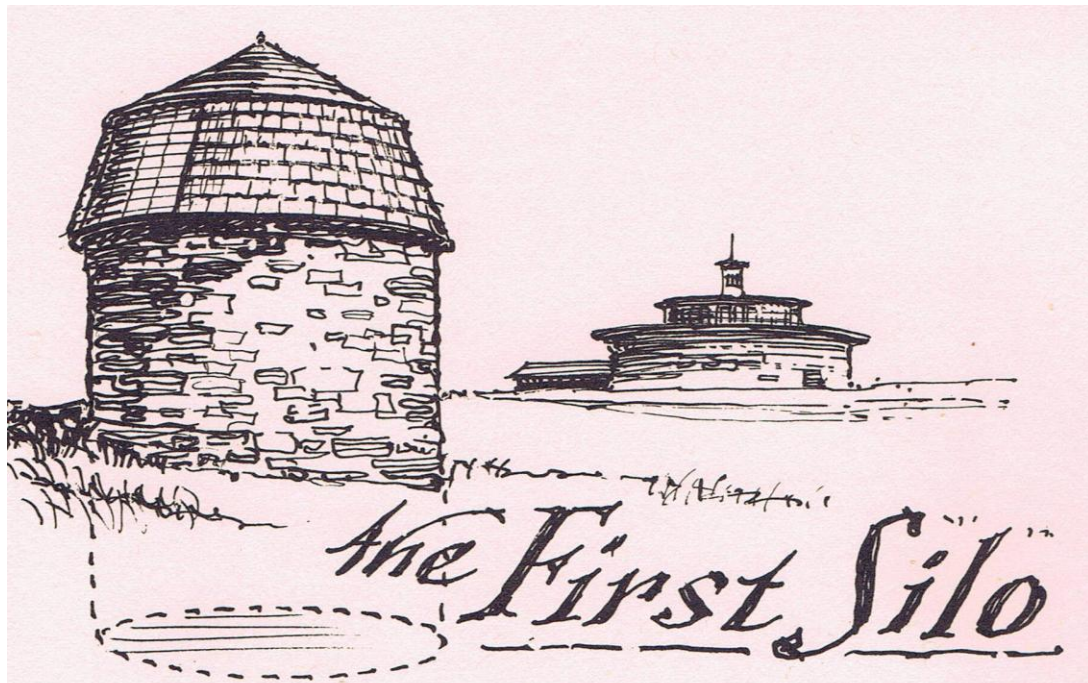
An 1880s Cypress Silo that used to function as a vat at the Apple Cider Factory in Perry Center NY. The silo is located in Chautauqua County (southwestern New York), is in excellent condition, never painted or stained, stands 14' tall and has a circumference of 38', diameter is likely 12'

“My Uncle bought the structure from a small family owned company in Perry Center, N.Y. which made apple cider, and operated from the 1880's until 1946. It did not have the pine top at that time. In 1946 my Uncle and a friend disassembled the then vat moved it to the Family Farm and reassembled it. The building has always been free standing, it is structurally sound and rather beautiful! On the farm the silo was used to store dried corn, however. The silo has been empty for about 30 years.” More Photos Available.



Here is a wonderful **16 foot metal spiral staircase** taken out of an old cotton mill. It would work beautifully to do double duty in a beautiful wooden silo as it creates an intriguing second level, an additional access and fire escape for the second level of a converted barn while maintaining the surrounding original wooden walls of the silo as library or art exhibit space!!! As you mount the stairs, you could enjoy an exhibit or art collection or a carefully displayed collection of archives and books!

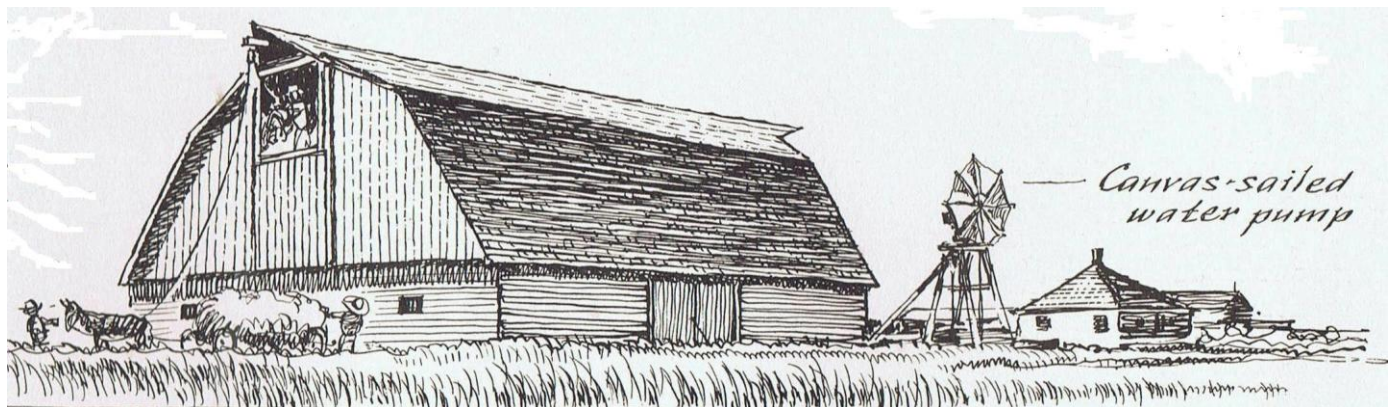
Perhaps an intimate meeting area or observatory could nestle at the top of the 16' stairway as well as providing private entrance to a second floor space....**the diameter is 44" from handrail to handrail.**



One curse of being an antiquarian is that you constantly find mistakes made in modern interpretations of the early days. Recently I saw a motion picture set on a Revolutionary era farm wherein one of the redcoats hid in an old silo. That sort of exploded the story for me because I happened to know that the first silo in America was built in 1873.

The earliest silos were built of stone. They had exactly as much space underground as above it. It is hard to believe that almost all of the wooden silos so familiar to the American farm scene are products of the 1900s. America has surprisingly few original inventions, although numbering among them the rocking chair and the hot dog, but the silo is certainly another creation to add to the meager list. In Europe, the term silo referred to a "hole in the ground"; Americans were first to lift the hole above ground by surrounding it with a circular building.

Antique Windmills





10' Perkins Wooden Wheel 30" Tower



Rebuilt 8' Aeromotor & 60' Tower



1933 Aeromotor Refurbished



1920s Aeromotor being installed

Antique Windmills are restored into fully functional working condition. Original windmills are deconstructed and then repaired; missing pieces are located or created in the shop. The unit is then reconstructed on the desired site and can be set up so that it will pump water. Here is an example of a specific model:



A fully restored "Monitor", model "L". The original tower is 50+".

The Monitor L is freshly rebuilt, with 10' diameter blades (wheel), original counter weight, powder coated 100%, all new bearings and shafts, wood blades are old growth cypress.

The Monitor L windmill was made in the early 1900's in Evansville, WI, by the Baker Mfg. company. This windmill had a very good reputation for being a reliable pumping machine that held up quite well to the weather and high winds. The wooden blades are made of Cypress and are 10' diameter when fully opened. The windmill can be operated from ground level by the owner, letting it open and spin or shut off. Originally, the cast iron parts were painted red and the wooden blades white with red tips.



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