“Granville Red”

When we left Granville on that anniversary trip in 2012, we passed this barn, next to the main road, Route 37. Now, with the concept of my Ohio barn project beginning to grow in my head, I stopped in and took photos. Dramatically resplendent – its image reflected in a tiny pond – the red paint faded enough to give that appealing rustic look, two ornate cupolas perched on its bowed roof, and large hardwood trees in the background, the barn looked like it had a story.

I learned from its present owner, Emil Bogden, who bought this small farm in 1997, that a barn expert recently inspected the structure and explained that the barn was constructed in the Civil War period – as evidenced by the way its roof trusses connected. Unlike other barns, this is a large one and still functional. It will be around for awhile.

Mr. Bogden also pointed out that there used to be a small farmhouse in front of the barn, close to the road, which makes sense since the typical old farmhouse was close to the main trail or road. Behind and below the barn lies a healthy, spring-fed pond – one of the many natural ponds that led the Massachusetts colonists to choose the Granville area to raise their crops. Perhaps this barn, too, was once owned by Ohio soldiers who fought in the Civil War. You never know.