

Since that time the Arbaney Barn has been utilized by the Town of Basalt to store tables, bikes, chairs and other items. The Basalt Regional Heritage Society (BRHS) has been granted permission by the Town of Basalt to pursue the restoration of the Arbaney Barn. Our main project for the next three years is to restore and turn the Arbaney Barn into a living museum and office space for the BRHS. In order to accomplish this we will need the expertise of architects, engineers and log restoration experts.

The Arbaney Barn has several deteriorating logs that must be replaced as well as the windows and door. The roof will need to be repaired, a new foundation poured and a electrical system added.

We envision a living museum where the public and school children can learn about life in the Town of Basalt, with hands on demonstrations of canning, making cheese, repairing farm tools, etc.as well as having living memory talks in this building. In the past the BRHS “Fireside Chats” have covered such topics as: Ranchers in the Basalt Area, Women pioneers, The Midland Depot Railroad and the Snowmass Monastery. We would also use part of the Arbaney Barn for ongoing displays of historic artifacts.

Past projects that we have completed are: Three bronze sculptures that represent our ranching, fishing and railroad heritage, a Historical walking tour of the Town of Basalt, our on going Fireside Chats and DVD recordings of Basalt’s pioneer children.

We feel it is important to preserve the past in keeping with our small town character and hope you agree as well.



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To Define the Future by Preserving the Past

Restoring the Arbaney Barn



In 1909 the Emery Arbaney family purchased the land where the Arbaney Barn stands today. The two-story Arbaney barn was the family horse barn. Hay was hauled to the barn on a wagon and hoisted into the hay lofts for storage above the stalls. The Town of Basalt purchased the property, including the barn and kilns, to provide a park for the town. The Basalt Children’s Fund officially turned the swimming pool over to the Town of Basalt on November 14, 1994

ARBANEY BARN/ARBANEY RESIDENCE

The land including the kilns was owned by the J.B. King family who sold the property to Emery Arbaney family around 1909. An immigrant from Aosta, Italy, Emery came to the United States and married Lottie Clavell of Woody Creek. Their children were Lucille and Fredrick (Buster) Arbaney. Fredrick and Josephine Zelnick of Aspen were married April 6, 1947, raising two sons Daniel and Ronald.

In 1949 Fredrick and Josephine moved onto the family Arbaney ranch and took over running the land.

Throughout the years they purchased surrounding properties which stretched to the Roaring Fork River. They sold property for the towns commercial area around 1973. This included property that was sold to the Roaring Fork School District for the expanding school enrollment.

The area was once ranch land where the family raised potatoes, oats, wheat, hay, cattle and chickens. The two-story Arbaney barn was the family horse barn and hay was hauled to the barn on a wagon and hoisted into the haylofts for storage above the stalls.



Lottie and Emery Arbarney



Josephine and Fredrick Arbaney

were moved up from the railroad building in Basalt. Mrs. Josephine Arbaney's two-story brick home is decorated in the original kitchen cook stove and furnishings.

The home was once heated with four pot belly stoves and had no plumbing or electricity. The fixtures from the Catholic rectory in Aspen were used to remodel the pantry into a bathroom. The addition of the back room and porch

BRHS BARN RAISING SPONSORSHIPS

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The commemorative plaque made of polished bronze with engraved names will be placed at the entry way to the Museum.