

## **DBPS Tour of Greene County Barns, hosted by Ted Hilscher, 26 October 2019**

We are planning a **Barn Tour** on **Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October**, which has been organized by Ted Hilscher, and it will start at the Bronck House at 9:30 AM. We will visit 4 historic barns, each about 5-10 minutes apart, so should finish about 12:30 or 1. We will then go to the Crossroads Brewery in Athens for lunch.

**The Bronck House Museum** is at 90 County Route 42, Coxsackie, NY 12051;

### **Directions:**

From Thruway Exit 21B, Coxsackie: South on 9W 3¼ miles; turn right on Pieter Bronck Road.

From Traffic Light at 9W and 81: South on 9W 1½ miles; turn right on Pieter Bronck Road.

From Catskill: North on 9W; then left on County Rt. 42

Ted is a member of all three of our groups- DBPS, HVVA, and the Green County Historical Society; here are some of his notes on the barns:

1. Eldred Barn. Bank Barn, with marriage marks on H-frame bents. The orientation of the wagon floor/threshing floor is that of an “English” barn. It appears to me this is original. It is also a possible re-use of the bents from a Dutch barn. This barn does not appear in any of the barn literature. I know of no others like this in our area.
2. Lisk Barn. “English” Bank barn with swing beam, built for Benjamin C. Lisk in 1853. Our area is a little mecca of swing beam barns. I know of four – we will be looking at two.
3. Dietz Barn. “English” Ground barn, 30 x 40 with swing beam. Marriage marks, and hay press. Paul Dietz milked cows here until 1968.
4. “English” ground barn in state of disrepair and heavily modified for use as a chicken house. For me, this will be a good barn to use as a template for how to read and decipher an old barn that has few remaining indications of original use.

**If you plan to come and could let me know so we can try to estimate a number for lunch, which would be great.**

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