

# The Longaberger® Company

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## Facts on The Crawford Barn™

### Barn statistics

Barn footage:	24,000 square feet on two floors and a loft
Original section size:	54' x 90'
Type of construction:	Timber frame; mortise-and-tenon construction
Year built:	1890
Architectural detail:	Slate roof, large dormer windows, cupolas, fretwork and weather vanes
Former location:	750 Sharon Valley Road, Newark, Ohio
Present location:	Longaberger Homestead® (off St. Rt. 16, Frazeytsburg, Ohio)

### Longaberger's acquisition, move and use of the barn

Longaberger Homestead opened in June 1999, and The Crawford Barn is an important element of the destination, symbolizing the area's farming heritage and culture of hard work and craftsmanship. In an agreement with Bert Crawford, the barn's previous owner, Longaberger dismantled, transported and rebuilt the barn on the Longaberger Homestead site. The Longaberger Construction Division and Christian and Son, Inc. Timber Frame Specialists completed the work. In September 1998, Longaberger hosted a barn raising at the site, drawing more than 50,000 visitors.

### History of The Crawford Barn

- The barn, one of the largest built in Ohio, was owned by the Crawford family since the 1800s.
- When the original barn was destroyed by fire in 1888, Crawford and his neighbors in 1890 raised the new barn on the 100' x 54' original foundation, adding two additional sections in later years.
- Crawford used the barn as a horse stable, and it is estimated that throughout his career Crawford stabled nearly 50,000 horses there. Horses were sold to fire departments, bakeries, breweries and other businesses as well as for general transportation and racing.
- Crawford traveled to Europe more than 60 times, exporting hundreds of race, coach and light harness horses and returning with Belgian, Percheron and German coach horses. Horses were sold 100 or 200 at a time at large sales at the barn.
- Crawford was knighted by King Leopold II of Belgium, and the government of Italy had an annual contract to purchase 1,200 cavalry and artillery horses from him. His customers also included owners of vineyards in the Bordeaux region of France, who purchased mules as work animals, and customers from Egypt, who came to the port of Marseilles to buy horses. Crawford died in 1915 and is buried at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio.

### About the company

Founded in 1973, The Longaberger Company is America's premier maker of handcrafted baskets and offers other quality home and lifestyle products, including pottery, wrought iron and fabric accessories. A favorite American guest destination, Longaberger is based in Newark, Ohio, and there are approximately 45,000 Independent Home Consultants nationwide who sell Longaberger products directly to customers. To learn more, go to [www.longaberger.com](http://www.longaberger.com).

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