



### **John Mann Farmstead**

The site of the popular Quivey's Grove Restaurant was actually known as the Mann house before being renamed by the current owners.

John Mann, a native of New York State, arrived in Wisconsin in 1850 and operated a livery service in Madison for several years before he bought this farm. Exchanging timber on his property for sandstone from a neighbor's quarry, Mann built the house and barn c. 1856.

John Mann's son, Edward, eventually sold the property in 1876, after which it passed through several hands until it was sold to J. P. Comstock in 1886. The Comstock family retained ownership until 1935, and shortly thereafter it became the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Waskow who lived in it until its conversion to Quivey's Grove in 1980. The house is a vernacular Italianate fieldstone structure with 18 inch thick walls and 13 foot ceilings. Many of the floors in the house are original unstained hemlock and the stairway post and banister are the original walnut.

The stone horse barn is constructed of sandstone in a rougher texture than the house. The barn walls are 20 inches thick.

Connecting the barn with the house is a tunnel constructed in 1980 when the restaurant conversion was being made.