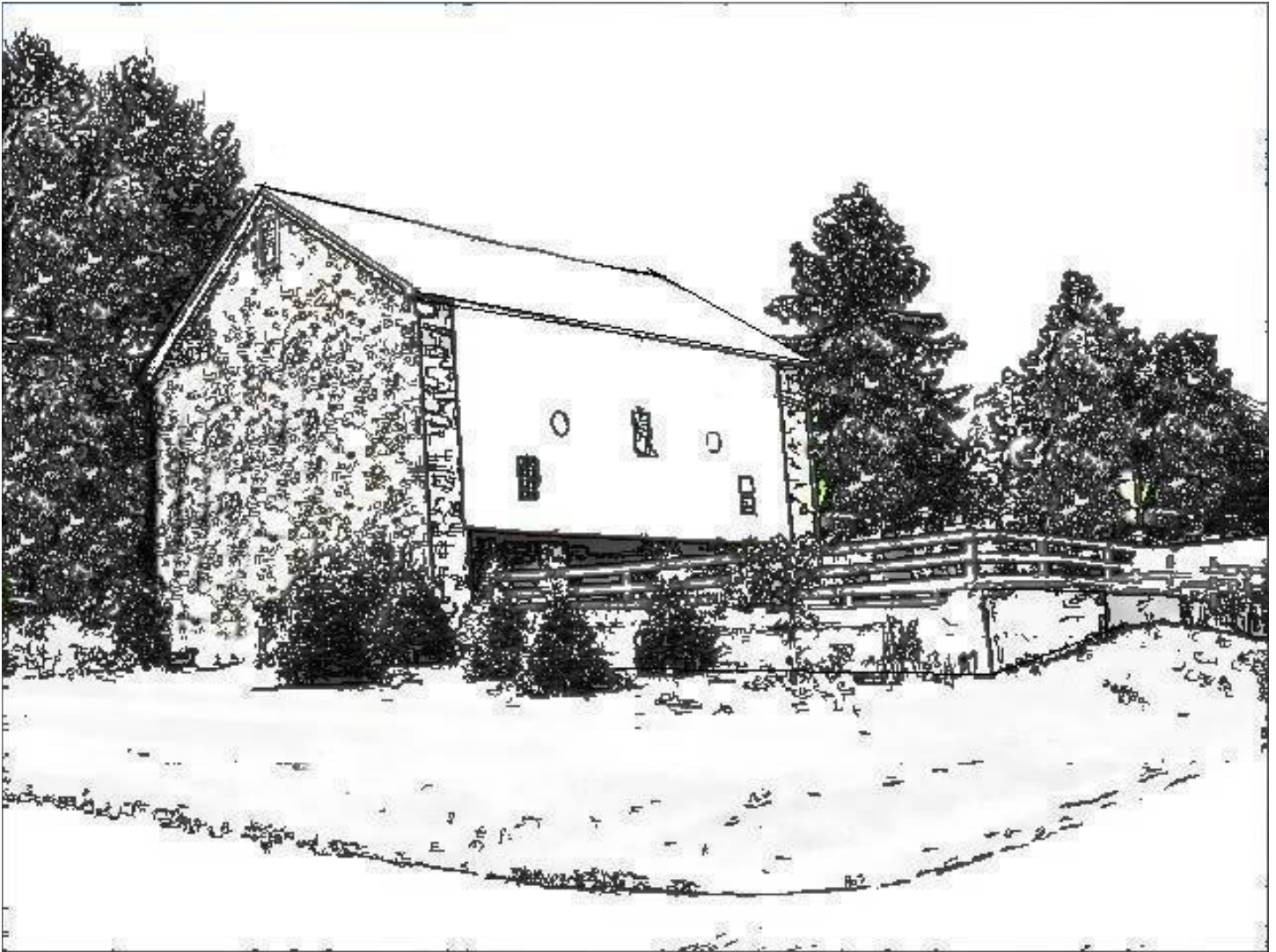


Raubsville Barn - Raubsville, PA



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This classic Pennsylvania Bank Barn located in Raubsville, Pa, approximately one mile from the Lehigh River, was constructed in the early 1800's. The end walls of the barn utilized the abundant quantities of 'free' stones collected during the very difficult task of clearing woodland for planting crops. The most distinguishing features of the Pennsylvania barn- or what is also known as a bank or side hill barn-are the south facing fore bay and the ramp up to the second floor loft on the on the other. By slicing out a relatively small amount of earth and building into a hillside or banking up a grade on level ground, a farmer gained ground-level access to the threshing floor and haymows from one side and grade level access to the stables below from the other side. The fore bay has a cantilevered extension of the threshing floor projecting at least 6 feet beyond the stable doors below. It forms a protected area in front of the doors and runs the length of the barn facing south for solar heat and day lighting.