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Levitating Barns

Maine barns are an institution, separate from its accompanying house. And there is more than one kind of "barn raising." The barn at the Colburn House property in Pittston, Maine is undergoing a levitation of sorts. The accompanying photo will demonstrate that. This barn was built in the mid nineteenth century and like most barns built

they are susceptible to sill rot along its supporting foundations. Maine barns fail either at that point, or because the barn roof develops leaks. Obviously, the Colburn barn and its accompanying carriage house were not there in 1775, when Col. Benedict Arnold visited the property on Sept 21-23, 1775. But today the barn plays an important part of the history of the Expedition as it houses the so-called Bateau Museum, where the bateaux replicas and other historical craft are displayed for visitors. (Continued [page 2])

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Up in the Air
Cribbing and I beams
raise the barn to build
a new foundation and
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