



The farm house became a massive reconstruction project for the entire Smith family who completed it between milking cows and planting and harvesting crops. Daniel and Beverly saw what the house could be instead of what it was.

## Starting Over In Morrison's Cove Took Hard Work and Imagination

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ROARING SPRING (Bedford Co.) — When land development forced the Daniel Smith family, then of Gilbertsville, located 50 miles north of Philadelphia, to move, they looked for new farming land in Morrison's Cove.

"Moving was an undertaking we wouldn't do again," Dan Smith says now as he sits back on the comfortable living room sofa and gazes out at the farmland surrounding the picturesque Smith home.

"We moved everything, the silo, outbuildings, 85 cows, and four kids."

The Smith undertaking began in 1976 and completion of the project took two years.

"We came in that lane just before sunset," Beverly remembers. "There was nothing here but mud and one very run down farmhouse as well as a barn in good condition and lots of good farming soil — 150 acres of it. We had promised the kids a stream and a woods and the farm offered both. We looked at each other and knew we were home."

"You see," chimes in Dan, "we were both seeing what wasn't actually here. The house as it

stands today, the farm completed."

Smith was a Penn State college graduate. He felt drawn to Morrison's Cove because of the proximity to his old college town.

Back in Gilbertsville, a few weeks after finding their new

home, Dan and Beverly began making plans for the move. Beverly who was going to college as a full-time student would stay behind with the two girls and feed the beef cattle. Dan would take the two

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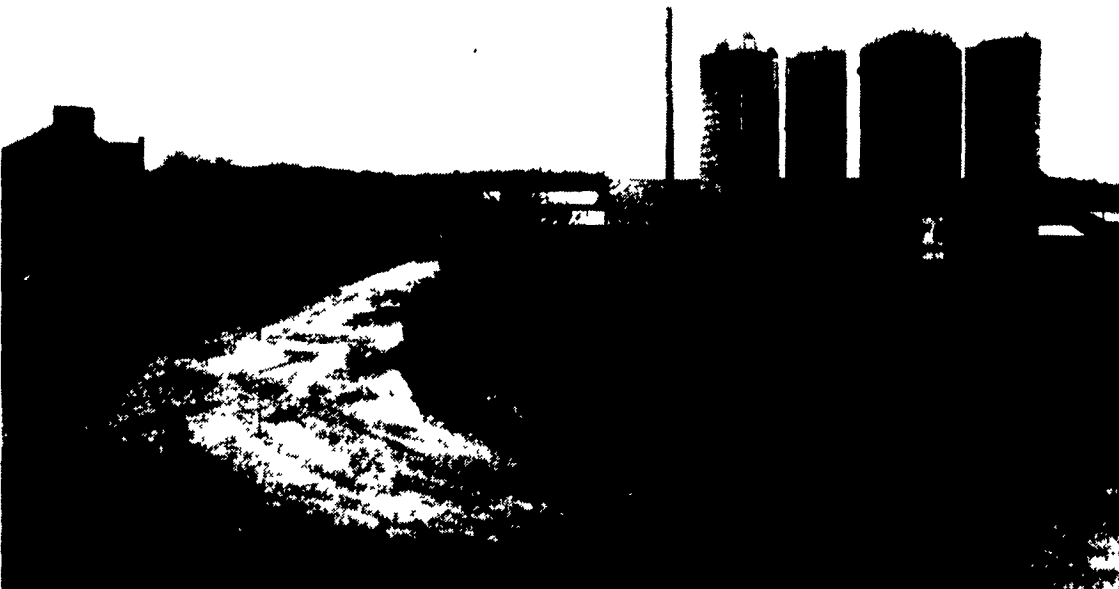
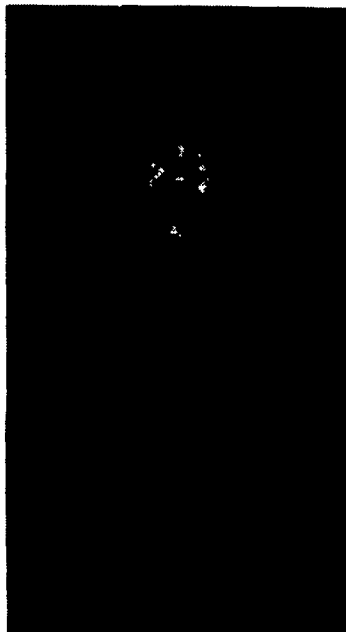
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Lots of good farming soil drew the Smiths to Morrison's Cove from Gilbertsville in 1976, but there was nothing but mud and one very run down farmhouse when the Smith's first saw their present home. Much has changed. Two years ago the farm earned the Dairy of Distinction Award.

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