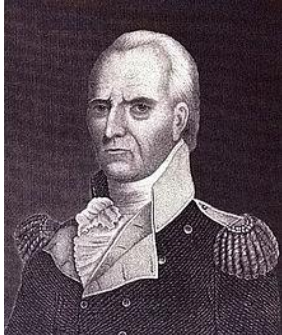
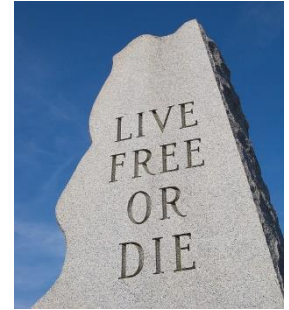


Stark Farm Origins

The Barn at Stark Farms came to be back in the 1700s when General John Stark and his son, Caleb, built it on their family farm in Dunbarton, New Hampshire. John Stark was a devoted military man who fought in the French & Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and several battles, such as Bunker Hill, Trenton and Princeton, and Bennington. He fought alongside many other American heroes, with General George Washington being one of them.



General Stark was nicknamed the “Hero of Bennington” and inadvertently coined the motto for his home state when he would write letters to his comrades after he was too old to fight, by closing each letter with “live free or die”. A memorial picture of him hangs in the White House to this day, and there are many statues, and parks to honor him as well.



Now let’s fast forward today’s times! John & Martha Zumwalt live on a roughly 55 acre area of land in Odessa, Florida. Their interest and passion for history inspired them to restore this piece of history and bring it to the Sunshine State!



One-by-one, all of the original nails and boards of the barn made their journey south to be rebuilt and brought back to life. The Zumwalt’s goal now is to educate their community of this barn’s importance, it’s role in our nation’s history, and to commemorate General Stark and his sacrifice for our freedom.

Today, the 55 acres at Stark Farms include the barn, a public petting zoo, a restored manor, horse stables, and seemingly unlimited room for events and activities. Stay connected with us to join us for events!