

Building Restoration on the Anderson Lands

In 2016, Vermont Family Forests assumed ownership of three remarkable parcels of land in Lincoln formerly owned by Lester and Monique Anderson. Since then, we've been taking stock of dwellings and out-buildings on those lands, and we've been engaged in the process of carefully restoring them.

We first turned our attention to the farmhouse on the Anderson Fred Pierce land, carefully maintaining the house's character while improving drainage and replacing sills, structural framing, windows, clapboards, and insulation—drawing on the carpentry skills of local craftsmen Jeremy Perfect, Danny Dinolo, and Jack Malzac.

We then turned attention to the garage on the Fred Pierce land, replacing the roof and protecting bare and weathered barn boards with a remarkable, locally made whey-based aging stain. We've now shifted our attention to the buildings on the Anderson Wells land, replace split and rotted clapboards on the Wells farmhouse and applying the same whey-based stain.

It's all part of the process of working with hands, head, and heart to tend to the land with care and love. The buildings at Wells Farm will support small-scale, hands-on efforts to practice mutually beneficial relationship with the forest and with one another. The buildings on the Fred Pierce land will provide a place for quiet retreat and contemplation.



*Installing a drainage system
Anderson Fred Pierce house.*



The house itself required extensive repair.



We completed exterior restoration in the summer of 2017.



Garage at the Anderson Fred Pierce land, before and after restoration.



David Brynn replaces clapboards on the Anderson Wells farmhouse.