

ON THE MARKET

Old barns never die, they just become Cady homes

There is certain allure to the rustic elegance of a signature East Coast Barn Builders barn-style house, such as this Roxbury home pieced together in 1984 from the bones and soul of a 19th century farming shelter. This particular home is among the earlier completions of East Coast Barn Builders, when it was under the ownership of father and



This barn-style home was pieced together by Ed Cady in 1984, from materials gleaned from a reclaimed 19th century barn.

son Ed Cady and Ed Cady. The pair's unique approach to country construction has earned them a litany of positive press. In fact, of the more than 350 personalized structures they've created throughout the Northeast, three Roxbury homes were featured in Rizzoli Publications' 2016 coffee table book, "At Home in the American Barn." While



The great room, which surrounds the stone fireplace, has notably high ceilings and hand hewn beams that retain the rustic barn look.

this signature 1984 barn home wasn't among them, it would still fit well in that colorful tome of country chic. As a prominent part of their business, the builders have created an architectural niche by constructing rustic country luxury out of pieces of forgotten barns, and they pieced this particular home together from antique barns in upstate New York. "We really loved it here, it has a big open space like a barn and is different because of the barn beams," said owner Lilyan Seixas. "And occasionally we would find a little hay just tucked away somewhere, so it was fun." Seixas and her late husband were the only owners of the house, which, at three bedrooms across more than 3,400-square-feet of living space, doesn't count as one of the more vast Cady homes. Still, the owners found it perfect. "Each room is its own entity but they flow into each other, very comfortable for two of us but expanded to suit family when they came," she said. "The upstairs, except for master, was loft space and all old barn wood, so it maintained barn feeling." Listing agent Irit Granger said that, even as far as Cady houses go, this one stands out for its age. "This is one of Cady's earlier barn homes in the area," said Granger. "The materials in the house, you probably can't find them anymore," he said, since barns have become such a popular source to reclaim for buildings.

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IN THE DETAILS

Listing: William Pitt
 Sotheby's International Realty
 Price: \$750,000
 Bedrooms: 3 Baths: 3
 Acreage: 5
 Year built: 1984

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— Jack Coraggio