



Frank Stapleton

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*World Champion Auctioneer,
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Our families have been here since the mid-1800's. Our grandchildren, who live here, are seventh-generation in Newtonville.

Our auction hall is the old B/A station on Highway 2, and behind it is the feed mill Betty mentioned.

That feed mill building was an ammunition building in Ajax. They became defunct after the war and the government put them up for sale at ten percent of their value. My dad bought one of the old munitions buildings. It was DIL industries in Ajax, where the bomb girls worked. My mother was a bomb girl. The building

was disassembled, brought to Newtonville, and rebuilt here.

In the Stapleton's Auction lifetime, we had over 12,000 auctions in 50 years. Every one of those with one hundred to one thousand people at it. I can't imagine the number of people I've done business with over the years. We would sell for people with major collections one weekend, then the next weekend selling for someone who lost their farm. There's lots of happy stories and there's many sad stories in the auction business too.

Betty and I have been married 55 years this year. I love her more now than ever.

