

## **88161 McCormick Gardens Road - More Than Just A Home**

In the first decade of the 1900's, the quaint town of Gearhart, Oregon, time seemed to slow down amidst the rolling hills and the soothing rhythm of the ocean waves nearby and it still does to this day. Nestled on 20 acres of lush green pasture the farmstead began as a working dairy farm. The farmhouse was completed in 1914 and underwent several evolutions during its first 70 years. Most notably, the second story and indoor plumbing were completed during WWII by the original owner's son. The dairy was a thriving enterprise up until the late 1970's when the local airport down the street installed a new runway. The airport blocked the flow of water which created essentially a dam that forever changed the landscape of McCormick Gardens' eastside properties, transforming them into primarily wetlands. Soon after, the lower pastures could no longer sustain livestock and the original family had to cease operation of the dairy. They were devastated to lose their livelihood and it wasn't until our family took ownership that the property was reimagined to growing small batch produce and raising chickens in the old milk shed, still preserved on the property.

In the 1980s, fate smiled upon our family as our parents became the proud 2nd owners of this charming piece of history. Over the next 40 years, our family poured our hearts and souls into the land. Raising chickens, bunnies, and produce to sustain the family. As time marched on, the farmstead gained character, becoming a haven of memories for our family and a slice of rural tranquility. We grew up amidst the beautiful wildlife filled wetlands, dreaming of the day we could call the farmstead our own.

In 2018, that dream became a reality. With our kiddos, we took the reins of the family farmstead, determined to honor its history while breathing new life into its structures. The old farmhouse was the focus of our love and labor. For two years, we worked on the remodel, blending the charm of yesteryears with modern comforts.

Labor Day Weekend 2020 we were just putting the finishing touches on our newly remodeled kitchen when life had other plans, in the form of a storm of unexpected fury. A mighty gust of wind sent a colossal tree crashing onto the farmhouse, shattering its tranquility and dreams, but the house was strong, its craftsmanship a testament to its resilience. As we slept, the sturdy solid wood walls and ceilings shielded us from disaster, but the impact compromised the very heart of the home.

Though shaken, we gathered our strength, knowing that the storm was but a temporary setback in the farmstead's journey. With heavy hearts, we made the difficult decision to demolish our beloved historic home, preserving its foundation as a tribute to its enduring spirit.

After over two years of construction, our patience and perseverance was rewarded. Rising from the same foundation that had supported generations before, a new home emerged. Its walls echoed with laughter, its rooms filled with the warmth of family, and its windows framing the beauty of the enduring farmstead. The storm may have brought devastation, but it also brought renewal.

The storm forever changed our path, in ways we never could have imagined. This new path has led us to make our most difficult decision, to put the farmstead up for sale. We are passing the torch to a new family to love and care for this 110 year old amazing farmstead. A property that is more than just a home, it is a steadfast symbol of enduring love, dedication, and unyielding spirit. Look out over the acres of green lush coastal wetlands on the newly installed 250 square foot Trex deck, check out the brand new bridge welcoming you and your guests to the property, and walk through the nostalgic atmosphere that surrounds you. You will be captivated by signs of a bygone era scattered throughout the landscape, each telling the story that the storms of life can never wash away the beauty and resilience that defines this legacy. The farmstead has a new lease on life and we hope it will endure for another 100 years.

-Farandollins Acres Farmstead

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