What is it?

Tuttle’s Farm in Dover is the oldest farm in New Hampshire. It was founded in 1632. It has been a working farm ever since. In fact, some people believe it is the oldest working farm in the United States, although there is another farm in Virginia that also claims this title.

Not only is Tuttle’s Farm the oldest in New Hampshire. It was also owned by one family for almost all of the years it has existed. Sometime around 1638, the farm was purchased by a man named John Tuttle, who had just arrived in New Hampshire from England after being shipwrecked off the coast of Maine. Since then, it passed down from father to son through eleven generations until 2013, when it was sold to someone who wasn’t related to the Tuttle family.

Fun Facts:

- The Tuttle farm is famous for its red barn.
- There is a family legend that President Abraham Lincoln purchased a bottle of maple syrup from the Tuttle farm when he visited New Hampshire in 1860 (which was right before he became president).
- There is a children’s book about the farm called Tuttle’s Red Barn by Richard Michelson.
- Two famous American magazines, Life and the Saturday Evening Post, ran stories about the Tuttle farm.