

## Dallmanns Sponsor Traditional Barn Quilt Pattern

Dean and Vicki Dallmann have sponsored Shawano County's 129<sup>th</sup> barn quilt now on display on their barn at W8745 Evergreen Road, Shawano. "When we decided we wanted to get a barn quilt, we knew we wanted one with a traditional quilt pattern," Vicki said. The pattern they chose is called "Crown of Thorns."

The Dallmanns have an Abstract of Title which Dean acquired when he purchased the property in 1984. The earliest record of ownership of the property dates back to 1853 when Almeron Evarts of Menasha purchased the land from the U.S. Government. There is no record of a barn built on the property until it was purchased in 1885 by Fritz Kruse and his wife, Maria, for \$200. They built their barn in 1890 and thanks to its sturdy construction it still stands today.

Fritz and Maria Kruse sold the land and buildings to their son Fred Kruse and his wife Matilda for \$1500. However, in lieu of a cash payment, the young couple signed a contract to provide for their parents. According to the "Bond of Support" in the abstract: *The said Fred W. Kruse and Matilda his wife are to pay the said Fritz Kruse and Maria Kruse \$2.50 each and every month, 25 bushels of wheat each year, 6 bushels of rye each year, ground at Fred W. Kruse's expense, 25 bushels of potatoes. Pork 300 pounds each year on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, one cow and in case the cow is too old or is of no use to them then they are to give a young cow; eggs, 2 dozen in the summer months and 1 dozen in the winter months, coffee one half pound a week, sugar 5 pounds each month; tea 6 pounds a year; 1 sheep, 25 cords ready made stove wood; use of team once a month." To build a house and stable...10 rods from the existing house...free use of water, doctor expenses, medicine, and a decent burial. All said money, goods and furnishings delivered as long as they live."* Also in the contract is a statement noting that if Fred Kruse sells the property before the last parent dies, he is to pay the surviving parent(s) \$1500.

In 1911, Fred Kruse sold his property to Frank and Ida Pankow. Previous owners of the Dallmann property with the year they first purchased the property are as follows: Fred and Ida Pankow – 1911, Andrew and Electra Merriam – 1920, Henry and Alvina Lindow – 1926, Harry and Violet 'Olive' Lindow – 1950, Charles and Hildegard Buth – 1951, Reinhardt and Viola Bartz – 1958, and Darwin Dey in 1968. Dean Dallmann purchased the property from Dey in 1984.

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