

#60 STREI FARM

Construction began on the barn on the same day that Raymond Strei (current owner Wayne's uncle) was born which was on June 14, 1915...100 years ago. Wayne's father Alfred Strei (born in 1917), often told the story that the barn builders were coming over one hill and a midwife to help his mother Olga Strei was coming over the other.

William Strei, Wayne's grandfather, homesteaded the property in 1897 and it has been in the family ever since. Wayne's father Alfred then took over, and retired from farming in the early 1980's. Now Wayne leases half of his 80 acres to a neighboring farmer.

In the summer of 1971, a 100' x 40' red metal shed was constructed between the barn and Settlement Road, and this is where the barn quilt was installed. Wayne hopes to add more artwork along the west wall of the shed, creating the "Red Shed Gallery".

This block was installed by the Oconto Electric Coop in September 2017. This is the 4th block from our project installed at this farm.