

KONITZER FARM

This barn quilt block is called GENTLEMAN'S FANCY and it was installed at the Konitzer farm in Abrams. This barn is the tallest barn in Oconto County. Oconto Electric linemen Ron Friedman and John Havemeier measured it at the time of the install and it's 50 feet tall...John happens to be a grandson-in-law of one of the Delzer brothers who built the barn originally.

Warren Gerds of the Green Bay Press Gazette wrote an article on this farm in 2010, and it can be viewed online at:

<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20101016/GPG04/10160316/&template=artiphone>

The BQOOC project chose this barn to be featured in the story to be written by Country magazine because of the interesting history of this farm. And Country magazine came up to interview the Konitzer and Delzer families for a future article to be published in late 2014 or early 2015.

Cookie Konitzer bought the farm from the Delzers back in the '70's, and both brothers (now in their 90's) were on-hand at the installation to provide some history on the farm to the Country magazine staff. Cookie's grandfather, Carl Thompson, was one of the carpenters who built the barn for the Delzer family.

About 50 family members were there as well to watch the install, along with the clients from New View Industries who painted the quilt block. It was exciting for all involved with the BQOOC project!

Installed by Oconto Electric Coop in June 2014