

MATYSKA TRESTLE CREEK FARM HISTORY

The Matyska's are the second owners of this century-old farm which had been previously owned by the Knack family. It is located on the edge of Oconto County, and it has a rough-hewed gabled roof with two sets of threshing doors, typical of northeast Wisconsin.

It still has the original names of the long-gone milk cows over each of the stations...Annette, May, Fanny, Beauty, Dime, Penny, and Dusty. Besides the horses and rabbits, the barn also housed chickens, turkeys, ducks, and some beef cattle for the family. In the 1930's a train ran through the property that ran from Gillett to Shawano and there are still remnants of the original trestle over the trout stream that meanders through.

Chuck and Marti Matyska are originally from Chicago and moved here in 1970. When the Matyska's registered their Arabians, they also registered their place as Trestle Creek Farm.

This quilt block was painted by the Shawano Barn Quilt Committee (not the BQOOC project) and was given to Marti Matyska by her daughters as a birthday present.