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PODEBRADSKY FARM

The 16th barn quilt in the BQOOC project was installed by the Oconto Electric Cooperative in July 2014 at the Podebradsky farm in Lena. The farm was purchased in 1892 by Frank and Victoria Lusnia from the Holt Lumber Company. They raised their 8 children there. The barn was built by Joseph Lusnia II, born in 1938 and the son of Frank and Victoria.

The existing barn is 70 feet and attached to the original granary, and it stands where the original barn stood. The barn was built from field stone and wood, all still original. They wrote on the granary walls many things including how many bushels of grains and corn were harvested from the crops each year.

In 1948 Julia Lusnia Podebradsky, daughter of Frank and Victoria, purchased the farm from Joseph. In 1956 Julia rented the land to her son Alfred and in 1978, Julia sold the farm to her grandson Ted Podebradsky. It is now used for personal use.

The farm has been in the family for 121 years. And the “Grandma’s Star” barn quilt pattern was chosen to honor Julia Lusnia Podebradsky.