



Patriotic ③

Rodney Schwark
12319 W 6000S Road
Herscher, IL

In memory of Lester and Caroline Schwark

Original Owners and/or Builders: Fred, Jr. and Hannah Schwark purchased farm on February 20, 1913

Age of Barn: 85 years old

Original Use or Purpose of Structure: Housing horses and cattle

Current Use or Purpose of Structure: Restoring antique tractors, cars and for storage of farm machinery and restoration projects.

Construction Information: Through the use of glazed building tile on the bottom 8 foot of the barn, lower maintenance was already considered.

History of Barn and/or Farm: The farm has been in the Schwark family for four generations – Fred, Lester, Rodney and Joel Schwark. Since there are two houses on the farm, the 3rd generation (Rodney Schwark) and 4th generation, Joel both live on the farm.

Rodney and Joel Schwark have converted part of the barn into a shop for working on antique tractors, cars and farm machinery. Both belong to The Central Illinois Green Club, of which they host some of the club events at the farm.

Rodney also has been collecting farm toys for 25 years. He is happy to show his John Deere collection to anyone who is interested. Just ask!