



## JoAnn Froidcoeur

7712 S 3000W Road  
Chebanse, IL 60922

**Quilt Block:** Blazing Star

**Age of Barn:** Built in the early 1900's.

**Original Use or Purpose of Structure:** Shelter for livestock; milking cows; feed storage; hayloft for straw and hay

**Use today:** Storage

**Materials and Architecture:** Large wood beams and barn siding

**History of the Farm:** (from conversation with area farmers)

From the late 1800's to the early 1940's, the farm was owned by Asmus and Dorthea Clausen. In the early 1940's, the farm was sold at auction to a few members of the Clausen family. They sold the farm after a couple of years to Louis Laurent who farmed and raised livestock until the late 1960's. Sometime in the late 1960's the Goldtrap family purchased the farm from Mr. Laurent.

In 1972, the farmstead was sold to Ronald and JoAnn Froidcoeur. Ronald passed away in January 2006.

**Interesting Information:** A microburst wind storm occurred in the late 1970's causing structural damage to the barn. Steel support wires had to be

placed in the hayloft to straighten the barn. The tool shed to the north of the barn was totally destroyed.

Before the structural damage, the Froidcoeur children used the hayloft to play games during inclement weather.