



## Dean and Carol Larson

10067 E 7000N Road  
Grant Park, IL 60940

**Quilt Block:** Corn and Beans

**Original Owners and/or Builders:** Farm was bought by Truman and Ruth Larson in 1954 – now, a second generation family farm.

**Age of Crib:** Built in 1934

**Original Use or Purpose of Structure:** The crib was built to store ear corn and small grain to feed livestock. It is now used for farm equipment storage.

**Materials and Architecture:** Wood; A working bucket elevator was inside.

**History of Crib and/or Farm:** Dean originally moved to this farm as a child of six, leaving a small home in Sherburnville. His earliest childhood memory of this family farm was exploring the upstairs of the two-story farmhouse and not being able to find his way downstairs. Of course, his two older sisters were not quick to offer any assistance.

Little did he know at that time, he would someday return to the farm as an adult and completely renovate the family farmhouse. When Dean's father passed away three years ago after being a widower for thirteen years, Dean and his sisters decided to keep the farm in the family. In 2007, the house was renovated replacing the foundation, old plaster walls, wiring, windows, and putting in a new kitchen. It was a year's worth of renovating, but well worth it. Dean and Carol moved to the farm in January after living in Grant Park for over thirty years. They rediscovered the joy of living in the country!

### **Quilt Block History – Corn and Beans**

This pattern is a representation of rural agricultural and gardening. Corn and beans are a way of life and livelihood for those of us who have been born and raised in the Midwest.