



JoAnn Froidcoeur

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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.

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This pattern is a version of the *Lone Star* Pattern. Various star quilt patterns names are given to the patterns with a large central star. The Amish liked the center star pattern as did the southern states. More “Star Quilts” were made in the last quarter of the 19th century and into the 20th century. In “Texas Quilts, Texas Treasures” there is a “Blazing Star” burial quilt. The quilter made one for each grandchild which they would be buried in when their time came.