

## **Hanson Family Barn Quilt**

The farm family chosen for the first barn quilt was the Hanson family, the 2009 Century Farm Award recipient. The Hanson homestead (Century Farm) property is located south of the location of the barn where the quilt is displayed on Highway 17 north of Gleason. Unfortunately, the barn at the Century Farm location had to be demolished in 2007 due to deterioration. All that remains of the farm buildings on the Century Farm location is a silo and milk house along with the farmhouse where the Hanson's live. Therefore, the barn quilt has been placed on the barn where the family currently raises Angus beef and is located along a scenic portion of Highway 17.

The barn where the quilt is hung was originally purchased by Richard "Bud" and Kay Hanson in 1986 and then purchased by Dan and Diane Hanson in 1990. It is believed that the barn was built in the late 1950's to early 1960's. It was originally used for a dairy barn and is currently used for feed, equipment and farm supply storage for the family beef operation. The barn is a timber frame, wooden structure with concrete block foundation. Recent improvements to the barn include metal siding and a metal roof. The siding along with the hanging of the quilt was done by Doug Murphy and his crew from Brothers Builders of Athens.

Working with Natalie Watland, an artist from the Tomahawk area, the Hanson's designed a quilt pattern incorporating the beef cattle the family currently raises. In addition, blue was chosen as a color in the quilt to represent the Prairie River which runs through the Hanson farm. The green color in the quilt represents the forest and forestry heritage of the Hanson family.