



Octagon barn north of Plain

This unique and interesting octagon barn is located north of Plain at S9692 County Road N and is presently owned by Timothy and Cyndi Thering. Hildegard Thering wrote about the farm in *A History of Plain, Wisconsin*, page 4: "T. J. Morgans of South Wales was the second settler. . . After marrying Martha Ann Slauter in 1848, he settled in 1849 on the lower part of Sugar Grove, later known as the Trumpf farm." Page 40: "In November 1900, about forty men gathered at the farm of Mrs. George Trumpf for the purpose of raising her new barn, presently the farm home of Mrs. Clem Thering. Being an octagonal barn, it was considered one of the best in this locality. The measurements show an uncanny understanding of the principles of geometry and stress. One side of the octagon is 28 feet long, 68 feet from side to side, and the height is 66 feet. The barn was finished by the Cramer crew, consisting of Pearson Cramer, D. W. Morgans, Ed Hood, George Nachreiner, and Mike Schwartz. . . The Trumpf farm was one of the first farms settled in the Town of Franklin. Clem Thering purchased the farm from Herman Alt in December 1952. Herman's father, John B. Alt, bought the farm, consisting of 304 acres, from Dick Hemberger in the fall of 1919. John Weiss purchased the farm from Mrs. Trumpf in November 1907. In February 1908, Clemens and Henry Ring rented the farm for one year, when it was sold to Dick Hemberger by John Weiss in 1909."

The following owners were found in the Grantor/Grantee Listing for Sauk County, Wisconsin:
March 11, 1908, Mrs. Ernestine Trumpf sold to J. B. Weiss - Vol. 92, page 108, Warranty Deed # 146265.
July 2, 1910, John B. Weiss sold to Fred Hemberger - Vol. 96, page 73, Warranty Deed # 1523776.
December 16, 1919, Ferdinand Hemberger sold to John B. Alt - Vol. 120, page 101, Warranty Deed # 185377.
January 13, 1953, Herman Alt sold to Clement Thering - Vol. 238, page 448, Warranty Deed # 295847.
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