

Donald Koepp purchased the farm and barn in 1954, after serving in the Army for two years. Part of his tour of duty was spent on the front lines of the Korean War. He began farming at this site with his wife Carolyn. His farming career began with a few cows and grew to a herd of over 60 milk cows plus heifers and steers. The barn was added onto twice to increase from 12 to 36 to 56 stanchions.

Over the years Donald has become an active member of the Portage VFW and American Legion. In 2014 he traveled with his son Robert, who is active in the WI National Guards, on the WI Honor Flight to Washington DC. The Honor Star Barn Quilt was a gift to Donald and Carolyn for their 60th wedding anniversary and to honor Donald's military service. The red, white, and blue colors and star pattern are designed to show his patriotism, love of our flag, and the United States of America.