

CLARENCE DEERING HOME
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Hildegarde (Richter) and Clarence Deering were married October 1922. The first four years they lived with the Wm. Deering family on the family farm

For two years Clarence worked for the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. During that time they resided in the railroad Section House in Zachow. While there, a daughter, Bernadine, was born to them in this house.

For a short time they lived in West Allis. When returning to Zachow they lived in several homes about town.

They resided in the Marquardt house, the upstairs of the Paul Dobratz farm house, the house (at that time-1931) next to the Albert Graf creamery home and the house across from the Albert Radkte Garage.

While living in this house across from the garage they opened their home to a roomer and numerous boarders. Before moving to Gillett, Edwin Deering made his home with us too.

Our family then moved to Slab City and managed a tavern for one and a half years.



Hildegarde & Clarence Deering-Silver Wedding Anniversary-1949

Upon returning to Zachow, yet again, they purchased the house on the corner of County Road F and the main street that ran through Zachow. The purchase was made from Emma and Albert Graf in the year 1940.

The original building was a log building used as a farmers milk intake center. This unit was sided and converted to a home. A section was added to the back for a kitchen. The front of the house had an open porch with the bottom closed with siding up to the rail.

Later the porch was enclosed for an enlargement of the interior. Half of the width was used to enlarge the living room and the other half a small sunroom.

A door entering the kitchen on the west was closed and replaced with a short window, an entrance, with hall, was added to the east side. A door and stairwell was built off from this hall to provide a stairwell to the basement.

The first floor of the house had a small sunroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, and back hall entrance.

Since there was no extension to the upper level of the original building, there was a bedroom and a half alcove used as a second bedroom. A dormer door led out onto the kitchen roof, about three feet from the west side. An open rail surrounded the edge of the roof.



Clarence Deering Home-Circa early 50's

The plot for the Deering home site was one acre.

Since Hildegard enjoyed animals she raised chickens in an old building north of the garage. In fall the chickens were butchered and canned. One summer she tethered a goat on the west lawn for about two months. The north and east sides of the lot were for a vegetable garden and large potato patch.

Clarence (Butch) was a trucker for the Graf Creamery. He worked there for twenty-eight years. Clarence died March 1953. Hildegard died June 1953.

The house was then rented to Gerald Heling for a short time and then to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Buss.

In 1958 the house was sold to Jeanette and Clarence Breitenfeldt. In 1969 the house was bought by Annabelle and Hilbert Schultz from Clarence Breitenfeldt and subsequently moved off the lot to a location on County Road F $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of the original location.

Addendum:

History of Property:

In 1911 Martin Zernicke owned the parcel. He was one of three “founders” of Zachow with Bernard Reinke, and W.C. Zachow.

By 1918 the property had changed hands and Robert and Ella Kuehne sold it to William Kroening. No information has been obtained for the period between 1911 and 1918 as yet.

In 1924 William and Johanna Kroening sold property to Albert Radtke and in 1936 to court awarded the property to John Reinke, Sr. and others. The circumstances are unknown as of this writing.

John and Anna Reinke sold the property to Elmer and Anna Graf in 1940 and that same year the property was sold to Albert and Emma Graf and then to Clarence and Hildegard Deering.

In 1953 the property passed to Bernadine Wendt (Deering) and in 1958 Bernadine and Gehardt Wendt sold the property to Clarence and Jeanette Breitenfeld.

The property again changed hands in 1967 when Clarence Breitenfeld obtained the property from Jeanette Breitenfeld Prokash and subsequently sold it to Hilbert and Annabelle Schultz in 1969. In 1985 Annabelle died and Hilbert became sole owner.

It should be noted that the original house on this site was moved north on Cty F sometime after 1953 and the Breitenfeld’s were the most likely “movers”.

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