

The Becker Sisters Quilt

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I would like to share an experience I had this past week that wowed me. I'm not sure that you know that Richard and I moved from Wright City to New Franklin 20 years ago. We are 25 miles northwest of Columbia, MO. , across the river from Boonville, still north of the Missouri River (Ha!)

I enjoy piecing quilts for a hobby, much like my ancestors, but with much more modern tools, many tools. And I don't make quilts out of necessity but more like obsession. So in pursuit of this hobby I go on Mondays and sew with several women at a quilt store in Columbia. A recent conversation a woman mentioned New Melle, MO. What? She continues saying her MIL grew up close to the Daniel Boone Home. What? It was the stone barn and house south of New Melle. I said HWY F, yes, the Wessler place? Yes, her MIL was Ruby Wessler. As you turn right on to Hwy F from Femme Osage Creek Road, it would be the first homestead on the left. This past week she brought in a friendship quilt her MIL had and whose names are on that quilt – the 3 Becker sisters. I was stunned to see them and couldn't believe neither of us were in the same community anymore but made the connection. Small world. Janice Held