

## Written Profile

**Farm:** Kloeppel Brothers  
**Location:** Delphos, OH  
**Date of Origination:** 1858  
**Industry Sector(s):** Grain



"All your hard work you put into the land has a pay back to the future generations that are to come," shares Ron Kloeppel of Kloeppel Brothers farm. Reminiscent of a tall tale told to capture the attention of children, the story of the Kloeppel Brothers is one you won't soon forget. We are thankful for their continued service to the industry and congratulate Kloeppel Brothers on their contribution to **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.

Frederick Kloeppel originally settled the land still farmed by the Kloeppel Brothers. An immigrant from Germany, Frederick was living in Cincinnati when he heard the beckoning call of fertile land near Delphos. He was a skilled man, a blacksmith by trade, but there was only one feasible way to get from Cincinnati to Delphos. Frederick road a canal boat on the Miami-Erie Canal until he reached his destination.

After arriving in Delphos, Frederick purchased his first tract of land. He continued to purchase more tracts and was soon married. With his newly settled land, Frederick moved his new family to Delphos and built a log cabin. Ron Kloeppel's parents live near the original log cabin site today.

Today the farm sits north of Delphos, Ohio, half way between Fort Jennings and Delphos. While many things may have changed over the years, a respect for those who worked with the land to create a sustainable life remains constant. Reflecting on the efforts of his ancestors, Ron Kloeppel is to the point: "With the current challenges that face you day to day, nothing compares to dealing with the hard work of clearing the land to farm in the late 1800's."

It is with great respect and appreciation that we recognize the Kloeppel Brothers on their sustainable investment in **Agriculture's Lasting Heritage**.



Kloeppel Brothers Farm, 2011