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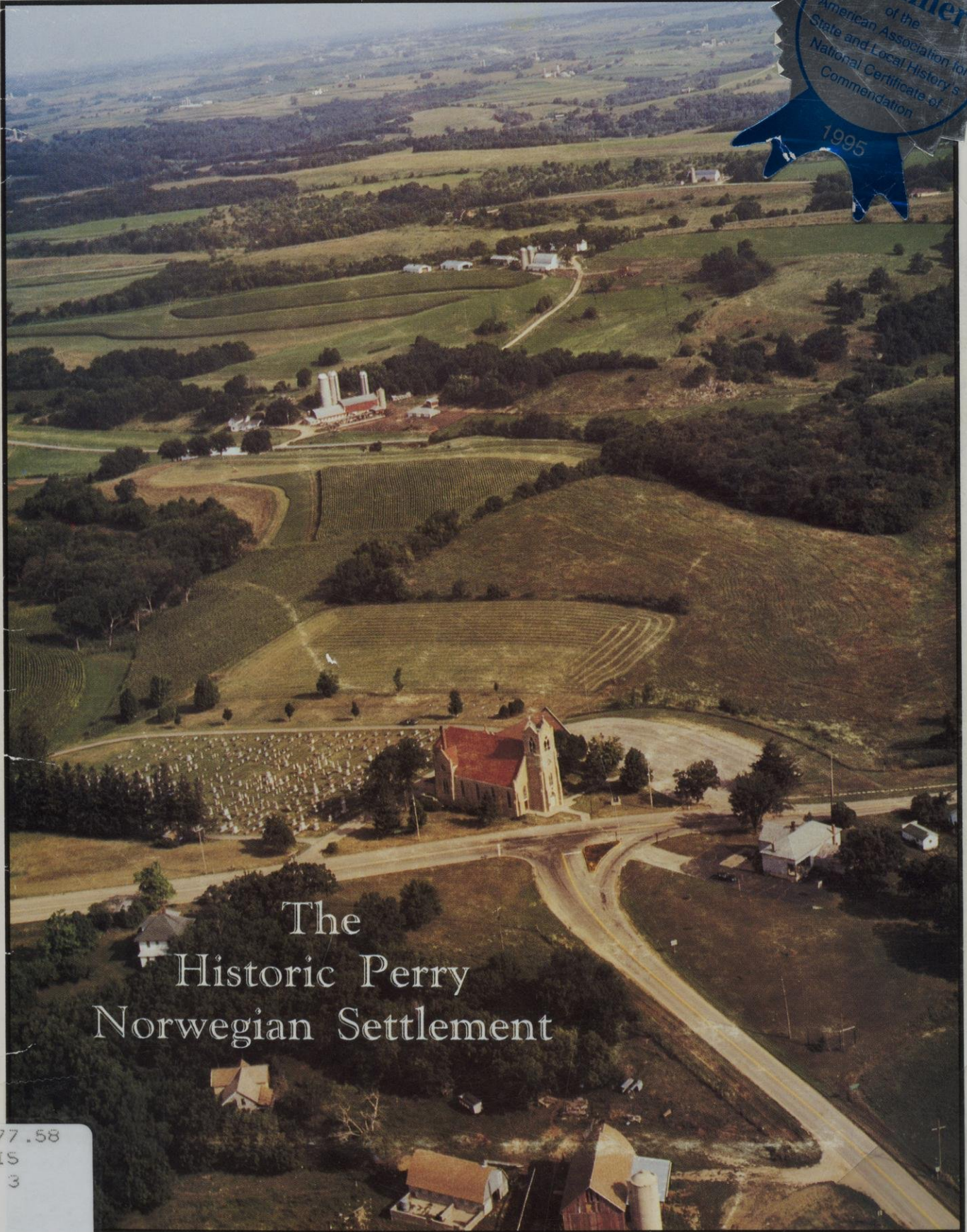
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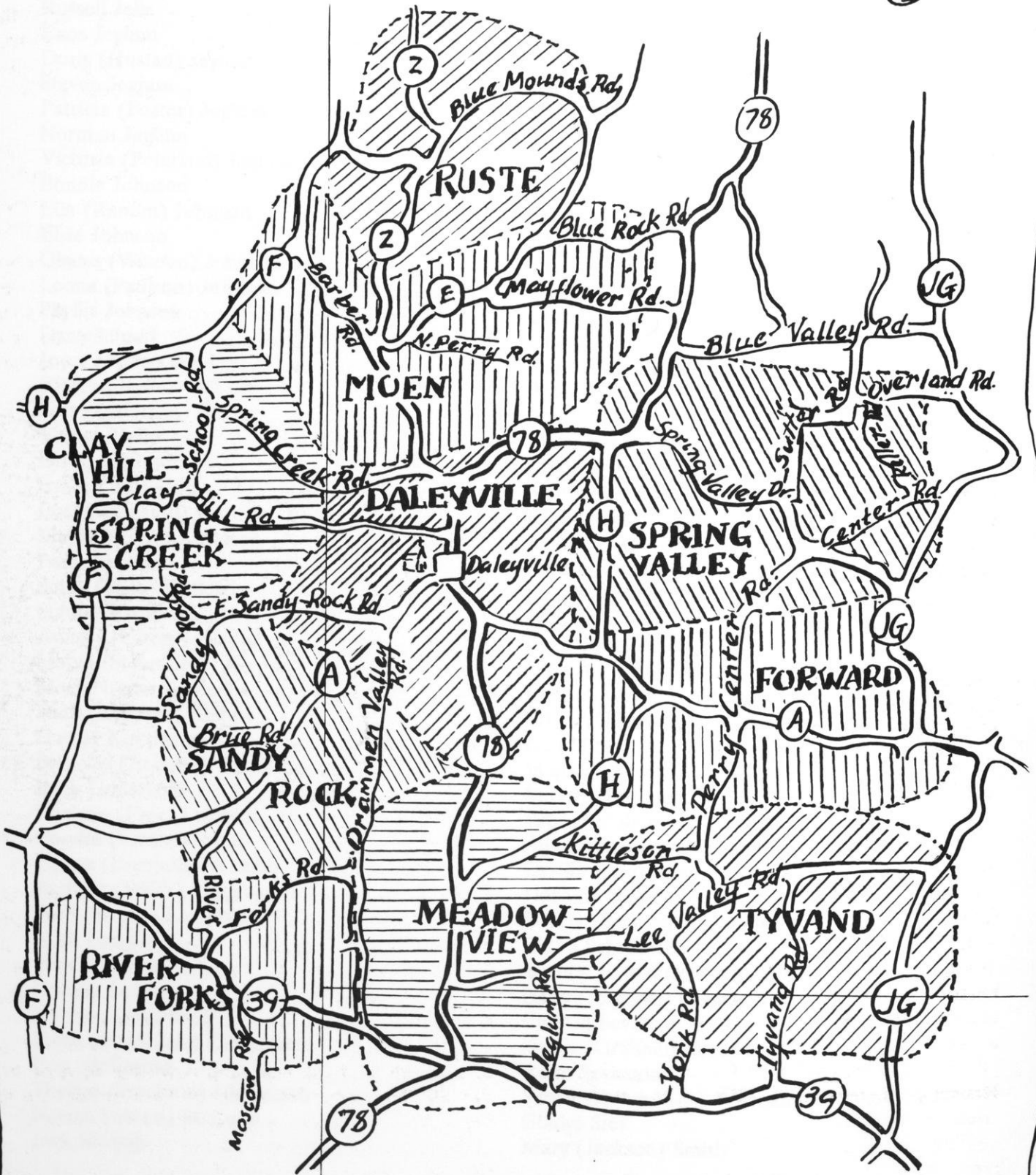
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS in the HISTORIC PERRY NORWEGIAN SETTLEMENT



Introduction

This book has been compiled lest the history of the Perry Norwegian Settlement be lost in time. It has been done in conjunction with the 140th anniversary of Perry Lutheran Church (1854-1994) and in honor of Marie Stenseth Wenzlaff whose interest in preserving this history has now become a reality. Needless to say, it has taken the combined efforts, talents, and long hours of many people to complete. Much of the information gathered comes from memory and oral tradition. We are most grateful to all who shared their information, memories, pictures, time, and moral support for this undertaking. We are especially grateful to Joyce Wellington Ashman who devoted over a year of her time to collecting the bulk of this material.

The historic Perry Norwegian Settlement covered basically the same 60 square miles that Perry Lutheran Church serves today. This is not, however, a conventional parish history. Our primary concern has been with the people who lived in what is now the parish. Except for Chapter 13, this is only a church history in the sense that the church is a gathering a people rather than an institution. This orientation also explains why this book tells who lived on the various farms and properties and were part of the community, but not who owned them.

You will find this volume divided primarily into the ten country school districts which served the historic Perry Norwegian settlement in the early twentieth century: Daleyville, Spring Valley, Forward, Tyvand, Meadow View, River Forks, Sandy Rock, Clay Hill-Spring Creek, Moen, and Ruste.

Although the majority of the residents of all of the districts included in this study were members of Perry Lutheran Church in Daleyville, not all the Norwegian immigrants living in these school districts went to Perry. A significant number belonged to the now inactive Haugean Congregation which met from 1852 until 1887 in the old log church in the Moen School District and from then until the 1970s in a now demolished frame church in the Forward District. Some went to one of the two York Churches, located across the road from each other at the southern end of the Meadow View School District. The original York Church organized as a Haugean congregation in 1855, became part of the Norwegian Synod in 1882 and closed in 1966. Its building was razed in 1977. York Memorial, which grew out of an 1880 dispute over calling a pastor,

continues to meet.

Although most of the residents of the school districts discussed in this text are of Norwegian lineage, we are also mindful of the people of German, Swiss and other heritages who lived nearby and worked hand in hand with their Scandinavian neighbors. Many of these people were served by Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the Spring Valley School District.

Chapter 13 chronicles the histories of all five of these churches, and all the school district chapters include all residents whether or not they were members of Perry and whether or not they were of Norwegian descent.

This publication tends to show how country school districts constituted neighborhoods and how they were bound together, not only by geography but by the social glue created by the children all attending the same school. Added to this was a complex web of economic and familial ties.



Daleyville School District neighbors (L to R) Knudt Stenseth, Ole Stenseth, Ted Grinder, Con Jensvold, Sac Jensvold, and Jul Hovrud

In addition to familial ties, ethnic traditions also bound neighborhoods together. "Jule boking" (Christmas clowning or fooling) which took place between the Christmas and New Year's holidays was enjoyed in nearly all districts. Merrymakers would disguise themselves, clown around in a neighbor's kitchen, eat and drink, then take the neighbors along to make fools of themselves at the next stop down the road or over the hill. House-parties, where all the furniture but the dry sink was taken out of the downstairs of the house to make room for dancing and the fiddler stood in the sink, were legendary. And, of course, there are always

the tales of picking the sleeping children up from the beds on the second floor and going home past a nearby farmhouse where breakfast was being cooked in the kitchen. Or the house-party given for the hired man who was returning to Norway, but who had such a good time at the party that he decided not to go.

On a soberer note, Ladies Aid groups, which pretty much followed school district boundaries, met regularly in various homes. Dinners were prepared (often with ethnic foods such as rommegrot, lefse, klub, and Scandinavian pastries) and served to neighbors, followed by card playing. Neighbors picnicked on the scenic bluffs. Young people within the neighborhoods gathered for sleigh riding parties. It seems, during these years visiting, entertainment and fun times were confined pretty much to the neighborhood.



Two men in back row unknown. In front of them: (L to R) Ludwig Grinder, unknown woman, Ben Peterson, Thore Grundahl, Alfred Flint, Eddie Grinder, Agusta Valstad. Standing: John Peterson, Albert M. Grinder, Ruth Retrum, Emelia, Retrum, Annie Peterson. Seated: Dora Heggstad, Hilda and Helmer Grinder.

"Dugnag" (cooperative work traditions) -- another carry over from peasant life on the remotest, largely self-sufficient, semicommunally organized, subsistence-oriented "gards" (farms) of Norway -- also played its part in the neighborhood concept as family farms depended on one another for threshing grain, filling silos and shredding corn. The cheese factories, where the families of each district brought their milk, once or twice daily, symbolize these cooperative economic strategies. It is for this reason that the cheese factories are graphically emphasized on the maps of each district. It should be noted that usually families brought their milk to a factory within their district, but it was sometimes more convenient to bring their milk to a factory in another district.

We have tried to spell out some of the familial connections in comments interspersed in the information on the farms and homes in each district. Interdistrict family links and individual genealogies can best be worked out by using the names index at the back of this volume. It gives page references to all mentions of individuals in the text.

Readers should be aware that some individuals will be referred to in association with properties at which they never lived. This is because we have tried to make it as clear as possible which family lived at a given property. Thus, with each reference to all families we have listed all that couple's children regardless of whether they had been born yet or lived with their parents then or not. This is necessary because of the numbers of individuals in the community who share common last names -- this community includes, for example, an awful lot of Petersons, many of whom have the same first names as well.

Perhaps at this point an explanation of Norwegian names is in order. People in Norway did not have last names, or family names, as we know them until 1923. Before that, each person was identified by three names: a Christian name, given at an infant's baptism; a patronym, the father's name plus the ending "son" for males or "datter" for females; and the name of the place at which the individual was currently living.

A Norwegian's first and second names, their Christian name and patronym, stayed with them for life. Place names, however, belonged permanently to the sites they identified. When a person moved, his or her place name changed just as our addresses change when we move.

Because this naming system was so unlike that used in America, individual Norwegian immigrants converted their names in different ways. It was not uncommon for members of one family to have different last names after arriving in America.

For instance, Knudt Syverson Rundhaug arrived in America with his wife and four sons in the 1850s. Settling in what became the Sandy Rock School District, he kept the Rundhaug name, although he and his family obviously no longer lived at "Round Hill" farm in Norway. Three of his sons, Syver, Gulbrand, and Martin, also kept the Rundhaug name, although Syver Rundhaug was also known as Syver Knudtson-Syverson (the Syver who is son of the Knudt who was the son of Syver) and Gilbert Rundhaug was also known as Gulbrand Knudtson. (Americanization of given names was common very soon after immigration.) The fourth son, Torgrim, didn't use Rundhaug as his last name at

all. He was only known as Torgrim Knudtson. However, in our entries on him in the Forward School District where he farmed as an adult, we have added the notation "of Rundhaug-Knudtson" to his name. Thus, his entries read Torgrim Knudtson of Rundhaug-Knudtson, meaning that he is part of the Knudtson family descended from the Knudt who came from Rundhaug -- as opposed to those descended from any other Knudt.

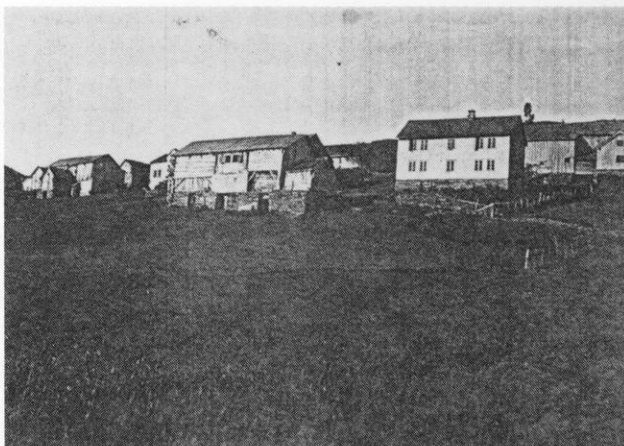
We have tried to do this whenever we could with people who used what was originally a patronym as a last name, that is indicate, for example, that they were part of the Peterson family which had come from Bratbaken in Norway (cited as "of Bratbaken-Peterson").

All the name variation within families and use of alternate names was neither capricious nor unnecessary. To those of non-Norwegian heritage or even to 6th or 7th generation Norwegian-Americans, the name Rundhaug may seem distinctive enough that its holders would not need to worry about being confused with other people of the same last name.

This was not, however, how it seemed to Norwegian immigrants. For they knew that farms in Norway were not usually occupied by one family, either a nuclear family of a father, mother and their children or an extended family, including all of these people plus the father or mother's parents and one or more of the father or mother's siblings and their spouses and children.

In Norway, several households -- some related to each other and others not -- all lived on one farm. There would be the landowner's household, the households of tenant farmers renting parcels of the farm, and the households of sharecroppers who worked the land the owner retained. In addition, servants, day laborers, the parents of the landowner, and some paupers lived on most farms. All toll, on a large farm, this could easily add up to 80 to 100 people living in a dozen separate households. And, all of these people used the name of the farm as their third identifying name. In other words, an individual immigrant could personally know as many as 100 other Rundhaugs, and, more than likely, knew that some of them had emigrated with them and settled near them in America.

Contrary to popular opinion, neither the Perry Norwegian Settlement nor any other American pioneer community was built by individuals or



Knudt Peterson of the Sandy Rock School District took this picture of a Norwegian farm when he and wife and two daughters returned for a visit in the 1920s. In most of Europe, peasants lived in villages and went out to the fields to work. In Norway as in America, farmers and farm workers generally lived on the land they farmed. The farm's buildings were generally arranged around a "tun" (open area or farm yard) as is shown here.

nuclear families immigrating and living alone. Pioneer communities were built by families and long term friends in association. Most single men and nuclear families who came to a frontier area without kin associates moved on within less than 10 years. These transients didn't build communities. It was the people who stayed in an area that built communities. Although they were a minority of the population in all Middle Western frontier areas before the Civil War, the people who stayed provided the continuity and cohesion necessary for communal life.

Throughout the nineteenth century Middle Western frontier, two of the factors most influential in determining whether or not an individual or family stayed and became part of this core of community builders was the extent to which that settler came to the place in association with relatives and the degree to which the settler established family and kin connections in the new place. Eight out of 10 of the heads of households who stayed in a Middle Western frontier area more than 10 years came to that area as part of large kith and kin associations. And, 8 out of 10 of these "stayers" continued to live near relatives in other households. On the other hand, only 1 in 3 of the settlers who left a Middle Western pioneer community in less than 10 years had relatives in that community.

The Knudt Rundhaug family became part of the core of pre-Civil War community building families in the Perry Norwegian Settlement. Like most "stayers" in all Middle Western pioneer communities, they had immigrated as part of a larger family group, they had

relatives living near them, and they tended to marry members of other "staying" families.

Knudt and Eli and their sons came to America with his younger brother, Ole Syverson Rundhaug. Within a few years Ole and his wife, Marit, had three children and an established home of their own about a mile and a half east of Knudt and Eli's in what became the Meadow View School District.

So, well before the Civil War, there were other Rundhaugs for Knudt and Eli's sons to be confused with in the then small Perry Norwegian Settlement. This would not have been so bad, had it not been for the rest of the Norwegian naming traditions.

Just as the farm name and the patronym were not given to people at random, Norwegian first names or Christian names were not assigned randomly. The first son was always named for the father's father, the first daughter for the father's mother, the second son for the mother's father, and the second daughter for the mother's mother. Consequently, there were not only other Rundhaugs in the community, but there were two Syver Rundhaugs of the same generation: Syver Knudtson Rundhaug and Sever Olson Rundhaug.

There is a logical reason why it was Syver Knudtson Rundhaug who became known as Syver Knudtson-Syverson, rather than Sever Olson Rundhaug becoming known as Sever Olson or even Sever Olson-Syverson. Ole was the single most common male name in Norway, so Olson was the most common patronym. Calling someone Olson or even Olson-Syverson didn't clear much up, whereas Knudtson-Syverson did. It was necessary to tack the Syverson onto the Knudtson, however, because (despite Torgrim Knudtson's use of the lone name) Knudt wasn't an uncommon name. It was just less common than Ole.

As noted above, only a minority of those who moved to the area that became the Perry Norwegian Settlement in the years before the Civil War stayed more than 10 years. But, of those who stayed, most were Norwegians. This may be because Norwegians were more likely than other pre-Civil War settlers to come as part of a large group .

The easily understandable, natural tendency, common throughout the nineteenth century, for family groups to emigrate together was reinforced in rural Norway by the fact that almost everyone wishing to emigrate was available to go at the same time.

While most of the rest of Europe was evolving and dissolving the feudal system, Norway was developing what might be called a contractual system. The people who worked the land in Norway were never bound to that land. They could, and did, move freely from one place to another. By the nineteenth century, non-landowning rural Norwegians worked under the terms of six month "contracts." This practice was so widespread that tradition set two annual moving days, April 14th and October 14th. On those days farm laborers, domestic servants, sharecroppers, and tenant farmers could, if it was agreeable to both them and their employer or landlord, extend their employment or lease for another six months, or they could move to a new place. There were even fixed times of day for making such moves: domestic servants were to leave their old place at two in the afternoon and be in their new place by nine or ten in the evening.

As non-landowners were the most likely to emigrate, this meant that those most likely to emigrate could easily all arrange to be free to leave on April 14th. Leaving then got Norwegian emigrants, depending on the route and weather, to New York or Quebec anywhere from the first of June to the first of August. Because they had to provide their own food and fresh water for their 6 to 16 week sea voyage, the emigrants wanted to know that a ship would be available for boarding once they got to the port from which they were leaving. They wouldn't want to eat up any of the smoked and salted meat, flat bread, and dried peas and beans they had prepared simply waiting for the boat.

An average Norwegian emigrant group could easily be as large as 35 people: two brothers and their wives, the children of both couples, and the spouses and children of any of these children who had them, and the family of someone else (not closely related to them) from the home farm in Norway. For such a party, the emigrants needed to have with them enough food for 7,840 meals, if they all only ate twice a day on board the ship. Anyone who has ever prepared a meal for 10 or more can imagine the amount of food and planning that has to go into feeding 35 people 224 times without being able to run out and get something when you need it.

Because such large numbers of people could, if they wanted to, leave at one time and the desire of those who were planning to emigrate to know in advance that they had a spot on a ship and when that ship was leaving, it made it worthwhile for ship owners to send agents to individual Norwegian farms with information on departure dates and the authority to make reservations for prospective emigrant groups. These recruiters further fostered the tendency for groups from

one farm and from adjoining farms to travel together.

Moreover, this linking of fortunes for the trip predisposed people to plan on settling together in the same place in America, even if they weren't all already headed for the same destination because they were joining relatives and acquaintances already settled in the United States.

Interestingly enough, moving day was another tradition which carried over to the Perry Norwegian Settlement. March 1st was the local moving day well into the 1970s; and many farm leases continued to honor this tradition into the 1980s. It should also be noted that there was a lot more moving from farm to farm within the settlement going on than modern urbanites might expect. Therefore, don't assume if you have found a family or person you are interested in listed in one school district that you have found all the information on them available in this volume.

Returning to the topic of moving from Norway to a particular place in America to join relatives and friends already settled there, sequential immigration of Norwegian families to the Perry Settlement became increasingly common after the Civil War. It apparently reached its peak in the 1880s. The kinship groups which migrated sequentially were no less cohesive than those who came as a group. For example, one 11 child Stoyl family sequentially provided 3 families to the Sandy Rock District.

In 1883, Birgit Stoyl, her husband, Halvor Brue, and their 7 surviving children stopped in route back to Norway in the Sandy Rock School District, apparently to see Liv Homme who had emigrated to that district from Stoyl ten years earlier. Liking what they saw, Birgit and Halvor settled on 80 acres between the south side of the farm Liv and Gunder Homme shared with their four children and their families and Liv's mother and the north side of the property to which Knudt and Eli Rundhaug, their 4 sons, and Knudt's younger bother had come 30 years earlier. By the 1880s, however, the Brue's neighbors to the south were not Knudt and Eli, but rather Gilbert and Marit Rundhaug and their 10 children. Gilbert and Syver had partitioned their father's land with Gilbert farming the northern 160 acres and Syver, who provided a home for their parents, the southern 200.

In 1884, the year after Birgit's arrival, her younger sister, Anna Stoyl, her husband, Vraal Peterson from Almelien in Norway, and their 8 children

arrived and bought 40 acres, a "quarter-quarter" (40 acres) east of the Brues, just on the other side of the farm on which the "new" Sandy Rock School eventually came to be located. In the Perry Norwegian Settlement, as throughout the nineteenth century Middle West, women often played prominent roles in the association of households that bound together "staying core" families in the local community. The bonds between groups of men often came more from links among mothers, wives and sisters than connections among the men themselves. However, in this case, the men involved were also directly linked. Liv Homme's two sons, Olav and Elef, emigrated from Almelia too.

Finally, Birgit and Anna's youngest brother, Egil Stoyl, his wife Julia Sundve and their foster son, Henry Swenson, settled a mile north of his sisters' families.

The three Stoyl families, as well as the associated Hommes, were just as much a part of the core of community building families for the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement as were families who had immigrated all together 30 years earlier. The later sequentially arriving families also obviously had relatives living near them, and they, too, tended to marry members of other "core staying" families. In fact, these sequentially arriving families of the post-Civil War era may have built more and stronger family connections in the Perry Settlement than their "staying" predecessors.

It was in the post-Civil War period that the importance of the members of the "core staying" families marrying locally and building family alliances can not be emphasized too much in trying to understand the formation of the neighborhood communities and the overall Perry Settlement community. The role such marriages played in producing the continuity required for community building is particularly clear in what have been called "sibling-exchange marriages" among the core families. In these marriages, core family sibling sets married each other. For example, one of the crucial "sibling-exchange marriages" in that same southwestern portion of the Perry Settlement where the Rundhaug, Stoyl and Homme families lived was the marriage of 3 of the 7 Grinder sisters to the 3 Retrum brothers.

Both the Grinders and the Retrums were pre-Civil War immigrants to the Perry Settlement. Ole and Margrethe Grinder came to Perry in 1859 with the 8 of their 9 children who had been born by then, to join his brother and his family who were already part of the settlement. They had immigrated in 1853, bringing Ole's father with them.

In 1863, Ole and Margarethe purchased 80 acres adjoining his brother's farm in the Clay Hill School

District. Having little money left after the journey, the Grinders, like most Norwegian immigrants, had hired themselves out as farm laborers in their first years in the Perry Settlement. By doing this they not only replenished their cash supply, but also learned about American crops and agricultural methods. The agricultural conditions and landscape of the Perry Settlement had few similarities to the area of southeastern Norway from which the Grinders had come. Winters in the eastern interior of Norway were as cold as in Perry, a minus 30 degrees F. and 150 days of snow cover was easily possible in both; however, summers were much hotter in Perry with maximums of 100 degrees F. as compared to a maximum of 82 degrees F. in the eastern interior of Norway. This meant, for example, not only that more heat resistant crops were needed, but also that it was not possible for immigrants to use dairy products here in the same ways that they had at home where they had been central to peasants diets.

Similarly, Guttorm and Anne Retrum left Norway in 1861 with their 5 children and eventually ended up with 320 acres in the Sandy Rock School District abutting the southwest edge of Knudt and Eli Rundhaug's 360.

The first of the Grinder-Retrum couples to marry were Knudt and Olava, the youngest of the Retrum boys and the middle of the 3 Grinder daughters who married Retrums. They established themselves on the northern end of Guttrom and Anne's farm where the family cabin already existed. The next pair to marry, Iver and Laura, were the oldest on each side. They took over the Grinder farm in the Clay Hill School District in 1873. When Tosten and Emma, the middle Return brother and the youngest and only American born Grinder daughter, married they partitioned off the southern 120 acres of Guttrom and Anne's farm to operate. Knudt and Olava kept the northern 200 acres, a fittingly larger portion since they were continuing to provide a home to Guttrom and Anne. When the 235 acres adjoining Tosten and Emma's farm in what became the River Forks School District came on the market in 1881, Iver and Laura sold their Clay Hill School District farm and purchased it. This put all three couples on adjoining farms.

The 20 children of the three couples collectively, who lived to maturity, continued building a web of overlapping kin groups and kept control of large portions of the real property in the community. Thirteen of them, or 65 per cent of these children,

married into core families who still have members living in the community. There was even another sibling exchange marriage in this next generation. Knudt and Olava's two oldest daughters, Amelia and Anna, married Thore and Henry Grundhal, respectively. In other cases, Retrum cousins married siblings. For example, Knudt and Olava's son Isaac married Ingabor Brue, while his cousin, Ida Retrum (Emma and Tosten's youngest daughter) married Ingabor's brother, Henry Brue. These patterns even carried into the third generation, the grandchildren of the initial three couples, but not as strongly. By the fourth generation, local marriage to the off spring of another core family was rare.

While the pattern lasted, however, such marriages strengthened family ties through marriage in one generation and through blood relationships in the next. To a certain extent marriages between the members of this small, isolated community were circumstantial. The choices of marriage partners in such a community were obviously severely limited.

Thus, familial relationships, ethnic traditions and economic ties all help bind the country school districts into cohesive, locally meaningful neighborhoods. Just as these neighborhoods bound families together into a larger human community, Perry Lutheran Church, the dominant church and the one into which some of the others eventually merged, bound the neighborhoods into a relatively autonomous rural culture deeply rooted in traditional Norwegian civilization.

During the World War II era sweeping changes appeared on the horizon which would loosen the cohesion that kept these neighborhoods meaningful units for so many years. Several factors were responsible. First, farm families became more and more independent as individual farm machinery became more accessible, so there was less need to depend on neighbors. Then cheese factories disappeared one by one as farmers no longer needed to deliver their milk to a factory. Improved milking equipment and milk truck conveyance were both time saving and more convenient. Following this tide, school districts began to dissolve, combining first with one another and eventually consolidating into the schools as they are today. There is evidence of this within this volume where you will find former schools and cheese factories now remodeled into living quarters. Another factor that played a part in dissolving the neighborhood concept, so vital in earlier years, was the combination of farms. Two farms often became one with one family moving away. And many farms have been purchased for "country living" with the land standing idle, or being rented or sold to

neighboring landowners. And so the rural neighborhoods have undergone great change.

However, as Ruth Marie Rundhaug Syftestad, a fourth generation member of the community and one of the compilers of this book, said

Fortunately, we have the church and many who knew and loved the neighborhood concept within the church. Here we can enjoy one another, not only as neighbors or former neighbors, but as Christian friends basking in the memory of the past and looking to the future with hope and joyful anticipation.

For any omissions or misconceptions within this volume we apologize and rest any excuses on the fact that memory does not always serve us well. We would also like to inform you that the Perry Historical Center has organized a repository of

historical materials pertaining to the church, the community and individual families in the library of the educational unit of Perry Lutheran Church. Some of the oldest and irreplaceable items are secured in the church offices. We invite researchers to use these materials within the library as well as the pictorial display in the Church dining room.

And, of course, we always welcome additions to our collection as we do membership in our organization. Kristin Peterson Brue, another fourth generation member of the community and one of the compilers of this book, founded this informal group in the 1980s. Although a standing committee of Perry Lutheran Church, it is open to all who are interested in the Perry Settlement and its members. There are no dues and no mandatory meetings. Your involvement can be as much or as little as you wish.

It is our hope you enjoy this volume on the Historic Perry Norwegian Settlement.



From the 1840s until the turn of the century, log houses were the norm in the Perry Norwegian Settlement. Here, Halvor Helgeson stands in front of the first log house his parents, John and Ingeborg Helgeson, built on farm 9 in the Clay Hill School District. Constructed in 1894, it is no longer standing, but the very similar cabin Halvor's wife's parents, Aadne and Johanna Brattlie, built across the road at farm 13 is. Their great-great grandson, Kenneth Brattlie, and his wife, Beverly, use it for storage on their dairy farm.

These two houses differ very little from those built by the earliest Norwegian immigrants to the Perry Settlement. Two of these, both from the early 1850s, have been restored: Anton and Gertrude Boley's cabin on farm 26 in the Forward School District and Arne and Siri Ruste's cabin on farm 6 in the Moen School District.

There was so little change over time in the finished appearance of log homes in the Settlement because, unlike most other American pioneers, the Norwegian immigrants to the Perry Settlement were not learning a new construction technique. Rather, they were using skills that had been honed to perfection in Norway and that they brought with them.

Regardless of how much the log cabin has become a symbol of America's past, it is, in reality, a cultural carry-over from Scandinavia. Norwegians were better prepared to cope with the problems of housing in a wilderness that had at least some trees than settlers from most other counties. Log houses had been part of Norwegian culture since prehistoric times when tribes driven out of northern Germany and across the Skagerrak into the pristine forest of the Nordic peninsula invented the construction technique. The vast majority of rural Norwegians continued to live in simple log houses until the later part of the 19th century and the early 20th century -- just about when house styles began changing in the Perry Settlement.

Chapter 1: The Area and Its People

The ten country school districts that served the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement in the early twentieth century covered about 60 square miles. Then, as now, and throughout the 12 to 15,000 years that human beings have lived here, the character of this land is essential to understanding the place, the people who live here, what they do, how they do it, and why they do it.

This is an old landscape, one of the oldest in the United States. It is so old that the numbers involved are beyond comprehension. The character of this land has its origins in the bed of the shallow sea that covered the area between 400 and 500 million years ago. (That is so long ago that the North American continental plate was not located anywhere near where it is now. The sea we are talking about existed 200 million years before dinosaurs roamed the earth and over 400 million years before evidence of human life.) It was during this most ancient of eras, that pressure from above and below turned the sediment on the bottom of this primeval sea into the sandstone and dolomite that are the base of the landscape.

The sea rose and fell at least five times before giving way to dry land. Then, about 250 million years ago, this dry land was gently uplifted. Because the land to the north rose higher than the land to the south, the whole land surface, regardless of the features on it, sloped slightly to the south.

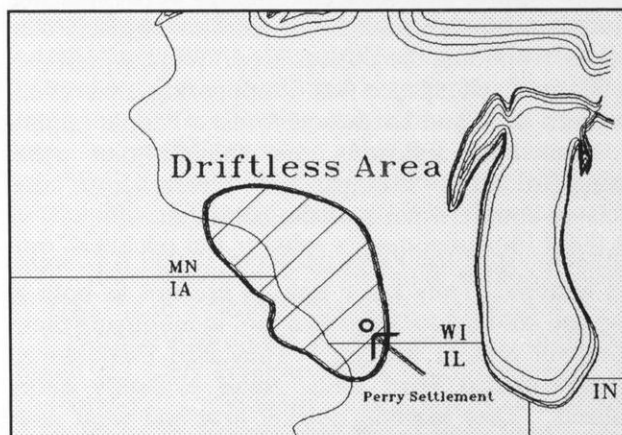
Over the course of further millions of years, rocks on or near the surface broke down, simple plants and animals came to live on the decomposing rocks, organic material collected, and the dry rock came to be covered with soil. Then, the forces of wind, water, and changing temperatures began eroding the soil and the underlying rock.

No one knows what this land looked like when this process began. All that is known for sure is that the higher areas and the softer areas eroded fastest. The alteration between soft and hard rock is what created the topography that exists now: a broad south-sloping upland cut rather deeply by basically southward running valleys. Dolomite underlies and is sometimes exposed on the upland, while the valleys are etched in sandstone.

The grades of the valleys are steeper than the slope of the upland, so each valley becomes deeper the further south you go in that valley. Midway in their courses and near their mouths, the main valley bottoms are 50 to 100 feet below the ridge tops. The valleys are narrow compared with the ridges between them. For, despite the striking beauty of the steep sandy rock bluffs shooting up from the grassy floors of the valleys, the gently rolling upland is still the dominant feature of landscape.

The ice sheets which overran Wisconsin and most of North America a little over 100,000 years ago, bypassed

nearly 10,000 square miles of southwest Wisconsin, northwest Illinois, northeast Iowa, and southeast Minnesota. The two sets of interconnected valleys and the upland between them that the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement eventually occupied are located toward the southeastern edge of this driftless area. For over 80,000 years this driftless area was an island in the sea of ice and served as a haven for the plant and animal life that had retreated before the huge walls of ice.



"Drift" is a geological term for rocks, sand, clay, etc. carried from one place and deposited in another by a glacier. Most of the Midwest was glaciated, so it has drift.

Acting like giant bulldozers, the glaciers had pushed soil and loose rocks ahead of them as they had moved forward. Many of the rocks were ground into powder. When the glaciers came to a standstill about 100,000 years ago, some ground up minerals in the terminal moraines surrounding the driftless area dried. The wind picked up this fine dust and blew it onto the eroded slopes of the driftless area. We now call the rich topsoil these windblown grains of silt became *loess*. Also during the 80,000 year halt, water drained out from under the edges of the glaciers, carving channels in the weathered dolomite and sandstone of the driftless area and carrying loess from under the glaciers out into the valleys in even deeper concentrations than the wind blew it onto the upland.

About 20,000 years ago, when the glaciers began to retreat and the ice at the edges decayed, even more water flowed from under them. As the ice melted, it left vast plains of bare mud. When these plains dried, winds blew this loess over the adjoining ice-free landscape in even greater abundance.

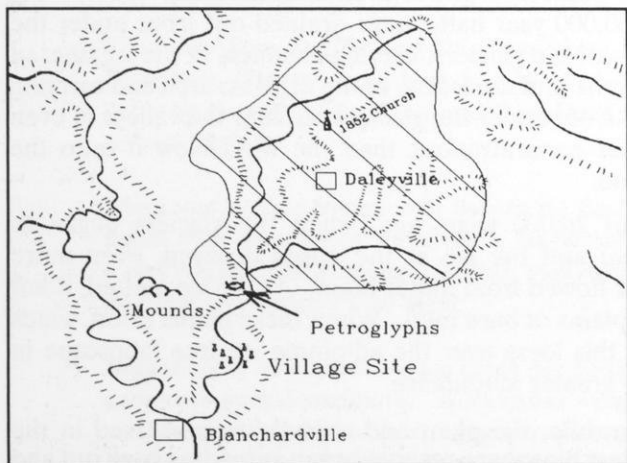
Meanwhile, the plant and animal life preserved in the driftless biosphere reserve began spreading back out and covering the surface of the earth. Tundra and spruce parkland followed the glaciers in the land surrounding the driftless area, while boreal spruce forest spread out from the driftless area. However, this area was still an

island. The distances across the glaciers from the nearest other ice-free zones remained too great for plants or animals to cross.

The glaciers only retreated far enough for this island to become part of the ice-free southern "mainland" about 15,000 years ago (that is, in about 13,000 B.C.). Within the first 3,000 years of its rejoining the mainland (that is, by 10,000 B.C. -- about the same time that people followed the retreating glaciers into the Nordic peninsula), people were living here. Although the land forms that structured their lives were very similar to what they are today, the climate was very different. It was cool and damp. Spruce and black ash swamps were replacing the tundra and spruce parkland that followed glaciers in the land surrounding the driftless area. While within the driftless area itself, spruce was disappearing, succeeded by northern pine and hardwood forest. People apparently came here following the animals that were returning to these swamps and forests from the unglaciated southern parts of the continent.

The inhabitants of the Perry parish in 10,000 B.C. were skilled hunters. They knew how to use fire as both a heating and cooking fuel and as a tool in modifying their environment and in hunting. They also used stone, bone, and animal horn tools, some evidently quite specialized. They learned quickly how and what new varieties of plants to gather from the spruce, pine and hardwood forests.

Living in groups of 25 to 50 people from several families, they moved from place to place in search of food. A group usually only stayed in one place for a few days, the length of time it took them to eat the plants and most easily captured animals in the area, and then moved on. If they found enough food in an area to last a few weeks or months, they built shelters of leaves, furs or hides stretched over frameworks of branches or young trees. Despite all this moving, the groups probably stayed within familiar territory.



Sites of known mounds, Petroglyphs and later Mascouten village in relation to Perry Norwegian Settlement.

The oldest works of art which archaeologists have found

date from this period, although it is unlikely that the Indian petroglyphs found in rockshelters in the parish are from this early period. Rockshelters, which look like shallow caves, abound in the parish. They are simply areas on the side of a hill or cliff overhung by a stony ledge. The most extensive prehistoric rockshelter drawings in the parish are on Jana and Jim McCoy's farm (14) in the River Forks School District, however, there are others throughout the area.

Archaeologists have given the catch-all-name of *Paleo-Indians* (literally, ancient Indians) to the diverse groups of people who lived here from about 9,000 B.C. (when farming was beginning to develop in the Middle East) until about 200 B.C. (just as the Roman Empire was beginning to spread around the Mediterranean Sea). These people witnessed great change in the area. Temperatures warmed not only because the edge of the ice fields continued moving farther and farther away from the area, but also because of the nature of the Earth's orbit around the Sun.

Three characteristics of the Earth orbit change on regular, if long, cyclical bases. They are whether the Sun is more toward the center or one end or the other of the ellipse that the Earth traces around it; whether the Earth's orbital pattern is more elliptical or more circular; and how far the earth's polar axis is tilted one way or another. All three individually impact both year-round and seasonal temperatures all over the world. They determine, respectively, the time of year that the Earth is closest to the Sun, how close the planet comes to the Sun at its closest point, and how much of each face of the Earth is tilted toward the Sun. Collectively, their influence is even greater.

About 9,000 years ago their cycles meshed in such a way that they raised the Earth's average temperature significantly and increased summer temperatures even more. In the driftless area the effects were profound. Spruce disappeared almost entirely, even out on the glaciated planes surrounding the driftless area. It became too warm for the northern pine and hardwood forests which had succeeded them both within and without the driftless area. By 8,000 years ago, the pines had disappeared too. For the next 1,500 years elm and ironwood forest dominated the landscape.

Increasingly hot, dry summers in the driftless area were the inevitable consequence of the particular coincidence in the cycles of these three characteristics of the Earth's orbit occurring back then. And, eventually, when the summers got hot enough and dry enough they resulted in wildfires. Fires kill off the seedlings of young trees, but allow grasses to flourish. Only the oldest and sturdiest trees survive. Here they were the giant oaks.

Thus, the grassland, which finally took over this area about 6,500 years ago, was an oak savanna -- a sea of prairie grass with old oaks widely scattered through its open fields and a smattering of birches, hazelnuts,

strawberries, raspberries and blackberries mixed in. In poorly drained sites, red maple, swamp white oak, alders and willows formed thickets that provided excellent refuge for deer, cottontails, red foxes, coyotes, and wolves as well as great blue herons and hawks. Timber also covered the mile or two of broken prairie along the creeks and around the many springs that dotted the area. The surrounding grassland, true prairie on some uplands, offered excellent grazing to larger herbivores such as buffalo. Cranberries grew in naturally occurring wetlands, which also provided habitat for the Canadian geese, morning doves and ducks that passed through in April and May and September and October. In July and August enormous flocks of passenger pigeons and other birds were drawn to the ripening berries.

The Paleo-Indians here had the best of both worlds. The plants and animals of the prairie prospered, while the native habitat of woodland species existed in wide enough bands along the rivers and streams and amid the scattered oaks of the prairie for those species to live here too. It was a hunter and gatherer's paradise.

About 3,500 years ago (that is, just about when Germanic tribes began settling permanently in what is now Norway), this natural environment began to give way under changing climatic conditions. Just as all three of the cycles related to the Earth's orbit came into conjunction with each other about 9,000 years ago to increase temperatures, so they slipped apart until, about 3,500 years ago, temperatures fell so far that the summers were no longer hot enough and dry enough for fires to spontaneously combust routinely. As the number of wildfires decreased, the oak of the oak savanna began to spread and proliferate. Nature was beginning production of a new closed oak forest.

After 3,000 years of living in an oak savanna, the people here were not about to let this Eden disappear without a fight. When natural wildfires stopped occurring with enough frequency to keep the savanna alive, the people living here began burning the prairie. The Paleo-Indians and their successors continued managing their natural environment in this way for the next 3,000 years.

Archaeologists consider the Paleo-Indians living here to have evolved into what they call *Early Woodland Indians* by 200 B.C. These people were still hunters and gatherers on the same human-maintained, open prairie-oak biome as the Paleo-Indians before them. They were, however, a little more sedentary. These Early Woodland Indians stayed long enough in one place to begin domesticating plants; that is, some of them lived in semi-permanent villages during planting and harvesting times. They did virtually no crop tending. Instead, they planted many crops in the same field, beans below corn, etc. The whole surface of the field became such a dense tangle of food plants that it discouraged weeds and kept the moisture that was there in the soil. Most fields produced good crops for only a few years. The farmers shifted their crops to new fields until none of

the fields around the seasonal-village grew good crops. Then, they moved to a new area and built a new village.

These Early Woodland Indians traded with other people. Probably the corn and squash they grew came to them initially as trade goods, rather than being developed independently here. Farming generally and these crops in specific spread out from Mexico. The people here used pottery for storage, bows and arrows for hunting and hooks for fishing. They buried their dead and left other evidence of what were clearly religious practices.

Early Woodland culture developed and evolved in this area for about 800 years. But, by about 600 A.D., it had changed so much that archaeologists have given it yet another new name. A so-called *Late Woodland effigy-mound building culture* lived here for the next 600 years, until the 1200s. During this same period the Vikings rose to prominence in Norway, spread out, and established colonies abroad (including the first European settlement on the mainland of North America -- L'Anse aux Meadows in Labrador -- founded about 1,000 A.D.). The Norman Conquest of England in 1066 brought the Viking era to a close. Meanwhile, in about 872, Harald the Fairhair had united Norway as one country, and, in about 955, Olav Trygvason began converting the people of Norway to Christianity. Then, in 1130 a series of civil wars began in Norway that lasted until 1240.

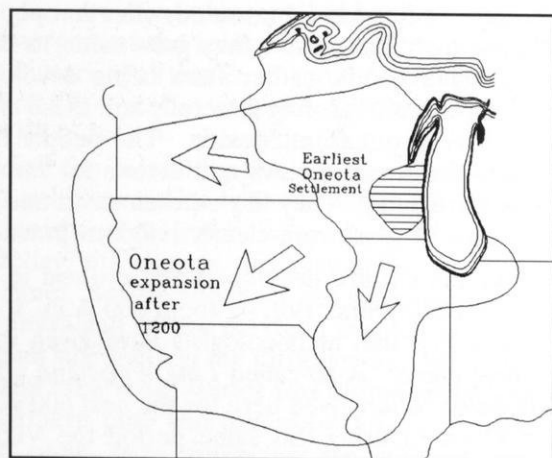
Meanwhile, the landlocked Late Woodland effigy mound-builders here still depended primarily on hunting and gathering for subsistence. They had, however, developed farming and trade far enough to support sizeable villages. These Late Woodland Indians used a slash-and-burn method of farming in the valley bottoms, that is, they cut down a number of trees and burned them. They then planted their crops among the trunks. The ashes served as fertilizer for the crops.

As their Viking contemporaries, Late Woodland effigy mound-builders were skilled metal jewelry makers and had elaborate death rituals. Archaeologists drew the name they created for these people from the symbolic mounds they built. Although there are no known mounds in the parish, several are just west of the River Forks School District, along McKenna Road.

In about 900, while this Late Woodland culture was still thriving, a new group of people who archaeologists have named *Oneotas* evolved or arrived in what is now Wisconsin. Initially living south of Green Bay, the Oneotas had spread into this part of the state by about 1200.

Although they only stayed here a little over 400 years before moving south and west, perhaps to be closer to the larger buffalo herds that roamed the less valley pocked prairies of what are now Iowa and Illinois, their lives foreshadowed the pattern of life of the so-called historic Indians of this area (that is, those with whom Europeans had contact). The Oneota standard of living was also, in some ways, on a par with that of the

Europeans who began arriving in the area in the mid-1600s as the Oneotas were leaving.



The Oneotas were hunters (harvesting deer, elk, buffalo, and small mammals), fishers (catching carp, crappies, and bass), gatherers (collecting nuts, berries, wild rice and barley), craftspeople (making both luxury items such as jewelry and everyday items ranging from houses and clothes to cooking pots) and farmers (growing corn, beans, melons, tobacco and squash). But it was as craftspeople and farmers that they made their greatest leaps forward from their predecessors.

Oneota thin-walled vessels are the technical equal of any ceramics made anywhere in the world except, possibly, Chinese porcelain. By adding the crushed shells of freshwater mollusks to the clay from which they made their cooking pots, the Oneotas added lime to their food. It would leach into the corn being boiled in the pot. When corn is exposed to controlled amounts of lime at high temperatures, more of the proteins in the corn break down into usable form -- improving the nutrition of the people eating it. Without the alkali, boiled corn is mostly starch.

This nutritionally enhanced corn was the staple of the Oneotas' diet. They grew it in large communal fields, some spanning several hundred acres, using advanced tilling techniques to control the environment. For example, the Oneotas developed "ridge tilling," a technique still used today to artificially expand the growing season. Working with hoes made from buffalo shoulder blades tied to sturdy sticks with sinew, they piled soil in rows a few feet high and a few feet wide, leaving ditches between the rows. The Oneotas grew their corn (and the beans, squashes and pumpkins they planted beneath them) on the top of each ridge. If an early frost hit, the cooler moist air would sink into the trough rather than surrounding the food crops. Corn also does not tolerate wet ground well, but some of the best valley soil in this area is flooded periodically. The ridges allowed the cornfields to drain, while leaving the rich, new soil brought in by the floods in the fields.

Despite these practices, we should be careful not to

assume that the Oneotas were ideal environmentalists. Archeological digs near La Crosse suggest they may have been stripping nearby hillsides of timber, leaving erosion unchecked. At one site, a whole hillside washed down and covered an Oneota village.

Archaeologists think that Oneota village may have been home to thousands of people, living in extended family groups in 100-foot by 30-foot "long houses." From October through March, such large villages may have broken up into these smaller extended family groups to put less strain on the surrounding resources.

Although they sent hunting parties far out on the uplands after elk and buffalo during the winter and dug large storage pits and filled them with supplies from the fall harvest, the Oneotas knew they would still have to hunt bear and deer, trap beaver, and consume large amounts of firewood to survive the long winters. As their Late Woodland predecessors had realized centuries before, the Oneotas understood that everyone could not hunt these winter prey and gather this much wood in the area around the village. That would deplete the game, which they were consciously working to keep plentiful through their prairie fires, and the necessary firewood just was not there. The Oneotas believed in big fires and burned wood heavily all night long, even in the summer. With just a summer occupation, they were already annually depleting the timber around their villages.

The extended family groups would, however, return each spring to the same village site they had left the previous fall. These villages, organized around these lineage groups, not tribes were the central units for these people. Tribes were only loose leagues of villages that shared a common language, culture and ethnic identity. The various villages of a tribe did not necessarily share a common homeland nor always pursue common political policies.

During the heyday of Oneota farming in this area, that is, in the 1300s, villages of both similar and dissimilar ethnic stock did, however, keep in touch with one another. The area was not wild, unknown country. It was crisscrossed with trails linking neighboring villages and leading to trade routes to more distant points. Archaeologists have found obsidian at Oneota sites in Wisconsin, although the closest source is in Yellowstone Park in Wyoming. The Oneotas used copper awls as perforators. The copper probably came from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Closer to home, some Oneota communities may have traded for extra corn for the winter.

They probably needed to do that fairly often because the 1300's were an uncertain time for farmers throughout the northern hemisphere. Dubbed the "little ice age," the climate was much colder and wetter than it had been for hundreds of years. For Norwegians the situation was even worse than for the Oneotas. Norwegian farmers

were having to cope with the bubonic plague on top of the climate disruption. Arriving in Norway in 1349, the so-called "Black Death" killed half the general population and four-fifths of the nobility and clergy before its final departure in 1371. Some areas of the country were totally depopulated. It took Norway more than 300 years to repopulate these areas and regain the overall level of population it had had before the plague.

The Oneotas did not have to cope with a similar catastrophe until 200 years later, but when they did, unlike their Norwegian counterparts, neither they, nor any other native American people, ever recovered. Their farms stayed deserted and their cultures remained utterly desolated. Before they could repopulate their lands, Europeans began filling the voids, in many cases (including that of the 1840s village of Moscow just south of the Perry Norwegian Settlement) actually taking over deserted Indian village sites.

The Oneotas' crisis began in the 1500s. By that time -- over 100 years before French fur traders arrived in Wisconsin or English settlement began in Massachusetts and Virginia, European diseases introduced to the American continent by the European sailors and fishermen who had been frequenting the East coast and the offshore fishing banks since Viking days finally reached the heartland. Throughout the continent, smallpox, measles and whooping cough were the main killers. Historians and archaeologists estimate that 80 or 90 per cent of the Indians exposed to these diseases died in the first wave of epidemics in their area.

Because no one in their population group had ever had these diseases, the Indians did not have natural immunities to them or the antibodies to fight them. When an epidemic hit a village, the whole village often missed crucial parts of its annual subsistence cycle, such as corn planting or the communal big game hunt, so, the survivors were often malnourished and weaker when the next infection arrived.

Villages without leaders and only one or two out of every 10 of their previous residents, often could no longer function effectively. The survivors had to find and be accepted into villages which were still viable units or group together with refugees from other depopulated villages and create whole new social, political and economic units. As a result, post-epidemic Indian villages usually contained members of several different tribes, just as later European-American villages usually contained members of several ethnic groups.

The devastation must have been particularly dramatic in this area. For, by the 1650s, the entire driftless area was deserted. Archaeologists think the surviving Oneotas split into two groups. According to this theory, one group, remaining in eastern Wisconsin, evolved into the *Ho-chun-gra*. Most of us know these people as Winnebagos, but "Winnebago" is a nonsense word invented by Europeans. The other group of Oneota

survivors, the ones from this part of the state, moved westward and south becoming the Ioway and Oto Indians and, perhaps, some Sioux tribes.

The driftless area was empty for roughly 20 years, from about 1650 to 1670. With the Indian villages gone, the annual burnings stopped. Nature resumed unchecked production of a new closed oak forest, a natural process that the natives had successfully delayed for over 3,000 years. As the landscapes which the Indians had managed so that they perpetually resembled the boundary areas between forests and grasslands began returning to forests, the animal populations began to decline. Whoever repopulated this area would have to rely even more heavily on agricultural production than the Oneotas had, at least until they could return most of the region to oak savanna.

Meanwhile, far to the east, the winds of war -- a war apparently far more brutal than anything previously known on this continent -- were beginning the process of winnowing out the people who would undertake this challenge. By 1640, the Iroquois living along the St. Lawrence River no longer had enough beaver in their hunting and trapping territory to trade with the French for all the European things they wanted. They also needed captives to replace Iroquois lost in the epidemics still decimating the native population of America. They also sought prisoners of war to torture and sacrifice in atonement for Iroquois failings. So, they began what has become known as the first phase of the Iroquois Wars which lasted from 1640 to 1660. The second phase extended from 1680 to 1701.

Individual survivors and groups displaced from the war zone, moved west into the area around the eastern Great Lakes, in turn displacing the peoples living there, forcing them into the area east and southeast of Lake Michigan. The people living there were in turn displaced and forced into what is now Wisconsin where they shoved the people already living there out of their way, if possible. Where that was not possible, the refugees moved in with the people already living here.

Furthering the trend begun after the epidemics that preceded, accompanied and immediately followed these wars, the refugees clustered together without regard to ethnic or village of origin distinctions. Even more peoples of different tribes and villages lived next to each other and previously separate groups mingled in a single village.

By the mid 1660s, such refugee centers occupied a north-south strip of land between the western Great Lakes and the Upper Mississippi River. Refugees could not go farther west because the Sioux who lived west of the river pushed back all intruders. To try to identify Mascouten, Ho-chun-gra or *Anishinabe* (Chippewa or Ojibwa) territory within this refugee region is both impossible and meaningless.

However, it is clear that the Mascouten, who were

apparently the dominant group in the village located just down the Blue Mounds Branch of the Pecatonica River from the later historic Perry Norwegian Settlement and for whom both the American village of Moscow that took over this site in the 1840s and the Iowa County township in which it was located were named, were part of this migration.

When the Iroquois Wars broke out in 1640 the Mascouten, along with their culturally and linguistically similar neighbors, the Kickapoo, Sauk, and *Mesquakie* (Fox), were living on the southern and western shores of lakes Erie and Huron in what is now northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. All four of these groups, just like the displaced Huron, Ottawa, and Potawatomi migrating at the same time, were drawn around Lake Michigan to the Green Bay area by the availability of European trade goods there.

In the 1650s the Mascouten and members of these other groups invaded the Ho-chun-gra and Menominee lands at Green Bay. Reduced in numbers by disease and war, the Ho-chun-gra and Menominee had little choice but to accept the newcomers. The region became a hodge-podge of peoples with several groups often occupying the same village. Other groups inhabited separate, but contiguous villages. But a common residence and a common enemy (the Iroquois) did not make these people a political or social group. Rather it produced tensions that lead to conflict. The divisions, suspicions, dangers and rivalries inherent in the refugee centers were intense.

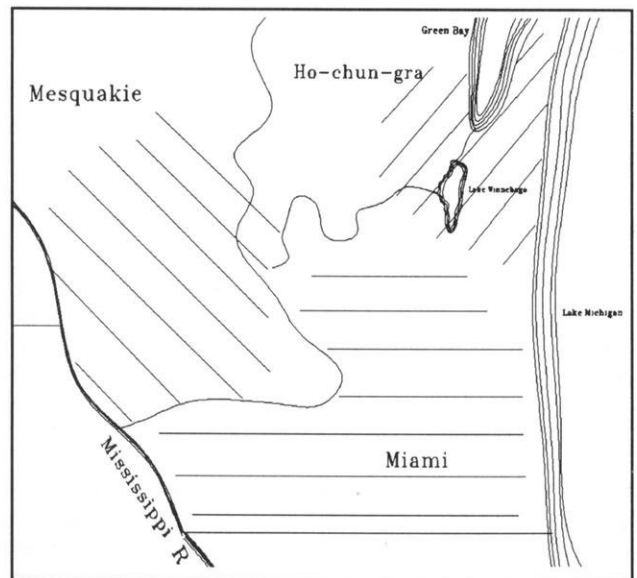
By the mid 1660s, Mascoutens, Kickapoos, Mesquakies, Miamis (who had migrated from the southwestern shore of Lake Michigan in what is now Illinois and Indiana to the western side of the Upper Mississippi River in the 1650s and then fallen back to the Ho-chun-gra's ancestral homelands along the Fox in the 1660s), and Ho-chun-gras were all living in large villages of 3,000 to 20,000 people along the Fox River between Green Bay and Lake Winnebago.

As was typical of all seventeenth century American peoples oriented toward an open prairie-oak biome, all the people of these villages relied on a combination of large game hunting and agriculture for subsistence. This meant there was a dramatic increase in the amount of both hunting and farming done in the area between Green Bay and Lake Winnebago after 1665. There was enough land to accommodate the increased agriculture, but there was not enough large game to support the increased hunting.

Consequently, the residents of the large, Fox River Valley, farming villages began sending larger and larger groups, farther and farther west and south on communal big-game hunts. Soon, beginning with the peoples who were the most recent immigrants to the area -- those with the shallowest roots -- the large villages began establishing, first satellite then independent, villages of

100 to 300 people along the lakeshores and riverbanks south and west of where Appleton now is.

By 1670, less than ten years after their arrival in the Fox Valley, the Miami, who were now hunting along the Lower Wisconsin, had their villages in that portion of what is now Wisconsin south and east of the Wisconsin and Fox rivers -- that is in the area where the Perry Norwegian Settlement eventually developed. Within another ten years, by 1679, the Mesquakie and Kickapoo had also left the Fox Valley and were living west of the Miami, along the Fox, Wisconsin, and Upper Mississippi rivers. Mascouten lived in both areas. Some associated themselves with the Miami, others with the Mesquakie and Kickapoo.



Although most Miami left Wisconsin by the 1680s and most Kickapoo moved out of Wisconsin after 1760, Mesquakies and, presumably, the Mascoutens associated with them were still in western Wisconsin in 1780s. They cohabited the driftless area with the Ho-chun-gras who, in the face of the severe decrease in large game animals in eastern Wisconsin resulting from more than a century's over hunting, had begun leaving the large, Fox River Valley, farming villages themselves in the 1750s. By 1762, the Ho-chun-gra had a town on the Mississippi.

But, game was short here, too, again necessitating longer and longer communal hunts, farther and farther west -- into the territory that the Sioux and their allies had been holding so effectively for over 100 years. Warfare became endemic and trade and diplomatic rivalries forced many Indian groups to change locations time and again during the 1700s, establishing new villages, abandoning others, and joining neighboring groups in multitribal settlements.

Despite the fact that the Indians had hunted the buffalo to extinction in this area by 1800, the Mesquakie still

maintained a large village near where Cassville is today in 1816. It is not clear how long the Mascouten continued to seasonally reoccupy the village at Moscow, certainly long enough that European-Americans associated their name with this place. It is possible that the Mascouten were still coming to this village site as late as the 1840s. This area was, after all, within a federal Indian reservation until 1829. Even after the Ho-chun-gra ceded this land to the United States, it took the Black Hawk War of 1832 to finalize the deal. The actual removal of the Indians following that war went so slowly that Indians, Anglo-American settlers from New England and the upland south, and their Afro-American slaves lived side by side in the area in the 1830s and 1840s. (Many lead miners brought black slaves and workers with them. The black men and women who were not actual slaves worked under "contracts of indenture" which made them slaves in all but name.)

However long the Mascouten returned, the role that this site played in the village's annual subsistence cycle is clear. In April, the extended family groups that made up this village returned to this site to begin their yearly cycle. They reopened their homes, repaired any damage that had occurred during the winter, opened the caches of food and seed stored the previous fall, prepared the fields and in May and June planted their crops. Until the corn was about knee high and some of the earliest producing crops had begun to come in to supplement the meager stores left from the previous year, small parties of men hunted relatively locally while the women tended the young and the old and the crops. Then, most of the adult men rode west to hunt buffalo on the plains.

After the men returned to the village in August, the village harvested its corn and then held a big celebration with dancing, feasting, ball games, horse races and gambling. In late autumn and winter the villagers broke into small extended family groups, much as the Oneota had 500 years before them.

In February and March, as winter ended, these small groups headed north to the maple groves where they gathered with other groups to make sugar. The women tapped the trees, collected the sap, boiled it, and stirred it until granulation occurred. The men cut the wood, made the fires, and fished and hunted the water fowl then migrating back. Food was short by sugaring time. Except for what the men brought into the sugar camps themselves, the remaining dried corn mixed with the maple sugar served as the principle food until the first crops came in.

Mascouten life in the "sugar bush" shows how much real Indian activity differed from the picture most Americans have of it. It demonstrates how actively the Indian managed the resources; how little they just reaped the harvest of nature's abundance. Although maples are self-seeding, a productive sugar grove, then as now, required human care and management. The Indians had

to remove the brush that made it hard to move from tree to tree. They had to girdle and burn out old trees and tend replacement saplings. By piling snow around the base of producing tree, collectors could keep the buds from busting into leaf and extend the sap season for a week or more.

The integration of men's and women's work, the fact that sugar-making came at the end of winter, the presence of extended family groups from other villages and clans, as well as the wonderful sweet product all blended together to make this an important social time for the Indians.

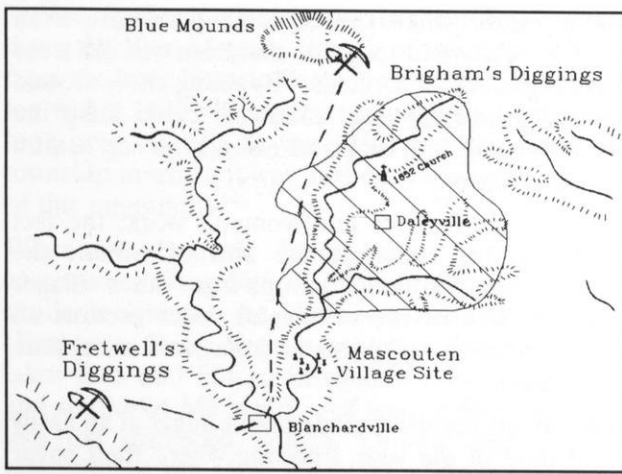
Because Indians regularly made maple sugar at an easily predicted time of the year, knowing where their sugar bushes were had military value. So French, British, and later American military map makers labeled creeks and groves associated with these bushes "sugar." Because these military maps were the basis of all later maps, many locations, such as the Sugar River just east of the Perry Norwegian Settlement, came to be known as sugar this or sugar that.

When sugaring was over in April, the extended family groups went back to their respective summer villages to start the yearly cycle all over again.

The Mascouten were still following this pattern in 1822 when the United States Army's Bureau of Ordinance began actively promoting the Upper Mississippi River Lead Mine Region, seeking lessors for public domain land in northwest Illinois. Once the Army had gotten prospectors and miners to Galena, keeping them from going across an invisible line into land reserved for the Indians in search of lead was impossible. The 1820s lead rush, gave the Mascouten and all the other Indians living in this area their first extensive contact with expanding American society. Under other European regimes, whites had come into the region in small numbers and had striven to keep the tribes happy by giving them presents and conducting a healthy trade. Now, these Americans wanted to stay on the land long enough to extract something from it.

The population explosion the miners and prospectors created decreased the already diminishing supply of game available to the Indians, increasing the importance of their summer crops and forcing them to hunt even further from home -- that is, further into territory controlled by other tribes. Such pressure was behind the 1826-27 conflict between the Ho-chun-gra and the Anishinabe in which the Ho-chun-gra thought the American government supported their enemies. Red Bird's disastrous 1827 "war" with the Americans followed.

No lead mines were established in what became the Perry Norwegian Settlement, but there were important mines to the immediate northwest -- Brigham's Diggings at Blue Mounds established by Ebenizer Brigham in 1826 -- and to the immediate southwest -- Fretwell's



Fretwell's Diggings and Brigham's Diggings in relation to the later Perry Norwegian Settlement. The settlers erected Ft. Blue Mounds near Brigham's Diggings and Ft. Defiance near Fretwell's during the Black Hawk War of 1832. Militia traveling between the two traced what looks to be a giant check mark along the north-south ridge paralleling the Blue Mounds Branch of the Pecatonica River to where Blanchardville is now and from there back northeast on the upland that stretches toward the upper reaches of the Yellowstone Branch of the Pecatonica. County F now basically follows this route.

Diggings on the northern edge of what is now Lafayette County inhabited in 1832 by Samuel Fretwell, his family, his slaves and his free workers.

The federal government did not allow farming in the lead mine reserve until after the end of Black Hawk War. Even then farmers could not purchase their land. The federal government did not sell lands within the lead mine reserve, including all the Perry Parish in Iowa County, until 1847. But, in Dane and Green Counties farmers could buy their land after 1834.

Once the treaty of August 1, 1829, ceding the land between the Wisconsin and Rock rivers and the Upper Mississippi and Sugar rivers to the United States was signed, the government had to begin the process of surveying the land in preparation for selling it at public auction. In the fall of 1832, Lucius Lyons, John Mollett, and G. W. Stephenson began the survey, working slowly south to north, east to west. Stephenson's crew reached the southeast corner of the Perry Parish during the first quarter of 1833. He surveyed that township and the township directly north of it, which includes Daleyville, that same quarter. John Mollett's crew mapped the township above that, including Blue Mounds, in the second quarter of 1833.

In all kinds of weather, over all kinds of country, the survey crews moved directly on compass lines to make their measurements through shoulder-high prairie grasses, over uplands, swamps and woodland -- all for the munificent sum of \$3 per mile, from which all the men were paid and the expenses met. The deputy surveyor on each crew (Stephenson or Mollett in this

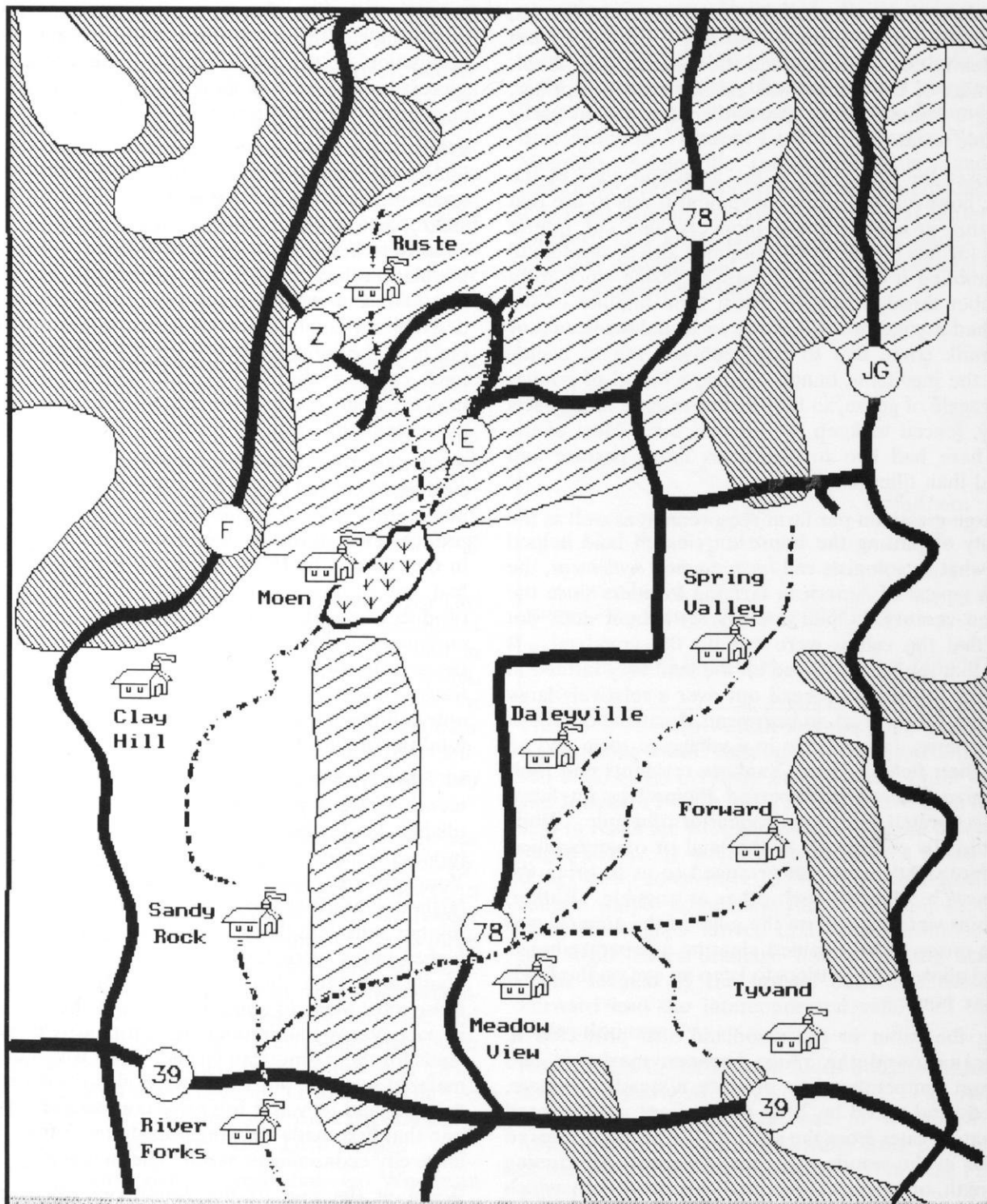
case) directed the operation through the sights of his mounted magnetic compass, called a circumferator, and kept the field notes. The crew included two chain men to stretch the traditional four-rod measuring chain on the line; at least one flagman, to mark the spot determined by the deputy and towards which the chainmen aimed; one or two axmen, to clear the line of vision as well as blaze and mark the corners; and sometimes a hunter and cook.

To assemble systematic information on the quality of federal lands, Surveyor General Micah T. Williams instructed his deputy surveyors to note "the kinds of timber and undergrowth with which the land may be covered." The map on the next page shows the conditions these surveyors documented in the Perry Parish. What is particularly noteworthy is how well the vegetation lines extending from the 1833 surveys of the Dane and Green County townships and the A. E. Whiteside's 1845 and 1846 surveys of the Iowa County townships match up, reflecting incredibly little change in the landscape in 11 or 12 years. Neither the honey bees which preceded human European immigrants by 100 miles or more nor the weeds that came with the miners and earliest farmers -- dandelions, chickweeds, blood-warts, mulliens, nightshades, stinging nettles, and plantain -- showed up at this scale.







The Dane and Green County land went on sale at the Mineral Point Land Office in 1834. Anyone who had cultivated any portion of a quarter section in 1833, occupied that land in 1834 and could file proof of such actions, could buy that land at the minimum price of \$1.25 per acre before the day of the public sale. Less than 12 in what became the Perry Parish qualified, and they were "Yankees," Anglo-Americans from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. Not all the qualified exercised their pre-emption option. A person needed about \$500 cash to buy and fully open a farm. Many settlers never had that much, so they remained squatters for 20 years or more.

From the 1820s to the 1840s, the few Yankee settlers in what became the Perry Norwegian Settlement constructed their landscape upon customs that owed less to the federal land survey than to what was becoming the traditional pattern of midwestern farming frontiers. In meandering lines, American families advanced east from the lead mines and west from the Sugar River, building cabins and breaking soil along the timbered rivers and creeks. Families laid out farms along the timber margin from the source of the creeks to their mouth at the river.

They stuck to the timber margins for several reasons. It was as far upland as they could get without being in the grassland. Neither the moist, root bound soils of the bottom lands nor the prairie grass covered uplands could be worked well with their homemade wooden plows. Heavy prairie plows, driven by five to ten yoke of oxen, were available in the 1830s, but they were very expensive to hire and prohibitive to own.



Map Legend

	Oak Forest		School House
	Prairie		Marsh
	Oak Savanna		Rivers and Streams

Map of the pre-Perry Settlement vegetation with modern highways and schoolhouses superimposed. Based on maps by Robert Finley of UW-Madison information taken from original survey notes of 1833, 1845, and 1846.

These settlers also needed the wood for tools, homes, furniture, fences, fuel, and a cash crop. Getting it from trees cleared for fields doubled the value of their labor. Since most of the timber was along creeks or springs, locating a homestead in the timber also meant easily accessible water.

The closer the place was to the grassland edge of the timber, however, the more convenient it was to use that as grazing ground. These pioneers also cut prairie grasses for hay in mid to late summer, dried, stored and then rationed it out to their farm's grazing stock from November through March. Most farm families of the 1830s had a yoke of oxen, three or four horses, two or three milk cows, five to ten beehives, ten to twenty sheep, the inevitable bunch of pigs, a brood of poultry and a gaggle of geese, so they had to reserve large tracts for hay, fenced to keep the animals out. Most of the farms here had two to ten times more pasture and hayland than tilled land.

This large grassland per farm requirement as well as the necessity of putting the house on cleared land helped foster what sociologists call *open country settlement*, the pattern typical of American farming frontiers since the eighteenth century. Open country settlement does not mean that the cabins were out on the grassland. It means that the farmers lived on the land they farmed in individual farmsteads spread out over a relatively large rural area. In contrast, in European, Asiatic and African rural patterns, farmers live in a village or town and go out to their fields. Here, Yankees residents and their Norwegian successors dispersed themselves on farmsteads separated by at least a quarter of a mile. While often directly contiguous to the land of other families, these farmsteads were not arranged so as to bring the residences as close to each other as possible. Rather, the cabins were located on the edge of the area cleared for the crops. This avoided clearing a separate house site and allowed the settlers to keep an eye on the fields from the house.

Having the cabin in the woodland also protected it. Timber narrowed the range between maximum and minimum temperatures to produce a steadier climate, reduced wind speed by 20 to 60 per cent, and lowered evaporation rates from the soil. As the pioneers cleared the land in the woods it seemed they were shortening the length of winter: the land got more sun which melted the snow more quickly. But, unfortunately, what was really happening was the soil was freezing deeper and was, therefore, less able to retain the water of the melting snow than before. Consequently, the spring run-off began and peaked earlier, floods became more common and less water remained behind to keep the streams and springs running throughout the year.

Moreover, rather than managing the natural environment so that the whole landscape perpetually resembled the boundary areas between forests and grasslands as their Indian predecessors had, these Yankees simply

located at the junction of the two environments. Not surprisingly, although hunting could remain their main occupation in the fall after the crops were in, their successors had to rely more and more on agricultural production for subsistence.

While all this was happening here, changing conditions in Norway were pressuring those who would be their successors to consider emigration. Between 1600 and 1900 Norway went from being an underpopulated country to being an overpopulated one. Just when the population had reached its pre-plague levels (about 300,000) and rapid population growth became less desirable, a combination of agricultural improvements (such as the introduction of the American potato as a food crop in the 1700s) and medical and sanitary improvements (such as the strictly enforced, 1810, small pox vaccination law) led to a population explosion.

With only three per cent of the land in the country cultivatable, using the technologies available in the early nineteenth century, Norwegian farmers just could not produce enough food to feed the one million plus people in the Norway by 1825. Since the industrial revolution had not progressed far enough in Norway for it to produce enough manufactured goods to export in exchange for food, this lack of food would seem to be the primary problem which would lead to mass emigrations -- much as the potato famine was in Ireland, the only country which contributed a larger percentage of its total population to the United States than Norway.

In Norway, however, where 85 per cent of the nineteenth century population lived on and worked the tillable land, the fact that there was not enough productive land to go around was just as important. Younger sons had to keep moving each generation farther and farther up the mountains, to the thinner and thinner soils with the worse and worse access. As these higher farms were less likely to be able to support a family and, thus, their owners or renters were among those most likely to emigrate, perhaps this fact explains, in part, Norwegian immigrants' propensity to select low lands for their American farms -- lands which were often malarial swamps, but which were also ideally suited for dairying and its water intensive companion activity, the one that first made dairying outside the "milk shed" of a large city economically viable, cheesemaking.

When at the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1814, Denmark ceded Norway to Sweden, the new ruling powers increased taxes considerably. Even eldest sons could not seed their land, honor the maintenance-for-life agreements they had made with their parents when they took over the farm, tithe to the church, and pay their taxes under these circumstances. Farms which had been kept intact for 500 to 1,000 years and owned by the same family for more than six generations were sold in part or whole. Farms that were divided and subdivided suffered the worst fate. Although they provided places for more people, they became so small that they were no

longer able to support the people and animals living there.

Something had to change. Staying in Norway, people could leave the land, move to the cities and swell the ranks of the nascent industrial working class. They could learn to farm in different ways, based on a different social organization. Either step required adopting a different way of life. People who did not want to change begin considering moving where there was enough land for them to continue their way of life. These pioneers were not, as a rule, the adventurous spirits of frontier mythology. They were conservatives, those most resistant to change.

As scholars have been discovering over the last ten years about the Germans around St. Louis and in frontier Minnesota and the Norwegians in Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, a significant number of the Norwegian immigrants to the Perry Settlement were those who realized that they could no longer pursue their traditional, rural, family-centered life style in Norway. They needed a place with enough ground for them to keep that way of life.

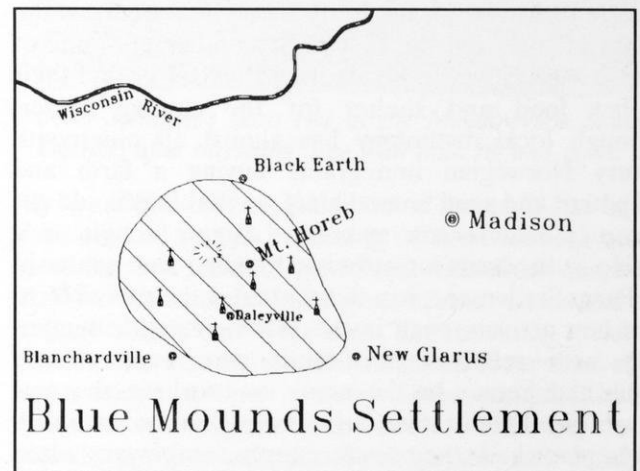
North America was obviously such a place. Fifty two people established the first Norwegian immigrant community in the United States in 1825. Located in upstate New York, near the then-new Erie Canal, Kendall attracted few later Norwegian immigrants. In 1834, some of the Kendall pioneers themselves left their colony. Settling a little west of Chicago, near the then-under-construction Illinois and Mississippi Canal, they established a Fox River, Illinois, community.

In 1837, a second settlement fared poorly and was struck with an epidemic of malaria. One of the survivors, Ole Knudson Nattestad, became the first Norwegian settler in Wisconsin. He settled just across the border on Jefferson Prairie. He was soon joined by others there and at nearby Rock Prairie. A second area of settlement soon followed at Muskego near Milwaukee. Directly west of Muskego and north of Jefferson and Rock Prairies, Norwegian pioneers established the fourth and most successful of their early colonies in 1840, Koshkonong. By 1850, it covered 12 townships in two counties (Dane and Jefferson) and had a population of 543 Norwegian families, including 2,670 people.

Over 7,500 Norwegians immigrated to Wisconsin between 1840 and 1850. The Koskonong Settlement, as Muskego and later Perry, served as points of dispersal from which immigrants leap-frogged north and west in Wisconsin then into Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, and the rest of the West.

The next major Norwegian immigrant settlement in Wisconsin after Koshkonong was the Blue Mounds Settlement of which the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement was a part. Established in 1848, the Blue Mounds Settlement encompassed over 250 square miles. It extended from Black Earth to Blanchardville and from

near New Glarus to Barneveld. By the time it reached its apex in the 1880s, the Blue Mounds Settlement was home to about 6,000 Norwegians and was organized into eight Norwegian state church oriented congregations: Perry, Springdale, Primrose, East Blue Mounds, West Blue Mounds, Vermont (initially known as North Blue Mounds), Adamsville (now Hollandale), and York. Unlike the overall Blue Mounds Settlement, each of the individual parishes was small enough that settlers at the southern end knew farmers at the northern end yet inclusive enough that most of an individual's social relations occurred with the parish.



The 1848-9-50 Norwegian arrivals from Muskego and Koshkonong could reach the Blue Mounds Settlement in two basic ways: overland or by water. From the Rock and Jefferson Prairie areas it would have been relatively easy to reach the Blue Mounds Settlement by way of the Sugar River. It would have been even easier to take things back down river to Muskego and Koshkonong using a simple homemade raft. This may explain why many Norwegians moved first to the Primrose area in the Sugar River drainage before moving across the divide formed by the upland between Primrose and Forward into the interconnected valleys of the Pecatonica drainage.

Road access to the Blue Mounds Settlement had been, however, nearly as easy since 1837. The Army had constructed the first real road in Wisconsin on the Military Ridge, extending 85 miles from the confluence of the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers near Prairie du Chien to just west of where Madison is now. This road passed right through the Blue Mounds Settlement. After 1838, spurs connected it directly to Madison and to Monroe and from there on to the port at Milwaukee. By 1840, stage service to and from Madison was available on this route. By 1848, travel time from Boston or New York to the Blue Mounds Settlement via Milwaukee was 15 days by a combination of train, boat, stagecoach, private wagon and foot.

After 1850, the trip was shorter and easier. Train service began in Wisconsin in 1850. The first railroads

spread out from Milwaukee. Madison was linked to Milwaukee in 1854. From Madison the railroad circumvented the Military Ridge to reach the Wisconsin River valley by way of Cross Plains. It reached the 8-year old Blue Mounds Settlement at Black Earth in 1856.

By that time 75 per cent of the people living in the Perry Parish were already Norwegians. The fact that no rail lines ever penetrated the Perry Settlement itself helped make possible the creation and continuation of a special local culture, a rural ethnic enclave.

Throughout the nineteenth century most Norwegian immigrants arrived in the Perry Settlement between the middle of June and the first of September. So, one of their first tasks had to be assuring themselves and their families food and shelter for the coming winter. Although local mythology has almost all nineteenth century Norwegian immigrants buying a farm and equipment and seed immediately, so that they could get a crop in that season and then digging a hole in a hillside as the basis for a shelter for their first winter in the Perry Settlement, few did that after the early 1860s. Most new arrivals, even in the 1850s, moved in temporarily with relatives or friends who were already established here. In the many cases where the new arrivals hired themselves out as farm laborers until they had replenished their cash supply, employers often provided living space for both the employee and some or all of his or her dependents as part of their compensation. A family's first home on a new farm was, therefore, generally, however crude, a log cabin rather than a dug out.

This cabin was generally located as far down hill as possible on that particular farm. Although John Deere's steel plow became common in the 1840s and 1850s and scouring plows were developed in the 1860s making it possible for these Norwegians to break prairie land for farming, they only did that if they had no other choice -- if no low land was available.

A host of activities revolved around the cabin: food processing, cloth and tool making, poultry keeping, and vegetable and herb gardening. Some or all of the fields of the farm were visible from the threshold of this house. A little grass plot in front of the house, or possibly on the side, was usually sacred to the purposes of home and human upbringing. Within five years, a typical homestead usually had one outbuilding (normally a stable), some fruit trees planted, 16 acres enclosed in fence, and five acres under cultivation.

The Norwegian settlers here eventually tended to build lots of outbuildings, possibly related to the practice common in the broad valleys of eastern Norway, of clustering several buildings, each with its own specific function around a "tun." Stables, dairy, pens, runways and storehouses were in close proximity to the house. Farm tools and machines, wagons, stone boats, sleighs

and chicken coops surrounded the house premises. The woodshed contained farm utensils on shelves or on the floor or hung up on nails. Calf feeding pails and feed boxes stood near the kitchen door. Horse medicines and Paris Green may have had a shelf in the pantry. Ropes, harnesses, robes, and work boots stood around the kitchen stove and a young calf or pig or turkey might be brought in to save their lives.

A cart path linked the cabin and farmstead to a main wagon track and thus to other farms, the church and stores serving the Settlement and the mills and markets of the outside world. Farm lanes linked the cabin and its farm yard to the farm's fields, hay land (initially just a fenced stand of prairie), and grazing ground (generally everything else including unfenced prairie grass and the woodlot where the family cut its fuel and lumber).

From the 1840s through the 1860s, the main cash crop in the Perry Norwegian Settlement was wheat, both winter and spring wheat. It didn't take much money to get into and was comparatively easy to grow in the wide-bottom valleys, along streams or by springs with the steel plows these Norwegians used.

Although these plows were a big advance over the Yankees' wooden plows, they still involved a lot of work. An established Perry Norwegian Settlement farm in the 1850s and 1860s was typically about 80 acres, including at least 20 acres of fields. Assuming these fields were already cleared and initially broken, the farmer walked approximately 640 miles to plow, harrow, sow and harvest them. Each cultivation or other process would add another 160 miles on to the total. Luckily, after plowing and sowing, wheat fields could be left basically unattended until harvest time.

At four miles per hour, what is considered a brisk walking pace today, it would take sixteen ten-hour days -- not counting time to hitch up the horse or deal with problems that arose in the course of the work -- just to grow this "easy" crop.

The wheat produced and gathered was processed into a marketable commodity at water powered grist mills. There were no water powered grist mills in the settlement itself. There were, however, three just outside the district that operated from the late 1840s until the 1870s.

Although the individual histories of the mills lay the blame for their failures (as these histories tend to label their closings) on flooding or technical difficulties with their dams or pools, it is clear that the real issue was the passing of the pioneer farming era in which wheat was the main crop. Although wheat brought a high rate of return in the 1840s and 1850s, it was hard on the soil and, eventually, played out soil produced less and less wheat per acre. The yield could also be dramatically affected by weather conditions and insect infestations, such as the cinch bug invasion that hit here in 1860. As yields dropped, prices did not rise because new and better wheat fields were opening in Iowa and Minnesota.

Many of the people who had been living in this area, especially the few remaining Yankees, moved west to this new wheat land in the 1860s. There were two reasons for this: the passage of the Homestead Act in 1862 and the cash available to newly returned Civil War veterans in 1865.

Most land in the historic Perry Norwegian settlement was already claimed by 1862, but the passage of the Homestead Law encouraged many people to go west. To raise capital for this move, they sold improved places here, used their small capital to buy a herd of cattle, then moved their stock west in the fall, looking for those grazing lands free for the using, planning to start a homestead claim in the Dakotas or wherever land opened up.

As non-Norwegians moved away or died, new Norwegian families replaced them and earlier Norwegian families expanded their holdings. Throughout the nineteenth century, the Norwegian community grew absolutely because of the arrival of newcomers. The percentage of Norwegians in the community also grew as non-Norwegians left. As Norwegian families produced more children than the land could support, the surplus left to seek opportunities in other locations, but the pioneer Norwegian families continued to be represented in successive generations. Individual mobility was tempered by family persistence. About 40 per cent of the 200 families in the community in 1856 had members still here in 1900 and just under 10 per cent of these early families were still represented in the community in 1994. Although their numerical strength in the community had declined by 1900, these core families continued to hold nearly two thirds of the land. They had become landlords as well as farmers. Nearly 25 per cent of all the farmers in the Perry Norwegian Settlement were renters by the turn of the century. In addition, many of the core family owner-operators had live-in hired hands, most of whom were from Norway.

Those who stayed here after 1860, both Norwegian and Yankee, switched from cash crops to feed crops, fruit and vegetable cultivation, and livestock and poultry production. All these better suited the area's soil, topography and climate than wheat. Farmers were growing corn and oats in addition to wheat and raising livestock as early as the 1850s.

But the real death knell to wheat farming in this area came in 1872 when, although the local wheat harvest was good, the wheat market unexpectedly collapse. Prices fell in Chicago from \$1.60 a bushel to \$1.16 in one day. By late August, the Chicago price was \$.90 per bushel.

Local farmers began planting more corn, oats, and hay than wheat. By the end of the decade, although some farmers continued to grow wheat on the uplands, corn was becoming the most important crop in the area. However, cash crop farming could only go so far in the area. The fact that the land is not flat, glaciated prairie

and, thus, is less suited to large scale cropping than most of the Midwest explains, in part, the rise of dairying in the area.



Sever Johnson's farm (40 in the Meadowview School District) after threshing time with milk rig and cows.

By the 1880s dairying had become the main stay of local farming and by the beginning of the twentieth century gave the area an identity which it still retains despite the drastic reduction in the number of dairy farms and dairy related enterprises in the area. The transition to dairying in the area also marks the transition from semi-subsistence agriculture to a market-focused, profit-making business agriculture in the area. One key to this transition were the railroad refrigerator cars which had just begun coming as close to the community as Blanchardville and Mt. Horeb with the completion of new rail lines. These allowed products, especially cheeses, to be shipped to population centers with relatively little impact on the producers time.

There was some dairying during the pioneer farming era dominated by wheat cultivation. But, most dairymen in the period were not commercial operators, but wheat growers with a few poorly tended, inferior cattle that gave low quality milk. Most of these farmers only milked their cows in the spring and summer, then allowed them to dry up in preparation for winter. As the diversified agriculture period began, dairying competed with a variety of other cash crops and other types of animal husbandry for the former wheat farmers attention.

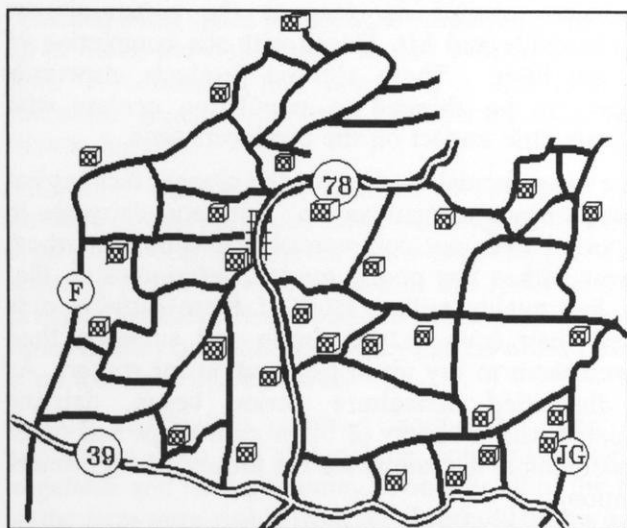
However, it was in the later pioneer farming years that dairying began to emerge as a specialized concern and some farmers began trying to improve their herds and the care of them. These farmers also began producing better butter and cheese on their farms and improved the marketing of these products. However, these improvements only moved forward in periods when the price of wheat was low. Farmers tended to forget these issues when the price of wheat rose again.

The price of cheese and butter rose sharply during the Civil War. This gave farmers an incentive to choose dairying as their new specialization when wheat prices fell. Meanwhile, the industry itself became more specialized. Cheese and butter manufacture moved off

the farms and into factories and creameries in the period between the Civil War and the 1890s, allowing new dairymen to be simply animal husbandmen not manufacturers, too.

The first big step in this internal industry specialization was the establishment of curd factories in the 1850s and 1860s. The owners of these facilities brought curd from various farms to a central location and made it into cheese. The first true cheese factory, accepting milk and processing it all the way from liquid to cheese, was probably established in Fond du Lac Country in 1864. The factory system spread rapidly because factory cheese brought a higher price due to its more uniform quality. Farmers got more money for their milk and a new class of industrial workers and cheese factory operators made a living, too. By the end of the Civil War there were 30 cheese factories in Wisconsin and 17 in northern Illinois. By 1870, there were 54 in Wisconsin alone. However, it was in the next decade to decade and a half that their numbers really swelled.

No one knows when the first cheese factory was established in the Perry Norwegian Settlement. The five cheese factories whose start-up dates are known began operations in the 1880s. The Indian Hill Cheese Factory was the first in 1882. There were 28, of which about half are still standing, the Perry Parish.

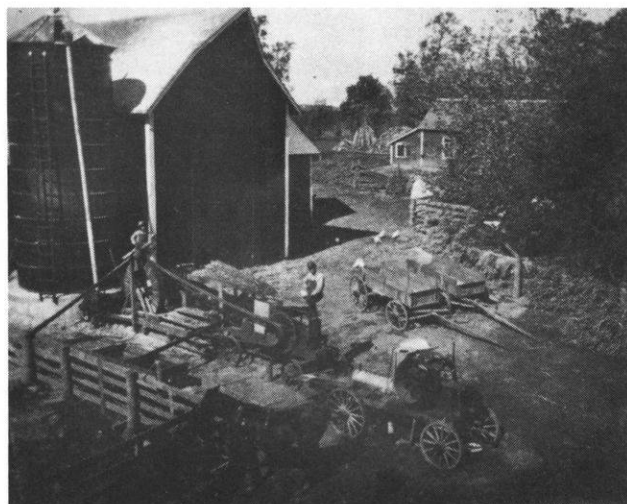


Cheese Factories in the Perry School Districts

There was, however, only one creamery in the Parish, that located in the village of Daleyville (30). Butter making remained a non-industrial farm operation longer than cheese making. Butter is a much less complicated product than cheese, and it did not require skills which were beyond the reach of most households. Dairy interests did not introduce creameries into Wisconsin until the 1880s. The Daleyville Creamery was built around the turn of the century, it closed in 1912.

These developments in the manufacture of milk products led dairymen to begin searching for ways to milk all year. The key to year round milking was finding an

abundant, inexpensive, and nutritious winter feed. The late 1870s development of silage proved to be a significant part of this answer. The introduction of silage led to the development of square above ground silos in the 1880s. These gave way to today's round silos after 1891.



This wood and stone silo on Gilbert Ranums farm (14 in the Spring Valley School District) was the first in Perry Township. The equipment in use was part of the sorghum making process, so the picture was taken in September or October.

About the same time the dairy farmers in the Perry Parish began building these silos, they also began building two-story frame farm homes to replace their log cabins. They located most of these new houses and new barns and silos on the uplands.

By 1914, Wisconsin was the leading dairying state in the nation. By 1918, milk inspectors were checking the farmers product. This led to standardization of both the product and the methods of production.

Through World War II potentially disruptive forces from the larger society were mitigated by the localism that continued to dominate the world view of the settled rural inhabitants here. Then, the introduction of the automobile to the countryside in massive numbers after the war meant that the country dweller was no longer isolated and separated from his or her urban contemporary. Cars were so common by the 1950s, that the idea of school buses came to be widely accepted. Once school buses began being used, phasing out local schools was not far behind. The country schools around which this book is organized were all consolidated out existence in the 1950s and 1960s.

Transportation improvements also related to the decline of the small neighborhood cheese factories in the 1950s and 1960s. The milk industry here began being concentrated into milk zones larger than the local cheese factories' service areas when milk trucks began gathering the milk from the farms and bringing it to centers in the

these towns were often owned and operated by outside companies and had the character of industrial plants. The few neighborhood factories that survived, expanded and began serving larger areas. But these, too, began closing or being bought out during the farm crisis of the 1980s. No cheese is made in the Perry Parish now. There isn't even a bulk milk plant or cheese factory left in Mt. Horeb to the north or Blanchardville to the south. Only large plants serving huge areas still exist.

While these transportation related changes were moving long term institution out, other improvements, such as the reconstruction of Route 18 and 151, paralleling the old Military Ridge Road, as a four-lane limited access highway began bringing new things and people into the community. Urban flight began diluting the homogeneous ethnic nature of the community in the 1970s.

Today, when as all visible differences of place seem to be being wiped out by the culture of television, computers, expressways and unfocused suburbs, it is important to look at a place that still has remained recognizable not just from generation to generation, but from century to century. The Perry Parish remains a place where lifetime farmers and the significant numbers of fourth

generation descendants of the original settlers still active in the community continue to have an abiding sense of place which unites them with the past of this place, in spite of an economic and social revolution that has remade the world of their ancestors several times over.

Through clearing or conserving timber lands, choosing house sites and styles, outbuilding, garden and orchard sites and styles, discovering appropriate crops, fencing fields and pastures, and building roads the successive settlers of this land changed the landscape they arrived in. They turned it into a complex, cumulative record of the work of men and women in a common place. Thus, the landscape of the Perry Parish today is not just a setting for its community, but a product of this community and the communities that preceded it -- the Paleo-Indian community, the Early and Late Woodland communities, the Oneota community, the Mascouten community, the Yankee community, the historic Norwegian community, and finally the changing community of today. As Madison historian William Cronin said of Kennecott, Alaska, "the past of these people is written in the marks they made upon this land."

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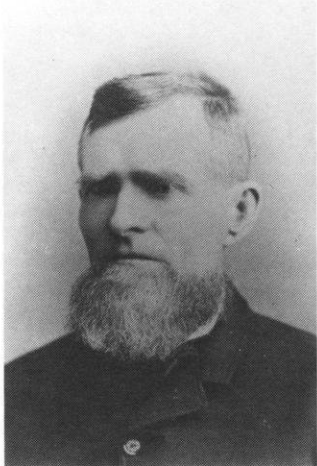
Amy and Anna Haadem are the longest continuous residents in Daleyville. The twins moved, as children with their parents, from farm 4 in the Forward School District to house 2 in Daleyville 75 years ago. They still live in that house.

Chapter 2: The Village of Daleyville

When we think about how towns come into being, we usually image people coming to live in a place, and, after enough of them are there, a store, a school, a church and services -- ranging from blacksmith shops to medical practices -- being started to serve the gathered populace. This is, however, just the opposite of what happened in the "hamlet" of Daleyville in the southwest corner of Dane County, Wisconsin.

The origins of the village lie in the actions of Onun Bjornson Dahle (pronounced Daley) from whom the community takes its name. Dahle arrived in Michigan from Telemark, Norway, in 1848. He journeyed west to Milwaukee and then to Koskonong in eastern Dane County before joining the Gold Rush to California.

In 1852, O.B.'s brother, Tarjie, arrived from Norway, bringing their widowed mother with him, and O.B. began traveling back to Wisconsin to meet them. Although his mother had died before he arrived, O.B. decided to keep his future linked with Tarjie's. This move had as much to do with changing him from the transient he had been into the community



O. B. Dahle

builder he would become, as did the \$5,000 or so he brought back from the gold fields. The two brothers began to look for a community where they could simultaneously pursue the very different lives for which they were suited.

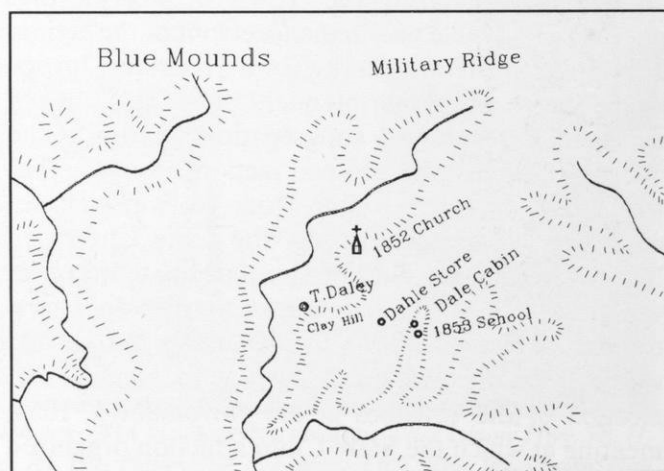
Tarjie apparently sought a community where he could continue a traditional, Norwegian, peasant way of life and work on a self-sufficient family farm. O.B., on the other hand, apparently sought new opportunities for entrepreneurial and speculative success. The emerging historic Perry Norwegian Settlement had just what they were both looking for.

When they arrived in the spring of 1853, the settlers were just finished building the second schoolhouse in the community (see the next chapter). O.B. and

Tarjie were sure to have been taken to see this log structure in the western draw at the head of the valley in which what is now known as Syftestad Creek flows, about 500 feet southeast of the Hans Johnson Dale family's cabin which stood on the southern end of what is now Roger and Dawn Anderson's farm (which is discussed as 16 in the next chapter).

No one had yet bought or improved the 40 acres just north of the Dale's 40 from the federal government. So, it was still available for \$1.25 per acre, rather than the higher prices speculators and settlers who had improved their land, but were now moving on, demanded. Moreover, O.B. could see the commercial potential that this land had to offer.

This land was on a ridge, which, along with Clay Hill and an adjoining swatch of level, oak savannah thrusts like a spear point of high ground between the two sets of interconnected valleys which eventually made up the Perry Settlement. This high ground was relatively easily accessible to everyone. This made it a better commercial site than the promontory on which the settlers from the northern set of valleys and the northernmost arm of the southern set of valleys had placed their church (9 in the next chapter) the year before (see Chapter 13). Equally important, a high road from the area's best superhighway, the Military Ridge Road, led directly to this ridge. O.B. could see this land was a natural town site.



Topographic map with the locations of O.B. Dahle's store, Hans Johnson Dale's cabin, the 1853 school, the 1852 church, Clay Hill, Tarjie Daley's farm, Blue Mounds, and the Military Ridge marked. Based on 1972 "Land Forms of Wisconsin" map by the Catographic Laboratory, University of Wisconsin-Madison, relief by David A. Woodward

Consequently, he bought the 40 acres -- not concerned with the fact that its soil, up there atop the ridge, was bound to be thin and that no technology then available was going to make getting water up there easy -- and built a store and log cabin not too far from the house identified as 19 on the map in this chapter. Tarjie, on the other hand, bought 80 fertile, well-watered acres about a mile west of his brother. Nestled between the western slope of Clay Hill and the eastern edge of the oak forest that stretched the full length of this set of valleys, Tarjie's farm (discussed as 19 in the next chapter) was actually in Spring Creek's valley.

O.B. became, almost immediately, one of the most visible men in the community. The nearest Post Office was at Blue Mounds, more than seven miles north of Dahle's new store. Dahle helped organize a private service which hired a person to go to Blue Mounds each week and bring the mail to Dahle's store where he distributed it and collected out-going mail. This service, which continued until 1857 when the federal government established a special mail route through the community and appointed Anders (Andrew) Sanderson as the first Perry Postmaster, not only relieved residents of what in the 1850s was not an inconsequential trip, but also assured Dahle that many residents, from even the most distant edge of the Perry Norwegian Settlement, would stop at his store routinely, once a week if possible.

The next year, on April 4, 1854, when the men of the community organized the Town of Perry's first government, Dahle was in the forefront of the action. He was elected Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of Schools. Seven months later, when the congregation meeting in the 1852 log church split into two factions over whether to call an ordained pastor from Norway and recreate, as closely as possible, the State Church of Norway in this new land or to subordinate liturgical worship and the sacraments to the personal experience of awakening and conversion, O.B. Dahle was one of the two men selected to conduct the election of the Trustees at the November 5, 1854, meeting at which the State Church faction organized its own congregation (see Chapter 13).

By the turn of the year, Dahle had purchased another 40 acres, just south of his initial 40. At a February 19, 1855, meeting at the schoolhouse east of Dahle's store, the newly organized Norwegian Evangelical

Lutheran congregation decided to buy two acres of that new land from Dahle for \$1.25 an acre. At a December 27, 1855, meeting at Dahle's home the congregation decided to build a stone church on the land it had bought from him. On March 21, 1856, Dahle was appointed to the two-man building committee for the church.

Thus, by the time the 1858 Christmas Day service was held in what is now Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville consisted of the partially finished church, O.B. Dahle's store, his log cabin, the log school down the hill east of the store, two Norwegian immigrant families' farm houses on either side of the school -- the Hans Johnson Dales' and the John O. and Guro Dahlby's (20 in the next chapter, now Fritz Mani's). It also included, west of Dahle's store, the Gulbran Pederson Renden family's house (later known as the Rindys, their farm, 18 in the next chapter, is now Duane and Lynn Iverson's) and, southwest of the store, a "Yankee" family's farm, the Prindables.

In 1861, the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran congregation purchased the 60-acre Prindable farm for a new parsonage. Until early 1860, the pastor had lived on a 42-acre parsonage farm in Blue Valley (not covered in this book as it is north of the Spring Valley School District). In 1861, he was living in a rented house in Black Earth -- over 15 miles north of Daleyville. In 1863, Pastor Peter M. and Johanne (Caline Hoff) Brodahl and their children moved into a new log house (54) southwest of the church.

The next year, O.B. Dahle, now married for ten years and the father of several children, built a large stone house (20) north of the church. In 1868, Gulbrand and Bertha Jensvold built the second stone house (50) in what was slowly becoming a tight concentration of Norwegian immigrant families. That same year, the community replaced the old log school with a new frame building (see Chapter 3).

By 1870, O.B. Dahle had built a new, larger (24' x 50') store directly north of his new house (where house 19 now stands). The next year, the Perry Post Office moved into the "village". From 1857 to 1871, the Post Office had been in Andrew Sanderson's farm house. In 1871, the federal government relocated it to Dahle's new store. By 1873, Dr. C.J.B. Hirsch had also moved into the village and established his medical practice. Erich Dumholdt had, moreover, opened a blacksmith shop across "the village green" from Dahle's house and store (where

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Bird's Eye View of Daleyville, prior to 1920

house 22 now stands).

Then, in the late afternoon of May 23, 1878, a devastating tornado struck Daleyville. The parsonage lost its barn and granary, the roof and every window in the house, and the lean-to kitchen. The Jensvolds lost all their farm buildings, some live stock, the whole roof off the house and portions of the stone house itself. Dr. Hirsch's replacement, Dr. William McFarland, had his house totally destroyed. The tornado carried it about 50 feet southwest and then tore it into pieces. Most of the roof was torn off the church and the interior was seriously damaged. Two people in the village at the time, Charles Anderson and Andrew Olson, lost their lives and five others were wounded.

The 1878-79 repair of the houses and farms and the reconstruction of the church on its old foundation seems to have created the momentum Daleyville needed to begin growing into the focus of a relatively autonomous rural culture.

By 1881, entrepreneurs had added a second blacksmith shop, a wagon shop, and a shoe shop to the small collection of houses, the church, the store, the school, the blacksmith shop and the doctor's

office already there.

From 1881 on, Daleyville's expression of talents continued to flourish. There was a steam-powered



The pre-1914 business district along what is now Hwy. 78. (L to R) The Daileyville Creamery (30), The Woodman Hall (36), Savre's Store (37) later operated by C.E. Paulson after which Ed Engen used it for his barbershop and then Henry Dahlby had a restaurant in it. All three buildings are now gone.

saw and grist mill; a cheese factory; creamery; Inman Iverson's garage; Teddy Grinder's newspaper, The

Daleyville Doings; the telephone switchboard located in the O.B. Dahle house and run by Ellen Goli; Peterson's boarding House; Iverson's Restaurant; a barbershop; dressmakers Annie Jelle, Augusta Grinder, and Gunhild Thorhaug; Lena Hill's millinery; a chicken hatchery; music teacher Kristine Goli; a doctor -- the last of whom, Dr. E.D. McQuillian, arrived in 1912; a dentist, Dr. J.A. Bancroft; a veterinarian, Sever Engen; a racetrack at the North end of town; Grinder and Iverson's general store in what had been Dahle's store; Ronnold and Dysland's mercantile store on Route 78, later Hannes and Daley, Daley and Iverson, Iverson and Syftestad, Syftestad, Duane and Robert Erickson, and lastly Duane and Audrey Erickson; Woodman Hall, the site of plays, debates, basket socials, graduation ceremonies, basketball games, music recitals, and medicine shows.

1890s a real building boom commenced. Most of the houses in Daleyville were built between then and 1915. O.B. Dahle profited from this growth, too. He sold many lots in Daleyville. But, in 1895, he sold his still undeveloped Daleyville property to Syver and Ellen Goli, moved to Mt. Horeb, and built a house on E. Main Street. Syver and Ellen Goli were, so-to-speak, transitional figures in Daleyville. They bridge the 19th century community dominated by O.B. Dahle and the 20th century community. Ellen was O.B. Dahle's wife's niece and Syver ran the store with Dahle's sons until about 1908, when Teddy Grinder and Inman Iverson -- two of the most well-known representatives of 20th century Daleyville -- took over.

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8-Stringed Violin Music of Norway

PROGRAM

1. Longing for Home.
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2. Christina Nelson's Memory
3. The Three Milk Maids on the Mountain
4. The Life of the Herdess
Composed by Ole Bull



PROGRAM

5. The Water Falls
Composed by Miller Boy
6. In My Father's Cabin
Composed by Ole Bull
7. From the Cradle to the Grave
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The Woodman Hall (36) was the location of a variety of performances including many concerts by local barber A.O. Rundhaug.

With all of this activity and commerce came people. A few houses popped up in the 1880s, but in the



Houses also lined what is now Hwy. 78. (L to R) Peterson's Boarding House (22), the house Marin Goli built in 1902 (23) and, his parents, Erick and Ragnhild Goli's house (24).

Daleyville reached its peak in the 1920s. However, by then, some of its members had already sown the seeds of the village's decline by making it easier to get to and from services and institutions outside the community: the taxi service to Mt. Horeb that Teddy Grinder started in 1913 and Mike Iverson and Ike Grinder's Argyle to Madison bus route of the late 1920s are good examples. As the whole community became increasingly less self-reliant and moved closer to the mainstream of American consumer society, the population of the village progressively declined. By the 1940s Daleyville had stopped being a vital economic center. It was unable to compete with nearby urban areas in meeting the expanding consumer desires of the locals. Daleyville's business community had shrunk back to its 1870's size. All

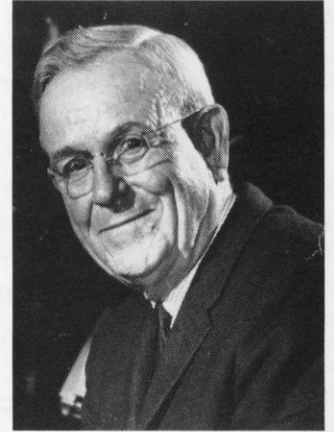
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that was left were the church, the school, a store, the garage, a blacksmith shop, the hatchery and the cheese factory. The hatchery closed in the 1950s, the blacksmith shop in the early 1960s, and the cheese factory in the mid 60s. The school closed about 1970 and the store was completely gone by the mid 80s. Although the store building is still used as a furniture repair and refinishing shop and the garage as a body shop, neither has the local affect their predecessors did.

With the decline in business, the population dwindled also. More and more farmers retired to Mt. Horeb, with its convenient stores and services, rather than to Daleyville from which they would still have to commute, just as they had from their farms. Today, there are less than 150 people left in the unincorporated village and progressively fewer and fewer of them have family links to the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement.

Since this bit of history about Daleyville began with O.B. and Tarjie Dahle and then focused on O.B., perhaps a fitting conclusion should be with a descendent of Tarjie's. O.B. and his descendants kept the Norwegian spelling of the name. While Tarjie and his descendants took the Irish spelling of

Daley. The Daleys, although not as prominent in the village initially, out lasted the Dahles in the community -- so much so, that it would be remiss not to remember Albert J. Daley. Born in 1890, he lived almost 100 years in the Daleyville area. A farmer and local businessman he served "his" community well. He was chairman of the Town of Perry for 47 years and represented the community on the Dane County Board of Supervisors for 39 years. A lifetime member of Perry Lutheran Church, he committed himself to God's work with the same vigor he served in the community. He died at the age of 102 in 1992.



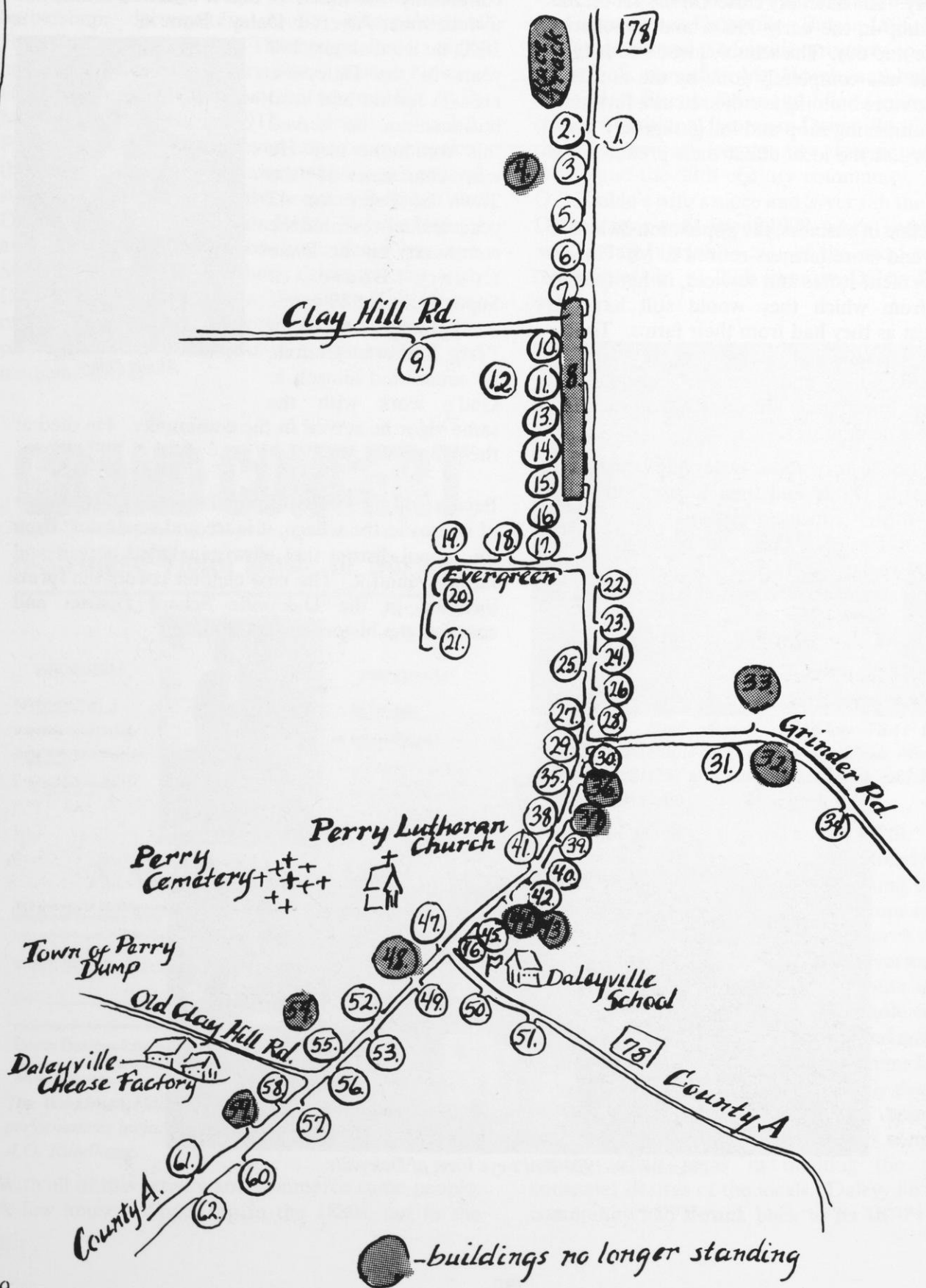
Albert Daley

Because of the density of population and the number of houses in the village, it is treated separately from the school district that always included both it and farms around it. The next chapter covers the farms included in the Daleyville School District and contains the history of the school.



Another pre-1920 Bird's-eye View of Daleyville

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1. Sander (Sandera) and Martha (Studlein)

Sanders of Sanderson-Sanders

Eldest son of the 1849 immigrant Anders (Andrew) Sanderson, so important in the early settlement, Sander and his wife built this house when they retired from farming next door. That farm is explored as 16 in the next chapter.

Otto, Edwin, Marie, Otilda, Lenore, Mabel, Lloyd, Albert, Menora, Adelia

Lloyd and Lu (Laine) Sanders

Lloyd and his brother, Otto (who lived next door on the family farm), were the last owners of the store located where house 19 now stands. The store burned down in 1920. Their sister, Lenore, also lived in town. She married the local doctor, E.D. McQuillian, living first at 24 then at 28. Today, no members of this prominent family remain in the community. Otto and Lloyd, as well as their cousin Arthur, heir to the other half of their grandparents original farm, were all childless and Lenore's daughters moved away.

Morgan and Bertha (Vamstad) Berg

Morgan's parents lived over the blacksmith shop at 42. His brother, Morris, was a mechanic at Iverson's Garage, 30. Their sister, Alma, lived in town at 40.

Marilyn, Blanche, Lillian, Byron

Terry and Monica Miller

Miranda, Alisa, Megan

2. O. T. and Randi Savre

A teacher and storekeeper at 37, he had this house built about 1900. He was Klokkar (lay assistant to the pastor) of Perry Lutheran Church from 1887 until his death in 1904. O.T. also put in the race track on the north side of the house. It is discussed as 15 in the next chapter.

Lawrence



Anna and Amy Haadem are the third generation of their family to live here.

Ole and Astri (Jelle-Gjelde) Hill of Bakken-Hill Eldest son of Ole Olson and Anne Bakken, the first permanent Norwegian settlers in the Town of Perry, Ole Hill and his wife moved here, in about 1914, from their farm, which is discussed as 1 in the next chapter. Ole and Astri moved from here to house 7.

Annie, Marie, Lena, Alma, Otto, Elmer

Sever and Marie (Hill) Haadem

Bought the house from her parents in 1919. Marie's sister, Lena, also stayed in town. She operated a hat shop at 35.

Eleanore, Amy and Anna (twins)

Amy and Anna Haadem

3. Berit (Wold) Mickelson

A rug weaver, she bought this house about 1914.

Ida

John and Lena (Guthaug) Dahlby

John ran the Daleyville Mill. He also helped convert the Daleyville Creamery, 30, into Iverson's Garage in 1914. He died in World War I.

Christine, Ole

Carl and Clara (Holden) Grinder

Carl was part of the third generation of a large family at the core of the Perry Norwegian settlement. His Grinder grandparents had immigrated in 1859. All nine of their children remained in the community, with each having from one to nine children themselves. Consequently, as all his 30+ local first cousins, Carl's familial connections to the rest of the community, both in and out of the village, are too numerous to itemize. Suffice it to say that, although they raised their family at farm 37 in the next chapter, Carl's parents retired to 14 in town. His brother, Eddy, and his wife, Augusta, also lived in town at 41, 43, and 49. Clara and Augusta both clerked in their brother-in-law, Teddy Grinder's store which was located where house 19 is now.

Helen

Marius and Gunild (Berglund) Jenson

She died here.

Valquar, Nels, Julia, Nora

Robert Diedricks

He was cheese maker in the Syftestad Factory, discussed as 40 in the next chapter.

Carl and Martha (Olson) Syftestad

They also lived at 7.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin

Ole Jelle

Anna (Leer) Olson and Turi (Thompson) Peterson

Anna was the widow of John Olson, while Turi was the widow of Ole Olson Peterson.

Walter and Juanita Anderson

Bobbie, Jackie, Walter, Jr.

Jackie Anderson

Scott and Bobbie (Anderson) Strobusch

Brittany and Rebecca (twins), Samantha

4. Olina Grinder

There was a small house on the back of this lot. Olina was a half sister to the nine children of Ole and Ronnaug Margarethe Grinder, the 1859 settlers. When the family immigrated, Olina had stayed in Norway. The brothers and sisters provided the money for her to come to America.

5. Lena (Guthaug) Dahlby

Had lived next door at 3 with her husband before World War I, and built this house in 1918 after she was widowed. Her parents lived next door the other way, at 6.

Christine, Ole

Lewis Johnson

Lewis and Sarah (Chestelson) Kittleson

Lived here only briefly, then moved to Mt. Horeb.

Aslak and Milla (Anderson) Boley

Albert, Edwin, Melvin, Carl, Inda, Lava, Annie, Thea

Albert and Esther (Butteris) Boley

Curtis, Burnell

Curtis and Mary Ann (Bernard) Boley

Ronald, Beverly, Patricia

Donald and Sally (Stocker) Marshall

Daniel

Tommy Anderson

Widower of Eleanore (Haadam) Anderson who was one of the three Haadem sisters who grew up at 2. Her twin sisters still live there.

6. John and Alpha (Valstad) Stensby

Built this house about 1900. John also built houses 25 and 27 for other people in the village. John's

brother, Ole, was married to Alpha's sister, Hilda. This couple also lived in Daleyville at houses 29 and 43, before building 62. Alpha's twin sister, Augusta, also lived in the village at 41, 43, and 49. She was married to Eddy Grinder.

Lilyan, Mildred, Lydia



The house John Stensby built for his own family about 1900 as it looked in 1991 when Bennie and Verna Grundahl were living there.

Sigurd and Anna Marie (Isaacson) Halvorson

Anna Marie helped lay the boardwalk, 8.

Isaac, Elise, Anne, Helga, Maren

Hans and Maria (Edseth) Guthaug

James, Christ, Hilda, Lena, Clara, Betsy

Lena (Guthaug) Dahlby

Christine, Ole

Edwin Boley

Edwin was a mechanic at Iverson's Garage, 30, for many years. His parents and later his brother, Albert, and his family lived next door at 5.

Jacob and Sena (Thompson) Mani

Beatrice, Russell, Charmin

Bill Kiley

Herbert and Rosa Einerson Family

Ole and Amy Dahlby

Both his widowed mother, Lena, and his maternal grandparents, Hans and Maria Guthaug, had lived in this house before them. His paternal grandfather, also named Ole Dahlby, lived at 29 and 34.

Thomas

Albert Nyhus

His sister, Martha, also lived in town, at 44, after she was widowed.

Amos and Ida (Helgeson) Steensland

Wesley Plath

Bennie and Verna (Martinson) Grundahl

His mother had also retired to town, 53, from the family farm, discussed as 32 in the next chapter. Bennie and Verna farmed across the road from his parents, at 20 in the Sandy Rock School District. Their son, Brad, runs both farm now, although Bennie's brother, Ray, continues to live on the family farm. Bennie died while he and Verna were living in this house.

Thomas, Karolyn, Bradford, Alice

7. Jacob and Karolina (Tollund) Ronnold

Jacob was a storekeeper. He was a partner in the Daleyville Store, 39.

Clara, Matilda, Lillie

John and Clara (Ronnold) Dysland

He, like his father-in-law, was a storekeeper. In fact, they were partners in the Daleyville Store, 39. John edited the Daleyville Doings from 1918 to 1920. He and Clara also lived at 24.

Irene, Robert

Albert and Selma (Hustad) Daley

Although a grandson of Tarjie Daley, Albert took after his great uncle, O.B. Dahle, in that he was a storekeeper. Albert was a partner in the Daleyville Store, 39, but after Jacob Ronnold and John Dysland sold out. After leaving the family farm, discussed under 19 in the next chapter, Albert and Selma also lived at 24 before building 19. Both Albert's brother, Isaac, and their parents also lived substantial portions of their lives in the village. His parents at 15 and his brother at 27, 38, 42, and 59. Albert's sister, Ruth, also lived at 15, while his brother, Theodore, lived at 45.

Robert, Helen Mae

Carl and Martha (Olson) Syftestad

They also lived at 3.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin

The house stood vacant from late 1930s till the late 1940s.

Ole and Astri (Jelle-Gjelde) Hill of Bakken-Hill

They moved here from 2.

Annie, Marie, Lena, Alma, Otto, Elmer

Adolph and Kristine Goli

Brother and sister. Kristine played the organ at Perry Lutheran Church for 67 years. She also taught piano to children in the community and was a

talented stitcher of quilts.

Kathy Conrad

John, James

Michael and Patricia Klarer

Holly, Ivy, Sebastian

8. A boardwalk extended from house 7 to house 17. According to local legend, the womenfolk in town, fed up with walking in the mud and equally upset with the menfolk for their lack of concern about the issue, got together and laid the boardwalk themselves. At that time, Clay Hill Road did not come into the main street between houses 7 and 10. It still ran around Clay Hill and entered Daleyville down between 55 and 58.

9. Edward and Gertrude (Zurfleuh) Ranum and John Zurfleuh

John was Gertrude's father. They lived in adjoining trailers on this site.

Ruth, Joan, John, Mark

Stanley and Beatrice Shirvinski Family

They were the first residents of the new house.

Cornelius and Helen Fink

Curtis, Carol

Gary and Pamela Martin

Rachel, Michael

10. Gerald and Luann (Syftestad) Binger

Luann's parents lived in town at 25, 34 and 56. They currently live at 60. Luann's sister, Judy, also remained in town. She succeeded their parents at 25.

Lindsey

Todd and Kim Putz

Gary and Karen Larson

Paul

11. Clara (Theobald) Grimstad

Widow of David Grimstad. They had lived at 41.

Marjorie, Mary (adopted twins) and Joseph and Russell Jones, and Debbie Donstad (foster children)

Allen and Linda Hendrickson

Robbie

Linda Hendrickson and David Myhre

Robbie (Hendrickson)

William Barry

12. Russell and Nancy Jones

Russell and Sharon (Hefty-Amble) Jones

Lynne, Kirk, Paula, Randi (Amble)

Jennifer J. Miller

13. Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden

They also lived at 43. Valarie's parents lived in the village at 29, 43, and 62. Her brother, Marvin, also stayed in the village, succeeding their parents at 62.

Walter, Marian, Mardell, Willis

Melvin and Ida (Friedland) Johnson

Joan

Amand and Evelyn (Anderson) Meinholz

Ronald, Dwight

Robert and Gloria (Kittleston) Erickson

He and Duane (see below) were partners in the Daleyville Store, 39.

Greg, Karen, Jeffrey, James and Julie (twins), Jerry

Duane and Audrey (Philipson) Erickson

Audrey took Robert's place as Duane's partner in the store. They were the last to operate it as a store.

Jane, William

14. Hans and Mathea (Jacobson-Rud) Grinder

Built this house in 1895 when their son, Albert, and his family took over the family farm, discussed as 37 in the next chapter.

Albert, John, Theodore (Teddy), Edward, Carl, James, Bennie, Julia and Josephine (twins)

Mathea Grinder and Olava Jacobson

Sisters

Carl, Mary, Thea and Clara Christopherson

Brother and sisters

Reuben and Gena (Nelson) Grinder

A grandson of Hans and Mathea, one of Albert's six sons, Reuben and Gena also lived at 61. After she was widowed, Reuben's mother, Hilda, moved into 31 in town. His brothers, Isaac and Helmer, also lived in town at 23 and 31, respectively.

Robert, Wayne, Nancy

The children changed spelling of the name to Grender.

Charles and Linda (Evans) Miess

Michael Evans, Michelle

James Wirtz, Jr.

Larry Tollefson

Amy and Ashley (twins), Matthew

15. Jul and Augusta (Bonnerud) Nelson

Built this house in 1899, incorporating the old log parsonage, 54 -- which they moved to this lot -- into it. Jul operated a shoe repair business in his home.

Norman, Olin, Otto, Joseph, Melvin and Morris (twins), Gena, Alpha



Jul and Augusta Nelson's house in 1991

Bjorn (Ben or B.T.) and Hannah (Peterson) Daley

Moved here in 1909 with 5 of their 6 children. Their oldest son Oscar had taken over the family farm (19 in the next chapter) in 1906 when B.T. and Hannah moved to the farm (24 in the next chapter) which B.T.'s daughter from his first marriage, Amanda Hoiby, and her family vacated in 1903.

Annie, Isaac, Theodore, Amanda; Oscar, Clara, Albert, Thea, Alvin, Ruth



B.T. and Hannah Peterson

Hannah (Peterson) Daley and Ruth (Daley) Simmons

Ruth's brothers, Albert and Isaac, both lived large portions of their lives in the village, too. Albert at 7 and 24 before building 19 and Isaac at 27, 38, 42, and 59. Her brother, Theodore, lived at 45 for a while.

Lorayne

Carl and Annie (Helgeson) Iverson

Moved here from the family farm, discussed as 18 in the next chapter, when their son Carroll took over the farm. Carl's widowed father had done the same thing, moving to 27 in town, when Carl took the farm over from him. Carl's oldest brother, Inman, moved into 27 when their Dad died. Before replacing their father at 27, Inman had lived at 34. By the time Carl and Annie were living here, his sisters, Alpha, Nora and Mabel, and one brother, Alvin (Mike), were also living in town: Alpha at 25 and 44, Nora at 26 and 33, Mabel at 31, 44, and 61, and Mike at 28.

Carroll, Richard, Harold, Doris, Ann, Avis (she died very young)

Carroll and Lucille (Tollefson) Iverson

Following family tradition, they moved to Daleyville when their son, Duane, moved took over the farm.

Sharon, Judy and Joyce (twins), Duane and Dennis (twins)

Alice Gordon and David and Deborah Gordon Family

16. The Daleyville Fire House was a barn-type structure located on this site. It housed the fire fighting equipment used in the area. The Daleyville Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1917. The first officers were Oscar Jylland, Chief; Henry Larson, Asst. Chief; I.O. Iverson, Capt.; Henry Dahlby, Sec.; Teddy Grinder, Treas. A fire house fire destroyed both the building and the fire engine stored within it, abruptly ending the organization.

Glenn and Sandra (Pitts) Stensby

Moved a trailer onto the lot. They also lived at 22 and, finally, before moving to Blue Mounds, in 62, the home Glen's grandparents, Ole and Hilda, built.

Shanna, Stacy, Sarah

James and Lavonne Dolan

Jack and Mary Mlsna

Michelle, Joseph, Andrew

Robert Schiro

Joan Kittleson

Shawn, Ryan

17. Ole and Aaste (Hoff) Huser

Egil and Julia (Sundve) Stoyl

Lived here until Mr. Broughton moved the house to Highway 39, East of the York churches (see Chapter 7).

Henry Swenson (foster)

18. Peter Philipson

Mr. Philipson built a garage first and planned to live in it while he built a house. However, with a few improvements, living in the garage was satisfactory and he never did build a house.

Norman Nelson

19. This was the site of O.B. Dahle's second store. Much larger than his first store, this approximately 50-foot long building was completed before 1870 and served the community until 1920 when it burned.



O.B. Dahle's second store as photographed by Andrew Dahl. Andrew Dahl Collection. Photo courtesy of State Historical Society of Wisconsin, WHi (D31) 628.

From 1871 until 1895, the building housed the Perry Post Office as well as the store because O.B. Dahle was both the Perry Postmaster and the proprietor of the store during those years.

Some of the people who owned and ran this store after **O.B. Dahle** were:

Syver Goli and Herman and Henry Dahle

Syver and Martin Goli (Martin died c. 1903)

Syver Goli (probably ran the store alone from c. 1903-1905. Throughout the c.1895-1905 period, Syver's wife, Ellen, operated the Post Office and the telephone switchboard in their house right across the street -- O.B. Dahle's former home, 20.)

Inman Iverson and Teddy Grinder (became co-

owners and operators, c. 1905-1914. In 1910, both the Post Office and the telephone switchboard moved back into the store. However, the switchboard only stayed a year before Alma Daley moved it into her home, 38.) **Teddy Grinder** (sole owner as of c. 1914-1918 when he married and moved to Argyle. Although Teddy, never lived in town, he was certainly an important figure in the village. In 1908, he started the Daleyville Doings newspaper, which he edited until 1918. He opened a taxi service to Mt. Horeb in 1913, clearly the predecessor to Mike Iverson and Ike Grinder's late 1920's Argyle to Madison Bus Route. Teddy Grinder was also a founding officer of the Daleyville Volunteer Fire Department in 1917.)

Lloyd and Otto Sanders (the last owners of the store, c. 1918-1920) **Ole Dahlby** (ran the store for them until it burned).

Known clerks were **Augusta Grinder, Beulah Goli, and Clara Grinder.**

Albert and Selma (Hustad) Daley

Built this house in 1926 on the foundation of the second Daleyville store -- the one that had burned down in 1920. There is more discussion of Albert and Selma under site 7 and in the initial narrative to this chapter.

Robert, Helen Mae



Albert and Selma Daley built this home on the site of O.B. Dahle's store. Present home of Barabara and Orville Langfoss.

Orville and Barbara (Willis) Langfoss

Following many years of residence in the Chicago area, Orville returned to his home community in 1982. He grew up on farm 11 in the Spring Valley School District.

Carol, Kenneth, Mark

20. Onun Bjornson and Birgit (Betsy Hermosdtr-Nelson) Dahle

Beginning in 1853, O.B. traveled to eastern Wisconsin frequently to buy supplies for his store. On some of these trips, he stayed with Betsy's father in North Cape, Wisconsin. They were married in 1854. For the first ten years of their married life they lived in the log cabin O.B. had built near his first store. They built this house in 1864.

Herman, Henry, Thea, Marie, Theodore, Karolina



The Dahle House as photographed by Andrew Dahl. Andrew Dahl Collection. Photo courtesy of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, WHi (D31) 616.

Syver and Ellen (Nelson) Goli

Ellen Goli was a niece of Birgit Dahle. Ellen and Syver bought the house, along with O.B. Dahle's remaining unsold village lots, in 1895. Ellen operated the Post Office and the telephone switchboard in the house before 1910. It was moved from here to the store located where house 19 is now. After O.B. Dahle, Syver ran that store -- first with O.B. Dahle's sons and then with his own brother, Martin. Syver and Martin were from Daleyville; their parents lived at 24.

Beulah, Edna

Dr. E.D. McQuillian

Had his living quarters, his medical practice, druggist service and "Free Traveling Library Service" here in 1913. This was apparently his second location in Daleyville, his first having been 22.

Palmer and Beulah (Goli) Hendrickson

Operated the 40 acre farm associated with the house. The land lies west of the village. Her sister, Edna, also stayed in Daleyville at 28.

Jean

Maurice and Evelyn (Miller) Ranum

Bought the house in 1944 from Ellen Goli's estate.
Joyce, Jean, Thomas

Thomas and Pamela Ranum

Maurice Ranum continues to live here also, during the warmest six months of the year.

Chris, Matthew, Benjamin, Tommy

21. Thomas and Diane (Kahl) Ranum

Chris, Matthew

Steve and Judy (Walstad) Hefty

Amy, Chad, Kayla, Lance

22. A blacksmith shop stood on this lot before this house was built. It was probably one of the earliest shops in the community. Beginning before 1873, **Erich Dumholdt** was the blacksmith here for many years. **Thore Smesrud** also rented it for awhile. Local oral tradition says that there was a skating rink on the second floor of, at least the later versions of, this blacksmith shop.

John and Anna (Grinder) Peterson

John and Annie (Kleppe) Peterson

Ran a boarding house.

Delia

Dr. E.D. McQuillian

This was his first home in Daleyville. He established his medical practice here in 1912. He also founded the "Free Traveling Library" in Daleyville while living in this house. He was the librarian.

Clarence and Inger (Anderson) Johnson

Inger had grown up in town at 50. Her parents had retired from that village farm house to 49. Her brothers, Henry, George, and Elmer all stayed in town at these two houses.

Lloyd

Eunice (Steensland) Syftestad and Pansy Stoker

Eunice's son, Arch, also lived in town at 25, 34, and 56. He currently lives at 60.

Clara (Gronhovd) Lavik

Widow of Pastor Ingvald A. Lavik.

Agnes, Harold, Melvin, Robert

Glenn and Sandra (Pitts) Stensby

They also lived in a trailer at 16 and in 62, the home Glenn's grandparents, Ole and Hilda, built.

Shanna, Stacy, Sarah

James and Linda Szabo

Kathy, JR, Michael

Gary Parpart and Dee Kidd

Maria, John (Zabawa)



Built by Martin Goli built in 1902

23. Martin Goli

Built this house in 1902 for his then bride-to-be Amanda Chestelson. He and his brother, Syver, ran the store located where house 19 is now. Their parents lived next door at 24.



Wedding Picture of Martin and Amanda Goli

Martin and Amanda (Chestelson) Goli

They lived here only one year when Martin died.

Amanda (Chestelson) Goli, Anne Chestelson, and Nima and Otilda Swenson

Amanda continued to live here. Her mother lived with her. The Swensons lived upstairs. Amanda later married Rev. M.P. Dommersnaes.

Lena (Guthaug) Dahlby

Lived here while her own house, 5, was being built.
Christine, Ole

Ole and Mollie (Sutter) Anderson

Operated the telephone switchboard here in 1915. Before this, Alma Daley had run it at 27.
Jane, Marvin

Isaac (Ike) and Jane (Anderson) Grinder

Beginning in the late 1920s, Ike ran the bus company with Mike Iverson. Ike's mother also lived in town after she was widowed, at 31. His brother, Helmer, lived there after her. Their other brother, Reuben, also lived in town at 14 and 61.
Carolyn

Otto and Norma (Tvedt) Nelson

Janice, Alice, Ronald, Richard

Richard and Lola Brey

Helen, Robert, Ronald, Jean, Donald, Carla

Dennis and Nancy Ruppert

G.W.

Keith and Lynne (Amble) Gordon

Brooke, Forrest

24. Erick and Ragnhild (Skartum) Goli

Edward, Adolph, Martin, Syver, Margaret, Kristine, Selma

Ole Edward and Maren (Larsdtr) Peterson

Adolph, Ole, Hannah, Oscar, Emma
Adolph changed his name to Peter Olson and moved to Minnesota.

John and Clara (Ronnold) Dysland

They had also lived at 7, Clara's parents' home. John and Clara's father were partners in the Daleyville Store, 39. John edited the Daleyville Doings from 1918 to 1920.

Irene, Robert

Dr. E.D. and Lenore (Sanders) McQuillian

This was apparently their first home after their marriage. They later moved to 28. Lenore's parents lived in town. They retired from their farm to house 1. Later, Lenore's brother, Lloyd, lived there.

Ruth Marie, Helen Mae, Lorraine

Albert and Selma (Hustad) Daley

There is information on Albert and Selma under site 7 and in the initial narrative to this chapter.

Robert, Helen Mae

Martha (Olson) Syftestad

Widow of Carl Syftestad. She also lived, as a widow, at 33. She and Carl had lived at 3 and 7.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin

Endre and Emma (Peterson) Flisram

Clara Christopher

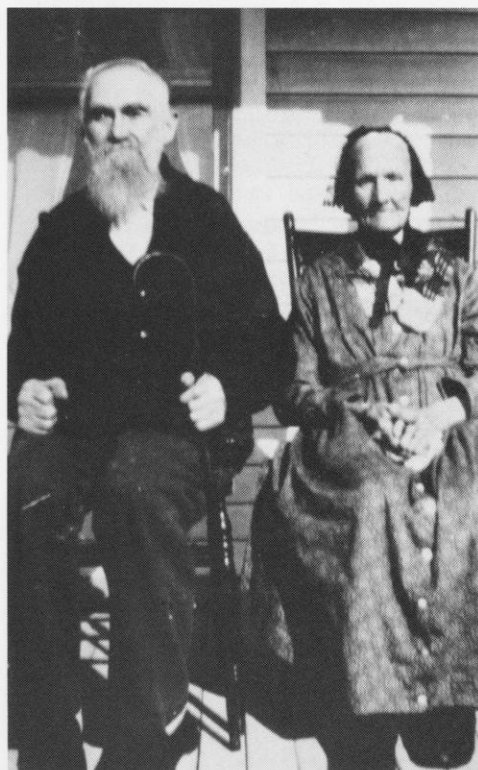
Widow of Gudwin Christopher
Lorraine

Gertrude (Zurfleuh) Ranum

Widow of Edward Ranum. They had lived at 9.
Ruth, Joan, John, Mark

Mike and Karla Meiden

Tyler, Devin and Derek (twins)



Ole Edward and Maren Peterson c.1920

25. Annie and Marie Jelle

The Jelle House was built between 1900 and 1906 by John Stensby for Annie Jelle at the cost of \$800.00. Annie was a well known seamstress in the community. She lived here with three foster daughters and her mother, Marie.

Myrtle Boley, Clara Holden, Ella Olson



*Built for Annie Jelle in the early 1900s.
Present home of Willis and Judy Volden.*

Joseph and Belinda (Jordee) Swiggum

They also lived at 31 and 42.

Evangeline, Harley, Quintin, Sylvan
Harley became a Pastor and wrote the Bethel Bible
Series Study.

Reidar and Alpha (Iverson) Knoff

They also lived at 44. Her widowed father and then
her oldest brother, Inman, lived next door at 27.
Before moving there, Inman had lived at 34. Her
brother, Alvin (Mike), and sisters, Nora and Mabel,
also stayed in town: Mike at 28, Nora at 26 and 33,
and Mabel at 31, 44 and 61. Her brother, Carl,
moved to 15 when his son, Carroll, took over the
family farm.

Joyce

Otto and Norma (Tvedt) Nelson

Janice, Alice, Ronald, Richard

Ole and Betsy Jelle

Ole had lived by himself at 3.

John and Alpha (Valstad) Stensby

They also lived at 6 which John built. He built this
house and the one next to it, 27, too. There is more
about their family under 6.

Lilyan, Mildred, Lydia

Arch and Ruth Marie (Rundhaug) Syftestad

Arch ran the Daleyville Store, 39, for a while, both by
himself and in partnership with Alvin (Mike) Iverson.
He also owned the Daleyville Garage, 30, from 1959
to 1965. In addition to serving as the caretakers for
Perry Lutheran Church, he and Ruth Marie operate
an upholstery business from their current home, 60.
They have also lived at 34 and 56.

Judith, Bette, John, Luann

Willis and Judith (Syftestad) Volden

Judy's sister Luann remained in town for a while at
10. Willis' parents also lived in town, at 13 and 43.

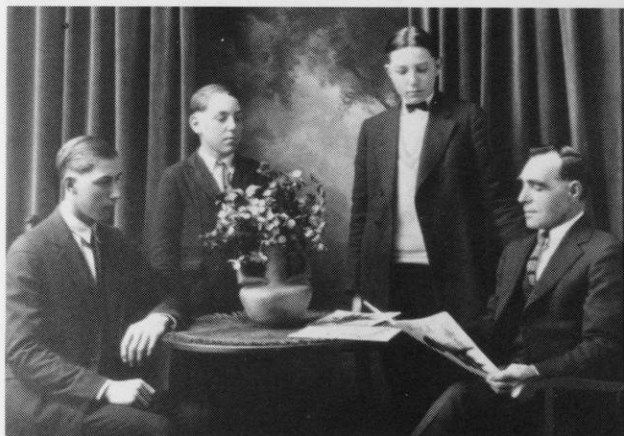
Sally, Jeffrey, Tim

26. This house is part of the former Daleyville Mill.
Thore Smesrud, who had several businesses in town
including a windmill and well drilling business and a
blacksmith operation, was the first to run this mill in
the 1880s. Before he moved to Iowa in the early
1900s he sold the mill to **Carl Paulson**. **Carl Rud**,
John Dahlby and others ran it. In about 1920, **Dr.**
McQuillian bought it, turned the building around 90
degrees and made two houses of it. This one and 28.

Peter and Nora (Iverson) Greenwald

They purchased this half of the old mill from Dr.
McQuillian in 1923. Although Peter died while they
lived here, Nora was not left totally alone. She had
many relatives in the village, see her sister Alpha's
entry on this page.

James (Lavonne), Curtis, Clarence, Palmer



Peter, Clarence, Curtis, and Palmer Greenwald

Roger and Joan (Ranum) Lloyd

Joan's parents and maternal grandfather lived at 9.

James (Chris), Michael, Charles, Suzanne,
Scott

Michael and Susan LeGrand Family

Dennis Friske

Dale and Stella Hanson

Paul

Gerald and Pamela Fields

Fields is an Americanized Polish name meaning
"Field of Flowers."

Felicity, Toby

27. Mr. and Mrs. John Stuckey

John Stensby built this house in 1906. The Stuckeys lived here about 6 years while Mr. Stuckey ran the Creamery. Then they moved north.

John Jr., Armine, William

Isaac and Alma (Boden) Daley

Alma ran the telephone switchboard in this house from 1913 to 1915. Before that she had operated it at their old home, 38. The switchboard went from here to Andersons at 23. Both Isaac's brother, Albert, and his parents had retired into town from the family farm. Albert lived at 7 and 24 before building 19, while their parents lived at 15. Isaac's sister, Ruth, also lived at 15, and their brother, Theodore, lived at 45 for a while.

Agnes, Esther, Burnell, Wallace, Delores, Irene

Julius Iverson

Widower of Oline (Olesdtr-Tollund) Iverson. The family moved to the Perry Parish in 1901, settling on a farm just outside of town which is discussed as 18 in the next chapter. She died in 1905. Their son, Carl, took over the family farm when Julius moved here.

Inman, Jennie, Alvin (Mike), Carl, Mabel, Edward, Nora, Alpha, Joseph

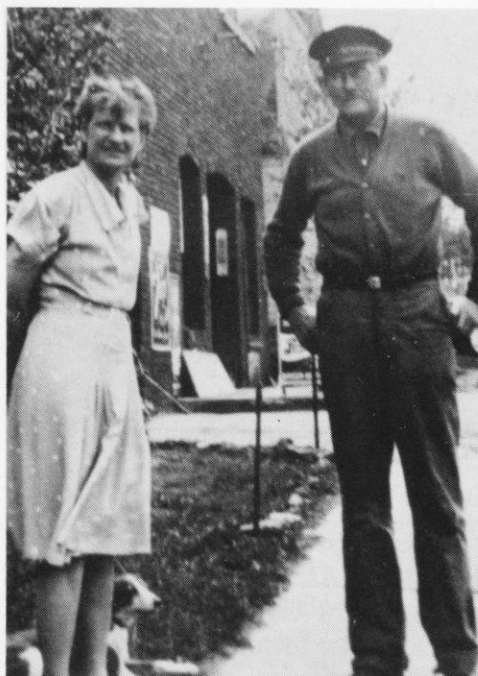


Home of Julius Iverson, then the Inman Iverson family.

Inman and Anna (Dahl) Iverson

Before moving here, Inman and Anna had lived at 34. Inman was well-known in town. He ran the store at 19 with Teddy Grinder from 1905 to 1914 and from 1914 to 1959 operated the garage, 30. Several of Inman's siblings also lived in town, see sites 15 or 25.

Dalyce, Donald, Ardis, Grace, Carol Jean, Allen, Wayne



Inman and Anna Iverson c. 1943

Morry and June Sherer
Wayne

John and Nancy Flick
Kristi, Kelli

Benjamin and Sue Reagan
B.J., Laura

Dan and Kay Watson
Joey, Julia

28. Dr. E.D. and Lenore (Sanders) McQuillian

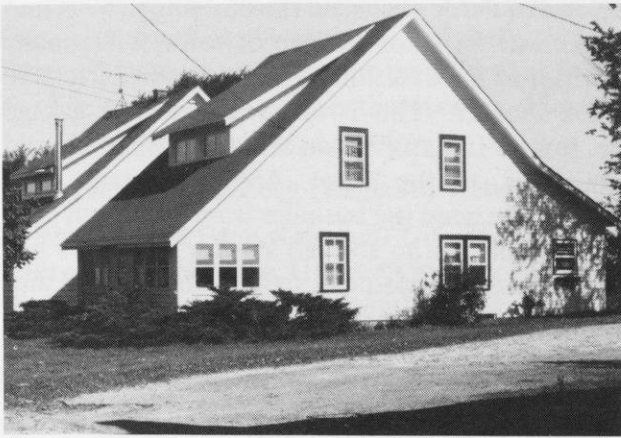
Dr. McQuillian made this, the other half of the Daleyville Mill into his own home. See 26. He and his family moved in during 1921. Prior to that they had lived at 24. Lenore's parents also lived in town. After they retired from farming they moved to 1. Later, Lenore's brother, Lloyd, lived there.

Ruth Marie, Helen Mae, Lorraine

Alvin (Mike) and Edna (Goli) Iverson

Both Mike's widowed father and Edna's parents lived in town, at 27 and 20, respectively. Mike's brother, Inman, and three of his sisters, Alpha, Nora and Mabel, also stayed in town. Edna's sister, Beulah, also stayed in Daleyville at 20. Mike was in the garage business at 30 with his brother Inman, before joining Isaac Grinder to create the bus company, "Mike and Ike's Bus Line". He was also a partner in the Daleyville Store, 39, first with Albert Daley and then with Arch Syftestad.

Marilyn



The two houses, 26 and 28, which had been the old mill. Mike and Edna Iverson lived in 28 (the one in the foreground) for many years.

Other occupants unknown

Nina Kittleson

29. Ole and Christine (Gilbertson) Dahlby

Went to the Dakota Territory. After Christine died there, Ole returned to Wisconsin with his family.

John, Bertha, Edward

Ole and Annie (Ellefson) Dahlby

Ole was a school teacher. He was also the local correspondent for the Mount Horeb Mail and mail carrier on the Daleyville route. They also lived at 34.

Henry, Carl

Annie's brother **Halvor Ellefson** operated a shoe repair shop in the back part of this house. In 1916, **Dr. E.D. McQuillian** moved his medical practice to this site. He had previously operated it in two other Daleyville locations, 22 and 20. He later ran his practice across the street in an addition to the Daleyville Garage, 30.

Ole and Hilda (Valstad) Stensby

They also lived at 43 and built a home, 62, on a parcel of a farm adjoining the village in the 1920s. Ole's brother, John, was married to Hilda's sister, Alpha. They also lived in Daleyville at 6 and 25, both of which John built. Another of Hilda's sisters, Augusta -- Alpha's twin, lived in town at 41 and 43. She was married to Eddy Grinder.

Marvin, Valarie

Roy and Sally Davis

Thomas

Monte and Janice Stoleson

Chantelle

Eugene and Ann (Keber) Sonby
Ann, a U.S. Air Force Serviceman's bride, came from Peterborough, England
David, Deborah, Kathleen



Ole and Annie Dahlby Family

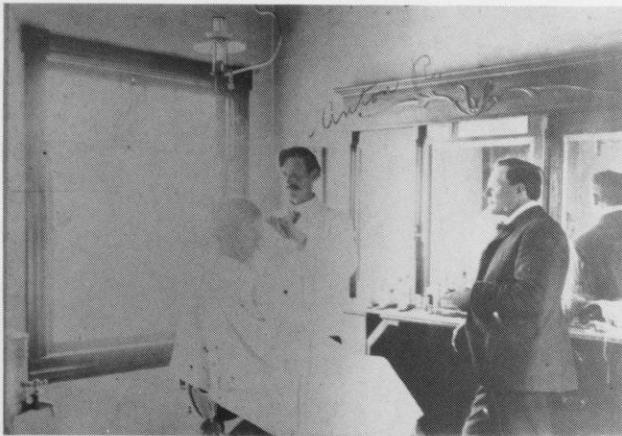
30. The Daleyville Creamery, run by **John Stuckey**, occupied this site in the early 1900s. It closed in 1912. In 1913, the stockholders voted to sell the building to **Otto Sanders** and **Knute Stenseth**. In 1914, **Inman Iverson** bought it from Sanders and



Building the Daleyville Creamery. The Daleyville Garage followed on this site.

Stenseth and hired **John and Henry Dahlby** to convert it into an automobile garage. He sold cars, did general repair work and sold gasoline. In 1920, when **Alvin (Mike) Iverson** joined his brother, **Inman Iverson**, in the garage business, they tore the old wooden creamery down, and constructed a new brick building. This brick clad garage with an arched roof was modern for the times. A gasoline-powered engine drove a generator which stored electricity in a series of batteries providing light and power to the building and the Iverson residence across the street, 27. This was years before transmission lines provided electrical power to the village.

In 1921, Iverson and Iverson built a smaller matching masonry addition on the north side of the garage. They rented this new space to **Anton Rundhaug**, the barber, who was also known as a talented musician.



Barber Anton Rundhaug's shop was in a now removed addition to the north side of the garage

Later, **Dr. E.D. McQuillian** used this building for his medical practice. In the 1930s, **Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lustad** lived in the rear quarters with Vern operating a barber shop in the front. Later, **Oscar Jylland** moved his blacksmith shop to this site after his building was destroyed by fire. This structure has been razed.

Later in the twenties, Mike Iverson left the garage business to form a bus company with Ike Grinder. Inman Iverson expanded his garage business to include selling Atwater Kent radios and collecting cream from the surrounding cheese factories. He tested the cream and shipped the cans by rail to Green Bay. The sale of candy, soda pop, ice cream and tobacco products was also established. **Edwin Boley, Morris Berg, and Norman Nelson** all worked for years as mechanics in Iverson's garage.

The **Town of Perry** purchased the building in 1944 and used portions of it for storage of vehicles for many years prior to the erection of their new building, 2 in the next chapter. The Town rented out the garage space, first to Inman Iverson and then, when he sold the business, to the buyer, **Arch Syftestad**. The Syftestads operated the business from 1959 until 1965 when they sold out to **Darrell Walker** who after five years moved his business to Mt. Horeb. Later operators included

Lyle Komplin

Phil Lipke

Bob Messinger and Tom Larson

Douglas Anderson

Larry and Mitch Hefty

Purchased the building from the Town of Perry in 1991. Mitch operates a body shop in the structure and lives in the old Cheese Factory, 58.

31. Ole and Lukris (Sanderson) Paulson

Herman, George, Carl, Samuel, Martin, Hanna, Henry, Otto, Elizabeth



Gathering of Paulson families in honor of Ole and Lukris Paulson's 50th wedding anniversary

Hilda (Peterson) Grinder

Widow of Albert Grinder

Helmer, Reuben, Obed, Delbert, Isaac, Abner

Mettie (Martha Preston) Grinder

Widow of Bennie Grinder. She and Hilda Grinder, who preceded her here, were sisters-in-law. Their husbands' parents lived at 14 in town after they retired from their farm.

Preston (adopted)

Joseph and Belinda (Jordee) Swiggum

They also lived at 25 and 42.

Evangeline, Quintin, Harley, Sylvan

Theodore and Mabel (Iverson) Evenson

They also lived at 44 and 61. Mabel's widowed father and then her oldest brother, Inman, lived at 27. The rest of her family is discussed in 15 and 25.
Virginia, Orville, Lorraine

Torkel and Ingeborg (Hegland) Homme

Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

After she was widowed, Helmer's mother had lived in this house in town. His brothers, Isaac and Reuben, also lived in town at 23 and 14, respectively. Reuben also lived at 61.

Ernest, Arlene, Albert, Ralph, Ethel

Ernest and Marion (Roach) Grinder

Susan, Steven

32. Clara Jordee

Lived in a house trailer which used the well at house 31 as its source of water. The trailer is no longer here.

33. Martha (Olson) Syftestad

Widow of Carl Syftestad, lived in a house trailer which also used the well at house 31 as its source of water. She also lived, as a widow, at 24. She and Carl had lived at 3 and 7.

Marvin, Raymond, Philip

Nora (Iverson) Greenwald

Widow of Peter Greenwald. After her residence, this trailer was removed from the site. She and Peter had lived at 26. Her family is discussed in 15 and 25.

James (Lavonne), Curtis, Clarence, Palmer



Ole and Mollie Stenseth built this house in 1897

34. Ole K. and Marie (Mollie Chestelson) Stenseth

Built this house when they were newlyweds.

Esther, Violet, Chestel, Quinten, Marguerite, Marie

Ole and Ragnild Sundom

Ole and Annie (Ellefson) Dahlby

They also lived at 29.

Henry, Carl

Inman and Anna (Dahl) Iverson

They moved from here to 27, where information on his family is given. His business activity is under 30.

Dalyce, Donald, Ardis, Grace, Carol Jean, Allen, Wayne

Gunnar Lind

Clifford Schindler Family

Olaf and Lydia (Hoel) Blendheim

Arch and Ruth Marie (Rundhaug) Syftestad

There is a discussion of Arch and Ruth Marie under house 25. They currently live at 60.

Judith, Bette, John, Luann

Oliver and Florence (Stoker) Gilbertson

Sharon, Lucille, Mary Ann, Gerald, James, Francis

Dean and Ruth Swenson

Allen, Robert, David, Gary

Herman and Gudrun (Nygard) Melby

Kenneth, Earl, Robert, Donald

Kenneth became a Pastor. Donald became a banker.

John Willborn, Jr.

Heather, John III

Jeffrey Gilbertson Family



Gunhild Thorhaug had this built as a dressmaker's shop

35. Gunhild Thorhaug

Operated a dressmaker's shop in this building which she had constructed.

Lena Hill of Bakken-Hill

Operated a hat shop. Her parents, and later her sister Marie and her family, lived at 2.

Hans and Greta Larson

Greta was a rug weaver.

Gustav, Thorvald (Toby), Henry, Louise
Gustav was a photographer and took many of the pictures around Daleyville. Thorvald (Toby) was killed in World War I.

Henry Larson

A saw rig operator, he did custom work in the community.

James and Vivian (Swenson) Campbell

Debora, Merling

Dean and Ruth Swenson

Allen, Robert, David, Gary

Ingvald and Estella (Retrum) Nelson

Rolf, Doris, Irene, Knute, Herbert, Clifford,
Gerald, Helen, Violet

Sonby Repair Shop

Gene Sonby who lives next door at 29 has turned this house into a workshop.

36. The Modern Woodmen of America insurance company built the Woodman Hall as a meeting place. Many organizations used this building. There were wedding receptions, home talent plays, local debates, graduations, medicine shows, basket socials and basketball games. Later, it was privately owned. The building has been razed.

37. O.T. Savre

Built this store. He sold books and shoes. He lived at 2, and built the race track north of it.



On left Savre's Store, C.E. Paulson Store, Barbershop, Restaurant. The building is now gone. On right the Daleyville Store, before it was enlarged and remodeled.

Carl Paulson

Bought it in 1900 and ran it as a general store.

Ed Engen

A barber, also sold canned goods, fresh fruit and,

later, had a restaurant.

Henry Dahlby

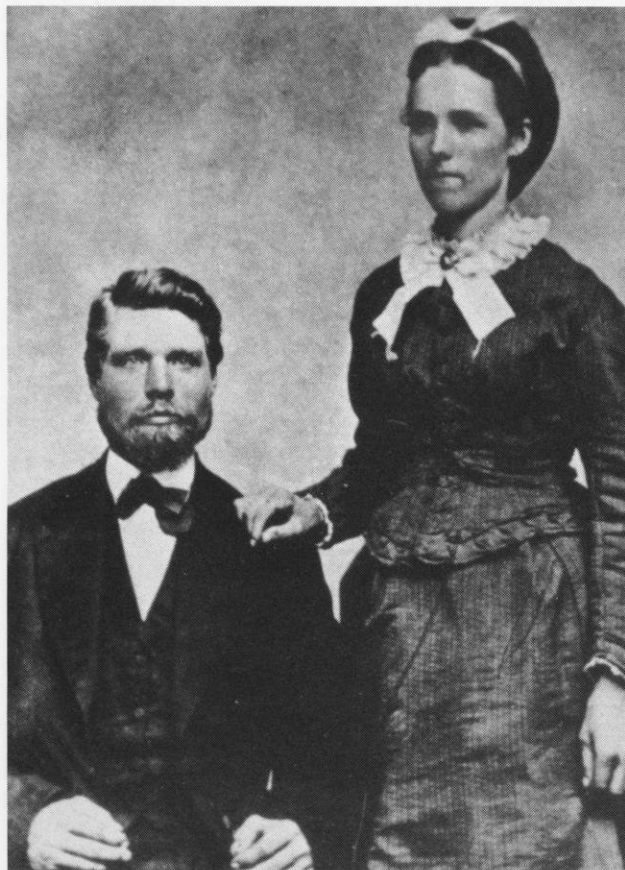
Operated a restaurant.

Building has been razed.

38. Thore and Julia (Ranum) Smesrud

In addition to being a blacksmith and a miller, Thore drilled wells and sold windmills. He kept the windmill business for a short time after he sold the blacksmith shop, 41, and mill, 26 and 28. He then moved to Iowa in the early 1900s to be near his daughter.

Bertha, Isabel, Olaf, Walter



Thore and Julia Smesrud built 38 about 1895

Carl and Gurina (Thompson) Paulson

Carl bought the Daleyville Mill, as well as this house from Thore Smesrud. He also ran a general store, 37. Later, he went farming south of Daleyville, at 37 in the next chapter.

Lulu, Benjamin, Roy, Hazel, Walter, Archie, Glenn

Isaac and Alma (Boden) Daley

After 1911, Alma ran the telephone switchboard here. It had been in the store located where house 19 now stands. The switchboard went with her when

they moved to 27 where there is more discussion of Isaac's family.

Agnes, Esther, Burnell, Wallace, Delores, Irene

Tallak and Anna (Halvorsdtr-Almelien) Vik

They also lived at 61.

Halvor, Christian, Birgit, Taarand, Gunder (George)

Other unknown occupants.

Oscar and Julia (Hageseth) Jylland

Oscar operated a blacksmith shop in the old barn behind the house until it burned down in the 1940s -- an ironic fate for the first chief of the Daleyville Volunteer Fire Department, but not surprising for a smithy. Julia ran the telephone switchboard which was moved here from 23. They had also lived above the blacksmith shop at 42.

Esther, Curtis, Hazel, Gladys, Elaine, Selma, Helen, Ruth



Oscar and Julia Jylland

Michael Hoerig Family

Other unknown occupants

39. The Daleyville Store was run by quite a few people.

- Jacob Ronnold and John Dysland**
- Albert Daley and Sanford Hannes**
- Albert Daley and Alvin (Mike) Iverson**
- Alvin (Mike) Iverson and Arch Syftestad**
- Arch Syftestad**
- Robert Erickson and Duane Erickson**
- Duane and Audrey (Philipson) Erickson**



Garage, Woodmans' Hall, store, Dahlby house c. 1920

After the store closed, **Bill Erickson**, Duane and Audrey's son, opened a furniture repair and refinishing business in the building.



Olaus and Ingeborg Thompson and daughters

40. Olaus and Ingeborg (Smesrud-Stenseth) Thompson

Built this house in 1895. He kept a big black stallion in the barn behind this house.

Millie, Eda, Julia



Built by Olaus & Ingeborg Thompson in 1895

Sanford and Ella (Hustad) Hannes

He and Albert Daley operated the store at 39 as partners.

Carl and Myrtle (Opsal) Dahlby

Carl's parents had lived at 29 and 34.

Richard

Henry and Sophia (Disrud) Dahlby

Henry was Carl's brother.

Arlene, Orville

Ellen Goli

Widow of Syver Goli. They had lived at 20.

Beulah, Edna

Tony and Alma (Berg) Sorrocco

Alma's parents had once lived next door over the old blacksmith shop, 42. Her brother, Morris, was a long term mechanic at Iverson's Garage, 30. Her brother, Morgan, lived in town at 1.

Harriet, Theresa

LouAnn Frank

From Texas (used as a summer home)

Tom Fjelstad

41. Ed and Gena (Ronnold) Woien

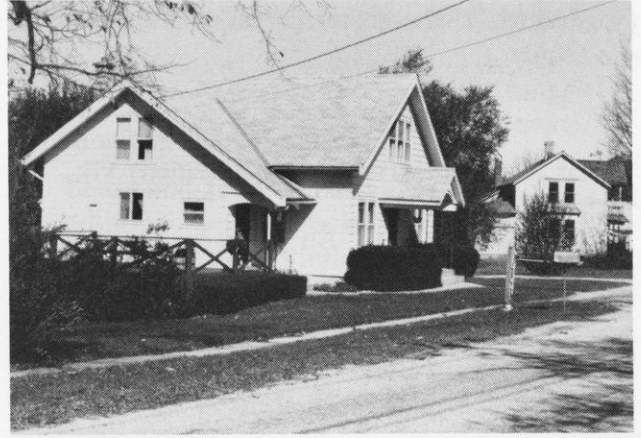
After Ed died, Gena went back to Norway to live.

Eddy and Augusta (Valstad) Grinder

Both Eddy and Augusta had many relatives in town, see the discussions under sites 3 and 6. In 1908, Eddy and Augusta built a house at 43. They had also farmed from 49.

David and Clara (Theobald) Grimstad

Marjorie and Mary (adopted twins) and Joseph and Russell Jones, and Debbie Donstad (foster children)



Ed and Augusta Grinder lived here for many years. Smesruds', later Jyllands', house in the background.

Robert and Carol (Boley) Grender

Deborah, Anita, James, Cynthia (2 more daughters died as infants)

42. Thore Smesrud built a two-story blacksmith shop on this spot in the 1800s. In 1895, he sold the shop to his nephews, **Ole and Knudt Stenseth**. Ole sold out to Knudt and went farming in the Clay Hill School District. Knudt sold out to **Carl Chestelson** who was not a blacksmith. **Jesse Owens** succeeded Knudt Stenseth as the next "smithy." In 1916, Carl Chestelson traded the shop to **Arthur Johnson** for a 1/4 section of land in South Dakota. **Oscar Jylland** began renting it in 1917 and was the last "smithy" to work in "Thore Smesrud's Blacksmith Shop" before the building was razed.



Knudt and Ole Stenseth in the blacksmith shop

The residents over the blacksmith shop included

Knudt and Amanda (Slotten) Stenseth

Gladys (died young)

Knudt and Amanda (Swenson) Stenseth

Bernadine, Naomi, Russell, Lloyd, Helen, Florence, Marcella

Jesse Owens Family

Iver and Emma (Johnson) Berg

Clara, Alma, Irene, Elida, Morgan, Isaac, Tena, Ruth, Morris

Isaac and Alma (Boden) Daley

They also lived at 27, 38, and 59. There is more discussion of Isaac's family under 27.

Agnes, Esther, Burnell, Wallace, Delores, Irene

Oscar and Julia (Hageseth) Jylland

They also lived at 38.

Curtis, Helen, Ruth, Gladys, Elaine, Selma, Hazel, Esther

Joseph and Belinda (Jordee) Swiggum

They also lived at 25 and 31.

Harley, Evangeline, Sylvan, Quintin

Bill and Minerva (Quintana) Erickson

Bill succeeded his sister here, and followed his parents at the Daleyville Store building, 39 -- converting it to a furniture re-finishing shop rather than a store.

43. Eddy and Augusta (Valstad) Grinder

Built a house on the south side of the blacksmith shop, back from the road, on a knoll in 1908. They also lived at 41 and 49, a farm adjoining the village. Both Eddy and Augusta had many family connections in town, see the discussions under sites 3 and 6.

Ole and Hilda (Valstad) Stensby

Hilda was Augusta's sister. Ole and Hilda also lived at 29 and built a home, 62, on a parcel of farm adjoining the village in the 1920s.

Marvin, Valarie

Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden

Valarie's brother, Marvin, succeeded their parents at 62. Peter and Valarie also lived at 13 in the village.

Walter, Marian, Mardell, Willis

Verne and Helen Lee

Rodney

House was razed by Albert Boley.

44. Knute Haraldson and Joren (Gilbrandsdtr) Flaatraaten

Ann, Gudbrand (Gilbert Haroldson)

Gulbrand Krumbe

Carpenter/stone mason

House was moved to the Andrew Nyhus farm which is 45 in the Meadowview School District.

45. Inger Bjorndalen

Widow of Hans Bjorndalen

This house was moved into Daleyville from the country.

Martha (Nyhus) Martinson

Widow of John Martinson and sister of Albert Nyhus who lived at 6.

Julian, Inga, Abert

Ole Pederson

Reidar and Alpha (Iverson) Knoff

They also lived at 25, where further description of her family can be found.

Joyce

Theodore Daley

His parents and three of his siblings also lived in the village at 7, 15, 19, 24, 27, 38, 42, and 59.



Blacksmith shop when Knudt Stenseth was smith

Art and Tillie Holm

Replaced the blacksmith shop with the Daleyville Hatchery

Olin

The hatchery was converted to a residence.

Janie (Moore) Rundhaug

Wife of Philip Rundhaug who was in the Air Force in Korea.

Neal, Dianna, Phyllis, Brenda, James

Lyle and Mary Kahl

Charlene, LaVonne (Bonny), Beth, Gordon

George and Reuben Lewis and Bertha (Lewis) Peterson

Brothers and sister

James and Jane (Erickson) Martinez

Jane's parents lived at 13 and operated the Daleyville Store, 39.

Leah and Luke (Hiltbrand), Adam

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Theodore and Mabel (Iverson) Evenson

In addition to succeeding her sister, Alpha, here, they also lived at 31 and 61.

Orville, Virginia, Lorraine

Darren and Elisa Walker Family

46. Daleyville School

Built in 1893. See Chapter 3 for a history of this building.

Darrell and Mary (Anderson) Walker

Converted the building into a private residence after the school closed in about 1970.

Darren, Troy, (Daughter died in infancy)

47. Perry Lutheran Church

See Chapter 13.

48. Perry Lutheran Church Stables

Used by church members and visitors during worship services and other events at the church. Building has been razed.

49. Because this house was part of a farm, it is not covered here. The information on it is under 22 in the next chapter.

50. Because this house was the first house on the farm that included 49, it, too, is not covered here. The information on it is under 21 in the next chapter.

51. This new house also serves the same farm as 49 and 50. The information on it is also under 21 in the next chapter.



Present Perry Parsonage

52. New Perry Lutheran Church Parsonage built in 1970. Residents have been:

Pastor Richard and Diane (Clark) Halom (1970-1974)

Cynthia, Martin

Pastor Fred and Nancy (Larson) Hofer (1974-1980)

Denise, Joel

Pastor Richard and Darleen (Helgerson) Rem (1981-1989)

Steven, David, Paul, Ruth

Pastor Thomas M. and Phyllis (White) Marks (1990-present)

Heather, Amanda

53. Anna (Breiseth) Grundahl

Widow of Thor Grundahl. House built for Anna in 1951-52. After her husband died, she moved here from their farm, discussed as 32 in the next chapter. She lived here until her death.

Kermit, Bertha, Raymond, Milda, Curtis, Bennie, Alvin, Evelyn, James

Clifford and Alma (Holcomb) Anderson

Walter

54. Old Perry Lutheran Church Parsonage completed in 1863. This 24' x 30' log cabin cost \$479.10 to build. Ole Jorgenson Hastvedt and Valquar Jenson supervised the construction on the 60 acre farm adjacent to the church which the congregation had bought in 1861 for \$700.



Interior of log parsonage in 1876. Stereograph photographed by Andrew Dahl. Andrew Dahl Collection. Courtesy of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. WHi (D31) 616.

The tornado of 1878 tore off the roof and destroyed the lean-to kitchen. When the congregation repaired it, they not only put on a new roof and kitchen, but put lath and plaster on the inside of the house. After this repair and "modernization", it continued to be used as a parsonage for another 15 years, until 1893 -- for a total of 30 years service as a parsonage. Then, it served the congregation for 6 years as a

storage building. In 1899, Jul Nelson, the Perry Lutheran Church Sexton, bought it for two years service, took it apart, moved it, and re-erected it as part of his "new" house at 15.

The pastors who lived here were

Peter M. Brodahl (1863-1868)

Abraham Jacobson (1868-1878)

Adolph Bredeson (1878-1881)

Peter Isberg (1882-1888)

Henrick Voldal (He lived in both this structure -- for 5 years -- and its successor -- for 10 years, as he served the Perry Congregation from 1888 to 1903.)

55. The first building to occupy this roadside site was the 1893 Perry Lutheran Church Parsonage built to replace the old log parsonage. Kleven Brothers built this two-story frame building for \$1,500. Pastors who lived here were

Henrick Voldal (1893-1903)

Helge Hoverstad (1903-1909)

Joseph M. Green (He lived in both this structure -- for 9+ years -- and its successor -- for about 4 years, as he served the Perry Congregation from 1909-1923).



Pastor Voldal and family in front of the Perry Parsonage built in 1893.

During Pastor Green's tenure, the frame parsonage was razed and replaced, in 1919, with the present brick building.

Rev. Joseph M. Green was the first minister to live in it (1919-1923). Rev. Green's first wife, **Agnes Bertha (Estrem) Green**, lived only in the old frame parsonage. She died in 1913, leaving him with three young sons, Rolf, Amos, Orville.



Pastor Green's three eldest sons

His second wife was **Agnes (Dahle) Pitts**, a widow with one son, Gaylord Pitts. She and Rev. Green had 2 sons, Joseph and James. It was during this period that Rev. Green edited the Daleyville Doings which he renamed The Doings. Under his 1921-1923 editorship the paper began to focus much more on the parish instead of the community.

Rev. John R. and Sophia (Bergh) Lavik (1923-1926)

He took over The Doings from Pastor Green, and focused it even more on the Perry parish. In keeping with this, Rev. Lavik renamed the paper The Parish Doings. Pastor Lavik retired because of illness. After he left Perry, he went back to school and got his doctorate.

Rolf, Valborg, Norma, Paul



Perry Parsonage built in 1919

Rev. J. H. and Margit Myrwang (1926-1931)
Solveig, Margaret, Dagney, Haakon, Charlotte

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Rev. Ingvald A. and Clara (Gronhovd) Lavik
(1932-1950)

Rev. Lavik was a half-brother of former Pastor J.R. Lavik.

Agnes, Harold, Melvin, Robert



Pastor I. A. Lavik Family

Rev. J.O. and Esther Jorgenson (1950-1957)

Karen, Kathryn, Lorna, Ruth and Ronald
and Rachel (triplets), Richard

Rev. Paul F. and Sarah Anderson (1958-1964)

Rachel, David, Gretchen

Rev. H. L. and Dorthea Anderson (1964-1970)

Greg, Carolyn, Marcia, Ronald, Janet

Ralph and Lois (Steensrud) Grinder

Purchased the house from the church when it was no longer needed as a parsonage.

Karen, Katherine, Paul, Ellen, Peter

56. Gulbrand and Marit (Moen) Rundhaug

Ole Stensby built this house in 1908. In 1913, he sold it to Gulbrand Rundhaug, a retired farmer from farm 25 in the Sandy Rock School District.

Knudt, Minnie, Amanda, Peter, Selma, Emma, Grant, Regina, Eva, Alfa

Marit (Moen) and Amanda Rundhaug

Mother and daughter

Arch and Ruth Marie (Rundhaug) Syftestad

Ruth Marie is a granddaughter of Marit Rundhaug. More discussion of the Syftestads can be found under house 25. They currently live at 60.

Judith, Bette, John, Luann

Lloyd and Laura Friske

Gary, Ronald, Charles, Michael, Dennis

Tollef and Ella (Retrum) Brynjulfson

Emma, Agnes, Violet

Donavon and Karen (Norton) Gordon

Michael, James, Bradley

Valquar Jensen

Widower of Alpha Nelson and Helen Grinder
Maynard, Avis, Beverly, Ethel

Hjalmer and Amy (Steensland) Duffy

Eugene, Alton, Alice, Lucille, Delores,
Arlene

Terry and Mary Disch

Terry, Shawn

57. Because this house was part of a farm, it is not covered here. The information on it is under 23 in the next chapter.

58. Daleyville Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

Mr. Zink (the first cheesemaker)

Carl Agenstein (1914)

John Zingg

The factory burned in 1916. Despite the loss estimated at \$4,500, the stockholders voted to rebuild the factory.

Vernor and Ida (Ammonn) Scheidegger

Fred and Louisa (Wittwer) Mani

Freida Wittwer (niece), Bill (Wilhem) Mani
(nephew)

Harold and Joan Roth

Sandra, Mitchell, Mark, Paul, Barry, Annette,
Scott

Claude and Jesse (Beckwith) Eggerstaffer

Edward, Kenneth (Beckwith)

Converted to a private residence.

**Claude and Blanche (Berg-Strassman-Hefty)
Eggerstaffer**

Blanche was the third generation of Bergs to live in town. Her grandparents had lived over the old blacksmith shop at 42, while her parents lived at 1.

Larry, Jeff, Mitch (Hefty)

Blanche Eggerstaffer

Jeff Hefty

Mitch and Stephanie (Seidl) Hefty

Jeremy



Daleyville Cheese Factory in 1991

Mitch and Kim (Christianson) Hefty

Mitch operates the body shop in the old Daleyville Garage, 30.

Jeremy

59. Evan and Kari (Olesdtr-Berge) Halvorson

Halvor, Ingeborg, Lena, Annie, Marie, Ann

Ingi Halvorson

Evan was her brother

Ingeborg (Halvorson) Sidwell

Widow of George Sidwell

George

Isaac and Alma (Boden) Daley

They also lived at 27, 38, and 42. For more information on Isaac's family see 27.

Agnes, Esther, Burnell, Wallace, Delores, Irene

This log cabin has been razed. However, the lilac grove that blooms in spring still remains.

60. Arch and Ruth Marie (Rundhaug) Syftestad

Built this new house. They have lived and worked on many sites in Daleyville. These are discussed under house 25.

John, Luann, Judith, Bette

61. Tallak and Anna (Halvorsdtr-Almelien) Vik

They also lived at 38.

Halvor, Christian, Birgit, Taarand, Gunder (George)

Taarand and Gunder (George) Vik

Sister and brother. A woman ahead of her time, Taarand was a salesperson for Augsburg Publishing House by 1922. She also taught, sold woolen products and insurance for Lutheran Brotherhood.

Theodore and Mabel (Iverson) Evenson

They also lived at 31 and 44. A further account of Mabel's family can be found at 27.

Virginia, Orville, Lorraine

Reuben and Gena (Nelson) Grinder

They also lived at 14. After she was widowed, Reuben's mother moved into 31 in town. His brothers, Isaac and Helmer, also lived in town at 23 and 31, respectively.

Nancy, Robert, Wayne

The children changed spelling of the name to Grender.

Occupants unknown - possibly vacant

Mark and Vicki Ranum

Mark's parents and maternal grandfather lived at 9. His sister, Joan, also remained in town at 26.

David and Debbie (Hendrickson) Zeasman

Joe and Kathy Loy

Cory, Jason, Christopher

Roger and Amy Dickenson

Lisa, Troy

Steve and Jill Demler

Harlan

62. Because this house was part of a farm, it is not covered here. The information on it is under 25 in the next chapter.

DALEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



1st and 2nd Grades 1933-34. Front Row: (L to R) Joseph Campbell, Vernus Boley, Michael Campbell, Grant Nyhus, Harold Lavik. Standing: Betty Jane Schindler, Doris Iverson, Freida Mani, Kathryn Syftestad.



3rd and 4th Grades 1933-34. Front Row: (L to R) Peter Nyhus, Harold Iverson, Melvin Olson. Standing: Carol Jean Iverson, Harriet Sorocco, Margaret M. Campbell, Joyce Knoff, Arlene Dahlby, Betty Jane Lewis.

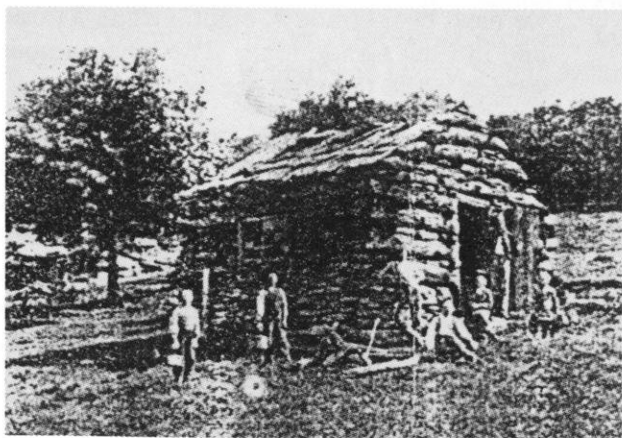


8th Grade 1933-34. (L to R) Donald Iverson, Kenneth Nyhus, Elaine Jylland, Orville Dahlby, Ardis Iverson, Carrol Iverson.

Chapter 3: The Daleyville School District

The Daleyville School District always included both the village of Daleyville and a group of surrounding farms. This chapter deals with the farms around Daleyville which were included in the Daleyville School District.

The first school in what became the Daleyville School District was held during the summer of 1852 in the log church (9) north of Daleyville. The teacher, Sigrid Omland, had about ten students.



The old log school (1853-1868)

In the fall of 1852, the men of the neighborhood hastily built the first building especially for school purposes in this school district. The first schoolhouse in the Perry Norwegian Settlement was in what became the Meadow View School District (see Chapter 7). The first Daleyville school was down off the ridge top, a little less than 1/4 mile east of where Highway 78 now runs -- about where the southern end of what is now Roger and Dawn Anderson's farm (16) meets what is now Fritz Mani's farm (20).

This 18' x 18' school, used for 14 years, was built of large logs with clapboard oaken shingles. There was one window on each of three sides and a door on the fourth wall. The seats were made of oak logs split in two, the flat side up, somewhat dressed, with four 2-inch holes for legs to be inserted. Along three sides of the walls were slanting wooden pins on which boards were fastened. This was for those who took penmanship. Twenty years later, Ole M. Grimstvedt, one of the first ten students in the area to attend school, recalled that all that was necessary was to turn around on the seat to write. A Franklin stove was used for heat.

In 1867, the district began construction of a new school. It was completed about February 1868.

Hans Grinder purchased the 1853 school, moved it to his farm (37) and used it as a blacksmith shop.

A plat map for the 1870s shows the 1868 school in Section 17, closer to Dahle's second store (which stood where house 19 now is in The Village of Daleyville). A new stove was added in 1869 and a new outside toilet built. In 1880 new desks were purchased. In 1881 a tower was built and a bell installed.

On December 30, 1893, Gabe Lewis received \$1,035.00 for building a new two room school. November 24, 1894, Thore Smesrud bought the old schoolhouse and stove for \$45.00. Eventually, it became a blacksmith's shop.

About Christmas time the next year, 1895, Halvor Hoiby put the finishing touches on the new school by hanging the bell, a blackboard and flags. Still standing, this building is located directly east and across the road from the Perry Lutheran Church and has been converted into a residence (46 in The Village of Daleyville). From 1894 on there were two teachers employed.



The two-room schoolhouse (c.1895-1969)

The school always had two departments, upper and primary. The primary remained the same from 1894 to 1969: grades 1 through 4. From 1894 until 1922, the upper department included grades 5, through 8. That year, 9th grade was added. In 1923 there was a 10th grade. Most of these students transferred to Mt. Horeb High School in 1924. Meanwhile back in Daleyville, a new 9th grade started. The upper department included a 10th grade in 1925. In 1929, another 9th grade class was started, but it was discontinued after a few weeks and the class transferred to Mt. Horeb.

In the fall of 1925, Donald Beran, the teacher, organized a football team. He did not have enough 10th graders to make up a team, so he filled in with grade school kids. Maurice Ranum recalls he was in the 6th grade and played right halfback. They were to play Blanchardville in a game, but when the Blanchardville coach saw the Daleyville grade school kids on the team, he would not let them play. So, Blanchardville filled out the Daleyville team with some Blanchardville players and played the game.

The main recreation in the winter was sliding. The children all brought their sleds or skis to school for there was a nice long sloping hill to the east, about 1/4 mile long, to slide on. In the spring they played baseball with other Town of Perry schools and had a "Playday" for all the schools in the township with foot races, etc.

In 1927, when the district installed a new furnace, the state required that outside air be pulled into the building through large cold air duct. There was no way the furnace could heat the two rooms with all that cold air coming in. So, to keep the children warm the teachers had them march to John Phillip Sousa music on the phonograph by the hour. The School Board asked the state authorities to come on a cold day. After doing so, the authorities allowed the Board to close off most of the cold air.

In 1934, the Civil Works Administration sponsored a public works project which remodeled the entrance to the school.

Harold Lavik, Vernon Hanson, Kathryn Syftestad, Grant Nyhus, Frieda Mani, Allan Iverson, Malcom Einerson, Melvin Lavik, Marilyn Ann Iverson.

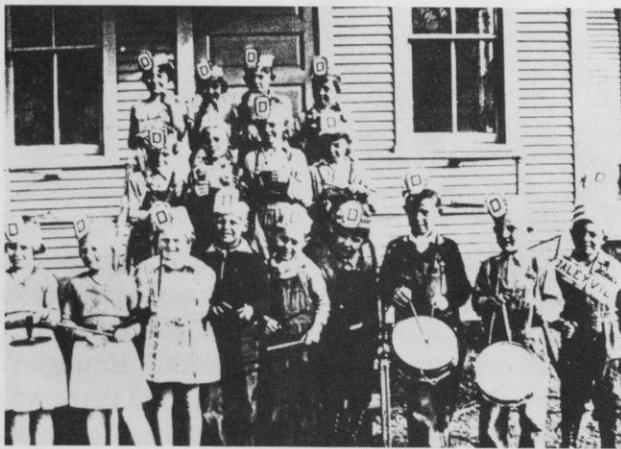
Jean Hendrickson was forced to withdraw from school for some time on account of illness. We all hope she will be able to return to school before very long.

The enrollment in the lower grades is larger than it has been for some time. In Grade 4 we have two, Grade 3, eight, Grade 2 three and in First Grade nine. The boys number sixteen while the girls are only six.

The following have had perfect attendance so far this year: Vernon Hanson, Harold Lavik, Vernus Boley, Betty Jane Schindler, Doris Iverson, Frieda Mani, Kathryn Syftestad, Grant Nyhus, Joseph Campbell, Allan Iverson, Marilyn Iverson, James Grundahl, Melvin Lavik, Louis Grossen, Milton Boley, Ann Marie Iverson.

The third and fourth grades are studying Indian life at present. They first studied the homes of the Indians and as correlated work they made an Indian sand table project representing Hiawatha. They have also constructed a tepee large enough for several children to play in at one time. Never was a tepee a busier place.

Mr. Philipson made us a very nice reading table. Now our reading corner is complete and we like it fine. Several book reports have already been given. We wonder who will be the first one to get his basket filled with flowers.



Lower Grades Rythm Band 1934

A teacher from the mid 1930s reporting on the progress of the lower grade room said:

Report cards have been sent home for the first period of the school year. Those who received an average of 88 or above are:



Upper Grades Rythm Band 1934

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Under the heading "Upper Grades Room", the teacher went on:

The following have a B average in the upper grades: Nellie Nyhus, Iola Anderson, Dorothy Mae Syftestad, Harland Swiggum, Grace Iverson, Agnes Lavik, Helen Mae Daley, Howard Hanson, Arlene Dahlby, Joyce Knoff, Carol Jean Iverson, Lorayne Simmons.

The following have had perfect attendance: Iola Anderson, Olin Holm, Nellie Nyhus, Quintin Swiggum, Dorothy Campbell, John Campbell, Helen Mae Daley, Selma Jylland, Dorothy Mae Syftestad, Melvin Olson, Harold Hanson, Joyce Knoff, Lorayne Simmons, Peter Nyhus, Grace Iverson, Agnes Lavik, Harland Swiggum, Arlene Dahlby, Margaret Campbell, Carol Jean Iverson, Harold Iverson, Harriet Sorrocco.

The seventh and eighth grades are working on their "Evangeline" sand table.

The fair winners are as follows: Quintin Swiggum, 7th grade, Health Chart, 1st prize, World Map, 3rd prize, Corner Shelf, 5th prize; Grace Iverson, 6th grade, Original Poem, 3rd prize; Harold Iverson, 4th grade, Health Booklet, 1st prize; Frieda Mani, 2nd grade, Original drawings of Simple Simon, 2nd prize. Daleyville school is winner of fifth place in school exhibits. Therefore Daleyville is winner of fifth place in "Sweepstakes."

In 1946, volunteers dug out a basement under the school, poured concrete walls and floor, and installed a kitchen for a hot lunch program. In 1950, an addition with inside toilets, connected by a stairway to the classrooms and basement, was built.

During this period, Esther Benson, a member of the local church, taught the primary department for many years and was one of the most dedicated teachers.

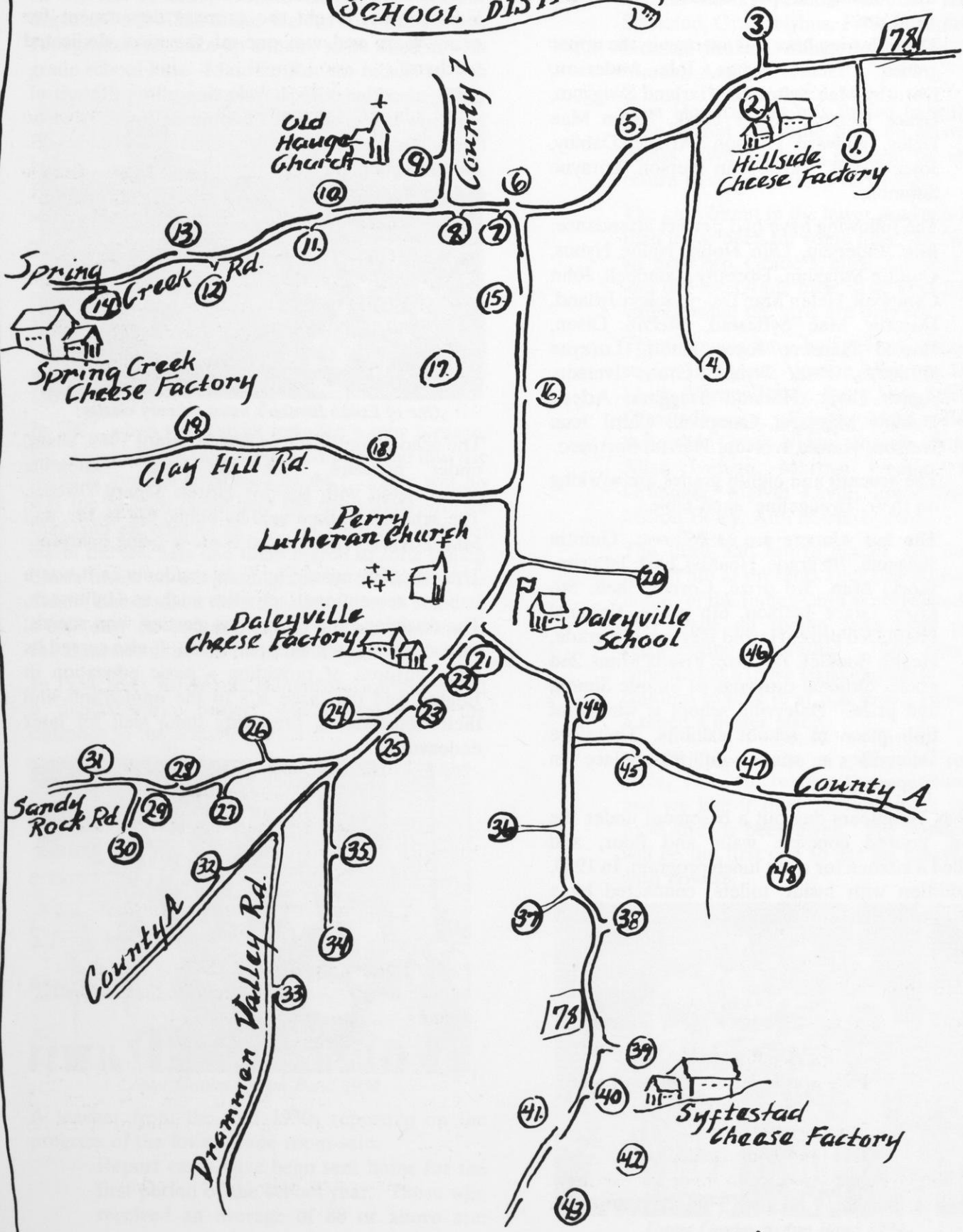


One of Esther Benson's many primary classes

The school continued to operate until 1969, when, under pressure from the state, Daleyville consolidated with the Mt Horeb School District. The school was then sold by public bid to Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Walker, who made it living quarters.

The school is missed by area residents as it was a hub for recreational activities such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parties; box socials; card clubs; Homemaker clubs; etc. It also served its main purpose of providing a basic education in English and the three R's to the immigrants and their descendants, preparing them well for later endeavors.

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1. **Ole and Astie (Gjelde-Jelle) Hill** of
Bakken-Hill

The eldest son of the first permanent Norwegian settlers in the Town of Perry, Ole and Astri established this farm southeast of his parents place, which is discussed as 25 in the Moen District.

Annie, Marie, Lena, Alma, Otto,
Elmer



Hill family group in 1901

Otto and Ida (Aavang) Hill

Orlando, Gaylord, Evelyn, Gilman

Elmer Hill

Herman and Loretta (Haag) Hefty

Wilbert, Adella, Francis, Angeline,
Marilyn, Lawrence, Rita, Diane,
Kenneth

Eugene and Bernice (Halvorson) Hamilton

Ronald, Charlene, Jackie, Paul

Alvin and Verna Gausman

Alvin died in a farm accident on this place.

Vanna

Kenneth and Diane (Richard) Hefty

This was Kenneth's home place.

Tammy, Marcus

2. **Hillside Cheese Factory**

Located on farm 3

Known Cheesemakers:

Walter Lutchi (1912)

John and Helen (Portman) Sager

Mary, Ardella

John Grossen Family

John and Lena Gehrig

Were the last cheesemakers to make cheese here. After the factory closed in the 1950s, they continued to reside in the living quarters.

Reuben and Gena (Nelson) Grinder

Reuben was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been born and raised at 37 -- where he and Gena also farmed for a while.

Robert, Wayne, Nancy

The children changed spelling of the name to Grender.

Building was razed. **Town of Perry Garage** now located on the site of the Hillside Cheese Factory.

3. **Knut and Marit (Helgerson) Enderson**

Known as E. Olson-Knudson. Came to America in 1861 from Valdres, Norway.

Henry, Inga, Erick, Anton, John

Henry and Bertha (Syvrud) Knudson

Mabel, Albert, Ida, Alma

Moved to Mt. Horeb which ended the Enderson/Knudson family era of 60 years on this farm.

Albert and Esther (Butteris) Boley

Albert was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been raised on farm 10 which his brother, Melvin, continued to farm after his parents.

Curtis, Burnell

Curtis and Mary Ann (Bernard) Boley

Ronald, Patricia, Beverly

Cornelius and Helen (Meyer) Fink

They also lived at 38 in this school district.

Curtis, Carol

Curtis and Diane (Syvrud) Fink

Leroy, Kelsey, Kyla

4. **Jacob and Martha (Kenseth) Aarhus**

Known as M. Olson.

Simon, Josephine

Simon and Tilda (Jordee) Aarhus

Anna, Josephine, Clarence

Simon and Johanna (Hoiby) Aarhus

Both were natives of the Daleyville School District. Johanna had grown up on farm 24.

Selmer, Helga, Clara

These Aarhus' will directed that the farm remain in the estate for 20 years before it could be sold. All together the Aarhus family owned this property for 85 years.

Selmer and Ruby (Kiley) Aarhus

Melvin and Hazel (Paulson) Nelson

Hazel was a native of the Daleyville School District, having grown up on farm 35.

Marvin, Linda, Laurretta, Darlene,
Otis, Karen, Arnold

Reuben Schmidt Family

Reuben and Gladys (Mueller) Nesheim

Marjorie, David, Mary Ann, Carol,
Nancy

Doylan and Winifred (Freeman) Spaanum

Robert, Randy, Barbara

A tornado in April 1955 destroyed most of the outbuildings.

Wilbert and Charlotte (Vernig) Hefty

Wilbert was a native of this school district, from farm 1. He and Charlotte built all new outbuildings.

Debra, Steven, Gary, Thomas,
Ronald, Sandra

Tracey and Kathy (Sonby) Peterson

John Markin and Deborah Dennis

Abraham, Max, Zachary



Halvor and Julia Anderson family

5. Halvor and Julia (Hanson) Anderson of Anmarkrud-Anderson

They also farmed at 21 and later built a new home, 22, on a parcel of that farm.

George, Edward, Henry, Inger,
Elmer, Lena

Henry and Elida (Berg) Anderson

Henry's brother, George, also stayed in the Daleyville School District, farming 21. Henry and Elida succeeded his parents at 22, when their son Walter took over this farm.

Walter, Evelyn, Iola

Walter and Clarice (Lundene) Anderson

Roger, Orville, Wynette, Shirley,
Marcia

The Anderson family era of 96 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Jamie Haag

6. Elaine (Brotten) Boley

Located a home on a parcel of farm 10 which she and her husband had farmed.

Vernon

7. Thomas and Connie (Winter) Curran

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 8

Dan, Kyle

8. Anders (Andrew) and Aagot (Flaaten) Sanderson (Oio)

Settled here in 1849. On March 28, 1851, the Sanderson's home was the site of the first Norwegian Lutheran service in the Town of Perry. The Rev. Adolph C. Preus, a regularly ordained Norwegian minister then living in Koshkonog, officiated at this service, which also included a baptism. The next year, in the spring of 1852, the Norwegian settlers of the area built their first church (9) on this farm which then included not only this place, 15, 11, 12 and 9 (to the north across what is now Spring Creek Road), but also 16 (to the east across what is now Highway 78). In 1861, Andrew and Aagot deeded the land the church and its cemetery stood on to the Hauge Church. In November 1852, however, two years before the congregation split (see Chapter 13) Andrew was elected, not surprisingly considering where it was located, one of the first three Trustees of the first Norwegian church. Despite the construction of the church, Andrew and Aagot's house was still an important place in the community. When the men organized the Town of Perry's first government, on

April 4, 1854, they met in the Sanderson's house -- not in the church. The house also served as the Perry Post Office from 1857 to 1871. Andrew was Postmaster for all those years and Chairman of the Town of Perry 1860-61 and 1865-68.

Bergit, Astri, Sandera, Turi, Karine, Olina, Olaus, Serena, Adolph, Carl Sandera and Carl dropped the "son" off their last name, becoming Sanders rather than Sanderson.

Carl and Elena (Erickson) Sanders of Sanderson-Sanders

Carl and his brother, Sandera, split their parents' farm. Carl, who went into farming much later, worked the western part which his parents had retained when their oldest son, Sandera, had begun farming the eastern half as 16. Carl and his family lived on the "Sanders Homestead" which was sometimes remembered by locals as a place of elegance.

Isabel, Celia, Agnes, Arthur, Ella, Grace and Gladys (twins), Wilbert

Arthur Sanders

The Sanders era on this farm lasted 110 years.

Vernus and Elaine (Brotten) Boley

Later moved to his home farm across the road at 10.

Vernon

David and Jeanne (Lachel) Stansfield

David, Jonathan, Stephen, Philip, Lynn Marie, Jeannie, Lynette, Leah

Jonathan became a minister.

Ralph Yohe

Dana Cotant and Renaye Leach

Alexander, Zachary, Ryan, Myranda

9. Old Hauge Church
See Chapter 13.

10. **Aslak (Aslag) and Milla (Anderson) Boley**

Known as A.G. Bohle

Albert, Edwin, Melvin, Carl, Inda, Lava, Annie, Thea

Melvin and Amelia (Kristianson) Boley

Melvin's brother, Albert, also stayed in the neighborhood, farming at 3.

Vernus, Joyce, Milton, Donavan, Carol, Judy, Doris, Robert, Gary

Vernus and Elaine (Brotten) Boley

Farmed across the road at 8 before moving back to

the home farm.

Vernon

The Boley era of 85 years on this farm ended with this sale.

William and Joan (Vierg) Dyke

He was a former Mayor of Madison, WI
Sarah, Katie, Wade

Craig and Linda (Johnson) Bluschke

11. **James Swailes Family**

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 8

12. **Martin and Susan Klien-Kennedy**

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 8
Mollie, Casey

13. **Stenul and Mari (Reirson) Olson**

John, Inga, Ole, Alma

John and Anna (Leer) Olson

Tommy and Eleanore (Haadem) Anderson

Joel and Merle (Robin) Black

Ivan, Peter



Spring Creek Cheese Factory

14. **Spring Creek Cheese Factory**

Located just on the Iowa County side of the Iowa Co.-Dane Co. line.

Known Cheesemakers:

Ernest and Regeli Blaser

John and Rosa Burkhalter

Converted to a private residence

Carl Lehnherr

Nels Disrud

Henry Volden

He was the hired man at farm 30 for 19 years.

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Richard and Sue Krattiger

Heidi

15. Daleyville Race Track

O. T. Savre, who lived next door at 2 in The Village of Daleyville, built this race track on land which was originally part of the Sanders Homestead, 8. Harness racing was the most common event on the "Daleyville Race Track." Locals recall that O.T.'s potato patch was located in the inner portion of the race track.

16. Anders (Andrew) and Aagot (Flaaten) Sanderson (Oio)

Bergit, Astri, Sandera, Turi, Karene, Olina, Olaus, Serena, Adolph, Carl

Sandera (Sander) and Martha (Studlien) Sanders of Sanderson-Sanders

Sander, who had been baptised in July 1850 at the first recorded Norwegian religious service in western Dane County, built a new home on this eastern part of the original farm while his parents still farmed across the road at 8.

Edwin, Otto, Marie, Otilda, Mabel, Lloyd, Lenore, Albert, Adeline

Lenore married E.D. McQuillan, the local doctor in Daleyville. Lloyd and Otto were the last owners of the store located where house 19 in The Village of Daleyville now stands. The store burned down in 1920.

Otto and Thea (Daley) Sanders

Thea was a member of a very prominent family in the District. Her parents, B.T. and Hannah Daley, farmed at 19 until her brother, Oscar, took over the farm. Their brother, Albert, followed Oscar on the farm before moving to Daleyville. Their parents also lived in the village for many years.

Although Otto and Thea were the last residents of this farm with the Sanders name, Sanders ownership continued a long time with many renters. The Sanders ownership of this farm lasted 87 years.

Werner and Anna (Reauner) Kuble

Rose, Jacob, Sam, Clara, Mary, Emma

Burnell and Levina (Butteris) Daley

Burnell was a native of this school district. His parents farmed at 36 and later took over 19, his father's home farm.

Dean, Darlene

Otto and Norma (Tvedt) Nelson

Janice, Alice, Ronald, Richard

Maynard and Etta (Ricky) Jensen

Mary Ann, John, Jeffrey

William and Esther Mae (Campbell) Hiltbrand

Joan, Dwayne

Burnell and Iris Boley

Burnell was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been raised at farm 3.

Ann

Darrell and Pauline (Coleman) Marshall

Donald

Donald and Sally (Stocker) Marshall

Daniel

Roger and Dawn (Johnson) Anderson

Roger was a native of the Daleyville School District, from 5.

Beth, Leroy, Brendt, Joseph, Brenda, Lonnie

17. Martin O. and Anne (Svendson-Askland) Grinder

Known as M. Olson, he came to America in 1859 with his parents and volunteered for military duty in the Civil War. He established this place with his discharge land grant as did his brother, Hans, farmed in this same school district at 37.

Ole, Andreas, Anne

Martin O. and Kari (Neilson-Mithus) Grinder

John and Martha (Nyhus) Martinson

Julian, Inga, Abert

Reider and Alpha (Iverson) Knoff

Alpha was a Daleyville School District native, having grown up next door on farm 18.

Joyce

Morris and Adeline (Paulson) Nelson

Myron, Mary, Roger

18. O. H. (Ole Halvor) and Anne (Peterson) Rindy

O.H. was Chairman of the Town of Perry in 1885-86.

Henry, Julia, Caroline, Halvor, Carl, Anne, Peter, Emma, Otilda

Tollef and Betsy (Gilbert) Brattlie

Anna, Alfred, Tina, Carl, Ella, Otto,
Johan, Herman, Caroline, Edward
Family left the community c. 1900 to run the "Mt.
Horeb House" hotel in Mt. Horeb.

Julius and Oline (Olesdtr Tollund) Iverson

Carl, Inman, Edward, Nora, Jennie,
Alpha, Alvin, Mabel, Joseph



The Julius Iverson family between 1901 and 1905

Carl and Anna (Helgeson) Iverson

Carl's sister, Alpha, also stayed in the neighborhood,
moving next door to farm 17.

Carroll, Richard, Harold, Doris,
Ann, Avis - died very young.

Carroll and Lucille (Tollefson) Iverson

Sharon, Joyce and Judy (twins),
Dennis and Duane (twins)

Duane and Barbara (Drasen) Iverson

Erik, Jody

Duane and Lynn (Bliss) Iverson

19. Tarjie Bjornson and Anne (Johnsdatter) Daley

Via land patent about 1853

Ben T. (Bjorn), Tarjie, John, Annie,
Sophia

Ben T. (Bjorn) and Marie (Retrum) Daley

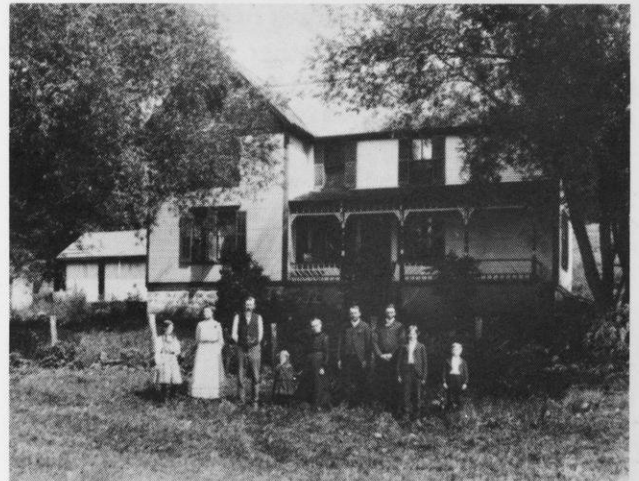
Ben was treasurer of the Daleyville School Board
for 25 years. In addition to farming, he supervised
the taking of the 1900 federal census and was
secretary-treasurer of the Perry Insurance Co. He
was a trustee for 15 years, auditor for 4 years, and
became Klokker (lay assistant to the pastor) at Perry
Lutheran Church in 1906. Marie died while the
children were still young.

Annie, Issac, Theodore, Amanda,
Clara (died), Clara, Bertine

Ben T. (Bjorn) and Hannah (Peterson) Daley

Hannah was from farm 28 which adjoined this farm
on the south and which her brother Ole took over
from their parents. Ben was Chairman of the Town
of Perry from 1906 until 1910. He and Hannah
built the house on the Iowa Co.-Dane Co. Line.
Because the county line ran through the center of
the home, the determination of the voting district
for the Daley family was based on where the family
ate and slept. The family ate and slept on the Dane
County side of the county line, thus allowing him to
be a Town of Perry official.

Oscar, Clara, Albert, Thea, Alvin,
Ruth



*Standing in front of their farm home on Clay Hill Road
are Thea, Clara, B.T., Ruth, and Hannah Daley, Oscar
Peterson (Hannah's brother), and Oscar, Albert and Alvin
Daley.*

Oscar and Emma (Peterson-Urness) Daley
Ethel, Melba

Albert J. and Ruth (Estrem) Daley

Ernest (died at birth, also the
mother, Ruth)

Albert J. and Selma (Hustad) Daley

Albert was Chairman of the Town of Perry from
1927 until 1974. The farm was known as "Big
Willow Stock Farm" in Albert and Selma's era.

Robert, Helen Mae

Isaac and Alma (Bowden) Daley

Burnell, Agnes, Esther, Delores,
Irene, Wallace

Wesley and Milda (Grundahl) Williamson

Sharon, Joan

John and Velma (Larson) Ingwell
Lawrence, Philip, Esther, Inez,
Marie, Mamie

Robert and Naomi (Gravestock) Daley
Frank, Susan

The Daley era of 115 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Thomas Bryant and Diane Calhoun

20. Johan Olson and Guro (Aamland) Dahlby
Arrived in America before 1852. The 1853 log school was apparently on land from this farm.

Ole, Nicholai

Either Ole was old enough when they arrived to have some of the land in his name and, in 1852, be elected one of the first trustees of the first church in the community, or Johan's father, Ole Jacobson, was also a part of this household.

Nicholai Dahlby

Clifford Schindler Family

Henry and Sophia (Disrud) Dahlby
Arlene, Orville



The Dahlby House, now Fritz Mani's

The Dahlby era of 80 years ended with this sale.

Selmer and Olga (Jordee) Syftestad

Selmer was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been born and raised at farm 39. After living here, Selmer and Olga moved to 42 which is next door to his home farm. Olga died of TB in the 1930s. Selmer's brother, Carl, also stayed in the school district, farming at 31, 39, and 42.

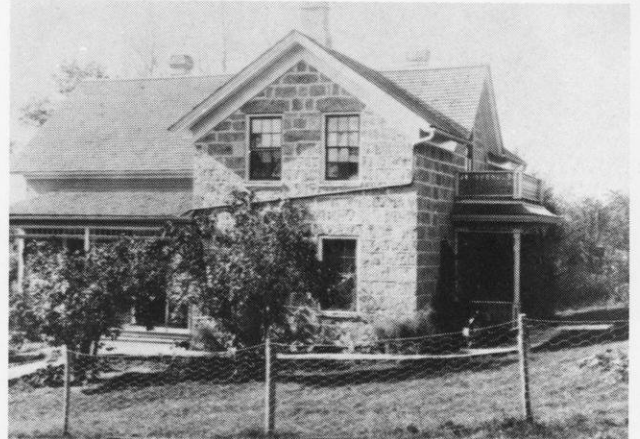
Dorothy, Kathryn

Fred and Louise (Wittwer) Mani
Frieda Wittwer (niece), Bill
(Wilhelm) Mani (nephew)

William and Martha (Stange) Mani
Debra, Kathy, Fritz

Fritz Mani
Jennifer, Matthew, Michael

21. Because this property, even though it was a farm, is in the village, look at the map in Chapter 2 for a clearer picture of its exact location relative to the houses now around it. Because it involves two extant houses (an old stone one and a new brick one), it is noted as numbers 50 and 51 on the map in Chapter 2.



The Jensvold House

Gulbrand (Gilbert) and Bertha (Gaarder) Jensvold

Gulbrand was a school teacher with credentials from Norway who served as a parochial school teacher and Klokkar (lay assistant to the pastor) of Perry Lutheran Church from 1866 until his death in 1882. After he married Bertha in 1868, they built this rock house which, although severely damaged, survived the tornado of 1878.

Johannes, Dikka, Kjersti, Cornelius,
Sakarias (or Zachariah)

Halvor and Julia (Hanson) Anderson of Anmarkrud-Anderson

They also farmed at 5 in this school district, and when their son, George, took over this farm built a new home (22) on a parcel of this farm.

George, Edward, Henry, Inger,
Elmer, Lena

George and Julia (Knudtson) Anderson

George's brother, Henry, also stayed in the school district, farming at 5 until he succeeded his parents at 22. Their brother, Elmer, also lived at 22 for a time.

Donald, Gladys, Vernon

Curtis and Lillian (Retrum) Milestone

Curtis, of farm 46 in this school district, is a grandson of Halvor Anderson. The Anderson family era on this farm lasted 60 years. Curtis' brother, Clayton, also stayed in the district, at 39.

Kenneth, Florence

Olav and Lydia (Hoel) Blindheim

Borgeny

Lawrence and Theolina (Kittleson) Syse

Orville, Lenore, Audrey, Virginia, Percy

Reuben Lewis and George and Vera (Kellesvig) Lewis

Betty Jane

Russell and Margaret (Nelson) Berg

They had a family link to this farm. Russell's ancestral aunt, Karine Berg, was married to Johannes Jenvold, the son of Gulbrand and Bertha Jensvold. After living in the old stone house for several years, Russell and Margaret built their new house and mothballed this one.

Stanley, Steven, Linda

22. Because this property, even though it was a farm, is in the village, look at the map in Chapter 2 for a clearer picture of its location in relation to the houses now around it. It is noted as number 49 on the map in chapter 2.

Halvor and Julia (Hanson) Anderson of Anmarkrud-Anderson

Built a new home in 1915 on a parcel of farm 21, which they had farmed. They had also farmed at 5.

George, Elmer, Lena, Edward, Henry, Inger

Julia (Hanson) Anderson

Stayed on in this house after Halvor's death.

Elmer Anderson of Amarkrud-Anderson

Henry and Elida (Berg) Anderson of Anmarkrud-Anderson

They had succeeded his parents at 5, before following his brother here.

Wallace, Evelyn, Iola

Blizzard Family

Douglas and Marsha (Conley) Anderson

Lindsay

Ercel and Joan (Schafer) Anderson

23. Because this property, even though it was a farm, is in the village, look at the map in Chapter 2

for a clearer picture of its location in relation to the houses now around it. It is noted as number 57 on the map in Chapter 2.

O. J. Haavrud

Known as O. Julson-Hovrud
Juul

Juul Haavrud

Known as J.O. Hovrud.

Margrete (Phillipson) Milestone

Widow of Hans Milestone, with whom she farmed at 33.

Carl, Ole, Amanda, Hannah, Elsie, Edward, Andrina

George and Susan (Oppenburg) Heggstad

Ernest, Roy, Inez, Lulu, Alma

Emil and Clara (Gladem) Odegaard

Mildred, Ruth, Foster, Lester

Original home and buildings were razed.

Edward and Augusta (Valstad) Grinder

Edward was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been born and raised at 37 -- which his brother, Albert, operated after their parents. Then his brother, Bennie, operated it after Albert's son, Reuben. Edward and Augusta relocated the homesite on this property, building a new home and outbuildings. Augusta is remembered as a talented seamstress.



Eddie and Augusta Grinder's house

Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden

Valarie is a native of this district, having grown up at 25 -- which her brother, Marvin, continued to operate after their parents. Peter and Valarie also farmed at 30, 34, and 45 in this school district.

Walter, Willis, Mardell, Marian

DALEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Oscar Rud Family

Helmer and Marvel (Jenson) Martinson of Martinson-Frotviet

Robert, Erling, Marie, Margaret, Kenneth

Sylvester and Shirley Dochnahl

Rosetta, Delores

Ernest and Marion (Roach) Grinder

Ernest was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been born and raised at 36 and 37.

Steven, Susan

John and Bobbi (Pratt) Willborn

Darlene, Donna, Jackie, John, Judy, Tammy

24. Halvor and Kari Hoiby

Their log house was totally demolished in the May 23, 1878, tornado.

Carl, Johanna, Johan, Anne, Ben, Iver, Inger, Maria

Carl J. and Amanda (Daley) Hoiby

Amanda was also a Daleyville school district native. She grew up on farm 19.

Cora, Henry (Lee Hoiby, son of Henry Hoiby went to New York City. He became a composer of opera.)



The Hoiby Farm

Ben T. (Bjorn) and Hannah (Peterson) Daley

Ben's daughter from his first marriage, Amanda Hoiby, lived here before he and Hannah. The Hoiby's left the community in 1903. Ben and Hannah moved here from 19 in 1906, when their son, Oscar, took over that farm. In 1909, Ben and Hannah moved to 15 in The Village of Daleyville.

Oscar, Clara, Albert, Thea, Alvin, Ruth

Ruth (Daley) Simmons

She, too, moved from here to the village
Lorayne

Erick F. and Ragnhild (Skartum) Goli

Bought this farm in 1913.

Sever, Bertha, Martin, Adolph, Kristine, Margrethe, Selma, Edward

Adolph and Kristine Goli

Brother and sister. Kristine played the organ at Perry Lutheran Church for 67 years. She gave piano lessons in this house.



Kristine Goli's piano students

Valquar and Helen (Grinder) Jenson

Beverly, Ethel, Maynard, Avis

Donavan and Karen (Norton) Gordon

They moved from here to farm 28 in this district.

Michael, James, Bradley

Charles and Linda (Evans) Meiss

Michael Evans, Michelle

25. Because this property, even though it was a farm, is on the edge of the village, it is noted as number 62 on the map in Chapter 2.

Ole and Hilda (Valstad) Stensby

Built a brick house in the 1920's on a parcel of farm 23.

Valarie, Marvin

Marvin and Helen (Gammeter) Stensby

Marvin's sister, Valarie, also stayed in the Daleyville School District, farming at 23, 30, 34, and 45.

Grace, Glenn, Violet, Steven, Carol

Glenn and Sandra (Pitts) Stensby

Shanna, Stacy, Sarah

The Stensby era on this farm lasted 60 years.

Dennis Ruppert and Gerry Riley
Scott Vogt and Julie Hockhausen
Jeremy



Ole and Turi Peterson's 1891 wedding picture

26. Mark and Jennifer Wright
Built a home on a parcel of farm 28 in 1993-94.
Christopher, Laura

27. Erick and Anna (Hanson) Erickson
Known as Laudokken-Erickson. Erick was a stone mason. He contributed 400 days of stone work on the Perry Lutheran Church in the early 1900's. The stone that was used in the church came from the Erickson farm.

Arthur, Andrew, Elmer, William,
Carl, Amanda

Anthony and Alma (Berg) Sorocco
Harriet, Theresa

Harvey and Theresa (Sorocco) Urfer
Rose, Virginia, Michael, Daniel,
Kay, Anthony, Timothy

Nolan and Sherry (Ryan) Sies
Wendy, Billie

Nolan and Beth (Jelle) Sies
Hannah, Jeffrey

Robert and Pat (Turner) Kmoch
Christopher, Maria, Nicholas

Guy Austin Family

28. Ole Edward and Maren (Larsdatter) Peterson

The May 23, 1878, tornado tore the roof off their house, destroyed the barn, and killed 5 cows.

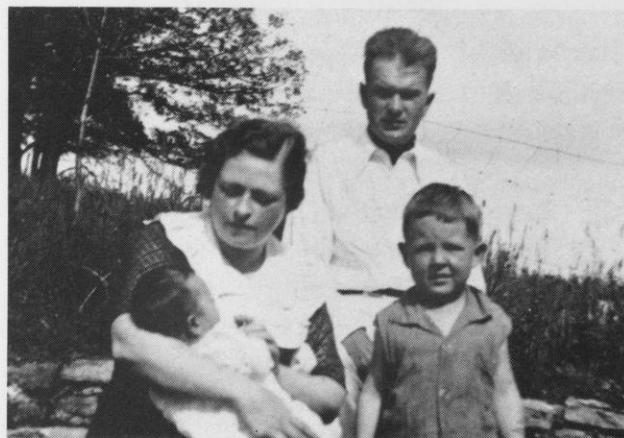
Adolph, Hannah, Ole (born in Norway); Oscar, Emma (born in America).

Adolph changed his name to Peter Olson.

Ole and Turi (Thompson) Peterson

Turi of Fjosse-Thompson. Farm known as "Willow Valley Farm". Ole's sister, Hannah, also stayed in this school district, at farm 19 which adjoins this farm on the north. Two of Turi's sisters, Julia and Gurina, were also in this school district side-by-side at 34 and 35, having married two Paulsons.

Edwin, Melvin, Albert, Clara, Alton
Edwin became a dentist and Melvin a doctor.



Alton and Marjorie Peterson; Robert and Kristin

Alton and Marjorie (Neller) Peterson
Alton died, at a young age, while living here.
Robert, Kristin

Curtis and Marjorie (Neller-Peterson) Greenwald
John

Peterson era of 100 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Pat and Cathy Crary
Amanda

Donavan and Karen (Norton) Gordon
Moved here from 24.
Michael, James, Bradley

29. Norbert and Florence (Milestone) Day
Built a new home on a parcel of farm 30, which they continue to farm with their son, Jim.

30. Arne and Ali (Moen) Haadem
Sever, Annie, Thomas, Henry
Thomas became a doctor. He went by the name of Thomas Arneson.

Albert and Inga (Olson) Kittleson
Myron
Henry Volden was the hired man for 19 years. Inga's sister, Alma, resided with the family.

Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden
Valarie was a native of this school district, having grown up at 25 -- which her brother, Marvin, continued to farm after their parents. Peter and Valarie also farmed at 23, 34, and 45 in this school district.

Walter, Willis, Mardell, Marian

Willis and Judy (Syftestad) Volden
Sally, Jeffrey, Timothy

Norbert and Florence (Milestone) Day
They moved to 29 when Jim and Donna took over the main house on this farm.
James, Noreen, Cathy

James and Donna (Luhman) Day
Ashley, Lauren, Nicholas

31. George and Margit (Gullecksdatter) Paulson
Their log house was entirely destroyed in the May 23, 1878, tornado, forcing them to rebuild. George was Chairman of the Town of Moscow in 1881.
Henry, Albert, Carl T., Edward

Carl T. and Thea (Bru) Paulson
Beulah, William, Gage

This sale marked the end of the 65 year Paulson era on this farm.

Isaac and Clara (Moen) Halvorson
Clara died, at a young age, while they lived here.

Isaac and Betsy (Carlson) Halvorson
Myrella, Florence, Orville, Violet,
Stanley, Betty

Carl and Martha (Olson) Syftestad
Carl was a native of this school district, having been raised at farm 39 where he and Martha later farmed. They also farmed at 42, next door to Carl's

home farm. Carl's brother, Selmer, also stayed in the neighborhood, farming at 20 and then following Carl at 42.

Philip, Marvin, Raymond

Oscar and Elizabeth (Paulson) Stiner
Russell, Mae, Lyle, Henry, Opal

Emil Odegaard
Widower of Clara Gladem, with whom he had farmed at 23.

Mildred, Ruth, Foster, Lester

Martin and Julia (Nyhus) Kleppe
Ludwick, Mabel, Ruth

Ludwick and Mabel (Steensland) Kleppe
Logan, Lois, Ralph, Melvin

Ralph and Audrey (Owens) Kleppe
Alison, Barry, Lori, Kaye

Melvin and Diane (Tschanz) Kleppe
Terri, Kevin, Scott

William and Patricia Arndt
Karen, Thomas

Thomas Arndt

32. Thore and Alpha (Retrum) Grundahl
Built this house in 1910, the same year that Alpha died. One of the original houses on the property sat near 26. Winter caught up with them while they were moving the home from that site to this. The family spent the winter of 1909 mid-way up the hill in the jacked-up house on skids. They began building a new house that next summer. A house and barn had, however, been located near this site since at least 1878. For, in the May 23, 1878, tornado, L. Olson's barn here was destroyed and his house slightly moved on the foundation.

Kermit, Bertha, Raymond, Milda,
Curtis (died at age 2)

Thore and Anna (Breiseth) Grundahl
Bennie, Alvin, Evelyn, James

Raymond and Betty (Elizabeth Bestul) Grundahl
Martha (adopted)

Jeff and Heidi (Bollerud) Hardyman
Lived in a second home on the farm.

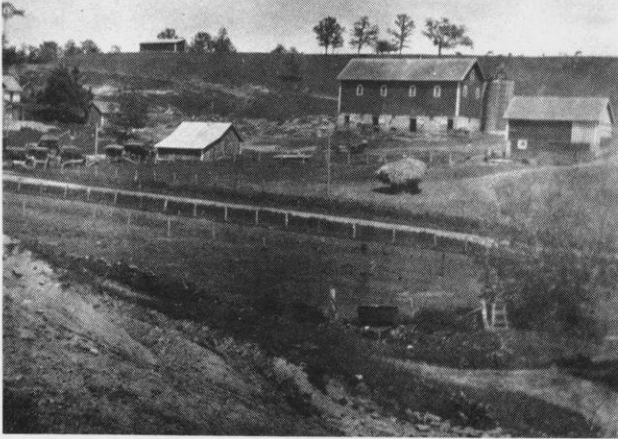
James Deering
Lives in a second home on the farm.

33. Halvor and Else (Olson) Milestone

Original Milestone farm included farm 21 in the Sandy Rock School District.

Dorothea, Hans, Ole, Philip, Lars, Gilbert

Ole died in the Civil War.



The Hans Milestone Farm

Hans and Margrethe (Phillipson) Milestone

Built a rock house in about 1870. The farm was known as "Willow Springs Farm" in their day.

Ole, Carl, Hannah, Elise, Amanda, Edward, Andrina



Margarethe Milestone and family

Edward and Mary (Carlson) Milestone

Mary of Bielienn-Carlson. Edward's brother, Carl, also stayed in the district at 46.

Herbert, Clara, Clarence, Milton, Edna, Arthur, Leroy

The Milestone era of 60 years ended with this sale.

Thor and Aaste (Hovrud) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen Kittleson

Kitel, Mollie, Caroline, Jacob, Andrew, William, Albert

Elmer and Olga (Venden) Helland

Orville and Ornel (twins), Edward, George

Arthur and Lena (Rosaasen) Nyhus

Abert, Kenneth, Peter, Grant, Nellie, Olga

Grant and Dolores (Wahl) Nyhus

Reunited the "Original Milestone Farm." Built a new house in 1968.

Roxanne, Charles

34. George and Julia (Thompson) Paulson

Julia, of Fjosse-Thompson, had two sisters, Turi and Gurina, who also moved into the district after they married -- at 28 and next door at 35, respectively.

Olin, Janette

Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden

For more discussion of them see farm 30.

Walter, Willis, Mardell, Marion

Rudy and Verda (Ricky) Schraepfer

Geraldine, Barbara

Rudy and Delores (Johnson) Schraepfer

Donna, Reta, Mary Ann, Rollie

Raymond and Leona Stimpson Family

35. Carl and Gurina (Thompson) Paulson

Gurina, of Fjosse-Thompson, see farm 34. This farm was known as "Oak Lawn Farm."

Benjamin, Lulu, Hazel, Walter, Roy, Archie, Glenn



Carl and Gurnia Paulson's home

Archie and Mildred (Meyers) Paulson

John and Velma (Larson) Ingwell

Lawrence, Philip, Esther, Inez, Marie, Mamie

Abert and Mildred (Gilbertson) Nyhus

Abert was a native of the district, having grown up on 35 -- which his brother, Grant, continues to farm.
Janice, Linda, David

Clifford and Idellis (Disch) Fjelstad

Debra, Duane, Gregory, Jean, Julie, Shirley, Gelaine, George

Luther and Leona (Knudtson) Stamm

Mabel, Kenneth, Gerald

Kenneth and Alice (Engen) Bjelde

Kay, Roxanne

Edward and Mary Andreas

One daughter they called "Peanut".

Enoch and Helen (Ingold) Sherven

They also lived at farm 37. He lived alone at 36, which adjoins this farm on the east, and farm 37 to the north.

Dennis, Karen, Robert

Robert and Jean (Norton) Sherven

Melinda, Landon, Austin, Trevor

36. **Andrea Sunderland**

Peter and Anne (Peterson) Heggestad

Dora

David and Anna (Johnson) Peterson of Bratbakken-Peterson

Marvin, Curtis, Vivian, Doris, Leona, Violet, Marie, Percival, Della, Esther, Gladys, Myrtle, Grant, Alice

Issac and Alma (Boden) Daley

Isaac was a native of this school district, having been born and raised at farm 19 and later succeeded his brothers, Oscar and Albert, in operating it.

Agnes, Esther, Burnell, Wallace, Delores, Irene

Isaac and Jane (Anderson) Grinder

This Isaac was also a native of the district, having been raised next door at 37 -- which first his brother, Reuben, and then his uncle, Bennie, operated before Isaac's brother, Helmer, took it over.

Carolyn

Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

Isaac's brother, Helmer, combined this farm with their father's family's farm (37) next door.

Albert, Ernest, Arlene, Ralph, Ethel

Albert became a minister.

Walter and Clarice (Lundene) Anderson

They later took over his parent's farm, 5.

Roger, Orville, Wynette, Shirley, Marcia

William and Catherine (Dolohanty) Campbell

John, Michael, James, Joseph, Margaret, Dorothy

Enoch Sherven

He and his wife, Helen, lived on farm 35 and 37 -- both of which adjoin this farm.

House was razed.



Hans and Mathea Grinder with her sister, Olava Jaconson

37. **Hans O. and Mathea (Jacobson-Rud) Grinder**

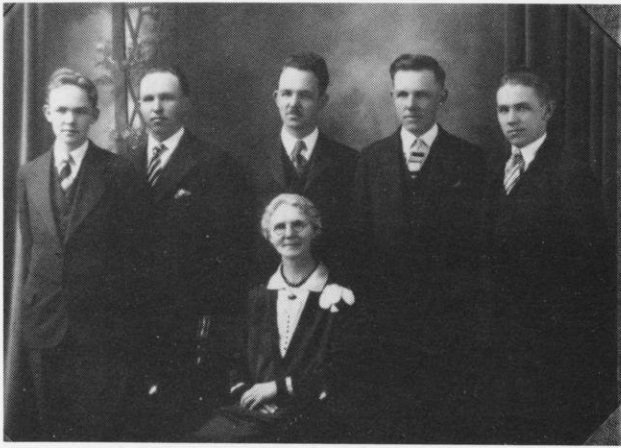
Hans, also known as Hans Olson, came to America in 1859 with his parents and volunteered for military duty in the Civil War. He established this place with his discharge land grant. His brother, Martin, who farmed in this same district at 17, did the same thing. Hans was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1890-92. He and Mathea built this rock house from stone quarried on the farm. This is where he brought the old log schoolhouse, using it as a blacksmith shop.

John, Albert, Theodore (Teddy), Edward, Carl, James, Bennie, Julia and Josephine (twins)

Albert and Hilda (Peterson) Grinder

Hilda was of the Bratbakken-Petersons

Helmer, Reuben, Obed, Delbert, Issac, Abner



Mrs. Albert (Hilda) Grinder with sons, (L to R) Abner, Rueben, Obed, Helmer, and Isaac. (underlined names comprised the "Grinder Quartet").

Reuben and Gena (Nelson) Grinder

Reuben's brother, Isaac, also stayed in the neighborhood, next door to farm 36. Their brother, Helmer, eventually combined that farm and this.

Robert, Nancy, Wayne

The children changed spelling of name to Grender.



Hans Grinder with his grandson, Helmer

Bennie and Mettie (Martha Preston) Grinder

Here the property passed back a generation, rather than forward. Bennie was Albert's brother and

Reuben's uncle. Bennie left the community for many years, including when he was a carpenter on the World's Fair buildings in St. Louis, Mo (circa 1904). He and his wife came back to the Town of Perry from Milwaukee in later years. They had three grown daughters, Frances, Gennieve, and Sarah, who did not live here.

Preston (adopted son)

Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

Helmer was Albert's son and Bennie's nephew. He combined this farm with 36, next door.

Albert, Ernest, Arlene, Ralph, Ethel

Enoch and Helen (Ingold) Sherven

They also lived on farm 35. He lived alone on adjoining farm 36.

Dennis, Karen, Robert

Dennis and Kathleen (Rickli) Sherven

Chad, Staci



The stone house built by Hans Grinder as seen in 1991

38. Halvor Johnson

His brother, Torger Johnson, operated the adjoining farm 45.

Burgeson Family Heirs

Estate consisted of both Halvor and Torger's farms as discussed under farm 45.

Magne and Christine Johnson

Magne's brother, Ole, farmed Torger's farm, 45. Christine was of Swedish ancestry.

Anna

Carl and Emma (Rundhaug) Olson

Known as "Pine Lawn Farm."

Melvin, June

Melvin Olson

Cornelius and Helen (Meyer) Fink

They also lived at 3 in this school district.

Curtis, Carol

39. Paul O. and Guro (Jacobsdtr) Syftestad

He was also known as Paul Olson.

Jacob, Ole, Susanna, Martha

Guro and her daughter, Martha, died prior to the family's arrival in Perry. Jacob died in the Civil War.

Paul O. and Gro (Olsdaughter-Strand) Syftestad

Built a 2 story frame house and rock barn featured in an exhibit at Old World Wisconsin as one of the finest rock barns in the state.

Paul, Olaus

Olaus became a minister.



Paul and Inger Syftestad with (L to R) Gerhard, Oscar and Carl

Paul P. and Inger (Folkedahl) Syftestad

He was Klokkar (lay assistant to the pastor) of Perry Lutheran Church for over 6 years beginning in 1909.

Selmer, Carl, Oscar, Jacob, Gerhard



Gerhard and Eunice Syftestad, March 22, 1906

Carl and Martha (Olson) Syftestad

They farmed both next door at 39 and at farm 31

before taking over the home farm.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin

Vivian and Beverly (Jenson) Lee

Rhonda, David

Clayton and Dorothy (Connelly) Milestone

Clayton was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been raised at 46. His brother, Curtis, also stayed in the district, farming at 21.

Gene, Danny, Allen, Gary, Bruce, Linda, Judy, Nancy

Bruce and Roseanne (Klar) Milestone

Mark, Michelle, Jennifer

Allen and Peggy Soehnlein

Danny and Betty (Norton) Milestone

David, James

40. Syftestad Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

Robert Diedricks

Ferdinand Diedricks

Emil Zeller (in 1913)

Robert Scheidegger

Ben and Christine (Gruenfelder) Zimmerman

Agnes, Lillian, Bertha, Alfred, Ben Jr., Joseph, James, Hedwig

Ben Jr., Joseph, and James became Cheesemakers -- better known as Zim's Cheese Co. of Blanchardville, one of Wisconsin's 100 largest companies in the 1980s. The Zimmerman's sold the firm to Mid-American Dairymen.

Converted to private residence

Martha (Olson) Syftestad

Carl's widow, Martha had farmed at 31, 39, and 42.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin, Oscar Syftestad (brother-in-law)

David and Rita Witter

Jacob

Shirley Gordon

41. Edward Gisske and Carol Hoke

Built a home on a parcel of farm 42.

42. Edward and Ragnild (Jeglum) Magnuson

Edward, Bernard, Helga, Rosa, Helen

Carl and Martha (Olson) Syftestad

Carl was a native of this school district, having been born and raised on farm 39 --which he and Martha later operated. They also farmed at 31 in this district.

Philip, Raymond, Marvin

Selmer and Olga (Jordee) Syftestad

Selmer was Carl's brother. Both were raised next door at 39. Selmer farmed at 20 before following his brother here. Olga died of TB in the 1930s.

Dorothy, Kathryn

Selmer and Tillie (Mathilda Fladen) Syftestad

Douglas

Paul Bradish Family

Robert and Catherine (Gimse) Owens

Lawrence, Shawn

Douglas and Mary Jackson-Smith

43. Toni Rocke

Built a home on a parcel of farm 42.

44. John and Alpha (Valstad) Stensby

Built a home and outbuildings on a parcel of farm 39.

Mildred, Lilyan, Lydia



John and Alpha Stensby's 1899 wedding



John and Alpha Stensby's home on Hwy. 78 South

Burnell and Jenny (Paulson) Einerson

Carol, Philip

Paul and Dawn (Field) Kellesvig

Jeffrey, Steven, Gregory

Daniel and Karen Hayes

Larry and Mary (Hartley) Price

45. Torger and Kari (Tollefsdtr) Johnson

Torger's brother, Halvor, farmed the adjoining property 38.

Julia

Edwin and Julia (Johnson) Burgeson

Hannah, Thea, Bertha

Burgeson Family Heirs

Estate consisted of both Torger and Halvor Johnson's farms.

Ole and Martha (Helgeland) Johnson

Ole's brother, Magne, farmed Halvor's farm, 38.

Bertha, Melvin, Mabel, Myrtle, Luella

Melvin and Ida (Friedland) Johnson

Joan

Peter and Valarie (Stensby) Volden

For more on them see farm 30.

Walter, Willis, Mardell, Marian

Melvin and Ida (Friedland) Johnson

Joan

Jack (Ellwood) and Romell (Boeker) Nowka

Becky, Kurt, Peter, Amy, Kevin, Jennifer

DALEYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

46. T. Bower and wife

Their house and outbuildings were all destroyed in the May 23, 1878, tornado.

daughter, name unknown

Ole H. and Aaste (Hoff) Huser

Carl and Lena (Anderson) Milestone

Both were from this school district. Carl was born and raised on farm 30, while Lena's parents had farmed at 5, 21, and 22. Carl's brother, Edward, also stayed in the school district, at farm 30.

Junice, Curtis, Harvey, Clayton

William and Eva (Anderson) Grimstad

Phylliss

Buildings were razed.

47. Jul and Synnove Hovrud

Synnove was said to be of an "Aristocratic" family in Norway. She was well-educated and spoke seven languages. Local legend holds that she came to America with the promise of a marriage, perhaps, to a minister, which did not occur. Here, she met and married Jul Hovrud, a farmer, several years her senior.

Olin, Joseph, Nora

Olin and Joseph never married--both were farmers, and both were young men when they died. Nora graduated from the University of Wisconsin and furthered her education in International Law with study in Europe. She married Dr. Noe, a dentist in Madison.

Bennie and Verna (Martinson) Grundahl

Thomas, Karolyn, Alice, Bradford

Milton and Emma (Brinager-Anderson)

Disrud

Malcolm, Darleen, Grace, Robert

Orrin and Ruth (Anderson) Olson

Orrin was remembered by locals as "Windy."

William and Edna (Paulson) Kellesvig

David, Paul, Robert

Robert and Marcia (Hagland) Kellesvig

Michelle, Michael, Robbie

Philip and Jean (Elmer) Evanson

Lacy, Douglas

Jean (Elmer) Evenson

Lacy, Douglas

48. Ole and Carolina (Grinder) Grimstvedt

Known as Olson. Ole was a Civil War volunteer (under the name Ole Olson)

Clara

Evan and Clara (Grimstvedt) Swenson

Edith, Hazel, Erwin

Erwin died in W.W. I.

George and Hazel (Swenson) Lund

Paul, Mary Ann

Joseph Hovrud

He was a native of the Daleyville School District, having been born and raised across the road on farm 47.

Jacob and Sena (Thompson) Mani

Beatrice, Russell, Charmin

Lars and Marie (Skuldal) Kvamme

Joan

John and Rachel Ovadal

John Jr., Kristine, Ralph, Paul, Ann, Todd

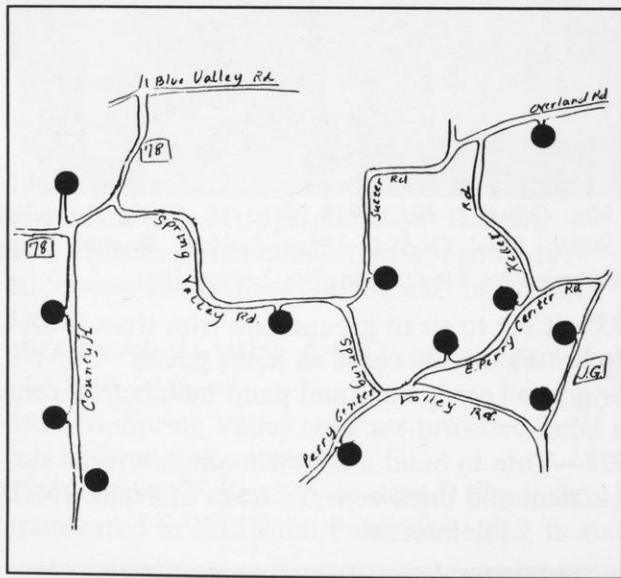
Alan and Marie Langeteig

Roland Olson and Phoebe Blackman

Katie, Rose, Daniel (Blackman)

Chapter 4: Spring Valley School District

Although at first glance the Spring Valley School District seems to be a separate German community, there were a significant number of Norwegian immigrants scattered through it. Twelve of the 51 places in this school district (5, 11, 14, 16, 25, 27, 35, 39, 43, 44, 48, and 51) were established by Norwegians. When you look at where these sites are, you see that they cut right through the heart of this district, linking it with more heavily Norwegian-settled areas in the Town of Primrose and in the Moen and Forward school districts.



Norwegian farms in the Spring Valley School District

Therefore, because of the numbers of Norwegians historically located in the district, the placement of their farms, and the district's geographic proximity to Daleyville, the Perry Historical Center decided to include this area in this volume.

This area began to be settled before the first people of Norwegian lineage arrived in what became the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement. The first settlers, Anton, John, and Hubert Keller along with their widowed mother and a friend, Henry Schneider, were all German Catholics. Arriving in 1846, they laid a claim which included all of what are now farms 18, 19, and 20.

Soon, John and Anton joined the Gold Rush to California, leaving Hubert and Henry Schneider to take care of their farm. Their mother moved to Dubuque to await her sons return. Expecting them back in the spring of 1851, Mrs. Keller returned in the fall of 1850 bringing John Meirgler, farms 3 and 4, and his "Yankee" family

with her.

The Keller brothers returned in the spring of 1851. Soon, Michael Goebel, another returnee from the Gold Rush, his wife and her brother, Laurence Bowar, stopped in Spring Valley to visit friends. They liked what they saw and Mike used some of the money he had brought back from the Gold Fields to purchase uncleared land, farm 23, right next to the Kellers. In 1853, Mike Goebel's brother, August, arrived from Germany with their mother, a brother, John, and two sisters, Juliana and Ludwina. They settled at 15.

Meanwhile in 1852, Anton and Simon Keller had arrived from Germany. They "worked out" for a year, and then bought 80 acres each -- the start of farms 36 and 37, "batching it" in one log cabin until Anton married in 1855. That same year, Johann Schlingen arrived with his three sons, two daughters, and a daughter-in-law. Friends arranged for them to live for a year or so near August Goebel, with a Norwegian immigrant named Ole Olson and his son Syver, at farm 3 in the Forward School District. One of the Schlingen daughters, Isabella, married Mike Goebel's brother-in-law, Laurence Bowar. The rest of the family eventually moved across the line into the Town of Primrose. And so, the German settlement grew, family and friends bringing and supporting each other.

But, the community was always embedded in and interrelated with the neighboring Norwegian settlement. As Roman Sutter recalled in 1961 and Father Andrew R. Breines, priest at the Holy Redeemer Mission Church in Spring Valley, retold in his centennial history of that congregation, one story of this connectedness,

which has been handed down from father to son in the German community, tells of how a Norwegian called on a German settler during the first winter. Neither one could speak the language of the other, or make himself understood. At last the Norwegian took a stick and drew the crude figure of a child on the snow-covered ground. Then he placed the branch of a fir tree next to the figure. Gradually it dawned on the German settler that this was Christmas Day, and that the friendly Norwegian in the true Christmas spirit was paying a neighborly call.

SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 31, 1860, the Town Superintendent formed a new school district, District No.4. In April, the first district meeting was held at the home of Mike Goebel, 23. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to buy one acre of land from Sigmund Fischer, 10, for \$7.50. \$175 was to be raised by tax. The log building would be 16' X 20'. A vote was carried to borrow \$100.

In May, a special meeting was called to move the schoolhouse site to the Hubert Keller property, 22, and to build a frame, rather than a log building because it would be less costly.

In September, it was voted to have three months of winter school, taught by a female teacher and to raise \$40 for her salary. Each farmer was to furnish a load of cut firewood.

Male teachers served the next several years with a salary range of \$18-\$20 a month. Children from other districts attending the Spring Valley School paid four cents a day. In 1865, the district electors voted to hold four months of winter school. In 1870, that was changed to three months winter and two months summer school, with no school kept after sundown.

By 1875, the teacher's salary had increased to \$25 a month. During these years, tax levies ranged from \$50 to \$100 and agreements to furnish firewood for the year ranged from \$4.25 to \$9.00 and by 1905 increased to \$12-\$15 per school year.

In 1887, it was voted to have six months of school, beginning in October and in 1907 to have eight months of school, beginning in August. It was not until 1937 that a vote carried to have nine months of school, beginning in September. Fuel contracts increased to \$35-\$50. In 1949, an oil burning furnace was installed. Tax levies during these years increased from \$1,250 in 1943 to \$5,500 in 1962 and dropped to \$4,000 in 1964.

Other interesting items in the minutes of the Spring Valley School District Meetings include:

1863---Vote to raise \$10 by tax to build a bridge to the school.

1864---Building valued at \$248....had one blackboard.

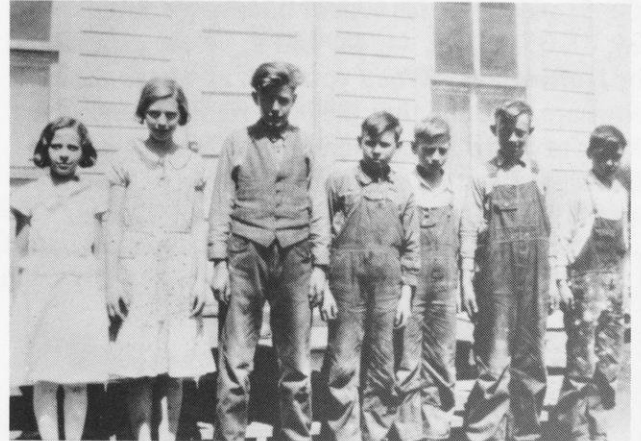
1866---Vote carried to make a teacher's desk.

1886---Vote to purchase a Webster Unabridged Dictionary--\$7.00. The old dictionary sold at auction for \$1.50.

1903---Motion to raise \$50 for 12' addition to

school.

1906---Motion to hire female teacher. Also voted she should not live on the other side of the Northwestern Railroad tracks. Director to visit school three times a year to "keep things in order".



Mrs. Gillette's 1932-1933 class: (L to R) Bernadine Sutter, Ethel Goebel, Milan Docken, Roman Haag, Jerome Post, Orville Langfoss, Lucian Post.

1935---Cost to clean ground and trim trees -- \$2; repair toilets -- 30 cents an hour; put in playground equipment and paint building, 30 cents an hour.

1938---Vote to build a new schoolhouse with basement and brick veneer. Loan of \$4,500 for 15 years at 3.5% interest.



1940---Motion for children to buy their own textbooks and carry their own water from Peter Haag's at farm 19.

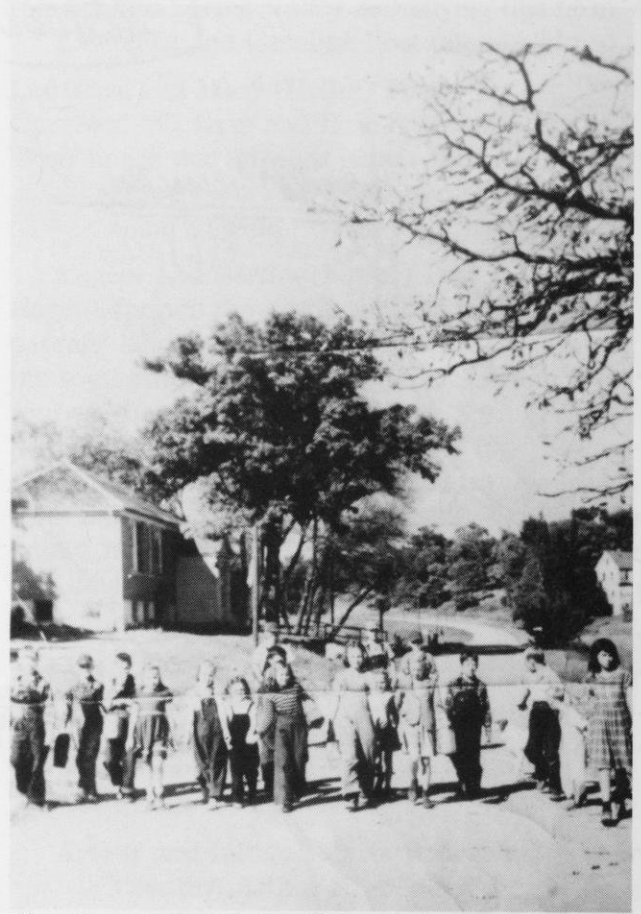
1950---Vote to pipe water to school from Raymond Wiest's, then on farm 19. Vote to install sanitary toilets.

SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



The students at the Spring Valley School in 1951.

- 1957---Hot lunch program dropped.
- 1965---Spring Valley School District was integrated with Mt. Horeb School District.
- 1966--Kindergarten children began going to Ridgeview Elementary School, east of Mount Horeb.
- 1966-67--Spring Valley School students provided with bus service.
- 1967-68--Spring Valley students provided hot lunch, three times a week.
- 1968---Spring Valley School closed. Students transferred to Mt.Horeb Public Schools.

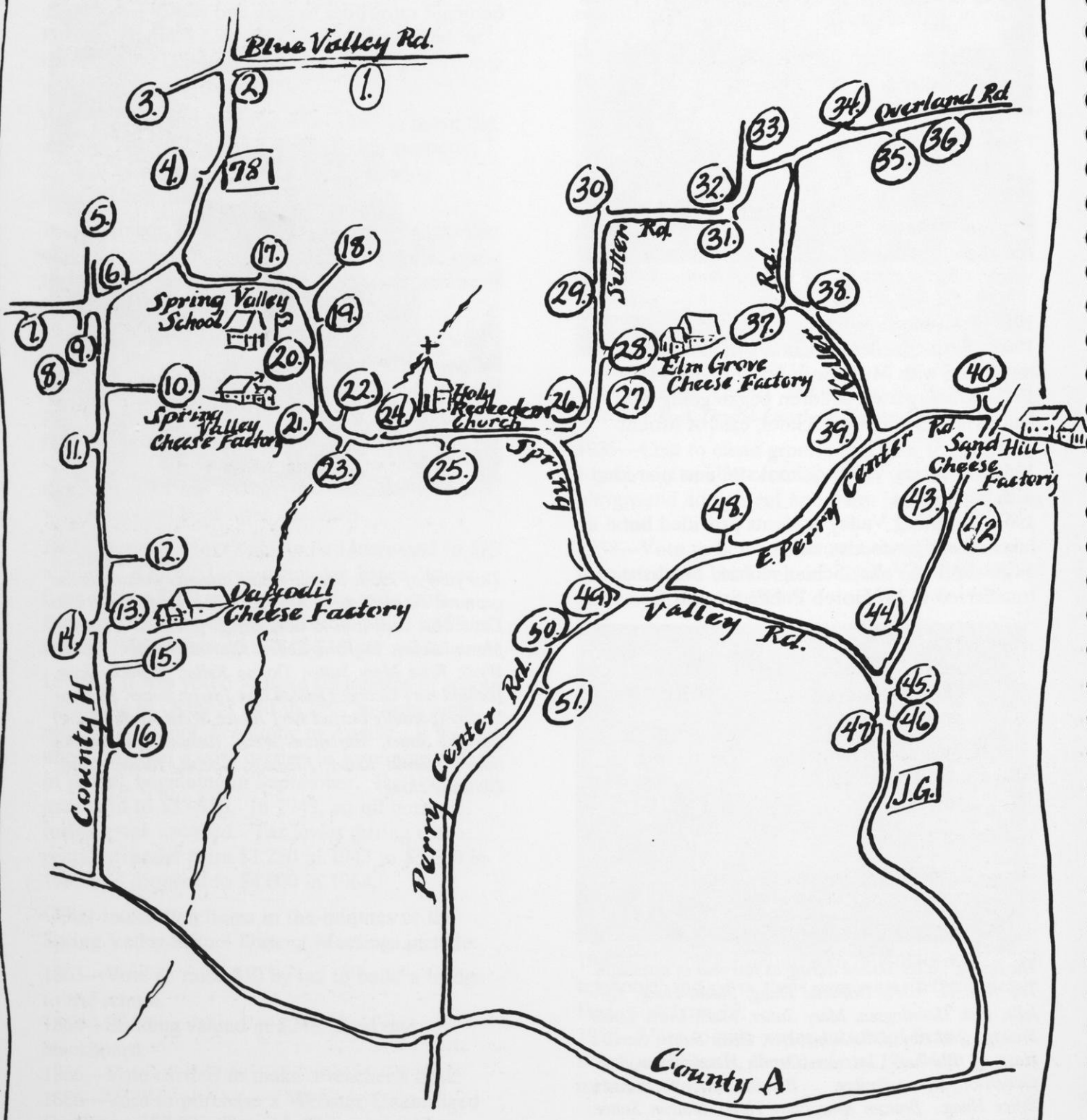


This view of 1950s Spring Valley students walking home captured the epitome of America's dairyland so well that Dean Milk used it in its advertizing. Pictured (L to R): Martin Keller, Richard Keller, Clarence Sutter, Valeria Weist, Rose Mary Sutter, Donna Keller, Monica Haag, (behind her) George Fjelstad and Joseph Sutter, Marlene Sutter, (partially behind her) Janice Weist, (behind her) Edward Sutter, Marcilline Weist, (behind her) Dennis Sutter, Harold Keller, Fredrick Goebel, Russel Sutter, Christine Haag



The Spring Valley School during its last year of operation. Top row: (L to R) Dominic Haag, Susan Haag, Lyle Jelle, Mrs. Henningsen, Mary Sutter, Mark Uran, Jenell Freitag. 2nd row: Lois Schwoerer, Dean Sutter, Sandra Hagg, ___ Blucher. 3rd row: Dennis Hendrickson, Lois Gilbertson, Renee Freitag, ___ Blucher, Alice Schwoerer, Bruce Haag. Bottom row: Patty Haag, Sharon Sutter, Margie Rentz, Steve Beecroft, Jean Sutter, Louan Jelle, Duane Jelle .

SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT



1. Robert and Mary (Keller) Bilsie

Genevieve, Bernard, Marina, Alvin, Rollie
(Ganral)

Rollie (Ganral) and Kathryn (Winkers) Bilsie

Anna Marie, Robert, Albert, Jenny

Albert and Nancy (Hanson) Bilsie

Richard, Michael, Robert

2. Mathias Hohn

Owned owned this land by 1856.

Margaret

George and Frances (Konle) Schmidt

Born in Germany, George settled on this farm in the 1850s, living here for the remaining 40 some years of his life.

George Jr., Albert, August, Theresa,
Katherine

George and Julia (Sutter) Schmidt Jr.

Both were from the Spring Valley School District. Julia's parents operated farm 22. Two of her brothers married two of George's sisters. These two other couples also stayed in this school district, at adjoining farms 29 and 30. Julia's third brother, Bill, operated their parents farm (22).

Emma, Edmund, Ella, George III,
Clarence, Grace, Agnes, Adolph

William and Ethel (Michelson) Haag

They also farmed at 8 in this school district, Bill's home farm.

Judith, Stephen, Karen, Ronald, Sheila,
Gregory, Bruce, Patricia, JoAnn, Mark,
Scott

Clarence and Mae Smith

Also known as Schmidt

Myron, Julia, Celeste, Elaine

Myron Smith

House burned. The Schmidt\Smith family era on this farm lasted over 90 years.

Wilbert and Charlotte (Virnig) Hefty

Built a new home in 1984

Debra, Steven, Gary, Thomas, Ronald,
Sandra

3. John Meirgler and wife

Bought this property in 1855. They had originally come to this school district in the fall of 1850 with Mrs. Keller and wintered at her family's farm, 18, 19, and 22 combined. They tried their luck in the Town of Springdale for nearly four years before

returning to Spring Valley and buying this farm.

Lawrence and Caroline Post (step-children)

Lawrence and Mary (Heller) Post

Operated this farm and farm 4 as one property. Their house was on what is now farm 4.

Peter, George, Helena, Frances, August,
Julia, Eugene

Eugene and Bertha (Bowar) Post

Eugene farmed the northern portion of his parents' land, while his brother, August, farmed the southern portion (4) after their parents retired. Bertha was also from the Spring Valley School District; her parents farmed 10. Eugene and Bertha relocated the homesite on this farm from the valley to the top of the hill. In 1918, they built a 14 room brick home and a 114 foot barn. The limestone and lumber for the new buildings came from the land on the farm.

Rosella, Loretta, Walter, Eugene Jr.,
Francis, Arthur, Jerome, Edward, Harold,
Leroy

Arthur and Georgia (Way) Post

Arthur Jr.

Arthur and Lillian (Maria Rodriguez) Post Jr.

Timothy, Arthur III, Juno

4. John Meirgler and wife

Operated this place and 3 as one farm.

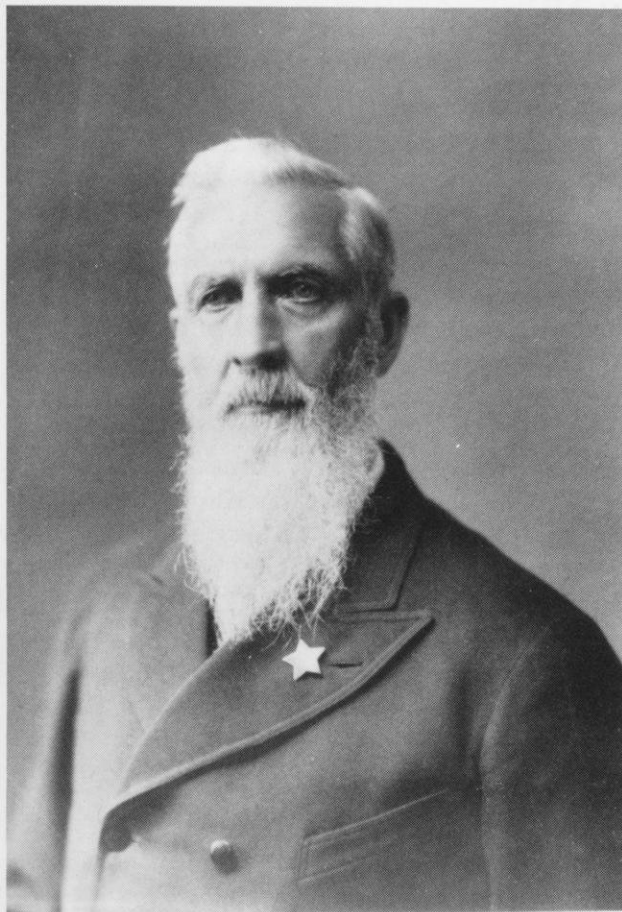
Lawrence and Caroline Post (step-children)

Lawrence and Mary (Heller) Post

A Civil War Volunteer, Lawrence took charge of his step-father's farm when he returned from the service. He later purchased the entire property. Lawrence was the local Justice of the Peace for over 33 years and Chairman of the Town of Perry 1883-84, 1887-88-89, 1897-98. He was, along with his Norwegian neighbors such as B.T. Daley, a director of the Perry Insurance Company.

Lawrence was also an enthusiastic member of the G.A.R. Mary was born in Germany, but came to America as a child with her widowed mother. Lawrence and Mary worked this place and 3 as one farm until their son Eugene separated out the northern portion as farm 3. When their son August assumed management of this place, Lawrence and Mary retired to Mt. Horeb.

Peter, George, Helena, Frances, August,
Julia, Eugene



Lawrence Post, 1841-1916

August and Mary (Putz) Post

George, Raymond, Lawrence, Stella,
Richard, Eleanor, Agnes, Edna, Lucian,
Donald, Vernon, Dorothy

The Post family era on this farm lasted 90 years.

Occupants unknown

Ernest and Helen Eggiman

Beverly

Occupants unknown

Larry and Sally (Palmer-Gallimore) Ketterer

Sally is a pharmacist at the Mt. Horeb Pharmacy.
Paul and Casey Gallimore

5. Ole and Oline (Petterson) Mitmoen

Andrew

Andrew and Theoline (Johnson) Mitmoen

Clara, Annie, Gena, Marie, Oscar, Emma

Olaf and Clara (Mitmoen) Docken

Agnes, Amos, Orville, Lillian, Milan

Milan and Lillian Dokken

Bother and sister

6. George and Beverly (Eggiman) Beecroft Family

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 3. Beverly's parents lived just up the road at 4.

Werner Krattiger Family

Richard and Givili Furnival Family

Raymond and Patricia Jackson Family

Known as "Fox Meadow Farm," it is a horse riding, boarding and training facility.

7. Wayne and Darlene (Johnson) Lampman

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 8

Joe, Jan, Jean, Linda, Kathy

Roger and Mary Ann (Laufenberg) Nelson

Kimberly, Royce

8. Johann and Rosena (Kaiser) Haag

Born in Germany, they did not meet and marry until they arrived in New York in 1851. They moved to Wisconsin in 1853, but did not arrive in the Spring Valley School District until 1863. They lived, first in a log home, then in a frame house on this farm until their deaths. He died in 1899 and she in 1912.

John, Lawrence, George, Mary,
Magdalena

Lawrence and Christina (Bowar) Haag

Built a large frame home. Both of Lawrence's brothers also stayed in the district. John at farm 12 and George at 19. Their sister Mary also stayed in the district. She married Christina's brother, Joseph. Mary and Joseph lived across the road from Lawrence and Christina at 10. Christina and Mary were also from the Spring Valley School District. Their parents lived at 23 and 45, before moving to the Town of Primrose.

Josephine, Loretta, Marcella, Frank,
Raymond, Albert, William, Gregor,
Joseph, Rosena, Lawrence, Bertha

Raymond and Marcella (Haag) Wiest

Three of Marcella's siblings married three Sutter siblings and also remained in the district: Rosena at 18, Bertha at 30, and Albert at 51. Their brother, Frank, also stayed in the district, at 10, while their brother, Bill, succeeded Ray and Marcella here. A total of 6 children of Lawrence and Christina Haag stayed in this school district and raised their children here. Raymond and

Marcella moved from here to 19.

Marcelline, Valeria, Janice, Gerald,
Darlene, Venita, Jean, Linda, Kathleen

William and Ethel (Michelson) Haag

They also farmed at 2 in this school district.

Judith, Stephen, Karen, Ronald, Sheila,
Gregory, Bruce, Patricia, JoAnn, Mark,
Scott

The 100 year era of Haag family residence on this farm ended with Bill and Ethel.

Clarence and Ruby (Tesch) Hauge

Richard, Daniel, Nancy

Robert and Gloria (Peterson) Truhardt

Susan, Sherry, Robert, Paul

Lyle and Claudette (Truttman) Freitag

Janelle, Renee, Joline, Brian

John and Jean (Lampman) Jones

Jean is from the Spring Valley School District.

Her parents built the new house at 7.

Lisa, Scott, Jodi

Dennis and Claudia (Scheibel) Iverson

Nicholas, Whitney, Emily

Jerry and Julie (Zentner) Landmark

Anna, Katie

9. Fred and Mary (Haag) Schwoerer

They also farmed at 39. Here they built the house.

Robert, Annie, Emma, Albert, Henry,
Theodore, Edward

Leo and Gertrude (Meinholz) Haag

Leo was a native of the Spring Valley School District, from farm 19 which his brother, Peter, farmed after their parents. His sister, Ida, stayed at farm 40. Leo and Gertrude lived here 50 years.

Clotilda, Elaine, Amy

Gerald and Delores (Heinz) Gilbertson

Gerald was from this school district, at 15 which his brother, Jim, took over after their parents.

Jeffrey, Bradley, Deborah

Jeffrey and Bradley Gilbertson

Brothers, they also lived across the road at 10.

Their sister also stayed in the district, at 26.

Roger Parkos Family

10. Sigmund and Catherine (Platz) Fischer

Frank, Frances, Lona, Kate, Anton,
Charles

Joseph and Mary (Haag) Bowar

Both were natives of this school district. This Mary Haag is not from the same generation as the Mary Haag at 9. This Mary Haag was a daughter of the immigrants who lived at 8. Joe's parents farmed at 23, with his uncle, Mike Goebel, and 45 before moving to the Town of Primrose. Joe's sister, Christina, also remained here. She married Mary's brother, Lawrence, and lived across the road from Mary and Joe at the Haag homeplace.

Lawrence, Herbert, Rosa, Matilda,
Pricilla, Leona, Bertha

Frank and Hannah (Keethdriver) Haag

Frank was a native of the Spring Valley School District, from farm 8. He was Joseph and Mary Bowar's double nephew -- the son of Joseph's sister and Mary's brother. Five of his brothers and sisters also stayed in this school district and raised their children here.

Richard, Bertha Agnes, Odelia, Ella

Richard and Edna (Post) Haag

Edna was also from this school district, having been raised at 4.

Deane, Jerome, Jean, Dominic

Jeffrey and Bradley Gilbertson

Brothers from this school district. Their parents lived across the road at 9.

Other occupants unknown

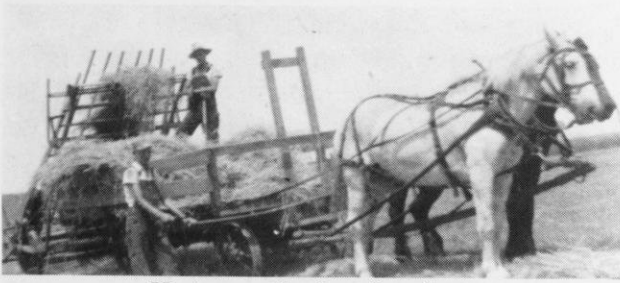


Ole and Sophie Langfoss' home

11. Ole and Sophie (Hagen) Langfoss

A Norwegian, Lutheran couple in this predominantly German Catholic District.

Hartvik, Christie, Orville, Dennis, Stanley,
Einar



Haying on the Langfoss farm



The Haymakers: (L to R) Stanley, Dennis, Orville, Hartvig and Ole Langfoss and Ralph Sutter

Jerome and Nancy (Laufenberg) Sutter

They moved from here to farm 22.

Erin, Katherine

Dean Vogel Family

12. John and Catherine (Zeier) Haag

John was from the Spring Valley School District. His immigrant parents farmed at 8. Both of his brothers and one of his sisters also stayed in the district. Mary lived next door at 10. Lawrence took over their parents' farm across the road from her, while George settled at 19.

Charles, Aloysious, Ambrose, Theresa, Bernard, Anna, Julia, Mary, Henry

Charles and Bernard Haag

Brothers. Their sister, Anna, also stayed in the district, at 23, and their brother, Henry, at 44 and then 47.

Stanley and Genevieve Haag

Richard, Patricia, Diane

The Haag Family era of 85 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Roger and Carol Watkins

13. Daffodil Cheese Factory

Located on farm 15



The Daffodil Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

Albert and Anna (Beereuter) Vogel

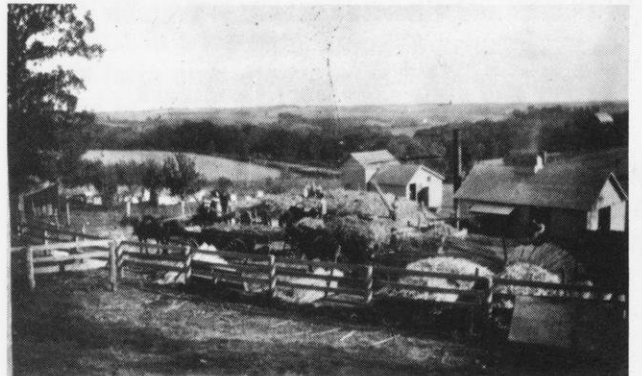
Albert Jr., Anna

John Zurflueh

Gertrude

Converted to a private residence

Pascual Machica



Sorghum making at Ranums

14. Gilbert and Alice (Lunn) Ranum

A Norwegian Haugean couple in this predominantly German Catholic District.

Ella, Alvin, Edward, Maurice

Children went to Forward School



Maurice Ranum

Edward and Gertrude (Zurflueh) Ranum

Both were from this neighborhood. Gertie's farther was a cheesemaker at the Daffodil Cheese Factory across the road (13). Under Ed and Gertie this farm became known as the "Daffodil Bee Farm."

Ruth, Joan, John, Mark



Gilbert Ranum in his bee yard about 1925

John and Karen (Henderson) Ranum

Lori, Jonathon

15. August Goebel Family

August arrived from Germany in 1853, with his mother, two sisters and brother, John. His other brother, Michael, was already here (23), having arrived in 1852.

August and Lucille Goebel Jr.

Although the tornado of May 23, 1878, totally destroyed their barn, it didn't touch the house 40 feet further south.

Leo, Stella

Leo and Mary (Kalscheur) Goebel

Lucille, Ethel, Leo Jr., Cathryn, Jack (August John), Stanley, Frederick

The Goebel Family era of 75 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Oliver and Florence (Stoker) Gilbertson

James, Gerald, Francis, Sharon, Lucille, Mary

James and Violet (Altman) Gilbertson

Jim's brother, Gerald, also stayed in this district, at 9.

Robert, Lois

Nicholas and Heidi (Gammeter) Meier

Elizabeth, Benjamin



Marie and Albert Lunn with their children, (L to R) Alpha, Curtis, Palmer, and Edwin, in 1916.

16. Albert and Marie Lunn

Alpha, Curtis, Palmer, Edwin
Family went to South Dakota

John and Veronica (Meier) Keller

Evelyn, Doris, Velma, Russell, Norbert, Lawrence, Darlene, Alvin

Kenneth and Alice (Engen) Bjelde

Kay, Roxanne

Doris Chapman

17. Larry Jorgenson

This parcel of land contains the old buildings from farm 18

18. John, Anton, and Hubert Keller

Came to America in 1846 with their mother and Henry Schneider, they were the first German immigrants to settle in the Town of Perry. Soon John and Anton (not to be confused with the Anton Keller who came to Perry in 1852 with his brother Simon and settled at 37 and 38) joined the Gold Rush to California, leaving Hubert and Henry Schneider to take care of their farm (which extended all the way from this place through 22). Their mother moved to Dubuque to await her sons return in the spring of 1851.

John Keller

Upon their return, the brothers split the property with John taking over this place independently by 1856.

John (J.B.) and Katherine Haag

Brother and sister

Joseph and Rosena (Haag) Sutter

Both were natives of this school district. They were one of the three pairs of Sutter siblings from farm 8 who married Haag siblings from farm 30.

Bernadine, Dorothy, Raphael, Marcia,
Glenn, Patricia, Wayne

Johan and Karen Hoff

Built a new home

19. George and Francisca (Brei) Haag

George was a native of the Spring Valley School District, from farm 8 a generation before the Rosena Haag at 18. He was Rosena's paternal uncle. In addition to Rosena's father, Lawrence, George's brother, John, also stayed in the district, at 12.

Peter, Veronica, Barbara, Rose, Frances,
Josephine, Ida, Joseph, George Jr., Leo

Peter and Frances (Brings) Haag Family

Peter's brother, Leo, also stayed in the district, at 9, as did their sister, Ida, at 40.

Alvin and Geneva (Martinson) Dettwiler

Robert, Joyce, Jean, Phillip, Ruth, James

Erick and Nora (Disrud) Groth

Donald

Raymond and Marcella (Haag) Wiest

They also farmed at 8, Marcella's home farm. There is more information on her family there. Suffice it to say here that Rosena Sutter, next door at 18, was her much younger sister.

Marcelline, Valeria, Janice, Gerald,
Darlene, Venita, Jean, Linda, Kathleen

Dennis and Darlene (Wiest) Cleary

They also farmed at 23 and lived at 21 before moving here. Darlene's sister, Valeria, also stayed in the Spring Valley School District, farming at 29.

Douglas, Dale, Donna, Debra

20. Spring Valley School

Located on property from farms 10 and 19. The current building was not built until 1938.

Converted to a private residence after the school closed in 1968.

Joseph Rucinski Family

Douglas Wealti

Dominic Haag

Dominic is a native of this school district, having been raised at farm 10. His two brothers, Deane and Jerome, also stayed in the district at farm 40 and at 47, respectively.

21. Spring Valley Cheese Factory

Located on farm 10

Known Cheesemakers:

Joseph Wels

Rudolph and Rosa (Mauer) Schwarz

Mathilda, Ida, Walter, Hulda

Converted to a private residence

Joseph Herreid Family

Robert and Susan Burns Family

Dennis and Darlene (Wiest) Cleary

They later followed Darlene's parents at 19, where there is more discussion of her family.

Douglas, Donald, Dale, Debra

Robert and Barbara (Peterson) Gentz

They later lived at 27.

Douglas and Loretta Bjelde Family

Diane Riley

22. John, Anton and Hubert Keller

This is part of the original 1846 Keller claim, see farm 18.

Hubert Keller

After John and Anton's return from the Gold Rush, the family split the property with Hubert -- the stay-at-home brother -- holding this farm independently by 1856.

Ludwig and Kresenzia (Heller) Sutter

Born in Germany, Ludwig was a soldier in the Revolution of 1848. He came to America in 1852, but he was married in Madison, and was employed by Judge Vilas before coming to the Town of Perry in 1875. A farmer, he is also remembered as a local wheat buyer. In the winter he cut, sawed and hauled wood to buyers in Madison.

Joseph, Julia, August, Frank, Louis, Mary, Frances, Grace, Leo, William

Grace and Mary became nuns.

William and Julia (Miller) Sutter

Bill's brothers, August and Joseph, also stayed in the district. They married sisters and set up farms on adjoining land (29 and 30). Their sister, Julia, also stayed in the district. She married the brother of the two sisters who married her brothers and settled on his home farm, 2.

Walter, Nona, Grace, Helen, Gaylord

Walter Kahl Family

Robert and Joyce Brown Family

Glenn and Carol (Homes) Sutter

Glenn is a native of the Spring Valley School District, from farm 18. He is a great-grandson of Ludwig Sutter. The Bill Sutter who ran this farm after Ludwig was Glenn's great uncle.

John, Mary, Perry, Anne

Jerome and Nancy (Laufenberg) Sutter

Before moving here, they farmed at 11.

Erin, Katherine

23. Michael Ludwig and Maria (Bowar) Goebel

Mike came to America from Germany in the 1840s, joined the California Gold Rush, then returned to New York via South America and married Maria (also a German immigrant) before coming, with her brother Laurence Bowar, to the Town of Perry in 1852. In 1853, Mike's mother, two sisters and two brothers, John and August (15), arrived in the community. Mike and Maria donated property to the Holy Redeemer Mission that later came to be known as St. Salvator/Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. They are sometimes remembered by the locals for purchasing another

40 acres of land each time they had a new baby, and they had 13 children.

John, Mary, Michael, Katherine, Emerentia, Gregory, Anna, Joseph, Alois, Anselm, Frank, Theresa, Pauline

Gregory became a priest, Father Goebel. Anna became a nun, Sister Mary Dolorosa.

Laurence and Isabella (Schlingen) Bowar

Laurence came to what became the Spring Valley School District in 1852, with Mike and Maria. Also a German immigrant, Isabella (Sybillia) arrived in Spring Valley with her father, three brothers, a sister, and one sister-in-law in 1855. They settled near here, but across the school district line at 3 in the Forward School District. Isabella and Laurence later lived at 45, before moving to the Town of Primrose.

John, Mathias, Laurence Jr., Joseph, Charles, Henry, Mary, Josephine, Christina, Frank

Alois and Katherine (Stubly) Goebel

Alois' brother, Joe, stayed in the district at 32 as did their sister, Katherine, who followed Alois here. Their brother, Frank, also stayed at 50.

Rose, William, Anna-Maria

Robert and Katherine (Goebel) Gorst

Gregory, Lawrence, Frank, Joseph, Imelda

The Goebel family era on this farm lasted 100 years.

Marcus and Mary (Schertenlieb) Hefty

Herman, Esther, Katherine, Edith

George and Anna (Haag) Sutter

Both were natives of this school district. George was from farm 29 where there is more discussion of his family. Anna was from farm 12 which her brothers, Charles and Bernard, together farmed after their parents. Her brother, Henry, also stayed in the district, at farm 44 and then at 47.

James, Ralph, August

Arthur and Alma (Strassman) Haag

Arthur was from 51 in this school district, which he and Alma also farmed after his brother, Roman.

Gary, Jeffrey, Duane, Brian, Tracy, Susan and Sandra (twins)

Walter Steele Family

Dennis and Darlene (Wiest) Cleary

They also lived in the Spring Valley Cheese

factory (21) and later followed Darlene's parents in farming 19 where there is more discussion of her family.

Douglas, Donald, Dale, Debra

Kenneth Hall Family

Vincent Gehin Family

Donald Jackson

24. Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Located on a parcel of farm 23. See Chapter 13.

25. **Henry O. and Mabel (Disrud) Kittleson** of Tvedten Kittleson

Erlan, Ansel, Maxine, Lenice, Corinne

Ole and Carrie (Thompson) Swenson

Judith, Thomena, Alpha, Ordean, Victor, Orin, Jerold, Cornelia, Arthur

Casper and Lillian (Robb) Disch

Idellis, Claudine, Joyce

Clifford and Idellis (Disch) Fjelstad

Debra, Duane, Gregory, Jean, Julie, George, Gelaine, Shirley

Edward and Clara (Bindl) Schwoerer

Ed is a native of the Spring Valley School District. His parents farmed at 9 and 39, which Ed's brother and sister, Robert and Emma, took over after their parents. Ed and Clara bought the "Old Perry Town Hall", 10 in the Forward School District and moved it here for an outbuilding.

Judy, Dennis, David, Glenn, Alice, Lois, Jane

26. **Victor and Rosella (Keller) Ubersetzig**

Rosella was a native of the Spring Valley School District, having been born and raised on farm 37.

Roman, Margaret

Lawrence and Stella (Sutter) Keller Jr.

Lawrence was Rosella's brother. Stella was also a native of this school district, from next door at farm 29. Stella and Lawrence farmed at 31 before moving here. Stella and her two brothers, Ed and Frank, had farmed there -- next door to the farm Lawrence grew up on -- before Stella and Lawrence took it over. Perhaps not coincidentally, Stella's brother, Ed, married Lawrence's sister, Apollonia.

Delores, Betty Jane, Rosemary, Mary, Loretta, Wallace, Raymond, James, Lawrence (Pete), Paul

Martin and Rose (Adler) Keller

Martin, a brother of Rosella's and Lawrence's, was the third of Lawrence Keller Sr.'s children to operate this farm.

Viola, Florence, Vera, Martin Jr., Donna, Diana, Roland, Harold

Dennis and Rosemary (Grosser) Sutter

Dennis is a native of this district also, from farm 30 which he and Rosemary also farmed. They also built a new home in the district, 34. His brother, Lavern, also stayed in the district at 29.

Jean, Dean, Laura

Dean and Deborah (Gilbertson) Sutter

Both are from this school district. Deborah's parents lived at 9. Both her brothers also stayed in the district, following their parents at 9 and across the road from them at 10.

Carla

27. **Andrew and Marit (Aavok) Aslakson**

Alfred, Milo

Alfred and Anna (Aarhus) Aslakson

Selma, Helen, Andrew, Marie

Robert and Barbara (Peterson) Gentz Family

They had also lived at 21.

Later occupants unknown

28. Elm Grove Cheese Factory

Located on farm 29. The foundation is still there, but the building has been razed.

29. **August and Katherine (Schmidt) Sutter**

Both of their parents lived in the Spring Valley School District. They were one of the sets of three Sutter siblings from farm 22 who married three Schmidt siblings from farm 2. August's brother, Joe, married Katherine's sister, Theresa. They farmed next door at 30. While August's sister, Julia, married Katherine's brother, George Jr. That couple farmed Katherine, Theresa and George's home place, 2. August had another brother, Bill, who also remained in the district, farming the Sutter home place, 22.

George, Edmund, Clara, Frank, Eleanor, Raymond, Stella, Loretta, Olive

Clara and Eleanor became nuns.

Edmund and Apollonia (Keller) Sutter

Both were natives of this school district. Apollonia (Lonie) was born and raised on farm 37. As detailed under 26 on this page, her brother, Lawrence Jr., married Ed's sister, Stella. Ed and Lonie also farmed at 31 which adjoins

this, Ed's home farm, and Lonie's home farm. Lawrence and Stella had farmed 31 before Ed and Lonie, but after Ed had worked it with his sister Stella and their brother Frank.

Lorraine, Bernice, Edna, Karen, Edward, Clarence



Edmund and Apollonia Sutter's wedding picture

Frank and Olive Sutter

They were a brother and sister of Ed's. Frank is the brother who had farmed 31 with Ed and Stella when they were all three single.

Lavern and Agnes (Greenheck) Sutter

Lavern was Frank and Olive's nephew. He was from farm 30 next door, which his brother, Dennis, farmed after their parents.

Lavern (Rickey), James, Michael, Patrick, Jane, Robert, Francis

William and Lorraine (Sutter) Meylor

Lorraine's parents, Ed and Lonie, farmed this place. She is also a niece of Frank and Olive's.

Bonnie, Gregory, Mary Jo, Theresa, David, Lynn, Thomas

Edward and Valeria (Wiest) Sutter

Ed is Lorraine's brother. Valeria is also a native of the Spring Valley School District. Her parents farmed at 8 and 19. Her sister, Darlene, also stayed in the district, living at 21 and 23 and then following her parents farming 19.

Sharon, Mitchell, Beth and Brenda (twins)

Mitchell and Mary Kay (Kuehn) Sutter

Live in a second home on the farm.

Mathew, Marcus, Eric

30. Joseph and Theresa (Schmidt) Sutter

Both were natives of the Spring Valley School District. They were one of the three pairs of

Sutters from farm 22, who married Schmidt's from farm 2. Another of those pairs farmed next door at 29. The third couple took over the Schmidt home place, 2. Joe had another brother, Bill, who took over their parents' farm.

Aldoph, Rose, Mary, Joseph, Albert, Leo, Herman

Albert and Bertha (Haag) Sutter

Both were natives of this school district. Albert from this farm and Bertha from farm 8. They emulated his parents in that they were part of a set of three siblings marrying three siblings. Albert's brother, Joseph, and sister, Mary, married Bertha's sister, Rosena, and brother, Albert. These other two sibling-match couples also stayed in the district at 18 and 51, respectively. There is more discussion of Bertha's other siblings under their home place, farm 8.

Lavern, Dennis, Antonette, Sylvester, Joseph, Marlene, Loretta, Rosemary, Russell, Cecilia, Pauline

Dennis and Rosemary (Grosser) Sutter

They also farmed at 26 and built a new house, 34. Dennis' brother, Lavern, also stayed in the district, farming next door at 29.

Jean, Dean, Laura

The Sutter family era on this farm lasted 75 years.

David and Lucille Wiggins

David Jr., John, Kitty, Virginia

31. Edmund, Frank, and Stella Sutter

Brothers and sister from farm 29. Built the barn in 1921. Relocated the homesite from the valley to the present site. Farmed together until Ed and Stella each married one of the Kellers from next door at 37.

Lawrence and Stella (Sutter) Keller Jr.

Took over this place first, then moved to 26.

Delores, Betty Jane, Rosemary, Mary, Loretta, Wallace, Raymond, Lawrence (Pete), Paul

Edmund and Apollonia (Keller) Sutter

They also farmed at 29, Edmund's home farm. Frank, the third of the siblings who operated this farm as a group, succeeded them there -- working with yet another of his sisters.

Lorraine, Bernice, Edna, Karen, Edward, Clarence

32. Joseph and Margaret (Keller) Goebel

Joe's parents farmed at 23, which first his brother, Alois, took over, and then his sister, Katherine. Joe's brother, Frank, also stayed in this school district, farming at 50.

Elizabeth, Ida

Joseph and Ida (Goebel) Mihm

Ruthella

The Goebel family era on this farm lasted 90 years.

Peter Kaufman

Ruth Zevnik

33. Joyce Powers

Built a home on a parcel of farm 37.

Audra, Shawna

34. Dennis and Rosemary (Grosser) Sutter

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 38. Dennis is a native of the district, from farm 30 which he and Rosemary farmed after his parents. Dennis and Rosemary also farmed at 26 where their son Dean is now.

Jean, Dean, Laura

35. Ole and Nora (Moen) Overland

Nordeen, Francis, Lorena

Children went to Britt Valley School.

Nordeen Overland

It is from this Overland family that the road takes its name. The Overland family era on this farm lasted for 60 years.

Gary and Carol Larsen Family

36. Paul Hodgson

Built a home of a parcel of farm 35.

37. Anton and Simon Keller

Brothers who came to America from Germany in 1852. After rebuilding their capital by working for others in the Town of Perry, they bought this land and that which is now farm 38 and built a log cabin.

Anton and Katherine (Mousner) Keller

When Anton married Katherine in 1855, he and Simon divided their land with Anton keeping this eastern half and Simon getting the western which he operated as 38. Eventually Anton and Katherine replaced the log cabin with a frame house. In 1868, they moved away from the community, but returned in 1876 to live nearly 20

more years as part of the Spring Valley School District community.

Joseph, Frank, Kasarz, Margaret, Lizzie, Mary, and 8 others (names unknown) who died before their parents.

Lawrence and Katherine (Lennartz) Keller Sr.

Lawrence was one of Simon's sons from across the road at 38. He took over here when Anton and Katherine moved away in 1868.

Leonard, William, Martin, Lawrence Jr., Frank, John, Rosella, Theresa, Apollonia, Lucy

Children went to Britt Valley School.



Thrond Swenson and Lawrence Keller

Leo (Leonard) and Ludwina (Patsy Lamberty) Keller

The majority of Leo's brothers and sisters stayed in the neighborhood. Rosella was the first of them to move onto farm 26. Her family was succeeded there by her brother Lawrence Jr.'s. Then Martin succeeded Lawrence Jr. at 26. Lawrence Jr. succeeded his wife, Stella and her two brothers Frank and Edmund, at 31 which adjoins this farm. They were in turn succeeded by Apollonia, who married Stella's brother Ed.

Apollonia and Ed took over from his parents at 29. While Frank took over the Keller's grandparents place, 38, after their Uncle Joe.

David, Daniel, Leonard, Raphael, Gerald, Louise, Linda

Gerald and Judith (Zwettler) Keller

Jerry's brothers, Dave and Dan, also stayed in the school district. They farmed adjoining places, 45 and 44 respectively, before retiring to new houses 46 and 48.

Jennifer, Craig, Jarrod, Nichole, Jill, John

38. Anton and Simon Keller

Bought this land and that which is now farm 37 in 1852.

Simon Keller

When Anton got married in 1855, the brothers split the land with Simon, the younger brother, taking this eastern part.

Simon and Caroline (Post) Keller

Simon married in 1856. Caroline, her brother, Laurence Post (3 and 4), and their step-parents, the Meirglers, had wintered in what became the Spring Valley School District with the other Kellers at farm 18, 19 and 22 combined in 1851 -- the year before Simon arrived in the community. The Meirgler/Posts settled permanently in the district in 1855. When Caroline died in April, 1859, her family had to get a priest from Madison for the last rites and then had to take her body to Madison for the funeral and burial. These events led the Catholic settlers of the neighborhood to band together, organize a congregation, arrange for a priest from Cross Plains to serve their spiritual needs and, in 1860, begin building their own church.

Simon and Anna (Kleinheinz) Keller

Married in 1859.

Frank, George, John, Lawrence, Margaret, Catherine, Mary, Genevieve, Joseph

Frank and Maria (Goebel) Keller

Frank and Mary (Moll) Keller

Louise, Henry, Julia, Nora, Leo, Fred, Modesta, Clarence, Herman

Family left the community.

Joseph and Julia (Esser) Keller

Joe, Simon's youngest son, succeeded his brother Frank on this property. Joe and Julia built a new home in 1916 at the cost of \$4000. The new

home included a battery operated lighting system and a, then new, bathroom facility.

Anna, Raymond, John, Anton, Agnes, Regina, Martha

Children went to Britt Valley School.

Frank and Elizabeth (Meier) Keller

Again, although the property stayed in the family, it did not descend from father to son. Elizabeth was also from the Spring Valley District, farm 15.

John, Lillian, Donald, Richard, Frances, Mary Susan

Frank and Lucille (Mahr-Foye) Keller

Richard and Lois (Patterson) Keller

Richard was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1983-88.

Michael, Teresa, Patrick

39. Arne and Marit (Olsdatter) Thoreson-Rye

Came here as part of large family group that all lived together on this farm. The group included this couple and their minor children, this couple's son, Ole, and his wife, Kjestri, and Kjestri's parents, Niels and Ingabor Thoreson Methas.

Tore, Ole, Nils, Kari, Nils, Andrew, Gullick

Family migrated to Iowa in 1876.

Niels and Ingabor (Halvorsdatter) Thoreson Methas

This couple, Kjestri's parents, apparently did not move on with the Thoreson-Ryes and their children in 1876. They did, however, move on to Iowa in 1882.

Kari, Siri, Kjersti, Indri, Tore, Haldor

Ole and Kjestri (Nielsdatter) Arenson-Rye

This couple did, apparently, move on with his parents and siblings in 1876, leaving her parents behind.

Arne, Nels, Johan, Johanna, Thomas, Henry, Clarence

Anton and Katherine (Mousner) Keller

Anton (Joe's son) was Simon's grandson not his brother and should not be confused with the 1846 immigrant, Anton Keller, at farms 18, 19 and 22 combined. In following Niels and Ingabor Thoreson Methas on this farm in 1882, they temporarily linked the contiguous farms of the two different Keller clans (18, 19, 22, 37 and 38).

Kasarz, Margaret, Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Frank

Children went to Britt Valley School.

Leonard and Caroline (Brink) Marty

Edwin, Marie, Woodrow, Matilda,
Amanda, Leonard Jr.

Fred and Mary (Haag) Schwoerer

They had also farmed at 9. This farm was known as "Pleasant Valley Farm."

Robert, Annie, Emma, Albert, Henry,
Theodore, Edward

Robert and Emma Schwoerer

Brother and sister. Their brother, Ed, also stayed in this school district, at farm 25.

The Schwoerer family era on this farm lasted 60 years.

Victoria Vogt

Later occupants unknown.

40. Peter and Genevieve (Keller) Esser

Genevieve was a native of the Spring Valley School District. She was one of Simon Keller's daughters from farm 38 which adjoins this one.

Joseph, Anna, Louisa, Herbert, Kathryn,
Peter, Bernard

Joseph and Ida (Haag) Esser

Ida was a native of this district from farm 19 which her brother, Peter, farmed after their parents. Her brother, Leo, also stayed in the district at 9. This farm of Joe and Ida's became known as "Burr Oak Knoll Farm."

Francis, Philip, Doris, Joann, Coletta,
Eugene, James

Children went to Britt Valley School

The Esser family era on this farm lasted 60 years.

Deane and Carolyn (Cook) Haag

Deane is from the Spring Valley School District, at farm 10. His two brothers, Dominic and Jerome, also stayed in the district, in the remodeled school (20) and in a new house (47), respectively.

Heather, Holly, Hillary, Haley

Douglas Jerdee Family

41. Sandhill Cheese Factory

Located on farm 40. Factory burned and rebuilt twice.



The Sand Hill Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

Alphonse and Marie (Luiginbuhl) Berger

Emma, Gertrude, William

Gottlieb and Barbara (Aliesch) Gammeter

Helen, John, Ed, Mildred, Lester,
Ruby, Donald, Goldie, Wilbert,
Dorothy, Frieda, William, Norris

Converted to a private residence

Fantus and Betty (Ash) Cox Family

42. Ronald and Dorothy (Brattrud) Schmitz
Built a new home on a parcel of the original Brattrud farm, 43.

Colby

First Brattrud descendant to be born on the Brattrud homestead in 114 years.

43. Ole and Kari (Aslakson-Slaaten) Brattrud

Bought the farm in 1856.

Andrew, Alice, Emma, Edward, Della,
Elmer, Alfred, Ida

Della became a concert pianist. She performed in cities across the country--always on her own personal "Steinway" piano. Although none of the second generation of the family remained in the Town of Perry the Brattrud homestead always remained in the family. It would be about 60 years before Brattrud descendants returned to once again occupy the family homestead.

Jacob and Clara (Kempfer) Hefty

Eugene, Lavern, Arlene, Donald, Carolyn,
Dinah

Waldo and Anna (Hefty) Kempfer

Clifford

Noel and Audrey (Babler) Way

House burned and was rebuilt.

James, Cathy, Jeffrey

Robert Ward Family

Ben Dilly Family

Wallace and Elaine (Thoe) Bratrud

A grandson of Ole and Kari Bratrud, Wallace came to the family homestead to live in 1969.

Audrey, Dorothy, Betty and Eileen (twins), Wayne

Wayne and Millicent (Brown) Bratrud

Shelline, Kedesha, Siana

44. Andrew Benson

Known as "Highland Farm." Family data unknown.

Lewis C. (L.C.) and Anna (Sovestad) Kittleson of Tvedten-Kittleson

Chester

Went to Britt Valley School.

Henry and Katherine (Hefty) Haag

Both were natives of the Spring Valley School District. Henry was from farm 12 which his two brothers, Charles and Bernard, farmed after their parents. Katherine was from farm 23. Henry's sister, Anna, and her family succeeded Katherine's parents on that farm.

Lloyd, Donald, Raphael, Herbert, Francis

Herbert and Virginia (Foye) Haag Family

Daniel and Jeanne (Hildebrandt) Keller

Dan is a native of the Spring Valley School District, having been born and raised at 37 which his brother, Jerry, continues to farm. Another of his brothers, Dave, farmed on land adjoining Dan's -- at 45. Dan and Jeanne's farm became known as "Keller-Crest Farm."

Timothy, Maria, Mark, Lisa

Timothy and Sandra Keller

45. Laurence and Isabella (Schlimgen) Bowar

Laurence and Isabella first lived at farm 10, where their origins and families are discussed. They were living here, however, on May 23, 1878, when a tornado tore the roof off the house and threw parts of the barn, which was northwest of the house, through the walls of the house. There was a blacksmith shop on the west side of the valley west of the barn. The storm lifted the roof of this shop, as one piece, nearly 100 feet in the air, swung it in an arc over the top a stand of 40-foot high trees, and dropped it on the high prairie 80 feet west of where it started. Sometime after that,

they moved to the Town of Primrose.

John, Mathias, Laurence, Jr., Joseph, Charles, Henry, Mary, Josephine, Christina, Frank

Samuel and Emma (Kjorlie) Holden

Known as "Mereclough Farm"

Mildred

Gerhard and Mildred (Holden) Tollefson

Dorothy

David and Marian (Laufenberg) Keller

Dave is a native of the Spring Valley School District, having been born and raised on farm 37 which his brother, Jerry, still farms. Another of his brothers, Dan, farmed on land adjoining Dave's -- at farm 44.

Kathleen, Paul, Janice, Gregory, Mary Kay

Paul and Jean Keller

46. David and Marian (Laufenberg) Keller

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 45, when their son, Paul, took over the main house on that farm.

Kathleen, Paul, Janice, Gregory, Mary Kay

47. Henry and Katherine (Hefty) Haag

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 44 which they had farmed.

Lloyd, Donald, Raphael, Herbert, Francis

Jerome Haag

He is a native of the Spring Valley School District, from farm 10. His two brothers, Deane and Dominic, also stayed in the district, at 40 and 20, respectively.

48. Nels and Marit Aavok

Known as "Praire Hill Farm"

Kjersti, Arne, Annie, Thore, Marit

Henry Argue

Thomas and Laura (Byrge) Argue

Henry, Abner, Beulah, Lincoln, Gertrude

Lincoln and Dorothy (Capener) Argue

Joan, Lowell, Alvin

Henry and Mildred (Riley-Phund) Argue

Henry and Beulah Argue and Robert and Dorothy Phund

Children went to Britt Valley School.

Home razed. The Argue familt era on this farm lasted 60 years.

Daniel and Jeanne (Hildebrandt) Keller

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Built a new home after their son, Tim, took over their farm, 44.

Timothy, Maria, Mark, Lisa

49. Ardell and Rosalie (Moen) Lunda

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 48. Rosalie died while they were living here.

Larry, Shari

50. Frank and Maude (O'Conner) Goebel

Frank's parents farmed at 23, which first his brother, Alois, and then his sister, Katherine, and their families farmed after their parents. Their brother, Joe, also stayed in the Spring Valley School District, at 32. Frank and Maude's farm became known as "Sunnyview Farm."

Michael

Sanford and Margaret (Johnson) Gilbertson

Richard

Marlen and Norma (Fine) Hagland

Victoria, Lola, Patricia, Leonard, Gary, Joseph, Terry

Steven and Janet Ekenberg

Timothy, Krysten

51. Jon and Ingeborg (Olavsdtr-Kleven) Grovum of Halvorson-Grovum

Gunild, Halvor, Mari, Ole, Anne, Gunil

Marius and Gunder (twins), Gunder Family went West in 1890.

Thomas Ayen Family

Albert and Mary (Sutter) Haag

Both were natives of the Spring Valley School District. They are the third pair of Sutters from farm 8 who married Haags from farm 30. See those entries for further information on their extended families.

Lenore, Arthur, Alban, Roman, Clements, William, Christine, Gladys, Frederick, Monica, Theresa, Wallace

Roman and Norma (Bollig) Haag

Merilee, Kendall, James

Elmer and Rose (Marty) Jelle

Eldon, Connie, Darren, Luann, Lyle, Duane

Arthur and Alma (Strassman) Haag

This is Art's home farm. He is one of Albert and Mary's sons. Art and Alma also lived at 23.

Gary, Jeffrey, Duane, Brian, Tracy, Susan and Sandra (twins)

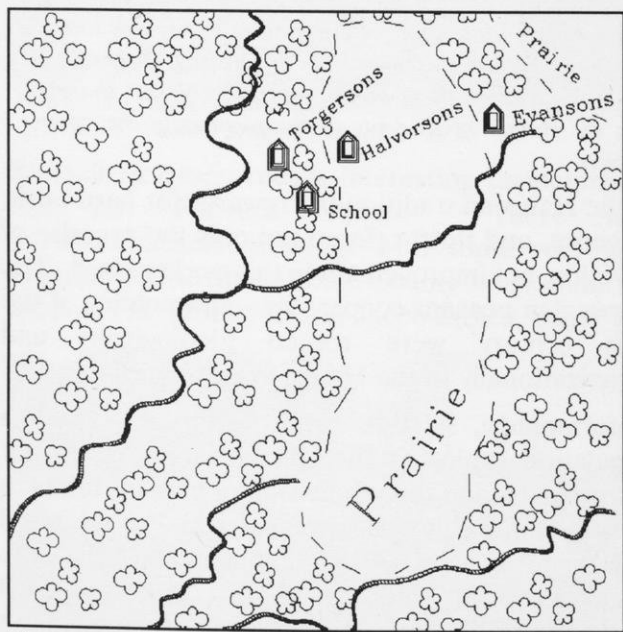
The Haag family era on this farm lasted 55 years.

Catherine Bleser

Chapter 5: The Forward School District

There is only one place in the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement where true prairie extended across a major valley -- from high land to high land -- and it was there, down in a mile-wide section of valley, that the community of Forward grew.

Sometime between 1850 and 1856, probably in 1853, 54 or 55, the families in the neighborhood -- the Lars Nelsons at farm 7, the Johannes Gunderson Fjelstads and the Knud Aslaksons at the two farms which came to make up 8, the Kittle O. Tvedtens at 10, the Ole Torgersons at 15, the Ole Kittleson Tvedtens at 17, the Christian Evansons at 25, the Ouver Halvorsons at 26, the Gullick Ryrs at 43, and the Olsons at 34 -- banded together to build a school, 16, at the west edge of the half-mile-wide, two-and-a-half-mile long tongue of prairie. Within 500 feet of both the Ole Torgersons and Ole Kittleson Tvedtens cabins, the Torgerson School was in the margin between creekside timber and open prairie.



Torgerson School, the Ole Torgersons home, the Ole Halvorsons home, and the Christian Evansons home. Map created from University of Wisconsin-Madison Professor Eneritus Robert Finley's pre-settlement vegetation map which was based on G.W. Stephenson's October 1, 1833, survey notes and the topographical information on the Mt. Horeb Area Historical Society's c.1856 plat map of the Town of Perry

Although the population in the area served by the Torgerson School grew over the next 20 years, nothing even remotely resembling a village had emerged by 1871. The residents' family homesteads

remained dispersed through the broad valley where the two northernmost arms of the Pleasant Valley Branch of the Pecatonica River merge. That year, however, when the federal government established a regular semi-weekly mail route through the Town of Perry and moved the Perry Post Office from Anders Sanderson's house to O.B. Dahle's store (see The Village of Daleyville), Christian Evanson, whose house (25) abutted the eastern edge of the prairie tongue, was appointed as the second postmaster for the township. Establishing his post office in his farm house, he exercised that special right of postmasters, and named the area it served Forward.

Unlike O.B. Dahle, Christian Evanson was not primarily an entrepreneur. Christian had owned this farm since before 1856. He was a farmer for over 25 years before he went into business. Although one can't be sure which came first, the post office or the sale of merchandise, Christian and his wife, Ragnild, did not open the first official Forward Store on their farm until 1874.

By the next year, Forward was prosperous enough to need a new one-room limestone schoolhouse.



Students outside the c. 1875-1910 Forward School

With the Torgerson School no longer in use, on April 4, 1876, at the Annual Town Meeting, the Electors of the Town of Perry voted to lease the site from Ole Torgerson and buy the old school building for \$20.00 for a Town Hall.

In 1884, Forward got its second business establishment, the Perry Center Cheese Factory. Kennel Helgeson of farm 8 recalls that the cheese factory was usually run by cheesemakers from Switzerland who made brick, Limburger, and Swiss cheese. In the early years, the farmers would bring their milk to the factory mornings and evenings.

When the cheese was ready for market the farmers would haul it by horse and wagon to the railroad station in Blanchardville. Before it was sold, however, buyers would come and offer a selling price. Farmers would also cut and haul wood to the cheese factory for the big boiler that was required for making cheese. The factory was run as a cooperative.

That this factory was perceived by its owners as a cooperative, rather than a joint stock company, is perhaps reflective of the fact that it was located in the heart of the largest concentration of members of the Haugean Congregation in the Perry Settlement. In 1854, when the congregation meeting in the 1852 log church (9 in The Daleyville School District) split, with those wanting to call an ordained pastor from Norway and recreate, as closely as possible, the State Church of Norway in this new land leaving and organizing as a separate congregation (see Chapter 13), the settlers who remained with the existing church affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (also known as the Eielssen Synod, it was replaced by the Haugean Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1876).

From 1796 until 1811, Hans Neilson Hauge was the pivotal figure in a pietistic religious revival in Norway. As Elling Eielssen, a leader of the Haugean movement in Norway who carried the crusade to the American Midwest -- even supposedly preaching at the Perry log Church between 1852 and 1854, explained, while the leaders of the State Church of Norway concentrated on "masses, gowns, and dead ceremonies" they left "the miserable people to tumble about in their unresurrected lives," ignoring "their drunkenness, cursing, swearing, dancing and fiddling and other such noisy pleasures."

Hauge called for new leadership, lay leadership, of the church. Although acknowledging the core Lutheran belief that salvation was God's gift, not something earned by human actions or achievements, Hauge stressed the role of the individual in determining the fate of his or her soul -- salvation by grace followed a personal conversion experience and repentance. He also believed that one's faith and state of grace would be visible to others in one's work and daily life. Just as Martin Luther had 200 years before him, Hans Neilson Hauge saw work as a Christian calling, a means of worshipping God.

The Haugean defiance of established religious authority in Norway spilled over into social, political, and economic challenges to the Norwegian elite.

Himself born a peasant, Hauge urged peasants to create businesses and cooperatives for the purpose of improving their economic and social position as a class. From the beginning, class hostility and the determination not to be exploited by the educated bureaucratic and merchant elite motivated Hauge and his followers.



It is easy to wonder if the dressy clothes these Forward students wore for school pictures relates in any way to the Haugean tradition so prevalent in this district. Regardless of the motivation, these outfits certainly contrast sharply with the clothes of students in the pictures in the other districts.

In the Haugean tradition the rewards for hard work, diligence, and thrift offered not only the promise of salvation, but improvement in this world as well. The Norwegian peasant cooperatives and politics of the 19th century were rooted ideologically and organizationally in the Haugean tradition.

Unfortunately, in 19th century Norway, where a population explosion that the economy could not absorb had led to the subdivision of peasant farms to sizes as small as two or three acres and to the rapid growth of a class of landless sharecroppers, life tenants, servants and day laborers, peasants' hard work produced declining returns. In America in general, and in the Perry Norwegian Settlement in particular, where the smallest farms of 40 acres were larger than the biggest farms in Norway, it produced just the opposite results. And, the transplanting of the peasant cooperatives led to the blossoming of cheese factories, creameries, and eventually both the marketing and purchasing cooperatives so characteristic of rural Wisconsin today.

By 1880, even the Haugean pastor, Knudt Hageseth, lived in the Forward radius, at farm 4. In 1887, the Haugean Congregation built its new church, 2, on

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Pastor Hageseth's farm -- at the top of the ridge that separates the drainage of the Pleasant Valley Branch of the Pecatonica River from the valley in which what is now known as Syftestad Creek flows. This ridge, nearly as high as the ridge upon which Daleyville sits, was visible for miles around.

By the turn of the century, the Forward District had grown to the point where it needed a new two-room school, 18. When the new school was built, the stone from the old school was used in the new barn on the P.V. Peterson farm, 17.



The Forward School in 1910

Kennell Helgeson recalls interesting happenings at this last Forward School. There were Parents-Teachers meetings with some very good programs. One time a Dane County Judge came and spoke. The County Clerk, Jacob Stolen, came with



A load of scholars from the Forward School on a ride to Ranum's Bee Farm, Arbor Day, 1915.

him. Another time a violinist who had played with the Chicago Symphony came and played. His name was Mr. Mosby.

School was in session only eight months of the year in earlier times. At the end of April, the children had what was called "play days" with the students of the Daleyville, Spring Valley, Meadow View, and

Tyvand schools.

Among the teachers at the Forward School were two natives of the district, Marvin Anderson from farm 15 and Ruth Anderson Peterson from farm 20. Later, Ruth and her husband, Ilow Peterson, owned and operated the Forward Store, 22, for 45 years (1934-1979). Other teachers included: Alma Lester, Joyce Shattuch, Phillip Thompson, Dorothy Diedrich, Alpha Jacobson, Evelyn Einerson, Lillian Hendrickson, Opal Stiner, Mabel Knudtson, and a Mrs. Wall.

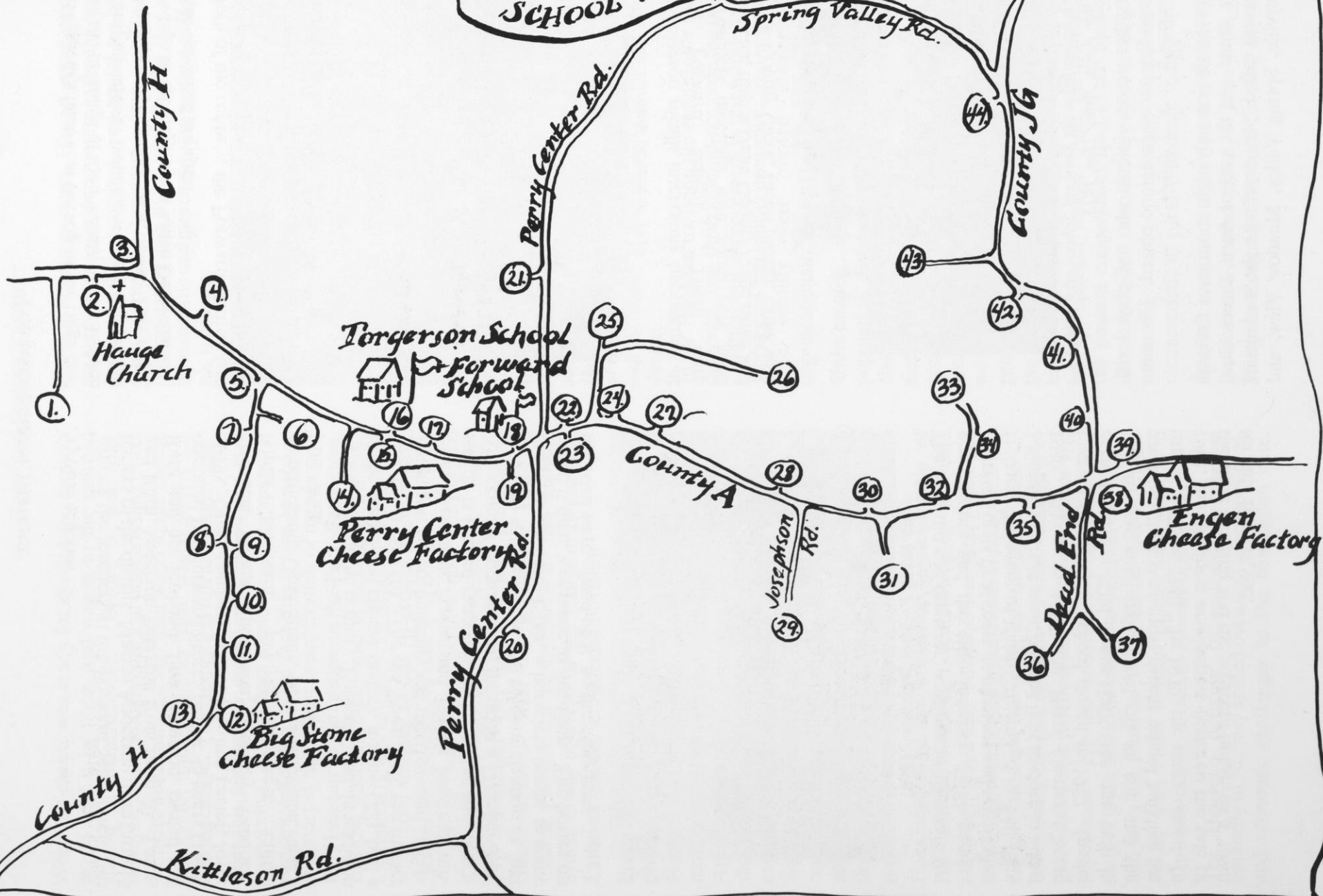
By the turn of the century, Forward had, in addition to the school and cheese factory, a store (22), had a new Town Hall (6). The old Town Hall, the former Torgerson School building, was razed around 1895/6. Now, Wisconsin Power and Light's Forward substation is located (approximately) on the site. Early 20th century Forward also included a "Temperance" Hall (24) with a garage and blacksmith shop its first floor. In the early 1900s, a horseless buggy, as some called it then, was made in this shop. The horses on the road were afraid of it, so the story goes.



Main Street, Forward Wisconsin, 1908

The town did not, however, continue to grow with the new century and the auto industry. The garage, operated in its final years by plumber and repair man Helmer Swingen of farm 21 and 5, and Ben Johnson, a garage man, was the first to close in about 1940. Then, in 1957, the Perry Center Cheese Factory closed. The school closed in 1962. In the early 1970s the "Old Town Hall" (the one built in 1895/6) was sold and moved off its site and the township took over most recent school building for use as a Town Hall. In 1979, the store closed. In 1981, the Madison newspapers featured the sale of the store building and the adjacent house, as a "town for sale for \$58,900."

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1. Knudt and Maria (Larson) Gladem

They owned this property in partnership with Knudt's brother, Engbret Knudtson, and his wife. Although the two families lived here at the same time, the two brothers did not use the same family name. Knudt, apparently, never used his father's name plus "son" as a family name. It would have made him Knudt Knudtson. Engbret either used Engbret Knudtson all by itself or the place name "Bondelien." He and his descendants never used the place name "Gladem." Because of the joint ownership and residence, this place shows up on plat maps, etc. as "Bondelien and Gladem."

Alvin, Curtis, Mabel, Myrtle, Ella, Agnes, Hazel, Kenneth, Clara, Lawrence, Nora

Engbret and Ranelia (Halvorson) Knudtson

When they lived here with Engbret's brother's family, this farm included the land now identified as 7. The two families also jointly farmed 19, known as "Bondelie Farm". Engbret and Ranelia lived by themselves at 15 which adjoins "Bondelie Farm" on the east. Later, they lived by themselves at 43.

Albert, Henry

Although there had apparently been a residence at what is now farm 7 since the 1860s, there was no house on this part of the farm. In 1890, using horse power, an intact house was moved to this location from farm 23 in the Meadow View District -- which is almost directly south of this farm as the crow flies.

Henry and Olava (Mitmoen) Knudtson

Taking over the "moved-in" house, Henry farmed this part of his father and uncle's farms, while his brother, Albert, farmed the eastern part of it as 7. Henry and Olava also lived at the extended family's "Bondelie Farm," 19, for a while. Olava was also a native of the Forward School District. Her parents lived at both farm 23 and farm 33.

Esther, Edwin, Leonard, Milo

Edwin and Rose (Strahm) Knudtson

Beginning with Edwin, each of Henry and Olava's children and their families lived on this farm. Edwin and Rose also lived on his grandparent's other farm in this school district, 43.

Orton and Esther (Knudtson) Sherven

Orton was also a native of the district. His family farm was 39.

Jerome, Joyce, Audrey, Duane, Verdean, Larry, Steven

Leonard and Arlene (Jenson) Knudtson

They also lived at his extended family's "Bondelie Farm," 19.

Doris, Dennis, Phillip, James

Milo and Lydia (Hyry) Knudtson

They also lived at farms 3, 13, and 25 in this school district.

Howard, Helen, Clifford, Linda, James

When Milo and Lydia left, the Knudtson era of 75 years on this farm ended.

Later Occupants unknown

2. Hauge Church

Built in 1887 on what was then the farm of the Pastor (4), razed in 1981. See Chapter 13.

3. Ole Olson and Johann Schlimgen

Sometimes remembered as "Leather Cap Farm." Mike Goebel of farm 23 in the Spring Valley School District gave it this name because of the leather cap Ole habitually wore.

Syver (Olson) and Engelbricht, Mathias, Isabella, Louisa and Johann (twins) (Schlimgen)

Although the Schlimgen family relocated to the Town of Primrose, many family ties to residents in the Town of Perry remained.

Syver Olson



This was a one-story, one-room log cabin when the Olsons and Schlimgrens lived here. Gradually it was improved. The logs were covered with clapboard and a two-story addition was tacked onto one end of the cabin. This made the house L-shaped, with the original cabin serving as the one-story kitchen wing.

Ole Milestone and Ole Gilbertson

Carl, Peter, Gust (Gilbertson)

Ole and Christina (Larson) Gilbertson

Josie, Nettie, Milo, Olaf, Emma, Annie, Orton, Alvin



Jens Nygaard

Jens and Andria (Langfoss) Nygaard

Henry, Erling, Gudrun

Herman and Gudrun (Nygaard) Melby

Donald, Kenneth, Robert, Earl

Milo and Lydia (Hyry) Knudtson

Milo was a native of the Forward School District, having been born and raised on farm 1, where he and Lydia also lived. Milo and Lydia also lived at farms 13 and 25 in this district.

Clifford, Helen, Howard, James, Linda

Dean and Irene (Hendrickson) Switzky

Dennis, Susan, Debra, DeAnne

Dan and Jean (Schulenberg) Lyans

4. H. Christian and Bertha Brekke of

Nelson-Brekke

Ragnild

Christian and Ragnild (Brekke) Evanson

They also lived on farm 25 where they opened the

first Forward Store in 1874.

Agnette, Nels

Nels became a doctor in Mt. Horeb. He changed his name to Nels C. Evans. Agnette and her husband, Peter Tyvand, took over the store.

Knudt and Kjersti (Knudsdtr-Rye) Hageseth

Knudt was the minister of the Hauge Congregation from 1880/1 until 1906. It was under his pastorate that the congregation built its new church, 2, on a parcel of land drawn from this farm. The church site is at the top of the hill across the road from this house. See Chapter 13.

Gina, Carl, Gilbert, Emma, Bertha, Lena, Julia, Esther



(L to R) Eli (Mrs. Arne) Haadem, Christi Haadem with her granddaughter, Matilda Kragfoss, and Sever Haadem in front of his home in the Forward School District

Sever and Marie (Hill) Haadem

Marie was of Bakken-Hill.

Eleanore, Anna and Amy (twins)

Henry and Emma (Gunderson) Gjesvold

Kenneth, Evelyn, Ruth, Dorothy

Kenneth and Alice (Rhiner) Gjesvold

Janice, Jean



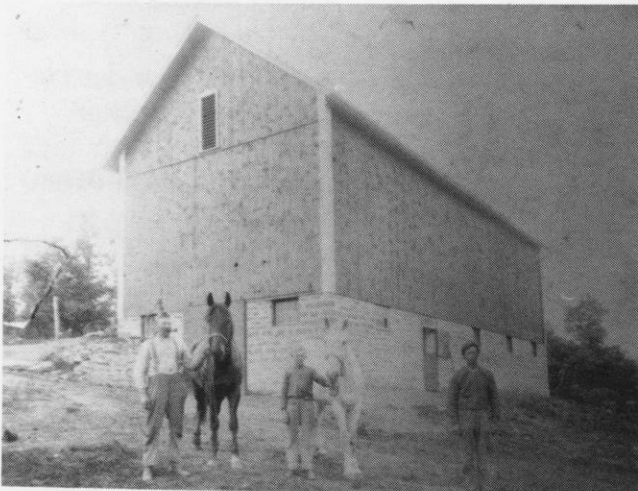
Torgrim Knudtson's log home

5. **Torggrim and Kjersti (Aavok) Knudtson** of Rundhaug- Knudtson
Ella, Carl, Tom Olson (raised)



(L to R) *Torggrim, Clara, Carl, Kjersti, Karine, and Ella Knudtson*

- Torggrim and Kjersti (Ihus) Knudtson**
Clara, Karine (died young), Hjalmer Duffy (raised)



The Torggrim Knudtson farm

- Hjalmer and Amy (Steensland) Duffy**
Eugene, Alton, Alice, Lucille, Delores, Arlene

Helmer and Clara (Knudtson) Swingen
Both were natives of this school district. Helmer was born and raised on farm 21. Until about 1940, He was the plumber and repair man at the garage on the ground floor of the Forward Temperance Hall, 24. Two of his brothers also remained in the district. Milton took over their parents farm, while Albert farmed at 43.

Herbert, Russell

Harold and Gladys (Rostad) Knudtson
Harold is a native of the Forward School District,

having been born and raised next door on farm 7 where he and Gladys moved from here. They still farm that place with their son, Wayne.

Wayne, Elaine, Curtis, Raymond

Herbert and Marlene (Altman) Swingen
Known as "Century Hillside Farm."
Sharon

6. "Old" Perry Town Hall
In 1854, when the Town of Perry was organized, the first Meeting of the Electors was held at the home of Andrew Sanderson (8 in the Daleyville School District). The next year, the Annual Town Meeting was held in Hans Johnson Dale's home on the southern end of what is now Roger and Dawn Anderson's farm (16 in the Daleyville School District).

In 1856 and 57, the Annual Town Meetings and election were held in the Torgerson School, 16 in this chapter. Then, in 1858, it was held in the old log schoolhouse right next to Hans Johnson Dale's home. The next year, the Annual Meeting was back in the Torgerson School.

No record of the locations of the 1860, 61, and 62 meeting sites was found. In 1863, the Annual Meeting and election was held in the Skartum School, 34 in the Meadow View School District. The next year, it was again held back in the old log schoolhouse on the eastern edge of Daleyville. There is another gap in information on the location of the 1865 through 1868 meetings.

In 1869, at the Torgerson School, the electors voted to hold all future Annual Meetings at that same site. On April 4, 1876, after the school district had built the first Forward School, the Town bought the now abandoned Torgerson School for \$20 for a Town Hall. On April 2, 1878, it was reported at the Town Meeting that a stove and stove pipe was purchased for the Town Hall for \$9.

In 1889, the Annual Meeting and election was held at the Forward Temperance Hall, 24 in this chapter. From 1890-1895 the annual Town Meetings and elections were held at the Perry Center Cheese Factory, 14 in this chapter.

In 1895, the electors voted to buy one-half acre of land from Torggrim Knudtson (5 in this chapter) for \$15. Although the minutes of the Annual Meeting do not relate the data about the actual building of (or acquiring of) this Town Hall, the electors, in 1896, voted to raise \$50 to paint the Town Hall. In

1897, the Electors voted to build a hitching post.

Seating capacity was 14, on 8-foot long wooden benches. At well attended meetings, common in the early 1900's, when there was no room left inside the building to either sit or stand, it was not unusual to extend standing room outside around the "opened" windows.

Heating was provided, first, by a pot-belled stove and later (date unknown) by the more ornate "Original Detroit Stove" that was still in use in 1968.

Lighting was provided by kerosene lamps until 1958 when electricity was installed.

The voting booths were the windows with the wide sills used for marking ballots. The secrecy of voting was assured by the use of the calico window curtains as a back drop for the voter.

In the early 1970s, after purchasing the by then abandoned Forward School, 18, as a "new" Town Hall, the electors voted to sell the "historic" old Town Hall. The purchaser was Ed Schwoerer, of farm 25 in of the Spring Valley School District. Finally, in accordance with the agreement the Town officials made with Torgrim Knudtson in 1895, the property on which the "Historic Old Town Hall" stood was returned to the current owners of farm 5 in 1975 for \$13.

7. Lars Nelson

Peter and Gunild (Kittleson) Dahlby of Ammundson-Dahlby

Gunild was of Tvedten-Kittleson. Peter was a Civil War Volunteer.

Olaus

Olaus and Allou (Tyvand) Dahlby

They also farmed at 9.

Alma, Olivia, Peter

Andrew (B.A.) and Caroline (Ingrebretson) Hanson

They moved from here to farm 39 where they lived with their grandsons, Alex and Orton Sherven -- Helga's sons.

Helga, Lydia, John, Carl, Anna, Delia

Engbret and Ranelia (Halvorson) Knudtson

When they lived here simultaneously with Engbret's brother, Knudt Gladem, this farm included the land now identified as 1. The two families also jointly farmed 19. Engbret and Ranelia lived by themselves at 15 for a while, and later farmed by themselves at

43 in this school district.

Albert, Henry

Albert and Mabel (Rundhaug) Knudtson

He farmed the eastern portion of the westernmost of his father and uncle's farms, while his brother, Henry, farmed the western part of it as 1.

Harold, Everett, Alvina, Leona, Irene, Wallace, Albert Jr.

Wallace and Lois (Disrud) Knudtson

Richard

Harold and Gladys (Rostad) Knudtson

They farmed next door at 5 before returning here to take over Harold's parents farm.

Wayne, Elaine, Curtis, Raymond

8. Knud Aslakson Family

What became the K.T. Kittleson farm in 1891, was before that composed of two farms. The smaller of the two, a 15-acre parcel, was farmed by this family in the 1850s.

C. Isaac Family

Farmed that little piece in the 1870s, as an out-holding to their 80-acre plot across the creek.

Johannes Gunderson and Susanne (Kittleson)

Fjelstad of Gunderson-Fjelstad

Susanne was of Tvedten-Kittleson. They farmed the 135-acre parcel through the 1850s, 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Signe, Gunder, Ole, Gunild, Anne, Eli, Johan



K.T. Kittleson farm

Kittle and Annie (Kellesvig) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Put the two together to form a 150-acre farm in 1891.

Alpha, Helga

FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kittle and Lena (Halvorson) Kittleson

Marie, Crystal, Kenneth, Leona

Albert and Alpha (Kittleson) Helgeson of Grovum-Helgeson

Alpha was of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson and had grown up on this farm.

Kennell, Agnes, June

Kennell and Alma (Roen) Helgeson

Kennell's sister, Agnes, also stayed in this school district at farms 23 and 33.

9. Olaus and Allou (Tyvand) Dahlby of Ammundson-Dahlby

Olaus grew up down the road at farm 7, which he and Allou also farmed for a while.

Alma, Olivia, Peter

Halvor and Alma (Dahlby) Kellesvig of Kjellesvig-Kellesvig

Vera, Hazel, Orton, Donald, Elaine

Harry Tachon Family

Came from England

Theodore and Myrtle (Frislie) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

They also lived next door at 10 for a while.

Arthur, Dorothy, Gaylord, Gloria, Theresa

Gaylord and Isabel (Urban) Kittleson

Gary, Sally

Gary and Jackie (Eckel) Kittleson

Gary and Marsha (Thompson) Kittleson

Virgil and Dawn (Schlegel) Haag

Kody

10. Kittle O. and Siri (Aslakson) Tvedten of Olson-Tvedten-Kittleson.

Known as "Valley View Farm"

Carl, Lyle (L.M.), Thomas, Ella

Carl and Anna (Sovestad) Kittleson

Chester

Jacob and Eva (Rundhaug) Syftestad

Larry, Paul, Sonja

Theodore and Myrtle (Frislie) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

They also farmed next door at 9.

Arthur, Dorothy, Gaylord, Gloria, Theresa

Roger and Michelle (Skaife) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Dawn, Darren, Christian

Everett and Mabel (Hefty) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

They exchanged houses with their son, Roger, and his family who moved into the big house at their home farm in the Meadow View School District as Everett and Mabel vacated it. Everett and Mabel moved from this house to farm 21 in this school district. In effect, trading houses with Milton and Rosella Swingen who succeeded them here.

Ronald, Roger, Elizabeth

Milton and Rosella (Post) Swingen

Milton was born and raised on farm 21, which he and Rosella farmed right before Everett and Mabel Kittleson took it over -- just the reverse of their order of residence here.

Robert, JoAnn

Hjalmer and Amy (Steensland) Duffy

Hjalmer was a native of this school district, having been raised at 5 by Torgrim and Kjestri Knudtson.

Eugene, Alton, Alice, Lucille, Delores, Arlene

Myrtle (Frislie) Kittleson

Widow of Theodore, with whom she had once farmed this place.

Michael and Sandy (Wollin) Mellor

Julie, Barbara, Darren

11. T. Severson

Simon, Nels

Simon Severson

Known as "Creek Valley Farm"

Lyle (L.M.) and Thea (Moen) Kittleson of Tvedten-Kittleson

L.M. had grown up next door at farm 10.

Nora

Carl Kvamme and Olaf and Hilda (Lundberg) Berkeland

Sexton (Berkeland)

Lars and Olaf Blendheim

Brothers

Olaf and Lydia (Hoel) Blendheim

Borgney

Alvin and Anna (Hustad) Paulson

Richard, Berry

John and Delores Little Family

By this time, most of the farm land had been sold off, but the parcel with the buildings from original farm remains as the unit we are tracking.

Michael Brickley and Janette K. Brimmer

Dan and Lori Raisbeck

12. Big Stone Cheese Factory

Located on farm 13

Known Cheesemakers:

Ernest and Mary (Manser) Reugsegger

Ernest Jr., Albert

William and Martha (Frankhauser) Knuble Sr.

Alice, William Jr.

Big Stone Factory was destroyed by fire in 1931. Following the fire the Knuble family returned to Switzerland. Later, William Kittleson received a letter from Cheesemaker Knuble admitting that he set the fire that destroyed the factory because of a bad batch of cheese that resulted in obligations to the patrons that could not be met.

13. Nels J. and Ingaborg Moen

Julia, Thea, Nora, Andrew

Theodore and Emma (Vamstad) Kellesvig of Kjellesvig-Kellesvig

Alice, Bonnie, Odell

Olaf and Inanda (Kittleson) Martinson

Inanda was of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Curtis, Orton, Amos, Dennis

Alec and Hansine (Aurstad) Lien

William and Edna (Paulson) Kellesvig

David, Paul, Robert

Milo and Lydia (Hyry) Knudtson

Milo was a native of the Forward District, having been born and raised at farm 1 where he and Lydia also lived for a while. They also lived at farms 3 and 25.

Howard, Helen, Clifford, Linda, James

Rolfe and Violet (Brynjulfson) Severson

Marilyn, John, Stanley, Carol, Ellen, Kathryn

Harold and Dora (Grandberg) Maurer

They also lived at farm 15.

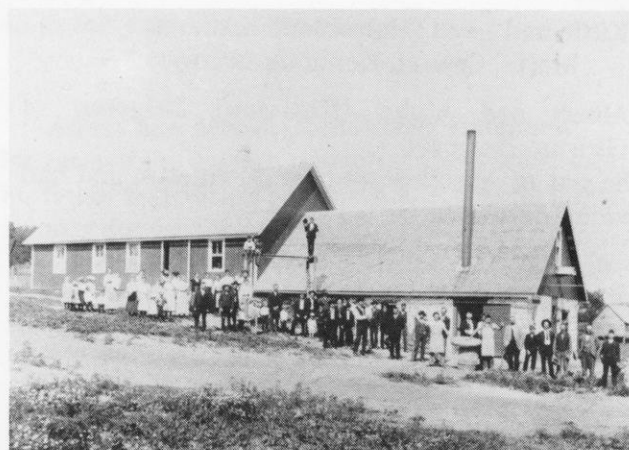
Gary, Margaret, Ronald

Kenneth and Nancy Schulz

Kenneth Jr., Karol, Kathy

Jerome and Karla (Bishell) Ott

Alina, Austen



Perry Center Cheese Factory

14. Perry Center Cheese Factory

Located on Torgrim Knudtson's farm, 5, the Perry Center Cheese Factory was built in 1884 at a cost of \$520. The principal stockholders were Amund Dahlby of farm 15, Olaus Dahlby of farm 7 and 9, Henry Johnson, Ole Gunderson Homme of farm 17, Albert Lunn of farm 16 in the Spring Valley School District, and John Fjelstad of farm 8 in this school district.

Known Cheesemakers:

John Grossen

Christ Born

Walter Schwartz

Henry and Christiana Gruenfelder

Who operated the factory for 20 years

Christina, Anna, Lillian, Mary, Henry Jr., Catherine, Leona, Hedwig

Henry Gruenfelder Jr.

The factory closed in 1957. After that it was converted to a livestock shed which is presently located next door on the Donald and Shirley (Zweifel) Peterson farm (15).

15. Ole Torgerson Family

Pre-1856 settlers who stayed, at least, into the mid-1870s.

Amund and Elise (Kittleson) Dahlby of Ammundson-Dahlby

Elsie was of Tvedten-Kittleson

Peter, Alpha, Isaac, Ellen, James, Paul, Clara, Mae, Ruth, Milo

Engbret and Ranelia (Halvorson) Knudtson

They farmed next door at 19 jointly with Engbret's brother and his family, as they did farms 1 and 7 which had yet to be divided into two places.

Albert, Henry

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George and Julia Anderson

Martha, Hans & Henry (twins), Helen & Axel (twins), John & Jennie (twins), Mabel, George, Marvin, Ralph

Lewis and Josephine (Gjesvold) Slotten

Josephine was a native of this school district, having grown up on farm 33.

Joseph, Corella, Glenys and Gladys (twins), Helen, Doris

Stanley and Luella (Valstad) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen Kittleson

Richard, Duane

Harold and Dora (Grandberg) Maurer

They also lived at farm 13.

Gary, Margaret, Ronald

Kenneth and Sylvia (Strause) Herlein

Nancy, Patsy, Sandra

Donald and Shirley (Zweifel) Peterson of Amelien-Peterson

Kathy, Steven

16. Torgerson School

17. Ole Kittleson Tvedten

One of the first trustees (1854-56) of Perry Lutheran Church.

Abram and Gunild (Ouverson) Olson

Gunild was a native of the Forward School District, having been born and raised at farm 26.

Abram and Cyrena (Torgerson) Olson

Cyrena was also a native of this school district, having been born and raised at farm 23.

Ole Gunderson and Ingaborg (Lee) Homme of Gunderson-Homme

Nora

Peter V. and Nora (Homme) Peterson of Amelien-Peterson

Peter was Chairman Town of Perry 1921-26

Ilow, Vernon, Norman

Norman and Mildred (Frankhauser) Peterson

Paul, Donald

Paul and Marie (Kellesvig) Peterson

Mark, Donna

18. Forward School

Present Perry Town Hall. Electors voted to purchase the Forward School for a Town Hall in the early 1970's.

19. Knudt and Maria (Larson) Gladem

Just as farm 1 (which at that time included farm 7), they apparently owned this property in partnership with Knudt's brother, Engbret Knudtson, and his wife and both families lived on it at the same time.

Alvin, Curtis, Mabel, Myrtle, Ella, Agnes, Hazel, Kenneth, Clara, Lawrence, Nora

Engbret and Ranelia (Halvorson) Knudtson

This farm was known as "Bondelie Farm." It may have been part of farm 15 which adjoins it on the east. Engbret and Ranelia lived there in a house that already existed at the time they moved onto the place. It is possible that this land was a separable, outlying portion of that farm, as what is now farm 7 was to farm 1. Apparently, the brothers Gladem and Bondelien (Knudtson) built the first house on this parcel of land.

Albert, Henry

Henry and Olava (Mitmoen) Knudtson

They also farmed the eastern half of his father and uncle's farm, 1, while his brother, Albert, farmed the western part of it as farm 7. Olava was also a native of the Forward School District. Her parents lived at both farm 23 and farm 33.

Esther, Edwin, Leonard, Milo

Leonard and Arlene (Jenson) Knudtson

All of Leonard's brothers and sisters remained in the district for a time after they grew up and married. Each couple, including Leonard and Arlene, lived for a while at farm 1. As an adult, Milo lived at farms 3, 13, and 25 in addition to 1 in this district.

Doris, Dennis, Phillip, James

Later occupants unknown

20. James and Eva (Nelson) Anderson

Built a 34' x 116" barn in 1916.

James, Ruth, Ethel, Louis, Arthur, Vivian

Donald and Dorothy (Paulson) Jelle

Joan, Paul, David

John and Caroline (Tollefson) Thorson

Aldine and Avis (Wahl) Sponem

Steven, Vickie, Judith, Alan

Myron and June (Auestad) Hendrickson

Debra, Donald

Larry and Lynn (Frame) Borcharding

Rachel, Erick

21. Halvor Larson Swingen

Ole



Ole and Olivia Swingen's home

Ole and Olivia (Anderson) Swingen
Milton, Clara, Helmer, Albert, Lewis, Ella



The young Helmer Swingen

Milton and Rosella (Post) Swingen

Milton's brothers Helmer and Albert also both stayed in the school district at farms 5 and 43, respectively. After leaving here, Milton and Rosella moved to farm 10, in effect trading houses with Everett and Mabel Kittleson when they bought this place.

Robert, JoAnn

The Swingen era of 90 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Everett and Mabel (Hefty) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen Kittleson

They moved here from farm 10.

Ronald, Roger, Elizabeth

Ronald and Joanne (Olson) Kittleson

When Ronnie succeeded his parents at this place, Everett and Mabel returned to the small, second house at the family farm in the Meadow View School District.

Pamala (Joanne's daughter), Ryan, Shawn

Ronald Kittleson and Rosalie Huntington

Gary Burns Family

22. Second Forward Store

The first store (1874-1898) was located off County A on farm 25.



Gladen and Hanson's store in 1908

H.K. Gladen and Hanson

Relocated the Forward Store to this site in 1898. About 1910, Gladen and Hanson sold tickets for passage to and from Norway via steamship.

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

We have for some time been cramped for room, as our stock is larger than our accommodations warrants. We have therefore decided to have a reduction sale, and we intend to cut prices and give such bargains that the desired reduction in stock will be accomplished.

Sale to last only 10 days, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 31 and continue to and including Saturday, Feb. 10th, 1912.

The entire store will be loaded with cut price offerings. Every available place will be heaped up with Bargains, and a visit to the store will be necessary to form an idea of the great money saving opportunities of this sale to the public, as space here permits us to mention only a very few of the numerous bargains offered.

All Calicoes and Prints, per yd	5c	Men's Arctics, light or heavy, per pair,	\$1.49
All Outing Flannel, per yd,	9c	Women's, Misses' and Children's Arctics, per pair,	98c
Monticello Wool Flannel,	27c	Patent Medicines, all kinds in stock,	1 Dollar bottle, 79c
Women's, Misses' and Children's Underwear,	19c and 29c	50c bottle,	39c
Men's Heavy Underwear,	39c	25c bottle,	19c
Men's Overalls and Cotton Pants,	49c	Talcum Powder,	17c
Men's Wash Shirts,	39c	1 pail Prussian Stock Food, price \$3.50, sale price,	2.25
Men's Fancy Shirts,	59c	All Stock Food,	50c rise, 39c
Men's Wool Socks, per pair,	19c	Coffee, a good one, per lb,	19c
Women's and Children's Wool Stockings,	19c	Corn Starch, per package,	23c
		Gloss Starch, per package,	4c
		Corn, per can,	7c
		Big box Must. Sardines, per can,	7c
		5c bar good Toilet Soap free with every 25c worth Laundry Soap	7c
		25c can Calumet Baking Powder,	15c
		25c can K C Baking Powder,	15c
		Perfection Kerosine Oil, per gallon,	8c
		FLOUR	
		Pride of Elysian, none better, per sack,	\$1.37
		A good Syrup, per pail,	17c
		CROCKERY	
		In Crockery we offer you some nice dishes for 4c, and some better ones at 9c.	
		A good line of Enamel Ware at bargain prices.	

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

Notwithstanding the fact that Shoes are higher than ever and another advance in the spring is to take place, our display in this line and prices given is something remarkable, and it will pay you big to lay in a year's supply at this sale. Our display at 98c per pair is a big one and we have others at higher prices, but every one a great bargain.

Rubbers! Rubbers! Rubbers!

Of this commodity we have a big stock of the best makes in Men's, Boy's and Youth's and as the stock is so varied it is hard to name prices, but guarantee to save you money on every pair you buy.

New Bargains will be added every day to make this sale as profitable and interesting the last days of the sale as the first.

Terms of this sale are Cash. No produce taken at this sale.
Store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 29 and 30, to prepare for this sale, and store closed at 6 o'clock every sale day to arrange stock and add new lines to next day's sale.

GLADEN & HANSON

FORWARD, - WIS.

FORWARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gust Gladen

He ran the store after his father, H.K. Gladen.

Ilow and Ruth (Anderson) Peterson

Built a new home next to the store. Operated the store for 45 years. The store closed in 1979. Ruth was a native of the Forward School District, having been born and raised on farm 20. She also taught at the Forward School.

Constance, Rita

23. Ole and Guro (Oldatter) Torgerson

Ole served in the Wisconsin Legislature in the late 1800s.

Thomas, Cyrena, Wilhelm, Louise, Edward, Tilda, Martha, Gurine, Mary Ann, Martha

Peter and Gunild (Severson) Lund of Ivarson-Lund

Melvin and Milo (twins), Elmen, Mabel

Andrew and Lisa (Gjesvold) Mitmoen

They also lived at farm 33 in this school district.

Otto, Maria, Olava, Alma, John, Anna, Clara, Carl

Carl and Cornelia (Swenson) Oimoen

Lester, Kenneth, Doris

Preston and Stella (Norland) Erdahl

Doris, Pearl, Preston Jr., Ervin, Rodger, Shirley, LeRoy, Kenneth, Janet, Marilyn

Albert and Alpha (Swenson) Mitmoen

Dorothy, Roger

Joseph and Agnes (Helgeson) Slotton

Agnes was a native of the Forward School District, having been born and raised on farm 8. She and Joe also lived at farm 33.

Wayne, Nancy, Beth

Carl and Gena (Johnson) Kellesvig of Kjellesvig-Kellesvig

Lawrence, Vernon, Raymond, Theron, Orton, Leland and Leora (twins)

Homer and Avis (Gilbertson) Hendrickson

Deanna, Larry, Jeff, Jerome

Elmer and Rose (Marty) Jelle

Eldon, Connie, Darren, LuAnn, Lyle, Duane

Norbert Haag

24. Forward Temperance Hall

Located east of the last Forward Store. Ground floor was used as blacksmith shop and garage. Known blacksmiths were Oscar Jylland and Helmer Swingen

of farm 21 and later 5. Ben Johnson is the only known garage man. The second floor was used for various community activities. In 1889, Town of Perry Annual Town Meeting was held here.

25. First Forward Store

Christian and Ragnild (Brekke) Evanson

In 1871, when the federal government established a regular semi-weekly mail route through the Town of Perry and moved the Perry Post Office from Anders Sanderson's house to O.B. Dahle's store (see The Village of Daleyville), it also appointed Christian as the second postmaster in the township. Establishing his post office in his farm house, he named the area it would serve Forward. In 1874, Christian and Ragnild open the first official Forward Store.

Agnette, Nels

Nels became a doctor in Mt. Horeb. He changed his name to Evans. Agnette and her husband, Peter Tyvand, operated the Forward Store.

Peter and Agnette (Evenson) Tyvand of Peterson-Tyvand

Unlike her parents, Peter and Agnette did not farm; they just operated the store.

Alma

Edward and Annie (Fjelstad) Helland

Operated the store next.

Stella, Elmer, Josephine

Edward and Allou (Tyvand-Dahlby) Helland

Last owners of the first Forward Store.

Ole and Ragnild (Overland) Lewis of Slutten-Lewis

Took over the farm after Christain and Ragnild.

Rueben, Arvin, Edith, Edith, Bertha, Anna, George, Albert, Carl

George and Vera (Kellesvig) Lewis

Both were natives of this school district. Vera was raised on farm 9.

Betty

William and Ethel (Mickelson) Haag

Judy, Steven, Karen, Ronald, Sheila, Patricia, Mark, Scott, Bruce, Joanne, Greg

Milo and Lydia (Hyry) Knudtson

Milo was a native of the Forward School District, having been born and raised on farm 1. He and Lydia lived there, as well as at farms 3 and 13.

Howard, Helen, Clifford, Linda, James

Larry and Susan (Gritmacker) Okeson

Ralph, Karen

Christopher Meyer

26. Ouver and Steinvor (Olesdtr Straume) Halvorson
of Halvorson-Grovum

Ole, Anne (died), Anne, Gurine, Nels, Peter
and Olina (twins), Halvor, Gunild, Christine,
Andrew

Family went west.

Michael and Susan (Burreson) Melland

Edward, Lydia, Carl, Lawrence, Milo, Walter,
Melvin

Milo and Della (Anderson) Melland

Sylvan, Wilma

William and Wilma (Melland) Baumgartner

Gary, Keith

Gary and Jean (Gjesvold) Baumgartner

Both are natives of this school district. Jean grew up
on farm 4.

Kevin, Karla

**27. Ole Rear and Carl and Josina (Swiggum)
Johnson**

Shoemakers and harness makers. One of the
descendants of this Johnson Family is a (present day)
well known fiddler with a band in Iowa.

John (Jack), Clifford (Johnson)

William and Gladys (Wurgler) Sies

Nolan, Sharon, Gary, Robert, Edward

28. Steven and Angie Davies

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 26.

Amy, Peter

29. Anton and Gertrude (Ihus) Boley

Log home which they built remains on the property.
Ron and Linda Josephson and Merlin Boley (Anton
and Gertrude's grandson) took three years (1988-
1991) to restore it.

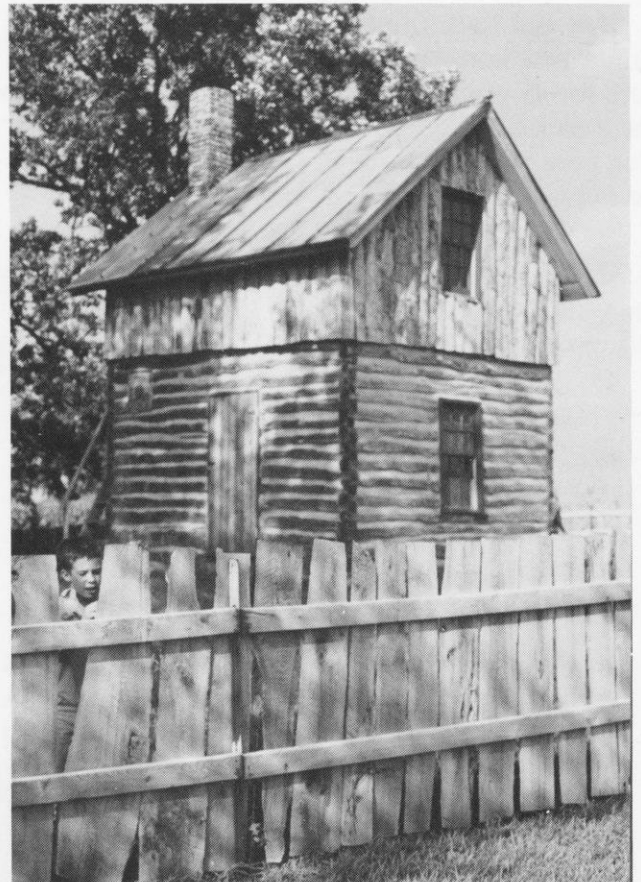
Clarence, Grant, Ingvold

Grant and Hazel (Gladem) Boley

Both were long term residents of this school district.
Hazel had lived with her parents at farms 1 and 7
when they were operated as one farm, and farms 15
and 19, when they, too, were operated as one farm.
Here Grant and Hazel built a new home,
incorporating the old log cabin.

Donald, Merlin, Roger, Joan, Delores,

Carolyn, Diane, Gary, Bruce, Debbie, Rita,
Linda



The Boley log cabin

Fred and Sharon (Sies) Frame

Tracy, Theresa, Tammy

Ronald and Linda Josephson

Had the craft center and shop, "Forward's Past."
Added a new log home to the property and
demolished the barn, as well as restoring the original
cabin.

Linda Josephson-Mennenga

30. Donald Bennett Family

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 33.

31. Marius and Gunild (Berglund) Jenson

Valquar, Nels, Julia, Nora

Albert and Mary (Uhr) Marty

Known as "Southview Farm". Some allege Albert was
a bootlegger during Prohibition

Mary, Albert Jr., Joseph, John, Rose, Lena,
Freida

Buildings have been razed.

32. Michael and Susan LeGrand Family
Built a new home on a parcel of farm 33.

33. Andrew and Lisa (Gjesvold) Mitmoen
They also lived at farm 23 in this school district.
Otto, Maria, Olava, Alma, John, Anna,
Clara, Carl

Thorvald and Julia (Hanson) Gjesvold
Henry, Herman, John, Carl, Thora,
Josephine

John and Carl Gjesvold
Brothers

Joseph and Agnes (Helgeson) Slotton
Agnes was a native of the Forward School District,
having been born and raised on farm 8. She and Joe
also lived at farm 23.

Wayne, Nancy, Beth

Jack and Donna (Uren) Bigler
David, Julie, Steven, Jeanne, Scott, Kim

Glen and Ruth Studz

34. Ole A. and Ida (Olson) Jacobson
Otto, Albert, James, Thomas, Oliva

Otto and Violet (Rickey) Jacobson
Richard, Karen

Leonard and Donna (Disch) Mulhollon
Teri, Kenneth and Keith (twins)

Donald and Loraine (Kuehni) Lehnherr
Michael, Gary, Mark

35. Lars and Beatta Slutten
Emma, Lotta, Lena, Jennie, Luke, Ole

John and Lulu (Lewis) Halder
Lulu of Slutten-Lewis
Bernard, Leonard, Emma, Etta, Roy

Burnett Sonstebly

36. John and Karen (Jacobson) Christopherson
Karen was a native of the Forward School District,
from across the road at farm 34.
James, Carl, Mary, Thea

James and Anna Christopherson

Lyle and Claudette (Truttman) Freitag
Brian, Jolene, Janelle, Renee

Brian and Lori (Drinkwine) Freitag
Jenna, Krista, Emily, Nicholas

37. Christian and Ragnild (Hustad) Engen of
Christianson-Syverson-Engen
Ragnild was of Husta-Hustad
Sever, Susan, Belle, Clara, Erick

Sever and Bertha (Eide) Engen
Clarence, Raymond, Gerhardt, Sylvia

Clarence and Prudence Engen
Robin, Theresa, Christian

Raymond and June (Holcomb) Engen

The Engen era of 90 years on this farm ended with
this sale.

Mark and Tamra (Brunner) Judd
Joshua, Jessica

38. Engen Cheese Factory
Located on farm 36.

Known Cheesemakers:

Alfred Richard
John, Susan

Converted to a private residence.

John Eide



Engen Cheese Factory

Joseph and Veronica (Trainor) Jordec
Joseph Jr. and Jackie (twins)

Darrell and Rita Bertalino Family

39. Albert and Helga (Hanson) Sherven of
Skjerveim-Sherwin-Sherven
Helga was a native of the Forward School District,
having grown up on farm 7.

Eugene, Leon, Enoch, Myrtle, Alex, Albert
Jr., Fern, Doris, Charles, Orton

**Alex and Orton Sherven and Andrew and
Caroline (Ingebretson) Hanson**

Andrew and Caroline were Alex and Orton's
grandparents who had farmed at 7.

Eugene and Arlene (Elmer) Sherven

Joan, Eugene Jr., Nathan

Verdean and Mary (Erickson) Sherven

Holly, Melanie, Eric, Wayne

40. Roland and Chris (Cornehls) Sarko

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 34.

41. Christ and Elina (Peterson) Magnuson

Peter, Carl, Bertha, Martha

Carl and Evelyn (Crooks) Magnuson

Donald Schram Family

Robert and Judith (Johnson) Brick

Elizabeth

42. Keith and Sue (Rand) Baumgartner

Built a new home on a parcel of the farm where Keith grew up, farm 26.

Tricia, Heidi

Leroy and Seraphine (Ballweg) Schlimgen

Jacqueline, John, Jean, Janet, Joseph, Jay, Joyce, Jesse

43. Gullick O. and Ragnhilda Ryr

Mary, Betsy, Ed, Sarah, Thomas, Gilbert, Ole, Halvor, Rena

Some of the children changed their name from Ryr to Rear.

Gullick and Steinvor (Olesdtr-Straume) Ryr

Steinvor was a widow of Ouver Halvorson.

L.H. Lewis and wife

During the tornado of 1878 their small house was totally destroyed and Mrs. Lewis was seriously injured.

Engbret and Ranelia (Halvorson) Knudtson

Built new buildings (c. 1916). They had also lived at farms 1 (which included farm 7 at that time), 15, and 19 in this school district.

Albert, Henry

Iver and Ida (Lunda) Ulsrud

Lela, Earl, Merlin, Iver Jr.

Albert and Alma (Lyster) Swingen

Albert was a native of this district, having been born and raised at farm 21 which his brother, Milton, took over after their parents. Their brother Helmer also stayed in the district, working as the plumber and repair man at the garage on the first floor of the Temperance Hall (24) and farming at 5.

Edwin and Rose (Strahm) Knudtson

Edwin was a grandson of the Engbret and Ranelia Knudtson who had lived here. Both couples had also lived on farm 1 in this school district.

Randolph and Beverly (McKewen) Thrush

Lisa, Valerie

Randolph and JoAnn (Poole) Thrush and Jessica Thrush

44. Knud and Asjerd Jordee

Annie, Tilda, Hans, Ole, Carl, Oscar

Carl and Ida (Hustad) Jordee

Joseph, Corella, Arthur, Edwin, Milford, Homer, Willard

Obert and Corella (Jordee) Lund

Neil, Dawn

Chapter 6: The Tyvand School District

Known as School District No. 1, the Tyvand School was located in Section 35, Town of Perry, on farm 16 when Isaac and Kjestine (Ellen Lee) Kittleson owned it. The school served what has become known as Kittleson Valley, the highlands to its south, and the eastern end of Lee Valley.



The First Tyvand School

The first school was built of rock before 1873. In 1923-24, a new, square, frame structure was built to replace the old rock building.



The second Tyvand School



The students at Tyvand School in c. 1928-29

The school was probably named after the Jens Peterson Tyvand family who lived next door to the school site, at farm 15. Jens and his wife, Audi, had at least six children.

The number of students who attended the Tyvand School ranged anywhere from 25 to 40 students in a given year. Seating in the school was 2 pupils to a desk and sometimes 3 pupils to a desk among the younger students.



Last day of school April 26, 1928

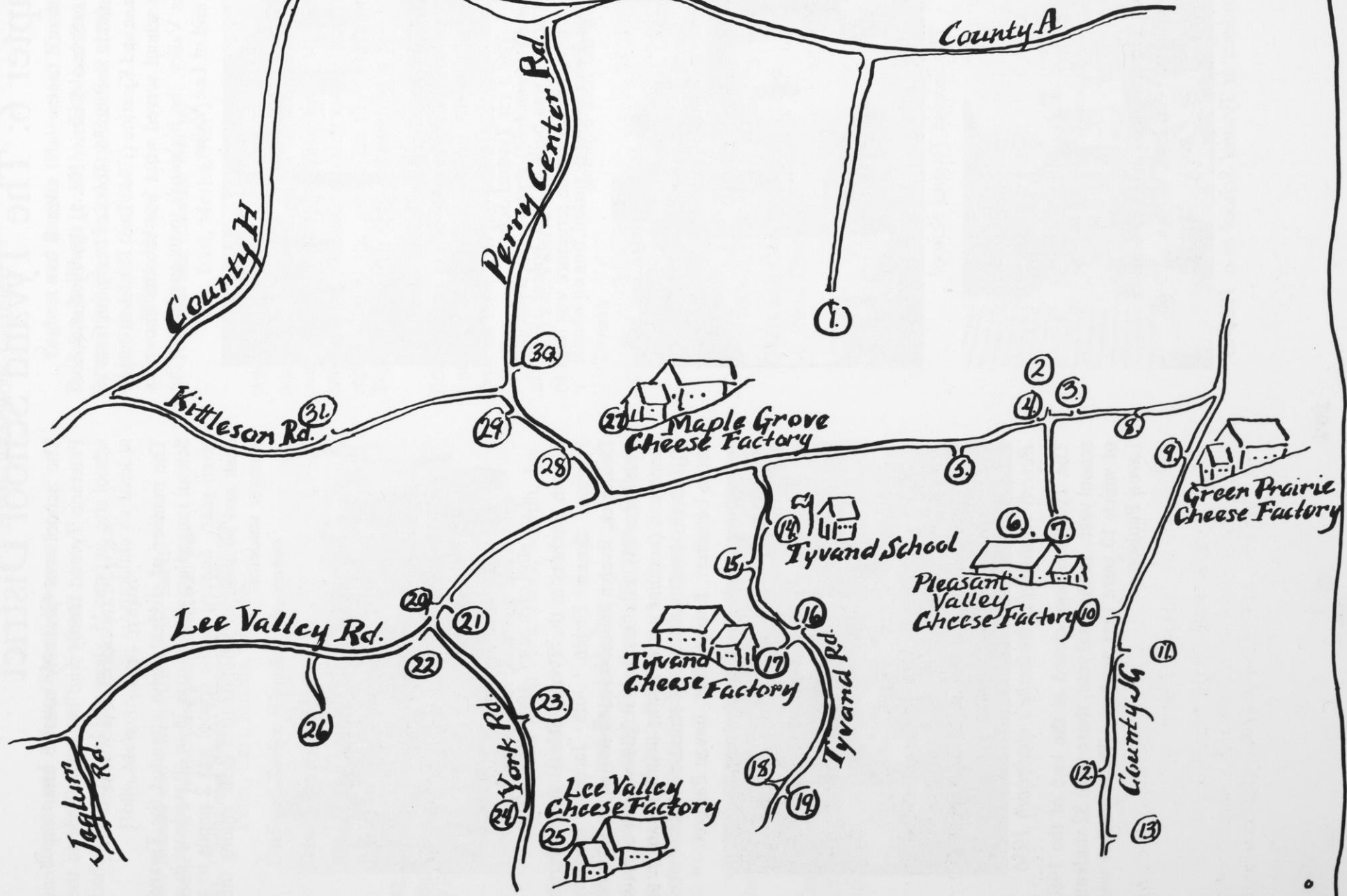
Known teachers at the Tyvand School were: Martin Paulson, Susan Engen, Adá Jacobs, Dorothy Deiderick, Evelyn Einerson (a native of the district, from farm 24), Ella Sanders, Argivena Grove, Ruth Anderson (another native of the district, from farm 30), Orrin Paulson, Beverly Knudson Schwierske, Leota Lehnerr, Louise Gust, Lavon Paulson.



Beverly Knudson Schwierske's classroom 1956

The Tyvand School closed at the end of the 1960 school year. In the final year, there were 32 students of which 10 were first graders. Their teacher was Lavon Paulson.

TYVAND SCHOOL DISTRICT



TYVAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. **Alvin and Beatrice (Hustad) Hanson**

Harriet, Tenner, Percival, Donald, Alvin Jr.,
Gene

Titus Schrock Family

Left this community and went to Iowa.

Jack Borders Family

2. **Andrew and Olina (Nessa) Hanson**

Hans, Gabriel, Albert, Anne, Berndt,
Edward, Annette

Mari Thoreson of Thorsen-Jacobson

Widow of Jacob Thoreson, with whom she had
homesteaded farm 3.

Thor, Kari, Martha, Lars, Thomas

Even and Caroline (Waage) Venden

They eventually settled at farm 30 in this district.

Abner, Joyce, Elaine, Russell

Fred and Emma (Eggiman) Hofer

Known as "Blue Mills Alp Farm"

Fred Jr., Ida, Ernest

Raymond and Lulu (Lee) Peterson

Ray, a pilot, was a traveling "barn stormer" in his
youth. In later years, he was very involved with the
Flying Farmers.

Joette, Robert, Sandra, Richard, Lucille,
Donna, Evelyn, Donald

Duane and Elaine (Klitzke) Wilde

Sherry, Robert, Wanda

Raymond and Alice Zander

Built a new home.

3. **Jacob and Mari Thoreson**

Thor, Kari, Martha, Lars, Thomas

Thor and Susan (Jenson) Jacobson of
Thoreson-Jacobson

Both were natives of the Tyvand District. Susan was
from farm 21.

Jacob, Erwin, Ruth (died), Viola, Thelma,
Alpha, Ruth, Malvina

Gilbert Kopprud Family

Lived here simultaneously with Thor and Susan
Jacobson.

Jacob and Barbara (Urben) Jacobson

Robert, Earl, Hazel, Verna, Ralph

Robert and Gloria (Marty) Jacobson

John, Scott, Mary

Truman and Elsie (Hoel) Kittleson

Robert, Knute

James and Mary (Hartman) Zweifel

James is a descendant of the Thoresons.
Christine, Nicholas

4. **Jack and Susan (Hauboldt) Klein**

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 2.
Travis, Jason

5. **O.A. Dysland Family**

Known as "Maple Grove Farm"

Henry, John

Selmer and Gertrude (Feney) Opheim

Martha, Gudron, Ruth, Sanford, Lois

Ole and Bergit (Houkem) Jelle

Clarence, Benford, Henry, Otto, Martin,
Marie, Myrtle

Martin and Laura (Tollefson) Jelle

Dorothy, Merlin, Donald, Glenys

Iver and Ida (Lunda) Ulsrud

Lela, Earl, Merlin, Iver Jr.

Clarence and Agnes (Davidson) Jelle

Agnes is a native of the Tyvand School District, from
farm 22. She and Clarence built all new buildings on
this place.

Lennys, Obert, Carol, Alster, Sharon

Alster and Carol (Theobald) Jelle

David, Joan, Scott

6. **Jacob and Ragnild Jorgenson Family**

Alfred O. and Emma (Langlie) Anderson

Abner, Lillian, Tillie

Adolph and Marie (Amacher) Marty

Adolph's parents were Cheesemakers at the Green
Prairie Cheese Factory, 9.

Marie, Walter, Anna, Ruth, Wilma, Betty,
Dorothy, Shirley, Helen

Melvin and Alma (Kolden) Strommen

They also lived at farm 28 in the Tyvand School
District.

Myrtle

Hans and Goldie (Kammerud) Johnson

Verna Lee, Malcolm, Bernard, Richard,
Mayona, Nancy, Connie

Harvey and Helen (Jelle) Einerson

Harvey was a native of the Tyvand School District,
from farm 24 which his brother Ralph continued to

farm after their parents. Two of Harvey's other brothers, Lloyd and Burnell, also stayed a while in the district, consecutively farming the place next door to their home farm, 22.

Raymond, Larry, Duane, Diane

Obert and Marietha (Ray) Jelle

Obert was a native of this district, having been born and raised next door on farm 5. He and Marietha also lived at farm 15. In 1984, they built a new home at 22.

Terry, Julayne, Margaret

Erick and Thea (Lokken) Engen

Thea was a native of this district, from farm 15 which she and Erik farmed after her parents.

Bernice, Clayton, Donald, Hazel

Buildings have been razed.

7. Pleasant Valley Cheese Factory

Built on farm 6. Has been razed.

8. Albert and Olina (Ness) Anderson

Olina of Halvorson-Ness, was from farm 16 in this district.

Alvin, Mary, Della, Morris (died), Lily, Morris, Ada, Marvin, Grace, Ardys

Alvin and Gena (Lindokken) Anderson

Known as "Green Prairie Farm"

Nordeen, Orville, Gladys, William

John and Bertha (Abegglen) Amacher

John Jr., Bertha, Lennys, Ruth, Linda, Samuel, Susanna

Douglas and Linda (Hill) Nelson

Lincoln, Erica

9. Green Prairie Cheese Factory

Located on farm 8.

Known Cheesemakers:

Ernest and Joan (Meyers) Richard

Albert and Mary (Uhr) Marty Sr.

Rose, Albert Jr., Mary, Joseph, Frieda, John, Lena

Buildings were razed.

10. Torgrim and Asbor Davidson

Berit, Ole, Ann

George and Julia (Syse) Fjelstad of

Johnson-Fjelstad

George was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1893-96 & 1899-1906 and Dane County Clerk circa 1910-1920's.

Ben, Selma, Olin, Joseph, George Jr., Gustafine and Melvin (twins), Olga

Ben and Belle (Engen) Fjelstad

Known as "Fairfield Farm"

Clifford, Russell, Ervin, Kenneth



Belle Fjelstad and Lilly and Bertha Ness are among this group

Howard and Martha (Brager) Torkelson

Richard

Howard and Mary (Burns) Torkelson

Joanne, Thomas, Debra

Dennis and Susan (Sheldon) Orr

Jamie, Christopher

11. Jacob and Julia (Winge) Duerst

Ida, Thomas

Jacob and Ida (Duerst) Amacher

Sindolf, Goldie, Arnold, Irma, Tilman, Tilda, John

John and Norma (Bower) Amacher

John's sister, Irma, also stayed in the Tyvand District, at farm 24.

Rebecca

12. Melvin and Marie (Kittleson) Fjelstad

Marie was of Ansteinson-Staulen Kittleson. Melvin's parents and then his brother, Ben, lived next door at farm 10.

Kermit, Dorothy and Dora (twins), Hazel

Kermit and Irene (Johnson) Fjelstad

Aldine

Bradley Zimpel

Nichole

13. Joseph and Otilia (Krieg) Truttman

Sylvan, Orval, Ervin

Sylvan and Viola (Zweifel) Truttman

Dwight

Dwight and Diana (Kammerud) Truttman
Dwight, Janet

14. Tyvand School



Schoolgirls - Tyvand District

Clarence and Hazel (Hendrickson) Anderson
Converted to a private residence.

J. Patrick Downing

Chairman of the Town of Perry since 1989.

15. **Jens and Audi (Jacobsdtr) Tyvand** of
Peterson-Tyvand

Peter, Ann, Jacob, Aslaug, Lisa, Jens Jr.
Jens Jr. became doctor in Mt. Horeb.

Peter and Agnette (Evanson) Tyvand
Alma

Gust and Irene (Berg) Haugland
Elaine, Deloris, Dorothy, Glanes

Martin and Carrie (Edseth) Lokken
Albert, Bennie, Mabel, Thea, Annie, Clara,
Otto

Bennie died in WWI.

Erick and Thea (Lokken) Engen

They also lived at farm 6 in this school district.
Bernice, Clayton, Donald, Hazel

Obert and Marietha (Ray) Jelle

Obert was a native of the Tyvand District, having
been born and raised at farm 5. He and Marietha
also lived at farm 6 in this district. They eventually
built a new home at 22.

Terry, Julayne, Margaret

Terry Jelle and Pat (Sorrow) Adams
Sam, Cate, Norah, Daniel (Jelle)

16. **Jacob and Aasne Lee** of Christianson-Lee
Kjestine (Ellen)

Isaac and Kjestine (Ellen Lee) Kittleson of
Tvedten-Kittleson

Isaac was a Civil War Volunteer. They lived here
simultaneously with Ellen's parents, but in two
different houses so both Isaac Kittleson's and Jacob
Christianson's names appear on the 1856 plat map.

Elise (died), Elise, Edel, Isaac

Mons and Birgit (Olsdtr-Skolt) Ness of
Halverson-Ness

Kari, Halvor, Ingaborg, Karolena, Olina,
Marius, Ole, Christina



Ladies Aid at the Ness Home

Marius and Christina (Erickson) Ness

George, Milo, Agnes, Mabel, Lily, Bertha

George, Milo, Lily and Bertha Ness

Brothers and sisters

The Ness family era of 75 years on this farm ended
with this sale.

Herbert and Imogene Nelson

David, Michael, Steven

Richard and Susan Weigel Family

Built a new home.

John and Chris Gustavson

17. Tyvand Cheese Factory

Razed

18. **Knute Syse (Sysse) Family**

Lawrence and Theoline (Kittleson) Syse

Theoline of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Orville, Percival, Lenore, Audrey, Virginia

Anton Knudtson

Clara

Anton and Ella (Lund-Lanning) Knudtson

Ella was of Ivarson-Lund

Milton and Gladys (Venden) Erickson

Frank, Gloria, Marcia, Rae, Linda, Wendy,
Shirley

TYVAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Gerald and Barbara (Moraw) Larson

Kurt, Todd, LeeAnn, Dawn

19. Halvor A. and Dena (Lund) Jordee

George, Dora, Belinda, Darwin, Clara,
Goldie, Stella, Ruth, Olga

Darwin and Hilda (Kittleson) Jordee

Hilda of Ansteinson- Staulen Kittleson
Doris, Cristel, Donald

William and Eloise (Klassy) Kuenzi Jr.

Richard, Randy, Mary, Robert, Rhoda

20. B. F. Denson Family

Came from North Carolina in 1848. Son, born March 11, 1848, is said to be the first white child born in the Town of Perry. B.F. was the first Chairman of the Town of Perry, elected in 1854 and re-elected in 1855, 1857, and 1858.

Christian and Julia (Hemmerston-Boe) Holland of Haaland-Holland

Family for which Hollandale, Wisconsin, is named. They came to America in 1842. Christian was Chairman of the Town of Perry in 1869 and an area merchant of hardware and medicine. The Hollands provided a home for a "free" black who assisted him in the merchantile trade. The Hollands left the community in the 1870s.

Mette, Anna, Harmond, Rachel, Halder, Inga

Mette became a well-known music teacher.

Nels E. and Caroline Lee of Evanson-Lee

Engbret, Helga, Herman, Nora, Luella

Members of the Lee Family lived here over 60 years and it was from them that both Lee Valley Road and the Lee Valley Cheese Factory took their names.

Kenneth and Viola (Winden) Nyhus

Kathryn and Virginia (twins), Steven

Hilmer and Marvel (Jenson) Martinsen

Robert, Erling, Marie, Margaret, Kenneth

Enos and Doris (Hustad) Jeglum

Lived here 31 years. Enos was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1975-77.

Marlyn, James, Brian

Elsie (Hoel) Kittleson

Widow of Truman Kittleson with whom she had lived at 3.

21. Volquar and Aasne (Oppegaard) Jenson

Jacob, Gunild, Ole, Hans, Marius, Susan,

Tena, Andrias, Marie, Valquar, Christian, 2 died (names unknown)

Hans and Helga (Lee) Jensen

Helga grew up right across the road at 20.
Viola, Gladys, Clara

Clarence and Rose (Everson) Strommen

Vernus, Leland, Dorothy, Roland

Casper and Tena (Evanstad) Severson

Howard, Carlton

Carlton and Nancy (Graham) Severson

Lisa, Craig

22. Abraham and Sigri Davidson

David, Berit

David and Lena (Lokken) Davidson

Olin, Selmer, Lawrence, Agnes

Lawrence and Selmer Davidson

Their sister, Agnes, also stayed in the district, at farm 5.

Lloyd Johnson and Ralph Einerson

Ralph was raised next door at farm 24.

Burnell and Jennie (Paulson) Einerson

Burnell succeeded his brother at this farm. He and Jennie also lived at farm 30 in this school district.

Carol, Philip

Lloyd and Frieda (Meade) Einerson Family

Lloyd was the third Einerson brother to live on this place consecutively.

Willis and Lennys (Jelle) Luchsinger

Lennys was a native of the Tyvand District, having been born and raised down the road at 5.

Beth, Lynn, Kay, Lori

Obert and Marietha (Ray) Jelle

Obert was Lennys brother. Prior to this, he and Marietha had lived at 15 and 6. They built a new home here in 1984.

Terry, Julayne, Margaret

23. Kenneth and Vicki (Pierce) Bartz

This is the part of farm 22 which had the original buildings on it.

Keefe, Trena

24. Nels E. and Caroline Lee of Evanson-Lee

They later moved to farm 20.

Engbret, Helga, Herman, Nora, Luella

Engbret Lee

Ben and Elsie (Milestone) Einerson

Harvey, Lloyd, Margret, Evelyn, Amy, Ralph, Amos, Burnell

Ralph and Dorothy (Lein) Einerson

Before marrying and moving back to the home farm, Ralph lived at farm 22. Two of Ralph's brothers, Lloyd and Burnell, stayed a while in the Tyvand School District, farming consecutively after him at 22. A third brother, Harvey, farmed at 6. Their sister, Evelyn, taught at the Tyvand School for a while.

David, Allen, Jean

Albert and Irma (Amacher) Ruegsegger

Irma was a native of the Tyvand District, from farm 11.

Roy, Mark, Evelyn, Kenneth, Randy, Bruce, Joseph

Kenneth Ruegsegger Family

25. Lee Valley Cheese Factory
Built on farm 24. Factory has been razed.

26. **Ole and Ragnild (Endresdatter Ramsaas-Flisram) Sherven** of Skjervheim-Sherven
Albert, Sena, Ida, Lewis, Andrew, Belle (Flisram)

Albert and Helga (Hanson) Sherven

Eugene, Leon, Enoch, Myrtle, Albert Jr., Fern, Doris, Challis, Alexander, Orton

The Sherven era of 80 years ended with this sale.

Eugene and Bernice (Halvorson) Hamilton

Charlene, Jacquelyn, Paul, Ronald

Eugene and Jeannie (Gilbertson) Hefty

Daniel, Anthony, David, Kathy, Ann, Peggy, Lorie

Orville and Donna (Endres) Ross

27. Maple Grove Cheese Factory
Razed

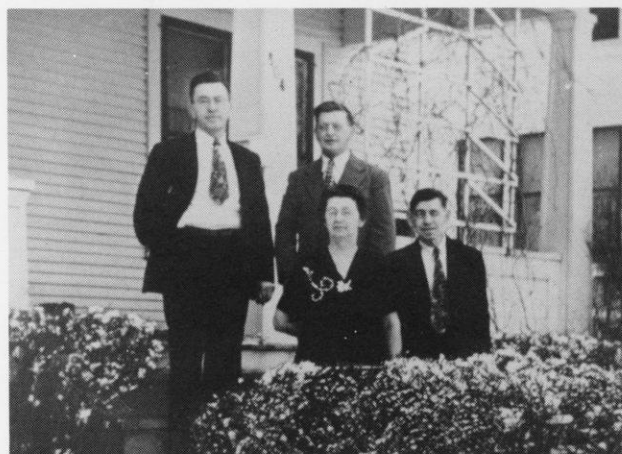
28. Richard and Kathryn (Severson) Nygaard

Kathryn is a native of the Tyvand School District, from farm 30. In 1993-94, she and her husband, Richard, built this new house on 29 (Christian Lund's farm), which Kathryn's brother, Stanley, farms.

29. **Christian B. and Betsy Lund** of Benson-Lund
Iver, Henry, Daniel

Peter and Gunild (Severson) Lund of Ivarson-Lund

Melvin and Milo (twins), Elmen, Mabel



Melvin, Milo, Mabel and Elmer Lund in 1948.

Peter O. and Martha (Lokken) Peterson

Gordon, Priscilla, Joyce, Orrin, Shirley

Melvin and Alma (Kolden) Strommen

They also lived at farm 6.

Myrtle

Milo and Clara (Kittleson) Lund

Milo's parents had lived here before them. Clara of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Otis, Raymond, Charmain

Raymond and Emma (Brynjulfson) Lund

Janice, James, Anita, Karen

August and Sharon (Meudt) Moen

Brian

Robert and Barbara (Johnson) Kittleson

Ansteinson-Staulen- Kittleson

Steven, Shelly

Stanley and Susan (Walser-Kellesvig) Severson

Stanley is a native of the Tyvand School District, having been born and raised next door at farm 30. His sister, Kathryn, lives on the other side of Stanley and Susan, at 28.

Julie (Kellesvig), Nessa

30. Lars M. and Ragnild (Halvorson) Anderson

Lars was a Civil War Volunteer and Chairman of the Town of Perry from 1870 to 1882. Ragnild was of Halvorson-Gonstad. She grew up next door at farm 31.

John, Lena, Andrew, Charles, Christian, James

James and Eva (Nelson) Anderson

James, Ruth, Ethel, Louis, Arthur, Vivian

The Anderson era of 70 years ended with this sale.



The Brynjulfson farm, April 28, 1926

Tollef and Ella (Retrum) Brynjulfson

Agnes, Emma, Violet

Agnes went to school at Forward for one year because there was no one to walk with to Tyvand.



Emma and Agnes Brynjulfson

Rolfe and Violet (Brynjulfson) Severson

Marilyn, John, Stanley, Carol, Ellen, Kathryn

Marilyn was a missionary to China 1975-8.



Tollef Brynjulfson on way to sawmill



Violet Brynjulfson

31. Halvor and Martha (Dahl) Halvorson

Halvor, Ragnild, Bertha, Ingrid

Halvor and Dorthea (Milestone) Gonstad of Halvroson-Gonstad

John, Martha, Edward, Ole, Elsie, Halvor, Carl (Karl), Ragnild, Henry, Syver, Gina, Emma, Dina, Marie

Carl (Karl) and Sarah Inga (Hustad) Gonstad

Clarence, Arthur, Merton, Elويد, Grace
Clarence and Merton were chiropractors. Clarence of the well-known Gonstead Clinic in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin.

Henry and Belinda (Steensland) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen Kittleson

Evan and Caroline (Waage) Venden

They had also lived at farm 2 in the Tyvand District. They called this farm "Valley View Farm."

Russell, Abner, Eva, Joyce

Carl Kvamme

Joseph Michaels Family

Burnell and Jennie (Paulson) Einerson

Also lived at farm 22 in this school district.

Carol, Philip

**Byron and Dora (Brusveen) Kittleson of
Ansteinson-Staulen- Kittleson**

Paul, Sonja



Byron and Dora Kittleson's farm

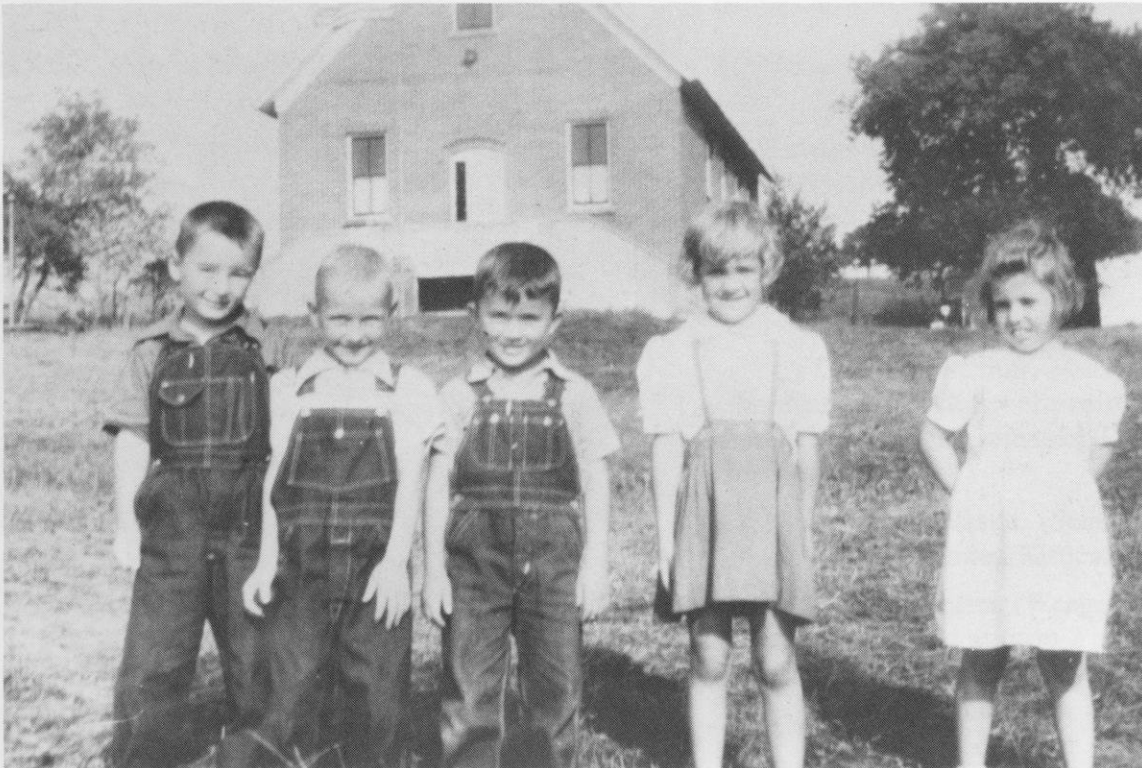
Paul and Sonja (Kolb) Kittleson

Todd, Jason, Gregory, Scott

MEADOW VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT



This Meadow View neighborhood group includes Morgan Berg from farm 2, wearing the fur coat and seated on the far left, Sever Rundhaug of farm 21, standing with his hands on Evan Flisram of farm 19's shoulders, and Iver Berg of farm 5.



These c. 1945 students pictured in front of the third school in this district are (L to R) Ron Kittleson, Roger Grundahl, David Jeglum, Lucille Duffy, and Mary Bahler.

Chapter 7: The Meadow View School District

The first school in the Perry Norwegian settlement appears to have been in what became the Meadow View School District. Organized in 1850, the 18' x 18' log school house, 34, was located on the Torger Skartum farm, 36, and, thus, was called the Skartum School. The teacher was Sarah Wildeman.

In addition to school, religious services were held at the building. So, it was natural that when someone in the neighborhood died, they were buried in the small, adjoining cemetery (35), which was, at that pre-Lee Valley Road time, also on Torger Skartum's farm. The names of three of the adults buried here are known, but the names of the 15 or 16 children buried here have been lost. Because there were no vaccinations and other health care in those days, many children died young. Markers were put up in 1987 when Stanley Kittleson, who grew up on farm 26, and Norman Jeglum, who grew up on farm 34 and worked farm 33 as an adult, thought it was important to commemorate this cemetery in some way. In 1930, the township was going to straighten the road past this burial site. Otto Jeglum of farm 36 learned about this and told them there was a cemetery there which they should not disturb. We have Otto to thank for the preservation of this site.

The second school, 32, in what became the Meadow View School District was built on a knoll about 200 yards south of Helge Jeglum's barn on farm, 33, in about 1876. It was called the Jeglum School. Helge Jeglum was Torger Skartum's nephew and had come to America in 1859 with his widowed mother, Kari Helgesdtr Skartum, who was Torger's sister. This large, early arriving, family group which eventually operated farms 2, 17, 33 and 36 and the neighboring Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittlesons at 17, 23, 24, 26 and 28 are some of the best examples in the Perry Norwegian Settlement of the fact that American pioneer communities were built by families and long term friends in association, not by lone individuals or nuclear families immigrating and living alone -- as much of our frontier mythology tries to suggest.

This second school building wasn't very large and there were as many as 50 or 60 pupils attending at times. It had double seats and desks and often three would sit at each desk. Most families had many children - as many as five in some and 12 in others. So, it didn't take many families in the district to have this large enrollment.

Not all pupils finished eighth grade because some were needed at home to help with the farm work. They were taught the basics: reading, writing, and arithmetic. They also learned how to get along with each other. Conditions were crowded, but they learned to adjust. Much credit must go to the parents who taught them respect for other people and for others' property. Helge and Bergit Jeglum must have been very tolerant people to put up with all those children in their farmyard all those years.

The last classes in the Jeglum school were held in the spring of 1901. Alma Holsten taught there the last 4 years.

The third school (14), a brick building, was much larger than the two previous ones. It was located on the next adjoining farm north, the Andrew Jeglum farm, 17. Andrew was Helge's son. Sometime after the Jeglums left farm 17, the school was renamed Meadow View.

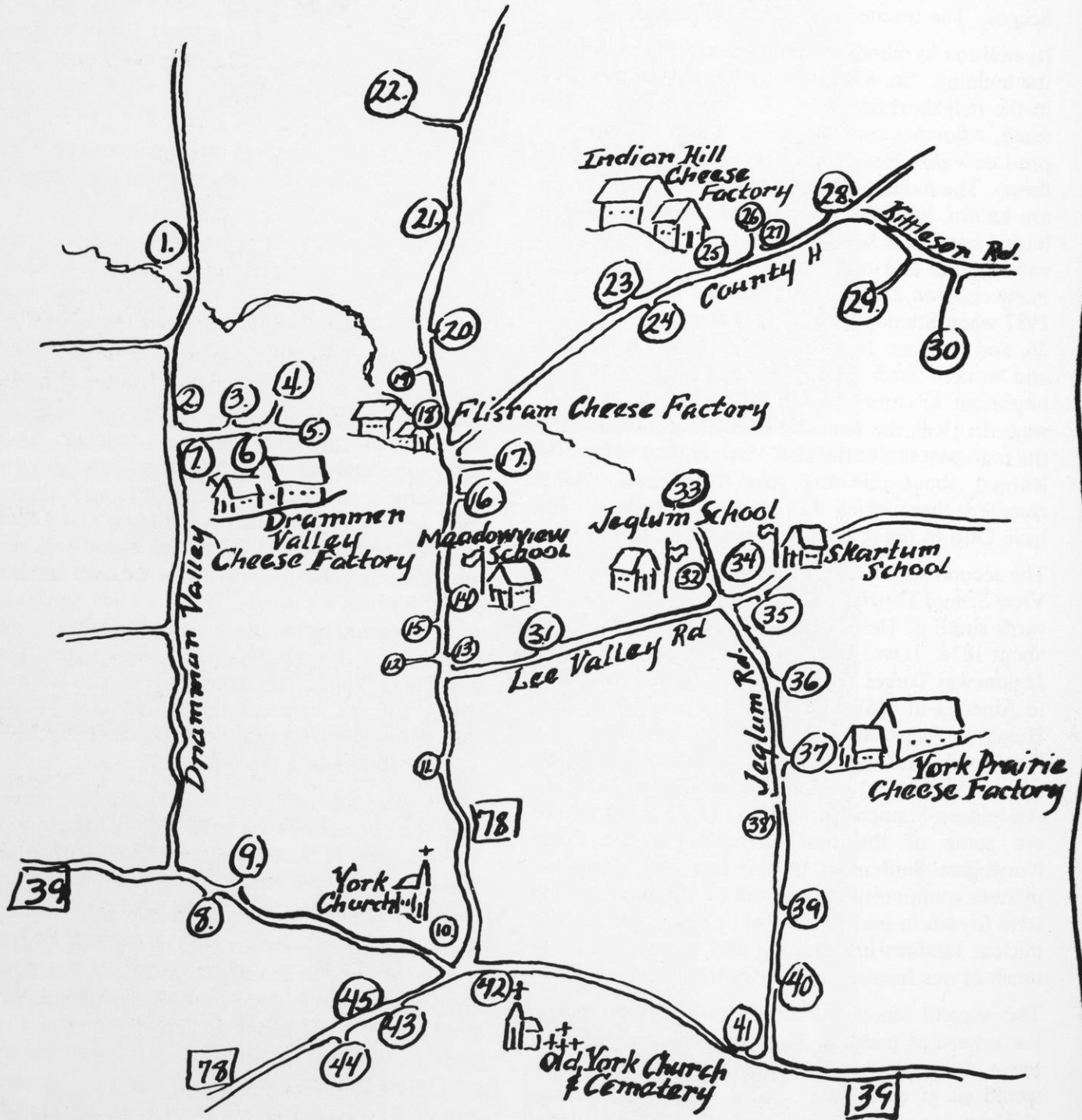
The first classes in this third school were held in the fall of 1906 with Anna Paulson as teacher. Stanley Kittleson recalls attending Meadow View School with his brothers and sister. It was a mile walk along the road, so most of the time the Kittleson and Kellesvig children, from farms 23, 26 and 28, would walk across the fields, to school right between the barn and house of the Jeglums at farm 17. They did this especially in winter, when they could ski down the hills. At noon and recesses the children would ride their sleds and play Pump, Pump, Pull Away and Fox and Geese. In spring and fall, baseball and Handy Over in which they threw a rubber ball over the schoolhouse roof and the children on the other side caught it.

There were about 40 pupils between the ages of 7 and 14 at Meadow View in the 1920s. There was no kindergarten at that time, so children were older when they started school. Some could not speak English when they started.

The children eagerly awaited "Play Day." It was usually held at the Daleyville or Forward schools as they were centrally located. All the schools in the area would get together and have games and races such as sack races, baseball, etc., with everyone trying to win for their school.

The last classes at Meadow View were held in the spring of 1961 with Margaret (Einerson) Lee as teacher. It was later made into living quarters. Steven and Pat Jeglum live there now.

MEADOW VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT



MEADOW VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Gabriel and Gunild (Torgersdtr) Bjornson

Via land patent in 1855. He was Chairman of Town of Perry in 1856, 1861-62 and wrote a history of the Town of Perry in the 1870s.

Ole and Lukris (Sanderson) Paulson

Known as "Drammen Valley Farm." Ole was a Civil War Volunteer. They built the house in 1891 at a cost of \$1,000. Prior to this they may have lived in a home located near the creek where this farm adjoins the Lindokken place (29 in The Sandy Rock School District). The 1873 Plat map identifies a homesite in this location and Ole and Lukris' granddaughter, Grace, recalls a possible homesite located there.

Herman, George, Carl, Samuel, Martin, Hanna, Henry, Otto, Elizabeth

Martin and Susan (Engen) Paulson

Grace, Marshall, Hope (died at 11 yrs.), Henry, Orrin, Luther, Canton

Canton and Elsa (Disch) Paulson

Donna, Calvin, Jeffery, Laurie

The Paulson Family era of 94 years ended with this sale.

Stephen and Joyce (Wellington) Ashman

Known as "Flora-Fauna Farm." Originally from Madison and Grant Co., WI, they located here 1964.

2. Erick and Ragnhild (Skartum) Goli of Fredrickson Goli

Ragnhild was a niece of Torger and Kari Skartum of farm 36, and thus, this family is part of the extended Jeglum family. Erik was confirmed in the old log church. He was a Trustee of Perry Lutheran Church for 5 years and a Deacon for 15. The connection between Erick and the Frederick Goli at 5 is unclear.

Sever, Bertha, Martin, Edward, Adolph, Margrethe, Kristine, Selma

Edward and Lena (Hill) Goli

Known as "Crescent Dairy Farm." Lena of Bakken Hill.

Agnes, Everett

With this sale, the 70 year Goli era on this farm ended.

Morgan and Bertha (Vamstad) Berg

When Morgan and Bertha operated this place, it was next door to his parents farm, 5. The two interveing places, 3 and 4, are new.

Blanche, Lillian, Byron, Marilyn

Frank and Maria (Wahl) Strommen

Luther, LaVaughn, DeLyle

Andrew and Elise (Lien) Lien

Inga, Marie, Ole, Olga, Alice, Gudrun and Gunvar (twins), Ardell, Ruth, Claire

Melvin and Hazel (Paulson) Nelson

Marvel, Darlene, Karen, Otis, Linda, Laurretta

Kyle and Dorothy (Elmquist) Venden

Marvin, Ronald, Lois

Milford and Ione (Hendrickson) Retrum

Leone, Leatrice, Merton

Vernus and Rachel (Mason) Lofgren

Lavern, Hope, Cheryl

Amos and Ella (Wahl) Syse

Virginia

Gerhard and Lee (Leona Salisbury) Engen

Christian and Maria (Pesch) Miess

Charles and Berthold (twins), Theodore, Joseph

Chris Rindy

Ralph Yohe and Jay Harrison

Property owned by Muhammad Gheith of Chicago

3. Berthold and Joan (Hole) Miess

Established a homesite on a parcel of Bert's parents' farm, 2.

Anne, Brian

James and Glenda (Jackson) Gaberell

Timothy, Carrie, Matthew

James and Carol (Gerke-Thorstad) Gaberell

Built a new home in the 1980s.

Julie, Jackie, Scott, Tony, Dale (Thorstad)

4. Patrick and Sharon Coenen

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 5 in 1992.

Michelle, Justin

5. F.E. (Frederick) and Margrethe Goli

Known as Ellertson. The farm was known as "Pleasant Hill Farm." The Golis' first homesite was southeast of the house on farm 6. Local legend holds that there was suicide at that location.

Kjistine

Iver and Emma (Johnson) Berg

In 1916, they relocated the homesite east of the house on farm 6.

Clara, Alma, Irene, Elida, Morgan, Isaac, Tena, Ruth, Morris

Gust and Irene (Berg) Haugland

Elaine, Jerome, Dorothy, Glennis, Grace

Morris and Loretta (Bohn) Berg

Carl and Tena (Berg) Boley

Dorothy

Morgan and Bertha (Vamstad) Berg

Blanche, Lillian, Byron, Marilyn

Donald and Mary (Erickson) Berg

Nathalie, Donna, Nolan

Martin and Blanche (Berg-Strassman) Hefty

Duane (Strassman), Larry, Jeffrey, Mitchell (Hefty)

Royce and Jaunita (Logsdon) Gilberts

Mark, Diane, Jerry

Alan Buchanan and Jackie Dunaway

6. Erick and Inger (Jacobson) Benson

Henry, John, Edward, Sophia, Annie

Sophia became a Sister-Deaconess at a hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

John and Edward Benson

Known as the "Benson Bros. Farm."

With their departure the Benson era of 87 years on this farm ended.

Earl and Grace (Johnson) Rud

Marjorie, Dean, Gary

Ingvald and Estella (Retrum) Nelson

Irene, Knute, Herbert, Clifford, Gerald, Helen, Violet, Rolf, Doris

Cecil and Betty (Huber) Jorenby

Susan, Carlton

Jessie and Winifred (Yelinek) Gilberts

Originally from Grant Co., WI and Rockford, IL, moved here c. 1960. The house burned down in 1990.

Royce, Kay

7. Drammen Valley Cheese Factory

Located on farm 2, it was also known as the Berg-Goli Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

John Dahler

John Meyer

Clarence and Delores Jenni

Alfred Keller

Lehnherr

Flick

William Berger

Martin and Blanche (Berg-Strassman) Hefty

Converted to a private residence. Blanche was a Meadow View School District native, having grown up on farm 5.

Duane (Strassman), Larry, Jeffery, Mitchell (Hefty)

Leo and Jean (Jeanette Williams) Weier

Raymond, Gary

8. Haldor and Marit (Venden) Brusveen

Berndt and Benhard (twins), Hans, Olga, Doell



The Haldor Brusveen family

Benhard and Gurina (Gordon) Brusveen

Bernice, Helen, Halvor

Doell and Mabel (Helmid) Brusveen

Helmer, Arlene

William and Kate (Wolford) Walrack

Kate was the leader of the Meadow View community Kitchen Band.

David and Julie (Walrack) Harris

Lucy, Roman, Aaron, Rachel

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Clarence and Judy (Lake) Westphal

Donald, Barbara, Kenneth

Robert and Catherine (Gimse) Owens

Lawrence, Shawn

Most of the out buildings have been razed.

9. Knute and Carrie (Lindokken) Venden

Melvin, Gurina, Gunild

Melvin and Gunild (Gordon) Venden

Kyle, Morris, Verna

Melvin and Lulu (Jacobson) Venden

Son - died as an infant, Evelyn and Otis (Jacobson)

Kyle and Dorothy (Elmquist) Venden

Ronald, Marvin, Lois

Robert and Kristine Schafer

Jeremy, Jacob, Benjamin

House was razed.

William and Terri (Ernst) Nipple

Built a new home.

Janet, Wendy, Lori, Kathy

10. York Memorial Church and Cemetery

See Chapter 13.

11. Syver and Ellen (Hanson) Syverson

Known as Syverson-Fletre Severson

Minnie, Josephine, Dora, Ida, William, Benjamin, Gilman

Benjamin and William and Carl Milestone and Elmer Flisram (both from farm 19) combined their musical talents and made recordings. In order to obtain the desired effects of the recording, the recording was made in the cistern on the Syverson farm.

Benjamin Syverson and William and Alma (Jenson) Syverson

Gerhard and Lee (Leona Salisbury) Engen

Morris and Evelyn (Freeman) Venden

Morris was a native of this school district, having been born and raised on farm 9 which adjoins the back of this one.

Marshall, Merlin

Tillman and Helen (Flint) Gilbertson

They also farmed next door at 12.

Hazel, Virginia

Wanda Baker

Has a dairy goat operation.

Leroy, Larry, Lonnie, Lori

12. Knute and Mary (Iverson) Berg

Knute died in a sand pit cave-in on this farm.

Edwin and Anna (Brager) Swenson

Ludvig, Selma, Mabel, Milo, Edna

Milo and Mae (Walrack) Swenson

Anna, Edna

Robert and Lorraine (Hastrich) Cleary

Robert, Maureen, Cathy

James and Alvina (Grandberg) McKeon

James Jr., Joseph, Marilyn, Carolyn

Tilman and Helen (Flint) Gilbertson

They also farmed next door at 11.

Hazel, Virginia

Andrew and Robin Balch

13. Kenneth and Louise (Widner) Folkedahl

Built a new home on a parcel of their old farm, 31.

14. Meadow View School

Third school to serve the district. Located on farm 17. Operated from 1906-1961, after which it was converted to a private residence.

James and Alvina (Grandberg) McKeon

James Jr., Joseph, Marilyn, Carolyn

Michael and Barbara (Westphal) Jeglum

Jonathon, Carmen, Rebecca, Devin

Steven and Patricia (Foster) Jeglum

15. Hans P. and Hjertine (Barsta) Hegdahl

Known as Hans Pederson, he located here in 1852--living first in an earthen home.

Staale, Mary, Ingaborg, Hannah, Henry, Lena, Anna

Henry Hegdahl

Known as "Birch Point Farm"

Olaus and Andrena (Christopherson) Knudtson

Caroline (Foster child)

Albie and Beatrice (Williams) Swenson

Linda, Kristine, Dwight, Ann-Louise, Laura, Stewart

Stewart has the Swenson Dairy Service in Blanchardville, Wisconsin.

Milton and Kate (Kammerud) Hendrickson

James, Virginia, Donald, Andy, Mildred and Milton (twins), Betty, Donna, Judy

Truman and Elsie (Hoel) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson.

He was a native of the Meadow View District, having

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been raised at farm 26. Truman and Elsie also lived at farm 30.

Knute, Robert

David and Debbie (Klar) Hefty

Jonathon, Matthew

Wanda Baker

Had her dairy goat operation here, she relocated to farm 11 after the barn at this farm was destroyed in a fire.

Leroy, Larry, Lonnie, Lori

Duane and Roberta Fjelstad

Tonya, Michael, Edward, Duanna, Jennifer

16. Theodore and Hannah (Landmark) Johnson

Parcel of the original farm 15.

Alvie, Tilmer

Albert and Nellie (Wallace) Schindler

Earl, Ethel, Nellie, Florence, Agnes, Katie, Lela, Esther, Irene, Sadie, Bonnie, Arthur, Bert, Clifford

Ben and Lela (Severson) Hanson

Kenneth, Fola

Harvey and Melba (Nelson) Milestone

Harvey is a native of this district, from farm 19.

Richard, Arlan

Clayton and Dorothy (Connelly) Milestone

Clayton was Harvey's brother.

Gene, Danny, Allen, Gary, Bruce, Linda, Judy, Nancy

Christian and Maria (Pesch) Miess

They later lived at farm 2.

Charles and Berthold (twins), Theodore, Joseph

Richard Sklar

Karen Wright and Bruce Banerdt

Dairy goat operation.

17. Juul and Ingaborg (Kittleston) Knudtson

Known as Hovrud-Knudtson. Ingaborg of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleston. She was a native of the Meadow View School District, having been born and raised on farm 24.

Kjersti, Maria, Carolina

Arrowheads and other Indian relics were common finds by early residents of this farm.

Juul and Tonetta (Evanson) Knudtson

Went to Iowa.

(Torger) Andrew and Hilda (Johnson) Jeglum

Bernice, Sylvester, Andrew Jr.

Sanford and Ruth (Jordee) Syse

LaVaughn, Roland (Toad), Joan, Sanford Jr., Vera Lou

Byron and Dora (Brusveen) Kittleston of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleston

He is a native of the Meadow View School District, having grown up on farm 26. Byron and Dora also lived for a while at 25 in this school district.

Sonja, Paul

Milton and Emma (Anderson-Brinager) Disrud

Malcolm, Robert, Grace, Darlene

Otis and Kathleen (Walrack) Ayen

Richard, Mary, Donald, Susan, Catherine, Barbara

Albie and Beatrice (Williams) Swenson

Linda, Kristine, Dwight, Ann Louise, Laura, Stewart

Stewart has the Swenson Dairy Service in Blanchardville, WI.

Steven and Patricia (Foster) Jeglum

Michael, Robin, Dawn, Nicole

Michael and Barbara (Westphal) Jeglum

Jonathon, Carmen, Rebecca, Devin

18. Flisram Cheese Factory

Located on the corner of S.H. 78 and CT H on the north side of the stream on the Flisrams' farm, 19.

Known Cheesemakers:

John Blummer

Peter Meyer

Factory was razed.

19. Evan and Anna Flisram

Elmer, Eva, Lawrence

Carl and Lena (Anderson) Milestone

Lena of Anmarkrud-Anderson

Junice, Curtis, Harvey, Glen, Clayton

Harvey and Lydia (Doescher) Milestone

Clayton and Dorothy (Connelly) Milestone

Gene, Danny, Allen, Gary, Bruce, Linda, Judy, Nancy

Norbert and Florence (Milestone) Day

James, Noreen, Cathy

Albe and Mary (Walters) Gilbertson

Donna, Virginia

Matt (V.W.) and Gladys Matthias Family

Joseph and Karen (Von-Allmen) Hoff

20. Thomas and Cindy Holzkopf

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 19
Caelin



The Rundhaug homestead in 1914. The log cabin on the left was Ole and Marit's home. On the right, Sever and Hannah's with their son Orville on the porch

21. Ole and Marit (Johnson) Rundhaug

Known as Syverson. Rundhaug translated means "Round Hill". Marit of Ulness Johnson.

Anton, Sever, Julia

Anton, a barber in Daleyville, was a violinist. He performed concerts on the Hardanger (8 string) violin.



Housewarming at new Sever Rundhaug home

Sever and Hannah (Milestone) Rundhaug

Sever was a musician and leader of the Perry Union Band.

Mabel, Emma, Selma, Hazel, Orville, Marvel



The Sever Rundhaug family in 1915. Back row: (Lto R) Selma, Hazel, and Emma. Front: Mabel, Sever, Orville, and Hannah

Orville and Agnes (Brynjulfson) Rundhaug

Orville, like his father and uncle is also a musician. He plays the violin in local area bands.



Wedding portrait of Orville and Agnes Rundhaug, February 13, 1935

With this sale, the 134 year Rundhaug era on this farm ended.

David May and Ann Windsor

22. Erick and Sigri (Hendrickson) Helland

Known as Mikkelson. Sigri of Hendrickson-Flaten. Erick lived in a "dug-out" home prior to building a log cabin.

Mikkel, Edward, Anton, Julia, Henry, Anne, George

Henry and Sina (Sherven) Helland

This sale marked the end of the 60 year Helland era on this farm.

Henry and Marit (Breiseth) Grundahl

Henry and Marit moved here from Argyle after Milo was born.

Amos, Clarence, Milo and Mabel (twins), Helga, Ruth, Charlotte, Henry



The Henry Grundahl family

Milo and Gladys (Kleppe) Grundahl

Roger, Phyllis



Milo Grundahl receiving plaque for 30 years as Town Clerk. Richard Keller, presenter.

23. Kittle and Margit (Torsdtr-Lee) Ansteinson

Known as Staulen-Kittleson.

Ole, Ingaborg, Thor, Ingaborg, Kittle

There is a valley on the western border of this farm which is remembered locally as the "Ellingdar Valley." From S.H. 78--across from farm 21--one can see an old windmill that still stands in the Ellingdar Valley .

Ole and Torbjor (Burgeson-Spingen) Kittleson

Ole was a Civil War Volunteer. He also drove the team that hauled the first load of dirt for the first railroad in Dane County. The frame house, a basement barn and granary were built before 1881.

Mary, Karine, Anna, Carl, Henry, Edith, Thea, Emma

Family moved to Iowa in 1889.



Kittle and Dorthea Kittleson's home

Kittle and Dorothea (Evanson) Kittleson

Melvin, Mollie, Inanda, Henry, Clara, Theolina, Hilda, Inga, Annie, Theodore, Nora



Kittleson farmstead c. 1894

Theodore and Alma (Brager) Kittleson

Arthur

Theodore and Myrtle (Friscke) Kittleson

Dorothy, Gaylord, Kathleen, Theresa, Gloria

The Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson era of 95 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Gilman and Ruth Marie (Norland) Goldben

Ronald, Marlene, Earl, Darwin, Nancy, Gerald, Dale

Lars and Rosalie (Schmidt) Helgeland

Richard, Rodney

James and Norma (Moen) McKeon Jr.

Michael, Lisa, Brian, Timothy

Brian plays professional baseball.

Mark and Debra Percy Family

Donald and Deborah (Hosely) Mueller

Fritz, Dax

24. Kittle and Margit (Torsdtr-Lee) Ansteinson

Known as Staulen-Kittleson.

Family came to America in 1852. Their first home was a "roofed over haystack". Their second home on this farm, until 1890, was a cabin.

Ole, Ingaborg (died), Thor, Ingaborg, Kittle

In 1890, the cabin, wholly intact, was moved via "horse power" to the Bondelien (Embirck Knudtson) and Gladem farm (1 in the Forward School District) and this farm was combined with 23.

The present day Kittleson Road, remembered by locals as Kittleson Valley, is named for the Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson Family.



The Indian Hill Cheese Factory

25. Indian Hill Cheese Factory

Built in 1882 on the Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson farm (23 and 24). Named because of numerous Indian relics found in the area by early settlers.

Known Cheesemakers:

Jack Wittwer

John and Anna Buether

Tony, Johnny, Walter, Sonja

Alfred and Gertrude Bahler

Mary, Freddie, Robert, Eddie, Doris, Janette

Walter Gruendfelder

Converted to a private residence.

Byron and Dora (Brusveen) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

He is a native of the Meadow View School District, having grown up next door at 26. Byron and Dora also lived for a while at 17. He always brought his milk here, even after he moved to 30 in the Tyvand School District.

Sonja, Paul



The Thor and Aaste Kittleson family about 1893. Standing: (L to R) Kittle, Caroline (Calla), Marie (Malla), Knudt. Seated: Willie, Thor, Jake, Aaste, Ole.

26. Thor and Aaste (Hovrud) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson

Kittle, Knudt, Marie, Caroline, Ole, Albert, Jacob, William

Sons, Knudt and Ole, changed their name from Kittleson to Stolen. Ole became an attorney and Judge of Superior Court in Dane County. He is sometimes remembered for activity related to the highly publicized and controversial Annie Lemberger death in 1911. This story is detailed in Mark Lemberger's 1993 Crime of MAGNITUDE.



Kittleson homestead c. 1897. (L to R) Thor, William, and Aaste.



Thor Kittleson family reunion c. 1911

William and Stella (Helland) Kittleson
Known as "Ridge Field Stock Farm"
Truman, Stanley, Lillian, Byron, Everett



The William Kittleson family c. 1930. Standing: (L to R) Truman, Stanley, Byron, Everett. Seated: Stella, Lillian, William.

Everett and Mabel (Hefty) Kittleson
Ronald, Roger, Elizabeth

Roger and Michelle (Skaife) Kittleson
Dawn, Darren, Christian

27. Stella (Helland) Kittleson
Widow of William Kittleson, she built a second home on their old farm, 26.

Everett and Mabel (Hefty) Kittleson
Everett was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1977-1982. They moved into this house when Roger and Michelle moved into the main house.

28. Knudt and Lena (Kellesvig) Stolen of Ansteinson-Staulen- Kittleson
Knut was a native of the district, having been born and raised next door at 26. As noted in that entry, he changed his name to Stolen. This farm was known as "City View Farm".
Alvin, Ernest, Amos, Kermit, Willard, Luther

Olaus and Julia (Gladem) Kellesvig
Leota, William, Marion, Orville, Ardis, Orpha, Inez

Orville and Doris (Eikorst) Kellesvig
Marie, Donald

Donald and Susan (Walser) Kellesvig
Julie

Donald and Ruth (Wilson) Kellesvig
Katie, Daniel

29. Bernt and Mathea (Braen) Lund
Known as B. Ivarson
Peter, Ever, Nicholai, John, Ben, Andrew, Inger, Ella, Dena, Theodore



The Bernt and Mathea Lund family. Standing: (L to R) Nick, Andrew, Ben, Theodore, John. Seated: Inger, Iver, Mathea, Ella, Bernt, Dena, Jordie, and Peter.

Gabriel and Inger (Lund) Disrud
Oscar, Mabel, Selma, Milton

David and Ella (Lund) Lanning
Simultaneously with the Gabriel Disruds, the Lannings lived in a small cabin on this farm.
Bernice

Oscar and Inga (Kittleson) Disrud
Inga of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson. She was a native of the Meadow View School District, having been raised on farm 23. Her sister, Clara, also remained in the district, living next door at farm 30.
Arlene, Alta, Inez, Carol, Isabelle

The 70 year Lund era on this farm ended with Oscar and Inga.

Warren and Winona (Theobald) Thomas
Charles, Ethel Ann

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Reuben and Gladys (Mueller) Nesheim

Marjorie, David, Mary, Carol, Nancy

Hjalmer and Amy (Steensland) Duffy

Eugene, Alton, Alice, Lucille, Delores, Arlene

Robert and Alice (Duffy) Yaeger

Duane, Janet, Sherri

30. Nels and Ingaborg Moen

Andrew, Thea, Annie, Nora, Julia, Henry

Andrew and Clara (Kittleson) Moen

Clara of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson. She was a native of the Meadow View School District, having been raised on farm 23. Her sister, Inga, lived next door at farm 29.

Arvid, Norval, Stanley

Leonard and Hattie (Hendrickson) Swenson

Ludell, Burnell, Doris, Robert

Sanford and Hazel (Larson) Swenson

Harland (Swede)

Chester and Ella (Kolden) Johnson

Vicki, Rachel

Truman and Elsie (Hoel) Kittleson of Ansteinson-Staulen-Kittleson.

He was a native of the Meadow View School District, having been raised at farm 26. Truman and Elsie also lived at farm 15.

Robert, Knudt

Robert and Barbara (Johnson) Kittleson

Shelly, Steven

Knudt and Christine (Skaife) Kittleson

Later occupants unknown

31. Martha Folkedahl

Knud O. and Marit (Throndsdr-Korstad) Folkedahl

Known as Knud Olson Dahl and K.O. Dahl. Consistent with Norwegian tradition, Knud Olson Dahl became Knud Olson Folkedahl because the property he purchased was the "Folkedahl Farm."

Inger, Ole (died), Kari, Anne, Ole, Thora, Marit, Knudt, Ingaborg, Tena Rosine, Theodore

Theodore and Clara (Swiggum) Folkedahl

Kenneth

Kenneth and Louise (Widner) Folkedahl

Kenneth was known as "Flicker" to his friends. Trout

fishing and trapping along "Kittleson Creek" were among his favorite sports.

Dena (Louise's daughter)

Robert and Carol Sakowski

Had a horseshoeing business.

Maranger Family

Martin and Susan Klien-Kennedy

Interested in native plant life.

Mollie, Casey

Steven and Marianne Schlomann

Roy Blair and Susi Nehls

Susi, a science editor, is the daughter of the late Joseph Hickey, Professor emeritus of the University of Wisconsin, an internationally acclaimed ecologist and one of the founders of the national Nature Conservancy.

Daniel and Jenny (Bilsie) Hefty

Wendy, Kyle

32. Jeglum School

Second school to serve the district. Located on Helge T. Jeglum farm (33). It operated from 1876-1901.

Known Teachers:

Hilda Lee

Thea Goli

Ed Gonstad

Sam Paulson (He was a native of the Meadow View School District, having grown up on Drammen Valley Farm, 1)

Martin Paulson (Just as his brother Sam, he too was a native of this school district)

This school was razed.

33. Helge T. and Bergit (Ellingson) Jeglum

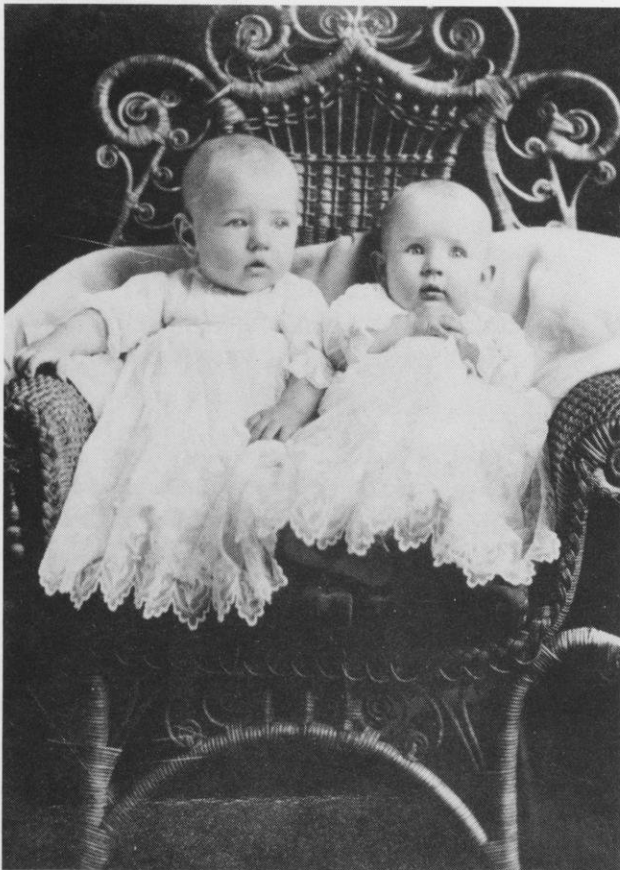
Known as Toreson, Geilo and Thoreson. Helge came to America in 1859 with his widowed mother, Kari Helgesdtr Skartum, and his brothers, Kitil, Ola, and Ola-Ole.

Ragnild, Carl, (Torger) Andrew, Anne, Edward, Gunild, Ella, Rosella, Carina, Benhard



Edward and Marie Jeglum's wedding picture, April 3, 1906

Edward and Marie (Anderson-Brinager) Jeglum
Hazel, Myron, Norman and Norma (twins)



Norman and Norma Jeglum

Norman and Victoria (Peterson) Jeglum
David, Karen



Norman and Victoria Jeglum, 1939

The 114 year Jeglum era on this farm ended with Norman and Victoria.

Walter and Mary (Laird) Hamady
Laura, Micah and Samantha (twins)

Walter and Anna (Krohn) Hamady

34. Skartum School

First school in the area located on the Torger Skartum farm, 36. Used as a church. Operated from about 1850 until 1876. Building was blown down in a windstorm in 1883.

Known teacher was Ole T. Jeglum (Ola-Ole Toreson, son of Kari Helgesdtr Skartum and nephew of Torger Skartum).

35. Early Burial Site

Used from about 1850 until 1860. Located on the Torger Skartum Farm, 36. Marked by crosses on the trees and a plaque identifying some of the names of those laid to rest in this hallowed ground. Known names are Severson, Goli, Kellesvig, Kittleson and three Remberg children.

Location identified and recorded with the Burial Sites Commission of the State Historical Society of

Wisconsin by Stanley Kittleson.

36. Torger Helgeson Skartum

Possibly a single man - family unknown. Torger's known siblings were Aagot, Turi, Lars, Ole, Ole, Kittle, Sten (grandfather of Kristine Goli) and Kari (mother of Helge T., Kitil, Ola, Ola-Ole).

Kari Helgesdtr Skartum

Known as C. (Carrie) Helgeson on Land Plat of 1873. Widow of Thore Geilo. Came to America in 1859 with four sons: Helge, Kitil, Ola, and Ola-Ole Toreson-Thoreson-Jeglum.

Kitil T. and Guri (Torsdatter-Thompson) Jeglum

Known as K.T. Toreson, Thoreson. Guri of the Troo-lio Thompson. Kitil was a Civil War Volunteer Thore, Carl, Thea, Olaus, Helena, Juliana, Otto, Clara, Selma, Alma



*Mrs. Kittle (Guri) Jeglum in 1939 at age 93. This spinning wheel is now on display at Little Norway near Mt. Horeb, wisconsin
Otto and Dagney (Gunderson-Rud) Jeglum*

Kermit

Kermit and Sylvia (Schneider) Jeglum
Herman, Steven, Judy

Kermit and Myrtle (Moen) Jeglum

The 131 year Skartum/Jeglum era on this farm ended with Kermit and Myrtle.

Brian and Cathy (Parkinson) Peterson
Peter

Kevin and Renee Honecker



York Prairie Cheese Factory in 1936

37. York Prairie Cheese Factory

Known as the Jeglum Cheese Factory.

Known Cheesemakers:

John Stucki (1887-88)

Holdiman (1889)

Rothlesberger (1890)

Fred Hoesly

John Hiltbrand

Jacob Schenk

Albert Matti

Henry Huber

Emma

Simon Furrer

Aldoph Zimmerman

John Herman

Paul and Hattie Haag

Gladys, Eugene

Converted to a private residence

Thomas and Lynn (Tesch) Dobson Family

38. Nels and Isabelle Nessa

Isabel, Malina, Nels, Olina, Martha, Anna

Nels and Martha (Swiggum) Nessa

Nora

Benhard and Helga (Anderson-Brinager) Jeglum
Curtis, Ethel, Avis, Beatrice, James, Enos,
Grace, Howard, Lois, Gene

Edward and Marie (Anderson-Brinager) Jeglum
Hazel, Myron, Norman and Norma (twins)

Enos and Doris (Hustad) Jeglum
Enos was Chairman of the Town of Perry 1974-1977.
James, Marilyn, Brian

Howard and Alice (Ichie) Jeglum
Larry, Dale, Bradley, Susan

Ralph and Linda (Knudtson) Ovadal
Greg, Janet, Joy, Thomas

Richard and Terri Rindy Family

39. Edward and Elizabeth Bureson
Known as Bierrson, Borreson, Burrison
Olaus, John, Berndt, Carl, Susanna, Johan,
Barbara, Annie, Christine

Carl and Tillie (Severson) Bureson
Dollorus, Avis, Everett, Clare, Lorene,
Florence, James

Bureson Bros. - Olaus, John, Berndt

Maurice and Marjorie (Alfred) Cleary
Patricia, Dennis, Terrance, Marjorie, James

Everett and Josine (Moberly) Knudtson
Everett was leader of the "Farm Hands" band.
Stanlee, Diana

Stanlee and Marilyn (Johnson) Knudtson
Bonnie, Denise, Kevin, Shannon, Stacy

40. Sever and Ragnhild (Albertson) Johnson
Hans, Lulu, Alvin, Hilda, Daisy

Sever and Andrina (Peterson) Johnson
Knudt, Burlie, Amos, Lloyd, Ernest, Robert

Sever and Emma (Hustad-Offerdahl) Johnson

Knudt and Esther (Hefty) Johnson

Burlie and Madeline (Draeger) Johnson
Karen, Donald, Carol

Lloyd and Leona (Paulson) Johnson
Alton, Sylvan, Larry, Audrey, Dale

Frank and Lila (Olson) Dearth
Ryan, Marvin, Johathon, Chris

Ralph and Margy (Armstrong-Krebs) Harris
Marshall, Lonnie (Krebs), Jason

Paul and Shannon (Dahlberg) Ovadal
Michael, Timothy, Samantha

41. Lena Waage
Remembered by some as a mid-wife in the
community.

Caroline, Andrew, Jane, Clarence, Samuel,
Mildred, Selma

Homesite originally located back upon the hill.
House was relocated on the farm next to S.H. 39.

Robert and Mary (Brager) Johnson

Philip, Virginia, Christine

Barn is a former University of Wisconsin barn. It
was dismantled and relocated here.

Roy and Caroline (McKeon) Ruegsegger

Todd, Terri, Tammy, Travis, Troy

Jerry and Betty (Wire) Parkinson Family

Claude and Linda (Long) Weber

Chad, Denise

42. Old York Church

The church has been razed, only the cemetery
remains. See Chapter 13.

43. Andrew and Serena (Bergland) Johnson

Amanda, Palmer, Stella, Chester, Lester,
Alta, Clifford, Laverna, Arlene

Martin and Marie (Gjulem) Finhart

Arne, Ragna

Daniel and Thea (Runden) Johnson

Delores, Ruth, Carlton, Dewayne, Ruby

Clara (Dammen) Gilbertson

Widow of Tyler Gilbertson

Hartford, Bonnie, Clarinda, Marvin, Tilman,
Janet, Alve, Lela, Delores, Orville, Henry

Alvin and Helen (Aslakson) Phillips

Marilyn, Linda, Janet

Robert and Barbara (Johnson) Kittleson

Shelley, Steven

Later occupants unknown.

44. Henry and Ellen (Rundhaug) Benson

Henry was a Meadow View School District native,
having grown on farm 6.

Ruth, Ida, Esther, Sever, Lloyd, Edna

Sever and Agnes (Moen) Benson

David, Carol

Peter and Hilary Wood

Peter and Hilary came from England. They run a large sheep operation.

Christopher, Joel, Cirita, Heidi

45. Andrew and Inger (Bergi) Nyhus

Arthur, Albert, Julia, Oscar, Amelia, Martha

Albert Nyhus

Andrew and Martha (Magnuson) Kolstad

Dorothy

Riley and Orpha (Hanson) Walrack

Jean, Julie

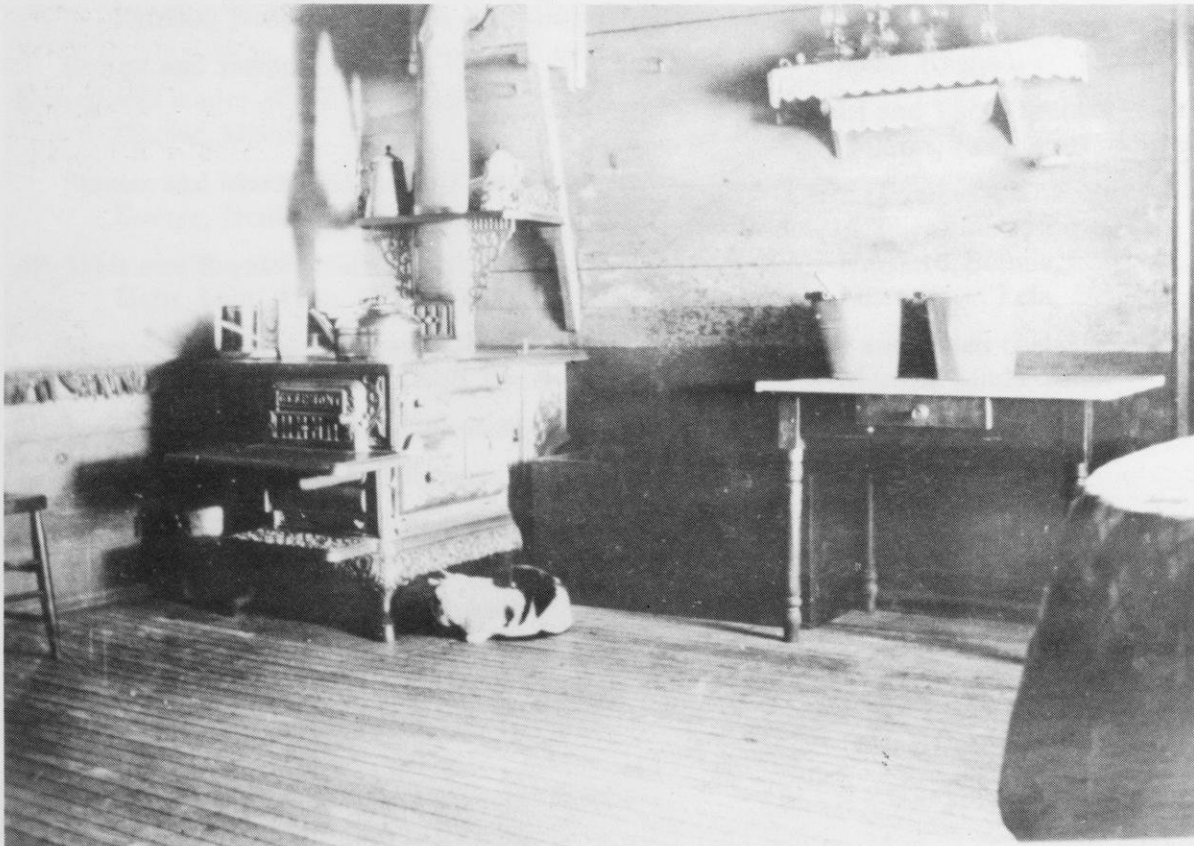
Carl and Laura (Dimler) Pederson

Carl's life long dream of woodworking became a reality at the age of 72. Much of his work was done on his home-built equipment. Building grandmother clocks was his favorite. His works are found in homes locally, nationally, and internationally.

Chris Rindy



As these interiors show, the insides of these farm houses were relly quite cosy. These were taken at Burt and Thelma McKenzie's farm, 13, when Knut and Birgit Thompson lived there.



Chapter 8: The River Forks School District

The River Forks School was built in 1881. It was also known as the Tri-County School (because it is so close to the junction of Dane, Green and Iowa counties) and the Ivey School (after the pioneer Ivey family of farm 18). Andrew and Maren Landmark of farm 17 deeded the land to the district for \$25.

Located on the south side of State Highway 39, the River Forks school is one of the few country schools that still stands on its original site and has not been converted to another use. It is, however, slowly decaying.

According to local oral tradition, the great flood of 1915 carried this school house down the river for half a mile. There are even those who say they could hear the school bell ringing that night as the building moved along.



Because all eight grades met in the same room, Edna (Paulson-Kellesvig) Helgeson, who grew up on farm 1, recalls learning from the older children by listening to them and their lessons. In addition to school, community meetings and socials were held in the building. On the other hand some school related events were held in other places. For example, Edna remembers some of the parents and older children putting on plays and giving them at other places.

She also recalls many happy hours sliding down hills near school. The children would vote for an hour noon, then hurriedly eat their lunch and still not always be ready to come in when the bell rang.

Edna especially remembers waiting in line, sometimes for a weekly iodine pill, or to get a drink at the pump. Iodine pills were given for the kind of thyroid problems which lead to goiters, much as

fluoride rinses are given today for the prevention of tooth decay. (There was a lack of iodine in the water in this area.) They played ball, Fox and Geese in the snow, and Ante over the school house.



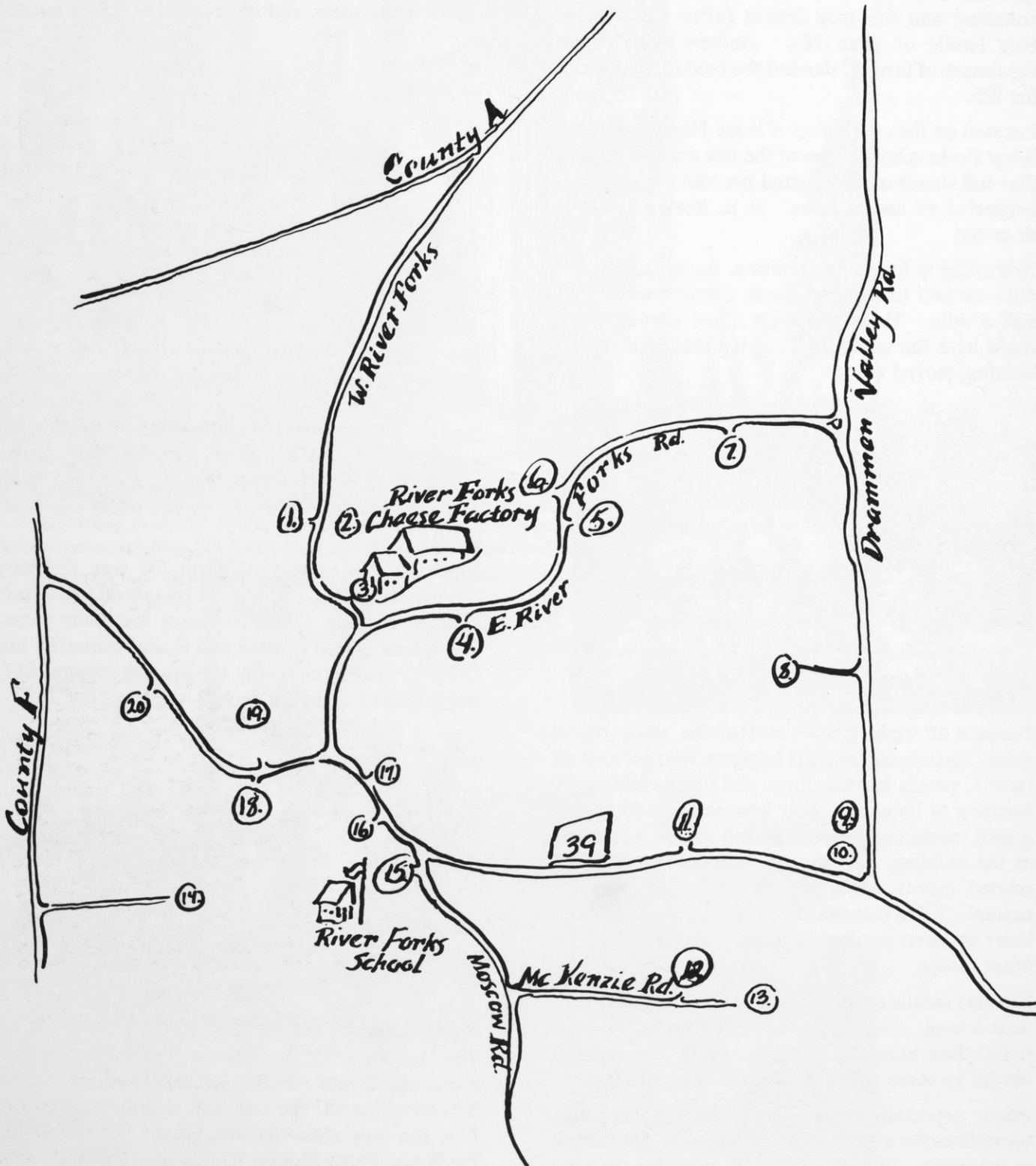
The children walked to school and, in cooler weather, hoped the teacher had gotten there early so it would be warm for them. Sometimes the furnace didn't heat well, so the children went to the neighbors for awhile. After the new furnace was installed, the children brought cocoa or something in a jar to be put in a pan of hot water for their lunch.

Knute G. Rundhaug of farm 20 was director; August Steensland of farm 11 was clerk; and Jacob Paulson of farm 1 was treasurer for many years. The school closed in 1943 and is now owned by the Gilbert Prestbrotten family, the present owners of 17, the original Landmark farm.



The teachers Edna remembers were: Bessie Swenson; Selma Eidsmoe; Jane Rohr; Verna Severson Terrill, the only one still living; Donald Fox, the only male teacher; Emma Tresder; Irilla Paull; and Pansy Stoker. The teachers salary was as low as \$60 and went up to \$125.

RIVER FORKS
SCHOOL DISTRICT



1. Iver and Laura (Grinder) Retrum

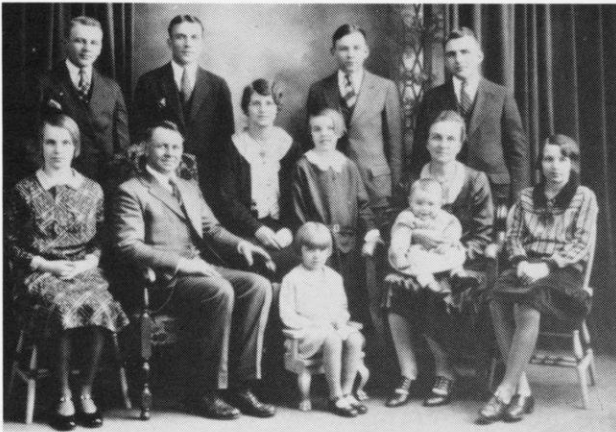
Known as the "Old Flint Farm" until Iver and Laura moved here from Laura's family farm, 3 in The Clay Hill School District. Iver's two brothers were married to two of Laura's sisters. One of these couples, Thosten and Emma, lived next door at 28 in the Sandy Rock School District. The other, Knudt and Olava, lived on the other side of Thosten and Emma, at 26 in the Sandy Rock District.

Amanda, Tillie, Ruth, Clara, Isabel, James, William, Elmer, Alexander

Jacob and Clara (Retrum) Paulson

Isaac, Hazel, Ralph, Victor, George, Edna, Ruth, Grace, Beulah, Norman

Isaac became a minister. When he was ordained in 1931 over 1000 people attended the service.



(L to R) Jacob, Clara, Isaac, Hazel, Ralph, Victor, George, Edna, Ruth, Grace, Beulah, and Norman Paulson

Victor and Katherine (Lovett) Paulson

Dennis and Beulah (Paulson) Langfoss

Glen, Steven, Ruth, Gary, Sandra



The Langfoss Farm

Gary and Fern (Klassy) Langfoss

Erica, Dana, Kristin, Kayla

2. Glen and Vicki (Algrin) Langfoss

Built second home on farm 1 in the 1970s.

Jessica, Joel

Dennis and Beulah (Paulson) Langfoss

Moved here when Gary and Fern moved into the main house.

3. River Forks Cheese Factory

Organized in 1885 by Karinius Knudson, Ole Larson (Bjorgeseter), Magnus Johnson, Henry and William Ivey, Iver and Thosten Retrum and located on Karinius Knudson's farm, 4, the River Forks Cheese Factory operated continuously for 101 years (until 1986). During the September 1915 flood, water reached the fifth shelf of the cheese cellar.

Known Cheesemakers:

Ulrich and Margaret (Richard) Furrer

Walter, Helen, Agnes, Warner, Hilda

John and Bertha (Abegglen) Amacher

Bertha, Ruth, Linda, Sam, Leny, John, Susanna

Jack Armstrong

James Zimmerman

Eldon and Iona (Vamstad) Ott

John and Esther (Disrud) Metzger

John Jr., Judy, Jeanne, Jerry, Jeff

Jeff Metzger

Converted to a private residence



The River Forks Cheese Factory

4. Karinus and Susan (Johnson) Knudson

Ellen, Carl

Rudy and Amelia (Regez) Lehnerr

Alfred, Freda, August, Martha, Rudy Jr., Martha, Alma, Arthur, Herman, Louise and Louis (twins), Edwin, Viola

RIVER FORKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

George and Martha (Lehnerr) Watrud

Harland, Robert, Arden, Dean

Arthur and Emma (Lunda) Lehnerr

Arthur succeeded his sister, Martha, rather than his parents on this farm.

Fred and Agnes (Brattlie) Schraepfer

Eldon, Herbert

Eldon became an auctioneer.

Herbert and Donna (Schave) Schraepfer

Pauline, Larry, Daniel

5. **Magnus and Caroline (Halvorson) Johnson**

Harold, Minda, Caroline, Emma, Olaf, Hannah, Thora

Harold M. and Martha (Peterson) Johnson

Walter, Arthur, Magnus, Cara, Harvey, Myrtle, Norma, Helga, Mabel, Chester, Daniel, Selma, Betsy

There were two home sites on this farm.

Johnson Family members

Sequence unknown. However, it is known that Selma, Betsy, and Magnus all lived at other places in this school district -- at 6, 9, and 9 respectively.

Starting with Magnus and Caroline, the overall Johnson Family era at this farm lasted 90 years.

One of the homesites razed.

Daniel and Angela (Hughes) Schraepfer

Dan is a native of the River Forks School District, having been born and raised next door at farm 4.

6. **Ole and Kari Larson**

Known as Bjorgeseter, Ole was a Civil War volunteer, (see 29 in Sandy Rock which adjoins this property on the north.)

Olaf, Elizabeth

Olaf Larson

Remembered for his talent on the "fiddle." Had an eye for "good" horses. Said to be the first in the area to own a car. Collector of guns and Indian relics.

Dewey and Helen Walrack

Gloria, Matthew, Steven, Catherine, Keith, Stanley

Julius and Selma (Johnson) Schoien

Julius was the grandson of Ole and Kari Larson. Selma was a native of this school district, having

been born and raised across the road at farm 5.

Otis and Kathleen (Walrack) Ayen

Richard, Mary, Donald, Susan, Catherine, Barbara

Lloyd Amy Family

Betsy

Delbert and Ruth (Williams) Lord

Anna, Thomas, James, Donna, Doris, Joe, Glen, Roselie, Delbert Jr., William, Mary, Roy

Buildings were razed.

7. **Nels and Olia Jacobson** of Huser-Jacobson

Helge, Johan, Ole, Lars

Otto Paulson

Known as "Husey Ridge Farm."

Later occupants unknown.

8. **S.C. Campbell**

Early settler from Virginia. Site, known as "Turkey Grove," was the location of the first post office in what became the Town of Perry.

Peter A. and Olina (Nyhus) Moen

Known as P.A. Anderson, built the house in 1890. Carl, Anna Marie, August, Arthur

August and Mabel (Swenson) Moen

He farmed the northern half of his father's land, while his brother, Arthur farmed the southern half as 9.

Agnes, Amos, Peter, Orpha

Amos and Verna (Steensland) Moen

Lived here for 40 years.

Glen, Marie, Donald, Norma, August, Rolfe, Dennis, Kevin, Carolyn

The Moen Family era of 120 years on this farm ended with Amos and Verna.

Hjalmer and Amy (Steensland) Duffy

Eugene, Alton, Alice, Lucille, Delores, Arlene

Sally Branch

Has a dairy goat operation.

9. **Arthur and Clara (Berg) Moen**

He farmed the southern half of his father's land; his brother, August, farmed the northern portion as 8.

Irving, Edgar, Artie

Gilman and Betsy (Johnson) Severson

Betsy was a native of this school district, having been born and raised at farm 5.

Gilma, Gladys

Magnus and Gladys (Winden) Johnson

Magnus, Betsy's brother, succeeded his sister on this farm rather than her children. He too was, of course, a native of the River Forks School District, also having been raised on farm 5.

Marie, Shirley, Richard, Luther

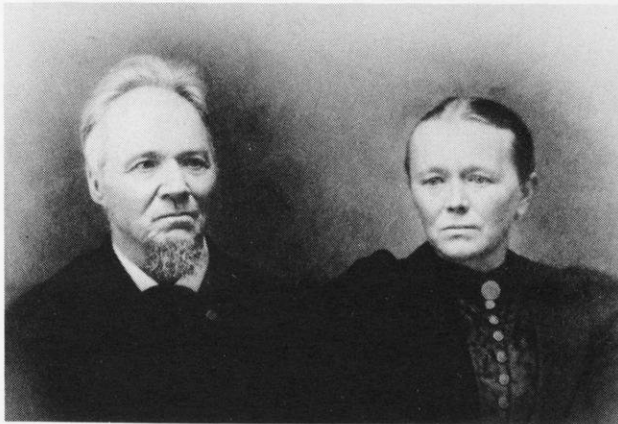
10. Luther and Tammy (Wilborn) Johnson

This is a second home on farm 9, Luther's parents place.

Tiffany, Luther Jr.



Top: (L to R) Susanna and Julia. Middle: Iverine, Ingaborg and Judith. Front: Mamie and Eunice Steensland



A.E. and Mallene Steensland

11. Asbjorn and Mallene (Iversdtr-Storland) Steensland

Ingabor, Judith, Iverine, Eric, Iver, Julia, Susanna, August, Eunice, Elmer, Anna Marie, Ferdinand



(L to R) August, Ferdinand, Eric, Elmer, and Iver Steensland

Iver and August Steensland and Eunice (Steensland) Syftestad

Brothers and sisters, Eunice was the widow of Gerhard Syftestad.

Percival, Archibald, Ambrose (Syftestad)



Iver and Ferdinand Steensland show off a string of horses



Large families such as the Steenslands had large reunions within a few years.

Archibald and Ruth Marie (Rundhaug) Syftestad

Bette, Judith, John, Luann



Arch and Judy Syftestad

Arthur and Veda (Vickers) Juve

Clarence and Beulah (Ayen) Erickson

Robert and Anna (Bosben) Ayen

Jay, Jennifer

Ralph and Audrey (Owens) Kleppe

Alison, Barry, Lori, Kaye

Carl and Mary (Norton) Berning

Amber, Brandon, Melissa

Timothy and Cindy (Garfoot) Sutter

Kyle, Kory, Kevin and Kristopher (twins)

12. Ole and Ragnhild (Sahn) Venden

Ben, Christian, Evan, Olga, Maria

Ever and Gena (Syvertson) Broten

Ardell, Elaine

Christian and Jennie (Hendrickson) Venden

Although the Brotens lived here in between, Christ succeeded his parents on this farm.

James, Crystal

James Venden

Had his own airplane and landing field on the farm. Died when the airplane he was flying crashed in a field near Mt. Horeb. (It was not his plane.)

The Venden era of 80 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Rolfe Moen

A native of this school district having grown up on farm 8, he lost his life when the house burned.

13. Hans and Guhnild Remberg Family



Ole and Betsy Sletten

Ole and Betsy (Beret Mikkelsdtr) Sletten

Ole was a Civil War Volunteer.

Ole, Inger, Mikkell, Hendrick, Martin, Johan, Jorgena

Ole and Betsy (Beret-Mikkelsdtr) Fuggelien

Left the Community.



Bergit and Knudt Thompson

Thor and Turi (Guldstein) Troo-Thompson and Knudt and Birgit (Bjornsdr-Foss) Thompson

Knudt was Thor and Turi's son. The farm was known, when they lived there, as Fjosse Farm.

Thor, daughter (died as infant), Mollie, Ole, Gurina, Julia, Turi, James, George, Gena

Thor was a minister. Mollie married Rev. Edward

Hegland, a Sandy Rock School District native. James and George became attorneys.



(L to R) Gurine, Mollie, Turi, Gena, and Julia Thompson

Ole Thompson

John Walrack

Riley and Katherine (Jones) Walrack
Lloyd, Riley Jr., Kathleen

John K. and Thea (Larson) Johnson
Harold, Marie, Otis, Julian, Carl

Kenneth and Inez (Heggestad) Swenson
Family



Bert and Thelma McKenzie's farm c. 1939

Burt and Thelma (Erickson) McKenzie

Known as "Sturdy Oak Farm."

Anita, Nancy, Kathryn, Kenneth,
Francis, Gary

14. Thomas and Martha (Paulson) Olson
Thomas lost his life in the tornado of 1893. Indian petroglyphs (rock paintings) have been found on this property. The petroglyphs are registered with the State of Wisconsin Archeologist.

Oscar, Gena, Clara, Tilda

Olson Family Members

Joseph Wallin, a cousin from the Dakota's, was a hired man for the Olson family for 30 years. He lived here.

In all the Olson family lived here for 80 years.

James and Jana McCoy

15. Ole and Ingaborg Guldhaug Family
Guldhaug translated means "Golden Hill."

Peter and Dorothy (Leirah) Guldhaug
Ole, Ingaborg, Chris, Arthur,
Clarence, Andrine

Carl and Andrine (Guldhaug) Knutson

Ole and Ingaborg Guldhaug

Brother and sister, they succeeded their sister, Andrine, on this farm rather than occupying it directly after their parents. Ingaborg was a hat maker.

Arthur and Olga (Johnson) Guldhaug

Arthur was the fourth of Peter and Dorothy Guldhaug's children to live on this farm as an adult.
Judith, Helen

Melvin and Tena (Strommen) Framstad
Mildred, Lavern, Ardell, Lela,
Orpha, Marie

Clarence and Cora (Hendrickson) Guldhaug
and Harold Guldhaug (nephew)

Clarence was the fifth of Peter and Dorothy's children to live on their parents farm. He and Harold ran the farm. Cora did not live here, she preferred to live in Blanchardville.

Willis and Joyce (Broege) Wahl
Rebecca, Michelle, Heidi

Harold and Anna (Torkelson) Ayen

They also farmed at 18 in this school district for a while.

Betty Lou, David, Dale, Dean

Thomas and Sylvia (Keppler) Purcell
Gregory, Randy, Rickey

Sven and Jean (Ebert) Prestbrotten
Sarah (adopted)

Chester and Esther (Paulson) Thompson
Alvin ("Pug"), Cathy, Paul, Carol,
Donna and Diane (twins)

16. River Folks School

17. Andrew and Maren Landmark
Theodore, Hannah, Ingvald, Oline

Theodore Landmark

John and Martha (Nyhus) Martinson
Inga, Julian, Abert

Andrew and Bertina (Syrflaten) Prestbrotten

Olaf, Christopher, Gilbert

Christopher and Harriet (Sorocco) Prestbrotten

Glen, Christine, Elaine, Robert, Richard

Olaf and Margrit (Senhenn) Prestbrotten

Olaf was the second of three brothers to farm their parents place successively. Margrit was a WW II bride from Kassel, Germany (Near Frankfort)

Sven

Gilbert and Trudy (Gertrude Schulz) Prestbrotten

Gilbert is the third of the Prestbrotten brothers to work their family farm.

Duane, Dennis, Beverly

18. **Richard and Sarah (Pascoe) Ivey**

James, Catherine, Richard, John, Sarah, Henry, Franklin Pierce, William

William and Minnie (Theobald) Ivey

Hans and Goldie (Kammerud) Johnson

Verna Lee, Malcolm, Bernard, Richard, Mayona, Nancy, Connie

John Narum Family

Carl and Gena (Johnson) Kellesvig

Orton, Raymond, Leland and Leora (twins), Vernon, Theron

Milford and Ione (Hendrickson) Retrum

Leone, Leatrice, Merton

Theron and Ruth (Raymond) Kellesvig

Mary Kay, Barbara

Robert and Dorothy (Jorgenson) Jungbluth

Christine, Douglas, Lynn and Lori (twins)

Harold and Anna (Torkelson) Ayen

They also farmed at 15 for a while.

Betty Lou, David, Dale, Dean

19. **Robert and Jeraldine (McDermott) Ihm**

Gregory, Cynthia, Roxann, Theresa, Douglas, Beth, Todd



Erik Smesrud

20. **Erick and Gertrude (Julson) Smesrud**

Julia, Olina, Mary, Isabel, Della, Celia, Nona, Melvin, Ellen, Herman, Ole, Martin, Lenora

Knudt and Celia (Smesrud) Rundhaug

Milo, Amy, Donald

Milo and Henrietta (Westers) Rundhaug

Celia, Claire and Gloria (adopted)

The Smesrud/Rundhaug era of 90 years on this farm ended with this sale.

Richard and Lynn (Spurley) Hendrickson

Amy, Ann

Chapter 9: The Sandy Rock School District

The Sandy Rock School was also called the Homme School. Built in 1882 on land bought from Sever Erikson for \$10, the original log school was across the road from the school which people today remember. The later, simple, one-story, frame school had, after 1901, a belfry towards one end and an enclosed entryway fronted by a porch at the other. This is the Sandy Rock school marked on the maps in this book.



c. 1912. Eighth Grade. On porch: Tena Retrum, Beulah Paulson, Ida Retrum. Standing: Bessie Peterson and Eva Rundhaug

Around 1910, the discipline in this "new" school had become very bad and a teacher, Charles Kendall, was hired with the advice to "put fear into the children." Sixty some years later, in the 1970s, Elmer Homme of farm 14 and Ida (Retrum) Brue, who grew up on farm 28, still recalled their experiences as students under Mr. Kendall. They said he did indeed put



c. 1905. Teacher Celia Smesrud, from River Forks District farm 20 -- less than 2 miles south of this school house. It was there that she and her husband, Knudt Gilbertson Rundhaug of farm 25 in this district, later farmed.

fear into the children -- with physical discipline. Elmer reported that he was punished severely for whispering something to the boy sitting next to him. When Elmer's grandfather, John Thompson at farm

11, heard of this he went to school and told the teacher that "we hired you to put fear into the children but not to hurt them." But the children were so afraid that they never dared turn their heads, even when the teacher stepped outside. On the other hand, Mr. Kendall was very kind to the little children. He is remembered for bundling them up in the cold weather and carrying them through the deepest snow.

Older men came to school to learn English. They would start in the first grade with the youngest children. Ida Brue recalled when Torkel Homme and Tollef Brynjulfson, two hired men who had just come from Norway, came to school. They were usually late because of the farm chores, but they were very serious students.

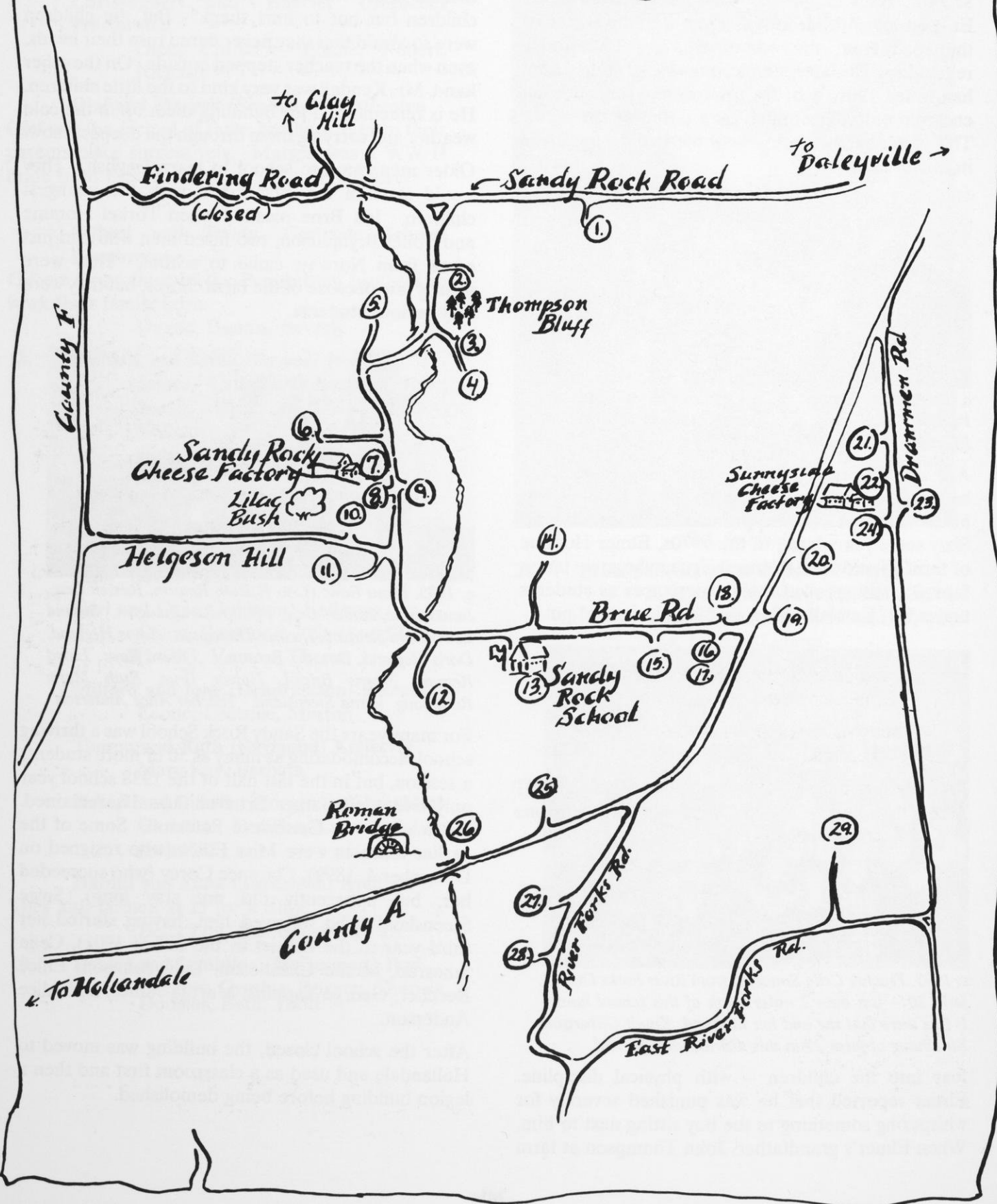


c. 1935. Front Row: (L to R) Ruth Retrum, Russell Berg, James Brue, Robert Berg, Phillip Rundhaug. Second Row: Clara Retrum, Thelma Thompson, Amos Hegland, Doris Hegland, Dorothy Retrum. Third Row: Lloyd Retrum, Morris Bristol, Halvor Brue, Ruth Marie Rundhaug, Verna Steensland. Teacher Alice Anderson.

For many years the Sandy Rock School was a thriving school, accomodating as many as 50 or more students a session, but in the last half of the 1938 school year only one pupil, James Brue of farm 17, remained. His teacher was Genevieve Peterson. Some of the earlier teachers were Miss Elliot (who resigned on December 1, 1899), Clarence Corey (who succeeded her, but apparently did not stay long), Susie Steensland (who followed him, having started her third year in the district in the fall of 1901), Celia Smesrud, Mollie Chestleson, Lulu Johnson, Enice Beecher, George Tappins, Martha James, and Alice Anderson.

After the school closed, the building was moved to Hollandale and used as a classroom first and then a legion building before being demolished.

SANDY ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT



to Clay Hill
↑

Finding Road
(closed)

Sandy Rock Road

to Daleyville →

County F

Thompson Bluff

Sandy Rock Cheese Factory
Lilac Bush

Sunnyvale Cheese Factory

Drummen Rd

Helgeson Hill

Brue Rd

Sandy Rock School

Roman Bridge

County A

to Hollandale ←

River Forks Rd

East River Forks Rd

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SANDY ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

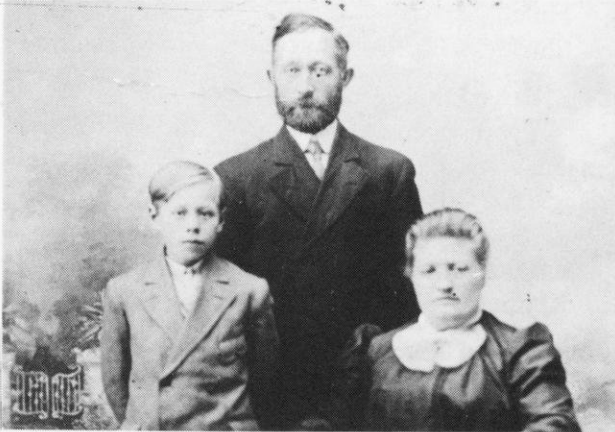
1. Ole and Elizabeth (Paulson) Swenson

James, Amanda, Elmer, Rebecca, Ben, Lulu, Inez

Egil and Julia (Sundve) Stoyl

Did not come to this valley by accident. Two of his older sisters already lived on either side of the "new" Sandy Rock School. Birgit Brue's family lived on farm 15, while Anna Peterson lived on farm 12.

Henry Swenson (foster)



Henry Swenson, Egil, and Julia Stoyl

Oscar and Blanche (Stenerson) Rude

Manford, Dorothy

Donald Vogel Family

Olaf and Margrit (Senhenn) Prestbroten

Margrit was a W.W. II bride from Kassel, Germany
Sven

Sven and Jean (Ebert) Prestbroten

Sarah (adopted)

Berthold and Joan (Hoel) Miess

Anne, Brian

2. Dwight and Nancy (Gordon) Trulen

Built a home on a parcel of farm 1 in the 1970's
Shanondoah, Joshua, Jordon



Thorbjorg (Johnson) Huset

3. Thomas and Thorbjorg (Johnson) Huset

Via land patent in the 1850s

Arne (Andrew), John, Thea

Arne (Andrew) and Andrine (Kleppe) Thompson
of Huset-Thompson

Arne's brother, John, who was married to Andrine's sister Agness, also remained in the valley, farming at 11 while Andrine and Agness' brother, Knute, farmed their family homestead across the road at 5.

Thomas, Edwin, Arthur, Livina , Albert, Alvin and Otto (twins)



Arne(Andrew) Thompson farm with the family

Thomas and Sophia (Chestelson) Thompson

Despite his being Arne and Andrina's eldest son, Tommy and Sophia did not farm here most of their lives. They moved to Sophie's family's farm in the Clay Hill School District. Tommy and Sophia did, however, spend their last years on this Sandy Rock School District farm. They lived with their son, Arne, who owned the place after World War II.

Sylvia, Atalia, Lenore, Arne, Verna, Andrine

Edwin and Clara (Holland) Thompson

Tommy's brother Edwin and his family succeeded Tommy and Sophie on this farm.

Elaine, Thelma

Arne and Ethelyn (Wenzlaff) Thompson

Thus, despite being the fifth family to operate this farm, Arne and Ethelyn were only the fourth generation of his family to farm it. Arne's sister, Atalia, also spent her entire adult life back in this valley at 14 and then 8.

Ethelyn taught school in Hollandale during the 1950's and 1960's.

Stephen, Laurie

4. Stephen and Mary (McCarthy) Thompson

Built a second home on farm 3 in the 1970's

Arne, Thea

5. Orson and Jane Bostwick

Via land patent in 1854

Hans and Mary Swenson

Lived here 2 years and made the first improvements

Olla and Anna Marie Espenson

Christopher Nelson



Andrew and Liva Kleppe

Andrew Olson and Liva Kleppe

Bought land adjoining this to the west (land accessible from what is now County F) in 1860, but did not add the parcel on which the house now on Sandy Rock Road sits until 1871.

Erick, Ole Anderson, Agness, Bertha, Andrine, Knute



Knute, Lavina, Hazel, Andres, Gladys and Olga Kleppe

Knute and Olga (Brusveen) Kleppe

Built the house in 1907. Knute's sisters, Andrine and Agness also stayed in the valley at 3 and 11, respectively.

Lavina, Daphna, Hazel, Andres, Gladys, Kenneth

Benhard and Rachel (Christianson) Brusveen

Ben was a brother to Olga (Brusveen) Kleppe. He is remembered for his musical talent. A violinist, he, John Homme from farm 14, and Jack Johnson combined their talents and came to be known as the "Sandy Rock Orchestra." Ben's sister, Olga, embroidered the logo--Sandy Rock Orchestra--in bright red, that was attached to the drums. When practice sessions were held, Ben's nieces, Lavina and Gladys Kleppe, had to chord for the group.

Helen, Halvor, Bernice, Raymond, Mae, Shirley, Clinton, Marvin

Olga (Brusveen) Kleppe

Lived at 15 with her husband during his final illness and then as a widow returned to the farm. The same John Homme of farm 14 who was in the Sandy Rock Orchestra with her brother Ben was the hired hand.

Lavina, Daphna, Hazel, Andres, Gladys, Kenneth

Kenneth and Mae (Nygaard) Kleppe

Kenneth's brother, Andres, who was married to Mae's sister, Ruth, also remained in the valley for a time at 6.

Judy, Jean

Kleppe era of 86 years ended with the sale of the farm in 1957.

Wayne and Jean (Hendrickson) Christian

Debra, Toni, Dawn



Rathbun Associates

Peter and Mary (Yeater) Rathbun

Operate Rathbun Associates, their history consulting firm, from the rehabed pig granary.

Michael

6. Joseph and Mary (Storland) Doran

Mary of the Storland-Steenslands. Joseph farmed with his brother, William, whose home up on the top of hill was in the Moscow Center School District.

Ingaborg (foster)



Joseph and Mary Doran

Knudt and Bessie (Ulven) Peterson of Almeliem-Peterson

Although born in Norway, Knudt grew up in the valley on farm 12.

Inez, Victoria



Knudt and Bessie Peterson, m. Jan. 12, 1910

Lars and Rosalie (Schmidt) Helgeland

Rodney, Richard

Amos and Marie (Marty) Peterson of

Bratbakken-Peterson

Sherrie, Terry, Jerry (triplets), Evelyn, Ben, Jane, Cindy, Stanley

Andres and Ruth (Nygaard) Kleppe

Andres was a native of the valley, being born at 5 and growing up there and at 15. Andres brother,

Kenneth, who was married to Ruth's sister, Mae, operated 5.

Robert

Wesley and Phyllis (McCaulley) Stowe Family

Virgil and Eleanor (Swingen) Gordon

They later farmed at 11.

Donavon, Dennis, Ronald



Farm that Virgil and Eleanor Gordon operated

Ludwick and Mabel (Steensland) Kleppe

Mabel is a native of the school district. She was from farm 19.

Logan, Lois, Ralph, Melvin

Richard and Sandra Rupert Family

Robert and Janet (Dolan) Negronida

Converted the property to a Bed and Breakfast Inn, known as the "Old Granary Inn".

7. Sandy Rock Cheese Factory

Built in the 1880s on the Doran Bros. farm, 6. In 1895 leading suppliers of milk were the Doran Bros. and the Elef Homme family of farm 14. The factory closed in the early 1960s.

Known Cheesemakers:

A. E. Schenk 1893-1902

Peter Thoni 1903-1911

Ulrich Furrer

John Burkhalter

Casper and Julia (Johnson) Furrer

Clifford, Lester, Inga, Leland

Casper and Alma Furrer

Alvin, Ernest, Harland, Alice, Ruth Ann

Robert Disrud

Grant Disrud

Converted to a private residence

Dennis and Jocile (Burns) Gordon

Dennis was a native of the valley. He grew up at 11.

Richard, Jodi, Veronica, Angela

Thomas and Evelyn (Peterson) Weier

Evelyn had lived just behind here at 6 as a child.
Sheila

Barbara Weber



The Sandy Rock Cheese Factory, c.1930s

8. Elmer and Atalia (Thompson) Homme

Built a new home on a parcel of farm 12 in the 1970's. Both were natives of the valley. Atalia was born on farm 3, while Elmer was born and raised on farm 14 - the farm Elmer and Atalia operated from the time they were married until their retirement in 1969. Elmer's brother, John, who had been Olga Kleppe's hired man at farm 5 lived here, too.

Leland and Carol (Hughes) Peterson

Provide care to foster children

9. Charles and Elaine (Walker) Bartle

Began summering here in 1993.

Kim, Michelle

10. John and Gorund (Gjermudsdr-Dale) Helgeson of Helgeson-Grovum

John was a Civil War Volunteer

Margit, Anna, Halvor, Johanna

John and Ingeborg (Erickson-Docken) Helgeson of Helgeson-Grovum

Elias, Peter, John, Thomas, Alfred, Mary, Sever, Clara, Albert, Paul

Elias, Peter and John became M.D.s.

Sever's sons became builders of silos. (Helgeson Harvester of Janesville, Wis.)

The buildings were razed by the 1930's after 55 years of Helgeson operation. The large lilac bush that blooms in the springtime of the year is a reminder that someone once lived on this location.

11. John and Agness (Kleppe) Thompson

Known as John Johannes Huset-Thompson, John's

brother, Arne (Andrew), who was married to Agness' sister Andrine, farmed their parents place, farm 3. While Agness and Andrine's brother Knute farmed their home place, 5.

Thomas, James, Andrew (Andreas), Annie, (Henry) Blaine, Clarence, Luella

Clarence, Blaine, and Luella Thompson

Brothers and sister.

Virgil and Eleanor (Swingen) Gordon

c. 1965. They also lived at farm 6 for a time.

Donavon, Dennis, Ronald

Dennis and Jocile (Burns) Gordon

They later lived at 7.

Richard, Jodi, Veronica, Angela

Thomas German and Mary Diezel

After living in the old farm house for over a decade, they built a new house in 1994.



Top Row:(L to R)Karine, Knudt, Peter and Ella. Bottom Row: Verona, Anna, Bessie, Walter (front), Vraal and Tilda.

12. Vraal and Anna (Stoyl) Peterson of Almeliem-Peterson

Arrived in 1884, to settle close to family and friends from home. Anna's sister, Birgit Brue, lived next door at 15. Liv Homme, across the road at 14, was also from Stoyl, while her husband Gunnar's family was from Almelia, Vraal's home. Anna's little brother, Egit Stoyl, joined them later, moving to 1.

Peter, Knudt, Karina, Tilda, Ella, Venora, Bessie, Walter

Walter and Georgia (Garfield) Peterson

Jean (adopted), James

The "Swimming Hole" south of Daleyville was located here. A popular attraction for miles around, the "Swimming Hole" was 75 feet square and 9 feet deep with a spring board on the bank that rose 6 feet above the water.

Neil and Catherine Burns
Patricia, Neil Jr.

Lloyd Peterson of Bratbakken-Peterson
Known as "Fuzzy" to friends

Edwin and Lyla (Anderson) Vinje
Elizabeth, Edward, Paul, Donald

13. Sandy Rock School

14. **Knud and Christine (Hellickson) Olson**
Via land patent in 1854

Charles Hellickson

Tellev Elivindson and Sigrid Setane
Known as Evenson, arrived in America in 1862.
Lived their first year in a cave on this farm.
At that time Kund Olson still owned the property.
Hagi (Hege) and 4 other children (names unknown)

Olav Gunderson Almelia
Arrived in America in 1871. Bought farm in 1872.

Elef Gunderson and Hagi (Tellefsdtr.-Setane) Almelia
Elef was Olav's brother. He bought the farm from Olav in 1878. However, Olav continued to live there, as did Olav and Elef's parents (Gundar Elefson Overland and Liv Olavsdatter Stoyl), Olav and Elef's sisters (Gunnell and Thea), and their maternal grandmother (Thabjor Tollefsdatter-Skali). Hagi had spent her first year in America on this farm with her parents (Tellev and Sigrid Setane) in 1862. In keeping with the Norwegian tradition since 1500 of giving newly established farms names that described their location, Elef and Hagi named their farm "Homme" which means "Little Valley." Then, in further keeping with Norwegian tradition all the people living on the farm took the last name of Homme.

Thus by 1880, the 4 generations living here were:

- 1.) **Thabjor Tollefsdatter-Skali Homme** who immigrated in 1870 by which time she had been a widow for over 30 years. She lived to be 102 years old.
- 2.) **Gunder Elefson (Overland) and Liv (Olavsdatter-Stoyl) Homme**
Elef (died), **Gunell, Anna, Thea, Halvor, Elef, Olav**
- 3.) **Elef Gundarson and Hagi (Tellefsdtr.-**

Setane) Homme
4.) **(Gustav) Theodore Elefson Homme**



Four generations of the Homme Family

Theodore and Annie (Thompson) Homme
Theodore succeeded his father Elef as owner of the farm. Annie was also a native of this school district, having grown up on farm 11.

Elmer, Alice, John, Bernice, Grant, Lily, Verena Kerman (foster daughter)



Theodore and Annie Homme

Elmer and Atalia (Thomspon) Homme
Both were natives of the valley. Atalia was born on farm 3.

Homme era of 108 years ended with the sale of the farm in 1969.

Gordon and Marilyn Lockwood
Joseph

Michael and Jane (Hierl) Balch
Christina, Michael, Samuel

15. Halvor and Birgit (Stoyl) Brue

They moved from Norway to Iowa in 1881, but did not like it. In route back to Norway in 1883, they passed through here--possibly because of Liv Homme at 14 who was from Stoyl, like Birgit. Birgit said she felt she could stay here. The next year, 1884, her youngest sister, Anna Peterson, moved to 12. The baby of the Stoyl family, Egil, later moved to 1.

Gena, Thea, Ole, Gurine, Kristine, Henry, Ingabor, Theresa, daughter (name unknown) died at 3 years



Top Row: (L to R) Gena, Henry, Gurine, Kristine.
Bottom row: Thea, Ingabor, Halvor, (front) Theresa.

Henry and Ida (Retrum) Brue

Lived here before building their new house at 17. She was also a Sandy Rock School District native, growing up on farm 28.

Wilson, Halvor (Bud), Evangeline, James



Brue home near Sandy Rock School

Knute and Olga (Brusveen) Kleppe

Moved here from 5. After Knut's death, when the children were old enough to help her farm, Olga moved back to 5.

Lavina, Daphna, Hazel, Andres, Gladys, Kenneth

Emil Odegaard

Widower (wife Clara Gladem)
Mildred, Foster, Ruth, Lester

Buildings were razed by the 1940s. Property was added to farm 17 by Henry Brue.

16. James and Kristin (Peterson) Brue

Built a second home on farm 17 in the 1950s.

William, Daniel, Nancy

Ida (Retrum) Brue

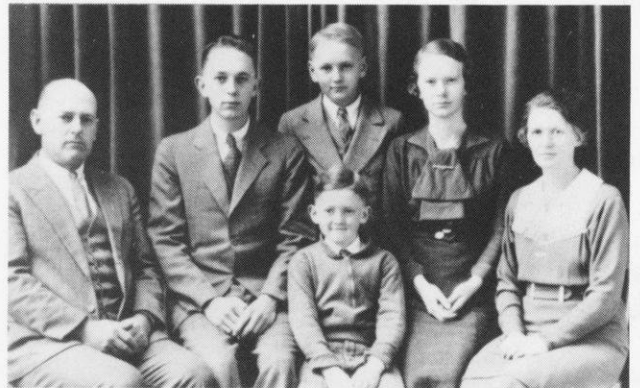
Widow of Henry Brue, lived here after James and Kristin moved to the main house.

Daniel and Marcia (Roum) Brue

Sarah, Nathan

James and Kristin (Peterson) Brue

Returned to the house in the 1990s when Dan and Marcia moved to the main house.



c. 1932 (L to R) Henry, Wilson, Halvor (Bud),
Evangeline, Ida, and (front) James Brue

17. Henry and Ida (Retrum) Brue

Built the house in 1925. Both were natives of the Sandy Rock School District. He grew up on farm 15 where he and Ida lived when they were first married. She grew up on farm 28, which her brother Melvin still farmed. Her sister, Alpha Steensland, lived across the road from this house on farm 19, while her sister, Effie Berg, lived on farm 24, closer to where these 4 Retrums had grown up.

Wilson, Evangeline, Halvor (Bud), James

James and Kristin (Peterson) Brue

William, Daniel, Nancy

Daniel and Marcia (Roum) Brue

Sarah, Nathan

18. Edward and Kjersti (Grimstvedt) Woin

Edward and Gina (Ronnold) Woin

After Edward died in 1932 Gina returned to Norway.

SANDY ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lewis and Kari (Ulsrud) Swenson

Quinton, Earl, Paul, Howard, Lawrence

Anton and Kristine (Brue) Lund

This property became part of Kristine's brother's farm, 17. Kristine was raised on farm 15.

Virginia

The last of the buildings were razed in the 1990's.

19. Ole and Anna (Isaacson-Hegland) Steensland

Ole was a Civil War Volunteer. Captured by the Confederacy, he survived incarceration in Andersonville Prison in Georgia. Ole served 12 years as Chairman of the Town of Moscow.

Blaine and Belinda (twins), Andrina, Caroline, Isaac (I.E.), Arthur, Maria, James, Irving and Ingaborg (twins)



The Steensland Homestead in the early 1900s

Blaine and Alpha (Retrum) Steensland

Both were natives of this school district. Alpha grew up on farm 28, which her brother Melvin still farmed. Her sister, Ida Brue, lived across the road on farm 17. Blaine's sister, Maria Bystol, lived at farm 23, while Alpha's sister, Effie Berg, lived on farm 24.

Amos, Irving, Mabel, Earl, Amy, Glenn, Verna, Edna

Amos and Ida (Helgeson) Steensland

Amos' sister Mabel also stayed in this school district for a while, at farm 6.

Earl and Beulah (Kahl) Steensland

Ronald, Barbara, Betty, Karen

Irving and Gwetholyn (Butteris) Steensland

Lived here over 50 years and provided foster care to 30+ children.

Marion, Caroline, Marie (adopted)

Randall and Sheila (Sutcliffe) Wenger

Randall, son of Caroline, was the last Steensland descendant to live on the farm.

Ethan, Christopher

Steensland era of 127 years ended with this 1992 sale.

William and Connie (Vinje) Johnson

Daniel, Melissa, Kristine

20. John and Guro (Steensland) Hegland Sr.

Known as Jacobson-Isaacson.

Jacob, Erick, John Jr., Andrew, Ole, Edward, Ingaborg, and 2 children who died.

Edward became a minister.

Jacob Hegland

Chairman of the Town of Perry 1911-1920. Farmer, teacher, President of the First National Bank of Blanchardville. His brother John also stayed in the Sandy Rock School District, farming next door at 21.

Carl and Alma (Ankultrud) Midthun

Chester, Tenner, Maynard, Carlton, Arlene
Maynard became a minister.

Bennie and Verna (Martinson) Grundahl

Thomas, Karolyn, Alice, Bradford

Children went to the Daleyville School.

Bradford and Karen (Domini) Grundahl

Steven, Jeffery, Jason

21. Halvor and Else (Olson) Milestone

Owned this as part of a farm that included farm 33 in the Daleyville School District too.

John and Annie (Haadem) Hegland

He was a Sandy Rock native, having grown up at 20.

Garfield, Andrew, Julia, Isaac

John and Senna (Johnson) Hegland

Built the house about 1910.

Edward, Sever, Ingaborg, Anna, Selma, Amos, Doris



(L to R) Mrs. Knudt Retrum, Mrs. Maude Retrum, Mrs. Otilda Retrum, Mrs. Alpha Steensland, Mrs. Olga Kleppe, and Mrs. John Hegland c. 1915.

Albert and Violet (Gilbertson) Martinson
Ronald, Randy, Sharon and Shirley (twins)

Kenneth and Viola (Winden) Nyhus
Katherine and Virginia (twins), Steven
Children went to Daleyville School.

Grant and Delores (Wahl) Nyhus then bought this farm and re-combined it with 33 in the Daleyville School District, re-creating Halvor and Else Milestone's original farm. The next resident, Roxanne, was Grant and Delores' daughter.

Randy and Roxanne (Nyhus) Bollig
Ryan

John and Cindy (Peterson) Johnson
Jeremiah, Joshua

22. Sunnyside Cheese Factory
Built on farm 21.

Known Cheesemakers:

Henry Greenfelder
Robert Schiedegger
Ferdinand Diederick
Robert Diederick
Robert Scherrer

Factory was razed.

23. **Mikkel and Barbo (Knudsdr Hovrud) Berg**
Bought this property via sheriff sale and combined it with farm 24, where their house was, in about 1890.

Iver and Emma (Johnson) Berg
He was Mikkel and Barbo Berg's oldest son. Iver and Emma re-separated the property from 24 and built the house.

Clara, Elida, Morgan, Alma, Irene, Isaac, Ruth, Tena, Morris

Olaf and Inanda (Kittleston) Martinson
Built the barn.

Curtis, Dennis, Amos, Orton

John and Martha (Nyhus) Martinson
Julian, Inga, Abert

Mikkel and Maria (Steensland) Bystol
Maria was a Sandy Rock School District native, having grown up on farm 19, which her brother, Blaine, still farmed.

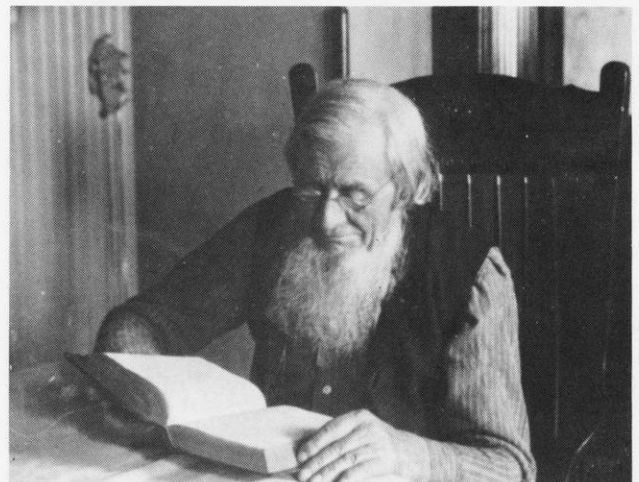
Morris (adopted)



Moriah, Morris and Mikkel Bystol

Morris and Madeline (Meylor) Bystol
Michael, Mark, Ronald, Jody, Shirley, LeeAnne, Beverly, Marsha

Raymond and Emma (Brynjulfson) Lund
Although they never lived here, they are included because they re-combined this farm with farm 24, re-creating Mikkel and Barbro Berg's original 1890s farm. The Lunds sold the house as an object and its owners moved to New Glarus, Wis.



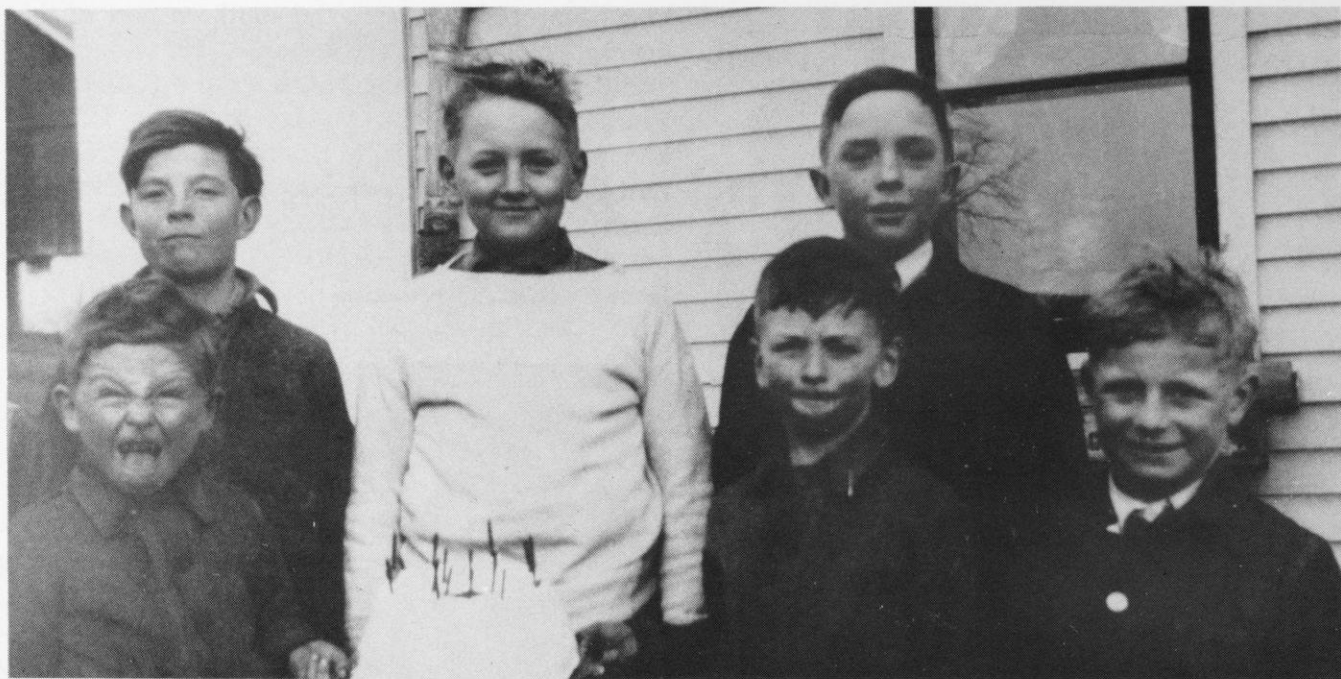
Mikkel Berg reading his Bible

24. **Mikkel and Barbro (Knudsdr Hovrud) Berg of Iverson-Berg**

Married in the Hauge Log Church. Mikkel was a Civil War Volunteer.

Iver, Knudt, Kjersti, Kari, Anna, Evan, Karina, Anna Bertina, Ingeborg, Henry

Evan and Anna (Stenseth) Berg
Hazel, Walter (died--also Mother, Anna)



Neighborhood kids at a 1930s birthday party on the Henry and Effie Berg farm (24): Russell Berg, Amos Hegland, Halvor Brue, Robert Berg, Lloyd Retrum, Phillip Rundhaug. (Emma Retrum holding Myron Berg in the window.)

Henry and Effie (Retrum) Berg

Henry succeeded his brother, Evan, rather than his father, Mikkel, on this farm. Effie was also a Sandy Rock School District native, growing up on farm 28 which her brother Melvin farmed. Her sister, Ida Brue, lived on farm 17, while her sister, Alpha Steensland, lived on farm 19. The Bergs moved away during the Depression, but owned this farm until 1945.

Robert, Russell, Morrion, Duane



Morrion, Robert, Duane (in the tub) and Russell Berg

Orville and Agnes (Brynjulfson) Rundhaug

Abert and Mildred (Gilbertson) Nyhus

Janice, Linda, David

Berg era of 90 years ended with this sale.

Peter and Sylvia (Engen) Moen

Linda, Dean

Then, Raymond and Emma (Brynjulfson) Lund purchased this farm and re-united it with farm 23, recreating Mikkel and Marbro Berg's 1890s farm. However, the Lunds never lived on either farm.

Peter and Virginia (Olson) Nyhus

Rhonda, Renee, Ragina

Reynold and Sandra (Spellman) Anderson

Jackie, Victor, John, David, Theodore (Ted)

25. Knudt and Eli Rundhaug

Rundhaug translated means "Round Hill"

Syver, Gulbrand, Martin, Torgrim Knudtson

Gulbrand and Marit (Moen) Rundhaug

Generally known by his Americanized name, Gilbert K., Gulbrand Knudtson farmed the northern portion of his father's land, while his brother, Syver, farmed the larger southern part as 27.

Grant, Minnie, Amanda, Peter, Knudt, Regina, Eva, Emma, Selma, Alfa

Grant became a minister.



(L to R) Minnie, Amanada, Gilbert holding Peter, Knut, Selma, Marit holding Alfo, Emma, and Grant Rundhaug.

Peter and Mabel (Moen) Rundhaug
Harley, Ruth Marie, Philip



Peter and Mabel (Moen) Rundhaug

Harley and Louise (Leavelle) Rundhaug
Patricia, Rhonda, Lyle, Pamela

Rundhaug era of 116 years ended with this 1971 sale.

Warrington and Frances (Meyer) Colscott
Nationally recognized artists

26. Guttrom and Anne Retrum

Immigrated in 1861 with their five children. They lived here simultaneously with their son, Knudt, and daughter-in-law, Olava, the first of three pairs of their sons and Grinder daughters to marry.

Knudt and Maren (Olava Grinder) Retrum

Knudt's older brother, Thosten, and Olava's youngest sister, Emma, lived next door at farm 28 -- on what

may have originally been the southern part of this farm. Eventually, the third couple, Iver (Knudt and Thosten's older brother) and Laura (Olava and Emma's older sister), moved from the Grinder homeplace, 3 in the Clay Hill-Spring Creek School District, to the farm on the south side of Thosten and Emma, 1 in the River Forks School District. This put all three Retrum-Grinder couple on adjoining farm for many years.

Emelia, Estella, Tena, Viola, Conrad, Isaac



(L to R) Olava, Isaac, Tena, Niola, Conrad, Ray, Stella, and Knudt Retrum.

Conrad and Maude (Hammond) Retrum

Anna, Myrtle, Lillian, Lawrence, Dorothy, Clara, Ruth

Benjamin Severson

Curtis and Lillian (Retrum) Milestone

Kenneth, Florence

Albert and Ann (Keller) Ayen

Jean, Richard, Edward

Harold and Anna (Torkelson) Ayen

Betty Lou, David, Dale, Dean

Maurice and Hedwig (Gruenenfelder) Wahl

Merlin, Michael, Maynard, Melden, Marcellus, Maureen, Myles, Marlyn

Buildings have been razed. Only the windmill and a "Roman bridge" spanning the Blue Mounds Branch of the Pecatonica River remain to serve as a reminders that people once lived here.

27. Knudt and Eli Rundhaug

Syver, Gulbrand, Martin, Torgrim Knudtson



Knudt and Eli Rundhaug's Log Homestead

Syver K. and Ragnild (Knudsdtr Hovrud) Rundhaug

Known as Knudtson-Syverson, he farmed the southern portion of his father's land, while his brother, Gulbrand, farmed the northern part as 25. Syver's part was larger than Gulbrand's because their parents continued to live on Syver's part and thus, in essence, it had to support two families.

Ellen, Martin, Kjersti, Clarence, Knute, Berthina



(L to R) Ellen, Martin, Syver, Clarence, Kjersti(front), Ragnild, Knute, and Berthina Rundhaug.

Knute S. and Berthina Rundhaug

Brother and sister.

Martin and Marie (Gjulem) Finhert

Arnie, Rogna

Arnie and Lila (Retrum) Finhert

She was also a native of the Sandy Rock School District, having grown up next door at 28.

Robert, Arnie Martin, Thomas

Stanley and Ruth (Strommen) Jorenby

Ruth instigated American advocacy for the African nation of Namibia for over 20 years.

Stuart, Sharon, Stephen, Susan, Stanton
Susan performs on the stage in the East.

Stanton and Marilyn (Hanson) Jorenby
Stanton's brother Stuart also stayed in the district, moving next door to 28 where he still farms.
Eric, Alex



(L to R) Effie, Ella, Thosten, Ida, Emma, Alpha, and Melvin Retrum

28. Thoston and Emma (Grinder) Retrum

Thoston was also known as Thomas. His two brothers were married to two of Emma's sisters. One of these couples, Knudt and Olava (Maren), lived next door at 26. The other, Iver and Laura, lived next door the other way at 1 in the River Forks Distirct. This farm may have once been part of farm 26, only set off when Thoston and Emma, the third set of Retrum-Grinder couples to marry, went farming.

Melvin, Alpha, Ella, Effie, Ida, Mabel



Emma Retrum (shown here holding her grand-son, Russell Berg) had 21 grandchildren attend the Sandy Rock School -- five of whom also lived and raised their children in this school district.



In the hey day of the country school districts, there was nothing isolated about life on the farms in the Perry Norwegian Settlement as this gathering at Thoston and Emma Retrum's farm (28) illustrates.

Melvin and Otilda (Peterson) Retrum

Otilda of Bratbakken-Peterson. Three of his sisters, Ida, Alpha and Effie, also stayed in the school district at farms 17, 19, and 24 respectively.

Milford, Otis, Esther, Curtis, Lila, Lloyd

Otis and Gladys (Nelson) Retrum

Gloria, June, Marie

Lloyd and Alice (Frick) Retrum

Milford and Ione (Hendrickson) Retrum

Leone, Leatrice, Merton

Retrum era of 90 years ended with this sale in 1970.

Stuart and Sharon (Pickett) Jorenby

Stuart was a Sandy Rock School District native, having grown up next door at 27 which his brother Stanton still farms.

Mark

Stuart and Ilene (Krauss) Jorenby

Stuart and Joan (Wittman-Narveson) Jorenby

Joshua

29. Lars and Gunild (Bjorgeney) Lindokken

Henry, Andrew, Ole, Annie, Carrie, Sophia

Henry and Malina (Spaanem) Lindokken

Louis

Louis and Olive (Gunhus) Lindokken

Herbert, Joan

Went to school at River Forks.

Herbert and Edith (MacKenzie) Lindokken

Larry, Ann, Carl, Roy, Karen

Herbert tells of 4 sites on the farm that were "earthen or dug out homes" of early settlers:

1. North of the house near the top of the hill. Known as Oppdarn.
2. In the corner of the fenceline where the Lindokken, Schraepfer, and Langfoss properties come together. Known as Bjorgeseter, probably the first home of Kari Bjorgeseter who died in 1913 at the age of 93. (See 6 in River Forks.)
3. In the Valley (Cuddydarn) north-west of the buildings. According to a local legend, this was the home of a lady while her husband was in the service of his country during the Civil War. It was during this time that the last known black bear was seen in this area.
4. West of the buildings on the fenceline of the Lindokken-Jorenby properties.

Chapter 10: Clay Hill-Spring Creek School District

This community includes two neighborhoods, one along each east-west road. School Road connecting the two only went in during the 1940s.

The Clay Hill School once stood on the Jacob Halvorson farm, 28, about a half mile from its present location. The lot bordered on the Hanley's Woods, which the Norwegians preferred calling Irish Woods, in acknowledgement of Mr. Hanley's heritage. The school, 35, was known as the Espeseth School, after the family in the closest farmhouse, 32.

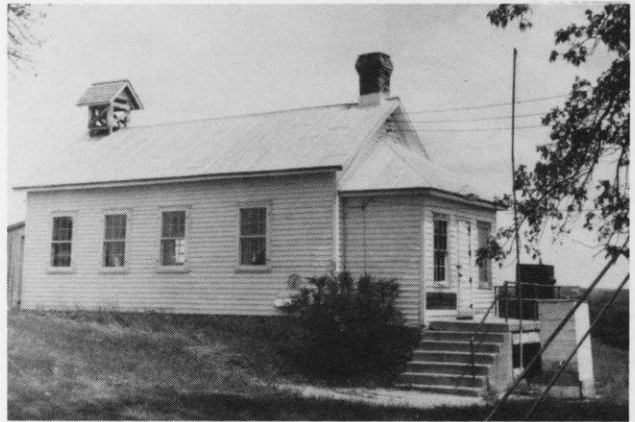
Although it was probably organized about 1870, the first records available were from 1890. In addition to the Halvorsons and the Espeseths, families that attended this school included the Grimstads at farm 26, the Olsons at 1, the Tvedts at 18, the Chestelons at 38, the Oimoens at 4, the Brattlies at 13, and the Valstads at 8. The first recorded census, taken in 1891, reported a total of 31 students: 11 boys and 20 girls from the age of 4 to 19.

The first attempt to move the school to its present site was made at the Annual Meeting of July 6, 1896: five for and eight opposed. Another attempt was made the next year, that time six voted for moving and five against. So, Hans Valstad, N.A. Brattlie, and A.K. Grimstad were chosen to select a new site.

The August 1, 1898, Meeting decided to buy a half acre from Sever Chestelson at farm 35 for seven or eight dollars. They also agreed, in a 12 to 4 vote, to move the schoolhouse to its present site, add two feet to its height, ten to its length, and append a four-foot by ten-foot porch to the front. All the work was to be completed by October 1, 1902, at a cost of \$65 for the move and \$222 for the alterations.

The July 3, 1899, Annual Meeting voted to have 5 months of school in winter and 2 months of school in summer. Previously, there had only been 4 months of school in the winter.

The same year that the remodeled school (20) opened, the Meeting decided to begin paying the



This relocated, remodeled school reopened in October, 1902.

school board \$10: \$5 to the clerk, \$3 to the treasurer, and \$2 to the director. In 1906, the district voted to provide free text books. Such expenses are part of what drove the annual school budget up from \$75 in 1894 to \$150 in 1908. Of course, these figures pale when compared to the \$3,200 it cost to run this same school building in 1962.

But, then, the tax base had changed, too. In 1900, for tax purposes the real estate in the district was valued at \$46,465 and the personal property at \$15,340.000. In 1962, it was \$180,000!

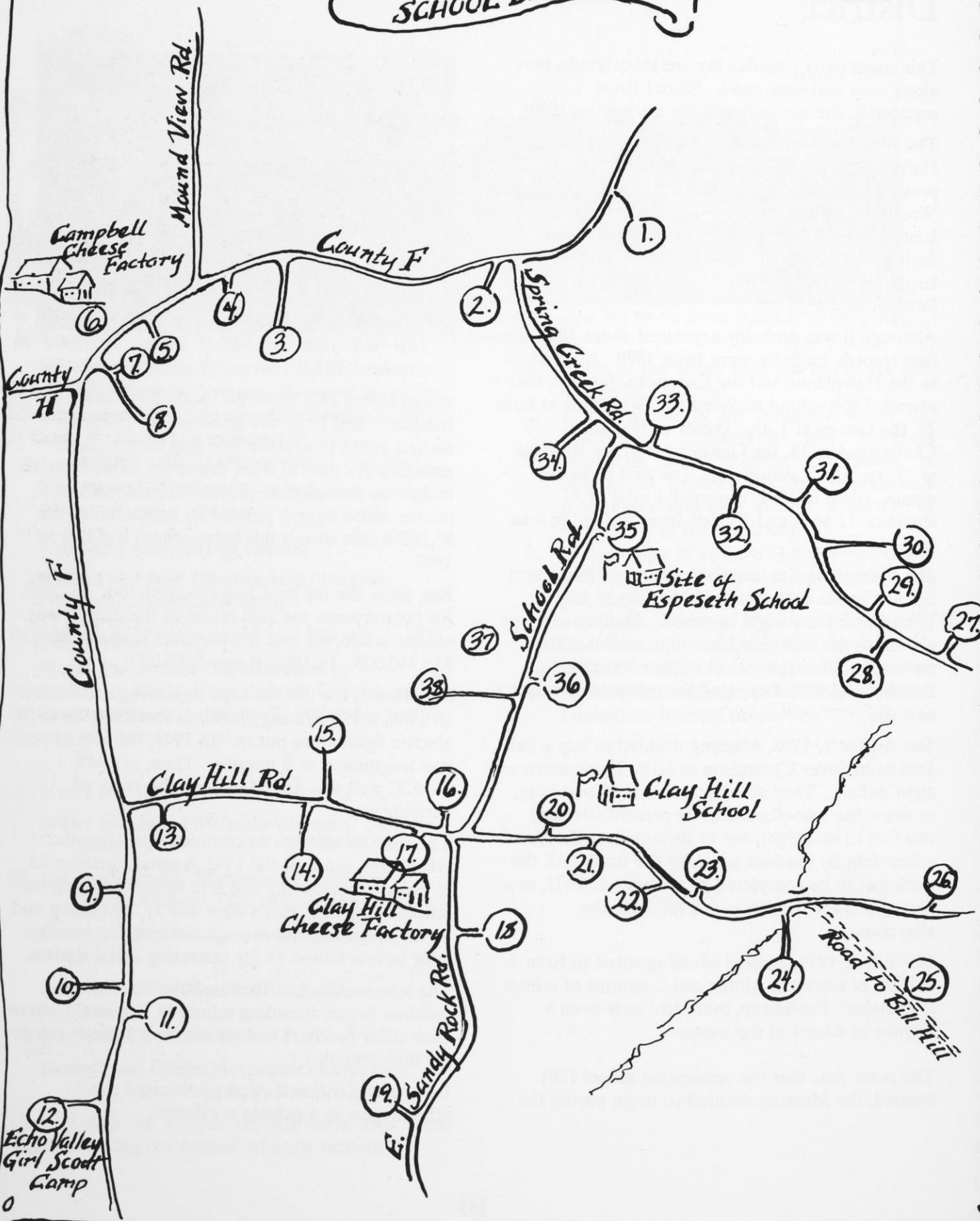
Meanwhile, the district kept improving the facility. In 1908, a \$90 heating plant was installed. In 1937, electric lights were put in. In 1943, the school year was lengthened to 9 months. Then, in 1945, a \$645.37 well was drilled, ending the years of carrying water.

The issue of whether to continue operating the school first arose at the 1941 Annual Meeting: 23 in favor of continuing and 8 in favor of closing the school. The next year's vote was 17 for closing and 11 for operating, but at a special meeting ten days later ballots tallied 19 for operating and 2 against.

The school closed in 1963 and the elementary children began attending school in Barneveld where their older brothers and sisters were already going for high school.

Larry and Kristine Ketterer converted the schoolhouse to a private residence.

CLAY HILL-SPRING CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT



1. Oscar and Annie (Daley) Olson

Marie, Knudt, Alvira, Albert

Oscar and Lillian (Spaanem) Oimoen

Oscar was a native of the district, having been raised at 4. His brother, Joseph, took that farm over after their parents. Oscar's brother, Edwin, also stayed in the district, at 24.

Julius and Ragna (Lovstad) Westby

Esther, Helen, Melvin, Ruth, Edith, Jennie

Reuben and Helen (Westby) Valstad

They also lived at 14, 15 and 28. Both were natives of the district. Reuben's parents lived at 29. His sister, Marie, also stayed in the district, at 31.

Helen's parents lived at 1.

June, Roger

Florian and Rosella (Disrud) Handel

Violet, Gladys, Grace

Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

Albert, Ernest, Arlene, Ralph, Ethel

Walter and Magdalena Tschanz

Heidi, Walter, Herman, Werner, Magdalena

Vernon and Ruby (Foss) Oimoen

Vernon was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 4, which his brother Ralph, farmed after their father.

Jean, Greg, Jackie, Peggy, Patti

Greg and Barbara (Luebke) Oimoen

Sheila, Kelly, Cory

2. Maynard and Grace (Ihus) Peterson

They moved to this new home when their son, Roland, took over the main house at farm 34.

Janean, Randall, Roland, Tracy, Trudy, Carissa

3. Ole Hansen and Ronnaug Margarethe

(Pederseth-Rolstad) Grinder

Came to America in 1859 on the ship "Brebar". They bought this property in 1863. Ole was a brother to Jacob and Nils at 8. Their father lived next door at 8 with Jacob.

Hans, Martin, Karen, Laura, Caroline, Petra, Maren (Olava), Emma (born in America)



The Grinder family c. 1880. Standing: (L to R) Kari, Caroline, Martin, Maria, Laura. 2nd row: Emma, Hans, Ole, Ronnaug, Petra. Olava in front.

Iver and Laura (Grinder) Retrum

Were the second of three pairs of Grinder sisters and Retrum brothers to marry. Olava and Knudt were the first couple to marry. They went farming where his parents lived. This second couple to marry took over the Grinder parents' farm. The third set, Thosten and Emma, took over a southern part of what had apparently been the original Retrum farm (26 and 28 in the Sandy Rock School District). Then, Iver and Laura moved from here to farm 1 in the River Forks School District. That farm adjoined Thosten and Emma's farm, putting all three Retrum-Grinder couples on adjoining farms for many years.

Amanda, Tillie, Ruth, Clara, Isabel, James, William, Elmer, Alexander

Archibald and Frederica (Helmenstine)

Campbell

Purchased this farm from Iver Retrum in 1881.

John, James, George, Edwin, May, Palma

Edwin and Edith (McKenzie) Campbell

Ed's brother, George, married Edith's sister, Minerva. They lived at farm 5 along with Ed and George's mother, Frederica.

Arthur and Emma Wallace

Bernice, Bayard, Esther

Christian and Karina (Peterson) Weck (Vik)

Christ was been born and raised at 33. His sister, Bergit, lived next door at 8. Before moving here, Christ and Karina lived at 38.

Vernell, Arvin

Vernell and Clara (Lehnherr) Weck

Clara is a native of the district, too. Her parents were cheesemakers at 17.

Irene, Robert, Ann

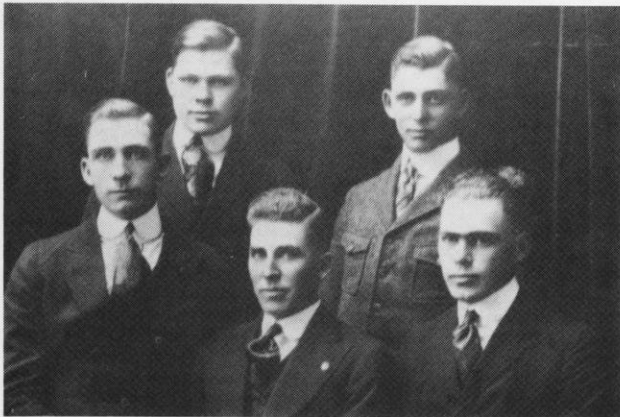


The Iver Oimoens home on Clay Hill

4. Iver and Helena (Lena Brattlie) Oimoen

Lena was a Clay Hill-Spring Creek native, having been raised at 13 which her brother, Nickolai, farmed after her parents. Her sister, Aslaug, also stayed in the district, at 9. Lena and Iver also lived at 15 -- which is simply the southern end of this farm.

Oscar, Joseph, Henry, Edwin, Alfred



Iver and Helena Oimoen's five sons: (L to R) Joseph, Alfred, Oscar, Edwin and Henry

Joseph and Esther (Stenseth) Oimoen

Joe's brothers, Oscar and Edwin, also stayed in the district at 1 and 24, respectively. Joe later lived at 18. Esther was also a native of the district. Her parents lived at 16 and her sister, Violet Campbell, lived next door at 5.

Ralph, Vernon, Anita

Ralph and Arlene (Dougherty) Oimoen

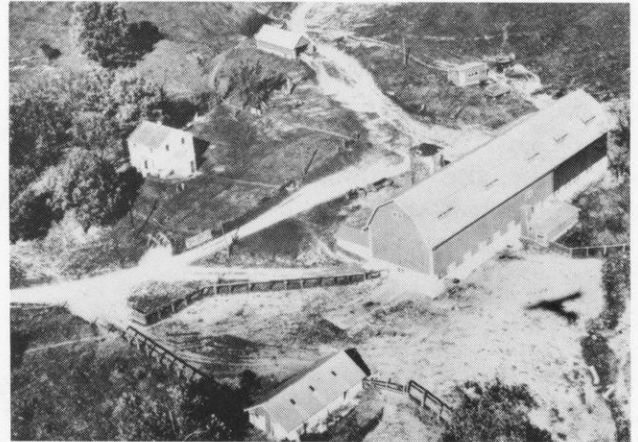
Ralph's brother, Vernon, also stayed in the district at 1.

Sherry, Dennis, Dean, James, Eugene, Randy

Eugene and Merle (Andres) Oimoen

Eugene's sister, Sherry, also stayed in the district, at 16, until Eugene took over the big house here. Then, their parents replaced Sherry and her family at 16.

Matthew



The Oimoen farm today

5. George and Minerva (McKenzie) Campbell and Frederica (Helmenstine) Campbell

George's brother, Edwin, married Minerva's sister, Edith. This second couple farmed at 3.

Albert, Scott, Clair, Archibald

Archibald and Violet (Stenseth) Campbell

Both were natives of the district. Violet's parents lived at 16 and her sister, Esther Oimoen, lived next door at 4.

Kathryn, George, James

Emil and Jane (Klundt) Gust

Walter and Kathryn (Gust) Jabs

Karen, Larry

Alvin and Alvilda (Valstad) Johnson

Alvilda was a native of the district, having been born and raised at 8.

Garry, Luanne, Roland, David

Gregg Nettesheim and Maggie Steele

Charles

6. Campbell Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

John and Annie (Schraepfer) Lehnherr

Emma, Clara

John and Leocadia (Fennis) Lehnherr

Albertina, Anna

7. Abe Elliot

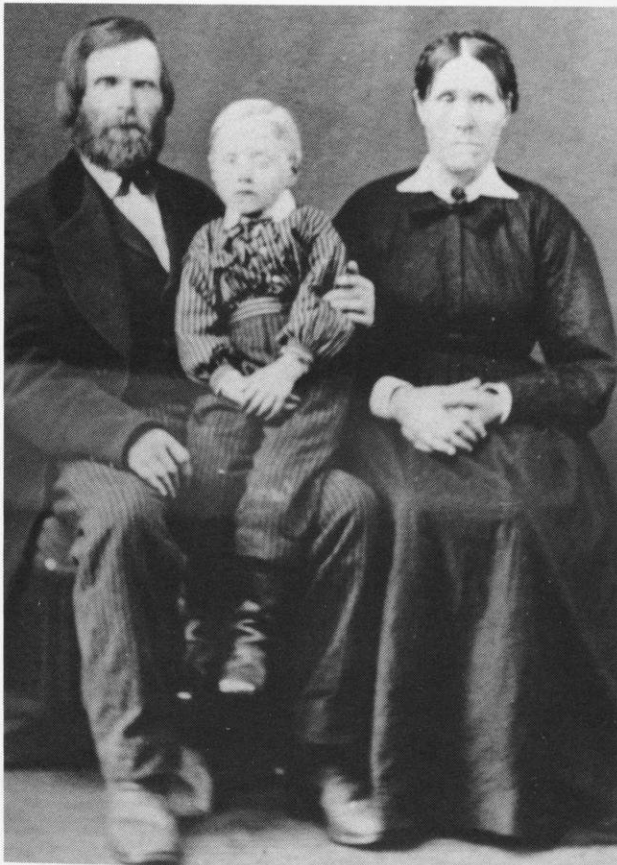
Used as a summer home. Earl Reynolds is repairing it for use as a summer home again.

8. Hans Olsen and Mari (Larseth-Hofset) Valstad
After Mari died in Norway, Hans came to America with his son Jacob and his family.

Martha, Ole, Birthe, Nils, Jacob, Maren
(stayed in Norway)

Jacob Hansen and Anne (Amundseth) Valstad
Came to America in 1853. Bought property in the Town of Brigham in 1860. His father lived with them.

Martin, Anna Maria, Elise, Helene, Jane
Andrea



Nils and Inger Hansen-Valstad and their son Jacob

Nils Hansen and Inger (Oldstr) Valstad
Came to America in 1867 and built a home on Jacob's farm. Nils and Jacob's brother, Ole Hansen-Grinder, lived next door on farm 3.

Jacob, Hans, Maria, Nils, Ludvig, Elise,
Paulina Olava



Hans and Anna Maria Valstad about 1869

Hans and Anna Maria (Jacobsdtr) Valstad

Hans was Nils' son.

Eliza, Ida, Andreas, Matilda, Hannah,
Ludvig, Lydia (died of TB), John, Ludvig,
Hilda, Alpha and Augusta (twins)



*Hans and Anna Maria Valstad's children: (L to R)
Hilda, Lydia, Ludvig*

Ludvig and Birgit (Tallacksettin-Vik) Valstad

Both were natives of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. Birgit was born and raised at 33. Her brother, Christ, also stayed in the district, at 38 and then 3. Ludvig's sister Hilda stayed in the district at 19.

Luella, Talvick, Alvilda, Victor



Ludvig and Bergit Valstad with 3 of their 4 children: Luella, Talvick, Alvilda (Victor not pictured).

Talvick Valstad

With this 1964 sale, the 104 year tenure of the Valstads ended.

Robert and Betty (Eichelkraut) Scott

Fred Nelson, Jr.

Samuel and Laura Mermin

Jennifer Bronsdon

Kristine Bruins

9. John and Ingeborg (Erickson-Docken) Helgeson

Lived in a log house on this farm.

Halvor, John, Peter, Elias, Paul, Albert, Mary, Clara, Thomas, Alfred, Sever



The Halvor Helgeson family c. 1904: (L to R) Abner, Aslaug, Annie, Ida, Julia, and Halvor

Halvor and Aslaug (Brattlie) Helgeson

Aslaug was from across the road at 13, which her brother, Nickolai, farmed after their parents. Their sister, Helena (Lena), also stayed in the district at 4 and 15.

Julia, Annie, Abner, Ida

Abner and Hazel (Paulson) Helgeson

They moved from here to 17.

James, Paul, Janet

James and Susan (Harris) Helgeson

Konni, Shawn, Kim

10. Ben and Anna (Johnsrud) Peterson

Percy, Raymond, Darwin, Lloyd, Verda, Alta, Bernice Florence, Amos, Delbert, Maynard, Bernard

Family went to school in Adamsville but belonged to Perry Church.

Delbert and Marcia (Erickson) Peterson

Delbert's brothers, Percy, Ray and Maynard, and their sister, Alta, also stayed in the district.

Leland (Pete), Vicki, Juanita, Debbie, Todd

11. Raymond and Lulu (Lee) Peterson

Ray and Lulu built this new log cabin on a small piece of property across the road from the farm where he grew up. Delbert and Ray's brother, Percy, married Lulu's sister, Thora. This couple also remained in the district for a while, at 14. Before moving here, Ray and Lulu had lived at 31. In his youth, Ray was a traveling "barn stormer". In later years, he was very involved with the Flying Farmers.

Evelyn, Richard, Lucille, Donna, Robert (Bobber), Donald, Sandra, Joette

Lulu (Lee) Peterson, Joette Peterson and Robert (Bobber) Peterson
David

12. Ole and Astrid (Juulseth-Haavrud) Swenson
In 1878, they had a new, 20'x20', frame house. When the tornado came through on May 23rd, it totally demolished this house. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson and four of their children were in the house when it happen. Mr. and Mrs. Swenson were killed instantly. When Mrs. Swenson was found dead, she was holding their uninjured, infant child. One of the other children suffered a broken thigh, another was badly cut and bruised and the fourth was uninjured.

John, Ole, Gunhild, Evan, Lewis, Margit

John and Annie Swenson

Kenneth, Walter, Robert, Alma, Olin,
Bessie, George, Malcolm

Family attended Adamsville school but belonged to Perry Church.

Echo Valley Girl Scout Camp



Aadne and Johanna Brattlie's original log home

13. Aadne (Tollefson-Hoildal) and Johanna Brattlie

The log house they built is still on this farm.

Nickolai, Aslaug, Helena (Lena), Asher,
Mattie, Tollef

Nicholai and Lizzie (Elsie Halvorson) Brattlie

Both were native of the district. Lizzie's parents lived at 23. Nickolai's sisters, Aslaug and Lena, also stayed in the district. Aslaug across the road at 9 and Lena at 4 and 15.

Agnes, Morris, Norman

Morris and Gwyneitha (Ball) Brattlie

Reginald, Marie, Kenneth

Kenneth and Beverly (Dodge) Brattlie

Lisa, Sonja, Kathy, Cheryl

14. William and Jane Andrea (Valstad) Bjerke

Jane Andrea was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. Her parents, Jacob and Anne, were 1853 immigrants who lived at farm 8.

Hjalmer, Alma

Seymour Peterson

Emmett Bunker

Albert and Alta (Peterson) Marty

Although she attended school in Adamsville, Alta was a native of this district as defined in this book. She was born and raised at 10. Her brothers, Delbert, Ray and Percy, stayed in the district. Alta and Albert also lived across the road at 15.

LaVern, Joyce, Sharon, Leon, Larry, Lois

Martin and Ruth Peterson

They also lived at 24.

Clifford Johnson

Reuben and Helen (Westby) Valstad

They also lived across the road, at 15, and at 1 and 29. Both were natives of the district. His parents lived at 29. His sister, Marie, also stayed in the district at 31. Helen's parents lived at 1.

June, Roger

Percy and Thora (Lee) Peterson

As his sister, Alta, above, although he attended school in Adamsville, Percy is a native of this district as defined here. He was born and raised at 10. Percy's brother, Ray, married Thora's sister, Lulu, and also stayed part of his adult life in the district at 31 and then 11.

Russell, Raphael, Gary, Gerald, Jeanette

Amos and Ida (Helgeson) Steensland

Ida was also a native of the district, having been born and raised at 9.

Michael and Sue (Bomkamp) Nechkash

Mike is from this district, too. His parents live at 38. Mike and Sue have built a new house at 36.

Pamela, Christopher, Becca

James and Penny Nechkash

15. Iver and Helena (Lena Brattlie) Oimoen

Lena and Iver also lived at 4 -- that is, the north end of this farm, where her family ties are noted.

Oscar, Joseph, Edwin, Henry, Alfred

Thorwald and John Topper

Albert Hauge

Leonard, Melvin, Mabel

Oscar Peterson

Ole and Emma (Gilbertson) Swingen

Clara, Wallace, Enderlein, Eleanor, Doris,
Gaylord

Reuben and Helen (Westby) Valstad

They also lived across the road, at 14, and at 1 and 28.

June, Roger

Albert and Alta (Peterson) Marty

Lived across the road at 14, where there is more information on her family.

LaVern, Joyce, Sharon, Leon, Larry, Lois

Sever and Myrtle Gladem

Delores, Virginia, Glen

Clarence Boe

Steven and Sele (Schlieff) Hufton

Jonathan, Stephen, Christine



Mollie Stenseth with her son Chestel in Daleyville. The horse's name was Fanny.

16. Ole K. and Mollie (Chestelson) Stenseth

Ole was chairman of the town of Brigham for 25 years. He went farming before his brother, Knudt, did at 34. Mollie was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 38. Her brother, Carl, worked that place with their mother after their father's death. Eventually their sister, Sophia, farmed there. Their sister, Randine, also lived in the district, at 18.

Esther, Violet, Marguerite, Chestel,
Quintin, Marie



The Ole K. Stenseth family. Standing: (L to R) Esther, Mollie, Violet, Ole, Marguerite. Front: Marie, Quinton, and Chestel.

Quintin and Hazel (Bang) Stenseth

Quintin's sisters, Esther and Violet, also stayed in the district at 4 and 5, respectively.

Ann Marie, Elaine, Philip, David, Jane,
Ron

Chestel Stenseth

Ted Watrud

Leonard and Sherry (Oimoen) Harpold

Sherry is a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised on 4, which her brother, Eugene, took over from their parents. When her parents left that farm they replaced Sherry and her family here.

John, James, Jeremy

Ralph and Arlene (Dougherty) Oimoen

Sherry, Dennis, Dean, James, Eugene,
Randy



The Clay Hill Cheese Factory as a home.

17. Clay Hill Cheese Factory

Known Cheesmakers:

Mike Thoni

Fred Mani and wife

(not to be confused with the other Fred Mani who was a cheesemaker at the Daleyville Cheese Factory)

Emma, Matilda, Fritz

Carl and Louise Lehnherr

Ernest and Regeli Blaser

Converted to a private residence.

Larry and Sharon (Marty) Jabs

Both were natives of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. His parents lived at 4 and hers, across the road from here, at 15.

Crystal, Anita, Cathy, Diana, Gregg

Abner and Hazel (Paulson) Helgeson

They lived at 9 before they moved here.

James, Paul, Janet

Greg and Anne (Hathaway) Bureson

Greg is a native of the district, having grown up on 23 and 24.

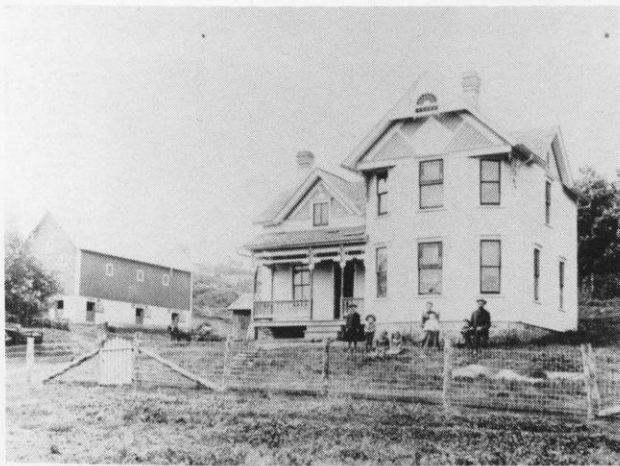
Benjamin, Nicholas

18. Edward and Annie (Halvorson) Tvedt

Annie was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District from farm 29.

Clara, Elmer, Gunda, Melvin, Roy, Doell, Minerva

The farm buildings on this land were originally located by the creek. They were moved to their present location in the early 1900s. The story is that one horse was used to move these buildings. Ed's mother **Turi Tvedt** owned part of the land and had a small house by the creek.



Tvedt buildings on their original site by the creek.

Edward and Randine (Chestelson) Westlund

Randine was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 38. Her

brother, Carl, farmed there with their mother after their father's death. Eventually, their sister, Sophia, took over that farm. Another sister, Mollie, lived at 16 most of her married life.

Sigurd

Ole and Hilda (Valstad) Stensby

Hilda was also a native of the district. Her parents lived at 8, which her brother, Ludvig, took over after them. Her brother, John, lived at 29.

Valarie, Marvin

Henry and Julia (Steensland) Vollen

Stanford, Raymond

Ole and Mollie (Chestelson) Stenseth

Retired here after Quintin took over their farm, 16.

Esther, Violet, Marguerite, Chestel, Quintin, Marie

Lloyd Windom family

Joseph and Myrtle (Brattlie) Oimoen

Joe was Chairman of the Town of Brigham for many years. He was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 4. He farmed that place before moving here with his second wife. Joe's son, Ralph, took over farm 4 after Joe. Two of Joe's brothers, Oscar and Edwin, also stayed in the district at 1 and 24, respectively.

Rita Brattlie

Donald and Phyllis (Martinson) Murphy

Steven, Pamela, Dennis

19. Ole and Gro (Olsdtr-Breiehagen) Sanderson (Oio)

Came to America in 1847.

Ole, Louis (Lars), Birgit, Lukris

Kittle and Gro (Olsdtr-Breiehagen-Sanderson) Paulson

Kittle was a Civil War Volunteer. Kittle and Gro went to Iowa.

Louis (Lars) and Sigrid (Gulleksdtr-Svensrud) Sanderson

Went to Iowa.

Ole, Anna Marie, Gunhild, Sophie, Birgit, Grete, Gullick, Amanda, Sander, Lewis, Olena

Halvor and Berit Gordon

(Grogar in Norway)

Clara, Thomas, Gunhild, Gurina, Henry, Palmer, Selmer, Lena, Gilman



Seven of Halvor and Berit Gordon's nine children. (L to R) Henry, Gurina, Thomas, Clara, Gunhild, Palmer. Baby in front Selmer.

Henry and Clara (Lindokken) Gordon

They also lived at 23. Henry's brothers, Selmer and Gilman, and sister, Gurnia, also stayed in the district, at 23 and 24, respectively.

Hazel, Virgil, Harvey, Orvin, Maynard



The Gordon Homestead

Maynard and Dorothy (Olday) Gordon

Maynard's sister, Hazel, also stayed in the district at 23 and 24. Their brother, Virgil, succeeded Hazel at 23. This house burned in a fire during Maynard and Dorothy's residence.

Larry, Diane, Nancy, Keith

Dorothy (Olday) Gordon and Larry and Wendy (Marks) Gordon

Amber, Tayler

20. Clay Hill School

Larry and Kristine (Fairback) Ketterer

Converted the school to a private residence.

Matthew

Dan and Ames (Christianson) Miller

Jessie

21. School Hill

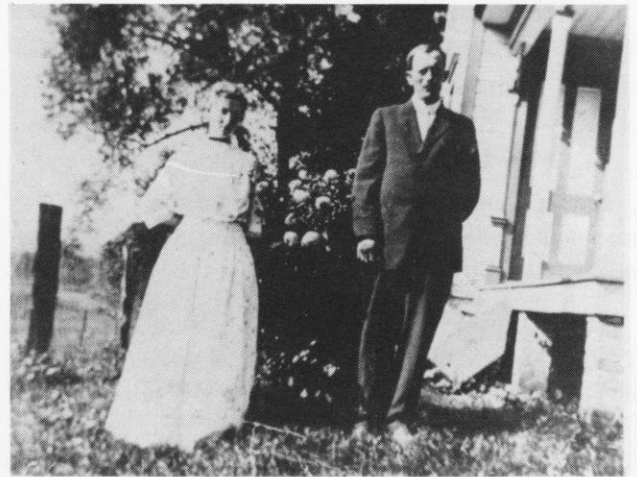
Use to be called Bjorndalen Hill. It was the main sledding hill for children who attended Clay Hill School. The sledding was stopped when cars became common.

22. Hans and Inger Bjorndalen

After Hans' death Inger moved this house into Daleyville. It is discussed as 45 in the Village of Daleyville. There is no sign of any buildings here now.

23. Sigurd and Anna Marie (Mari Isaakson) Halvorson

Isaac, Elzie (Lizzie), Anne, Helga, Amanda



Sofie and Ole Langfoss

Ole and Sophia (Hagen) Langfoss

Einar, Hartvig, Christie, Orville, Dennis, Stanley



Clay Hill Neighbors July 4, 1912. Standing: (L to R) Christian Ankaltrud, Nick Brattlie, Ole Langfoss, Axle Westlund. Seated: Gunnar Larsen, John Greunseth, Olaf Ankaltrud, Anton Ankaltrud.

Henry and Clara (Lindokken) Gordon

Henry was a native of this school district, born and raised at 19. Henry and Clara eventually moved back there to take over the family farm.

Hazel, Virgil, Harvey, Orvin, Maynard

Selmer and Gilman Gordon

Two of Henry's brothers. Their sister, Gurina, also stayed in the district at 24.

Leonard and Stella (Julson) Johnsrud

Kenneth

Leonard and Thea Margaret (Runden) Johnson

Delores, Ruby, Ruth, Carlton, DuWayne

Burnell and Levina (Butteris) Daley

Darlene, Dean

Everett and Hazel (Gordon) Burreson

Hazel was born and raised at 19. Two of her brothers, Henry and Virgil, also stayed in the district. Henry took over the home farm. Everett and Hazel also lived across the road at 24.

Carol, Rochelle, JoAnn, Geanyce, Greg

Virgil and Eleanor (Swingen) Gordon

Donovan, Dennis, Ronald

Jack and Elaine Smith

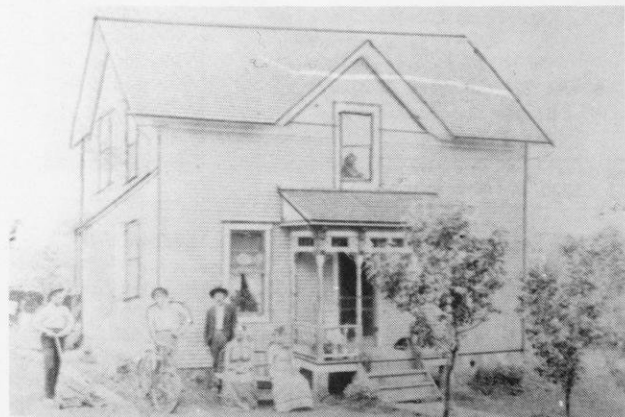
Pastor Richard and Diane (Clark) Halom

Cynthia, Martin

John and Lisa (Brattlie) Carmody

Lisa is a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 13.

Anthony, Melissa



Christ Ankaltrud's house

24. Christ and Tonetta (Oimoen) Ankaltrud

Olaf, Anton, Alma

Christ and Anna (Gronseth) Ankaltrud

Olaf and Lydia (Kleppe) Ankaltrud

Carl and Alma (Ankaltrud) Midthun

Chester, Tenny, Maynard, Carlton, Arlene

Benhard and Gurina (Gordon) Brusveen

Gurnia was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. Her parents lived at 19, which her brother, Henry, took over after them. Two of her other brothers, Selmer and Gilman, farmed across the road from here, at 23.

Bernice, Helen, Halvor

Benhard and Rachel (Ragnhild Kristianson) Brusveen

Raymond, Mae, Shirley, Clinton, Marvin

Edwin and Gena (Nygard) Oimoen

Ed was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, from farm 4. His brother, Joe, took that place over after their parents. Another brother, Oscar, also stayed in the district for a while at 1.

Robert, Grant, Ruth, Marvin, Frederick

Martin and Ruth Peterson

They also lived at 14.

Everett and Hazel (Gordon) Burreson

See farm 23.

Carol, Rochelle, JoAnn, Geanyce, Greg

Lawrence and Helen Bakke

James, Debra

25. The Big Hill

The Clay Hill Road used to run southeast from the bridge. It went up a very steep hill called the Big Hill. Model T Fords would have to turn around and back up the hill so gas could flow down hill from the gas tank to the engine. Other cars would not have enough power to carry a whole family up, so everyone jumped out and walked up. There were wild lupines and Johnny-Jump-Ups growing on the side of the road.

26. Knute O. and Mari (Ness) Grimstvedt

Came to America in 1850. Knute is traditionally credited with being one of the leaders, along with Hans Johnson Dale of what became the village of Daleyville and Ole A. Ruste of what became the Ruste School District, behind the 1851-2 construction of the first church in the Town of Perry (9 in the Daleyville School District). When that congregation organized in November 1852, Knute was one of the first trustees. When the congregation of that log church split in 1854, Knute affiliated his family with the new State Church. He

was Kirkesanger (leader of the liturgy in the absence of the pastor) for that congregation in 1855-6, a Trustee from 1859-61, and Deacon from 1872-7. In 1865, he represented Perry Lutheran at the national "Synodemode" convention.

Kjersti, Ole, John, Birgit, Torge, Adeline (born in Norway); Carl and Aslak (born in America)

Ole helped haul the wood for O.B. Dahle's first store in what became the village of Daleyville.

Aslak K. and Julia (Gunhild Swenson)

Grimstad of Grimstvedt-Grimstad
William, Eva, Nellie, Ruth, David, Alice, Joseph, the names of the other 6 children are unknown.

David and Clara (Theobald) Grimstad

Marjorie, Mary (adopted twins); Debbie Donstad, Joseph and Russell Jones (foster children)

The property remained in the Grimstvedt/Grimstad family for 110 years.

Lester and Kathleen (Sterner) Paulson

Daniel, Sheryl, Barbara, Thomas

27. Arnold and Ruth (Miller-Garfoot) Kirschbaum

William, Heidi, Flora (Garfoot), Diane, Steve, Lisa (Kirschbaum)

Michael and Susan Murphy

David and Krisann Karls

Antone



Ragnhild Hastvedt

28. Tarje and Ragnhild (Aamland) Hastvedt

Arrived from Norway in 1845.

Bergit, Anne, Tarje, Nick, Nere

Jacob and Torbjorg (Olsdtr) Halvorson

Henry, Ole, John, Hannah

John Halvorson

Christ Ness

Martha, Erling

Reuben and Helen (Westby) Valstad

They also lived at 14, 15, and 1. Both were natives of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. Reuben's parents lived at 29. His sister, Marie, also stayed in the district at 31. Helen's parents lived at 1.

June, Roger

Anne Larme and Maggie Kachinsky

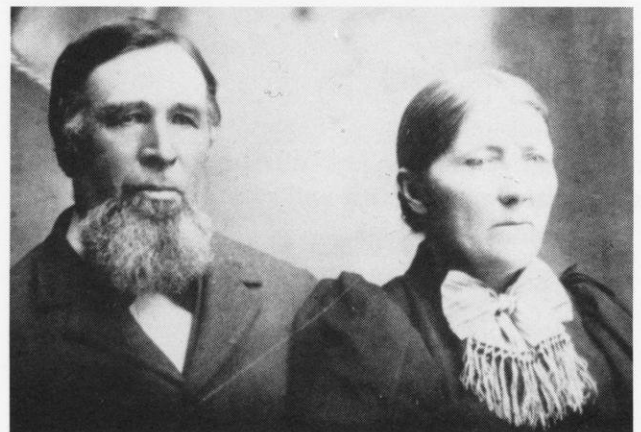
Dale and Ruth (Miller) Garfoot

William, Flora, Heidi

29. Nicholai Arneson and Anne (Tellefsdt-Omland) Aamland

They lived in a cave until they could build a log house.

Sigri, Guro



Evan and Kari Halvorson

Evan and Kari (Olesdtr-Berge) Halvorson

Ingeborg, Lena, Annie, Halvor, Marie, Annie

Ingeborg (Halvorson) Sidwell was instrumental in getting a pension system created for state employees in Wisconsin. In 1943, when Ingeborg was 79 and still working as a cleaning lady in the State Capitol Building, Governor Walter S. Goodland vetoed a bill which would have provided pensions for state employees. Determined to convince him of the error of his ways, Ingeborg

arranged a meeting with the Governor. She told him how her husband had died within two years of their marriage, leaving her with a young baby to support. How she worked at various jobs until she secured a position cleaning for the state in 1920. She told the Governor how, after all of this, she lost her life savings in the bank failures of the Great Depression and now had to continue working because there was no pension plan for her. Following this meeting, and citing it as his reason, Governor Goodland made national news by asking the legislature to override his veto and pass the pension bill. The legislature did just this.

John and Lena (Stensby) Valstad

John grew up on farm 8 -- which his brother, Ludvig, took over after their parents. Their sister, Hilda, also stayed in the district, at 18.

Harold, Reuben, Marie

Lloyd and Leona (Paulson) Johnson

Alton, Sylvan, Larry, Audrey, Dale

Leo Gilbertson family

30. Lars and Gunhild (Thorhaug)

Brinager-Anderson

Gunhild had a dressmaker's shop in Daleyville (35 in chapter 2) before she married.

Karl and Karina Kristianson

John, Olaf, Karolina, Rachel, Amalia

Buildings razed.

31. Ole and Ragnild Sundom



Syver and Sophia Johnson's home in the Spring Creek neighborhood

Syver and Sophia (Thorhaug) Johnson

Johnny, Alfred, Alice



Sophia, Alfred, Johnny, Alice, and Syver Johnson

Johnny and Marie (Valstad) Johnson

Marie's parents lived at 29.

Ed and Minnie (Rolstad) Christopher

Raymond and Lulu (Lee) Peterson

See farm 9.

Evelyn, Richard, Lucille, Donna, Robert (Bobber), Donald, Sandra, Joette

Robert and Julie (Gilbertson) Miller

Tony Mackler

32. Nils and Marit (Komplin) Espeseth

Theodore, Oscar, Gena, Betsy

Nils' parents also lived on this farm, in a log house.

Teddy Espeseth

Henry Hendrickson

Grant Homme

House burned down.

33. Tallak and Anna (Halvorseth-Almelién) Vik

Halvor, Taarand, Gunder (George), Halvor, Christian, Birgit (all of the children were born in Norway)

Taarand was a woman ahead of her time. In 1922, she became a salesperson for Augsburg Publishing House. She was also a salesperson for woolen products, a teacher, and an insurance salesperson for Lutheran Brotherhood.



Tallak and Anna Vik

Simon Rusten

Albert and Clara (Jeglum) Thorhaug
Donald

Buildings were razed.



Knudt and Amanda Stenseth

34. Knudt and Amanda (Swenson) Stenseth

Knudt's brother, Ole, farmed just up the hill at 16. Prior to moving here, Knudt was a blacksmith shop in Daleyville (see Chapter 2).

Bernadine, Naomi, Russell, Lloyd, Helen,
Florence, Marcella

Lloyd and Bernice (Homme) Stenseth
LaVern, Carol, Bonnie

Maynard and Grace (Ihus) Peterson
Maynard is a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek

District, having been born and raised at 10, which his brother, Delbert, still farms. Their brothers, Ray and Percy, married sisters, Lulu and Thora Lee, and stayed in the district, too. Maynard's sister, Alta, had also lived at 14 and 15. Maynard and Grace moved to a new house, 2, when their son, Roland, took over the main house on this farm.

Roland, Trudy, Janean, Randall, Tracy,
Carissa

Roland and Virginia (Williams) Peterson
Mary Lu, Weston, Roland Lee

35. Site of Espeseth School (Later moved and renamed Clay Hill School)

36. Michael and Sue (Bomkamp) Nechkash
Mike is a native of this school district. His parents lived at 38. Mike and Sue built this new home after they left 14.

Pamela, Christopher, Becca

37. Osmund Chestelson and Margreth (Vik) Chestelson

Mother and son. Margreth was a widow when she immigrated from Norway.

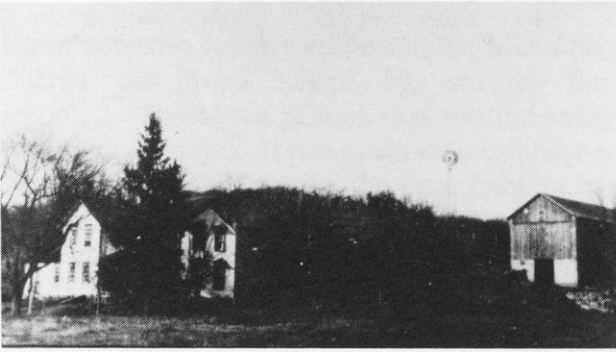
Farm sold, buildings razed.



The Sigurd Chestelson family. Standing: (L to R) Carl, Sarah, Randine. Seated: Mollie, Sigrud, Curtis, Anne, Amanda. On floor: Sophia.

38. Sigurd (Sever) and Anne (Hastvedt) Chestelson
A Civil War volunteer, Sigurd was with Sherman's march to the sea. He received 60 acres from the government for serving in Civil War. Anne was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District. Her parents lived at 28.

Marie (Mollie), Sarah, Amanda, Randine,
Carl, Sophia, Curtis



The Chestelson Farmstead

Anne (Hastvedt) Chestelson and Carl Chestelson

Mother and son. Operated the farm after Sigurd's death.

Andrew and Tillie Eskar

Christian and Karine (Peterson) Weck (Vik)

Christian was a native of the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District, having been born and raised at 33. His sister, Birgit, also stayed in the district at 8. Christ and Karine moved from here to farm 3.

Vernell, Arvin

Thomas and Sophia (Chestelson) Thompson

This was Sophia's home place. Her parents, Sigurd and Anne, had established this farm right after the Civil War. Her brother, Carl, had operated this place with their mother after their father's death. Sophia's sister, Randine, both lived at 18 for a while. Her sister, Mollie, had lived most of her married life at 16, then retired to 18.

Sylvia, Atalia, Lenore, Arne, Verna



Wedding picture of Thomas and Sophia Thompson

Fred and Tammy (Tollefson) Nechkash

Jerome, Robert, John, Cheryl, Michael, Cindy, Leanne and Lori Kay (twins), Penelope and Patricia (twins), Frederick



The Clay Hill "Rug Club" was a group of neighborhood homemakers who made rugs and quilts and did other crafts.



Arne and Siri Ruste's 1851 log home may be seen today on Myrtle (Espeseth) Anderson's farm, 6. Originally the cabin stood down the hill, closer to what is now Country Z and water. Around the turn of the century Oliver and Mattie Espeseth built a new house and outbuildings, located in the fashion of the day up on top of the hill. They moved the old cabin to its current location near the farm's main barn. The Espeseth's daughter, Myrtle, restored it during the 1980s.

Chapter 11: The Moen School District

There were two country schools in the Moen School District: the Moen School, 24, and the Barber School, 2. The Moen School, down in the valley, is the older of the two. It was apparently established in the 1870s or 1880s to serve the farm families of the area depicted on the map in this chapter. This area was a "naturally occurring" neighborhood, arising out of topography, family linkages, and simple economic facts such as where different families took their milk. It ignores artificially imposed political boundaries and thus includes parts of both Iowa and Dane Counties.

The Iowa County School Superintendent created the Barber School District. It reflected political boundaries, regardless of how such boundaries split up "natural" neighborhoods. The Barber School served only Iowa County residents. It was created in 1924 when the Arneson School, located near Henry Arneson's Iowa County farm further west of the Iowa-Dane county line, became too crowded. That school district's population was spread out in such a way that just splitting the Arneson District into two parts and adding a new school on one end or the other of the old district did not create two viable school districts. So, Iowa County dissolved the Arneson District, formed two totally new districts, Meadow Grove and Barber, and built two new red brick school buildings. These districts included all of the old Arneson District, but -- so that they would have enough students in them to be practical to run -- also drew students from the districts which had surrounded the old Arneson District. For example, the children of the Helmer Grinder family at farm 1 in the Clay Hill-Spring Creek District were transferred from the Clay Hill School to Barber School. The new Barber School District included some, but not all, of the Iowa County farms in the Moen District. The majority of the Barber District is outside the Perry Parish, so is not covered in this book.

The Moen School did not close when the Barber School opened. Moen operated for about 30 more years. Most of the children attending the Moen School were between 8 and 12 years old.

Seventy-five years ago, when Myrtle (Espeseth) Anderson attended the Moen School, there was no well at the school. So at noon recess, two pupils would get water at a close neighbor's. By the time they got back to the school house, they sometimes had only a half pail of water.

During the winter, the students would ride their sleds and skis down the hill. No hill was too steep for them. During one February thaw, the water in the meadow got so high, that Myrtle remembers her father having to come for his children in the lumber wagon.

In the spring, the children often went fishing at the creek with cord for line, a cork, a willow twig for a pole, and a bent safety pin for a hook.

At Christmastime, the school held a program with a tree and a "Box Social". The girls would furnish the lunches in boxes and the boys would bid on them, each sharing their purchase with the girl who had prepared the box. They used to sell for \$2-\$3-\$5.

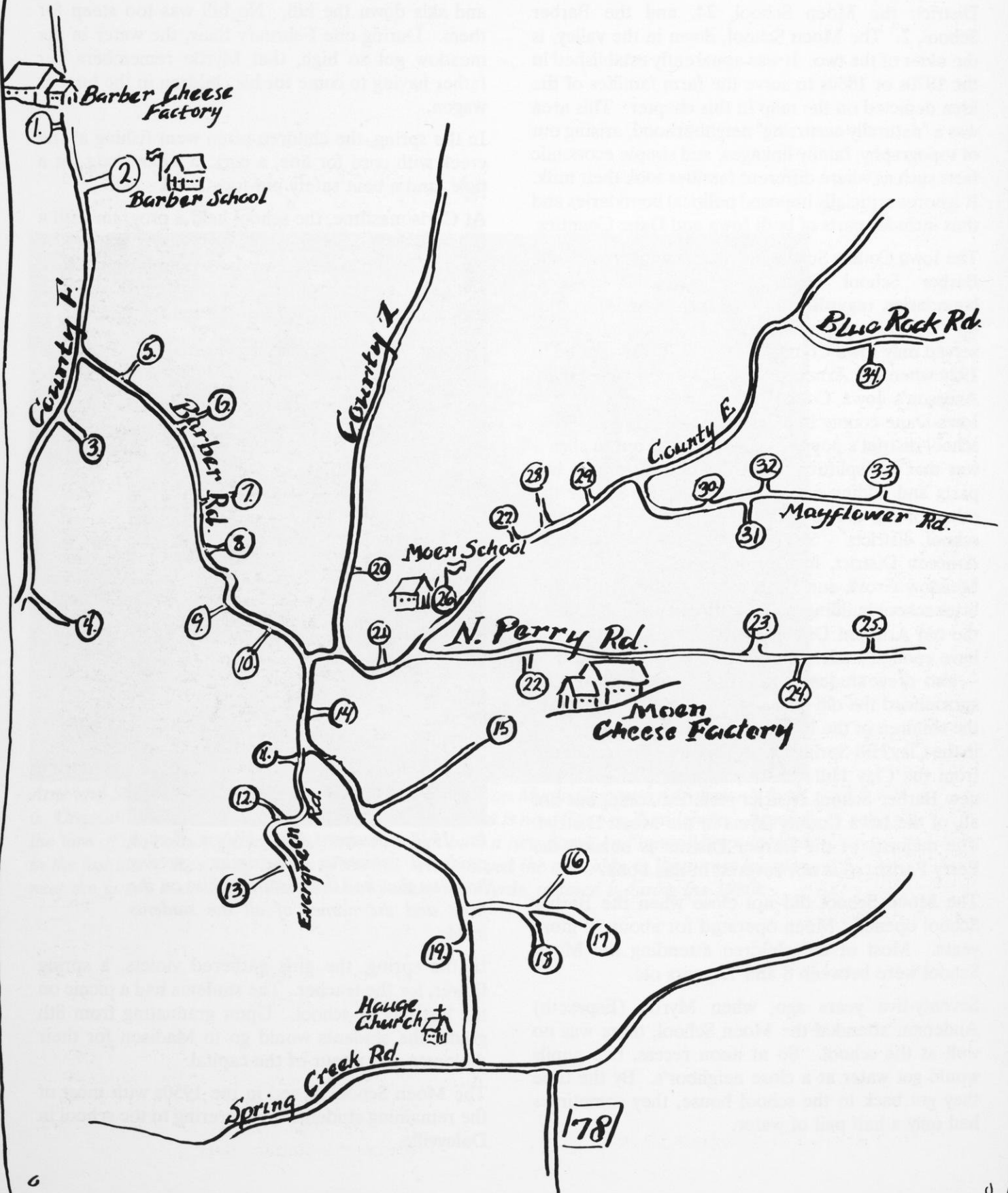


In 1918, teacher Alva Wayne Leitch produced souvenir Christmas greeting booklets that had this picture of him on the front and the names of all the students inside.

In the spring, the girls gathered violets, a spring flower, for the teacher. The students had a picnic on the last day of school. Upon graduating from 8th grade, the students would go to Madison for their diplomas and a tour of the capital.

The Moen School closed in the 1950s with most of the remaining students transferring to the school in Daleyville.

MOEN SCHOOL DISTRICT



1. Barber Cheese Factory

2. Barber School

Converted to a private residence.

Lester and Hilda (Doescher) Oimoen

He was a native of the Moen School District, having been raised at farm 4 which he and Hilda took over after his parents. Lester and Hilda also lived next door to his home farm, at 5, for a while.

Larry, Lana, Gary, David, Jeffrey

David Oimoen

3. **Olin and Alma (Komplien) Ruste**

He was also a native of this school district, from farm 5, which he and Alma took over after his parents.

Vivian, Donald



Olin and Alma Ruste

Douglas and Helen Haroldson

Dale

Joseph and Ione Handel

They lived at 5 before moving here.

4. **Sever Severson**

Ole

Ole and Rachel (Thorhaug) Severson

Eddie, Irving, Anna, Luella, Arlene, Russell,
Hazel, Roy, Bernadine and Burnett (twins)

Alvin and Clara Severson

Ludvig Lovrud

Simon Punsvick

Carl and Cornelia (Swenson) Oimoen

Lester, Doris, Kenneth



Carl and Cornelia Oimoen (seated) at their wedding, attended by Cornelia's sister, Alfa, and Carl's brother, Edwin.

Lester and Hilda (Doescher) Oimoen

Larry, Lana, Gary, David, Jeffrey

5. **Martin and Mathia (Arneson-Ruste) Loftsgordon**
Mathia was a daughter of Arne and Siri Ruste at farm 6. This farm, as farm 7 in this district and farm 10 in the Ruste School District, was probably originally part of that farm.

Wallace

Allan Arneson and Ingeborg (Slimsa) Ruste

Allan, Mathia's brother, voted at the November 5, 1854, meeting organizing Perry Lutheran Church.

Siri, Ingeborg, Anton, Gunhild, Edward,
Antonette, Mathia, Lena

Marcus and Mary (Schertenlieb) Hefty

Herman, Esther, Katherine, Edith

Christian (C.O.) and Betsy (Anderson) Ruste

C.O. was both Allan's and Ingeborg's nephew. C.O.'s father, Ole, and his uncle, Allan, had married sisters. In 1896, C.O. and Betsy took over Ole's farm, 10 in the Ruste School District.

Edwin, Anton, George, Olin, Anna, Viola, Luella, Victor

Olin and Alma (Komplien) Ruste

Vivian, Donald

Oliver and Sena Aavang

Joseph and Iona Handel

Stanley and Emma (Lehnerr) Thronson

Glenn, Paul, Beverly

Lester and Hilda (Doescher) Oimoen

Larry, Lana, Gary, David, Jeffrey

Don and Judy Granberg

6. Arne E. and Siri (Klevgaard) Ruste

Settled here in the 1840s. In the fall of 1851 Arne reputedly cut the first log for the first church in the Town of Perry (9 in the Daleyville School District, see Chapter 13). He died on April 12, 1852, and was buried in the first grave dug in the cemetery at that church.

Ole, Marit, Allan, Anne, Andrew (Anton), Ragnhild, Valina, Mathia, Siri, Gunhild, Christian

Ole should not be confused with his uncle Ole E. Ruste, the parochial school teacher. Ole Arneson was an adult by 1850 and very important in the Perry Settlement. He farmed land (10 in the Ruste School District) which lies immediately north of this place and may have originally been part of this farm. Allan, who also farmed land (5 in this district) which was probably originally part of this place, and Ole Arenson married sisters. Anne and Mathia farmed what appear to be parts of this place, too (5 and 7 in this district). Siri was confirmed in the summer of 1852 at the first confirmation service in western Dane County. She did not live long after that, however. She died in August 1858, at the age of 20, and was the second person buried in the cemetery at the new stone church (47 in the Village of Daleyville). Christian, a Civil War volunteer, died in that war.

Anders Mikkelson and Siri (Klevgaard-Ruste)

Bufugelein



Mattie and Oliver Espeseth with three of their five children: (L to R) Olga (standing), Amanda, and Nortie

Oliver and Mattie (Anderson) Espeseth

Mattie's mother's parents settled this farm. Mattie grew up next door at farm 7. Her sisters, Rosina and Sirena, also stayed in the district at 7 and 15 respectively.

Olga, Amanda, Nortie, Myrtle, Reuben



Mattie and Oliver Espeseth with all five of their children

Reuben and Helene (Torgerson) Espeseth



Myrtle Anderson in 1992

Myrtle (Espeseth) Anderson

After being widowed, she returned from Chicago and succeeded her brother, here, at her parent's farm. She welcomes visitors to the original log cabin.

Ercell, Spencer, Douglas

7. Thomas and Anne (Arneson-Ruste) Anderson

Anne was a daughter of Arne and Siri Ruste at farm 6. As farm 5 in this district and farm 10 in the Ruste School District, this farm was probably originally a part of farm 6, broken off for Anne and her husband. After Anne's mother's death, Anne's daughter, Mattie, and her husband took over Anne's parents farm.

Sadie, Sirena, Marie, Anders, Arne, Annie, Gunhild, Helena, Mattie, Arne, Rosina, Gilbert

Gilbert and Rosina (Anderson) Gilbertson

Milo, Walter, Lila, Bernice, Alta

Henry and Elida (Berg) Anderson

Walter, Evelyn, Iola

Ole Gilbertson

Ole and Clara (Tofsrud) Lee

Marvin, Nora, Vern, Bernice, Arthur, Evelyn,

Vivian

Marvin and Inez (Wallencamp) Lee

LeRoy Underwood

Paul Underwood

Kari Underwood and Greg Hartman

Paul Underwood

Tore down house and replaced it with a new house on the same site in 1992-93.

8. Royce and Joanne Hendrickson

Christy, Royce, Tandi, Joseph

Patty Nelson

9. John and Nettie (Lee) Fjelstad

Silas, Merle, Gerald, Viola, Obert, Benford, Lulu

Silas and Irene (Johnson) Fjelstad

Fred and Sophie (Cliffgard) Thousand

Pearl, Edna, Glenn

Joseph Nelson

Clifford and Idellis (Disch) Fjelstad

Debra, Duane, Gregory, Jean, Julie, George, Gelaine, Shirley

Robert and Becky Wernerehl

Nathan, Aaron

Carl Fredericks and Becky Rehl

10. Gilbert Gilbertson (Holmebek)

Gilbert, Christine, Carrie, Lena, Emma, Annie, Mabel, Otto, Ole

Five of these children stayed within the school district. Gilbert lived at farm 7. Carrie resided at farm 13. Christine was across the way at 19. Mabel, Otto, and Ole lived together at farm 29.

Ole and Otto Gilbertson

The two brothers returned here after Mabel's marriage.

Ever and Gena (Severson) Broten

Ardell, Elaine

Ardell Broten

Paul and Wanda Rachau

Renee

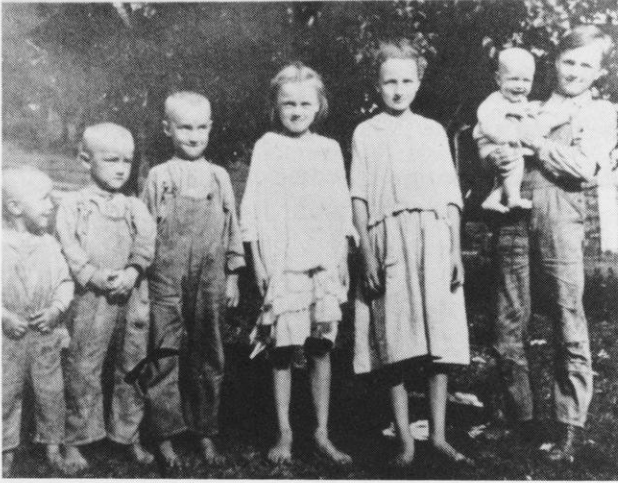
11. Ole Nelson

12. Martin and Mary Michelson

Arne and Betsy (Guthaug) Anderson

Both were natives of this district. Arne had been born and raised at farm 7 and Betsy at farm 23.

Tommy, Marie Thea, Martin, Clifford, Johnny, Lawrence, Ella



The children of Arne and Betsy Anderson c. 1917: (L to R) Clifford, Johnny, Martin, Thea, Mary, Lawrence and Tommy.

Betsy (Guthaug) Anderson and Tommy, Martin, Clifford, Johnny, and Lawrence Anderson

Mother and sons

Johnny and Janette (Komplin) Anderson

Janice, Lois, Carol, Kenneth

Buildings have been razed.

13. Theodore and Carrie (Gilbertson) Lund

Lloyd, Ida, Clara, Arthur, Obert, Marvin, Ruby, Viola

Peter and Bertha (Gonstad) Bergum

Alvin, Reuben, Daniel, Gladys, Donald

Alvin Bergum

14. Barboa

She lived here alone in a little cottage. No trace of it remains.

15. Christ and Sirena (Anderson) Nelson

Sirena was a native of the Moen School District, having been born and raised at farm 7.

John, Albert, Mollie

Anton and Lena (Disrud) Knudson

Minnie, Julia, Olin, Edwin, Alfred, Agnes, Melvin, Wallace, Alton

Olin died in WWI. Family moved to Town of Blue Mounds in the 1920s. Carvings of trolls in the front yard of present day Knudson descendents (on Hwy.

ID west of Mt. Horeb) are said to be a photographer's delight.

Gudwin and Clara (Guthaug) Christopher

Clara's sister, Betsy, lived next door at 12.

Laurine

Clifford and Alma (Holcomb) Anderson

Thus, he was Clara's nephew.

Walter

Glenn and Mary (Roach) Spaay

Sara, Pat, Leah, Corrine

16. Joseph and Betty Thompson

Raymond

Raymond and Ruth Thompson

17. Erick Russe

House has been razed, only the foundation remains.

18. Andrew Thorhaug

19. Nicholai and Christine (Gilbertson) Lund

Beulah, Mildred, Edna

Carl and Tena (Berg) Boley

Dorothy

Meroy and Josephine Benson

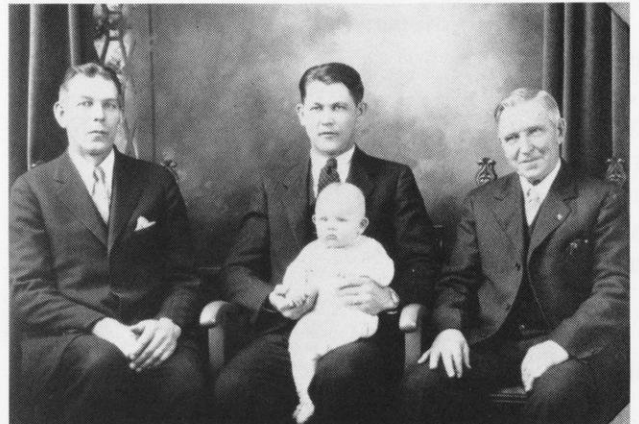
Fred and Mary Smith

20. Berit (Wold) Michelson

Ida

Thron and Mary Aslakson

Adolph, Matilda



Four generations: (l to R) Adolph Thronson, Stanley Thronson holding his son Glenn, and Thron Aslakson.

Charley and Mathilda Newcomb
Richard, Bernice, Lesley



Lesley, Richard and Bernice Newcomb



Moen Cheese Factory in the background

22. Moen Cheese Factory
Also known as North Perry Cheese Factory

Known Cheesemakers:

Christ and Elsie (Albright) Blatter
Stanley, Mabel, Elsie

Alfred Urban
Barbara, Willie, Martha, Rose

Henry and Kathy Hoesly
Henry, Katie

John Richards

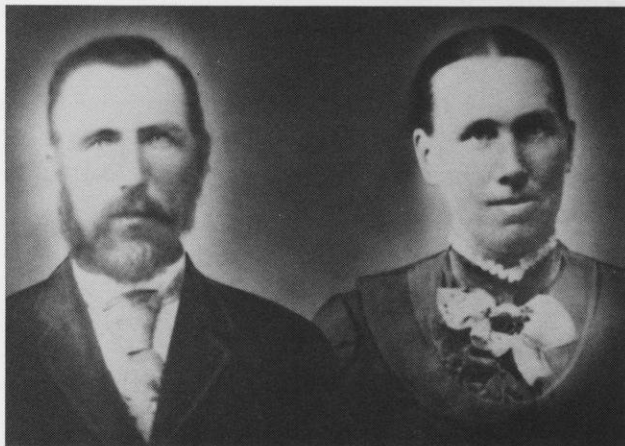
Alvin Ranum

Converted to a private residence.

Edward and Violet Rock
Kevin, Michael

Douglas Anderson
Lindsay

23. Hans and Maria (Edseth) Guthaug
James, Christ, Hilda, Lena, Clara, Betsy



Hans and Maria Guthaug

James and Christ Guthaug

Brothers. Three of their sisters, Hilda, Betsy and Clara, also stayed in the Moen School District, here and at 12 and 15 respectively.

Spencer and Renee Anderson
His parents lived at 21 when the boys were young.
His mother now lives at farm 6, just west of here.
Lenee, Dwight, Jenee

21. Anton and Nicholina Tofsrud
Clara, Lena Odin, Tillie, Bertina

John Halvorson

Al Spani

Merton Gilbertson

Isaac and Marie (Jelle) Bjelde
Kenneth

Joseph Earl and Myrtle (Espeseth) Anderson
Ercell, Spencer, Douglas

Dan Atkins

Peter and Hilda (Guthaug) Larson

Alice, Harold, Mae

Bert and Christine (Dahlby) Hanson

Betty, Linda, Marianne

Robert and Beverly Paulson

24. Karls Family

Built this new house

25. Ole Olson and Anne (Bergum) Bakken

Arriving in 1848, they were the first Norwegians to settle permanently in the Town of Perry. The name "Bakken" is translated "hill". The farm included a spring, big enough to be noted on the 1873 plat map, and a quarry. In 1852, Ole was the clerk of the school board that organized a public, English language school in the then new log church (9 in the Daleyville School District). He had to find a teacher who could pass muster before the Superintendent of Schools for what was then the Town of Springdale. He succeeded with Sigri Omland who taught 10 students that first summer.

Ole (Hill), Tidman, Marit, Astrid, Thora, Erick, Thronnd

Gulbrand and Ellen Thronndrud

Came to Town of Perry from Green County, Town of York, in 1889.

E.A. and Sarah Thronndrud

Erik and Johanna (Larson) Moe

Emma, Leonard

Jul and Augusta (Bonnerud-Johnson) Nelson

Norman, Olin, Joseph, Gena, Alpha, Otto, Melvin and Morris (twins)

Reuben and Gena (Nelson) Grinder

Robert, Nancy, Wayne

The children changed the spelling of the name to "Grender".

Robert and Carol (Boley) Grender

Debra, Anita, Cynthia, James

Ernest and Marion (Roach) Grinder

Steven, Susan

Steven and Carey (Collins) Grinder

Gregory, Jamie, Sarah

26. Moen School

Converted to a private residence.

Benhard and Rachel (Christianson) Brusveen

Helen, Halvor, Bernice, Raymond, Mae, Shirley, Clinton, Marvin

Orville and Barbara Jacoby

27. John and Annie (Moen) Oimoen

Elena, Rosena, Olaf, Edward (Eddy) and Edwin (twins), Carl, Oscar



The John and Annie Oimoen family c. 1900

Olaf and Jessie Oimoen

Edward (Eddy) and Mabel (Engen) Oimoen

Mary Ann, Roger

Arthur and Gladys Swenson and family

Marvin Kelly and wife

Jeff, Jack, Jerry, Julie

28. Bruckner family

Bought a parcel of land from farm 27 in 1986 and built a new house.

29. Clara and Otto Sale

Brother and sister.

Frank Heuser and wife

Christine, Otto

Andrew Erickson

Julia and Edward Disrud

Sister and brother moved here from their parent's home at 31.

Otto, Ole and Mabel Gilbertson

Brothers and sister

Olin and Mabel (Gilbertson) Nelson

Holmes Family

30. Charles Van Valkenberg and family

Built this new house.

31. Nels and Louisa (Sutter) Disrud

Sophie, Albert, Norman, Edward, Annie,
Adolph, Julia, Otto, George, Nora, Eleanor,
Gladys

Nora (Disrud) Groth and family

Leo and Betty Ryan and family

Rodney and Jan Latham

Carrie, Cindy, Connie

32. Mitch and Betsy Hagen

Ross, Annue

Jill Jonas and Susan Huntenburg

33. Tom and Emma Barton

Oscar, Earl, Adeline, Myrtle

Isaac and Marie Bjelde

Harlan and Benjamin Barton

Brothers

Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

Albert, Ernest, Arlene, Ralph, Ethel

Ralph and Lois (Stensrud) Grinder

Karen, Katherine, Paul, Ellen, Peter

Ralph and Marion Kahl Family

Dennis and Cynthia (Greder) Kahl Family

34. Ole and Clara (Tofsrud) Lee (Bangslien)

Marvin, Nora, Vern, Bernice, Arthur, Evelyn,
Vivian

Vern and Helen Lee

James and Christy Holmes

Orvin and Mabel (Lokken) Barton

RUSTE SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Ruste School c. 1910, Olin Ruste, teacher



Ruste School children c. 1950, Helene Espeseth, teacher

Chapter 12: The Ruste School District

The history of the Ruste School District dates back to April 7, 1855, when the Town of Blue Mounds Superintendent of Schools established District #6. The residents of this large district met at the home of Ole A. Ruste (10) on April 21, 1855, to organize.

The members elected to the first school board were: Ferdemant Steyer, Treasurer, Joen Halstenson, Director, and Hans Hanson, Clerk.

They built the first schoolhouse quite a distance west of the present school site. Farmers living in the area contributed logs to build the school. The school furniture was very crude. The desks were thick, rough pieces of board nailed along the walls. The seats were benches of the same kind of material. This schoolhouse was valued at \$84.

The first teacher in this school was Eunice K. Corbin. Her wages were \$10 per month. She taught a three-month term. Ms. Corbin stayed with the district from 1855 until February 1857 when Edward Dale, Town Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Blue Mounds, divided School District #6, renaming the part which eventually became known as the Ruste School District, District #3.

On February 8, 1868, the district held a special meeting to consider the question of a new school site and a new schoolhouse. It was resolved that the schoolhouse be moved to the center of the district. Ferdemant Steyer promised to give one acre of land from farm 14 for the schoolhouse site. This schoolhouse, another log building, was ready for use by November 1, 1868.

Between 1874 and 1881 the boundaries of Blue Mounds School District #3 changed three times. A part of Blue Mounds District #2 was added to District #3 in 1874. Part of this enlarged District #3 was removed and attached to District #7 in April 1877. Then, in December 1877, another part was taken from District #3 and added to Town of Blue Mounds and Perry Joint District #7, that is the Moen School District.

The resulting District # 3 was so different from its 1868 predecessor that at the Annual Meeting on July 5, 1897, the question of dividing the school district or choosing a new site was discussed. It was unanimously agreed that a new schoolhouse was needed, but the question of where to build it remained open. At a special meeting on July 19, 1897, C.O. Ruste of farm 10 presented a diagram of

the present school district which showed that the center came in such a place that it would be necessary to move the schoolhouse in order to accommodate two-thirds of the pupils. After discussing the matter, it was evident that no satisfactory agreement could be reached on a new site so the meeting decided that all should remain as it was for another year.

At the regular July 3, 1899, Annual Meeting the voters decided that the new schoolhouse should be located on Steyer's land, the same farm that the old one was on. The meeting then authorized the board to dispose of real estate and old buildings to best possible advantage.

All board members were present at the next meeting which was held July 18, 1899. They looked over the schoolhouse site and measured out one-half acre. This schoolhouse was completed in 1900. The lumber was bought from Thompson, Mickelson, and Halferdahl at Mt. Horeb for \$467.

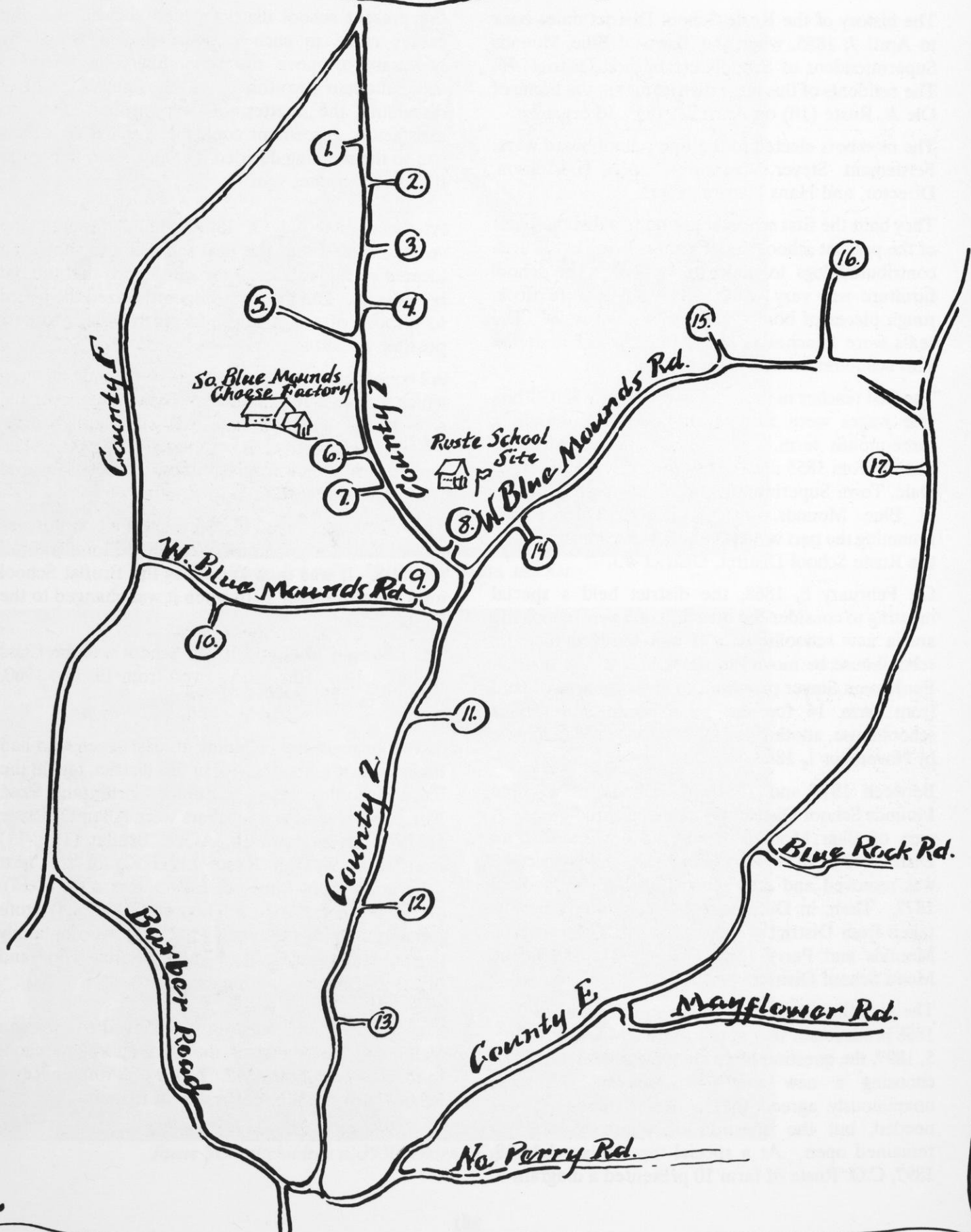
This school was called the Steyer School until it was moved across what is now West Blue Mounds Road to site 8. It was then known as the Bruflat School until about the year 1916 when it was changed to the Ruste School.

The last class to attend Ruste School was the Class of 1963. Rose Klir, who served from 1957 to 1960, was the last teacher.

Sixty-four teachers, including at least seven who had themselves attended school in this district, taught the Ruste School in between Eunice Corbin and Rose Klir. The seven local teachers were Allen O. Ruste (1875-76) from farm 10; Albert Bruflat (1910-11) from farm 9; Olin Ruste (1911-12) of the next generation from farm 10; Edwin Ruste (1912-14), Olin's brother; Mildred Thousand (1923-25) from farm 1; Sylvanus Aavang (1925-27) whose family lived at both farm 4 and 16; and Catherine Thousand (1930-31), Mildred's younger sister.

The Ruste School building was moved to German Valley and combined with the German Valley School to form a "new" house, 17. Today, the former Ruste School yard has a large growth of trees on it.

RUSTE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Sa. Blue Mounds
Cheese Factory

Ruste School
Site

County F

County 2

County E

W. Blue Mounds Rd.

W. Blue Mounds Rd.

Blue Rock Rd.

Mayflower Rd.

No. Perry Rd.

Barber Road

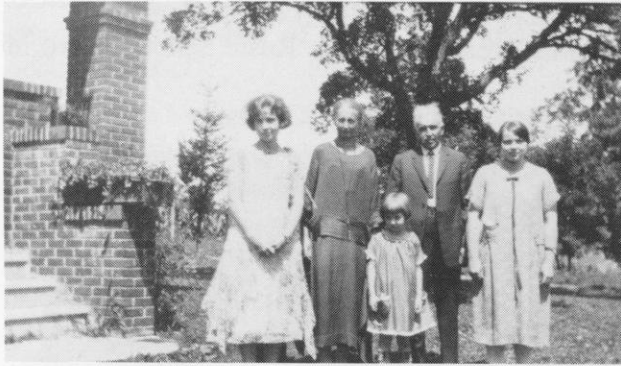
County 2

RUSTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

1. Henry Thousand

Christian W. and Melinda (Sonstebo) Thousand

Mildred, Catherine, Lucille



(L to R) Mildred, Melinda, Lucille, Chris, and Catherine Thousand

Matt and Barbara Endres

Clarence and Esther (Michelson) Lehnherr

Bert and Dorothy Rolstad

Donna, Delores

LeRoy and Gladys Collins

Mike, Jim, Charlie, Todd, Carey, Cathy

George and Helen Moyer

2. Andrew Cliffgard

Bart and Maggie (Olson) Baumgartner

Marjorie, Harold, Arlene



(L to R) Bart, Marjorie, Arlene, Harold, and Maggie Baumgartner

Harold and Geraldine Baumgartner

David, Janice, Marsha, Barbara

King and Sharon Mahoney

John, Melinda, Audra, Louis

3. Bennett and Bertha Komplin

Joseph and Esther (Stenseth) Oimoen

Ralph, Vernon, Anita

Henry and Gladys (Topper) Oimoen

Harlan



(L to R) Gladys, Harlan and Henry Oimoen

Harlan and Marilyn Oimoen

Bruce, Pamela

4. Gunnar and Lena Aavang

Alvin, Sylvanus, Idena, Gilmore



(L to R) Alvin, Gunnar, Idena, Lena, Sylvanus, and Gilmore Aavang at Gunnar and Lena's 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1947.

Alvin and Ruth (Berg) Aavang

Arlene, Rubelle

RUSTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Henry and Crystal Thompson

Sigvart and Hanna (Andresen-Forsmo) Nygaard

The Nygaard family also lived at site 16.
Esther, Clara, Signe, Ruth, Mae

Dean and Emma Collins
Francis

Dale and Joyce Bonness
Michelle, Polly

5. **Henry and Emelia (Kubly) Kahl**
Carl, Pearl, Freda

Carl and Julia (Helgeson) Kahl
Carl was Director of the Ruste School Board in 1928.
Beulah, Almira

Hendrick Anderson

John S. and Marie (Valstad) Johnson

John and Bertha (Abegglen) Amacher
John, Bertha, Leny, Ruth, Linda, Samuel



The John and Bertha Amacher family. Back row: (L to R) Ruth, Leny, John, Bertha. Front row: Mother Bertha, Linda, Father John holding Sammy.

Lester and Hilda (Doescher) Oimoen
Larry, Lana, Gary, David, Jeffery

6. **South Blue Mounds Cheese Factory**

Known Cheesemakers:

John Badertscher
Walter Huber
Orton Gilbertson

Converted to a residence:

Josie James

Cornelius and Gladys (Smith) Fink
Ruth, Darlene, Emery, Hugo, Lyle, Walter,
Merlyn, Cornelius Jr.

Amos and Irene Bruflat,
Linda, Lorie

7. **John Thousand**

Christian J. and Lydia (Lewis) Thousand
Christ was Treasurer of the Ruste School Board in 1928.

Doris, Joyce, Betty, Caryl



Christ and Lydia Thousand with their daughters: (in front) Doris, (L to R in back) Betty, Joyce, Carol

King and Sharon Mahoney

Moved here from farm 2.

John, Melinda, Audra, Louis

8. **Ruste School Site**

Located at the corner of Co. Trunk Z and W. Blue Mound Road. Building was moved to German Valley (17).

9. **Andrew and Carrie (Tvedten) Bruflat**

Carl, Selmer, Bennett, Christian, Anton,
Albert, Erick

Carl, Selmer, and Bennett Bruflat

10. **Ole A. and Anna (Slimsa) Ruste**

Although both were 1840s immigrants, Ole A. Ruste should not be confused with Ole E. Ruste, the parochial school teacher, who was probably his uncle. Ole Arneson and Anna lived in a log cabin here, on land adjoining the place his parents home-steaded (farm 6 in the Moen School District), from 1851 to 1896. They enlarged and improved it as their family grew. In about 1865, they put on a frame addition. In 1872, they added a rock addition to that.

On April 21, 1855, the meeting to organize the first public, English language school in what became the Ruste School District was also held in this house. Ole is traditionally credited with being one of the

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leaders, along with Hans Johnson Dale of what became the village of Daleyville and Knute O. Grimstvedt of what became the Clay Hill School District, behind the 1851-2 construction of the first church in the Town of Perry (9 in the Daleyville School District).

Then, at the November 5, 1854, meeting at which the State Church faction organized itself as a separate congregation, Ole A. Ruste and O.B. Dahle were selected to conduct the election of Trustees for the new church. Ole, unlike O.B., was elected a Trustee of what became Perry Lutheran Church at that meeting -- a position he held from then until 1882 (except the year 1861) and from 1889 through 1894. He was simultaneously Secretary of the Congregation from 1854 through 1882 (except for 1861). In 1861 and 1870 Ole represented Perry at the "Synodemode" national convention. From 1885-8, Ole was a Deacon of the church.

Anton, Inger, Erik, Allan, Siri, Arne, Anne, Sarah, Christian, Anne

Anton was baptised in 1851 at the first Norwegian religious service in the Town of Perry. On Christmas Day 1858, Siri was the first child baptised in the stone Perry Lutheran Church building. Erick became a minister in 1879, serving in Idaho, South Dakota, and North Dakota. Allan was the teacher in this school district in 1875-76, but then moved to Iowa.

Christian (C.O.) and Betsy (Anderson) Ruste

C.O. wrote Sixty Years of Perry Congregation here at "Rippling Rill Farm" in 1915. As his father, C.O. was a Trustee and Secretary of the Perry Congregation and represented it at the 1908 annual meeting.

Edwin, Anton, George, Olin, Anna, Viola, Luella, Victor



Front row: (L to R) Anna, C.O., Victor, Betsy, Viola. Back: George, Edwin, Luella, Anton, Olin.

Edwin and Rose Ruste

Vincent

Ray and Ruth Enloe

Betty, Clarence, Donald, Joyce, Mary, Charlotte



Ruth, Ray, Mary and Charlotte Enloe

Emory Pope

Clifford and Idellis (Disch) Fjelstad

Debra, Diane, Gregory, Jean, Julie, George, Gelaine, Shirley

11. William and Emma (Erickson) Keily

Wallace, Merl, Florence, Daniel, Harold, Edward, Ruby, Ethel, Mary, Dorothy, Virginia

Melvin and Tina (Strommen) Framstad

Mildred, LaVern, Ardell, Lela, Orpha, Marie



Front row: (L to R) Mildred, Melvin, Tina, and Orpha Framstad. Back: Lela, LaVerne, Ardell, and Marie Framstad.

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Don and Rose Marie Frisch

Bruce, Gary, Randy

Rod and Jacki Sale

Karsten, Aaron

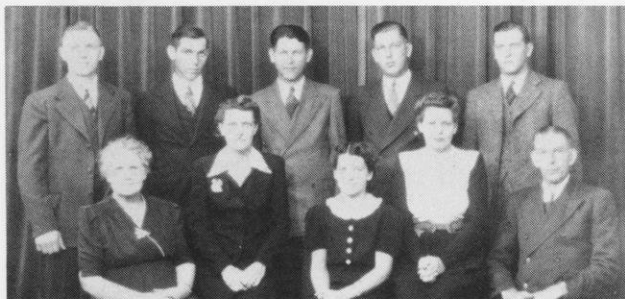
Steve and Karri Gadow

Andrew

12. Hans and Annie Brusveen

Adolph and Amanda (Halvorson) Thronson

Stanley, Edwin, Milo, Mabel, Clarence,
Reuben, Ann, Evelyn



Back row: (L to R) Edwin, Mila, Stanley, Reuben and Clarence Thronson. Front: Amanda, Mabel, Evelyn, Anne, and Adolph Thronson

Milo and Mildred (Framstad) Thronson

Ruth Ann, Donna Jean

Edwin and Myrtle Thronson

Russell, Elaine

Stanley and Emma (Lehnerr) Thronson

Glenn, Paul, Beverly

Paul and Alona (Humphreys) Thronson

Tammy, Tracy, Therese



Clara and Mabel Moen

13. Christian and Karen (Carlson) Moen

James, Clara, Mabel, Isaac, Selmer

Buildings have been razed.

14. Ferdemant Steyer

John Steyer

Walter Tschanz

Heidi, Walter, Herman, Werner, Magdalena

Carl and Corrine Vills

William Bennett

Fred and Bertha Schweitzer

Fred Jr., Ida, Ricky

LeRoy and Gladys Collins

The Collins family moved here from farm 1.

Mike, Jim, Charlie, Carey, Todd, Cathy,

15. Tollef Komplien

Ole and Inger Komplien

Alma, Isaac, Selmer, Clarence, Tena, Milo,
Ilet, Melvin

Milo and Lillie Komplien

Melba



Milo and Lillie Komplin in 1969

Victor and Irene (Knudtson) Valstad

Diane, Dennis, Delores

Kenneth and Melba (Komplin) Huseth

Lyle, Douglas, Luann

16. Arne Cliffgard

Gunner and Lena Aavang

Alvin, Sylvanus, Idena, Gilmore

RUSTE SCHOOL DISTRICT



Sigvart and Hanna Nygaard

Sigvart and Hanna (Andresen-Korsmo) Nygaard

Sigvart was Clerk of the Ruste School Board in 1928.
Esther, Clara, Signe, Ruth, Mae



(L to R) Mae, Ruth, Signe, Clara, and Esther Nygaard

Alvin and Ruth (Berg) Aavang

The couple also lived at 4, the farm he grew up on.
Arlene, Rubelle



Alvin and Ruth Aavang, Rubelle and Arlene

Ernie Gilbertson

17. Ruste School was moved to this location and combined with the German Valley School to form this house. We did not research the residents of this "new" building, as it is out of the district.



The churches in the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement always provided opportunities for fellowship and benevolence. Here members of the Hauge Evangelical Lutheran Congregation are packing candy and peanuts for their Christmas Church Service. (L to R) ? Sanders, unknown man, Nora Homme, Gilbert Hageseth, and ? Sanders.



The "Little Helpers" organized in 1905, but shown here in c. 1910, included young girls living near Daleyville. Its members raised money for charitable causes, such as the Homme's orphan home, had a good chance to socialize, learned domestic arts, read Christian literature and sing. Picture in the back are Lily Ronnold, Louise Larson, Clara Grinder and Clara Ronnold. From the back row to the front, in the light tops are unknown, Mable Johnson, Ruth Grimstad, unknown, Nora Havrud, Clara Aarhus, Anna Johnson, Agnes Daley, Myrtle Johnson, Delia, Peterson, Hazel Severson, Mildred Stensby, Hazel Paulson, Beulah Goli, Celia Sanders, Lulu Paulson, Agnes Sanders, Grace Sanders, Gladys Sanders, Bernadine Stenseth, Ruth Daley, Edna Goli, Luella Johnson, Annie Baley, Jennie Iverson, and unknown.



The Daleyville Mission Forening organized in 1892 kept a missionary in Madagascar, helped the Homme's orphan home, and did other charitable activities. Shown here sometime between 1906 and 1912 are from back (L to R) Miss Anne Hill, Mrs. Carl Sanders, Mrs. Carl Paulson, Mrs. Simon Aarhus, Mrs. Halvor Anderson, Mrs. Berit Mickelson, Miss Lanna Jacobson, Mrs. Jul Hovrud, Mrs. Ole Johnson, Miss Lisa Kittleson, Mrs. Oscar Daley, Mrs. Magnuson, Mrs. Mathea Grinder, Mrs. Caroline Grimstad, Mrs. Haser, Mrs. Ole Paulson, Mrs. Hans Larson, Mrs. Olaus Thompson, Mrs. O.T. Savre, Mrs. S.A. Sanders, Mrs. Erik Goli, Mrs. John Stuckey, Mrs. Ben Daley, Mrs. Magnus Johnson, Mrs. Agnes Lockrem, Miss Annie Jelle, Mrs. Ellen Goli, Miss Jensen, and Mrs. Oscar Olson.

Chapter 13: The Churches

THE FIRST CHURCH IN PERRY (The Old Hauge Log Church)

Before 1850, the pioneers of the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement could not join in liturgical worship and receive the sacraments. Their children were growing up without being baptized. The only public worship they could have was informal, lay-led Bible study sessions and prayer meetings based on personal experience. They held these gatherings in their small cabins or in the open.

In 1850, itinerant Norwegian preachers, or "circuit riders," began coming to the Blue Mounds Settlement (see Chapter 1). Although all three of the worship services these ministers conducted that year were north of what became the Perry Settlement, it is clear from baptismal and communion records that settlers from the Perry area took these opportunities to worship.

Then, on March 28, 1851, the Rev. Adolph C. Preus of Koshkonong officiated at the first formal Norwegian worship service in what became the Town of Perry. It was held at Anders and Aagot Sanderson's home (noted as 8 on the map of The Daleyville School District).

The Perry settlers were united in their desire to build a place of public worship and willingly contributed logs and labor. Following plans made at a meeting sometime in 1851, they built a 20'X20' log church (9 in The Daleyville School District) on the Sanderson property during the spring of 1852.



Rev. Preus held the first formal service there on May 21, 1852. The congregation organized on November 7, 1852, electing Anders Sanderson, Knute O. Grimstvedt of farm 26 in what became the

Clay Hill School District, and Ole Jacobson Dalhby of farm 20 in what became the Daleyville School District trustees.

Rev. Preus returned to hold one more service in the log church that year and three more in 1853. It is said the Rev. Elling Eielssen also held services there during these early years, but he kept no record of his pastoral journeys. Rev. Preus conducted the first confirmation service on May 27, 1853. The first wedding held in this church was that of Rev. P.A. Rasmussen to Ragnhild Holland in 1854. It should also be noted that during 1852 this building served as a schoolhouse.

During these very early years dissention grew among the members over the form their worship should take. Those who were committed to change before they left Norway, people already part of the Haugean Movement in Norway (see the initial narrative to Chapter 7), favored an informal, so-called "low-church" style. Such lay-lead worship was a necessity before having a Christiania University-educated, regularly-ordained-by-a-bishop-in-Norway minister available on a frequent and routine basis was a possibility. Some people with no previous inclination to this style of worship, people who conformed to the popular image of pioneers, undoubtedly became comfortable with this new way of worship and associated it with their new lives in a new place. They, too, favored a low-church style.

On the hand, people who had immigrated in order to pursue a traditional way of life no longer possible for them in an over-populated and industrializing Norway -- people for whom immigration was a conservative rather than a progressive act -- favored a formal, liturgical, "high-church" style. Rather than change and adapt themselves to new conditions in Norway, these people had come to a place where there was enough land for them to live the traditional Norwegian peasant way. They wanted to recreate, as closely as possible, the State Church of Norway in this new place. Some of the immigrants who were most homesick, for whom the sacraments and liturgical worship with its familiar words and forms offered virtually the only stability and security on the uncertain frontier, also favored this approach.

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The parishioners on both sides held strongly to their separate views. At a meeting on November 5, 1854, the faction "loyal" to the State Church voted to form its own congregation. Pastor A.C. Preus, followed for a short time by Pastor Herman A. Preus of Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, served those who had now become the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry.

The settlers who remained with the church which had been organized in 1852 affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (also known as the Eielssen Synod, it became the Haugean Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1876.). As its first permanent pastor, Rev. P.A. Rasmussen served the Hauge Congregation along with a congregation in the Town of Vermont and, in 1855, organized and served the York Congregation (see below).

One can only imagine the discomfort of having these two factions using the same small church. It is recorded they at times locked one another out of the building. That may account for the 1856 installation of the State Church's first permanent pastor, Rev. Peter M. Brodahl, being held outdoors by the still smaller log school which had been built near what is now Daleyville (see Chapters 2 and 3).

The Haugeans used the log church until 1887, having also been served during those years by the Revs. Fjeld and Solberg. In 1861, Anders Sanderson had formally deeded the land that the church and its cemetery stood on to the Hauge Evangelical Lutheran Church for \$2. During the

pastorate of the Rev. Knudt Hageseth (1881-1906), the congregation built a new church (2 in the Forward School District) on Pastor Hageseth's farm east of Daleyville.



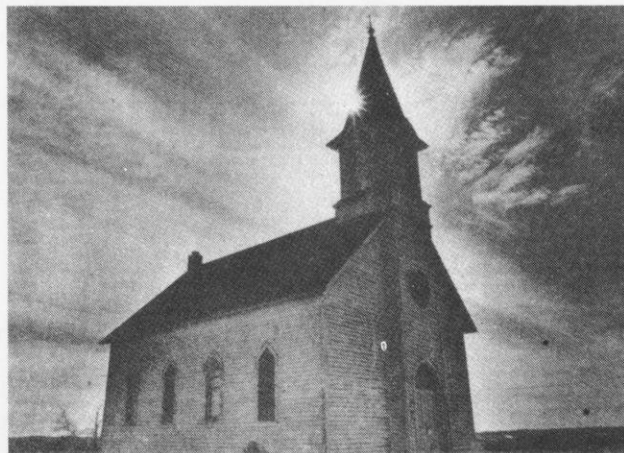
The Haugean congregation continued to use the log building for worship for 35 years -- 30 years is the typical life span of a log building. About then the ground timbers generally rot and the roofs begin to leak. From 1887 until 1927, this building was used for hay storage. This picture was taken shortly after the restoration in which the logs were covered with siding.

Members of the Hauge and Perry churches joined together in 1927 to restore the Old Hauge Log Church, and today it is open seven days a week for quiet meditation. In 1964, the State Historical Society of Wisconsin recognized the importance of this site with an official marker. In 1974, the church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

THE HAUGE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As noted above, during the pastorate of the Rev. Knudt Hageseth, the members of the Hauge Congregation built a new church. Dedicated in 1887, it topped a hill 1 1/2 miles east of Daleyville and 1 1/2 miles west of Forward on what is now County Trunk Highway A. Pastor Hageseth donated the site to the congregation.

The early 1900s were thriving years for the church, with about 20 families, that is, nearly 100 people, quite active. The congregation remained vigorous until the 1950s when, due to the decrease in rural population and membership, it became difficult to



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continue. The members decided to join other churches in the area. The building was removed in 1981 and a stone marker, inscribed with a brief history of the church, put in place.

Pastors serving this church included K. K. Hageseth (1881-1906); J.A. Johnson (1908-1912); J.N. Dordal (1912-1916); E.E. Espelien (1917-1919); J.A. Haukom (1920-1934); M.J. Olson (1934-1945); and T.K. Kleven (1945-1954).

PERRY LUTHERAN CHURCH

After the November 5, 1854, decision by many members of the first church in Perry to form a separate congregation, which would follow the pattern of worship of the State Church of Norway, the new congregation had to organize. The men (until 1952 only the men of the congregation could vote on parish matters) elected three trustees: Ole Arneson Ruste, who the state church traditionally credits with being one of the leaders, along with Hans Johnson Dale and Knute O. Grimstvedt, behind the 1851-2 construction of the first church in Perry; Hans Johnson Dale, whose home was the closest cabin to the schoolhouse built in the fall of 1852, about a mile south of that first church (see Chapters 2 and 3); and Ole Kittleson Tvedtene, whose home (17 in The Forward School District) was the closest to the even newer Torgerson School. O.B. Dahle (see Chapter 2) was, appropriately enough, elected auditor. Knute O. Grimstvedt served as "Kirkesanger" (religious leader of the congregation in the absence of a pastor) until 1856 when the congregation got its first pastor.

As sharing the log church with the other congregation became increasingly uncomfortable, the members of this new church had to address the question of where they would worship. At a February 19, 1855, meeting at the schoolhouse by Hans Johnson Dale's, the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Perry decided to purchase the present church site (47 in The Village of Daleyville) from O.B. Dahle. The congregation made plans to erect a 46'x65' stone church, 18 feet high, on this site at a December 27, 1855, at Dahle's house.

But even before all this was decided, the congregation began the process of calling a Christiania University trained, ordained in Norway pastor. In the Church of Norway, individual churches did not have individual pastors. Rather, a pastor had charge of a parish composed of a head church and several annex churches. Therefore, it made sense to Norwegian immigrants for several neighboring congregations to join together to call a

pastor. Which is exactly what the Perry, Springdale, Blue Mounds and Vermont congregations did.

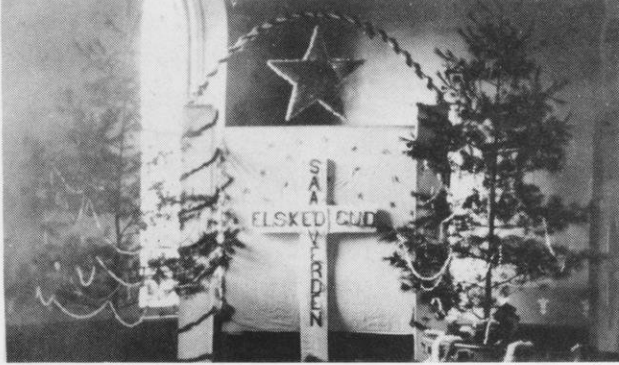
In rural Norway pastors lived on "prestegards," government provided pastors' farm. Since the government obviously would not be providing such a farm here, the congregations would have to. On February 5, 1855, the trustees of the four congregations met and agreed to buy 42 acres in Blue Valley. Although not covered in this book as it is north of the Spring Valley School District, Blue Valley was close to the middle of the area from which the four cooperating congregations drew their members. By May 26, 1856, a 16'x24'x14' frame parsonage, a well and a stable were ready for use. A five acre field had also been "broken and fenced with a seven rail fence".

Pastor Peter Marius Brodahl and his wife, Johanne Caline Hoff, arrived in July 1856 and people came from far and near to witness his installation. This was fitting because Pastor Brodahl was not only going to minister to the four congregations which had called him, but also serve as a "circuit rider" to as many as 21 other congregations spread throughout southwestern Wisconsin.

Once Pastor Brodahl had arrived, he laid the official cornerstone of the new stone church which the Perry Congregation was building. Gunolf Jackson laid the foundation in 1856, while Wilhelm Larson served as the chief mason when the walls were erected the following year. The congregation began holding services in the new church long before it was completed, with the first recorded service being Christmas Day, 1858. Planks were laid on the joists and foundation walls to serve as seats. The dedication of the church was held in February of 1861.

Meanwhile, the Brodahls had moved into the Blue Valley parsonage in 1857. State church clergy who came to America from Norway in these years were a self-conscious, educated elite. Many felt and expressed a haughty disdain for the American "wilderness." It is said the Brodahls never became

accustomed to Blue Valley and, in 1861, moved to a rented house in Black Earth -- a reasonably large village on the railroad. This opened the door for the Perry Congregation to consider building a suitable parsonage near its impressive stone church -- the most impressive which Pastor Brodahl served.



Even the Christmas decorations were simpler in the first Perry Lutheran Church.

In September 1861, the congregation decided to buy the 60-acre Prindable farm adjacent to the church. Again, donations of money, labor, and materials were sought when the congregation voted to build a parsonage (54 in The Village of Daleyville) on that site in 1863. The Brodahls (who in January 1863 had provided a \$100 loan to get the work started right away) moved in during the summer of 1863, as soon as construction was complete.

This made Perry the *de facto* head church for all the congregations its pastor served. In 1865, the Perry Congregation officially affiliated with the Church of Norway's American arm, the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Synod of American (usually referred to as the Norwegian Synod).

While serving Perry, Pastor Brodahl endured the hostility of parishioners who disagreed with his stance that the holding of slaves was not a sin and lost four of his children and, in March 1867, his wife to disease. Citing his own ill health, the 45-year-old Pastor Brodahl rendered his resignation and returned to Norway in June 1868, having served Perry for 12 years.

Before his departure, the congregation asked Pastor Brodahl to communicate with Rev. Abraham Jacobson, then in St. Louis where the Norwegian Synod educated its ministers, about accepting a call. Pastor Jacobson was installed in August 1868. He, too, came to serve Springdale and Blue Mounds and rode to places such as Adamsville in his ten years of ministry at Perry. Realizing that the distance many

of people living in the northwest corner of the parish had to travel to get to church was too great, Rev. Jacobson and others preached quite regularly at the "Brigham" and "Pokerville" schoolhouses near present day Barneveld.

In March, 1878, the congregation regretfully accepted the resignation of Rev. Jacobson who wished to return to his boyhood home near Decorah, Iowa. (This farmstead is now part of the Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum at Decorah.) Late in May, as the family was preparing to leave Perry, the area was struck by a tornado which was traveling from Mineral Point towards Madison. The parsonage and the church were heavily damaged, the pastor injured, and Charles Anderson, a man whom the pastor had befriended and allowed to stay at the parsonage at times, was killed. Four of the victims of this storm were buried at Perry the following day, while services for Miss Campbell, a schoolteacher killed as she was returning home, were held the following Sunday at Middlebury Methodist Church west of the Perry Parish, towards Adamsville.

Again subscription lists circulated to assure adequate funds to rebuild the church properties. The congregation decided to rebuild the church with only one change, the addition of a 132-foot wooden steeple.



While this reconstruction was going on, Pastor Adolph Bredeson was installed. Born in Norway but educated in the United States, Pastor Bredeson's campaign against "public dances and other vices" reflected the Haugean leanings of some

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in the Norwegian Synod. His 1878-1881 tenure not only foreshadowed Perry's 1890 organizational and doctrinal union with these moderate low-church factions in the United Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (known as the United Synod), but also the 1883 reshaping of the Perry charge.

For more than half of his three years at Perry Pastor Bredeson had to hold services out of doors or in the various schoolhouses throughout the area served by that church, while officiating at worship in the Springdale, East Blue Mounds, West Blue Mounds, Vermont and Adamsville churches. The area was too large to be served by one man. Pastor Bredeson offered to stay and serve one newly organized, smaller parish. But, when no agreement could be reached on how to divide the charge, Pastor Bredeson tendered his resignation, preaching his farewell sermon in September 1881.



The interior of Perry Lutheran Church in 1881

Rev. Peter Isberg arrived in 1882, a difficult time. Springdale and East Blue Mounds for the third time were appealing to withdraw from the charge. Agreement was reached in 1883 and a relationship of almost thirty years ended. Perry issued a second call to Pastor Isberg along with York (a Haugean-organized congregation) and Primrose. This was the beginning of a three point parish that would continue until 1958. During this 75 year era the Perry pastor also served the Adamsville (now Hollandale) and West Blue Mounds churches for various periods of time.

Even more acrimonious, however, were the heated debates of the "predestination controversy" -- the most abrasive conflict in the 19th century Lutheran Church. It began at Perry, as in the church-at-large, in the late 1870s and climaxed in the the 1880s. Some argued that God only predestined salvation,

not damnation, holding that the damned reject grace and are responsible for their own damnation. Others contended that God predestined both. The Perry Congregation withdrew from the Norwegian Synod over the issue in July 1887. A little over three months later, in September, Rev. Isberg resigned.

Within less than a month, a letter of call was sent to an Augsburg Seminarian, Hendrick Voldal. (The Haugean Synod had created this school to educate its ministers.) Ordained in June, 1888, Rev. Voldal was installed as pastor of Perry the following month and in 1890 led all the congregations under his charge into the United Synod.

Meanwhile, in August 1888 lightning struck the wooden steeple of the Perry Church. When it was stuck again in August 1903, the congregation rebuilt the steeple in limestone and copper.



Pastor Helge Hoverstad and the re-steepled church

In 1893, probably not coincidentally the same year that Rev. Voldal married Sigri Femreit of Norway, the congregation built a new frame parsonage (55 in The Village of Daleyville). After 10 years residence there, Rev. Voldal resigned to go back to school in

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Norway.

Rev. Helge Hoverstad served the area for only five years, from 1905-1909, then resigned to accept a call to Sioux City, Iowa. He was said to have been a brilliant penman and organizer, and an exacting and dependable recorder.

In June, 1910, Rev. Joseph Green, Perry's first American born pastor, was installed by his father, the Rev. L.E. Green, who had served as the interim pastor since the preceding Christmas. Joseph's wife, Agnes (Estrem) died in 1913, leaving him with three small sons. The Greens are buried in the Perry Cemetery.

During Pastor Green's tenure, the church underwent enlarging, remodelling, and refurbishing. This was done in preparation for the "Sixty Year Jubilee", a gala three day celebration held in June 1915. It must be stated here that as an adjunct to this festival, a gem of church history, "Sixty Years in Perry Congregation" was written and published by C.O. Ruste. Any serious researcher of Perry history would benefit from reading the record of pioneer life as detailed in this 143 page volume.



The stone being laid in this 1914 remodeling came from chief mason Erick Erickson's farm, 27 in the Sandy Rock School District.

It was also during this time that the congregation began using the English language in worship services, at first replacing Norwegian for one service a month. It was not until the 1940s that services were conducted entirely in English, with Norwegian being reserved for special occasions or when requested.

In 1919, the congregation replaced the 1893 parsonage with a large brick home (55 in the Village of Daleyville), removed the horse sheds, and



The addition of the apse to the end of the building changed the interior dramatically, too.

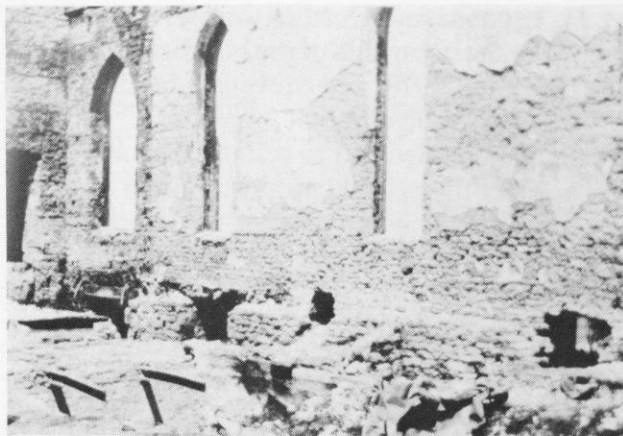
landscaped the cemetery. Kristine Goli, who served as the organist for Perry for sixty-nine years, organized a choir and the Luther League bought a pipe organ. The Sunday School was also organized in connection with the Parochial School.

Following Rev. Green's resignation in 1921, Rev. John R. Lavik was called to Perry, but due to illness, only served until March of 1926. He was followed by Rev. J.H. Myrwang, another Norwegian born pastor, who came to serve Perry in 1926 and stayed until 1930. During this era the Perry Dorcas, organized in 1900 as the Perry Pigeforening by Pastor Voldal for confirmed young women who were not yet married, installed an electric light plant for the church and parsonage and an electric motor for the pipe organ.

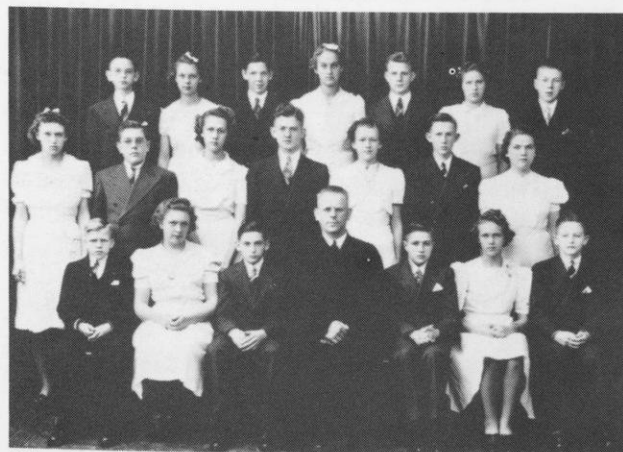
Pastor Ingvald A. Lavik, his wife, Clara and their family arrived in Perry in January, 1932, and served until December, 1950, having the longest tenure of the pastors in Perry's history. All was going well for Perry, despite the depression. The congregation was free of debt and it hoped to broaden its mission and focus on spiritual growth.

During a fierce thunderstorm on the night of July 11, 1935, this beautiful church burned to the ground, leaving only the stone walls. None of the furnishings were saved from destruction. Within a week the congregation met and plans for rebuilding the church were begun with few changes except enlarging the basement and adding an inside stairway. The building was completed in 1937 and a dedication service was held in November. The congregation had decided to postpone building a steeple, which was later done with a "low type" tower in 1954.

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Pastor Lavik continued his leadership of Perry from the depression years, through World War II until late in 1950 when, due to failing health, he resigned to serve a smaller parish in Oconomowoc. Pastor and Mrs. Lavik are buried in the Perry Cemetery, Mrs. Lavik having returned to Daleyville, as a widow, to make her home among old friends.



The size of the active congregation in Pastor Lavik's years is reflected in this confirmation class in the early 1940s.

Pastor J.O. Jorgenson, his wife, Esther, and their six lively children, along with Esther's mother, Mrs. Busness, were Perry's next "parsonage family", being



there from 1951-1958. During this time, preparations were underway for Perry's Centennial, a two day festival which took place in June 1954.



Pastor Lavik also presided over Perry's 90th anniversary celebration on August 6, 1944. It drew an amazing crowd considering war time rationing which effected gas available for civilian travel and the numbers away from the area in the service, two months after D-Day.

Following the pattern throughout the Synod, many meetings were held to consider dividing the three point parish. At the Annual Meeting in 1957, the Perry Congregation voted to become one parish,

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separating from York and Primrose. In 1958, Pastor Jorgenson resigned and accepted a call to Rio, Wisconsin.



The 1953 Perry Lutheran Church Junior Choir. Top row: (L to R) Jean Ranum, Kathryn Jorgenson, Karolyn Grimstad, Sharon Gilbertson, Joan Ranum, Karen Jorgenson, Norma Johnson, Sharon Marty, Janet Helgeson, Grace Stensby, Laurel Moen. 3rd row: Judy Syftestad, Marie Moen, Rachelle Bureson, Lenora Amacher, Mary Gilbertson, Janice Lund, Nancy Grinder, Janet Moen, Bette Syftestad, Marilyn Berg, Betty Grundahl, leader. 2nd row: Roger Grundahl, Leon Marty, David Gilbertson, Jimmy Lund, Richard Nelson, Brady Grundahl, Lorna Jorgenson, Joanne Bureson, Lois Marty, Ruth Jorgenson, Norma Moen, Shirley Anderson. 1st row: Larry Marty, Melvin Kleppe, Ronnie Jorgenson, Linda Gilbertson, Sharon Iverson, Alice Grundahl, Donna Paulson, Jean Brey, Judy and Joyce Iverson, Mary Nelson, and Phyllis Grundahl.

Pastor Paul F. Andersen and his wife, Sarah, arrived in September, 1958. The biggest undertaking for the Perry Congregation during his pastorate was the planning and building of an educational unit housing Sunday School rooms and office space. The building, with stone matching that of the existing church, was completed and dedicated in 1961.



Rev. H. Leonard and Dorthea Anderson and their family were the occupants of the big brick parsonage from 1964 until 1970, and proved to be the last of Perry's pastors to live in that large home. In 1969, the congregation decided to sell the parsonage and thirty acres of the original property and to keep ten acres for future cemetery use. A new "ranch" style house was built adjacent to the church and completed in 1970. It was first occupied by Pastor Richard Halom and his wife, Diane, who had spent their first months in Perry in a rented farmhouse. Pastor Halom served Perry from 1970 until 1974. During his pastorate, a Junior Lutherans group was organized for the elementary students. Also, plans were begun for participation in the "Bethel Series" Bible Study, which had been developed by Rev. Harley Swiggum, a native of Perry.

Pastor Fred Hofer was installed at Perry in December, 1974, and with his wife, Nancy, and their two children, resided here until 1980. During this time the congregation, now part of the American Lutheran Church in America, celebrated its 125th anniversary, took part in the "Bethel Series" and began using the new green hymnbook, "The Lutheran Book of Worship," with its revised order of worship. As part of the anniversary celebration Milo Grundahl updated C.O. Ruste's history of Perry.

Pastor Richard Rem, together with his wife, Darlene, served Perry from January, 1981 until May, 1989. A highlight for the Rems and for ten of Perry's members, and in conjunction with the 130th anniversary, was an eight day tour of the Holy Land. To commemorate that unforgettable 1984 experience, the group brought Perry a gift from Bethlehem, a hand carved nativity set which has been used each Christmas. In 1988, with the merger of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Perry became part of the new Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In 1989, as part of the 135th anniversary celebration, Gladys and Milo Grundahl revised and updated his 130th anniversary history, producing "One Hundred Thirty-Five Years of Perry."

Pastor Thomas Marks is the present pastor of Perry Lutheran, arriving here in 1990 with his wife, Phyllis, and their two daughters. While here he has earned his Doctorate in Ministry and the congregation is celebrating its 140th anniversary.

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The community from which York draws its members is located around the juncture of four counties: Dane, Iowa, Green, and Lafayette. Settlers began arriving in this area in the early 1850s. Some of the Norwegians among them assembled at the farm home of Torger Skartum (36 in The Meadow View School District) for worship. Worship was also conducted by laymen in the schoolhouse (34) which the pioneers built on this property. An 1850-1860 burial site (35) is also located on what was the Skartum farm.

In 1859, the Skartum home was also the site of the York Congregation's first confirmation service. York Church had been organized in 1855 by twenty families under the leadership of Pastor P.A. Rasmussen, who was also served the Haugean Congregation nearly six miles north of here. With the arrival of Pastor John Fjeld at both of these churches in 1860, this congregation made initial for the erection of a church building. Although construction began as early as 1861, progress

was delayed by the Civil War. The church was completed and dedicated in 1872.

With the calling of a pastor in 1880, there arose a disagreement which led to an eventual split in the congregation. The majority wanted to call a pastor from the Norwegian-Danish Conference, while the rest preferred the Norwegian Synod. The minority group organized into a new congregation and extended a call to Pastor Peter Isberg at Perry.

For some time both groups used the same building. In 1884, however, the group led by Pastor Isberg purchased the existing church and the other congregation erected a new building across the road. This is how "Old York" and "New York" came to be. The two York churches, together with Perry and Primrose, cooperated in conducting "Norske Skole" (parochial school, see below) in various schoolhouses during the summer, with teachers staying in the homes of students.

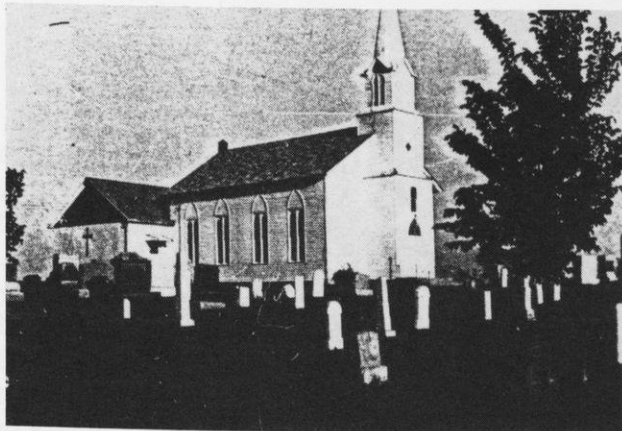
OLD YORK

Pastor Peter Isberg served "Old York" as part of a three point parish, including Perry and Primrose. Pastor J.R. Lavik, (1923-26), continued publishing a parish paper, The Parish Doings, as had his predecessor, the Rev. J.M. Green. This was a continuation of The Daleyville Doings, a little newspaper published weekly by Teddy Grinder when

School at this time with Mrs. Ole Folkedahl as superintendent.

Long time organist, Mary Brager Johnson, remembers Pastor I.A. Lavik (1932-1950) working hard with the choir, Sunday School, and Ladies' Aid. Several improvements were made to the church property at this time.

A Parish Hall was added and dedicated in 1953, during the pastorate of Rev. J.O. Jorgenson. The congregation celebrated its 100th anniversary with a two day festival in August 1955. This church's formal linkage with Perry and Primrose continued through 1957 when Perry became a one point parish. Primrose and York were then served by the Rev. Clifford Pederson until 1966. He was the last pastor of this congregation. The church closed in 1966 and its members joined neighboring congregations. The old church was razed in 1977. A monument to its existence and the cemetery are all that remain physically, but it is still alive in the hearts of those whose lives it touched.



Old York Church

he was a storekeeper in Daleyville in the early 1900s. The Old York Congregation began a Sunday

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NEW YORK (YORK MEMORIAL)

The first major task facing this congregation was the construction of a new church. Building began in 1884, with construction completed by 1885. Pastor Ole Paulson, who took over leadership of the congregation that year, and stayed with them for



The remodeled York Memorial Church is now a part of the four point Pecatonica Lutheran Parish

twenty years, until 1905. His successor, Pastor O.H. Sletten, stayed until 1910 when Pastor H.J. Urdahl arrived for a ten year tenure. In 1921, under Pastor John A. Houkom, the congregation, along with Blanchardville Lutheran, built a parsonage in Blanchardville.

A program to rebuild the church began in 1948 with the exterior being covered with lannon stone and the addition of a new bell tower. The interior was completely refurbished.

In 1952 the name was officially changed from The York Evangelical Church to York Memorial Lutheran Church, paying tribute to the pioneers who organized the congregation.

BLANCHARDVILLE AREA MINISTRY

Beginning in 1979, the Blanchardville and York Churches shared the services of one pastor, as did Trinity and Hollandale Lutheran Churches. The two ministers worked together and had a joint church office in Blanchardville. In 1988, the four congregations united under one name, The Pecatonica Lutheran Parish, and called one senior pastor, Jeffrey Miller, for all four churches. He is assisted by a semi-retired pastor, Wayne Henderson, on a part-time basis, and by student interns from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. The parish, as Perry, is now part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

For the Kellers, Posts, Goebels, Schlingens and Schmidts, as well as other of the German Catholic settlers in the eastern part of the Town of Perry, it was difficult to attend church in the 1850s. These pioneers had to make their way on foot or by ox-team to the church in Cross Plains or the one in Pine Bluff. All that changed, however, in 1861 once these settlers had quarried and hauled stones and built a church.

In 1859, after one of them had to walk 26 miles to Madison for a priest to administer the last rites to the dying Caroline (Post) Keller and then the family had to transport her body back to Madison for

burial, Spring Valley's Catholic settlers organized as San Salvador Church of the Holy Redeemer. By 1861, the 29 families of the congregation had raised enough money (\$618) to build themselves a church.

With the church in place, parishioners gathered each Sunday to pray the Rosary and Litany followed by a reading of the Epistle and Gospel by one of the laymen. A priest came about once a month to say Mass and administer the sacraments. Until 1895, members took turns, alphabetically, escorting this priest to and from Cross Plains or Pine Bluff. That year the mission was transferred to the charge

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of the priest in Mt. Horeb.

In 1915, the congregation voted to build a new church. Parishioners began stockpiling the necessary supplies during the winter and completed construction of the red brick building in the fall of 1916. The congregation grew steadily in the 1940s and 50s, even as the farm population was declining. Over 350 people participated in the parish centennial in 1961.



Though much has changed in the years since then, with Mass now being said in English, girls becoming Mass servers, lay people assisting with the Eucharist, the removal of the communion rail, the priest facing the people during Mass, much still remains the same. As a member of the congregation, Mary. M. Sutter, who was raised on Spring Valley farm 22, said

It was once written that this early pioneer church was a haven, a place of sanctuary, where the early immigrants could find and develop their best selves. The development of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church reflects the forefathers' inner faith and spirit of sacrifice. The acknowledgement of their strength entices present members to look for personal faith development within the church's walls.

Desire for human freedoms brought the first German Catholic immigrants to this country. The surrounding land and its resources reminded these people of their beloved homeland. The obligation felt to the settlement's children prompted the newcomers' search for moral and religious education near their new home.

Throughout its 135 year history, Holy Redeemer has remained a rural mission. The parishioner of today's world, unlike his predecessors, is concerned not only with personal growth in the Spirit, but also in being a Christian example in the outside world. Holy Redeemer remains a gathering place, a sanctuary, enabling each parishioner to find and develop one's best self.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Both the Catholic and Lutheran pioneers were very concerned about the religious education of their children. Even before construction of the first schoolhouses, classes were held in the log homes. Children would attend from as great a distance as they were able to walk. To reduce the amount of time the children were away from home for school, and thus unable to help with the farm work, the schools "traveled," that is, moved from home to home every couple of weeks.

Such "traveling" schools, "omgangskole," were the norm in rural Norway from 1750 until 1860. The

1736 law establishing that every Norwegian had to be a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church meant that all Norwegian had to be taught to read (but not necessarily to write). The parish pastors established the system of rotating or ambulatory schools to save the cost of building permanent schoolhouses and the peasants supported it for the very same reasons that the pioneers did. It kept the children away from home the least, while adhering to the law that they must be educated.

Ole E. Ruste (not to be confused with his nephew Ole A. Ruste) was one of the Norwegian teachers

who brought this system to the Perry Settlement. He taught a "traveling" school in Springdale in 1850 and 1851. He also prepared the students who Rev. Preus confirmed in the first such service in the old log church in 1853 and then again in 1854.

After the public schools were built, the residents of the district's hired teachers for what were called English School. There the youngsters were taught reading, writing and arithmetic. However, the pioneers wanted their children trained in the faith of their fathers and in their mothers' tongue.

The Lutherans held four to six week terms of Norwegian School during the summer, while the Catholics' first (1865-1873) German language parochial school lasted most of the summer. Catechisms, hymns, and Bible passages were memorized and Bible stories learned in both denominations' parochial schools.

The Perry Congregation was first divided into four districts, under the tuteledge of Ole Jorgenson and

Ole E. Ruste. The districts later corresponded in number and area to those of the public schools.

Gulbrand Jensvold is traditionally noted as one of the outstanding parochial school teachers, coming to Daleyville in 1866 and living there until his death in 1882. O.T. Savre was the parochial school teacher in the parish for the last 12 years of the 19th century. Both of these men worked closely with the pastors and served as the congregation's "klokker."

Just as in Norway, the klokker was, next to the pastor, the most important religious leader in the community. He gave the opening and closing prayer at each worship service, led the singing, rang the church bell, and read scripture during worship services, was part of the Baptismal Ceremony, and prepared young people for confirmation. In rural Norway klokkers lived on "klokkegards," klokker's farms, which were often small places on larger farms. This tradition, unlike the parsonage farm tradition, did not continue in the historic Perry Norwegian Settlement. Perry's klokkers provided their own homes, some of which (such as Jensvold's rock home across from the church, 21 in Chapter 3) were nicer than the parsoanges of the same period. Although the congregation paid them a small salary for their work, few of Perry's klokkers depended on this income for their principal livelihood. Many were as highly respected for their secular accomplishments in the community as they were for their role within the church. The Perry Congregation did not eliminate this position until 1928.

In the 1900s, the Norwegian School term was shortened to two weeks and, with so many parochial schools being taught at just about the same time, began to be taught by ordinary lay teachers, not just by the Klokkers. The English language also began to be used. Sunday School and weekly confirmation classes provided much of the religious instruction.

The rite of confirmation remained, as it had been in Norway, one of the most important events in a young person's life. Once each year, the pastor orally examined those 14 or 15 year olds who had completed their study of Luther's Catechism and the Bible in front of the entire congregation. Passing this examination meant, to the rest of the community and the confirmand, that the young person was well grounded in the principles of his moral and religious duties and was of good character and understanding. Following

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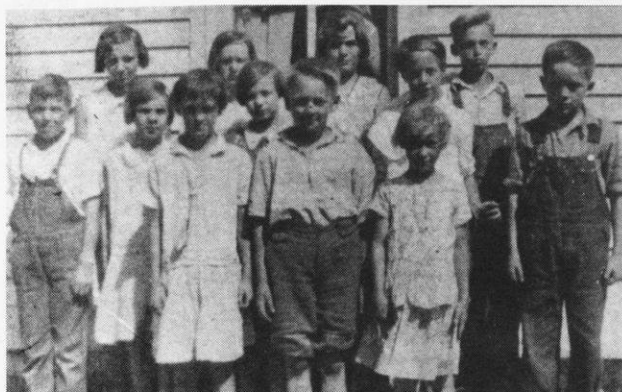
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confirmation young people became members of the church and were considered adults, ready to support themselves.



Sandy Rock Parochial School c. 1932. Back Row: (L to R) Ruth Paulson, Evangeline Brue, Lila Retrum, Kenneth Kleppe. 2nd row: Morris Bystol, Grace Paulson, Ruth Marie Rundhaug, Verna Steensland, Lloyd Retrum. Front row: Dorothy Retrum, Halver "Bud" Brue, and Thelma Thompson.



Sandy Rock Parochial School later in the 1930s. Teacher Gladys Kleppe. Pupils: (L to R) James Brue, Philip Rundhaug, Robert Berg, and Russell Berg.

In the 1940s Perry helped build Lutherdale Bible Camp near Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Attendance at the camp became a popular summer event for the older teenagers. After Sugar Creek Bible Camp near Ferryville, Wisconsin, opened its doors in 1969, some Perry youth began going there. In 1989, Sugar Creek counselors began coming to Perry to offer a week long Bible day camp to elementary school children. Bible School continues for a week each summer for the pre-school through kindergarten children.

The Catholic German parochial school has not been as constant a force in that community. The first,

taught daily during summer vacation by lay catechist Michael Letz, lasted for eight years (1865-1873). At that time, eight to ten families left the Spring Valley parish and moved to South Dakota. While the school existed Mr. Letz taught Catechism, Bible history, the German language and reviewed reading, writing and arithmetic.

The German parochial school of religion resumed in 1892. It was held for four months each spring and supported by a \$5 per year donation by every family in the parish, whether or not they had children in the program. The school, which had approximately 40 students each year, remained bilingual until World War I. It closed in 1937.

In 1939, Father Joachim Haesler began giving religious instruction to the youngsters of the parish one hour a week on Saturdays, throughout the year. Saturday morning catechism instruction for school age children began in 1953 in Mt. Horeb. A two-week Religion Vacation School during the early part of each summer supplemented these classes.

In 1964, Holy Redeemer started its own school of religion with about 70 children in the program. It peaked in about 1970 when it had nearly 100 students.



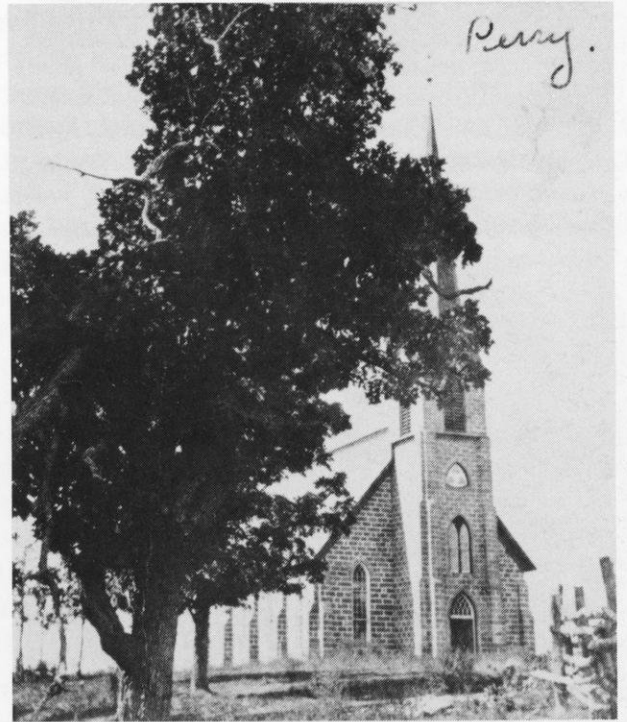
When attendance at the Holy Redeemer religion program peaked, the eighth grade class was held here in what was then Glenn and Carol Sutter's farmhouse (22, Chapter 4).

By 1980, however, enrollment had declined to less than 30 and was discontinued. The children again had to go to Mt. Horeb for religious instruction. However, in recent years Holy Redeemer has been able to resume Sunday School classes for the pre-K through 8th grade children at their church. Only the high school age confirmation students must go to Mt. Horeb for religious instruction.

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The log church that housed the area's first Norwegian Lutheran church-goers still maintains a cemetery.



Chapter 14: The Local Bands

Music, both religious and secular, has always had a special place in the Perry Norwegian Settlement. Local area bands have been commonplace since the late 1800s. Their numbers are, in fact, striking for a community with as large an active Haugean element in it as the Perry Settlement had.

Whether this says something about the community or American Haugeanism is a question that goes far beyond the scope of this book. Hopefully the next history of the community will tackle this as well as the many other unanswered questions we have left open.

Local people in the community formed these groups of three, four or five. The most common instruments they played were the violin, accordion and banjo and mandolin.



Individual musicians were also prominent. This is Anton Rundhaug with his hardanger violin.

The smaller groups performed at local house parties, wedding celebrations and area festivals.

Some of the local bands that have come up in the research for this book are listed below.

SHERVEN FAMILY

Leon Sherven
Orton Sherven
Alex Sherven
Eugene Sherven
Enoch Sherven

SEVERSONS GROUP

Harvey Milestone
Bennie Severson
Orville Rundhaug
Carl Milestone
Curtis Milestone
Milo Swenson
Albert Nyhus
Doel Brusveen

SANDY ROCK ORCHESTRA

Ben Brusveen
John Homme
Jack Johnson

SUTTER'S TRIO

Joseph Sutter
Ella Schmidt
George Schmidt

KELLER FAMILY GROUP

Leo Keller
John Keller
Lawrence Keller

THE FARMHANDS

Everett Knudtson
Curtis Milestone
Milford Venden
Martin Fossoen
Harlen Haglund
Leonard Knudtson
Herbert Swingen
Milo Knudtson

THE NORSKI'S

Evert Kittleson
Marlen Haglund
Ed Theyer
Marvin Fossoen
Herbert Swingen

THE LOCAL BANDS

THE MUSIK MEN

Kennell Helgeson
Orville Rundhaug
Gilbert Prestbrotten
Evert Kittleson
Herbert Swingen

THE PERRY UNION BAND



The Perry Union Band C. 1915.

Also known as: The Modern Woodman Band and The Daleyville-Forward Band

Larger than most bands, this group performed concerts on the stage and played in area halls for dances, weddings, etc., as well as in park settings for local area festivals.

The instruments they played were more of the brass nature and included the cornet, trumpet and trombone as well as the clarinet and drums.

The members of the Perry Union Band were:

Sever Rundhaug -- Leader
Odin Gladen
Carl Lewis
Carl Paulson
Elmer Flisram
Carl Milestone
Ole Milestone
Helek Gladen
L.M. Kittleson
Magne Johnson
O.K. Stenseth
and one more, name unknown

MEADOW VIEW COMMUNITY KITCHEN BAND

A group whose instruments were pots , pans,

washboards, etc.

Members were:

Kate Walrack -- Leader
Gladys Grundahl
Emma Disrud
Betsy Severson
Victoria Jeglum
Mae Swenson
Alma Severson
Amy Duffy
Elsa Paulson
Agnes Rundhayg
Lena Milestone
Helen Phillips
Sylvia Jeglum

Although less in numbers a hundred years later, the bands continue to exist. They still pperform at area festivals, weddings celebrations, in nursing homes and other daytime functions. One of the more prominent local musicians today is Herbert Swingen of farm 5 in the Forward School District. A member of the Southern Wisconsin Old Time Fiddler's Association and player for the past 25 years with Hank's Polka Boys, Herbert was chosen "Upright Bass Player " of the year. He was inducted into the Wisconsin State Strings Museum Hall of Fame on August 21, 1993, in Montello, Wisconsin.

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