

PREFACE

My wife and I were both born and raised in the Town of Belmont, and lived the first few years of our married life there also. So the town of Belmont is where our roots are found.

We all have seen many changes in our lifestyles. We have seen the horses give way to the tractor, we witnessed the first home radios and television, the old single engine bi-plane of World War fame to the large jets and space rockets, and now we see and hear daily of our race for nuclear supremacy.

Being interested in our heritage and our local history, I decided to write this book to take you back in time, to the Town of Belmont in its very early years of 1850, and to put as much history as I could find about the township and its early pioneers all in two books.

The materials that I used for these books were taken in part from many sources. I used the Standard History of Portage County, published in two volumes, by the Lewis Publishing Company of Chicago and New York, put out in 1919. Inscriptions that have been copied from tombstones were used. The Commemorative Biographical Record of Upper Wisconsin, published in 1895 by J. H. Beers & Company, Chicago, Illinois, was used. I used courthouse records, census records, old obituaries, old school and church records, old newspapers and, last but not least, by the fine cooperation of many friends who provided helpful information as well as supplying me with some fine pictures that will appear throughout this book.

I want to thank my wife for her patience during my many hours away from home doing research which made this book possible.

You may find what you believe to be misspelled names or incorrect dates. Sometimes this is true, because I have found many discrepancies in the spelling of names, especially on the old census records. The names and dates on the tombstone often do not correspond with the obituary or the death record in the courthouse. I felt that I should go with the courthouse records. However, there has even been some exception to this.



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CHAPTER I

TOWNSHIP OF BELMONT

PORTAGE COUNTY

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TOWN OF BELMONT, PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Town 21 North-Range 10 East (Belmont Township), as it is today in 1984, had the beginning of its inception on November 12, 1856, when the County Board ordered that the Township of Lanark be set off from the Township of Belmont, thereby constituting the Township of Lanark (Town 22 North-Range 10 East), as it is known today, 1984.

It was only sixteen days later, on November 28, 1856, that Town 21 North-Range 10 East (Town of Belmont), was set off from the Township of Almond, to constitute the newly formed Township of Belmont. It was now a congressional township of thirty-six equal sections of one square mile each.

The first town meeting was to be held the first Monday in October, in 1856. This was held at the tavern house of Alexander Gray, but this location was not actually located in the Town of Belmont as it is today, but was located in the southern part of Lanark, that was detached from the Town of Belmont, November 12, 1856.

The Township of Belmont is bound on the east by the Township of Dayton, Waupaca County, on the south by the Township of Rose, Waushara County, on the west by the Township of Almond and on the north by Lanark, both being in Portage County.

Most of the first pioneers obtained their land through United States Government land grants, signed by President Pierce, the fourteenth President of the United States from 1853 to 1857.

Anyone living between the Wolf and the Wisconsin Rivers before June 1, 1852, were squatters according to the Treaty of 1848, which gave this land to the Menominee Indians, and was not open to the white settlers until June 1, 1852. The big crossing at Fremont started at midnight May 31, 1852.

As each new township organized and more and more of its early settlers had erected some type of a home or shelter for their families, they began to think of a place to worship and of a school where their children could learn their three "R's." This was an opportunity that so many of the parents had failed to receive.

These were God-fearing people. They brought with them besides their love for the land, a love for God and their fellow man.

Prayers and services were held in their homes until the first school houses were built. The school house often served a dual purpose. It served as a classroom for the children and also as a church for all of the families.

The Town of Belmont was no different than any other township that had been organized before them; they wanted to grow.

By 1875, when the first church in the Town of Belmont was built in Blaine, all eight school districts had already been organized and each had its own schoolhouse.

A new townhouse was built in 1868, so the town meetings no longer had to be held in a schoolhouse.

This was only the beginning, the Town of Belmont had started to take shape and grow.

On June 1, 1852, Henry Dopp along with his wife, the former Ellen Lane, and their little family arrived at their destination, which later became the town of Belmont, Portage County, Wisconsin. At the time of their arrival on June 1, 1852, there were only two other families in the area. The Peter Dunegan and the H. W. Robinson families had settled just north of the Dopp family, just west of the Waupaca County

line in 1851. At this point in time Waupaca County had been surveyed, but not as yet had the Town of Belmont in Portage County been surveyed. This was still Indian Land.

In this history of the town of Belmont you will find some of your ancestors who came here to carve out a home and make new lives for themselves in the Indian Lands of Wisconsin.

Several of the early pioneers came to the Town of Belmont in the 1850's to stake out their claim and to build some type of a shelter for their families who would follow later. They also had to clear some land so that they could plant a few crops to provide food for that family when they came.

Most had very little money in their pockets when they arrived in the wilderness. They were fortunate in that game and fish were plentiful to supplement their living needs.

Often the husband returned to their original home and family in the winter months where they could find employment to earn enough money to plant the next year's crops. For many years some of these pioneers later took jobs in the logging woods during the winter to earn enough money for the family to live on.

The roads were only trails at first; travel was slow. Often they met up with wild animals on the trail. Often it was great distances between neighbors but they worked and pulled together. They prayed and played together. There was a great feeling of neighborliness between them.

Today, these same old pioneers would miss the close family and neighborly ties with one another such as: the quilting bees, the old-fashioned corn husking bees, when if you were lucky enough to find a red ear of corn you could kiss your lady fair. Then there were the hop dances, the barn raisings, changing help with your neighbor at threshing and silo filling time, the programs and the small country schools and churches where everyone participated. There were the community club picnics, the card parties in the winter time, or even the old time house dance in someone's home where they would take out the furniture, roll up the rug, sprinkle some corn meal on the floor, and the fiddler would call out, grab your pardner for a circle two step, and they would dance until the wee hours of the morning.

These are the days gone by, only the memory remains. It's like the song, "Another Story, Another Time, Another Place." The husking of the corn from the shocks in the fields has been replaced by modern corn pickers and shellers. The grain is combined by large combines. No more changing of help between one another or those wonderful noon and supper meals.

The land in the Township of Belmont is generally rolling and some hilly, while the soil is of varying degrees of fertility. It varies from a rich sandy loam to some lighter sandy loam suited better for Christmas trees. However, now with modern irrigation and better farming technology, this land is also very productive. Some of the heavier soil around Blaine is stoney.

When the first pioneers came to this area it was not heavily wooded but was quite small and scattering. For the most part it was fairly easy to clear and break.

It has been reported that the pigeons were so plentiful that the sound made by their wings as they flew sounded like thunder and that they destroyed more than one field of grain which had to be sown over.

The Indians roamed in bands through the area, often trading with the white settlers or asking for food. The Menominee Indians were

peaceful Indians and generally accepted the white settlers who had invaded their domain.

The first crops grown were mostly wheat, which provided food, but according to the 1860 Federal Agricultural Census much wheat, corn and potatoes were grown as well as some rye and oats. Most of the settlers had two cows for their own milk and homemade butter and a hog or two to raise.

THE FIRST SETTLERS

The first pioneer settlers to the Town of Belmont were all Eastern Yankees with their birthplace being in one or another of our eastern states, or from Canada, or one of the British Isles.

It was not until in the 1870 Federal Census that it showed six names as being born in Denmark.

1860 Federal Census for the Town of Belmont

The places of birth are listed as: 23 being born in New Brunswick; 2 being born in Nova Scotia; 11 as just being born in Canada, for a total of 36 from the Canadian Providences. Presumably they all were born in either New Brunswick or Nova Scotia.

In the following order as being born in the British Isles: 15 being born in Ireland; 10 in England and 8 in Scotland.

The states in order in which the births occurred are: New York with 108 persons; Maine 92, Vermont 13; Connecticut and New Hampshire with 7 each; New Jersey 5; Massachusetts 6; Illinois 3; Pennsylvania and Michigan with 2 each and Rhode Island and Indiana with only 1 each.

There were 118 children listed as being born in the State of Wisconsin.

This summary gives you a fast look at where all of the people listed in the first Federal Census ever taken in the Town of Belmont were born.

The first Federal Census was taken in 1790 and has been taken at 10-year intervals ever since.

The 1790 Census was very brief. It listed only the name of the head of the family; the number of the free white males 16 years and up, including the head of the family; free white males under 16; free white females including head of the family; all other persons and slaves.

The 1800 and 1810 Federal Census listed the name of the head of the family; free white males under 10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, and 45 and over; free white females under 10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, and 45 and over; all others and slaves.

The 1820 Federal Census lists the name of the head of the family; free white males under 10, 10-16, 16-18, 18-26, 26-45, 45 and over; free white females under 10, 10-16, 16-26, 26-45, 45 and over; foreigners not naturalized; agriculture; manufacture; free colored; slaves.

The 1830 and 1840 Federal Census lists the head of the family; free white males under 5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, 20-30, 30-40, 40-50, 50-60, 60-70, 70-80, 80-90, 90-100, over 100; free white females following the same order; slaves; free colored; foreigners not naturalized.

The 1850 Federal Census is the first to list the names of all persons in the household, their age, sex, color, occupation, value of their real estate, birthplace, dwelling, and family number.

In the 1860 Federal Census the value of the personal property was added.

The information on the Federal Census records may or may not be of any interest to you. It simply states what you might expect to find in Federal Census records.

The State Census is much the same as the Federal Census up to 1905 when they first listed all members of the family by name.

CHAPTER 2

THOSE WHO CAME FIRST

1860 - 1870

Federal Census

NOAH STRONG

1860, Federal Census, Family No. 103

STRONG, Noah	age 35 years,	Farmer, born in New York
Sarah A.	age 25 years,	born in New York
Eugene H.	age 5 years,	born in Wisconsin
Lucia L.	age 3 years,	born in Wisconsin

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

STRONG, Noah	died Nov. 9, 1862	aged 39 y's & 2 m's (GAR)
Beley	died Nov. 1, 1870	
Lucille K.	died Jan. 26, 1889	aged 70 y's, 1 mo & 3 d's.

Entry book page 211

Certified copy of U.S. Land entries.

United States

to

Noah Strong

Dated Oct. 22, 1855

The east $\frac{1}{2}$ of the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T.21 R. 10 E. and other land cont'g 160 acres.

It is interesting to note in Volume "C" of Probate Records Page 393 $\frac{1}{2}$, this letter of Guardianship.

County Court, Portage County, Wisconsin

By W. R. Alban, County Judge.

to

Sarah A. Jones

Dated April 29, 1867.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Eugene H. Strong (aged 12 yr's on Sept. 12, 1866), Ladorna L. Strong (aged 10 yr's, on Nov. 17, 1866) and Sophrona C. Strong (aged 6 yr's, on Feb. 19, 1867) minor heirs of Noah Strong, deceased.

It appearing that Sarah A. Jones is a fit & proper person to be guardian of sd minors, & she having given bond for faithful discharge of sd trust which has been approved by sd Judge. Sd court hereby appoints sd Sarah A. Jones guardian to sd minors, authorizing her to have custody of sd minors and the care and management of their estate until they arrive at age 21 years, or until discharged from sd trust.

Volume "C" of Probate records, pages 395 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 396. License to sell real estate.
Dated June 3, 1867.

Book "P" of Deeds, page 594, Quit Claim Deed. Sarah A. Jones & Robert T. Jones, to Jesse C. Flagg, for \$510.00. Dated July 1, 1867.

JOHN W. FLETCHER

1860 Federal Census

FLETCHER, John W.	age 33 years	Farmer, born in New York
Mary C.	age 22 years	born in Michigan
Andrew I.	age 8 years	born in Wisconsin
J. C. F.	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin

In the Commemorative Biographical Record of the Upper Wisconsin:

John Fletcher was a farmer by occupation, but in his later years followed lumbering.

He emigrated from the east to the Town of Farmington, Waupaca County. He spent the most of his time in charge of lumber camps.

He enlisted in Waupaca, September 16, 1861, in the 3rd Battalion Light Artillery, to serve the union cause.

He was mustered out on the 10th of October, 1864.

He remained in the south after the Civil War and became engaged in lumbering and building steamboats. Here in Tennessee he made his home. He was a natural mechanical genius and inventor, and invented many mechanical improvements of great value.

He was killed in Chattanooga in 1882 by John Taylor, a noted desperado, who later paid the penalty of his crime by death when hiding in an Arkansas swamp, a fugitive from justice.

The children of the Fletcher family were: Andrew G., who died in Tennessee; George who died in childhood; John Charles Fremont; and a daughter who died early in childhood.

STEPHEN FLETCHER

1860 Federal Census

FLETCHER, Stephen	age 65 years	Farmer, born in Massachusetts
Flora	age 32 years	born in New York
Emma	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
Emery R.	age 8 years	born in Wisconsin

Stephen Fletcher was the father of John W. Fletcher above.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

FLETCHER, Stephen, died August 22, 1871, aged 76 yr's.

Veteran of the War of 1812

Flora, died December 19, 1879, aged 51 yr's, 4 mo's & 10 d's.

There is no marker for her in the cemetery, dates were found in the cemetery records.

ALVIN (ALVAN) PIKE

1860 Federal Census

PIKE, Alvan	age 44 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Ellen	age 27 years	born in Maine
Alonzo E.	age 10 years	born in Maine
Nancy E.	age 7 years	born in Wisconsin
Josephine	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Sarah	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Caroline	age $\frac{1}{2}$ year	born in Wisconsin

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

PIKE, Alvin, born July 2, 1816, died May 27, 1890, aged 83 years,
10 m's & 3 d's.

Eleanor, wife of A., died June 2, 1906, aged 74 years.

Alice E., dau. of A. & E. Pike, died Jan. 7, 1881, aged 18 yr's,
5 m's & 23 d's.

Eleanor "Ellen" Pike died in Stevens Point and her body was brought to the First Belmont Cemetery for burial.

In May of 1901, the remains of Mr. Alvan Pike, a former resident of Belmont, were removed from the McDill Cemetery near Plover, and he was buried in the First Belmont Cemetery by the side of a daughter.

Other children of Alvin and Eleanor Pike were: Louise, Alva, and Percy.

ELIJAH CLARK

1860 Federal Census

CLARK, Elijah	age 55 years	Farmer, born in New Hampshire
Rachael C.	age 50 years	born in Vermont

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

CLARK, Elijah, died Oct. 2, 1864, aged 61 years.

Rachael C., wife of Elijah, died Dec. 16, 1871, aged 64 yr's,
2 m's & 10 d's.

EBENEZER OLDS

1860 Federal Census

OLDS, Ebenezer	age 25 years	Farmer, born in New York
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1860 Agricultural Census

OLDS, Ebenezer, 40 bu. wheat, 40 bu. potatoes.

HEATHERLY ROBINSON

1860 Federal Census

ROBINSON, Heatherly R.	age 56 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Elmira	age 54	born in Maine
Hiram	age 18	born in Maine
Mary E.	age 13	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

ROBINSON, Heatherly R., 2 oxen, 3 milch cows, 2 others, 2 swine, 80 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye and 40 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

ROBINSON, Almira, died Dec. 14, 1893, aged 77 yr's, 7 m's, & 24 d's.

JOHN COON

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery

COON, John, died June 23, 1877, aged 59 yr's, 2 m's & 8 d's.
Mary, wife of John, died April 1, 1886, aged 35 yr's & 6 m's.

JAMES MC INROE

1860 Federal Census

MC INROE, James	age 40 years	born in Ireland
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Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

MC INROE, James, born in Westmade, Ireland, died Jan. 9, 1887, aged 69 years.

LYDIA OLES

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

OLES, Lydia R., wife of Wm. H. Oles, died Sept. 2, 1868, aged 38 yr's, 3 mo's & 15 d's.

HARLOW P. KELSEY

1860 Federal Census

KELSEY, Harlow P.	age 41 years	Farmer, born in New York
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KELSEY, Amy A.	age 37 years	born in New York
Mary A.	age 15 years	born in Wisconsin
Emma B.	age 13 years	born in Wisconsin
Sylvia	age 11 years	born in Wisconsin
Byron	age 9 years	born in Wisconsin
Almedia	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Burnett	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

KELSEY, Harlow P., 2 milch cows, 4 others, 11 sheep, 3 swine, 54 bu. wheat, 92 bu. rye, 60 bu. corn & 6 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscription in the First Belmont Cemetery.

KELSEY, Harlow P., born Feb. 28, 1819; died May 16, 1884.
 Amy Ann, wife of H. P. Kelsey; born March 10, 1823; died April 1, 1895.
 Huron, son of H. P. & A. A. Kelsey; died Oct. 7, 1854; age 11 m's & 17 d's.

JONATHON WHITE

1860 Federal Census

WHITE, Sarah	age 46	Farmer, born in New Brunswick
Malissa	age 17	born in Maine
James T.	age 13	born in Maine
Jerusha	age 12	born in Maine
Louisa	age 10	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

WHITE, Sarah, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 1 swine, 60 bu. wheat, 10 bu. rye, 15 bu. corn and 40 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

WHITE, Sarah, died Nov. 1862 (1812 - 1862)
 Jonathon, (1803 - 1860)

STEPHEN SMITH

1860 Federal Census

SMITH, Stephen	age 41 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Martha J.	age 37 years	born in New Brunswick
Mary J.	age 18 years	born in Maine
Thomas W.	age 16 years	born in Maine
John L.	age 14 years	born in Maine
Theodore	age 12 years	born in Maine
Dorinda	age 10 years	born in Maine
Martha A.	age 8 years	born in Maine

SMITH, Angerona	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Cordelia	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
George	age 1 month	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

SMITH, Stephen, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 2 others, 2 swine, 157 bu. wheat, 31 bu. rye, 100 bu. corn & 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

SMITH, Stephen, December 25, 1818 - August 7, 1868.
 Martha J. December 6, 1821 - August 31, 1907.
 Thomas, died Oct. 18, 1862; aged 18 yr's, 8 m's, 15 d's.

WILSON KING

1860 Federal Census

KING, Wilson	age 36 years	Farmer, born in New Hampshire
Phoebe E.	age 36 years	born in New Hampshire
Mary	age 14 years	born in Wisconsin
Martha	age 12 years	born in Wisconsin
Ida A.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

KING, Wilson, 2 horses, 3 milch cows, 2 others, 5 swine, 88 bu. wheat, 175 bu. corn, 22 bu. oats, 75 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

KING, Wilson E., born June 28, 1823 - died Dec. 3, 1890.
 Phebe M., born Nov. 25, 1824 - died Mar. 26, 1890.
 Clarence W., died Nov. 20, 1857; aged 7 yr's, 6 m's, son of
 W. E. & P. E. King.
 William C., died Mar. 8, 1858, aged 1 yr, & 1 mo., son of W. E.
 & P. E. King.
 Abby A., died Feb. 27, 1854; aged 15 m's, dau. of W. E. & P. E.
 King.
 Katie M., dau. of Wilson and P. E. King, died April 15, 1877.
 Rosa C., died Apr. 29, 1856, aged 17 m's, dau. of W. E. & P. E.
 King.

TRUMAN TAYLOR

1860 Federal Census

TAYLOR, Truman	age 59 years	Farmer, born in New Hampshire
Rachael	age 54 years	born in Vermont
Adaline	age 18 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

TAYLOR, Truman, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 2 others, 2 swine, 20 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn, 60 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery:

TAYLOR, Truman R., died May 24, 1869, aged 69 yr's, 6 m's and 24 d's.

Truman Riley Taylor was born February 3, 1838. In the history of John Taylor of Hadley, his name is Riley Taylor. According to the 1860 Federal Census he was born in New Hampshire, the son of Riley and Rachael Witherow Taylor.

Rachael, died Jan. 30, 1873, aged 68 yr's, 5 m's, & 21 d's.

DAVID R. TAYLOR

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery:

TAYLOR, David R., died April 9, 1883, aged 72 yr's, 10 m's & 25 d's.

Marilla no dates

Mary no dates

CHARLES TAYLOR

1860 Federal Census

TAYLOR, Charles	age 30 years	Farmer, born in New York
Cynthia	age 25 years	born in New York
Horace	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery:

TAYLOR, Charles, born April 20, 1830; died April 11, 1898.

Cynthia, died Dec. 31, 1903; aged 69 yr's, 3 m's & 25 d's.

Nellie E., dau of C. & Cynthia S.; died May 3, 1874, aged 7 yr's, 6 m's & 28 d's.

Charles Taylor was born April 20, 1830, in Rushford Allegany County, New York, a son of Riley & Rachael Witherow Taylor. He had four brothers: Albert, Luman, Truman and Ezra, and three sisters: Adeline, Helen and "Lucy" Jane.

He married Cynthia Harmon, who was born in New York, September 6, 1834.

1860 Agricultural Census

TAYLOR, Charles, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 114 bu. wheat, 40 bu. potatoes.

DAVID R. MORGAN

1860 Federal Census

MORGAN, David R.	age 39 years	Farmer, born in New York
Maria	age 30 years	born in England

MORGAN, Georgiana	age 12 years	born in England
Frederick	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
William E.	age 7 years	born in Wisconsin
Emma L.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Ella	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

MORGAN, David, 2 horses, 2 milch cows, 5 swine, 50 bu. wheat, 150 bu. corn, 130 bu. potatoes

JAMES SUTHERLAND

1860 Federal Census

SUTHERLAND, James	age 53 years	Farmer,	born in New Brunswick
Hannah	age 40 years		born in New Brunswick
Hannah R.	age 21 years	Teacher,	born in New Brunswick
Elspa P.	age 18 years		born in New Brunswick
Robert	age 16 years		born in New Brunswick
Collin S.	age 9 years		born in New Brunswick
Abigail	age 4 years		born in Wisconsin
Phoebe M.	age 1 year		born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

SUTHERLAND, James, 1 oxen, 3 milch cows, 5 swine, 330 bu. wheat, 30 bu. rye, 150 bu. corn, 150 bu. oats, 300 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery:

SUTHERLAND, James, died Dec. 1871, aged 59 yr's, 1 mo & 12 d's.
 Hannah Orcutt, wife of James, died Jan. 12, 1866, aged 46 yr's, 2 m's & 3 d's.

The material for the following information is taken in part from the Biographical Sketch of Hannah R. Taylor by her grandson Lowell K. Watson, of Garrettsville, Ohio.

James Sutherland was born February 23, 1812, in Nashwaaksis, near Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. He was the son of Robert and Nancy Anne McCloud (McCleod) Sutherland, of Scottish decent.

James Sutherland had three sisters who died of typhoid fever and a brother, Rhoderick, who died of smallpox, and a sister Anne who lived to be over ninety years old.

James' father Robert was killed by a falling tree and is thought to be buried in the Old Highland Cemetery near the Nashwaak River. James was only a few years old at the time.

A cairn, or monument, whichever you prefer to call it, has been erected in the Old Highland Cemetery, where on November 11th of each year, Scottish bagpipes play and their music can be heard echoing throughout the valley.

On this cairn are the names of all the original members of the 42nd Scottish Regiment, and Robert Sutherland's name is one of them, although there is no individual tombstone for him.

Years passed swiftly and James grew to manhood. He lived in Oromocto and then later in Fredericton. He was a tanner and currier of leather. He became a wealthy man at the time.

He owned a large establishment in Fredericton, having a shoe shop and a harness maker's shop. Then he had a general store which dealt with mercantile business. He furnished lumber camps in which he had an interest.

The big crash came in 1843. Lumber was no longer in demand and the lumber camps failed. James Sutherland suffered heavy losses, too.

About this time there was a "Gold Rush" in Australia and some of the men were going in search of gold. James Sutherland decided to leave his family and see for himself. If he was successful his family could come later.

In 1852 he started on the voyage to that far off country. It took him four months to make the journey on the water in those days. He finally arrived in Melbourne, Australia.

While he was in Australia, a large fire broke out in Fredericton, seventy buildings burned to the ground. This included all of James Sutherland's holdings. It was a total loss, as there was no insurance at the time.

He stayed in the Australia gold fields nearly two years: When he came back, he came by London for a short stay. He wanted his family to return to Australia with him, but his wife didn't want to leave her folks. Instead they decided to go to Wisconsin.

Leaving Fredericton, they sailed to Saint John, then on another boat to Portland, Maine. From there they traveled by train to Boston, where they visited Mrs. Sutherland's relatives.

Leaving Boston, they journeyed on to Chicago and on to Madison, Wisconsin, going to the home of Warren Lincoln who lived near Madison at the time. Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Sutherland were sisters, and they stayed there for two months.

James Sutherland had bought 160 acres in the Town of Belmont, and while Mrs. Sutherland and the children were staying with the Lincolns, Mr. Sutherland and Mr. Lincoln came north to the Town of Belmont to see about a place for the family to live in.

The Warren Lincoln family decided to move with them to the Indian Lands. At Madison, James Sutherland bought a span of horses, some furniture and a cook stove. Then with the two teams the two families headed for new frontiers farther north.

What the Sutherland family expected to find when they arrived at their new home was a comfortable log house, but it seems as if Mr. Sutherland neglected to tell them that it was only a small board shanty.

The Lincoln family stayed with the Sutherlands in this small shanty while building their new home on the land that they had bought nearby. The shanty was so small that they had to set the chairs and the table outdoors to make room for the beds on the floor, but it was not long before James Sutherland had enough lumber to build a comfortable, small frame house and barn and dug a well. This farm later belonged to Alfred Jarnick.

Hannah Orcutt Stephenson Sutherland, Wife of James Sutherland, was born on November 9, 1819, in Oromocto, New Brunswick, Canada. Her people came from Boston. She had two brothers, Reuben and William, and two sisters, Izetta and Sarah, who married two Lincoln brothers.

Izetta married Warren Lincoln, and Sarah married John Lincoln. It so happened that Hannah and James Sutherland, also were all married on the same day, January 5, 1837.

The Sutherlands lived out the rest of their lives on their farm in the town of Belmont and are both buried in the First Belmont Cemetery.

WILLIAM TUNKS

1860 Federal Census

TUNKS, William	age 28 years	Farmer, born in Canada
Mercy	age 26 years	born in Canada
William Henry	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Abbe Melissa	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 1 month	born in Wisconsin

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

Tunks, Wm. C. C. 14th Wis. Inf.

Mercy Ann, wife of William, Sept. 1, 1835 - Jan. 27, 1872

Mary Ann, dau. of William & Mercy, Jan. 22 - Aug. 12, 1872

Richard, son of William & Mercy, Nov. 30, 1869 - Aug. 5, 1870

Alice M., dau. of William & Mercy, April 14, 1858 - July 14 1869.

Both William and Mercy Ann Day were born in Canada. William was born in 1831, and Mercy Ann Day was born in 1833. They were married in Canada in 1852 and located at Omro, Winnebago County. In the fall of 1856 they settled in the Town of Belmont, Portage County, on 40 acres of Government land.

In 1863, he left his home and family to enlist in Co. C. 14th Wis. Inf., until the close of the War.

Mercy Ann Tunks died Jan. 27, 1872. William Tunks sold his property a few years later and retired at the Soldier's home near Waupaca where he died in 1914.

Their children were: Martha Jane, who died at Omro, aged 2 years; William Henry, Abbie Melissa, who died at the age of 9 years; Frank; Ida, who married Robert Lincoln; Richard who died when he was one year old, and Mary Ann, who died in infancy after the death of her mother.

For his second wife, William Tunks married Rebecca Lincoln, in the Town of Belmont, Sept. 14, 1872. She passed away April 10, 1929, and is buried in the First Belmont Cemetery without a marker to mark her grave. This the cemetery records show. Rebecca Stephenson Lincoln Tunks was born in Maine, May 5, 1850. She was the daughter of Warren & Izetta Lincoln. Four children were born to William & Rebecca Tunks: Everett, Maud, Ellery and Mae.

JOHN LINCOLN

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

LINCOLN, John	Died 1858.
Martha	Died 1869.

WARREN LINCOLN

1860 Federal Census

LINCOLN, Martha	age 76 years	born in Maine
Warren	age 40 years	Farmer, born in New Brunswick

LINCOLN, Izetta	age 33 years	born in New Brunswick
Albert	age 12 years	born in Maine
Rebecca	age 10 years	born in Maine
George	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Annetta	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
H. H. Seward	age 1 month	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

LINCOLN, Warren, 4 oxen, 2 milch cows, 3 others, 2 swine, 300 bu. wheat, 40 bu. rye, 200 bu. corn, 180 bu. oats, 230 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

LINCOLN, Warren	1819 - 1872
Izetta	1825 - 1904

Obituary for Izetta. She died at Almond in 1904 at the home of her son George. She was born in Osmich, Sunbury County, New Brunswick, Canada. In 1844 she married Warren Lincoln at Holton, Maine. They first came to Madison, Wisconsin, in 1851, and later to Belmont where they lived until the death of Mr. Lincoln in 1872. To this union the following children were born: Albert, Annette, Grace, Elmer, Robert, George, Justin, Mark, Warren, and Rebecca. She later married Peter Turner who died in 1895.

PETER TURNER

1860 Federal Census

TURNER, Peter	age 44 years	Farmer, born in New York
Eleanor	age 47 years	born in New York
Harriet E.	age 13 years	born in New York
Charles I.	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

TURNER, Peter, 2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 2 others, 4 swine, 125 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 100 bu. corn, & 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

TURNER, Peter, died Aug. 19, 1895, aged 78 yr's, 3 m's & 14 d's.
 Eleanor, wife of Peter, died Feb. 21, 1877, aged 64 yr's, 1 mo. & 8 d's.
 Catherine died June 17, 1886, aged 77 yr's, 9 m's & 11 d's.

Peter Turner was born May 5, 1817, in New York state. He married Eleanor Bradt, who was a daughter of John and Jane Bradt, born in Johnstown, Herkimer County, New York, Jan. 13, 1813.

Peter Turner first settled at what is now called Heffron. It was here in the sw corner of the sw $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33, that he built the first big barn. It still stands today in rather poor condition.

HENRY T. TURNER

1860 Federal Census

TURNER, Henry	age 53 years	Farmer, born in New York
Rosetta	age 50 years	born in Vermont
John S.	age 25 years	Farmer, born in New York
Sardis H.	age 23 years	Farmer, born in New York
Charles M.	age 21 years	Farmer, born in New York
Almon	age 19 years	Farmer, born in New York
Melvina	age 14 years	born in New York
Aldo	age 11 years	born in New York
Arletta	age 9 years	born in New York
Lucetta	age 7 years	born in New York
Rosetta	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 oxen, 1 milch cow, 3 others, 3 sheep, 7 swine, 400 bu. wheat, 50 bu. rye, 200 bu. corn, 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

TURNER, Henry T., died Oct. 3, 1878, aged 72 yr's 3's.
Rosetta P. wife of H. T., died Feb. 8, 1889, aged 78 yr's,
9 m's & 1 day.
Almon R., died March 18, 1863, aged 21 yr's, 9 m's & 20 d's.
Lucetta A., died Nov. 13, 1862, aged 9 yr's, 8 m's & 2 d's.

Henry T. Turner married Rosetta P. Edwards in the State of New York. She was born in the State of Vermont in 1810.

Henry Turner was the first blacksmith in the Town of Belmont.

Biography of Charles Turner. He was the son of Henry and Rosetta P. Edwards, born at Rodman, Jefferson County, New York, March 28, 1839.

In 1871 he married Georgia Ann Morgan, daughter of David R. and Maria Morgan. She was born March 18, 1849.

In 1854 he came to the town of Belmont, Portage County. In 1867 he moved to the town of Dayton, and in 1874 he moved to Plainfield, Waushara County and from there he went to Stevens Point, in Portage County.

Their children were: Zelia, Mortimer, and Winnie Grace.

He served in the Civil War in Co. C. 1st Cavalry, from November 4, 1864, to July 30, 1865.

He is buried at Red Lodge, Carbon County, Montana, and his wife is buried in the First Belmont Cemetery. Her marker reads: George-anna Turner, Mar. 18, 1849 - Nov. 12, 1877.

JOHN S. TURNER

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

TURNER, John S., Dec. 28, 1834 - April 11, 1898, Sergt. Co B 4th Wis. Cav.
Hannah, July 7, 1840 - Aug. 13, 1915.
Infant daughter of J. S. & H., died May 12, 1868.

John S. Turner was born in the state of New York, Dec. 28, 1834, son of Henry T. and Rosetta P. Turner.

In 1856 his father brought his family to Wisconsin, settling in Belmont. The family drove through from New York to Portage County with a fine span of horses. It has been written by his granddaughter, Leah, Mrs. Walter Wenzel, that her grandfather brought the first kerosene lamp to Belmont.

John S. Turner was among the first to respond to the Union call. He served as Sergt. in Company B. 4th Wisconsin Cavalry.

He stayed on the farm after the war until 1867, when he returned to Pinckney, New York, and married Miss Hannah Peck. She was born July 7, 1840, a daughter of Silas and Jrusha Cobb Peck. They came directly back to the Town of Belmont and lived out their married life on the farm.

To this union were born two sons, Walter A. and Fred D., also an infant daughter who died May 12, 1868.

More about John S. Turner under Century Farms in Volume II.

LESTER HAWES

1860 Federal Census

HAWES, Lester	age 32 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Mary	age 20 years	born in Scotland
Charles	age 7 years	born in Wisconsin
George	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

HAWES, Lester, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 87 bu. wheat, 40 bu. corn, 47 bu. oats and 25 bu. potatoes.

Lester Hawes was the youngest of twelve children born to Luther and Sallie Gale Hawes.

Lester L. was born in the State of Vermont, January 10, 1828. When he was about 18 years of age, he accompanied his parents to Wisconsin.

The family lived in the Township of Trenton, Dodge County, until the death of his mother, after which the children were scattered and the father went to Marquette County, Wisconsin, to make his home with his son George, as did Lester L.

Lester L. Hawes married Emily Lindsay at Fox Lake, Dodge County, on November 23, 1851, and to this union was born a son, Charles A., September 15, 1852. Emily died November 24, 1853. The son was reared by Lester's second wife. He later became a farmer and resided in Adams County.

Lester L. Hawes started his married life in Oxford, Marquette County, in a partnership with his brother in a brick yard. They moved a year later to Fox Lake, Dodge County, where for some years they rented a farm.

After the death of his first wife, Lester L. Hawes married Mary Robertson on November 24, 1856. She was born in Dumbarton, Scotland, on November 13, 1839, a daughter of John and Jeannette Barr Robertson.

In 1860, Lester L. Hawes and his new family came to the Town of Belmont, Portage County. This family made the journey with a team of horses, while Mr. Hawes drove the yoke of oxen.

In February, 1860, Mr. Hawes purchased 120 acres of land in sections eighteen and nineteen, Town of Belmont. While their place was being improved, the family resided temporarily upon what is now the present site of the First Belmont Cemetery.

To Lester L. and Mary Robertson Hawes were born the following children: George, Ann Eliza, who married Warren Taylor, and Alma A., who married John Casey.

Lester L. Hawes enlisted at Waupaca, Wisconsin, in February, 1865, in Co. D., 15th Wis. Vols. After his enlistment he went to Madison, Wisconsin, thence to St. Louis, Mo., where he was taken ill with smallpox and as a result he died there May 19, 1865, and there he was buried.

An interesting account about the birth and death of their daughter Ann Eliza Hawes Taylor, I will inject here. Ann Eliza (Annaliza) on her marker, was born December 26, 1860, while living in their temporary residence in what is now the First Belmont Cemetery. She died September 2, 1948, and while digging her grave, they found pieces of some of the original timbers from the very house that she was born in.

Tombstone inscription in the First Belmont Cemetery.

HAWES, Mary, Nov. 13, 1839 - Dec. 8, 1906.

JAMES SMITH

1860 Federal Census

SMITH, James	age 33 years	Farmer, born in England
Nancy	age 29 years	born in Ireland
James C.	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
Sarah A.	age 7 years	born in Wisconsin
Hannah I.	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Margaret	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 1 other, 1 swine, 28 bu. wheat, 75 bu. corn, 30 bu. potatoes.

James Smith was born October 1, 1826, in Norfolk, England. His parents ranking high in his native land as people of intelligence and integrity, his father being a wealthy man, and his mother was the daughter of an Army Officer.

At the age of ten, Mr. Smith came to this country and resided for a number of years on the southern part of the State of Wisconsin.

On May 5, 1849, James Smith married Miss Nancy Hughes. They came to the town of Belmont, Portage County, in 1857.

Eight children were born to this union: two dying in infancy (Eliza and Robert S.); the other children were: Charles, Jennie, wife of Fred Morgan; Sarah, wife of Hardy Flagg; Maggie, wife of Wm. Ward; William and Irvin.

James Smith enlisted in 1861, joining the boys in blue of Co. E. 18th Wis. Vol. He fought in the Battle of Shiloh. The following June he was taken sick and was assigned to the 6th Division Hospital near Pittsburgh Landing. On the 9th of October he was transferred to a Government hospital in Keokuk, Iowa, and there he was granted a 30-day furlough. It was during this time he was promised his discharge, but owing to negligence of an officer, he never received it.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

SMITH, James, died Aug. 24, 1901, aged 74 yr's, 10 m's, & 24 d's.
Nancy, died Sept. 21, 1913, aged 82 yr's, 9 m's, & 27 d's.
Eliza J., dau. of J. & N. died Oct. 10, 1858, aged 7 weeks
& 5 days.
Robert S., son of James & Nancy, died Apr. 27, 1870, aged
9 m's & 2 d's.

WILLARD DEARING

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

DEARING, Willard, 1837 - 1926 Co. A. 42nd Wis. Inf.
Irene, wife of Willard, 1840 - 1919
Bessie, dau. of W. & I. Dearing, born Nov. 10, 1881, died
Apr. 20, 1882.
Baby, died Aug. 10, 1880, aged 5 days.

Willard Dearing was born in the Pine State of Maine, Mar. 30, 1837, in Aroostook County. He was the son of Hartley and Susan Russell Dearing.

His father died when he was only 14 years old, leaving 4 children. Willard went to live with an uncle until his mother remarried. Both parents died in Maine.

At the early age of 13 he worked out on neighboring farms to earn his first pair of cowhide boots, for three weeks labor.

At the age of 14 he started out in various jobs in the woods.

In 1857 Willard and his brother George started for Wausau, Marathon County, Wisconsin. They traveled by boat to Eastport, Maine, went by the way of Portland to Boston, to Albany, New York, to Buffalo, then by rail to Waupun, in Dodge or Fond Du Lac County, Wisconsin, and then by stage to Stevens Point, in Portage County.

They arrived in Stevens Point broke and spent the night in the woods. In the morning they continued on foot to Wausau.

In Wausau, John Sawyer, a friend found hotel accommodations for them. Willard found employment in the woods, after digging potatoes for a few days.

He spent the winter of 1857-58 in the Pineries. In the summer of 1858 he was sick much of the time and by fall found himself \$100 in debt.

The next year found him back in the woods and on the river.

He enlisted August 27, 1864, in Co. A. 42nd Wis. Vols. He was discharged in May 1865, and he went at once to Parfreyville, Waupaca County, where he had left his wife and small child.

Willard Dearing married Irene Collier, a daughter of Thomas and Matilda Collier, in Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, July 21, 1863.

They moved to the Town of Belmont, Portage County, where they purchased 160 acres of land in Section 27.

They were the parents of the following children: Judson C.; George H.; Susan, wife of Fred Dopp; Thomas M.; Vinna R., wife of Walter Shilson; Artie M.; Bessie, an infant.

JOHN COLLIER

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

COLLIER, John 1834 - 1910

COLLIER, Clara A., 1834 - 1914

Charles J., son of J. M. & Clara, died Sept. 28, 1872, aged
4 m's & 2 d's.

Ella, died Oct. 4, 1900, aged 36 yr's, 11 m's & 4 d's.

Infant died Oct. 30, 1870.

John M. Collier was born May 30, 1834, in Aroostook County, Maine, and was a son of Thomas and Matilda Colson Collier.

At the age of fifteen he began working as a farmhand in the neighborhood and also worked in the woods in the Pine Tree State. He came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was about 25 years of age.

In Waupaca, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, John M. Collier joined Co. A. 42nd Regt. Wis. Vols. on August 20, 1864. He was discharged June 11, 1865, for disability.

On July 22, 1862, John M. Collier was married to Miss Clara Turner, in the Township of Lanark, Portage County. Miss Clara Turner was born in Pinickney Township, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, October 23, 1843, a daughter of Peter and Eleanor Bradt Turner.

Children of John M. & Clara Turner Collier were: Martha E.; Hattie J., who married Wm. Smith; Mary A., who married Wm. Benjamin; Charles, who died at the age of 4 months and 28 days; and Clarence H.

EDWARD L. KENT

1860 Federal Census

KENT, Edward	age 28 years	Farmer, born in England
Sarah	age 28 years	born in Michigan
George	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Mary E.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

KENT, Edward, Co. E. 18th Wis. Inf.

Sarah, 1833 - 1915

Thomas, died May 27, 1885, aged 23 yr's, 6 m's & 11 d's, son of
E. L. & S. L. Kent

George, died July 5, 1880, aged 24 yr's, 6 m's, son of E. L. &
S. L. Kent

Edward L. Kent was born May 19, 1831, in Portsmouth, England, the eldest child of David and Elizabeth Whiting Kent.

Edward was seven years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents and a younger brother James. Their destination was the Township of Palmyra, Ontario County, New York.

He began his life in the new world by working on a farm for his board and attended school at the same time. The following year he commenced earning his living by working as a farmhand for \$6 per month.

After the family moved to Oakland County, Michigan, he received \$10 per month there. He later went to Saginaw County, Michigan, where he engaged in the lumbering business for a few years.

In the spring of 1854 he commenced fishing, but soon abandoned that and went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Here on May 8, 1854, he was married to Sarah L. McGwin, who was born in Oakland County, Michigan, November 28, 1832, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza Jane Mandeville McGwin.

In the summer of 1854 Mr. Kent ran the Mississippi River, taking lumber to St. Louis, Mo., while his wife taught school in Marquette County, Wisconsin.

In the autumn they removed to Marathon County, Wisconsin, where he worked in a lumber camp while his wife did the cooking for the men. When the lumber season was over they came to Belmont Township, Portage County, and made his first purchase of land, securing from the Government, 80 acres in Section 20.

He erected a little cabin and started to clear the land. The family moved in the spring of 1856, but spent his winter months working in lumber camps.

In December, 1861, he enlisted at Plover, Wisconsin, to aid the defense of the Union, in Co. E. 18th Wis. Vol.

His first engagement was at Shiloh where he was slightly wounded and spent some time in the 6th Division Hospital at Vicksburg. He was discharged March 16, 1865. He at once returned home to his family.

The Kent family was blessed with the following children: George M., born in Marathon County, February 20, 1856, and died at Spencer, Wisconsin, July 5, 1880; Mary E., was born in Marathon County, March 1, 1857, and married James McInroe; Frank J., born in Marathon County, October 16, 1858; William E., born in Portage County, November 17, 1860; Thomas E., born November 16, 1862, died in Belmont, May 27, 1885; Cora E., born October 27, 1866, and married Frank Hammel; Walter I., born November 19, 1873, and died August 5, 1904.

Tragedy struck another Belmont family. An article in the Waupaca Post, dated August 11, 1904. "Ed L. Kent takes the life of his son, Walter, as a result of a quarrel and struggle between the two men. Due to the elder Kent's age and military service, he was not charged."

DAVID KENT

1860 Federal Census

KENT, David	age 57 years	Farmer, born in England
Elizabeth	age 58 years	born in England
George	age 15 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

KENT, David, 2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 1 swine, 440 bu. wheat, 10 bu. corn, 300 bu. oats & 35 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery.

KENT, David, died Apr. 26, 1886, aged 76 yr's.
Elizabeth, died May 9, 1886, aged 85 yr's.

David and Elizabeth Whiting Kent left their Merry Old England in 1838 with their two sons Edward and James. Their first location was Palmyra Township, Ontario County, New York. David was a farmer and supported his family by day labor. After a few years they removed to Oakland County, Springfield Township, in Michigan, where he purchased a small farm. Some years later they came to the Township of Belmont, Portage County.

The following children were born in America: Elizabeth, who died in New York; Fannie, who married Josiah Collins and died in Michigan,

but is buried in Belmont; George A., who was accidentally killed at Dixon, Illinois, by falling from a bridge then being built across the Rock River.

LUMAN TAYLOR

1860 Federal Census

TAYLOR, Luman	age 32 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Lucy	age 31 years	born in New York
William	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

TAYLOR, Luman, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 35 bu. wheat, 100 bu. corn, 30 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery

TAYLOR, Luman 1828 - 1909
Lucy A. Died Jan. 8, 1879, aged 40 yr's 7 m's & 26 d's.
Lydia 1851 - 1921

Luman Taylor was born March 15, 1828, in Rutland, Vermont, the son of Riley and Rachael Witherow Taylor.

At the age of 10 years he removed to Rushford, New York, where he lived until the fall of 1853 when they removed to Omro, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, and onto Belmont in 1855.

In 1848 Luman Taylor married Miss Lucy Harmon, who died Jan. 10, 1870, aged 40 yr's, 7 m's & 26 d's. They were the parents of William B.; Cora, and Lydia.

Mr. Luman Taylor married for a second time to a Miss Lydia Wolfe, in 1872. Their children were: Chester; Lossie and Gertrude. Luman Taylor died April 10, 1909.

The Luman Taylors had a store in the SE corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8. Warranty Deed Book 40, page 583, Mary Lallement to Luman Taylor, dated June 22, 1885.

In a Waupaca Post, dated April 2, 1903: "Luman Taylor is one of the enterprising merchants and keeps a neat stock of groceries, confectionary and tobacco, and will sell you whatever you want. They also had a telephone exchange to Waupaca in the early 1900's.

One incident that was told to me by Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey, was on one occasion when Mrs. Taylor was trying to call a Mr. Darling at Waupaca, without too much success because someone overheard her calling, "Darling, are you there?" repeatedly. This was picked up and passed on as a standing joke for some time. "Darling are you there." In those days, with the large number of persons on the party lines, most everyone listened to every ring that came in on the phone, to get the latest news or gossip in most cases.

ALBERT TAYLOR

1860 Federal Census

TAYLOR, Albert	age 28 years	Farmer, born in New York
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TAYLOR, Maria	age 29 years	born in Canada
Warren	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Melvin	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

TAYLOR, Albert, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 1 swine, 273 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn, 30 bu. oats, 30 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery

TAYLOR, Albert, born Dec. 18, 1832, died Oct. 21, 1891
 Hannah R., 1838 - 1933
 Rachael 1882 - 1902
 Myron, son of A. & M. Taylor, died Feb. 22, 1862, aged 1 yr.,
 1 mo. & 6 d's.
 Mariah, wife of Albert, died Apr. 14, 1867, aged 36 yr's,
 1 mo. & 9 d's.

Albert Taylor was born in Allegany County, New York, December 18, 1832, a son of Riley and Rachael Witherow Taylor.

Albert Taylor married Maria Day in New York, in 1855. She was born in 1831 in New York. They settled in Winnebago County in 1855, and in 1856 they removed to the Town of Belmont, Portage County.

By his first marriage to Maria Day they had the following children: Warren S.; Melvin and Myron.

Maria Taylor died April 14, 1867, aged 36 yr's, 1 mo. & 9 d's. On March 22, 1868, Albert Taylor married for a second time. This time to Hannah Rebeka Sutherland, in the Town of Belmont. She was born in Oromocto, New Brunswick, Canada, July 13, 1838.

They were the parents of six children: Martha; Myrta Helen; Rhoda; Myra Ellen; Rachael and Ralph.

Hannah Rebeka Taylor was the eldest child and daughter of James and Hannah Sutherland. She came to Madison, Wisconsin, with the family at the age of 17 years. She was the eldest of eleven children. James Sutherland and his family came to the Town of Belmont, Portage County, in 1854, where they settled on Government land, known as Indian Country.

She taught school in the log school houses of that time.

During the Civil War she took an active part in the troublesome affairs of those days, writing articles and poems for the newspapers, and comforting families whose dear ones were sick or may have been killed in the war.

This poem was written by her when she was 95 years young, only a year before she passed away.

Sorrying ones your home has darkened,
 And your heart in anguish bled.
 When death's angel came to your dwelling.
 Numbering your loved one with the dead.

Dear ones, I dare not say, mourn not,
 for well I know an aching heart,
 To see our loved ones pass away
 It is so hard with them to part.

Tho' your mother has left her home
To sleep in her narrow bed,
It is only her cold and lifeless form
That lies silent with the dead.

She has passed from death into life
Where the weary find sweet rest
To dwell in the mansions above
and Live with the pure and the blest.

Could she speak from the spirit world,
What comforting words would give,
Telling of her Heavenly Home,
Where she has gone to live.

Then brush away your bitter tears,
That down your cheeks do steal,
Remember the promise of God
Who can all our sorrows heal.

Your Mother, will now be waiting,
Yes, waiting on that mystic shore,
To meet again her loved ones
When parting, will be no more.

What a happy meeting it will be
To meet where no tears are shed
In that beautiful heavenly home
Where there's no weeping for the dead.

By Hannah Taylor

This poem was written by Mrs. Taylor when she was 78 years old. The occasion was the Winter Carnival held in St. Paul, Minnesota, in February 1916, to which Mr. Wilson was urgently invited.

Our President, good Mr. Wilson,
Is invited by friends one and all,
To come to the Great Winter Carnival,
That soon takes place in St. Paul.

Our honored guest, we hope won't fail
To meet his many friends in this place,
Who will gladly shake his friendly hand
and look upon his smiling face.

Yes, all will gladly welcome him,
Wishing he could bring his charming bride.
Not only Mr. Hill, but many others,
Would seat them on the toboggan slide.

Mr. Wilson does need some recreation,
For he's been a very busy man.
In helping to keep our nation a neutral one,
Has been his best and wisest plan.

God bless our President, of whom we're proud,
To know for the right does stand.
We'll give cheers and cheers for our noble chief,
While St. Paul musicians play the band.

And later on, perhaps the voting time,
St. Paulites will be in the cheering crowd,
Who will sing and shout for Wilson,
With their voices, clear and loud.

By Mrs. Hannah Taylor

Mrs. Hannah Taylor passed away December 1, 1933.

Albert Taylor enlisted in 1861, in Co. E. 18th Wis. Inf., and took part in the Battle of Shiloh. It is not known just when Albert Taylor became involved in a rifle accident and lost the sight of one eye. He was honorable discharged from the Army on September 14, 1862.

In a biographical sketch of Albert Taylor, written by his grandson, Lowell K. Watson, is found these interesting accounts:

"The Civil War was raging and Albert Taylor was getting restless. He tried to re-enlist, but was turned down because he couldn't see out of his right eye. Finally, in desperation, he went to Green Bay and tipped the examining officer to examine him in the dark. Of course, the examining officer wasn't able to see his bad eye and so he was taken into the Army. This was on March 8, 1864. He was assigned to Company C, 14th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and was sent to Headquarters in Madison."

Albert Taylor carried a small diary in his pocket of the day by day events of the Civil War. his first entry was March 8, 1864. Enlisted at Green Bay. The diary was written in pencil and got wet several times, so parts of this diary were not legible. The diary is a prized possession of Mr. Lowell K. Watson, who has gone to great lengths to write a biographical sketch of his grandfather, which includes the day by day account from his diary.

On August 4, 1864, Albert Taylor was struck in the right leg by a fragment from a shell fired by the Rebels.

Albert Taylor was discharged from the Army at Mobil, Alabama, on October 9, 1865. He returned home to his family and carried on farming until his death, October 21, 1891.

Albert Taylor's death was contributed mostly to the wound that he received and he took with him to his grave that fragment he received on that 4th day of August, 1864.

The Stevens Point Journal, dated November, 1891, states that: "People counted 200 teams that attended the funeral and that 150 teams formed the procession."

Their farm was known as the Pine Lake Farm and they had a sorghum mill that ran until about 1915. More about it under SORGHUM MILL in Volume II.

STILLMAN H. SAWYER

1860 Federal Census

SAWYER, Stillman

age 39 years

born in Maine

SAWYER, Mary M.	age 23 years	born in Maine
Georgiana	age 15 years	born in Maine
Edla A.	age 13 years	born in Maine
Charles M.	age 12 years	born in Maine
Herbert A.	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Clarence C.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 1 swine, 48 bu. wheat, 14 bu. rye, 25 bu. corn, 60 bu. potatoes

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery

SAWYER, Stillman H., Nov. 2, 1820 - May 14, 1896, 1st Sgt., Co. E, 18th Wis. Inf.
 Mary M., wife of S. H. Sawyer, March 14, 1836 - May 14, 1890.

Stillman Higgins Sawyer was born November 2, 1819 at Gardiner, Columbia County, Maine, on the Kennebec River.

He was the son of James and Octavia Libby Sawyer. His father was a farmer and died when Stillman was only 12 years of age. He was the seventh child and the third son. He learned saddlery and trunk making and was employed along that line as a journeyman for some time.

In the fall of 1845, at Bangor, Maine, he married Miss Lucy Fogg who was born in that city in 1826, the daughter of Greenleaf Fogg, who was a commission merchant in the lumber business.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Ellsworth, Hancock, Maine, where he opened up a shop. There his wife died in the fall of 1851, leaving four children: Georgiana, Edla, Charles M., and Frederick.

In the spring of 1852 Mr. Sawyer left his children with relatives in Maine and headed for California to try his luck at his trade there. This proved to be not too successful, so he tried some prospecting, which turned out with the same results. He then hired out as a cook in a restaurant at \$80 per month. Although he had no previous experience in cooking, he succeeded.

Stillman Higgins Sawyer returned to his native Maine in August, 1855, but soon decided to try his fortune in Wisconsin. He went first to Chicago by rail, then by boat to Sheboygan, drove across to Fond Du Lac, by boat to Gills Landing, by team to Waupaca and on to Portage County. Here he purchased land in Section 11, town of Belmont, and later bought 80 acres in Section 12.

He returned to Maine and married Mary Melissa Fogg, a sister to his first wife. Mary Melissa Sawyer later became my great grandmother. She was born March 14, 1836, in Bangor, Maine. She was married to Stillman H. Sawyer October 11, 1855, at Bangor, Maine.

They left for their new land and home in Wisconsin, taking three of his children with them, leaving Frederick in Maine. To this new union were born the following children: Herbert Alvarado, Clarence Allerick, Don Walter, Luella Frances, and Stillman Ervin.

On the first day of March, 1888, Mr. and Mrs. Stillman Sawyer donated land in Section 12 for a Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been known down through the years as the Grant Church. A memorial to the church stands on that site today, 1984. For more about this church, refer to the churches of Belmont.

Stillman H. Sawyer was chosen as the first clerk of the Town of Belmont and served several years. In January, 1867, he became the Register of Deeds of Portage County and served two terms. In 1871, he was appointed as Deputy County Treasurer. In 1880 he was elected to the office of County Treasurer and was twice re-elected.

Stillman H. Sawyer went to the defense of the Union, December 10, 1861, enlisting at Plover. He served as recruiting Sergeant of Company E, 18th Wis. Vol. After the company was organized for duty in Milwaukee, it was sent to St. Louis, Mo., March 29, 1861, thence down the river to Pittsburgh Landing, and participated in the Battle of Shilo, which was the first engagement. After the battle, he was the highest in rank left in his company. He stayed in command until July 4.

In 1863 he was sent back to Wisconsin as a recruiting Sergeant. In April, 1864, he went to Madison, then joined his regiment at Huntsville, Alabama. In October, 1864, he was taken prisoner with three other companies who were captured by the Rebels while guarding a bridge a mile south of Altoona Pass. He was sent to Milan, Georgia, and was held for forty days before being taken to Savannah where he was exchanged in November, 1864. He was sent to the hospital at Annapolis, Maryland, until December 1, when he was granted a 30-day furlough and returned home.

Stillman H. Sawyer was honorably discharged at Milwaukee, January 22, 1865.

I take great pride in being able to say that Stillman H. and Melissa M. Fogg Sawyer were my great grandparents.

ALONZO CARLOS LOOMIS

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery.

LOOMIS, Alonzo, March 10, 1826 - Feb. 28, 1898

Laura E., May 3, 1838 - May 29, 1906

Orrin C., 1868 - 1933

Alonzo Carlos Loomis was born March 10, 1826, in Yorkshire, Cattaraugus County, New York, the son of Orin Loomis, who was born in Maine. On his death certificate, Volume C., page 73, in the Register of Deeds Office in Stevens Point. It does not give his mother's name.

It was there in Yorkshire that he married Laura Dake, a daughter of John C. Dake and wife on November 25, 1854.

They came west in 1857, first settling in Omro, Winnebago County, and on to Section 5 in the Town of Belmont in 1864.

Mr. Loomis drove a stage coach from Berlin to Stevens Point and was out all one night in freezing rain. He became ill, and his illness developed into pneumonia and later into arthritis. From that time on until his death in 1898, he always walked with the aid of a cane, and sometimes two.

Their children were as follows: Lillian Louella, Eliza May, Mary Jane, and Orrin Colby.

CHARLES SANDERS

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery.

SANDERS, Charles, born May 10, 1811 - died May 23, 1895
Fanny, born April 25, 1825 - died Sept. 6, 1896
Henry, born April 10, 1860 - died June 18, 1889
Baby, died 1895, no marker, only old cemetery records.

WILLIAM GRANT

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery.

GRANT, William, born in 1822, and died April 26, 1922, aged 100 yr's,
2 mo's & 18 d's. Co. D, 47th Wis. Inf.
Jane, born Feb. 7, 1833 - died June 8, 1914
Son, Ellsworth, born 27 June, not legible, died 24 July, 1895

William Grant was born in the Parish of Comb, St. Nicholas, Somersetshire, England, a son of William and Margaret Mayo Grant.

On March 23, 1851, in Somersetshire, at the Comb St. Nicholas Church, Mr. Grant was united to Miss Jane Vickery who was born in Bickland, St. Mary's Parish, Somersetshire, a daughter of Samuel and Jane Hawkins Vickery.

In April 1851, William Grant with his bride set sail for the new world from Liverpool on the ship "New Brunswick." The trip lasted six weeks and two days. Rochester, New York, was their destination; but staying there only a short time doing carpentering and painting, he decided to move westward where he could buy a cheaper home for his small family.

In the spring of 1854 he said good-bye to his wife and little family and made his way to Gills Landing, Waupaca County, Wisconsin, and on to Portage County. He secured work in Gray's Tavern, which was on the stage coach line in the Town of Lanark, Portage County. He also worked in Spurr's mill in the Town of Lanark.

It was in October, 1854, that he was joined by his wife and small daughter and they began living in a little cabin, 12 x 16 feet, located on 180 acres of land in Lanark Township which he had previously pre-empted.

William Grant moved to the Town of Belmont in the autumn of 1855 and there made his home until the spring of 1893 when he retired from his farm in Section 11, Town of Belmont, and moved to Waupaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant were the parents of the following children: Emma J., James W., Ellsworth W., and Frank.

Prompted by his patriotic impulses, Mr. Grant responded to the country's call for troops. He enlisted at Waupaca in February, 1864, in Co. D, 47th Wis. Inf.

While in Tennessee his regiment did guard duty, principally against bushwhackers. He served until September, 1865, when he was honorably dishcharged at Nashville, Tennessee, and he returned to his state, farm and family to resume his farming duties which his wife and family had carried on while he was serving the Union cause.

JAMES GARTER

1860 Federal Census

GARTER, James	age 45 years	Farmer, born in New York
Sarah	age 31 years	born in Michigan
Elizabeth	age 12 years	born in Wisconsin
Delilah E.	age 8 years	born in Wisconsin
Sally E.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 2 others, 1 swine, 276 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn, 70 bu. oats.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery.

GARTER, James, died Sept. 16, 1878, aged 64 yr's & 2 mo's.
Sarah, wife of James, died July 1, 1900, aged 72 yr's, 1 mo.
18 d's.
Carl James, born June 4, 1860, died June 6, 1918.

ALBERT S. GOULD

Tombstone inscriptions in the Elmwood Cemetery

GOULD, Sarah E., wife of A. S. Gould, born Feb. 16, 1824; died Nov. 29, 1863, aged 39 yr's, 9 mo's & 23 d's.

Cemetery records show that A. S. Gould died at Plover, but gives no dates.

Very little is known about this family. Albert S. Gould married Sarah E. Brown, who was a sister of Jonathon Brown, who is also buried on the same lot number 17 on the east side of the center driveway, with no marker.

Albert S. Gould and Jonathon Brown lived together on what is better remembered as the Frank Dent farm. Albert S. Gould had 40 acres in Section 2, and Jonathon Brown had 80 acres across the road in Section 11.

We lived on this farm in 1936, and Mr. Frank Dent told us that there had been a burial along the north fence in the north 40 that once belonged to A. S. Gould. Mr. Dent said that the body had been removed many years ago. Incidentally, Mr. Frank Dent was my wife's grandfather.

According to the Elmwood Cemetery records, Sara E. Gould was in their term replanted in the 1890's. I now assume that Sarah E. Gould was buried back on the farm, and when the farm changed hands in the 1890's, she was reburied in the Elmwood Cemetery along with her husband and brother, Jonathon Brown and wife.

JONATHON BROWN

1860 Federal Census

BROWN, John I.	age 43 years	Farmer, born in New Jersey
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BROWN, Sarah

age 32 years

born in New Jersey

Mr. Brown's obituary reads: "John (Jonathon) Brown died Jan. 12, 1902, and his body was brought down from Plover and buried near his old home in Belmont, aged 87 years." This would put his birth at 1815.

Cemetery records for the Elmwood Cemetery:

There are no markers for Jonathon or Sarah, his wife; they are buried on the same lot with the Goulds that was purchased for \$2.00. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown died at Plover, but are buried in the Elmwood Cemetery. Mrs. Sarah Brown's maiden name was Coleman.

ARTHUR FLETCHER

1860 Federal Census

FLETCHER, Arthur

age 17 years

Farm laborer, born in England

Tombstone inscriptions in the Badger Cemetery

FLETCHER, Authur, 1842 - 1899, Co. E. 21st Wis. Inf.

MAGEE, Sarah A., 1834 - 1913

Obituary: "Arthur Fletcher, who lived in the northeastern part of Belmont, died April 9, 1899. He was about 56 years of age. He leaves a wife and several brothers to mourn. He was a native of England, coming to this country with his parents, John and Charlotte Fletcher in 1854, settling in Portage County in 1860. His wife, formerly Miss Sarah Handel, also survives him. He was a veteran of the Civil War." Mrs. Fletcher's parents were William and Sarah A. Handel.

Mrs. Fletcher married J. D. Magee after the death of her husband, but is buried with her first husband in the Badger Cemetery.

JOHN BROWN

1860 Federal Census

BROWN, John
Nancy

age 70 years
age 60 years

Farmer, born in New Jersey
born in New Jersey

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 other, 80 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, 40 bu. oats, 60 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Badger Cemetery.

BROWN, John, March 17, 1790 - Feb. 10, 1876

Nancy, his wife, April 20, 1799 - May 31, 1878 (nee Jones)

GARWOOD T. SAXTON

1860 Federal Census

SAXTON, Garwood T.	age 32 years	Farmer, born in New York
Ruth	age 27 years	Teacher, born in New York
John	age 7 years	born in New York
Lydia	age 5 years	born in New York

Tombstone inscriptions in the Badger Cemetery

SAXTON, G. T., June 6, 1827 - Feb. 4, 1913
Ruth A., his wife, Oct. 17, 1831 - Oct. 16, 1903

Ruth A. Saxton's maiden name was Brown and they had another son, Gilbert.

SIMEON GRAY

Tombstone inscriptions in the Badger Cemetery

GRAY, Simeon, Died Oct. 31, 1857, aged 72 yr's & 8 m's
WEST, Elizabeth, died Nov. 12, 1909, aged 94 years

1860 Federal Census

GRAY, Elizabeth	age 43 years	Farmer, born in Connecticut
Simeon	age 19 years	born in New York
Francis C.	age 14 years	born in New York
Lucy A.	age 9 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 other, 90 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, 40 bu. oats, 60 bu. potatoes.

Elizabeth nee Polley Gray married a Mr. Butler and Calvin West after the death of Simeon Gray. She is buried beside Simeon Gray under the name of West.

Elizabeth Gray was called Granny by her friends and neighbors. She owned 40 acres in both Section 11 and 12, Town of Belmont. The buildings were on the west side of the road only a few rods south of the Pioneer School. Both sites are gone now; even the pump in the school yard is gone.

John Zawacki was the last family to live on the old Granny Gray place. The land is now owned by James Grant.

RICHARD DOLLING

1860 Federal Census

DOLLING, Richard	age 38 years	Farmer, born in England
Mary A.	age 48 years	born in England

Tombstone inscriptions in the Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wis.

DOLLING, Richard, Mar. 20, 1823 - May 15, 1904
 Louisa, Sept. 23, 1832 - Mar. 10, 1902

Tombstone inscription in the Lind Center Cemetery

DOLLING, Mary A., wife of R., died Aug. 8, 1881, aged 72 years

Mary Hall Dolling was born in England in 1809, and died August 8, 1881 as a result of a heart attack when their house caught fire. She ran to the field to summon Richard and the hired man. They ran on ahead as she could not keep up, and as the result, she had a heart attack and died.

According to a letter written by Mary A. Dolling to Louisa, Tom Dolling's wife, that her husband, Richard Dolling, had killed her husband July 7, 1872. It seemed as if the brothers Richard and Tom had bitter feelings toward each other. Mary stated that "The wretched cattle brought them together, the cattle had broken out and Thomas came at Richard with a club to knock his brains out, and to save his own life, Richard used the gun that he had in his hand, killing Thomas on the spot."

Tom Dolling is buried in an unmarked grave in the First Belmont Cemetery in Lot Number 2 in Potter's field. This lot has been covered over with debris.

Richard Dolling later married Louisa, Tom's widow and they are both buried in Weyauwega, Wisconsin, while Mary A. is buried in the Lind Center Cemetery, Town of Lind, Waupaca County. She is buried on a lot with Thomas Hall who died in 1855, who was her first husband.

MILO CLARK (CLARKE)

1860 Federal Census

CLARK, Milo	age 29 years	Farmer, born in New York
Emma	age 19 years	born in New York

Tombstone inscriptions in the Liberty Corners Cemetery, Town of Buena Vista, Portage County.

CLARK, Milo, 1831 - 1913
 Emma D., 1839 - 1928
 Elmer E., son of Milo and Emma Clark, 1865 - 1909

Milo Clark died at his home in Oshkosh, Winnebago County, in 1913 after an illness of over two years. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1831, making him 82 years of age at the time of his death.

He was among the early settlers to Portage County, first settling in the Town of Belmont and later moved to the Plover area. His farm in the Town of Belmont may better be remembered as the Frank Guyant farm in Sections one, two, eleven and twelve. In 1984 this farm is still in the family, owned by James Grant, a Great Grandson of Frank Guyant.

PATRICK STINSON

1860 Federal Census

STINSON, Patrick	age 26 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Eliza	age 26 years	born in Ireland
James	age 5 years	born in New York
Edward	age 8 months	born in New York
Ellen Bernard	age 7 years	born in New York

Tombstone inscriptions in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Town of Lanark

STINSON, Patrick, 1828 - 1913, Co. I. 18th Wis. Inf.
Eliza, his wife, 1829 - 1877

Patrick Stinson was born in Ireland in 1828 and came to America with an uncle when he was only 14 years old. He died at Waupaca, May 26, 1913, as a result of a stroke.

Mr. and Mrs. Stinson were the parents of the following children: Edward, Henry, Alice, Mrs. Moses Leary, and Fannie Timbers.

On the 10th day of October, 1861, Patrick and Eliza Stinson sold one half acre to School District No. 7 for \$10.00. This school was sometimes referred to as the Stinson School, the Sawyer School, and finally the Sunny View School. This has been converted to a family dwelling.

CURTIS FAMILY

1860 Federal Census

CURTIS, Melissa	age 54 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Edwin	age 23 years	Farmer, born in Canada
Abbie	age 20 years	born in New York
Clark	age 13 years	born in Canada

1860 Agricultural Census

CURTIS, Edwin, 2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 swine, 40 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, 60 bu. potatoes.

Benjamin and Melissa Colby Curtis were the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter.

Benjamin Curtis moved his family to Canada when Merritt J. was only two years old. They resided in Canada until the death of Benjamin. Merritt John was then ten years old.

Melissa moved her family to Belmont Township, Portage County, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1854. The winter of 1854-55 was remembered by all of the old settlers as the winter of the deep snow, it being four feet deep on the level.

Merritt's older brother was working with his team in the pinery and could not get home so Merritt, only 12 years of age, had to be the man of the house and provide wood for the fires which he had to chop and draw to the house on a hand sled.

He also had to draw home on his hand sled, feed for the cow and her calf. It was a distance of one and one half miles. The feed was

purchased from a neighbor. He had to make the trip every day, as he could only draw home enough feed for twenty four hours. When spring finally came he had five cords of stove wood ahead, and the cow and calf were in good condition.

The name of Merritt Curtis appears in the earliest tax roll in 1863.

Merritt John Curtis was born March 5, 1842, in Erie County, New York. He was the second son of Benjamin and Melissa Colby Curtis. In July, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary T. Barton, of the Town of Farmington, Waupaca County, after which he moved back to Erie County, New York, and from there back to the Town of Leon, Monroe County, Wisconsin, in 1869.

To this union were born the following children: Henry B., Mabel M., who married Harvey Bishop, Philo M., Florence E., who married Michael Crowl, Merton E., and Earnest E., who was adopted by Irwin S. and Eliza A. Colvin.

On December 12, 1880, in Sparta, Monroe County, Merritt J. Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Eavis Jane Colvin, who was born in Angelo Township, Monroe County, December 12, 1859, a daughter of Irwin S. and Eliza A. Makana Colvin, who were both natives of Vermont.

By this second marriage there were two children: Earl M. and Lloyd M. Curtis.

On November 7, 1864, Mr. Curtis joined the Union forces and took part in the capture of Jefferson Davis.

In March 1881, Mr. Curtis took up his residence on his farm in Section 5, Town of Belmont.

Sometime before 1909, Merritt J. Curtis returned to Monroe County because it was there in Monroe County that he died June 23, 1909, and is buried in the Town of Leon, Monroe County.

Eavis Jane Curtis died February 17, 1944 in Waupaca at the home of her grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Curtis. She was 84 years old. She is buried on the lot with her father in the First Belmont Cemetery.

LAWRENCE MC INROE

1860 Federal Census

MC INROE, Lawrence	age 48 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Ann	age 47 years	born in Ireland
James	age 19 years	born in New York
Mary	age 20 years	born in New York
Sarah A.	age 17 years	born in New York
Charles	age 14 years	born in New York
Julia	age 9 years	born in New York
Lawrence	age 5 years	born in New York
James	age 40 years	born in Ireland

1860 Agricultural Census

3 oxen, 3 milch cows, 2 others, 200 bu. wheat, 80 bu. rye, 150 bu. corn, 120 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Town of Lanark

MC INROE, Lawrence, died Feb. 25, 1872, aged 64 years.

MC INROE, Ann, wife of L., died Nov. 23, 1895, aged 86 years.
Mary E., 1838 - 1922

ALPHEN AUSTIN

1860 Federal Census

AUSTIN, Alphen	age 40 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Jane	age 55 years	born in New Brunswick
Charles	age 13 years	born in Maine

Tombstone inscriptions in the Parfreyville Cemetery, Lot No. 59

AUSTIN, Jane, died August 5, 1865, aged 60 yr's & 3 m's

THOMAS COLLIER

1860 Federal Census

COLLIER, Thomas	age 55 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Matilda	age 49 years	born in Ireland
John M.	age 25 years	born in Maine
George	age 23 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Charles	age 21 years	born in Maine
Irene	age 20 years	born in Maine
Laird	age 17 years	born in Maine
James	age 14 years	born in Maine
Susan	age 12 years	born in Maine
Elijah	age 7 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

2 horses, 2 oxen, 4 milch cows, 2 others, 4 swine, 70 bu. wheat, 100 bu. rye, 50 bu. corn, 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Parfreyville Cemetery, Lot No. 59

COLLIER, Thomas, died Dec. 8, 1885, aged 80 yr's, 6 mo's, 4 d's.
Matilda, wife of Thomas, died March 29, 1890, aged 81 years.
Charles died July 15, 1864, aged 25 yr's, 4 mo's & 7 d's.
Co. A, 8th Regt. Wis. Vol.

Thomas Collier, a native of Longford, Ireland, married Matilda Colson in New Brunswick, Canada. He was a son of John Collier, who was a farmer in Ireland before he came to Maine where he continued in agricultural pursuits. The father died in the Pine Tree state at the advanced age of 90 years.

Thomas and Matilda were the parents of the following children: Ann, who died in Pine River, Waushara County; John M.; George, who was a soldier in the 18th Wis. Vol.; Charles, who died from causes from the Civil War; Matilda, who died in the Lanark Township; Irena, who married Willard Dearing; James of Minnesota; David, who was a soldier; Susan, who married Frank Gurley; and Elijah.

SAMUEL WHITNEY

1860 Federal Census

WHITNEY, Samuel	age 46 years	Farmer, born in New Brunswick
Ann B.	age 39 years	born in New Brunswick
Thomas S.	age 20 years	born in Maine
Cordelia	age 10 years	born in Maine
Camilla	age 6 years	born in Maine
Horace	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 3 milch cows, 3 others, 2 sheep, 2 swine, 153 bu. wheat, 175 bu. corn, and 130 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Parfreyville Cemetery

WHITNEY, Samuel, born Feb. 24, 1814 - died May 16, 1902

Tombstone inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

WHITNEY, Ann D., wife of Samuel, died Dec. 4, 1862, aged 42 yr's.
Thomas S. son of Sam & A. D. Whitney, died Oct. 3, 1862,
aged 22 years.

AZRON FREEMAN

1860 Federal Census

FREEMAN, Azron D.	age 34 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Mary A.	age 25 years	born in Canada
Leonard C.	age 6 years	born in New York
Maggie	age 7 years	born in New York
Wallace E.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 3 milch cows, 2 others, 3 swine, 115 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 100 bu. corn, and 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Parfreyville Cemetery

Freeman, Mary A., wife of A. D. Freeman, died December 29, 1876, aged 43 yr's & 3 mo's.
Mary E. dau. of A. D. & M. A. Freeman, died Nov. 22, aged 21 m's & 5 d's.
Lucy Adell, dau. of A. D. & M. A. Freeman, died Oct. 8, 1870, aged 2 m's & 23 d's.

It has been stated that Mrs. Mary A. Freeman was the person who suggested that the town be called Belmont.

JAMES YOUNG

1860 Federal Census

YOUNG, James	age 70 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Ellen	age 45 years	born in Ireland
Jane	age 11 years	born in Ireland

Tombstone Inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

YOUNG, James, died Feb. 10, 1875, born about 1790.
Ellen, wife of James, died April 13, 1871, in her 56 year of her age.
Our Sister, Eliza, dau. of J. & E. Young, died Oct., 1856, in the 6 year of her age.
Our Brother, Jonnie, son of J. & E. Young, died Oct., 1856, in the 1 year of his age.

H. R. ROBINSON

1860 Federal Census

ROBINSON, Heatherly R.	age 56 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Elmira	age 54 years	born in Maine
Hiram	age 18 years	born in Maine
Mary E.	age 13 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

3 milch cows, 2 oxen, 2 others, 2 swine, 80 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 40 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

ROBINSON, H. R., born Sept. 8, 1803, died April 7, 1883, aged 79 yr's, & 14 d's.
Almira Sawyer Robinson, Born Nov. 23, 1805, married Oct. 31, 1824, died Mar. 31, 1884, aged 78 yr's & 7 d's.

Heatherly Randall Robinson and his wife Almira Sawyer were the parents of the following children: Hattie, George W., Elias H., Emma Jane, Laura Ann, Hiram Adelbert, Mary Elizabeth.

GEORGE W. ROBINSON

1860 Federal Census

ROBINSON, George W.	age 32 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Amy N.	age 30 yeras	born in Vermont
Frank W.	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

4 horses, 1 milch cow, 7 others, 6 swine, 150 bu. wheat, 50 bu. rye, 100 bu. corn, 40 bu. oats, 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

ROBINSON, George W., born in Litchfield, Maine, Sept. 14, 1827.

Amy, wife of G. W. Robinson, born in Essex, Vermont, Sept. 14, 1829.

Frank W., son of G. W. & Amy Robinson, born in Belmont, Wisconsin, Oct. 21, 1857, died Sept. 13, 1865.

Kate, daughter of G. W. & Amy Robinson, born in Belmont, Wisconsin, Feb. 28, 1869, died May 19, 1898.

Obituary - Dated December 1, 1919. "Mrs. Amy Robinson of Santa Cruz, Cal., died at the advanced age of ninety years, two months and fourteen days. In 1854 she came to Wisconsin with her father's family and settled on a farm one half mile west of Eaton Corners. In 1854 she was married at the farm of George W. Robinson in Belmont.

They moved to Santa Cruz, Ca., to live out their last years with their son, D. A. Robinson."

JOHN C. DE VOIN

1860 Federal Census

DE VOIN, John C.	age 52 years	Farmer, born in New Brunswick
Abigail	age 48 years	born in Maine
Asa S.	age 20 years	born in Maine
Stillman M.	age 18 years	born in Maine
Octavia	age 16 years	born in Maine
Charles S.	age 13 years	born in Maine
John L.	age 8 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 other, 4 swine, 135 bu. wheat, 30 bu rye, 150 bu. corn, 40 bu. oats, 130 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery

DE VOIN, John C., died Apr. 21, 1892, aged 85 yr's, 5 m's & 20 d's.

Abigail Sawyer, wife of John C. DeVoin, died Dec. 19, 1860, aged 49 yr's, 5 m's & 13 d's.

Asa S., son of J. C. & A. DeVoin, died at Belmont, Oct. 22, 1862, aged 23 yr's, 1 mo., 7 d's.

DeVoin - Asa S. enlisted at Rural Aug. 23, 1861, in Co. A. 8th Reg. Wis. Vo. He was taken sick at Point Pleasant, Mo., May 20, 1862.

John C. DeVoin was born in Maine in November of 1806, and his wife Abigail Sawyer was born in the same state in 1811.

John C. DeVoin had been the keeper of a livery stable prior to the panic of 1837, which resulted in a severe financial loss and winding up with only his farm.

It was in the fall of 1854 that Mr. John C. DeVoin started with his wife and children for Waupaca, Wisconsin. The journey was made via Boston, Buffalo, the Great Lakes to Milwaukee, to Sheboygan, then by team to Fond Du Lac, thence by water through Lake Winnebago and up the Wolf River to Gills Landing.

The trip to Weyauwega was made on foot from Gills Landing in the night and finally the next day by team to the Town of Belmont. Temporary shelter was obtained at the house of George Robinson while a house was being built on the 120 acres of Government land in Section 13, that he bought for \$1.25 per acre. Mrs. DeVoin lived only a few years in this new frontier. She died December 19, 1860. Mr. DeVoin passed away April 21, 1892, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elias Rogers.

They were the parents of the following children: James, who died in infancy; Ann E., wife of Elias Rogers; Asa S., who was a member of Co. A, 8th Wis. Vol.; Stillman F., who was a druggist in Azusa, near Los Angeles, Cal.; Octavia, Mrs. Hosea Rogers; Charles S.; Helen, who died in Maine; and John L., who was in real estate business at Tacoma, Washington.

OCTAVIA S. SAWYER

Tombstone inscription in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

SAWYER, Octavia S., wife of James Sawyer, died May 8, 1857, aged 69 yr's, 10 mo's, 17 d's.

Octavia Libby of Scarborough, Maine, was born June 21, 1787, and married James Sawyer in Maine in 1805. James Sawyer was born February 15, 1777, and died January 19, 1831. He is buried in the Libby Cemetery, Gardiner, Maine.

They were the parents of the following children: Almira, who married Heatherly R. Robinson; Demaris, who died at the age of 43 years and is buried at Bangor, Maine; Abigail, who married John C. DeVoin; Emerson, who married Sarah Patterson; Catherine Marr, buried in Bangor, Maine; Mary Ann, who died at an early age; Stillman Higgins (my great grandfather); Rufus H., who married Hannah Colby; Mercy L., who died very young; and Olive Ann, who married Howard W. Brooks. Samuel died at 2 yr's. James M. died age 26 yr's, buried in Bangor, Maine. Octavia Sawyer came west to be near her remaining living children.

EDWARD W. STRINGHAM

Tombstone inscriptions in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

STRINGHAM, Edward G., eldest son of J. C. & L. A. Stringham, passed away March 28, 1876, aged 14 yr's, 10 m's.

Sherman, son of J. C. & L. A. Stringham, died Nov. 12, 1869, aged 4 yr's, 2 m's & 12 d's.

John C. Stringham married Laura Ann Robinson, daughter of H. R. and Almira Sawyer Robinson. They were also the parents of these children:

Ella, Hattie, Maud, Edward G., and twins Grant and Sherman. Mr. Stringham was a tinsmith

In 1919 John and Laura Stringham were living in Ogden, Utah.

LOREN BUCK

Tombstone inscriptions in the Waupaca Lakeside Memorial Cemetery.

BUCK, Loren E. 1833 - 1915
Tamar H. 1839 - 1925
Emily J. 1819 - 1908

Loren E. Buck was born July 21, 1833 in Brookfield, Vermont, a son of Walter and Jerusha Darling Buck. Both parents died in Brookfield, Vermont. Loren was reared upon the home farm until he was 18 years of age when he began learning the machinist trade in Worcester, Massachusetts. After three years he decided to try his skills in the west. He arrived in Wisconsin with only 50 cents in his pocket. He secured employment with J. I. Case Company in Racine, Wisconsin, when everything was run by horse power.

Loren E. Buck was married May 30, 1857, in Bristol Township, Dane County, Wisconsin, to Miss Tamar H. Brown, and they began their married life in Racine. Tamar H. Brown was born in Oxford, Massachusetts, April 30, 1839, and was the daughter of Daniel and Abigail T. Collier Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck resided in Racine until 1858 when they moved to Omro, Winnebago County, where he farmed for a short time. Later he was employed in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

In February, 1862, they came to the Town of Belmont, settling on a forty acre tract of land in Section 10. They lived with a neighbor until their rough board house, 16 x 21 feet, was built.

They were the parents of the following children: Emily C., who was born in Bristol, Wisconsin, and married George Lincoln; Angie L., who married Clinton Lincoln; Azro L., born in Omro; Charles B.; Walter E.; Celia E.; Lillian M.; Jennie M. and Arthur.

In the fall of 1864, Mr. Buck left his family in Berlin, Green Lake County and joined the boys in Blue of Co. H. 18th Wis. Inf. He joined Sherman's Army at Goldsboro, North Carolina. The troops then marched into Raleigh.

He participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., where he was honorably discharged May 31, 1865.

Mr. Buck retired from farming in 1894 and moved to Waupaca, Wisconsin, where both he and his wife died and are buried.

STARR POLLEY

Tombstone inscriptions in the Waupaca Memorial Park Cemetery.

POLLEY, Starr, died Sept. 9, 1893, aged 69 yr's.

Sarah A., wife of Starr, died Nov. 24, 1892, aged 65 yr's & 5 mo's.

Starr Polley's name appears in the first tax list for 1863. In 1875 he owned the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, and the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8.

CHARLES HALFHIDE

Tombstone inscriptions in the Waupaca Lakeside Memorial Park.

HALFHIDE, Charles, born Mar. 12, 1841 - died Dec. 11, 1898.

Lucy A., born Feb. 2, 1844 - died Dec. 27, 1896.

Robert S. 1866 - 1935

Margaret E. 1866 - 1936

Charles Halfhide's name appears as owning land in the Town of Belmont in the 1863 tax roll. In 1875 he owned the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, and the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12.

JOHN GRAY

1860 Federal Census

GRAY, John	age 43 years	Farmer, born in New York
Mary A.	age 37 years	born in New Jersey
Nancy A.	age 17 years	born in New York
John B.	age 7 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 8 swine, 180 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn, 90 bu. oats, 60 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscription in the Badger Cemetery

GRAY, Mary A., wife of John, born March 12, 1823.

In 1875 John Gray owned the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 1, and the Northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 2, and the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2. This was later the Nels Jensen farm.

EDWARD Y. SMITH

1860 Federal Census

SMITH, Edward Y.	age 27 years	Farmer, born in Massachusetts
Elizabeth C.	age 26 years	born in Scotland
Julia E.	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Owen C. B.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Isadore	age 8 months	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 other, 1 swine, 120 bu. wheat, 100 bu. rye, 7 bu. corn, 100 bu. oats, 140 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

SMITH, Edward Y., Mar. 19, 1833 - Oct. 5, 1888
Elizabeth, June 20, 1834 - Feb. 11, 1923
Bertha M., 1871 - 1970
Lyman J., 1875 - 1949

Edward Y. Smith was born in the Island of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, March 29, 1833, the son of Harrison and Sophrona Smith. In 1849, when Edward was only fourteen years old, his father moved west with his family, settling in Lisbon Township, Waukesha County, Wisconsin.

Mr. Smith was born to be a farmer, so after the death of his parents in Waukesha County, he started out working on different farms. This is when he met his future wife, Miss Elizabeth C. Moyes. She was born in Perthshire, Scotland, June 20, 1834, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Rogers Moyes.

Mr. Smith fell in love and married this young school teacher on December 2, 1853, at Brookfield, Waukesha County. They lived in Waukesha County for eighteen months before they purchased 80 acres of land in Section 36, Belmont Township, Portage County, where he, his wife Elizabeth and little daughter, Julia, made a new home for themselves. They loaded their few belongings in a covered wagon, tied their one cow behind and started for their new home, which took them six days of travel.

They lived in a little log cabin 12 x 14 feet. Here they spent many happy years, in the thought, that it was their own.

The children born to this union were: Julia, who married Samuel Riley; Owen C., who was a tinner in Templeton, Waukesha County; Isadore S., who married Henry Pope; Margaret A., who married Fred Minton; Lyman A., who married Cora May Jones; Bertha, who was a teacher; Wallace A., and Clifford H.

They had an adopted son, Otha A., who married Nina Boughton and he is buried in the Greenvale Cemetery.

Edward Y. Smith died October 5, 1888, as the result of an accident.

DAVID N. TOWNE

1860 Federal Census

TOWN, David N.,	age 33 years	Farmer, born in New Brunswick
Georgiana	age 32 years	born in New Brunswick
Ella L.	age 6 years	born in Maine
Ann I.	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin
Florence I.	age $\frac{1}{2}$ year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 2 swine, 100 bu. wheat, 150 bu. corn, 140 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

TOWNE, David N., June 3, 1827 - Mar. 9, 1901 Co. C. 44th Wis. Inf.
Georgia A., Apr. 18, 1828 - Dec. 11, 1905
George N., Aug. 19, 1866 - Dec. 24, 1888
Harriet E., dau. of D. N. & G. A. Towne, died Oct. 19, 1856,
aged 8 m's & 13 d's.

David N. Towne was born June 3, 1827, in Douglas Parish, New Brunswick, Canada. He was the eldest son and second child of Howard P. and Sarah Foster Towne.

Mr. Towne was educated in the schools of the Pine Tree State. He taught school for one year, but disliked the profession. He engaged work in the lumber woods and on a farm.

His marriage to Georgiana McLeod took place December 27, 1852, in Aroostock County, Maine. She was born in Parish of St. Stephens, New Brunswick, Canada, April 28, 1829. She being a daughter of Donald and Janet McLeod.

They lived for a time on a part of the old homestead in Hodgdon, Maine. There was born to them a daughter Ella Leonora, December 12, 1853. Ella Leonora later became the wife of A. E. Dopp of Belmont.

In May, 1854, this little family left Maine for a new home in the west. They spent the first summer working as a farm hand for his Uncle John W. White in Jefferson County, Wisconsin. In the autumn, the family left for Waupaca County. He pre-empted a quarter section of land in Section 1, Township of Dayton. In the fall of 1855 he secured a farm in Section 35, Township of Belmont, Portage County.

On September 21, 1864, David N. Towne enlisted at Waupaca in Co. C, 44th Wis. Vol.

He was elected the first Treasurer of Belmont Township when it was supposed to be under the jurisdiction of Waupaca County, but was afterward found to be under Portage County and the election was declared invalid.

They had the following children: Harriet E., born February 6, 1856, died October 19, 1856; Ann J., who married Asa Thompson; Florence, who was the wife of Rev. Almaran Soule; Roderick L., born December 22, 1864, died July 29, 1886; George N. born August 19, 1866, died December 24, 1887, and Minnie V., who married Frederick Frater.

HOWARD P. TOWN

1860 Federal Census

TOWN, Howard P.	age 59 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Sarah A.	age 54 years	born in New Brunswick
Cyrus	age 22 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Sylvester	age 17 years	born in Maine
Howard W.	age 14 years	born in Maine
Alvin A.	age 11 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

1 horse, 2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 3 others, 1 swine, 180 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn, 30 bu. oats, 30 bu. potatoes.

Howard P. Towne was born at Augusta, Maine, and he married Sarah A. Foster in Douglas, New Brunswick, Canada, on June 8, 1824. She was born in that neighborhood January 4, 1806, a daughter of John and Artemissa Todd Foster.

Mr. Towne settled in Hodgdon Township where he engaged in both farming and lumbering until in 1855 when they removed to Wisconsin. They spent one year in the Town of Dayton, Waupaca County, before moving to the Town of Belmont, Portage County, where he purchased the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35.

To this union the following children were born: Francis J., born May 14, 1825, died August 24, 1826; David N., who married Georgiana McLeod; Charles, born March 11, 1830, died March 14, 1831; Artemus, born December 17, 1831, died October 1, 1837; Martha A., who married Thomas Bacon; Sophia J., born September 10, 1836, died April 6, 1837; Cyrus, who was married three times. On February 28, 1870 in the Township of Almond he married Pamela Yerxa, who was born February 15, 1847, in New Brunswick. Mrs. Pamela D. Towne died April 18, 1871, childless. For his second wife, Mr. Towne married Martha A. Yerxa, a sister of his first wife. They were the parents of three children: Windfield D., Benjamin B., and Charles E., who died at the age of fifteen months. Martha passed away August 9, 1880. For the third wife, Cyrus Towne married Mrs. Rose Butolph, widow of Harmon Butolph; Mary L., who became the wife of Joseph Collier; Sylvester, born November 27, 1842, enlisted September 21, 1864, Co. C., 44th Wis. Vol. and died at Nashville Tennessee February 3, 1865; Howard W.; and Alvin O., married Sarah Maria Fairbanks.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

TOWNE, Howard P., 1801 - 1893

Sarah A., 1806 - 1890

Sylvester, son of H. P. & S. A. Towne, died at Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 4, 1865, aged 22 yr's, 2 m's & 7 d's. Co. C. 44th Wis. Inf.

THOMAS G. BACON

1860 Federal Census

BACON, Thomas G.	age 39 years	Farmer, born in Nova Scotia
Martha	age 26 years	born in Maine
James B.	age 7 years	born in Maine
Sarah I.	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Howard E.	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

BACON, Thomas G. 1 milch cow, 2 others, 1 swine, 60 bu. wheat, 150 bu. corn, 50 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

BACON, Thomas G., Mar. 9, 1821 - Jan. 30, 1904 Co. E. 18th Wis. Inf.
Martha A., wife of T. G. Bacon. Mar. 3, 1834 - Nov. 4, 1881

BACON, John B., son of T. G. & M. A., died Feb. 15, 1857, aged 5 yr's,
 1 mo. & 2 d's.
 T. W., Aug. 28, 1863 - Oct. 23, 1886
 H. E., April 20, 1858 - April 24, 1887
 S. M., wife of H. E. May 4, 1869 - Aug. 30, 1887

Thomas G. Bacon was born in the Town of Digby, Nova Scotia. He was the son of Thomas and Rachel Marshall Bacon. He was the second son and third child. At the early age of fourteen years he left home, first going to New York City with a carpenter and contractor whom he had worked for fifteen months previously. He returned to Maine following carpentering in the neighborhood of Eastport and Lubeck. Mr. Bacon married Sarah Ropp in Nova Scotia when but a young man. They were the parents of three children: Mary and two more who died in infancy. Mr. Bacon was alone, once again, as his wife and children were all dead. His second marriage was to Martha A. Towne, in Hogdon, Maine. She was born March 3, 1834, a daughter of Howard P. and Sarah A. Foster Towne.

To this union the following children were born: John B., who died at the age of five years; James D.; Sarah, wife of James H. Rice; Edward, who died at the age of 29 years; Laura A.; Winfield, who died at the age of 23; Sylvester; Hattie, wife of William Russell; Eva and Ralph.

Mr. Bacon came to Wisconsin in 1854 and to the Town of Belmont in 1855. He located in Section 29 and later moved to Section 35. He followed carpentering although he lived on the farm.

On December 16, 1861, in Plover, Wisconsin, Mr. Bacon joined Co. E., 18th Regt. Wis. Vol. He was in that first engagement at Pittsburgh Landing, where he was taken prisoner. It was not until June, 1862, that he was turned over to the 10th Wis. Regt. It was because of this exposure that he contracted an illness and was rejected from further service. He was sent home July 3, 1862.

HENRY H. DOPP

1860 Federal Census

DOPP, Henry H.	age 40 years	Farmer, born in New York
Ellen	age 39 years	born in New York
Joseph	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
Albert	age 8 years	born in Wisconsin
Charles	age 6 years	born in Wisconsin
Alfred	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Susan	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

4 horses, 4 milch cows, 3 others, 9 swine, 529 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn, 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

DOPP, Henry H., Oct. 4, 1819 - Feb. 12, 1895
 Ellen, Nov. 3, 1819 - June 13, 1895
 Walter H., 1887 - 1957

DOPP, Daniel J., Nov 10 - 11, 1948
 Joseph L., 1849 - 1925
 Delia T., 1855 - 1928
 Nellie I., 1876 - 1891

Henry H. Dopp died February 12, 1895, at his home in the Town of Belmont where he had lived for nearly forty-three years. He was born October 4, 1819, in Oneida County, New York. In 1843 he and a younger brother came to Wisconsin and settled in Waukesha County. He married Miss Ellen Lane in 1848 in Waukesha County. Their first two sons were also born there. In 1852, owing to ill health, the family moved to what later became the town of Belmont as there being no town organization at that time, and there were only two other families in the territory.

WILLIAM D. DOPP

1860 Federal Census

DOPP, William D.	age 36 years	Farmer, born in New York
Jerinette	age 30 years	born in Scotland
Emily	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Edson	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin
Mary Elspa	age 1 month	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

4 horses, 4 oxen, 5 milch cows, 3 others, 1 swine, 300 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn, 300 bu. oats, 100 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

DOPP, William D., Apr. 12, 1824 - Sept. 10, 1895
 Janet M., Apr. 30, 1830 - Dec. 25, 1918
 Edson C., May 17, 1858 - Feb 15, 1872
 Daniel G., 1895 - 1918 81 Co. 6, MG BN U.S. Marine Corps
 World War I
 Elspa M., May 3, 1860 - Feb. 12, 1930
 Emily A., Oct. 1, 1856 - Sept. 14, 1937
 Katherine E., 1863 - 1944
 Lillian M., 1876 - 1966
 Frank E., 1866 - 1948

William D. Dopp was born in Oneida County, New York, April 12, 1824, a son of John and Catherine Miller Dopp. The following were the children of John and Catherine Miller Dopp: Henry H., who married Ellen Lane; John G., who died in Monterey, Wisconsin, in 1893; William D., who married Jeannette Moyes; Martha A., widow of William McHorter of Waukesha; Amos Benjamin, of Monterey, Wisconsin, and Susan E., who married Luke D. Scott.

Mr. Dopp settled in Sections 35 and 36 in the Town of Belmont. He attended the first town meeting at the home of A. D. Freeman and heard the name Belmont suggested for the name of the new township by Mrs. Freeman.

In May, 1851, Wm. D., John and Amos started for their new homes in the northern wilderness in Portage County with a team of oxen and implements for breaking land, such as plow and grubhoe. Waupaca County had been surveyed, but not Portage County. Each of the brothers located on an unsurveyed quarter section, immediately west of the surveyed land in Waupaca County, and also prepared a farm for their brother Henry who was to follow later.

Their first shelter was a board roof laid on poles, supported by forked sticks. Here they spent the summer of 1851. They broke some land and built a log cabin, then returned to Waukesha County. William D. cleared land in the summer months and taught school in Waukesha County in the winter months.

On December 31, 1852, Wm. D. Dopp was married in the Town of Lisbon, Waukesha County, to Miss Jeanette Moyes, who was born April 30, 1830, in Perthshire, Scotland, daughter of John and Elizabeth Rogers Moyes. Mrs. Dopp, before her marriage to Mr. William D. Dopp, taught school in Waukesha County. William D. and Jeanette (Janet) Dopp were the parents of the following children: Emily Amelia, who retired from the teaching profession in 1900 to care for her ailing mother; Edson C., who died at the age of thirteen years; Elspa M., who died at the early age of 23 years, she was a graduate of Oshkosh Normal School; Dr. Kathryn E., who was an educator, lecturer and author of children's books; Frank E., who married Lillian Dickinsen. He taught school before he turned to farming.

JOHN RICE

1860 Federal Census

RICE, John	age 45 years	Farmer, born in New York
Marget	age 39 years	born in New York
Elizabeth	age 20 years	born in New York
James W.	age 14 years	born in Illinois
Newton A.	age 11 years	born in Illinois
Herman A.	age 11 years	born in Illinois

Tombstone inscriptions in the Greenvale Cemetery

RICE, John, died Dec. 26, 1890, aged 76 yr's, 3 m's & 10 d's
 Newton A., 1848 - 1910
 Mary M., 1858 - 1933

CYRUS FAIRBANKS

1860 Federal Census

FAIRBANKS, Cyrus	age 31 years	Farmer, born in New York
Evaline	age 25 years	born in Maine
Sarah M.	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Walter	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 2 others, 1 swine, 60 bu. wheat, 18 bu. rye, 30 bu. corn, 60 bu. oats, 150 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscription in the Greenvale Cemetery.

DICKERSON, Eveline M., wife of Oliver Dickerson, died Apr. 5, 1878,
aged 42 yr's & 3 m's

Cyrus Fairbanks located in the Town of Almond in early 1850. And in 1855 he moved to the Town of Belmont where one of his daughters, Sarah M., was born. She later became the wife of Alvin Oscar Towne. Cyrus Fairbanks died in the Town of Belmont during the Civil War. Eveline, his widow, later married Oliver Dickerson. We have no record of a tombstone for Cyrus Fairbanks.

LUKE D. SCOTT

1860 Federal Census, Town of Belmont:

SCOTT, Luke D. age 25 years Farm laborer, born in Pennsylvania

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery

SCOTT, Luke D. 1831 - 1909 Co. C. 44th Wis. Inf.
Susan E. 1832 - 1911
Infant, son of L. D. & S. E. Scott, no dates

Biography of Luke D. Scott:

Mr. Scott was born in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1831. He was the son of the late Luke and Julia (Seeley) Scott. Luke had 10 brothers and sisters.

In the fall of 1855 he came to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, first traveling to Sheboygan by rail and thence by stage to Oshkosh.

In the winter he worked in the woods and during the following summer he was employed in a sawmill at Oshkosh.

In the fall of 1856 he came to Portage County and worked in the pinery on the Big Plover.

In 1861 he purchased land in Section 8, Belmont Township.

Mr. Scott was Married March 19, 1862, in Oconomowoc, Wis., to Susan E. Dopp, who was born in Oneida County, New York, May 16, 1832, the daughter of John W. and Catherine (Miller) Dopp. Susan E. Dopp migrated to Waukesha County with her parents in 1846. She was the youngest of six children, and before she was eighteen years of age she began teaching school. She taught nearly twenty terms.

After their marriage they lived only six months on their eighty acre tract of land when they moved to their new farm in Section 17 when he engaged in farming.

Three children were born to this union: An infant son, who is buried beside his parents in the First Belmont Cemetery with no dates on his marker; Mattie A. was born September 12, 1866, who married John H. Johnson; and Bertha E., who was born December 12, 1871 and who married Frank Casey.

It was on October 4, 1864, that Luke D. Scott left his home to join up with Co. C, 44th Wis. Volunteers to help fight for the Union cause. He was discharged from a hospital and reached home July 22, 1865.

In 1893 and 1894 Mr. Scott was engaged in a mercantile business at Blaine. The store stood south of the church and was later taken over by his son-in-law, John H. Johnson.

Luke D. Scott was the Postmaster at Blaine for many years, operating it from his home. Waupaca Post, dated April 3, 1902: "A petition is being circulated at Blaine to have D. A. Day appointed Postmaster. Waupaca Record, dated May 1, 1902. Belmont News, D. A. Day is now the Postmaster at Blaine, our former one, L. D. Scott, resigned in his favor.

HARVEY I. CRONK

1860 Federal Census

CRONK, Harvey I.	age 34 years	Farmer, born in New York
Ellen	age 24 years	born in Vermont
Hubert	age 6 years	born in Wisconsin
Adalaida	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

CRONK, Harvey I., 2 oxen, 2 milch cows, 2 horses, 114 bu. wheat, 40 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscriptions in the First Belmont Cemetery

CRONK, Harvey I., 1826 - 1860, born in Boonville, New York, son of Jacob H. Cronk, father of Harvey R. Cronk, Colonel USAFR retired. His wife Ellen is buried in the Richard Reed lot in the Omro Cemetery. Harvey Cronk owned the first threshing machine in the Town of Belmont.

HENRY DEAN

1860 Federal Census

DEAN, Henry	age 40 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Martha	age 37 years	born in Maine
Benjamin	age 18 years	born in Maine
George	age 15 years	born in New Brunswick
Isabel	age 10 years	born in New Brunswick
Sarah	age 5 years	born in New Brunswick
Alexander	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

GEORGE DRYSDALE

1860 Federal Census

DRYSDALE, George	age 30 years	Farmer, born in Scotland
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DRYSDALE, Mary	age 28 years	born in Scotland
David A.	age 5 years	born in New York
Ellen	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 2 others, 2 swine, 30 bu. wheat, 70 bu. potatoes.

B. B. BAKER

1860 Federal Census

BAKER, B. B.	age 41 years	Tobacconist, born in New York
Julia A.	age 27 years	born in New York
John B.	age 14 years	born in New York
Harriet	age 11 years	born in New York

ALMORON WILLARD

1860 Federal Census

WILLARD, Almoron	age 43 years	Farmer, born in New York
Jane	age 44 years	born in New York
Milo	age 15 years	born in New York

WILLIAM HANDELL

1860 Federal Census

HANDELL, Wm.	age 37 years	Farmer, born in Rhode Island
Sarah A.	age 25 years	born in New York
Harlen	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 other, 80 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, 40 bu. oats and 60 bu. potatoes.

WILLIAM E. SANDERS

1860 Federal Census

SANDERS, William E.	age 38 years	Farmer, born in New York
Maranda I.	age 42 years	born in Connecticut
Robert W.	age 15 years	born in New York
Ione	age 13 years	born in New York
Mary	age 11 years	born in New York
Dorleska	age 9 years	born in New York
Frank	age 7 years	born in New York
William	age 4 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 4 swine, 40 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 75 bu. corn, 8 bu. oats, 75 bu. potatoes.

DANIEL HOWES

1860 Federal Census

HOWES, Daniel M.	age 26 years	Farmer, born in Massachusetts
Ellen M.	age 24 years	born in New York
Wallace M.	age 6 years	born in New York
Ella L.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 1 swine, 28 bu. wheat, 75 bu. corn, 30 bu. potatoes.

HENRY DOWNING

1860 Federal Census

DOWNING, Henry	age 41 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Mary	age 35 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 3 others, 1 swine, 20 bu. corn, 80 bu. potatoes.

CHARLES T. CLARK

1860 Federal Census

CLARK, Charles T.	age 26 years	Farmer, born in Massachusetts
Harriet A.	age 28 years	born in New Hampshire
Prentice H.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

3 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 1 swine, 5 bu. potatoes.

S. M. CHAPIN

1860 Federal Census

CHAPIN, S. M.	age 27 years	Farmer, born in Massachusetts
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1860 Agricultural Census

3 horses, no milch cows, but 2 others, 50 bu. wheat, 21 bu. rye, 60 bu. corn, 150 bu. oats

DANIEL S. RANDALL

1860 Federal Census

RANDALL, Daniel S.	age 20 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Sarah E.	age 23 years	born in Indiana
Sarah	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Orange	age 58 years	born in Canada

1860 Agricultural Census

No milch cows, 3 others, 30 bu. rye, 100 bu. potatoes.

REUBEN EDMINSTER

1860 Federal Census

EDMINSTER, Reuben	age 47 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Martha	age 22 years	born in Pennsylvania
James	age 22 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Benjamin	age 17 years	born in Maine
Rachael H.	age 16 years	born in Maine
Sybil M.	age 14 years	born in Maine
Reuben	age 11 years	born in Maine
Franklin	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
George E.	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin
Charles	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin
Lyman	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

2 horses, 2 milch cows, 1 other, 3 swine, 125 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn, 100 bu. potatoes.

ROBERT PARKS

1860 Federal Census

PARKS, Robert	age 19 years	Farmer, born in Canada
Jerusha	age 21 years	born in Canada
Henry	age 16 years	born in New York

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 5 others, 1 swine, 54 bu. wheat, 25 bu. corn, 50 bu. potatoes.

THEODORE LINCOLN

1860 Federal Census

LINCOLN, Theodore	age 33 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Acte	age 27 years	born in Maine
Clinton E.	age 6 years	born in Wisconsin
Erwin A.	age 7 months	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 35 bu. wheat, 50 bu. potatoes.

THOMAS W. TUPPER

1860 Federal Census

TUPPER, Thomas W.	age 28 years	Farmer, born in Nova Scotia
Elizabeth	age 22 years	born in Maine
Harriet E.	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
James H.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 horse, 2 milch cows, 1 swine, 37 bu. wheat, 15 bu. rye, 15 bu. corn, 80 bu. potatoes.

ROBERT COLLIER

1860 Federal Census

COLLIER, Robert	age 49 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Catharine	age 45 years	born in Ireland
Arthur	age 19 years	born in Maine
William	age 17 years	born in Maine
Samuel	age 10 years	born in Maine
Loretta	age 6 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 other, 2 swine, 50 bu. wheat, 50 bu. corn, 100 bu. potatoes.

PETER DUNNIGAN

1860 Federal Census

DUNNIGAN, Peter	age 54 years	Farmer, born in Ireland
Mary	age 53 years	born in Ireland
James	age 22 years	born in Canada
Mary	age 15 years	born in Canada

DUNNIGAN, Catharine	age 13 years	born in Canada
Peter	age 12 years	born in Wisconsin
Elizabeth	age 10 years	born in Wisconsin
William	age 8 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

3 horses, 4 oxen, 3 milch cows, 4 other, 3 sheep, 7 swine, 434 bu. wheat, 300 bu. oats, 200 bu. potatoes.

NATHANIEL B. TIBBETS

1860 Federal Census

TIBBETS, Nathaniel	age 60 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Elizabeth	age 64 years	born in New Hampshire
Lydia A.	age 32 years	born in Maine
Mary J.	age 28 years	born in Maine
Leonard H.	age 25 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Elizabeth	age 20 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 2 others, 2 swine, 160 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn, 90 bu. oats, 100 bu. potatoes.

JAMES MC DONALD

1860 Federal Census

McDONALD, James	age 31 years	Farmer, born in Scotland
Elizabeth	age 29 years	born in Scotland
Eliza J.	age 6 years	born in New York
Adaline E.	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Robert W.	age 2 years	born in Wisconsin
Mary A.	age 3 months	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 horse, 2 milch cows, 1 swine, 76 bu. wheat, 100 bu. corn, 30 bu. oats, 125 bu. potatoes.

GEORGE W. DANIELS

1860 Federal Census

DANIELS, George W.	age 27 years	Farmer, born in New York
Julia A.	age 16 years	born in New York
Palmer	age 53 years	Farmer, born in New York
Julia	age 13 years	born in Wisconsin
Clinton	age 11 years	born in Wisconsin
Winfield	age 9 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

8 oxen, 7 milch cows, 6 others, 1 swine, 409 bu. rye, 100 bu. corn, 130 bu. oats.

JESSE P. TIBBETS

1860 Federal Census

TIBBETS, Jesse P.	age 36 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Lorretta A.	age 28 years	born in New York
Ellen L.	age 7 years	born in Wisconsin
Andrew	age 4 years	born in Wisconsin
Forest D.	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

ALEXANDER HOUSTON

1860 Federal Census

HOUSTON, Alexander	age 52 years	Farmer, born in New Hampshire
Betsy P.	age 48 years	born in New Hampshire
Watson A.	age 19 years	Farmer, born in Vermont
Daniel M.	age 13 years	born in Vermont

1860 Agricultural Census

2 horses, 2 milch cows, 2 others, 2 swine, 38 bu. wheat, 3 bu. rye, 150 bu. corn, 20 bu. oats, 150 bu. potatoes.

WM. HESS

1860 Federal Census

HESS, Wm. C.	age 36 years	Farmer, born in New York
Margaret	age 37 years	born in New York
George C.	age 13 years	born in New York
Catharine L.	age 11 years	born in New York
Sylvester M.	age 8 years	born in New York
Charles S.	age 5 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

4 oxen, 3 milch cows, 2 others, 4 swine, 300 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 80 bu. corn, 110 bu. oats. 60 bu. potatoes.

Tombstone inscription in the Plover Cemetery

HESS, W. C., Co. E, 18th Wis. Inf.

CHARLES W. CRONK

1860 Federal Census

CRONK, Charles W.	age 27 years	Farmer, born in New York
Louisa	age 24 years	born in New York
Albert	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

HARRY I. CRONK

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 2 horses, 2 milch cows, 114 bu. wheat, 40 bu. potatoes.

EDWIN CURTIS

1860 Agricultural Census

2 oxen, 1 milch cow, 1 swine, 40 bu. wheat, 20 bu. corn, 60 bu. potatoes.

SAMUEL WEBBER

1860 Federal Census

WEBBER, Samuel	age 37 years	Carpenter, born in Maine
Melinda	age 24 years	born in Maine
Samuel	age 7 years	born in Maine
Percy	age 4 years	born in Maine
Charles	age 1 year	born in Wisconsin

JOSEPH POLLY

1860 Federal Census

POLLY, Joseph	age 45 years	Farmer, born in Connecticut
Sarah	age 14 years	born in Connecticut
David P.	age 10 years	born in Connecticut
Martha	age 8 years	born in Connecticut

GEORGE WHITE

1860 Federal Census

WHITE, George	age 32 years	Farmer, born in New York
Ann	age 27 years	Teacher, born in New York

ROBISON DAWSON

1860 Federal Census

DAWSON, Robison	age 44 years	Blacksmith, born in England
Clarenda	age 24 years	born in Connecticut
Henry S.	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

JONAS WHITE

1860 Federal Census

WHITE, Jonas	age 32 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Elizabeth	age 26 years	born in Maine
Ben T.	age 6 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

1 milch cow, 1 swine, 40 bu. wheat, 10 bu. rye, 50 bu. corn, 75 bu. potatoes.

HEZEKIAH WHITE

1860 Federal Census

WHITE, Hezekiah	age 29 years	Farmer, born in Maine
Caroline	age 23 years	born in New York
Mary	age 3 years	born in Wisconsin

1860 Agricultural Census

1 horse, 1 oxen, 30 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn, 25 bu. potatoes.

JESSE WHITE

1860 Federal Census

WHITE, Jesse	age 56 years	Farmer, born in New Brunswick
Charity	age 51 years	born in New Brunswick
Isaiah	age 24 years	born in Maine
Jesse	age 21 years	born in Maine
Alexander	age 17 years	born in Maine
Martha I.	age 15 years	born in Maine
Alvin	age 13 years	born in New Brunswick
Melissa	age 10 years	born in Maine

1860 Agricultural Census

4 oxen, 2 milch cows, 3 swine, 150 bu. wheat, 20 bu. rye, 70 bu. corn, and 160 bu. potatoes.

Mrs. Jean R. Rentmeister of Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, gave me the following information on her kinfolks, the Whites, who lived in the Town of Belmont in 1860, but did not die in Portage County.

Mrs. Rentmeister is a descendant of Jonathon and Sarah Foster White. It is believed that Jonathon White was a grandson of Thomas White who was a Loyalist in New York during the Revolutionary War.

Mrs. Rentmeister sent me the following information from some old letters that she has in her possession.

The following are excerpts from her old letters that were dated back in 1932 and 1934.

"Mrs. Harriet E. Vaughn of Stevens Point, Wisc., who, as you probably know, is the daughter of your Aunt Elizabeth (White) Tupper, is a year older than you are. We paid her a visit last August and drove out in the country to the place where she was born, as you probably know, this was in Belmont Township, Portage County, Wisc., and it was the community in which your grandfather, Jonathon White, settled when he moved his family up from the vicinity of Milford, Jefferson County, where you were born. It is only a mile from the Lincoln Cemetery where Jonathon White and Sarah Foster White, his wife, are buried along with your father's sister, Sarah Charlina White.

There also lies buried in this same cemetery, John Eggleston, the second husband of your aunt Elizabeth and the father of the John Eggleston who married Jerusha White. In the same cemetery also lies the father of Theodore Lincoln who married Artemissa White."

Mrs. Jean Rentmeister goes on to say that: Jonathon White had thirteen children in all. He was born in 1803, in New Brunswick, Canada. He moved to Hodgdon, Maine, and then to Jefferson County before moving to the Town of Belmont. Jonathon White died in May, 1860, of scrofula and is listed in the 1860 mortality schedule of Portage County. Wellington White died near Casper, Wyoming about 1931, and according to another letter dated December 7, 1933, written by William J. White to Beatrice White of Mountain Grove, Mo., that William White lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jesse White died at the age of 71 years near Lake City, Minnesota, some time between 1875 and 1878. He had thirteen children. Hezekiah White died in Fresno County, California, in 1902. Mrs. Jean Rentmeister was not sure just what happened to Jonas White because some of the families went to Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri.

The only one of the White family that stayed in Portage County was Elizabeth White Tupper, Eggleston, McGill. She died in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1916. Some of the others, after moving west, owned the Dakota Grain Company that was begun in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mrs. Rentmeister's grandfather had elevators in Minnesota, South and North Dakota.

The James White (in the 1860 census with Sarah White) moved to Trempeleau and Eau Claire Counties in Wisconsin.

These 1860 Federal Census figures would not be complete unless I include the remaining names: Mary A. Fletcher, domestic, born in England in the Lee family household; Mary I Parks, domestic, born in Wisconsin in the David N. Town household; Mary I. Turner, born in New York in the John W. Fletcher household; Charles W. Welby, born in England; Celia I. Welby, born in New Hampshire and Caroline S. Welby, born in Wisconsin all in the Elijah Clark household; Francis M. and Zenos E. Smith, born in Wisconsin in the Thomas Collier household; Wm. Bremer, born in Maine, farm laborer, in the Hiram Robison household; D. Parkhurst, born in New York, farm laborer, in the Harvey I. Cronk household; Edward F. Adams, born in New York in the Peter Turner

household; John Summers, born in Wisconsin, farm laborer; Lyman Scoville, birth place unknown; Alex Rulliford, born in New York, farm laborer, all in the Stephen Fletcher household; James A. Rozell, born in New York, farm laborer, in the Henry H. Dopp household.

The 1860 Federal Census lists the names of five district school teachers who are as follows: Ann White, wife of George White, born in New York; Isabel Buchanan, born in Scotland; Hannah Sutherland, born in New Brunswick, Canada; Elizabeth Jerome, born in New York; and Ruth Saxton, born in New York.

Many new names appear in the 1870 Federal Census, while many names have disappeared from that first Federal Census taken of the Town of Belmont in 1860.

Perhaps it was a result of the War of the Rebellion that caused some of the families to move to other areas, or it was just their urge to search new frontiers. Some passed away.

By 1870 there was a tin smith in the Town of Belmont.

In the 1870 Federal Census there are nine people showing Denmark as their homeland, seven as farm laborers, and one farmer with his wife.

1870 FEDERAL CENSUS

BACON, Thomas	age 49	Farmer	born in Novia Scotia
Martha	age 36		born in Maine
Daniel	age 17	Laborer	born in Maine
Sarah	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Edward	age 12		born in Wisconsin
Laura	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Thomas	age 6		born in Wisconsin
Sylvester	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Harriett	age 2		born in Wisconsin
BROWN, John	age 81	Farmer	born in New Jersey
Nancy	age 72		born in New Jersey
BROWN, Jonathan	age 52	Farmer	born in New Jersey
Sarah	age 40		born in New York
BUCK, Loren	age 36	Farmer	born in Vermont
Laura	age 31		born in Massachusetts
Emily	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Augia	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Azori	age 5		born in Wisconsin
Charles	age 2		born in Wisconsin
CHASE, James	age 26	Farmer	born in New York
Ellen	age 21		born in Wisconsin
Henry	age 2		born in Wisconsin
CLARK, Harriett	age 38	House keep	born in New Hampshire
Prentice	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Edgar	age 1		born in Wisconsin
CLARK, Milo	age 39	Farmer	born in New York
Emma	age 29		born in New York
Elmer	age 5		born in Wisconsin

COMBS, Stephen	age 65	Farmer	born in England
Elmira	age 45		born in New York
Ada	age 7		born in Michigan
DARLING, Thomas	age 45	Laborer	born in New York
DAY, Ithamer	age 44	Farmer	born in Canada
Alvira	age 43		born in New York
Arthur	age 17	Laborer	born in New York
Albert	age 15	Laborer	born in New York
Maudina	age 11		born in New York
Franklin	age 9		born in New York
Julia	age 8		born in New York
Martha	age 6		born in New York
Myron	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Eugene	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Susan	age 3 mo.		born in Wisconsin
DEAN, Henry	age 58	Farmer	born in New Brunswick
Martha	age 45		born in New Brunswick
Sarah	age 14		born in New Brunswick
Alexander	age 12		born in New Brunswick
Susanna	age 9		born in New Brunswick
DEAN, George	age 25	Farmer	born in Maine
Eliza	age 17		born in Wisconsin
John	age 2		born in Wisconsin
DEARING, Willard	age 30	Farmer	born in Maine
Irene	age 28		born in Maine
George	age 6		born in Wisconsin
Judson	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Susan	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Thomas	age 4 mo.		born in Wisconsin
DEAN, Martha	age 10		born in Wisconsin
DeVOIN, John	age 63	Laborer	born in New Brunswick
DEWEY, Erasmus	age 61	Farmer	born in Denmark
Jennie	age 58		born in Denmark
Samuel	age 23	Laborer	born in Denmark
Sophia	age 19		born in Denmark
DOINE, Stillman	age 28	Farmer	born in Maine
Florence	age 22		born in Ohio
DOLLING, Richard	age 50	Farmer	born in England
Mary	age 50		born in England
Caroline	age 11		born in Wisconsin
DOLLING, Thomas	age 38	Farmer	born in England
DONAGAN, James	age 32	Farmer	born in Canada
William	age 17	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Elizabeth	age 20		born in Wisconsin
Mary	age 64	House Keep	born in Ireland

DOPP, William	age 46	Farmer	born in New York
Jennie	age 40		born in Scotland
Emily	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Edson	age 12		born in Wisconsin
Elisha	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Kate	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 4		born in Wisconsin
DOPP, Henry	age 50	Farmer	born in New York
Ellen	age 50		born in New York
Joseph	age 29	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Albert	age 18	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Charles	age 16	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Alfred	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Susan	age 11		born in Wisconsin
DOW, Levi	age 53	Farmer	born in New Brunswick
Mahala	age 52		born in New Brunswick
DOW, Andrew	age 28	Farmer	born in New Brunswick
Phebe	age 26	Farmer	born in Maine
Ada	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Amelia	age 1		born in Wisconsin
DURKEE, Joseph	age 40	Farmer	born in New York
Martha	age 27		born in Pennsylvania
George	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Flora	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Cora	age 5		born in Wisconsin
Adele	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Elmer	age 9 mo.		born in Wisconsin
EDMINSTER, William	age 29	Farmer	born in Maine
Mary	age 24		born in Wisconsin
Mary E.	age 3		born in Wisconsin
EDMINSTER, James	age 31	Farmer	born in Maine
Phebe	age 28		born in New York
Anisa	age 5		born in Wisconsin
Alois	age 3		born in Wisconsin
FAIRBANKS, Evaline	age 34	House Keep	born in Maine
Sarah	age 15		born in Wisconsin
Cyrus	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Wellington	age 9		born in Wisconsin
FELCH, Charles	age 27	Laborer	born in New York
Adelia	age 22		born in New York
Olive	age 4		born in Wisconsin
FENTON, John	age 41	Farmer	born in New York
Nellie	age 33		born in New York
Henry	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Alice	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Augusta	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Louisa	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Maria	age 1		born in Wisconsin

FLETCHER, Arthur	age 27	Farmer	born in England
Sarah	age 35		born in New York
GARTER, James	age 55	Farmer	born in New York
Sarah	age 42		born in Michigan
Delilah	age 18		born in Wisconsin
Eva	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Carl	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Ada	age 2		born in Wisconsin
GOULD, Albert	age 43	Farmer	born in New Hampshire
Helen	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Sarah	age 10		born in Wisconsin
GRANT, William	age 46	Farmer	born in England
Jane	age 38		born in England
Emma	age 16		born in New York
James	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Ellsworth	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 1		born in Wisconsin
GRAY, John	age 52	Farmer	born in New York
Mary	age 47		born in New Jersey
John	age 17		born in New York
Millie	age 7		born in Pennsylvania
Frank	age 22	Laborer	born in New York
GRAY, Elizabeth	age 49	House Keep	born in Pennsylvania
Frank	age 24	Farmer	born in New York
Albert	age 4		born in Wisconsin
HALFHIDE, Charles	age 29	Farmer	born in England
Lucy	age 25		born in New York
Hattie	age 5		born in Wisconsin
Robert	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Bernnie	age 1		born in Wisconsin
HANSON, Hans	age 36	Laborer	born in Denmark
Mary	age 26		born in Denmark
James	age 5		born in Wisconsin
Peter	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Lucy	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Amelia	age 2 mo.		born in Wisconsin
HEWITT, Charles	age 41	Farmer	born in Pennsylvania
Fannie	age 36		born in New York
Jane	age 15		born in Wisconsin
Phebe	age 11		born in Wisconsin
HOPKINS, Mary	age 20	Domestic	born in Wisconsin
JONES, Royal	age 27	Farmer	born in New York
Hanna	age 24		born in Maine
Charles	age 6		born in Wisconsin
Fred	age 2		born in Wisconsin

KELSEY, Harlow P.	age 51	Farmer	born in New York
Amy	age 47		born in New York
Mary	age 25		born in Wisconsin
Emma	age 23		born in Wisconsin
Byron	age 19	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Alemedia	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Bennett	age 12		born in Wisconsin
Lottie	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Julia	age 6		born in Wisconsin
KING, William	age 46	Farmer	born in New Hampshire
Phebe	age 45		born in New Hampshire
Martha	age 22	Teacher	born in Wisconsin
Ida	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Lillian	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Evaline	age 5		born in Wisconsin
KENT, David	age 68	Farmer	born in England
Elizabeth	age 70	House Keep	born in England
George	age 20	Laborer	born in New York
KENT, Edward	age 39	Farmer	born in England
Sarah	age 38		born in Michigan
George	age 14	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Mary	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 11		born in Wisconsin
William	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Edward	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Cora	age 5		born in Wisconsin
LINCOLN, Warren	age 51	Farmer	born in New Brunswick
Izetta	age 41		born in New Brunswick
Albert	age 22	Laborer	born in Maine
Rebecca	age 19		born in Maine
George	age 15		born in Wisconsin
Auilla	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Eleanor	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Robert	age 6		born in Wisconsin
Justian	age 2		born in Wisconsin
LOGAN, Frank	age 21	Laborer	born in Pennsylvania
LOOMIS, Alonzo	age 44	Farmer	born in New York
Laura	age 32		born in New York
Lillie	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Eliza	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Jane	age 8		born in Wisconsin
Orrin C.	age 2		born in Wisconsin
MERRYFIELD, Maria	age 20	Domestic	born in New York
MORGAN, David	age 50	Farmer	born in New York
Maria	age 40		born in England
Frederick	age 20	Laborer	born in New York
William	age 18	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Emma	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Ella	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Mortimer	age 4		born in Wisconsin

MORTENSON, Martin	age 20	Laborer	born in Denmark
MURRAY, William	age 38	Farmer	born in Ireland
Roancy	age 35		born in New York
Orrin	age 15		born in New York
Mary	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Estella	age 9		born in Wisconsin
William	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Herbert	age 2		born in Wisconsin
McINROE, Laurence	age 60	Farmer	born in Ireland
Ann	age 60		born in Ireland
Charles	age 24	Laborer	born in New York
Julia	age 18		born in New York
Laurence	age 15		born in New York
McINROE, James	age 55	Farmer	born in Ireland
McGUIRE, Charles	age 15	Laborer	born in New York
McNAIR, Michael	age 27	Farmer	born in Ireland
Catherine	age 65	House Keep	born in Ireland
John	age 4		born in New York
McNISH, Jessie	age 23	Teacher	born in Wisconsin
NELSON, Nels	age 27	Laborer	born in Denmark
OASTTES, John	age 35		born in Ireland
OSBORNE, Edward	age 25	Farmer	born in New York
Bridget	age 20		born in New York
PIERCE, William	age 24	Laborer	born in New York
RANDALL, Orange	age 68	Farmer	born in Canada
Fannie	age 56		born in New York
RICE, John	age 55		born in Vermont
Mary	age 49		born in New York
Athelbert	age 21	Farmer	born in Illinois
Adelbert	age 21	Laborer	born in Illinois
ROBINSON, George	age 42	Farmer	born in Maine
Amy	age 40		born in Vermont
Dighton	age 9		born in Minnesota
Edith	age 1		born in Wisconsin
ROBINSON, Heatherly	age 66	Farmer	born in Maine
Elvira	age 64		born in Maine
SANDERS, Charles	age 59	Farmer	born in England
Fannie	age 45		born in England
Walter	age 14	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
Henry	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Alice	age 7		born in Wisconsin

SANDERS, Dora	age 19	Domestic	born in New York
SAXTON, Garwood	age 42	Farmer	born in New York
Ruth	age 38		born in New York
John	age 17		born in New York
Lydia	age 15		born in New York
Gilbert	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Margaret	age 1		born in Wisconsin
SCOTT, Adhel	age 40	Farmer	born in Connecticut
Mary	age 34		born in Connecticut
Charles	age 16	Laborer	born in Connecticut
Harriet	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Bennett	age 1		born in Wisconsin
SHEPARD, Courtland	age 25	Farmer	born in Indiana
Isabella	age 20		born in New Brunswick
Frances	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Martha	age 2		born in Wisconsin
William	age 23	Laborer	born in Indiana
SHEPARD, Thomas	age 15	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
SHIELDS, John	age 19	Laborer	born in Denmark
SMITH, Martha	age 47	House Keep	born in New Brunswick
Theodore	age 22	Laborer	born in Maine
Argonnia	age 15		born in Wisconsin
Washington	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Amanda	age 8		born in Wisconsin
Hannah	age 5		born in Wisconsin
John	age 24	Laborer	born in Maine
Margaret	age 21		born in Pennsylvania
Ida	age 1		Dakota Township
SMITH, Edward	age 37	Farmer	born in Massachusetts
Elizabeth	age 36		born in Scotland
Julia	age 15		born in Wisconsin
Owen	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Isadore	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Margaret	age 6		born in Wisconsin
Wallace	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Clifford	age 2		born in Wisconsin
STINSON, Patrick	age 40	Farmer	born in Ireland
Eliza	age 34		born in Ireland
James	age 15		born in New York
Fannie	age 13		born in New York
Eva	age 10		born in New York
Henry	age 9		born in New York
Alice	age 2		born in Wisconsin
STRINGHAM, John	age 43	Tin Smith	born in New York
Laura	age 31		born in Maine
Julia	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Hattie	age 11		born in Wisconsin

STRINGHAM, Edward	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Grant	age 8		born in Wisconsin
Lillie	age 5		born in Wisconsin
STRONG, William	age 28	Farmer	born in New York
Hannah	age 29		born in New York
Unis	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Rull	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Lucia	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Ella	age 1 mo.		born in Wisconsin
Lucia	age 58	House Keep	born in New York
SWIFT, Porter C.	age 45	Farmer	born in New York
Lucy	age 43		born in Vermont
Rosalia	age 16		born in New York
Adella	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Elbert	age 11		born in Wisconsin
Cora	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Byron	age 5		born in Wisconsin
TAYLOR, Luman	age 42	Farmer	born in Vermont
Lucy	age 41		born in Vermont
William	age 13		born in Wisconsin
Cora	age 7		born in Wisconsin
Rachael	age 65		born in Vermont
TOWN, Cyrus	age 32	Farmer	born in Maine
Milly	age 23		born in New Brunswick
TOWN, Howard	age 24	Farmer	born in Maine
Emma	age 20		born in New York
Alice	age 2 mo.		born in Wisconsin
TOWN, Howard	age 69	Farmer	born in Maine
Sarah	age 65		born in New Brunswick
Oscar	age 21	Laborer	born in Maine
TOWN, David	age 42	Farmer	born in New Brunswick
Georgiana	age 41		born in New Brunswick
Lenor	age 16		born in Maine
Amy	age		born in Wisconsin
Florence	age 10		born in Wisconsin
Roderick	age 5		born in Wisconsin
George	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Minnie	age 3 mo.		born in Wisconsin
TURNER, Sardis	age 32	Farmer	born in New York
Mary	age 27		born in Maine
Elwood	age 8		born in Wisconsin
Myron	age 4		born in Wisconsin
Dora	age 2		born in Wisconsin
TURNER, Henry	age 63	Farmer	born in New York
Rosetta	age 58		born in New York
Andrew	age 21	Laborer	born in New York
Arletta	age 19		born in New York
Rosetta	age 15		born in Wisconsin

TURNER, Peter	age 53	Farmer	born in New York
Elenor	age 57		born in New York
Harriet	age 22		born in New York
Charles	age 20	Laborer	born in Wisconsin
TUNKS, William	age 38	Farmer	born in Canada
Nancy	age 36		born in Canada
William	age 14		born in Wisconsin
Frank	age 9		born in Wisconsin
Ida	age 3		born in Wisconsin
Richard	age 7 mo.		born in Wisconsin
WHITNEY, Daniel	age 30	Farmer	born in Maine
Julia	age 25		born in New Brunswick
Alice	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Caroline	age 3 mo.		born in Wisconsin
WHITNEY, Robert	age 21		born in Maine
WHITNEY, John	age 27	Farmer	born in Maine
Lizzie	age 22		born in New Brunswick
Elma	age 2		born in Wisconsin
Henry	age 8 mo.		born in Wisconsin
WILSON, Isaac	age 18	Laborer	born in New Jersey
YOUNG, John	age 40	Farmer	born in Ireland
Elizabeth	age 30		born in Ireland
John	age 8		born in New York
Margaret	age 7		born in New York
Stuart	age 4		born in New York
Samuel	age 2		born in Wisconsin
YOUNG, James	age 78	Farmer	born in Ireland
Ellen	age 54		born in Ireland

CHAPTER 3

EARLY TOWN RECORDS



This is the original site of the first Belmont Town Hall. It sat in the southeast corner of the farm that belongs to Frank Wiora in 1984.

It was a parcel of land nine rods square, containing eighty-one square rods.

There is no trace of where it stood visible today.

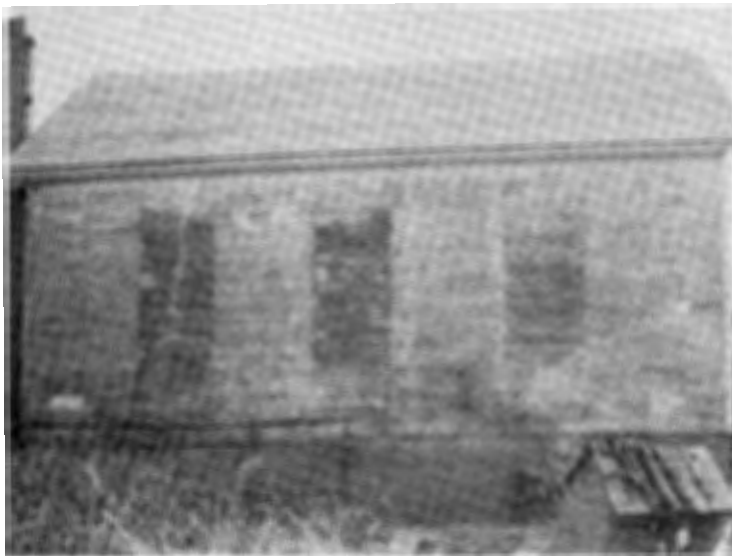
This farm originally belonged to James McInroe in 1868 when the land was purchased for the town house.

In 1916 the building was moved eighty rods to the east on the Frank Prybylski farm, which later became his son's place. Known for years as the Ed Prybylski farm.

When the Town of Belmont acquired the old Maccabee Hall north of the Blaine corners, they sold the old town hall and it was moved away.

All that remains in the clump of lilac bushes is part of the old foundation.

Ed Warzynski bought the old town hall in 1959 and used it for a cattle barn. Glenn Casey hauled the building on his truck for Ed Warzynski to its new location, where it is still in use today, 1984.



THE TOWN OF BELMONT'S FIRST TOWN HOUSE

This information was found in some old town record books now in the possession of the Almond Historical Society.

The annual town meeting was held at the school house in district Number 3. Dated April 7, 1868.

A motion was made and carried to raise \$500 for a town house. A committee was appointed to choose the best place between land owned by L. D. Scott and James McInroe.

The building specifications were to be a building 20 by 50 with 12 foot posts and was to be completed before November, 1868.

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James McInroe sold to the Town of Belmont for \$1.00 the following piece or parcel of land lying in the Town of Belmont, Portage County,

State of Wisconsin, known and described as follows to wit:

Commencing at the south east corner of Section 16, T.21N-R.10-E, thence running west 9 rods, thence north 9 rods, thence east 9 rods, thence south 9 rods to the place of beginning, containing 81 square rods of land.

Provided further, in case the above described land shall cease to be used for town purposes, in such case said land shall revert back to said McInroe.

The town house was completed on time at a total cost of \$469.99, but they still needed to purchase a stove and several feet of pipe.

At the spring town meeting, dated April 6, 1869, it was voted to raise \$10 to be paid to James Edminster to build a fence between his land and the town house.

Proceedings of the Town Board, dated Oct. 26, 1869.

Orders drawn on the town treasurer:

Order No. 44, \$10.00 to be paid to James Edminster for building a line fence between him and the town house.

Order No. 50, \$1.00 to be paid to James McInroe for the town house site.

Amount of taxes charged to Warren Lincoln, Treasurer of the Town of Belmont for the year 1868:

State Tax	205.40	School District Tax	
County Tax	334.10	District No. 2	457.06
Salary of Co. Supt.	39.00	District No. 3	394.48
County school tax	91.00	District No. 4	184.10
Incidental town tax	175.00	District No. 6	156.26

BELMONT TREASURER'S BOOK 1857

Dec. 25	For Order No. 1	4.38
"	" " No. 2	15.00
"	" " No. 3	9.75
"	" " No. 4	5.00
"	" " No. 5	12.75
"	" " No. 6	3.00
"	" " No. 7	4.00
"	" " No. 8	20.75
"	" " No. 9	3.75
"	" " No. 10	5.75
"	" " No. 11	6.75
"	" " No. 12	4.50
"	" " No. 13	6.75
"	" " No. 14	27.38
"	" " No. 15	9.00
"	" " No. 16	20.25
"	" " No. 17	16.75
"	" " No. 18	13.50
"	" " No. 20	3.00

No. 19 was not shown

Jan. 26, 1858, For State Taxes	123.80
Feb. 25 Paid County Treasurer	25.22
Feb. 25 Paid County Treasurer (Delinquent Taxes)	403.72
Mar. 30 paid Order No. 22	6.25
Mar. 30 paid Order No. 26	18.84

Mar. 30 paid Order No. 27	7.25
Mar. 2 paid Town Superintendent County School Tax	31.89
Mar. 2 paid Town Superintendent Town School Tax	26.03
Mar. 6 paid Treasurer of School District No. 1	90.52
Mar. 22 paid Treasurer of School District No. 4	60.75
Mar. 22 paid Treasurer of School District No. 3	81.22
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	\$1,067.25

March 1, 1859, the Town of Belmont Treasurer paid to School District No. 6	49.00
March 5 paid School District No. 8	28.49
March 10 paid School District No. 1	86.31
March 18 paid School District No. 7	45.52
March 29 paid School District No. 2	23.95
March 25 paid School District No. 5	50.80
March 29 delinquent tax of 1857 to District No. 1	41.06
March 29 delinquent tax of 1857 to District No. 3	70.99
March 29 delinquent tax of 1857 to District No. 4	14.25

SPECIAL ELECTION

This is a statement of a special election held in and for the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, for the purpose of voting on the proposition to remove the County Seat of Portage County, Wisconsin, from Plover to Stevens Point, in said County, on the first day of August A.D., 1868, made by the inspectors of the election in and for said Town of Belmont, as follows: The whole number of votes cast were seventy eight. The whole number of votes cast for removal to Stevens Point was twenty four.

The whole number of votes cast against the removal to Stevens Point was fifty one and three votes were cast just against the removal from Plover.

We certify that the foregoing statement is correct in all respects.
Dated August 1, A.D. 1868.

S. H. Turner)	Henry Turner)
) Clerks	Geo. W. Robinson) Inspectors
D. R. Morgan)	T. G. Bacon
H. Turner, Town Clerk	

SEAT OF JUSTICE MOVED TO STEVENS POINT

This was taken in part from the History of Portage County, Page 91.

For several years uneasiness had existed in regard to the location of the County Seat of Justice being at Plover.

It was referred to the Legislature, which in 1867 passed an act requiring a vote of the people to settle the question.

Each town ship had their vote to select the site, and was carried in favor of Stevens Point. The County Seat was removed in 1869.

The County buildings, a court house and jail of beautiful stone were erected in 1868-9 at a cost of \$32,000.

There were special elections called for many things and I thought that these next two might be of some interest to you.

This is a statement of the results of the special election held in and for the Town of Belmont, on the 3rd day of November A.D., 1868, for the purpose of voting on a proposition of the Green Bay and Lake Pepin Rail Road Company, to the County of Portage (to-wit) to issue the bonds of said county of Portage to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the aid and construction of said railroad, as made by the inspectors of elections and for said Town of Belmont (to-wit).

The whole number of votes cast on the railroad proposition was ninety one (91), of which number for the proposition received none (0) and against the proposition received ninety one (91).

We certify that the above is true in all respects.

Dated November 3, A.D., 1868.

S. H. Turner)

) Clerks

J. S. Turner)

Geo. W. Robinson)

Thomas G. Bacon)

) Inspectors

A true copy S. H. Turner, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The following is true and correct statement of the result of a special town meeting held at the town house, in the Town of Belmont, in the County of Portage, State of Wisconsin, on the 6th day of May, 1871, two o'clock p.m. Said meeting was called and noticed as the law requires, and after being called to order by the Chairman proceeded to act upon the following issues.

Resolved; that the Chairman of the Supervisors of this town be and is hereby authorized in behalf of this town to take such legal actions as he may deem advisable in conjunction with any other town or towns in the county to prevent the issuing of the bonds of said county, being one hundred thousand dollars, voted by said county in the year 1870, to the Portage, Winnebago and Superior Railroad Company in exchange for the capital stocks of said Company and said Chairman and Clerk of this town are authorized to issue such an amount of town orders as may be necessary to pay this town's due proportion of the expense of all such proceedings, and there is hereby appropriated a sufficient sum of money to pay such expenses, and the board of Supervisors are authorized to levy the same upon the taxable property of this town.

The last resolution is not legible, and the signatures are very poor, but looks to be as:

J. H. Flagg, Clerk

Wm. H. Dopp, Chairman

Proceedings of the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Belmont, held at the school house in District No. 3, on the 2nd day of April, 1867.

Met at the usual place of holding Town meetings and found no house. Voted to and did adjourn to the school house in District No. 3 for the purpose of holding said Town Meeting.

Present as inspectors, Henry Turner, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Geo. W. Robinson and John H. Fenton, side Supervisor, S. F. DeVoin as Clerk and S. H. Turner as Assistant Clerk.

Meeting opened according to law.

On motion, the report of the board of Supervisors was read and accepted.

On motion, the report of the Treasurer was read and accepted.

On motion, voted to raise \$125 to pay the incidental expenses of the town for the insuing year.

On motion, voted to rescind the vote on the school tax.

On motion, voted to raise \$100 for town school tax.

On motion, voted to raise \$50 for town clerk's salary.

Proceeded to receive votes for town offices.

Meeting adjourned at 12 n. for one hour

Meeting called to order after adjournment.

Elected Overseers of highways.

The following persons were duly elected to serve the district opposite their names for the insuing year.

<u>No. of Dist.</u>	<u>Person Elected</u>	<u>No. of Dist.</u>	<u>Person Elected</u>
No. 1	John Brown	No. 8	Stephen Smith
No. 2	Luman Taylor	No. 10	Orange Randall
No. 3	David R. Taylor	No. 11	David N. Town
No. 4	Ebenezer Olds	No. 12	William Tunks
No. 5	Stephen M. Chapin	No. 13	William Grant
No. 6	John H. Fenton	No. 14	Richard Dolling
No. 7	Lawrence McInroe		

On motion, voted that when this meeting adjourns, it be to hold the next election and town meeting at the school house in Dist. No. 8.

On motion, voted to rescind the vote and adjourn to Dist. No. 7.

Road District No. 9 was organized May 16, 1885, which included all of Section 16, all of Section 17, except the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$, also the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$, the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ all of Sect. 20 and the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of the $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 21.

Town School Tax	50.00	District No. 7	208.34
Town building tax	516.69	District No. 8	303.06
Delinquent Road Tax	67.27		
Total	\$1,478.36	Total Dist. Tax	\$1,696.30
		Amount of fees	158.66

Total amount charged on tax roll, \$3,333.32

Dated December 12, A.D. 1868, S. H. Turner, Town Clerk

Apportionment of county and town school fund was made by me to the different districts in the town as follows:

<u>No. of Dist.</u>	<u>County school</u>	<u>Town school</u>	<u>Total</u>
2	19.70	10.81	30.51
3	but 4 months school		
4	no report		
6	29.86	16.40	46.26
7	10.18	5.60	15.78
8	17.80	9.80	27.60
Total	\$77.54	\$42.61	\$120.15

Dated March 5th, A.D. 1869, S. H. Turner, Town Clerk

The last entry for a school district Number 1 was dated January 24, 1868, Warren Lincoln Treasurer. There is \$34.81 in delinquent tax money to be divided between the school districts: Number 1, 74 cents; Number 2, \$2.04; Number 4, \$5.14; Number 6, \$21.16; Number 7, \$1.96; Number 8, \$3.77.

The following are bills or orders drawn on the Treasurer of the Town of Belmont that I thought might be of some interest.

Taken from the treasurer's book for the years between April 6, 1871, and April 2, 1872.

\$11.00 for a coffin for Stephen Fletcher. Incidentally, Mr. Fletcher was a veteran of the War of 1812, the only one in the Town of Belmont.

Treasurer's report dated December 7, 1880. Bill No. 7: To G. W. Robinson for building three coffins, \$9.00, for services rendered, \$10.00, and \$10.65 for provisions furnished for C. S. Shepard.

Clerk's report, dated October 24, 1881. Town Board met at the clerk's office for the purpose of ascertaining the financial condition of the pauper's fund.

Clerk's report, dated November 8, 1881. Special town meeting called for the purpose of voting on an increase of the recommended \$250.00 for the pauper's fund.

Clerk's report, dated December 20, 1884. The town board met by appointment at Lallement's store to take action on a petition presented by R. Y. Brandt in regard to a change in the boundary line of school district Numbers 7 and 8.

Treasurer's report, dated May 8, 1886. \$1.50 to L. E. Buck for digging a pauper's grave. W. W. Wilson, \$2.00 for preaching pauper's funeral and \$15.00 for other pauper's funeral expense.

Clerk's report, dated April 9, 1894. Highway tax was levied at 7 mills on the dollar on real estate and personal property. In 1895 the highway tax was assessed at 2 mills and in 1898 at 3 mills.

Clerk's report, dated March 30, 1897. \$3.00 paid to A. E. Dopp for digging the grave of Lizzie Miner.

Treasurer's report, dated March 28, 1899.

Balance on hand at last report	\$ 438.44
Receipts for the year	<u>3,637.45</u>
Total	\$4,075.89
Disbursements during the year	<u>3,677.89</u>
New Balance	\$ 398.00

Annual spring town meeting dated April 2, 1901. Motion made by E. L. Kent and supported by A. E. Dopp that the town board move the town hall to the corner diagonally opposite W. H. Edminster's residence and that an appropriation of \$25.00 be made to be paid to W. H. Edminster for two acres of land on which to place the building.

Evidently, this did not materialize, as no records can be found to support it.

Waupaca Post, dated April 14, 1904, Towne news. The voters of the town instructed the board to reside, shingle and paint the town hall, a much needed improvement.

The 1915 Town of Belmont map in the Portage County plat book still shows the town house across a forty west of Frank Prybylski's buildings.

Warranty Deed Book 108, page 496, dated the 27th of December, 1915. Frank Prybylski and his wife Rozy Prybylski of the Town of Belmont does convey to the Town of Belmont for \$1.00 and other consideration the following described parcel of land, commencing at the North West corner of the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section 22, and running South on the eighth line $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods, thence East $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods, then North $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the section line, thence West $12\frac{1}{2}$ rods to the place of commencement, containing one acre of land.

It further states that it is free and clear of all incumbrances except a mortgage of thirty-three hundred dollars on 160 acres held by George Faulks. He agreed to a release on the one acre site.

Signed by Frank and Rozy Prybylski in the presence of Dale B. Sawyer and D. W. Sawyer.

In 1945 the town house was sold to Ed Warzynski and moved to his farm in Section 20 where it was used as a cattle barn before he built his present one. He is still using this building today in 1984.

CHAPTER 4

SCHOOLS



The site of the little log school house that was built in 1856 by Stillman H. Sawyer was called school District No. 1.

It was located at the extreme northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13.

It sat somewhere in the open area behind the Belmont road sign, (B 25). It just sat on the ground and there is no visible sign of where it actually did sit.

The roadway on the right goes down to Dean Lake.

School District Number 1, as written by D. W. Sawyer in 1936.

"To be the most central school district, Number 1 was organized. The school house site was located on the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter in Section 13. This is now owned by Peter Johnson. It was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Dean Lake.

It was a log school house with homemade seats and benches. There was a split section of a log with legs as a place to set the pail of water. When the children got dry or tired of sitting they would raise their hands and say, 'Please may I get a drink of water?', and generally about the whole school would want a drink, so the teacher would generally say, 'Johnnie or Susie you may pass the water.' They would all drink out of the same tin cup, never thinking of the microbes or other deadly things that we have today.

The late Mrs. Hannah Taylor, a Sutherland girl, was one of the early teachers, and Edlah Sawyer was a substitute for one; others I do not know.

As the settlers increased also did the children and as the distance became greater, they commenced to cut up parts of the district and made new ones with parts of adjoining districts.

The first joint District No. 2, was Dopps, then District No. 3, the McInroe or Brookside District, then No. 4, the Clark or Pioneer District and so on until there were 8 districts in all.

The one that S. H. Sawyer built in 1856 is still in use in Section 13. The lumber that was used was hauled from Gills Landing on the Wolf River by ox team, and most all of these early settlers from the eastern states came by boat to Milwaukee and then by stage to Fond du Lac or Oshkosh and then by boat to Gills Landing, then by stage, ox team or by foot the rest of the way."

Another bit of confirmation on the location of the once short-lived School District Number 1, in the Town of Belmont, and the probability that this was the location of the first school house ever built in the Town of Belmont, can be found on Page 8, in the Biographical Sketch of Hannah Sutherland Taylor, written by her grandson, Mr. Lowell Watson.

"In 1857 the first school house in the district was made of logs, shed fashion, overhead boards, two small windows and, of course, there was a door. The furniture was long desks and long benches and a rough floor.

The first teacher of this district was Miss Hannah Sutherland! My pupils were children of the McInroe, Edminister, King, Whitney, White and Morgan families and the Rice boys from the Towne and Duff neighborhood, as there was no school there until later.

The district paid twelve dollars a month and board, boarding at the different homes in the district. The next year the log school house was taken down and a small frame building was erected.

This time I boarded home, for my brother, nine years old, walked with me from the Sutherland farm. It was a distance of over two miles. Going through the woods was the nearest way to get there.

This was my brother's first term of school. I had taught him to read, spell, and write at home. In later years Collins Stephenson Sutherland was one of Portage County's Superintendent of schools, and at the time of his death, for over thirty years had been a professor of schools in Appleton, Wisconsin."

This is only a small bit of her autobiography that she was asked to prepare as a draft for talks to be given at local events in the Town of Belmont and Portage County sometime in the early 1920's.

Hannah R. Taylor had the original contracts as issued by the school board in her effects at the time of her death in 1932.



DOPP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

In the History of Portage County, page 737, it mentions that the first school that Joseph L. Dopp attended was kept in a board shanty, but the next year a better and more substantial frame school house was erected.

Joseph L. Dopp was born December 24, 1849, and if he attended school at the age of six years he would have gone to the board shanty school in 1855, and the frame school house that it mentioned would have been built in 1856.

I found this bit in an obituary for Eunice Gertrude Towne, who married Thomas M. Deering. She was born March 12, 1873, and her school days started in the little wooden school house which burned and was replaced by the present brick building. Dated in 1946.

The first date that can be substantiated is March 9, 1864, found in the Warranty Deeds Book "O," page 259, in the Portage County Court House at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and reads as follows:

George Drysdale and Mary Drysdale of Waushara County, Town of Spring Water, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part, and the District Board of school district number two of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, and state of aforesaid, the party of the second part.

In the consideration of five dollars all of the following real estate lying and being in Portage County, State of Wisconsin, and described as follows to-wit:

Bounded by a line commencing at a point seven chains and one link North of the South West corner of the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section Thirty Six. Township Twenty One North of Range Ten East, and running thence North on the one eighth section line ten (10) rods, thence East twenty eight (28) rods, thence South ten (10) rods and ten links to the center of the highway, thence in a nearly South Westerly direction along the line of said highway fourteen (14) rods, then North 70 degrees sixteen (16) rods to place of beginning.

Containing two acres one rood and three poles of land.

The deed was sealed and delivered in the presence of Howard P. Towne and Maria McLoughlin. Signed by Patrick McLoughlin, Justice of the Peace.



The next date to be found is 1884, which is on the Dopp School sign near the highway in front of this once proud Dopp School house.

The Dopp school records like so many of the other old country schools seemed to have been lost or destroyed through many years since their existence. This is unfortunate because much of our early history was lost with them.

The former Dopp School house has been remodeled into a beautiful home away from home inside and now belongs to the Jack Van Benthems.

This is a view of the east end of the old Dopp School building. According to the information from Margaret E. Radley the new cement

block addition was added in 1961 and it was then that a new furnace was installed as well as indoor plumbing.



I was fortunate in obtaining some valuable information through the fine cooperation of several people in the Towne District.

Mrs. Marabel Edwards, who has since passed away, provided me with three old School Registers. These Registers are actually a teacher's record book of the daily attendance of each pupil, a report of their work accomplishments, times tardy, days present or days absent, reading circle records and record of visitors.

It was in one of these books that I made a very interesting discovery. In one of the books there were two loose sheets of paper with the names of the teachers and the years that they taught in the Dopp School from 1867 through 1945. I had told Mrs. Marabel Edwards that I would turn over the three books to the Almond Historical Society for safe keeping.

Margaret E. Radley, who was the last one to teach all grades one through eight, before closing in 1961. She gave me the names of the teachers and the years that they taught to complete my list from 1946 through 1961.

Margaret E. Radley had talked to many informants and they agreed that the Dopp school closed temporarily from 1961 until 1963, when the Wild Rose School District reopened it as a kindergarten.

Maxine Schleicher was the kindergarten teacher from 1963 through 1967 when the school closed its doors for good.

In its last years before becoming a part of the Wild Rose School District the enrollment included pupils from three townships from three counties, they being Dayton Township in Waupaca County, Belmont Township in Portage County, and Rose Township in Waushara County. This is quite unique in itself.

DOPP SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1867-1967

Martha King	1867-68	S. A. Ashman	1868
Julia Kemp	1869	J. B. Vaughn	1869
Sarah James	1869	Jessie MacNish	1870
Ed Martin	1870-71	Mr. Bean	1872
Miss Towne	1872	Jos. L. Dopp	1872
Della Darling	1873	J. L. Dopp	1874
Emily Dopp	1874	Janet Towne	1875
Emily Dopp	1875	J. L. Dopp	1875
Miss Emmerson	1876	Louise Seymour	1876-78
Ada Livermore	1878	Anna LaMere	1879
Mrs. Dora Keith	1879	Ida King	1879
Lizzie Swan	1880	Ella Achillis	1880
Emma Malendy	1881	Miss Boughton	1881
Tina Dickson	1882	Elspa Dopp	1882
Miss Gunstin	1883	Carrie Sutherland	1884-86
Emily Dopp	1886	Florence Towne	1886
Clara Lytle	1887-88	Gussie E. Lane	1889
A. B. Soule	1889	Belle Newby	1889
Minnie Edminster	1890	Cora Turner	1891
Minerva Eckles	1891	Frank Dopp	1892
R. H. Mathe	1895	Mabel Newby	1895
Lloyd Sand	1895	Elspa Dopp	1896
Emily Spalenkal	1897	Cora Turner	1897
Edna Grove	1898	Bertha Smith	1899
Pearl Dopp	1900	Emily Dopp	1901
Grace E. Dopp	1901	Emily Dopp	1902
Jessie Nivens	1903	Ella Riley	1904
Maude Hutchinson	1904	Lizzie Stinson	1905
Nettie Morey	1906	Florence Frost	1907-10
Maude Pier	1910-11	Frances Lane	1912-13
Edith Holman	1914-15	Frances Barnsdale	1916
Ethel R. Davis	1917-18	Laura McInroe	1919-20
Anna G. Wild	1921	Orilla Beggs	1922
Myra Dake Smith	1923	Nora Halverson	1923

Mona Aanrud	1923-25	Leah Dalziel	1926
Helen Peterson	1927-30	Lorine Kleist	1931-36
Mae Rath Johnson	1937	Harold Dent	1938-39
Evelyn Putz	1940-43	Evelyn Kolka	1944-45
Beverly Edwards	1946-48	Margaret Henne	1949-51
Alice Christensen	1952-54	Ted Long	1955-57
Esther Pratt	1958-59	Margaret E. Radley	1960-61
Maxine Schleicher	1963-67		

Before 1906 when the new Dopp church was built and dedicated, church services for many years were conducted from the Dopp school house.

This was the general practice in the pioneer days before the churches were built, was to use the school house as a meeting place for all occasions. Here they worked, played and prayed together. This was what made the community strong. A type of life that we are lacking today.

According to the Register of Deeds' office, in both Portage and Waushara County there is no deed or record of the transaction where the Dopp school was acquired by the School District of Wild Rose.

In a letter to me written by William R. Thompson, Ph.D., Superintendent of the School District of Wild Rose, he stated that their records showed that the Dopp School was acquired July 2, 1958.

I directed another letter to Mr. Thompson asking, as there was no deed filed, under what procedure did they acquire the property. His answer in a letter dated March 5, 1984, was that he was unable to answer my question, but if I should wish further clarification, he suggested that I come to his office and he would review the records with me.

Warranty Deed 413, page 231, in the Register of Deeds office, Stevens Point, dated February 11, 1980. This deed was issued to LeRoy Schlessner by the grantor, the Wild Rose School District. The legal description is the very exact description shown in Warranty Deed Book "O", page 259, dated March 9, 1864, when George and Mary Drysdale, of the Town of Springwater, Waushara County, sold this property to the District Board of the school district number two of the Town of Belmont.

Warranty Deed 427, page 372, dated November 4, 1981, shows the grantor, LeRoy Schlessner, sold to Jack Van Benthem, who owns the property in 1984.

THE WAUPACA POST October 7, 1886 (Towne)

Report of School District No. 2, Town of Belmont, for the month ending October 1, 1886. No. of days taught, 20; No. of pupils enrolled, 36; average attendance, 29; Names of pupils not absent or tardy:

Eva Bacon	Nelly Dopp	Vinna Dearling	Annie White
Lilly Dickinson	Cora Dickinson	Alber Williams	Sophora Williams
Hattie Huffman	Carry Huffman		

Roll of Honor:

Eva Bacon, Nelly and Grace Dopp, Gertie Everett, Winnie Towne, Ina Thurston, Bertha and Otha Smith, Vinna Dearling, Earl Anderson, Rosa and Melissa Miner, Sophora Williams, Carry Casey, Dewis and Tilora Lovejoy. Florence Town, Teacher

WAUPACA POST, March 20, 1902

Report of the Towne school ending March 14, 1902.

Number of days taught, 20; Number of pupils enrolled, 21; Average daily attendance, 18.

Names of those present every day: Roy, Claud and Reuben Bacon, Clair and George Dopp, Arthur Williams, Margarette Potts and Irvin Daily.

The following is the deportment standings on a scale of 100: Clair Dopp, 100; Willie Vosey, 100; Raymond Vosey, 100; Claud Bacon, 98; Arthur Williams, 98; Jennie Dopp, 96; Walter Dopp, 92; George Dopp, 92; Roy Bacon, 92; Robert Potts, 92; Plummer Potts, 96; Margaret Potts, 96; Rhoda Dopp, 96; Wilfred Dopp, 94; Maud Vosey, 94; Mary Johnson, 94; Almon Peterson, 92; Irvin Daily, 90; Glenn Daily, 90; Ethel Williams, 96. Emily A. Dopp, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, January 23, 1903

Towne school report by Emily A. Dopp, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, April 30, 1903

Towne news, Miss Jessie Nivens, Teacher.

WAUPACA POST, November 5, 1903

Towne news, school will open Monday with Miss Ella Riley in charge.

WAUPACA POST, March 17, 1904

Towne news, Miss Ella Riley closed a 4½ month term of school here.



BROOKSIDE SCHOOL HOUSE
District No. 3

This brick school house, known as the Brookside school was built in 1913, after it had been voted to build a new school house.

The old school house was called the McInroe School. It was of wooden frame construction, and was located a few yards closer to the road.

After the new brick school house was completed in 1913, Henry Bruley bought the old McInroe school house and moved it to his farm approximately two miles west of its original location.

Sometime in the mid twenties, Stanley Szambelan purchased this old building from Henry Bruley and moved it to his farm and was used as part of his barn. This old school house

has fallen victim to the wrecker's hammer, as it has been torn down now for several years. Thus ends the era of one of the early school houses in the Town of Belmont.

Was there yet another school house, perhaps a log one that was used prior to 1867 when the wooden frame school house was built. According to some old records, it would seem possible.

This was taken from a Record of Proceedings of the District Meetings, District No. 3. The first entry date in the book is September 10, 1867. It shows the treasurer's report of \$208.74 in receipts and \$204.50 expenditures, leaving a balance of \$4.24.

H. P. Kelsey, Treasurer, School District No. 3.

The following was taken from an old Clerk's record book. Lease of school house site.

Known all men by these present that Richard Rorabacher of the Town of Dayton, County of Waupaca, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part for the consideration of one dollar to give in hand paid does hereby lease unto the said District No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of above said party of the second part and assigns the following described parcel of land, described as being situated as follows on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section Twenty Three (23) in Town Twenty One (21), of Range Ten (10), and commencing on the west line of said land where the road now crosses, known as the Big ----- Road and running north on said line twelve (12) rods, thence east thirteen (13) rods, thence south to the road as described above, thence following said in a westerly direction to the place of beginning, containing one acre more or less together with all the privileges and appurtenances there into belonging to have and to hold the same so long as said land shall be occupied for school purposes.

In testimony whereof the said parties have here unto set their hands and seal this 9th day of March, 1868.

Richard Rorabacher - Lessee

Clerk, John H. Fenton

Treasurer, H. J. Kelsey

Director, Lawrence McInroe

District Board of School District No. 3, Town of Belmont

Record of Proceedings Book, District Meeting

District No. 3 (McInroe)

The first pages describing the school building requirements were missing. Starts out as: Also two doors, said doors to be seven feet in height of four panels each, also to put on the corner boards and water table. Said windows, corner cornish, doors and casings and water table are to be painted in once coat of white lead paint and made of good clear lumber.

The floor in said house is to be of good common inch boards laid double on good sleepers two feet apart and not planed.

Said Edminster and McInroe also agree to build a good wall to be of stone and laid in lime mortar to average twenty inches in height, also to build a chimney of brick upon proper support eight feet above the floor, and to extend the proper height above the ridge of said house, also to hang the doors with good bolts and locks.

The window glass to be well puttied in and the sash furnished with fastenings and made to rise and fall, both upper and lower sash.

Said Edminster and McInroe are to furnish the material and to do the work in a workman like manner as described above, on or before the tenth day of May next.

Said district further agrees to idemnity said Edminster and McInroe against all damages which said building may sustain by reason of incendiary or acts of any person in said district while the house is being erected and in consideration of said Lessee so rendered by said Edminster and McInroe. The said district agrees to pay said Edminster and McInroe two hundred and sixty five (265.00) dollars in the following manner: one hundred and fifty two dollars to be paid when called for, the balance to be paid as soon as collected after the first of February next.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1868.

Charles McInroe

Benjamin Edminster

H. P. Kelsey

Lawrence McInroe

District Board of School District

No. 3, Town of Belmont

Proceedings in general at the annual school meetings were electing some officers, deciding on how many months of school to have in the winter term and how many months of school to have in the summer.

Money had to be raised to pay the teacher's salary, some school supplies had to be purchased, wood needed to be purchased to heat the school house in the winter time. Sometimes it was voted on as to whether to hire a male teacher for the winter months.

This was copied from the Record of Proceedings Book of District No. 3.

The annual meeting of District No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, met according to the notice on the thirteenth day of September, 1872.

This meeting was called to order by choosing Daniel Whitney for chairman.

On motion the treasurer's report be accepted.

On motion the orders be burned.

On motion we have six months school, three months winter school and three months summer school.

On motion we have a male teacher for the winter at thirty dollars or less and the same for the summer if he can be got for the same wage, if not, hire a female.

On motion raise thirty dollars for wood, allowing tax payers \$1.50 a cord. The wood to be delivered by the first of January, 1876, and measured by the teacher.

On motion we raise forty dollars to build two out houses.

On motion James Edminster have the job of building the houses to be 4 by 6 feet of good common lumber with a shingle roof for \$25.00.

On motion that they must be built and on the ground by the first of December.

On motion the school commence the first day of December.

On motion summer school commence the first Monday in May.

On motion we raise \$75.00 for teachers' wages.

By ballot H. P. Kelsey was elected director for the next 3 years.

On motion we have our next annual meeting on the last Monday in August, 1873.

It was not signed.

In the back of the old treasurer's book I found these teacher's contracts.

Hannah D. Williams, residence, Aurora, Waushara County, to commence school December 11, 1867, for four months @ \$30.00 per month. Contract signed by John H. Fenton, Clerk and Lawrence McInroe, Director.

It also shows her teacher's certificate as third grade. It is hereby certified that Hannah D. Williams has passed a satisfactory examination upon all points required by law for a third grade certifi-

cate, and she is licensed to teach in the Town of Belmont, for four months from the date hereof, unless this certificate be sooner annulled.

The following is her standings in the several branches upon a scale of 10.

Orthography	8	United States History	9
Reading	10	Algebra	5
Mental Arithmetic	8	Physiology	5
Written Arithmetic	7	Physical Geography	7
English Grammar	7	Geography	8
W. R. Alban, County Supt. of Schools. Dated December 9, 1867.			

The next page was missing so the next entry was for:

Cornelia L. Shumway, residence, Oasis, Waushara County, to commence school November 9th, 1869, for five months @ \$33.00 per month.

Emma Whipple, residence, Lanark, Portage County. To commence school April 18th, 1870, for five months @ \$20.00 per month.

C. S. Sutherland, residence, Belmont, to commence school December 4th, 1871, for four months @ \$30.00 per month.

Almira Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school May 6th, 1872, for 3 months @ \$25.00 per month.

Anna Rait, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 2nd, 1872, for 3 months @ \$30.00 per month.

Almira Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school May 4th, 1873, for 3 months @ \$28.00 per month.

Mary Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school November 3rd, 1873, @ \$25.00 per month.

William W. Burgoyne, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 16th, 1874, for 4 months @ \$32.00 per month.

Nellie S. Porter, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County, to commence school May 3rd, 1875.

Nellie Conlin, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 1st, 1875, for 6 months, @ \$30.00 per month.

Alice Fenton, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 13th, 1876, for 6 months, at \$25.00 per month.

Bernice A. Kimball, residence, Buena Vista, Portage County, to commence school December 10th, 1877, for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Louise M. Seymour, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County. She had a second grade teaching certificate. She was to start teaching May 1st, 1878 for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Alice M. Fenton, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school December 2nd, 1878 for 5 months at \$30.00 per month.

Julia Emmerson, residence, Saxeville, Waushara County, to commence school November 3rd, 1879, for 6 months at \$17.00 per month.

Frankie Rorabacher, residence, Dayton, Waupaca County, to commence school June 14th, 1880, for 2 months at \$16.00 per month.

Minnie Bigler, residence, Amherst, Portage County, to commence school November 8th, 1880, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Maggie Smith, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence April 18th, 1881, for 3 months at \$16.00 per month.

Maggie A. Smith, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school November 7th, 1881, for 3 months, at \$18.00 per month.

Janet A. Thomson, residence, Portage County, she too had only a second grade teaching certificate. She was to start school April 17th, 1882, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Minnie Howard, residence, Lanark, Portage County, to commence school December 12th, 1882, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Nora Davidson, residence, Oasis, Waushara County, to commence school April 23rd, 1883, for 3 months at \$18.00 per month.

Lottie Kelsey, residence, Almond, Portage County, to commence school December 3rd, 1883, for 5 months at \$22.00 per month.

Julia Kean, residence, Waupaca, Waupaca County, to commence school December 1st, 1884, for 3 months at \$20.00 per month.

Evelyn King, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school May 4th, 1885, at \$17.00 per month.

Evelyn King, residence, Belmont, Portage County, to commence school December 7th, 1885, for 3 months at \$19.00 per month.

TREASURER'S BOOK, DISTRICT NO. 3

Order No. 14; May 9, 1868, to Charles McInroe for building school house. \$35.00

Order No. 15; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$152.00

Order No. 16; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$30.00

Order No. 17; May 13, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$13.00

Order No. 18; June 1, 1868, to Benjamin Edminster for building school house. \$12.50

Order No. 19; June 1, 1868, to Ben Edminster for building school house. \$18.00

In a later entry I found this entry dated October 16, 1871. The job of finishing the school house was given to Robert M. McGill, for the sum of eighty dollars.

School district change. It is hereby ordered and determined that the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, also the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter all of Section 15, town 21 range 10 east, now part of the school district No. 3, of the Town of Belmont, be and hereby taken from said school district and attached to make a part of School District No. 7 of said town for all purposes whatsoever.

This order will take effect on the 14th day of September, 1868, given under all hands this 13th day of June, 1868.

Henry Turner, Geo. W. Robinson. T. G. Bacon, Town Supervisors

BROOKSIDE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 3 (From Clerk's Book)

A special school meeting held according to notices on the 29th day of July, 1912. Town of Belmont, Portage County, Wisconsin, School District No. 3.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz act as Chairman of the meeting, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we build a new school house on the same grounds, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we have a solid brick school house built.

Motion made and seconded that we make a bid for hauling of the bricks for the school house.

Motion made and carried that we let the school board borrow what money they need for building the school house.

Motion made and seconded that the whole crew, that is here tonight, turn out and help move the old school house, and carried.

Motion made and accepted that what money we borrow be payable, \$200.00 and interest each year until the school house is paid for.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz and John Harvey act on the building committee with the school board, and carried.

Motion made and seconded that we hear the minutes of the meeting read, and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

There was no signature.

BROOKSIDE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 3, DATED FEBRUARY 14, 1913

A special school meeting was called for locating and fixing the site of the new school house.

Motion made and seconded that Will Putz act as Chairman of the meeting, carried.

Motion made and seconded that we vote by ballot, carried.

Motion made and seconded that the Chairman elect two ballot tellers. Ballot tellers were Walter Pietrzak and Leon Swan.

Ballots cast at the special meeting was 27. 17 being for the present site and 10 was for Grosek Corners.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn, carried.

Signed, H. C. Bruley.

BROOKSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, DATED APRIL 14, 1913

A special school meeting was called by notices and notifying 3/4 of the legal voters in the district. The meeting was called to order by L. D. McInroe.

Motion made and seconded that Jay Bailey act as Chairman of the meeting, carried.

Motion made and seconded that we vote by ballot for the loan or against the loan.

Motion made and seconded that the Chairman elect two tellers. Charlie Durkee and Will Putz were elected.

13 votes cast for the loan, and 9 votes against the loan, majority was 4 for the loan.

Motion made and seconded that we raise \$1,600 for the purpose of building a new school house.

Motion made and seconded that we pay in eight annual installments with interest and principal as it becomes due.

Motion made and seconded and carried that the same is hereby levied upon the taxable property of the District No. 3.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Signed, H. C. Bruley.

DISTRICT NUMBER 4

PIONEER SCHOOL



An old picture, date unknown and names unknown.



Views of the old Pioneer School House that was converted over to a cottage on the banks of Marl Lake in the Town of Dayton, Waupaca County. This property belonged to Mary Casey in 1983, and is called Casey's Hide-A-Way.

DISTRICT NO. 4

There does not seem to be any early records available regarding this school district, or when the school house was built in the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12.

In 1876 this property belonged to Milo Clark. By 1895 the property belonged to Frank Guyant. In 1947 plat book it belonged to Everett Grant and now has been passed on to his son James E. Grant.

All visible signs of the school yard are gone, even the old pump.

The one date that has been passed down when the district was organized is 1865 or 1866. There are no records available as to who were the teachers prior to 1909, but in the Waupaca Post, June 5, 1902, it gave this school report.

"Report of School District No. 4, in the Town of Belmont, for the month ending May 30, 1902. Number of days taught, 19; Number of pupils enrolled, 19; Average daily attendance, 15. Names of those not absent during the month are: Marie Christenson, Alfred Christenson, Glenn Dent, Dale Dent, Clifford Gray, Zern Gray and Emil Peterson.

Absent but one day or less: Fred Jensen, Oscar Jensen, Carl Peterson and Ethel Burgoyne. Clara Leahy, Teacher."

The following are the names of the teachers, their salaries and the years they taught.

1908 - 1909	Miss Carrie Brandt	\$278.00
1909 - 1910	Miss Elsie Rogers	\$256.00
1910 - 1911	Miss Minnie Rice	\$320.00
1911 - 1912	Miss Bessie Sawyer	\$308.00
1912 - 1913	Miss Minnie Rice	\$200.00
1913 - 1914	Miss Minnie Rice	\$360.00
1914 - 1915	Alma Peterson	\$202.50
1915 - 1916	Helen Berry	\$316.80
1916 - 1917	Evelyn Mase	\$316.80
1917 - 1918	Alice Berry	\$356.40
1918 - 1919	Mable Gilman	\$236.61
1919 - 1920	Mrs. Cole Guyant	\$604.99
9/30/1920	Mary Doyle	\$792.00
9/23/1921	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$752.40
9/22/1922	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
9/5/1923	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
1923 - 1924	Mrs. Alice Beggs	\$684.00
1924 - 1925	Miss Helen McTigue	\$720.00
1925 - 1926	Miss Helen McTigue	\$765.00
1926 - 1927	Edna Oestrick	\$720.00
1927 - 1928	Edna Oestrick	\$765.00
1928 - 1929	Edna Oestrick	\$810.00
1929 - 1930	Gladys Rustong	\$810.00
1930 - 1931	Adelyn Stedman	\$765.00
1931 - 1932	Adelyn Stedman	\$810.00
1932 - 1933	Adelyn Stedman	\$765.00
1933 - 1934	Helene Wimme	\$720.00
1934 - 1935	Helene R. Wimme	\$675.00
1935 - 1936	Ethelyn Wrolstad	\$720.00
1936 - 1937	Ethelyn Wrolstad	\$720.00
1937 - 1938	Helene Wrolstad	\$239.26
1938 - 1939	Virginia Gajewski	\$400.00
12/15/1937	Mrs. Evelyn Parke	\$ 40.00 (One Month)
1939 - 1940	Adelyn Stedman	\$726.75
1940 - 1941	Adelyn Stedman	\$726.25
1941 - 1942	Mildred Guyant	\$765.00

These were all taken from the only school clerk's records that are available now in the possession of the Waupaca Unified School System.

Miss Mildred Guyant was the last one to teach in the Pioneer School.

At the annual school meeting held July 13, 1942, Harry Grant was elected chairman. It was voted by ballot to transport all of the Pioneer children to Sunny View.

On August 10, 1942, a meeting was called for bids for transporting the children from Pioneer to Sunny View. There was only one bid by Fred Rogers for \$75.00 per month.

At a special meeting called by Everett Grant it was voted to transport the Pioneer children to Brookside. May 8, 1944.

A special meeting was called September 18, 1946, for the purpose of voting on selling the school house. It was moved, seconded, and passed to sell the school house and contents at auction.

The Pioneer school house and contents were sold September 28, 1946, for \$578.00, less \$57.82 for commission, leaving a net balance of \$520.38.

The old school house was purchased by Christ Hyldgaard of Whispering Pines Park, where it was moved, and converted into a cottage, called the Little Red School House.

Time passes on and in the Warranty Deeds 250, page 219, in the Register of Deeds Office in Waupaca, shows the transfer of Lot 19, of the Barrington Addition of the Chain O' Lakes subdivision of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North East $\frac{1}{4}$, and of Government Lot 1, of Section 5, T.21N-R.11E, from Christ Hyldgaard and his wife Emma to Harlow G. Raisler and his wife Hildegard, dated August 2, 1952.

Warranty Deed 280, page 494, shows a transfer of this property to Sebastian Promersberger and his wife Theresa, dated June 22, 1957.

Warranty Deed 328, page 82, is the sale of the foresaid property to John and Mary Casey, dated September 24, 1962. Although John Casey has passed away, Mrs. Mary Casey still owns the Old Pioneer School that has been converted into a cottage on the banks of Marl Lake, where all of her children and grandchildren are allowed to spend many enjoyable summer hours.

PIONEER SCHOOL RECORDS, DISTRICT NO. 4

Belmont Township, Portage County, Wisconsin
July 6, 1909

Meeting called to order. Frank Gray in the chair, minutes of last meeting read, accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried that John Peterson act as director for three years. Motion made and carried that we buy seven cords of wood, sixteen inches long. S. E. Sawyer being the lowest bidder, he got the job at \$1.55 per cord. Motion made and carried that we raise \$175.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we shingle the school house. Motion made and carried Clerk to receive \$5.00 salary. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school. Five in the winter and three in the summer, to commence the 18th day of October. Decided to leave the cleaning of the school house to the board. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer, Clerk

Belmont Wis., July 6, 1910

Meeting called to order with Frank Dent acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's read and accepted as read. Ballot being taken for treasurer be next in order. The whole number of votes being four of which Nels Jensen received four. Therefore, Nels Jensen was declared elected. Bids being taken to furnish ten cord of good 16 inch wood. Frank Gray being the lowest bidder received the contract at \$1.50 per cord. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school in the ensuing year. Motion made and carried that we raise one hundred dollars for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that leave cleaning of schoolhouse to the board to get someone. Motion made and carried that the Clerk receive five dollars

salary for the ensuing year. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.
S. E. Sawyer, District Clerk

Town of Belmont, Portage Count, Wis. District No. 4, July 7, 1913

Meeting called to order with Frank Guyant acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for treasurer for the ensuing three years, total number of ballots cast were six, of which Nels Jensen received six and was declared elected. Motion made and carried that we have eight months of school, five in the winter and three in the summer. Bids were then taken for twelve cords of good oak wood, sixteen inches long. Four cords to be split five and eight blocks. R. Pommerenke being the lowest bidder got the job for \$1.55 per cord. Bids then taken to clean the school house twice, before each term of school. A. Pommerenke got the job for \$5.00. Motion made and carried that we take up Frank Guyant's offer. He agreed to furnish four good corner posts set in cement, build a good woven wire fence around the school yard, 42 inches high. The district is to pay for the wire and line posts and him to have the old fence and put the wire and posts on the grounds. Motion made and carried that we raise \$225.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer

Town of Belmont, Portage Co., District No. 4, July 3, 1916.

Meeting was called to order with F. C. Gray acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried that we have a fall term commencing the last Monday in August and running until potato digging and then vacation until the first of Nov. to be followed by four months and one-half winter term and the remainder in the spring term. Motion made and carried that we raise \$250.00 for all school purposes. Ballot was then taken for Treasurer for the ensuing three years. Total number of ballots cast, fifteen. No one received a majority so we proceeded to take another ballot. Total number cast, fifteen, of which Wm. Otto received ten, that being a majority of all ballots cast. Otto was declared elected. Motion made and carried that we charge \$1.00 per month tuition. A vote was then taken as to whether we would try to consolidate with one or two other districts, all were in favor providing we could conduct a graded school. Bids were then taken for ten cords of good oak wood, sixteen inches long. Seven cord of blocks, three cords split fine. Fred Rogers being the lowest bidder got the contract at \$1.75 per cord. Bids were then taken for cleaning the school house twice, once before the fall term and once in the spring. Mrs. John Petersen being the lowest bidder got the job for seven dollars. Motion made and seconded we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer

Belmont, Wis., Jan. 2, 1918 Special Meeting

Meeting called to order with Frank Dent acting as chairman. After a thorough discussion of the question a ballot was taken as to whether we would build a new shcool house or repair the old one. Number of ballots cast was 14, of which 14 was for building new. Ballot carried. Motion then made and seconded that we change school house site to center of District. Motion carried. A committee was then appointed to look up the cost of material of the different kinds, to look over some modern school houses and get some plans and blue prints if possible.

Committee appointed Frank Dent, John Petersen, and S. E. Sawyer. Motion made and carried that we adjourn until February 16 at two o'clock p.m.

Belmont, Wis., Feb. 16, 1918

Meeting called to order, F. B. Dent acting as chairman. Motion made and seconded that we build a new school house 26 x 34 outside measurement. Motion made and carried that we build of brick, ten inch hollow walls. Motion made and seconded that we adjourn.

Belmont District No. 4, July 1, 1918

Meeting called to order with Paul Grey acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Minutes of special meetings read and the question discussed as to whether we would build new or repair the old one. Motion made and carried that we repair the old one. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for Director for the ensuing three years. Total number of ballots cast was 11, of which John Petersen received 5, Paul Grey 4, Cole Guyant 2, none elected so took another ballot of which John Petersen received 6, Paul Grey 4, Cole Guyant 1. Petersen declared elected. Motion made and seconded that we have our school year divided the same as last year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$450.00 for all school purposes for the ensuing year. Bids were then taken for ten cords of good wood, 16 inches long. 7 cords of blocks and 3 cords split fine. Rob Pommerenke got the job for \$2.75 to be all dry wood to be delivered before Christmas. Bids were then taken for cleaning school house twice, once in the fall and once in the spring. Mrs. Otto got the job for \$6.00. Motion made and seconded that we adjourn. Committee appointed to look after fixing the school house. Paul Grey, Fred Rogers and S. E. Sawyer.

Belmont, Wis., July 7, 1919 School District No. 4.

Meeting called to order with Paul Grey acting as chairman. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurer's read and accepted as read. Ballot was then taken for Treasurer for the ensuing three years. total number of ballots cast was 12, of which Fred Rogers received 7, that being a majority of all votes cast. Motion was made and seconded that the informal ballot be declared formal and Rogers be elected. Motion carried. Motion made and carried that we have eight months school, divided in three terms same as last year. Motion made and carried that we buy 12 cords of wood, 9 of blocks and 3 split fine, 16 inches long. Fine wood to be dry and delivered before Christmas. Also half of the block wood. The other half in January. Job let to Albert Burgoyne at \$2.75 per cord. Bids were then taken for cleaning the school house twice, once before winter term and once after. Frank Guyant got the job for \$6.50. Motion made and carried that we use the balance of the social money on hand to buy swings and such for the school grounds. Motion made and carried that we raise \$650.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we name the school "The Pioneer." Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

S. E. Sawyer, District Clerk

Pioneer School District No. 4, Town of Belmont, Portage Co. Wi.
July 6, 1920.

Meeting called to order and Frank Guyant elected to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read. There being \$14.33 left of the social money, Paul Gray and Fred Rogers were appointed to see about purchasing some playground equipment with it. Motion made and seconded that we have 8 months of school divided up the same as last year. Motion made and seconded that we raise \$800.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer and Director be paid \$5.00 each for salary. Ballots were then taken for school clerk for the ensuing three years. total number of votes cast 7. Mrs. Cole Guyant received 6 and Paul Gray 1. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Mrs. Guyant elected. The following committee were then chosen to look over school officer's books before the next annual meeting. Mr. Frank Dent, Mr. Jay Bailey, and Mr. Behrendt. Motion made and carried that we purchase 5 cord dry wood, 10 cords green, 7 cord blocks and 3 cord split. All 16 inches long. To be delivered before Dec. 1, 1920. Motion made and carried that we leave it to the school board to purchase wood. Bids were then taken for cleaning school house twice and mopping floor once a month. Motion made and seconded that Elma Lyons clean school house thoroughly twice for \$8.00 and Paul Grey mop the floor once a month for \$7.50 (total). Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Cole Guyant, School Clerk

Pioneer School, Belmont Dist. No. 4, Portage County, Wis.
July 5, 1921.

Meeting called to order and Mrs. Emil Peterson elected to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved as read. Treasurer's report read and approved. The committee chosen to look over officer's books reported them as being correct. Motion made and carried that we have 8 months of school divided up the same as last year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$800.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that we charge \$1.00 per month tuition for non-resident pupils. Motion made and carried that the Treasurer and Director receive \$5.00 each as salary. Ballots were then taken for school director for the ensuing three years. Total number of votes cast 7. Emil Peterson received 4 and Mr. Behrendt 3. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Emil Peterson declared elected. The following committee was then appointed to examine officer's books before next annual meeting. Mr. Behrendt, Mr. F. Guyant, and Mr. C. Guyant. Motion made and carried that we give the school board power to borrow money to pay expenses until the taxes are paid in. Motion made and carried that we let the school board purchase the green wood needed as cheap as they can. Motion made and carried that the school board hire someone to do the repairing and painting needed and also the cleaning once and mopping 7 times. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Pioneer School, Belmont District No. 4, Portage Co., Wis.
July 7, 1924

Meeting was called to order and Mrs. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' itemized reports of receipts and expenditures read and accepted. The examining committee reported the officers' books as being correct. Motion made and carried that the director and treasurer each receive a salary of \$5.00 a year. Motion made and carried that we repair the old toilets instead of building new this year. Motion made and carried that we raise \$800.00 for all school

purposes. Ballots were then taken for school director for the ensuing three years. Total number of votes cast 6. Dale Dent receiving them all, he was declared elected. The following committee was chosen to audit the officers' books before the next annual meeting: Mr. Frank Guyant, Mr. Rob Pommerenke and Mr. Nels Jensen. A written resolution was then presented and carried giving the school board power to borrow money for the purpose of defraying expenses until taxes are received. A copy of this resolution was left in clerk's book. Motion made and carried that we buy 10 cord (14 in.) green wood and 5 cords (14 in.) dry wood of Mr. Pommerenke for \$3.00 per cord. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 9, 1928

Meeting called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' report of receipts and expenditures read and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that books and finances were okay. Motion made and carried that we have 9 months of school the ensuing year, to begin Aug. 20. The new tax law was then discussed and decided that we could run our school another year on \$1,000.00 as we have \$633.51 left over. Motion made and carried that we raise \$236.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the district school officers' salaries remain the same for the following year, that is Clerk, \$10.00; Treasurer and Director, \$5.00 each. Nominations for Treasurer were then made. Fred Rogers and Zada Dent were nominated. Votes were then taken, Sara Rogers and Zada Dent acted as ballot clerks. 9 votes were cast. Fred Rogers received 7 and Mrs. Dent 2. Fred Rogers was declared elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Mr. Arnold Yohn, Sara Rogers, and Rob Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that the district furnish free text books and to buy only books that are necessary each year. Motion made and carried that the district buy a Humane Ocean Wave for playground equipment. Price \$65.00. Mr. Pommerenke offered to furnish 12 cords of green wood at \$3.00 per cord. We decided to accept his offer. Motion made and carried that we hire Mrs. Anderson to clean school house once and mop the floors 6 times during the year for \$11.50. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 8, 1929

Meeting called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Officers' reports of expenditures and receipts read and accepted as read. Motion made, seconded and carried that we have 9 months of school the ensuing year. School to begin the 19th of August, 1929. Motion made and carried that we raise \$283.20 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the district school officers' salaries remain the same as before. Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer \$5.00 and Director \$5.00. Nominations for clerk for the ensuing three years were then made. Arnold Yohn and Bessie Guyant were nominated. Voting by ballot then followed. Bessie Guyant was declared elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Arnold Yohn, Sarah Rogers, and Rob Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that we hire someone to paint the school and out buildings inside and out. Mr. Pommerenke offered to furnish the wood both green and dry at \$3.50 a cord. Motion was made and carried that we accept his offer. 12 cord

green, 3 cord dry. Motion made and carried that we hire Mrs. Anderson to mop the floors 7 times at \$1.25 a time. Motion made and carried that our next annual meeting be called at 8:00 p.m. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 14, 1930.

The annual meeting was called to order by the school clerk and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that they found the officers' books to be okay. The officers' reports were then given and accepted as given. A motion was then made and carried that we have 9 months of school as usual. School to begin August 18, 1930. Motion made and carried that we put in a well. The same to be paid for out of the surplus money on hand. Motion made and carried that a protection also be built to protect the pump from storms. Motion made and carried that the district raise \$319.30 taxes for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salaries remain as last year. Clerk \$10.00 and other two \$5.00 each. Nominations were then made for director for ensuing 3 years, Dale Dent and Zada Dent nominated. Balloting followed and as Dale Dent received the most votes he was declared formally elected. The following auditing committee was chosen: Arnold Yohn, Sara Rogers, and Zada Dent. Mrs. Anderson was hired to clean school house for \$4.00 and mop once a month for \$1.25. John Zawacki was hired to build fires for five months at 25¢ a morning. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 11, 1932

The annual business meeting was called to order by the clerk at 8:00 p.m. and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of last annual meeting were read and accepted as read. Report of treasurer read and accepted. The auditing committee reported that the books were all okay. Motion made and carried to have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 22, 1932. Motion made and carried that we raise \$200.00 district tax for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers receive the same salary. Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer and Director \$5.00 each for the ensuing year. Nominations were then taken for clerk for the ensuing 3 years, Zada Dent and Bessie Guyant were nominated. Balloting was then in order. 8 votes cast. Bessie Guyant 6, Zada Dent 2. Bessie Guyant was declared elected. The following auditing committee was appointed: Zada Dent, Sara Rogers, and Gertie Zawacki. As there were no bids in to furnish wood for the school it was left to the school board to purchase. Mrs. Anderson was hired to do the cleaning, \$3.00 for general and \$1.00 for monthly cleaning. John Zawacki offered to build fires for 20¢ a morning for the 5 winter months so his offer was accepted. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 10, 1933

The annual business meeting was called to order by the clerk at 8:00 p.m. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. The minutes of last annual meeting were then read by the clerk and approved as read. Fred Rogers, Treasurer, gave a detailed report of all expenditures and receipts and his report was accepted as read. The auditing committee reported that they found Treasurer's and Clerk's

records in No. 1 shape and cash on hand to control said accounts. Motion made and carried that we have 9 months school, fall term to begin August 21, 1933. Motion made and carried that we raise \$250.00 district tax for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers receive the same salary: Clerk \$10.00; Treasurer and Director each \$5.00. Nominations for director for ensuing 3 years were then in order. Dale Dent and Oscar Jensen were nominated. Zada Dent and Alvin Rogers chosen to act as ballot clerks. An informal ballot was taken. 11 votes cast. Dale Dent received 6 and Oscar Jensen 5. This informal ballot was then made formal and Dale Dent declared elected. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Oscar Jensen, Rob Pommerenke, and Frank Guyant. Motion made and carried to give the clerk/the right to purchase supplies up to the value of \$20.00 without calling a meeting of the board. A discussion then followed about fixing the pump so it wouldn't freeze next winter. Albert Burgoyne offered to furnish 10 cord dry wood and 4 cord green wood at \$1.75 a cord. Motion made and carried that his bid be accepted. Motion made and carried that the school funds be placed in Farmers State Bank of Waupaca. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Bessie Guyant, Clerk

July 8, 1935

The annual school meeting of Pioneer School District, Belmont, was called to order by the Clerk at 8:00 p.m. and Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the clerk and accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 26. Motion made and carried that we raise \$200.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salary remain the same: Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer and Director \$5.00 per year. Nominations were made for Clerk for ensuing 3 years. Bessie Guyant, Iva Eastman and Alvin Rogers were nominated. Alvin withdrew his nomination. Voting by ballot followed, 14 votes were cast of which Mrs. Guyant received 11 and Mrs. Eastman 3. Mrs. Guyant was declared elected. Alvin Rogers and J. Zawicki acted as ballot clerks. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Alvin Rogers, Frank Guyant and John Zawicki. Motion made and carried that we put a steel roof on the school house this year. Alvin Rogers and Frank Guyant to act as a committee to see that it is done. Bids were then given to furnish 10 cords green wood. Gerald Eastman bid being \$1.75 a cord he was given the contract. Motion made and carried that the school board hire someone to clean the school house. Motion made and carried that we have a social for benefit of the Red Cross before Nov. 11. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Annual meeting of Pioneer School District No. 4
Town of Belmont, Portage Co., Wis., 1936

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 8:00 p.m. Dale Dent was chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the clerk and accepted as read. The auditing committee reported the clerk's and treasurer's record were satisfactory with cash on hand to balance accounts. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school to begin Aug. 24. Motion made and carried that we raise \$150.00 for all school purposes. Motion made and carried that the school officers' salary remain the same. That is Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer and Director \$5.00 per year. The following nominations were

made for director for the ensuing three years. Gerald Eastman, Dale Dent, M. Pommerenke. Voting by ballot followed. G. Eastman received 7 votes, Dale Dent 4 and Oscar Jensen 1. Motion made and carried that this informal ballot be declared formal and Gerald Eastman be declared elected. The ballot clerks were Arthur Pommerenke and G. Eastman. The following auditing committee was appointed for next year: Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. John Pommerenke, and Mrs. Anton Anderson. Bids for cleaning the school house were taken. Mrs. Anderson was given the job at \$3.00 for general cleaning and \$1.00 per month for mopping. Bids for furnishing wood were taken. The following bids were accepted. Five cord of dry wood and 2 cord of kindling of Frank Wiora at \$2.50 a cord and 10 cord of green wood of Arthur Pommerenke at \$2.25 a cord. Motion made and carried to let Kenneth Anderson clean wood shed and cord wood on hand at \$3.00. Motion made and carried we adjourn.

Mrs. Bessie Guyant, Clerk

Annual School Meeting of Pioneer School District No. 4
Town of Belmont, Portage Co., Wis.
July 10, 1939

Meeting called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Everett Grant, Clerk. Oscar Jensen was appointed chairman of the meeting. The Clerk's report was read and accepted as read. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read. Motion made and carried we have 9 months of school. Motion made and carried we raise \$175.00 district tax. Motion made and carried that the school board receive the same salary as last year: Clerk \$10.00 and Treasurer \$5.00 and Director \$5.00. Nominations for a new director was Oscar Jensen; Kirk Durrant and Edwin Snyder were appointed ballot clerks. There were 10 ballots cast, of which Oscar Jensen received 10. Auditing committee was appointed by the chairman of which were Edwin Snyder, Ernie Peterson, and Art Pommerenke. Motion made and carried that the school board take sealed bids for cleaning school. Motion made and carried that school starts Aug. 28, 1939. Motion made and carried we have 2 weeks potato digging vacation. Motion made and carried we buy 12 cords of green wood. Motion made and carried that we paint the 2 toilets, one coat of paint each, that we let the job to Kirk Durrant for \$5.00 and furnish his own paint and also paint the flag pole, and the district is to furnish paint for flag pole. Motion made and carried that we adjourn.

Everett Grant, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

The first school house in the district stood in Section 29 where the clump of trees are today, 1984. There seems to be no early records available, but according to the Belmont Baptist Church Society, dated November 2, 1860, it verifies that they held their meetings in the school house in District No. 5, in the Town of Belmont.





The picture shows the foundation of stone behind the stone wall where the trees are growing. On these few stones the original building was built. The time is not known, but would have been before 1860. Sometime in later years someone added onto this school house with a cellar.

Forrest Rice removed the building and made a shed on his place a few rods to the south and on the east side of the road sometime after 1915. The Rice buildings were all removed after the tragic death of Mr. and Mrs. Rice in 1928.

DISTRICT NO. 5

NEALE SCHOOL

Warranty Deed Book 31, Page 125.



THIS INDENTURE, Made this first day of February, 1879, between Rosetta P. Turner, Town of Belmont, County of Portage, State of Wisconsin, party of the first part and Aldro D. Turner, Peter Turner and W. S. Burrows, Trustees of School District No. 5, of the above name of town, county and state, parties of the second part. For the sum of \$1.00, the following described real estate situated in the County of Portage, State of Wisconsin.

One acre of land in the North East corner, of the North West quarter of Section 32, T.21N.-R.10 E., for the use of school purposes. Signed, W. R. Adams, Justice of the Peace.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

There seems to be no early school records available for District No. 5, originally known as the Turner school and later was named the Neale School. It was located in the North East corner of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32. This one acre site was purchased February 1, 1879, from Rossetta P. Turner. Therefore, the school house must have been built shortly afterwards. However, there was another school house in School District Number 5 prior to 1879.

The Belmont Baptist Church Society recorded that they held their meetings in the school house in District No. 5, dated November 2, 1860. There is still a stone foundation where that building stood. This is in the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29.

In the school records of District No. 5, now in the possession of the Almond Historical Society, they show that on March 2, 1912, the Town of Belmont sold at public auction to Forest Rice the old school building. Forest Rice was the highest bidder of \$100.00. Forest Rice removed the building to his place only a short distance to the south, but on the east side of the road.

At the annual school meeting held August 7, 1911, a vote was taken on the issue of dividing up the school district. The outcome of the vote was 15 votes against and 6 votes for.

It was also voted on 15 to 6 in favor of building a new school house to be completed by December 1, 1911. The old school house was sold at public auction to Frank Robakowski who was the highest bidder at \$85.00. It was to be just the plain school house building.

The school record books for District No. 5 are few and sketchy so there is no complete listing of all of the teachers and the years that they taught.

The following teachers' names and the years that they taught were taken from the teacher's contract portion of the school record books which are in the possession of the Almond Historical Society.

Mable Keffner	1909	Marguerite Frost	1922
Clare M. Dopp	1909	Irene Hintz	1924
Minnie Rice	1910	Mildred Mathe	1925
Cecel B. Newby	1911	Cora Washburn	1928
Cecel B. Newby	1912	Inez Vroman	1929
Belle Smith	1913	Vivian Mathe	1931
Henry Somers	1914	Anna M. Krause	1933
Raphael A. Woyak	1918	Joseph L. Wojciechowski	1935
Bessie Mahanna	1919	Edna Riley	1942

Waupaca Post, April 3, 1902. Belmont News.

Nellie Sanders will teach the summer term at the Turner School.

Waupaca Post, February 19, 1903. Belmont News.

Nellie Sanders closed the school term.

Other names that have been given to me as being teachers in the Neale School. I have no dates for any of them.

Laura McInroe	Cecile Bird
Una Morgan	Vivian Culver
Mayme Sergeant	Mildred Mathe
Helen Kolz	Mary Ann Krause

Mrs. Fred M. Hurd, the former Belle Smith, taught at the Turner School in 1913 and she told me that she was paid \$45.00 per month and boarded at the Forest Rice's place and paid them \$12.00 per month for her board.

It seems as if around the 1920's many of the country schools changed names and the Turner School was no different. They changed their name to the Neale School in honor of Mr. Neale who was then Portage County Superintendent of schools.

Warranty Deed 205, page 528, in the Portage County Court House, dated October 18, 1952. Robert A. Nowak purchased from the Trustees of School District No. 5, the Neale School property. This has since been converted into a home and is a permanent dwelling place.

DISTRICT NUMBER 6, BARR SCHOOL



This is the original Barr School house.

Luke D. Scott bought this old school building on June 26, 1897, for \$23.00.

He moved it to his farm, better known as the Henry Stinson farm. Here it has been used for many years as a hog house.

This farm now belongs to Gordon Bell.

In 1896 a new brick school house was build by Charles M. Radley. The labor cost paid to C. W. Radley was \$488.22.

Sometime shortly after World War I the name was changed from Barr School to Lincoln School.

The picture on the left is the way the Lincoln school house looked in 1922, when this picture was taken. The belfrey and bell are gone, there are large holes in the front door and the windows are out. A sad sight for the once proud school house that it was.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (BARR) (LINCOLN)

The location of the school house is in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the of the northeast quarter of Section 19.

I was told by Mr. Leonard Morgan that the bricks that were used to build the new school house in 1896 were bricks that came from the old Clarence Collier farm back in the northeast corner next to where Mr. Lowell Thompson lives today, 1984.

In the old treasurer's book for School District No. 6, Order No. 17, dated October 19, 1896, paid E. E. Chamberlain \$94.25 for bricks. Now the question is, did Mr. Chamberlain have the kiln to make the bricks.

Order No. 18, was to Shearer and Jardine, \$200.00 for lumber.

Order No. 19, was to C. W. and G. T. Radley for building and finishing the school house. These costs totalled the \$488.22. However, there were many other costs involved according to the treasurer's records, such as:

Oct. 2, 1896	Mr. West, hauling brick & lumber	\$ 9.80
Oct. 2, 1896	Will Barr, hauling brick	\$ 6.74
Oct. 3, 1896	W. E. Sanders, hauling brick	\$10.65
Oct. 7, 1896	Wm. McIntyre, hauling brick	\$ 6.94
Oct. 10, 1896	Walter Kent, hauling shingles	\$ 2.25
Oct. 12, 1896	John Casey, hauling lumber & stone	\$ 6.25
Oct. 14, 1896	W. H. Tunks, hauling brick	\$ 3.99
Oct. 15, 1896	J. C. F. Fletcher, hauling lumber and lime	\$10.00
Oct. 19, 1896	Wm. McIntyre, hauling stone	\$ 2.00
Nov. 2, 1896	Frank Morgan, hauling brick	\$ 2.75
Nov. 9, 1896	Frank Casey, hauling lumber	\$ 2.50
Nov. 14, 1896	Clarence Collier, hauling brick	\$ 2.20
Nov. 14, 1896	G. G. Hawes, hauling brick	\$ 3.50
Nov. 14, 1896	H. W. Rosche, weights for windows	\$ 2.40
Nov. 14, 1896	G. G. Hawes, serving on the committee	\$ 3.00
Nov. 14, 1896	J. C. F. Fletcher, hauling materials and serving on the committee	\$11.03
Nov. 14, 1896	W. H. Tunks, serving on the committee	\$ 2.00
Oct. 28, 1892	Packard & Smith, tubular well	\$98.50

In a composition written by Miss Elinor Vaughn, a student at the Lincoln School, and in it she mentioned that sometime between 1918 and 1920 the Barr School was renamed the Lincoln School.

She also mentioned that in some old records that there was a record of a teacher's contract to Hannah Sutherland, the late Hannah Taylor, to teach for 4 months, beginning May 1, 1859.

DISTRICT TREASURER'S BOOK NO. 6

Starting in 1868

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Louisa Harris	Dec. 21, 1868	\$ 10.00
Louisa Harris	Feb. 26, 1869	\$ 90.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	June 19, 1869	\$ 36.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	July 30, 1869	\$ 36.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	Dec. 20, 1869	\$ 20.00
Ann Eliza McCallen	Mar. 3, 1870	\$ 84.00
Martha King	May 31, 1870	\$ 20.00
Martha King	July 30, 1870	\$ 52.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Martha King	Dec. 2, 1870	\$ 25.00
Martha King	Feb. 10, 1871	\$ 25.00
Martha King	Mar. 11, 1871	\$ 50.00
Martha King	June 6, 1871	\$ 25.00
Ann E. Smith	Dec. 19, 1871	\$ 28.00
Ann E. Smith	Mar. 11, 1872	\$ 65.00
Ann E. Smith	Apr. 15, 1872	\$ 35.00
Jane Robertson	July 1, 1872	\$ 35.00
Jane Robertson	Aug. 17, 1872	\$ 19.00
Jane Robertson	Mar. 20, 1873	\$120.00
Lillie Loomis	June 12, 1873	\$ 20.00
Lillie Loomis	July 1, 1873	\$ 24.00
Jane Robertson	Jan. 3, 1874	\$ 20.00
Jane Robertson	Mar. 21, 1874	\$124.00
Jane Robertson	May 26, 1874	\$ 25.00
Jane Robertson	Aug. 21, 1874	\$ 87.00
Alivia Emerson	Dec. 28, 1874	\$ 30.00
Alivia Emerson	Mar. 13, 1875	\$ 90.00
Annie Rait	June 3, 1875	\$ 20.00
Annie Rait	Aug. 7, 1875	\$ 52.00
William Burgoyne	Jan. 10, 1876	\$ 15.00
William Burgoyne	Feb. 10, 1876	\$ 9.00
William Burgoyne	Mar. 1, 1876	\$106.00
Emily Dopp	Aug. 15, 1876	\$ 50.00
Emily Dopp	No Dates	\$ 31.98
Emily Dopp	1877	\$ 18.02
Alfred Dopp	Feb. 24, 1877	\$ 98.00
Ida King	May 16, 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	June 8, 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	June 1877	\$ 11.00
Ida King	July 23, 1877	\$ 33.00
Ida King	Aug. 4, 1877	\$ 11.00
Emily A. Dopp	Feb. 28, 1878	\$100.00
Lucy Shoemaker	May 14, 1878	\$ 12.00
Lucy Shoemaker	June 28, 1878	\$ 42.00
Stanley Young	Feb. 14, 1879	\$ 85.50
Flora E. Harris	May 10, 1879	\$ 17.00
Flora E. Harris	July 12, 1879	\$ 42.50
Daniel E. Frost	Feb. 16, 1880	\$ 72.00
Kittie E. Fisher	June 23, 1880	\$ 10.00
Kittie E. Fisher	July 2, 1880	\$ 41.00
Kate E. Dopp	Feb. 24, 1881	\$ 80.50
Lucy Shoemaker	July 29, 1881	\$ 59.50
Elsa Dopp	Feb. 28, 1882	\$ 84.00
Kate E. Dopp	July 28, 1882	\$ 70.00
Lola Furlong	Dec. 20, 1882	\$ 5.00
Lola Furlong	Jan. 10, 1883	\$ 10.00
Lola Furlong	Feb. 6, 1883	\$ 48.00
Alice Sanders	June 10, 1883	\$ 15.00
Alice Sanders	July 21, 1883	\$ 55.00
Alice Sanders	Feb. 19, 1884	\$ 87.50
Alice Sanders	1884	\$ 10.00
Alice Sanders	July 18, 1884	\$ 60.00
Eva Strong	Dec. 11, 1884	\$ 25.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Eva Strong	Feb. 8, 1885	\$ 25.00
Eva Strong	Feb. 26, 1885	\$ 37.50
Eva Strong	June 5, 1885	\$ 20.00
Eva Strong	June 30, 1885	\$ 15.00
Mary McCrossen	Feb. 5, 1886	\$100.00
Anna Wagner	July 24, 1886	\$ 70.00
Gertie Hoaglin	Feb. 19, 1887	\$ 80.50
Gertie Hoaglin	May 14, 1887	\$ 20.00
Gertie Hoaglin	July 22, 1887	\$ 50.00
Gertie Hoaglin	Feb. 24, 1888	\$ 87.50
Clara Lombard	June 1, 1888	\$ 20.00
Clara Lombard	June 20, 1888	\$ 20.00
Clara Lombard	Aug. 10, 1888	\$ 30.00
Jennie Pomeroy	Dec. 20, 1888	\$ 20.00
Jennie Pomeroy	Mar. 1, 1889	\$ 67.50
Nettie Hoaglin	May 8, 1889	\$ 20.00
Nettie Hoaglin	July 15, 1889	\$ 50.00
Minnie Edminster	Dec. 20, 1889	\$ 23.00
Minnie Edminster	Feb. 5, 1890	\$ 57.50
Nettie Hoaglin	July 28, 1890	\$ 70.00
Jessie Barr	Feb. 11, 1891	\$ 87.50
Bertha Scott	July 17, 1891	\$ 70.00
Bertha Scott	Feb. 12, 1892	\$ 87.50
Jessie Barr	July 19, 1892	\$ 70.00
Walter Corrigan	Feb. 21, 1893	\$100.00
Annie D. Wright	July 15, 1893	\$ 70.00
Annie D. Wright	Dec. 14, 1893	\$ 26.00
Annie D Wright	Mar. 2, 1894	\$ 78.00
Annie D. Wright	May 26, 1894	\$ 40.00
Annie D. Wright	July 14, 1894	\$ 30.00
Aggie Leahy	Dec. 8, 1894	\$ 25.00
Aggie Leahy	Jan. 30, 1895	\$ 10.00
Aggie Leahy	Feb. 28, 1895	\$ 52.50
Aggie Leahy	Apr. 27, 1895	\$ 10.00
Aggie Leahy	May 27, 1895	\$ 25.00
Aggie Leahy	July 3, 1895	\$ 35.00
Emma Mehne	Feb. 19, 1896	\$100.00
Emma Mehne	July 10, 1896	\$ 80.50
Anna Ambrose	Dec. 21, 1896	\$ 25.00
Anna Ambrose	Mar. 16, 1897	\$ 50.00
Anna Ambrose	May 10, 1897	\$ 23.00
Anna Ambrose	June 22, 1897	\$ 10.00
Anna Ambrose	July 15, 1897	\$ 47.50
Grace E. Dopp	Dec. 10, 1897	\$ 23.00
Grace E. Dopp	Mar. 19, 1898	\$ 69.00
Grace E. Dopp	July 19, 1898	\$ 70.00
Jessie L. Barr	Mar. 2, 1899	\$112.00
Jessie L. Barr	July 23, 1899	\$ 87.50
Jessie L. Barr	Mar. 17, 1900	\$112.00
Mamie Leahy	June 8, 1900	\$ 25.00
Mamie Leahy	July 25, 1900	\$ 62.50
Clara Decker	Nov. 24, 1900	\$ 10.00
C. D. Decker	Feb. 21, 1901	\$ 65.00
Libbie Young	July 19, 1901	\$ 80.50
Bell Casey	Dec. 2, 1901	\$ 27.00

<u>Name of Teacher</u>	<u>Date of Check</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Bell Casey	Jan. 17, 1902	\$ 40.00
Grace Dopp	Feb. 7, 1902	\$ 10.80
Bell Casey (3 days)	Mar. 13, 1902	\$ 4.05
Nellie Stinson (5 weeks)	Mar. 27, 1902	\$ 33.75
Emma Mathe	June 27, 1902	\$ 69.00
Bridget Barrett	Mar. 4, 1903	\$112.00
Lizzie Stinson	June 18, 1903	\$ 69.00
Lizzie Stinson	Mar. 18, 1904	\$126.00
Lizzie Stinson	June 29, 1904	\$ 79.50
Lizzie Stinson	Mar. 3, 1905	\$135.00
Clara Leahy	May 10, 1905	\$ 25.00
Clara Leahy	June 24, 1905	\$ 55.00
Clara Leahy	Nov. 27, 1905	\$ 25.00
Clara Leahy	Mar. 10, 1906	\$132.00
Clara Leahy	June 30, 1906	\$ 84.00
Grace Wood	Nov. 26, 1906	\$ 30.00
Grace Wood	Jan. 10, 1907	\$ 36.00
Grace Wood	Mar. 6, 1907	\$ 54.25
Minnie Rice	Mar. 21, 1907	\$ 24.00
Carrie Brandt	July 10, 1907	\$ 84.00
Carrie Brandt	Nov. 29, 1907	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Jan. 3, 1908	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Jan. 30, 1908	\$ 34.00
Carrie Brandt	Mar. 13, 1908	\$ 51.00
Carrie Brandt	May 22, 1908	\$ 60.00
Carrie Brandt	July 3, 1908	\$ 45.00
Nellie Morey	Mar. 3, 1909	\$ 87.50
Nellie Morey	May 8, 1909	\$ 33.00
Nellie Morey	Nov. 18, 1909	\$ 33.00
Nellie Morey	Dec. 31, 1909	\$ 35.00
Nellie Morey	July 16, 1909	\$ 82.00
Margaret Benson	Oct. 5, 1909	\$ 30.00
Margaret Benson	Dec. 10, 1909	\$ 33.00
Margaret Benson	Dec. 31, 1909	\$ 33.00
Margaret Benson	Mar. 10, 1910	\$ 66.00
Margaret Benson	June 29, 1910	\$ 90.00
Leland Scott	Sep. 17, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Nov. 27, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Dec. 21, 1910	\$ 35.00
Leland Scott	Nov. 27, 1910	\$ 30.00
Leland Scott	Feb. 9, 1911	\$ 15.00
Leland Scott	Feb. 22, 1911	\$ 5.00
Leland Scott	Mar. 9, 1911	\$ 50.00
Kathryn Leahy	June 29, 1911	\$ 35.00

Names of the teacher and they year that they taught:

Kathryn Leahy	1911	Myra Barnsdale	1928
Ora Hallowell	1912	Myra Barnsdale	1929
Clara Leahy	1912	Helen McTigue	1929
Clara Leahy	1913	Helen McTigue	1930
Clara Leahy	1914	Eva Hardell	1930
Minnie Rice	1914	Eva Hardell	1931
Minnie Rice	1915	Mary Peterson	1931
Maude Pier	1915	Mary Peterson	1932

Maude Pier	1916	Mary Peterson	1933
Nellie Coulthurst	1916	Mary Peterson	1934
Nellie Coulthurst	1917	Mary Peterson	1935
Emily Wislinsky	1917	Mary Peterson	1936
Emily Wislinsky	1918	Mary Peterson	1937
Emily Wislinsky	1919	Mary Peterson	1938
Esther Nelson	1919	Mary Peterson	1939
Esther Nelson	1920	Helen Hetzel	1939
Mildred Cobb	1920	Helen Hetzel	1940
Mildred Cobb	1921	Ruth Hetzel	1942
Clara McGinley	1921	Ruth Hetzel	1943
Clara McGinley	1922	Ruth Hetzel	1944
Lela Williams	1922	Marie Adams	1944
Lela Williams	1923	Marie Adams	1945
Cora Strand	1923	Marie Boelter	1946
Cora Strand	1924	Elsie Dent	1946
Ella Bonke	1924	Elsie Dent	1947
Ella Bonke	1925	Elsie Dent	1948
Ella bonke	1926	Lois Czajkowski	1948
Katherine Doyle	1926	Lois Czajkowski	1949
Katherine Doyle	1927	Ada Mathe	1949

TOWN OF BELMONT

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (SEVEN)



This school house burned to the ground April 24, 1922. A special meeting was called to vote as to whether to rebuild or transfer to another district. The result was 35 for and one against rebuilding on the same site.

On June 16, 1922, a building committee was called and submitted their plans for a new school house 24 x 40, at an estimated cost of \$2,500.00. Many neighbors helped work on the

new school building. The first annual school meeting in the new school house was held July 2, 1923.

Warranty Deed, Volume 139, page 554, Portage County Court House.

THIS INDENTURE, Made the tenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and sixty one, between Patrick Stinson and Eliza Stinson, his wife, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and District Board of School District No. 7 (seven), in the Town of Belmont, Portage County, State of Wisconsin, parties of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ten dollars, to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged have given, granted, bargain, sold, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm, unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns forever, all the following described



piece of land. Being a portion of the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section (9) Nine, Town (21) Twenty One, North of range (10) East.

Commencing at the North East of aforesaid piece and running from thence South Eight (8) rods, then West (10) rods, thence North (8) rods, thence East (10) rods to place of beginning, being one half acre of land according to survey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have here unto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Charles W. Cronk xPatrick Stinson
Mary Ann Dolling xEliza Stinson

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Portage BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the tenth day of October A.D. 1861 personally came before me the above named Patrick & Eliza Stinson, to me known to be the persons who executed the said deed, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, for the use and purpose therein mentioned. Received for record, at 4 o'clock p.m. April 6th, 1867.

S. H. Sawyer, Register

Charles W. Cronk, Justice of the peace

The first record that I could find was a soiled loose page from a school district clerk's records, and this is how it reads:

The office of the treasurer of School District No. 7, of the Town of Belmont having become vacant and the District Board of said District having failed to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting of said District.

Town Clerk Office Belmont
Nov. 1st, 1866

S. H. Sawyer
Town Clerk

The above appointment filed in the office of the District Clerk, Nov. 1st, 1866. P. P. Melendy, District Clerk

The district having become dissatisfied on the account of the clerk elected, not being in the state a year previous to the annual meeting, 1866, which only lacked from that time until November 17th, at which date the Town Clerk S. H. Sawyer appointed P. P. Melendy, Clerk of District No. 7 of the Town of Belmont until the next annual meeting.

At an annual meeting of the lawful voters of District No. 7, Town of Belmont, dated this 24th day of September, 1866.

Clerk present, meeting called to order.

Motion made and seconded that A. A. Scott be chairman, carried. The minutes of the meeting called for, read and approved of the previous meeting.

An informal ballot for clerk to be chosen for two years, result in nomination of P. P. Melendy, elected as clerk, and carried.

Ballot cast for Treasurer, resulted in Garter for three years.
Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that we have seven months of school,
four months in the winter and three months in the summer.

Motion made and seconded that we raise fifty dollars for teacher's wages. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we raise twenty dollars for fuel.
Carried.

Motion made and seconded that we raise ten dollars for incidental expenses. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Garter purchase two books, one for the clerk and one for the treasurer.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Garter be wood inspector so that the wood would be measured. Carried.

Motion made that we adjourn. Carried.

School District No. 7, Town of Belmont.

Annual meeting called to order, September 28, 1868.

L. E. Buck acted as chairman of the meeting and was elected to a three year term as clerk.

On a motion it was voted to have six and one-half months of school, four months during the winter and two and one-half during the summer.

It was voted to raise \$140.00 for the teacher's salary.

Mrs. Fred Hurd told me that it was Mary Carpenter who suggested the name of Sunny View for the new school house in 1922.

At an annual school meeting July 8, 1929, it was voted to give Mr. Ed. D. Stinson \$50.00 for one-half acre on the north side of the present play grounds. The district was to build and maintain a good woven wire fence.

The School Board of District Number 7 saw the need for more land for play grounds for the children, and at the annual school meeting held July 8, 1929, it was voted to give Mr. Ed D. Stinson \$50.00 for one-half acre of land adjacent on the north side of the present school property.

I have been told that Mr. Ed D. Stinson reluctantly consented to sell the one-half acre of land adjacent to the present grounds described as: commencing at the southeast corner of the South East one quarter of the South East one quarter of Section 4. Township twenty one (21) North-Range ten (10) East, running thence North eight (8) rods, thence East ten (10) rods to the place of beginning. However, he added a couple of stipulations to this sale.

This all can be found in Quit Claim Deed Volume 139, page 552. Dated July 10, 1929, between Edward D. Stinson and Mary Stinson, his wife, and the School District #7, of the Town of Belmont, Portage County.

It is stipulated and agreed that the said second party shall build and maintain a fence around the property above described, and a barbed wire on top.

It is further stipulated and agreed that if the property herein described is not used for school house purposes and the conditions above described are not complied with, this property shall revert back to the grantors or their heirs or assigns.

However, Quit Claim Deed Volume 223, page 116, No. 236792:

THIS INDENTURE, Made by Joint School District No. 4, of the Village of Almond and the Townships of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark in Portage County, and the Townships of Oasis and Rose in

Waushara County, Wisconsin, a joint school district organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, grantor, hereby conveys and quit claims to RALPH J. NIMMER and FLORENCE NIMMER, husband and wife, as joint tenants, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, all of its undivided interest in and to the following tract of land in Portage County, State of Wisconsin:

The South Eight (8) rods of the East Ten (10) rods of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Four (4), Township Number Twenty One (21) North, Range Number Ten (10) East.

(The execution and delivery of this deed was authorized by resolution duly adopted at the annual meeting of the above named Grantor held on the 25th day of July, 1960. It is understood between the parties hereto that the City of Waupaca, Wisconsin, is the owner of the undivided interest in and to the above described premises.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be signed by Harold Mehne, its Chairman, Ralph Tess, its Treasurer, and Leland L. Rendall, its Clerk, this 29th day of July, 1960.

SIGNED AND SEALED IN PRESENTS OF:

Howard Newby

Joyce Beulow

(This instrument drafted by L. W. Anderson, Waupaca, Wisconsin.)

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
COUNTY OF PORTAGE)

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 4 of Village of Almond and Towns of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark, Portage County, and Towns of Oasis and Rose in Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Harold Mehne, Chairman seal

Ralph Tess, Treasurer seal

Leland L. Randall, Clerk seal

The following Warranty Deed is for the original school property issued to the District Board of School District No. 7, by Patrick Stinson and his wife, Eliza Stinson, In Section 9, Town of Belmont, in 1861.

Warranty Deed Volume 223, Page 117, No. 236793

THIS INDENTURE, made by JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 of the Village of Almond and the Townships of Almond, Belmont, Buena Vista and Lanark in Portage County, and the Townships of Oasis and Rose in Waushara County, Wisconsin, a joint school district organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the State of Wisconsin, grantor, hereby conveys and warrants to RALPH J. NIMMER and FLORENCE NIMMER, husband and wife, as joint tenants, for the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, all of its undivided interest in and to the following tract of land in Portage County, State of Wisconsin:

The North Eight (8) rods of the East Ten (10) rods of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Number Nine, Township Number Twenty One (21) North, Range Number Ten (10) East.

(The execution and delivery of this deed was authorized by resolution duly adopted at the annual meeting of above named Grantor held on the 25th day of July, 1960. It is understood between the parties hereto that the City of Waupaca, Wisconsin, is the owner of the remaining undivided interest in and to the above described premises.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Grantor has caused these presents to be signed by Harold Mehne, its Chairman, Ralph Tess, its Treasurer, and Leland L. Rendall, its Clerk, this 29th day of July, 1960.

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JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 of
Towns of Almond, Belmont, Buena
Vista, and Lanark, and the Vil-
lage of Almond, Portage County,
and Towns of Oasis and Rose,
Waushara County, Wisconsin.

Harold Mehne, Chairman, Ralph Tess, Treasure & Leland L. Rendall, Clerk.

SUNNY VIEW SCHOOL, TEACHER CONTRACTS

These were found in an old school clerk's record book. Now in the possession of the Waupaca Unified School District.

ELIZABETH SWAN,	for a 2½ month term, commencing April 20, 1868, at \$22.00 per month.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 4 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing November 16, 1868.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 2½ month term, at \$23.00 per month, commencing April 5, 1869.
F. A. FURLONG,	for a 3 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing December 29, 1869.
MARY GLEASON,	for a 3 month term, at \$20.00 per month, commencing April 25, 1870.
NETTIE EDWARDS,	for a 5 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing November 7, 1870.
MARIAH (Marie) CHAMBERLAIN,	for a 4 month term, at \$22.00 per month, commencing November 13, 1871.
EMMA WHIPPLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$22.00 per month, commencing May 14, 1872.
JANE YOUNG,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 11, 1872.
MARY RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing December 23, 1872.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing April 28, 1873.
NELLIE BOWDEN,	for a 4 month term, at \$25.00 per month, commencing October 24, 1898.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing April 13, 1874.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 16, 1874.
ALMIRA RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing April 19, 1875.
JESSIE A. KOLLOCK,	for a 4 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing November 22, 1875.
AUGUST EEN,	for a 2 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing May 1, 1876.
AMELIA GOTHAM,	for a 4 month term, at \$24.00 per month, commencing November 21, 1876.
AMELIA GOTHAM,	for a 2 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing May 7, 1877.

LILLIAN KIMBALL,	for a term of 4 months, at \$21.00 per month, commencing November 12, 1877.
MAGGIE McMILLEN,	for a term of 3 months, at \$16.00 per month, commencing April 8, 1878.
LUCY SHOEMAKER,	for a 4 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing November 18, 1878.
LUCY SHOEMAKER,	for a 3 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing April 7, 1879.
FRANK RORABACHER,	for a 3 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing November 24, 1879.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 3 month term, at \$14.00 per month, commencing April 12, 1880.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 4 month term, at \$16.00 per month, commencing November 15, 1880.
ALICE SANDERS,	for a 3 month term, at \$14.00 per month, commencing May 2, 1881.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 4 month term, at \$20.00 per month, commencing December 12, 1881.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 3 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing April 17, 1882.
ELLEN TUTTLE,	for a 4 month term, at \$21.00 per month, commencing november 20, 1882.
CORA TURNER,	for a 3 month term, at \$18.00 per month, commencing April 16, 1883.
EMILY DOPP,	for a 4 month term, at \$26.00 per month, commencing November 14, 1883.

Other teachers and the years that they taught, but not their wages were given. The years for 1884, 1885, 1886 were missing.

Anna Wagner	1887	Florence Lea	1895
Clara Lombard	1887	Florence Lea	1896
Carrie McCrossen	1888	Bertha Smith	1897
Minnie Kinney	1888	Jennie Boreson	
Lizzie Boynton	1889	Celia Buck	
Nettie Hoaglin	1889	Nellie Bowden	1898
Irene Cobb	1890	Nellie Bowden	1899
Irene Cobb	1891	Bell Tracy	1899
Minnie Edminster	1892	Bell Tracy	1900
Minnie Edminster	1893	Edna Lemorand, Oct.	1900
M. Leahy	1893	Rachel Taylor, March	1901
Aggie Leahy	1893	Lizzie Stinson, Oct.	1901
Nellie Bowden	1894	Lizzie Stinson	1902
Nellie Bowden	1895		

Other teachers who taught throughout the years, but not in order.

Lydia Saxton	Alice Stoltenberg
Laura Brandt	Doris Turner
Bessie Sawyer	Mae Rath
Saddie Riley	Margaret Dopp
Pansy Demarest	Margaret Sorensen
Marie Radcliff	Margaret Bucknell
Bertha Bigby	Coral Atkinson
Bessie Parsons	Beverly Winkler
Maxine Russell, the last teacher in 1959.	

The Sunny View School closed in May of 1959 when it became a part of the Waupaca Unified School District.

The Sunny View School house was sold to Ralph J. and Florence Nimmer and converted into a dwelling.



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (PICKEREL LAKE)

THIS INDENTURE, Made the thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, between David R. Taylor and Marilla, his wife, parties of the first part and School District Number 8, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of sixteen (16) dollars and no hundredeths, to them in hand paid, by the parties of the second part, in receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, alien, convey and confirm unto said parties of the second part his heirs and assigns forever all that piece or parcel of land described as follows to-wit:

Commencing at the quarter stake on the southeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T no. 21 north of range 10 east, thence north on the line (14) fourteen rods, thence west (11 $\frac{3}{7}$) eleven and three sevenths rods, thence south to the line between sections five and eight, thence east on a line to the place of beginning. The same contains one acre of land according to survey.

IN WITNESS THEREOF.

J. S. Turner
Henry Turner

S. H. Sawyer, Register
Warranty Deeds, Book Q, page 404.

WARRANTY DEED 131, Page 459

THIS INDENTURE, made this 19th day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty two between Charles E. Cobb and Mabel Cobb (his wife) of Portage County Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and School District No. Eight (8) Belmont and Lanark, Portage County, Wisconsin, parties of the second part.

For the sum of One Hundred Dollars for the following parcel of land, commencing at the southeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section No. Five (5), Township No. twenty one (21) North of Range ten (10) East, thence north fourteen (14) rods to the place of beginning, thence north two (2) rods along the quarter line, thence west parallel with the section line twenty (20) rods, thence south parallel with the quarter line sixteen (16) rods to the section line, thence east along the section line eight and four sevenths ($8 \frac{4}{7}$) rods, thence north parallel with the quarter line fourteen (14) rods, thence east eleven and three sevenths ($11 \frac{3}{7}$) rods to the place of beginning.

This extended the school property to the north and to the west of the original grounds. This has all been set out to pine trees and it would be hard to locate just where the school house sat.

LEDGER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8

Mrs. Bernhard (Donna) Rickel was able to supply me with the earliest school record books that seem to be available. From these I was able to extract some interesting accounts. (Record of annual school meetings.)

At the Annual School Meeting held July 7, 1890, Albert Taylor was chosen as chairman. The Treasurer's report as of June 30, 1890, showed a balance of \$86.81.

It was voted on to have seven months of school, four months winter and three months summer.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 5, 1892, called for the purpose of contracting with the lowest bidder to build the wood shed. It was to be a building 12 x 16 feet with 8 ft. sides. Irvin Smith's \$35.00 bid was the lowest. He was to complete the building by December 15, 1892.

In 1892, \$4.00 was spent for building a new school yard fence.

In 1897, a new stove was purchased for \$14.00 and the old one was sold for \$2.00

At the Annual School Meeting held July 5, 1898, a motion was made and carried to build a platform in front of the school house four feet wide the full width of the school house. This was to go to the lowest bidder.

It is not known what the pupils did for their drinking water prior to 1907, as there was no pump on the school grounds until 1924.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 1, 1907, a motion was made and seconded to give William Ward \$5.00 for water. This was the first mention of ever paying anyone for water, but it was voted each year from 1907 to 1923 to pay \$5.00 per year for water.

The William Ward farm was only a few rods north of the school house on the east side of the road. This was later the Clyde Adams place. These buildings have all been removed and no sign of their former location exists today, for it is all absorbed into the James Burns and Sons farm operation.

The pupils were divided into pairs and given a schedule when it was their turn to carry the water from the Ward place.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 6, 1907, a motion was moved and supported to build 12 feet onto the school house. It was amended to build 14 feet, motion carried. The cost was \$275.00, paid October 8, 1908.

A notice in the minutes, dated October 30, 1909. It was a complaint entered by P. N. Brandt that Mrs. Earnest Taylor's boys were not attending school. The Clerk notified the Taylors that they must attend school at once.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 3, 1911, a motion was made and seconded to build a new chimney and lined with tile. The motion was carried. A check was written August 30, 1911, for \$10.27.

On August 27, 1913, a check was made out for new seats for the school house.

On June 1, 1914, the school house was painted.

At the Annual School Meeting held June 7, 1915, a motion was made and seconded and carried to build a fence around the school grounds. A motion was made and carried to move the stove to the back of the room.

In the Clerk's records, May 17, 1916, was the first date that wages were withheld for a pension fund. \$4.00 was subtracted from Lillieth Huntley's salary.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 8, 1919, a motion was made, seconded and carried to name our school the Pickerel Lake School.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 8, 1922, a motion was made and carried that the board be authorized to buy one acre of Land of Charles Cobb, said acre to be 2 rods on the north side of the school house and balance on the west end if possible. If not, to buy one acre on the west end. Price not to exceed \$100.00.

1923 was the first year for nine months of school.

At the Annual School Meeting held July 7, 1924, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the school board see what can be done about getting a pump in and have one put in if reasonable. Motion was carried.

A check was written November 5, 1924, to Hetzel Bros., for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the new pump.

TEACHERS FROM 1890 TO CLOSING 1951

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>No. of Months</u>	<u>Commences</u>	<u>Wages per Month</u>
Lizzie Boynton	summer term	1890	
Hannah Tobin	4	Nov. 10, 1890	\$22.50
Third grade teaching certificate			
Hannah Tobin	3	Apr. 6, 1891	\$20.00
Hannah Tobin	4	Nov. 16, 1891	\$23.50
Lillian M. Dickinson	3	Apr. 18, 1892	\$19.00
Maggie F. Cooney	4	Nov. 21, 1892	\$23.00
Esther Hetzel	3	Apr. 10, 1893	\$18.00
Esther Hetzel	4	Nov. 6, 1893	\$26.00
Francis Jordon	3	Mar. 26, 1894	\$19.00
Grace Allen	3	Apr. 8, 1895	\$22.00
Oren Wood	4	Nov. 11, 1895	\$24.00
Nellie Bump	3	Apr. 13, 1896	\$18.00
Ellen Padden	4	Nov. 9, 1896	\$24.00
Martha J. Taylor	9 wks.	Dec. 28, 1896	Total \$48.00
Martha J. Taylor	3	Apr. 12, 1897	\$18.00
Wayne F. Cowan	4	Nov. 8, 1898	\$25.00
Grace Allen	3	Apr. 4, 1898	\$20.00
Grace Gilbertson	4	Nov. 7, 1898	\$25.00
Grace Gilbertson	3	Jan. 3, 1899	\$20.00

<u>Teacher's Name</u>	<u>No. of Months</u>	<u>Commences</u>	<u>Wages per Month</u>
Elizabeth Young	4	Nov. 6, 1899	\$26.00
Elizabeth Young	3	Apr. 2, 1900	\$20.00
Cora S. Hance	4	Nov. 5, 1900	\$26.00
Cora S. Hance	3	April 1, 1901	\$22.00
Bessie Maynard	4	Nov. 4, 1901	\$28.00
Mr. Drake	completed the 1902 year for Miss Maynard		
Amiedelle Whipple	3	Mar. 31, 1902	\$20.00
Amiedelle Whipple	5	Oct. 27, 1902	\$25.00
Nellie Sanders	3	April 6, 1903	\$22.00
Second grade teaching certificate			
Nellie Stinson	5	Nov. 2, 1903	\$28.00
Second grade teaching certificate			
Nellie M. Stinson	3	April, 1904	\$25.00
Nellie M. Stinson	5	Oct. 32, 1904	\$30.00
Susie B. Smith	3	Apr. 17, 1905	\$25.00
Ella Riley	5	Oct. 30, 1905-1906	\$35.00
Francis Dorsha	5	1906 - 1907	
Lillie Loomis		1907 - 1908	
Katherine Cobb		1908 - 1910	
Beatrice Benson		1910 - 1914	
Libby Leahy		1914	
Lillieth Huntley		1914 - 1915	\$50.00
Merle Adams		1916 - 1917	\$45.00
Merle Adams		1917 - 1918	\$45.00
Alice Berry		1918 - 1919	\$50.00
Alice Berry		1919	\$50.00
Mildred Mead		1919 - 1921	\$60.00
Olive Stratton		1921 - 1922	\$95.00
Ethel M. Bowers		1922 - 1924	\$95.00
Esther Nelson		1924 - 1925	\$90.25
Lucy Doyle		1925 - 1926	\$95.00
Ethel M. Bowers		1926 - 1927	\$95.00
Laura Hintz	2½	1927	\$96.90
Helen Rathke		1927 - 1928	\$102.00
Eva Hardell		1928 - 1929	\$102.00
Cora Washburn		1929 - 1933	\$102.50
Adelyn Stedman		1933 - 1936	
Doris Turner		1936 - 1940	
Margaret Grant		1940 - 1944	
Grace Behnke		1944 - 1947	
Esther Sheets		1947 - 1948	
Virginia Tess		1948 - 1949	
Marie Boelter		1949 - 1951	

The last check issued to any teacher was to Marie Boelter for \$135.32 for her last month as teacher of the Pickerel Lake School.

There was a special meeting held on Monday evening to vote on joining the Almond School District. In the fall of 1951 the pupils were bussed to the Almond School District.

After the school closed in 1951 the school house was sold to Anton Trzebiatowski and was moved to his farm in the Town of Lanark, just west of St. Patrick's Church where it was used as a poultry house. It still stands there in 1984. Clyde Atkinson bought the wood shed and moved it to Wild Rose where he converted it into a garage.

Thus ends the story of another country school.

CHAPTER 5

CHURCHES



North side view



West side view

DOPP METHODIST CHURCH

Warranty Deed, Volume 87, Page 610.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 18th day of July, 1906.

J. L. Dopp and Della T. Dopp, his wife, parties of the first part, to Joseph L. Dopp; A. O. Towne; R. P. Williams; Wm. I. Williams; T. M. Deering; F. Frater; Mr. J. L. Dopp; Mrs. F. Frater; Mrs. J. D. Bacon; their successors, trustees of the M. E. Church, for the consideration of the sum of \$1.00 for the following parcel of land, commencing at the quarter post on the West side of Section 36, Township 21 North of Range 10 East, running thence East along the quarter line nine (9) rods, thence South twelve (12) rods, thence West nine (9) rods, thence North twelve (12) rods, to place of beginning.

In trust for the use and benefit of the Ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U. S. of America, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said church as from time to time authorized and declared, and if sold the proceeds shall be disposed of and used in accordance with the provisions of said Discipline.

J. L. Pierce, Notary Public

The following history of the Dopp Methodist Church has been taken from a cook book compiled in 1952 by members of the Dopp W.S.C.S.

Dopp became an afternoon appointment of the Wild Rose Dopp charge when the Wild Rose Church was separated from the Wautoma charge in 1895, and services were held regularly every Sunday in the brick school-house.

This was the outgrowth of a series of religious services conducted first by Rev. Ashmun, a Presbyterian of Rural; Rev. L. E. Palmer, a Baptist clergyman from Almond; Rev. F. P. Baker; and successors, Presbyterians of Rural, Rev. William E. Morris, Pastor of M. E. Church of Wautoma and Methodist ministers from Parfreyville.

Since 1895 the following ministers of the Wisconsin Conference have supplied Dopp regularly:

Rev. A. A. Bennett	1895-1896
Rev. J. H. Jaquith	1896-1899
Rev. L. D. Allen	1899-1901
Rev. A. O. Nuss	1901-1903
Rev. W. E. Morris	1903-1904
Rev. J. C. Smith	1904-1907
Rev. J. Wills	1907-1910
Rev. Bullock & Carmichael	1910-1911
Rev. C. A. Tuttle	1911-1912
Rev. I. Johnson	1913-1915
Rev. F. A. Gruenwald	1915-1918
Rev. W. Essingham	1918-1923
Rev. S. C. Ferris	1923-1926
Rev. and Mrs. Oosterhuis	1926-1928
Rev. M. J. Gordanier	1928-1933
Rev. R. Holliday	1933-1936
Rev. W. Mason	1936-1940
Rev. J. A. Wagner	1940-1946
Rev. R. Hoffman	1946-

In 1906, during the pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Smith, the present church edifice was built at a cost of \$2,400.00 by C. M. and Geo. Radley, contractors of Wild Rose.

The corner site upon which it was built was given by J. L. Dopp.

In 1945 the Church was remodeled at a cost of \$750.00. Carl Hanson supervised the carpenter work and was assisted by men of the Church, and the women did the painting. Plans for this work were suggested by Mesdames James and George Dopp. Rev. Wagner was pastor and Mrs. James Dopp was president of the W.S.C.S. at the time.

In 1948 improvements were made in the dining room. Again the men donated the labor. New equipment for the kitchen was purchased by the Society and Rev. Hoffman was the pastor.

Officers for 1952-1953 were:

President	Mrs. Albert Potts
Vice President	Mrs. Wilber Larsen
Secretary	Mrs. Earl Towne
Treasurer	Mrs. Walter Dopp

Members of the W.S.C.S.: Margaret Potts; Mary Towne; Minnie Frater; Florence Dopp; Hazel Frater; Emilie Dopp; Meretta Dopp; Clare Potts; Stella Williams; Inga Larsen; Virginia Dopp; Bertha Smith; Esther Baitenger; Edith Williams; Charlotte Dopp.

Waupaca Post, April 30, 1903, Towne News

A project is on foot to build a Church here.

Waupaca Post, June 25, 1903, Towne News

C. W. Curran of Stevens Point, State Sunday School Organizer, was a caller at J. L. Dopp's last week.

Waupaca Record, March 22, 1906, Towne News

\$1,205.00 has been subscribed for the new Church.

Waupaca Post, April 12, 1906, Towne News

Work will begin on the new Church as soon as the plans and \$1,300 has been pledged for it.

Waupaca Post, October 4, 1906, Towne News

The new Church is beginning to look fine.

Waupaca Post, December 6, 1906, Towne News

The new Church will be dedicated here Sunday, December 16, 1906. Rev. Dr. Blantz of Lawrence University will preach the sermon. P. E. Williams will have charge.

A cement floor will be put in the basement of the new Church this week.



BLAINE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Side view from the southwest. Taken in August, 1982, Blaine Community Church. Built in 1875.



Front (east) view
Blaine Community Church



Empty lot to the south of the church. Across the back of the lot, in front of the little house, were the horse sheds. The horses could be driven in them and blanketed to protect them from the elements during Church Services. These sheds were torn down in the early 1940's.

THIS INDENTURE, Made this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four, between L. D. Scott and his wife, S. E. Scott, of the county of Portage and State of Wisconsin, party to the first part and Albert Taylor, Robert Sutherland, A. A. Scott, J. H. Fenton, Charles McMillen, L. D. Scott and P. P. Melendy trustees of the M. E. Church, residents of foresaid county and state, party of the second part.

For and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar for the following described piece of land.

The following described piece of land situated and lying in the County of Portage and State of Wisconsin, known and described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section eight in Township twenty one, North of Range Number 10 east, thence running twelve rods west, thence south eight rods, thence east twelve rods, thence north eight rods to the place of beginning, containing ninety six square rods of land, in trust that the said premises shall be used, kept, maintained and disposed of as a place of Divine worship, for the use of the Ministry and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America subject to the discipline, usage and Ministril appointments of said Church. As from time to time authorized and declared by general Conference of said premises are situated and the said church shall be open to all Evangelical denominations of Christians for the purpose of preaching the Gospel when not occupied by appointment of another church, and shall be open on all funeral occasions whereso desired.

In Witness Whereof,

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED in presence of:

L. B. Bullock L. D. Scott

J. L. Dopp S. E. Scott

State of Wisconsin

County of Portage BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the 14th day of July A.D. 1874, personally came before me the above named L. D. Scott and S. E. Scott, his wife, to me known to be the persons who executed the above deed, and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, for the use and purpose therein mentioned.

A. A. Scott, Justice of the Peace

MINISTERS WHO SERVED THE BLAINE CHURCH

From 1873-1874 to 1959-1961

The following information was sent to me by Kitty A. Hobson, Archivist & Historical Librarian, of the Wisconsin Conference Commission on Archives & History, The United Methodist Church, 1306 Kensington Ave., Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901.

Almond

1873-1874

Loring B. Bullock

Blaine Church organized in 1874; built in 1875

1875

H. F. Knight

1876-1879

Wm. Bennett

1879
1880-1882
1883-1884
1885-1887
1888-1889
1890
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1892
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1894
1895-1896
1897-1899
1900-1902
1903-1905
1906-1908

Almond & Blaine
1909-1911
1912-1913

Almond, Blaine & Lone Pine
1914-1915

Almond & Blaine
1916
1917-1919
1920-1922
1923

1923
1924 (summer)
1925
1926-1927
1928
1929
1929

1930-31
1932
1933
1933-1939

Almond, Blaine & Plainfield
1940-1946

Almond & Blaine
1947
1948-1949
1950-1953
1954-1955
1956-1958
1959-1961

D. Hale
C. E. Smith
William Wesley Wilson
Fred B. Sherwin
Sidney Allen Sheard
Victor Charroin
William E. Morris
W. R. Palmer (supply)
Peter D. Dugeon
L. B. Bullock
F. C. Rochelle
J. F. Decker
Dwight B. Coffeen
Edward G. Roberts
Carl F. W. Ludwig

R. H. Jones
Anton Hatlestadt

Anton Hatlestadt

C. J. Messenger
Reuben J. Bailey
Amos L. Tucker
H. S. Justema appointed, but fell ill and did not take up the appointment
W. P. Powell (supply)
William J. Edmunds (Garrett student)
W. H. Murphy (supply)
Hubert Feldt (supply)
Leo Schneider
M. B. Leisman
Merger of English & German Methodist Church at Almond
Homer M. Hoewing
Charles Alvin Tuttle
William Rademacher
Robert Hoffman

Carl H. Wiese

To be supplied
Roy A. Ramquist (supply)
Steven Rankin
Victor T. Nearhoof
Howard M. Ott
Huntley C. Lewis

This was copied from the new book that Rev. Nearhoff had several years ago. The Blaine Church was built in 1875 by Charles and Asel Scott with the help of the community. Funds were raised by donations

and pledges. Starr Polly gave \$50.00 toward the Church providing it be built at the Blaine corners.

Luke D. Scott gave the plot of ground on which the Church is built. Mr. Smart and Mr. Crowell, who owned a store in Almond, gave \$100.00.

The Blaine Church territory included all of the Town of Belmont and some of Lanark as far north as Highway 54. The Blaine Church was a community church where all denominations could hold their meetings. The Danish Lutherans held their meetings the fourth Sunday of each month. A minister from Waupaca came and preached the sermon. Blaine's first minister was Rev. Bullock.

The first couple to be married in the Church were Jean Czajkowski and Kenneth Mehne on September 19, 1942. Others were Walter Wied, Jr. and Margaret Sorenson; Orville Benjamin and Lorna Miller; Charles Kinnaid and Charlotte Jersey. It seems as if most of the early marriages were performed in the homes.

Many of the old pioneers were laid to rest from the Blaine Community Church.

It seems as if all of the old Blaine Church records were lost or destroyed. The earliest account that I could find was in some old Grant Church records.

RECORD OF BAPTIZED CHILDREN

Beulah Marion Olson, Father--Louis A. Olson, born at Blaine, Wis., Baptized at Belmont Church, November 24, 1907, by A. H. Christensen.

Marie Elizabeth Turner, Father--Fred; Mother--Florence; born in Blaine, Wis., Baptized at Belmont Church, November 24, 1907, by A. H. Christensen.

Hartwell Jerome Buelow, parents--J. and Anna B. Buelow; born in Belmont, December 2, 1907. Baptized June 21, 1909, by A. H. Christensen.

RECORDS OF MARRIAGES

There are shown two marriages at Blaine. On February 11, 1908, Herbert Turner of Almond was united in marriage to Mary Johnson of Blaine; and on March 4, 1908, Theodore Christensen of Racine was united in marriage to Tillie Anderson of Blaine, both weddings were performed by Rev. A. H. Christensen.

MEMBERS OF THE BLAINE COMMUNITY CHURCH STARTING IN 1907

Matilda Johnson	received	March 1, 1907
Fred Morgan	received	October 1, 1907
Mrs. Fred Morgan	received	October 1, 1907
Mrs. L. B. Nelson	received	October 1, 1907
Mrs. L. B. Olsen	received	October 1, 1907
W. E. Sanders	received	October 1, 1907
Hattie Smith	received	October 1, 1907
Nancy Smith	received	October 1, 1907
Aggie Smith	received	October 1, 1907
Mrs. L. Taylor	received	October 1, 1907
Eliza Taylor	received	October 1, 1907

Hannah Taylor	received	October 1, 1907
Martha Taylor	received	October 1, 1907
Warren Tunks	received	October 1, 1907
Garfield Tunks	received	October 1, 1907
Milton Tunks	received	October 1, 1907
Lula Tunks	received	October 1, 1907
Mrs. W. MacIntyre	received	November 24, 1907
Mrs. Fred Turner	received	November 24, 1907
Robert Porter	received	March 15, 1908
Mrs. Robert Porter	received	March 29, 1908
Mrs. W. H. Tunks	received	January 5, 1908

The following were received at the first of special meetings under Rev. A. W. Miller:

Lena Tunks	received	March 15, 1908
Nora Sanders	received	March 15, 1908
Will Sanders	received	March 15, 1908
Frank Meade	received	March 15, 1908
Belle Smith	received	March 15, 1908
Edith Grey	received	March 15, 1908
Frank Grant	received	March 15, 1908
Mrs. Frank Grant	received	March 15, 1908
Lily Loomis	received	March 15, 1908
Katie Buck	No Dates	
Lavina Casey	No Dates	
Lydia Cobb	No Dates	
John Collier	No Dates	
Mrs. John Collier	No Dates	
Mrs. Chas. Cobb	No Dates	
Mrs. T. Benjamin	No Dates	

The next membership list starts in 1955:

Clarence George, 514 Larson St., Waupaca; 1955; transferred to Waupaca. V. Nearhoff, Minister.

Mrs. Clarence George, 415 Larson St., Waupaca; 1955, transferred to Waupaca. V. Nearhoff, Minister.

Mrs. Frank Wiora, Jr., Route 2, Almond; 1955, transferred to Almond. V. Nearhoff, Minister.

John Turner, Route 2, Almond; 1955, transferred to Parfreyville. V. Nearhoff, Minister.

Mrs. John Turner, Route 2, Almond; 1955, transferred to Parfreyville. V. Nearhoff, Minister.

Henry Hess, Almond. H. M. Ott, Minister, 1957.

Fern Young, Route 2, Almond; 11/4/1957, transferred to Mosinee. H. M. Ott, Minister.

Mrs. Fern Young, Route 2, Almond; 11/4/1957, transferred to Mosinee. H. M. Ott, Minister.

Donna Young, Route 2, Almond; 11/4/1957, transferred to Mosinee. H. M. Ott, Minister.

Karen Young, Route 2, Almond; 11/4/1957, transferred to Mosinee. H. M. Ott, Minister.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, Route 2, Amherst; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Walter Wied, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis Minister.

Mrs. Walter Wied, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Janet Mae Wied, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Glenn Dent, Wisconsin St., Waupaca; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister

Mrs. Glenn Dent, Wisconsin St., Waupaca; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Harold Turner, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister

Julius Czajkowski, Jr., Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Julius (Lois) Czajkowski, Jr., Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister

Judy Ann Czajkowski, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Lawrence Vroman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis Minister.

Fred Hurd, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Fred (Belle) Hurd, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Marion Nelson, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Kenneth Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Lucille Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Adora Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Neil Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Frank Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Richard Eastman, Route 2, Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Dianne Czajkowski, Route 2 Almond; 7/23/1961, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Henry (Bertha) Hess, Route 2, Almond; 9/16/63, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Otto Von Gunten, Route 2, Almond; 9/23/64. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Otto (Pearl) Von Gunten; 6/5/1966, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Harley Vroman, Route 2, Almond; 6/11/1967, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. Harley Vroman, Route 2, Almond; 5/30/68, transferred to Almond. H. C. Lewis, Minister.

Mrs. John Barrett; 4/4/64, transferred to New Mexico.

John Barrett, Jr.; 4/4/64, transferred to New Mexico.

With the closing of the Grant Church in 1946, the following came to the fellowship of the Blaine Church: Mrs. Frank (Zada) Wiora, Leona Wiora, Mrs. Wayne (Alta) Guyant, Norbert, Duane, Mildred, and Orville Pomerence and Mrs. Floyd (Ruth) Sawyer.

At a church conference meeting held May 14, 1961, it was voted to discontinue holding services at the Blaine Community Church and to transfer the property to Asbury Acres.

The Trustees of the Blaine Community Church at the end of the 87 years of existence were Mr. Fred Hurd, Mr. Walter Wied and Mr. Harley Vroman. Mrs. Walter Wied was the church organist for the past 35 years.

The final services were held on Sunday, May 21, 1961, with the Rev. Huntley C. Lewis in the pulpit. The 2:00 p.m. service was preceded by a pot luck dinner with friends and members of the church participating.

After the Blaine Community Church closed its doors in May of 1961, 21 former members of the congregation were transferred to other churches. More transferred at a later time.

Many functions were held in the Blaine Community Church through the years. The Sunday School children and the pupils from the Pickerel Lake School put on programs at Christmas time, Memorial Day and Children's Day.

There were many large funerals conducted from this old church.

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THIS INDENTURE, Made this (missing) day of February A.D. 1962, between FRED M. HURD, HARLEY VROMAN AND WALTER E. WIED, as TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BELMONT TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN, KNOWN AS THE BLAINE COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH, UNINCORPORATED.

parties of the first part, and
EAST WISCONSIN CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, A RELIGIOUS CORPORATION DULY ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, LOCATED IN WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN, PARTY OF THE SECOND PART.

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (1.00) AND OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION

to it in hand by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, conveyed and confirmed, and by these present do give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part. ITS SUCCESSORS and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of PORTAGE, and State of Wisconsin, to-wit:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION NO. EIGHT (8) IN THE TOWNSHIP NO. TWENTY-ONE, (21) NORTH OF RANGE NO. TEN (10) EAST, THENCE RUNNING TWELVE (12) RODS WEST, THENCE SOUTH EIGHT (8) RODS, THENCE EAST TWELVE (12) RODS, THENCE NORTH EIGHT (8) RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING NINETY-SIX (96) SQUARE RODS OF LAND.

TOGETHER with all the singular and hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belong or in any wise appertaining; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said parties of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises, and their hereditaments and appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as above described with the hereditaments and appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and to ITS SUCCESSORS and assigns FOREVER, in trust for the use of the board of education of the East Wisconsin Conference to be used by the Asbury Acres Camp.

AND THE SAID Fred M. Hurd, Harley Vroman and Walter E. Wied, parties of the first part, for THEIR heirs, executors and administrators,

do--covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said party of the second part, ITS SUCCESSORS and assigns, that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents THEY ARE well seized of the premises above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in thelaw, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever, PROVIDED THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING UPON SAID PREMISES IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE PEOPLE IN THE BLAINE COMMUNITY FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, FUNERALS AND THE LIKE, AS NEED MAY ARISE, and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part ITS SUCCESSORS and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof, THEY will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set THEIR hands and seals this -- Day of February, A.D., 1962.

Signed and sealed in presents of:

Huntley C. Lewis
Leland L. Rendall

Fred M. Hurd (seal)
Harley Vroman (seal)
Walter E. Wied (seal)

STATE OF WISCONSIN
County of Portage

Personally came before me, this 25th day of February, A.D., 1962, and the above named Fred M. Hurd, Harley Vroman and Walter E. Wied, as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Belmont Township, Portage County, Wisconsin to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledge the same.

Received for Record this 7th day of March A.D. 1962, at 9:20 o'clock a.m.

Ed. D. Haka Register of Deeds
by Patricia Milanowski Deputy

M. E. Jacklin
Notary Public of Portage
County, Wis.

My commission expires:
May 3, A.D., 1964.

BLAINE CHURCH

Waupaca Post, September 17, 1903, Blaine News

Rev. Coffeen preached his farewell sermon at the church here, Sunday evening.

GRANT CHURCH

THIS INDENTURE, Made this first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, between S. H. Sawyer and Mary M. Sawyer, his wife, of Portage County and State of Wisconsin, parties of the first part, and the Methodist Episcopal Church Society of grantors town and the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Belmont, Portage County, Wisconsin, chosen and appointed according to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, parties of the second part.



Grant Church

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand, paid by the parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, alien conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, remised, release, alien, convey and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, their successors, heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situated in the County of Portage and the State of Wisconsin To-wit: commencing at the SW corner of the NW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 12, in Township N Twenty One, Range 10 east. Running hence north twenty rods, on the west line of said section twelve, thence east nine rods, thence south twenty rods to the south line of said forty, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, thence west to the place of beginning, containing one acre more or less. Together with all and singular and hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and all the estate right title, interest claim or demand whatsoever, of the said parties of the first part either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of in and to the above bargained premise, and their hereditaments and appurtenances. To have and to hold the said premises as above described with the hereditaments and appurtenances unto the said parties of the second part and to their successors in office, chosen or elected according to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their assigns forever, in trust that said premise shall be used, kept and maintained as a place of Divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist

Episcopal Church in the United States of America, subject to the discipline, usage, and ministerial appointments of said Church, as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church, and the annual Conference within whose bounds the said premises are situated, and in trust that said premises shall be kept and maintained as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States of America, who may from time to time be stationed in said place, subject to the usage and discipline of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference, and by the annual Conference within whose bounds said premises are situated or for either, or both of said uses and purposes and if the said premises be sold the proceeds of the same shall be disposed of in accordance with the discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church.

And the said S. H. Sawyer and Mary M. Sawyer, for themselves, heirs, executors and administrators does covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents they are well seized of the promises above described, as of a good sure perfect, absolute and undefeasible estate of inheritance in law, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances whatever, and that the above bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof, they will forever warrant and defend.



These horse sheds that were located just to the south of the Grant Church were purchased by Floyd Sawyer in 1946 and were later torn down and moved away.

HISTORY OF THE GRANT CHURCH

As Written by:

D. W. Sawyer, in 1934

In order to understand the reason that this church was built and called the Grant Church, we will have to go back to the early history of the neighborhood, as this section was settled in the late forties and early fifties. (1850)

The first religious service that I heard tell of was at Pleasant Valley.¹ The outstanding members being Elder Ashmun and Emerson Sawyer. It was there in the little log school house across the road from the present school house,² that sister Grant³ used to tell me she took me as a babe with my mother to the first religious services, but in those days it was a question of riding after an ox team or going afoot.

Services were not very regular and when the Ruralites thinking Rural with its 4 or 5 stores, flour and feed mill, hotel, gunsmith shop and iron foundry was destined to be the metropolis of this section and the Presbyterians built their Church there, and Parfreyville with its flour and feed mill, 2 or 3 stores, wagon shop and cooper shop, not to be outdone by Rural, the Methodist built their Church there. Pleasant Valley was then a thing of the past.

Pickerel Lake⁴ being another Methodist appointment supplied from the Almond circuit, with the Scotts, Fentons, Melindas, Wards, Bucks, Lincolns and various other members.

That left quite a section of country in between without any religious services. So the Methodist, even in those days were on the lookout for souls and membership, and made an appointment at the school house now as the Pioneer School District, Number 4, Belmont, to be supplied from Parfreyville once in two weeks.⁵

That was the lay of the land in 1875, when the writer first took part in church work by helping build the church at Pickerel Lake, now called Blaine on account of the post office established there on a star route. The way we young lads helped was to attend the night societies that they held to raise money by serving lunch and the young folks playing games, called by some kissing bees. So, doubtless I have kissed some of your mothers and grandmothers, aunts or cousins. A grand time while it lasted.

But time flies and in the fall of 1875, when the church at Blaine was completed. As has been quoted there was never a church built but the devil had to have his finger in the pie. So brothers Scott and Fenton withdrew from Blaine and came down to help Pioneer, and as both were local preachers, they took turns sowing seed whenever there was an opportunity.

Right here I want to differ with some of our Methodist preachers of today, who say they do not believe in revival meetings. For as you study this history of the Grant Church you will see we never would have had a church if it had not been for revival meetings.

The first was in 1878 under A. Griswold, pastor. And here was where sisters Grant and Mary Sawyer⁶ entered the picture, the old standbys, until the fall of 1882 when Parfreyville was supplied by W. D. Cornell, the boy preacher who on his first Sunday appointment at the school house, seeing the large bunch of young people present and the interest taken, said surely the harvest is ready for the reaper, and we will start special meetings this week. On the first night there

were 5 or 6 of us came forward and the good work went on till in the spring.

The school house became too small. The officers thought we were using it most too much during the school term. We wanted a new place of worship, and as sister Grant seemed to be the most central location for the members and they had a vacant building built by Stringham after the War, as a tin shop, they offered the use of it free. So we all turned in and cleaned it and fixed it for a place of worship.⁷

After our boy preacher left us after 2 years of service we had Thomas Sharp 1 year. And then W. W. Wilson for 2 years trying to hold our own in the tin shop, but in the fall of '87, A. M. Deferd came on deck and we had another revival meeting. So the tin shop was too small and the preacher commenced to talk church and started to take subscriptions. After obtaining enough pledges to purchase the material for the rough building, the foundation was laid in the fall of '87 by A. A. Scott and his son Charles, with the expectation that they would put up the building in the spring with the help of the rest of us, but here again the devil had to put his finger in the pie, so that Scotts resigned and the job was turned over to Walter Sanders, a new convert and member of the church.

With the help of bees and other days donated, the church was raised and enclosed in 1888, so that we were able to hold services and entertainment in it, but it was not finished and dedicated to God's worship for about 6 years after R. S. Hayward became our pastor for 4 years. So when the question of the name came up it was decided to call it the Grant Church in honor of Mrs. Jane Grant who had done so much to help. Then after its dedication it did not seem just the right thing to use God's house for worldly amusements and the Ladies Aid also wanted a headquarters. They commenced to talk of building. After getting estimates, it was decided in the spring of 1907 to put a basement under the church building and the same was done by James Clouce that summer, so that the Ladies Aid celebrated Thanksgiving with a chicken dinner in their new headquarters.

Today, as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the Grant Church by a homecoming. Judge for yourself, as the Waupaca Post says:⁸ has it been worthwhile. It has had influence on lives of two generations and is now helping to mold the character of the third, and they tell us character is worth more than riches. So may she stand for ages and do more for God and the young in the future than in the past.

Bits of explanations:

¹A school district lying in the Southeast corner of the present Hartman State Park.

²The present school house that was mentioned, burned to the ground many years ago.

³Sister Grant mentioned was Jane Grant, wife of William Grant.

⁴Pickerel Lake is the name of a lake located one-half mile north of the Blaine corners. It now is part of Asbury Acres.

⁵The Pioneer School stood in the Northwest corner of Section 12, Town of Belmont, which is now on the James and Mary Grant farm. The school house was sold September 28, 1946, and moved to Whispering Pines Road, now a part of the Hartman State Park.

⁶Mary Sawyer was the wife of Stillman Higgins Sawyer, and together they donated the land for \$1.00, on which the Grant Church was built.

⁷The Stringham tin shop was located on the William Grant farm, later known as the Fred Rogers place. This now belongs to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. (DNR)

⁸The Waupaca Post says, it was in a 1934 issue.

Granddad Sawyer's hopes and wishes that the Grant Church would stand for ages, molding good Christian lives of its members, did not materialize. The devil had put his finger in the pie once more, and this proved to be the last, because due to the dwindling membership of the church, it was impossible for the remaining few families to carry on, so its doors were closed forever.

MINUTES OF THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE GRANT CHURCH

Almond, Wis., April 23, 1946

Dr. R. B. Sheppard presiding:

C. H. Wiese, Secretary.

Present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grant, Mr. Floyd Sawyer, Mr. Fred Rogers, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Grant

After a period of general discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Harry Grant that the Grant Church be discontinued, seconded by Everett Grant. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Sawyer moved that we recommend that the Grant Church be declared abandoned. This was seconded by Mr. Fred Rogers and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned by common consent.

C. H. Wiese, Sec'y

R. Burton Sheppard, Charm.

Rev. E. J. Mathews, Executive Secretary of the conference board of trustees, asked C. H. Wiese to advertise the church and premises and the furniture for sale, and secure bids, which was done. These were sent to Mr. Mathews and he awarded and sold to the highest bidders.

The church and premises went to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pomerence, the sheds to Floyd Sawyer, and the other items to various people. The organ, pulpit and pews will be used in a new church in Oshkosh.

The members were asked as to their preference where they wished to become affiliated. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers and Dorothy Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Sawyer transferred to the Parfreyville Church. Others later.

These have come into the fellowship of the Blaine Church: Mrs. Frank Wiora, Jr., Leona Wiora, Mrs. Wayne (Alta) Guyant, Norbert, Duane, Mildred and Orville Pomerence and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sawyer.

A Quit Claim Deed was issued on the 11th day of December, 1946, by the Wisconsin Conference Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Henry and Verne Pomerence, for the Grant Church property.

It was interesting to note that in this deed it states that it is understood and agreed that no alcoholic liquors of any kind can be manufactured or sold on these premises.

The Henry Pomerence family lived in the basement of the Grant Church until about 1950.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

It was at Rev. Elmer Shepard's suggestion, in 1952, that his wife, Mrs. Beatrice "Bea" Shepard make the initial plans for the purchase of the Grant Church.

In the fall of 1952 Rev. Elmer Shepard removed some of the lumber and material from the basement, removed the windows and boarded up the church.

Rev. Elmer Shepard passed away Christmas Eve, 1952, before his dreams of having his home built from the lumber from the Grant Church materialized, but his wife, Beatrice, carried on with their plans of their home to be built as previously planned.

In 1953, several of the neighbors and friends of the Shepards completed tearing down the Grant Church for her. They filled in the basement and leveled the premises as was called for in the original transaction.

This was not to be the end of the Grant Church though, because Mrs. Beatrice Shepard has built their dream home on the banks of Pine Lake in Waushara County from the lumber from the Grant Church.

The same steel posts that were in the middle of the church basement, where many of the community youths played "Skip Come A Lou" around them for so many years, the beams that supported the upper floor, the hardwood floors and the wainscoating are now all a part of Mrs. Shepard's home.

Although Rev. Elmer Shepard never realized his dream, it has materialized for his wife, Mrs. Bea Shepard, as she lives comfortably in her dream home on the banks of Pine Lake in Waushara County.

Long may this house stand and be remembered as part of the early days in the history of the Town of Belmont.

GRANT'S L.A.S. IS HONORING 25 YEARS OF GOOD WORK

Waupaca Post, Thursday, November 21, 1929. History of Grant's Ladies Aid Society, as presented by Mrs. D. W. Sawyer at the annual bazaar and 25th anniversary of the Grant's L.A.S. Nov. 9:

In the year of 1904, when Rev. O. A. Nusz was pastor of the Grant's M. E. Church, five lady members of the congregation, Mrs. A. E. Jones, Mrs. James Grant, Mrs. James Burgoyne, Mrs. S. E. Sawyer, and Mrs. D. W. Sawyer met on Nov. 10th of that year, organized the Ladies Aid Society.

The following officers were elected: President: Mrs. D. W. Sawyer; Treasurer: Mrs. James Grant; and Secretary: Mrs. S. E. Sawyer.

We organized not only for the purpose of raising money to help out the church in a financial way, but also for charitable purposes and social benefits.

Four years from the date of the organization the membership had grown from five members to 38 in number.

The meetings were held at the homes of the various members and sometimes at the church until the summer of 1907, when we decided to build a basement under the church. We wanted a place where we as a body of women we felt that we had a home where we could hold our meetings, conduct our socials, have an annual bazaar and a place where our growing young people felt free to come for their good times. Since the completion of the basement, we have held our meetings at church whenever it has not been convenient for any of our members to entertain. It has also afforded an ideal place for us to hold our annual bazaar which has been conducted each year either in November or December.

Every year since the L.A.S. was organized a goodly amount of money has been realized from efforts of our members. At first we just.

helped out with the running expenses of the church, but after a few years we were in a position to make a payment on our pastor's salary each year from \$100.00 to \$150.00. A payment of from \$10.00 to \$25.00 was occasionally made for conference claims. For several years one-tenth of our receipts were given to missions as we had no missionary society connected with our church. We have kept the church painted on the outside and decorated on the inside and the pews that are in use at the present time were purchased by us. We also contributed toward the building of the sheds.

Besides helping out the church financially and uniting the community in a social way, we also served charitable purposes in several instances. Every year large donations of canned fruit have been made to the Green Bay Deaconess hospital. Food and clothing have been purchased and donated for the extremely needy. Plate lunches have been sent out to the sick besides fruit. Flowers and plants purchased for that purpose.

The Sunshine Fund as a rule took care of the purchases for the sick.

Officers serving the Society at the present time are: President: Mrs. A. E. Jones; vice President: Mrs. Harry Grant; Secretary: Mrs. Chas. Larson; Treasurer: Mrs. John Peterson; and the Sunshine Fund Treasurer: Mrs. Chas. Larson.

BELMONT BAPTIST CHURCH SOCIETY

We hereby certify that at a meeting of the Belmont Baptist Church and Society, held at the school house in School District No. 5, in the Town of Belmont.

The following persons were elected to serve as trustees: Amos D. Munger, Thomas Collier, Howard Town, Samuel Whitney, Thomas Tupper, Jonas White.

The said trustees and their successors in office shall forever after be called and known as the First Baptist Society of Belmont.

Signed, Samuel Whitney Dated at Belmont
Thomas H. Tupper November 2, 1860

I hereby certify that the above is the signature of the aforesaid trustees.

S. H. Sawyer, Town Clerk of Belmont

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

1906 - 1984



The picture of the new church was taken about 1908, only a couple of years after it was built.

Note the absence of trees around the church, and that there is a dome and a cross on the top of the church.

Because of its great height for a country church, it can be seen for many miles around.



The picture of the St. John's the Baptist Church was taken in 1984 to show how the trees have grown, and to show that the cross and the dome on the top of the church are gone.

The church still looks as if it is in a good state of repair.

John J. Heffron and Mary Heffron, his wife, parties of the first part, conveys to Rev. S. H. Messmer, Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and his successors in office for \$1.00, a parcel of land described as follows: commencing at a point on the south line, thirty five (35) rods west of the SouthEast corner of the SouthWest quarter of the SouthWest quarter of Section thirty three (33), T.21N-R.10E, thence north parallel with the east line of said forty thirty two (32) rods, thence west parallel with the south line of said forty twenty five (25) rods, thence south parallel with the west line of the said forty thirty two (32) rods, thence east on the south line twenty five (25) rods to the place of beginning, containing five acres of land.

It is not clear just when and how the little wooden church was moved from across the road in Waushara County to its present location beside the new parsonage that was built in 1903. It has been enlarged to some extent throughout the years.

Waupaca Post, August 13, 1903, Heffron News.

The St. John's Congregation is building a parsonage. Mr. Stone is building the foundation and Mr. Wiora will do the carpenter work.

Waupaca Post, December 24, 1903

The parsonage that was begun in September was completed by Mr. Wiora, the contractor.

Mr. Lzeczyt immediately went out to neighboring towns and bought various household goods. At the present the Pastor attends us more frequently and lives comfortably in the new building.

Under the leadership of the present Pastor, the congregation is flourishing and therefore we contemplate to build a new church in the spring of 1904. A church that will exceed all other churches in Wisconsin.

The new church was not complete until 1906.

An interesting account which could have had serious consequences turned out for the better. It seems as if John Wiora met with a near tragedy when a team of horses was pulling the dome up to the top of the church with ropes and cables. John Wiora was riding up with the dome to guide it in place once at the top, when one of the ropes broke, letting the dome and John Wiora start to fall. But luckily a corner caught preventing the dome and John Wiora from falling from a great height to the ground below, which would have been instant death.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

HEFFRON, WISCONSIN

1895 - 1960

"We are only as good as our roots, and as great as our own honest labors." We do not know the author of that quotation but it still serves its purpose in biography and history. The roots of the members of the congregation of St. John the Baptist Parish were planted deep in the Polish traditions and deep religious devotion of the first parishioners of the church.

The first church was built in 1895 of frame structure on land donated by John and Martin Heffron. Mike Kroth donated the steeple

on the church. John and Martin Heffron also donated enough land for the cemetery and the lumber for the church. Under the direction of John Heffron, the parishioners constructed the church of St. John the Baptist. Small, modest, but a place of worship. Andrew Izador, a cabinet maker originally, built the small altar to go in the new church. Later an altar from Pike Lake (Bevent) was bought.

According to the records in the chancery office of the Diocese of Green Bay, of which our parish had been a part until 1945, the first annual report from St. John's is dated January 23, 1899. It is listed as St. Michael's, Belmont, Portage County. The report is signed by Father Kurzejka, Michael Hudziak and Frank Yeska. The report lists 30 families (all Polish), 2 baptisms and 2 funerals. Mass was offered once a month on a weekday. Under improvements it lists: (1) a foundation laid under the church 12' x 9'; (2) a small sacristy built onto the church. Under income it lists: (1) pastoral \$96.00; (2) extra collections, \$15.00; (3) donations \$18.00; (4) special assessments \$100.00. Under expenses it lists the following: (1) Fater Kurzejka \$37.50; (2) Father Wawrzykowski \$42.50; (3) Father Lorigan \$16.00; (4) Cathedraticul \$15.00; (5) vestments \$90.36; (6) Miscellaneous, \$19.77. The cash in the treasury is listed as \$7.97. In his comments Father Kurzejka states, "Being rector of this congregation only since October, 1898, I am unable to state how many paying and how many non-paying families there are."

In the spring some more families will come to this place. Mr. Heffron is willing to donate another five acres of land and to give material to erect a parsonage, but circumstances are not favorable to erect a parsonage here. We shall insure the church for \$500.00 soon. The church is not painted yet."

Father Kurzejka came from Plover of which St. John's was a mission (and Plover was a mission of Lanark under Father Lorigan). He was the first Priest ever to say Mass, on March 25, 1896, at Heffron in this frame church. Most likely he used a portable altar, unless the altar built by Andrew Izador was completed at that time. In 1898 Father Michael Klosowski came from Fancher to which St. John's was then a mission. The Bishop of Green Bay gave permission to Father John Pociacha to hold Mass in the new Church and to consecrate it. In 1900, next came Father Laslow Wloslowski, as St. John's became a mission of Lanark (St. Patrick's).

Sometime during this year a church meeting decided that they should rent the five acres of Church land for \$5.00 per year until such a time as they should need all of it for a cemetery. They had a special collection which netted \$132.00 for a pulpit, although there is no recollection on the part of our older parishioners that this was purchased or that there was ever a pulpit in the original Church, or whether better use was found for it. We have no immediate record. Also in 1900 Mr. John Swewczyk donated the \$45.00 for the statue of St. John the Baptist.

These are but statistics, always important in history. The human element that makes us a people, a nation, or a Christian is here, too. Consider the fact that most of these people could speak little or no English, had worked hard to obtain what they owned in the places they moved from, were devout Catholics with a promise there would be an opportunity for Mass, and were settling in a land that was virgin, sandy (unlike farm land in their homeland) and winters were severe. Speaking with our older parishioners we find them of different opinions about the generosity of the Heffron Brothers. Many of them feel that their donations of the ten acres of land, frame Church and rectory

was small in comparison to the amount they took from the people in exchange.

We let this be as it may. We realize that they must have felt some foreboding when they were given an Irish-German priest to hear confessions and preach a sermon to a Polish speaking congregation. We understand the congregation insisted that this be changed. Most of us can perhaps recall personal acquaintances saying that they find it difficult to say their confession in English although they speak the language all the time. What it must have seemed to their forefathers! And many of the old Polish customs, traditional services for special Holy Day, and the like were something they wished to keep alive and pass onto their children. So let us keep these little things in mind as we write and read this history of our parish.

The first officers of St. John's listed in the parish ledger of April 20, 1887, were: Andrew Izador, President; Michael Hudziak, Secretary; and John Sarnowski, Treasurer. In 1898 the officers were listed as: Stanislaus Kabot, President; Michael Hudziak, Secretary; and Frances Yeska, Treasurer. As trustees (Radui in Polish) Simon Graczkowski and Jacob Knajdek.

The mother of Simon Graczkowski and Mrs. Metka were the first to be buried from the new parish to St. John's sometime in 1895 or 1896, and the second wife of Andrew Izador was buried in April of 1899. On the day that Mr. and Mrs. Frances Robowkowski came to Heffron to live. The first Mrs. Izador was buried at Lanark. The first wedding was Martha Hintz to a gentleman from Bessmer, Michigan, and they made their home there. The second wedding that can be remembered being performed was that of Miss Martha Macjiewski to Frank Wiora about 1901.

Up until the year 1903 there was no rectory for the priest and so the Masses were said by the priests every other Sunday in good weather and once a month in severe winter weather by priests from Lanark, Plover, and Plainfield.

In 1903 the present rectory was built. Each year the parish held a meeting, Father acting a chairman, and the treasurer and the secretary being elected. At one such meeting it was decided that the prices of the cemetery lots would be as follows:

The two lots by the Cross on the North end of the cemetery would be \$10.00 each; family plots of 16 x 16 would be \$4.00 each; lots of 8 x 16 would be \$2.00 each; and single lots were to be priced at 50 cents. New parishioners would automatically be asked to pay into the parish treasury the amount of \$5.00 to become members of the parish.

At this meeting in 1903 parishioners were asked to donate one cord of wood to heat the Church or donate \$1.50. The salary of the priest that came in from Plover was fixed at \$200.00 per year with Mass every other Sunday. Non-parishioners were to pay the amount of \$5.00 into the parish funds when they asked for the services of the priest. Married couples were asked to pay \$4.00 and single persons \$2.00 towards the priest's salary. (63 persons paid.) Income for 1903 was \$803.00 and they had on hand a balance of \$1,322.00 Expenses that year were \$1,166.33.

Officers of 1904: Vincent Rauchi, Fred or Frances Hudziak, Irwin Gracykowski, Martin Wiora.

Green Bay report in 1905, Father R. Maggot was appointed pastor and built the present Church's foundation.

In 1906 the cornerstone of the present Church was laid. Father Warzynski was the pastor, coming in January of that year at a salary of \$400.00, having Mass every other Sunday. The parish borrowed \$4,500.00 from the Bank of Green Bay and each family was expected to contribute \$10.00 per year if they owned their farm and \$5.00 if

they did not. Pew rent was set at \$5.00 per seat and \$6.00 per seat in the first six rows where it was warmer. Larger families received their pew rent at half price. On payment of pew rent they could have their names placed on the pews.

At a special meeting during these early years it was decided that any parishioner who withheld funds due the Church from collections, picnics, dinners and the like, would have a hearing with Father and then would be denied the privileges of serving on any committee, holding any office, or any voice in any meeting of the parish. It was also decided that those parishioners who do not pay their pew rent would also be denied the privileges of voice.

At a parish meeting in 1908 it was decided to donate the altar in the old Church, which is now in the hall of St. John's Church, to a Church in Custer. Also, Father Warzynski asked that farmers take turns gathering donations of oats for his horse each week. In June of 1908 the Church must have been blessed, for there is a record of a special collection for the Bishop taken in that month in the amount of \$51.82. There were three Societies in the Parish at that time. The Rosary Society as we know it today; the Holy Name Men; and the Children of Mary. They again borrowed money from the Green Bay bank in the amount of \$2,500.00 and a lady in Green Bay donated the same amount.

There is mention of Father Warzynski collecting \$2,000.00 in Chicago for the building of a Church. Parishioners hauled the lumber, bricks and supplies from the railroad station in Almond. Stones for the basement were hauled from their fields.

In 1909 Father Warzynski was transferred and Father Victor Zareczny arrived. Parishioners that year purchased a machine for the unleavened bread for Christmas and the flags and canopy for the church.

Father Zareczny was transferred to a hospital in Chicago in 1911.

At a parish meeting in 1915 Father asked that there would be Easter cards distributed and that no confessions would be heard without a donation of at least 50 cents in the card. A housekeeper came in 1913 and was expected to keep house and ring the bell and start the fires. At this meeting it was voted to hire a man to start the Church fires and to ring the bell for a monthly salary of \$3.00.

The interior of the Church was painted in 1917.

They still owed the Bank of Green Bay \$2,800.00. They put a new floor in the old Church and put new shingles on the roof. Other improvements included the laying of the sidewalk around the Church, hall and rectory. After the fall harvest, the Priest went to each home and received special donations to decrease the debt of the Church, and they raised the pay of their organist, Mr. Joseph Wiora from \$100.00 to \$150.00 annually.

In 1920 they began taking up regular monthly collections for the poor people in Poland who suffered so during World War I.

It was asked that mothers, bringing their babies in for Baptism and receiving the special blessing for mothers be asked to pay 50 cents for the candles, as they had become quite expensive.

In 1922, a new room was built onto the rectory and the basement of the Church was finished off. Prior to this there was only the original foundations.

In 1923 the debt of the Church was paid off and they had \$49.70 left in the bank. They purchased a new furnace for the basement in this year.

September 6, 1906:

Viochek Popek
Joseph Czajkowski
Jacob Zalewski
Joseph Koroleski
Felix Osowski
Joseph Pawlak
Valentine Wojcieckoski
Peter Koht
Vincent Leszinski
Joseph Kowleski
Andrew Pryczynski
Frank Prszabylski
Vincent Rochutcki
Clement Hudziak
Christopher Potrszak
Frank Yeska
Stanley Swendrynski
Anton Pogorszelski
Michael Wilkiski
Paul Maczeski
Simon Majday
Christine Osinski
Vincent Halicki
Jacob Novak
Thomas Novak
Lawrence Wolutka
Michael Hudziak
Frank Kaluza
Simon Groczkoski

Joseph Breski
Joseph Putz
John Hudziak
Frank Rabokowski
Vincent Kosmider
Joseph Sajna
Jacob Lankowski
Joseph Murowski
Sylvester Ostrowski
Frank Pochorum
Jacob Badoski
Joseph Muszynski
John Lovly
John Wisinski
Andrew Swiecicki
Martin Wiora
John Murowski
Katherine Muszynski

New Names January 1, 1908

John Sarnowski
Jacob Knajdek
Martin Kujawa
Vincent Ciesielski
Joseph Zawadski
Jacob Borowiec
Stanley Wierzbucki
Joseph Wiora

New names appearing at the end of 1908:

Vincent Ziemba
Andrew Wawryniak
Paul Lorek
John Wiora
Frank Duda
Peter Koroleski
Stephen Sikorski

Felix Maciejewski
Jacob Knajdak
Walter Szambelon
John Lepkowiec
Joseph Ciezynski
Stephen Platoszynski
Frank Wiora

Expenses January 1, 1908	\$3,698.06
Income	<u>\$3,803.25</u>
Balance	\$ 105.19



The first church built in Heffron. It was built in 1895 in the Town of Rose, Waushara County, across the road from its present location in the Town of Belmont.

It has been enlarged to its present size after it was moved to its present location.

It was used as a dance hall before the present one was built.

It was known as the Rose Ballroom.



The parsonage was completed in December of 1903. It stands between the old Church and the present St. John the Baptist Church.

At this time (1984) the priest lives in Almond and the old parsonage is used as a family dwelling.

CHAPTER 6

TAVERNS, STORES, GARAGES, CREAMERY, BLACKSMITH SHOPS

STORES AND TAVERNS

One store, and perhaps it was the first store in the Town of Belmont, had its beginning as a part of a United States Patent to Noah Strong, October 22, 1855, found in the Entry book of Patents, Page 211. It is for the east one half of the northwest one quarter of Section 8, T.21-R.10E, 160 acres.

It is not known for certain at this time when the store building was built, but in Book "39," Page 521 of Deeds in the Portage County Court House, dated April 24, 1884, H. C. Taylor and his wife, Velma J., sold to Mary Lallamant for \$45.00 a parcel of land situated in the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 8, described as running north 16 rods, thence west 40 rods, thence south 16 rods, thence east 40 rods to place of beginning.

I use the term Book because in the index books for the Grantor and grantee records they are referred to as Books and not Volume.

The next transaction of this property is in Book "40" of Deeds, Page 583, in the Portage County Court House, dated June 22, 1885, just a little over one year later. It shows that Mary Lallamant sold this property to Luman Taylor for the sum of \$600.00 or a profit of \$555.00. It would seem logical that a building must have been added.

Another interesting account that would indicate this to be true is because in some old town clerks' records dated in 1884, it was voted to hold the next town board meeting at Lallamant's store at the Blaine corners.

When I was in Madison, January 22, 1983, I searched through the Wisconsin Gazetteers, in the Wisconsin State Historical Library from the years of 1879 through 1903-4. There are many years missing, so it is rather incomplete, but it was not until in the 1891-2 Gazetteer that I found the first mention of a store, and that was for Luman Taylor.

The Waupaca Post, May 2, 1903: Luman Taylor is one of the enterprising merchants and keeps a neat stock of groceries, confectionary and tobacco, and will sell you whatever you want.

Luman Taylors had the telephone exchange between Almond and Waupaca in their store somewhere about 1900 to 1909.

Luman Taylor died April 10, 1909, but not before his widow Lydia A. Taylor had acquired the title to the property.

Lydia A. Taylor sold this parcel of land to Mrs. Effie Green, widow of Darius E. Green on July 28, 1915, and on March 15, 1920, Mrs. Effie Green sold the property to Henry Hess.

Book "133" of Deeds, Page 291: In the Portage County Court House. Henry Hess and his wife Bertha sold to John L. Peterson, on March 24, 1921, the following described parcel of land: Situated in the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 8, T.21-R.10 E., bounded by a line commencing at the southeast corner of the said forty and running north 7 rods, thence west 6 rods and 6 feet, thence south 7 rods, thence east 6 rods and 6 feet to the place of beginning.

This is down now to only 44.45 square rods in area.

John L. Peterson built his garage out of the old Luman Taylor store building. It burned to the ground sometime in the early twenties. For further information refer to the section on garages.

The other early store was located just south and east of the Blaine Church on the Luke D. Scott farm, better remembered as the J. C. F. Fletcher farm. This location is clearly marked on the 1895 plat map as well, is the Luman Taylor store.

In the obituary for Mrs. John H. Johnson, dated March 5, 1931, it states that they resided at Blaine where they operated a general store until 1901 when they moved to Almond.

Mrs. John H. Johnson was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luke D. Scott. In another note that was found, Mr. Scott was engaged in mercantile pursuits at Blaine in 1893 and 1894.

This information can be found in the Wisconsin Gazetteer for 1895-6. J. H. Johnson, meat market.

J. H. JOHNSON & CO., GENERAL STORE

This is the only account of any meat market in the Town of Belmont.

Waupaca Record, December 19, 1901. Belmont Blusters, J. H. Johnson removed his stock of general merchandise to Almond and D. A. Day has started his new store.

Waupaca Post, January 3, 1902: Luke Scott will have what is known as the Johnson Store remodeled over for a dwelling house for Mr. Olson who is our buttermaker. Walter Buck will do the work.

The newest and last store to survive is the one that is in operation today, 1984. It was built by Denslow Day in 1901 and was in operation before the end of the year 1901.

Warranty Deed Book "71," page 384, dated February 1, 1901.

Walter A. Turner and his wife Carrie sold to Denslow A. Day the following described parcel of land: Part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, commencing at a stake on the quarter line, seven rods east of the center of Section 8, Town 21, Range 10 east, running north 16 rods, thence east $7\frac{1}{2}$ rods, thence south 16 rods to the said quarter line, thence west $7\frac{1}{2}$ rods on said quarter line to the place of beginning, containing 120 rods.

Waupaca Post, January 23, 1902. Blaine News.

Denslow Day is doing a rushing business at his store.

Waupaca Post, October 2, 1902. Blaine News.

Denslow Day has his addition to his store ready for new goods.

In a clipping from one of the Waupaca newspapers, with no name or dates, is this Belmont field news by L. H. B., dated April 2, 1903. D. A. Day started a general store here in the fall of 1901 with only a small stock, and at once jumped into an \$8,000.00 annual trade. He has been obliged to double the capacity of his building. He is doing a strictly cash business, treats everyone the same, in a courteous manner, has but one price and that is marked in plain figures so that all may see it. This summer he will handle the Champion Machinery. D. A. D. is a hustler from way back. He is going after the trade and he will get it.

Waupaca Record, January 19, 1904.

D. A. Day has sold his mercantile business to Geo. W. Ghoca. They are taking inventory.

This transaction must not have been completed because the next sale of this property that appears on the abstract is to D. W. Sawyer, on July 3, 1906.

Warrant Deed Book "89," page 58, in the Portage County Court House, dated July 3, 1906.

Denslow A. Day and his wife Vernila sold to D. W. Sawyer the same parcel of land that is described in Warranty Deeds Book "71," page 384. It also states on it that Geo. W. Ghoca's lease expires January 16, 1908.

We happen to have an obituary for Denslow Day, so I thought that I would mention what happened to him after he left the Town of Belmont in 1906. He moved his family to Amherst, Portage County, where he engaged in the store business once again for several years.

They moved back to his native state New York to live. He died at his home in Arcade, Wyoming County, New York, on February 14, 1939. His obituary says that he was born in New York on June 16, 1862, and at the age of four years he came to Wisconsin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Day. Mr. Day was first a farmer and owned land in the Town of Belmont. He was married to Miss Vernila E. Colvin of Sparta.

He is survived by two sons, Leo and Irwin, both of Arcadia, three daughters, Mrs. Charles Buts of Kirkwood, Mrs. M. E. Woodford of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Ward Crandall of Bath, New York.

He is buried at Curries, Wyoming County, New York.

Warranty Deed Book "94," page 362, dated the 30th day of March, 1909.

D. W. Sawyer and his wife Alice E. sold his property to J. C. F. Fletcher.

J. C. F. Fletcher owned the store until June 22, 1922. Mart Skeels, a son-in-law of Mr. Fletcher was running the store at the time of his death in 1918. Clarence Gooch ran the store after that.

On June 22, 1922, J. C. F. Fletcher sold out to Mr. Albert Manley of Bancroft. After Albert Manley bought the store property he enlarged the building by adding living quarters upstairs for his daughter Ella and her husband Vernon "Vernie" Ellis, who was going to work for him in the store.

Albert W. Manley lived in the house beside the store.

Clarence R. George married Lucy E. Manley in 1928, and in 1929 they took over the operation of the Blaine Store.

Albert W. Manley died in 1931 and the Blaine store soon came into the possession of his daughter Lucy E. George.

Clarence R. George and Lucy E. George owned and operated the store and lived upstairs until December 5, 1950. In the years that Clarence R. George ran the store, he added on several feet on the north end as a storage room for feeds, electrical supplies and some implement parts.

On December 5, 1950, the store was sold on a land contract to Harry M. Shorter, but on June 6, 1951, the property reverted back. This time it was put in Clarence R. George's name, who operated it until 1953 when they moved to Waupaca to live. It was leased then I believe to Fernell Young until it was sold July 16, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Soule.

Vernon and Jessie Soule owned this property from July 16, 1958, until December 9, 1959, when it was sold to Gilbert and Vivian DeBruin. Gilbert and Vivian DeBruin owned and operated the store until September 1, 1972, when they sold out to David R. McDonnell, and on July 18, 1973, it was sold to Jeffrey Kuzma.

On September 8, 1977, it was purchased by Ronald W. Usher, who is the present owner in 1984.

BLAINE STORE



Top photo, Denslow A. Day's store as it appeared prior to its purchase by D. W. Sawyer and J. C. F. Fletcher. Fletcher owned this in 1909 as the sign shows on the front of the building.

Bottom photo, sometime between 1909 and 1922 J. C. F. Fletcher had to make the change in the store front. The man standing in the front could possibly be Mr. John Charles Fremont Fletcher, as he was a tall man.



BLAINE GENERAL STORE, 1983



After Albert W. Manley acquired the Blaine store from J. C. F. Fletcher in 1922, he re-modeled it by installing living quarters over the store for Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Ellis, who were hired to run the store.

Mrs. Vernie (Ella) Ellis was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Manley.

The front top of the building was raised and all of the windows were installed. An addition of several feet were added on to the back of the original building.

The door that you can see under the canopy on the far end of the building leads upstairs to the living quarters.

It was in later years that Clarence George built the canopy and extended the building approximately another fifteen feet. This was to serve as a storage room for the sale of dairy and chicken feeds, as well as nuts, bolts, electrical supplies and machinery parts.



This picture at the left is a south, or front view of the store as it is today, 1984.

There used to be two hand operator gasoline pumps. I believe at first they were Standard Oil and later changed to Wadhams.

There was, and still is, the one kerosene pump which is visible in the picture just to the left of the front door.

SMALL COUNTRY STORE

I have been told by some senior citizens who at one time lived in the area that Lloyd and Ida Bailey had a small store in their home in Section 14. They sold groceries and handled shoes and ladies hats.

This property now belongs to the D. N. R. and all of the buildings have been removed.

A HAT SHOP

Mrs. Earnest Taylor operated a hat shop at her place in the northeast corner of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 5. The

old tin-sided building that was her shop was still standing under some old large cotton woods until about the early 1940's.

A Waupaca Post, Blaine News item dated January 4, 1906: Mrs. Earnest Taylor is still engaged in doing up-to-date dressmaking, as she is well posted on all city styles.

BARBER SHOP

Waupaca Post, March 20, 1902, Blaine News:

Don't forget Earnest Taylor's Barber Shop is running full blast on Main Street.

PHOTOGRAPHER

A photographer from Wild Rose is located at Blaine. Anyone wishing pictures taken will do well to give a call before going elsewhere. This was taken from a Waupaca Post, dated October 15, 1903.

SKUNK FARM

Waupaca Post, dated August 14, 1902, Blaine News:

A new industry has started upon a farm of Les Dunham about two miles north of Blaine corners, in the way of a skunk ranch.

HEFFRON'S FIRST STORE AND TAVERN



The first store and tavern at Heffron, just after the turn of the century.

Team on a load of steel culverts, driven by Joseph Wiora, and seated behind him in order are his daughters: Connie, Helen, and Martha sitting on the wheel.



The first store and tavern with a dance hall above. Built just after the turn of the century. This was the first and only Post Office in Heffron. Note the flag flying over the door.

This store, Post Office and tavern was built by Frank Wicra.

HEFFRON

John James Heffron, who was an extensive early dealer in real estate, was educated in the public schools of Portage County, and under his father's guidance he acquired the practical knowledge of agriculture.

He attended the Oshkosh State Normal School at Oshkosh and later taught school for one year.

In 1891 he decided that he would rather try an active, rather than a professional career, so he started out in the real estate business. In October of that year he made his first sale of farm land.

Mr. Heffron continued his real estate business and as of 1919 it was said that he sold as many pieces of farm property as any other real estate dealer in Portage County.

He established the little settlement of Heffron, in southern Portage County. According to the History of Portage County he erected 125 homes there. No doubt this settlement called Heffron received its name in honor of John James Heffron.

John J. Heffron died in Stevens Point in 1943 and is buried in the St. Stephens Catholic Cemetery there.

Frank and Martha Wiora were two of the early Polish settlers of Heffron to buy to buy land from John J. Heffron and it was here that they built the first store building.

The building had a partition dividing the store, which was located in the front of the building, from the living quarters, which were located in the rear of the building.

The store had two long counters where they could display their groceries, lard which was in wooden buckets, dry goods, shoes, rubbers, boots, hats, caps, gloves and hardware such as pots and pans.

In the front of the store there was a glass case where the candy was kept. They had a huge ice box where cold meats such as baloney, frankfurters and summer sausage could be kept.

Many farmers traded butter in crocks, eggs, and even barrels of apples towards their grocery bill.

Frank Wiora had the first cream separator and the farmers brought in their milk each day to be separated.

Waupaca Post, June 26, 1903, Heffron News:

Frank Wiora received a car load of Osborne Company's machinery, which he has sold here.

The building had an outside stairway leading up to a dance hall on the second floor.

The store also served as the Post Office until 1903.

After the new house was built in about 1906, it became the living quarters for the family and the small living quarters that were behind the store became a saloon.

This was all told to me by Mrs. Leonard (Gertrude) Morgan, who is a daughter of Frank and Martha Wiora.

The following is taken from a March 1934 Waupaca Post news item:

"The combined store and dwelling of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wiora of Heffron was destroyed by fire Friday noon, February 23, 1934.

While the family was eating their noon meal, flames were observed by Matthew Jones, the mail carrier, who rushed in and told them that their place was on fire.

Much of the furniture was saved, but a valuable piano and the store portion of the building were destroyed. The dry, cold February weather, with no snow has accounted for many such fires."

A new and smaller building was erected in 1934, which then became their new home and tavern. Heffron has had the only tavern in the history of the Town of Belmont.

On July 30, 1945, Martha Wiora sold the property to August and Helen Hudziak, who ran the tavern until April 18, 1949, when they sold out to William and Genevieve Warzynski. And on May 17, 1968, William and Genevieve Warzynski sold out to Frank and Nancy Novak who are the owners in 1984.



This is the original house and tavern built in 1934, showing some exterior changes that have taken place since 1950.

PROHIBITION OF BEER

At 12:01 a.m. April 7, 1933, the prohibition on beer was revoked in nineteen states and the District of Columbia.

Prohibition started in 1919 when the "Drys" pushed the Volstead Act banning intoxicants through Congress.

Prohibition lasted through the 1920's and continued into the early 1930's.

As the Great Depression worsened, the "Wets" stepped up their campaign, arguing that opening breweries would help shrink relief roles. This did prove to ease the unemployment situation and added greatly to the tax revenue.

President Roosevelt urged Congress to modify the Volstead Act, in March 1933, to permit the production, distribution, and consumption of beer with an alcoholic content of no greater than 3.2 percent by weight or 4 percent by volume, effective April 7, 1933.

The Prohibition on all intoxicants was not revoked until December 6, 1933.



This is the front view of the Heffron Tavern, owned and operated by Nancy and Frank Novak in 1984.

BLAINE GARAGE

The Blaine Garage that was located in the Southeast corner of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, T.21N-R.10 E, was part of the original Patent issued by the United States Government to Noah Strong, dated August 14, 1858.

Volume 128 of Patents, Page 314:

United States to Noah Strong. Dated August 14, 1858.

Grants: The East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8, in Tp 21 N, R 10 E, and other lands, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, contains 160 acres.

Recites: Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1855, entitled an Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and soldiers who have been engaged in Military Service of the United States, there has been deposited in the

General Land Office Warrant No. 5491 for 160 acres in favor of Charles W. Skinner, Lieutenant, U. S. Ship Superior, United States Navy, War 1812, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the lands above described, according to the official plat of the survey of said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, the said Warrant having been assigned by the said Charles W. Skinner, to Noah Strong, in whose favor said tract has been located.

Warranty Deed, Book 133, Page 291, in the Register of Deeds Office, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, dated March 24, 1921.

Henry Hess and his wife Bertha, conveyed to John L. Peterson a piece of land situated in the Southeast corner of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Northwest $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 8, commencing at the Southeast corner of the said forty and running north seven (7) rods, thence West six (6) rods and six (6) feet, thence South seven (7) rods, thence east six (6) rods and six (6) feet to place of beginning.

This was formerly the Luman Taylor store location. A Blaine news item that appeared in the Waupaca Post shortly after the purchase by John L. Peterson, stated that he purchased the Luman Taylor store building and that he was going to convert it to a garage, which he did.

Sometime in the mid 20's, this old wooden structure was destroyed by fire. It was after this that John L. Peterson built himself a new garage of poured cement which he heavily reinforced with old auto frames and metal parts.

John L. Peterson worked long hard hours well into the night to complete his garage and a house which he constructed from cement blocks.

Across the west end, on the outside of the garage, John L. Peterson also built a cement dipping tank, about twenty feet long, five feet wide and three and one-half feet deep. This tank was used by the area farmers to dip, or treat their seed potatoes before cutting to prevent Scab. The potatoes were submerged in a formaldehyde solution, in their bushel boxes for several hours to soak to kill any Scab organism that was on the surface of the potatoes.

John L. Peterson did mechanical work on automobiles until about 1931 when he devoted all of his time to his ice business.

I was told by Mr. Leonard Morgan that John L. Peterson and Vernie Ellis sold new Star cars, which had continental motors in from the Blaine Garage. It is reported that they sold a few.

The Blaine Garage and buildings were transferred to F. A. Wood and Mable Engle, July 1, 1931. John Lorek rented the garage from F. A. Wood and ran it until 1935.

Walter Wenzel did auto work and machinery repair along with welding. You could buy gas from the gas pump, and the garage had its own fully automatic Koehler power plant. He ran the garage until 1937.

Vilas Barnhart ran the garage from 1937 until 1941, when Wallace Halverson and James Vaughn took over until 1946.

Warrant Deeds 184, Page 613, Dated April 17, 1946.

Lizzie E. Wood and Mable I. Troller sold the Blaine Garage to Elgy and Anna M. Zimmerman who ran it until September 15, 1948, when they sold out to John R. Porter and his wife Gladys.

The Blaine Garage continued to furnish such services as: automobile repair, some auto parts, tires, gasoline, machinery repair and welding, until about the mid 50's when it ceased to operate during the ownership of John R. Porter.

November 1, 1970, John R. Porter sold out to Henning Gneist and Arlene N., his wife, and since the new ownership, the cement garage has been torn down and a smaller private two-car garage has been erected.



The Blaine Garage and house, as it looked prior to 1970 when they were purchased by Henning and Arlene N. Gneist.



The old cement garage was torn down to make room for this new two-car garage.

It was on this same location that the Luman Taylors had a little country store, from about 1885 to about 1916.



BLAINE CREAMERY

First known as the Blaine Creamery Company from 1899 until they changed their name to the Blaine Creamery Stock Company in 1904.

The lean-to building in the front of the picture was the coal storage room. The first door went in by the boilers, which produced the steam.

The little house on the far end was the ice house where they stored the ice for the butter coolers.

It is hard to locate where the old creamery stood, parts of the cement floors can still be seen.

All of the area creameries were built within a ten-year span, and one newspaper had made the remark that there could be more creameries than cream.

WARRANTY DEED, Volume 66, Page 630

THIS INDENTURE, made this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine, between L. D. Scott and his wife Susan E., the Town of Belmont, Portage County, Wisconsin, party of the first part, and Blaine Creamery Company a cooperative Company of the same place.

For and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars for the following parcel of land.

Commencing at a point twenty three (23) rods west from the quarter post (on the center) of Section 8, Township Number twenty one North of Range Number 10 East, thence west on quarter line ten rods, thence south eight rods, thence east ten rods, then north eight rods to the place of beginning making one-half acre.

Provided that if said described parcel of land shall ever be used for a place to sell or retail intoxicating liquors then this deed shall be null and void.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

Bertha E. Casey L. D. Scott

D. W. Sawyer S. E. Scott

State of Wisconsin

Portage County

Personally came before me this 28th day of July, 1899, the above named L. D. Scott and wife Susan E. to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same.

Received for record this 9th day of Sept., A.D. 1899, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.

Geo. E. Vaughn, Register

D. W. Sawyer

Justice of the Peace

BLAINE CREAMERY

According to an article that appeared in the Tomorrow River Times, June 21, 1979, it is stated that all of the creameries were built within the ten year span between 1895 and 1904.

There were three creameries that were built in the southeastern part of Portage County, in 1899, and one of these was the Blaine Creamery Company.

Sometime before 1900, dairying had become more popular as a steady source of income. The herds were becoming larger and consequently more milk was produced, it then became evident that they would have to consider more and a better way of marketing their product.

The Blaine farmers were no different than any of the other farmers, so a group of progressive farmers united together and formed their own creamery company.

The new venture of the Blaine Creamery that ran from 1899 until 1941, started out as the Blaine Creamery Company, according to the Articles of Incorporation, dated February 18, 1899, in the book of Corporations, Volume 67, Page 24, in the Register of Deed's Office, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

The basic part of the Article of Incorporation was that the Blaine Creamery Company's Capital Stock shall consist of \$800.00, divided by eighty shares, at face value of \$10.00 per share.

This was signed by: Samuel Nelson, J. C. F. Fletcher, F. Casey, G. G. Hawes, and William Brunker, in the presence of J. H. Johnson, John Casey, and Edward Stinson. D. W. Sawyer, Justice of the Peace.

The first officers of the Blaine Creamery Company were: President, D. W. Sawyer; Secretary: Fremont Fletcher; Treasurer: James P. Rasmussen.

The next step was to select a suitable site for the building, which they did. They selected the Blaine Corners as their choice, as it was generally centrally located, and there were two stores in which to cash their cream checks, or shop for groceries.

The two stores were the Luman Taylor Store, that stood in the Northwest corner of the intersection and the John H. Johnson Store and Meat Market, in the Southwest corner, near the church.

Luke D. Scott may have been looking ahead into the future when he sold the land to the Blaine Creamery Company because John H. Johnson, who owned the store adjacent to the creamery site, was a son-in-law of Luke D. and Susan E. Scott. At any rate Warranty Deed Book 66, Page 630, in the Register of Deeds Office, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, shows:

In the book of Corporations, in the Register of Deeds Office in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in Volume 77, Page 599, under the Articles of Incorporation, dated February 29, 1904, the Blaine Creamery Company, changed its name to the Blaine Creamery Stock Company. It was signed by J. P. Rasmussen, L. H. Olson, and Wm. Ward, witnessed by George Hawes and Wm. Brunker.

D. W. Sawyer, Justice of the Peace

Waupaca Post, May 12, 1904

Since the Blaine Creamery changed hands, they have made some repairs and put in a new cement floor.

Warranty Deeds Volume 80, Page 619, Dated October 3, 1904.

L. D. Scott and Susan E. Scott, his wife, parties of the first part, conveys to the Blaine Creamery Stock Company, party of the second part, for the sum of \$555.00, the following parcel of land, commencing at a point thirteen (13) rods West from the Northeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter in Section 8, Township twenty one (21) North Range ten (10) East, thence West on the quarter line ten (10) rods, thence South eight (8) rods, thence West ten (10) rods, thence South twelve (12) feet, thence East twenty (20) rods, thence North eight (8) rods and twelve (12) feet to the point of commencement.

Signed in the presence of Bertha E. Casey and Frank Casey.

The parcel of land just described above contained the dwellings and was not included in the original sale for the one-half acre, that is described in Warranty Deed 66, Page 630, Dated July 28, 1899.

Waupaca Post, April 25, 1906

Will Sanders will haul the butter for the Blaine Creamery this coming year.

Waupaca Post, April 2, 1908

Louie Olson informs us that he is thinking of leaving the Blaine Creamery and accepting a larger offer in Waupaca.

The creamery was run by steam, so large quantities of coal had to be hauled on contract to supply the large boiler. The creamery also had its own ice house for the better part of its years in existence. Farmers contracted for the job of putting up the ice in the winter time.

Andrew Peterson told me that when he ran the creamery he used the building where they stored the butter tubs and other supplies to stable his horse. The horse was stabled in the center partition and he also had chickens in the south end. Mr. Peterson said that it took him sometime before he discovered why his horse was rubbing all of its hair off on its rear end. You guessed it, it was the chicken lice.

Waupaca Post, March 11, 1943

Sealed bids are being taken for the sale of the creamery house and lot here at the Blaine Corners.

Waupaca Post, April 22, 1943.

Mr. And Mrs. Henry Hess are settled in their new home, the Blaine Creamery property.

They must have just rented at first because in the Warranty Deed 169, Page 388, Dated May 25, 1943, shows that Henry and Bertha Hess bought the creamery property.

The following were all buttermakers at the Blaine Creamery. Louie Olson was the first buttermaker from 1899 to 1908. Others included: T. W. Benson, Andrew Peterson, Wm. Hintz, and Frank Peroutky, who was the last buttermaker about 1940 or 1941.

After Henry Hess acquired the creamery property, the machinery was all removed and Henry Hess converted the building into a poultry house and used it for a few years before it was torn down.

There is still one thing that is a mystery, and that is, which of the two remaining buildings were the first house converted from John Johnson's store building. From all appearances it would seem to me by the looks of the foundation and the building itself, that the building that was later used as a garage and for storage could have been the old Johnnie H. Johnson store building.



Waupaca Post, January 3, 1902. Luke Scott will have what is known as the Johnson store remodeled over for a dwelling house for Mr. Olson, our buttermaker. Walter Buck will do the work.

Waupaca Record, 1903. The Blaine Creamery is a \$3,000.00 plant. The building is owned by a stock company formed by the surrounding farmers, the machinery was put in by Frank Kizer of Waupaca, but is now owned by Steadlow and Trachter of Watertown, Wis., who now have a two year lease on the building.

The plant was started in 1899 with L. A. Olson as the buttermaker, who has given that satisfaction, that all swear by him and consider "we cannot do without Louie."

The first year the plant paid the farmers \$19,000, the second year \$20,000 and this year it will be somewhat higher.

About 6,000 pounds of milk are now delivered every day, but in the summer as high as 15,000 pounds are received daily.

This spring the intentions are to put in a cement floor, and a skim milk pasteurizing machine, thereby adding materially to the value of the milk.

The butter sells on the Elgin market, so that the highest price is realized. The lowest price received for butter this past year was 18½ cents in last April. The highest price was 29½ cents last December.

The farmers thoroughly feel the effect of the creamery, for everything runs smoothly, even to the buttermilk.

Waupaca Post, February 2, 1902

Our buttermaker, Louie Olson and wife have moved into their home at Blaine.

Waupaca Post, May 29, 1902

George Een is back from a southern trip and is working again in the Blaine creamery.

BLACKSMITH SHOPS

Warranty Deed "40," Page 583, Dated June 22, 1885, and recorded June 30, 1885.

Mary Lallement (Also signed by W. G. Lallement) sold to Luman Taylor for \$600.00, a certain piece of land situated in the southeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ in Section 8, described as follows: commencing at the southeast corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼, thence running north 16 rods, thence, west 40 rods, thence south 16 rods, thence east 40 rods to the place of beginning. Containing four acres.

By 1900 someone had built a blacksmith shop just a few rods north of the Luman Taylor store. In the Waupaca Post, Blaine news item, dated April 17, 1902. The Blaine blacksmith moved from the corners the 12th of April. It failed to mention who he was.

Frank Droske ran the blacksmith shop sometime in the very early years of 1900 because Mabel Van Rooy, who is a daughter of the late Frank Droske, who lives in Appleton, has stated to me that her father did run the blacksmith shop at Blaine at one time, but she was too young to remember anything more about it. She remembers the times spent in Almond.

Jesse Higgins, son of Frank Higgins, has related to me that his father was the blacksmith at Blaine for about three years. He remembers of Ava Larson, a school mate at the Pickerel Lake School who died and he attended the funeral. Ava Larson died the 12th of March, 1915. The Higgins family lived upstairs in the Luman Taylor store and used the back room downstairs as their living quarters.

Jesse Higgins said that Wm. Madson helped his father one day shoe 8 teams of horses. That is quite a feat. I cannot imagine 16 horses all standing quietly and taking it calmly. Sometime after 1921 when Henry Hess sold John Peterson a small part of the original 4 acres, the old blacksmith shop was torn down.

Wm. Madson had a blacksmith shop on his farm one quarter of a mile north of the Blaine corners in the 1890's and early 1900's. He made Bob-Sleighs for sale as well as welding. The welding was done differently in the blacksmith shops in those early days. They did not have acedylene torches, but used forced heat from a forage. They would heat the metal red or to a white hot until the two pieces were fused, or until soft enough to hammer or press together.

The first blacksmith in the Town of Belmont was Henry Turner, a New Yorker, who came to the Town of Belmont in the mid 1850's. He owned 160 acres in Section 32. This is now owned by Ray Warzynski. Henry Turner died October 3, 1878, and is buried in the First Belmont Cemetery.

CHAPTER 7

BELMONT POST OFFICES

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

The little village of Almond had the birth of its postal service starting July 8, 1850. John Cowan was appointed the first postmaster.

The Almond Post office became the main distribution point for the mail to Lone Pine, Hetzel and Blaine until 1903. This was called the Star Route Postal Service. Charles Cobb was the Star Route carrier to these points as their post offices were established.

It was his duty to dispatch the mail that came to Almond by stage to the various post offices that he served, where it could be picked up by the patrons of that area.

By August 2, 1901, the Chicago and North Western Railroad came through Almond which soon began to speed up the mail service to Almond.

Four young men took the Civil Service Examination in 1903 to become a rural mail carrier for the United States Postal Service, which was to be the beginning of the Rural Free Delivery system.

The four men who passed the exam were given the following routes: Frank Putz, Route 1; Frank Sheldon, Route 2; Frank Bowen, Route 3; and Frank Keffner, Route 4.

Frank Keffner and Frank Sheldon covered the Town of Belmont except for a part of the Towne District in the extreme southeast corner of the township, which received its mail from Wild Rose by then. Most of this information was related to me by Miss Angie Sheldon.

Frank Sheldon was living on his farm in Section 15, Town of Belmont before moving to Almond in 1903 to take over his new duty as a rural mail carrier. His farm in Section 15 has since been remembered as the Carden place.

Since this was the end of the Star Route Postal Service for Mr. Charles Cobb, he sold his house in Almond to Frank Sheldon. This house is still owned and lived in by Miss Angie Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sheldon.

Frank Sheldon's first mode of delivering mail was with his ponies, but as the years passed and cars and motorcycles became the thing, Mr. Sheldon decided to turn to the motorcycle.

I had been told by one person that Frank Sheldon had three ponies that he used on the mail route. He would alternate, so one would have a day of rest every third day.

Here is a poem written by S. Ervin Sawyer when Frank Sheldon decided to buy a motorcycle to deliver mail with.

MOTORCYCLES VERSUS PONIES

Old Hulda and Tildy for many a year

Have hauled mail from Almond to here,
To the farther end of Route Number Two
And faithfully they have done it too.

For nine long years they have hauled the mail,

Their pace sometimes made you think of a snail.
On scheduled time you could depend
On old Hulda and Tildy turning the bend.

But they are getting old and their prime is past

And Frank is getting a little bit fast,
Traveling so much through the City of Blaine
He got what's called a motorcycle brain.

He says, "Dear Wife, I can plainly see
That a motorcycle is the thing for me.
No more oats, no more hay,
No more big feed bills to pay.

No more spavins, no more illls,
No more veterinary bills."
She says, "Dear Frank, I will concede,
A motorcycle is the thing you need."

Then straight he went to Mr. Skeels,
Our merchant at Blaine who sells the wheels.
Then they commenced their rag to chew,
Frank had one horse less when they got through.

But Frank was the proud possessor of a motorcycle,
His ribs to break and his head to tickle.
Then out on the race track Frank did lead
His fiery, fractious and untamed steed.

He then began to learn to ride,
He lost his patience and lost some hide.
But over the saddle his leg he threw,
Opened the throttle and away he flew.

As he picked himself up from the hard, hard ground,
A sulphurous odor was floating around.
He said, "Our expense bill it's plain to be seen
It will read: salve, corn plasters and vaseline."

Then he shook his fist and said "You brute,
I'll ride you yet around my route."
Then he loaded up with the U.S. Mail,
Threw in the clutch and let her sail.

Now on the race track Frank rode just grand,
But, oh, what a difference when he struck the sand.
She threw down her head and lifted her tail;
And began right there to distribute the mail.

Then as Frank wound wire tape around his shin,
He said, "You're a peach to distribute, how about taking in?"
But it's one safe bet that I'll ride you yet,
Though the mud is dirty and the water is wet.

For I have sand, and sand you see
Is what you must have on the R.F.D.
Here's hoping that Frank conquers that vicious old wheel,
So it will no longer rear, kick, bite or squeal.

Old Hulda and Tilda shall then have a rest
It will seem to them like the land of the blest.
With nothing to do but switch flies with their tail,
While the new Harley-Davidson carries the mail.

Frank Sheldon would have bought his motorcycle about 1912. He used it to deliver the mail for several years.

I remember of hearing that on the cold winter days that Frank Sheldon would put his ponies in the barn at noon on the Henry Brandt place to feed and rest a few minutes. He would eat his lunch with his ponies in the barn despite the invitations to eat in the house. He didn't want to undress and become dependent on other warmth.

The deep snow and cold weather of the winter months always presented a problem. Frank Sheldon took a Model A Ford, narrowed the axles so that the width would be the same as the sleigh tracks and put front runners on the front. At the rear an extra axle was installed and then caterpillar treads went over the wheels. It is believed that the caterpillar treads were manufactured in Green Bay.



Frank Sheldon retired 1933 after 30 years of dedicated public service.

Frank Sheldon and his mail rig with Hulda and Tildy, taken in front of the old John Peterson place in east Belmont sometime before 1912.

BELMONT POST OFFICES PRIOR TO 1903

The Township of Belmont, Portage County, had the distinction of having six named post offices before the Rural Free Delivery system was inaugurated by the United States Postal Department in 1903.

BELMONT

Established September 25, 1856. Azron D. Freeman was the first postmaster. The name was changed to Randall May 24, 1858.

RANDALL

Azron D. Freeman was the postmaster from May 24, 1858 until August 17, 1864, when Howard P. Towne became postmaster. Howard P. Towne was then the postmaster from August 17, 1864, until it was discontinued February 21, 1866.

BLAINE

Established June 12, 1876. Charles McMillen was the first postmaster. He was postmaster until August 19, 1878, when Johathan West

became the postmaster. Jonathan West was the postmaster from August 19, 1878, until March 11, 1895. Luke D. Scott was the postmaster from March 11, 1895, until March 29, 1902. Denslow A. Day was the last postmaster from March 29, 1902, until November 30, 1903, when it was discontinued and became a part of the Rural Free Delivery from the Almond Post Office.

SHERMAN

Established August 31, 1876. Oliver W. Whitney was the first postmaster until October 18, 1881, when Charles Sanders became the next postmaster. Charles Sanders served as postmaster from October 18, 1881, until December 7, 1887, when it was discontinued in favor of Blaine.

The Sherman Post Office was re-established June 21, 1888, with Frank Guyant as the postmaster. Frank Guyant was the postmaster from June 21, 1888, until August 21, 1889, when Johnathon Brown became the next postmaster. Johnathon Brown was the postmaster from August 21, 1889, until June 15, 1892. Don Walter Sawyer was the next postmaster from June 15, 1892, until April 30, 1895, when Frank Burr Dent became the last postmaster from April 30, 1895, until March 6, 1900, when the post office was transferred to Cobtown in the Town of Farmington, Waupaca County, where it was finally discontinued June 30, 1905.

TOWNE

Established April 18, 1884. Joseph L. Dopp was the first postmaster. It was discontinued September 30, 1903.

HEFFRON

Established January 30, 1901. Frank Wiora was the first postmaster. He served until November 30, 1903, when it was discontinued.

Much of the information about the early post offices was found in the Archives and Manuscripts in the State Historical Society Library, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706.

However, these records are incomplete, so I turned to the National Archives Microfilm Publication, Microcopy M841, roll 144, which is a complete listing of all post offices, all postmasters and the years that they served for counties of Polk through Wood.

CHAPTER 8

MILLS

SANDER'S MILL

There was a feed mill in the Town of Belmont as early as 1885, owned by Henry Sanders.

Henry Sanders died June 18, 1889, while clearing some land. The log chain slipped from a grub or a large root, as his team was pulling on it, striking him in the head.

He was buried near by on a knoll, under the three largest pine trees there, but his tombstone is in the Elmwood Cemetery.

On September 30, 1891, his widow Belle W. Sanders sold the mill site to Darius E. Green. The location described as being a piece of land forty rods long, east and west, and twenty rods wide, north and south, in the southwest corner of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, containing five acres.

Darius E. Green must have leased the mill to Walter Sanders because in the 1891-1892 Wisconsin Gazetteer it shows Walter Sanders as the operator of a feed mill.

In the 1894 Gazetteer it shows Charles Sanders as the operator, and on April 9, 1896, this five acre mill site was sold by Darius E. Green to William H. Palfrey, with all flowage rites.

On November 30, 1898, William and Eliza Palfrey sold out to James W. Grant.

It seems as if the mill dam went out, and by rebuilding it, it would cause some flooding back on Frank Hurd's property around Fountain Lake, and Frank Hurd wanted flowage rights to be paid to him, which James W. Grant thought otherwise, and decided to close down the mill and rebuild a new one farther down stream, which he did.

Sometime in the years that followed, James Grant had the old feed mill moved to his farm in Section 10, where it was used as a grainary. This building still stands there in fine repair, on this site now belonging to Mrs. Elmer (Dorthy) Siegel.

The roadway to the old Sanders mill followed the ridge just north-east of Fountain Lake and circled down around the hill in front of the mill, and back out.

This old roadway is still visible through the ferns and underbrush even after these many years.



The first mill site.

The dam site of the Sander's mill. The south bank of the dam is still visible, approximately twenty rods east of the Fountain Lake dam. The north bank is gone, but you can still see where the mill sat before it was moved to the James W. Grant farm sometime in the early 1900's.



This is the old Sanders mill that James W. Grant moved to his farm in Section 10.

This farm later became the farm of Harry R. Grant, and the building site now belongs to his adopted daughter Mrs. Elmer (Dorthy) Siegel.

JIM GRANT'S MILL 1903-1917



This picture was taken by me, of an oil painting of the Jim Grant mill which is in the possession of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Grant.

The picture was painted by Rev. Andreson, who was an Evangelist and held meetings at the Grant Church.

The favorite swimming hole was just off the dam of the mill pond for all the local young men of the area.



All that remains today of the Jim Grant mill is the hole in the dam where the mill stood. Parts of the cement foundation remain broken and tilted as if to fall.

The water that raced through this opening created the power to run the mill. Many a sucker was speared by pitch fork just below the race-way in early spring of each year.

JIM GRANT'S MILL 1903 - 1917

The Grant mill was located in Section 11, on a one acre parcel of land, in the northwest corner of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section, being twenty rods long, north and south, and eight rods wide, east and west.

James Grant moved the old John Stringham tin shop that stood on the old Wm. Grant farm in the southeast corner of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11. This was the beginning of the Jim Grant mill, but soon afterwards an addition was added onto the north end of the mill to enlarge it, to meet his needs.

Arthur Grant, who is a son of James Grant, now living in Iola, told me that Erv. Sawyer was paid \$300.00 for his labor with his team of horses and scraper to dig out the mill pond and haul dirt from the hillside to make the south bank of the mill dam.

Waupaca Post, February 5, 1903.

Jim Grant has been repairing and fitting up a mill about six rods south of the feed mill that is run by Wallace Palfrey.

Waupaca Post, December 15, 1904.

James Grant has his mill in fine working order and is still contemplating putting in more improved machinery.

The water power was supposed to have developed about twenty five horsepower.

After the death of James Grant in 1917, his son Harry Grant ran the mill until it was sold to John "Jack" Hurd. Jack Hurd ran the mill on weekends for sometime before he bought it, according to his widow, Mrs. Anna Crane.

On April 10, 1920, John "Jack" Hurd bought the mill from the James Grant estate.

On January 31, 1928, Jack Hurd sold out his property including the mill to Julius Lantz, who in turn tore the mill down, using the lumber to build a poultry house on the hill on the west end of Fountain Lake. Thus ends the era of the feed mills in the Town of Belmont. It was at this time that the portable grist mills became popular and went from farm to farm to grind their feeds.

All of Fountain Lake property and the former mill site, once owned by Jack Hurd, finally became the property of Gilbert Diehl, who in turn has sold it to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources. This is perhaps the largest single land transaction in the Town of Belmont, \$345,000.00.

PALFREY'S MILL SITE



The above picture was taken where 3rd Avenue crosses Emmons Creek in the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14.

Up until a few years ago there was still evidence of pilings which could have been the intended mill site.

This area now belongs to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and is public hunting and fishing grounds.

Waupaca Post, April 3, 1902, Blaine News.

Wallace Palfrey is building a dam on his farm this spring with the intentions of erecting a feed mill next year.

I do not believe that this mill ever materialized, as I can find no records of its being built. If it was, it lasted for a very few years.

THE SORGHUM MILL

This very interesting account of a sorghum mill that came to an end, in about 1915, was written by Lowell K. Watson, who is a grandson of Albert and Hannah Taylor who owned and operated the Pine Lake Farm.

Leland and Iva Freeman, who came up from the State of Illinois, have owned this farm for the past thirty and some odd years now.

The soil in the central part of Wisconsin, which we dubbed the "Sand Country," is of light composition and particularly adapted to the raising of sugar cane. The stalks of the sugar cane produce a distinctly flavored, sweet sap, which boils down into the most delicious sorghum.

Many farmers in the community raised sugar cane. They would strip the stalks of their leaves, cut them at the ground, shear the tassels off, and tie them into small bundles, for handling, and bring them to the Pine Lake Farm to be converted into sorghum.

Some of the farmers came from as many as eight miles or more away, and remember, they came by horses. Trucks were not in common use in those days. They would bring their own containers to put the sorghum in. They would crisscross the bundles of sugar cane stalks into vertical piles and leave their names attached. The back yard of the Pine Lake Farm would be full of piles of sugar cane stalks belonging to the farmers of the community. They would then come back in a few days for their sorghum.

Some farmers would bring a large quantity of sugar cane stalks to the mill and would get a very small amount of sorghum. Others would bring a small amount which would yield a large amount of sorghum. There would be a great difference as to the yield. Some of the sugar cane stalks were sweeter and fuller than others and would boil down to the sweetest and richest sorghum. The composition of the soil, whether it had been fertilized or not, and whether the sugar cane got sufficient water during its growth, all influenced the amount of sorghum the cane produced.

The structure of the mill itself was interesting. Albert Taylor built a hexagonal shaped "round house" and bought an iron grinding mill to install in the center of it. The hexagonal shaped roof had a heavy post installed at each corner, which were well grounded. These six posts were all that were on the sides, the roof was everything.

The grinding machine in the center of the "round house" consisted of two large rollers, one directly above the other. When the mill was in operation, one roller would operate in one direction, and the other roller was geared to go in the opposite direction, so that they would suck the sugar cane stalks between the rollers.

The large end of a pole was attached to the grinding mill at the center of the "round house." The pole stuck out almost to the edge of the building, suspended about four feet above the ground. A horse was hitched to the end of the pole. It would walk around and around as the man in the center would feed the sugar cane stalks into the revolving rollers and the sap would flow into a large kettle. The place where the man sat as he fed the stalks into the rollers would have to be sunken into the earth just enough so that the pole, as it went around and around, would go over his head. Otherwise, he would have to duck at every revolution of the pole.

The stalks fell to the ground after they were crushed by the rollers. They were carried to the end of the "round house," where they were thrown into a pile. This pile became pretty good size before the

last sugar cane of the season went through the mill. It was known as the "pumice pile."

The other building that was built by Albert Taylor was known as the "sorghum house." This building differed from the "round house" in that it was rectangular in shape and had sides and doors and windows. A large metal, boiling pan, about twenty feet long and four feet wide rested on a cemented stone foundation which was about two and a half feet high. At the end toward the "round house," a fire was built under the pan. At the other end of the pan, a chimney took the smoke up past the roof. The pan was divided into many partitions about ten inches apart and four feet long. The partitions were connected by ten inch sliding doors at alternate ends.

The sap would be carried in from the "round house" and poured into the end partitions of the pan. As the pan was tipped slightly to the far end, there would be a tendency for the sap to flow in that direction. The heat would be controlled by the amount of wood added to the fire. The ten-inch doors would be slightly opened, first one side and then the next, and the sap would make its way slowly to the far end. As the sap continued on its way, heated into sorghum by the fire, whitish foam would form in many of the trays and it would have to be skimmed off.

There was always a sweetish aroma of hot sorghum floating over the boiling pan.

It was usually a woman's job to tend to the flow, to guide the proper amount by shutting off a section by barely closing a ten-inch door and barely opening others. By the time it reached the far end, it was judged to be finished sorghum and then it was finally run off by a spigot at the end of the pan and into the containers.

What a busy time when the sorghum mill was working. One man or boy would be responsible for the horse and feeding the sugar cane stalks into the mill. Another person would carry the sap that had collected in the "round house" to the pan in the "sorghum house." This person would usually take care of the fire as well as seeing to it that the fire was not too hot, but just right. There was always wood piled up at the end of the "sorghum house," not far from the fire. Then one person would be responsible for the sorghum itself, opening and closing the many ten-inch doors and determining at what point the sorghum had reached just the right consistency. At the far end of the "sorghum house" were shelves on which were placed the pails, jar and kettles the farmers had brought to put their sorghum in.

The sorghum mill worked to perfection and for a good many years it furnished the farmers of the community with cheap but mighty good sorghum. Nearly every home had at least one container of sorghum. Hannah Taylor, Albert's wife, used to reign in the "sorghum house" when the mill was in operation, to see that the sorghum was not scalded during the heating process.

About 1915 the sorghum mill ran for the last time. I was a young lad of about twelve. It was my job to feed in the sugar cane stalks as the horse made its way around and around. Hannah Taylor and her daughter, Myrtie Watson, who now own Pine Lake Farm, took charge of the rest of the duties. I will never forget the experience. Albert Taylor's sorghum mill had been used for the last time. It was to become a relic of the past. These are cherished memories for the boy who fed, for the last time, cane stalks into the old sorghum mill.

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