

ELMER SMITH HISTOY

by Elmer Smith, 1954, June 22.

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Managed to get in a small piece of corn and a little garden next spring. Then it started to rain. Rained till there was so much water it ruined the little crop we had. Then I went back to Wisconsin and worked in the *veneering* mill that summer of 96. In the summer of 97 I went to North Dakota in haying and threshing. \$1.50 in haying and \$2.00 threshing, from sun-up till sun-down. Logged in the winters, got from \$5.00 to \$6.00 for logs in Pine City. Took road work in the summer. Took care of the family as my Dad wasn't able to work.

Got married and raised a big family, cleared off a farm, put up buildings -- that was pioneer days. Buy horse feed and make ends meet those days was a problem. Sold 5 cows in 1906 for 1 cent and a quarter a pound.

Would the young folks do that today? No, and I'm glad they don't have to.



Mrs. J. M. Miller



Muriel Smith Miller



Elmer - Maecde Smith



Homer, Muriel, Herd

Mr. G. Carney,

SPRING VALLEY, WIS.



1. Royal
2. Amanda
3. Clara
4. Ida
5. Elmer
6. Alvin
9. Annas
8. Rhoda
7. Alma
10. Oscar

Royal & Amanda Smith
Family
approximately 1892

The original picture showed Alma as #7,
however, the 1900 census showed Alvin
and Alma as twins. Thus it is believed
they were misnumbered.

Early Days in Meadow Lawn by Elmer Smith

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Elmer Smith

Children: * Homer

Muriel (Mrs Paul Miller)

* Herb

* Geneva (Mrs Elmer Noreen)

* Stanley

Helen

M. K. Smith brother to

Royal Smith.

1990* - died Robert
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