

Early Meadow Lawn History

by Rosella Mac Adams
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Just fifty years ago in 1895 the first home builders of this community and their families were making their way toward a country now known as Meadow Lawn. With horses and wagons they enter the village of Pine City which then had only a few homes, two general stores belonging to Pennington and Glasgow, a hotel operated by Wilcox; two lumber mills, a large livery barn owned by Lathrop, numerous saloons and a post office.

Here these people replenish their supplies before moving on. Passing slowly over a winding trail they observe a lake full of floated logs as the trail follows closely by the water's edge around the lake. Where Pine Camp now stands they stop to examine the Indian mounds. To cross the river they had to drive over the top of the dam on the west side of where the bridge now stands.

On this side there were a dozen or more houses where the village of Pine City had once been laid out but because the railroad was on the other side of the lake, the town site was changed.

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land and timber destroyed by the great Hinekey fire the year before, as the trail over which they rode took them farther north and east. They crossed creeks bridged with poles and the trail nearly impassable in places. As it was spring they found much of the land underwater. They were not interested in the fertility of the land, they had come to cut off the timber.

At last they end their long journey where a logging camp had been built. The camp was 75 feet long and stood south near the green timber of the Stanley Haderman farm. Here the Wesley Kilgore
Robert Cummings

M. K. Smith families lived together as the first settlers until they built separate houses on their own homesteads.

The first home was built by Abe Hathway, south from the schoolhouse and now owned by Bill Baker. The same year John Haller (who named this community Meadow Lawn) built a log house for his family which is now owned by Julius Lange.

The first year also brought more timber cutters — John Mac Adam, then a young

man of 23 came with team and sled, as well as the Smith family, followed later by the Flynnes, Scofields & Heath families.

Groups of people started moving in and most all had large families. In 1897 a log school house was built and school opened with 15 or 18 pupils attending, one of which still lives in our community (Mrs Charles Puddy) The first teacher was a man named Gunderson.

Each year brought new neighbors and by 1905 they had free delivery of mail which meant much to those people who before only received mail when they or a neighbor went to town.

In 1914 Community Grange No 635 was organized and boasted a membership of 65 or more. The following people are listed as charter members of that Grange

Mr. Mrs J. H. Hakday

Wm. Lakart

Simon & Clarence Brackenbury

Miss M. Lakart

B.F. Haxfeldt

Mr Mrs Otto Lankel

Mr Mrs Frank Heath

Mr & Mrs Oca Scofield

Daniel Scofield

Oca Decker

Mr Mrs M. I. Lakart

Burnette & D.H. Scofield

Mr Mrs Frank Williams

Mr Mrs Frank Drimel

Frank Stolz
Hattie Lyseth
Eva Madden
Walter Lakart
Ethel Seafield
Wm. Drimel
Mr Mrs Frank ^{KUNZ} Kungz
Mr Mrs F. J. Mac Adams
Leo D. and Mabel Mac Adams
Bill Miller
J. F. Engler
D. H. Bargman
H. Bargman

Mr Mrs J. Merson
Leetreda Haller
Mr Mrs Steve Smith
Ceel Smith
F. S. Bell
Walter Ben, Nettie Purdy
Anton Drimel
Mr Mrs L. M. Madsen
Mr Mrs Wm Von Biesch
Verned Von Biesch
I. V. + Anna Purdy
Aurelia Johnson
Maud, Harry, Eddie Clemons

The first record of the voted
officers elected was Dec 10, 1914 and we find
Wm Lakart as Master
Mrs T. W. Purdy - Secretary
O. Gunkel - Treasurer
A. H. Aemum - Overseer
F. S. Bell - Steward
D. Seafield - Asst. Steward
Nettie Purdy - Lady Asst. Steward
Mrs Steve Smith - Chaplain
Mrs Alvina Mac Adams - Lecturer
Walt. Purdy - Inner Gate Keeper
Ada Seafield - Outer Gate Keeper

Miss M. Lahart — Ceres

Mrs. Armon — Flora

Mrs F. Bell — Pomona

We find now that much of the timber land has been cut over and the people are having ditches dug to drain the land so that the land can be put to use. Many of these people were now becoming good farmers.

During the time the Grange functioned, it served its purpose in bringing together farm minded people to discuss their problems and successes much as we do today. This Grange was dissolved in 1917 — probably because attention was shifted to World War I, taking Grange members with it.

To the Grange members of Chequamegon 749, organized in 1941, let us resolve that in this World War II. it shall not happen to our Grange. Let us unite as never before just as our Country-men have to win this war — remembering always — United we stand
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Wm. Lahart	-----	Master
Mrs. I. W. Purdy	-----	Secretary
Otto Gaukel	-----	Treasurer
A. H. Auman	-----	Overseer
F. S. Bell	-----	Steward
D. Scofield	-----	Assistant Steward
Nettie Purdy	-----	Lady assistant Steward
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