

In the fall of 1897 J. W. Purdy
moved with his family from
Aurora S. D. to Pine County.
They moved into an old log house
the place known to most
people as the Allen Scofield
place. Later moving on to the
farm now owned by Le Roy
Marson. They lived there a number
years. Mr Purdy run a saw
mill, he also with the help of
his boys cleared some of the
land. They kept a few groceries
in a room in the house to
sell as it was hard to get to
town in those days. There waent
any roads, just trails on the
highest places. Througth the
woods. The only means of

transportation was team
and Wagon and sleds in the
winter. It usually took two
days to make the trip to
Pine City, as going was rather
rough. Later they built a house
on the farm now owned by
James Breashers, that was one
of the first frame houses
in the meadow lawn community.
Most of the houses was built of
logs. The Purdys also had a
sorghum press, and cooked
sorghum for any one that
brought cane. That was a
sweet sticky mess. Purdys
had six children four
boys and two girls. Two
boys Walter and Charles

and one Bill, Mrs Gust
Johnson still live in Pine
County. Frank and Ben live
in Alden, Minn and Nettie
Mrs G. E. Peterson lives in