

Additional info from Alice (Wiese) Allen

Written in 2005 - Re the bio sketch in the Compendium – also in this Story.

In the genealogy class that I took recently we were told that around 1895 a lot of counties did biographical sketches. Also, in 1880, soon after the centennial, counties were encouraged to do a county history.

I asked Uncle Eldor some questions about this info this morning when visiting with him. I read the article to Eldor and he said it was all true except one correction would be they came to America in 1856.

I think it was the 2nd quarter of land that he bought in Traverse Co where he built the house and barn where Orin and Millie lived. Millie & Orin moved another house up there, so that is not the house that A.P. built. However, the barn is the one that A.P. built.

I wondered about the 900 acres that are mentioned. Eldor said A.P. wanted his kids to live near to him, so he bought farms for them. The 320 acres on the homeplace were later farmed by daughter Esther and her husband Herman Nylander. Elli Lundquist and Victor got 160 acres or maybe 320 acres. George Stomberg got 320 acres. (I later Leland & Kathryn farmed that). Alvin got 160 acres. Later he bought a half section. So that is a total of 960 acres.

Alvin and George both broke sod with a walking plow and two oxen when they were young.

I have wondered how A.P. and Charlotta moved from West Union to Traverse CO. In some papers from the Lundquist family, it is stated that they moved by train (including the animals). They were so poor when they moved that A. P. said he did not have the money to buy a postage stamp to write the folks back in Carver that they had arrived in Traverse CO.

In the paper that I sent it mentions a feed mill on the farm. Eldor said they ground feed for other people. A.P. also had a thrashing machine and it was the first one run by a steam engine. They thrashed for other people. They would run it until Christmas to get everyone's done. After the usual fall time they would stack thrash. The grain bundles were in 2

large stacks and they would pull the thrashing machine between the two stacks. We have a picture of this. Our grandpa Alvin ran the thrashing machine. One year he went to South America to run a thrashing machine down there. I asked Eldor if he had gone more than one year and he said, "only one year."

One piece of advice that A. P. gave Alvin was to never sign a note for anyone. When times were rough for others, he signed notes and some of them defaulted and he had to pay their debt. He lost a lot of money doing that. Alvin took his advice and never signed a note for anyone.

If anyone has anything to correct or to add to this, please let me know. Alice