

The Original Four Families

FIRST GENERATION

The Sheppard family history can be traced to the very beginnings of the settlement of eastern North Dakota and western Minnesota. Between 1869 and 1882 family members settled in the region from Canada, Wisconsin and Illinois after their ancestors had arrived from England in 1620 and from Ireland and Germany during the 1800s.

William Thomas Sheppard

B: October 1849 Georgina, North Gwillimbury, ON Canada

D: 11/15/1916, age 67 Grand Forks

Parents

Joseph Sheppard

B: 12/18/1822 Kings, Ireland

D: 1904, age 82 Locale not known`

Ancestry: See next page

Margaret Corbett

B: 1824 Ireland

M: 1848 Georgina Twp, York, ON

D: 11/22/1883, North

Gwillimbury, York, Ontario

Priscilla Henrietta Mann

B: 8/12/1854 Newmarket, ON

M: 1872

D: 5/12/1928, age 73 Grand forks

Parents

Stephen Mann

B: 1816 Vermont

D: 1880 [Manvel] North Dakota

Melissa Ann Gager

B 6/29/1818

M: 7/20/1836 North Gwillimbury

D: 12/20/1871, age 53 York, ON

Four children

Grandparents

William Thomas Sheppard and Priscilla Henrietta Mann

Wy's Paternal Grandparents



The William Sheppards, the parents of J.C. Sheppard and five other children, were born and raised in Canada. They would become regarded as pioneer settlers of Grand Forks.



The Sheppards emigrated to North Dakota from Ontario in the late 1870s. Their son Clarence later explained that his father had been in Grand Forks for a year and earned money hauling freight by wagon between

Grand Forks and Winnipeg. He reported the remainder of the family arrived in April 1877, when Clarence said he was 14 months old.

However, Canadian records consistently indicate Clarence was born in 1877.

According to Clarence, William met his family at Fisher's Landing, then the end of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway prior to reaching Grand Forks in 1880 (later known as the Great Northern Railway). The family made their way to Grand Forks on a lumber wagon. Following a stop at the Northwestern hotel, they then located on a farm six miles north of the city.

In 1878, William applied for U.S. citizenship in Grand Forks. His brother, John A. Sheppard, age 20, applied for citizenship the following year and was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census as living in the same household. John and another brother, C.H. Sheppard, later resided in Winnipeg and exchanged visits between the families.

In January 1882, land records show William T. Sheppard received a federal land grant of 160 acres in Ferry Township (Manvel),

Six Sheppard children: Ella Maude, James Clarence, Herbert Elisha, Caleb David, George Percival, Ada May; for photos and details, see the second-generation entry for J.C. Sheppard.

Grand Forks residence: 112 North 6th Street

Business addresses

612 DeMers Avenue (1890)

318 North 7th Street (1896)

114 North 6th Street (1903)

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while four other parcels totaling about 128 acres were registered in the name of William E. Sheppard on the same date (possibly a recording error). The Sheppards later moved to nearby Ardoch, where he operated a drayage business and later a general store. A newspaper article reports that William presided over the entertainment and literary part of the new town's Christmas observance in 1882. He was also an investor in a new automatic grain weighter patented by two local inventors.

The family later moved to Grand Forks, where the family purchased a home in 1891. "At the time he moved to Grand Forks, Sheppard also established the Grand Forks Dray and Transfer company, a moving and storage business he operated for several years. Later, he maintained a rural mail delivery route, served as building and grounds superintendent at the fairgrounds, and became a partner and eventually the sole owner of a second hand store that advertised itself as "The Cheapest Place in Town"

William's 1916 newspaper obituary explained Sheppard figured prominently in the building of Grand Forks: "Coming here several years before the railroads were constructed through the northwest he 'toted' much of the material needed to build a settlement or section

There are no known photos of William or Priscilla.

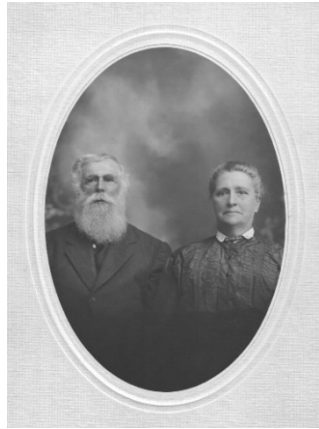
Little is known about Priscilla, except for her attendance at social events with her husband. Her mother, Melissa Ann Gager Mann, died when Priscilla was age 17 – a year prior to Priscilla's marriage to William Sheppard. The accompanying photo does not identify Melissa by name, only "Grandma Sheppard's mother—Mrs. Mann."



Melissa Gager Mann

The 1880 U.S. Census reported Priscilla's father, Stephen Mann, and her brother, James R. Mann (along with William's brother) as residing with Priscilla and William. Stephen continued to live with the family until his death in 1891. James might have returned to Ontario, where his wife still resided until the time of her death in 1885.

William's grandparents, Israel and Susannah Ardill Sheppard, brought their family from Ireland to Ontario, Canada sometime in the mid-1800s. The exact date of their move is unknown but might have been in conjunction with the Potato Famine that devastated Ireland in the 1840s. (Their 25-year-old unmarried daughter Eliza died in Ireland in 1845, while her younger brother, Joseph, married in 1848 in Ontario.) The accompanying photo identifies them only as "JC's great grandfather and great



Israel and Susannah Sheppard

grandmother” and was taken in Ontario, probably in the late 1850s or early 1860s, prior to Israel’s death in 1865.

The ancestry of the Sheppard family has been traced by online researchers on Family Search.com and dates back to the mid-1500s in England. The list includes several generations that lived in Ireland before Israel and Susannah Sheppard emigrated. The first relative to adopt the Sheppard spelling was Dr. Allen Sheppard (born 1603).

Through today, this family history covers 15 generations:

Sheppard Family Ancestry Since 1627

- . **Henrici Shepherd** ca 1550
Mrs. Sheperd (M: Melkshan, Wiltshire, England)
- . **Robert Shepherd** 1578
Christine Smith 1586-
- . **(Dr.) Allen Sheppard** 1603 -
Mrs. Allen Sheppard 1610-
- . **John William Sheppard** 1627-1668
Mary Jane Brine 1634-1696 (M: 11/3/1654 Somerset, England)
- . **Thomas Sheppard** 1654-1741
Sarah Holdway D:1658 (M: 2/21/1711 Corsley, Wiltshire, England)
- . **Elisha Sheppard** 1680-1756
Elizabeth Tearney 1725-
- . **Richard Sheppard Sr.** 1756-10/10/1814
Phoebe Dudley 1768-6/25/1807 (M: 1789 County Offaly, Ireland)
- . **Israel Sheppard** 1/26/1791-5/18/1865
Susannah Ardill 1793-12/15/1882 (M: 1815 Clonebrone, Ireland)
- . **Joseph Sheppard** 12/18/1822-1904
Margaret Corbett 1824-11/22/1883 (M: 1848 Georgina, ON)
- . **William Thomas Sheppard** 1849-11/15/1916
Priscilla H. Mann 8/12/1854-5/12/1928 (M: 12/10/1872)
- . **James Clarence Sheppard** 2/6/1877-7/11/1951
Clara Aker 5/26/1878-_- 1968 (M: 1903 Grand Forks)
- . **Kenneth Wyman Sheppard** 7/18/1914-11/26/2006
Alice Paige 11/5/1916-2/11/2011 (M: 1944 Grand Forks).
- . **Robert Wyman Sheppard** 1952-
Susan Fleck 1952- (M: 198_-)
- . **[Sabin-Rayna Nathan-Lisa Hannah Sheppard]**
- . **[Sheppards Born Since 2000]**

George W. Aker and Louisa Dorothy Bahn *Wy's Maternal Grandparents*

George W. Aker

B: 9/26/1848 Milwaukee, WI
D: 10/30/1924, age 74 Grand Forks
Parents

John W. Aker B: ca 1818

Elisa Stewart D: ca 1853-54

Brother: James (ca 1840-1844);

Sister: Margaret [M: Stearns]

(D: 1886)

Louise Dorothy Bahn *aka*

Luise Sophie Doreatha Bahn

B: 11/19/1847 Ohlendorf

Kingdom-Hanover Germany
Immigrated to U.S. with family
in 1856

M: 5/16/1872 Milwaukee

D: 5/8/1884 age 37 Grand Forks
(at child birth)

Parents

Johann Dietrich Bahn 1809-1888

Sophie Friederike Dorothea

Kuhlman 1818-1873

Family Tree:

View details about ancestors in the Aker and Bahn families and George and Louisa's four daughters by signing in to FamilySearch.com. Use the *FIND* Tab to locate George W. Aker: Select the *Find by ID* option, and then enter ID No. [KLRV-59W](#).

Four Aker daughters: Elizabeth, Laura, Minnie and Clara. For photos and details all four daughters, see the second-generation entry for Clara Aker Sheppard.

Grand Forks residence: 523 North Third Street



George Aker was a notable early settler in Grand Forks. After his father abandoned the family to prospect for gold in California (and never returned), and following his mother's death when he was age 5, George was raised by his sister's brother and wife in Milwaukee, John F. and Mary Stewart

At age 21 he went on a fishing and hunting expedition to western Minnesota in 1869. He returned to the region in 1870, spending time in Alexandria and later McCaulleyville, then a transportation hub 10 miles north of the headwaters of the Red River near Wahpeton-

Breckinridge, which was the terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad. He became involved in hauling supplies to various nearby points, including a trip to Fort Totten and two trips to the mail station at the convergence of the Red and Red Lake rivers. (The station established by Nicholas Hoffman and August Loon, and later occupied by Nicholas Hoffman and an Indian wife, along the river at the back of the lot now known as 711 Reeves Drive and was the first residence in the city.)

In Fall 1870, Howard Vaughn, clerk and assistant to steamboat magnate Captain Alexander Griggs, embarked on a trip to Pembina and invited George to accompany him. En route, Vaughn asked Aker to occupy and hold down a land claim Vaughn had made on acreage in what is now the Riverside Park and Skidmore Addition area of the city. Aker agreed.



*George Aker's wife,
Dorothy Bahn*

In April 1871, Aker cut and hauled out logs for a cabin on the site, assisted by Jacob Whay. Vaughn chose not to return and instead ceded the claim to Aker in January 1872. (One accounts says it was because he stayed in Pembina, but Aker's daughter, Laura Green, explains Vaughn's wife refused to come from Vermont to live in an area populated by Indians.) This predated the log cabin (and, later, the wooden-frame) built by Alexander Griggs at the foot of Kittson Street later in the same year when he began riverboat service from Fort Abercrombie to Winnipeg.



Aker Cabin – Built in 1871 and later expanded, the cabin served as the Akers home for eight year and was located in the Riverside Park area--near the north end of Lewis Boulevard where Viets (Riverside) Drive previously crossed.

Aker soon thereafter filed his own claim and returned to Milwaukee to marry his future wife in May 1872. (Laura Green states the year was 1871.) The couple raised four young daughters in the cabin (which had been extended) in 1879. After living briefly in a frame house in Riverside Park, the family then occupied in their eventual family home at 523 North Third Street. There, in 1884, during a fifth daughter, Louisa Rosa, died at the “clumsy and inexperienced hands” of a midwife. Mother Louise died several weeks later from complications of the birth.



George Aker and his daughters circa following Louise's death, circa 1890. From left: Elizabeth, Clara, Minnie and Laura.

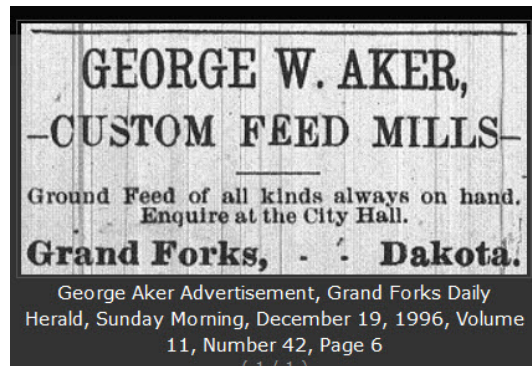
According to his obituary, as a young man Aker teamed a little between Georgetown and Ft. Totten, and between Georgetown and Pembina He also held a mail delivery to points in the Dakota Territory.

- Get cabinet card from Laura's collection, verify



Aker in his older years; "Dad" Aker as he was referred to by family.

Aker was engaged in the sale of grain. He served an alderman in Grand Forks in 1887 and 1888. In 1892 and 1893, he also was superintendent of the waterworks and street commissioner in Grand Forks. He was a charter member of the 20-member Old Settlers Association established in 1879, also a member of the International Order of Odd Fellows.



Henry F. Bahn

B: 1/7/1854 Hanover, Germany
(J. Heinrich Dietrich Bahn)
Immigrated to Milwaukee at age 4
with his family 1858
D: 3/10/1935, age 81 Grand Forks

Celia Frances Scriver

B: 3/9/1855 Baldwin, Ontario
Immigrated to Grand Forks 1875
M: 12/24/1879 Grand Forks
D: 6/25/1935, age 80 Flaxton, ND
(buried in Grand Forks)

Five Bahn children: E. Russell Bahn,
L.A. Bahn, Mrs. L.A. Rulien, Mrs.
G.F. Peterson, Mrs. C.E. Coryell

The Bahns. Three years after moving to Grand Forks, in 1875, Louise Aker was joined by her younger brother, Henry F. Bahn, who along with his wife Celia Frances Scriver, became prominent area residents and members of the Akers extended family. Henry initially was employed by on the Red River steamboats and resided in Grand Forks until 1899, later farming in Russell and Inkster, ND. At one time he owned the quarter section of land just north of the original UND campus and west of Memorial Park (now part of the UND north campus).



Charles Waldo Paige and Adelia Rosabel (Rose) Putnam *Alice's Paternal Grandparents*

Charles Waldo Paige

B: 2/15/1845 Compton,
Sherbrooke, Quebec Canada
D: 4/21/1922, age 77, Lac qui
Parle, MN

Parents

Daniel Waldo Paige

B: 2/18/1804 Hardwick, NH
D: 2/7/1877

Sarah Smith

B: 5/31/1815 Connecticut
M: 9/18/1836
D: 1901, age 86
Children: infancy: 3 sons, 1
daughter

Adelia Rosabel (Rose) Putnam

B: 2/18/1854 Clintonville, IL
M: 9/28/1878
D: 7/30/1936, age 34 [Lac qui
Parle] MN

Parents

Kitridge Haven Putnam

B: 12/28/1826, Bethel, Windsor
County VT
D: 4/13/1918, age 91 Dawson
MN

Frances Helen Orcutt

B: 8/28/1834 Syracuse NY
M: 11/1850 Dundee IL
D: 12/29/1866, age 23 Palatine
IL
Children: 2 daughters, 2 sons

Family Tree:

View details about ancestors in the Paige and Putnam families as well as Frank's siblings by signing in to FamilySearch.com. Use the *FIND* Tab to locate Charles Waldo Paige: Select the *Find by ID* option, and then enter ID No. **LD3L-CSF**. (No descendants of Charles and Rose Paige are known to be living.)

Charles Waldo Paige and Rose Putnam, the parents of Frank Haven Paige, met and were married in Lac qui Parle, MN in 1878 -- four years after her father, Kitridge H. Putnam, Rose and her siblings moved to the small hamlet in southwest Minnesota located 70 miles east of Watertown, SD.

Rose's father had moved in 1849 from Vermont to Cook County, Illinois, where he was married and Rose was born. He served in Company G of the Fifteenth Illinois Cavalry during the Civil War, 1861-1864. After being widowed in 1866 and his children moved around several times, residing in Chickasaw County, MS at the time of 1870 census. He might have been prompted to move to Minnesota in 1874 because his two brothers resided there, Hosea and Justin. He was a broom maker by training and followed that trade throughout his life.



The only photo of Rose Putnam, shown with her father, Kitridge Putnam (left) with Frank Paige and son Wesley Paige, ca 1908-1910. No photo of Charles Waldo Paige has been located

Charles Waldo Paige was born in Quebec but his parents, Daniel and Sarah Smith, heralded from New England and returned to Massachusetts soon after Charles'

birth. In 1863, at age 18, Charles secured a job in a hardware store in Massachusetts, where he worked for four years before also moving to Illinois. In 1871, Charles came to southwest Minnesota and obtained a government land grant in 1875. During the period he earned his living as a farmer.



Federal land grant deed awarded to Charles Waldo Paige, 1875.

Four Paige Children: Harlan Paige died in infancy. For photos and details about Frank Paige as well as sister Ellen C. Paige and brother Daniel P. Paige, see the second-generation entry for Frank Haven Paige.

In 1885, seven years after his marriage to Rose, Charles opened a small hardware store, which was later expanded to a general line of goods. In 1890, he and his family moved to nearby Dawson, MN, where he purchased and published the *Dawson Sentinel* newspaper for 10 years, thereafter becoming the city's postmaster. During the early years of their marriage Rose was a farm wife and raised her three small children. She might have assisted with the family businesses. Later, she raised her grandson, Charles Wesley Paige, the child of son Frank and his first wife.

Paige Family Ancestry. As a result of extensive genealogical research by Frank Paige's sister Ellen (Nell Richardson), the Paige and Putnam families have long documented lineages. These date to the earliest confirmed Page relative in Essex England (1556, Richard*), the first Page to come to America (1676, Nathaniel**) and the first family members to adopt the Paige spelling (Christopher***) – a total of 13 generations.

Paige Family Ancestry Since 1556

- . **Richard Page** 1556*
Frances Mudge
- . **Richard Page** 1589
Elmira Whitecliffe (M: 1635)
- . **Nathaniel Paige** 1645-1692**
Joanna Sherman (M: 1677)
- . **Christopher Paige** 2/6/1690-3/10/1774***
Elizabeth Reed 6/14/1700-1786 M: 1720 Woburn MA
- . **Timothy Paige** 5/23/1727-8/26/1791
Mary Foster 5/11/1732-7/20/1825 (M: 10/24/1754)
- . **Thomas Paige** 4/20/1772-6/16/1855
Susanna Warner 10/30/1776-12/8/1863 (M 6/17/1798)
- . **Daniel Waldo Paige** 2/18/1804-2/7/1877
Sarah Smith 5/31/1815-1901 (M: 9/18/1836)
- . **Charles Waldo Paige** 2/5/1845-4/21/1922
Adelia Rosabelle Putnam 2/18/1854-8/1936 (M: 9/28/1878)
- . **Frank Haven Paige** 5/7/1881-1924
Susie E. Nicholson 2/11/1881-5/5/1909 (First wife: M: 1904)
- . **Charles Wesley Paige** 7/29/1905-5/29/1967
Jennie Irene Lowe**** 9/23/1881-1/26/1968 (M: 1911)
- . Kenneth Wyman Sheppard 7/13/1914-11/26/2006
Alice Bethel Paige 11/5/1916-2/11/2011 (M: 1944)
- . [Jean Hallahan | Robert Sheppard]
- . [Sabin | Nathan | Hannah Sheppard]
- . [Sheppard Children born in 2000s]

**** Frank Paige's widow, the former Jennie Lowe, passed away in 1968 and was the last family member to use the Paige surname. His daughter Alice was the last given the Paige surname at birth and used it until her marriage in 1944. Frank Paige's younger brother, Daniel P. Paige was born in 1888 and died in 1930; his son Charles Wesley Paige (Alice Sheppard's older half-brother) was born in 1905 and passed away in 1967.) See Frank Haven Paige entry for details.

Descendants of John and Priscilla Alden. Nell Richardson's research documents that today's members of the family can trace their ancestry through the Putnam blood line to John and Priscilla Alden, who sailed to America on the Mayflower in 1620. This was a point of particular pride to Alice Sheppard. Alden was not a member of the Pilgrims of Leyden, but was hired as the cooper on the crew to maintain the ship's wooden barrels. In exchange he was given the option to remain as a colonist or return to England.

The story of John and Priscilla Alden was celebrated in Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's fictitious narrative poem *The Courtship of Miles Standish* (1858), which became a widely read work of popular culture and inspired later romanticized depictions of the couple in 19th and 20th century art and literature. Alden served on the Governor's Council of Plymouth Colony nearly every year from 1640 to 1686 and served in various posts, including treasurer and assistant governor. At his death in 1687, he was the last remaining signer of the Mayflower Compact.

Ancestral Descendants of John and Priscilla Alden

- . **John Alden** 1599-1687
Priscilla Mullins 1622
- . **Joseph Alden** 1627-1696
Mary Simmons
- . **Joseph Alden** 1667-1747
Hannah Dunham M:1690
- . **Daniel Alden** 1690-1767
Abigail Shaw (M:1717)
- . Joshua Blodgett B: 1/20/1721-1816
- . **Hannah Alden** 12/17/1727-3/24/1794
- . Daniel Abbott 6/15/1766-8/22/1837
- . **Ellenah Blodgett** 6/6/1764-5/28/1853
- . Reuben Putnam 6/5/1780-1859
- . **Eleanor Abbott** 5/25/1787-1875 (M: 1807)
- . **Kitridge Haven Putnam** 12/28/1826-4/15/1918
Frances Orcutt 9/28/1834-12/29/1866 (M:11/1850)
- . Charles Waldo Paige 2/5/1845-4/1922
- . **Adelia Rosabella Putnam** 2/18/1854-8/1936 (M: 9/28/1878)
- . **Frank Haven Paige** 5/7/1881-1924
Jennie Irene Lowe 9/23/1881-1/26/1968 (M: 1911)
- . Kenneth Wyman Sheppard 7/13/1914-11/26/2006
- . **Alice Paige** 11/5/1916-2/11/2011 (M: 1944)
- . **Jean Hallahan - Robert Sheppard**
- . **Sabin - Nathan - Hannah Sheppard**
- . **All Sheppard Children born in 2000s**

Note: Couples are listed with the male's name first and the female's second for consistency; the Alden bloodline (shown in boldface) could have been passed along to either the couple's son or daughter.

Isaac Lowe

B: 12/16/1851 Pakenham, Lanark County, Ontario
Immigrated to Forest River ND 1877

D: 2/20/1922 Forest River ND
Parents

William Lowe

B: 1821 Limerick, Ireland
Immigrated to Pakenham 1824
M: 1847 Harriett Owens
D: 1900

Harriett Owens

B: 1722 Tipperary, Ireland
Immigrated to Pakenham as early teen
D: 1885
Eight children

Alice Woods

B: 5/24/1855 Pakenham, Lanark County ON
M: 1/26/1876

D: 2/18/1953, age 97 Grand Forks
Parents:

William Woods

B: 9/1/1812 Ireland
D: 2/28/1894, Forest River

Jane Wilson Fallen

B: 5/1822 Fitzroy, Dalhousie District, ON
M: 2/29/1844 Pakenham ON
D: 10/9/1907 Forest River
Ten children, including Alice Woods Lowe

Family Tree:

View details about ancestors and other children in the Lowe and Woods families: Sign in to FamilySearch.com. Use the *FIND* Tab to locate Isaac Lowe: Select the *Find by ID* option, and then enter ID No. [GQ7V-T3Q](#)

Five Lowe children: Effie Inez, Jennie Irene, Fred Middleton, John Harrison, and Chester. For photos and details, see Second-Generation entry for Genevieve "Jennie" Lowe.

Isaac Lowe and Alice (Mamsie) Woods *Alice's Maternal Grandparents*

Isaac and Alice Lowe, along with their four oldest children, including Jennie, immigrated from Pakenham, Ontario, Canada to Forest River, ND in 1892.

In 1877, Alice's brother-in-law, Jessie Warren, a land surveyor, discovered the area after traveling south from Winnipeg and became Forest River's first settler and, later, postmaster.

In 1878 Warren returned to Pakenham to extol the area's rich soil, which was conducive to farming similar to Pakenham but without rocks and forests that made farming difficult. He was successful in prompting half of Pakenham's residents to relocate, forming the nucleus of Forest River's settlers. These included Isaac's brother, Thomas, as well as Alice's parents and six sisters and four brothers.



Woods family (ca 1890, Forest River). Front, left to right: Margaret Warren, Mary Jane Warren, parents William Sr. and Jane, Belle Kelsey, Johnnie. Back: Jim, Janet Wilson, Alex, Alice Lowe (Alice Sheppard's grandmother), William Jr.

Isaac's grandparents, Andrew and Elizabeth Lowe had migrated to Pakenham from Ireland in the 1820s and brought with them Isaac's father, William Lowe, then age 2. Alice's grandparents, John and Mary Woods, immigrated from Belfast, Northern Ireland soon thereafter

(probably in 1829) and brought six sons, including Alice's father, William Woods, then age 15.

The Lowe and Woods families were prominent in the Pakenham community. Andrew Lowe, for example, was designated a

Pathmaster responsible for clearing trees to build roads and in exchange received land from the Crown on which he built homes. Son William became town council member for 23 years in addition to being lumberman, farmer, and speculator. The Woods families were principally farmers.



Lowe Family home in Pakenham.

On April 1, 1882, the *Pakenham News/Alamonte Gazette* reported Isaac Lowe and his family had departed by train for Forest River. "He brought a well-filled car of effects, among which were four teams of horses. Isaac ranked here as one of our best citizens, and as such both he and his estimable wife and family carry with them to their new home, the choicest wishes of all here." They arrived at Fisher's Landing, MN, then the end of the Northern Pacific line, and traveled the remaining 50 miles by wagon.

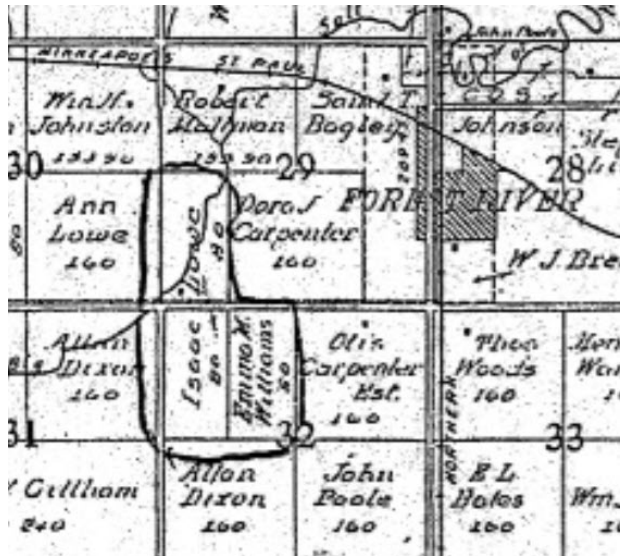
For the first six years the Isaac farmed rented land, then purchased 80 acres west of town, near the Northern Pacific depot, upon which the family constructed a farm house, followed by adjacent acreage in 1909. Isaac managed the Thorp & Co. grain elevator – one of four in town – for 22 years prior to his death. He also served as one the first members of the school board and served for 18 years and was tax



Sketch of Lowe farmstead in Forest River. Source: Verna Lowe Asmussen, Lowe family history. Artist and year unknown.

assessor for 20 years. He and other Lowe family members were instrumental in building and supporting the Episcopal Church.

Following Isaac's death, son Chester took over the primary homestead, while brother Fred farmed another family parcel, and brother John worked land inherited by his wife. For many years, Alice lived in the family home in Forest River during summers and in apartments in Grand Forks during winters.



In 1947, the *Grand Forks Herald* reported on plans for

Lowe family farmhouse (year unknown), map of farmstead (240 acres) west of Forest River

Alice's 92nd birthday celebration. She passed way six years later. Shortly before her death in 1953 great-grandson Jack Lowe recalled drinking lemonade while sitting on the porch of her house in Grand Forks. Mamsie complained about the noise coming from the "newfangled contraption" – the streetcar that was still operating on (on Third Street?)



Four generations: Jean Sheppard was Alice Lowe's eighth great-grandchild, shown here in 1949 with (from left) mother Alice Sheppard, Mamsie and grandmother Genevieve Lowe Paige.

Mamsie's last Grand Forks residence: 509 South Third Street

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