

Carried Supplies 12 Miles to Schley Over Wagon Trails

By Chris Beyer
Town of Schley

I was born in Door County in 1874 and was six years old when I came to Jenny from Green Bay. Dad took a homestead in the town of Schley.

I worked on the farm as a boy. Mother and I would walk into Jenny for our groceries and carry them home 12 miles on our backs. We raised most of the things we needed on the farm, but would buy such things as our salt, sugar, coffee, meal and corn syrup at the stores in Jenny. We had a vegetable garden on the farm and butchered our own meat, which we supplemented with the wild partridge and deer which we hunted. Fishing was good and in an hour's time we could catch enough chubs, red hore and suckers for a good meal. The Haymeadow was our fishing stream.

We canned our own fruits and vegetables, churned our butter, and sold what surplus butter and eggs we might have.

Roads in those days were just wagon trails and when you wanted to get any place you walked most of the time.

Farms had to be cleared when I started my 80-acre farm in Schley.

I worked in the woods between the ages of 16 and 29, driving team and loading for Wright's and mostly for Langley and Alderson at Star Lake. I also worked for Herman Rusch who ran a camp for Jule Thielman at Star Lake.

When I went to the farm there were quite a few Indians around. They would pick the high-bush blueberries and the blackberries, huckle berries, raspberries and gooseberries which grew wild and in quite large quantities. They would also gather gin-seng roots which they sold to the drug store, getting as high as from \$14 to \$22 a pound. In the hardwoods of the high ridges of Section 26, gin-seng grew quite plentifully and the roots were exceptionally large.

The Indians used to camp near our farm in Schley and would come to the house occasionally to get milk.

I was married in Merrill 39 years ago to Mary Schupp, who passed away in 1942. Four children are living: Mrs. Wm. (Lena) Moser, Mrs. Otto (Emma) Bergman, Mrs. Les (Anna) Rajek, and Emil Beyer, all of the Town of Schley. Emil operates the farm I started when I was 39 years old and it is 160 acres now. Another son, Albert, has passed away.

Although retired from farming, I still work picking moss and ferns used by florists. The moss is found in swampy lands and the ferns on the ridges.

The earliest recorded religious services in Jenny were separate Methodist services held in 1870 by visiting pastors.

The first fleet of lumber left Jenny for Galena, Ill., in 1851.



This is a picture of the Gottlieb Schroeder saloon, taken away back when. This is now the Green Hotel, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Barney Wyland.

Broke Leg and Ribs When Load Went Out Of Control On Hill

By Charles Schluckebier
Pine River

I'll be 83 next November 28, and when I first came to Merrill I worked driving team for the railroad which was being built from here to Tug Lake and beyond. It was 1889 and I was 17 years old. I was born in Eagle Harbor, Mich.

I got a dollar and ten cents a day and would haul material for the railroad cuts.

Later I worked driving a tote team for the Champagne Lumber Co. above Tomahawk and for the Wright Lumber company at Rib Lake. While on this latter job I broke my leg and several ribs.

I was going down a steep hill with a load of logs hauled by two teams. Half way down I struck a slippery spot where the sprinkler had been the night before. The load went out of control and at a curve near the bottom of the hill we turned over and I was buried in a tangle of horses, sleigh and logs. I was taken to Merrill and then to Wausau by train for medical treatment. I worked many years in the woods, including 19 at Dunfield, where I recall the fishing was very good.

When Jule Thielman started his butcher shop near where Peterman's is now located, I went to work for him as a sausage maker. I also made sausage for his brothers, Emil on the west side, and Bob in Tomahawk.

While working at Scott's sawmill I rode a carriage. Lige Gould was the head sawyer and Emil Maas was the setter. I also worked at Comb's station above Tug Lake. We worked 14 to 16 hours a day and didn't have

much time for play. I retired a few years ago.

I was married in Merrill 36 years ago next November to May Hunter who passed away 12 years ago.

Six of our children have passed on and six are living. They are Mrs. Ben (Esther) Swan, Tomahawk; Lester, Merrill; Bill, Owen, Wis.; George, Racine; Mrs. Emil (Emma) Schumacher, Pine River; and Mrs. Elmer (Annie) Steinberg, Grundy.

Extra Dipper for Good Measure

By Mrs. Serena Langendorf
Mount Prospect, Ill.

I came to Jenny in 1879 when the west side extended only to the Streeter house, where the Ravn Clinic now stands.

Mr. Ed Anderson delivered milk and we would go out to his wagon with a pitcher or pail. He had a large can of milk, a dipper and a quart measure. He would measure

the amount one wanted at ten cents a quart, with usually an extra dipper for good measure.

Football Team Class of 1898

The class of 1898 graduated only a few years after the High school was organized in this city. Some of the members of the football team of 1898 are:

W. T. Erjue, founder and at present editor and publisher of the Capital Times, Madison.

Ralph E. Hetzel, president of Penn State college.

E. S. Jordan, New York, formerly president of the Jordan Motor Car Company of Cleveland.

A. J. Stange, in charge of the Stange interests at La Grange, Ore.

Daily stage service from Merrill to Wausau was started in 1870 by Dan Scott; before that the stages had run three times a week.



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