

THE Dearing Family

PART I
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DEARING
FAMILY HISTORY

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GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943



ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936

Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing

• First Generation

By Sue Sylvester

Anton Dearing was born in Heilsburg, Germany on October 31, 1853. His parents were Anton and Elizabeth (Feider) Dearing. Note that on a number of documents in their early history, the name "Dearing" was spelled "Doering." Anton's parents were farmers. Rosa Lemke was born in Germany on February 16, 1859. Anton and Rose were married on February 19, 1883. Her parents were John and Anna Lemke. When they decided to come to America, they traveled with three of their children August, Anton (Tony) and Paul.

On a passenger manifest for the ship the California, the Dearing family members listed were Anton Dohring age 35, Rosa age 30, ("Rose" on US census records, death record) August age 4, Anton age 3, and Paul age 9 months. They departed from Hamburg, Germany on April 11, 1889 and arrived in New York on April 26, 1889. Fifteen days on a ship crossing the Atlantic with such young children must have been difficult at the time. Also Rose was pregnant with their 4th child. So many immigrants endured hardships to get to this country. (On his Naturalization documents Anton stated that the ship was called the Columbia.)

Why did Anton and Rose settle in Corinna Township, Wright County, Minnesota? I first looked back into the census records to see if there were other Dearing family members located here. I found no Dearing family listed in this area. Next I tried the Lemke family name and was rewarded with the William Lemke family who settled in Albion Township in 1881. However, after speaking with Wayne Dearing, these Lemkes were not related to the Dearings. It is always good to check the possibility of other family members living in the area when you research your family history.

According to a family story that Jack and Jean Hutchinson wrote, "the land was scarce in Germany. The country was over populated and a war was brewing." Like many immigrants, the call to freedom and good farming land was too hard to pass up so the Dearing family came to Minnesota. From an account written by Dolores Barrett in 1988, an explanation was given for the Dearing settlement in Minnesota. "The family knew about some German friends the Markowskis and August Lehman who lived in Clearwater Township. This probably accounted for why they got off the train in Clearwater." They settled into a rented

Sue Sylvester, a local historian at the Maple Lake Library shares Part 1 of an 11-part series on the Dearing family from Corinna Township. The Dearing farm will approach the Century Farm designation in 2028. Sylvester discovered the family lineage is ingrained into many family lines that live in our community and hope readers find the stories and struggles these families endured just as interesting as she has discovered.



Rose and Anton had 10 children. The children's lives will be covered in later parts of the Dearing story. August, Anthony, and Paul were born in Germany. The children born in Minnesota were Albert, Teresa, Carl, Cecilia, Lucy, Emma, and Hubert.

house and it was there they started school. Dolores thought it was on the north end of Sugar Lake. Her Uncle Albert was born about a month after they arrived in Minnesota. Dolores said that Anton worked for other farmers to make a little cash to care for his own. This house is no longer there. It was later destroyed by a grass fire when Dolores was a child.

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—Jack and Jean Hutchinson

Dolores Barrett's account is different than the 1915 Wright County History Vol. I narrative later introduced in this article. However, Dolores had some interesting details. "Anton and Rose later moved to a house about a 1/2 a mile down the road in Clearwater Township from their first rented home. In about 1896, Rose had taken her children to a Fourth of July Celebration at Clearwater. On her return home, she ran into a terrible storm and took refuge in a shed at an old farmstead where Jim Jackson once lived. When she got closer to home, Rose saw their home had been leveled to the basement. Anton, Carl and Sis had gotten into the basement during the storm. She remembers Rose

miscarried after that. Great-Grandson Tom Barrett will attest to the second house that Anton and Rose lived at in Clearwater Township. It only had the basement foundation left that he saw years later. Dolores said, the basement was still there in 1973. After that house was destroyed, Anton and Rose stayed with neighbors for a time. They also lived on the Tony Dearing (Anton's son) farm for a few years. Dolores said Rose and Anton's daughter Emma was born in 1901 on Tony's farm." This made no sense until I looked at a plat map. Tony was only 15 years old in 1901. He did not have a farm. However, what I think she is referring to is the farm that was owned by Henry Isensee. This farmstead would be bought by Tony Dearing in the 1920's. Apparently Rose and Anton lived there before finally moving to their permanent spot in Section 3 of Corinna Township. Dolores said they bought the Sec 3 farmland after 1901 in Corinna Township and that is when the "beautiful barn" was built according to the Wright County History account.

This account differs from Dolores's description on Anton and Rose Dearing's early life in Corinna. In the book, History of Wright County, Minnesota Vol. I 1915 is a story about the Dearing Family. "Anton Doering, a scientific farmer of Corinna township,... was reared in his native country, and devoted his early years to farming. He first came to the township of Clearwater and in 1890 purchased sixty acres in Section 36. All this land he cleared and developed; living in a house nearby." (This land

was just north on The Clearwater Township border and two sections east from his permanent Corinna farmstead.) In 1896 he bought 100 acres in section 3 of Corinna Township, where he remained until his death. "He cleared all of this land, erected buildings, and was on the high road to prosperity when the cyclone of 1897 destroyed all his buildings, wrecked all of his machinery, and killed much of his livestock. Undaunted by the disaster, he started again, erected new buildings, purchased new machinery and equipment, bought livestock, and diversified agricultural operations. He made a specialty of raising Holstein cattle."

In the 1915 plat map of Corinna Township Sec 3, (It doesn't show their farmhouse location at this date) You can locate the 190 acres that Anton owned by this time in Corinna. (Anton's name was not on any property in the 1905 Corinna plat map)

The land today was located on the west side of Sugar Lake and northeast of Sandy Lake. The land would have butted up to the north side of 114th ST NW and followed Ireland Ave NW north on both sides of the road until Ireland Ave NW took a jog to the northwest where he owned 60 acres adjacent to Clearwater township's border. On a 1931 Corinna Plat map, a house was drawn on the property near the corner, north side of 114th

ST NW where it meets Ireland Ave NW.

According to the Wright County history account of 1915, "One of the especially attractive features of the Dearing Farm was the new barn. See image below.

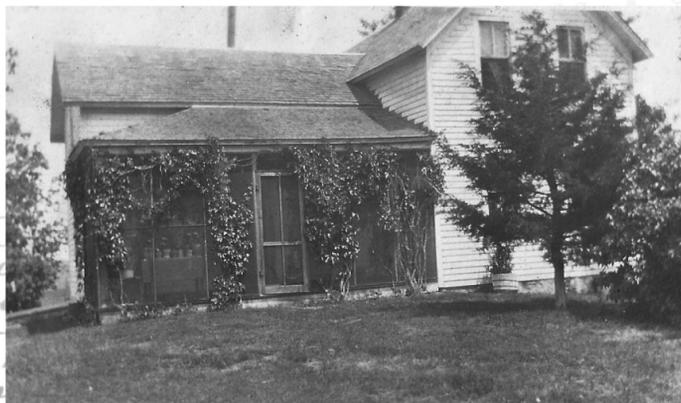
There is some discrepancy in the stories told of where the Dearing family were living when the cyclone hit their place, the date of the cyclone, and when they bought their property in Corinna Township. Doris had them living in Clearwater when the cyclone hit. She says they purchased their Corinna property after 1901. The Wright County History of 1915 had them on their farm in Corinna Township with the purchase of that property in 1896. Finally, I asked Wayne Dearing. He wasn't sure when Anton and Rose bought their Corinna property. Wayne said after renting the two houses in Clearwater, Anton and family moved to a log cabin that was located on the road that went to Warner's Resort. This log cabin would have been on the property they would eventually buy. He said it was the log cabin that was hit by the cyclone.

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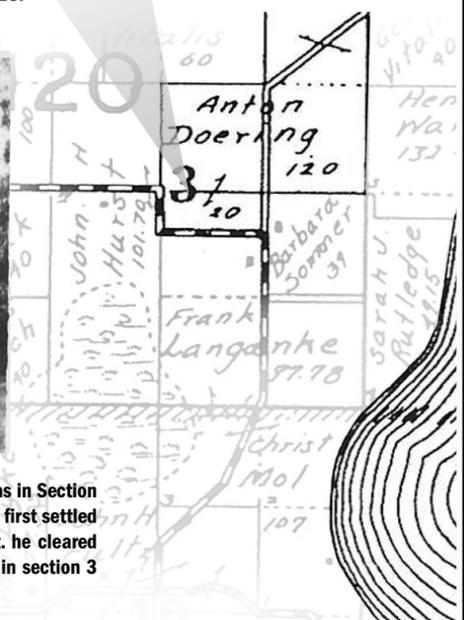


Photos of Anton and Rose's house (below) and new barn (above) at the Dearing farm. The new barn was 50 by 48 feet, with a cement basement. It was erected at the cost of \$2,000. It was fitted with all the latest appliances, including thirty patent stanchions and litter carrier. The capacity is forty head of cattle, nine horses, and seventy tons of hay according to the Wright County history account of 1915.

1901 Plat Map from Clearwater Twp.



A Plat map of Clearwater Township in 1901 (at left) shows Anton "Doering" was in Section 36 with about 60 acres adjacent to the north end of Sugar Lake. The Dearing family first settled in Clearwater Township but will eventually move to Corinna Township at right. He cleared and developed; living in a house nearby." In 1896 Anton bought 100 acres in section 3 of Corinna Township (at right), where he remained until his death.



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Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing

First Generation

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In 1895 the Minnesota Territorial Census records had the Dearing family living in Corinna Township. They were living in a house next to the Markowski's land which on the northwest side of Sugar Lake. Anton was still farming his land in in Section 36 in Clearwater Township but possibly also farming land in Section 3 in Corinna. He would have been renting the Section 3 property in Corinna. In Dolores Barrett's account, the Dearing family was still living in Clearwater at this time. The census record refutes her placement of the family in Clearwater. Wayne Dearing said when they moved to Corinna, they lived in a log cabin on Section 3. This log cabin would have been on the property they would eventually buy. My guess is they were living in the log cabin when this census record was taken.

In the 1900 US census record, Anton and Rose Dearing had 8 children. Their oldest child August age 18 (16) was boarding and working with the Frank Schneider family. August worked herding cattle. The census record said they arrived in the United States in 1889 and that they were married in 1884 (1883). Rose recorded she had 8 children and they were all alive in 1900. Anton was farming and renting a home in Corinna Township. On this census record, I found his name surrounded by the families of Pisseks, Langanski, Markowski, Strecker, and Somners. With Dolores's account, I believe they were living at Henry Isensee's house which



Rose Dearing sits with one of her 29 grandchildren. Rose and her husband Anton are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Annandale.

is in Section 3 Corinna and will eventually be owned by his son Tony. On the 1901 Corinna Township plot map, Anton's eventual property was currently owned by Andrew and Maria Lehrman, Frank Langanke and a RR company.

By the 1910 US Census, the Dearings have 9 of their 10 children living at their home in Corinna Township. For some reason, daughter Teresa was not listed on the census record. I could not locate her in any other census records at this time. In this census, Anton says he owns his own farm. His address was Annandale and Sugar Lake Road. He was a naturalized citizen. His boys, August, Anthony, and Paul were all farm laborers. Son Albert at age 20 was working in a blacksmith shop. The rest of the children listed were Carl age 17; Cecilia age 14; Lucy age 11; Emma age 8; and Hubert age 6. The 1915 plat map shows his ownership of 190 acres on his final farmstead in Corinna Township Section 3.

The stories were not lining up of when the Dearing property was purchased. Wright County History Vol I had the purchase as 1896 and Dolores had the purchase after 1901. Looking at the abstract David Stumpf provided, a 100 acres was purchased by Anton and Rose Dearing from Willis and Dora Shaw on May 16, 1912. The price was \$1,900.00. This same land was owned previously by Andrew and Mary Markowski Lehrman beginning in 1889. These people were friends of the Dearings in Germany. Andrew Lehrman also owned 160 acres in Section 35 of Clearwater Township right next to Anton Dearing's property. This family moved to Washington State before 1900. I can only think that Anton and Mary Dearing

Sue Sylvester, a local historian at the Maple Lake Library shares Part 2 of an 11-Part series on the Dearing family from Corinna Township. In this Part 2 story census records and land abstract information will be used to construct the life timeline of Rose and Anton Dearing. Discrepancies that were discussed in Part I are cleared up.



Photo of Rose Dearing (Center) and her grandsons, Merle Dearing (left) and Cecil Dearing (right) on the farm. The 1940 US census showed Rose was still living on the original farmstead. She was 81 years old.

may have rented their original homestead for a number of years from possibly two owners, their friends the Lehrmans and then Willis and Dora Shaw. The Shaws took over that property in 1895 through a foreclosure from the Lehrmans. Willis Shaw worked in a bank. He and his family lived in Clearwater. I would guess he bought the property as an investment. That would make it believable that Anton and family were working the land from 1895 till Anton and Rose could finally buy it in 1912.

Could the tornado cause a set back delaying the purchase of the property? Interesting in the 1910 census, Anton says he owns the property but it is not official until 1912. Maybe he had a verbal/written agreement with the Shaws? I can only think there is some truth in all the stories. It is a puzzle when you have different accounts but regardless they were in Corinna Township by 1895.

Regarding the cyclone story, Dolores was right about the month, day but not the year. It hit on July 3, 1897 on a Saturday. The Annandale Post from July 8, 1897 had this commentary. "A whirlwind formed some miles south west of here and taking a northeasterly course, did thousands of dollars in the space of a few minutes. It seems almost miraculous that no one was injured; though the fact that many were absent from home celebrating "The Fourth" in localities where the storm was relatively light, doubtless saved several lives." Lake Sylvia had damage, French Lake Township had farms destroyed, and Corinna Township suffered damage. Such farms as Julius Planer, Martin

Ranson, L.R. Niles, L.H. Dakin, P.P. Herberling had thousands of dollars of damage. "Those who saw the storm as it crossed Sugar Lake say that it drew a huge rope of water into the cloud." Unfortunately the Tuesday after this storm, the area got a huge amount of rain between eight to twelve inches. It flooded creeks and French Lake Township had bridges wash out. The Anton Dearing family was obviously affected tremendously-

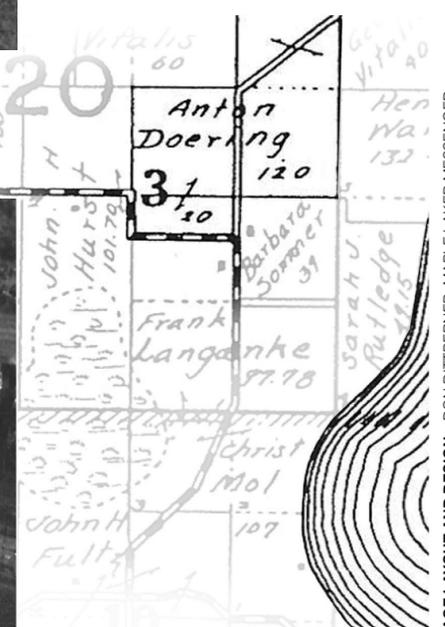
Anton Dearing, 82, fell dead in the farmyard of his home in Corinna. His son, Hubert and the Dearing family live on the farm. The cause of death was given as heat prostration and he died on Monday July 13, 1936.

ly by this storm. While their name wasn't mentioned in the newspaper account, their farm was directly in line with the storm. The book, Wright County History 1915 documented the damage.

In 1920 Anton said his homestead was mortgaged. He was 66 years of age and still working the farm. Only Carl age 27, Emma age 18 and Hubert age 16 were still living on the farm. Carl's employment was working on the farm. Anton's sons, August, Paul, and Anthony (Tony) had established their own farms. Albert was living in Monticello and



These three photos were taken before 1920 on Anton and Rose Dearing's farm. Above, Teresa Dearing and Agnes Duckart feed the chickens. Below, Rose Dearing feeds the pigs. At right are a couple houses on the Dearing Farm.



working as a carpenter.

By 1930, the youngest child, Hubert was head of the household and farm at age 26. Hubert was married to Minnie Templin Dearing age 24. He was renting his dad Anton's family farm and working the farm. Living with them was his dad, Anton age 76 and mom, Rose age 71. On a 1931 Corinna plat map, the directory confirms he was living on his father's farm. It noted that Hubert was specializing in white Wyandotte chickens.

Taken from an account from the Annandale Advocate on July 16, 1936.

"The heat is taking a toll here as well as in the large centers. Anton Dearing, 82, fell dead in the farmyard of his home in Corinna. His son, Hubert and the Dearing family live on the farm. The cause of death was given as heat prostration and he died on Monday July 13, 1936. The Dearings have lived in Corinna for 40 years or more. His widow Rose, four daughters and six sons.

In the 1940 US census, Rose was still living on the original farmstead. She was 81 years old. However, I was surprised to see her son Albert was listed as head of the farm instead of Hubert. Wayne Dearing said that Hubert's wife Minnie was having health problems and it was suggested by a doctor that Hubert and Minnie move out of Minnesota for her health. She died in Seattle, Washington in 1937. Now son Albert was renting the family farm. He was 51 years old and married to Myrtle who was 46 years old. They had seven of their children living with them. His sons, Cecil and Merle were helping their dad with the farm work.

On January 9, 1943 Rose Dearing died. When she died she had 10 living children and 29 grandchildren. Anton and Rose were the first Dearing generation that had settled in Corinna Township and lived on their farm until their deaths. They left a legacy of Dearings that would continue on living in Corinna Township and surrounding communities.

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In Part III of the Dearing Family History, the second generation of Dearings that lived in Corinna Township will be covered.

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DEARING FAMILY PHOTO AROUND 1899.

BACK ROW: Paul, August, Anthony, Teresa.
SEATED: Albert, Carl, Anton, Rose, baby Lucy,
Cecilia. Not born yet, Emma and Hubert Dearing

Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing,

were the first generation settlers of the Dearing Family in America. Their story was covered in issues 43 and 45 of the Maple Lake Messenger. Anton and Rose Dearing had ten children (pictured below). These children are the second generation. Rose and Anton's children will be followed through birth, marriage, death, and census records in an 11 part series in the Maple Lake Messenger.

PART III AN 11-PART SERIES OF THE DEARING FAMILY HISTORY

GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
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1859-1943

ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936



Second Generation

By Sue Sylvester

Anton and Rose had 12 children over 20 years from 1884 to 1904 of which 10 survived. Two of the second generation stories are presented here in Part 3 of the Dearing Family History.

August John Dearing

was born December 15, 1884 in Germany. He left the family farm fairly early and was in North Dakota by 1915. His brother Paul joined him for a short time. The North Dakota Territorial Census confirms both were living in Blackwater, McLean County, N.D. From Dolores Barrett's account, she said her dad Paul and August followed the harvest crews around to earn money. They did corn husking in areas where help was needed. When corn husking, you took standing corn in the fall and with a husking mitt, ripped the corn out of its husk and threw it into a wagon. The wagon was pulled by horses that followed the rows of corn. August ended up staying in North Dakota but Paul will return back home to farm in Corinna Township. August by November of 1915 had bought a piece of property in McClean County, North Dakota.



August Dearing

Wayne Dearing said he remembered his uncle was a self-taught violin player. He would play at a lot of the local farm family dances. Unfortunately, he met with a sawing accident. He lost two fingers which ended his playing the violin.

August never married. He had a farm located in Black Water, North Dakota. He was a grain and cattle farmer. The last US census record of 1950 had him working his farm at age 65. He was a naturalized citizen and he said he worked 72 hours a week.

He died December 29, 1965 at St. Alexis Hospital. In Bismarck, North Dakota. His memorial services were held at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Annandale, Minnesota.

Paul Dearing

Paul Dearing was born April 14, 1887 in Germany. He married Frances Schneider on June 3, 1919 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, in Annandale. Father Pothman was the official. Her parents were Frank and Catherine (Kohman) Schneider. Frances was born May 12, 1895 in Corinna Township. She went to a rural school but graduated from Maple Lake. She taught school for a number of terms. Daughter Dolores didn't know details about their courtship but their farms were only about 3 miles apart.



Paul Dearing

Paul and Frances had 3 children: Dolores Angela born 2/13/1922, Colin Francis born 4/6/1923 and Russell who died of TB on 11/29/1925 at about 6 months of age

After their wedding, they started farming on the old Van Dyke farm. (Gerrit Van Dyke farm in Section 10 of Corinna on the 1915 plat map.) Dolores said her dad had bought a new car when her parents got married. Dolores, Colin, and Russell were born on this farm. According to Dolores, after a few years of farming in the fall of 1926, they bought the Morris Roach farm for around

\$10,500-\$11,000. This farmland stayed in Paul's name until the 1970's. His land was in Section 3 and Section 4 of Corinna Township. You can locate the farm on the 1928 Corinna Township plat map. Highway 24 is on the west side of the property.

Dolores remembers playing with her brother Colin in the farmyard and her parents giving her five cents to go buy candy at the Country Store owned by the Finnells. A big treat was to see a circus at St. Cloud with Gene and Anna Rhoe and their family. Dolores wrote her mother was sick a lot. She coughed and had a lot of discomfort due to asthma, hay fever and T.B. Colin Dearing said his mother would inhale from a plate of burning charcoal to assist her breathing. In her last months, a nurse came to stay and help with her care. Her Grandma Rose Dearing came to stay the last winter her mother lived. During her mother's severe illness they stayed at Grandma Catherine Schneider's home in Annandale so as not to be exposed.

Frances died on May 3, 1932, at home. She was just a few days away from her 37th birthday. According to her obituary, she had been ailing for a long time and had been bedridden for 5 months before her death. She died from TB. Dolores stated that after her mother died, the revivial was at home and the funeral was in town. Dolores was only 10 years old and Colin was 9 years old when their mother died. Colin wrote that Grandmother Rose Dearing stayed with them and became their mother. She took on the household chores and took care of them.

Colin remembers, "Grandma Rose was an energetic German lady who taught them about God. There was no missing mass on Sunday. In the event the car wouldn't start, we would walk to church, six miles from home. Each summer she planted a huge garden, which we helped weed in addition to other farm duties. She raised chickens. With the eggs she gathered and sold we bought groceries. Also she canned vegetables and fruit each year. Dolores and I picked chokecherries and gooseberries, which grandma made into jelly."



Francis Schneider

Colin wrote, "About 20 miles from the farm there was a flour mill where we took sacks of wheat to be ground into flour. With this, grandma made bread. Each winter we would butcher a hog. We didn't have a freezer so hams were cured in brine to preserve them after the warm weather came. Our only cooler was the well where butter and perishables were lowered on a rope about 15 feet below ground level. This preserved these items for a few extra days."

Colin said his morning duties consisted of starting a fire in the wood range; re-stoking the stove (parlor furnace) in the living room which heated the entire house; feeding the horse and pigs; milking 5 to 6 cows; then cleaning up, eating a hearty breakfast of cooked cereal and bread; and catching the 8:00 AM school bus. The bus ride was approximately 50 minutes to the school.

While her grandmother Rose was running the household, Dolores got to visit her Aunt Emma Dearing Jindrich near Silver Creek. Dolores said he enjoyed playing with her cousins and staying at their home. She and Colin did a lot of fishing. They brought their catch home to be cleaned and eaten at supper. They had plenty of work to do on the farm as they got older. Colin started milking the cows when he turned eight. While Dolores never had to milk the cows, she had to haul water and carry the wood to the house. She also had housework to do. For recreation everyone went to barn dances and pavilion dances. She said her Grandmother Rose finally left their farm around 1937. In her teens, she worked for Joe Ashsenmacher's mom, she worked at Arenson's Resort and Kamp Kool doing housework. Later she worked at Beecher's Resort (Camp Friendship) for several years doing kitchen work and cabin work. Colin left the farm at age 18 to work in California.

Paul continued to farm for many years in Corinna Township on Section 4 next to his brother Anthony's farmstead in Section 3. He owned about 140 acres. He never remarried. His grandson, Tom Barrett said later the Barrett family farmed both his Uncle Colin's land and Grandpa Paul's land. He said his grandfather never modernized the farm. Paul's home never had electricity, running water, or lights. He used kerosene lights and had a wood burning stove for heat

and cooking. After his wife Frances died and the children moved out, he closed off the upstairs and lived on the main floor. Tom remembers his grandmother Frances's piano in the parlor which was never played after she died. In Paul's later years, he had one, two plow tractor. Later the Barrett family would help Paul harvest his crops in the fall.

Paul raised beef cattle. He fed them with corn that he hand shucked from the field. Paul would cut the corn at the base, gather the bundles of corn and tie them up. He then would stand them up to dry. When dried, he gathered these bundles which fed the cattle during the winter months. During the summer, he would put the cattle out in a back

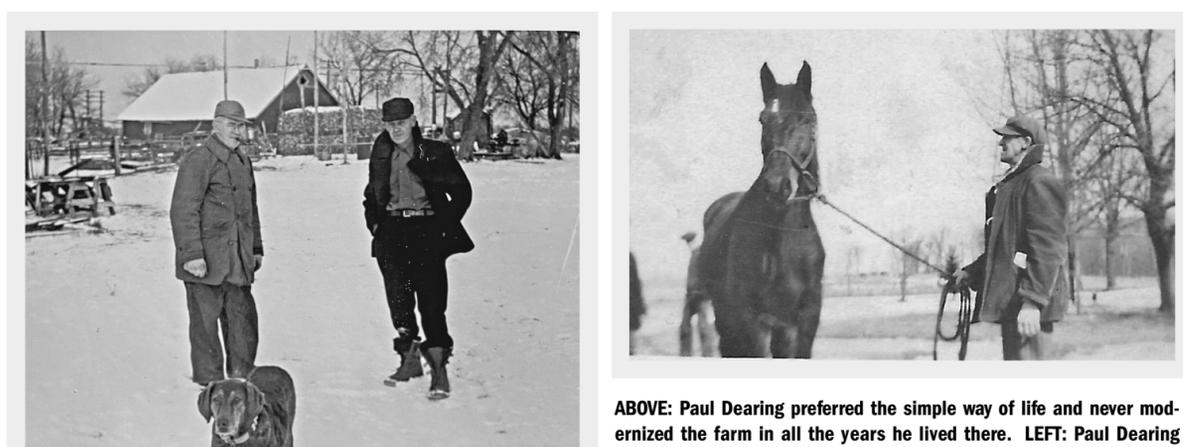


Dolores and Colin Dearing are the third generation children of Paul Dearing and Francis Schneider.

pasture. Tom said he remembers Grandpa Paul's cattle getting loose; having to chase them down; and get them back into the pasture. Apparently the cattle were looking for greener pastures.

Paul died February 24, 1974 in Wright County. Paul and Frances were both buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Annandale.

Contributions to their stories were made by Tom Barrett, Dolores Barrett's family history written in 1988 and Colin Dearing's memoirs entitled *An Outline of My Life*. Photos were provided by Mark Marohn, Joan McGregor, Tom Barrett and Shelly Naaktgeboren. In part IV of the Dearing Family History, Paul and Frances Dearing's children's stories will be told. Byron and Dolores (Dearing) Barrett farmed in Corinna Township for many years. Many of their twelve children still live in the area.



ABOVE: Paul Dearing preferred the simple way of life and never modernized the farm in all the years he lived there. LEFT: Paul Dearing (right) is pictured with an unknown man. Paul farmed for many years in Corinna Township.

GENERATION II



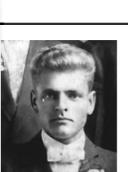
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ANTON (TONY) DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1886-1982



PAUL DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1887-1974



ALBERT DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1889-1948



TERESA DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1890-1965



CARL DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1892-1984



CECILIA DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1895-1974



LUCY DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1898-1959



EMMA DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1901-1991



HUBERT DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1904-1982

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Byron Barrett and Grandpa Paul Dearing are pictured with children Michael, Maureen and Paul Barrett.

July 30, 1983 in Pierce, Washington. They were divorced November 5, 2012 in King, Washington. Colin died April 11, 2016 in Kitsap, Washington. I could find no records of where he was buried.



Dolores Barrett and Colin Dearing in 1970

Dolores Dearing was born February 13, 1922 in Annandale. She married Byron Otto Barrett in Annandale on July 1, 1946. His parents were George and Josephine (Stein) Barrett. Byron was born January 18, 1916 in Clearwater, Minnesota. They had 12 children: Michael who died August 10, 1999, Maureen (Jeff Hoberg), Paul, Mary (Al Lovejoy) she died May 6, 1990, Shelly (Dick Naaktgeboren), Tom (Judy Schnichels), Dan (Michelle Schmitt), Denise (Gary Kirkeby), Joan (Tom McGregor), Jean, John (Julia Alberg), and Doug (Heather Sanders)

In the 1950 US census, the Barretts were farming in Lynden, Stearns County, Minnesota. Their son Tom Barrett said it was near St. Augusta.

On the 1973 plat map, the same acreage was under the name of Colin and Helen Dearing/Duane and Diane Hirman. I did find Duane and Diane Hirman on census records but could not find the connection between the Dearing's and Hirmans. Also on this plat map of 1973, Paul has given both Colin and Dolores 20 acres each of his property.

On the 1983 Corinna Township plat map, Colin no longer had his name on the 160 acres. James and Diana Dierkes owned the land. However, Colin on this 1983 plat map had switched to Paul's 99 acres with his sister Dolores Barrett.

While Colin didn't farm his land, his sister Dolores and husband Byron Barrett moved to Colin's farmhouse and his land in the early 1950's. Tom Barrett said that they rented the land by giving a percentage of their crops to Colin Dearing. They grew alfalfa, oats and corn. They also had 30 head of dairy cattle. Byron Barrett got tired of farming and in 1964 had an auction getting rid of all the cows except for three. He sold all of his farm equipment. Byron got a job in Hopkins at Farm Hand Implement. He later became a machinist and worked at Napko in Hopkins.

While Byron Barrett was working in Hopkins, Colin's land was farmed by Wayne and Tom Dearing. They put crops on it for a couple of years. Again Colin was paid rent by a percentage of the crops. Tom Barrett said the soil needed to be irrigated so Wayne and Tom Dearing stopped renting the land. He said his Uncle Colin, took a two-week vacation in the spring about 1970. He came out to Corinna and planted crops on his land. However, the Barretts ended up having to harvest the crops in the fall. Tom said that got his dad Byron back into farming.

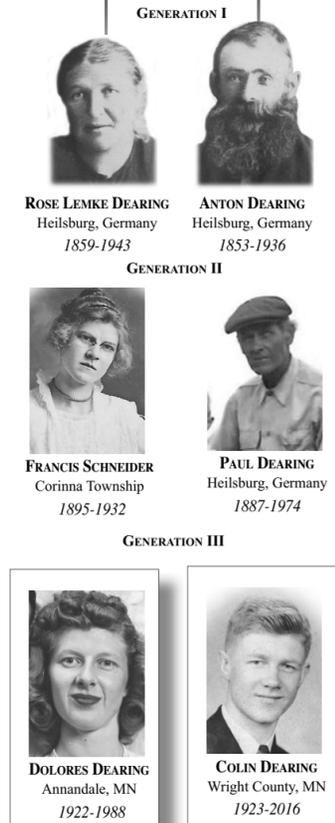
This time the Barrett's farm looked different. They started raising pigs. Later they will buy equipment to put crops in. Tom said they first started off with feeder pigs. When they got to about 40 pounds, they would haul them to Little Falls for sale at an auction. Later they started raising 200 pigs in a 6-month period. At the end of that time, the pigs would reach a weight of 225 to 240 pounds. Then the pigs would be trucked to Saint Paul for sale. You could run about 400 pigs for sale per year with this system.

Paul Dearing gave daughter Dolores about 20 acres which included his house and he gave son Colin about 19 acres. By 1972, Dolores and Bryon Barrett moved a house from the cities on to their 20 acres of land next to Paul's farmhouse. Their daughter Joan McGregor said no way were they moving into her Grandpa Paul's house. A cement foundation was laid for the arrival of their new house. The Barrett's house was trucked in from the cities and put on the foundation. Grandfather Paul moved in with them about a year later. They took care of him until his death in 1974. I asked what happened to Paul's original home. Joan said it was in terrible shape and the Annandale fire department came out and used it for a practice burn.

When Paul died in 1974, his land was divided between Colin and Dolores. Eventually, Colin put his land in a trust. Dolores and Byron continued to farm and also paid Colin rent for his share of the land. His son Tom said



This 1954 Corinna Township plat map shows Paul's son, Colin Francis Dearing had 160 acres directly north of his father's land. That land was still in his name by 1964. TOP RIGHT: House on Colin's property the Barretts lived in.



his dad retired in 1982 and they continued to live at the farm. Besides farming, once her children were in school, Dolores worked at Twedt's Country Store for 10 years. I had never heard of this store. Tom Barrett said that it was located right by Corinna Cemetery. In fact, he thought the store might have been a church at one time. It was a combination grocery store and bar. Also it had gas pumps out in the front. It's no longer there today. Also, Dolores was a member of the Neighborhood Club and Farm Bureau Association. Dolores helped with the census for the Annandale School District. She died on March 12, 1988 at home. Her husband Byron died August 5, 2001 at Buffalo hospital. At the time of Byron's death, they had 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. As of 2024, the majority of the original Paul Dearing acreage is owned by Bradley Lantto.

Contributions to this article were made by Tom Barrett, Dolores Barrett's family history written in 1988 and Colin Dearing's memoirs written in 1997 entitled *An Outline of My Life*. Photos were provided by Joan McGregor, Tom Barrett and Shelly Naaktgeboren. The author will cover six more children of Rose and Anton Dearing in Part V of this Dearing Family History series in the next issue of the Maple Lake Messenger.



BACK ROW: Byron, Paul, Maureen, Dolores with baby John MIDDLE: Mary, Shelly, Front: Tom, Joan, Jean, Dan, and Denise. (Mike is Missing) 1963 Doug wasn't born yet.

The Barrett Family



Dolores Dearing married Byron Barrett in 1946. They are both buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Byron and Dolores Barrett with their 12 children. BACK ROW: Maureen, Shelly, Byron, Mary, Tom, Paul, Joan, Mike, Denise SEATED: Doug, Dolores in front: Jean, John & Dan.

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THE Dearing Family

1914 WEDDING PHOTO Albert Dearing and Myrtle Anna Schmidt (seated) were married at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Annandale. Standing (L-R) are Agnes and Tony Dearing, Pete Deckers and Theresa Rickter

Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing, were first generation settlers of the Dearing Family in America. Their story was covered in issues 43 and 45 of the Maple Lake Messenger. Anton and Rose Dearing had ten children (pictured below). The lives of August and Paul were covered in issue 46 of this series. Paul's children Colin and Dolores were in issue 48. Six more children will be covered in part V of this 11-part series.

PART V AN 11-PART SERIES OF THE DEARING FAMILY HISTORY

GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943

ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936



Second Generation (Continued)

By Sue Sylvester

Albert A. Dearing was born on May 25, 1889 in Clearwater Township, Minnesota. He married Myrtle Anna Schmidt on September 9, 1914. Her parents were George and Margaret (Rushton) Schmidt. Myrtle was born May 10, 1894 in Farnhamville, Iowa. They had ten children: Vivian Catherine 1915-2005 (George Langanki) George grew up directly south of Anton Dearing's Land; Virgil Albert 1916-1937; Dorothy Ann 1918-1993 (Myrle Knaeble); Vera Margaret 1920-2011 (James John Wurm); Cecil Bernard 1921-2006 (Marilyn Jo Ann Bergie); Merle George 1923-1982 (Florence M. Gilchrist) Florence was the niece of Mark Gilchrist who owned Sugar lake resort; Marvin Anthony 1925-1975 (Ardis Mae Brose Engel); Elaine Rose 1927-1995 (Haddon Murdock); Alton William 1933-1977 (Brenda Lambie); and Joy Marie 1936-2011 (Roger Enos).

Albert was on the census record in 1940, he was renting his father Anton's farm. His mother and his family were living on the farmstead. His mother, Rose died in 1943. On August 7, 1948, Albert was 59 years of age and died from an accident on the original family farm. He fell off of the barn roof; Wayne Dearing remembered the day they took him to the hospital. Pneumonia developed which took his life a few weeks after the farm accident.

This spells major tragedy for his wife, Myrtle and their children still on the farm. I will finish this story in the future which will explain what will happen to the original farmstead. Myrtle died May 2, 1982 in Anoka County, Minnesota. Albert and Myrtle were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Annandale.

Teresa M. Dearing was born Dec 16, 1890 in Wright County. She married Alcie Nelson Payseno on May 21, 1930 in Yakima, Washington. Looking at census records, they had no children. In 1940 they were



1927 WEDDING PHOTO William Jindrich and Emma Dearing (left) were married at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Annandale. Pictured at right is Hubert Dearing and Josephine Jindrich.

living in Rapid City, South Dakota. Alcie owned a bar and Teresa was a cook at the bar. In the 1950 census record, they had moved to Monticello. Alcie was a tombstone salesman and Teresa was a cashier at a bank. Alcie died November 5, 1954 in Monticello, MN. Teresa died December 30, 1965 in Wright County. They were both buried in Assumption Cemetery in St. Cloud.

Cecilia E. Dearing was born July 20, 1895 in Wright County. Her nickname was Sis. She married Walter Swanberg September 5, 1922 in Wright County. His parents were Swan N. and Anna (Erickson) Swanberg. Swan and Anna were farmers in Silver Creek. Walter was born September 28, 1895 in Wright County. They had two children: Lynnea (Howard Gillham) Lynnea died April 26, 2019 and Marilyn Catheryn (Samuel Howard Gleaton) Marilyn died October 10, 1990.



BEFORE 1920 ON THE FARM, Cecilia Dearing, Agnes Duckart, and Teresa Dearing out for a ride. **AT RIGHT,** Emma Dearing sits in the wagon **BELOW.** Agnes Duckart, Teresa Dearing, Cecilia Dearing and Lucy Dearing.



Walter and Cecilia lived in Monticello. In the 1930 census he was selling oil; in 1940 he was selling cars, and in 1950 he was selling magazines while Cecilia was working as a clerk for a retail grainer. Walter died December 31, 1963 in Wright County. Cecilia died August 17, 1974 in Wright County. They are buried at Saint Henry Catholic Cemetery in Monticello, MN

Lucille K. Dearing was born October 12, 1898 in Annandale. Lucy married Franz F. Swanberg on October 13, 1925 in Wright County. The sisters, Lucille and Cecilia married brothers. Franz was born January 17, 1898 in Cosmos, MN. Franz and Lucille lived in Monticello starting in 1929. Franz was employed as a bulk oil agent for Mobile Oil Company until his retirement. Lucy worked as a telephone operator in the 1950's. They had 3 children: Richard who died February 25, 2019 in Fort Worth, Texas; Donna (Roman Brauch) Donna died November 20, 2020 in Minnesota; and Mary Rose (Wilbur Daniels) Mary Rose died August 30, 2018 in Monticello.

Lucille died May 17, 1959 in Wright County. Franz married Frances Decker on October 16, 1960. He died June 15, 1980 in Monticello-Big Lake Hospital. Lucy and Franz are buried in Saint Henry Catholic Cemetery, Monticello.

Emma Dearing was born May 8, 1901 in Corinna Township. Emma actually was a twin. Her granddaughter Mary said she was the smaller of the two. Emma could fit inside a shoe box when she was born. Her larger sibling died at birth. She was buried at the cemetery without a marker. Emma's mother Rose Dearing had 12 children of which ten survived.

Emma married William Henry Jindrich at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale on September 14, 1927. His parents were Karel and Marie (Zeski) Jindrich. Karl and Marie were farmers in Silver Creek Township. William was born February 28, 1904 in Silver Creek. William and Emma lived in the Maple Lake area most of their lives.

After their marriage, William first worked at the Jindrich family farm in the 1930's. By 1940 the family was renting a farm in Maple Lake Township. In the 1950 US Census, the Jindrichs were still living in Maple Lake Township but Bill had a different profession. He worked for Case Company as an implement employee. He later was an auto mechanic in Howard Lake, Buffalo and Maple Lake. When William retired he kept busy. He worked part time at Maple Lake Lumber, drove a school bus, and for many years shoveled snow off the sidewalk in front of Maple Lake City Hall. Emma and William are buried in St. Timothy's Cemetery. Emma died on October 1, 1991 in Buffalo. Her husband William died September 5, 1996 in Buffalo. They had two children, Maurice and Monica Jindrich.

Maurice Jindrich, born November 3, 1928 and married Mary J. Scheiber on June 20, 1970 at St. Francis Church in Buffalo. They had one daughter Mary (Darren Helgeson). Morry was a Korean War veteran. He worked at Cenex and H&H in Maple Lake. He did part time work for Dan and Jim Pribyl, and mowed lawn at Becker Sod. He was a member of the Maple Lake Fire Department for 37 years. He died January 21, 2007 in Maple Lake. His wife Mary was a school bus driver for Mooney Bus Compa-



Maurice Jindrich, born November 3, 1928, married Mary J. Scheiber on June 20, 1970 at St. Francis Church in Buffalo.

ny for over 30 years. She also played softball for 30 years for Sun Patio and Thomas Marine. Mary died November 16, 2007 in Maple Lake. Maurice and Mary are buried in Saint Charles Cemetery in Chatham.

Monica Jindrich, married Stanley Johnson June 13, 1953 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church, Maple Lake, Minnesota. They had six children: Pam, Lisa (Jeff Tscherne); Susan (Craig Fechner); Rebecca (Greg Kaplan); Sandra (Michael Manos); and Eric (Colleen). Monica died June 19, 2015.

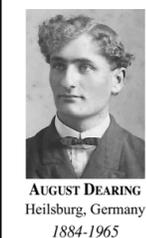
Hubert B Dearing was born February 7, 1904 in Corinna Township. His first marriage was to Minnie B. Templin. They married on November 10, 1928 in Wright County. She died on May 12, 1937 in Seattle, Washington. He then married Gladys Weaver on November 8, 1944 in Monticello. Wayne Dearing said Hubert met Gladys while she was working at his sister Teresa's bar in Rapid City, South Dakota. They had two children Michael and Patrick. Hubert died January 15, 1982 in Silver Creek. He was a life long farmer in Monticello Township. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.

What happens to Anton and Rose's original farmstead? This question will be answered in issue 52 of the Maple Lake Messenger, when the author covers Tony Dearing in Part VI. Contributions to Part V were provided by Wayne Dearing. Photos courtesy of Jean Hutchinson, Mary Jindrich Helgeson, Mark and Virginia Marohn.

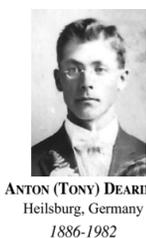


THREE SIBLINGS: Standing: Carl Dearing and his wife Mary, William Jindrich. SEATED: Tony Dearing and Emma Dearing-Jindrich

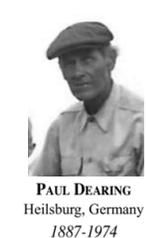
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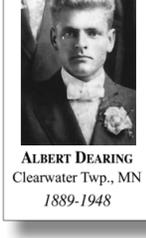
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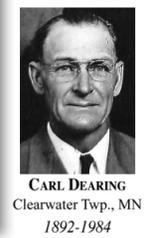
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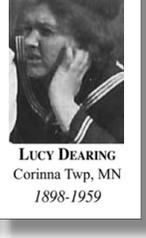
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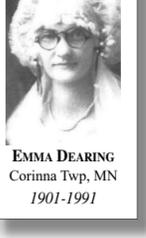
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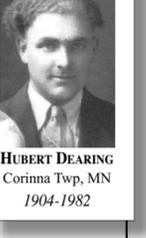
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1898-1959



EMMA DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1901-1991



HUBERT DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1904-1982

THE Dearing Family

1954 AREA PLAT MAP

By 1954, Anton and Rose Dearing's acreage was reduced to 60 acres. Almost 40 acres went to Francis Gilleand and another 50 acres went to Wilbur and Irene Warner. Albert Dearing's widow, Myrtle, kept the remaining 60 acres with the farmhouse.

Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing,

were first generation settlers in America. Their ten children (pictured below) and grandchildren are covered in an 11-part series that began in issue 43 of the Maple Lake Messenger. In Part V, of this series Albert and Myrtle Dearing were running the original family farm in the 1940's. However on Aug. 7, 1948, Albert Dearing died in a farm accident. So, what happened to the farm after Albert died? Lets continue our journey back in time with the author and find out.



GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING Heilsburg, Germany 1859-1943
ANTON DEARING Heilsburg, Germany 1853-1936

Second Generation (Continued)

By Sue Sylvester

The 1954 plat map might help answer the question, "What happened to Rose and Anton Dearing's original farm?"

The 1950 US Census, verifies Myrtle Dearing, age 56 was living on the original farmstead with two of her children. Alton was age 16. He was working 30 hours a week on the farm. Her daughter Joy was age 14. It must have been very difficult for Myrtle to keep the farm running. She will be the last Dearing to lay claim on some of the original farmstead land of Anton and Rose Dearing.

Myrtle Anna Dearing died on April 2, 1982 in Maple Manor Nursing Home, Anoka County, Minnesota. Her obituary stated she was a homemaker and a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church. She was survived by her 5 daughters and one son Cecil, 36 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Myrtle was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Annandale with her husband Albert.

By 1973 the Corinna Township plat map in Section 3 showed the 60 acres was divided up by the next owner Phyllis Mostrom. David Stumpf received about 39 acres where the farmhouse was located, Phyllis Mostrom kept 1 acre, and the rest went to William Gille. As of 2024, David Stumpf's name is still on the property. I've known David for years. He was an Annandale postman, Annandale school board member, and his claim to fame was growing huge pumpkins. I never realized that he was located on Anton and Rose's original farm site.

Stumpf said he bought the property from Phyllis Mostrom for \$10,000 in 1972. At the time, Phyllis Mostrom and her five children were living in Dearing's original farmhouse. Stumpf said the house was in terrible repair. When the property was purchased in the 1960's, the Mostroms planned on building a new house but that fell through. The "beautiful barn", as it was described in Part 1, had burned to the ground leaving only a small outbuilding left on the site. When selling to the Stumpfs, Phyllis kept one acre of land for herself to put a trailer house on. David and wife Linda built a new house and kept the old farmhouse for storage. Linda recalls they inherited an old house with a lot of bats in the attic and snakes coming up from the floor boards. Later, David sold Phyllis Mostrom one additional acre of his land. Eventually Phyllis sold those two acres. Another buyer purchased the property for rental purposes. Finally, the trailer was removed, and a new buyer built a house. David stated the only thing left of the original farmstead is an old windmill. All the buildings have disappeared from the original Dearing farmstead.



Today all that is left from the original Anton and Rose Dearing farmstead is the windmill structure and 3 large oaks that the Dearing family planted around 1915.

Anthony Leo (Tony) Dearing was born in Heilsburg, Germany on March 5, 1886. Tony married Agnes Elizabeth Duckart on June 16, 1920 in Minneapolis. Agnes was born in Chippewa County Wisconsin. Agnes lived in Wisconsin when her father, John Duckart, died in 1909 leaving behind his wife Mary and eight children, ages 14 to 2 years of age. Mary Duckart did not work outside of the home. Things must have been hard for the Duckart family. The family turns up in Minneapolis by the 1920 Census record. Agnes was living in Minneapolis with her mom and 7 siblings. Five of the daughters were work-

ing as telephone operators and two brothers were employed as a clerk and a machinist. In Emma Dearing's photo album, numerous photos of Agnes Duckart can be seen with Teresa and Cecilia Dearing. Obviously, Tony's sisters were friends with Agnes. Wayne Dearing said Teresa was also a telephone operator and he thinks Teresa may have introduced Agnes to her brother Tony.

According to their daughter Virginia, it didn't matter that they were girls, all of them worked the farm. It was hard work. Back when Virginia was growing up, they didn't have electricity until later. The house didn't

have running water; they walked up the hill to the well and hand carried pails of water back to the house. She remembered the three seat outhouse. It had different heights of seats so the youngest could easily sit down. One time when she was very little, she fell asleep in the outhouse. The family searched for her for hours fearing she was lost somewhere in the cornfield. She woke up a few hours later and rejoined a very frantic family.

Virginia stated they had fertile soil which always gave them good crops of corn, oats, and alfalfa. They hand shucked the corn and grain. They had 15 head of dairy cows which the girls milked by hand. They also had chickens for meat and eggs. The eggs were sold in Silver creek and milk was hauled to a creamery. They raised pigs which helped feed the family. They started farming using horses and eventually her dad got a tractor. They had two huge vegetable gardens. Later when the girls were leaving the farm, her dad switched over to beef cattle. Virginia called them "white faces".

In the 1950 US census Tony was 64 and Agnes was 54. They were still working the farm. His occupation was labeled farmer while Agnes had the title farm helper. He worked 52 weeks a year. They had 3 daughters living at home; Arlene age 16, Virginia age 12, and Jean age 10. That marginal land that I mentioned in the 1930's had turned into Sandy Lake by the 1954 Corinna plat map. Their land abuts the lake and was directly north of the lake.

By 1964 the Corinna Township map showed Anthony's land had been purchased by Clarence and Dorothy Adickes. Virginia Marohn said, when her mom and dad retired in 1964, they moved into Annandale. First they rented a house and then in 1967 bought a two story house across from the Cenex Station in Annandale. Virginia said her mom and dad had part time jobs. They worked at the Mark Gilchrist/Harry Gillham resort. (Sugar lake Resort) Agnes did the cooking at the resort and Tony did the hand stamping for the dances.

Agnes died July 5, 1973 in St. Cloud, Stearns County, Minnesota due to a massive heart attack. Anthony died April 25, 1982 in Wright County Retirement Center in Buffalo. His obituary stated, he was survived by his 7 daughters and brother Carl Dearing and sister Emma Jindrich (William). He left behind 29 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren. Both he and Agnes were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Annandale, Minnesota.

In parts VII-IV of the series, we take a closer look at Tony and Agnes children. Also the story of what happened to Tony and Agnes Dearing's family farm will be told. Birth, marriage, death, and census records were used to construct this article. Interviews from David and Linda Stumpf; Mark and Virginia Marohn; and Wayne Dearing contributed to the history of the family. Photos courtesy of Mark Marohn and Jean Hutchinson.



Tony & Agnes Dearing

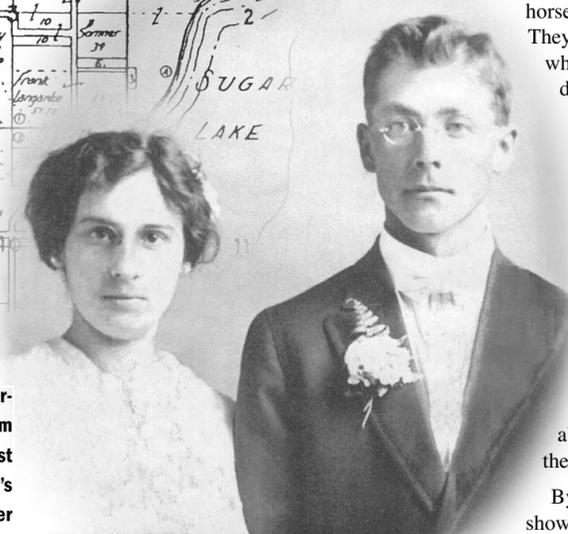
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On a 1928 Corinna Township plat map, section 3 shows his farm land location next to his father, Anton.

Some of Tony's farm land was marginal and swampy. In an article from the Annandale Advocate in September of 1933 both Anton and Tony had been fighting a fire for a week on a piece of peat land. It was windy and they were attempting to keep it under control. It was reported Tony got 1/5 of his crop of grain; 1/3 of his crop of corn; and his cows were holding up well but he had to start feeding them with fodder.

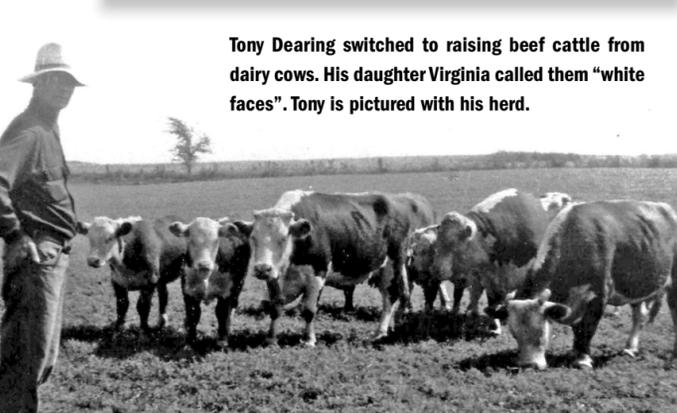
In the 1930 US census, Tony continues to farm. He was 49 years old, Agnes was 34 and they had 3 daughters: Phyllis age 8; Shirley age 7; and Beverly age 5. By the



Anthony and Agnes Dearing on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1970.

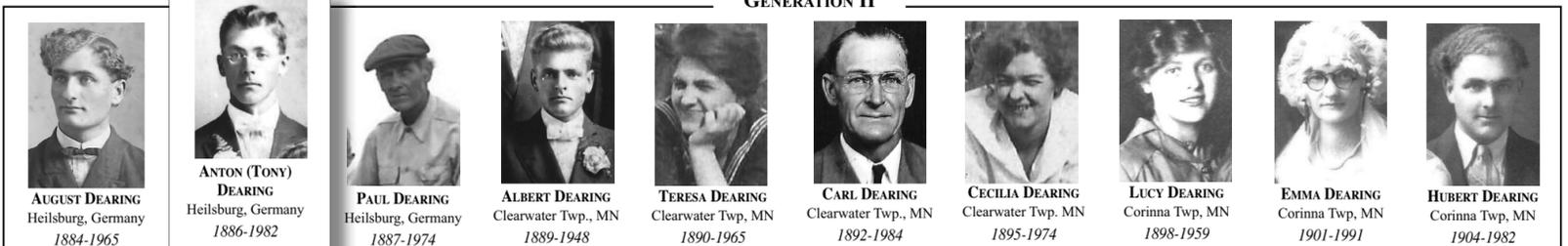


(L-R) Agnes Duckart, Lucille Dearing, Marie Duckart, Ceceilia Dearing and Clara Duckart.



Tony Dearing switched to raising beef cattle from dairy cows. His daughter Virginia called them "white faces". Tony is pictured with his herd.

GENERATION II



AUGUST DEARING Heilsburg, Germany 1884-1965

ANTON (TONY) DEARING Heilsburg, Germany 1886-1982

PAUL DEARING Heilsburg, Germany 1887-1974

ALBERT DEARING Clearwater Twp., MN 1889-1948

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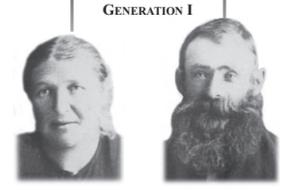
THE Dearing Family

PART VII
AN 11-PART SERIES OF THE
DEARING
FAMILY HISTORY

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Anton and Rose (Lemke) Dearing, were first generation settlers of the Dearing Family in America. Rose and Anton's children and grandchildren are followed in this 11 part series that began in issue 43 of the Maple Lake Messenger. In Part VI of this series the author followed Tony and Agnes Dearing's farm on the north side of Sandy Lake. In Part VII and VIII the author discovers what happened to Tony and Agnes Dearing's original farmstead after their retirement in 1964 and take a closer look into their seven children.

THE TONY DEARING FAMILY. Back row: Beverly, Shirley, Agnes, Tony, and Phyllis Middle: Arlene, Pat, and in front: the little ones are Jean and Virginia



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943

ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936



AGNES DEARING
Chippewa Co. WI
1896-1973

TONY DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1886-1982

By Sue Sylvester

Meet Anthony (Tony) and Agnes Dearing's seven daughters. No boys! It's rather difficult to continue a farm with 7 girls who marry and move away. You might recognize many of these names from our community. This article will cover their first four daughters.

Phyllis Lorraine Dearing

Phyllis was born 7/30/1921 in Corinna Township. She married Leonard Nothnagel on 11/15/1951 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Annandale. They made their home in St. Cloud. He died in 1959 in a truck crash in South Dakota. They had one son Duane (Sue) Northnagel.

Phyllis remarried Donald Clarence Trewick. They were divorced on April 5, 1974. She worked as a dietician for the VA hospital and retired in 1975. She lived in St. Cloud until 2007 when she moved to Annandale. Phyllis died on 12/8/2011 at Annandale Care Center. She was buried in St. Anne's Cemetery, Kimball, Stearns County with her first husband Leonard Nothnagel.



Phyllis and Leonard Northnagel

Shirley Lucille Dearing

Shirley was born in Annandale on 12/27/1922. She met Paul at Gilchrist Resort on Sugar Lake. She married Paul John McAlpine on 10/16/1945 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Annandale. They had seven children: John (Rita McDonough); Cathy (Gary Jude); Mike; Theresa (Ed O'Connell); Tom (Cheryl Baker) Tom died 11/13/1998; Barbara (Steve Gottsch died 7/19/1980) Barbara died 6/28/1984; and Mary (Loren Swenson) Mary died 4/3/2002.

Paul was a farmer in Maple Lake. He was well known in the community for his activity on creamery boards, city council, and the Wright County Board. Shirley worked for the Bell Telephone company for many years. She was also the Maple Lake City clerk besides being a farm wife, homemaker, and both of them actively volunteered at Camp Friendship. John died on 1-26-2004 and Shirley died 4-19-2015. At the time of Shirley's death, she had 20 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. They were both buried in St. Timothy's Cemetery in Maple Lake.



Shirley and Paul McAlpine

Beverly Jean Dearing

Beverly was born 9/20/1924 in Annandale. She married Clifford Louis Paumen 7/23/1946 at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. They had six children: Ron (Pam); Carol (Lint Ederly); Sharon (Steve Held); Donna (Craig Morningstar); Bruce (Char-mayne); and Howard. Cliff was raised on a farm in Corinna Township. Beverly and Cliff raised their children on the family farm. Besides farming, Cliff drove a delivery truck, sold Funk's Seeds, and when he retired, he worked at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Beverly worked at Northwestern Bell Telephone, Carlson Dolls, and Bernattelo's Pizza. Bev died on 1/1/2009 and Cliff died on 3/2/2019. They were buried in St. Timothy's Cemetery.



Beverly and Clifford Paumen

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Patricia Marie Dearing

Patricia was as born in Annandale on 12/8/1930. Their daughter Patty thinks her mom and dad met at a dance at Gilchrist Resort on Sugar Lake. This must have been the "go to" spot for the Dearing girls. George at the time was living and working on his family farm in Kimball. She married George Sylvester Nothnagel on 5/1/1951 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Annandale. The two sisters Patricia and Phyllis married Nothnagel brothers. Pat and George moved to northern Minnesota and George worked with a brother-in-law in Crosby for about ten years at a tire shop. Dennis, Patty, and Jeffrey were born in Crosby, Minnesota. Then they moved to Buffalo for a short period of time and

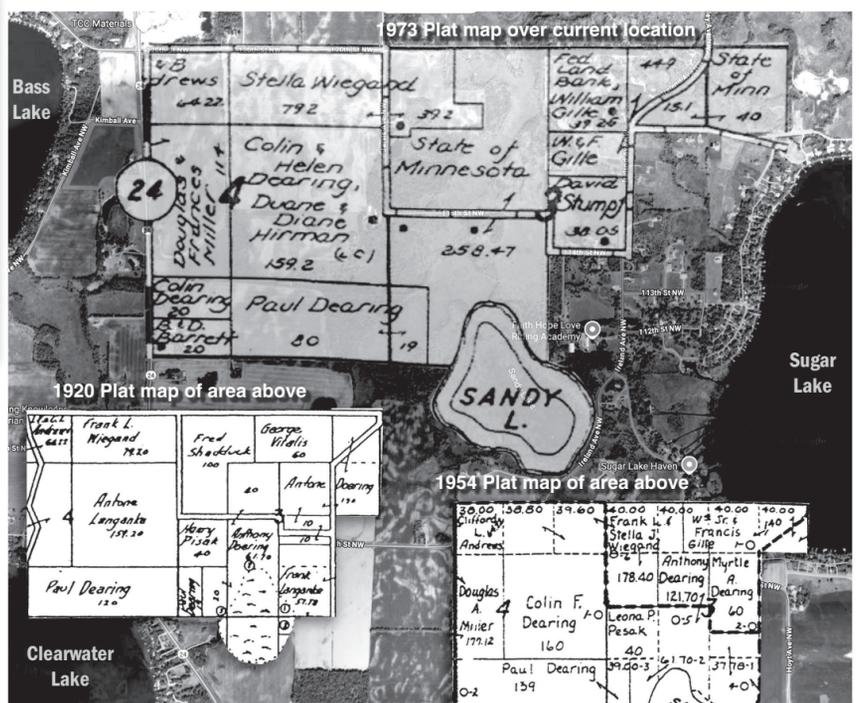


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In Part VIII of the Dearing Series the author will discuss the last three daughters of Tony and Agnes Dearing. Information presented is from birth, death, and census records. Virginia, Mark Marohn, Patty Nygaard, and Cathy Jude contributed to the stories. Photos were provided by Mark, Virginia Marohn, Jean Hutchison and Patty Nygaard.

HAPPIER DAYS ON THE FARM. Tony and Agnes Dearing's children, Virginia and Jean on the farm. A view also of the house, barn and out-buildings.



The graphic above shows part of section 3 on the Corinna Township map of 1973 overlaid onto a current overhead map of the area where the Dearing's farmsteads were located. Tony and Agnes Dearing's farmland was bought up by the State of Minnesota. It's now apart of the Suconnix State Wildlife Management area.

THE Dearing Family

PART VIII
AN 11-PART SERIES OF THE
DEARING
FAMILY HISTORY

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By Sue Sylvester

Anthony and Agnes Dearing's family is continued in this article with their last three daughters. This family is particularly interesting because many of their children stayed in the Annandale, Buffalo and the Maple Lake area.

Arlene Joann Dearing

Arlene as born on 1/16/1934. She married Daniel Jerome Tormanen on 9/26/1959 in Hennepin County. Daniel worked as a crane operator and tow truck driver. They had three children: Lorna Jean (Dave Rhoades); Mary Agnes (John E. Huikko) and Cindy.

Daniel died 12/23/2017 in New Hope, Minnesota. Arlene had worked at Leaf Grocers. She continues to reside in New Hope, Minnesota.



ARLENE AND DANIEL TORMANEN WEDDING PARTY 1959. Back row: Jean Hutchinson, Arlene and Daniel Tormanen, Jack Hutchinson Front row: Patty and Dennis Nothnagel

Virginia Ann Dearing

Virginia was born June 3, 1937 in Annandale. She married James Harold Marohn on 12/15/1956 at Zion Lutheran Church in Annandale. James's parents were Louis and Opal (Mistelske) Marohn. He was born October 1, 1935 in Albion Township. James and his family lived in Maple Lake when Virginia met him. His dad worked for Wright-Hennepin Electric. In his younger years, James worked at Maple Lake Lumber and the Ford Garage in Buffalo.

I asked Virginia, who was a 1956 Annandale graduate, how she met Jim, who was a 1954 graduate from Maple Lake. Quite a love story here! She said she met him on a street corner in Maple Lake. She clarified that statement by saying her sister Shirley who married Paul McAlpine lived in Maple Lake. She would visit her sister and then just take a walk around town. She would see Jim in town who lived near the McAlpines. He would always give her a friendly wave. It took one of Jim's buddies to set up a date for them. No online dating here, just a walk around town did the trick.



Virginia Marohn in 2025

If you noticed, the majority of the Dearing girls were married at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. I wondered if getting married in a Lutheran church caused any problems in her family. Yup, I guessed right. You have to consider the period of time when they got married. Virginia expected it would be difficult. Not one member of her immediate family came to her wedding. In the newspaper, I noticed in her wedding announcement, her parents and Jim's parents weren't mentioned. After the wedding, a couple of her sisters shunned her a few years. The bright spot was her parents soon supported her and Jim after the wedding. She said her parents stated they were happy she got married in a Christian church. Virginia's dad and Jim developed a good relationship which made her happy.

After their marriage, Jim and Virginia rented a tiny house on Birch Ave. owned by Fred Ferrel. It was across the street from the Bethlehem Evangelical Reformed Church. Virginia described it as a size of a studio apartment. They didn't care because the rent was cheap. Virginia said around 1959, Jim bought a home in rural Annandale that Jim's father, Louie had found. They weren't there long. When his father Louie had a heart attack, they switched places to live. Jim and Virginia moved into Jim's parent's home located on Highway 7 in town across from the trailer park. By 1971, Virginia and Jim with their 3 children will switch back to rural Annandale and regain their home. Virginia said it was a very tiny home when they moved there in 1971. They built an addition that doubled the size of the home.

Virginia and Jim had three children: Mark who lives in rural Annandale; John and his son Michael who live in Wyoming. John also has a step-daughter Amy Cleason; and Janet married Tom Bonnet. Janet and Tom live in California where they had two children Daniel and Kendra (Christopher Sullivan). Tragically, Daniel died November 9, 2021 and Tom died July 11, 2023. In their early years, Mark, John, and Janet grew up in Maple Lake. However with their move in 1971, they ended up going to the Annandale Schools. They all graduated from Annandale High School.

Jim worked first at Grunt Battery in Minneapolis and then at Safetram. In his later

years he drove a school bus for M&M Bus Service. Virginia drove a school bus for 44 years. She had her first route with Mooney Bus Company in Maple Lake. She later drove for M&M Bus Company in Annandale where she had a rural and town route. Virginia said she had to quit driving bus when she had a heart attack.

Virginia is a spry, healthy 87 year old. She still lives in the home that she and Jim moved into in 1971. Her son Mark resides a couple miles from her home so she enjoys weekly meals with him. She loves baking. She does all her own housekeeping and yard maintenance. She even drives a truck and snow plows her own driveway. Virginia made 500 jars of six different flavors of jelly this past year. She sells her jelly at the Annandale Farmer's Market. Mark sells bouquets of flowers grown from his farm. He has bees so he sells honey, scented soaps and candles. Virginia is his "go to" for helping with deliveries. You can find them both at the Farmer's Market in Annandale when it's open.

James died on 11/11/2017 at Parkview Care Center in Buffalo. He and Virginia were married 61 years. I was pretty amazed how self-sufficient Virginia is at her home. I guess that is what growing up on a farm does for you. She has a pretty good memory and helped me with the stories about the Tony and Agnes Dearing family.

Jean Catherine Dearing

Jean was born April 21, 1939 in Annandale. She married John Thomas Hutchinson on September 12, 1959 in St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. John worked as a postman in Buffalo. Jean worked at Andy Manuel's Grocery Store and Carlson Dolls. Many of the women who were employed by Carlson Dolls did their work from home. They had 5 children: Kenneth John; Debra Jean (Charles Victor Huikko); Terry Jo; Diane Marie (Edward Trager); and Robert James (Katherine). They reside in Buffalo.

Photos and Interviews from Mark and Virginia Marohn, and Jean Hutchinson contributed to this story. In Part IX our attention will turn to another son of Anton and Rose Dearing who farmed in Corinna Township. He was Carl Dearing. Carl and Mary (Schneider) Dearing's farm is now reaching its century farm mark as of 2028. This family will be the subject of the next installment of the Dearing family history series.



THE TONY DEARING FAMILY. Back row: Phyllis, Bev, Jean, Shirley, Arlene Seated: Virginia, Agnes, Tony & Pat.



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943

ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936

AGNES DEARING
Chippewa Co. WI
1896-1973

TONY DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1886-1982



1956 WEDDING
Virginia and James Marohn



1959 WEDDING
Jean and John Hutchinson



Agnes and Anthony Dearing's 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration with their grandkids.



BACK ROW: Shirley, Phyllis, Bev MIDDLE ROW: Arlene, Patricia FRONT ROW: Virginia and Jean.

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THE Dearing Family

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By Sue Sylvester

Carl Dearing

Carl was born October 10/10/1892 in Corinna Township. He was the sixth child of Rose and Anton Dearing. Carl served in the Navy during World War I. He enlisted January 3, 1918 and was discharged July 3, 1919. His son Wayne said he made three trips to France.

Carl was living on the original family farm in the 1920 census. He worked as a farm laborer for his mother and father. He married Mary Schneider on August 30, 1921 at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. Mary Schneider was born October 21, 1893 in Corinna Township. Her parents were Frank and Catherine (Kohlman) Schneider. Frank and Catherine had a farm in Corinna Township in section 14.

I wondered how Carl and Mary met. His son Wayne said, back in those days you couldn't go to far without a car. Many of the neighbors had dances so those in the area would get together for entertainment. The Dircks family had a lot of dances. He met Mary at one of those dances. Both Carl and his brother Paul married Schneider sisters.

After Carl and Mary were married they continued farming. Wayne said they farmed on two different places before buying their own place. Carl also received land from his father Anton. He was given the land his father had owned in Sec 36 in Clearwater Township. Carl sold that land. He would purchase 120 acres of land directly west of Frank and Kathrine Schneider's farmstead in 1928. You can find the farm on the 1931 Corinna Township plat map in Section 14. They are located by following CR7 north of Maple Lake and turning west on CR 39. By 1942 he will purchase another 80 acres adjacent to his property

Wayne said the land had originally been owned by George Scheyer. They had just built a very modern farm house which was wired for electricity in 1918. He said that George lost his son Harold in a hunting accident in 1924. George decided to sell the farm in 1928. When Carl and Mary moved into that home in 1928, they had an indoor bathroom, running water, electric lights, and in 1936 their milking machines were run by electricity. My image of farming in the 1920's was not one of having electricity. Wayne explained that it was a low voltage system. They had a generator in the basement that ran at night which charged batteries. Electricity was run off the batteries. They even had lights in the barn. Wayne remembers electric lines were finally run to the farm in 1937.

Wayne grew up on a pretty progressive farm. Of course it was hard going during the depression but the farm was mostly self-sufficient. When they milked their 25 cows, they separated the milk and took the cream to town. The skim milk went to the pigs. They raised pigs for personal use but also pigs were sold and trucked to South St. Paul. They raised chickens for eating but also had laying hens for eggs. Wayne remembers going to town to the grocery store. They would bring in eggs for trade of items they needed.

Wayne grew up using four work horses. These were horses you would not be able to ride; they were huge. Their purpose was for plowing and disking. Wayne recalls when his dad got his first tractor in 1937. Even though they had the tractor, they still kept the horses. The Dearing had black soil which they fertilized with manure. By 1948 they were starting to use fertilizer that contained nitrogen and phosphate.

In the 1930 US census, Carl and Mary



Carl Dearing pictured at left, the son of Rose and Anton, served in the Navy during World War 1. He enlisted at the age of 25. Pictured at the right is the Dearing family (l-r), Carl, Tom, Mary, and Wayne Dearing.



have settled into farming and had a family. He owned his own farm. Carl was 37 and Mary was 36 years of age. At this time they had three children June M age 7; Angela age 6 and Wayne age 2. The 1940 census shows the family was still on the farm but now there were 4 children: June M. age 17; Angela age 16; Wayne age 12; and Thomas F. age 6. In the 1950 US census Carl and Mary were farming at the same place in Corinna Township.

By this time, both the girls were married. Wayne was 22 years old and working the farm. His brother Thomas was 16 years old and was categorized as a farm laborer on this census.

This news clipping ran in the Annandale Advocate on September 21, 1933. "The Carl Dearing's have a mighty fine set of buildings, which show off well from the highway. They are electric lighted and modern throughout. The Dearing's are entertaining a new baby in their home so Mrs. Dearing has no time to

stand around and talk. They have a 19 acre patch of corn that did all of 2/3 of a crop this year. They have been around the place for the past five years."

Carl and Mary Dearing's children:

June Marie Dearing

June was born May 28, 1922 in Annandale. She married Thomas Love on April 23, 1949 in San Francisco. On the 1950 US census record, Thomas age 23 was working as a machinist in a machine shop in San Francisco. June age 27 was working as a clerk typist for a bank. They had 3 children:

Kathleen Marie Love was born May 17, 1953 in San Francisco. She married Paul George Heberling on May 28, 1977 in Hennepin, Minnesota

Mary Margaret Love born September 28, 1955 in Hennepin County. She married David Spike on September 20, 1975 in Wright County. They had 5 children: *Matthew David, Thomas James, Michael Paul, Melissa Mary, and Theresa Ann.*

Cynthia Teresa Love was born March 31, 1958 in Hennepin County. She married Lee A. Anderson on March 4, 1986 in Hennepin County. Lee died at age 41 on May 16, 1999.



June Love



Carl and Mary Dearing's farm from the 1931 Corinna Township plat map in Section 14 has been overlaid onto a current map of the area to show location. The Dearing farm is located by following CR7 north of Maple Lake and turning west on CR 39. The picture of the Carl and Mary Dearing farm was taken in the 1960s.

They had one child *Trevor*.

In the 1950's June and Thomas had reestablished their ties to Minnesota. June died at age 65 at the University of Minnesota Hospital. Her obituary said she was a homemaker and member of St. Ignatius Church. Her husband Thomas Alva Love died on February 17, 2019 at age 92. He had married Phyllis Latour in 1998. Both Thomas and June are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Annandale.

Angela Blanche Dearing

Angela was born July 15, 1923 in Corinna Township. She graduated from Annandale High School in 1940. For a year she worked as a nanny in Edina. She then joined with her sister June in Seattle, Washington to work for Boeing as a riveter. After the war, she came back to Minnesota and married Donald Jerome Paumen on August 16, 1949. He served in the US Army Air Force in WWII. They lived on a farm in Albion Township. They had 4 boys:

Wayne Paumen was born June 21, 1950 in Stearns County. He married Susan Marie Peterson on April 28, 2001 in Wright County.

Timothy Carl Paumen was born May 4, 1954 in Stearns County. He married Mana Rie Woyke on June 10, 1978 in Wright County. They had 5 children: *Toban Anthony, Kyle Lucius, Tyrel James, Clint Marcus, and Tara Kathryn Paumen.* Tim Paumen died in March of 2022.

Brian Paumen was born October 31, 1957 in St. Cloud. He died by accident on his family farm in Albion on July 24, 2020. Besides farming he owned and operated Paumen Excavating and Septic. He had 4 children: *Blake, Brynn, Brielle, and Brock Paumen*

Bradly David Paumen was born on October 31, 1957. He married Esther Joachim Rajoo on February 12, 1993 in Hennepin County. They had 3 children: *Andrea Ann, Erik Joachim, and Evan David.*

Donald Paumen died May 11, 2012 at Annandale Care Center. Angela died May 30, 2020 at Annandale Care Center. They are buried at St. Timothy's Catholic Cemetery.

Wayne Francis Dearing

Wayne was born February 13, 1928 in Corinna Township. This family will be highlighted in Part X of the Dearing Series.



PART IX AN 11-PART SERIES OF THE DEARING FAMILY HISTORY

GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943



ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936



MARY SCHNEIDER DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1893-1992



CARL DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1892-1984

Thomas Franklin Dearing

Thomas was born August 16, 1933 in Corinna Township. He graduated from Annandale High School in 1951. He served in the Army reserves. He married Irene A. Swartz September 13, 1958 at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. They had five children:



Thomas Dearing

Bruce Thomas Dearing was born June 12, 1959 in Stearns County, MN He married Anita Nelson October 1, 1982 in Wright County. They were divorced in Wright County on August 3, 1987. He married Beth Anne Pattinson on November 2, 1991 in Clark, Nevada. They had 1 child: *Rebecca Marian Dearing.*

Terri Dearing was born July 16, 1960 in Wright County, MN She married Steve Harder. They had 3 children: *Eric, Jennifer, and Charlie Harder.*

Diane Marie Dearing was born May 28, 1961 in Wright County, MN

Gregory Carl Dearing was born August 22, 1962 in Wright County, MN He married Susan M. Babatz June 11, 1988 in Wright County. They had 2 daughters, *Emily Grace and Ellie Mae Dearing*

Jeffrey Frank Dearing was born July 24, 1966 in Stearns County, MN

Tom died May 8, 2008 in Maple Lake. He is buried in St. Ignatius Cemetery, French Lake Township, MN.

In 1950 Carl and Mary retired from the farm. They moved to Annandale to Catherine Schneider's house. Catherine was Mary's mother. Catherine was not in good health, so they took care of her. Catherine died August 20, 1953. Carl and Mary built a new house in Annandale. Carl continued to help his son Wayne on the farm. He did a lot of fishing on Cedar Lake. Wayne said he also took care of the city cemetery in Annandale. Carl would help dig graves and also mowed the lawn at the cemetery.

Carl died on September 6, 1984 at St. Cloud Hospital, Stearns County, MN. Mary died November 12, 1992 at Annandale Care Center. They were buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Annandale. At the time of Mary's death, there were 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

The next article in this series will cover Wayne and Marilyn Dearing family in Part X of the Dearing History Series. The author used birth, death, marriage, and census records. Interviews with Wayne, John, and Nancy Dearing contributed to the article. Photos contributed by Nancy Dearing and Mary Jindrich Helgeson.



GENERATION II



AUGUST DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1884-1965



ANTON (TONY) DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1886-1982



PAUL DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1887-1974



ALBERT DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1889-1948



TERESA DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1890-1965



CARL DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1892-1984



CECILIA DEARING
Clearwater Twp., MN
1895-1974



LUCY DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1898-1959



EMMA DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1901-1991



HUBERT DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1904-1982

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THE DEARING FAMILY- Marilyn and Wayne Dearing with their four children. (L-R) Sue, Jim, John and Nancy.

GENERATION I



ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943



ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936

GENERATION II



MARY SCHNEIDER DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1893-1992



CARL DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1892-1984

GENERATION III

By Sue Sylvester

Wayne Dearing was born February 13, 1928 in Corinna Township. His parents were Carl and Mary (Schneider) Dearing. He graduated from Annandale High School in 1946.

Wayne met Marilyn Cruikshank at the March of Dimes Dance when she was a 16 years old sophomore at Maple Lake High School. Wayne asked Marilyn and her mother Pearl who was also at the dance that night if he could drive Marilyn home after the dance and they agreed.

On the way home Pearl followed them in her car but unfortunately her car slid off the road and they spent the evening pulling Pearl's car from the ditch. Marilyn was Wayne's high school sweetheart and the love of his life

Marilyn graduated from Maple Lake High School in 1950 and they married later that summer on August 19, 1950 at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Maple Lake. Her parents were William J. and Pearl (Rachel) Cruikshank. She was born August 17, 1932 in Albion Township where her parents were also farmers. Wayne and Marilyn Dearing had 4 children: (Generation 4)

Nancy Ann Dearing born May 25, 1951 in Stearns County, MN

James William Dearing born May 15, 1952 in Stearns County, MN. Jim married Patricia Lee Elliot on January 31, 1975 at St. Ignatious Church in Annandale. Her parents were Don and Gloria Katherine (Ward) Elliot. Pat was born April 20, 1956 in Hennepin County. Her dad Don died at the age of 42 in November 7, 1972. Her mom died Feb 16, 2017. They are buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jim and Pat have two children: Wayne (Beth) and Tracy (Jim Jude).

John Robert Dearing was born October 16, 1955 in Stearns County, MN.

Susan Mary Dearing born July 5 1957 in Stearns County, MN. Susan married Curtis Jeffrey Smith on September 10, 1983 at St. Ignatius Church in Annandale. His parents are William B. Smith of Robinsdale. Curtis Jeffrey was born October 24, 1958 in Min-

nesota. Curtis Smith's parents are deceased. Susan and Curtis had two children: Chad Jason Smith (Bre) and Courtney Jo (Ben Revering).

Wayne's dad Carl retired from the farm in 1950. Carl and Mary Dearing moved into Annandale. After Wayne and Marilyn's wed-



Wayne and Marilyn Dearing at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Maple Lake on August 19, 1950.

ding. Wayne & Marilyn moved into the family farm house. Wayne's brother Tom lived with them. By that time, Wayne had been given 80 acres from his dad across the road from the original farmstead. The brothers continued to work the farm together and Carl would also come out and help with the work.

Wayne said he followed the same type of farming as his dad. They had dairy cows, chickens, pigs, and planted crops. Marilyn had huge gardens, canned and put up preserves. As farming modernized so did the Dearings. They

bought tractors, combines, plows, and equipment that made farming a little easier. All the children worked on the farm.

After Marilyn had her 4th child, she became extremely ill. She went to St. Cloud Hospital, then later ended up at the University of Minnesota Hospital for over 30 days. Marilyn was diagnosed with kidney disease. Wayne said they almost lost her. While she was at the hospital, Grandpa Carl and Grandma Mary Dearing and Grandpa Pearl and Grandpa Bill Cruikshank helped out with the children and the farm work.

When she came home, Marilyn needed help with the housework and the children. Wayne hired Irene Swartz. She had been working at a nursing home in South Haven. Wayne offered her the job and she came to live with them at their home. Bills were mounting up and Wayne gave back the 80 acres his dad had given him earlier.

On September 13, 1958 his brother, Tom Dearing and Irene Swartz were married. After they were married, they moved in with Marilyn and Wayne over the winter. Land was divided up by their dad Carl. They divided the milk cows. Both Tom and Wayne got 140 acres. Tom's farm house was just south west of Wayne's property. Part of Tom's property was purchased from Leo and Elaine Juetten. Tom also was given the 80 acres that Wayne had given back to his father. You can see the location of their property on the 1964 Corinna Plat map. Wayne has the original farm in Section 14 and Tom's farm is in Section 23 and land in Section 15.

Both brothers continued to farm together. They would share equipment and work together planting and harvesting their crops. They

even rented land from Cousin Colin Dearing and planted crops on his land for a few years. It is good to see one generation hand off a farm to another generation without the family squabbles you so often see. So many farms end up not staying in the family and are sold off when one generation leaves and another takes over.

Brother Tom Dearing died May 8, 2008 at his home. Some of his land is now owned by Wayne's son, John Dearing.

John had purchased his first property around 1983 from Marvin G. Wells (see map). John also purchased land from George and



The children play on the family farm in 1958 (L-R) Jim, Nancy, little Sue, and John Dearing

Sadie Wurm which had a house on it. John moved into that house. Wayne retired from farming in 1990 when he was 62 years old. Wayne said he traded John 40 acres and the original Dearing farmstead for John's Wurm purchase of 40 acres and rickety buildings. On that land they had their son Jim Dearing build them a new one level house in 1993. It was on CR 39 and near CR 7.

This is the house where the author met Marilyn Dearing. They had a beautiful new home, she had flower and vegetable gardens, and was still canning. She also made wonderful quilts. In 1989 she had a kidney replaced which was donated

by her daughter Susan. The author had no idea Marilyn had any health issues. She never complained.

In May of 2021 the Dearing made another trade and move. Their son Jim owned a townhome in Maple Lake. They decided to trade properties. Wayne and Marilyn moved to Maple Lake. Jim and Pat Dearing moved to the home that Jim had built for his parents 28 years prior. Sadly, Marilyn died on December 24, 2021 surrounded by four generations. She and Wayne had been married 71 years.

Wayne Dearing at the age of 97 is now living at Annandale Centennial Villa Apartments. His memory is phenomenal and he helped provide information for the Dearing series. Besides farming, Wayne had been

on the Corinna Township board for 18 years. He was a member of ASC for 9 years. (Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service) He also was an active member of the Knights of Columbus for many years.

Interviews with Wayne, John, and Nancy Dearing contributed to the story along with Birth, death, marriage, and census records. Family photos were contributed by Nancy Dearing. Part XI of this series will feature John Dearing, the descendent of the Dearing line that will have a Century Farm designation in 2028.

Dearing home since 1928



GENERATION III



June Dearing Love



Angela Dearing Paumen



Wayne Dearing

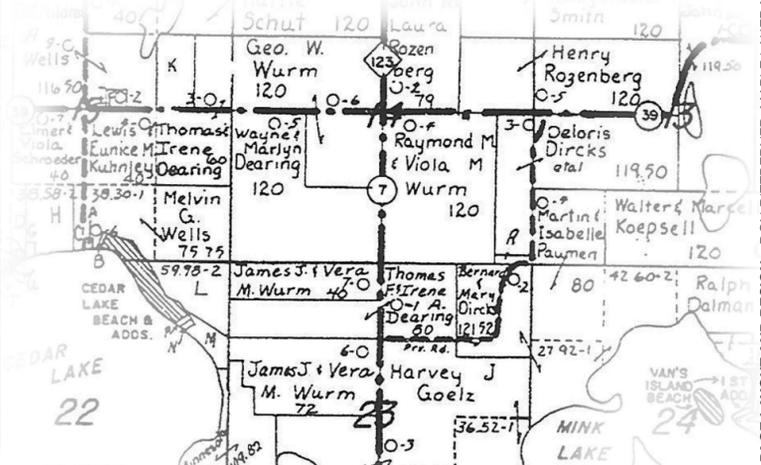


Thomas Dearing

Dearing Farm in 1980's



1964 Corinna Plat map.



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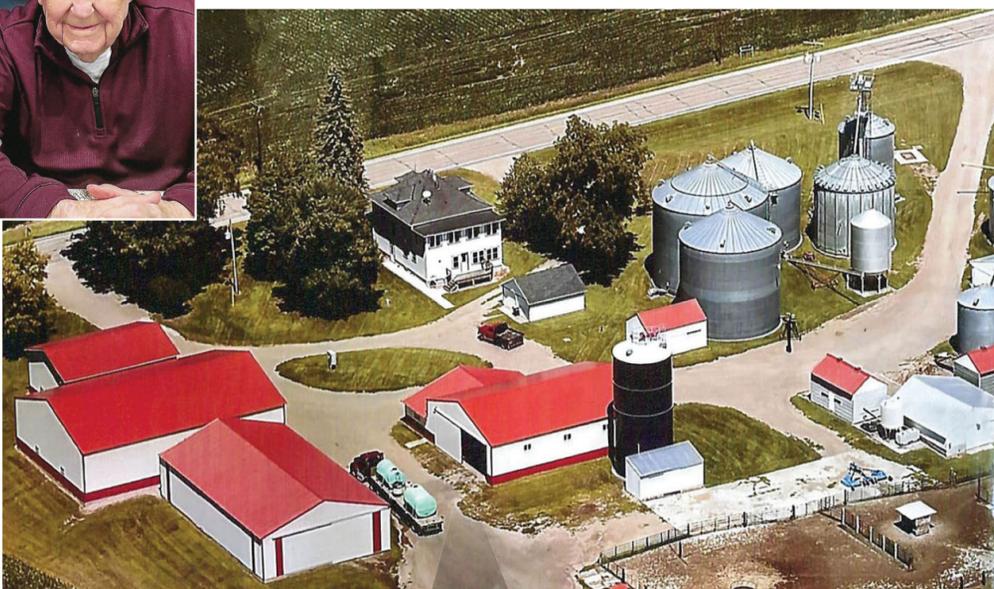
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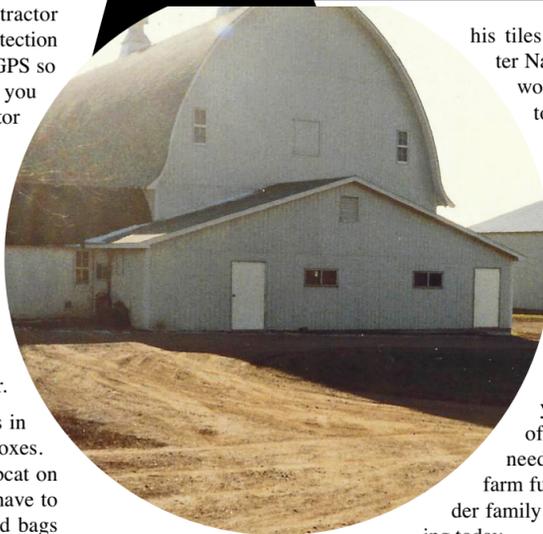


John and Wayne Dearing have seen many changes in the farming industry over the past century. The Dearing family farm will reach its century farm designation in 2028.

This is the final part of the Dearing family history series. John Dearing is the son that inherits the family farm. He is the third generation to live on the property which will achieve the designation of a Century Farm in 2028. This 11 part series began in issue 43 of the Maple Lake Messenger starting with the first generation settlers of the Dearing Family in America, Rose and Anton Dearing.



Another big change on the family farm is the old fashion wooden barn. Many of these barns are disappearing and being replaced by large metal buildings. This is true on the Dearing farm. In Wayne's day the wooden barn from 1923 was still standing.



his tiles are functioning. Sister Nancy says he is always working on some project to keep the equipment going.

This family will reach its century farm designation in 2028. That is a major accomplishment as we watch family farms disappearing from our landscape. When you see the amount of equipment and land needed to keep a family farm functioning, it is a wonder family farms are still surviving today.

The author stated she has enjoyed meeting and interviewing so many of the people who are part of the Dearing family tree. Beginning with Rose and Anton Dearing, the Dearing family has totally assimilated into our community. The ties from the Dearings have reached into so many well know family names from the Marohns, Barretts, Naaktgeborens, Paumens.

CORN PLANTING: Seed was first planted by hand one row at a time. Wayne Dearing doubled that production planting 2 rows at a time with a horse. Wayne's first tractor doubled that production, planting four rows at a time, Wayne later doubled his production with an eight-row corn planter. Son, John Dearing, has tripled his father's production with a 24-row corn planter.

GENERATION IV

By Sue Sylvester

John Dearing was born October 16, 1955 in Stearns County, Minnesota. His parents were Wayne and Marilyn Cruikshank Dearing. John is single. Like his father, John is on the Corinna Township Board. He has currently served 30 years. He took over the family farm in 1990. John's siblings are Nancy Dearing, Jim (Pat) Dearing, and Susan (Curtis Smith). His father and sister Nancy would still help out with some of the farming for many years.

John Dearing's story on farming is very different from other farms that the author has written about in the past. Anton Dearing was labeled a scientific farmer in Corinna Township in 1915. John's farm does not follow the same principals of farming that his father or grandfather followed. John Dearing does not have the same variety of animals to feed. John stopped farming pigs in 1974. By 1994 he sold all the dairy cattle. The only livestock he has are feeder cattle. His emphasis is now on crop farming. John plants alternating crops of soy beans and corn. In the past most family farms were around 120 acres. To make his farm profitable, John uses his own land and rents land. He currently is farming over 3,000 acres of land. John has planted crops in fields near the authors house in French Lake Township! That's a long way to travel from Corinna Township to plant crops, but he travels where affordable land is available to turn a profit on his crops.

The equipment that farmers use today is radically different than 50 years ago and very expensive. The generational differences in farming practices between father and son are very interesting in this series.

In Wayne's lifetime they switched from using horses to working the land with tractors. One of Wayne's

tractors shown here was a 1947 model of a Farmall. It's looking very nice in this photo since son John refurbished it. Compare that to John's new tractor. Think about how much faster his tractor can cover a field vs Wayne's tractor. Also the nice perks of this covered tractor with air conditioning and protection against the elements. It has GPS so rows are always straight and you can listen to music as the tractor drives itself in the fields.

When the farmers first started, seed was planted by hand. Wayne with a horse could plant 2 rows at a time. With his first tractor, he could plant 4 rows at a time then that was upgraded to an 8 row corn planter. Son John now has a 24 row corn planter.

John no longer buys seeds in bags. Seeds come in large boxes. The box is lifted up by a bobcat on to a seed tender. You don't have to haul and open numerous seed bags anymore. Those boxes can weigh 2,000 pounds a piece. Fertilizer used to be dry but now it comes in a concentrated liquid form which must be mixed with water. John uses a water truck to mix his fertilizer. His water truck can hold about 3,200 gallons of water. He needs to figure out the correct ratio of water to concentrate when mixing his fertilizer. He owns a sprayer to distribute the fertilizer in his fields.

Remember at one time farmers cut and husked the corn by hand? Wayne reduced labor by getting a combine. He first combined corn at two rows at a time. Later he had a 4 row corn head. He used a bean head that covered 13 feet. John now has

a combine that can do 12 rows at a time. Also his bean head can do 40 feet at a time.

John no longer uses orange gravity boxes for collecting his soy beans or corn at harvest. Instead he uses semi-trucks which he fills as he harvests. He bought his first semi-truck in 1994. He uses the trucks to haul the product either to market or storage.

This is just the tip of the iceberg on the equipment that is now used on the farm. John is pretty well schooled in repair, maintenance, and welding. He does most of the upkeep on his equipment himself. He also keeps his tree lines clean and makes sure

A Century of Evolution

Farming has changed immensely over the past 100 years. The Dearing family has adapted with the times and upgraded their equipment to increase production and reduce labor costs.



Wayne Dearing used this 1947 Farmall tractor on the farm for many years. John Dearing recently refurbished the tractor for his father, Wayne Dearing.



John Dearing's new tractor can cover a field much faster and is more comfortable than Wayne's.



Wayne Dearing reduced labor by getting a combine. Wayne combined two corn rows at a time, later he had a 4 row corn head and used a bean head that covered 13 feet. John Dearing now has a combine that harvests 12 rows at a time, his bean head covers 40 feet.



John Dearing no longer uses gravity boxes for collecting soy beans or corn at harvest. Dearing bought his first semi-truck in 1994 which is filled as he harvests the field. The product is then delivered to market or storage.



Wayne's Dearing's first tractor planted four rows at a time then that was upgraded to an eight-row corn planter.



This picture shows how John used to load the seed corn before the use of box seed tenders.



John Dearing now has a 24-row corn planter

GENERATION I

ROSE LEMKE DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1859-1943

ANTON DEARING
Heilsburg, Germany
1853-1936

Century 2028 Farm
MINNESOTA STATE FARM

GENERATION II

MARY SCHNEIDER DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN

CARL DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1892-1984

GENERATION III

MARILYN CRUIKSHANK DEARING
Albian Twp., MN
1932-2021

WAYNE DEARING
Corinna Twp., MN
1928 - Age 97

GENERATION IV

JOHN DEARING
Stearns County, MN
1955 - Age 70

McAlpines, Cruikshanks, Jindrichs and Wurms. The Maple Lake Library archival computer photo gallery now has many Dearing family photos to view and their family history is now available. The author started the Dearing series when Marilyn Dearing saw her family history was not in the Maple Lake centennial book. Marilyn can now rest in peace knowing her family history series has been told.

Information for this article was provided by John, Nancy, and Wayne Dearing. Nancy Dearing provided the family photos. If you have a family history written or family photos, please share them. Call the Maple Lake Library at 320-963-2009. Leave your name, telephone number, and the author will return your call. Items will be scanned and put into the Maple Lake Library Archival computer. Preserving our local history is an important goal of our library.

