

Canadian Government Agency.

W. H. ROGERS,
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGENT,
BOX 116.

Watertown, S. D.,

May 3, 1899

A. B. Doughty,

White, S. D.

Dear sir:--

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. and in reply would say that it is my purpose to have at least two excursions to the Canadian Northwest during the month of June. The exact dates and rates have not yet been decided on, but as soon as they are I will again write you and advise you. The cost of a trip on those dates to Alberta and return will be in the neighborhood of fifty dollars. If you purchase a return ticket to the boundary it will be good for twenty-one days. If a longer time is desired I may possibly be able to secure an extension. Kindly let me know if it is your purpose to take advantage of either of those excursions?

Very truly,

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W. H. Rogers

Ticket dated July 18, 1899
(on back)

Brainard, Perkins & Co.

DEALERS IN

Hats, Caps,
Boots & Shoes.

General Merchandise.

Farm Produce Bought and Sold.

White, S. D. $\frac{12}{13}$ 1897



Don't
Turkey Corp.
Chicken

$42\frac{1}{2}$
 $31\frac{1}{4}$

Brainard Perkins & Co.

June 24 1897

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June 30 Bedsprings 2

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Nov 2 prs drawers for Dick

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1898

AB Doughty
28 270 Oats @ 2⁰⁰ 5.40
29 479 Wheat " 4⁰⁰ 19.16
30 98 Flax " 6⁰⁰ 5.88
30 522 Wheat " 4⁰⁰ 20.88
Oct 685 Oats " 2⁰⁰ 13.70
2 75 Barley " 2⁰⁰ 15.00
2 833 Wheat " 4⁰⁰ 33.32
 $\$79.84$

Credit By coal 22.95

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Balance \$76.79

TJ Wilson

M. B.

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY

Oct-2nd 1898
 needles & pins 10c
 Comb 15c
 Overalls two 2.50
 Mitts 1.50
 Dec 7 one stew kettle 40
 Dec 19 book of poems 1.50

1898 Mar 9th
 Suspenders 20c
 Tea Can 1.00
 C dish 46
 Towels 4 85
 Handkerchiefs 1.50
 W board 20
 Handkerchiefs 25
 Overalls 60
 On tie 30
 Stockings 8
 Socks & Hosiery 50
 Overalls 65
 Suit for Dick 200
 Curry Comb 20
 Dec 7 1898
 1 Granite Kettle 40c

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY



Asa and Melissa Doughty

Asa and Melissa had carved a farm out of the green hills of Wisconsin and dug into the tangled sod of South Dakota to create another homestead, you'd think that would have been enough adventure for this couple in their middle years.

However, it appeared that as early as 1899, Asa considered pushing on. An included letter from a land agent and a cancelled ticket stub show he made a trip to Canada, presumably to check out the possibility of resettling there. Phebe and her husband George Delany and George's relatives made a permanent move to Canada a few years later. The area must not have appealed to Asa's liking, because in 1902 Asa, Melissa and Dick (who would always be Dickie to his mother as evidenced by letters she wrote to him in later years) moved to 160 acres northeast of Milaca, Minnesota. Asa's cousin Will Doughty made the move to Minnesota the same year, settling in the town of Oglivie, some miles distant.

The town of Milaca, located on the Rum River that flows from Mille Lacs Lake to join the Mississippi River at Anoka, had been platted out in 1885-6 by the Mille Lacs Lumber Company, James J. Hill, president.

The Mille Lacs Lumber Company had been created to provide a total operation to induce logging, a lumber mill, a company store and a land sales operation to take advantage of the 1,539,079.97 acres of Minnesota land granted by the United States Congress to the railroad. In addition, the railroad was granted the use of 1,437,993.21 acres of land.

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY

In 1893 in order to devote his time and money to other enterprises, Hill sold most of the Mille Lacs Lumber Company to the Foley-Bean Company's of St. Paul. Their land companies sent sales posters and salesmen far and wide, even to foreign countries extolling the advantages of buying land in the Milaca area. The following enticements were included in these sales pitches.

"If you are seeking a home for yourself and family in good farming country, only sixty miles from St. Paul and Minneapolis, among a good class of industrious and peaceable people, where the hardships of new country are passed and the benefits of an intelligent and law-abiding community are already established, where railroads, schools, churches and towns are built up, where you can buy first class lands that will double in value in three years, then you should come to Milaca, Mille Lacs County,"

"Milaca is a growing town of over 800 people with a high school of three departments, three churches (one a Methodist), a good newspaper and the big lumber mills of the Mille Lacs Lumber Company which will employ 150 men most of the year. There are many natural meadows on these lands upon which one and a half to two and a half tons of blue joint and brown top hay grows, thus making feed very cheap for stock. The price of this land has been reduced to a lower figure than any other lands can be bought at the same distance from the Twin Cities. The most desirable land with natural meadows and along the Rum River and the meadow brooks near Milaca can now be had at from \$6 to \$8 per acre."

The 160 acres Asa bought was three and a half miles northeast of Milaca, Borgholm Township, Mille Lacs County, about three miles east of the Rum River.

His objective was to build up a dairy business and he and Dick began the arduous task of clearing land for crops to feed the cattle. Some years later, Asa's son Ed and family, bought a farm three miles north of his father's. Ed's son Edward (Ed, Ted) wrote about his dad's process of clearing land for planting as based upon Asa's experiences.

"The general process was to clear an acre at a time, by cutting down the trees and burning what we didn't need for firewood at home. Then a year or two later, after the stump roots had commenced rotting, we pulled the stumps with a team of horses. The eveners, singletrees, and doubletrees to which the harness tugs were hooked, were generally made of hickory or oak, many of which were broken in the attempts to pull a stubborn stump. After the stump pulling came the rock digging and picking. Then three or four horses were used on a breaker plow, which turned up more roots and rocks so that another rock picking job had to be done. Next the ground was gone over several times with a disc to cut up the sod, so that it could be harrowed, and worked finer in order that planting could be done. This process had to be repeated for each plot cleared."

Asa's land had been logged over and what remained was huge stumps, brush and trees too small for the loggers to bother with. Asa, as did his son Ed, as well as all their neighbors, had several rock piles, with some rocks so large two people would have to join hands to encircle the rocks with their arms. In later years my sister and I used them for tables and desks and for rock jumping. Jumping from rock to rock was great fun, unless one missed the targeted rock.

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY

My father, Dick, told me that the great Hinckley fire of 1894 that roared mercilessly over miles of cut-over tinder dry logging slash destroying an incredible amount of property and lives, had sliced a strip through the farm just north of the future farm buildings.

Asa and Dick built a one and a half story house, barn, granary, woodshed and chicken coop and began to build up a herd of purebred Holstein milk cows. In 1908 Dick attended a short course at the University of Minnesota Agriculture College to learn how to recognize and raise high quality cattle. He and Asa together, established one of the finest and highest producing dairy herds in the county,

They cleared enough land to supply the crops to fill the silo and granary and hay loft in the barn. Outside the barn they built stacks of supplemental hay and straw for feeding and bedding the cattle. The remaining untilled acres were used for pasture, meadow hay and woodlots that were thinned for firewood.

Dick gradually took over more and more of the responsibility of operating the farm, leaving Asa and Melissa free for month long trips back to see family and friends in Dakota and visits to Wisconsin to see Asa's brother and sisters. They enjoyed trips to Duluth to visit nephew Milton Doughty and his wife Priscilla who lived on a hill from where they could watch the activity of the ships in the harbor below. Milton's home was a popular place for his parents and his uncles and aunts, with his wife Priscilla seemingly a willing and gracious hostess. In a letter from Priscilla to "Ace" Doughty, she urged Asa and Melissa to come back soon and challenged Asa to another fast paced game of dominoes, insisting SHE could win without cheating.

Grandson Robert (Bob) Dibble spent five summers working at Asa and Dick's farm. December 10, 1979, Bob wrote to me; "One summer when I worked for your dad on the farm, Ruth (Merrill) was there also and at the end of the summer, Grandfather rented two tents during the Minnesota State Fair and the four of us spent a week tenting on the fair grounds. While Grandfather and Grandmother did their sight seeing, Ruth and I went together to do our sight seeing also. It was at the fair that I saw my first airplane. We boys got to know Ruth very well because she was usually at Grandfather's when mother took us up there for our month long visits in the fall of each year."

On September 21, 1917, Dick married Sadie Penhallegon whom he had met while she was teaching school at Page, Minnesota and rooming with the K.K. Moore's who were large scale dairy farmers and friends of the Asa Doughty's.

Dick and Sadie bought Asa and Melissa's 160 acre farm for \$100 an acre. Prices were good, and with hard work and careful management it took them only a few years to pay the purchase price in full.

Asa and Melissa built a home directly across the road from the main farm on forty acres that was mostly pasture and woods with a few acres for lawn and gardens. With one bedroom on the main floor and a couple upstairs, they had room to entertain and house family members who continued to come for lengthy visits..

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY



This picture is a very early view of the Milaca, MN farmstead built by Asa and Melissa Doughty and their son Richard. It is most likely that the picture was taken before 1910.

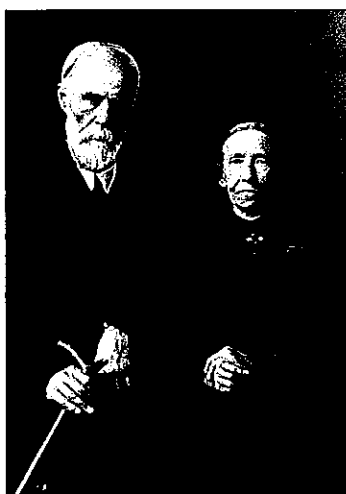
Starting on the left side and traveling right--the house, woodshed, behind the woodshed the out-door toilet, granary, machine and garage storage buildings, pig house and barn.

The little log building with the arrow above that I called the pig house was the first little building the family put up and was used as their home until the frame house was built. When the family no longer needed it for their own dwelling they added a woven wire fence in front of it and used it as shelter and pen for their pigs.

The windmill that stands between the house and granary was purchased from, and bore the name, of the T. M. Roberts Co. which was an early farm equipment and supply firm. Asa had been buying from them from his earliest days in Dakota.

When they began large scale dairy farming Dick added a cowbarn wing to the barn and also a silo. This picture was taken from the clover field on the south side of the premises by Dick who would also have developed it.

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY



*This picture of Asa and Melissa Doughty
was taken in June of 1917*

in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary

My dad Dick told me that when they built their barn, Asa insisted upon using oak timbers for the framework instead of the cheaper and more readily available white pine because he wanted it to stand straight and even.

Asa and Dick also joined their neighbors in constructing corduroy roads through the low lying areas. They cut tamarack trees and laid them side by side to provide a solid road bed for their trips to town. In the spring all through the years I was living on the farm, ends of the logs would pop up through the gravel and have to be pulled or cut off.

About 1915 Asa suffered a stroke which left him with a permanently useless left arm which he carried in a sling and enough difficulty walking that he thereafter used a cane. The picture above was taken to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary. On the back, in Melissa's hand writing it is inscribed: "To R.H. Doughty. Pa's and Ma's picture 1917."

Melissa died of pneumonia September 6, 1920 after an illness of several months, at home with her family in attendance. She was buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Milaca, Mn.

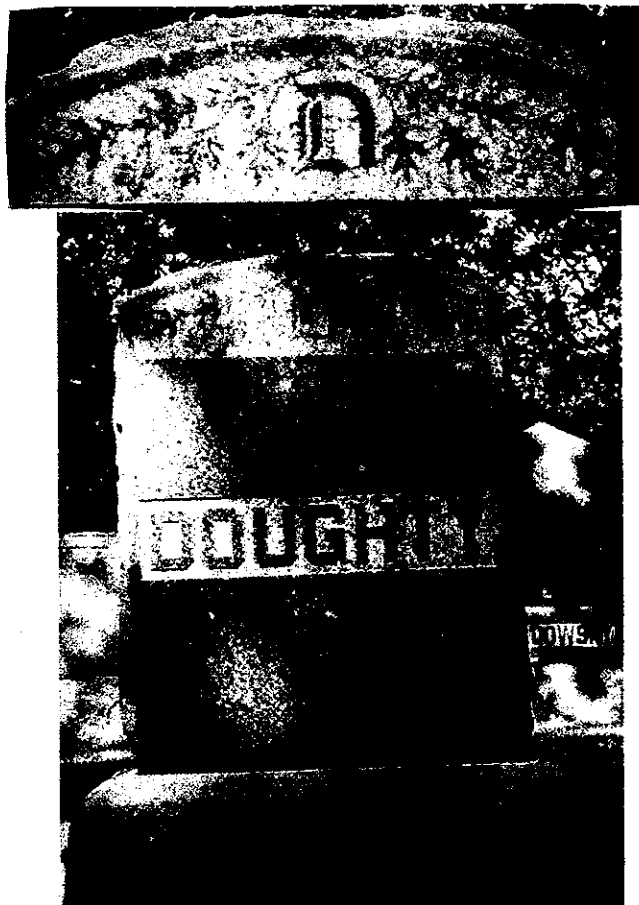
Asa continued to live in his house across the road from the main farm for the next years. About 1923 he traveled to Canada by himself for a protracted visit with his daughter Phebe. Phebe would have shared her home with her father, but Asa missed his farm and his other children and grandchildren and he returned to his cozy little house. In April of 1927 he suffered another stroke which made home care so difficult that he was moved to the Minnesota Soldier's Home in Minneapolis across the river from Ft. Snelling where as an energetic youth he had signed up to fight in the Civil War.

To visit his dad, Dick would take the bus to Minneapolis, stay overnight and then return home the next day. Grandson Bob Dibble was living close by Lake Nokomis and he and his wife and daughter Dorothy were able to visit, Dorothy, according to Bob, being a great favorite of the old veterans. Other family members also made the trip.

ASA BYRAM & MELISSA HALLOCK DOUGHTY

Asa Byram Doughty died January 7, 1929 at the Minnesota Soldier's Home at Minneapolis, MN, age 83 years, 11 months and 2 days. He was buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Milaca, MN beside his beloved Melissa. Their plots are on the highest hill, under the tallest trees among the oldest graves in the cemetery. The Rum River flowing below draws a line between the cemetery and the town of Milaca just beyond.

A spray of oak leaves is engraved across the top of their joint headstone, a fitting memorial to these sturdy pioneers.



The upper picture is an enlargement of the top part of the headstone
Even in the winter Asa and Melissa rest under a bower of leaves.

Here I have Nettie's

○ biography. I'm sure you have
it all & then some

BIRNEY & HETTIE (DOUGHTY) DIBBLE
AND FAMILY



Seated in front are Birney, holding Rolland, Clifford and Hettie
Standing in back are Paul and Robert

ASA AND MELISSA DOUGHTY
WITH HETTIE AND BIRNEY DIBBLE
AND THEIR BOYS
WITH RUTH MERRILL daughter of their deceased
daughter Edith



JAMES BIRNEY DIBBLE WITH SONS



From left: James Birney Dibble, Clifford, Robert, Paul & Rolland
September, 1941

Hetta Doughty & James Birney Dibble's Children
ROBERT DOUGHTY DIBBLE



Robert & Alta Dibble

Robert Doughty Dibble was born September 4, 1894 to Hetta Doughty and her husband James Birney Dibble at Ashton, Spink County, SD.

Bob interrupted his college courses at South Dakota State to enlist in the army during World War I. He served in the army for twenty-seven months, nineteen of them overseas where he took part in several major campaigns. Returning to college he graduated in 1922. He married Alta Mae Reeves, his college sweetheart, July 18, 1922 at Lawrence, SD.

The couple had two children: Dorothy Fay born July 22, 1923 in Minneapolis, MN and Robert Reeves born March 24, 1928.

Bob worked in Minneapolis, MN as assistant promotion manager of the Minneapolis YMCA and then at the Munsingwear Company in both Minneapolis and Chicago. He later was promotion manager of the Central YMCA College in Chicago.

In 1945 he became part of the founding staff of Roosevelt College in Chicago, IL and was director of educational information there until 1962 when he and Alta retired to Arizona City, AZ where he became the first postmaster..

After moving to Casa Grande, AZ he became member of the library board and the Chamber of Commerce.

In 1985 as Alta's health was failing they moved to the Immanuel Retirement Home in Downer's Grove, IL to be closer to their children.

Bob did paintings which he sold and displayed at many public buildings and gave as gifts to friends and relatives. He also built lovely doll houses and other scaled down buildings.

Alta died August 13, 1987 at Arlington Heights, IL. After her death Bob moved to another retirement home where he lived in his own apartment when he celebrated his 100th birthday and where he was living at the time of his death.

Robert Doughty Dibble died March 30, 1995 at Lombard, IL.

Hetta Doughty & James Birney Dibble's Children
PAUL GLADSTONE DIBBLE



Paul Gladstone Dibble

Paul Gladstone Dibble was born to Hetta Doughty and her husband James Birney Dibble May 18, 1898 at Arlington, SD.

He attended the Dakota Wesleyan University graduating in 1919 and spent the next three years at Garrett Biblical Institute, and pastored summers at Canton and Davis, with a later appointment to Hurley, SD which was later served by his father, Reverend James Birney Dibble.

He married Marie Bjerno June 25, 1923 at Evanston, IL. Paul was Received on Probation 1922 into the Dakota Conference of the Methodist Church and in 1923 in full to the South India Conference.

He served in the Language School, Madras, India and in the Madras Village Circuit. His daughter Elsie Marie was born June 6, 1924 at Kodal Kanal, India and son James Birney was born July 12, 1925 at Madras, India.

On a leave of absence from his missionary assignment in 1929 and between his speaking engagements Paul was able to complete his work for his master's degree at the University of Chicago.

The great depression that touched so many lives restricted the funding of the church for missionary work so Paul and Marie were not able to go back, as they had planned to India. Instead Paul accepted an appointment into the Rock River Conference and spent the rest of his ministerial career as pastor of churches in that area of Illinois.

Paul Gladstone Dibble died February 13, 1973 in Wheaton IL and is buried at Hurley, SD. His wife Marie preceded him in death by several years and died April 3, 1969 at Wheaton, IL. She is also buried at Hurley, SD.

Hetta Doughty & James Birney Dibble's Children
CLIFFORD EARL DIBBLE



Clifford Earl Dibble

Clifford Earl Dibble was born to Hetta Doughty and her husband James Birney Dibble August 7, 1904 at Parker, Turner County, SD. He was married December 10, 1928 to Ruby Irene Spear at Lufkin, TX.

Clifford worked for American Airlines for twenty-five years, living all of that time in Dallas. His wife died at Dallas, TX March 23, 1990 and Clifford died August 16, 1992, also at Dallas, TX

Hetta Doughty & James Birney Dibble's Children
ROLLAND ASA DOUGHTY



Rolland Asa Dibble

Rolland Asa Dibble was born to Hetta Doughty and her husband James Birney Dibble December 11, 1907 at Bradley, SD. He was married January 20, 1928 in Sioux Falls, SD to Margaret Mary Adelia Ruth Vought.

Rolland spent his whole working career with Northern States Power Company, of Minneapolis, MN, starting as an appliance repair man and ending as general auditor.

Jack Saunders Dibble was born to the couple May 9, 1929 at Bradley, SD. Rolland and Margaret later adopted three children: Joel Barlow Dibble, Melody Ann Dibble and Diane Marie Dibble.

Rolland Asa Dibble died July 18, 1986 at Hurley, SD, with his wife following him two years later on February 1, 1988.

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
EDITH (EDIE) ALICE DOUGHTY MERRILL



Edith Alice Doughty

Edith Alice Doughty was born July 26, 1873 in Maxville Prairie, Wisconsin to Asa and Melissa Doughty. In 1878 she moved with her parents and sister Hetta to a homestead a few miles north of White, South Dakota. Here she completed her schooling, first at the "Doughty School" and then the White Public Schools, attending several sessions of Teachers' Normal Training after graduating from high school. On August 21, 1892, following a test conducted by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of South Dakota, she was granted a certificate allowing her to teach in second grade level schools in that state. She used her training to teach in a school close enough to her parent's home so that she could go home weekends and vacations, while boarding during the week at a home near the school.

Edie was a tomboy, remembered by her brother Richard (Dick) as a bouyant, fun-loving person who enjoyed riding her horse pell-mell up the lane to their house, then dismounting in the yard, laughing and disheveled. He recalled her bubbling, contagious laughter and the zest with which she met each new day.

On March 6, 1895, she was joined in marriage to a personable young neighbor named Albert Merrill. The entry in her father Asa's journal on that day reads: "A marriage feast at our house. Edith and Bert. A pleasant time. No snow, not cold." The couple engaged in farming in the White area for the next years.

Thurs. April 23, 1896, Asa wrote: "Edie gave Dick a little lamb today." About forty years later, Dick (my father) recalled with delight, Edie's gift of the tiny orphan lamb. It had to be bottle fed, and was kept in a padded box by the kitchen stove. It thrived under his care, and Dad laughed as he remembered how it slipped and skidded as it ran stiff-legged on the slippery floor. After it was moved outdoors, it remained his personal pet.

In May of 1896 Edie lost a full term baby and her father recorded the following in his journal: Wed. 20-"Edie taken sick p.m. Had doctor." Thurs. 21-"House upside down. Edie having a hard time." Fri. 22-"Went after Hettie a.m." Sun. 24-"Memorial at Presbyterian Church. A big crowd." The baby died in spite of the efforts of the doctor and her loving family. The infant's sex and place of burial are not noted in the material I have.

July 30, 1896 Asa wrote: "Phebe and Edie got home last night from Hettie's" It's good to know that Edie was able to recuperate in the company of her two sisters--Hettie, steadfast and competent and Phebe a cheerful teenager.

Edie's daughter, Ruth Laura Merrill, who inherited her mother's sunshiny disposition, was born September 3, 1897, with mother Melissa in attendance.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

This certifies that Edith Doughty
has been examined by me on this 20 day of Aug 1892
in the following branches of study:

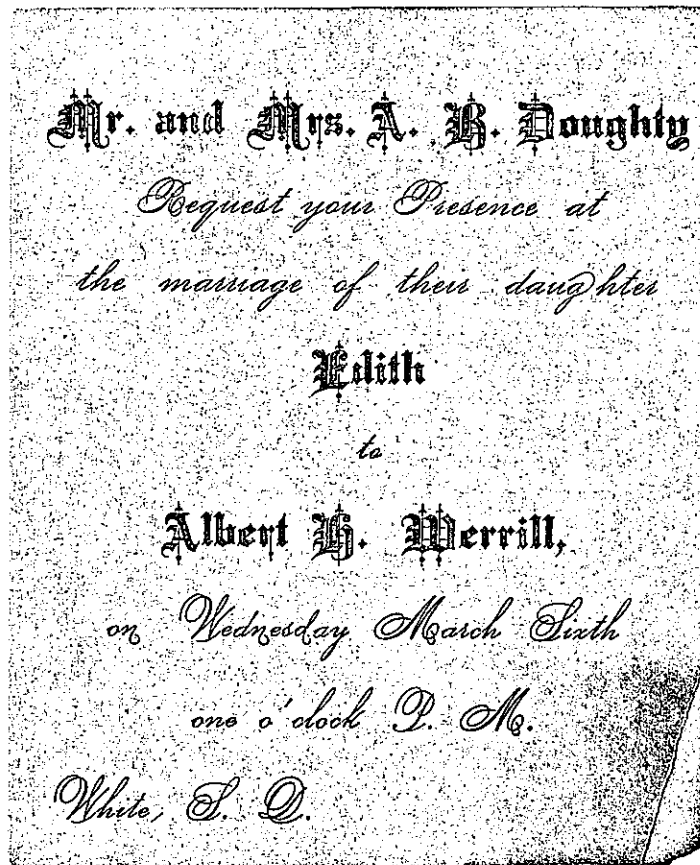
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| Reading, | 70 | Orthography, | 70 | Geography, | 84 | Physiology & Hygiene, | 88 |
| Writing, | 87 | Arithmetic, | 82 | Grammar, | 83 | U. S. History, | 60 |

Having also furnished satisfactory evidence of good moral character, she
is hereby granted this **SECOND GRADE CERTIFICATE**, valid in the County
of Brookings for the period of One Year from date

No. 1537.

Geo A West Supt. Schools,
Brookings County.

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
EDITH (EDIE) ALICE DOUGHTY MERRILL



The invitation to the wedding of
Edith Alice Doughty
and
Albert Merrill
March 6, 1895

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
JAMES EDWARD DOUGHTY

We have to cook our own grub now. We get a little coffee and a few beans and hard tack. The boys do a good deal of foraging. Well, it is nearly suppertime so I will close. Please write soon."

Your brother,
Edward

The February VFW magazine in an article about the war in the Philippines described the dreadful conditions. There was horrible heat, mucky swamps and leaches three inches long that caused faces to swell up so badly that vision was impaired and sinus infections abounded. Three times as many American soldiers died from disease, accident, drowning and other non-battle causes than from actual combat. Malaria, cholera, dysentery and dengue fever were a scourge.

It was while he was serving in the Philippines, that Ed contracted a tropical fever that led to life long heart problems.

After his military service Ed worked for some time at an ice cream factory in St. Paul, MN.

On May 20, 1903 he married Elizabeth Gripentrog at White, SD. Lizzie was the daughter of Carl and Marie Ludvig Gripentrog and had been born at White, SD August 8, 1881.

For a year or two Ed and his brother-in-law, George Delany (his sister Phebe's husband) operated a general mercantile in White, SD.

After that he homesteaded a claim at Beach, ND. The following letters to his parents were written during this period of his life.

Beach, ND June 13, 1907

Dear Father, Mother and Dick,

"We had quite a wind the other night and it blowed our barn over and broke it up pretty badly. The old cow and calf and our chickens were in it but none of them got hurt. We found the cow over to George's next morning and the calf still tied in the barn. The barn turned bottom side up and she was standing on the roof.

The house shook pretty bad. Lizzie and the babies went down cellar but we stayed right side up. I think I will build a sod barn and see if that will blow over.

The other night I was rocking Glendon and the baby and I was singing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* and Glendon looked up in my face and said: "That's a pretty song, Papa."

Beach, ND August 11, 1907

Dear Folks,

"I bought me a team of bronchos the other day so I have got four horses now. George bought a team and so did Herb. I expect we will have quite a time breaking them. I can lead mine to water now, but haven't had them hitched up yet. George has had one of his hitched up. She goes pretty good. The other day Lizzie and I were watering mine and they got frightened and jerked Lizzie over the water tub and dragged her through the flax field a little ways, but she held on to them and they stopped all right. She said it didn't hurt her any. (*Family members who remembered Lizzie told me Lizzie was not only tough and plucky but also attractive, creative, personable and even stylish*).

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
JAMES EDWARD DOUGHTY

We are making hay now. We work with four teams. Two mowers and two teams on (hay) racks. We have about twenty-five tons up between us. I want to put up about fifty tons to sell if I can. I think if I can have that much to sell I won't have to work out this fall. Last fall they got five dollars a ton for hay in the stack and last spring it was about ten dollars in the stack.

I expect to put up a sod barn 14 x 30 feet and use one end for a chicken coop."

Your son,
Edward

Beach, ND October 13, 1907

Dear Mother,

"I hired out with my team for four and a half days but didn't make much on account of the weather. I got my flax threshed Friday. I got ninety-four bushels off of about fifteen acres. George hauled a load to town and got a dollar and twenty-six cents per bushel. I had thirty-four bushels of wheat off of three acres and two hundred and four bushels of speltz off of ten acres.

I had a chance to work out bailing hay for two and a half without my team but I have got so much to do to home that I don't know whether I will or not. I hate to leave Lizzie and the babies alone so much with all the chores to do. I think you and Pa would make lots of fun of our homesteads but that wouldn't hurt us any. I would like to have Pa's advice about putting in crops next year. I never had much experience with new land."

Your son,
Edward

Beach, ND January 10, 1908

Dear Mother and Father,

"I plowed the three days after Christmas and I plowed on Phebe's birthday. We haven't any snow to speak of.

Herb and I butchered my pig yesterday. He dressed 152 pounds. He was most too fat, so you see that speltz makes them fat.

The baby (Rolland) is growing fast, can almost see him grow. I put Glendon and Lillian upstairs to sleep tonight for the first time. Glendon and I have slept up there for several nights. I have a door cut through into my addition now and keep my coal in there besides other things too numerous to mention. I expect about the next thing will be to break my bronks.

I am glad Ma didn't get sick going home. I was afraid she would. I see an advertisement in *The Christian Herald* to cure deafness and seeing I didn't get you any Christmas present I am going to have them send it to you. I will order it the same time I send this letter. They will send the directions, I expect. I hope it will do you some good. I thought it ought to be all right because it was in *The Christian Herald*. He claims to help half the people."

Your son,
Edward

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
JAMES EDWARD DOUGHTY

Beach, ND May 3, 1908

Dear Father and Mother,

"Lillian is standing by my knee and she wants to know if I'm writing to "Gamma." Glendon is out picking flowers. He is the greatest boy for flowers. He will take Lillian by the hand and go clean up on that hill west of the house looking for flowers.

Dick, I am still hoping to see you up here this summer. We are planning on going over in the bad lands after posts about the first of July, right after the fourth. You might come up and spend the fourth and then go with us after posts. We could furnish you a saddle horse and you could see some things you never saw before. I am anticipating a good time myself."

Your son

Edward

In 1913 Edward and Lizzie and their children Glendon, Lillian, Rolland, Edward and Grace moved to Milaca, MN, working first for his father, Asa, and then moving to their own farm about three and a half miles further north in Hayland Township. The family pitched in to clear land to plant and build a house and a really large barn for the herd of dairy cows he intended to raise. Gordon and Floriene were born while they were living at Milaca.

In the winter of 1929-30, Ed and Lizzie and their two youngest children went to CA hoping the mild climate would prove beneficial to Lizzie who was suffering from tuberculosis. Elizabeth Gripenotrog Doughty died in CA on Christmas Day, 1929. After the funeral, Ed and his children moved in with his brother Dick and his family who were spending the winter in CA, until their trip back to MN in the spring of 1930.

Right after his return to MN, Ed, whose own health was failing, lost his farm when the mortgage was foreclosed. Ed and the youngest children lived with his son Glendon and his family and also with his daughter Lillian and her family.

Hoping to make a home for himself and Floriene, he married Anna George, who answered an ad that he had put in a paper. He was living with Anna and Floriene in a house across the road from his brother, Dick, that his parents had lived in during their final years, when his health worsened to such an extent that he went to Veteran's Hospital at Minneapolis, MN. He died there July 18, 1935. I remember that the hospital called the home of my parents, Dick and Sadie Doughty to notify the family of his death because his little house had no telephone. His widow, Anna, disappeared from the picture very shortly after.

James Edward Doughty was buried in the Doughty family plot near his parents in Forest Hill Cemetery, Milaca, MN.

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DOUGHTY & DELANY

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
GLENDON CARL ASA DOUGHTY



Glendon Doughty's wife Hulda and sons Ronald
and Glendon standing in front of the log home he built
in Alaska

Glendon Carl Asa Doughty was born at White, SD in May of 1904. Shortly after, he moved with his parents to a homestead at Beach, ND. In 1913 the family moved to a farm at Milaca, MN a few miles from his grandparents home.

July 29, 1929 he married Hulda Dranselka at Milaca, MN. It was at the time of the depression and the family had lost their farm and were very hard up.

One of the government projects to help people help themselves was the ARRC (Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation). It provided for two hundred hand-picked settlers that were "hardy, pioneer-type farmers" to be given a chance to start a new life. In May of 1935 ten families were selected from Mille Lacs County, MN, among them the Glendon Doughtys.

Hulda Doughty tells how it went: "The welfare lady came out to our farm north of Milaca and told us we had been chosen. The drought and the depression had cost us our farm and we had nothing left. I was too excited to be scared. We decided right away and started packing. We arrived in Alaska May 5, 1939 and lived in tents to start. They had us draw a number out of a hat and we got a good 40 acres. We had one cow, one horse, a flock of chickens and a large garden.

The days were long and the cabbages big and things grew fast. The weather about the same as here and you could read at eleven at night. There were loads of cranberries and wild fruit and lots of salmon. Sometimes we felt little earthquakes that set our baby rocking in his crib. Glendon cut all the logs for our house. Once a year he went up in the mountains and hunted. One year he made a thousand dollars on the fur.

Moose walked back and forth behind our place right along. I walked home one night with two bears just off the path. People helped each other and we had a new start in Alaska. After three years Glen became ill and we had to return to Minnesota. Otherwise we would likely have stayed."

Glendon and Hulda had three sons; Ronald, Glendon and Daniel. Glendon Carl Asa Doughty died at the tuberculosis sanitarium at Walker, MN in May of 1939 and is buried at the Forest Hill Cemetery at Milaca, MN.

They settled at Matanuska Valley, Alaska

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
LILLIAN MARIE DOUGHTY HARNER



Lillian Marie Doughty

Lillian Marie Doughty was born to James Edward and Elizabeth Gripenrog Doughty February 25, 1906 while her parents were living on their homestead at Beach, ND.

In 1913 she moved with her family to the Milaca, MN area, settling in time on a farm about seven miles northeast of that town. She attended the two room country grade school and graduated from Milaca High School.

She married Marvin Robert Harner January 26, 1927 at Milaca, MN. The couple lived primarily at Milaca, MN and Minneapolis, Mn.

Lillian Marie Doughty Harner died November 14, 1981 in Minneapolis, MN and was buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery at Milaca, MN.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
ROLLAND FREDERICK DOUGHTY



Rolland & Dorothy Doughty
taken for their 50th wedding anniversary
1989

Rolland Frederick Doughty was born December 4, 1907 on his parent's, Edward and Elizabeth Griepetrog Doughty's claim at Beach, ND. In 1913 he moved with his parents and siblings to a farm about seven miles northeast of Milaca, Hayland Township, Mille Lacs County, MN. Here Rolland helped clear and till the land and establish a herd of dairy cattle.

He attended the two room country school about one and a half miles from his home, which he reached by walking cross country through fields and meadows. In the days before TV, and even radio, spelling bees were a favorite social event involving kids, families, schools and even communities. At the Hayland Township school, Rollie and his brother Ted and his sister Grace drilled with their classmates and represented their school and community at spelling contests in the district, county and finally, at the state championship at the Minnesota State Fair. When Rollie was in eighth grade he won the Minnesota State Spelling Championship. He went on to graduate from the Milaca High School and then attended Hamlin University for the year 1929-30. His college education was cut short by the death of his mother on Christmas Day, 1929 and the beginning of the Depression which made jobs about impossible to find.

He was provided with a job on the farm with room and board and a small wage by his cousin Ruth Merrill Anderson and her husband Arthur, until he was able to earn enough money to start taking business courses. While living with Ruth and Art, Rollie met his future wife, Dorothy Raguet, whose parents owned the farm that Ruth and Art were managing. When he completed his business courses, he found a job with the First National Bank in downtown Minneapolis, where he worked, making career advances for thirty-eight years.

He and Dorothy were married in 1939 and lived on South Roberts Street in St. Paul, MN until late in W.W.II when he was drafted into the army and served in the Signal Corps.

After the war the couple lived a year in a friend's unfinished house in Robbinsdale, MN and then moved to Eden Prairie, MN where they built a rambler on Sunny Brook Road on ten acres that were a gift from Dorothy's parents. Here, up the banks from Purgatory Creek, which cut across their property, he and Dorothy enjoyed tending large truck gardens of vegetables and berries which they sold at the Sunny Brook Market on Highway 169, a short distance from their home.

Rollie and Dorothy adopted two daughters--Janet and Cathy--and continued living on their little farm after his retirement until Rolland's death at his home of cancer, October 9, 1991.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
EDWARD WILLIAM DOUGHTY



Edward & Jewel Doughty
January, 1940

Edward William Doughty was born April 19, 1910 at Beach, ND to James Edward and Elizabeth Gripenrog Doughty. In 1913 he accompanied his parents and siblings on a move to Milaca, MN, staying first with his grandparents Asa and Melissa Doughty and then moving to a farm his parents bought three miles further north. Here, using scaled down, kid's size tools, he helped his father and older brothers clear and break land for farming and pasture. He walked the mile and a half to a two-room country school.

While a child living at home he was called Ted to avoid the mix up with his father, James Edward, who was called Ed. Beginning with when he went to high school in Milaca, he started calling himself Ed. Family members that had always called him Ted continued to do so for the most part. Because he, himself, chose to be called Ed, I shall hereafter in this writing do the same, though he will always be Ted to me.

In September of 1929, with sister Grace and brother Rolland, Ed started classes at Hamlin University in St. Paul, MN, each determined to work their way through college, but the depression struck and there were no jobs to be had. He went home and then to Eden Prairie, MN to work for his cousin Ruth Merrill Anderson and her husband Arthur.

In 1934 the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC's) was established to help young men learn a trade while providing board and room and a small wage. Ed went to work in the forestry department earning \$30 a month.

When private sector jobs became available he was hired by the Hull-Trumble Mine Company repairing their rail lines.

In December of 1939, a job he had applied for earlier opened up and he began working as a clerk-typist with the Social Security Board in Baltimore, MD.

January 6, 1940 he married Jewel Margaret Rose Young in the Methodist Church at Milaca, MN with his brother Gordon and Gordon's fiancée Louise as attendants. His uncle, Richard Doughty and his wife Sadie and I were there also. The church was unheated so we all kept our winter coats on.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
EDWARD WILLIAM DOUGHTY

Ed and Jewel made their home in Baltimore, MD where their daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) was born October 10, 1942.

April 1943 he was inducted into the army and was sent to train in the anti-aircraft artillery. He participated in the Omaha Beach Invasion of France and continued in action until he was injured loading rifle shells and was hospitalized and mustered out October 13, 1946.

Back in civilian life he returned to work at the Social Security Administration where he continued in various positions until 1961 when he was transferred to Chicago to be supervisor of the Audit Unit of the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service. Ed and Jewel moved to Villa Park, IL. Here they made their home until their retirement in February, 1972 when they sold their house and embarked on a three month and two day trip around the world via freighter, plane and train.

Back in the USA they bought a travel trailer and began a pattern of working summers at Yellowstone Park and wintering on the road or at a trailer park in TX. Jewel passed away April 25, 1983. In March of 1984 Ed married Grace Gosselink in Kerrville, TX. Ed and Grace continued the pattern of working at Yellowstone during the summer and spending winters at their stationary mobile home at a park in Kerrville, TX.

Edward William Doughty died October 29, 1994 at Kerrville, TX.

Ted and his brother Rolland both enjoyed silly little rhymes. In his 1987 Christmas letter to me, he reminded me of some of them. He quoted one of Rollie's favorites:

I sneezed a sneeze into the air
It fell to earth, I know not where
But frigid were the looks of those
In whose direction I snozed.

Ted contributed a couple of his own favorites:

A centipede was happy quite, until a frog in fun
Said "Which leg comes after which?"
This raised her mind to such a pitch
She lay distracted in a ditch
Considering how to run.

I eat my peas with honey
I've done it all my life
It makes the peas taste funny
But it keeps them on my knife.

The last little rhyme appealed to us because my dad once had a hired man who did actually, carefully, with the help of a piece of bread, line his peas up on his knife, before popping them into his mouth.

Ted also liked jokes of the same caliber as the rhymes. He once asked Dad, "What has four legs, gives milk, says moo, and has feathers?" When he gave the answer as a cow, dad complained about the feather part of the definition and Ted said, "I just threw them in to make it hard." When Ted and his siblings came to my parents house they often ended up playing the game *Pit*.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
GRACE GERTRUDE DOUGHTY DIETER



Grace Gertrude Doughty

Grace Gertrude Doughty was born in Beach, ND, April 4, 1912 to Edward and Elizabeth Gripenrog Doughty. In 1913 she moved with parents and older siblings Glendon, Rolland, Lillian and Edward to a farm located seven miles northeast of Milaca, MN.

She attended the Hayland District 25 School which she reached by walking one and a half miles across the neighbor's yard, pasture, creek and meadow. When she was in eighth grade, Grace, as her brother Rollie had done a few years previously, won the Minnesota State Spelling Championship contest held at the state fair.

She attended the Milaca high school and then, in 1929, she enrolled in classes at Hamlin University at St. Paul, MN, majoring in math and French which she planned to teach upon graduation. However, in 1931 she became ill with tuberculosis and spent the next several years at the Glen Lake Sanitarium. During her years of hospitalization her faithful visitor was Richard (Dick) Dieter whom she had met at college.

Grace and Dick were married May 7, 1938 in St. Paul, MN. Dick was employed as a rehabilitation counselor and Grace worked for the Jewish Vocational Service for sixteen years. She started as a secretary and then went on to become a professional assistant, teaching communications, basic math and practical living skills.

For about fifteen years Grace and Dick spent summers at their home on Prior Lake, starting a tradition of providing a spot every year for family members to celebrate the 4th of July.

In 1960 the couple bought ten acres of wooded land at Afton, MN above the St. Croix River. They designed and built an environmentally friendly house that nestled among the trees and lived a simple, comfortable life, gathering wild mushrooms and edible greens as well as doing some organic gardening. Since they hadn't cleared any more woods than was needed for the house, their gardening was done in small open patches that occurred naturally among the trees. They were avid bird watchers and enjoyed the deer and the wild things that lived just outside the windows in the untamed woods.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
GRACE GERTRUDE DOUGHTY DIETER

Here at Afton they continued the tradition of July 4th open houses and over the years most all of their relatives took advantage of their hospitality on at least a few occasions.

They traveled extensively, visiting the British Honduras, cruising in the Bahamas, touring the Soviet Union and camping across Canada and the United States. They especially enjoyed their stays in Florida.

Dick died in 1991 and Grace whose health hadn't been robust since her bout with TB had to sell her lovely property and move to the Croixdale Apartments where she was still able to take walks and observe her birds.

Grace Gertrude Doughty Dieter died September 21, 1999, leaving her body to the University of Minnesota.

James Edward & Elizabeth Doughty's Children
GORDON RICHARD DOUGHTY



Gordon Richard Doughty

Gordon Richard Doughty was born February 19, 1916 at Milaca, MN to James Edward and Elizabeth Gripenrog Doughty. He attended a two room country grade school and graduated from Milaca high school.

He worked for a few years after graduation for the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Company.

He enlisted in the Air Corp in World War II and became a pilot flying a number of combat missions over Europe. At the end of the war he was stationed at the Shreveport, LA air force base with his family living nearby.

On May 15, 1950 Lt. Gordon Doughty was killed when the B29 bomber he was co-piloting crashed at Ponta Delgada. Azores.

Gordon and Louise Doughty were the parents of Jeanne Louise, Richard Gordon and James Edward Doughty.

I think I've already sent you
the section on Rhea Doughty Delany

Phebe Doughty & George Delany's Children

VERNON RICHARD DELANY

Vernon Richard Delany was born September 3, 1903 at White SD to Phebe Doughty and her husband George Delany. While still an infant he moved with his parents to a homestead at Beach, ND. In 1914 he moved with his parents to Wrightsville, Saskatchewan, Canada.

He married Bertha Louise Simmonds August 14, 1940 at Cloverdale, British Columbia, Canada. They lived two years in Cloverdale and twenty-nine in Vancouver, BC, moving to Agassiz in 1971.

Vernon worked as a mechanic, welder and machinist. He died June 19, 1987. Vernon and Bertha had three children; Raymond Wesley, Louise Verna and Elaine Joyce Delany.

WALTER ANDREW DELANY

Walter Andrew Delany the second child of Phebe Doughty and her husband George Delany was born March 25, 1909 at his grandparents, Asa and Melissa Doughty's home at Milaca, MN. His parents had already spent some time in Canada and after his birth they moved back permanently.

Walter married Isabel Green July 8, 1933 at Robsart, Saskatchewan, Canada. Walter was a farmer, carpenter and mechanic. Walter's children were Gwendolyn Ann and Betty Lorraine Delany.

Walter Andrew Delany died September 4, 1973 at Wynyard, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Phebe Doughty & George Delany's Children
NEVA ALICE DELANY

Neva Alice Delany was born May 23, 1911 at Beach, ND to Phebe May Doughty and her husband George Delany.

She married Cecil Albert Olmstead October 10, 1932 at Robsart, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Their children are: Patricia May, Joan Edith, William George and Jean Louise Olmstead.

I believe that Neva died in the late 1990's.

WESLEY GEORGE DELANY

Wesley George Delany was born March 14, 1917 at his grandparents Asa and Melissa Doughty's home at Milaca, MN, to Phebe Doughty and her husband George Delany. The family had come from Canada for the winter planning to move to California in the spring, but George decided to move back to Canada where several members of his family were living.

Wesley married Alice Anne Dadds November 14, 1942 at Langley, British Columbia, Canada,

Their children are; Linda Dianne and Allan Lloyd Delany. Wesley worked on boats as an engineer. He died about 1990.

Asa Byram & Melissa Doughty's Children
RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



Richard H. Doughty
about the time he moved to Minnesota

Richard H. (initial only) Doughty was born to Asa Byram and Melissa Hallock Doughty at White, Afton Township, Brookings County, SD November 18, 1886, the youngest of their seven children.

As a child of hard working homesteaders he was undoubtedly expected to do farm chores at an early age. Children were able to feed the calves and sheep and chickens, gather in eggs and help with the gardening. His father Asa, in his journal mentioned that ten year old Dick had helped with snapping corn. (Before mechanization, farmers and their families harvested the dry corn by "snapping" it from the stalks.

Several of his childhood memories were passed on to his daughters, Doris and Joyce. He told of the newborn lamb his sister Edith had given him that had to be bottle-fed and kept warm in a blanketed box by the kitchen stove. He laughed as he recalled the lamb skittering stiff-legged across the slippery floor. When it grew too big and frisky for the house it was put outside with the rest of the animals but the closeness fostered by the midnight feedings and indoor playtimes between Dick and his pet continued.

He remembered school days when he was old enough to drive the mare Polly hitched to the road cart to school in White, SD where he would leave Polly at the Methodist Church parsonage. His sister Hetta's husband J. Birney Dibble was pastor at that time and his nephew Robert Dibble would join him when he returned at noon hoping that Dick would have extra slices of Melissa's fresh and crusty homemade bread.

Dick told of his teacher, Miss Maude Peebles who believed in keeping strict discipline in her classroom. Many were the whacks with a ruler across the knuckles of restless youngsters. A more unusual form of discipline occurred when she hung one especially trying little boy up by his overall suspenders on a hook in the cloakroom.

In 1902, with all their possessions--household goods, farm equipment and animals--loaded into a railroad boxcar, Richard and his parents moved to Milaca, Borgholm Township, Mille Lacs County, MN.

They bought 160 acres about three and a half miles northeast of town and began the huge job of picking rocks, cutting trees and grubbing out roots and brush, all of which had to be done before they began to break the sod for planting crops.

There were settlers on all the 160 acre plots between them and Milaca, and beyond them to the north for quite a few miles. Their new good friends to the south included the Engebretsons, Olsons and Severeigns and to the north were the Andersons, Perrys and Segerstroms. The road to town was just a trail with potholes where it ran through mucky areas so the neighbors joined forces to build a corduroy road through the low spots. They cut tamarack trees from the swamps and laid them side by side and when I left home in 1946 the logs were still there under layers of gravel. Every spring a few ends of the logs would push up through the gravel and have to be cut off. Eventually, the road was graded and the old trees dug up.

Asa and Dick first built a slant-roofed log shed to live in while the farm buildings were constructed with some hired help. When the house was completed the log shed was converted, with the addition of a woven wire fence, into a home for their pigs.

Asa and Dick had planned from the first to concentrate their efforts on building up a herd of purebred registered Holsteins, so they cleared only enough land to provide feed and pasture for the cattle. The terrain made large grain fields hard to establish but the fertile soil produced lush hay crops.

Marketing their produce was a problem until the first creamery was built about 1904 only to burn down a few years later. A new creamery was built in 1907 and a partnership with Land O' Lakes was established. The dairy products were shipped out on the rail line that ran just a few blocks from the building and Milaca became one of the state's foremost dairy centers.

In 1908 Richard attended a short course at the University of Minnesota's Agriculture School taking classes in care and management of a dairy herd and general good farm practices. Dad told how, as a shy young man at the Ag school he had an embarrassing incident at the school cafeteria. A piece of pumpkin pie slid off his tray, bottom up on the floor. His effort to pick it up resulted only in leaving finger marks through the pile of custard. He solved the problem by making a hasty exit.

Here are parts of several letters he wrote to his parents while at school.

Minneapolis, MN February 8, 1908

Dear Father and Mother,

I got Pa's letter today. If I hadn't, I would have come home tonight as I had but \$1.40 altogether.

We've eight lectures a day on different subjects. Today went--8:15, poultry; 9:05, mechanics; 9:55, animal husbandry; 10:45, dairying; 1:45, machinery; 2:05, soils; 2:55, agriculture; 3:45, meats--so you can see we are kept busy.

Well, Professor Haecker showed us the type of cow that makes a good dairy cow the other day. He showed us pictures of the cows kept on the farm here and it was always the spare built cow that made the most butterfat from the least amount of feed. Little Rose and Leland are the only cows we have that look like what he recommends. I think if I went into a herd of cattle now I could pick out the best dairy cows.

Goodbye for now, Dick Doughty

Asa Byram & Melissa Doughty's Children
RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



About 1915 Richard built the addition on the right to the original barn to house his milk cows. The silo was added at the same time.

Minneapolis, MN February 13, 1908

Dear Father and Mother,

I got your letter today at the 11:45 Chapel Service. For those of us who elect to attend Chapel services there is a speaker every day. Today the speaker was Mr. Small, the Secretary of State. Tuesday I heard the best talk I have ever heard. It was--who do you think--Booker T. Washington! He really knows how to hold his audience's attention.

It costs me about seventy-five cents a day here, including my room and board. My room has a pipe with a sheet iron box around it running up through the floor. It is plenty warm.

Well, Goodbye, Richard Doughty

Minneapolis, MN February 19, 1908

Dear Mother and Father,

I expect I will come home Saturday night, the twenty-eighth. We went over to South St. Paul today to see some tuberculosis infected cattle butchered.

I got a money order cashed at St. Paul. I bought a new cap last night and priced some of the kitchen ranges at the New England Department Store. Good ranges with a reservoir are about fifty dollars and smaller ones with the same finish without reservoirs are thirty.

Your son, Richard

I will try to give the reader some idea of the water system Asa and Dick installed in their home. An eave-gutter arrangement directed all possible rain water into a cistern from which a pump directed it to the reservoir of the huge black kitchen stove where it was heated in coils and sent to a round upright water tank in the bathroom. The heated water was held in the tank until a faucet in sink or bathtub was turned on. By the time I arrived on the scene in 1928, it was not operating very well, but we were still the only farm family around that used regular indoor plumbing and not outside facilities,



Richard's letterhead

On the first of March, 1919 Asa bought one share of The Farmer's Telephone Company of Milaca. This is probably about the time when the telephone lines were installed along their road. Richard had a position on the telephone company board and served as lineman in a several square mile area around their farm. He kept a pair of climbing cleats and a supply of poles, insulators and wire in his shed and would be called upon to make repairs when problems arose.

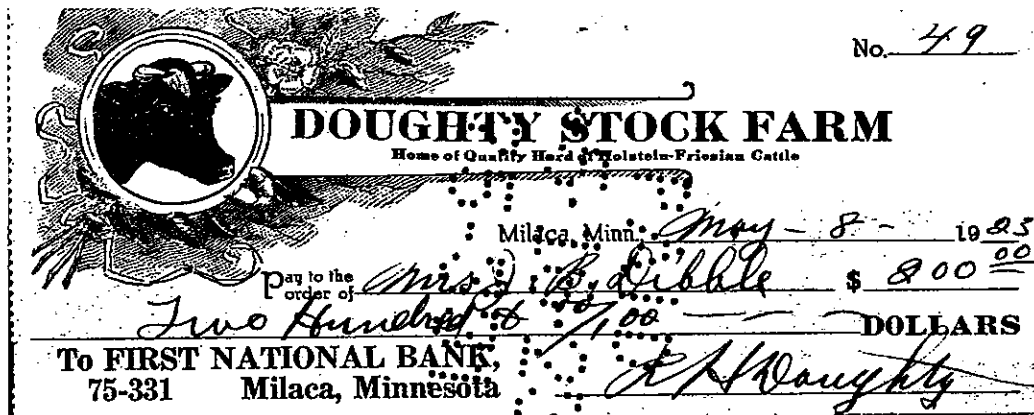
September 9, 1917 Richard H. Doughty married Sadie Rebecca Penhallegon at the Reverend Sanderson's home at Milaca, MN with Dad's niece, Ruth Merrill Anderson and her husband Arthur in attendance. Sadie was a school teacher from Princeton, MN who was teaching at Page, MN (near Onamia) and boarding at the K. K. Moore farm where Dick had reason to visit because of shared dairy interests. The newly weds went to Duluth, MN for their wedding trip. I have a really tiny blue tin cup and saucer they brought back as one of their souvenirs.

Dick and Sadie bought his parent's farm for one hundred dollars an acre, which was a good price for that time. With hard work, good prices and good business and management skills, they had it paid for in a few years. It was a matter of pride to them that they did not take advantage of Dad's parents generosity in this matter. They were always committed to standing firmly on their own feet and not owing anything to anyone.

Shortly before his marriage Richard built a large addition that would house a herd of about forty milk cows, onto the existing barn. Bob Dibble remembered helping him mix the cement for the floor and mangers and set the stanchions that held the cattle. He added a silo at the same time.

After completing the new addition, the main body of the barn was used to house young stock, horses and the milk room where Dad had the cream separator and kept records of the milk production of each cow on a big chart on the wall. In the front part of the barn there was a huge gas powered engine which could be attached to pulleys and used to power equipment such as a wood saw when Asa and Dick were putting up firewood for the family.

Asa Byram & Melissa Doughty's Children
RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



One of Dick's canceled checks

Dick needed help with all the work he was trying to do, so he bought a Sears and Roebucks house kit to construct a home for a hired man and his family. He bought the kit from Sears because at the time it was quick and easy. Now, the old Sears catalog houses have the reputation for being well-built and designed and have become collector's items. The house was compact and cute with two bedrooms with small closets, living room and kitchen with small pantry and a trap door in the floor opening to the cellar below. There was a little roofed porch on the front and with windows all around, it was a very pleasant home.

Then came a series of hired men with their families. First was Oscar Dahl who would move, after a few years to a rented farm a mile south and later would become Mille Lacs County deputy sheriff for many years. The Dahls remained lifelong friends. Next came the Calvin Smallwoods, then the Floyd Weaver family and last of all, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bobo with children Harley and Marjorie. The wives were expected to wash the cream separator after each milking.

Richard's parents Asa and Melissa built a cozy house across the road on forty acres that was mostly woods with only enough cleared for a house, yard and garden. And roses. Wherever Melissa lived there had to be roses. On the main farm I remember a tall thick row of double reds, by the house a hedge of single reds and scattered around there were yellows and small white ones. The old-fashioned roses were ever so much more fragrant than the hybrids of today. This new house was to be their home until their deaths.

Richard and Sadie's daughter Doris Dee was born July 10, 1918 and Joyce Marie arrived May 29, 1928, during which time the family led a comfortable and rather prosperous life. Dad read and studied whenever possible and kept up on modern methods and technology.

In the fall of 1929 Dick and Sadie and their two daughters drove out to California to spend the winter. They enrolled Doris in school at Santa Monica where they had rented a house, and left the farm in charge of the hired man. Dick's brother Ed and his wife and children had gone out to California also for the health of Ed's wife, Lizzie. Lizzie died on Christmas Day, 1929, and Ed and his children Gordon and Floriene went to spend some time with Dick's family before heading back to Minnesota.

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
EDITH (EDIE) ALICE DOUGHTY MERRILL

When Edie became pregnant the third time, it became very clear that she was seriously ill with tuberculosis. It must have been with grave concern they awaited the birth of her baby. Melissa was there with her daughter again to help deliver baby Rachel Merrill into this world on March 18, 1900.

Edith Alice Doughty Merrill died of tuberculosis at the home of her parents, Asa and Melissa Doughty on April 1, 1900, at White, SD. Her funeral services were held in the White Methodist Church with her brother-in-law (Hettie's husband), Reverend J. Birney Dibble officiating. She was laid to rest in the White, SD cemetery.

Baby Rachel died at her grandparents home five and a half months later on September 5, 1900. No one living knows the cause of her death. She and her older sibling are buried beside their mother.

Edith's daughter, Ruth, who inherited her mother's cheery voice and infectious laugh, grew up in the homes of her father and both sets of grandparents.

In June of 1904, Edith's widowed husband Albert Merrill wrote to her parents, Asa and Melissa, who had moved from White, SD to Milaca, MN: "Am sending you a little box of roses and leaves. Now remember, the large buds are from the rose bushes you set out and the small ones are the ones I put on the graves. All the bushes are just loaded with buds and blossoms. My Persian lilac that I got from Mr Anderson on your old place (where Edie grew up) is growing nicely, also the trees. The little mountain ash is about 8 feet high and has grown about 2 feet this year and is the prettiest tree in the cemetery. Wish you could see my lot now--it looks so lovely and is the nicest in the cemetery.

I was by your old place last week. Wish you could see the red clover and timothy fields west of the house.

Well, so long. Write soon.

Ruth and Bert":

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
EDITH (EDIE) ALICE DOUGHTY MERRILL



*Eddie's daughter, Ruth
with her widower father
Albert Merrill
February, 1902*

Edith Alice Doughty & Albert Merrill's Daughter
RUTH LAURA MERRILL



Ruth Merrill with husband Arthur Anderson

MY PARENTS--ARTHUR AND RUTH MERRILL ANDERSON

by Rachel Anderson Hjorth

My mother Ruth Merrill Anderson was born at White, SD on September 3, 1897. Her parents were Edith Alice Doughty and Albert Merrill.

Mom was about two when her baby sister Rachel Edith Merrill was born. Soon after the baby was born her mother passed away. Six months later, baby Rachel died.

Mom was then raised by her two sets of grandparents--John and Julia Merrill of St. Paul and Asa and Melissa Doughty of Milaca, MN.

Many of Mom's summers were spent in St. Paul. Her dad's two sisters were still at home and working at the University of Minnesota. Her aunt Edna worked in the book store where Mom liked to go because there was always a treat behind the candy counter for her. Also, Como Park with its animals and carnival atmosphere were nearby and a fun place to spend time.

When September came it was to Grandma Doughty's to go to school. The winters were cold and the snow very deep and she had a long walk to get to school. By the time she got across the swamp, if she was wet, there would be a change of dry clothing waiting for her at Perry's, the neighbors to the north. Then she would go on another mile. Sometimes she would walk the corduroy road which would be easier to walk, but further.

When she was around fourteen she talked her dad into letting her go to Canada to live with him. He had married Agnes Perry and had bought a farm, built a house and was raising grain. However the winters were so very cold and the house so very drafty that Mom was sick most of the time. The doctor told her she better go back to Minnesota.

Mom spent some time at the University of Minnesota Farm School before marrying my dad Arthur Anderson, son of the Otto Andersons of Milaca. Dad played on

Edith Alice Doughty & Albert Merrill's Daughter
RUTH LAURA MERRILL

the Milaca High School football team. Dad's sister was a cheerleader and this is one of the cheers she led:

Oh, Cambridge (or any school) you're defeated
Oh, Cambridge you look blue
Won't take your bare heart's feelings
Our sympathy's with you.
So back to where you came from
And tell the ones that wait
That Milaca plays football
But you found it out too late.

During the time they lived at Milaca four children were born to them: Rachel Anderson Hjorth was born July 24, 1916, Janice Anderson Looock was born December 16, 1918, Thelma Anderson was born July 20, 1920 and passed away in 1922 from bronchial pneumonia, Lon Anderson was born September 28, 1923. Lon served four years in the service in World War II and was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium. He received a Purple Heart Medal for this action. Lon passed away while on vacation in Mexico from a heart problem.

Around 1926 Mom and Dad moved to a dairy farm at Buffalo, MN where Mom raised ducks and geese and chickens and had a large garden that also included such diverse crops as peanuts.

In 1928 the family moved to Eden Prairie, MN. Two more children were born there: Phyllis Anderson Morgan was born October 11, 1928 and Darlene Anderson Pawlenty was born October 17, 1935.

Darlene became ill with polio at the age of fifteen in the summer of 1950 and spent one year at the Sister Kenny Institute at 1899 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN. Upon leaving the Institute she applied at the Minneapolis Business College and was accepted. After graduating she found a job at Shedd Brown Advertising Company.

Mom and Dad spent their retirement years at a little house with several acres on the shores of German Lake in Isanti County, MN. Here they planted trees and gardened to their hearts' content. It was a lovely pleasant spot. When their health failed they had to move to be closer to their children.

My father, Arthur Anderson passed away in 1973. Mother, Ruth Merrill Anderson passed away in 1976.

Mom told of a time when she and Grandma Melissa wanted to go to town. Her Uncle Dick had just bought a new car and they asked him if they could take it. He said sure. All went well until they were almost home and then, rain had made the road slippery and they slid into the ditch. Mom had to walk home and tell Dick where his new car was. He said: "We'll have to get you out," and hitched up the team and went down and pulled them out.. Like my father, Arthur, Dick never had a cross word.

Asa & Melissa Doughty's Children
JAMES EDWARD (ED) DOUGHTY



James Edward Doughty
after his return from the Spanish American War

James Edward (usually called Ed) Doughty, was born May 19, 1878 At Afton Township, Brookings County, Dakota Territory to Asa and Melissa Doughty. His parents had arrived at their destination just a month before, and Ed was the first white child born in Afton Township and possibly the whole of the newly opened territory. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from high school at the little nearby town of White, SD in the same class as his future brother-in-law, George Delany.

Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in a SD volunteer unit to serve in the Spanish American War. While stationed in Manila he wrote to his sister Edie, the letter from which the following is condensed:

Manila, PI
April 8, 1899

Dear Sister,

"Some of our officers think we will be home by the 4th of July, but I darsn't believe it because I have been disappointed so many times now. They can't hold us more than 13 months longer anyway.

We took Malolos, the insurgent capitol last Friday. (*That was the Battle of Luzon, March 31, 1899*) We have been having some pretty hard fighting lately. I don't know when we will move but we are expecting to hear the old bugle sound forward any day.

I have had some pretty close calls, I tell you. The other day a bullet came so close that it burned my cheek and another kicked dirt in my face. It seems miraculous that more of the boys don't get hit. I hope we will be relieved before long. I have had all the fight I care for.

Asa Byram & Melissa Doughty's Children
RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



Richard H. and Sadie Rebecca Penhallegon Doughty
September, 1917

On their return to Minnesota Dick and Sadie faced several difficult years. First of all, the hired man had let things get terribly out of hand. Nothing had been done properly and Dick had to dig in to try to correct the situation. And then, of course, there was the depression. It was fortunate that they had the farm paid for so they were able to keep afloat for a few years on a very little income and savings. A number of banks closed and people had to accept a payment of only 25% of their deposits, and even that money was not available immediately.

Butterfat, the mainstay of the dairy farmers, dropped to a low of fourteen cents a pound. Pork and beef prices were at an all time low. The price of potatoes fell because the market in the east was gone. Eggs were about twelve cents a dozen. The market for Richard's purebred cows all but disappeared. Folks couldn't pay for even a mediocre animal, let alone one with a pedigree.

Dick's brother Ed, unable to make mortgage payments, lost his farm, as did a great many of the farmers, who were forced to rent, sometimes moving every year as they sought to stay in business.

About 1935 Dad let the hired man go. I remember how painful that was. Not only would he have to cut back his herd, but the hired man pled with Dad not to let him go, because what could he do and where could he go? Even as a young child I could feel the pain around me. The Bobo family stayed until they could go on relief and rent a house in Milaca.

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RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



Dick with one of his calves

You wonder how folks made it through the depression, but then came the drought of the 1930's. The spring of 1935 started out quite well with crops germinating and hay ready for the first cutting, but then it didn't rain all the rest of the season and the next one too. I remember Dad walking through his wasted fields and pulling shriveled stalks out of the ground. Nothing to harvest and nothing to sell. Sometimes toward evening lightening would flash along the horizon. "Heat lightening," Dad called it. It lit up the sky but brought no relief to the parched crops. There were shortages of feed for the livestock; farmers drove their animals miles away to swampy and wild areas where they could get enough poor quality forage to keep them alive. The government in an effort to keep farmers going bought their cattle for eight dollars a head.

Dad had a low lying area, usually too damp to plant where he planted potatoes. I helped drop seed potatoes into the hole left by the planter. Mother had a big vegetable garden and her chickens supplied eggs and fed themselves all summer by ranging far and wide. Mother also raised a few turkeys and would keep one each fall for our own Thanksgiving dinner and sell the rest. Dad butchered a pig every autumn and sometimes a heifer. He sold a cow he didn't want to sell to pay the real estate taxes and came home after being to the court house and said; "Well, we can live here for another year."

Dad and Mother lived through the depression and the drought but the events took a toll. Dad was no longer a young man and some of the energy and zest for living seemed to have gone out of their lives.

Doris graduated from high school in 1936 and left home for college and then marriage. She had been Dad's right-hand man while she was at home. After she left he had to make do with me. I was a disappointment. I did try, but I was puny and couldn't seem to build any muscles, but I had to try. Dad and I put up all the hay with me driving the horses pulling a hayrack and hay loader behind. Dad would drag the hay off the loader as it came up the track, spread it out over the rack and pack it down to make a full load which went to the barn to be stored in the hay mow.

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RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



Sadie Penhallegon Doughty
while teaching at Bethel, MN 1953

Dad had separated cream from the milk for years and hauled the cream to the creamery to be sold for butterfat, but toward the end of the 1940's a milk truck started coming to the farms to collect whole milk. That ended the twice a day chore of cranking the handle of the cream separator and washing the equipment. Farmers were finally receiving decent prices and Dick and Sadie no longer had to scrimp and save to get by.

When I graduated from high school in 1946 and left home I went to work for my sister, Doris Doughty Mohler and her husband Clarence in their general mercantile in Santiago, MN. Mother went to the teacher's college in St. Cloud, MN to bring her teaching certificate up-to-date, after which she taught for nine or ten years at various grade schools.

Richard sold the farm in 1957 and he and Sadie lived in Bethel, MN while she completed her teaching career. A year later they moved to Hutchinson, MN where Doris and her family lived and bought a new house with plenty of yard space for Sadie's flower gardens. When Dick's health failed to the point he could no longer be cared for at home he was placed in nursing homes until his death March 25, 1963 in Clear Lake, MN. Richard H. Doughty was buried at the Forest Hill Cemetery at Milaca, MN beside his parents.

Sadie continued to live in her house for several years and then in apartments for several years more, before moving in with her daughter Doris. Her last year was spent in a nursing home in Hutchinson, MN. Sadie Rebecca Penhallegon Doughty died April 26, 1975 at Hutchinson, MN and was buried beside Dick at the Forest Hill Cemetery.

My Father, Richard H. Doughty
by Doris Doughty Mohler

My earliest memory of my father, is sitting on his lap and feeling totally loved and secure. When I was sick, it was Daddy who would read me stories and talk about "when he was a boy."

Dad didn't sermonize but managed to get across some pretty sound advice. He especially liked the old adages. "Don't cut off your nose to spite your face" was one that I heard often enough to get tired of, but through the years it has helped me make wise decisions. Dad had a strong sense of right and wrong. I'm not sure there were gray areas in his beliefs. When he asked, "is the intent to deceive?" there weren't many questions left.

I remember seeing papers that indicated that he had taken a course in small engines and one in math. He also attended a "short course" at the University of Minnesota Farm School. He could make most of the repairs around the farm. He spliced the thick rope used to pull the hay up into the barn. When he was done it was tight and smooth and had the same twist as a new rope. With all his farm duties he still found time to put up swings and a chinning bar I thought I needed.

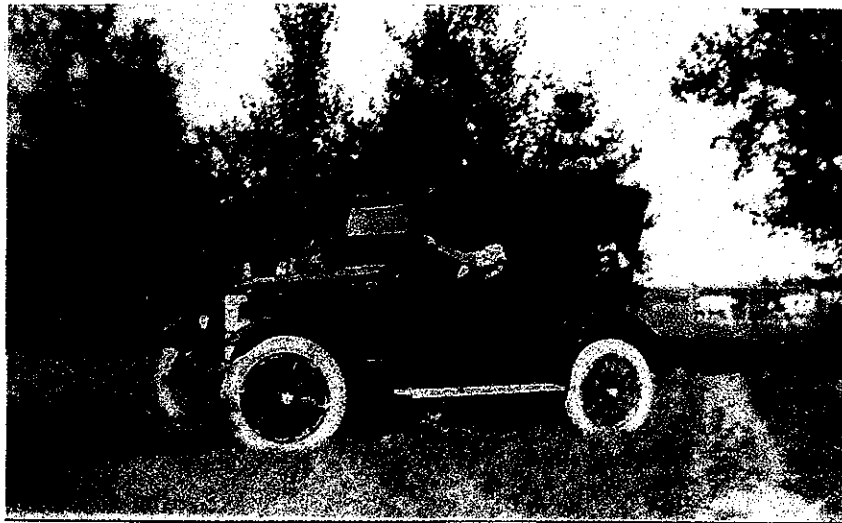
On Sunday afternoons we often played catch and occasionally took walks in the woods. He could name the trees in the winter without benefit of the leaves, by the tree bark and how the tree limbs grew and the general shape of the tree.

Dad was fond of silly ditties. My favorite was:

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| I saw Esau kissing Kate | } this is meant to be said really, really fast. |
| In fact, we all three saw. | |
| For I saw Esau, he saw me | |
| And Kate saw, I saw, Esau. | |

When I was about thirteen the depression made it necessary for dad to let the hired man go. I started helping with some of the outside farm work. When we made hay, he was willing to stop to pick and eat wild strawberries and raspberries. We would discuss a wide range of subjects and I learned a lot about the man who was my father. He was without doubt the one person who had the best and most lasting effect on my life.

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RICHARD H. DOUGHTY



Top left: Dick in his painting clothes

Top right: Dick and Sadie off on errands, *Overland*

Bottom: Dick at the wheel of his Baby Metz car, daughter Doris in back seat

Until the depression Dick had a standing order with an auto dealer in Milaca for a new car every other year. He arranged a barter payment system that included one of his Holsteins in the deal.

File with the Secretary

THE HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Official No.

Cash Book Folio

Brattleboro, Vermont

Received

No.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRY

Please indicate the fee sent by checking the proper square

MEMBERS' FEES

NON-MEMBERS' FEES

Females, \$1.00 ☐ Over 1 year old, \$2.00 ☐ Females, \$2.00 ☐ Over 1 year old, \$4.00 ☐
Males, \$2.00 ☒ Over 1 year old, \$4.00 ☐ Males, \$4.00 ☐ Over 1 year old, \$8.00 ☐

Please WRITE PLAINLY in ink each word and figure, in UNMISTAKABLE characters and fill out every space on both sides of this blank

It is required that all signatures be personally made, and that signatures of firms, corporations, institutions, etc., shall be countersigned by a person duly authorized. Individual signatures must be in accord with those on file, or accompanied by proper authorization.

Sex male Ear-Tag No. _____

Name Elgin Cornucopia Duplex
(No Name shall contain over 30 letters.)

Date of Birth Jan, 20, 26. Color black & white
(No other Colors than Black and White)

Name of Sire Sir Jewel Elgin DeKol No. 459066 H. B. _____

Name of Dam Pleasant Cornucopia Duplex No. 799383 H. B. _____

Signature of Owner of Dam at date when bred R. H. Daugherty
Post-Office Address Milaca, Minn.

Signature of Owner of Dam at time Calf was dropped R. H. Daugherty
Post-Office Address Milaca, Minn.

I make this Application subject to all the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of The Holstein-Friesian Association of America and upon the representation that all statements contained herein are correct, and I guarantee said statements to be true; and upon the agreement and condition that if said statements shall prove to be untrue or incorrect, that the Certificate issued hereon may be cancelled, and the registration of the animal expunged from the records of said Association. Art. IV., Sec. 33: Every application for the registry of an animal in the Herd-Book shall be taken as the guarantee of the owner that the animal is purebred and black-and-white only, and that all the matters stated in the application are true.

Signature of Applicant for Registry R. H. Daugherty
Post-Office Address Milaca, Minn.

Certificate of Service of Dam

This relates to the service which produced the calf above-described. If the dam was pasture bred, do not fill out the form below, but attach special form required in case of pasture service.

This is to Certify that the Bull Sir Jewel Elgin DeKol

served the Cow Pleasant Cornucopia Duplex No. 459066 H. B. _____

on April 14, 25. No. 799383 H. B. _____
(Month, day, year) 192

Signature of Owner of Bull R. H. Daugherty
Post-Office Address Milaca, Minn.

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| Examined | Checked | Colors | Verified | Mailed |
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DON'T USE THESE SPACES THEY ARE FOR SECRETARY'S USE ONLY
Sold July 29, 1926 to A. J. D. L. 4

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Robert Dibble took credit for this cartoon of his uncle Richard milking a cow. Bob said he did a lot of sketching on Sunday afternoons when anything that could be considered work was banned at grandparents Asa and Melissa's house.

Bob said that his original picture was captioned "Richard and his Contented Cows." Somewhere along the line the rest of this piece of artwork was destroyed. Dick was a young man when Bob was spending his teenage summers at the Milaca farm and the two of them enjoyed each other's company.

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RICHARD H. DOUGHTY

1918 June

| Owner of cow | Breed of cow | Lbs. milk | Percent of fat | Pounds Butterfat |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|
| E. P. Eggen | Common | 1200 | 4.7 | 56.0 |
| A. Thilquist & Sons | Holstein | 1368 | 3.7 | 50.6 |
| Iver Olness | Common | 1086 | 4.5 | 48.9 |
| J. P. Eggen | Guernsey | 1107 | 4.3 | 47.6 |
| Edward Seymour | Common | 912 | 5.2 | 47.4 |
| R. H. Doughty | Holstein | 1257 | 3.7 | 46.5 |
| E. P. Eggen | Guernsey | 1080 | 4.3 | 46.4 |
| Iver Olness | Common | 879 | 5.2 | 45.7 |
| Iver Olness | Common | 723 | 6.2 | 44.8 |
| And. Engebretson | Gr.-Jersey | 627 | 7.2 | 45.1 |
| E. P. Eggen | Common | 1245 | 3.6 | 44.8 |
| A. Thilquist & Sons | Gr.-Holstein | 1120 | 4.0 | 44.8 |
| A. Thilquist & Sons | Holstein | 960 | 4.6 | 44.0 |
| Otto Odelius | Gr.-Holstein | 1203 | 3.6 | 43.3 |
| John A. Olson | Common | 885 | 4.9 | 43.4 |
| E. P. Eggen | Guernsey | 1086 | 4.0 | 43.4 |
| John A. Olson | Common | 935 | 4.6 | 43.1 |
| R. H. Doughty | Holstein | 1260 | 3.4 | 42.8 |
| Iver Olness | Gr.-Holstein | 576 | 7.4 | 42.6 |
| R. H. Doughty | Holstein | 1239 | 3.4 | 42.1 |
| R. H. Doughty | Holstein | 1314 | 3.2 | 42.0 |
| H. H. Lee | Guernsey | 978 | 4.3 | 42.0 |
| K. K. Moore | Common | 804 | 5.2 | 41.8 |
| R. H. Doughty | Holstein | 852 | 4.9 | 41.7 |
| H. Schanno | Shorthorn | 1065 | 3.8 | 40.5 |
| Oscar Thilquist | Holstein | 1184 | 3.4 | 40.2 |

Clark and Warren were making extensive improvements to the Arlington Hotel building. Large windows were being added to the east side of the building, which opened into the parlor and dining room.

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 A suggestion was made that it would be a good thing for Milaca village to require all dogs to be licensed. Onamia had such a tax and it also meant more village revenue.

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 Richard Doughty was sporting a new five-passenger Metz car.

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 Roy Colton came up from Minneapolis to take possession of the C. P. Jorgensen farm in north Hayland, which he had rented for the year.

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 Miss Dora Stewart and Martin W. Wilde were married at Minneapolis.

REGISTERED HOLSTEINS FOR SALE

Two large nicely marked heifers bred to freshen this spring.

Price, each
\$175

Two well grown heifers about 14 months old. Not bred. Each

\$125

Two nice heifer calves about two months old. Price each—

\$55

Papers furnished free

Doughty Stock Farm

R. H. DOUGHTY, Owner

Milaca, Minn.

HERDS AVERAGING OVER 25 LBS. B. F. FOR MONTH.

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|--------------------------|------|
| Andrew Engebretson..... | 37.6 |
| R. H. Doughty..... | 34.5 |
| John A. Olson..... | 34.4 |
| E. P. Eggen..... | 33.4 |
| Oscar Thilquist..... | 33.4 |
| H. Schanno..... | 32.0 |
| J. P. Eggen..... | 31.6 |
| H. H. Lee..... | 30.6 |
| Henry Johnson..... | 30.5 |
| Carl Meleen..... | 29.9 |
| Otto Anderson..... | 29.5 |
| Iver Olness..... | 29.0 |
| O. H. Helmen..... | 28.0 |
| Ed Seymour..... | 27.7 |
| Otto Odelius..... | 27.3 |
| Andrew Schedin..... | 26.6 |
| H. A. Sandholm..... | 26.0 |
| O. C. Oskey..... | 25.6 |
| A. Thilquist & Sons..... | 25.5 |
| C. W. Schaffer..... | 25.0 |

Serious farmers kept track of milk and butterfat production for each of their dairy cows and the top results were published in the Mille Lacs County Times. Dick always had some of the better records. The "Society Page" of the Times would include bits of interest such as his new car. These articles were not published on the same date.