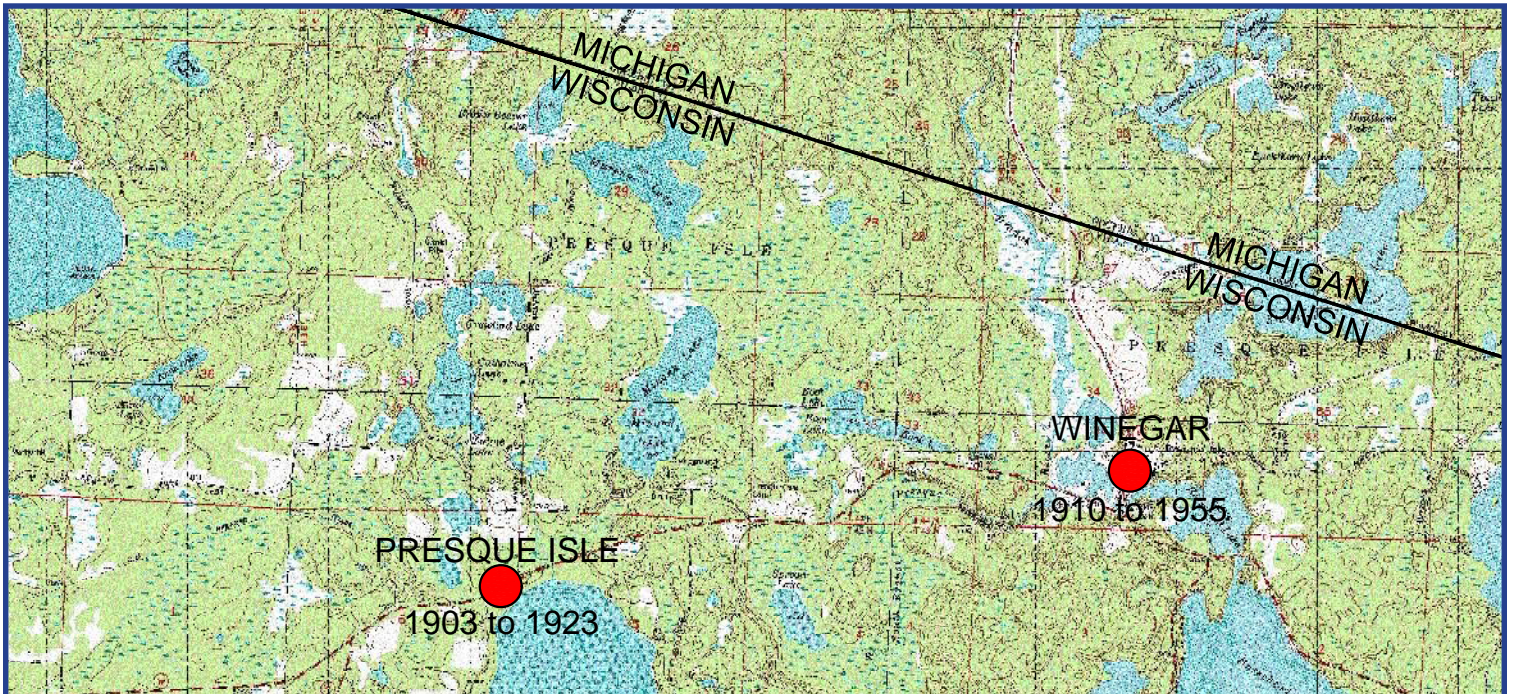


A few Early Winegar Resident Biographies.



First town of *Presque Isle* was formed in 1903. Shown on a 1916 map, and a Vilas County Vacation map. No Post Office records have been found for this *Presque Isle*. *Fosterville* was renamed to *Winegar* in 1910. US Post Office Department records establish *Fosterville* in 1906. US Post Office Department records establish *Winegar* in 1913.

Carlin, Samuel K. Sam was proprietor of the Winegar Recreation Hall at **Winegar, Vilas County**, was born at Ashland, Wis., Feb. 4, 1893, son of J. B. and Maude (STEPHENS) CARLIN. He was educated in the grade and high schools of Ashland and at Gordon's Business College, and was then for five years employed in clerical work in the office of the "Soo" Railway there. For the following two years he was engaged in a general insurance business, after which he was for two years bookkeeper for the John Schroeder Lumber Co. in their office at Ashland. On May 1, 1922, he left that position and came to Winegar, purchasing his present business here. The property was in a badly run down condition at the time Mr. CARLIN acquired it, and his building it up to its present place as one of the finest recreation halls in northern Wisconsin is a fine tribute to his ability and industry. He has an ice cream department and an up-to-date and sanitary soda fountain; he handles a line of tobaccos and cigars, maintains pool and billiard tables, and specializes in bakery goods, keeping a large and complete line which he receives fresh daily. He has also installed recently a new equipment for a first-class barber shop, with all electrical appliances for massaging and hair cutting, and in fact M. CARLIN has and conducts one of the best places in the village and caters to the best trade. He also plays a useful part in the community by promoting its baseball interests; he played for some time on the Ashland team in the Northern League, an experience which makes him a fine man for his present position as manager of the **Winegar Baseball Club**. He takes an active interest in everything that is for the welfare of the community. Mr. CARLIN was married July 31, 1923, to Ann CARRIGAN of Mellan, Wis.



Daily, Henry E. Harry was assistant **General Manager of the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar** and a member of the board of supervisors of Vilas County, was born at Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 18, 1879, son of James P. and Ella (EVERS) DAILY. The parents were both born in the state of Michigan; the mother is now deceased and the father makes his home with his son, subject of this sketch. Harry E. DAILY was educated at Grand Rapids, Mich., and in 1895 entered the employ of the Clipper Bicycle Co., remaining with them for three years, after which, in 1898, he went to work for the Houseman-Jones Clothing Co., first in the furnishing goods department and later in the tailoring department, being with them for 15 years in all. He came to Winegar in 1913 as **manager of the store for the Vilas County Lumber Co.**; in 1919 he was appointed purchasing agent for the company, and he is now their assistant general manager. He is a stockholder and director in the company and his position is a very responsible one. He is also very active in the social affairs of the community, striving always to furnish good clean entertainment for the employees of the company, and is one of the prominent citizens of this section of the country. As a member of the Vilas County board, he has rendered good service in behalf of the general welfare of the community, always taking a firm stand for every more calculated to serve this end and having sponsored many projects that have been of permanent value to the public. Mr. DAILY was married in Grand Rapids, Mich., July 19, 1904, to Miss Helen T. TALBOT, daughter of Richard and Catherine (MCLAUGHLIN) TALBOT. Mrs. DAILY'S parents were residents of Grand Rapids for many years; both are now deceased, the father having passed away on April 7, 1910, and the mother on May 8 of the same year. Mr. and Mrs. DAILY have one child, Jean Ann, born Feb. 3, 1921. The family are members of the Catholic Church, and Mrs. DAILY is a devoted worker in the church.



Wm Winegar left and Henry Daily right.

Fremstad, Stener Sterner owned an Armor Lake Resort near Winegar and manager of the Vilas County Lumber Company's boarding house in that village, was born in Trempeleau County, Wisconsin, May 10, 1869, son of John and Carrie (SWANSON) FREMSTAD. The parents were natives of Norway and remained in that country until after their marriage; they came to the United States in 1866 and located in Trempeleau County, this state, purchasing a tract of railroad land which the father operated until his death in 1872, after which the mother continued to carry on its operation with the aid of her sons, turning it over to the son Matthew when he became of age but continuing to make her home there until her death. Five children were born to these parents: Mathew, operating the home farm in Trempeleau County; Isabelle, who is Mrs. Martin PETERSEN of Blair, Wis.; John, living at Winegar; Stener, subject of this sketch; and Caroline, who is deceased. Stener FREMSTAD received his education in the district schools of Trempeleau County remained at home until he was 15 years of age. He then worked on farms for four years and subsequently worked in the woods and sawmills of Jackson County for several years, later going to Star Lake and entering the employ of the McKinney Lumber Co., for whom he operated an edger for 11 years. In 1906 he came to Winegar; here for one year he operated an edger for the Vilas County Lumber Co. and then took over the management of this company's boarding house. In the fall of 1910 he removed to Duluth, Minn., but after operating a boarding house there for two years he returned to Winegar and resumed the duties of his former position as manager of the boarding house, in which he has since continued. In 1914 he purchased a tract of lake frontage between Horsehead and Armor lakes, and he has since added to this until he now own 200 acres of some of the finest lake frontage in northern Wisconsin. He began the establishment of a resort there in 1920 and he now has a fine place to which he is adding from year to year, building up a property that it is conceded will be the equal to any. His main lodge is 28 x 30 feet in dimensions with a kitchen 14 x 30, and is two stories high, built of split spruce poles; his present garage is 22 x 72 feet and has accommodations for eight cars; and several other buildings are already completed. The place has a beautiful lawn along the lake front and bids fair to achieve national renown. Mr. FREMSTAD was married at Minocqua, July 2, 1896, to Miss Lena OLSON, daughter of Martin and Anna OLSON, who are now residents of Black River Falls, this state; three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. FREMSTAD: Bernice V., who is now the wife of Allen ESCHANBAUCH and is living at the resort; Stella, who is Mrs. Miland MCKINSEY of Winegar; and Charlotte, who is attending school at Winegar.



Houg, Alfred Alfred was the Office Manager for the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar, was born at Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 17, 1892, son of Albert and Eldri (OLSON) HOUG. The parents were both born in Norway and came to America in 1890, settling at Eau Claire, where the father followed the lumber industry for six years before coming to Hazelhurst, in Oneida County, with the Yawkey-Lee Lumber Co.; he remained there until the mill closed and then went to Rhinelander, where he has since been engaged as a lumber grader for the Thunder Lake Lumber Co. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert HOUG: Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Olag MONSON of Zumbrota, Minn.; Regna, who is Mrs. Lloyd SOVERN of Winegar; Alfred, subject of this sketch; Mary, who is county clerk in Vilas County; Mabel, stenographer for the Thunder Lake Lumber Co. at Rhinelander; and Edith, who is stenographer for the Vilas County Lumber Co. Alfred HOUG attended the public schools of Hazelhurst and the Farris Institute at Big Rapids, Mich., graduating from the latter with the class of 1909. He then spent three years in Bundy, Wis. as stenographer for the Bundy Lumber Co., and in 1912 he came to Winegar with the Vilas County Lumber Co.; he has occupied his present position as their office manager since 1914. He has proved himself a most competent man in this position of responsibility and has achieved a fine place in the esteem of the community at Winegar. He is affiliated fraternally with the Masons, being a member of the Hurley blue lodge and the Rhinelander chapter, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. HOUG was married at Bessemer, Mich., Sept. 17, 1914, to Hazel COLE, daughter of Frank and Cornelia (CLAPP) COLE, who are now residents of Rhinelander. Mr. and Mrs. HOUG have one child, a daughter, Dorothy, who was born March 11, 1916.

Owens, Lewis W. Lewis was the Chief Engineer for the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar, was born at Clearfield, Pa., Nov. 1, 1866. He received his education at that place and remained at home until he was 20 years old after which, in 1886, he came west to Michigan and located at Sullivan, 14 miles from Muskegon, following sawmill engineering there until 1892. He then followed the same line in Charlevoix County, Mich., until 1907, and was next at Marenisco, Mich., until 1911. On Feb. 4 of the latter year he accepted his present position as chief engineer with the Vilas County Lumber Co. and came to Winegar. In addition to his work there he and his son-in-law, L. D. BRIGHTMAN, conduct a service station and automobile repairing establishment at Winegar, dispensing gasoline, lubricating oils, and accessories in addition to doing a general repair business and conducting the agency for the Chevrolet car. Mr. OWENS was married at Big Rapids, Mich., Nov. 21, 1889, to Dora CARMAN. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. OWENS, Fred, Gladys, and Arthur, of whom Arthur is now deceased. Fred is an engineer in the mill of the Vilas County Lumber Co.; he married Leona COUNTERS and has two children, Dora and Geraldine. Gladys is now Mrs. L. D. BRIGHTMAN and is the mother of one child, Shirley; Mr. BRIGHTMAN'S association in business with Mr. OWENS has been mentioned previously. Mr. OWENS is a very capable man and has taken an active and useful part in the public affairs of his community. He is now serving his third term as clerk of the town of Presque Isle, which includes the village of Winegar. He was justice of the peace for four terms, and for the nine years he has been a member of the school board of Winegar. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and the Beavers. Besides his interests in Winegar he has farm land holdings in Michigan.

Pierce, Charles A. Chuck was **Woods Superintendent for the Vilas County Lumber Co.**, was born in Wabasha County, Minn., Nov. 10, 1863, son of Alfred and Mary (SACKETT) PIERCE. The father was born in New York State and the mother in Barrien County, Michigan; after their marriage they moved to Wabasha County, Minn., which was then a frontier country, and there the father drove a team and did hand breaking, and also for a time drove the stage from Rochester to Red Wing. In 1867 he removed to Mecosta County, Mich., where he first engaged in farming and later took up the ministry, becoming a Methodist Episcopal layman and following this profession until his death at Carson City, Mich., in January, 1922; the wife and mother had passed away in August, 1906. Charles A. PIERCE was educated in the schools of Mecosta County, Michigan, and there grew to manhood. During this period he spent some time working at teaming in the woods, but made his home with his parents until he was 21 years of age. Since that time practically his whole career has been in the lumber industry. For 20 years he was with J. S. WEIDMAN in Mecosta County, Mich., four years of this time being spent in the mill and the balance as camp runner and woods superintendent. He then began farming, but his efforts along this line were of short duration. In September, 1910, he became associated with the **Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar as Camp Foreman**, and in April, 1911 he assumed the duties of his present position as Woods Superintendent for this company, having charge of all their woods, railroads, logging, etc. This is a position of great responsibility, but Mr. PIERCE has discharged its duties in a manner that is a credit to himself and his employers; he has proved himself a fine executive and a thoroughly able man. Fraternally he is a member of Notaway Lodge No. 424 of the Masonic Order at Weidman, Mich., and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Maccabees. He has a farm of 120 acres in Isalle County, Mich., and his career has been a most successful one. Mr. PIERCE was married at Altona, Mich., Dec. 16, 1891, to Miss E. ANDERSON. Six children as follows, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. PIERCE: Floyd C., Gary, Ethel, Howard, Walter and Ray. Floyd C. is living at Pontiac, Mich.; he married Ethel BOGER. Gary, after having had previous military experience on the Mexican border, served during the World War in the Signal Corps, being overseas for 18 months; he was twice gassed and twice wounded, receiving bullet wounds in the leg and in the side. After spending some time in the hospitals in France he was returned to the United States with the rank of sergeant and remained here in training until his discharge at an Arizona camp, having at that time achieved the rank of lieutenant. Ethel is the wife of Jesse TROYER, who is connected with the Hubbard Springs Works in Pontiac, Mich.; she has one child, Donald. Howard PIERCE died in infancy. Walter is also with the Hubbard Springs Words and lives in Birmingham, Mich. Ray is living at home and is a student in the grade schools.



Richards, George D. George is **General Superintendent of works for the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar**, was born at Breckenridge, Colo., Oct. 6, 1877, and was educated in the schools of Denver and of Des Moines. He began as a wage earner at the age of 16 years, when he became a bell boy in the Kirkwood Hotel at Des Moines. After remaining with the hotel for a short time he followed various occupations in different parts of the country for three years, and in the winter of 1898-99 he came to Owen, Wis. and entered the employ of the John S. OWEN Lumber Co., his first work with them being a railroad construction; when he left them in 1920 he has achieved the position of yard superintendent. While living at Owen he served the village as clerk for 12 years, as justice of the peace, and as chairman of the commercial club for three years. He was also prominent in lodge circles at that place, being a charter member of the Knights of Pythias lodge there and serving for eight years as their grand representative. Mr. RICHARDS is also a member of the Masonic order, the Beavers, and the Modern Woodmen of America. On Jan. 1, 1920, he came to Winegar as yard foreman for the Vilas County Lumber Co. His rise was rapid, and he is now general superintendent of all their works here, and owns stock in the company. He is a man of exceptional ability, a fine executive, and he has taken a useful part in the public affairs of this community, being elected chairman of Presque Isle board in 1923, a fine tribute to his capabilities by the residents of this locality.

Rogers, Howard Howard is a respected citizen of Winchester, Vilas County, was born in Kent County, Michigan, June 11, 1862, son of Gilbert L. and Julia A. (BROWN) ROGERS. The parents were natives of New York and came west as young people; they were married in Michigan and later settled in Kent County there, remaining until 1869; they then removed to Muskegon County, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Howard ROGERS was reared and educated in Muskegon County and remained at home until he was 21 years old. He then followed various occupations, working in the woods during the winter months, until 1889, when he started jobbing, cruising, and handling bark, in the employ of various lumber companies. After five years in this line of work he was in the mercantile business at Thompsonville and Mancelona, Mich., for four years. In 1904 he came to Vilas County, Wisconsin; here for five years he did cruising and **worked in the Company Store at Winegar**, in the employment of the Vilas County Lumber Co. He came to Winchester in 1909, and he has ever since been employed in the general store operated by the Turtle Lake Lumber Co. Mr. ROGERS is affiliated fraternally with the Odd Fellows, belonging to their Muskegon Lodge No. 302. He is a very able man, and he and his family are highly thought of in the community; while **residing at Winegar he served his township as assessor and as treasurer**. Mr. ROGERS was married at Muskegon, Mich., April 22, 1895, to Lucy A. SMITH. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. ROGERS, but of these the youngest, Mercile, died at the age of 23 years; the others are Maurine and Maurice.



Rutherford, Jack Jack is one ne of the best known hunters and trappers of northern Wisconsin, **residing in Winegar**, Vilas County, was born Nov. 12, 1871, in Waupaca Wis., son of Robert and Eliza (SPIKES) RUTHERFORD, the father being a native of Scotland and the mother of Ireland. Robert RUTHERFORD learned the trade of tailor in his native land and after coming to the United States followed it for several years in Boston. In the early 60's he came to Wisconsin and established a tailoring business in Weyauwega, following it there for several years. He then moved to Waupaca, where he continued till 1892, when he moved to California. Jack RUTHERFORD as a boy attended the common school in Waupaca, after which he assisted his mother on the farm which had been purchased by his father before the latter's death, remaining at home until 1891. In 1892 he went west and was for eight years in the employ of the Kimball & Clark Lumber Company at Kimball, subsequently working four years for the Montreal Lumber Company at Myres. During the 12 years that he was with these two lumber companies he followed trapping during the winter months. It was in 1905 that Mr. RUTHERFORD came to Winegar, Vilas County, where he has since made his home, and is engaged in trapping, hunting and guiding. Mr. RUTHERFORD recently sold some property he owned east of Winegar and purchased 40 acres on Anna Lake with 55 rods of fine lake frontage, where he is building a new home. Mr. RUTHERFORD was married July 16, 1891 in Waupaca County, Wisconsin to Mary LARSON. They are the parents of one son, Harry, who works for the Vilas County Lumber Company in Winegar.

Thomas, Charles A. who has been **Head Filer for the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar** for the past 17 years, was born in Steuben County, N. Y., Oct. 28, 1871, son of John and Elizabeth (COMSTOCK) THOMAS. The father was born at New Bedford, Mass., and the mother in New York State; both are now deceased. Charles A. was education in the grade and high school at Painted Post, N. Y., graduating from the latter with the class of 1889. In June of the same year he went to Manistique, Mich., where he remained for two years in the sash and door plant of the Weston Manufacturing Co. He next was with the North Shore Lumber Co. as assistant files for three years, and was then head filer for the Weyerhauser Lumber Co. in Apollonia for a year and a half. In the spring of 1897 he went to Tomahawl and was there with the Bradley Lumber Co. for one year, after which he worked for the Lave Lumber Co. at Three Lakes until Jan. 1, 1900, when he went to Bartley, Mich. He was with the James McIntyre Lumber Co. at the latter place until May 12, 1903, and was then in the employ of the Robbins Lumber Co. until Aug. 28, 1904, when he went to Star Lake. In 1906 he came from Star Lake to Winegar and took up the duties of his present position. Mr. THOMAS was married at Manistique, Mich., April 12, 1893, to Edith SIMMONS and Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS have had three children: Mildred, Crystal, and Alpheus. Mildred died on Oct. 21, 1894; Crystal is now Mrs. Joseph REISSE of Terre Haute, Ind.; Alpheus is in the employ of the Marshall Field interests in Chicago, and Mrs. THOMAS is now making her home there with her son. Mr. THOMAS, Sr., is a liated fraternally with the Masons and the Modern Woodmen of America, and his favorite sports are fishing and hunting, in both of which he is very proficient. He and his family are well thought of in every way throughout the community.

Thomas, Rollie A. Rollie is a **Lumber Inspector for the Vilas County Lumber Co. at Winegar**, was born at Amherstburg, Canada, Feb. 9, 1882, son of Joseph and Jessie (SCHULTZ) THOMAS. The parents are now residing at Ashland, Wis., the father being an engineer on the Omaha Railway. Rollie A. THOMAS came to Ashland with his parents in 1892 and was there educated in the grade and high schools. Early in life he went to work for the railroad company there as a fireman, but he left this position after a short time and went to Bibon, Wis., with the Chicago Lumber and Coal Co. as a en employe in their planing mill. In 1909 he came to Winegar; here he **worked in the Planing Mill of the Vilas Lumber Co.** until 1917, when he was made lumber inspector in their yards, in which position he has since continued. He has won a high place of esteem in the community; for three years he was clerk of the village school board, and he is now serving his second term as treasurer of the town of Presque Isle, which township includes the village of Winegar. Fraternally he is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is interested in baseball and all forms of outdoor sports, and has done much to promote these interests in the village. Mr. THOMAS was married Sept. 19, 1911, to Mary M. HUNT, of Winegar, who a the time of her marriage was bookkeeper for the company which her husband represents. Two children, Rollie William and Irene Margaret, have been born to Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS. The family are members of the Catholic Church and are well thought of in every way.

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Winegar, William S. Bill became a millionaire in furniture, lumber and real estate in Grand Rapids, Michigan. First joining his fathers furniture business in 1892. Bill was born, July 27, 1854. He took over the Vilas County Lumber Co. (VCLCo) in Fosterville, WI in 1910 as President of the company, renaming the village Winegar. W. S. Winegar and his father were major stockholders in the VCLCo. He was known to say in Winegar, "My name is Bill, I have never failed and I never will." "Big Bill" as he was known in Winegar, increased the size of the VCLCo 50% to include a Planning, Lath and Shingle Mills with a huge electric generator that supplied electricity for the village of Winegar. He grew the village to over 2000 residents and 350 mill workers. (Most logging villages in the northwoods at that time rarely exceeded a few hundred in population.) Bill owned a cottage on Peaceful Isle in Oxbow Lake where he spent weekends to weeks at a time. And, he vacationed in Miami, FL doing well in real estate with son Edward. Parents were William Winegar and Emma Smith. Bill married Margaret G. Smith in October, 1874. Their children were; Swift Wells, born July, 1882 and William Edwards, born August, 1889. He died April 17, 1927.

