

Pictured Left to Right:

William James Draver: April 25, 1872 Cleveland, Oh; died 1957, Ironwood, Mi.

Kenneth G. Draver: born Fosterville September 1, 1907; died December, 1994, Superior Wi.

Gertrude L Draver: born March 27, 1903 Moorland Mi; died June 16, 1995 Long Grove, Il.

Raymond J Draver: born May 19, 1904 Slocum, Mi; died 1973 Milwaukee, Wi.

Charles E Draver: born September 10, 1901 Moorland, Mi; died 1982 Big Bay, Mi.

Marian King Draver: born July 15, 1879, Bridgeton, Mi; died April 12, 1914 Iron Belt, Wi.

Amanda M Bacon: born May 17, 1840 Canada; married and divorced William James Draver, died April 20, 1921 Hurley, Wi.

In 1905 J.J. Foster of the Grand Rapids Furniture Company employed William Draver to help establish the Vilas County Lumber Company in Presque Isle Township of Vilas County. The area had several log cabins when Foster and Draver arrived. In a few years it had mills, a railroad roundtable and all the facilities of a town. Mr. Foster named the town Fosterville. The town subsequently changed its name twice, first to Winegar and then to Presque Isle.

The building in the picture was the first framed house in the town, and was located on Little Horse Head Lake. The first floor had a living room, dining room and kitchen. There were three bedrooms upstairs. It is evident that the house was supplied with electricity.

During this period, William Draver served as Clerk of the Township when M.J. Hesselsweet and Frank Honsowetz were Supervisors, R. S. Elliott, Chairman, Chas. A. Thomas, Treasurer and Geo. R. Nelson, Assessor. Family history tells of William also riding a circuit court route through the county. The family left Winegar in 1912, after an apparent dispute with Mr. Winegar's policies for the company store.

Gertrude started her schooling in a one room schoolhouse in Fosterville. Upon completion of high school in Hurley, Wisconsin, she started her career of teaching at the Kimball school in Iron County, Wisconsin. She attended and graduated from "Normal" Superior State Teacher's College, in Superior Wisconsin. Now known as "Pat", she taught in Wausau, Wisconsin. She married Fred Zochert of Wausau on June 4, 1924 and they promptly moved to Chicago, Illinois.

Pat taught in the Chicago School System. She retired as the librarian at the Chicago Bell Elementary School. This school, on the Northside, taught hearing and sight impaired students. Summers were spent at their log cabin on Lake Adelaide, Winchester Township, Vilas County. Books and God's country, Vilas County, were her life long passions. The best times were spent on the dock swing, reading a book, and the cabin filled with family.

*In loving memory:*

Brother: William James Draver, Jr: born May 13, 1921 in Hurley Wi; and  
Niece Christine Draver Colditz, born March 4, 1947, Oak Park, Il.