

Information of Joe and Mary Springsteen 26 May 1980

Mary E. Springsteen lived in a log cabin in the woods just south of Howe Road ~~in the half-mile between Wood Road and Bond Road~~ ^{approximately a quarter-mile east of} the area is now in fields. The ~~Looking Glass River is about an eighth of a mile south of Howe Road in this area, paralleling the road in an east-west direction.~~ One of her older sons, Maw, owned 160 acres on the north side of Howe Road, apparently just to the east, north to the Looking Glass River about $\frac{7}{8}$ mile to the north. Maw (and Eliza) lived ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ a farmhouse about a half-mile north of Howe Road on a drive coming north off Howe Road about $\frac{7}{8}$ -mile east of Wood Road. He also owned a smaller farmhouse about a quarter-mile further north at the end of the drive. There was an orchard by the big farmhouse where Maw lived there. Maw's son Jerry lived in a house on the south side of Howe Road just east of Maw's drive.

Kate (and George) Keck lived on the east side of Wood Road just south of Stall Road. The area is now a subdivision built in the late 1960s or early 70s.

When L. D. and Aggie moved into the area from Oakland County (near Holly) they first lived for a while with Joe's Grandma Keck (and Grandpa?), Kate. They then moved to the small farmhouse on Maw's land, where Joe recalls being struck by lightning in the front door or dooryard. When Maw moved into town (Lansing, I believe), L. D. and Aggie moved into the big farmhouse where Joe thinks they lived for about fifteen years. Joe remembers being able to see the stars

where they slept upstairs in the small house. He also recalls hauling (with Aen) a headstone or monument in a makeshift sled from Man's house north across the river and up Ford Road a half-mile to Wilsey Cemetery for John and/or Mary Springsteen (his grandparents). From Man's big farmhouse, J.D. and Aggie moved to the Brink Farm on the west side of Airport Road south of Howe Road and north of the river Herkison Road. In 1923 they moved to a farm in Lansing which the city purchased on the east side of Elmwood. The city put a piggery there to help dispose of garbage, and J.D. (and Harold) went to work for the city sanitation department. From there, J.D. and Aggie moved to 418 W. Maple St., where J.D. died in 1943. Aggie lived there for a couple more years, then moved to a house on Sunnyside, where John and Al Raczyński lived with her. Joe wanted to buy J.D.'s "city farm" when it was for sale, but bought his current house instead (in 1942?). Aen and Verda first lived in a house owned by J.D. and Aggie in Dewitt, ~~next to~~ ^{next to} ~~west~~ west of the Dewitt School. They moved (probably in 1920) to the Victor Henning farm on the north side of Howe Road, just west of the Henning house. They moved to the Brink farm on 7 Feb 1923 (when J.D. and Aggie moved out (this was Joe & Mary's first anniversary)). They moved from there to the "city farm" on ^{the west side of} Willow (Street) in Lansing. In the winter of 1929-1930 (apparently after Hud was born on 1 Nov 1929), they moved to the farm at Skeridan. When Verda finally sold the Skeridan farm a couple of years after Aen's death, she moved to 427 W. Willow St. (~~at Walnut St.?~~), across the block (or 2) from J.D. and Aggie at 418 W. Maple St.