

[Alma Martin Perry]

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Lodi, Wis. Personal History

Mrs. Perry was born in Vermont in [??????] she was ten years old. The family [??????] Milwaukee and then by oxen team to Springfield. [There were?] [?] [children in?] [?] family and when [?] arrived at [their?] [????] [?] dollar to start life with.

A brother of Phineas Martin, Mrs. [Perry's father, had come to the?] [?] town of Springfiled several years previous and had acquired enough land to give each of his grown sons, there were five of them, a quarter section of land. The girls each got forty acres.

Until the weather got too cold the [?] family lived in their covered wagon for there was no house built on their claim. That winter Phineas' uncle took them in and he cut logs for his home which he built near a spring on the edge of the [?].

Whenever he had a chance the [father?] worked out and [took?] food [in?] pay. He was also an excellent nurse and sometimes was employed as such.