



The primitive Americana hickory skein winder purchased in Canada was an important possession of Patrick and Mary Kelly Bennett when they settled in Racine County and located on Section 36; they sold out there and moved to the Village of Waterford and Patrick went to work at his trade, carpenter and stone mason.

Eventually Patrick and Mary purchased a farm one mile west of Waterford. Captain Patrick Bennett joined a regiment and raised a full company, being named their Captain. The regiment went into service in Virginia and Patrick was killed October 27, 1864 at the battle of Fair Oaks during the Civil War. One of his sons, John Bennett, age 14, assisted his mother Mary, in operating the farm. Mary died of a broken heart

on January 17, 1875. She missed her husband a great deal. Russell Bennett left "Fairview Farm" to his son, Richard Bennett and eventually Richard bought four hundred acres across the road, at the intersection of Highway 83 and 20 and farmed it, calling it Fairview II. Years after his death, Fairview II was sold to the present owners. It has now been developed as a subdivision and the dairy barn has been remodeled into "The Barn", a unique restaurant and banquet hall. The cow barn of Fairview II has become a fine, southeastern Wisconsin attraction, "The Silo Dining Room and The Milking Room Party facility."

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