



Ole and Anna Evenson came to Racine County in the 1840's and bought land from the government along the Fox River in the Tichigan area. They built a cabin out of white oak logs on their farm. By 1910, Merandy, one of their two children, had married Andrew Halverson and was living in the cabin with their seven children, Annie, Mandy, Etta, Elmer, Arthur, John and Clarence. Mr. Halverson decided the time had come to build a new home for his family. He hired a German-American carpenter builder from Mukwonago and started work on what was to become a very beautiful house. Mr. Halverson and three of his sons,

Clarence, John and Elmer, using their own steam powered saw rig, cut the beams, joists and rafters out of logs from the farm. John Halverson and Elmer Halverson left the home farm to go farming on their own on nearby farms. Clarence, together with Roland Drought (Etta's husband), ran the farm and they had a fine herd of Hosteins, quite a few brood sows and a large flock of chickens. So the farm produced milk, eggs and pork chops for many years. The grandson of Mandy Halverson Apple is now the proud owner of this very well cared for and beautifully maintained farm and home.

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