

Ormond

Ed Ormond farmed 80 acres; raised hogs, cattle and had horses. The Ormond house roof had many levels from the various additions. The barn was yellow. Ed found many arrowheads while tilling his land. The 80 acres had lake frontage. Families would pitch tents and camp along the lake front. Five tiny cottages were built on the lake front. These were rented for \$400.00 a year.

During the winter, Ed Ormond cut ice by hand from the lake and stored it in sawdust in his ice house. In the summer he supplied his tenants with ice. He also provided fresh milk from his cattle after he hand milked the cows. He collected the garbage daily from each cottage and placed it in a container in the rear seat of his tow door Chevrolet sedan. From this container he slopped his pigs.

Ed Ormond and his sister Margaret lived in the old farm house all of their lives. A sister, Anna Devereau, and her family would visit and picnic on the farm.

When people got stuck in the snow or mud, Ed Ormond would drive his team and pull the auto out with the remark 'if you drove a horse, there would not be a problem'!

These are recollections from Mr. Bernard Brown who lived near the Ormond family for many years beginning in 1923. Mr. Brown's observation was that Ed Ormond was the finest man he ever knew. He was faithful in his religion and attended mass at St. Mary's stone church in Milford. Mr. Brown shared this information with the WLHS December 10, 1987.

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