

## Egbert William Williamsen

My name is Egbert William (Bill) Williamsen. I was born in the Town of Lawrence on March 6, 1886; son of John Henry Williamsen and Anna (van de Weijenberg\_ Williamsen. After my mother died, my father moved to Little Chute but I stayed in De Pere, and lived with my brother John in order to attend school. Later my father, his brother Henry John and several of my sisters moved to Foley, AL.

In 1907, I married Wilhelmina Gerritts, daughter of Peter Gerritts and Joanna Jansen. We moved to Foley, AL to be near more of my father's family. We had our first daughter, Agnes on July 9, 1907.

We returned to Little Chute before our second daughter, Cecelia Anna was born on August 10, 1909.

Minnie and I opened a small grocery store on the corner of Lincoln and Taylor St, just east of our home at 613 E. Lincoln St.

We then had 2 sons, Silvan J. (Sheik) born on August 31, 1911, and our last child, Earl (Soup) on April 30, 1915. All of our children went to St. John Catholic School.

On Feb 3, 1932, Min and I help a dancing party at the Rainbow Garden in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

In the summer of 1940, the old store was moved to the back of the lot so the new grocery store, tavern and living quarters could be built in its place. We purchases a new hand crank meat slicing machine, this became my pride and joy in the store. I worked the store and Minnie took care of the tavern. After a few years, we closed the grocery store put in a kitchen and started to serve fish on Friday and chicken on Saturday and Sunday.

I was nearly 60 years old when I died on February 12, 1946.

My name is.... I am Bill's (grandson)

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