

At Finnish American Heritage Center, Hancock MI are these resources:

1) Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company  
Calumet Michigan

1907 policy with **North Canal Farming Co.** Oskarissa, MI

Signed by August Bohjanen and Herman Hermanson

\$250 asuinhuoneelle dwelling?

\$100 talli ja latorakennikselle hay barn?

\$150 Heina ladolle stable and barn?

1909 same as above, but signed by Herman Hermanson and Frank Eilola

July 1914. With North Canal Farming Co. Oskarissa, MI

Contract for \$1300:

\$750 1.5 karroks. Asuinhuone rakennukselle, sijaitsee

\$200 Talli rakennukselle

\$250 Heinahuoneelle

\$100 Maanviljelys tyokalville

2) A farm account and livestock record- no name, no year.

National Farm Loan Association. Rice Bldg, Houghton

January Income:

Grading potatoes on the 14th \$13.46

“ 31st \$8.75

Hauling hay \$1.00

Out:

Remedy \$1.24

Head cheese .30

Butter .42

Dues 2.00

Onions .12

Tobacco .20, .10, .75

Coffee .65

Bread .11

Smoked sausage .28

Groceries .55, .35, .4.45

Doz. eggs .40

Flash light batteries .20

Nails .11

Out in February:

Cookies .15

Soda crackers .31

Yeast .06

2# butter .86

10# whole wheat flour .55

3) In another book, ledger accounting were farmer names the author recognizes.. It did not have a title.

Curator, Gary, showed me an Insurance Company records that had a name **“North Canal Farming Company”**. I am wondering if this ledger book is for this group as entries were for thrashing, salary of secretary etc. This corresponds with information given to me that the Red Barn Road was named such as the barn held a thrasher that local farmers owned. The North Superior Road did not continue straight to the canal road by Soine then... it turned south and went towards the canal (Red Barn Road) and came out by today’s McClellans. I am told the road came on down to today’s Bucky Ovist’s and down to Nillo Juntunen on today’s Osma Plat Road.

Gary suggests I check at MTU archives in their articles of incorporation and see if anything for this name comes up.

This ledger of accounting is from 1914 to 1944.

There are entries for gasoline, belts, batteries, oil, repairs, wire, rope, stamps, insurance, loan payment, and salary.

Cash on hand Jan 6, 1914 \$44.29  
 Jan. 31 Andrew Reikki salary for Director \$4  
 Director Salary Pd \$4 to Andrew Juntunen  
 Directory salary Pd \$8 John Koski for 1913-1914

Names of farmers as entries in 1914 are:

Jan 6 Hjalmer Patana Thrashing \$17.76  
 Alex Lahti “ \$17.30  
 Oscar Knuuttila “ \$7.92  
 Matt Wayrynen thrashing \$6.88

Feb. 24 John Bollard wood sawing \$4.04  
 Henry Bohjanen  
 Felix Hietala  
 Henry Pillikangas  
 Andrew Riekki  
 John Kellinsalmi  
 Alex Waara  
 John Ollila

Sept 22 thrashing John Hermanson \$7.32  
 ‘ ‘ ‘ John Kellinsalmi \$9.60  
 “ 23 “ Henry Romppainen \$10  
 “ 23 “ Wm. Beaumont \$17.88

“ 30 Elias Rintala \$10  
 “ 30 “ Jacob Salmonson (Solmonson later)  
 “ 30 “ John Franti \$10.44  
 “ 30 ? Saari \$5  
 “ 30 “ J. Ekola \$7.16  
  
 Oct 1 ? Tromley \$9.80  
 “ 2 “ Isaac P? \$7.25  
 “ 2 Chas sp? Parrila? \$5.25  
 “ 2 “ Henry Bohjanen \$5  
 “ 5 “ Frank Eilola \$20  
 “ 5 “ Tino Uusitalo \$1.30

Names taken down 1914 Nov. 11

Alex Garnell Thrashing and wood sawing. \$12.

Lots of entries for people in wood sawing. One is Wm. Beaumont woodsawing \$1.65

Thrashing:

Hjalmer Lantto

Adam Lantto pd. \$7.40

Jacob Salmonson pd \$13.16

Evert Walitalo \$13.44

Matt Riutta on acc't paid in \$10

Salmon Juntunen Thrashing \$5.

Peter Marshall Thrashing \$19.24

Sept. 23 \$36.87 and Oct. 7 \$20 paid salary to Alex Olson

October 14 \$55. and Nov. 4th paid salary to Henry Bohjanen

Dec. 26 pd salary of \$10 to Andrew Riekki

One entry 1916 March 18 says “register lease from Andrew Riekki”.. I need to check if the barn was on Reikki land then. hummm.

Antti Juntunen 1916 Jan Thrashing

Wm. Heikkila Thrashing 1916

Names in 1917 are Esias Dorvinen

One entry Nov. 4 1917 was for salary said Alex Olson director, another entry for Alex as secretary.

Names in entries for 1941-42.. names author obtained randomly:

Matt Wayrynen

Henry Garnell

Art Oinas

Waino Lahti

Toivo Patana  
John Kangas  
Emil Pomppainen  
Jack Knuuttila  
John Ylitalo  
Ernest Olson  
Arnold Lantto

In 1943, June 30 it has Selma Lantto buying 12 shares \$67.92  
July 3 Alex Lahti 12 shares \$28.30  
Sept 1 Felix Hietala 3 shares \$16.98

In 1944 records are names paying for thrashing:  
Henry Soine \$23.46  
E. Lepisto \$30.15  
John Kelly \$19.69  
Onni Knuuttila \$20.01

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