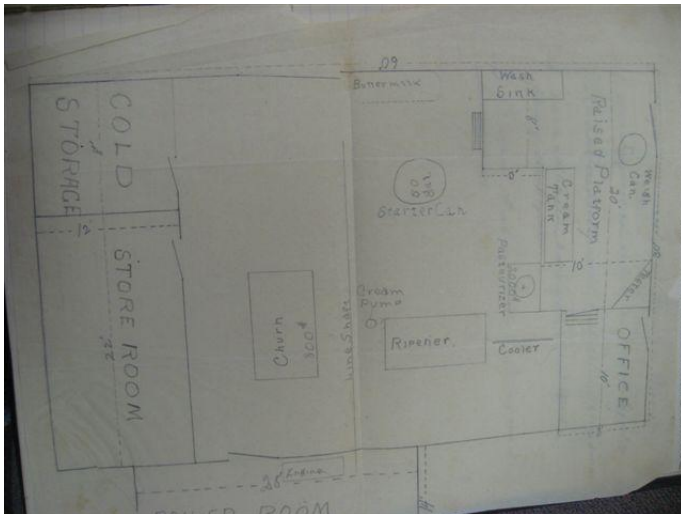


PORTAGE LAKE CREAMERY COMPANY.



5-1-08 . Author, Barb Koski, went to the Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock Michigan. I met with Gary Kaunonen archivist. He showed me what they had in their archives on Oskar. Colleen Caudle had led me to the Center when she sent me information on this Creamery Company.

Susan Riutta's document has the creamery company shown on a map across from the Uusitalo home, North of the road to the cemetery.

11/3/08 I visited with Ray Shoos. He said that Mr. Usitalo who lived across the street from him said that the artesian well in Ray's basement (was a net house) supplied water to the creamery.. so assume it was right next door to the south.

I asked Ethel Johnson (her husband Wesley and his dad Emil) if she knew about the company and she said no. Colleen tells me the minutes of meeting say Temperance Hall but the floor plan attached is a special building.

One treasure was this book of minutes of the Portage Lake Creamery Company. The minutes were penned in Finnish, but names were understandable. Gary told me they were **minutes of 1911-1912**. I soon will have a friend translate for me. But for now:

It appears these men purchased shares or paid dues into the company on the first page of the minutes. It lists their name, then a number 1,2,3. then on right is a column of \$100, \$200, \$300 corresponding to the 1,2,or 3.

These are the names and the number.

Frank Eilola 2

Chas Tolonen 2

Nels Burkman and son 2

Henry Bohjanen and sons 1

Albert Tapani 1

Wm. Ruohonen 1

Ojala Bros. 1

Victor Perala 1

Andrew Reikki Jr. 2

Bill Michaelson 2

Olson Bros. 2

I can't make out ink well but looks like Uitti Bros.

JH Jasberg 2

Henry Sakari 3

Frank Eilola and Co. 2

Emil Johnson 1

Wm. H Nisckila sp? 1

Henry Haapapuro 1

John Porkka 1

Adam Lantto 1

Henry Pillikangas 1

Hans Tapia 1

John Bollard 1

Henry Hendrickson 1

Herman Hermanson 1

Sakari Heinonen 1

Then there were minutes to 1912 that I will need to have translated from Finnish to English.

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