

POINTS OF REFERENCE

Dates given are to put perspective to what else was occurring before and during the creation of our Stanton Township in 1902.

Prior to time line beginning...

Native Americans portaged canoes on both the North and South Entries.

Henry Garnell of Red Brick Road found arrowheads etc on his farm land.

This must have been a meeting place.

1837 January 26. Michigan became the 26th state.

1843 The copper boom began

Keweenaw opened for prospecting and settlement

Three portages had to be made on the Portage River to get supplies in and out of area by what we today call South Entry.

1844 Copper Harbor's Fort Wilkins was built. It was used 1844-1846 and 1867-1870.

1845 Houghton County once comprised the entire Keweenaw Peninsula.

Eagle River was the first county seat.

1845 June 25, Wm. Burt and Douglas Houghton complete survey of Oskar area. Survey included in document.

1848 California Gold Rush.

1849 Copper Harbor Lighthouse was built.

1852 Houghton was a settled community.

1855 First locks began at Sault Ste. Marie

1855 Land Patents obtained for Osma Plat Area.

1855-1863 Land Patents obtained for area to become Oskar.

1856 Houghton County authorizes a road from Copper Harbor by way of Agate Harbor, Eagle Harbor and Eagle River to Portage Lake.

1856 First Keeper at Portage River/Jacobsville Light.

1859 Hancock Michigan was platted.

1859 Mining Companies and merchants combined to create the funds for creating the South Entry.

1860's Atlantic Mine had stamp operations on Portage Lake until 1895 when they moved the stamping to Redridge.

1860 to 1882 most of the commodities for the Portage Lake district came from the outside via steamer. Railroads were after this.

1861 -1865 Civil War.

Finnish men were in Union forces. Most were former seamen so joined the Navy.

1861 North Entry Ship Canal dredging started and completed in 1870. It had been a portage before then. The entry was 2 ¼ miles long. Now the Keweenaw Waterway was 25 miles long.

1861 After the state legislature split the county into Keweenaw and Houghton counties; the village of Houghton became the new seat of Houghton County government.

1863 Congress authorizes construction of a military road from Fort Howard, Green Bay

Wisconsin via Portage Lake to Fort Wilkins. 220 miles.

- 1864 Michigan Legislature accepts grant and appointed 3 men (Senter, Dickinson, Forster) to lay out and establish the most eligible and direct route for military road.
- 1864 Finnish people coming to America arrived from Mines in Norway. There was available work, possibility of acquiring free homestead lands, abundance of fish and games.
- 1865 Protective pier and post lantern constructed at South Entry/Jacobsville.
- 1870's Houghton County Infirmary was built. Another common name was the Poor Farm. Operated until 1968. The Poor Farm was shut in 1953. Became Houghton County Medical Care in Hancock.
- 1873 Entire Michigan portion of Military Road declared complete. Fort Howard was decommissioned in 1853 and Ft. Wilkins permanently abandoned in 1870.
- 1874 North Entry Lighthouse built.
- 1875 OSKAR COMMUNITY BEGAN.
- Jack Ruohonen shares this in his history document: This history of a settlement named Ojanpera later with mail delivery was named Oskar was written in 1953-1960. Oskar is located 6 miles North from the city of Houghton right on the shore of Portage Lake and along Slats (Schlotz's) creek that runs southwest and in places is wide and also has fish.
- Son to Aleksi Garnell, Henry, shares on his 1977 WMPL Heritage line interview: The first settlers in Oskar were in 1875 - Oscar Eliassen, Sakari Hendrickson, and Jacob Ojanpera. In 1882 Herman Hermanson. In 1885 John Koller and Nels Burkman. 1907 Frank Eilola.
- 1875-1883 Jacob Ojanpera does logging in community named Ojanpera, later to be called Oskar.
- 1876 Peak of Copper Boom in the area.
- 1878 – 1908 Burkman kilns (on Ruohonen Road, Oskar) may have been built as early as 1878 and were last used about 1905 to 1908
- 1880-1890. Tolls were charged to use the North Entry. 1891 tolls eliminated.
- 1880's Heikkinen School opens. Closes in 1999.
- 1881 The first school in Oskar was in operation in a Weber family home, there were only twelve children who were taught by Miss Donna Hoe, the first teacher in the community.
- 1882 The Oscar School is built and operating with the first teacher Mr. J. Salven. Closes June 1958.
- 1882 Mr. Opie is making pottery where the North Canal Brick Factory will be in 1902.
- 1884 Life Saving Station built on Houghton Canal side. Became US Coast Guard in 1915 on Hancock side.
- 1885 A wooden bridge is built which allows the original Mineral Range Railroad to reach Houghton from Hancock.
- 1885 to 1900 The first Stanton Schools Superintendent was John Erickson.
- 1885 Calumet temps were: -30, to -5 consistently thru the month of January.

- 1886 The Michigan Mining School opened in Houghton. In 1964 it was renamed Michigan Technological University.
- 1887 The opulent High Victorian design of the Houghton County Courthouse testifies to the prosperity that the copper boom brought to the area in the late nineteenth century. The building's irregular form and polychromatic exterior make it one of Michigan's most distinctive nineteenth century courthouses. The red sandstone trim and copper roof were products of the Upper Peninsula. The architect, J. B. Sweatt, was from Marquette. Originally from Chicago, Sweatt typified the many architects who worked in Houghton and participated in the building rush that occurred during the copper boom. Dedicated on July 28, 1887, the courthouse replaced a frame structure constructed in 1862.
- 1888 Oskar gets first Post Office on Nils Burkman property. (on today's Betty Ruohonen Property)
- 1888 William Brinkman builds log home in Redridge and raises 11 children. Son Bill takes many local photographs.
- 1888 Oskar's tannery was built and burned down in 1902
- 1889 Matti Jaakkola and Mrs. Greeta Johanna Jaakkola come to America and begin work with Oscar Eliassen in Liminga. They were the first settlers of Liminga.
- 1890-1895 Highest volume of logging occurring in Oskar.. Ojanpera first, then in 1883 Eliassen, and Burkman in 1896 as main loggers.
- 1890 The Oskar temperance society named The Rose of the Shore created. It belonged to the SKRV Fraternal organization, formed in 1904 by J. Lukkarilla of Hancock. The last meeting was held on Sept 7, 1920.
- 1890-1930 Emigration of Finnish people to America.
- 1891 North Entry deepened to 13 feet deep.
- 1891 Road built in Redridge went thru the river.
- 1892-1912 Atlantic Mill operated in Redridge.
- 1892 The first school of Redridge was in 1892 in the Saltzer home and was constructed of logs. It had a single room and housed 8 grades.
- 1894 First Redridge log and earth dam built.
- 1894 Toivola community begins.
- 1894 Red Barn built on Red Barn Road that held the cooperative thrasher.
- 1894 July 13, the Apostolic Lutheran congregation was funded whose preacher was A. C. Heideman, leading it until his death. Services held often in the Oskar School and later in homes.
- 1895 Wooden bridge/road built over Salmon Trout River in Redridge.
- 1896 Atlantic Mining Company store built in Redridge.
- 1896 A forest fire nearly took out the whole community of Oskar.
- 1897 Eliassen lost his stables and horses in a fire.
- 1897 Oskar Cemetery created on Oscar Eliassen property. Olson Cemetery graves were put in Oskar Cemetery.
- 1897 Polk Directory:
 Burkman, Nels (Betty Ruohonen's property now)
 Eliassen, Oskar Charcoal (Dave Jukari's home and property now)

Garnell, Aleksi (Deric Garnell now)
Heikkila, Michael boards with Aleksi Garnell
Hermanson, Herman, Eng. for Oskar Eliassen (Don Hermanson now)
Juntunen, Solomon boards with Aleksi Garnell (Don Juntunen now)
Kitti, Edward, laborer
Koski, Andrew and John laborer, boards with Aleksi Garnell
Kuru, Thomas. Farmer
Lahnala, August. Farmer. (Kempke property now)
Olson, Gustov (Jon Dunstan now) Descendants Robert and Art live on
Blue Top Cabin Road.
Saatio, Frederick shoemaker Descendant Fred Saatio lives in Twin Lakes.
Tapio, Hans, Erki, Peter Laborers, farmer
Uusitalo, Timothy laborer.
Zurcher, John and John Jr. - cheese manufacturer. Descendant Marie
Cerroni lives on Canal Road.

1898 North Entry draft/depth expanded to 20 feet.

1898 First Redridge School built (first of three).

1899 Arctic Attack in February. Drifts were 10-12 feet deep in Marquette. Calumet got
33 inches in one day.

1899 The only ore producing mine south of Portage Lake is the Atlantic Mine.

1899 to 1901 Champion Copper Company obtained the land around Freda and
built the stamp milling company to process the copper from its mines.
The post office opened 1903 and closed on December 30, 1967.

1899 First Liminga Settlers logging. Matti & Greeta J Jaakkola

1899 The Copper Range Company built the Freda stamping mill below the big bluff

1899 Baltic Mine Stamp Mill built in Redridge.

1900 June 4th Eliassen's sawmill burned.

1900 Baltic Mill was built in Redridge.

1900 to 1912 Thomas Caswell is Superintendent of area Schools. (became Stanton
Township in 1902)

1900 Last Sunday of June. John Bollard's home burned.

1901 Houghton Canal Oscar Marshall joins the Portage Ship Canal Life Saving Station.
Retires in 1938. Was on rescue of Waldo crew in 1913. Marries neighbor
Emma Koski in 1913.

1901 Eliassen declared bankruptcy.

1901 Polk Directory Eliassen only listed Charcoal as his business.

1901 July 13, 103 degrees in Houghton. Despite the heat, smelters continued working.
Workers took more breaks and drank brought in water. New Fashion:
Horses donned straw hats. Men did business in shirtsleeves. Loose fitting
cotton shirt not the starched collar and cuffs.

1901 The Edgemere location came into existence because of the Adventure Mining \
Company in Mass City Michigan. They needed a place by the water to
process their copper ore (stamp it). Located on Liminga Road between
Redridge/Beacon Hill.

1901 to 1913 Abel Heltunen worked as a fireman at the Edgemere Adventure Stamp Mill, keeping the furnaces going for the mill.

1901 Polk Directory:

Ekkola, John

Hermanson, Herman book keeper for Oskar Eliassen

Juntunen, Antti. Laborer for Oskar Eliassen

Kitti, Arno laborer

Knuutila, Issac and Emilia farmer

Saatio, Rudolf teamster for Nels Burkman

Uusitalo, Dimo, teamster for Nels Burkman

1901 Steel Dam is constructed in Redridge.

1902 April 14. Stanton Township is formed leaving Hancock Township.

1902 Stanton Township School Board formed. Board created the Freda/Beacon Hill and Edgemere Schools. Both close in 1913.

1902 Built new road Redridge to Freda.

1902 Toivola's Trasti/Sampson School opens. Closes in 1917.

1902 Redridge old dam replaced with steel dam.

1902 -1907 North Canal Brick Company in operation on today's Red Brick Road.

1903: A rail connection is made between the side-hill (Michigan) smelter site (located at the mouth of Cole's Creek on the Portage lake) and the main track after the property was acquired from the Atlantic Mining Company. The Michigan Smelting company was built about three miles west of Houghton and just a little beyond the site of the old Atlantic Stamp Mill.

1903 The Smelts was organized and belonged to Champion, Trimountain, Baltic, Mohawk, Wolverine, and Atlantic Mining Companies. Closed in 1945.

1903 Freda Post Office opens. Closes in 1967.

1904 Bad spring flood on Redridge Dam.

1904 December 27-28- 60 mile per hour winds. Drifts 12-15 feet deep. In Western U.P.

1904 Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oskar founded.

1904 Spring. Osma Plat area was established (Osma Plat Road residents)

1904 February 10th the Oskar Temperance Hall, Rose of the Shore Temperance Society was built.

1905 or 1907 until Labor Day 1917, Copper Range had a Freda Park line.

1905 Beacon Hill community was the center of the 100 acre Trimountain Mining Company site

1905 Third Redridge School built. Opened in 1906. Closed in 1972. Old school sold to Catholics for church which burned in 1937.

1905 Ontonagon Co. Misery Bay School opens. Closes in 1953. Stanton Township covers the supervision.

1906 Noah Bennett/ family as Lighthouse keeper on Portage Ship Canal.
Thomas McCormick is Captain of the Life Saving Station.

1906 Polk Directory has listed Shoe Store - Herman Hermanson.

1906 There were 250 people in Oskar and 80 were farmers.

1906 John Stanton dies. (Township named after him)

- 1906 Copper Range had tracks to Freda for the park use.
- 1907 Backward spring (cold) makes farming difficult in Western U.P. Snowstorm of 12' on April 7. Trains blocked for first time that winter. Storm on April 11 and more mid month, May 27th.
- 1907 Eliassen sold his property to Frank Eilola.
- 1907 September. Redridge School built.
- 1907 June. First run of Freda Park train.
- 1907 F. Eilola fired Eliassen's kilns for a few years (on waterfront by Cemetery)
- 1908 Andrew Johnson taking clay from closed Brick Factory and selling to mines to plug dynamite holes.
- 1908 Liminga had first post office on Dec. 26, 1908. The first postmaster was Abel Johnson.
- 1908 Obenhoff School was built and educated as many as thirty children in one room. Classes were discontinued in the late 1920's and this building was removed in the 1930's.
- 1909 July 6. Onnela established its post office. It closed on November 30, 1925. Arthur Lampinen was postmaster.
- 1909 The Copper Range Railroad, at the request of Stanton Township, began a schedule of trains to carry Stanton Township high school students to Painesdale. This special school train was the first and only one in the nation. It ended in 1942.
- 1910 Onnela School opens. Closes August 1942. Private ownership now on original site
- 1910 Heinola School opens. Not found the close date. Sold in 1940.
- 1910 We think. Rauhala School is built. Closed when? Sold in 1940.
- 1910 April 4 The Houghton County Road Commission was born on voters approval.
- 1910 Charcoal Kilns operating in Onnela.
- 1910 Stanton Township census says E. Erickson was a fisherman. Age 58.
- 1910 Fisherman in Toivola area in 1910 census: William Rauvala age 52. and Mary. Sons Edward and John are in fishing.
- 1910 COPR also has trackage rights on the Milwaukee Road between McKeever and Channing. The COPR operated through freight service to Channing and the MILW operated a through electric-lighted passenger train between Chicago, Milwaukee and points in the Copper Country.
- 1911 A rail spur to the lake shore is completed for the Baltic Mining Company stamp mill.
- 1911 Portage Lake Creamery operating in Oskar with local farmers providing milk.
- 1911 Houghton Canal School was built and operated until August 1942.
- 1911 Liminga School built on land of Heikkila and Rautio. Operated until July 1958
- 1911 Redridge -Company store rebuilt after forest fire destroyed first.
- 1911 Copper Range acquired property of Atlantic Mine and Railroad
- 1912 Redridge's Atlantic Stamp Mill closed.
- 1912 E. B. Holman is Superintendent of Stanton Township Schools.
- 1912 to 1942 The school train served the Stanwood community to get to Jeffers High School in Painesdale.
- 1912 January -the coldest month. Sub zero highs. Three feet of snow on ground in

Houghton the first week in Jan. 7° below zero. Off Copper Harbor and Manitou Island (13 miles) ice was 30 inches deep and clear blue. The first time in the memory of white men in Northern Michigan.

1913 to 1939. Edgemere Stamp Mill closes and remains as is until '39 when buildings sold.

1913 Edgemere school closes we think, as the Edgemere Mill closed. The Freda Beacon Hill School closes as well.

1913 Portage Life Saving Station crew (John C. Alfsen, Paul Liedtke, Oscar Marshall (of North Canal), Thomas H. McCormick, John McDonaldl, David M. Small, Fred C. Sollman, and Collin L. Westtrope) join Eagle Harbor's crew to rescue 24 crew on the Waldo off Keweenaw Point.

At age 31 Oscar Marshall was on the crew listed above to receive the Gold Lifesaving Medal Award of the US Life-Saving Service, Lighthouse Service, Revenue Cutter Service and Coast Guard. The date of the rescue was November 8, 1913 on the ship Waldo. A descendant of another member of the crew has donated the gold medal to the Marquette Maritime Museum in Marquette MI.

1914 Aug 16, First Agriculture Agent from MSU Extension Service on board... Leo Geismar

1915 The Houghton Hancock Bridge reported there were 491 teams and 993 cars crossing. In 1925 there were 85 teams and 4897 cars.

1915 United States Life Saving Station and Revenue Marine merged to form today's Coast Guard

1916 March 16,. The Beacon Hill Stamp Mill burned. The employees were transferred to Redridge or Freda Stamp Mills.

1916 Liminga has about 300 people living in area now.

1916 First car to Redridge on July 4th. John Stanton and brother in law Dr. J C Moore.

1917-1918 WORLD WAR ONE. Local Oskar area Sam Rintala dies in action.

1917 Labor Day. Last day of the Freda Park Copper Range train.

1917 Atlantic Mill closed. Rock went to Freda.

1917 Toivola's Trasti/Sampson school closes.

1917 Toivola's Perala School opens. Closes in 1943.

1918 Flu Epidemic.

1919 The Road Commission replaced the horses, which pulled large snow rollers with tractors.

1919 Labor Day last run of the Freda Park Train.

1919 New road built nearer the dam in Redridge.

1920 Oskar MI's Temperance Society was closed.

1920's Salmon Trout River was an area of logging

1920 to 1933 In the United States, the term Prohibition refers to the period during which the sale, manufacture, and transportation of alcoholic beverage for consumption were banned nationally as mandated in the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

1920 Noah Bennetts was lighthouse keeper. He was keeper from at least 1906 to now.

1920 Freda Michigan got electricity.

- 1920 Sept 7, The last temperance hall Rose of Shore meeting was held.
- 1921 First experimental Houghton Co. Road snow blower in operation.
- 1922 The Road Commission hoped to keep the roads open for automobiles until January 1 and only for horse sleigh after that.
- 1922 Shipwreck of the Maplehurst. US Coast Guard Life Saving Station men rescued some crew. Others refused to jump and drowned when ship when down.
- 1926 and 1927 Depression years. We ate off the land.
- 1924 Sand train in Redridge was reclaiming the stamp sand
- 1927 The first trunk road lines are kept open for the entire winter.
- 1927 Bill Brinkman begins his 27 year teaching and principal career at Redridge School.
- 1930 Oskar Post Office discontinued when rural delivery began out of Houghton Post Office.
- 1930's Directions for treating seed potatoes translated into Finnish for local farmer by the MSU Extension Service.
- 1931 Baltic Stamp Mill is closed.
- 1931 Oscar Eliassen died in Cokato, Minnesota. Buried there.
- 1931 The McNitt Act passed. It mandated that the County Road Commission shall absorb 20 percent of all township roads each year, until all 653 miles had been made county roads.
- 1933 First Annual Potato Grower's Contest with the Extension Service. Three potato warehouses in the County.
- 1933 Freda had road plowed not panked down for winter snow.
- 1933 The water tank at Redridge Jct. was retired from operation.
- 1934 Gazette article states "Want Potato Warehouse. Houghton. A farmers' co-operative Non-profit corporation for the erection and management of a potato warehouse in the Portage Lake District was organized last night at the Community Building. The following board of directors was elected: Alex Olson of Oskar, Armas Perskari of Pilgrim, William Lahnala of Liminga, Johns Harma of Onnela and William Johnson of Franklin".
- 1934 The Road Commission experienced the heaviest period of activity in its history, as 4,731 Civil Works Administration employees were on the payroll. One road in Oskar Houghton Canal area was the "Relief Road".
- 1935 North Entry Lighthouse torn down and moved back for expansion in width of canal.
- 1935 Farming being done by tractor. Farming was first done with horses.
- 1935 The original lighthouse North Entry was torn down by Oscar and Harold Hermanson when the width of the canal was expanded.
- 1936 Copper County Strawberry Growers Association formed. One grower was Arthur Marshall on the Andrew Koski farm.
- 1936 July 4th, high humidity with heat of 103° and 5th 104° in U.P.
- 1936 Long steady cold. By Feb. 19th Lake Superior (Huron and Michigan) virtually ice-covered.
- 1936-38 Dredging of canal in width.
A big area at end of Canal road with dance hall, commercial fishing etc.
- 1937 May 3rd. Fire burned ¼ of Redridge
- 1937 George Nelson is operating a bar.

- 1937 Calvin Krapu (mom was a Juntunen gal on Osma Plat Road) as a teen helped Emil Kalliainen on the fishing boat taking fish from the nets. Some days the catch was 2000#s.
- 1938 January 24. Storm of the Century. Gale force winds drove sticky snow into mountainous drifts. In Baraga Co. a northbound Chicago train stalled in a drift 30 feet high between Nestoria and Herman. Remember the famous photo of snow as high as the insulators on utility poles? (Bill Brinkman) Crews worked hand shoveling.. in layers (one crew did a bit deep and kept going at that depth, next behind did the next layer down, etc) down the drifts on the railroad. Children slept in schools in Ironwood. No power to many Keweenaw residents. Eagle Harbor lighthouse had 8 inches of ice coating it. Gogebic County's US 2 had a drift 15 feet and 700 feet long. Other places the road was bare.
- 1938 Copper County Cheese Cooperative was established in Dollar Bay.
- 1939 Last week of January. Redridge had a 4 day winter storm.
- 1939 Kelly Road (later to be Osma Plat) was created.
- 1940 Oscar Bears playing hockey in Oskar.
- 1940 Michigan Smelts has a fire.
- 1941-1945 WORLD WAR TWO. Arthur Ruohonen dies in action.
- 1941 Bad spring flood on Redridge Dam.
- 1941 June 12 The last student is transported by COPR by rail for the Adams Township School district.
- 1942 The school train ran until 1942 when it carried its last student Violet Brickman from Redridge.
- 1943 – 1958 Commercial Fishing by A.P. Kelly on Osma Plat Road.
- 1943 Toivola's Perala School closes.
- 1944 Local Farmers showing at the Potato Show - Alex Olson, Jacob Heikkila, Wesley Johnson, Art Oinas, Waino Lahti, and Henry Eilola.
- 1944 REA extends to rural areas. By 1949, 1081 farms in the county had electricity.
- 1944 The era of 4-H Clubs and Extension Home Demonstration Clubs in the area.
- 1945 The Smelts on Cowles/Coles Creek closed.
- 1947 June. The Freda-Beacon Hill School closed with Superintendent of Schools William H. Brinkman
- 1947 August 5, in Copper country was 103 degrees. August 1947 was hottest August month on record.
- 1950-1953 KOREAN WAR.
- 1950 The Old light station was replaced with an automated 50 foot square steel tower whose height with crib and concrete base is 82 feet above the level of Lake Superior.
- 1950 June 16: The coal dock at Houghton is razed. The need for coal was lessened because the railroad had dieselized and the Freda stamp mill had converted to electricity.
- 1951 Four dairy plants in Houghton Co. There was a bottle shortage so started bottle exchange.

1953 Houghton County Poor Farm closes down. Infirmary stays open.
1957 Bounty hunting for fox. One hunter is August Rintala.
1958 Oskar School closes.

1960 February 1 Copper Range Co. suspends mining operations at the Champion Mine
1960's Commercial Fishing. See businesses of Oskar. Two are Kallianen and Lepisto
1963: The railroad moves stamp sand from the old Atlantic Mill site to the Copper Range
Company's concentrating plant at Freda for reclamation purposes.
1961 Redridge Rhythm Riders a musical aggregation made debut Nov. 15, 1961. Director
Bill Brinkman.
1965-1973 VIETNAM WAR.
1967 Champion Stamping Mill in Freda closed November 4, 1967, leading to the loss of
the Freda post office
1968 December 21-23. Worst since '38. 21" snow in Houghton- Hancock
1968 Houghton County Infirmary closes.

1971: Rail is taken up between Mill-Mine Jct. and Freda.
1972 December. The Redridge K-8 school closed
1972 November 3: The final train came back to Houghton from McKeever with one car
and a load of wood products out of the Northern Hardwoods facet at
South Range.
1973 March 31 The remaining Copper Range line was abandoned.
1973 EB Holman Elementary School opens for students January 3, 1973

1974 April 10, 1973: The Copper Range Board voted to dissolve the corporation and
distribute the assets.
1974 Spring: The Copper Range rail is pulled up.
1975 Present Fire Hall built on Schmidt's Corner.
1978-79 Winter. In Keweenaw 390.4" (unsettled snow).... Barb Yeakel (later
Koski) was living in Calumet on Rockland Street. Often a front-end loader
came to take away the snow blown up high as we could not get it higher.
Torch Lake Ice Arena collapsed on Jan. 17, even after 2.5 feet were
shoveled off a week before.



252 Rockland St. Calumet MI Jan. 1979



1980 Current road built in Redridge.

1988. Hot dry summer. Violent thunderstorms August 16, 1988. August 18th was low of 39 degrees.

1990 May 9 and 10 freak snowstorm.

1992 Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Oskar closes. Has been open for 88 years.

1992 Coldest July on record. July average was 58.4

1992 Ownership of Redridge Dam transferred to the Township.

1992 Redridge Dam goes on National Register of Historic Places.

1994 February 7. A satellite image showed the lake completely ice covered, first time since 1959. Water pipes freeze. The winter of 1993-94 will be remembered for its unrelenting intensity, though the bitter cold was confined to a roughly 50-day period. Author's daughter, Missy Koski, ice skates by our dock. Ice skaters went to Houghton on the canal. No snow, just smooth ice all the way.

1977 Redridge School students reunite Daily Mining Gazette article Friday August 1, 1997... the first all class reunion. Closed in 1972.

1998 Ginseng farm begins on Heinola hills of McClellans.

1999 The Heikkinen School was closed.

2001-02 Lack of snow for U.P. 200 dog sled race. Course moved.

2004 Upper 13 feet of Redridge wooden dam removed.

2004 Barb Koski begins history of Osma Plat Road and goes wider in area over the years.

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