

## ANGELINE SMITH<sup>2</sup>

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Angeline Smith, was born April, 11 1840 in Clinton County, N.Y. to Ephriam and Phoebe Burton Smith. In 1854, at the age of fourteen, she married Alfred Wells, probably of the same place. To them were born three girls, Phoebe, who died in infancy, Thursa who married a Rodewald (probably Fred of Eau Galle, Wisconsin, and Mary Ann who married Hun Hoyt, of Eau Galle.

Angeline was married about four years when her husband died, leaving her a young widow with two small girls. About 1859 or 60 she then married John Hoyt, of Ellenburg, Clinton County, N.Y. They had two boys, John 2nd and Wilbur. In August, 1862 he enlisted as a soldier in the New York State Volunteers and went off to the Civil War. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run and Antietam. He was wounded in the War and sent to Buford Hospital where he died. This occurred during Sherman's march to the sea.

Meanwhile, in the fall of 1862, Angeline brought her children to Eau Galle, where her parents already had settled. She cut down trees on a 2 1/2 acre plot and built herself a home, for her children. She plowed the land, sowed and harvested the grain, which she probably cut by hand. She also raised a garden and made maple syrup and sugar. When in need of groceries she walked about five miles to Eau Galle and carried them home on her back. In this way she managed to feed and clothe her four children. The roads were poor and more of a trail than a road, and also many Indians lived in this locality. Every night she found it hard to go to sleep, for fear the Indians would come and destroy her home and family.

About 1866 or 67, after her husband's death, she married George Delong, of Eau Galle, and they continued to farm, probably on or near the same farm where Angeline first hewed out a home in the wilderness for herself.

There were four children born to them:

Anna, Phoebe, Louisa, and Fred.

George, her husband, preceded Angeline in death and she passed away April, 1931, about a week after her 91st birthday. She was laid to rest in Waubeek Cemetery.

The marriages of Angeline's children follow on the succeeding pages

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The children of Angeline Smith and their families.

The children of Angeline Smith and her first husband, Alfred Wells, were: Thursa, Mary Arn, Phoebe

These children were born in Clinton County, N.Y. between the years 1855 and 1859. The exact birth date of all has not been learned. Phoebe died in infancy, but Thursa and Mary Ann came to Eau Galle, Wis. with their mother in 1862 and grew up on the farm she cut out of the wilderness herself.

Thursa married a Rodewald, and it could very well have been the Mr. Rodewald mentioned in the story of buttermilk Coulee, or maybe his son. Nothing about her married life of her family has been learned up to this time. (1969)

Mary Ann was deaf but become very adept at talking with her hands. She married Edgar Hun Hoyt who was a brother of Wm. (Bill) Hoyt, on February 25, 1872. There were several children born to them. Elizabeth, Hattie, Phoebe, Steven, Rasch, Joseph, Edgar.

She passed away Feb. 17, 1945 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Thompson. The birth dates of these children has not been learned but they were all born between 1873 and 1894, I'm sure.

Elizabeth married Milt Thompson and they became prosperous farmers near Weston and Elmwood, Wis. They had several children. No details about them is known.

Hattie married Dave Manor and they also had a nice farm near Weston. There were several children born to them.

Phoebe married Frank Sohrader and they too, had a nice farm and home in the Weston area, and were parents of several children.

Steven (Steve) Married Ella Delong, a daughter of John Delong. John was a brother of George Delong, Steve's Grandfather. Steve and Ella lived on a farm home near her parents. This home was on a hill just behind the George Delong home. Their children were all born at while they lived at that Place and attended school in Dist. No.7.