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PART I

Life on the Farm
Memories of Life on the Farm

The Farm Homestead

The well-cared-for farmstead of Ed Woldorf in Mendota, Illinois (LaSalle County, IL, 1937)

A log cabin near Pendleton (Madison County, 1935)
(Top) A log cabin on the John Ballard farm (Switzerland County, 1922)

(Bottom left) A tenant loads a wagon with possessions. (Tippecanoe County, 1916)

(Bottom right) This log cabin with its sod roof was photographed in Medora, North Dakota. (Billings County, ND; 1925)
This bedroom was located in the farm home of Mrs. William V. Riggs of Trafalgar. Allen noted, “The quilt on the bed is 75 years old and was made by her grandmother. The bed is of cherry and was made by her grandfather.” (Johnson County, 1925)

In this bathroom in the farm home of William V. Riggs of Trafalgar, the water for the bath and toilet was pumped from a spring some distance from the house. (Johnson County, 1925)
Mrs. C. H. Smalley’s modern farm kitchen near West Lafayette (Tippecanoe County, 1932)
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Andy Leland of Madison makes clapboards by splitting white oak logs. (Jefferson County, 1925)

A man adds a fresh coat of paint to a barn at the Warren Holloway farm in Union Grove, Wisconsin. (Racine County, WI; 1963)
Painting the fence around the farmstead of W.V. Polk, whose property was located in Burlington (Carroll County, 1932)