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With help from Friends of the Schumacher Farm Park



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This book contains photos from the Schumacher Farm Park collection and the author's photo/video collection. The purpose of the book is to exhibit photos that are otherwise in storage, to provide a visual and brief history of the farm with Marcella, and to answer questions that are often asked about Marcella Schumacher Pendall.

Marcella was born August 31, 1910. She died on December 17, 1993 at the age of 83. In 1978 she gifted approximately 40 acres of the Schumacher farmstead and buildings to Dane County Parks for a living history museum and nature conservancy. She wanted the public to develop a love and appreciation for the beauty of nature and what living was like in rural Dane County in the early twentieth century.

That vision is carried on today through Marcella's trust, and support from Dane County Parks along with volunteers and Friends of the Schumacher Farm Park.



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In 1865 photo, left to right: John, Henry, George, Peter, Clara, Fred, Margaret

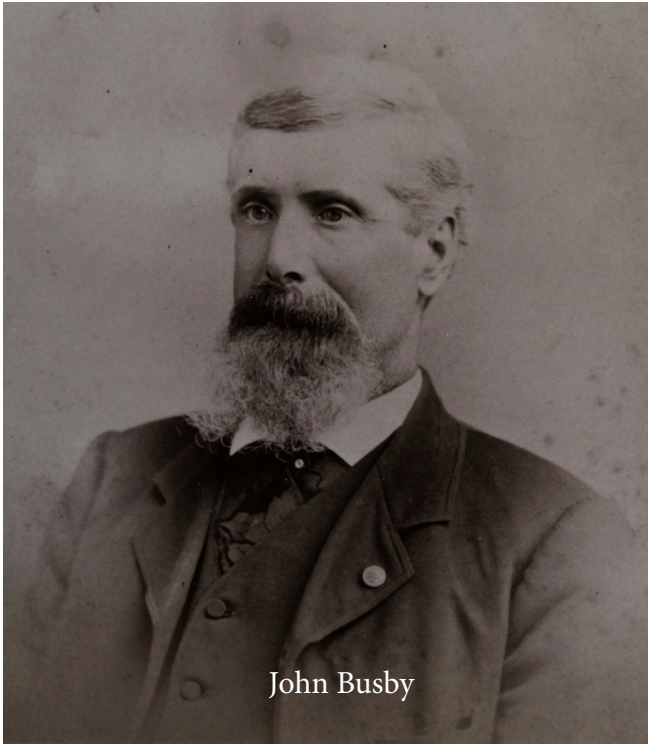
George and Clara Schumacher family

George Schumacher (1822-1880)
Clara Riphahn Schumacher (1829-1892)

Margaret 1858-1893 (age 35)
Peter 1859-1880 (age 21)
John 1861-1923 (age 62)
Henry Peter 1862-1942 (age 80)
Fred 1864-1904 (age 41)

Not in photo
Herman 1866 (died as a baby)
Herman 1867-1939 (62)
Paul 1869-1910 (age 41)
Joe born 1873
Michael 1875-1892 (age 17)

Marcella’s paternal grandparents
George Schumacher and Clara
Riphahn Schumacher emigrated from
Germany. Clara emigrated from
Cologne, Germany to Wisconsin in
1855 with her brothers, Peter and
Martin. George emigrated from Nilder
Zissin, Germany in 1855. George and
Clara married in 1857 in Pine Bluff,
Wisconsin.



John and Ann Busby Family
(Marcella’s maternal grandparents)



John, 1827-1900, was born in New York. Ann
McGlynn, 1827-1914, was born in Ireland. John
married Ann in 1850. Their children were:

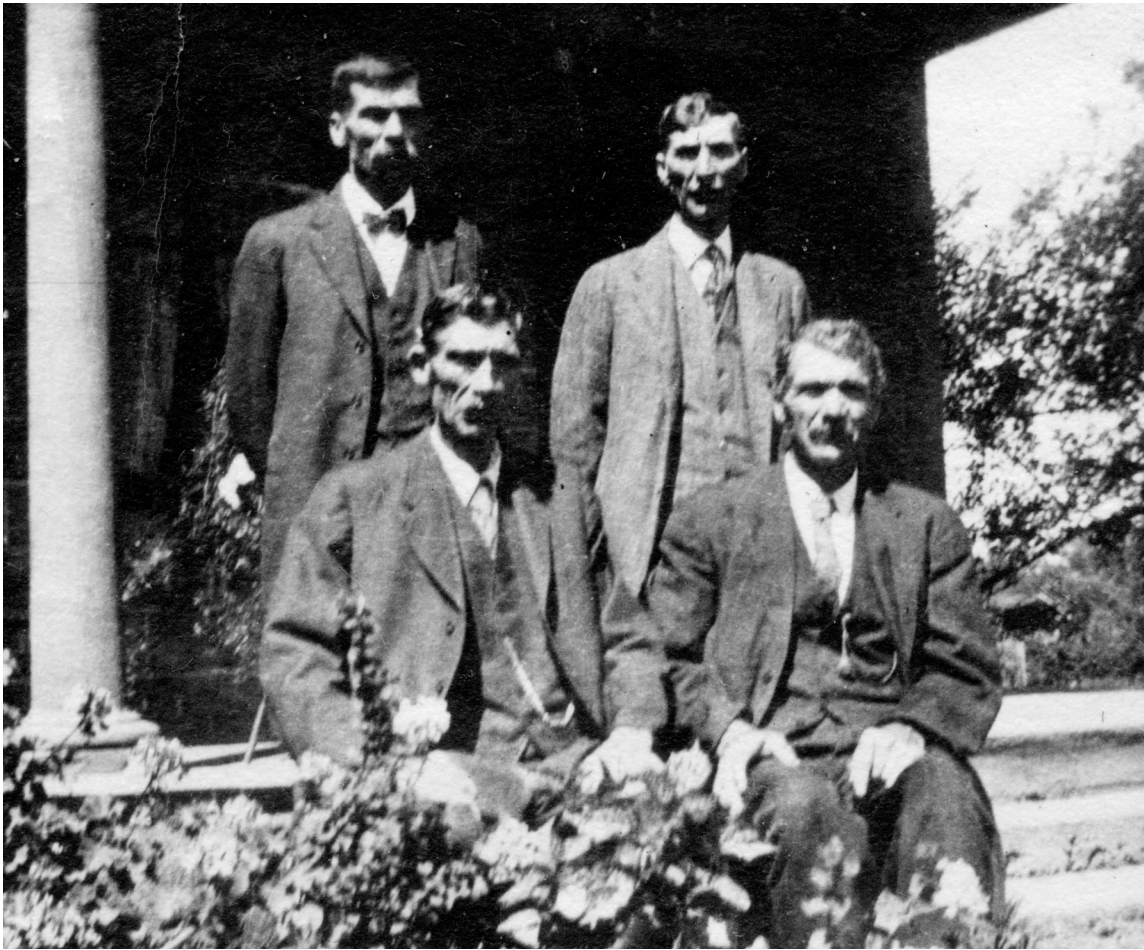
William 1853-1930
Catherine 1856-1941
Charles 1867-1942
Eveline 1869-1962

Henry Schumacher, 1862-1942, married Eveline
Busby in 1908. He was 46 years old and she was 39. In
1909, Henry Schumacher built a barn with help from
neighbors for \$1,200. The barn was typically built first
to take care of livestock.

Their only child, Marcella, was born in 1910 and died
in 1993 at age 83. Marcella married Rudolf Pendall in
Baltimore, Maryland, in 1940, and divorced in 1954.
Marcella loved animals, nature, the prairie, and
outdoors, and played the piano at an early age. Later
in life she wrote the book, “*Papa, Mama, and Me,*”
where some of this information comes from.



Standing: Eveline and Charles
Sitting: William and Kate (Catherine)

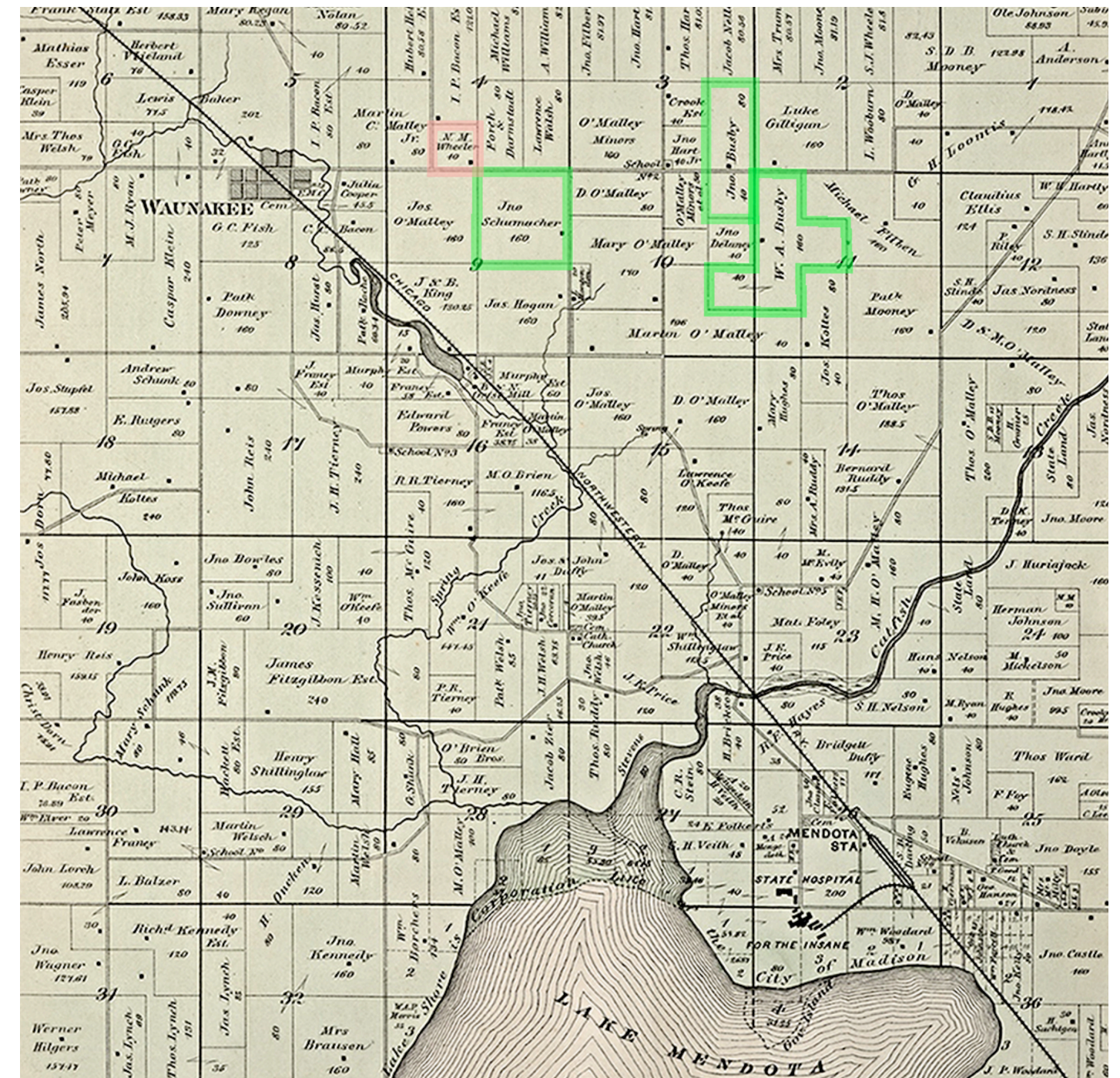


1923: Herman, Joe, John, and Henry.
John, front left, died later that year.

George Schumacher purchased several properties over the years, but didn't succeed as a merchant or farmer. His sons, on the other hand, did well.

John, Henry, and Fred bought 180 acres from John Fahy in 1884 for \$2,675. The land was put in John's name, as shown on 1890 plat map, just across the road from the farm park. The brothers bought more land over the years in each of their names.

In 1892, Henry Schumacher purchased 40 acres for \$2,100 from Pamela Wheeler, widow of Dr. Wheeler, one of the first doctors in Westport/Waunakee area. Henry continued to live with his parents on the 160 acres across the road until he married.



From the 1890 Town of Westport plat book.

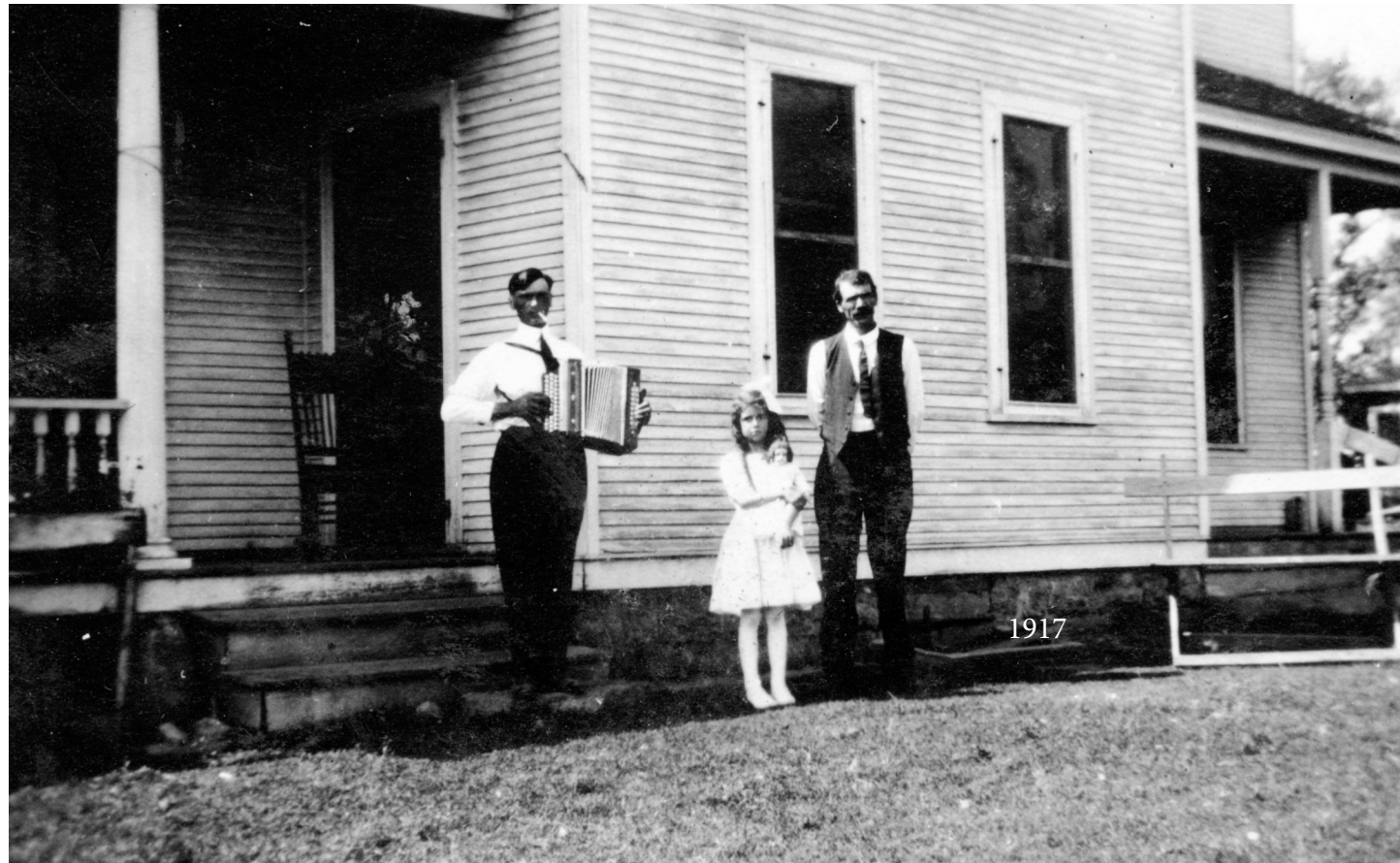
Schumacher properties outlined in red and green.
The red square is the farm park.



June 1913: Marcella with her mother Eveline

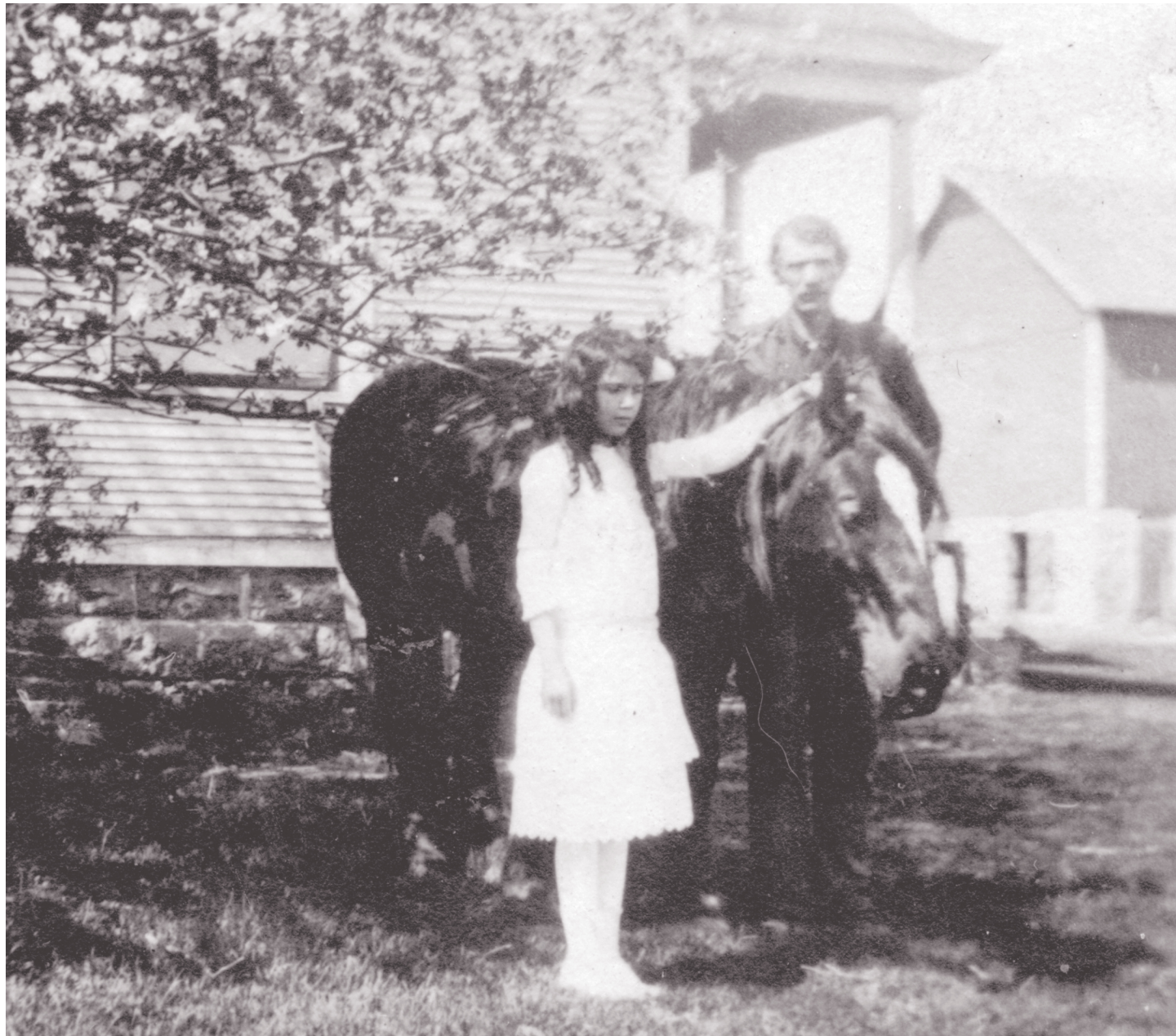


1921: Eveline (Busby) Schumacher



In 1914, Eveline's brother, Charles Busby, brought Frank Rosa to visit the farm. Frank was from Serbia and came to America to avoid World War I. He spent three years with Henry learning about farming, and playing his accordion. He eventually moved to Chicago to marry.

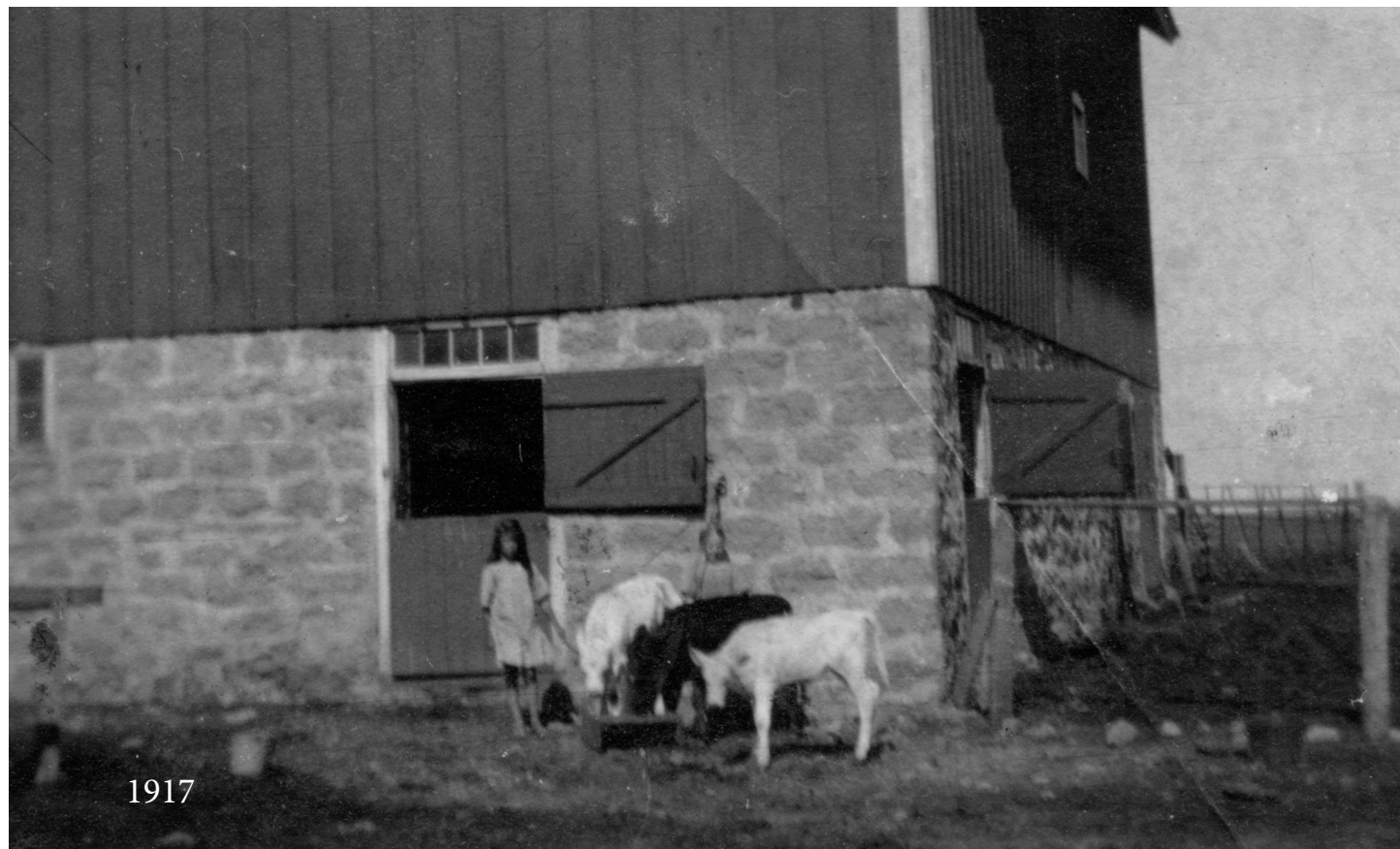




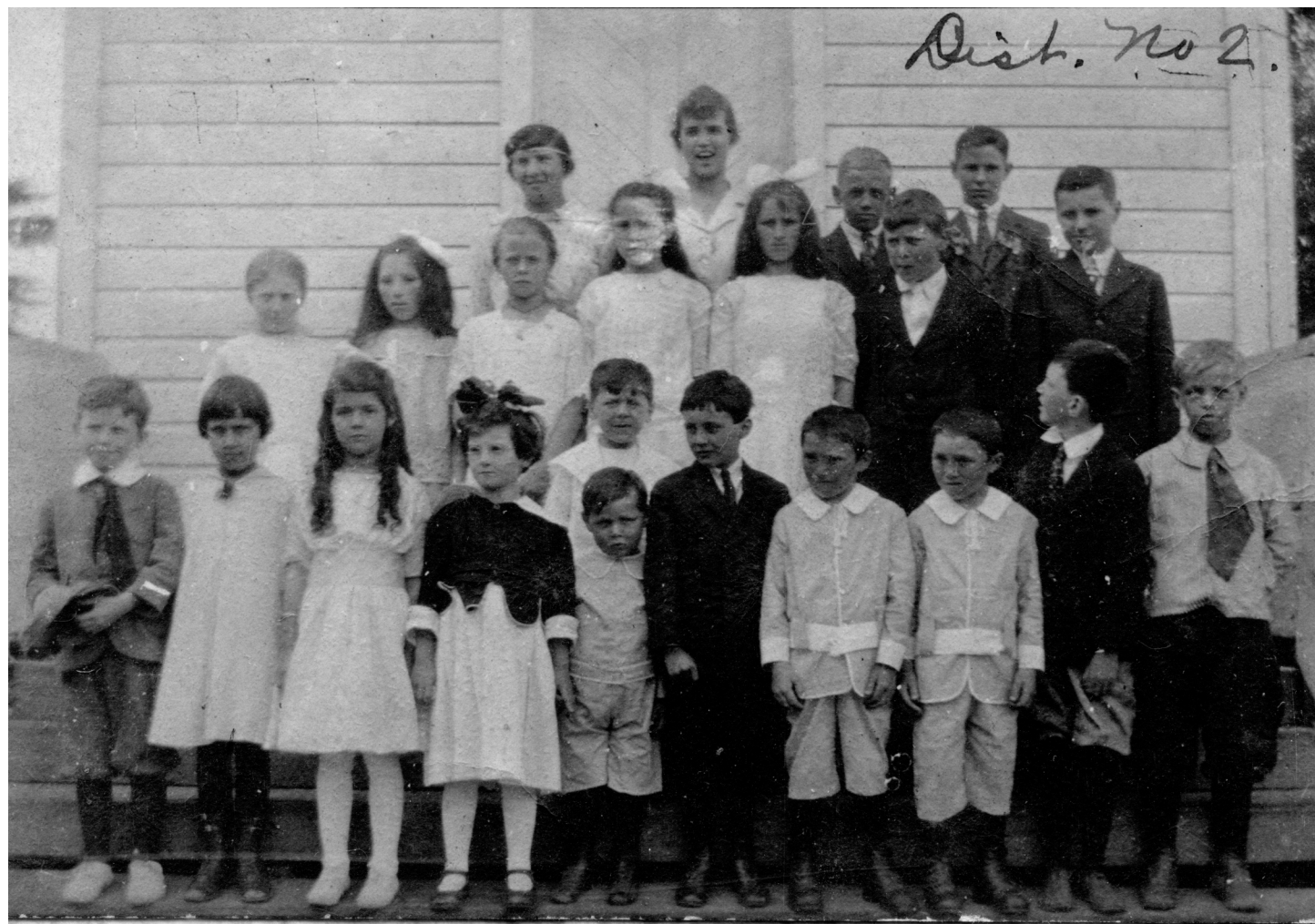
1920 Marcella with her dad Henry.



Marcella and her horse Billie



Marcella with her constant companion Youknow.



1918: Crossing School District No. 2

Front Row: Robert Hogan, Beulah Buehler, Marcella Schumacher, Dorothy O'Malley, Robert Busby, Julius Ness (behind Robert), Russel Hart, — Hawkensted, — Hawkensted, Richard O'Malley, and — Hawkensted

Second Row: Clara Quam, Henrietta Stejskal, Esther Hellingson, Hazel Busby, Mary Stejskal, William Busby, and Joseph Koltes

Third Row: —, teacher, Mary Carroll, Clarence Quam, and John Heinz



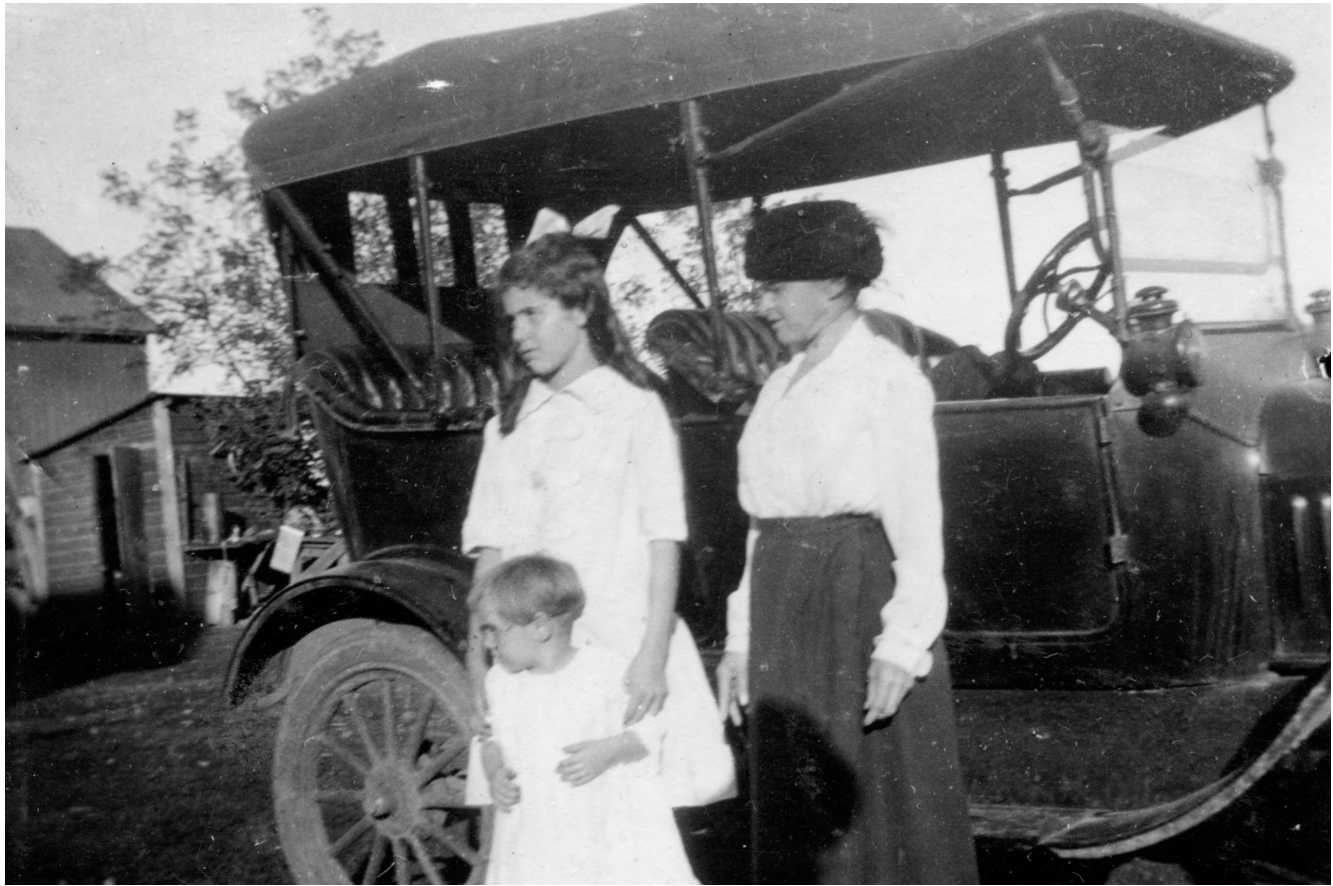
Marcella with her mother, Eveline.



1920: Marcella's First Communion



1920: Henry Schumacher and Marcella



Marcella and her mother, Eveline, with unidentified child.



Marcella and her horse, Robbie.





Tobacco was a popular and profitable crop in the early 1900's.
The Schumachers grew tobacco for a time.





Marcella's parents bought this piano for her in 1920 for \$250. Marcella later gave lessons to students and friends.

Marcella's Piano

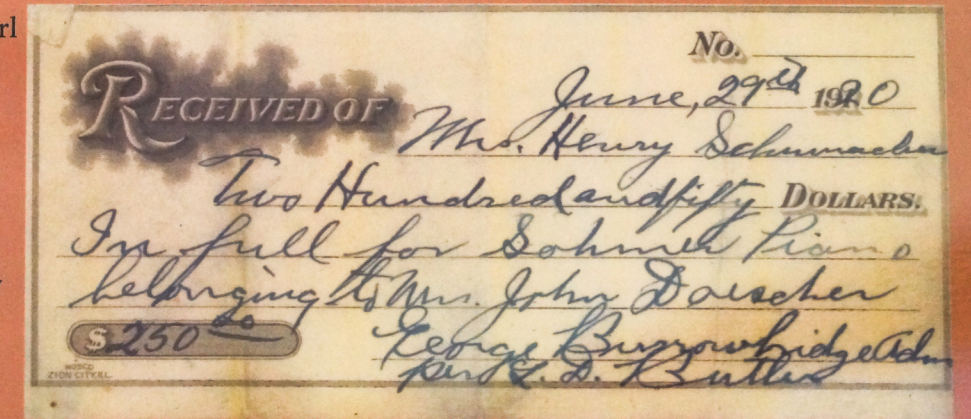
It was a great day in 1917 when father backed up the horses and wagon to the kitchen porch with his purchase: a Sohmer upright grand piano.*

Papa Mama and Me by Marcella Schumacher Pendall

Marcella was a lucky girl to receive such an exquisite piano.

It's a 'Art Case' Cabinet Grand, handcrafted by artists of the Sohmer Piano Company in New York in 1894.

Note the hand etching, carved mahogany and rosewood cabinet and ivory keys.



*Receipt dated June 29, 1920 for \$250.

This was a piano designed for concert halls and elite hotels. Only the most well-off families could afford such a piano, even at used prices. "Cabinet Grand" is an upright pianos that provides grand piano performance quality in a vertical instrument.



Marcella graduated from Waunakee High School in 1927.
The photo on the right is Marcella with her diploma.





Eveline planting tobacco.



Marcella posing with animals hitched to disc.



Marcella loved animals.





Circa 1930 Marcella



Marcella with her parents Eveline and Henry Schumacher



Circa 1930: Marcella with her father, Henry.



2016: The house and barn.



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THE BADGER



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Wisconsin University Players 4; Kappa Delta.
Thesis: Richard M. Johnson, and His Political Influence on the West.

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Carroll College 1, 2.

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Green Bay
LAW

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Waunakee
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Edgewood Junior College 1, 2.



1932: Marcella outside the farm house.

Marcella graduated from Edgewood College in 1929. She received Bachelor of Arts from University of Wisconsin - Madison in 1931. She continued in 1932 majoring in history. Later, after adventures or trips abroad, and discussions with her mother, Marcella became a teacher in Waunakee.





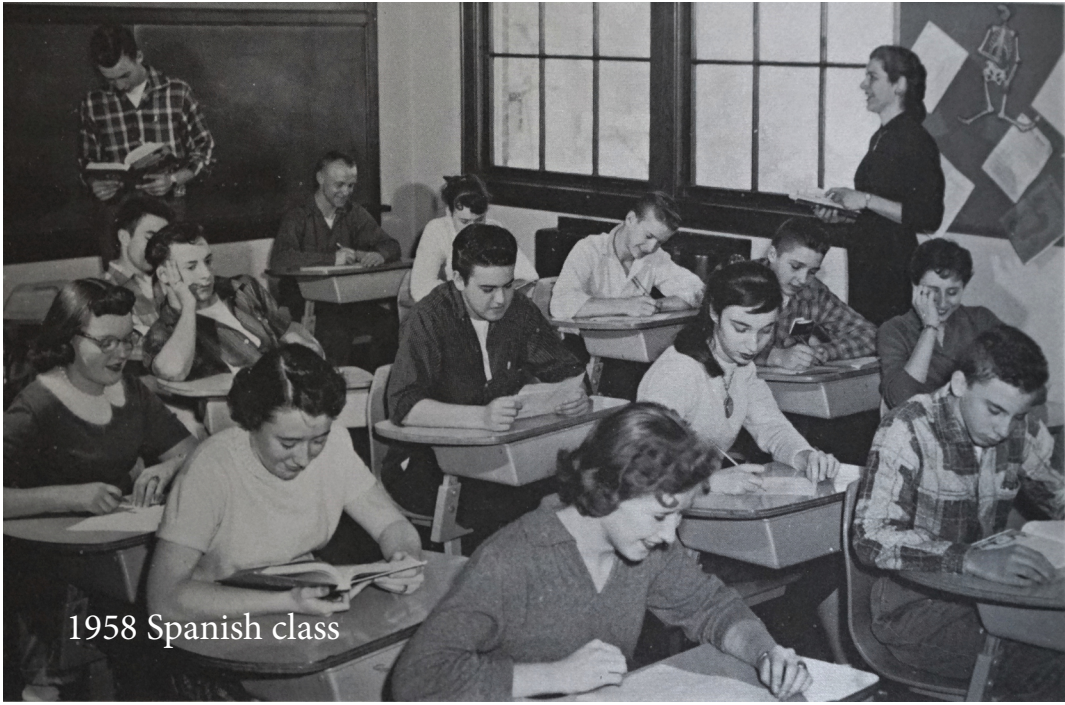
1940: Marcella married Rudolf Pendall in Baltimore. and moved to Washington D.C. They divorced in 1954.



The garden area



MRS. MARCELLA PENDALL
English
U.S. History
Spanish
Newspaper Advisor



1958 Spanish class



Mrs. Marcella Pendall
World History
U. S. History
Spanish
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1960 Spanish Class



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Photos from the Whipurwauna annual class book from 1958 to 1968. The books are from the Wauaukee Public Library and the Schumacher Farm Park. Marcella taught classes at the Wauanee High School.



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MRS. MARCELLA PENDALL, B.A. & M.A.
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University of Wisconsin
She teaches of Confuscious, Aparteid, Kemal, Of pollution, James Hill, and Tammany Hall. She keeps the Echo staff hopping and busy, Los alumnos de espanol, tambien si?



Mrs. Marcella Pendall: U.S. History, World History, Spanish I, II. B.A. & M.A.

The World History and U.S. History classes' textbooks are supplemented with colorful slides taken by Mrs. Pendall while touring around the world. The history classes toured the State Historical Society Museum. U.S. History concluded the year with a unit on Wisconsin history.



Newspaper

FIRST ROW: J. Endres, A. Kalscheur, M. Butler, B. Nykl. SECOND ROW: M. McMillan, J. Weise, P. Stauffer, D. Piff. THIRD ROW: D. Meyer, M. Nykl, D. Miller, S. Endres. FOURTH ROW: P. Corcoran, C. Zopfi, D. Wagner. STANDING: Mrs. Pendall, J. Taylor, K. Ripp, M. Barbian, K. Hoffman, D. Baldwin, E. Laufenberg, C. Holden, B. Zeigler, K. Zimmerman, P. Whiteside, J. Haugen, G. Miller, E. Agerjord, S. Hanson, M. Meyer.



If you were to enter one of Mrs. Pendall's Spanish I or II classes, you would probably be confused. Most conversations are carried on in Spanish. The students read and give reports on Spanish newspapers and articles of interest. Filmstrips and the language lab are also used in teaching throughout the year.

The climax of Spanish classes comes when Spanish Day is held at the close of the year. Recipes from Spain are used when preparing food for the student body lunch program. Spanish students dress up in original costumes and have a fiesta. In the evening a party is held during which there are plays and songs put on by the students themselves.



Top: Marcella celebrating her 80th birthday.
Close friend John VanDinter in the background.

On the right: Circa 1990, Marcella in garden with friend.
Marcella on right in top photo, on left in bottom photo.



Prairie restoration area flowers.

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Wisconsin State Journal, January 26, 1992

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KNOW YOUR
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Farm life of past
remains vibrant

By Susan Lampert Smith
Wisconsin State Journal

Thanks to Marcella Schumacher Pendall, we all have the chance to relive her childhood.

When Pendall was born in 1910, her father, Henry Schumacher, had just begun to work the virgin prairie east of Waunakee with his team of horses. The stone and wood barn sheltered horse-drawn equipment and the vegetable garden was home to local varieties of beans, squash and greens. Pendall, an only child and a tomboy, had cats and dogs for playmates.

Thanks to Pendall, visitors to the Schumacher Farm Park today can see many of the same things. Schumacher donated 38 acres of her family's farm to the Dane County Park System in 1978. The county has restored 10 acres of the tall grass prairie that once covered the land. And a group called "Friends of the Schumacher Farm" is working to restore the farm so that visitors can experience life on a typical, turn-of-the-century Wisconsin farm.

Pendall said that when she visits schoolchildren to talk about life before television and automobiles, she sees puzzled little faces looking back at her.

"They can't figure it out," she said. "We had to generate our own good time, we couldn't go out and buy it. Entire families did things together — parents didn't go out and leave the kids with the baby sitter."

Activities on the Schumacher farm — such as the July band concert and the September harvest festival — help recreate this kind of fun for today's families.

"Last year's harvest festival took on the air of an old-fashioned Sunday afternoon picnic," Pendall said. "Whole families were sauntering around the farm, listening to storytellers and square dancing."

Pendall still lives in the 1906 farmhouse, although she certainly hasn't spent the past 80 years sitting in one place.

After graduating from Waunakee High School, she became a member of the first class at Edgewood College, which began in 1927 on the top floor of Edgewood High School. From there, she moved to UW-Madison, where she earned degrees in history and political science, and minored in languages and music. During those years, her family farm became a home away from home for the international students she met at school.

Pendall said she pursued an education for itself and not because she was looking for a career. She would have gone on further, she said, but, "they said a woman didn't get a Ph.D unless she couldn't get a man and I was still trying."

In 1939, she married fellow student Rudolf Pendall and they lived in several states before divorcing in 1948. From there, Marcella Pendall taught school and worked in St. Louis in hospital public relations. After returning briefly to school, she began looking for teaching jobs in Arizona, New Mexico or anywhere warm. Coincidentally, one of the first openings she heard about was at her alma mater, Waunakee High School, a job that allowed her to live at home and help her mother. She taught social studies and served as newspaper adviser from 1957 until she retired in 1972.

That retirement brought a new career — organizing Wauna Go Tours for Waunakee area senior citizens. Pendall, always the teacher, said her tours always included information about the geography and culture of the region. After 12 years of touring from Alaska to Mexico and from Hudson Bay to Florida, she ended that career in 1984.

Since then, Pendall has been busy with more travel and with working to restore the Schumacher farm. There's always something to do: writing the newsletter, identifying wildflowers and antique tractor parts, and working with volunteers who run the heirloom garden and



State Journal photo/L. ROGER TURNER

When not traveling, Marcella Schumacher Pendall works to restore the Schumacher farm. One of her roles is to help identify wildflowers and antique tractor parts.

Profile: Marcella Schumacher Pendall

Current position: "The ghost of years past" at Dane County's Schumacher Farm Park.

I like Madison because: Madison is the ideal town. It is comparatively small, but has the amenities of a big city.

If I could change Madison: I would change the weather.

People are surprised when they learn: When you're around for 80 years, there isn't much that isn't known.

I most admire: What my folks left me is so much more important than the material: A sense of honesty and fair play is so important.

who are hoping to start a gift shop at the farm.

Despite the constant work and the unplanned twists of life that have brought her back where she started Pendall clearly relishes her

role on the farm.

"I can't imagine myself living an apartment," she said, "I'd do there's nothing to do. You clean your apartment once a week and then what?"

1993: Marcella published her book, "Papa, Mama, and Me."

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Marcella was featured in the 1992 Wisconsin State Journal.

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2010 Harvest Fest

Scenes from the Heritage Festival with filmmaker and author Roger Bindl filming stories about the events, and eventually volunteering to produce the 2015 film “Marcella and the Schumacher Farm Park.”

The farm hosts various events throughout the year including the maple sap workshop, springtime at the farm, children’s summer camp, monarch butterfly workshop, wood stove cooking, herb workshop, the Heritage Festival, family Halloween, the bluegrass music festival, and more.

For more stories about the farm and Marcella, watch the video “*Marcella and the Schumacher Farm Park*” on YouTube.



Author and Filmmaker Roger Bindl



Scenes from 2014 Heritage Festival with steam engines and 1920’s threshing machine.



Hay rides during 2015 Heritage Festival. Center for Rural History in background. A glimpse of the threshing machine demonstration on the far left.



Connecting the belt that powers the threshing machine.



2019: Abstract photo from harvest time with a 1920's grain binder. Preparing for the Heritage Festival. The Center for Rural History in background.



2015: Threshing demonstration during the Heritage Festival using steam power and 1920's threshing machine.



Annual maple sap workshop



Boiling down the maple sap



Prairie Burn



Prairie Walks



Woodworking demonstrations at the Heritage Festival



Barrel making and tool sharpening



Blacksmith demonstration



Crosscut saw demonstration and cooking with wood burning stove at the Heritage Festival



Apple press and loom demonstrations

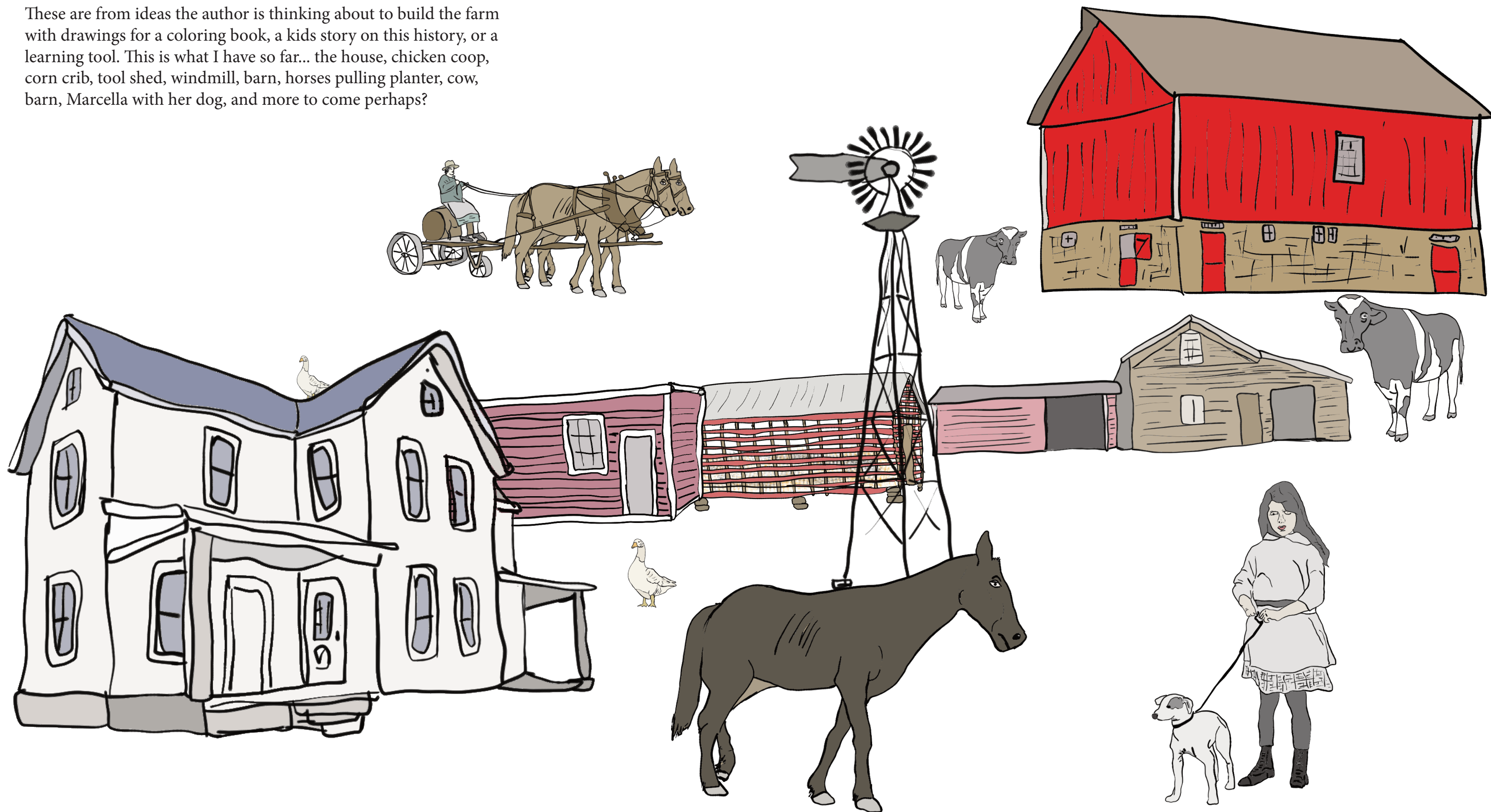


Music on the farm



Antique tractors

These are from ideas the author is thinking about to build the farm with drawings for a coloring book, a kids story on this history, or a learning tool. This is what I have so far... the house, chicken coop, corn crib, tool shed, windmill, barn, horses pulling planter, cow, barn, Marcella with her dog, and more to come perhaps?





2018 aerial photo looking north, trails in the background.

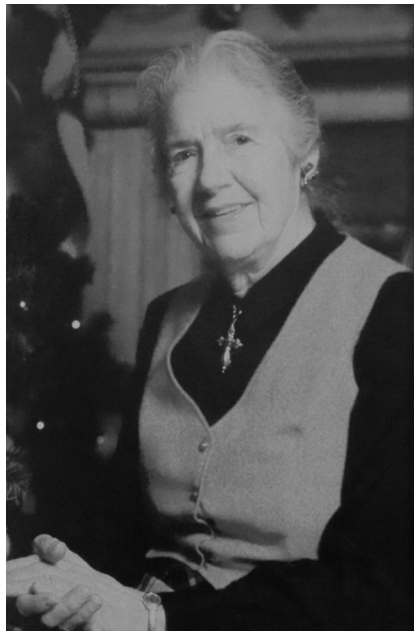


2018 aerial photo looking south. Center for Rural History on the left.





Marcella
1910-1993





This book was compiled from the Schumacher Farm photos collection, other information from the farm, online searches, the documentary "*Marcella and the Schumacher Farm Park*," and Marcella's book "*Papa, Mama, and Me.*" Additional farm photos and compilation of material for this book by Roger Bindl, with material from his documentary on the farm "*Marcella and the Schumacher Farm Park*," and with assistance from the Friends of Schumacher Farm Park.

Learn more from the video "*Marcella and the Schumacher Farm Park*" at the park and on YouTube.

Marcella and her parents are buried in St. John's Cemetery in Waunakee, Wisconsin.

