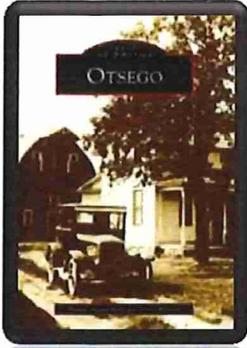


"Images From America - Otsego"



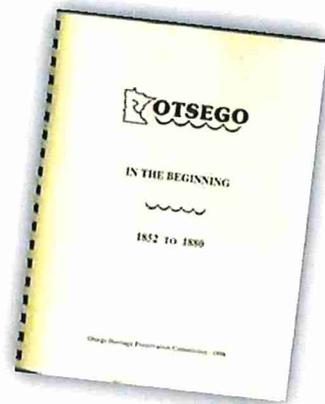
Book Description: Heavily laden with deciduous trees and interspersed with lakes, rivers, ponds, and prairies, the area of Otsego was part of the region known as the Big Woods. Located at the junction of two major waterways, the Mississippi and Crow Rivers, this fertile land attracted its first settlers of European descent in 1852. After only a few short years the land was clear, businesses, schools, and homes were built, and an abundant future in agriculture had begun. The story of Otsego, as told through pictures, newspaper clippings, and the memories of local residents, shares how generations of war heroes, agricultural scientists, and entrepreneurs survived years of hardship to eventually form what is now the youngest city in Minnesota, having been incorporated in November 1990.

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"Otsego In The Beginning"

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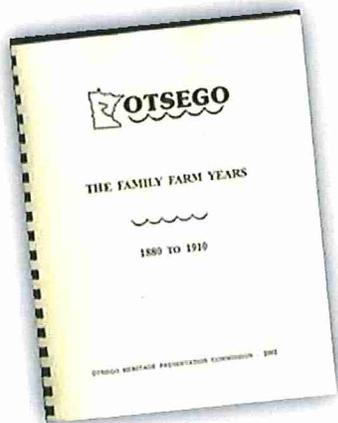
This book identifies the very first pioneers who settled in Otsego. The bulk of information presented concerns the 334 families who were here from 1852 to 1880



"The Family Farm Years"

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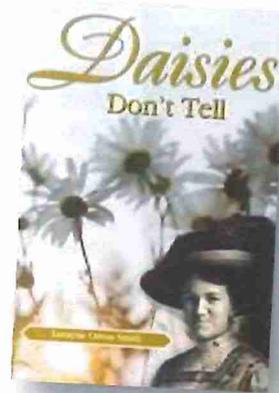
Spanning 1880 to 1910, this comprehensive book covers everything from farming, stores, schools and residents in Otsego. The census information from that time is covered extensively, making surname research a snap.



"Daisies Don't Tell"

Book Description:

Daisies Don't Tell relates the compelling story of an extraordinary woman who trades a life of refinement for the hardscrabble existence of a dairy farmer's wife. Daisy faces many challenges when she takes on a ready-made family, endures social isolation and faces the loss of the farm that has become her home. Sustained by love and a resolute spirit, she is able to carve out her own place in an often-forbidding landscape.



"Anna Letters From The Attic" (1903-1925)

by Sally Anne Dare

Book Description:

The letters, from Anna Delia Fournier of Otsego to Laurence Albee Dare of Elk River tell the fascinating story of life and romance at the turn of the century.

"Life At The Brick House"

Book Description:

An oral history by Edith Kluge (Mrs. Louis) recorded with the Heritage Preservation Commission recalling life in Otsego from 1911 to 1931.

The book cover for "Life At The Brick House" is white with black text and graphics. At the top, the word "OTSEGO" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with a wavy line underneath it. Below this, the title "LIFE AT THE BRICK HOUSE" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font, also with a wavy line underneath. At the bottom, the years "1911 TO 1931" are printed. At the very bottom, in small letters, it says "PUBLISHED BY THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION - 1994".

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"The Holt Diary (1877-1890)



Book Description:

Will Holt kept a diary from August 21, 1877 through December 4, 1890. The diary contains one-line entries for each day, documenting births, deaths, marriages, weather and Mississippi River conditions. Mr. Holt provides a unique perspective on daily life in Otsego.

"The Otsego Cemetery" (1854-1996)

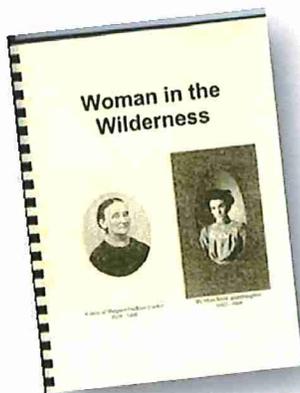
Book Description:

This book provides a method for identifying and locating graves in this historic cemetery. It also serves as a reference for persons seeking family history information.



"Woman In The Wilderness"

by Myra L. Snow



Woman In The Wilderness is a poetic story of pioneer life in Otsego. It was written by Myra Laura Snow, based on family legends passed to her by her mother, Ada Marie Cooley Snow, about her grandmother, Margaret Faulkner Cooley.