Edward H. (Ted) Will, a long time resident of Polk county, was born on February 26, 1870, near Madison, Wisconsin. The fifth of eleven children, he went with his family by team and wagon to Blue Earth County and remained with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he moved to Huntsville township in Polk county.

For the next seven years, Mr. Will lived with his brother Dave in Huntsville and worked for him and other neighboring farmers. He purchased the northeast quarter of section nine in Nesbit township in 1896. At this time he married the former Mary Ellen Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry. They had four children: Edward, Walter, John, Robert, David and Marion (Goodwin).

Mr. Will, like most farmers in the area, raised small grain and kept cattle and a few hogs, thus supplying meat for their own use. Occasionally the sale of one or two farm animals would supplement their meager income. Mrs. Will also helped by raising chickens and turkeys.

In spite of the time and effort needed to make a living for his family, Mr. Will was never too busy to help people in time of trouble. He would walk miles to give comfort and aid.

In addition to working his farm, Mr. Will was active in community affairs. He was Nesbit township supervisor for more than 25 years and served as clerk of School District #136 where his children received their elementary school education. A charter member of the Key West Farmers' Club, Mr. Will also helped to build the Key West Community Hall and served as trustee and caretaker of the Hall for many years. Mary Ellen Will died on February 24, 1932. Ted Will died on November 12, 1963. They are survived by five of their six children, twenty-two grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

WALTER H. WILL

I, Walter H. Will, was the second son of Edward and Mary Ellen Will. I was born in Nesbit township on April 14, 1899. I received my education in the Key West school and later worked for many of the Key West farmers and for the Northern Pacific Section near Key West.

Our house at that time was very small, consisting of two rooms. One of my earliest memories was of the four men from the telephone Company who came to install the telephones and string the wires. My dad was one of those who worked hard to get the telephone in the Key West area. Each farmer was to dig the holes and set the posts for one mile — all done by hand at that time. The four men then came to string the telephone wires and install the phones. My mother fed and housed the four. In our small house I remember them all sleeping on the kitchen floor.

My mother also churned butter and made cottage cheese and buttermilk which my brothers and I delivered to some of the big homes on Reeves Drive and to Colton-Wilder grocery store in Grand Forks.

I began carrying the United States mail on January 3, 1921. My route then was twenty-nine miles long, and only one mile was graveled, so it took many hours to make the route with a team of horses. When I retired in January, 1966, the length of the route had been increased to 66 miles, all paved or graveled, and the team of horses had been replaced by an automobile. I could make the increased miles in about four hours.

When I left with my Model "A" Ford snowmobile one winter Saturday morning in 1936 to begin my rural East Grand Forks mail route, I fully expected to be home later that afternoon. Instead, I found myself stranded in a Polk County snowstorm and was unable to return to the post office until noon of the following Monday. This was the longest time that it ever took me to complete my route during a career that spanned 45 years. During that time I served under three post masters: Tessa Thoresen, Ed Buckley, and Bill Murray. I carried the mail on all five rural East Grand Forks routes; however, I spent most of those years delivering mail on Route #2 from 1938 to 1966.

I married the former Alma Stennes in Bemidji on June 14, 1930, and we had three children: Maxine (Garves), Walter and Wayne. Alma died on October 12, 1962.

I served as president of the Seventh District of the Minnesota Rural Letter Carriers Association. I am an Elder in the Mendenhall Presbyterian Church and a Past Master of Masonic Lodge #292 AF and AM.

On October 25, 1973, I married the former Ann Garves. We reside at 30 Wyile Court, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

P. W. ZEVICK

I was born in Russia on March 10, 1901. I came to America with my parents when I was four years old. We settled in North Dakota first in a little town named Belfield. Our post

Mr. Walter H. Will. Mrs. Walter H. Will.