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# The Wolf family - an amazing saga

By John Sommer

In the winter of 1991-92 I occasionally visited an old lady, Mrs. Anna Bingham, at the Bennett Centre. Over the course of these visits she told me an amazing Canadian tale from the early years of our century.

The story she told me was the story of her family and I thought it a story worth sharing. I wrote it down for the Herald, but, as you all know, the Herald was closed suddenly a year ago and the story was not printed.

Last November, Mrs. Anna Bingham died at the Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, mourned by five living children, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In her memory, here is her and her family's story.

Mrs. Bingham's father, Waldemar Wolf, was born in Germany in 1871. His parents owned and operated a mill and a bakery in Augustsburg, Germany. When Waldemar grew up he wanted to become a soldier, but for some reason, his daughter had forgotten, the German army did not take him.

This made her father so angry that he left Germany for Denmark, where he acquired Danish citizenship and became a butcher.

Still very young, he married Christina Heitman, whose parents owned a hotel. The grandfather of Christina was a Danish sea captain. In 1899 their oldest son Johannes was born, and in 1902 a second son, Oswald, came into this world. In those days, Europe was made up of countries that had developed rigidly stratified societies. Everybody was locked into the class he or she was born into, and impatient young men like Waldemar Wolf found this to be an embrace.

He decided to remove his family

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to the new world in order to get away from the class distinctions of Europe.

In 1906, the Wolfs arrived in Canada and settled in Hamilton. In the same year their daughter Anna (Mrs. Bingham) was born, followed by another son, Leopold, in 1907. Waldemar Wolf did well as a butcher and sausage maker in Hamilton, and within a few years he owned properties and was on his way to substantial wealth.

But the inner restlessness that had brought him from Germany to Denmark and eventually to Canada, made him move his family once more, this time to Matheson near Timmins. In the years before the first World War gold was discovered near Timmins and for a while Timmins was hot news and the country surrounding the settlement became a new frontier attracting the adventurous.

Mrs. Bingham remembered posters that proclaimed "Go North, Young Man, Go North, to the Land of Golden Opportunities!" The ones who were brave enough to go received 160 acres bushland of their own choice. In 1913, Waldemar Wolf got his 160 acre stretch of bush six miles distance from Matheson and 40 miles distance from Timmins.

Why so far away from any existing settlement? Mr. Wolf wanted a creek on his farm. In order to find one, he walked farther and farther into the bush until he found what he was looking for. The whole family moved to this place and started to clear the bush for fields.

The first house and barn, and even the outhouse, were made of logs from the trees on the property and the family lived in these log structures for 12 years. For the first

two years no school existed in the area. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf taught their children at home. When a school finally opened in 1915 it was three miles distance from their farm, and remember, three miles walking through rough bush country, not on a comfortable road. The first road to the tiny town of Matheson was a "blazeline", a trail just wide enough for a horse and a sloop. A "sloop" was the forked part of a tree, a very primitive sleigh. To this treefork a meatbox was fastened. A meatbox was about six feet long, three feet wide, and two feet high.

In these boxes, meat was transported from southern Ontario to the far-off districts of the north, packed in ice, as long as the new farmers did not produce enough meat for themselves. All these boxes needed, once they had been emptied, was a seat or seats across, and mounted to the fork of a tree, and a horse hitched to the whole contraption, they became practical and sturdy tools for getting around in very rough and often swampy country.

The Wolfs had brought horses and cows and chickens with them from Hamilton, but for fresh meat, father Wolf and his older sons went hunting for moose and deer.

In the summer, black flies made life hell. You covered your face and hands with turpentine as a protection against them. During the long winters, Waldemar Wolf and his boys cut timber on their property for the pulp mills, and whenever they could spare some time from farmwork, they worked for the government, building roads.

More next week about the further adventures of the Wolf family.

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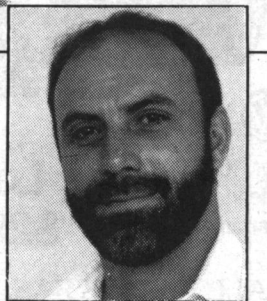


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