

## Green's Prairie Cemetery



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When reviewing the recent Town of York board minutes, I found the **Bill Kuenzi-Green's Prairie Cemetery** report.

I and the Green's Prairie Cemetery and Postville go back many years. Not only because of my great Grandfathers mention of the special marker for the Erickson infant son, but as a young lad in early 1950's, I, my sister and a couple neighbor kids would sit on the steps and have a picnic in this sacred place. Big thing back in the day! Little did I know at the time, that a relative of mine was buried within this fenced in area.

Later, as I was working on the Erickson Family Tree. I discovered, from a slip of paper, written by a great aunt, that the Torsten family had an infant son buried in the Green's Prairie Cemetery. This became useful information for Dave Green's research of the Cemetery. However, in the past, I could not locate the stone in my many searches.

Now of course, with the work and effort of **William Kuenzi, Dave Green and Bob Bergman**, and many others, who maintain this sacred cemetery, the grave and marker, is proudly identified. A Special Thank You to these individuals.

Also, back in the day I would sit and listen to Carl Blaser (Blacksmith) and Ted Halverson (who my parents bought the store from) take a break to discuss the problems of the day. Every day, I would bring Carl a bottle of Squirt. They would talk of things of yester-year and of names I never knew, until I began my study of Stewart/Postville.

Carl Blaser

Ted Halverson



My days of living in the Gilbert Post house, which was built in 1858, were memorable. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> house built in Stewart/Postville, and became the Postville Store that provided me with many memories of Postville. My parents owned the store from 1953 to 1972. Erick, my grandpa would hold positions in the Town of York, and my Dad, Earl worked as town patrolman, and mother Helen ran the store. Dad's ill health in the 1960's ended his career, but Mom ran the store and took care of Dad upstairs until they moved to New Glarus in 1972.

Thus, Town of York and Postville have been a part of the Torsten Erickson family, and mine, since the late 1880's.

In the name of my great-grandfather, my parents, my memories of Green's Prairie Cemetery, and Postville I donate the enclosed check to the Green's Prairie Cemetery in the amount of \$300. This can be used by the GPCA for maintenance or any pressing needs as they see fit.

When people would ask me where I am from, I would say Postville, then have to explain where it was located!

Proud to be from Postville,

Roger Erickson 

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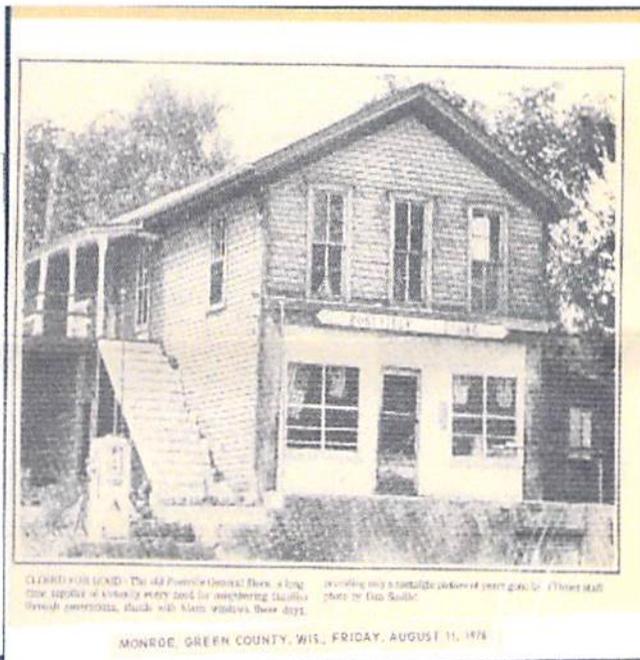
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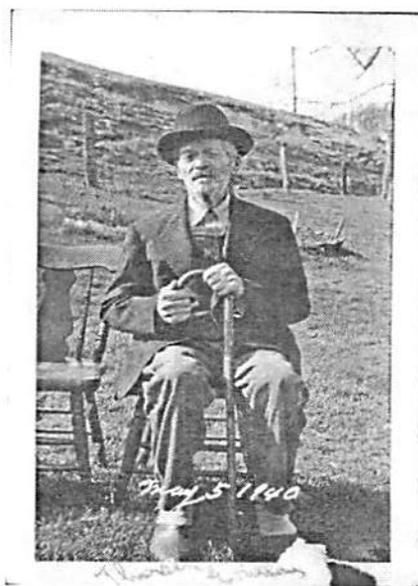
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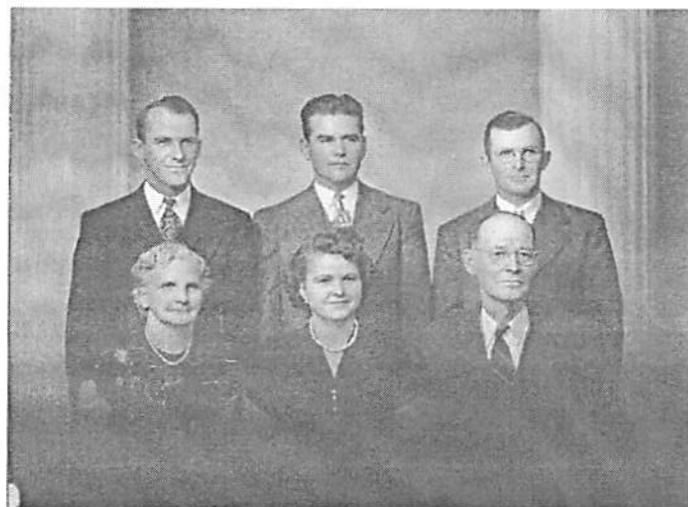
My Parents!

Postville Store in its last years!

EARL/HELEN Erickson Postville Store 1953-1972



**Torsten** Erickson lived in York  
Township ( 1883-Dec 1940)



**Erick** Erickson front far right. **Earl**(my Dad) behind Erick.  
Others front l to r..Emma, Evelyn. Rear l to r..LeRoy, Erling

Earl and Helen (Mom and Dad)



Earl (Dad) and York Township grader.

