

Prof. Sutherland was recognized as a dedicated teacher and principal. He got up out of a sick bed to attend school ceremonies, and afterwards his condition worsened. "He was naturally of a studious habit and his arduous school labors had been supplemented by weary nightly application."³¹ He left a wife, Charlotte House Sutherland, and children, Stewart, age 7; Hattie, 3; and Collin, Jr., born soon after his death. About eight years later Charlotte married George Warren, a farmer in Clintonville, Wisconsin.

Hannah Sutherland had married Albert Taylor *. Their first child was Rhoda followed by twins in 1871. Sadly Rhoda and one of the twins died in 1874. Of the first three children only Myrta Helen survived. The next year Ralph was born and three years later, Martha. Then Rachel came along in 1882. Myrta married Walter Watson (parents of Lowell Watson), and Martha married L. G. Krueger of Waupun WI. Both Ralph and Rachel died in their twenties.

Albert ran the farm until his death in 1891. The *Stevens Point Journal* reported: "People counted 200 teams that attended the funeral." Hannah became known as a poet. The book on Belmont includes some verses she wrote when she was 95:

Sorrowing ones your home has darkened,	She has passed from death into life
And your heart in anguish bled.	Where the weary find sweet rest
When death's angel came to your dwelling	To dwell in the mansions above
Numbering your loved one with the dead.	And live with the pure and blest.
Dear ones, I dare not say, mourn not,	Then brush away your bitter tears,
For well I know an aching heart,	That down your cheeks do steal
To see our loved ones pass away	Remember the promise of God
It is so hard with them to part	Who all our sorrows can heal.

Albert Taylor had built a sorghum mill on the Pine Lake Farm, described by grandson Watson. Farmers from as far away as 8 miles brought their sugar cane. Albert built a hexagonal shaped house and placed an iron grinding mill in the center. One roller operated in one direction and other in the opposite direction. The large end of a pole was attached to the mill and other end hitched to a horse that walked round and round. Someone stood in a hole near the center feeding the cane stalks into the mill. The sap separated from stalks as they fell away, and the sap was carried to the sorghum house where it was heated turning into sorghum. The pans were on a slope, and this moved the sap along, its flow controlled by many doors along the way. Foam had to be skimmed off. The yield of sorghum from batches of sugar cane varied considerably, depending on soil, fertilizer and moisture. Watson recalls being on the farm.

"Hannah used to reign in the sorghum house to see that the sorghum was not scalded during the heating process. About 1915 the mill ran for the last time. It was my job to feed in the sugar cane stalks as the horse made its way around and around. Hannah Taylor and her daughter, Myrtie Watson,

³¹ *Stevens Point Journal*, Dec. 25, 1884

* Albert Taylor was born in New York in 1832 and married Maria Day. They arrived in Belmont Township in 1856 and settled on 80 acres on Pine Lake. Albert enlisted in 1861 in Company E, 18th Wisconsin Infantry and was in the Battle of Shiloh. In a rifle accident he lost the sight of his right eye and was discharged. Wanting to re-enlist, he went to Green Bay and tipped an examining officer to examine him in the dark. Thus, in the spring of 1864 he entered Company C, 14th Wisconsin Volunteers. Despite a leg wound he served until October 1865. His wife, Maria, died in April 1867, and a year later he married Hannah Sutherland.