

The survivors of Joseph Worachek of Egg Harbor, Wisconsin at the time of this writing April 1, 1980 are:

- Esther Birnschein
- Martha Cornell
- Elmer Worachek

Our Father's Mother (Barbara Stika) and Father (Albert Worachek) came over from Bohemia on a boat. According to our Aunt Emma Pahl of Sister Bay they had taken barrels of bread and meat along as it was a long journey and took weeks to get across the ocean.

Our Father Joseph Worachek was born in Slovan, Kewaunee County, Wisconsin on March 19, 1867. There were five brothers and four sisters born in this family. Dad came to Egg Harbor to help his brother John Worachek who owned and operated a cheese factory, hotel and saloon. At that time it was named Kewaunee House.

Here is where he met our Mother Annie Breunig who also was employed at the hotel. They were married on September 14, 1896. They started to build their own home with the help of his brother. They used cedar blocks for insulation as there was no other insulation available in those years. At the same time they built a blacksmith shop on this property, as this was his trade at that time, He got his blacksmith training when he was a young man when he worked in a lumber camp in Michigan.

Some years later the blacksmith shop was sold and they turned part of their home into a meat market. At this time he also had to build a building for the storage of ice as that was the only refrigerant up here in those days. He made and sold sausage, Bologna, Wieners, Pork Sausage and Liver Sausage and used mostly choice local meats. He supplied much of this area including Fish Creek, Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport, West Jacksonport, Whitefish Bay, Valmy, etc. While our parents raised a family of six children our Mother went right along with helping in the business, often handling heavy quarters of meat.

Our Father was one of the earlier owners of a motor vehicle in the Egg Harbor area. His first purchase was a high wheeled hard rubber tired International truck. The next purchase was a Buick truck on which he improvised seats and took the family out on a Sunday afternoon to Sister Bay where we would visit our Aunt Mary Bunda. She would always take us to her store "Bunda Store" and gave us oranges and fill a large bag of candy. Dad would also take us to Clark Lake, Peninsula State Park or Kangaroo Lake for picnics. This was one of the high lights of our young lives having Mother pack a picnic basket which we all enjoyed later. Another pleasant memory was Saturday afternoon trips to Slovan, Wisconsin to visit our Grandmother and Grandfather Worachek. At night we slept on feather beds. Sunday afternoon we would all go to Slovan to enjoy the brass bands playing, people dancing and good food served.

Dad also bought cattle, calves and hogs from farmers through out Northern Door County. In the early days before he had a truck he would hire some men along with our two brothers to drive cattle along the highway from as far north as Ellison Bay on Saturday then let the cattle rest over Sunday on our farm then on Monday continue to drive them to Sturgeon Bay where they were loaded in cattle cars.