



265 Bluff Street - Anthony W. Raw House

The house at 265 Bluff Street was built in 1919 according to the Wright County Assessor Office for Anthony W. Raw & family. The builder may have been a man named Steve Schwartz. Wally & Diane Eisenschenk current owners, who have been restoring the house and have found lumber in the house with Steve Schwartz, Clearwater, MN written on it.

Samuel Whiting, who was an early settler in Clearwater, was probably the first owner of Lots on Bluff Street. The property was part of the Clearwater Pulp Company. The property was transferred from Egbert K. Whiting and May Hays Whiting, husband & wife, to Anthony Raw, Village of Clearwater on September 26, 1912. No record of where the Raw family lived until they built the house in 1919 at 265 Bluff Street.

Anthony W. Raw, son of Anthony and Malisia Raw was born in January 1862 in Illinois. 1890. He married his third wife Nina Jensine Iverson, moving to Underwood, McLean, North Dakota in the early 1900's. Anthony Raw owned 160 acres in township of Kottke Valley, North Dakota. In the 1910 Federal Census, his occupation is listed as a butcher in Underwood, North Dakota.

Anthony and Nina Raw's children, were Anita M. Raw, born July 07, 1906, Maisie N. Raw, born in 1910 in Underwood, North Dakota., Douglas Malcom Raw was born January 31, 1913 in Clearwater. Anthony Raw family probably moved to Clearwater in 1912. Anthony Raw died on July 9, 1932, leaving his wife Nina Raw, a life estate to all of his real, personal and other property. Upon her death all property was to go to his children Anita N. Raw, Maisie Raw and Douglas M. Raw.

Nina Raw died November 20, 1940 at the age 56 of cardiac failure. The 1940 census Nina is listed as widow, Doug, their only child living on Bluff Street, census states she lived in the same house in 1935, which was valued at \$4,200. In 1951 the property was deeded from Kenneth Clarkson and Anita Clarkson, husband and wife, Maisie Raw, unmarried, Los Angeles, CA to Douglas M. Raw, unmarried. Douglas M. Raw died on August 30, 1960 from injuries received in a car accident. The property of Douglas Raw was transferred to his sister, Anita Clarkson on November 8, 1961.

William E. & Jean Kuchera purchased Lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and SE Lots 5 & 10 in 1965 from Anita Clarkson. The house had not been updated since it was built in 1919, which according to Jean had 4 bedrooms, a small storage room with no heat, 1 full bathroom with a claw foot bath tub located upstairs, dining room, living room with a fire place and built in cabinets, a small kitchen, a third floor attic and a full basement. The wood/coal furnace was replaced with a modern heating system. Jean stated that when the heating contractors were installing the furnace they asked her to come down to the basement. They showed her a ventilation pipe that was full of vanilla bottles. She was told by community members that Mr. Raw drank vanilla because of the prohibition; alcohol was illegal in the 20'-30's. There was dark brown coco carpet thru out the house with dark brown drapes. The Kuchera removed the carpet to find beautiful hard wood floors. Throughout the house the light fixtures only had 25 watt light bulbs in them so the house was very dark. The Anthony