



Attachment 6: A newspaper advertisement for the General Electric Refrigerator that was kept in the basement of the “Wyoming” house.

The attic and the basement were unfinished; the boys slept in the attic during the winter months and then their beds were moved to the basement in the summer months. There was also a coal room in the basement, which was partitioned off from the rest of the basement for coal dust control, and a large coal-burning furnace was installed. The ashes from the burned coal were saved and thrown onto icy places around the buildings in the winter months. The washing area was also in the basement, however, there was no drain for the wash water so the water had to be carried outdoors by bucket and thrown into a nearby field. This was a grumbling task for my brothers. Mom would frequently leave pennies in the washer for the boys. If two of them

carried the water she left two pennies or if the three of them did the work she left three pennies.

We didn’t have a lot of furniture at that time. In the combination dining room-living room we had a round oak table with chairs that matched, there were one or two rocking chairs and a day bed. It was a single couch in the daytime, but could be made into a full-size bed if needed. It was a much-used piece of furniture in the house. The floors in the house were hard wood; our parents had ordered a rug from the Olson Rug



Photo 13: A view of the “Wyoming” house. In the picture are Roy and-Grandma Delanoy, Mom, and possibly Ed.

we had braided throw rugs in the bedrooms. Our first vacuum was a Singer that Dad bought on