



## “The Cookinghams of Primrose Hill Farm”

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Viola Cookingham Schoch tells of growing up on a farm in Pleasant Plains that passed through many generations of the Cookingham family. She remembers her family farming where she drove the draft horses, hand-milked the cows, and cooled the milk with ice stored from the previous winter. She cites life on the farm before electricity, the telephone, and the automobile. Memories include her father driving a horse and bobsled to rescue snowbound students trying to get home, daily chores, discovering nature in the form of bullfrogs, tadpoles, and snakes, and riding to her one-room school on her pony Captain. Viola also writes about early generations of her family, of local education, her community in WWII, her marriage and her family. Many vintage photographs from Viola’s collection are featured.

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