

North Howell Prairie June 16th 1896

The first reunion of the Stevens family was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Isaac Stevens, being the old home of our parents & Grand parents. The object of the first reunion was a surprise party for Mr Isaac Stevens got up by his family, for the purpose of inviting all of his Sisters & Bro. to be present with their family's (which by no means are small) and a good portion of them responded to the call, and fettered with them a most bountiful supply of eatables which was spread out on a large table and to say that all present did justice to the dinner, is a mild expression. The day was spent in getting acquainted with our cousins, aunts and uncles and in games and pleasant conversation, and it all seemed such a grand success that it was decided to hold a reunion of the Stevens family annually commencing with the oldest and going down the list Mrs Rebecca Mount being the next on the list, her home was chosen for holding the next reunion of the Stevens family - to be held some time in June deemed best by them to suit the occasion after with the family sang.

God be with you till we meet again
Thus ended a day never to be forgotten for us.
That day there was dear ones present that will never mingle with us again on this earth

Ellis Stevens
Secretary

Those present at first-remembrance are as follows:-

Mr & Mrs Isaac Stevens	Mr & Mrs Jennings Smith
Ellis "	Bertie "
Vina "	Lollie "
Willard "	Wrona "
Ernie "	Toy "
Mollie "	Mrs. Effie Ricketts
Mrs Rebecca Mount	Gracie "

Hugh "

Nona Guy "

Total No. Present - 45

Mr & Mrs Alex Esson

Florence "

Achilles "

Hugh "

Ronald "

Leroy "

Lillie "

Mabel "

Isabel "

Ray Ellis Stevens

Secretary

Mr. & Mrs Grover Simmons

Lawrence "

Mr. & Mrs Hamilton Ringo

Emma "

Alva "

Stev "

Kate "

Mary "

Bayron "

Guy "

Lolly "

Jessie "

Robert "

Mrs. Sarah McCubbin

Mrs. Mattie Cahill