

Glenwood Minn
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Dear Mrs Porterville,

I am sure you have heard from so many people who have lived in Cooperstown you wont be surprised to hear from me.

The other day as I was reading the Cooperstown paper, I thot of an incident that happened in our family life, that might be of interest to others.

You know my mother, Mrs Eliza Crawford came to Cooperstown in Jan. 1898, a widow with two small children. Paul, my brother and I. In the fall of 1899 we moved into what was called the Gunderson house, later it was moved and was called Lunde's Produce. (it may

be yet) That winter my brother and I both got whooping-cough. Mother was working by the day at that time for 10¢ an hour. She felt she couldn't leave us at home alone.

In her prayers that night she asked God that she might find some work to do at home. The next morning early a rap came at the door, as she opened it, there stood John Syverson. He said, Mrs Crawford I wonder if I could get you to do some work for me?

The court room is to have a carpet on the floor and I want you to sew the stripes together. So for many weeks my mother sewed on the carpet when she was at care for us. I do believe this was the first carpet in the court room. I remember it was red. I thought this was sort of interesting to remember.

Most people remember my mother as a nurse. She help dr Westley bring lots of babies into this world, as well as taking care of other sick patients. My mother loved her work and was happy in it.

Henry and I lived alone now, our children are all married and live on farms. Our girl Helen and our youngest boy Robert live near heavy and Arthur our oldest lives near Rochester.

We were back to Cooperstown not many years ago. There are so few that I know any more but it is fun to go any way.

Arthur and wife take the Cooper paper and send it to us, so we get to read it.

Sincerely

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