

## Wisconsin Continued

Clayton	Walter, Rose	3	Spooner
Dean	Ballard, Marion	3	Fence
DeLand	Nile, Helen	5	Winter
Dragseth	Joe, Velma	2	Rice Lake
Ellison	Carl, Ruth	1	Billings Park
Erickson	Carl, Inga	3	Rhineland
Ferguson	Walter, Mable	2	Iron River
Greise	Raymond, Hazel	2	Starke
Gulberg	Bernard, Beatrice	2	Medford
Haman	Leroy, Gretchen	2	Iron River
Henry	Francis, Ella	1	Viroqua
Hermon	John, Hilda	6	Plymouth
Herried	Leonard, Ella	2	Trempealeau
Hess	Frank, Florence	3	Cavour
Huseby	Einer, Inez	3	Pembine
Jensen	Harry, Viola	4	Tipler
Johnson	Clinton, Doris	2	Winter
Johnson	Victor, Klaria	0	Harshaw
Johnston	James, Lillian	0	Shell Lake
Juvette	Eugene, Mary	0	Winter
Koenen	Henry, Bernice	2	South Range
Kurtz	Cecil, Mary	2	Suring
LaFlam	Claire, Emma	3	Shell Lake
Lake	John, Magdalene	3	Superior
LaRose	Henry, Clystia	4	Phillips
Lentz	William, Viola	1	Merrill
Lentz	Joseph, Zuleika	6	Merrill
Mattson	Runar, Eleanor	0	Ashland
McKendry	Howard, Edith	1	Winter
Miller	Neil, Margaret	3	Blair
Monroe	Lester, Mary	3	Hiles
Nelson	Arthur, Isabel	2	Shell Lake
Nelson	Paul, Margaret	1	Riverview
Nichols	Harry, Virgie	1	Georgetown
Novak	George, Catherine	1	Ashland
Puhl	Joseph, Blanche	2	Rice Lake
Raschke	August, Anna	1	Wentworth
Reitan	Bernard, Alice	2	Superior
Ring	Frank, Lucille	6	Beecher
Roughan	Henry, Minnie	5	Monico
Runyan	Scottie, Irene	2	Winter
Scheibl	Gust, Alethea	3	Sheboygan
Schultz	William, Martha	1	Tomahawk
Sexton	Allan, Minnie	5	Pelican Lake
Smith	William, Alice	5	Bennett
Sorenson	Clarence, Vivian	1	Rice Lake
Soyk	Martin, Genette	1	Minocqua
Taylor	Neil, Violet	1	Florence
Walport	Paul, Ethel	1	Stone Lake
Weiler	Nicholas, Elsa	4	Medford
Worden	Frank, Margaret	5	Three Lakes
Yohn	Victor, Manilla Bay	3	Tomahawk

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Cover Photo: Mrs. Anna Havemeister and her children  
weed their garden.

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This is a complete list of the original 202  
families from Michigan, Minnesota,  
Oklahoma and Wisconsin who became the  
first members of the Matanuska Colony,  
founded in 1935 through the famous  
New Deal program.

*Are your relatives among them?  
Look inside to see!*

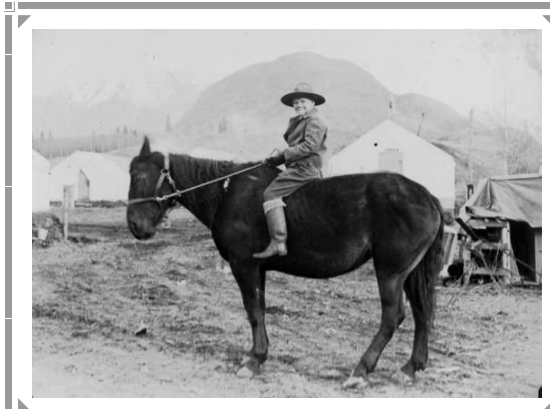
### Michigan — 68 Families

Last Name	First Names	Children*	Hometown
Anderson	Walter, Garnet	4	Kenton
Bennett	William, Ruth	4	Empire
Boice	Harold, Lona	6	Merritt
Campbell	George, Onabelle	2	Mia
Carter	Clifford, Dorothy	2	Muskegan
Casler	William, Eisie	0	Mesick
Chaney	Escar, Louise	3	Stephanson
Cousineau	Charles, Reba	1	Lansing
Davis	Harold, Edith	2	Lansing
Dingman	William, Mildred	3	Frankfort

## Michigan Continued

Dreghorn	Lawrence, Grace	5	Wolverine
Durphy	Robert, Gladys	3	Sheboygan
Ellsworth	Lester, Senia	5	Merriweather
Ennis	Max, Lila	3	Tower
Fitzpatrick	Theodore, Leona	3	Roscommon
Foster	Kenneth, Marion	2	Stephenson
Fox	Waldo, Mable	1	Wallace
Frank	Darrell, Lois	2	Mio
Greene	Clarence, Alida	0	Hancock
Havemeister	Arnold, Emmy	1	Wallace
Higginbotham	Robert, Clara	2	Stambaugh
Hoefft	John, Adeline	1	Rogers City
Hoganson	Harold, Mayme	3	Ewen
Hopkins	Roy, Ada	2	Artcadia
Huntley	Walter, Beatrice	2	Sault St. Marie
Hynek	William, Neville	5	Faithorn
Jacobson	Adolph, Mable	2	Mohawk
Johnson	Arvid, Edith	2	Crystal Falls
Johnson	Harold, Fannie	1	Houghton
Kalliosaari	John, Letta	1	Copemish
Laako	Henry, Ruth	1	Mohawk
Larsh	Emil, Gertrude	2	Iron Mountain
LaValley	Edward, Florence	4	Houghton
Lipke	Henry, Mary	2	Harrietta
Loyer	Joseph, Naomi	4	Harrisville
MacNeven	Leon, Loraine	5	Atlanta
Manginen	Walter, Vivian	1	Champion
Martin	Clyde, Arbutus	0	Mackinaw City
McCormick	Martin, Margaret	3	East Tawas
Newville	Irving, Lila	1	Boyne City
Nutilla	Eino, Betty	2	Ironwood
Onkka	David, Saina	6	Bruce Crossing
Pakonen	Russell, Madelon	0	Long River
Parks	Clarence, Beulah	3	Merriweather
Parlette	Paul, Violet	0	Rapid River
Pfeiff	John, Clara	6	Stephenson
Plaskowski	Frank, Frances	5	Ironwood
Porter	John, Alice	0	Champion
Porterfield	Ernest, Almeda	0	Harrietta
Quarnstrom	Clarence, Sadie	1	Daggett
Retallic	Arthur, Alice	1	Amasa
Rotz	Fred, Emma	2	Plymouth
Schutt	Claus, Hattie	3	Amasa
Smith	Martin, Margaret	7	Ewen
Snyder	Thomas, Freda	4	Mainstee
Spencer	Milan, Margaret	1	Mesick
Spencer	Nelson, Olive	3	Chauncey
Stebbins	Dewayne, Evelyn	0	Mesick
Sturdy	Norris, Leona	1	Crystal Falls
Sullivan	Carl, Francis, Elizabeth	1	Sheboygan
Usher	Robert, Helen	3	Copemish
Van Wormer	Howard, Bernice	1	South Boardman

Venne	George, Irene	3	Bear Lake
Way	Sherman, Esther	1	Lyon Manor
Wilding	John, Viola	4	Iron Mountain
Wilson	Amedee, Leah	4	Cooks
Wirtanen	Eino, Fannie	0	Iron River
Zook	Harold, Clara	3	Central



Jimmy Ellsworth, originally from Michigan, on his horse

## Minnesota – 66 Families

Christianson	Martin, Leota	1	Ogilvie
Cook	Clyde, Jessee	7	Longville
Doughty	Glendon, Hulda	2	Milaca
Eckert	Virgil, Lillian	2	Cloquet
Emberg	George, Evelyn	3	Proctor
Engbretson	Oscar, Johanna	3	Richfield
France	Grant, Eva	5	Grand Rapids
Fisher	Otto, Frances	1	Kanabec
Federicks	Allen, Lenore	3	Sturgeon Lake
Giblin	Theodore, Jennie	1	Brookston
Hack	Arthur, Mabel	3	Ogilvia
Hemmer	Patrick, Cora	4	Wright
Hesse	Claude, Helen	1	St. Louis Park
Holler	John, Gertrude	0	Pine City
Ising	William, Marie	2	Saginaw
Jahr	Paul, Emma	4	Pine City
Jenson	Henry, Edna	2	Littlefork
Jones	Vernon, Eleanor	2	Onamia
Johnson	Johan, Irene	1	Anatol
Kenser	Grant, Gertrude	0	Swatara
Kerttula	Oscar, Elvi	2	Deer River
Kindgren	Oscar, Saima	1	Duluth
Kirsch	John, Rose	3	Solway
Klienpier	Kenneth, Grace	3	Anatol
Larson	Fred, Laura	4	Ranier
Leander	Rudolph, Inez	1	Onamia
Lee	Frands, Eugenie	3	Forest Lake
Lemmon	George, Josephina	0	Littlefork

Lemmon	Gilford, Catherine	0	Littlefork
Lepak	Thomas, James, Irene	2	
Lund	John, Margaret	1	Saginaw
McKachnie	Loren, Edna	5	Cloquet
Mechan	John, Viola	5	Cloquet
Meier	Carl, Edith	5	Duluth
Moses	Arthur, Blanche	1	Bigfork
Moss	Edward, Myrtle	1	Pine City
Olmstead	Vernon, Pearl	3	Remer
Olson	Hilmer, Gwendolyn	2	Duluth
Olson	Walter, Minnie	1	Duluth
Patton	Claire, Margaret	1	Long Siding
Peterson	Otto, Meryle	5	Wrenshall
Pippel	Walter, Melva	4	Robbinsdale
Poore	Chaney, Florence	1	Littlefork
Powell	Ores, Lorenzie	2	Duluth
Rebarchek	Raymond, Edna	1	Graeton
Rorrison	Lawrence, Vera	2	St. Louis Park
Rossiter	Henry, May	4	Cloquet
Ruddell	Charles, Ada	6	Duluth
Saaralla	Matt, Olga	1	Swan River
Sieber	Joseph, Albertina	5	Grasston
Sandvik	Jngolf, Agnes	6	Moose Lake
Sjodin	Clarence, Alice	2	Onamia
Smith	Lauren, Hollis	5	Bennett
Splittgerber	Herman, Violet	2	Hinckley
Stephan	Vincent, Betty	1	Grasston
Strang	Eldred, Helen	1	Strang
Swanda	Frank, Wilhelmina	2	Pine City
Ubert	Lawrence, Alice	2	Kingsdale
Vasanoja	Lawrence, Helen	5	Cloquet
Vickaryous	Anthony, Alys	2	Warroad
Wilkes	Ray, Ruth	5	Wahkon

## Oklahoma – 1 Family

Stahler	John, Elizabeth	6	Chaney
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## Wisconsin – 67 Families

Anderson	Chris, Grace	3	Shell Lake
Anderson	Clarence, Clara	2	Draper
Archer	Pearle, Dorothy	4	Nelma
Arndt	Lawrence, Etta	1	Nelma
Bailey	Ferber, Ruth	2	Lena
Barry	Earl, Louise	7	Rhineland
Beylund	Oscar, Irene	0	Rice Lake
Billar	Robert, Dorothy	2	Fence
Bouwens	William, Lulubelle	11	Rhineland
Bradley	John, Sylvia	2	Lake Nebagamom
Brown	Otis, Grace	3	Enterprise
Campbell	Harry, Theodora,	0	Abrams
Church	John, Julia	5	Mountain
Connors	George, Edith	4	South Range
Covert	Albert, Catherine	0	Cable