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MOREHOUSE, THOMAS

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Thomas Morehouse was born July 22, 1862 in Michigan. When a lad of six years he came to Minnesota with his father and mother, Omer and Sarah (Lonsberry) Morehouse settling first in Brown County near New Ulm where they lived for one year. Then they came to Melrose where Omer Morehouse bought a farm.

There were very few Indians at that time in 1869 but they would appear quite frequently, usually to beg for food or tobacco. Since the settlers supplied their wants they never had any serious trouble with any of the Indians.

The chief crops were wheat and oats. Very little corn was raised due to the early frost. The grain was cut with the reaper and had to be bound by hand and threshed with a horse power threshing machine.

The first complete crop failure occurred in the year 1874, due to the grasshopper scourge. They came when the grain was just ready to cut and devoured every thing in the fields. After completing their destruction they all left.

Thomas Morehouse was married May 8, 1882 to Mary Buckley. The ceremony was performed by Justice of Peace W.W. Wattson. The attendants were: C.A. Cummings and Nellie Morehouse.

Mary Buckley was born March 8, 1864 in New York, daughter of Joseph and Margeret (Reilly) Buckley.

Thomas and Mary (Buckley) Morehouse had six children: Lois Viola was born April 30, 1883, is married to John Buttley and has four children Lucille, Mildred, Glenn and Mickey.

Bessy Margaret was born July 18, 1885, is married to Roy Jeffery

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and has two children. Richard and Gordon. They live at Tacoma, Washington.

Edna Irene was born March 23, 1887 is married to Reed Mil-  
hern and lives at Minneapolis, Minn. They have no children.

Benjamin Harrison Morehouse was born January 29, 1889, is  
married to Emma Bodin and has two children, Irene and Barbara. They  
live near Minneapolis.

Lenah Lenora was born May 25, 1891, is married to Charles Mil-  
daugh and lives at Port Angle, Washington.

Richard James was born August 8, 1895 and died October 1895 in  
Montana.

Thomas Morehouse, the person who heads this biography lives in  
Melrose. His wife Mary (Buckley) Morehouse died December 1, 1917 and is  
buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Melrose.

Interviewed: Thomas Morehouse  
Date: June 29, 1937  
By: Ann Kramer

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FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE THOMAS MOREHOUSE BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK J PAGE 14 LINE 365

Mary F. Morehouse Born in New York

March 8, 1864

Daughter of Joseph Buckley and Mary Reiley

Died December 1, 1917

Age 53 years 8 months and 22 days

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 372

Thomas Morehouse and Mary Buckley

Married at Melrose May 8, 1882

By W. W. Watson Justice of the Peace

Witnesses: N. A. Morehouse and C. L. Cummings