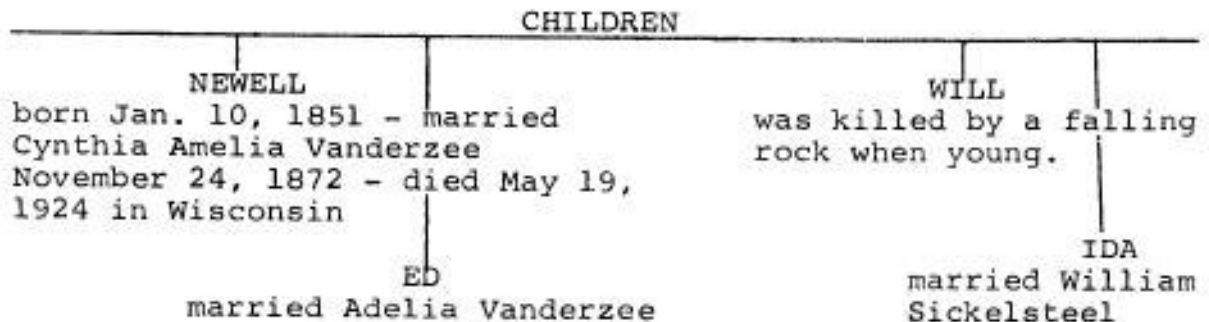


ELLIS FAMILY

BEN? ELLIS married HANNAH YOUNG

in New Hampshire or Vermont



They moved to Minnesota and lived between Lewiston and Rushford most of their lives. They settled on a lovely farm place north of Rushford, Winona County, Township of Hart, with a big house, orchard and garden. They had a spring house, a house built over an extremely cold running spring where they kept food to keep it cool. There were stone steps with water running over them and jars of food at the various levels, cream in low jars at lower level, etc. Hannah was very particular about this place and Nellie remembered it well. Nellie was like her grandmother Ellis, energetic, and had her ways. Hannah loved flowers and had a beautiful flower garden with grass paths. Nellie remembered that it was quite a thing when company came if she was allowed to go through the garden with them. She thought the flowers were mostly annuals. Hannah's sister, Aunt Dodd (Dorothy) visited them once from the west. She was very aristocratic.

Hannah used to make crisp rusks and put them in a cloth sack. In winter she kept them in the pantry. The children would get into them and were they ever good! She always had a jar of ginger cookies ready for snacks. She made and froze mince pies and put them in the pantry for winter.

Newell and his family lived with them at one time. The Ellis family was evidently of English ancestry. The Young family was Irish.

After her first husband died, Hannah married again. In her later years she lived with Ed and Adelia and died at Sioux Pass, Montana, March 1912. Ben probably died in Hart at the homestead. Nellie thought that they were buried in the churchyard of a Methodist church where they all attended, east of Lewiston. She remembered her father, Newell, made black walnut slabs for markers for his parents' and brother's graves. They were to be temporary.