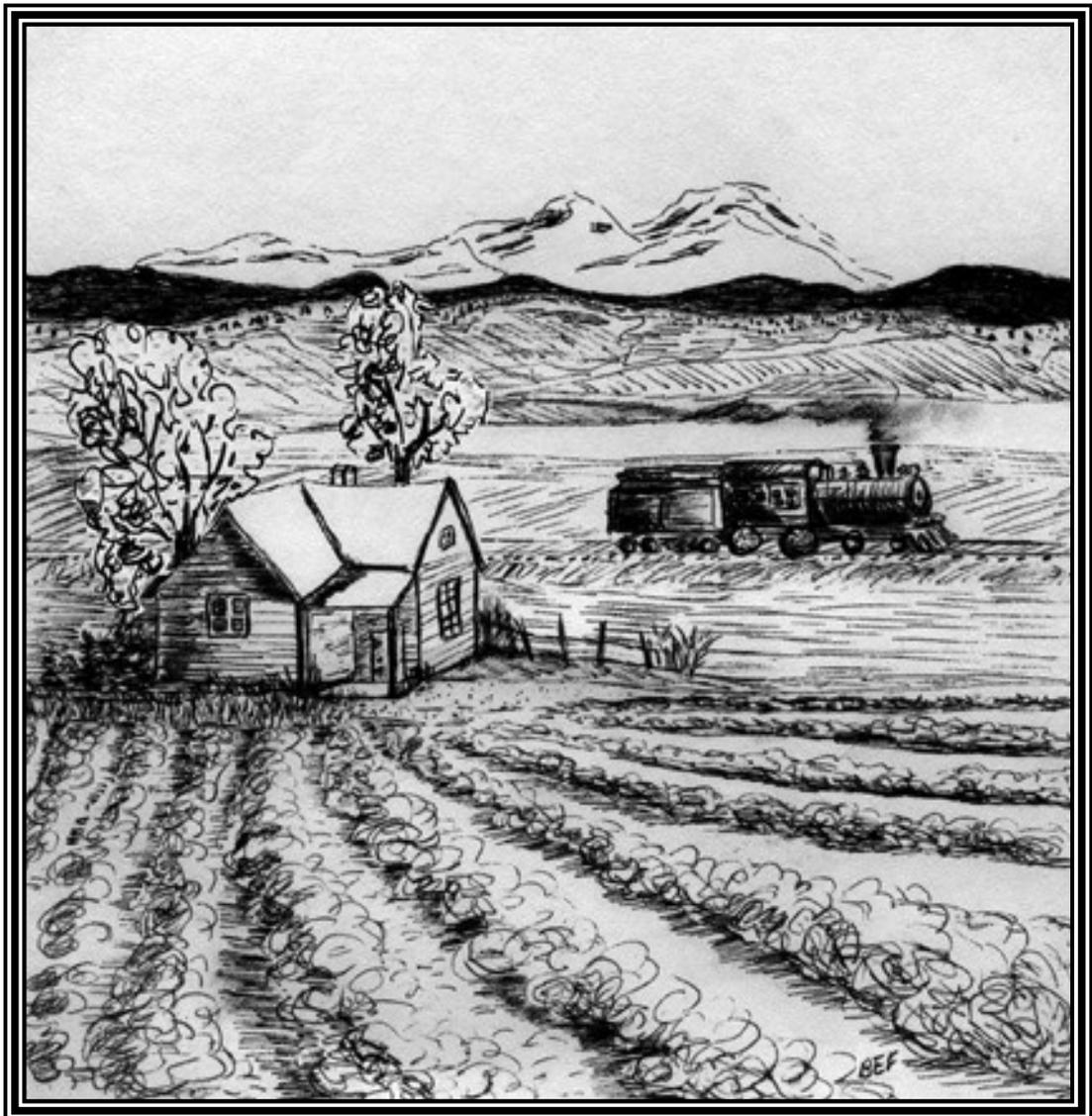


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# INTRODUCTION



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The Stroh family has lived in the Milliken community since 1907, and the Marshall family since 1927. A very special part of any family includes shared stories, and the Stroh and Marshall households were no exceptions. Conrad Stroh was an avid storyteller and some of the information for this book was gleaned from memories of events shared by "Coonie" and other family members. Long-time residents of the community, including Hazel (Snider) Summers, Milliken's first postmistress, and Mrs. Mike (Kathrine) Krieger, neighbor of the Marshalls, were family friends who shared stories throughout their youth. It is almost impossible to avoid becoming an avid history buff when being engulfed in fascinating bits and pieces of information since childhood. The collection of historical information and memorabilia began over forty years ago as part of a family genealogy research and was later compiled entirely as a hobby. As the authors carried out their research, they became aware of the interest in history throughout the community and were periodically afforded the opportunity to present historical slide programs to community schools, churches and local organizations. This book is offered as a collection of information that they have found to be very interesting. It is their hope that there is information of interest to others and they would like to share their years of researching and collecting with friends in the community.

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