

Brief History of Pine City. 1

In 1868 - was the

1 Beginning of Village of Pine City, when the common mistake made by Chiquawatawa land owners setting prices too high for railroad Company refusing to pay the price for land to build the railroad. The Company laid the track other side of lake (present site of Pine City). The tracks were built to (Snake) (Kanebec River) in 1868, completed to County line the following year. Village in ~~1869~~, of boarded shanties in 1869, was the home of ruddy Swiss laborers, some of laborers stayed on, as Pine City grew, among the first was Ferdinand Blank, established the first garden.

Began a need for stores, ~~new~~ hotel and homes for new settlers. Brackett House was built on east side of track, Pine City Hotel had 37 room (present Double Store block), ballroom, one largest place in town. Village of Pine City was platted in 1869, the village was organized by 1881.

Logging ~~is~~ was biggest industry 1800's, Pine City became a boom town for lumber jacks, preparing in fall for winter work at camp in Pine area, spring logs would be filled lakes, and Snake River, float down into the St. Croix to Stillwater.

A general store would carry complete line of dry goods, groceries, wear apparel, shoes, drug, feed, furniture, lumber, fuel, oil, carpets and building materials.

In 1874. J. Bennett Smith who was an general agent for the Lake Superior & Mississippi railroad, discovered indication of copper. In 1879 Mr Smith, with 2 associates acquired 320 acre and mineral interest in 440 acres - 1880 - sunk three shaft along Snake River $3/4 - 1 - 1\frac{1}{2}$ miles down from Chiquawatawa, this mean

1902

~~"Chengwatana" Pokegunna.~~

Graston

Graston Merchant shipped eleven cars of wood between Christmas and New Year.

Pine City

Pioneer office moved two doors north in the Miller Block. Pioneer prepared to do all kinds of commercials and fancy job printing.

Pine County Pioneer Jan 2 1902

1903

Pine City

Meeting of the Village Council - discussed the road south of Catholien to be extend to extreme western limits of village to until meet the road running in front H. Brandeis farm. This road would be an interest to the village & farmers on Brunswick Road - it would be away with climbing two bad hills, one at O'Riley's formerly Boesche farm and other Daley Place formerly known as Lamberts Hill. Route would make a mile shorter. New road would do away with the sawmill road, which floods & washes out with the high water each spring.

Pine County Pioneer Jan 9 1903

Jan 23 1903

Pine County Pioneer

Note the location of Greeley farm.

Ed Madden has a crew putting in piling at Greeley farm - which will be used in stretching booms for a booming out ground for the logs of Joe Mc Grath's drive. Mr Mc Grath will put steam boat for towing his logs from booming out grounds to Cross Lake & do away with the river being jammed with logs between this place &

and Pokejama Lake - to avoid logs bothering the fishermen & visitors

Pine County Republican Club was formed Jan 30-1903
Pine County Pioneer Feb. 6 1903

School Notes:

The Literary society will render the following program Friday afternoon:

- Recitation Miss Hyman
 - Essay James Hurley
 - Debate Affirmative, Anna Dosey, Lizzie
 - Danger!; negative - Alice Davis, Olga Hoffman
 - Reading Michael Vojta
 - Recitation Carrie Hunt
 - Essay Emma Hxtell
 - Paper Jennie Swedenburg
- Pine County Pioneer Feb 27. 1903

Brookpark: Feb 27. 1903. Pine County Pioneer
Minn. Land Co. are intend to move their lumber yards nearer Main St.

Pine County Pioneer. Feb 20 - 1903.
Free rural delivery of 12,500 routes.

VACH COLLECTION

1903.

May 15 - 1903 Pine Co. Pioneer - Special School election May 13 - 52 to 4.
Plans to increase the size of Building once again as large as at Present.

May 22 1903 - Copy the poem by Miss Ida M Deming.

June 5 1903 - Pine Co. Pioneer - Chenoweths Dam blown up with dynamite on 1:30 A.M. June 2th about 30 grieved farmers & watchers - about 200 # of explosive. Frank Madden was struck in face with revolver - inflicted a wound. Tom O'Brien was choked, he could hardly breathe. Mob marched the two watch men down the Government Road. Mr. Munch was wired & came to Pine City as soon as he could. One of sluice gate was gone & others were damaged.

- 1856 - Great effort were made to platt. Village site on the old Indian village Chenzwatana "Chang-wah-o-dona" Jedd, Halkey & Co and Daniel A. Robertson surveyed and platted the Village of Alhambra, but name was not accepted. Name of Chenzwatana remained.
- First appointed commissioners were Herman Trott, George H. Staples and Royal C. Gray.
- 1857 - Government Road was built
- 1858 - Great effort were made by Daniel A. Robertson to get emigrants from Germany + Green Bay Wis, to purchase land near Chenzwatana. Booklets were printed in German, on good soil + climate etc to attract the emigrants to this area. Booklets were sent to Germany
- 1859 - Population for Chenzwatana was 59 - Pine Co. 92.
- 1862+1863+65 - Chenzwatana was garrisoned - Had a frontier Post
- 1865 - Minn. Legislature placed a sum of \$1000⁰⁰ to N. C. D. Taylor for purpose of examining Copper areas on Snake River + Kettle River
- 1865 - Population - 64.
- 1866 - First Catholic Settlers, Christian Heidler, Mathias Enhart, Joseph Heninger, Alexander Kaim, Jacob Osen, Albert Petschel and Ferdinand bought land began farming in the wilderness some ten miles along a trail known as Brunswick Road (part of Indian Trail

which branches to Chongwatana other to Mille Laes Lake

- 1867- Rev. Frederick Ayer (Missionary at Pokegame 1836-1847) died at Atlanta Ga. Buried in Atlanta Cemetery Oct. 1867.
- 1867- Carl H. Brandes (Born in Germany) and wife Elizabeth and son Chris. moved to Chongwatana ~~He~~ kept a hotel, later erected a brewery.
- 1868- first school district was organized in 1868 at County Seat
- 1868 Lake Superior + Mississippi Railroad was completed to the Snake River, where a small village was growing (Pine City)
- 1869- village of Pine City was platted.
- 1869- Chongwatana had a few wooden houses, huts and saw-mill, hotel and postoffice. Large Stone Mill built west side of Cross Lake.
Thousand of acres were flooded
- 1870 Chongwatana Census - 99 Population Pine Co. 648
- 1870- Samuel Millet erected the Bay View House on an elevated plateau on Cross Lake.
- 1871- Morton Brien was first Co. Superintendent served 1871 to 1872.
1872. County Seat was changed to Pine City from the ~~great~~ Chongwatana. Railroad built the town, owners of land at Chongwatana demand too high prices

from the railroad, as railroad was built on west side of Cross Lake, where the village of Pine City began.

Until 1872 Pine Co. was attached for judicial purpose to Chicago County.

1874 - Township of Pine City was organized.

H. Rath (Born in Germany) came to Pine City, to engage in farming.

Carl Brandes Brewery in Chagwatom Burned, he moved to Pine City.

1875 - Total enrollment in 4 organized school Dist in County was 193 pupils 3 frame buildings with total valuation of \$3,860.
Pine Co population 795

1876 - Pine Co heavy in debt expenditures for new roads State Legislature bonded the County indebtedness of \$10,000 in 10 yrs 10% interest.

1877 - E. Deen Hoven (Born in Netherlands) came to Pine City worked in law office.

1878 - First Presbyterian Church was built in Pine City. Second in Pine Co. (Missionary on Pokegama Lake 1856-41)

Stone mill was destroyed by fire

1879- Mr J. Bennett Smith with two associates acquired 320 acres of land interest in minerals.

X James Wandel (register of Deed) Born in Germany came to Pine City

Half a Block of Precise Addition to the village of Pine City was purchased for a Catholic Site, church, rectory and cemetery. Same yr. frame Church was built.

1880-81 - Chazywana Mining Co. sunk 3 shaft along Snake River $\frac{3}{4}$ - 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles downriver from Chazywana.

1881- Village of Pine City was incorporated

X Herman Borchers opened a shoe store (Born in Germany)

1882 Kate R was 34ft X 125ft craft transport passage from Pine City to Pokeyama Lake Hotel.

1883. first Cemetery consisted of 4 city Blocks west of the Catholic Church was abandon, the bodies were removed from catholic cemetery move to the new Calvary cemetery.

1885 Ed. C. Lottery established or publish first newspaper Pine Co. Pioneer. Pine Co population 2, 186.

X ——— Underline names are names of to-day Pine City.

1886 x a large courthouse was erected (on the present site)
It was heated by wood stoves & kerosene lamps were used

Breckenridge established a drug store of medicines
fancy goods, sundries, paints, oils, wallpaper and
fishing tackle. Only soda fountain in town & ^{one of the} finest
in Northern Minnesota.

1887. N. C. D. Taylor died - Taylor Falls was named after him
Mr Taylor made great investments in ^{the} copper mines in
this area.

Winter of 1887. Isaac Staples, with a crew of 300 men
began logging on Snake & Ann Rivers. He ordered
for their winter use 1800 # of Beef 104 barrel of ~~meat~~
pork, 9000 # of sugar. 1900 # of tobacco. 1500 # Currants
1400 # Prunes.

Methodist Episcopal Society of Pine City was organized
by Richard N. Avison - with 4 members.

1888. April. Rev. S. W. Simonds appointed ~~the~~ minister for the
first Methodist Church. July 17. foundation, began.
was dedicated on Oct 21. by Dr Robert Forbes. Total
expenses of building \$1550.⁰⁰ Ladies Aid paid
\$300.⁰⁰ leaving amount of \$1250.⁰⁰ to be paid.

1889. Side tracks were put in by the railroad, with passing
room for 3 engines
x Had photo of Courthouse

1889. Road on south end of Cross Lake between Devils Lake
Cross Lake was made by 58 men and 28 teams completed
Oct. 15.

1890. Population of Pine City ~~5~~ 535 County 4, 052

1892. Mail Service was established between Pine City &
St. Paul.

June 2 - Booms were taken up + completion of the
log drives past Pine City + river was clear for Boats

Demand for higher wages was denied from 1.50 per day
to 1.75 . Men working on railroad quit.

Last winter, for Dunn + Marcia Mill at Rock Creek,
employed 25 men and ran 4 saws, cut 300 logs daily
+ 2 skidding crews.

1893

Pine City has 4 general stores, a drug store, a shoe
store, a general hardware, 10 manufactory, a clothing
store, millinery establishment, four blacksmith shops
three sawmills, a feed mill, a "first Class" hotel, 2
restaurants, a good local newspaper, several ^{other} small
industries. 4 churches leads variety of the spiritual
needs of the community + three schools train the
young ideas. A worthy + well qualified physician, to
cures the body's aches + pain, we are glad to add ~~to~~
that thus far for his skill leads to frequent christenings + no
funerals.

1894.

F. A. Hodge was elected to State Senate. Owned 15,000 acres of farm lands.

1894.

Sept 1. Great Henckley fire 459 lives were lost in three villages. Brook Park, Henckley & Sandstone.

A petition was sign for road for a highway from Pine City to Henckley along railroad track, not to be more than $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from track at any point.

1895

Population 793.

The "Stowe" is a propeller steam boat 50 ft x 10 ft wide, built by Moaten & Reeves of St Paul for A. E. Webber, launched on May 22, will take passengers (80) take a spin to an island, then to Pokyama farm, where picnic grounds will be fixed up in future.

1896.

Dec. 26 - first state Bank of Pine ~~City~~ County was organized in Pine City.

Many saw mills throughout County have shut-down. Hundred of men who depend on winter work are out of a job. Booms are filled with logs. Cause of import of Canadian lumber has been tremendous, before the present tariff law had gone into effect & duty of Canadian lumber has been removed.

1897

flour mill & elevator was built by R. P. Allen.

1897. "Pine Co Pioneer" converted into regular newspaper and changes the name "Pine Co. Post".

April fire destroyed Glasgow hardware and entire block.

Dr. R. L. Wiseman physician & surgeon moves to Pine City.

1898. Pine City purchased the first fire engine.

1899. Noah Adams established Lumber Yards in Pine City large shed was built.

A. W. Pepie established a business as undertaker, upholstering & materials, crockery & glassware.

Dec. 14. Heating Plant in Court House has been completed. Work of painting & papering the offices, Pine City County will have one of finest & most convenient Court Houses in ^{the} State.

Post Offices closed for the day at 1 o'clock sharp on Christmas Day. Monday Dec. 25th 1899.

1898. Population Pine Co. 11,546. Pine City 993.

Oct 1 first telephone were installed in Pine City by the Minn. Mutel Co. Headquarters in North Branch. Operator Margert Payne. There are about 75 to 80 phones.

Pine City Mercantile Co. was organized Dec. 1st 1900. President

F. C. Laird. H. W. Harte Vice-president. F. A. Brown secretary + treasurer Department Store Consisted of Dry goods, Ladies furnishings, Clothing, men furnishings, boots + shoes, groceries, hardware, furniture, Carpets, Drugs, stationery, paints, oils, lumber + building materials. Sale room is 60 x 100 ft. Store room 16 x 60 ft.

S. G. L. Roberts elected a County Attorney.

A German school open after Xmas.

One of the oldest building known as "Goodwin barn" at Chengwatana burned to ground. (Jan 3. 1900) 1 o'clock A.M. Structure was built 1855, 6 yrs before Civil War. ~~First~~ First was used for Carpenter Shop, since 1864 for stabling purpose. Lumber + timber in old structure were sawed in the mill located at Chengwatana, were bridge crosses the river were moved away, many years ago. No attempt was made to save the old building. Fire "no doubt" the work of an incendiary.

Levi Ordner began to work on Sacke River Bridge
Cost \$ 2,715⁰⁰ =

Fair Day at noon 200 farm teams were in village.

Judge Veenhoven. S. G. L. Roberts. R. M. Allen
Captain Bergman. Geo. Hicks

Captain Bergman - Steamer "Victoria" made trips between
Pine City & Pokegama Park Hotel.

R. M. Allen purchased a electric light plant, giving Pine
City electricity, and excellent service.

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VACH COLLECTION

1886
1888
19 young Pine City

Pine City

check for
corrections

1888 only

~~only~~ road Brunswick to Pine City - Trails &
 Railroad bridge over Snake River - no road.
 School located on ^{present} Courthouse grounds.
 Courthouse & Jail located present Nicholls Cafe.
 County Court Record ^{House} 1 Block N of Catholic Church.
 Brackett Saw & Planing Mill.
 Buselmiers Brewery east of ~~Village~~ Village.
 Postoffice
 Julius Neubauer Blacksmith.
 3 churches.
 Lake View House
 Prisoner House & Hotel across track on Corner 2nd Ave. & Third St.

1899

Fire Department Steam & Hand Engines
~~at~~ Independent Hose Carts Water facilities
 Water Supply (from below the fire Hall) 22' x 16' x 7' Deep ^{check}
~~22' x 16' x 7' Deep~~; Also from the River & lakes, surrounding Pine
 City on 3 sides. 2000' 2 1/2" Hose Fire Alarm by Bell & Steam Whistle
 Volunteer Fire Dept. 1 Chief - 36 men. One ^{Water} Steam Eng. ~~2~~ Hose Carts.

C A Burger Saw, planing & Shingle Mill runs 3 months in year
 Tubalac Lights

Noah Adams Lumber Co.

H. J. Rath Saw & Planing Mill runs 3 months in year. Pines
 (almost all cut) Night & Sunday watchman. Fuel: Wood & Sawdust
 No Lights

Postoffice
 No road or ~~bridge~~ Snake River.

RR, Windmill - 20' Wheel Elevation 12' Gasoline Eng.

Webster School Heat furnace
Courthouse Stove

Buselmeir Cap'y 4000 Bbls per year
Man sleep on premises: Power: Steam
Fuel: Wood, Brewers Lamps, Ice House

Shrewsbury Creamery ~~east~~ west side of ~~Village~~ Town

Hotel Pioneer House - Wilcox House & Hotel.

Churches Presbyterian Catholic M. E. Lutheran T. Day Advent
Electric P. C. Light Co. Engine Dynamo
Streets graded not paved Lights Electric
3 Potable Houses

3 salons

Band stand

Fair ground across from Ben Franklin

Presnt

correct

check on date

1911

Fire Department Volunteers 30 members 1 Waterous Steam Engine
2 Hose reels 1,200' 2 1/2" hose fire alarm + bell a steam Whistle
Platform built on Banks of lake + river where engine can get a
supply of ~~Water~~^{water}. Fire Hall.

Graded level Streets, not paved Public lighting electric

Jail, Town Hall + Court House. Fire Hall all in one block

Bottling Works.

5 Saloons

1 Bank.

Pine City Mill + Elevator Co.

Pine City Sawmill Co Night watchman when running Rebuilt 1908

J. Blase Brewery Power: Steam Lights: Brewers Candles

2 Brewery Kettles 2 Mash Tubs. See House

Drigg, Cooper + Co. Pickling Co. West 3rd + 1st Ave

Russell Bridgeman Provision Co. Creamery

Webster Public School Steam Heat. (No Lights)?? check

3 ~~Potato~~ Houses. J.J. ~~Madden~~ Madden Forger.

Opera House

Agnes Hotel

Freight + Passenger Depot, Pump House, Gasoline Eng. Electric Motor N.P.R.R.

Pine City sawmill ~~East~~ Located 2nd East.

Postoffice.

Wagon Bridge ^{near Snake River} near RR bridge.