

tell his mother. When his body arrived on the island, dad had Albany hitch up the horses to the wagon and take the body from the Coast Guard to the cemetery — it was a very sad day for all on the island. Dad conducted the graveside services.

Some time after the service Dr. Murphy from Maple City, who also lost a son in the service, called dad to tell him he thought there was a mistake as they had received a short coffin and the one that came to the island was a longer coffin. Andrew was short and his son was tall. Dad told him it would be best for all to take care of the grave as his own son and he was sure the Burdicks would do likewise.



Anna and Carrie Burdick hoeing weeds out of the bean field 1917.

The two sisters, with the help of others, carried on the farming for the balance of the year. Their father would never let the girls go out with boys so neither married.

The Burdicks had a well 60 feet deep and 4 feet square dug by hand with shovel and pail. The water was sweet and cold. To get the water up, there was a pail with a rope on that was lowered to the water; later a pump was installed.

Mrs. Burdick and the 2 girls got a small check from the U.S. Government after the death of Andrew. James Burdick and Lillian Burdick, nee Vent, had a general store at Cresent City — about one and one-half miles north of the Coast Guard Station. I recall on the 4th of July in the afternoon most everyone would gather at the general store for an afternoon of fun — we had foot races, bag races and also played baseball. Jim had a 14-foot boat, he would row the boat to the lighthouse and if the weather was bad, he would walk the beach or if the harbor was frozen over he would