

Nickolas Doerr 1865

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John Berry, Sr., horse with dray and four town children taken on West Main Street by Dent Wilber's house.



John Berry, Sr. fiddling in 1966.

In 1865, the Nickolas Doerr (1830-1882) family came to Mecosta County from Formosa, Canada.

The trip from Canada was made by railroad to Ionia and from Ionia overland with wagons and sleighs. Leaving Ionia, two teams and two wagons were used as far as Greenville. From Greenville, one sleigh and two teams were used. The way was very rough, and part of their belongings had to be left along the trail.

A team of oxen, belonging to Mike Dittel, was used soon after their arrival to go back and bring the things left behind to their new home.

The family lived on two different parcels of land in the area until 1907 when they finally settled on the present Doerr farm on M-20, near Mecosta, and is now occupied by Dominic's youngest son, Bill and his family.



Log house two miles southeast of Mecosta on M-20. It has been restored by Susan Doerr, daughter of Bill and Char Doerr, and granddaughter of Dominic Doerr. The log cabin is where Albert "Batty" Stroh lived.