

Ludwig & Esther Haas Farm

LOCATION

This farm is located to the north-west of Plain at the corner of County N and Dawn Road. It is in section 23 of Bear Creek Township

Ludwig Haas moved onto the farm in 1928. He purchased the farm in a foreclosure action.

740

This is a "recent" arial photo of the farm.

In 1997 the current house is hidden by large trees. The driveway makes a loop around the tree. The barn and other buildings are in pretty bad shape.

To compare with other photos, use the following as reference points:

the tree to the left of the barn at the bend in road

the tree to the right of the house

742

This is an earlier picture. Note the apple orchard and the windmill on the hill behind the house. Without the grown trees, you get a better sense of the height and steepness of the hill behind the house. The hill seems lower and not as imposing when you look at it today.

Notice that the large tree the right of the house in picture 740 is not in picture 742..

To compare with the next photo, use the following as reference points :

the smaller, two-story house at the left of the picture

the one building in the foreground with the chimeny just to left of the middle of the picture

the large trees to the left of the building with the chimeny. These trees are on either side of the small two-story house at the left of the picture

741

This picture seems to have been taken about the same time as 742 was taken, but looking in a different direction.

The article gives an interesting history of the area. It says that this area used to be called COLD SPRINGS. It also refers to Dawn Road as Shady Lane Road.

You can see the other side of the building with the chimeny from 742.

The farm in the upper right corner of this picture does not exist today.

A couple of different cheese factories were located in this area in the future. The main reason for this was the spring that was in the aread

1971

This arial view is more recent. It shows the current driveway which loops around the tree. This photo gives you a feeling of the farm's size. It also shows the fields that the farm had.

The Steve Imberg & Clara Haas-Imberg house is not shown on this photo. Clara was Ludwig's sister. The Imberg farm is on the right-hand side of the picture (if you hold it so you can read the words.)

AG000001

The 1877 plat map shows that Labey & Dwyer and J.M. Smith owned the farm. Note that the map shows the school school in it's current location. The Morgans also owned land in this area. Is this the Morgan family that Lena Haas (Ludwig's sister) married into ?

AG000004

The 1893 plat map does not show the current road County N that runs by the house. To the right of section 23 you can see that Jos & John Ruland's lived in this area. Is Jos Ruland the father of Esther Ruhland-Haas (wife of Ludwig) ?

AG000007

The 1906 plat map also does not show the road. It shows the land owned by Mousseau (the builder of the the house.)

AG000013

The 1922 plat map shows the road going through section 23.

AG000026

The 1947 plat map shows the land being owned by Ludwig Haas.