

Harvesting around George, Iowa 1900



About once a year, Mr. Roth and Mr. Regenber and other settlers of the 1870's "went to Mill" with a load of wheat they had raised themselves, and came back with enough flour to last them a year. They went to LeMars in the 1870's, and later in the 1880's and 1890's they went to Beloit. Then the Prairie Queen Flour Mill opened at Sheldon. Harvey Schmidt remembers his father telling how he took twenty bushels of wheat fourteen miles to Sheldon, put his horses in the livery barn to be fed and rested while he ate dinner, then went to the mill to trade his wheat for flour, and came back home. This was a good day's work.

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