

They built their own homes and barns. They raised their own animals which provided their meat, which they had to butcher. They made their clothing (which they washed by hand), soap, rendered lard, grew and harvested their food, dug their own wells, and provided homemade remedies for illness and ailments.

In spite of the difficulties, hard work, and labor intensive tasks just to survive, "survive" they did. And I am fairly certain that in between all of the hard work, they had fun! Barn dances, charivaris, house parties and weddings - many of which were big events in those days!

Other difficulties the Regenberg Family had to endure as pioneers were grasshoppers, blizzards, Indians, and diseases.

*Mattie (11) - Edith (8) - Frank (6)*  
*"When we had the typhoid fever"*  
*1890*



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