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by

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This history is dedicated to the past, the present, and the future.

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“To know nothing of the past is to understand little of the present and to have no conception of the future. For a better appreciation of the community in which we live we must know something of its past history.”

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“A community that does not know its own history is like a man who has lost his memory.”



## THE AUTHORS

Mrs. Todd and Mrs. Thompson, first cousins, were both born in Burdett and have lived their entire lives here.

Mrs. Todd was born March 16, 1923 and was married January 25, 1946 to John A. Todd of Punxsutawney Pa. She graduated from Burdett High School in 1943 and is Librarian at the Burdett Community Library. One set of grandparents (Notestines) settled here in 1877.

Mrs. Thompson who was born December 4, 1913 married Howard Thompson of Sylvania, Ks., December 26, 1933. They live on a farm northwest of town. She was a Burdett High School graduate in 1932. In 1877 two sets of grandparents (Notestines and Bindleys) and a set of great grandparents (Mathers) settled here.

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