Mrs. Anton Lund made a visit to her girlhood home last fall and was able to pick some apples from a 70-year-old crabapple tree which she planted herself.

“My folks were Wm. H. Kramp and wife Marie,” she said, “and they lived south of Lower Loon Lake.” When Minnie (Mrs. Lund) was 16 she and her brother Bill and their Grandmother Schoening stayed on the home farm because her parents had to go to Moorhead, MN to help her brother run a hotel, the Cleveland House. This went on for two years from 1911 to 1913.

In the spring of 1911, says Minnie, she and her brother planted the crabapple tree and it has produced apples from the time it was large enough to bear fruit. Her mother told her that at one time she sold bushels of the apples. In 1981 when the picture was taken, it still had lots of apples in the top of the tree, and all these years of bad and good weather have seemingly not hurt.

“On the farm now is a new owner from Murray County,” the David Nelsons, “This is the same county we came from shortly after I was born in 1894,” said Minnie.

The Kramp farm is located about a mile south of Loon Lake. “We used to have a road from Loon Lake straight south,” she said, “but now you have to go past the Loon Lake Tavern and turn south.”

“When we first came up to the Pequot Lakes area in 1896, on October 14, we came in a covered wagon and brought horses and cattle along,” she said. “The trip took nine days, and several other families were along from Fulda, Minnesota. One of the families stopped at Walnut Grove and stayed there. We lived in a large log house until 1910 and I enjoyed it very much,” she added.

This last fall, Mrs. Lund’s son took her out to the old farmstead, which she said the new owners have taken good care of and built a home. Mrs. Lund enjoyed the visit, she is now at the Cannon Falls Manor, at 300 North Dow in Cannon Falls, MN 55009, having recently moved there to be near her daughter.