

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

News Release

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Oak Glenn Dairy Wagon Model donated to Historical Society

Washington County, Minn. – The Washington County Historical Society recently received a model of the delivery wagon of the Oak Glenn Farm Dairy of Stillwater in the 1940s.

Delmer Staples, who grew up on the Oak Glenn Farm with his father Mark Staples, farm manager, would help deliver milk on Saturdays on the old wagon, created the model with the help of his sister Darlene Staples Studer and his brother in law Delmas Studer.

For many years the yellow and red delivery wagon would travel the streets of Stillwater with the faithful horse “Babe” that would by instinct know each and every stop along the route. The horse knew the route so well that he would even know where the horse troughs were to get a drink along the way. During the week it would have been one of the Gatzke brothers delivering the milk to Stillwater residents.

Staples created the model from a photograph and his fond memories of the Oak Glenn Farm. He dedicates the model to Henry Amundson and family who were the long time proprietors of the Dairy.

The Oak Glenn Dairy was originally created by Stillwater lumberman Isaac Staples in the 19th century. After the Dairy closed it was developed into the Oak Glen Golf Course and executive homes.

Several years after the golf course opened one of the original wagons was displayed outside the clubhouse, but later both remaining wagons were auctioned off. Staples would like any information regarding what became of the wagons. Please contact the Historical Society if you can help at 651-439-5956 or email information@wchsmn.org.

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