

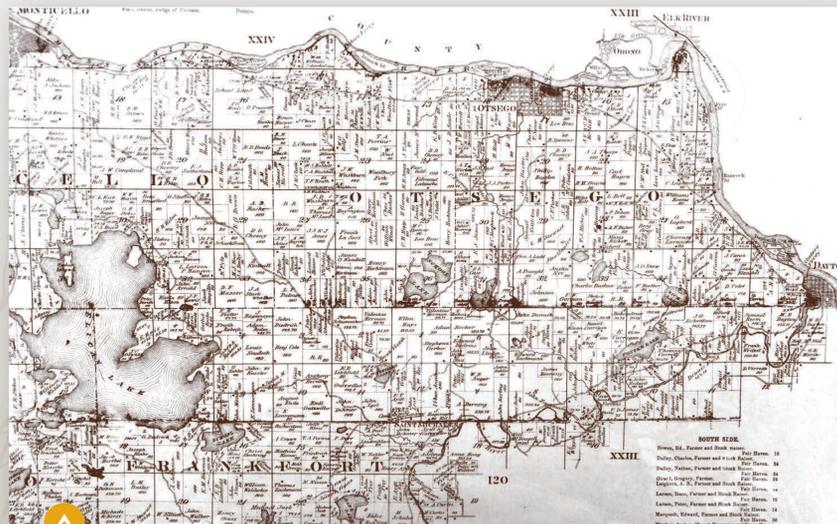


CARRICK'S LANDING

9050 Quantrelle Avenue NE, Otsego, MN

TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO

est. 1858



Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission

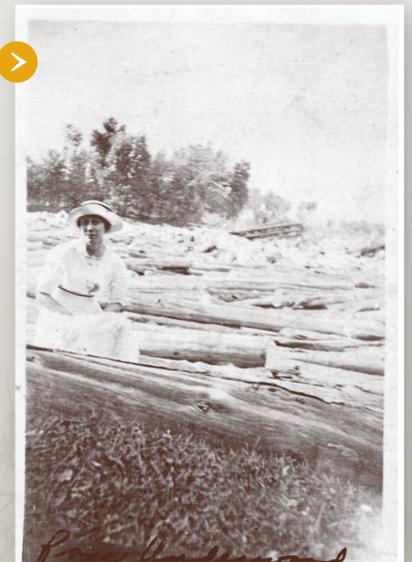
By 1850, Samuel Carrick established a trading post across the Mississippi River from what is now the town of Elk River. At the beginning, his main customers were Winnebago Indians who settled near Otsego. In 1851, Carrick claimed the land nearby for farming which may have been the first farm by a white settler in Wright County. By 1854, he ran Carrick's Ferry across the Mississippi near his trading post. He was so well known in the area that the open land south of his claim was known as Carrick's Prairie. Look up river from here to imagine his claim and businesses.

One of his sons, also named Samuel, served as a private in Company G of the 4th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment, answering President Lincoln's call for volunteers in the Civil War. As the 4th Minnesota advanced on Atlanta, Carrick was captured and sent to the rebel prison at Belle Isle, VA for the winter. In the spring, he was sent to the notorious Andersonville Prison, GA, where he died in May 1864 at age 31. He had never married nor had children.

Carrick's brother, James and, his nephew, George, followed him to Otsego Township took land claims and raised families here; George opened the first farm on Carrick's Prairie. Another brother, Eli, drowned in the west branch of the Rum River in 1852. Their brother, Charles, farmed in the Dakota Territory. The Carrick family was originally from Maine.

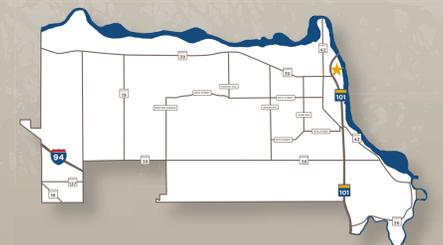
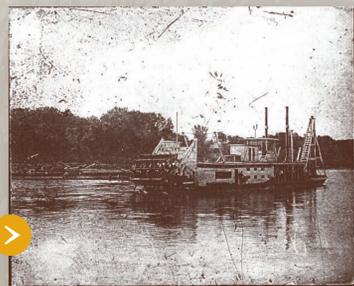
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Rose Underwood Holt, log jam
Mississippi River; 1916
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Mississippi & Rum River Boom Co., boat
Mississippi River near Monticello; 1900
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Mississippi & Rum River Boom Co., Mpls; 1894
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