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Greenfarm/Hillbraun's darp

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From Halbstadt, which is almost at the southeastern part of the municipality, we go this week to Greenfarm, which is in the northwestern part of the R.M. of Rhineland.

Greenfarm School District No. 853 was established by an arbitration award on May 20, 1925. The school was located on SW 13-3-4W, which is outside of the Rhineland municipality. Most of the district is located in the R.M. of Stanley, however, the village of Greenfarm is in Rhineland.

The village of Greenfarm is known locally as "Hillbraun's Darp" (Hildebrand's village). There is a story about the origin of the village.

At one time a Mr. Bernhard Hildebrand of Rosendale, south of Winkler, was a councillor for the R.M. of Rhineland (see photo). It was in the years 1884, 1885 and 1886. During this time the R.M. of Rhineland consisted of six townships of range three and four west. The eastern portion of what today is Rhineland was then called Douglas. Later it all became Rhineland except sections one, two and three of range four which became part of Stanley Municipality.

It was during this time when Mr. Hildebrand was councillor that much of the northwestern part of the municipality was as yet unsettled. It is said that he took along a spade to sample the soil as he travelled this

area. The purpose was to homestead a quarter section for each of his family members. And so it was that six brothers established the village of

Greenfarm. The descendants live here to this day.

The school operated until January 1, 1969, when it became part of Winkler.



Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Hildebrand and children of Peter Rempels. Mr. Hildebrand served as councillor for Ward 3 for three years 1884-1886. He passed away in 1910.