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Pauline Dickman Lawler

10/30/77

ALTGELD, JOHN PETER,

1847-1902

1886 EL. TO COOK SUPERIOR CT.

1902 GOV. ILLINOIS

COLUMBIA ENCYC:

3rd ED.

part.

Judge
father
worked for
socialist

Mrs. Pauline D. Lawler

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One cousin and self old enough to remember
the beginning.
one thing that brought other people here
beside an education free handout
Uncle Jim - idealist Mac's grandfather
expected everyone to work
place laid out financially
my father begged amount of money
Uncle Jim and wife educators
laid out in a town lots \$10. a piece
farm areas in additions 1st, 2nd, third
in outlying areas cheap bought something
got some land for free
lot of people came down cheap, socialistic
idea work it out
county of Florida no restrictions start sub-
division out yonder w/o road, any access
to it no water and anything nothing paved
pay for land by grubbing palmetto
on streets .10 an hour not assigned
ask for work work available
Ruskin homemakers: three Dickman brothers
and wives, and Dr. and Mrs. Miller
married each others sisters
Common Good Society - everyone belonged,
basis of land ownership, have a vote
10-15% of Dickman solded wnet into pool
to build bridges and roads
people build own homes lighter wood
pine tree burned inside heart
terpentine
county rent convict s to turpentine and saw-
mill people
lived in turpentine camp tall board fence
around $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres pen for bloodhounds
one board building
collect in cups and convicts collect so
sticky kids would try to chew like gum

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state took over as long as there's moeny
people will take care of it same as common
good society thought my nephew passed on
up for grabs now when I go
women didn't have the vote but locally they
had as much vote as the men just as big as
voice not heavy labor, woman work in home
no hotels people come in take into home
small hotel gone now mother had to keep
a lot of people cause the home was large
up there where Willard
married had a beautiful dog, mixed looked
like collie or sheperd swim from here up
to mothers large built 1910 teaching
job opportunities newspaper Ruskin News
Miss Orker wrote for it women have freedom
in community ran a store for awhile sold
it no children work boys get out mule
brother easier way to do it did trememndous
things (twin brother) farming, inventing
spray rigs, tractors typi al Ruskin boy
not like to hoe and weed no way for
girl to make moey babysitting for free
whatever a girl had to do it was for free
not compalining help mother at home darn
tooting Uncle Jim when the college started
got a lot of wonderful talent lectured tous
remarkable that they came down here Tampa
by rail boat came down 3 times a week
no hotel mother care for these people
most social people that you ever saw loved
to talk loved people an awful lot of cooking
me Rose miller Dickman Paul, myself and
Willard public school first taught by
Willard's one of the older sisters Auroa
favorite cousin sweetest disposition
marvelous ability work head off to please
her (teacher) no school held in commissary
she taught religion on Sunday school
sahke the bushes to get thirteen children
had to have 13 or close the shcool one ma

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put in barrels into still
convicts had overseers rode horses through
the woods trees caught fire left standing
trees standong pm grnd long time for
those things to rot out
people gather together neighbors helped
each other eating together and having a
good time not communal as eating and cooking
washing

M- wahs T-iron W-meetings f-s clean and
bake S- go to church not much church
wonderful speakers no formalized religion
Ruskin have more churches around than any
where else, 13 I think
Uncle Jim and Aunt Annie my mother center
for bishops and ministers talked about them
like dear, dear friends different idea
more of a neew thought son Christian Scien-
tist healed in Chicago left there lawyers
office Admer Willard baby brought Christian
Scientist down, I eventually took it up
mother Methodist Willard's father both
a Greek and Latin student New Order of Jesus
to deep for me translation of New Testament
socialism- Uncle Jim Manner of early
Christians after crucifixion lived in com-
mon in Acts, common good
Hawk came in and took over but for my
father money in that fund always people
Dickmans and Millers give 5 acres to community
for cemeyeery went around from one person
to another no money in it give to county
give back now I'm cahirman of it churches
and VFW put money in it so much Women's club
a month for upkeep board, raising prices
now self-supporting late 40's VFW took
over leader of ~~seets~~ scouts, cut down trees,
fenced Aunt Annie her mother Miss Orked
Dr. Cushman organized third to be federated
in the state cleaned up app'td me to look
after it

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no good houses one board shacks move from shack to shack or build one live there and then move on cattle and hogs and a few farmers

2 Saddle families " Andrews very small farmers hogs and cattle no fences free range get hogs and turn em loose keep track of them gardens of ours to keep hogs and cattle out fence water Artesian water valve on well open valve and water gush out no pump we the leaders ask for fence laws to fence in cattle never passed farmers and people with yards start killing cattle and hogs killed so many cattle people said it wasn't paying now cattle have to be fenced terrible conflict Dickmans go out in woods, own woods, cut lighter wood, ~~cord~~ it up take it to Tampa and sell it, cash ~~over~~ money natives burn up logs where it was corded women got concerned some of the natives said they were going to kill the Dickmans but they never did the school made the difference Ruskin College attracted people interested in learning frame house 3 storeys that's where Willard