



Modern photo of what is left of a one-room schoolhouse just adjacent to the farm home of William and Mathilda Riehle. Possibly Frances attended school in it?

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 2305714

CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Section, Volume 16, Number 1931

Description of holder: Age, 36 years; height, 5 feet, 6 inches; color, White; complexion, Fair; color of eyes, Brown; color of hair, Brown; visible distinguishing marks, none

Name, age, and place of residence of wife: _____

Names, ages, and places of residence of minor children: _____

(NOTE: AFTER SEPTEMBER 22, 1922, HUSBAND'S NATURALIZATION DOES NOT MAKE WIFE A CITIZEN.)

State of Wisconsin, Marathon County, ss: *Frances Riehle Hennig* (Signature of holder)

I, *Francis Riehle Hennig*, do hereby certify that *Frances Riehle Hennig*, who previously was a subject of Great Britain & Ireland, having applied to be admitted a citizen of the United States of America pursuant to law, and after Regular term of the Circuit Court of Marathon County, Wis., on the 8th day of Nov. 1926, and after having found that the petitioner intends to reside permanently in the United States, and that s/he had in all respects complied with the Naturalization Laws of the United States, and that s/he was entitled to be so admitted, it was thereupon ordered by the said court that s/he be admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof, the seal of said court is hereunto affixed on the 8th day of Nov. 1926, and the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and of our Independence the one hundred and Fifty-first.

H. A. Riehle
Clerk of the Circuit Court
(Official character of attestation)

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Naturalization papers for Frances dated 1926. Like Alfred, she probably renounced her U.S. citizenship as part of the Canadian homestead application process.



The Hennig family children, in 1920. Left to right: Karl, Rosalia, Verene and Clarence. All six of the Hennig's lived in the home of Frances's parents at the time. Alfred and Frances purchased 40 acres of land to start their own farm in the same year.



Section of the 1930 Town of Halsey platbook, for a location about 5 miles east of the Village of Athens. The dashed horizontal line in the center is County Highway A. The north-south road at the left edge is modern-day Meridian Road, so-named for its location on the 90th global meridian. Alfred Hennig and F.J. (Frank) Hart were owners of adjacent halves of a standard 80-acre parcel. The parcel across the road was owned by Frances's sister, Lena. Alfred purchased her property in 1940, completing the acreage for the Hennig family farm. The 80-acre parcel at the bottom belonging to Frances's brother, Ben Riehle, was originally owned by Frances's parents. Alfred and Frances and the four children in the adjacent photo lived with them in 1920. Note the schoolhouse located at the bottom right corner of the Ben Riehle property.