

Peloquin-Cummings Family Reunion, July 11, 2021

On July 11, 2021, descendants of my grandparents, Fred and Mary (Peloquin) Cummings along with friends of the family enjoyed a traditional family reunion in Hugo, where my grandparents were born. We started with a reception at the community center at the Hanifl Fields Athletic Park. Then we toured Hugo and paid our respects to our family members buried at the St. John the Baptist Cemetery. We capped off the day with a splendid party on the patio of our cousins Tom and Linda Cummings.

Hugo was the final destination of a wave of immigrants who had left France in the 17th Century to settle along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, and whose descendants found their way to Hugo in the 19th Century. Our modern-day family has left Hugo for educational and occupational opportunities throughout the country. But when we looked over the plat maps of Oneka Township and Centerville, visited former residences in Hugo and the farm of C.V. Cummings, my great-grandfather, we began to see that Oneka Township/Hugo was in effect a recreation of the close-knit farming communities that our great-grandparents had left behind in the St. Lawrence River Valley.

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This is a picture of the C.V. Cummings farmhouse as it looked the day of the reunion. Below it, is a picture of the house with C.V.'s family in the early 1900s. For me, the juxtaposition of the pictures symbolizes how for a day at least we put ourselves in touch with our family's eventful past.

