Halvor Anderson, Ida Seiler Sohns featured in *Dearly Departed*

To watch, click on [2021 Dearly Departed Part I: Halvor Anderson and Ida Seiler Sohns](#). Reprisal video from 2016. 18 minutes. Coming soon, Dearly Departed Part II: Hollis & Petie Wilson. This program is a collaboration with the [Ephraim Moravian Church](#).
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November is
Native American Heritage Month

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Have you seen it? Refresh your knowledge of indigenous people in northern Door County by reading a 2020 EHF blog about Potawatomi Chief Simon Kahquados.

Dear Diary
Olive Matilda Anderson (1870 - 1944)

Olive was the fifth child born to Greta and Aslag Anderson. In 1890, Greta died. Olive returned home to help care for her ailing father and younger siblings. In time, she became the primary cook and housekeeper for sisters and brothers who managed the Anderson Store, dock and farm. They lived in
Olive attended the Oshkosh Normal School. Before returning home, she taught at Ellison Bay and North Bay schools. Artistic, meticulous, industrious and faithful to family are words that describe this kind-hearted, petite Anderson woman. The expression "bloom where you’re planted" seemed to characterize her life. Never again did she teach in a school, nor did she find a life-long partner, and yet, wrote Julia Hardin Stevenson after Olive's death, "She was singularly blessed with a happy and guileless spirit ... It seemed she was born generous and forgiving. Malice and gossip died in her presence." Helen Timmons' tribute, Gracious Olive, revealed her skill at connecting with children: "She intuitively knew how to get a happy response from any child."

Following are November excerpts from Olive's 1902 - 1903 diary. Weather, housework, and names of visitors pepper the pages. Complaints and judgements, on the other hand, are rare as hen's teeth!

Photo: Olive Anderson stands left of Eugenia Smith. EHF collection.
Credits: 2009 EHF newsletter, editor Sal Jacobson; A Memoir of the Aslag Anderson Family in Ephraim, Marianne Kellman with Helen Timmons; Olive Anderson Diary 1902-1903, EHF archives.
**Tuesday November 4, 1902** Adolph and Nels went to Fish Creek to attend election.

**Thursday November 6, 1902** My arm is so very sore and I have been poulticing it all day.

**Sunday November 9, 1902** The Georgia was in for the last time this forenoon. The Eugenia was in after dinner.

**Monday November 10, 1902** Munda and Agnes picked bittersweet today. I ironed in the afternoon.

**Tuesday November 11, 1902** Mrs. Goodlet, Walter, and Pearl were here to take their lessons.

**Friday November 14, 1902** We have the stove put up in the big room now, and got the stove polished. Cordelia also cleaned and polished the range.

**Saturday November 14, 1903** The boys have been very busy sewing bags today and have over 200 bags ready for shipment ... I am cleaning the stove and pipe.

**Sunday November 16, 1903** Anna and Anton called after service.

**Monday November 17, 1903** This has been another stormy day and it is very cold, and everything looks winter. [We have been working] in the summer kitchen cannery but it was not very comfortable on account of the wind. We finished canning the quinces, and fixed a half bushel shelf of crab apple pickles.

**Tuesday November 18, 1902** Adolph has been hunting today but saw no deer.

**Wednesday November 19, 1902** We just came home from church. We had a nice meeting. Rev. Rice spoke so nice to us. As we were coming home, we saw a wild cat which had been shot out in the country ... I had so many collars and cuffs to iron.

**Wednesday November 25, 1903** Jim Hanson had a turkey shoot here today ... Adolph and Elmer got each [sic] their turkey. Frank would have had one too, but missed when they shot again.

**Thursday November 27, 1902** This has been a cold Thanksgiving Day. This morning a few flakes of snow fell. The roads are frozen now. Adolph, Frank, and Munda did not go to church this morning. For dinner we had roast goose, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, walnut apple salad, cranberry jelly, pickled apples, celery, pumpkin pie, and coffee.

*This "word cloud" is based on visitors' responses to the 2021 Depicting a Village exhibit question, "What words would you use to describe Ephraim?"*
What do you do in the off-season?

Staff Projects, Fall Work Tasks


Christmas in the Village - December 4 - Santa & Reindeer - EHF Family Activity Station

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Contact [Kathleen Harris](mailto:kathleen@ephraim.org) or phone 920-854-9688 if you can help prepare supplies or staff the activity station. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated!

Correction: The last issue of HISTORY HUB listed an incorrect nickname for Sheriff Bridenhagen. His nickname was Baldy. The editor apologizes for the error.

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