

The Damuth Civil War Maples

Jefferson County

The Damuth maples, growing along Curtis Mill Road just across from the Rock River on Highway 106 east of Fort Atkinson, were planted during the Civil War while the young men in the family were serving in the union army.

George Damuth started the farm; later his sons Sam and Dolph took over the home farm and another farm adjoining it. When the Civil War broke out, Sam

and Dolph went off to fight for the Union. While they were gone, the women and children did their part to keep things going. Eighteen-year-old Martha Damuth and her nephew gathered young hard maples from the woods and set them out in a long row bordering the road between the two farms.

They must have been a welcome sight for Sam and Dolph when they finally returned from battle.

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