

## **Written history of the Carmody Family Farm, 1879 to 2005**

**Subject:** Oral and written family and personal stories; Farms

**Date:** 1879 - 2005

**Description:** This written history of the Carmody family farm covers the years 1879 to 2005. Terrence Carmody emigrated from Ireland in 1855 to New Orleans and various points in Illinois before eventually settling in the Towanda area in 1879, where he and his wife purchased a farm. Robert, the 4th generation, still lived on the farm as of 2005.

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### **The Carmody Family Farm 1879-2005**

Terrence **Carmody** arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, from Ireland, in 1855 at the age of 28. He worked for the railroad and eventually lived in Atlanta, Illinois. He was married in Bloomington, Illinois in 1863. In 1879 he and his wife traveled by handcar from Atlanta to Towanda and purchased the farm 4-1/4 miles east of Towanda. They had 11 children of which 3 died very young. Terrence died in 1909 and his eldest son, Edward J. inherited the farm. His other sons also inherited land he had acquired in the area. Edward J. and his son, Clarence, farmed the land until Edward J. died in 1943. Clarence and his son, Robert, farmed together until Clarence's death in 1969. Robert, the 4th generation still lives on the farm and maintains the land. His son, Edward J. is also involved in the farming operation with his father.