Interview with Dale Roha, 11/5/2009

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AUGUST ADAM ROHA born Aug.28,1858 in the Meadville area. He married Margaret Elizabeth Dunham Jan.3,1882. Her parents had come to America from Liverpool, England. She was born in St. Louis, Missouri Jan.25, 1861. They lived on a farm in Vernon Twsp. for the first three or four years of their marriage until, in 1885, they purchased a sixty-seven acre farm in Mead Twsp.

In 1898 they built a large dairy barn, and on July 1,1898 he entered into a five year partnership with Col. Lewis Walker, the founder of Talon, Inc. for the purpose of breeding and raising purebred Jersey dairy cattle. This dairy farm has been known for its Jersey cattle ever since. August sold the stock and equipment to his son Edward Jan.1,1913,

August was a supervisor in West Mead Twsp. and had a retail milk route in Meadville for many years. He was instrumental in having the Meadville-Titusville road paved from the city line to the West Mead-East Mead line. He also delivered many loads of stone to be used in the building of cobble stone streets in Meadville.

August and his family moved to Meadville in 1913, where he built a horse barn and went into the heavy hauling business. As in 1889 when he lost his house in a fire, so in 1914, he lost his barn and all its contents including three teams of Percheron horses in the fire.

August died Duly 16,1916 at his home after an illness of about two years. Margaret died May 9,1941.