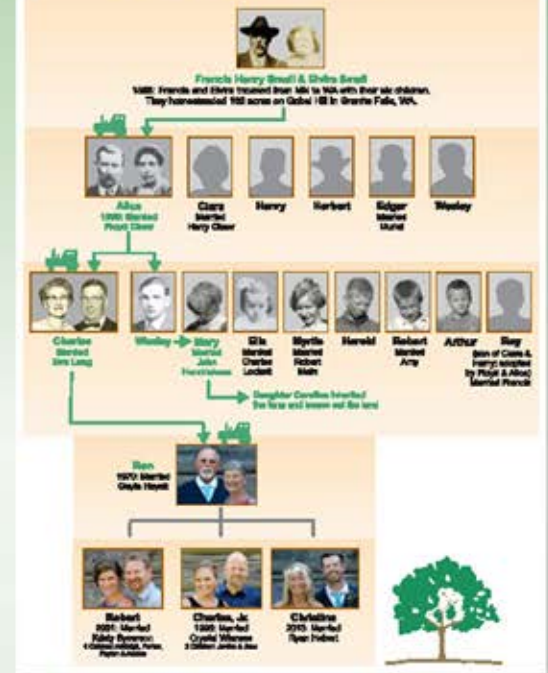


In 1888, Francis Small, his wife Elvira, and their six children traveled from Hammond, MN to homestead 160 acres on Gobel Hill in Granite Falls. His two daughters, Alice and Clara, married the Chew brothers, Floyd and Harry. In 1900, Francis fell ill and returned to his home in Minnesota, leaving Floyd to manage the homestead.

Floyd parceled off the land and acquired 40 acres at the base of the hill for dairy and beef cattle, which he ranched with the help of Alice and their nine children, including adopted nephew Roy Chew. In 1937 their two oldest sons, Charles and Wes, inherited the farm.



Chew Farm - 6 Generations



Charles and his wife Eva, who was active in 4-H, farmed their acreage while Wes raised cattle on his plot. Between 1965 and 1975 the farmland underwent major improvements, and was leased to Biringer Farms to grow strawberries, peas, and corn.

In 1975, Ron Chew, the only son of Charles and Eva, returned to the farm after serving in the Navy. He and his wife Gayle raise beef cattle and hay on the property. Ron collects Case Tractors and now serves as the vice-president of the Antique Tractor Club. He and Gayle have three children: Robert, Charles Jr., and Christina.

