

## **Words of Sue Anne Hughes**

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While I was a child, living in the village of Colon, Gr. Uncle Roscoe Snyder was one of our neighbors. He brought me a b-day gift when I was 6 and took some b-day cake home with him.

I graduated with 2 of Nelson Snyder's grandsons, one from a daughter named Dorothy and the other from a daughter named Margaret. Both sisters married brothers with the last name of Decker. The Decker's were a large family of 12-16 kids.

I have lived here in the Colon area all my life. Our grandchildren are 5th generation to have been born and raised here in Colon, MI. Gr. grandma Johnson was born in Ohio. I believe Ada was born here, and attended school in the house that we currently live in. This schoolhouse was converted to a dwelling in the 1940's after consolidation to Colon schools. We live about 2mi. east of the original Pleasant Grove farm on Wattles Rd./ Branch Co., MI.

The youngest sister of my great-grandmother; Alta Jane Snyder Johnson was Ada Snyder, Linn Shecker's wife.

I didn't have this info when we bought this property but after talking to an elderly lady from this area, she assured me that Nelson Snyder was the best friend of her brother and that they went to school here.

My mailing address is P O Box 207, Colon, MI 49040. This is in case you have time to mail copies of pictures or have more questions. Our physical address is 1153 Wattles Rd., Sherwood, MI.  
We do not receive mail at this address, only the PO # I sent you previously.

**June 1 2020**

Thank you, Vern. I liked your [YouTube video](#)! You have been a busy guy. Thank you for your service during War time. I have been thru Fennville a few times in my life. I think we even camped there once with a group. Little did I know I had family from there.

My dad also served during the War and came home a Disabled Vet (although he never called himself disabled). He was missing his left leg and some other bone fragments to neck and wrist.

I was born sometime after he came home. Dad built 3 houses and helped my Grandpa Auten build his house also. Eventually we ended up on a farm outside of Colon where he could have as many ponies as he and Mom wanted. We outgrew the total for farm animals inside the village. I don't know if you knew that you had 3 cousins (2nd cousins) in [the Bath, MI school explosion](#).

Great Aunt Fern lost 1 daughter to the explosion and 2 more little girls survived many injuries! I'm not good with dates but my parents would be 100 yrs this year and I think my mom was about 5 when this happened. My only brother, Larry, died last year in May. So, I am the one still here with our 2 adult children, in the area, and 2 of our 4 grandkids still living here. Our daughter lives very close to Lakeside cemetery, where we used to live.

Good to see you are a writer. I was hoping to someday take on that endeavor but I have little confidence in myself to do this.  
Have a great day. *Sue Ann Sent from Windows Mail*