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John Libby and his family wife (Eliza Martin) children Josia Philip and Margaret came to Thornloe from Ottawa Valley in 1911.

The Fall of 1912 they moved into Cane Township on the Elk Lake Branch. We hired another farmer with a team of horses to bring our furniture and also some rode and others walked quite a lot as this twenty miles took us two days.

My father had come ahead and built a log cabin a mile south of the Thelma Mine. The walls were chinked with clay and pieces of hewn pieces of timber the floor was made of poles hewed on one side and also the door was made same way.

In the early days my father made a living by logging hunting and trapping.

In those days a cord of pulp wood cut and loaded at Osseo Station was worth \$2.75 a first class railroad jackpine tie made with a broad axe loaded in box cars was worth 20¢.

The first train ride my father and sister Josie made from Osseo to Earleton was in a box car there was no passenger cars as the railway was under construction,

Like all pioneer settlers he cleared land made a small farm. When we came to Osseo our groceries for the first 6 months were purchased ~~XXXX~~ in Thornloe and my Dad carried these in a pack sack until he could afford a horse.

Our stove which we cooked on and also heated house was called Forest Beauty oven was at back and 4 large lids and 2 small.

In those days we made our own entertainment some had a violin or a mouth organ or someone whistled a tune.

We walked $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to school each day at Murphys' Corners. My father was interested in prospecting he always said he never made much money at it but he had lots of fun.