ASSESSMENT BOOK

FOR THE YEAR

1941

Town of Powers

CASS COUNTY, MINN.

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Powers, Cass

DIRECTIONS TO ASSESSOR.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR,

CASS County, Minn., APR 23 1941.

Harvey Riley Assessor of the Town of Powers

According to the requirements of law, I herewith deliver to you the Real and Personal Property Assessment Books for the said Town *for the year 1941, containing a list of all Platted and Unplatted Real Estate subject to taxation, so far as the same have come to my knowledge from any source and I hereby direct you to assess all property and make return thereof to me as required by the law prescribing your duties hereto annexed.*

A form of the return to be signed by you is appended in this book.

[illegible signature] *County Auditor.*

Extracts from Laws Relating to the Listing of Personal Property.

(Section Numbers Refer to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927.)

Sec. 1974. PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION.

All Real and Personal Property in this State, and all Personal property of persons residing therein, * * * is taxable, except such as is by law exempt from taxation.

WHEN LISTED AND ASSESSED.

Sec. 1984. * * * Personal Property shall be listed and assessed annually with reference to its value on May 1, and, if acquired on that day, shall be listed by or for the person acquiring it.

Sec. 1999. **By whom listed.** Personal property shall be listed in the manner following:

1. Every person of full age and sound mind, being a resident of this state, shall list all his moneys, credits, bonds, shares of stock of joint stock or other companies or corporations (when the property of such company or corporation is not assessed in this state), money loaned or invested, annuities, franchises, royalties, and other personal property.

2. He shall also list separately, and in the name of his principal, all moneys and other personal property invested, loaned, or otherwise controlled by him as the agent or attorney, or on account of, any other person, company, or corporation, and all moneys deposited subject to his order, check or draft, and credits due from or owing by any person, company or corporation.

3. The property of a minor child or insane person shall be listed by his guardian, or by the person having such property in charge.

4. The property of a person for whose benefit it is held in trust, by the trustee; of the estate of a deceased person, by the executor or administrator.

5. The property of a corporation whose assets are in the hands of a receiver, by such receiver.

6. The property of a body politic or corporate, by the proper agent or officer thereof.

7. The property of a firm or company, by a partner or agent thereof.

8. The property of manufacturers and others in the hands of an agent, by such agent in the name of his principal, as merchandise.

Sec. 2003. **Where listed.** Except as otherwise in this chapter provided, personal property shall be listed and assessed in the county, town, or district where the owner, agent, or trustee resides.

Sec. 2005. **Merchants and manufacturers.** The personal property pertaining to the business of a merchant or of a manufacturer shall be listed in the town or district where his business is carried on: Provided, that logs and timber cut from lands within, and designed to be transported out of this state shall be assessed and taxed in the taxing district where found on May 1; and all taxes thereon shall be paid into the different funds of the county of the taxing district and of the state as other taxes are paid, and such taxes shall be a lien upon such logs and timber, which shall not be removed beyond the borders of this state until all such taxes are paid in full.

Sec. 2006. **Farm property of non-resident.** When the owner of livestock or other personal property connected with a farm does not reside thereon, the same shall be listed and assessed in the town or district where the farm is situated: Provided, that if the farm is situated in several towns or districts, it shall be listed and assessed in the town or district in which the principal place of business of such farm is located.

Chap. 212, Laws 1925. **Household Goods.** All household goods and furniture, including clocks, musical instruments, sewing machines, wearing apparel of members of the family, and all personal property used by the owner for personal and domestic purposes, or for the furnishing or equipment of the family residence, shall be listed and assessed in the district where the same is usually kept.

Sec. 2008. **Elevators, etc., on railroad.** All elevators and warehouses, with the machinery and fixtures therein, situated upon the land of any railroad company which are not in good faith owned, operated and exclusively controlled by such company, shall be listed and assessed as personal property in the town or district where situated, in the name of the owner, if known, and, if not known, as "owner unknown."

Sec. 2012. **Personal property of electric light and power companies in cities and villages.** Personal property of electric light the power companies having a fixed situs in any city, village or borough in this state shall be listed and assessed where situated without regard to where the principal or other place of business of said company is located.

Chap. 306, Laws 1925. **Personal property of electric light and power companies outside of cities and villages.** Personal property of electric light and power companies having a fixed situs outside the corporate limits of villages, cities and boroughs shall be listed with and assessed by the Minnesota tax commission in the county where situated.

Sec. 2014. **Estates of decedents.** The personal property of the estate of a deceased person shall be listed and assessed at the place of listing at the time of his death.

Sec. 2015. **Persons under guardianship.** The personal property of a minor under guardianship shall be listed and assessed where the guardian resides; and of every other person under guardianship, where the ward resides.

Sec. 2016. **Assignees and receivers.** Personal property in the hands of an assignee or receiver shall be listed and assessed at the place of listing before his appointment.

Sec. 2017. **Property moved between May and July.** The owner of personal property, removing from one county, town, or district to another between May 1 and July 1, shall be assessed in either in which he is first called upon by the assessor. A person moving into this state from another state between said dates shall list the property owned by him on May 1 of such year in the county, town, or district in which he resides, unless he shall make it appear to the assessor that he is held for tax of the current year on the property in another state.

Sec. 2018. **Where listed in case of doubt.** In case of doubt as to the proper place of listing personal property or where it cannot be listed as in this chapter provided, if between places in the same county, the place for listing and assessing shall be determined by the county board of equalization; and if between different counties, or places in different counties, by the Minnesota Department of Taxation; and when determined in either case shall be as binding as if fixed hereby.

Sec. 2002. Lists to be Verified. Every person required to list property for taxation shall make out and deliver to the assessor, upon blanks furnished by him, a verified statement of all personal property owned by him on May 1 of the current year. He shall also make separate statements in like manner of all personal property in his possession or under his control which by this chapter he is required to list for taxation as agent or attorney, guardian, parent, trustee, executor, administrator, receiver, accounting officer, partner, factor, or in any other capacity, but no person shall be required to include in his statement any share of the capital stock of any company or corporation which it is required to list and return as its capital and property for taxation in this state.

Sec. 2033. **Examination under oath.** Whenever the assessor shall be of the opinion that the person listing property for himself, or for any other person, company, or corporation, has not made a full, fair, and complete list thereof, he may examine such person under oath in regard to the amount of the property he is required to list; and, if such person shall refuse to make full discovery under oath, the assessor may list the property of such person or his principal according to his best judgment and information.

Sec. 2033. **Failure to obtain list.** In case of failure to obtain a statement of personal property, the assessor shall ascertain the amount and value of such property, and assess the same at such amount as he believes to be the true value thereof. When requested, he shall sign and deliver to the person assessed a copy of the statement showing the valuation of the property so listed.

Sec. 1997. **Assessor may enter dwellings, etc.** Any officer authorized by law to assess property for taxation may, when necessary to the proper performance of his duties, enter any dwelling house, building, or structure, and view the same and the property therein.

Sec. 10306. **False statement regarding taxes.** Every person who, in making any statement, oral or written, which is required or authorized by law to be made as a basis of imposing or reducing any tax or assessment, who shall wilfully make any statement as to any material matter which he knows to be false, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Sec. 1993. **Classification of Property.** All real and personal property subject to a general property tax and not subject to any gross earnings or other lieu tax is hereby classified for purposes of taxation as follows:

Class 1. Iron ore whether mined or unmined shall constitute class one (1) and shall be valued and assessed at fifty (50) per cent of its true and full value. If unmined, it shall be assessed with and as a part of the real estate in which it is located, but at the rate aforesaid. The real estate in which iron ore is located other than the ore, shall be classified and assessed in accordance with the provisions of classes three (3), three "b" (3b) and four (4) as the case may be. In assessing any tract or lot of real estate in which iron ore is known to exist the assessable value of the ore exclusive of the land in which it is located, and the assessable value of the land exclusive of the ore shall be determined and set down separately and the aggregate of the two shall be assessed against the tract or lot.

Class 2. All household goods and furniture, including clocks, musical instruments, sewing machines, wearing apparel of members of the family, and all personal property actually used by the owner for personal and domestic purposes, or for the furnishing or equipment of the family residence, shall constitute class two (2) and shall be valued and assessed at twenty-five (25) per cent of the full and true value thereof.

Class 3. Live stock, poultry, all agricultural products, except as provided by class three "a" (3a), stocks of merchandise of all sorts together with the furniture and fixtures used therewith, manufacturers' materials and manufactured articles, all tools, implements and machinery whether fixtures or otherwise, except as provided by class three "a" (3a) and all unplatted real estate, except as provided by classes one (1) and three "b" (3b) hereof, shall constitute class three (3) and shall be valued and assessed at thirty-three and one-third (33⅓) per cent of the true and full value thereof.

Class 3a. All agricultural products in the hands of the producer and not held for sale, all horses, mules and asses used exclusively for agricultural purposes, and all agricultural tools, implements and machinery used by the owner in any agricultural pursuit, shall constitute class three "a" (3a) and shall be valued and assessed at ten (10) per cent of the full and true value thereof.

Class 3b. All unplatted real estate, except as provided by class one (1) hereof and which is used for the purposes of a homestead, shall constitute class three "b" (3b) and shall be valued and assessed at twenty (20) per cent of the true and full value thereof. Provided, if the true and full value is in excess of the sum of $4,000.00, the amount in excess of said sum shall be valued and assessed as provided for by class three (3) hereof. Provided, further, that the first $4,000.00 full and true value of each tract of unplatted real estate used for the purpose of a homestead shall be exempt from taxation for state purposes; except that said first $4,000.00 full and true value shall remain subject to and be taxed for the purpose of raising funds for the discharge of any and all state indebtedness incurred prior to and existing at the time of the passage of this act.

Class 3c. All platted real estate, except as provided by class one (1) hereof and which is used for the purposes of a homestead, shall constitute class 3c and shall be valued and assessed at twenty-five (25) per cent of the true and full value thereof. Provided, if the true and full value is in excess of the sum of $4,000.00, the amount in excess of said sum shall be valued and assessed as provided for by class four (4) hereof. Provided, further, that the first $4,000.00 full and true value of each tract of platted real estate used for the purposes of a homestead shall be exempt from taxation for state purposes; except that said first $4,000.00 full and true value shall remain subject and be taxed for the purpose of raising funds for the discharge of any and all state indebtedness incurred prior to and existing at the time of the passage of this act.

For the purpose of determining salaries of all officials based on assessed valuations and of determining tax limitations and net bonded debt limitations now established by statute or by charter, class 3b and class 3c property shall be figured at 33⅓ per cent and 40 per cent of the true and full value thereof respectively.

Class 4. All property not included in the preceding classes shall constitute class four (4) and shall be valued and assessed at forty (40) per cent of the full and true value thereof.

Section 1986, Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927. The county auditor shall annually provide the necessary assessment books and blanks at the expense of the county, for and to correspond with each assessment district. He shall make out, in the real property assessment book, complete lists of all lands or lots subject to taxation, showing the names of the owners, if to him known, and, if unknown, so stated opposite each tract or lot, the number of acres, and the lots or parts of lots, or blocks included in each description of property. The list of real property becoming subject to assessment and taxation every odd numbered year may be appended to the personal property assessment book. The assessment books and blanks shall be in readiness for delivery to the assessors *on or before the third Monday in APRIL, of each year.*

The assessors shall meet at the office of the county auditor *on a day to be fixed by the Minnesota Department of Taxation* for the purpose of receiving instructions as to their duties under the laws of the state. Each assessor attending such meetings shall receive as compensation for such service the sum of *four* dollars *per day for each day necessarily consumed in attending said meeting* and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going from his home to and returning from the county seat to be computed by the usually traveled route and paid out of the county treasury *upon the warrant of the county auditor.*

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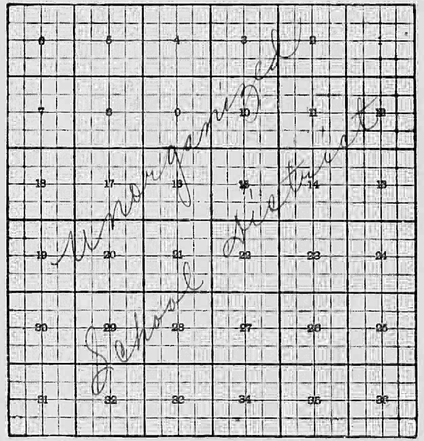
For Convenience of Auditor in Showing Boundaries of School Districts

Township No. 139 *Range No.* 30 *Mer. P. M.*



Assessor's Report on Tree Bounty in the Town of ..... County of ....., Minnesota, 1941.

FORM 1 REPORT TREES

NAMES OF PERSONS CLAIMING COMPENSATION FOR TREES	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF LAND UPON WHICH TREES ARE GROWING	Sec.	Twp.	Range	No. of Acres of Trees	Were Trees Originally Planted? If not, how were they set?	How the Trees have been in the past and the conditions of the soil and climate that may have conditioned their growth	Condition of Trees	REMARKS

I hereby certify this to be a true statement of the extent and condition of Groves and Lines of Trees in said Town and County, as ascertained by examination as provided by Section (2850), of Mason's Minnesota Statutes, 1927.

Assessor.

Dated ..... *1941.*

List of Lands in the ..... of ....., County of ....., Minn., for the Year 19....., Which have Become Homesteads or Ceased to be Homesteads

SINCE THE LAST REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT DATE

Form 234 Miller-Davis Company, Minneapolis. State-Form No. 69

LANDS BECOMING HOMESTEADS

NAME OF OWNER	School District	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SUBDIVISION	Sec. or Lot	Town or Block	Range	Number of Acres of Land: Acres	100ths

LANDS CEASING TO BE HOMESTEADS

NAME OF OWNER	School District	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SUBDIVISION	Sec. or Lot	Town or Block	Range	Number of Acres of Land: Acres	100ths

INCREASE OR DECREASE in Value of Property Heretofore Assessed, by the Erection or Destruction of Buildings or Structures Thereon

Platted Property Assessed at 40 Per Cent of True and Full Value.
(Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent.)

Unplatted Property Assessed at 33⅓ Per Cent of True and Full Value.
(Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 20 Per Cent.)

FORM 3

NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS		DESCRIPTION	Sec. or Lot	Town or Block	Rge.	True and Full Value of Structures worth more than $100 each: Dollars	KIND OF STRUCTURES	Assessed Value of Additional Structures: Dollars	Reduction of Assessed Value on Account of Loss occasioned by Fire, Flood or otherwise: Dollars
Miller Lawrence	Backus	NW of NE ¼ Fire	32			51	Store Building		17
Tapslins Chas	Backus	NW of SE ¼ Fire	4			51	Log Cabin		17
Glen and Noakie Waldron	Backus	3/4 acres NE of Sw laying north of centre of highway 87 East 200 ft of lot 8 of centre of highway 1/2 acres	23 "			100	house	20	—

INCREASE OR DECREASE in Value of Property Heretofore

Platted Property Assessed at 40 Per Cent of True and Full Value.
(Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent.)

FORM 3 (Made per General Order)

NAMES OF PROPERTY OWNERS

POWERS

NAME	DESCRIPTION	SEC.	INDICATE HOMESTEAD	TRUE & FULL VALUATION LAND	BUILDINGS	TOTAL	ASSESSED AVALUE
Charlie Taplin	N½ of SE¼ of NE¼	4	yes	100.			20,00
"	S½ of SE¼ of NE¼	4	yes	100.			20.
"	N½ of NE¼ of SE¼	4	yes	100.			20,00
Dr. Frank E. Faulk	Lot 5 W. of Ry. (35.46 acres)	7	no.	174.			54,00
Wm. Russell	SW¼ of NW¼	9	no	201			67
Aaron Zaffke	SE¼ of NE¼	17	yes	200			40
"	NE¼ of SE¼	17	yes	200			40
"	SE¼ of SE¼	17	yes	200			40
Guy Findlay	SW¼ of NE¼	18	no	201			67
Frank T. Montgomery	Lot 2 (29.95 ac)	34	no	150	42	192	64
							150
							42

To be assessed as of May 1, 1941.

Assessed Value of Additional Structures	Reduction of Assessed Value on Account of Loss occasioned by Fire, Flood or otherwise
Dollars	Dollars

For Real Property becoming subject to Taxation since last previous Assessment or Omitted from Assessment Rolls of previous years.

Assessor's Return of Taxable Real Property in the ..... of ....., County of ....., Minn., for the Year 1941.

Platted Property Assessed at 40 Per Cent of True and Full Value.
(Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent Class 3C.)

Unplatted Property Assessed at 33⅓ Per Cent of True and Full Value.
(Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent Class 3B.)

NAME OF OWNER	School District	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SUBDIVISION	Sec. or Lot	Twp. or Block	Range	Number of Acres of Land: Acres	100ths	Indicate Homestead	ASSESSOR'S VALUATIONS: True and Full Value of Lands Exclusive of Structures and Improvements (Dollars)	Structures & Improvements: True and Full Value of Buildings and Other Structures (Dollars)	True and Full Value of Machinery Permanently Attached to Real Estate (Dollars)	Total True and Full Value of Lands Including all Structures, Improvements and Machinery (Dollars)	Assessed Value of Homesteads up to $4,000 at 25% Class 3C (Dollars)	Assessed Value of Remainder at 33⅓ Per Cent Class 3B and 40 per cent Class 4 (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value of Lands Including all Structures, Improvements and Machinery (Dollars)	EQUALIZED VALUATIONS: Total Assessed Value as Equalized by Board of Review (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value as Equalized by County Board (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value as Equalized by the Department of Taxation (Dollars)
Taplin Charley		N½ of SE¼ of NE¼	4			20		no	100						20			
" "		S½ of SE¼ of NE¼	4			20		yes	100						20			
" "		N½ of NE¼ of SE	4			20		yes	100						20			
Faulk Dr Frank E		Lot 5 w of Ry 35.46 acres.	7			35	46	no	201						67			
Zaffke Aron		SE¼ of NE¼	17			40		yes	200						40			
" "		NE¼ of SE¼	17			40		yes	200						40			
" "		SE¼ of SE¼	17			40		yes	200						40			
Findlay Guy		SW¼ of NE¼	18			40		no	201						67			
Montgomery Frank T		Lot 2	34			29	95	no	150	42		192			64			

For Real Property becoming subject to Taxation since last previous Assessment or Omitted from Assessment Rolls of previous years.

Assessor's Return of Taxable Real Property in the ..... of ....., County of ....., Minn., for the Year 1941.

FORM 314 BLAKE-DAVIS COMPANY, MINNEAPOLIS

Platted Property Assessed at 40 Per Cent of True and Full Value. (Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent Class 3C.)

Unplatted Property Assessed at 33⅓ Per Cent of True and Full Value. (Homesteads up to $4,000 True and Full Value 25 Per Cent Class 3B.)

NAME OF OWNER	School District	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: SUBDIVISION	Sec. or Lot	Twp. or Block	Range	Number of Acres of Land (Acres 100ths)	Indicate Homestead	ASSESSOR'S VALUATIONS: STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS: True and Full Value of Lands Exclusive of Structures and Improvements (Dollars)	True and Full Value of Buildings and Other Structures (Dollars)	True and Full Value of Machinery Permanently Attached to Real Estate (Dollars)	Total True and Full Value of Lands Including all Structures, Improvements and Machinery (Dollars)	Assessed Value of Homesteads on $4,000 at 20% Class 3B 25% Class 3C (Dollars)	Assessed Value of Homesteads at 33⅓ per cent Class 3 40 per cent Class 4 (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value of Lands Including all Structures, Improvements and Machinery (Dollars)	EQUALIZED VALUATIONS: Total Assessed Value as Equalized by Board of Review (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value as Equalized by County Board (Dollars)	Total Assessed Value as Equalized by the Department of Taxation (Dollars)

CLASS 3—Continued

37 Stock, Furniture and Equipment of Hotels, Restaurants, Cafes, Lodging Houses, Boats, Wharves and Pool Rooms, Bowling Alleys and Dance Halls (Assessed Value Dollars)	38 Shares of Stock of Banks and Mortgage Loan Companies (To be assessed in name of Bank or Mortgage Company) (Assessed Value Dollars)	39 All other Property not Included in Class 3 which has not been Assessed in Years Intervening Between 3 or 25 Inclusive (Assessed Value Dollars)	Total Assessed Value Class 3 (Dollars)	Total True and Full Value Class 3 (Dollars)	40 Farm Tools, Implements, Machinery, Grain Separators, Wagons, Sleighs and Harness used by the Owner in Farming (Assessed Value Dollars)	41 Grain, Grass Seed, Flaxseed and Potatoes in the Hands of a Producer, Including Potatoes and Hay in Stack of Producer, not Sold for Sale (Assessed Value Dollars)	42 Threshing Machines, Combines and other Power Equipment used in the Owner's Business in Carrying on his Farm, Including Motor Trucks, not in excess of Legend (Assessed Value Dollars)	43 Tractors, Portable Engines and Systems Used by Owners in Carrying on Agricultural Pursuit (Assessed Value Dollars)
			501	1503	46		60	80
			221	663				
			2025	6075				
			2600	7800				
			475	1425	80			60
			475	1425				
			587	1761	30			50
			3465	10395				
			10349	31047	95		60	130
37	38	39			40	41	42	43

CLASS 3-A—Assessed at 10% of True and Full Value

44—Horses, Mules and Asses Used Exclusively for Agricultural Purposes

A Under One Year (No.)	A (Value Dollars)	B One Year Old and Under Three Years (No.)	B (Value Dollars)	C Three Years Old and Under Ten Years (No.)	C (Value Dollars)	D Ten Years Old and Under Sixteen Years (No.)	D (Value Dollars)	E Sixteen Years Old and Over (No.)	E (Value Dollars)	Total Assessed Value Class 3-A (Dollars)	Total True and Full Value Class 3-A (Dollars)
1	8	1	5	2	8	5	40			181	1810
						2	20			100	1000
		2	5	3	30					116	1160
1	3	3	11	5	38	7	60			397	3970
A		B		C	44	D		E			

CLASS 4—Assessed at 40% of True and Full Value

45 Public Elevators, Public Warehouses on Railway Lands (Assessed Value Dollars)	46 Structures on Lands Owned U. S. Lease and Lands Leased From State for term of less than three years (Assessed Value Dollars)	47 Steam and Motor Boats, Sailing Vessels, Barges and all other Water Craft (Assessed Value Dollars)	48 Street Railway Cars (Assessed Value Dollars)	49 Bulk, Poles, Posts, Ties, Switch, Mains and Pipes of Street Railway, Light, Heat, Power, Telephone and Gas Companies (Assessed Value Dollars)	50 Billboards and Advertising Devices (Assessed Value Dollars)	51 All Other Taxable Personal Property not Included in the Foregoing Items (Assessed Value Dollars)	Total Assessed Value Class 4 (Dollars)	Total True and Full Value Class 4 (Dollars)	
2000							2000	5000	4
									5
									6
									7
									8
2000							2000	5000	
46	46	47	48	49	50	51			

ASSESSORS TAKE NOTICE: In Writing up your Personal Property Assessment, You will please follow form as indicated on this Sample Sheet

County of ....., State of Minnesota, for the Year 1941.