

# NORIN LANDING

10599 Kadler Avenue NE, Otsego, MN

TOWNSHIP OF OTSEGO

est. 1858

**Elaine Melin Norin (1917-2003), an eminent Otsego historian and prolific writer, lived in her grandparents' home, which still stands at 10235 Kadler Ave NE. Albert and Justina Melin, who came from Sweden, purchased the land in 1898 from The Netherlands American Land Company for \$10 per acre.** Elaine's parents, G. Robert and Greba Jo Melin, became owners in 1958; then Elaine took ownership in 1963. It later received the Century Farm designation as it had been owned (and farmed) by the Melins for 100 years.

Elaine was an original member of Otsego Vision, a historical committee that led to the formation of the Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission in 1994. She researched, authored, or helped author numerous publications about Otsego history, culture, and families. Elaine's books are still in print and available through the Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission. We remain very grateful to her for all her work documenting and celebrating Otsego history.

After Elaine died in 2003, her surviving family sold her property for development to be known as Norin Landing. The farm was subdivided into 18 lots, including the lot on which the original house stands. The subdivision preserves approximately 33 acres of permanent open space, including 20 acres along the Mississippi River shoreline, while clustering the lots into a neighborhood setting. The City acquired 3 acres as part of the subdivision of the property to the west of Kadler Avenue. This park land has been improved to provide community access to the Mississippi River at a location described by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a world-class bass fishing area.

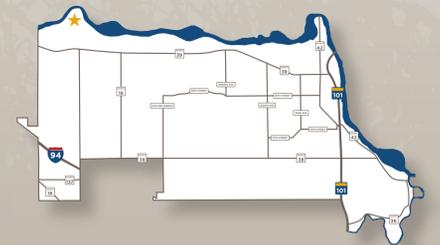
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**Melin Home (left to right): Albert Melin, Justina Melin, Florence Melin, Ellen Melin, Mrs Robert Melin, Mrs Natha Baker. Front Row Anne Melin, Mabel Melin, Stella Baker Karen or Carrie Melin; 1910**  
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



**Lester Baker in Melin barn door with Bob Melin; Anne Melin with chickens; 1910**  
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**In the Beginning and The Family Farm Years**  
Credit: Otsego Heritage Preservation Commission



**Elaine Norin, 1985**  
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