



Sawmills lined the Mississippi River in Minneapolis when Mattie McIntosh was growing up in the 1880s.

Americans in our state. If you want to learn what they did, read the story “Meet William Grey and John Hickman” on page 22.

The McIntosh (*MAC-in-tosh*) family lived and worked near the Mississippi River in Minneapolis more than 100 years ago. Their second-youngest daughter was named **Mattie McIntosh**. Her mother worked at Fort Snelling. Mrs. McIntosh rode a **horse trolley** to get to work at the fort. Mattie’s father

worked in a sawmill near their house in Minneapolis. In fact, Mr. McIntosh could walk to work. To find out more about Mattie’s life and what she studied at school, read “Meet Mattie McIntosh” on page 32.

Nellie Stone Johnson grew up on a farm in central Minnesota in the early 1900s. One of her favorite things to do as a kid was to ride her horse. She rode her horse to deliver newspapers to the farmers. Her family also owned one of the earliest cars—a Model T Ford. When she grew up, Nellie helped make new laws to help Minnesotans, especially African Americans and women. If you want to know what kinds of laws she worked on, read the story “Meet Nellie Stone Johnson” on page 42.

James Griffin grew up in St. Paul, the capital city of Minnesota. His father worked on the railroad and traveled all



Nellie Stone Johnson, upper right, was the oldest child in her family. She was about 10 years old when this photo was taken.