

Lakewood History

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In 1886, a pioneer named John Blacken came to Seattle by train from Michigan.



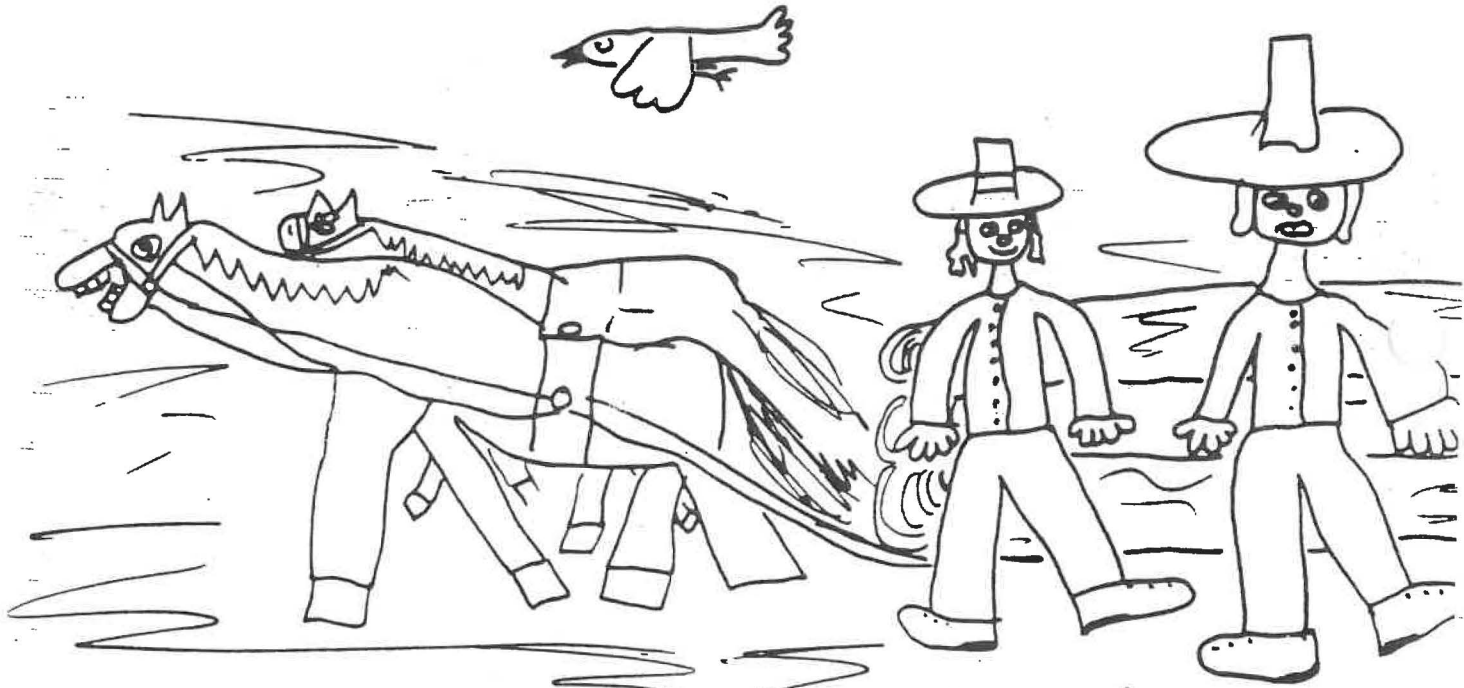
John Blacken continued his trip by steamboat from Seattle to Stanwood.



Indians took the pioneer by canoe from Stanwood to Norman.



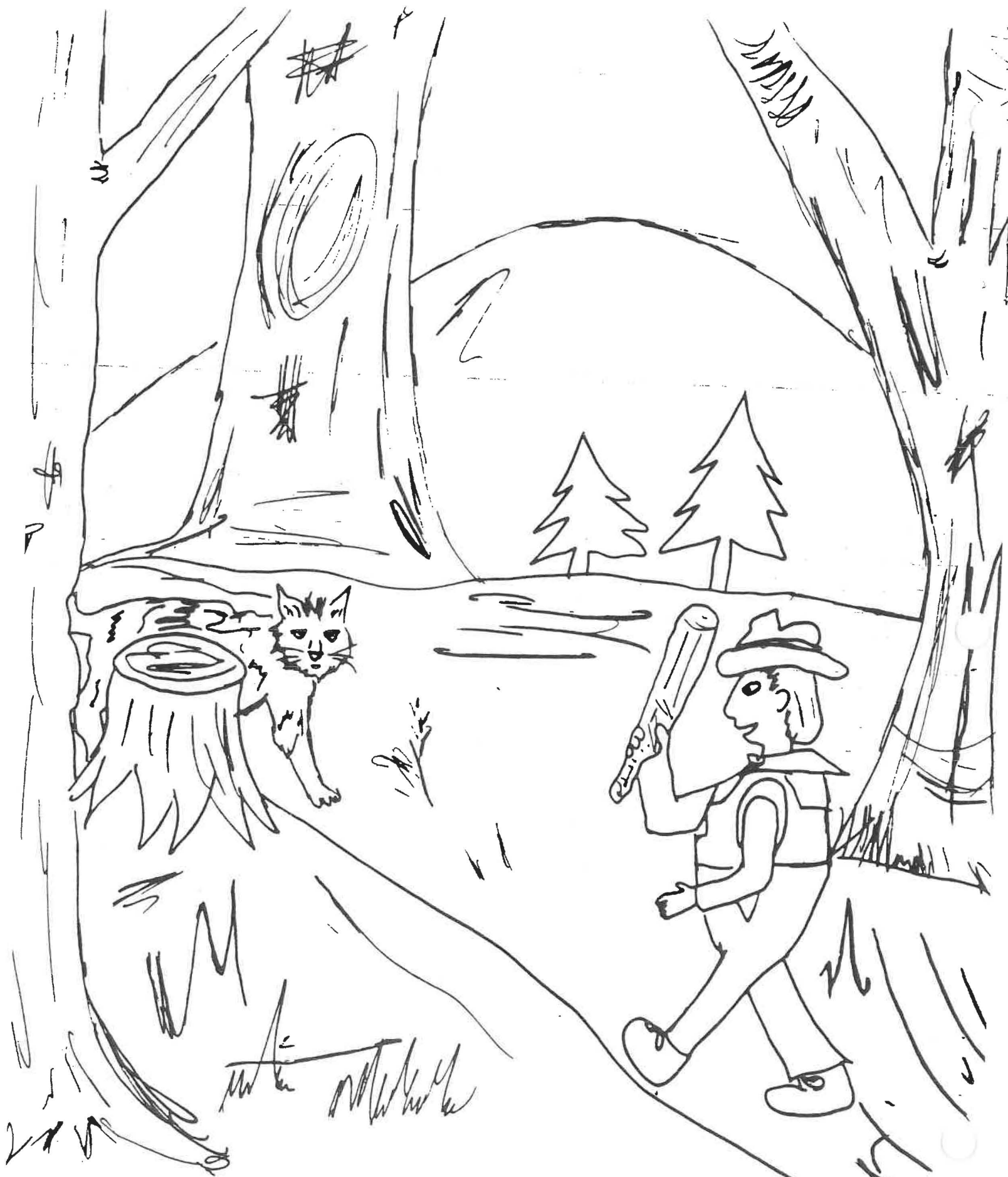
Having no other means of transportation, John Blacken walked from Norman to Lakewood.



Mr. Blacken got a job at a logging company. He saved his money and sent for his family.



English Logging Company brought the logs from the woods using a team of oxen.



Every day John Blacken walked to work carrying a large club to ward off cougars or bears, which were plentiful in the area then.



Down the slopes from Lake Kl, John Blacken chose 160 acres of heavily wooded land through which a creek flowed.



In John's spare time he began falling trees and building a small log cabin for his family.



In 1887, Oluf Halseth arrived from Iowa with his family and chose his homestead near to John Blacken's.



The following year Theodore Eken came to this heavily wooded area to stake his claim for land.



In 1891, the Great Northern Railroad put a depot at English. (The name English comes from a logging camp located in the area).



In 1892, the Rose family came to Lakewood. The family was quite musical and played at many dances both in Lakewood and Silvana.



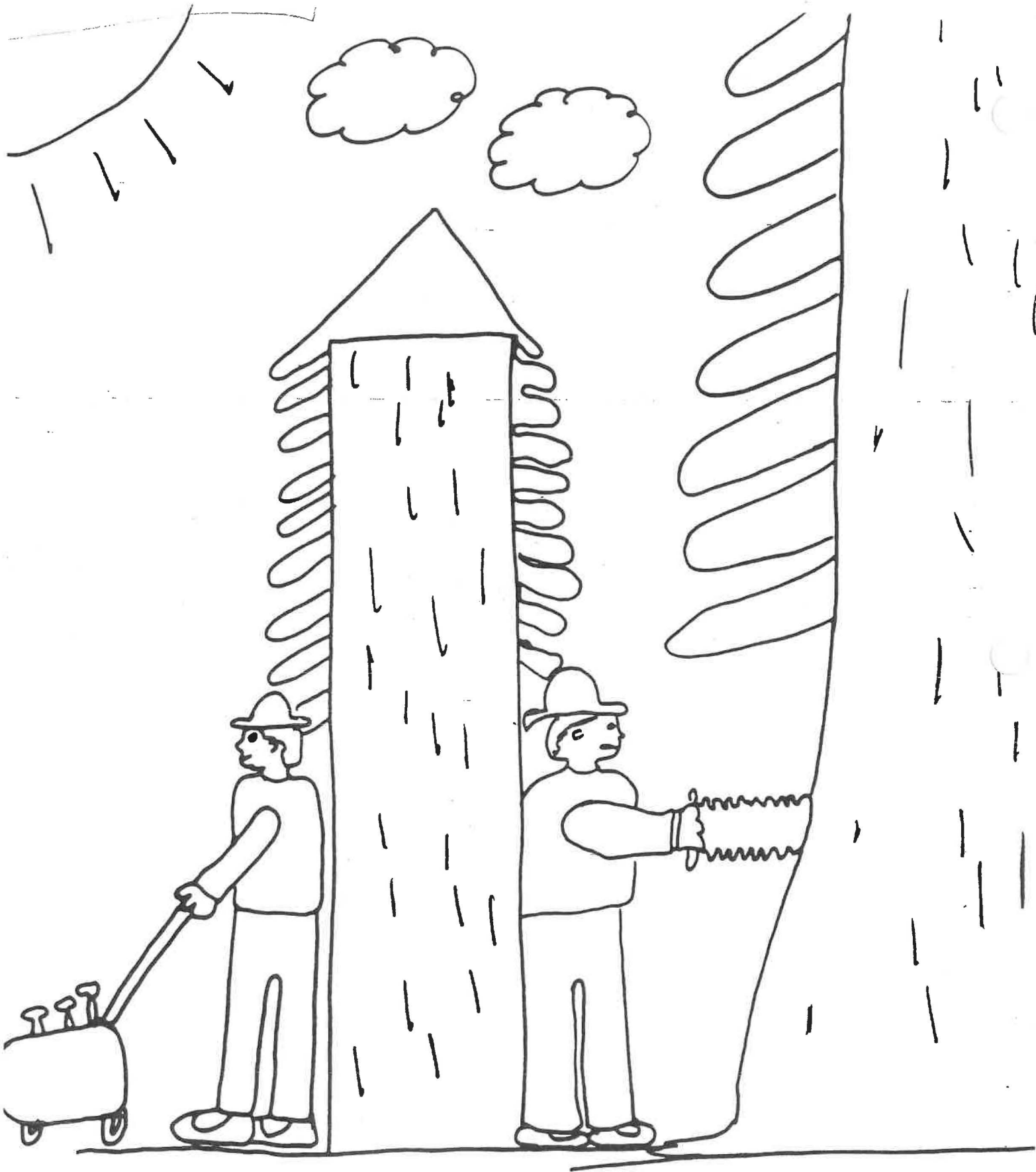
By 1893 more families came to the Lakewood area. They chose land and began cutting and clearing the huge timbers.



Mrs. Florence Husby began the first school in her home.
Her monthly pay was \$35.00.



Lakewood grocery and hardware store was built around 1900.



The English Logging Company cut down huge cedar trees to make shingle bolts and sold them to the pioneers.



John Blacken opened one of the first business in Lakewood, a mercantile store.



Alta Misner Jackson was the first Postmistress of Lakewood. Once each day she would stand on a short ladder awaiting the passages of the mail train.



Blacken's Merchantile store sold everything a pioneer family needed.



Many businesses followed: a meat cutting shop, a candy store, a hotel, a hardware store, and a millinery shop.



In 1906, Rasmus Jensen opened a blacksmith shop next to the Lakewood grocery.



Many houses were being built around the newly established town of Lakewood.



In 1907, the Bethany Lutheran Free Church was built on property donated by Nels Jacobsen.



In 1908, the area was officially named Lakewood thanks to the efforts of Mr. Walsh and Mr. Buell.



The first school bus was just a truck with tarps hung over the sides for protection from the weather.



In March of 1914, a new school building was opened. This school housed students from Kindergarten through ninth grade.



In 1916, a snowstorm hit the area dropping fifty-one inches of snow in one day.



On July 7, 1927, two burglars with dynamite in hand, broke into Blacken Brothers store and blew it up.



Mrs. Alfred Husby, living 200 feet away from the fire, stated that the explosion nearly threw her out of bed.



George Aken was the first person to ride a pony to Silvana, according to his wife.

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