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### Farm in Family Since 1635 Now In Its Twilight

Rowley, Mass, Jan 21 – Chuckling philosophically at the evil days on which he has fallen, John Dowling Bradstreet this morning helped kill the last pig on his farm, which has been \_\_\_ by nine generations of the same family ever since 1635, when Humphrey Bradstreet received it as a grant. As the sow expired and was hung up in the barn to be dressed, it left three cats and twenty barred Plymouth Rocks as the only remaining livestock on the farm, which Mark Sullivan, after some research, now thinks must be “the authentic oldest American farm in continuous ownership of the same family.”

Cobwebs stretched between the stanchions in the barn, built before 1776, for when milk dropped to three cents a quart a few years ago Mr. Bradstreet sold his cows. Dust had gathered in the grooves worn in the stable floor by many teams of Bradstreet horses. Mr. Bradstreet’s only crop now is hay, which he sells to neighbors who in turn, rent horses to him when mowing time comes around.

In the dining room of the present century-old Bradstreet house the farmer’s wife was busy keeping a wood fire roaring in the iron stove, on which she was heating a clothes boiler full of water to help remove the bristles from the pig’s back. An affable soul of fifty-four, she was married to Mr. Bradstreet in 1934 (faded). She was formerly Miss Helen F. Smith, born in Rowley and a descendent of the Sticneys who settled this little North Shore community in 1634.

The couple have no children and Mr. Bradstreet doesn’t know who will take over the farm when he is gone. Even should he become the father of a boy, however, he would urge the youngster to leave the farm and get a job in a shoe factory, where they.....(remainder of article cut off)