

## Leaving their mark

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### **Devines' imprint on the land remains.**

Morris and Cora (Gray) Devine have left footprints upon the rolling prairie on which they've lived and worked.

As a result, the farm—seven miles north of Gothenburg and nestled at the foot of the Sandhills near Custer County—was aptly named “Foothill Farm.”

The Devine family was recently honored as a Dawson County Pioneer Farm Family for having farm ground in the same family for more than 100 years.

The land has been in the family since 1889 when John and Tina Siemmering, who immigrated from Germany, set up a homestead on 320 acres. Cora, who is a granddaughter, still has a trunk from the old country filled with German papers.

“The only thing my grandparents told me about when they bought the farm was that it was originally railroad land,” she said.

Cora lived with her grandparents for a year when she was 5 after her father died from a kidney ailment. Her mother Grace stayed on the farm in Custer County until it was sold. The two then moved into Gothenburg where Grace cleaned houses and worked at Beath's Hotel on Lake Avenue.

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~~Mr and Mrs Elizabeth Barrett, 100 years old, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on 10th August 1960 in the Methodist Church, Woking. Elizabeth is 100 years old and Mr Barrett is 98 years old. They have four children and 12 grandchildren. Elizabeth is a member of the Woking Methodist Church and Mr Barrett is a member of the Woking Golf Club. They are both active and enjoy their lives. Elizabeth is a member of the Woking Methodist Church and Mr Barrett is a member of the Woking Golf Club. They are both active and enjoy their lives.~~