This map shows Tilton, Iowa in the 1920's as I remember it as a child. The map was drawn on August 4, 2007. I was born June 1915 on a farm one mile west of Tilton, Iowa.

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A North Western Railroad Station. Tracks go north through Deep River and South to What Cheer. Mr. Kruse (not sure of the spelling) ran the train station and his wife ran the general store and post office (Building F)

B Residence home. This was the Railroad Maintenance House. Mr. Hornback lived here. He had a hand powered maintenance rail cart he would use to inspect the railroad.

C Stock holding pens for cattle and sheep for loading onto the train.

D Methodist Episcopal Church. The grass parking lot was on the East side of the church. There was nothing on the West side of the church. In the late 1890's both of my grandfathers were trustees of this church. As I recall the minister of this church had three churches he was in charge of, and lived in Thorburg. As a child my parents and I attended this church.

E Vacant building. I believe this was at one time the hardware store owned by my grandfather, Edward Wainwright.

F General store and Post Office. The general store was in the rear of the building and the post office was in the front. This was run by Mrs. Kruse (not sure of the spelling) who was the wife of the train station manager. As I recall Mrs. Kruse was also the superintendent of the church Sunday school.

G Another general store. As I recall this store was not open all the years I went to school at Tilton.

H Telephone Exchange and a residence. The telephone exchange was located in the front room of this residence. It was about the size of a small desk. My father, Fred Wainwright, was responsible for maintaining it.

I Residence home

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K Residence home. The rural mail carrier named Melvin Dicks lived here. I recall that many times after Melvin delivered the mail in the morning, he would work for my father all afternoon on the Wainwright farm.

L Residence home. I believe Mr. Butcher (not sure of spelling) lived here.

M Residence home

N Residence home. This is a farm house and land owned by Ed Flint. His land was North and East of his home. Ed had several smaller building just north of his farm home.

O Residence home

P One room county school house. The school was used to teach kindergarten through eighth grade. I attended this school kindergarten through my seventh grade and then transferred to rural school #8. This would have been from 1921 – 1928. The school house had desks for about 20 students total for all grades. There was a coal burning heater with a coal bin outside. Two outhouses were located up the hill just north of the school house.

Q Residence home

R Residence home

S Dirt road. In the 1920’s this road went north about five miles to a group of about four houses known as Dresden. Today this is state highway 21 going north passing about a mile from Deep River and South through What Cheer.

T Dirt road. This is the county line. Poweshiek County on the North and Keokuk County on the South. The road went West to Gibson and Barns City, and East to nowhere.

U Weed patch

X Fences