In the late 19th century, a youthful Charlie Olson made his way from Norway across the US to settle in Stanwood.

In 1893 he purchased a 40-acre farm where he lived his entire adult life and raised his children. The house, barn and shed that Charlie built all still stand today.

The family remodeled and improved the original barn that Charlie built in the 1890s. The barn is used as the FFA school barn for market lamb projects. A large vegetable garden is tended by students in the summer months.

Through the years on the farm, the generations of Olsons have raised dairy cows, beef cattle, chickens, sheep and horses. They have also had a prune orchard and grown Christmas trees.