Oscar and Ida Krause migrated with their children from WI to WA in the early 1900s. Ida was a school teacher. When Oscar died of appendicitis in 1906, Ida bought the farm.

Originally the farm was a dairy farm with Holsteins and Gurnsey cows. Family members remember them keeping a bull in the barn, the milk stand, and how they would skim off the fat and sell the milk to Dairygold. Five of the sixty acres were devoted to growing vegetables, primarily asparagus. Their asparagus was the first in the area and they took the train to town in order to sell it.

The lumber on the land was milled with a portable lumber mill and was used to build the barn and a small cabin by the railroad track. The residence came later, in 1910, after an easement was sold to the railroad so that they could afford to build the house. It was built from scratch, with Stanley’s name etched in one of the glass windowpanes.

In 1945 Ida passed away, leaving the farm to Stanley, who with his wife Alice and their three children would milk cows every morning and every evening. They would pair up to go milk the cows because a cougar would regularly come onto the farm to eat the rabbits and track the girls on their walk to the cows.

The farm began to shift from being a dairy farm to growing silage corn for cattle. Every day Stanley would drive a truck into Everett and pick up Hispanic workers from an employment place to hull the corn.

In 1967 Stanley passed away and Molly bought out her sisters’ shares and took ownership of the farm with her husband James Fenton.

In 1975, the river flooded so bad that the whole house fell into a sinkhole and tipped over sideways. It was pulled out of the sinkhole and moved farther away from the river to its present day location.

Jim passed away in 2012 and Molly in 2013. Beth Krause bought the land in 2013 from Molly’s estate, with the help of her parents Ben and Carol Krause. In 2015 Beth took sole ownership of the farm and named it “O. E. Krause Farms.”