

*Copatch, Gerald*

**RYAN COPATCH'S FAMILY STORIES**

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I interviewed my father, Gerald Copatch about my great-grandfather Gordon Copatch, who is dead. He was born in the town of Petrograd, in Russia. Then when he turned 18 he came to America on a boat all alone. He joined the army to gain a citizenship in America. He fought in world war 1.

When my great-grandfather came to America he bought a farm that was about 300 acres large. He passed it on to my grandfather and my uncle and father helped work on it when they were growing up. My grandfather sold a little of it, but most of it is still there. My uncle Glen built a house up there, and still dose a little work on it. My grandfather still helps a little on the farm too. My great-grandfather joined the army so he could gain a citizenship in our country of America. He fought in World War 1. But he did not get killed, he lived and was o.k. But the farm has been in the family for over 88 years, because he bought it around 1906 and we still have that same farm. So that is something that is still in our family and I hope it will still be when I get older. My dad, when he was younger, helped all the time on the farm, and so did my uncle Glen, and my grandfather. They would go up on snowmobiles during the winter, because they had a few of them, and they would stay up there for a while every winter. They would stay up there for christmas and breaks during the year. They owned a house in the city, but they also owned a cabin up in the hills by the farm, and that's where they stayed. There was a creek that ran through the farm and that's where my father, and uncle Glen, and my grandfather would go and swim during the summer. I have never been back there but I hope that some day that I will be able to go back there and see where my father grew up.