

EUREKA

Term: Eureka, Winnebago Co.

Definition:

A community in Winnebago Co. at latitude 440016N and longitude 0885030W

Description from John W. Hunt's 1853 Wisconsin Gazetteer: "EUREKA, P. V., in Winnebago county, on section 28, town 18 N., range 14 E., in town of Rushford, 16 miles west from Oshkosh, and 70 miles northeast from Madison. It is beautifully situated on the southern shore of Fox river, surrounded by a rich farming country, and possesses plenty of limestone, sand, clay and timber, for building purposes. The settlement was first commenced in 1850. Population 70, with 14 dwellings, 2 stores, 1 hotel, 1 mill, and various mechanical shops."

[Source: U.S. Geographic Names Information Server]

The site of the true story of the Eunson family as depicted in the movie *All Mine to Give* is denoted by an historical marker at the site of the family's cabin.

All Mine to Give

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

All Mine to Give (British title: *The Day They Gave Babies Away*) is a 1957 Technicolor melodrama film starring Glynis Johns, Cameron Mitchell, and Rex Thompson. When first one parent, then the other dies, six children have to

look after themselves in the American west of the mid-19th century.

This story is based on a true-life story set in Wisconsin, based on an article *The Day They Gave Babies Away* by Dale Eunson and Katherine (Albert) Eunson, which first appeared in the December 1946 issue of *Cosmopolitan Magazine*.

A year later, the story would be published as a book with the same title. Original US TV version *The Day They Gave Babies Away*, starring Brandon deWilde, aired on the CBS anthology show *Climax!* on December 22, 1955.

Eunson and his wife Katherine also went on to write the screenplay for the movie adaptation. The exteriors of the film were filmed in Big Bear, California, Idyllwild, California and Mt. Hood, Oregon.

Robert and Mamie Eunson (Cameron Mitchell and Glynis Johns) are Scots who have just landed in America (the year is 1856), having been invited there by Mamie's uncle. They arrive in the tiny logging village of Eureka, only to be informed that both uncle and his cabin have been incinerated in a house fire. The Eunsons are assisted by the friendly locals in reconstructing the house and Robert takes to tipping timber.

Mamie is heavily pregnant upon their reaching Eureka; she delivers baby Robbie (Rex Thompson) soon after the cabin is completed. Robert eventually starts a successful boat building business and Mamie gives birth to five more children: Jimmy (Stephen Wootton), Kirk (Butch Bernard), Annabelle (Patty McCormack), Elizabeth (Yolanda White), and Jane (Terry Ann Ross). The Eunsons are prospering and happy—until little Kirk is diagnosed with diphtheria.

Mamie and Kirk are quarantined while Robert takes the other children away. The boy recovers, but the goodbye kiss he gave Dadda before his departure

proves fatal, and Mr. Eunson succumbs. Mamie takes to working as a seamstress and Robbie becomes the man of the house. Things stabilize, but only briefly: tired and work-worn, Mamie contracts typhoid. Knowing she will not survive, she charges her eldest with finding good homes for his siblings. After her death, Robbie places his brothers and sisters with kindly townsfolk as Christmas approaches. Stoic and resigned during the process, he does break down when he is alone and sees the tree outside the homestead where his father had carved the names of the children into the bark. Baby Jane is the last to be handed over—Robbie stands at the door of a house and asks the woman who answers, "Please, ma'am, I was wondering if you'd care to have my sister."

Cast:

- [Glynis Johns](#) as Mamie
- [Cameron Mitchell](#) as Robert
- Rex Thompson as Robbie
- [Patty McCormack](#) as Annabelle
- [Ernest Truex](#) as Doctor Delbert
- [Hope Emerson](#) as Mrs. Pugmire
- [Alan Hale, Jr.](#) as Tom Cullen (as Alan Hale)
- [Sylvia Field](#) as Lelia Delbert
- [Royal Dano](#) as Howard Tyler
- [Reta Shaw](#) as Mrs. Runyon
- Stephen Wootton as Jimmy
- Butch Bernard as Kirk
- Yolanda White as Elizabeth
- [Rita Johnson](#) as Katie Tyler
- [Ellen Corby](#) as Mrs. Raiden
- [Rosalyn Boulter](#) as Mrs. Stephens
- [Francis De Sales](#) as Mr. Stephens
- [Jon Provost](#) as Robbie Eunson - age 6

Directed by Alan Reiser

Produced by

Sam Wiesenthal

Music by

[Max Steiner](#)

Cinematography

[William V. Skall](#)

Editing by

Bettie Mosher

Studio

[RKO Radio Pictures](#)

Distributed by

[Universal Pictures](#)

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