

Walter and Binder  
Cutting Wheat



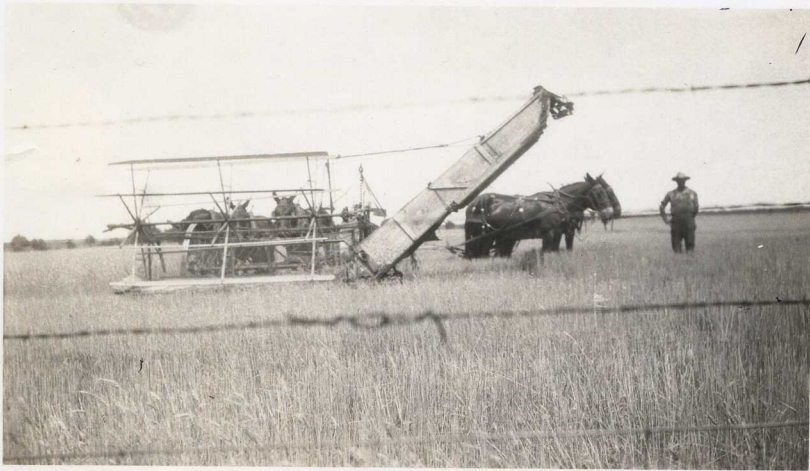
Irene's handwriting

I really don't  
know what year  
but it was while  
he was harvesting  
wheat with a header.  
It was taken + put  
in a wheat stack  
and thrashed later  
on. No Combines  
in Walter's  
day—



Binding Wheat





Walter C Hebbe

Header  
Cuts wheat stalks  
then wheat is  
thrashed - head  
removed from stalk.  
The stalk is used  
for cattle feed; the  
head is taken to mill  
to grind into flour

In the days of William Christopher and Walter Hebbe one walked behind mules pulling the plows, combines or whatever implement the farmer was using. Corn and cotton had to be planted in rows so the farmer had to use a planter which dropped the seeds in neat rows. Another way of planting was by broadcasting or taking a handful of seed and tossing it outward. The plants would grow at random where the seeds fell. One planted alfalfa by strapping a device to one's shoulder and turning a handle which released the alfalfa seeds as one walked through the fields. In 1908 wheat was not a crop that was planted in the Dover area. It was mostly corn, cotton and alfalfa then.



Thrasher

