Farming the Cutover: A Social History of Northern Wisconsin, 1900-1940

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Farming the Cutover: A Social History of Northern Wisconsin, 1900-1940. Robert Gough. Choice Outstanding Title. Book Award of Merit from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. This is a readable story of the hopes and failures of people who envisioned transforming this cutover into a land of yeoman farmers. The book is a social history of the cutover area, reflecting the planter and the farmer. That era ended in the mid-1820s, when northern Wisconsin was referred to as the northern frontier. The study explores the history of northern Wisconsin, an area cleared by enthusiastic promoters and optimistic settlers. The book is a valuable resource for historians and students of Wisconsin history.