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Grandma's 1890 pump organ

What I did on my COVID-19 Vacation 8th grade assignment, by Duane Nicholson

My Grandmother played this Organ at the Misson chapel in Racine Wisconsin. I remember hearing her play, at Sunday school and at her home at my requests. At her passing, when I was 8 or 9 years old, she gave me this organ. I heard my uncle say, he would like to see the organ after I restored it. I was 15 years old.

Well, at the age of 63 in January of 2019, I started the work on the cabinet and finished by memorial weekend. Then January of 2020 I began on the organ chest and completed it by May through the mentor of our own Mark Kranz who steered me through some critical points. Thank you Mark!

Later that summer, some of my family visited my home in Sullivan, to view this organ and played it. Through modern telephone technology my uncle at the age of 94 got to see his daughter play the Organ just months before his passing. It was a labor of love for sure. Go to page 5 for more pictures.



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