



Daniel Garmen family. (Left to right)—Matt, Kate, Ellen, Jack, Minnette, Lena, Margaret, Anne.

Dewey Garrett Family

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Garrett were long-time residents of Elma. Dewey was a barber in his early years and worked many years for Hart Oil Co.

Dewey Garrett was born February 25, 1888. On May 7, 1914, he married Ida Huber at North Washington. They were the parents of three children: Mrs. Louis Foss, Mrs. F. E. Stark, and Dean Garrett.

Dewey died December 20, 1974. Ida died September 14, 1977.



Ida and Dewey Garrett.

Walter Gebel

Walter Gebel and Emma (Novy) Gebel moved into Elma in 1974 after retiring from farming. Walter was also an insurance salesman. He passed away in 1982. They were the parents of three children: twins, Kenneth of Elma and Cletus of Byron, Minnesota; and Ronald of Alta Vista. They have eight grandchildren.



Emma and Walter Gebel and Cletus, Ronald, and Kenneth Gebel.

Kenneth Gebel Family

Kenneth Gebel is the son of Walter and Emma Gebel of Elma. He attended the I. C. School from which he graduated in 1954. He was in the U.S. Army for two years and then farmed until 1974. He began working for the Howard County Equity in 1967, where he currently works driving truck.

Mary Ann Gebel is the daughter of Adolph, Sr., and Loretta Ludwig of the Lourdes area. She attended Elma High School and graduated in 1959. She worked at the Howard Co. Equity from 1959 to 1967. She began working for the Elma Reminder in 1980 and for the Colonial Manor in 1985.

Kenneth and Mary Ann were married on June 23, 1962, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. They lived in the St. Cecelia area for five years and then moved northeast of Elma and became members of the I. C. Church in Elma. They moved into Elma in 1974. They have two children: Ann and Daniel.

Charles Glasier

Charles Glasier of Elma was killed on March 28, 1910, at 59 years of age, on North Main Street in front of the old bank. He was trying to stop a run-away team of horses owned by Henry Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Glasier lived northwest of Elma on the farm now owned by the John McAvoy family. They were the grandparents of Leo Kolbet, Lois McAvoy and Linus Kolbet of Elma. Glasier was later spelled Glaser.



Charles Glasier

Philip Gross

Philip Gross, the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Clos-Gross, was born September 12, 1851, and died in Elma on March 25, 1928. He was married to Mary Bernatz in 1883, and in October, 1888, they came to Elma. They had three children: Alvin, Verona, and Orville.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gross with Verona, Alvin, and Orville in about 1900.

Walter Groth Family

Walter farmed near Elma since 1941. Prior to that, he lived in Saratoga and was a mail carrier from Saratoga to Cresco. Walter was also a carpenter. They are the parents of David, Karen, Lavonne, and Carol. He is married to Ida Frahm.

Earl Haeflinger Family

Earl and Lorna (Leitz) Haeflinger moved to Elma in 1978 after retiring from farming near Alta Vista. They are the parents of seven children: Roger, JoAnn, Jim, John, Earl, Jr., Rick, and Lorna Ann.

Lorna Haeflinger's roots in Elma began with her parents, Gust and Elsie Leitz. Gust was a Section Foreman for 27 years in Elma. Elsie Leitz was the daughter of Mrs. Ernestine Ladwig.

Phillip D. Halpin Family

Johanna Daly was born November 8, 1870, the daughter of Dan and Margaret Daly of St. Cecelia. On May 6, 1890, she married Phil Halpin. They lived at New Haven before coming to Elma. They were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom survived at the time of her death: Mrs. Pat (Blanche) McGrane, Mrs. Harry (Jennie) Johnson, Mrs. Harry (Cleo) O'Day, Max Halpin, Dan Halpin, Mrs. Milton (Felicia) Baldwin, and Verne Halpin.

Johanna Halpin died August 2, 1958.

Jennie Halpin married Harry Johnson. They had one son, Jess Johnson. Dan Halpin married Marie Bigley and they had three daughters, Jean, Gayle and Kay.



(Back row)—Dan Halpin and Max Halpin. (Middle row)—Mrs. Milton (Felicia) Baldwin; Verne Halpin; Mrs. Pat (Blanche) McGrane; Mrs. Harry (Jennie) Johnson, Mrs. Harry (Cleo) O'Day. (Seated)—Mrs. Phil (Johanna) Halpin.

A. J. "Butch" Hart

Arthur "Butch" Hart was born at Saratoga, the son of George and Emilie Hart, on April 24, 1889. George Hart was the son of Russell Hart. Russell was the only one of 7 or 8 brothers to come to the U.S. He lost contact with his brothers and was never to see them again.

Butch spent his boyhood in the Saratoga area. His father died when he was eleven years old. He worked for farmers in the area and with the threshing crews in Minnesota and the Dakotas. He homesteaded and

played professional baseball in Montana. After proving his claim, he returned to Iowa. He worked for awhile as a motorman on a street car in Waterloo before starting a wholesale hay and ice delivery service in Elma. In 1918 he joined the Navy. After his discharge he returned to Elma and married Jennie Bigley on May 26, 1919.

Butch built two oil stations in Elma and also operated oil stations in other communities including Alta Vista, Chester, McIntire, Riceville. He also sold cars starting with Ford and Plymouth and Dodge in the 1930's and Chevrolet starting in 1949.

Butch started feeding cattle back in 1935. This started when he accepted cattle in lieu of money for payment of bills owed him. He fed cattle at several different locations. One of these was at Busti when the town was still a square block. Peck Schwake and Herb House lived in a house there and fed cattle. The last site was the Dale Hart farm on the west edge of Elma. This was destroyed in the tornado of 1968.

Butch and Jennie had two sons, Dale and Lyle. A. J. died May 10, 1968. Jennie still lives in Elma.



Jennie and A. J. "Butch" Hart.

Dale Hart

On June 26, 1941, Dale Hart and Evelyn Schroeder were married at the Elma Methodist Church. Rev. Bernard Olson officiated, with Lyle Hart and Leah Borg Friedman as the attendants. Lois Reinhart Mason was soloist and Miriam Artman Womack, pianist.

Dale was the oldest son of Arthur and Jennie Hart. He has lived in Elma all his life except for three years when the Harts lived in Alta Vista. He attended Elma Public School graduating in 1938. Dale earned his spending money during grade school raising and selling popcorn on Saturday nights downtown. He worked with his father feeding cattle and also in his service station. Dale worked for Guy Fuller's Grocery and for Hi Erion at Elma Oil Co. He later attended Upper Iowa University.

Evelyn was a farm girl, the oldest child of Homer and Myrtle Schroeder. She was born and lived her first 20 years at their "Wapsie Stock Farm," which was located six miles west and one mile south of Elma. She attended grade school at Afton 10 and high school at Elma Public. After graduation in 1939, she worked for N. A. Parker in his insurance and land office.

Soon after their marriage, Dale and Evelyn moved to Cresco, where Dale operated a gas and tire business—Hart Oil Co.—on Highway 9. In 1944 they

moved back to Elma. Dale worked with his father in Hart Oil Co. until 1949 when they took a Chevrolet franchise and started Hart Chevrolet Co. In 1951 the present building was built and Dale became manager. When A. J. Hart retired, Dale assumed ownership and Evelyn was bookkeeper.

Dale, Evelyn and family lived on a farm on the west edge of Elma until it was destroyed in the tornado of 1968. They moved to their present home at 102 Plum in 1969. Their family consists of five children and five grandchildren. Judy Dale was born in 1943. She is married to Steven Galchutt and lives in Hopkins, Minnesota. Joyce Ann, a nurse's aide in Mason City, was born in 1945. In 1947 the twins, James and Joseph, were born. Jim is married to Rebecca Waters and they have two children, Andrew and Allyne. Their home is in Springfield, Illinois. Joe married Cheryl Tiedt. Their children are Bryan, Brandon and Brett. They reside near Alta Vista. Jerry, now a Texan, was born in 1956.

Dale and Evelyn have both been active in community affairs through the years. They have been officers in the Methodist Church, scouting, the school, town of Elma and civic affairs through the Republican party.

The Harts retired in 1984 after 35 years with Chevrolet. In their retirement, they are enjoying traveling during the winter months.



(Back row)—Jerry, James, Judy Galchutt & Steve, Dale, Joyce Ann, Joseph. (Front row)—Jennie, Andrew, Becky, Allyne, Evelyn, Brandon, Cheryl, Brett, Bryan.

Lyle E. Hart

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Hart (Joyce Elaine Hopkins) lived in Elma since age 6 months and 6 years of age, respectively. Both belonged to families who owned and operated Elma businesses—A. J. Hart Oil Co. and Ralph and Olga Hopkins' Hopkins Hatchery. The Harts both attended grades 1-12, graduating from the Elma Public School. Mr. Hart served in WW II in the U.S. Navy on board the U.S.S. Kephart from its commission until the ship was placed in the mothball fleet at the end of the war. He attended the University of Kansas returning to business with his father in Elma.

Mrs. Hart attended college and upon their marriage in June, 1951, taught the first kindergarten in the present school office. At one time, Emma Pardee included primary with grades one and two.



February, 1986—Lyle, Joyce Elaine, Heidi Jane (Hart) Kessler, Steve Kessler, Scott.

The Harts lived in the Condon house from 1952-1966. Later the house was burned following the tornado of 1968. The house built by Charlie and Claire Garmen became their home from 1966 to the present.

Children of the Harts born in 1955 and 1956 attended grades K-6 at the Elma Center and graduated from Crestwood High School and from Iowa State University. Heidi Jane was active in music and art and also taught baton to girls in Elma and Cresco. She is married to Steven Kessler and they reside in Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Kessler is a graphics artist with Sangar Harris department stores and Mr. Kessler is an engineer with Texas Instruments.

Scott Hart had interests in music, electronics and radio. He has made his home in Elma and is employed by Howard County. He resides in the Leo Heineman house he purchased.

Belonging to the Elma United Methodist Church, the family is active in its activities and choir. Organizations that have been a part of their lives through the years are: Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W., and Holiday R-V Chapters.

Mrs. Hart will soon have spent some part of fifty years at the Elma Public School both as a student and as a teacher. Having graduated from Luther College with a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Minnesota, Mrs. Hart has taught 23 years, 21 of those in Elma, and also has presented lectures for five years at the Iowa Reading Association in Des Moines at their convention. In November, 1985, she gave a presentation at the 13 Plains Region International Reading Association in Minneapolis. As a former third district director of the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, she is a life-time member of that group.

Mr. Hart operated Hart Skelgas and Hart's Conoco Station in Elma. In 1986, Mr. Hart was commended for 30 years service as a Rural Letter Carrier in the U.S. Postal Department.

John Hartogh Family

John Hartogh came to Iowa from Wisconsin and bought a farm in 1876 west of Elma. He retired in 1920. He was the father of Mike Hartogh.

John Hartogh also got his first tractor in 1912. It was the first tractor unloaded in Elma, a Heider tractor built in Carroll, Iowa.

Mike Hartogh Family

Mike Hartogh and Esther Mueller were married in 1931. They are the parents of Janet Manning, Arlene Thome, Leon, Frances Lamerson, Bernard and Kenneth. Mike and Esther farmed seven miles west of Elma from 1945 until 1974 at which time they moved to Elma.



(Back row)—Leon, Frances Lamerson, Janet Manning, Bernard.
(Front row)—Arlene Thome, Kenneth, Esther, Mike.

Francis Havlik

Francis Havlik, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Havlik, Sr., of Elma, and Gertrude Komarek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Komarek of Protivin, were married on January 30, 1945, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cresco.

They lived in the Lourdes area where they farmed and later operated the Lourdes Tavern. In 1957, they moved to Elma where Francis worked for Hayden Trucking. He also worked for the city of Elma and served as town marshal before starting to work for Howard County in 1963.

Francis died on November 22, 1966. Gertrude is presently living in Elma.



Francis and Gertrude Havlik.



Francis Havlik Family

They are the parents of Gene; Merrill; Richard, killed in action during the Vietnam War July 19, 1969; Mrs. Ed (Betty) Madson; Mrs. Jim (Nancy) Lee; Mrs. John (Theresa) Bryan.

Frank Havlik

Frank and Josephine (Opat) Havlik came to Chicago in 1888 from Fyrsvis Morbia, Czechoslovakia. He worked for eight years at a furniture factory for two dollars a day.

In September, 1896, the family, with their three children, Josephine, James and Frank, Jr., moved to Iowa on an eighty-acre farm one and one-half miles west of Lourdes. The farm, purchased for a total price of \$1,250 was taxed \$12.50 annually at that time. Frank, who worked for a neighbor, received wages of fifty cents per day and cows sold for \$9 per head.

Adolph and Joe were born here and Adolph and his wife still live on this same farm.

Josephine married Joe Haskovec.

James married Anastacia Ludwig and they became parents of Francis, Joseph, Edward, James and Mrs. Alfred (Beatrice) Kohles.



Frank Havlik, D.V.M, killed in car accident June 4, 1967; son of Adolph and Beatrice Havlik.

Frank, Jr., died in France on November 13, 1918, two days after the Armistice was signed, of pneumonia, the result of spending six weeks in the trenches.

Joe married Emma Ludwig and to this union were born: Mrs. Gayle (Lillian) Miller, Alphonse, John, Raymond, Bill, Carl, and Mrs. Gary (Connie) Kuehn.

Adolph married Beatrice Praska and they were parents of Frank III, a veterinarian, who was killed in an automobile accident June 4, 1967; Mrs. Robert (Beatrice) Marr, Adolph, and Clem.

John Hayden Family

John (Jack) Hayden, son of Earl and Mabel, was born December 16, 1928. He has lived all his life in Elma. Jack attended the I. C. Academy and worked with his dad until entering the Army in February, 1951. He served until February, 1953, when he returned to Elma and continued in the trucking business.

On November 27, 1957, he married Kay Thompson. They have two children, Kim and Neil. Kim is employed in Oklahoma. Neil is employed at Pioneer Trailers of Elma. Kay has worked at Dan's Grocery

Store, Elma Cleaners and Peoples Savings Bank before starting at the Elma Group Home for Comprehensive Systems, Inc.

Merle Hayden Family

Merle Hayden was born in Elma, the son of Earl and Mabel Hayden. In 1943 he married Lorraine Stapleton, the daughter of James and Loretta Stapleton. The couple was married in Boise, Idaho, while Merle was serving in the Army. They are the parents of four children: Sandra, William, Larry and Patricia.

Merle began his employment by driving truck for his dad. Later, he and his brother, Jack, trucked together. He sold his interest to Jack and moved to Waterloo, where he worked for I.P.S. Later he and his wife moved to Charles City and started trucking there for awhile. For the past seventeen years he has been employed by Floyd Co. Road Maintenance. Lorraine recently retired after fifteen years as bookkeeper at Farm Fleet in Charles City.



Merle and Lorraine (Stapleton) Hayden.

Leo Heineman



Leo and Victoria Heineman.



Ray, Leo, Tory, Marie, Alfred, Victoria, Johnny, Joan.

Leo Heineman married Victoria Mishak. They were the parents of Ray, Alfred, Johnny, Msgr. Donald, Rev. Joseph, Mrs. Merle (Joan) Henry, Mrs. Marie Baldus, and Mrs. Phil (Tory) McCarville. Johnny was killed in WW II.

Leo was a barber in Elma for many years with his shop being on the east side. His son-in-law, Phil McCarville, took over the business after Leo retired.

Leo and Victoria are both deceased.

Heying Family

The Heying brothers, Leander, Jerome, and Elmer, were raised in the Richmond, Minnesota, area. Leander came to the area first in 1938, coming to visit with relatives. While here, he met Nick Zeimetz who suggested he stay and work with him at Klobassa Meat Market, which he did. Leander also worked as a hired man in the winter of 40-41. At this time, he started working for Art Gansen. In September of 1941, he entered military service during WW II.

In 1945, "Slim" returned to Elma to work as a mechanic for Art Gansen. He was joined by his brother Elmer who also worked for Art. In 1946 Jerome Heying came to Elma. After Leander was married to Gerry Biver in January of 1947, they began farming west of Elma. Jerome took Leander's place as mechanic for Art Gansen Garage.

The three all married Elma girls and set up homes in this area. Their father, Ernest, died while visiting here in 1949.



Art Gansen Garage in 1947. Elmer Heying, Gerry Biver Heying, Leander (Slim) Heying, and unidentified.

Elmer Heying

Elmer Heying and Bernice Boyle, daughter of Charles and Clara Knippling Boyle, were married November 25, 1948, in Elma. He was employed by Art Gansen and Bernice was a teacher in Elma's rural schools.

They became parents of Stephen, who died in a farm accident June 15, 1958, at the age of eight; Edward, who died in infancy; Helen; Mrs. Paul (Julie) DiLauria; Karl, who died in infancy; and Peter.

Bernice died February 10, 1958.

Elmer then married Charlotte Beaston. They raised, in addition to Elmer's first family, Sharon Adelmund, Marinell Halweg, Donna Jacoby, Sherry Reich, Steve Beaston, and Tammy Steffen.

Elmer operated Heying's Skelly Service in Elma for

many years. He served the community as mayor. He is now retired from his employment at Chamberlain Manufacturing of Waterloo, and he and Charlotte are enjoying their time at home in Elma.

Jerome Heying

Jerome Heying and Mary Thompson were married October 12, 1949.

Born to this union were: Michael; Mrs. Russell (Suzanne) Murphy; Mrs. Gregory (Mary Louise) Gardner; Mrs. David (Nancy) Johnson; Jerome, Jr.; Mrs. Douglas (Jane) Dykema; William; Anita; Daniel; and Brian, deceased, 1969.

Jerome, the son of Ernest and Mary (Elenz) Heying came to Elma in 1946 from Richmond, Minnesota. He was employed by Art Gansen, later by the city of Elma and as a mechanic for Howard County Equity for twenty-five years, retiring in 1984. He served the community as councilman and mayor.

Mary, the daughter of Severt and Mayme Thompson, was employed as City Clerk for eight years previous to her present employment with Dr. C. W. Rainy.



(Back row, left to right)—Bill, Jerry, Jr., Nancy, Dan, Anita, Mike, Jane. (Front row)—Sue, Mary and Jerome, Louise.

Leander Heying

Leander Heying married Gerry Biwer, daughter of Phil and Elizabeth Biwer, on January 21, 1947. They farmed the Art Gansen farm northwest of Elma for seven years, leaving the farm in 1954 and moving into Elma where Leander "Slim" operated the Skelly Tankwagon Service. He then had a milk route bringing can milk from farms to the Elma Creamery and later to Cresco. He also was a school bus driver and finally worked as a mechanic at the Howard County Equity. In 1958, they returned to the Gansen farm and remained there until 1962, when they moved to the Noonan farm east of Elma. Slim retired from farming in 1981 and they moved from the Noonan farm to Elma in 1983.

They are parents of eleven children: Mrs. LaVern (Donna) McGrane; Mrs. LuVern (Jean) Voves; Mrs. Clem (Mary Kay) Lawrence, Monticello; Ernest, who

died in infancy; Mrs. Richard (Joanne) Freidhof, Cresco; Mrs. Merle (Patricia) Pitz, John, Elkader; Richard; Roger; Andrew; and Rebecca.

Slim is employed as janitor of Immaculate Conception Church and Gerry is employed as a nursing assistant at Colonial Manor.



Leander Heying family—1980. (Left to right)—Donna, Jean, Roger, Richard, John, Andrew, Mary Kay, Patricia and Joanne. (Seated, left to right)—Gerry, Rebecca, Leander.

Donald Hidding

Donald Hidding, son of Albert and Nettie Koshatka Hidding, was born December 5, 1922, at Elma. On May 8, 1951, he married Agnes Meier, daughter of Frank and Veronica Kanies Meier, in the I. C. Church at Elma.

They are the parents of Thomas, Mrs. Charles (Joann) King, and Jerry.

Donald and Agnes farm in the Elma area.



Donald and Agnes Hidding, Rev. Ed O'Donnell.

Thomas Hidding



(Back row, left to right)—Thomas Hidding, Marsha Hidding, Joann Hidding, Charles King. (Front)—Michael, Matthew and Michele Hidding.

Thomas Hidding, son of Donald and Agnes Meier Hidding, was born June 13, 1954. He was raised in the Lourdes area.

November 2, 1974, he married Marsha Heckrodt, daughter of Lawrence and Geneva Demro Heckrodt of Charles City. Marsha was raised in the Nashua area.

They are parents of Michael Lawrence; and twins, Matthew Lynn and Michele Lea.

Tom and Marsha have lived in Elma since their marriage; Tom is a heavy equipment operator and Marsha is employed at Colonial Manor as a Med. Aide.

William Hidding

Gerhard and Marie Hidding emigrated from Germany to America in 1840 and settled at Burlington, Wisconsin. They were parents of thirteen children, William was the oldest. They lived in a log house at first, and later in a two-story house in Wisconsin.

William came to Iowa and started farming east of Elma, Iowa. Later, he went back to Wisconsin and brought back his new bride, Bertha, daughter of Herman and Elizabeth Uhen. William and Bertha were married February 5, 1878, at Burlington, Wisconsin. Bertha had received her education at the Burlington Catholic School.

William and Bertha (grandparents of Wally Hidding of Elma) farmed east of Elma until 1911 and then moved to the town of Elma, Iowa. They were parents of four sons: William, Albert, Alex and Fred.

After William, Sr., died, Bertha made her home with her son William, Jr., until her death December 8, 1984, at the age of 98 years.



William and Bertha Hidding.

Albert and Nettie
(Koshatka) Hidding.



William and Bertha were members of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Albert Hidding, born in Elma March 5, 1881, married Nettie Koshatka of Spillville. They were parents of Wallace, Donald and Paul.

They were farmers in the Elma area for years and retired in Elma.

Charles Hilsman

Charles Hilsman was born September 19, 1879, in Walworth County, Wisconsin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatz Hilsman. Charlie came to this area in 1942 and farmed near North Washington. On November 15, 1910, he married Mary Hentges. After moving to Elma and retiring from farming, Charlie worked for the town of Elma and served on the park board for several years.

Charlie and Mary had three children: Greg Hilsman, Mrs. Bob (Charlotte) Conway, and Mrs. Ray (Eleanor) Gebel.

Mary died in 1965. Charlie died on May 28, 1981, having achieved the age of 101 years.



Mary and Charles Hilsman.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Holmstrom

Clayton and Suzanne Holmstrom have resided in rural Elma since 1965.

Clayton is engaged in plumbing, heating and well work. They are parents of Jeff, Greg, Kara and Sara.



(Back row)—Greg, Jeff.
(Front row)—Clayton,
Suzanne, Kara, Sara.

John Hyberger

John Hyberger and wife, Laura, moved to Elma in 1895 from Lawler, Iowa. They were the parents of: Eleanor, Mrs. Harry (Pearl) Vick, Lyle (married Emma Friedrich), Elmer, Mrs. Myron (Mavis) Peck, LaVerne (married Edna Walker), Mrs. Linford (Ida) Gordon, Harlan (married Margaret Kurtenbach), Dolly, and Charles.

The family moved in 1907 to Norwich, North Dakota, for a few years before moving back to Elma in 1914. John had been employed on road maintenance using horses. He died in 1933. Laura was a school teacher. She died in 1949.

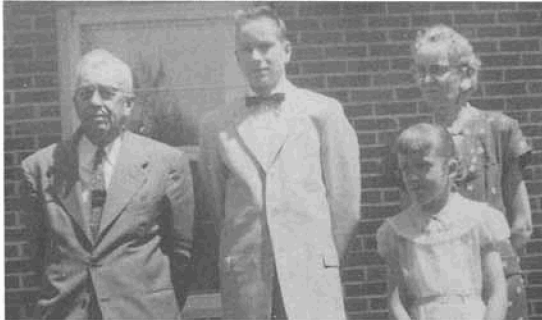
Lyle Hyberger

Lyle Hyberger was born April 14, 1896, in Elma. Emma Friedrich was born May 11, 1908, in Elma. They married April 16, 1942. They were the parents of two children: Lloyd (married Lynda Sande), and Mrs. Ronald (LaVonne) Arndt.

Lyle lived in Elma except for a few years when his family lived in Norwich, North Dakota, and during WW I when he served in the Army. He was employed by Howard County Road Maintenance. He lived with his daughter later in life. Lyle died in 1972. Emma lived in Elma all her life working as a nurse's aide and waitress in Cresco. She died in 1960.



Emma and Lyle Hyberger



Lyle Hyberger Family—Lyle, Lloyd, Emma, Lavonne.

Harlan Hyberger Family



Harlan and Margaret

Harlan (Hy) Hyberger was born August 9, 1906. Margaret Kurtenbach was born October 6, 1915. They were united in marriage June 5, 1939. They had two children, Gary, married to Lavon Sir; Jan, married to Clark Roby.

Harlan was born in Elma and after marriage worked at Gross Hardware. Later, he operated H&M Hardware from 1965 until 1976. His employees were Melvin (Punk) McGrane and Amojean Stevenson.

Margaret taught country school for 29 years. After that, she taught at I. C. in Elma, Assumption in Cresco, and the Elma Public School.

Jerome Imoehl Family

Jerome and Alvina Imoehl moved to the farm where they now reside in 1960. They purchased the farm from Leo and Nealie Biwer. Jerome was born at Festina, Iowa, and Alvina (Kriener) was born at St. Lucas, Iowa. They are the parents of four children: Russell of Garner, Iowa; Mrs. Richard (Judy) Taylor of New Hampton; Kevin of Iowa City; and Juley, a student at the University of Iowa. They have seven grandchildren.

Russell graduated from Loras College and is married to Mary Borchesding and they have four daughters. He works for Farmers Cooperative at Garner. Judy is a real estate broker in New Hampton and is married to Richard Taylor, manager of the Farm Service plant in Elma. They lived in Elma for five years after they were married. They have three children, Tamie, Renae, and T.J. Kevin graduated from Loras College and received his Doctor's Degree from the University of Iowa in Dentistry in 1985. He is practicing at the University of Iowa Hospital in oral surgery. Juley is a second year student at University of Iowa.

Jerome and Alvina retired in 1986 by renting their land out and are still living on the farm.

Jerome and Alvina



Dennis Jacoby Family



(Back row)—Jennifer, Nicole, Vicki. (Front row)—Dennis holding Joseph.

Dennis Joseph Jacoby was born in 1947 in Elma, Iowa, to Floyd and Helen (Kennedy) Jacoby. "Denny" graduated from Immaculate Conception High School in 1965. He attended Hawkeye Technical Institute, Waterloo, Iowa, and received his Airframe and Power Plant license after completing the Aviation Maintenance Course. He obtained his pilot's license in 1971. Denny started work at John Deere Tractor Works in 1965. He served in the U.S. Army, spending one year in Vietnam.

Denny married Victoria Lynn "Vicki" Flaskerud in Calmar, Iowa, in 1969. Vicki is employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Denny and Vicki have three children: Nicole Marie, Jennifer Lynn, and Joseph Patrick. They now live near Jesup, Iowa.

J. C. Jacoby Family

J. C. Jacoby was born in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, November 20, 1854, a son of Frank and Margaret Jacoby. They lived in Germany and came to the United States in 1851 to Milwaukee County.

In the spring of 1879, J. C. came to Iowa to purchase his home farm in Howard County. In 1882 Mr. Jacoby married Miss Margaret Palmersheim of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and they were the parents of ten children: Catherine (Jeager), Margaret (Sullivan), Joseph, Laura (Schmid), Elmer, Raymond, Floyd, Merle, and Geneva. One is deceased.

J. C. was a stockholder in the Elma Cooperative Creamery Company and served for several years as a member of its board of directors and secretary for the company. For many years he served as a member of the school board.



Margaret and J. C. Jacoby.



(Back row)—Elmer, Floyd, and Joe. (Front row)—Laura Schmid, Raymond, Merle, Geneva Gansen.

John died in 1932 and Margaret died in 1944. They lived on the farm now occupied by Elwood Meese. Merle Jacoby was the last Jacoby to live on the family farm.

Floyd Jacoby

Floyd Jacoby was born to John and Margaret Palmersheim Jacoby on June 27, 1899, in Busti. His parents settled in Elma, Iowa, in 1883. Floyd was married to Helen Kennedy, daughter of Dennis and Mary Higgins Kennedy, on November 4, 1925. Helen was one of eight children, and she was born on December 6, 1905. Floyd was a carpenter and farmer until his retirement. They are the parents of five children, sixteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Floyd attended the Immaculate Conception Academy and was present the first day it opened in 1906. The Jacobys celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 4, 1985.

Their five children are: Robert of Des Plaines, Illinois; Jerome of Des Plaines, Illinois; Delores Ott of Waterloo, Iowa; Dennis of Jesup, Iowa; and David of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



(Back row)—David, Floyd, and Dennis. (Seated)—Delores, Helen, Jerome, and Robert.

Merle Jacoby



(Back row)—Francis, James, Sandy, Richard, Wayne, Dan. (Front row)—Mary Jean, Leona, Merle, Kathy.

Merle Jacoby was born June 9, 1902, the son of John and Margaret Jacoby at Busti. Merle married Leona Hoverman on January 31, 1933. They were the parents

of nine children: Francis, twins Jim and John (John died of pneumonia), Dick, Wayne (died May 17, 1981), Kathy (Hackman), Danny, Sandy (Quinn), and Mary Jean (Cartney).

Merle attended country school and graduated from Immaculate Conception in Elma. After finishing school, he worked with his father on the farm. He went to Milwaukee with his brother-in-law, John Schmid, to work as a carpenter. After his marriage, Merle worked with his brother, Floyd, doing carpentry work for an insurance company. In 1947 Merle went to work for the Howard County Equity and worked there until he retired in 1966.

Leona sold Avon for about five years, was a cook at "Daniel's" in New Hampton from 1964 until 1978. She took a job as a cook at Colonial Manor in 1978 and still is employed there.

Leo Jenn Family

Leo Jenn was born and raised around Ionia, Iowa. Marie was born in Iowa and then moved to Dakota when she was eight years old. When she was 14 years old, they moved back to Iowa. Leo and Marie were married in Waterloo. They were the parents of one daughter, Rosemary Ann Porter.

Leo and Marie moved to Elma in 1952. Leo worked at the Equity at that time until 1968 when he passed away. Marie started working for Jerry Conway in 1968 and then started at the Alibi for Jack Whiting and has been there for the last three owners. Besides bartending, Marie is also a foster grandparent.



Marie, Leo and Rosemary Jenn.

John and Laura Joerger

John Joerger was born in 1883 at Bellevue, Iowa. In 1907, he married Laura Van Dan Acker, also of Bellevue. She was born in 1887.

They farmed in several communities; namely, Bellevue; Brownsville, Kansas (where the grasshoppers ate everything!); Mapleton, Iowa; and Cresco, Iowa; before coming to Elma.

They moved to Elma in 1933 with 13 of their 15 children. Walter was already married and lived in Cresco. Vern had died at the age of fifteen, five years before. In 1934, their sixteenth child was born.

The children attended the Immaculate Conception Academy in Elma and their parents continued to farm



This picture was taken in 1941 just before the first son left for service in the Army. Within a few years, five of the boys served in the armed services.

(Top row, left to right)—Vincent, Walter, Joseph, John, Wilfrid. (Second row)—Art, Mrs. Ray (Irene) Fisher, Mrs. Gregory (Helen) Kapler, Mrs. John (Mary) Murray, Mrs. Don (Margie) Connolly, Donald. (Front row)—Mrs. Earl (Delberta) Palmersheim, John, Mrs. Jerry (Rita) Kobliska, Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Armstrong, Laura, Mrs. Bill (Dorothy) Boom.

in this area. In 1942, they moved to an acreage in Alta Vista. Several years later they moved to Charles City, Iowa, where John was employed at the Oliver Tractor Plant until his death in 1950. A few years later, Laura moved to California where several of her children lived. In 1979, she returned to Elma as a resident of Colonial Manor where she died six months later.

Now, in 1986, fourteen of the brothers and sisters are scattered throughout the country. Mrs. Earl (Delberta) Palmersheim is the only one living in Elma.

John and Laura's son, Walter, died in 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Johnson

Alvie and Gert Johnson moved to Elma in the early spring of 1947 with their three children, Jim, Muriel and Gary. Joann and Chuck were born after moving to Elma.

Through the years, Alvie worked for George Shannon in the lime quarry, at Eclipse Lumber Co. with Henry Cook as manager, and hauling livestock for Earl and Jack Hayden, and LeRoy Mohrfeld.

Gert worked at home in the earlier years taking care of her five children. Later years she worked at the telephone company as a central operator and at the Elma Public School as a cook (which she thoroughly enjoyed).

When they moved to Elma they bought their home from Helen Ries. They lived in the same house until moving into the retirement center in November of 1974. Chuck Johnson presently lives in their former home.

All of the Johnson children graduated from the Elma School systems and four of the children are residents of Elma—Jim, Muriel, Joann and Chuck.

Jim Johnson Family

Jim came to Elma in 1947 with his parents, Alvie and Gertrude Johnson. He graduated in 1958 from the Elma High School.

In 1961 Jim and Evelyn Boofer, the daughter of Lloyd and Helen Boofer, were married. They adopted Steven, a special child in 1968. In 1973 Mikel was born.

Jim worked for Gaylord and Leona Robison in the Elma Grocery most of his high school years. He also worked at the M.D. Store and the Elma Locker after graduation, leaving Elma to work as a meat cutter in Charles City. He served four years in the Air Force. After graduating from UNI he worked in grocery stores in Waterloo and Cedar Falls, returning to Elma in 1973 and purchasing the former Conway IGA, which they sold in 1982. Jim was also State Representative from the 14th District. He is presently employed by the U.S.D.A. in Cresco. Evelyn works part-time at the school.

Jordan Family



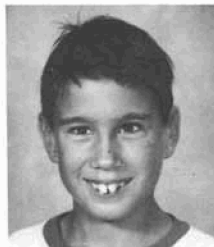
Joe and Lucile Jordan



Dennis and Linda Dundee



Joleen Dundee



Jon Dundee

The ancestors of the Jordan family start with the Sweeneys, who moved here from Erie, Pennsylvania. There were five children: Herman C., Catherine, Mayme, Anna, and John, that grew up in the Elma area.

Later in life, Herman C. married Ellen McGruder from Sumner, Iowa. To this marriage eleven children were born. They were: Pearl, Scella, Elmer, Nellie, Anna, Mabel, Myrtel, Herman J., Jim, Colletta, and Marie Sweeney.

Catherine Sweeney married William Jordan from Britt, Iowa, where they lived for a few years. They

moved back to the Elma area and settled on a farm three miles west and one mile south of Elma. To this marriage five children were born. They were: Harold, Alden, Joseph, Cletus, and Evelyn Jordan.

Harold Jordan was born May 20, 1906. He mostly resided in the Cresco area and has four children. He died December 13, 1979.

Alden Jordan was born May 5, 1908, who in later years served time in the armed forces of WW II. He never married and died May 20, 1970.

Joseph (Joe) Jordan, the third child, was born March 12, 1912. He has resided most of his years in the Elma area except when he married Lucile Schrieber from Westbrook, Minnesota, on December 18, 1945. They have one daughter, Linda Jordan Dundee, who grew up in the Elma area. Linda married Dennis Dundee of Postville, Iowa, on September 19, 1970, at St. Cecelia Church in rural Elma. In 1974, they moved on Joe's farm. They have two children in grade school. The first child is a girl, Joleen, born March 6, 1975. The second is Jon, who was born June 12, 1977.

Next is Cletus Jordan, who was born September 21, 1914. He has spent all of his years on the home farm. He married Alvina Flugge and to this marriage two sons were born. They are William and Robert, and they are farming with their dad.

The youngest child was a girl, Evelyn Jordan, born May 5, 1918. She married Ralph Gebel and lived in rural North Washington, Iowa. They have three children: Marlys, who lives in Colorado; Edward, who lives in rural New Hampton; and Patricia, who lives in Illinois. Evelyn died October 21, 1955.

Mayme Sweeney married William Buckley and to this marriage two children were born. They were: Emmett, who never married, and died in 1950, and Kate, who married Harry O'Neill.

Anna Sweeney married a McGruder and lived in Britt, Iowa. They had three children, Florence, Clarence, and Merle.

John (Jack) Sweeney stayed on the home farm south of Elma. He never married. In his later years he moved into Elma where he died.

Kaatz Family

In 1948 Mrs. Mary Kaatz Ashley, her daughter, Dolores, and son, Harold, purchased a building and equipment on Elma's Main Street from Mrs. Maude Young and her family. After a remodeling project, a business known as the Bluebird Tavern was opened in July of the same year. In addition to serving wine and mixed drinks, the owners served home-cooked lunches and meals.

Previous to his 37 years of self-employment in the Bluebird Tavern, Harold owned and operated a photo concession gallery and was also employed in a shoe store in Cresco, his native town, where he also received his education at St. Joseph Catholic School and Cresco High School.

Harold Kaatz served in the 12th Army Air Corps during World War II with the 5th Photo Reconnaissance

sance in Italy and in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations Active Service. He received his Honorable Discharge on November 15, 1945.

Dolores Kaatz and Vern Worple were married December 30, 1950, at the I.C. Church in Elma. They became the parents of one son, Lavern Harold Worple, born April 21, 1952, who also resides in Elma with his wife, Betty, and sons.

Harold Earl Kaatz passed away from a severe heart attack February 23, 1985.

Keefe Family Charles, Sr., and George Keefe

George Keefe was born and raised in Elma. The farm the Jack McAvoy's live on was the Charles Keefe, Sr., home place. When "Uncle Charlie" moved to Elma (the house now owned by Tom Hidding), Charles, Jr., stayed on the home place. The home of George and Catherine Keefe was the farm now owned by Art Gansen and is vacant.

Charles Keefe, Sr., had three wives, Mary Courtney, mother of George, died of T.B.; Z. Curran, mother of Charles, Jr.; Katie Jordan, mother of three daughters, Mrs. Jim (Cass) Kelly, Mrs. Henry (Vera) Erger, and Mrs. Jack (Libby) Bogga.

Charles, Sr., and Mary (Courtney) Keefe were both from Ireland. The name was originally O'Keefe with the "O" dropped some time after coming to America. They had one son, George. Mary died of T.B.

Charles married Z. Curran and they had one son, Charles, Jr. After her death, he married a third time. Charles and Katie (Jordan) Keefe were the parents of three daughters.

George Keefe married Catherine McGrane, the daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Hankinson) McGrane, in January of 1888. They had eight children: Lloyd, Bert, Mary (Sister Mary George), Edna (Sister Mary Agnella), Clifford, Wilfred, Angela, and Georgia. George farmed and lived in the Elma area. They spent the last 13 years of their lives in Alta Vista.

Lloyd Keefe married Edith Duval. They had three children: Jerome, Marcella, and Edith. Lloyd died in 1918 of the flu while serving his country in WW I.

Bert Keefe married Blanche Silver, daughter of Maurice and Elizabeth Silver. They lived in Elma all their lives. He was a route salesman for the Des Moines Register and Tribune for the northeast Iowa territory. They had two children: Don and Mrs. Clarence (Mildred) Gebel.



George Keefe Family

Mary entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1918. Edna entered the Sisters of Mercy in 1924.

Clifford married Nan Shannon.

Wilfred married Teresa Madden; they farmed and worked in the Elma area until they moved to Waterloo in 1943. They had nine children: Marie Adams, Mrs. Eugene (Dorothy) Moore, Joe, Mrs. Verlyn (Rita) Mayer, Mrs. Ron (Colleen) Cottrell, Robert died as an infant, Mrs. James (Shirley) McGarvey, Jim and Mrs. Dave (Georgia) Carlson.

Angela married Lloyd Mahoney of Alta Vista where they lived and owned Mahoney Oil Co. They had four children: Tom, Mrs. John (Mary Kay) Loes, Jack, and Mrs. John (Betty) Schulte.

Georgia married Evan Rogers.



Bert and Blanche Keefe

Mike Keefe—Fair Families



Michael and Mary
(Biber) Keefe.



Walter and Stella—Helen and Wallace Fair

Mike and Mary (Biber) Keefe lived around Busti during the 1890's, where they farmed.

They were parents of two sons, Earl and Everett, and one daughter, Stella. From Elma, they moved to Dickinson, North Dakota, and then to Waterloo.

On January 27, 1920, Stella Keefe married Walter Fair at Waterloo, Iowa. They lived near Jesup. They had one son, Wallace, who was born April 9, 1923.

In March of 1932, Walter and Stella moved to a farm northwest of Elma. At this same time, Mike and Mary

Keefe also moved back to this area, to a house in Elma. Mike and Mary Keefe died in 1945.

Wallace Fair married Helen Frantzen at Alta Vista, Iowa, on March 1, 1943. They are parents of two sons, Leo (Bloomington, Minnesota) and Patrick (deceased, 1976); and four daughters, Joyce Regan (North Carolina), Linda Parshley (Bloomington, Minnesota), Marylee Campion (Rochester, Minnesota), and Jean Fair (Rochester, Minnesota).

Wally and Helen farm but live in their home in Elma.

Walter Fair died December 9, 1971, his wife, Stella, died February 17, 1979. They are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Elma.



September, 1962—Patrick, Linda, Joyce, Leo Fair. (In front)—Marylee and Jean. Children of Wallace and Helen Fair.

The Earl Kelly Family

Earl and Vern (Clark) Kelly were the parents of five daughters, Joey Gardner, Janice Stolz, Helen (Sister Brian), Marita Quinlan and Marisa Sullivan. All five went to a country school and graduated from Immaculate Conception, Elma. Joey and Janice went to St. John School in Clarion the four years Earl was buttermaker in Clarion, from 1932 to 1936.

Joey married Fred Gardner and lived their entire married life on a farm east of Elma. Joey is now deceased.

Janice married A. C. Stolz of New Hampton and have lived their entire married life in the New Hampton area.



Marita, Janice, Sister Brian, Vern, Earl, Joey, Marisa Kelly.

Sister Mary Brian is presently teaching first grade at St. Benedict School in Decorah where she has taught the past twelve years.

Marisa married Richard Sullivan of Boston, Massachusetts. They have lived in Waterloo ever since their marriage.

Marita married David Quinlan of Waterloo and lived there about ten years. They are presently living in Mundelein, Illinois.

Earl was a buttermaker for Whelan Produce and Creamery for fourteen years. After spending four years as a buttermaker in Clarion, he returned to his farm west of Elma until 1963 when he moved to town where he is presently living. Vern passed away in 1982.

John Kelly Family

John Kelly was married to Emma McGrane on October 29, 1894. She was the daughter of John McGrane. They had six children: T. E. Kelly, J. P. "Jim" Kelly, and Clifford and Clem, twins; and two daughters who died in infancy.

John died in 1931 and Emma died in 1934.

Clifford Kelly married Mae Cook; Clem married Esther Beaumaster.

Tom Kelly Family

Thomas E. Kelly owned a grocery store on the east side of Elma. "Tom" was well known in Elma, working for the city for 27 years. His wife, Anna Silver, was a seamstress and operated a millinery shop.

They were parents of: Elroy, a graduate of I.C. Academy and was in the armed services during World War II serving in the South Pacific and makes his home now in Loma, Montana; Myrna Hughes is now retired from Howard Green Co. Consulting Engineer, where she served as administrative secretary. She resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Lucille Corrick took her training at Pitzes Beauty School and operated a beauty shop for many years in Elma and retired as supervisor at the Elma Cottage, Elma remains her home; Paul, served in the European theatre of operations in World War II. He now resides in New Mexico after retiring from oil field service work in the New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana area. Robert was in the navy during World War II and was in the grocery business, retiring in Midland, Texas.

Anna Kelly died April 15, 1960.



Tom E. Kelly Family

(Left to right)—Robert, Lucille, Elroy, Myrna, Paul, Tom, Anna.

Peter and Mary Kelly

Peter J. Kelly of Chester, Iowa, was born August 12, 1882. His parents were Patrick and Mary (Molloy) Kel-

ly, immigrants from Ireland in the late 1840's. He married Mary (Mayme) Connors, born April 29, 1885, in the I. C. Church, Elma, Iowa, by Father Bowen on June 28, 1916. Mayme had worked in Portland, Oregon, and in Waterloo, Iowa. Pete was a farmer. They began their life together on his mother's farm near Chester, Iowa. In the spring of 1919, they and their daughter, Nora, moved to their purchased farm near Elma presently occupied by Joe and Rosalia Ptacek. A daughter, Anna Marie, was born here on June 18, 1922. She contracted leukemia in September, 1930, and passed away January 12, 1931. In September, 1931, the family exchanged farms, through purchase, with Henry Roethler. This was their home until their deaths, Mayme in October, 1962, and Pete in October, 1974.

Their home was always open to welcome visiting relatives and friends. Pete spent fifty-four years operating a threshing machine in the Chester, Lime Springs, Saratoga, LeRoy, Minnesota, and Elma areas, the steam engine being his great love. Another of his great prides was his first purchase of angus cattle in 1894. Angus cattle are still on the farm today.

Michael and Anna Connors

Michael and Anna Connors were Mayme Kelly's parents. Anna (Kane) Connors, born in 1851 in Co. Derry, Ireland, came to the United States in 1869 to Baltimore, Maryland. In a few years she returned to Ireland to bring her mother, Margery (Connery) Kane, to live in the United States. Anna Kane married Michael Connors, born in Co. Mayo, Ireland, in 1885, in Baltimore, Maryland. They moved to Cresco, Iowa, where they resided for two years and then moved to their own farm near Elma, where William and Rita Ludwig now live. Besides farming, Michael walked to Elma to work on railroad building. Born to them were Mary, who married Peter Kelly; Margaret (Maggie), married Joe Armstrong; Teresa, married Joe Jacoby; Joseph, married Coletta Hyberger; and Rose, married John Harrington of Chicago, Illinois. Anna died suddenly in 1905. Michael and the family moved to Busti in the area where Lidwina Zeimetz now lives. Michael died in November, 1915.

Thomas Kelly

Thomas Kelly married Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Matt and Mary (Riley) Martin on October 11, 1898. She was a school teacher.

They were parents of Mrs. George (Gladys) Kane; Bernard, married to Gertrude Palmersheim; and Timothy.

Kimble Family

Calvin and Joann Kimble have resided in Elma the past 13 years. Joann, the daughter of Alvie and Gertrude Johnson, was born June, 1947. Calvin and Joann are the parents of two children, Rick and Nikki. Joann is a Sara Lee employee.

Virg Kinnamon Family

Monica and Virg Kinnamon came to Elma from southern Iowa in 1936. They lived over the old bank on downtown Main Street for a few years, and then bought the Haberman home built by Spaulding on West Main Street (now the Hayden residence). Virg managed the Phillip Co. gas station, and then built his own station in 1940 (the structure now owned by L. O. Mohrfeld to which an addition has been built). Eventually, Mr. Kinnamon bought/built other gas stations and fills in Elma, McIntire, Riceville, Alta Vista, Lime Springs, Chester, Davis Corners, etc. He passed away in 1954 of cancer at age 49 years.

Monica then began an 18-year teaching career and taught in the following places: Urbana, Elma, Clarksville, Maryland, Colwell, Centerville, and Fayette. She received her B.S. degree in education from Upper Iowa University, Fayette, in 1968; she retired in 1972 and returned to Elma to live.



Virg and Monica Kinnamon.



Diane Elwood, Monica Kinnamon, and Connie Kinnamon.



Bernard Benson, Jr.

Christina Benson

Robert Elwood

The Kinnamons have two children, both graduates of Immaculate Conception High School in Elma: Mary Diane (Kinnamon) Elwood, class of 1960, who now resides in Mason City; and Constance Kathleen Kin-

namon, class of 1963, who lives in Edina, Minnesota. Monica has three grandchildren. Bernard Benson, student of the University of Wisconsin, Christina Benson, sophomore at Edina West High School, and Robert Elwood. Mr. and Mrs. Kinnamon were active in many social clubs and community and civic projects.

Stephen Kinney Family

Stephen Kinney was born in Greenfield, Wisconsin, on October 27, 1866. At eighteen months of age he came with his parents to Iowa, settling on a farm west of what is now Elma. He married Miss Catherine Biwer, daughter of Mathias and Mary Ann (Thoma) Biwer. They were the parents of 12 children: Dan, Rose (Regan-Madden), Margaret (Kisch), Christina (Boehmer), Leona (Balk), Mathias, Stephen, Kathleen, Evelyn (Egan), Joseph, Mary (Brannon), and Lorraine (Osterman). Stephen died on November 8, 1932. Catherine was born January 17, 1875, and died on June 4, 1950.



Catherine A. Kinney



Stephen E. Kinney



Four Kinney daughters—Evelyn Egan, Rose Regan-Madden, Margaret Kisch, and Lorraine Osterman.

Matt Kinney Family

Mathias (Matt) Kinney, the son of Stephen and Catherine (Biwer) Kinney, and Florence (Pollock) Kinney live two miles west and one-fourth mile north of Elma on the original Stephen Kinney farm. The farm has been in the family since 1899.

Matt and Florence are the parents of six children: Carol Pritchett of Santa Ana, California; Jim Kinney of Vermillion, South Dakota; Mary Lou Hansen of

Goodland, Minnesota; June Kinney of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Patricia Wilson of Iowa City; and Linda Menees of LeClaire, Iowa.

Florence taught school in Afton Township prior to marriage. In 1955 she resumed teaching in Afton Township. In 1960-1965, she taught in the Riceville Community School. The next four years she taught in the New Hampton Community School in Alta Vista. From 1969-1981 she taught in the Howard-Winneshiek Community School at Elma.



Matt Kinney Family.

George A. Kirchner Family

George A. Kirchner (January 24, 1899) and Christine H. (Haag) Kirchner (August 10, 1907) moved to Elma in 1941 from Minnesota. George was a section hand for the railroad. In Elma he was a section foreman and worked on the railroad all his life. George was hurt in a train wreck in January of 1947 and spent two years in Rochester recovering from burns and skin grafts. He went back to the railroad at Spring Valley and Zumbrota, Minnesota, for awhile.

The Kirchners were the parents of five children: Beverly, Mary, DeLoris, Marvin and DeWayne. They lived in the first house west of the Lutheran church and later moved to the Harry Borg house east of the elevator on Busti Avenue. They were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Elma.



(Front)—George and Christine Kirchner. (Back row, left to right)—DeWayne, Marvin, DeLoris, Mary, Beverly.

Vern Klobassa Family

Vernon H. Klobassa, son of Charles, Sr., and Frances (Mishak) Klobassa of Elma, Iowa and Marie F. Hoverman, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Lasche)



(Back row, left to right)—Joe, Karen, Ralph. (Front row)—Vern and Marie Klobassa.



Joseph and Teresa Klobassa on their wedding day. Joseph Klobassa children: Nicole and Vernon Henry.

Hoverman of Alta Vista, Iowa, were united in marriage on June 4, 1940, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Alta Vista with Father Joseph Whiel performing the ceremony.

Vern and Marie are the parents of three children. Karen was born February 27, 1942, and is now living in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the Immaculate Conception Academy in 1960. She has four years of college at Mt. Mercy, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, majoring in teaching, which she has done for years.

Ralph was born December 6, 1945. He also graduated from Immaculate Conception School in Elma. After graduation he worked in the grocery store with his parents except for two years he served in the Army—1968-1970. Ralph and Rhonda were married in the Immaculate Conception Church in Elma, June 16, 1979. They have two daughters, Tammy and Laurie. Ralph and his family live on an acreage near Alta Vista.

Joe was born July 6, 1955. He attended Immaculate Conception School and graduated from eighth grade. He then went to Crestwood High School in Cresco, graduating in 1973. After graduating, he also helped his parents in the grocery store.

Joe married Teresa Smith in the Immaculate Conception Church in Elma June 4, 1982, with Msgr. L. H. Reicks performing the ceremony. They have two children, Nicole Marie, born November 27, 1983; and Vernon Henry, born February 9, 1985. Joe and his family live in Elma.

Vern died December 6, 1976.

Arnold Knecht Family

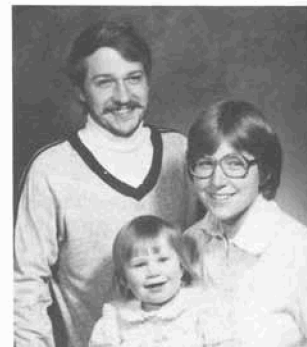
Arnold and Helen (Veronica) Knecht have lived in the Elma area since 1954. They are the parents of six children: Tom in Newburgh, New York; Jim of Elma; Dale of Forest City; Dean and Darrell, both of Elma; and Linda at home. They farm one mile east of Elma. Helen is employed at Sara Lee in New Hampton.

Darrell Knecht Family

Darrell Knecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Knecht and Cindi Stanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Stanton of New Hampton, Iowa, were married at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma on June 7, 1980. They are the parents of one daughter, Amber, born August, 1981.

They have lived in Elma since their marriage, although Darrell was born and raised in rural Elma. Cindi was employed at "Tom and Bernies Market" located in the building that formerly housed Conway's Grocery, and later Jim's AGI, from 1983 to 1985. She is now employed as a babysitter and also by Elm-Go Corp.

Darrell is self-employed. He started his own business "Knecht Electric" in 1983.



Darrell, Cindi and Amber Knecht.

Knippling Family

Henry Knippling, son of John Knippling and Margaret Birther, was born on March 14, 1860, near New Vienna, Iowa. He married Adeline Bauhaus of Alta Vista, daughter of Bernard Bauhaus and Christina Rademacher, on November 28, 1882, at North Washington. They moved to their new farmstead north of Elma in 1890 and expanded their holdings to 600 acres.

They were parents of ten children: Margaret (John Jinderlee) of Pierz, Minnesota; John, who served as the county representative in the Iowa House of Representatives from 1933 to 1939 and as director or president of the Peoples Savings Bank, Howard County Equity, and the Maple Leaf Creamery; Frank (Connie House) of Princeton, Minnesota; Elizabeth (Anton Roman) of Maple Leaf; Bernard; Mary Ann (John McGee) of Cresco; Edward, who is residing at the Riceville Rest Home; Joseph; Ella (Charles McGee), who is residing at the Riceville Rest Home; and Clara (Charles Boyle) of Elma.



Henry and Adeline Knippling family and some neighbors. Seated is—Adeline Bauhaus Knippling.

Henry was a director of the Equity for eight years. The Knippling family were active in the I.C. Church of Elma and life-long supporters of the Democratic Party. The Knippings retired to Elma.

Ed Knippling was the first baby baptized in the I. C. Church.

Louis Kobliska Family

Louis G. Kobliska was born June 7, 1893, in Deerfield Township, the son of Frank and Barbara (Hrnecek) Kobliska. Margaret K. Ruhoff was born June 13, 1893, in Deerfield Township, the daughter of Henry and Adeline Ruhoff. Louis and Margaret were married October 5, 1915, at St. Bernard's Church in Alta Vista, Iowa. They were the parents of three children: Leonard F., Lucille A. (Stapleton), and Margaret A. (Beecher).

In March of 1925, they moved from Deerfield Township to a farm in the Elma area. He operated a dairy until moving to town. The dairy was taken over by their son, Leonard, until he drowned on July 4, 1943. It later was taken over by Harold and Lucille Stapleton.

After moving to town in 1946, he was employed at the Howard County Equity in the parts department. He also owned and operated a garage in East Elma, which was later sold to Art Gansen.

Margaret worked as a nurse's aide at Hastings Hospital for Erma Bachman. She spent her remaining years keeping busy with gardening, quilting, rug making and her flowers.



Louis and Margaret Kobliska.

George Kohles

George and Mary Kohles moved to this area from Earling, Iowa, during the depression years and lived

near Lime Springs and Chester. Later, they moved to Elma, living on the farm where Reuben Friedrich now resides. A daughter, Rose, died there at the age of eighteen years of complications of the measles.

Later, the family moved to a farm west of Elma and at that location, death called their seventeen-year-old son, Urban, in 1943.

In addition to these children, they were the parents of Mrs. Howard (Marcella) Wyatt, Mrs. Joseph (Helen) Sullivan, Mrs. Jake (Mary) Whiting, Alfred, Mrs. Jim (Rita) Thompson, Mrs. Warren (Stella) Wyatt, and Mrs. James (Anna Jean) Sullivan.

Alfred married Beatrice Havlik and they farm east of Elma.

Alfred Kohles Family

Alfred Kohles, son of George and Mary Kohles, married Beatrice Havlik, daughter of James and Anastacia Havlik. Alfred served in the Army for two years until July of 1943. They are the parents of Mrs. Al (Donna) Biber, Mrs. Gary (Marilou) Ries, Mrs. Bill (Linda) Tweeten, Mrs. Dean (Julie) Hageman, and Ronald. They have farmed east of Elma since 1946. Ronald farms east of Elma and is the owner of Ron's Auto Electric.

Two children are deceased—Gary Joseph, died October, 1960 and Betty Joe died September, 1949.



Alfred Kohles Family

(Back row)—Ron Kohles, Gary Ries, Al Biber, Dean Hageman. (Third row)—Julie Hageman, Mike Ries, Shelley Ries, Lori Biber, Michelle Biber, Shereen Ries. (Second row)—Beatrice and Alfred Kohles, Jeff Biber, Bill Tweeten. (Front row)—Kim Ries, Marilou Ries, Donna Biber, Joshua and Linda Tweeten.

Leo and Millie Kolbet

Leo and Millie (Vachta) Kolbet moved to the farm east of Elma owned by Goldie Elwood March 1, 1956. They are the parents of five children—Patty (Mrs. Roger Palmersheim), Cedar Falls; Sandy (Mrs. Larry Gardner), Kansas City, Missouri; Debbie (Porter),



Leo and Millie Kolbet.



Kolbet family. (Back row)—Jon, Garry, Millie, Leo. (Front)—Patty, Debbie, Sandy.

Cedar Falls; Garry, Pearl City, Illinois; and Jon, Simpson College. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Dean Kruger Family

Dean Kruger, son of Elmer and Mabel (Ball) Kruger, lived on a farm northwest of Elma. He married Janice Enloe. They are the parents of three children: Sara, Jeff, and Jill. Dean is employed at White Farm. Janice works at Comprehensive Systems.

Elmer Kruger, son of Fred and Anna (Rieken) Kruger and Mabel Kruger, daughter of William and Clara (Baethke) Ball, farmed northwest of Elma. They retired and moved to Riceville. Their farm is now owned by Glen Stangls.

Janice Enloe is the daughter of John (Eddie) and Dorothy (Genn) Enloe. Dorothy was a war bride from England and Dorothy and Janice arrived in the USA on February 22, 1946, on Zebulon B. Vance. John was killed in an auto accident on June 13, 1953.

John Enloe was the son of William and Sarah (Norton) Enloe of Elma.

John Krall Family

John Krall was born February 24, 1884, to Michael and Barbara Wandas Krall. His birthplace, the family farm, is located in Howard Township, Howard County. He attended rural school that was located on what is known as the Jinderlee farm.

November 22, 1912, John Krall and Pauline Vopava were married in Chicago, Illinois. They made their home on the family farm. They became the parents of a daughter, Margaret, who married A. H. Pecinovskiy. In turn, their son, Wayne, his wife, Tuyet, and sons, Jimmy and Larry, continue to live on the family farm.

John Krall died January 15, 1959. Pauline Krall died November 25, 1985. Michael Krall died June 5, 1925. Barbara Wandas Krall died May 25, 1906.

John Krumm

John and Frederika Krumm were both born in Germany. Their children were: John, Henry, twins Paul and Otto, Minnie, Anna, Martha, Emma, Amelia, Sarah, and Ida.

The two brothers, John and Hank, owned and ran a machine shop in Elma. This building was later the Weber Blacksmith Shop on Busti Avenue.

Paul and Otto (who were twins) both worked for the railroad. Otto was killed in 1942 in a bridge wash-out by Acme. Paul was injured in the 1947 train wreck south of Alta Vista.

The girls all married and moved to various places. Ida married Earl Billington and they lived in Elma. They were the parents of Earl, Albert, and Lois.

Hulda married William Streich and their son was Elroy. They lived in the old Krumm house in Elma.



Henry and John Krumm.

William Kurtenbach

William Kurtenbach was born January 20, 1873. On October 16, 1899, he married Margaret Wentz of Osian. Margaret was born April 5, 1880.

They were parents of Cornelius, Clarence, Mrs. W. T. (Bea) Deluhery, Mrs. L. Leroy (Ruth) Shepard, Mrs. Ed (Mildred) Graetz, Mrs. Harlan (Margaret) Hyberger, Mrs. Clark (Elaine) Vessey and Mrs. Rene (Grace) La-Grandeur.

Coming to this area March 13, 1913, the Kurtenbachs farmed in the Elma community. Their children all attended school in Elma. Their daughter, Margaret, will be remembered by many for the years she spent teaching in this area.

Margaret Wentz Kurtenbach died October 12, 1954, and William died January 2, 1959.



Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtenbach, married fifty years.

Wallace Kutzbach

Wallace Kutzbach and Velma Prinz were married in December, 1940, and lived on their farm four miles southeast of Elma. They retired from farming and moved to Elma in 1975. They have four children, Clifford Kutzbach of Elma, Iowa; Mrs. Coye (Lynette) Thompson of Winfield, Kansas; Mrs. Mark (Shirley) Childs of Elgin, South Carolina; and Lowell Kutzbach of Burnsville, Minnesota.



(Back row, left to right)—Lynette, Clifford, Lowell, Shirley.
(Front)—Wallace and Velma Kutzbach.

Lammers Family

George H. Lammers of Dysart, Iowa, married Anna Marie Haack on June 7, 1893. Anna Marie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claus Haack, was born in Keystone on March 7, 1875.

George and Anna Marie came to the Elma community in 1920 after living in Dysart and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a number of years. They farmed here.

They became parents of six children, of these, two remained in Elma. Herman and Mrs. E. O. (Emma) Longstreth.

George H. Lammers died in December of 1923 of cancer and Anna Marie died May 22, 1963, at the age of 88.



Anna Marie Lammers,
age 81, December, 1956.



Herman and Anna Mae Lammers,
1977

Herman Lammers

Herman Lammers was born December 20, 1898. In 1927, he married Anna Mae Benson of Riceville,

daughter of John and Mary Ann Seavy Benson. Anna Mae was born September 15, 1906.

Herm and Anna Mae became parents of four children: George, Illinois; Jack, deceased; David, deceased; and Mrs. Gale (Terrie) Kahn.

Old-timers will remember Herm in his baseball days! Herm was a painter in Elma for years and served the community for many years as town marshal. He and Anna Mae operated Lammers' Gift and Paint Shop and edited the Elma Shopper. Anna Mae taught school most of her adult life.

Herm is now a resident of Colonial Manor in Elma. Anna Mae died at Colonial Manor, after a lengthy illness, on March 13, 1985. They were members of Immaculate Conception Church at Elma, and she is buried in Calvary Cemetery here.

Lamprecht Family

Charles Lamprecht was born April 24, 1860, in Germany. He married Anna Hecht. Anna was born August 7, 1865, in Germany. She came to the United States at the age of 16 to farm in Bremer County. Charles and Anna farmed northeast of Elma, coming in 1899. Their children were Emma Hudley, Minnie Meyerhoff, Anna Rosenal, Lydia Tetzner, Ida Tetzner, Rose Zipsie, William Lamprecht, Martin Lamprecht, Herbert Lamprecht. Charles died January 6, 1913, and Anna died March 10, 1932.

William Lamprecht was born May 21, 1898. He married Edna Unger June 1, 1926, in Elma. Their children are Mrs. D. J. (Wilma) Knutson, and Dale E. Lamprecht. William died March 27, 1974, and Edna died October 6, 1972.

Dale Lamprecht resided in the Elma area from 1936 until 1976. He is now an Animal Research Technician at Salsbury Lab in Charles City. His wife, Rose, is an LPN and substitute teacher in Charles City. Their family includes Ed and Michelle Lamprecht; Gary and Sarah (Ryan) Lamprecht; stepchildren, Mike and Sheila Ryan; Debra Ryan, and Sandra Ryan.

William F. Landholt

William F. Landholt was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, on September 18, 1923. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he settled in Elma, Iowa. He was married to Josephine Elwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Elwood of Cresco, on June 18, 1944.

He and his brother-in-law, Fred C. Elwood, opened a hardware store in Elma in September, 1946. They also had a hardware fixture business and a construction company. In 1958 he started work for the Peoples Savings Bank in Elma and two years later he was appointed acting Postmaster at Elma. In 1962 the family moved to Des Moines where he was associated with the Iowa Des Moines National Bank. He retired as a Senior Vice President in charge of the Real Estate Loan Department in 1983. In 1984 he was made a Vice President and head of the Real Estate Loan Depart-

ment of First Financial Savings and Loan Association; a job he holds at the present time.

While Bill was in Elma he served on the City Council and as mayor. He also was a fireman and served as chief of the department.

Bill and Jo have two daughters, Virginia Ann and Patricia Jo.

Bryce Larsen Family

Bryce and Mary Ellen both grew up on farms near Elma, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Larsen and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thiele. They are the parents of Nicolette.



Mary Ellen and Bryce Larsen and Nicolette.

Nels Larsen Family

Nels Larsen of Jutland, Denmark, migrated to America in 1874 at the age of 26. He arrived in Iowa with only 50 cents in his pocket. Thus empty-handed he started out in the business world, employed at farm labor for the wage of twenty dollars per month during the summer and ten dollars per month during the winter. He then rented land to farm until he was able to purchase his own farm.

In 1875 Mr. Larsen was married to Miss Anna Louisa Johnson also a native of Sweden. They had three children: Rosalie, who married Frank Inward; Orvilla, who married Fred Inward; and Elmer, who married Rosabella Inward and lived on the family farm.

Nels Larsen met an untimely death on October 17, 1927. He was gored to death by a Holstein bull on his farm. Mrs. Larsen lived with their daughter, Mrs. Villa Inwards, at Parkers Prairie, Minnesota.



(Back row, left to right)—Orvilla Inward, Elmer Larsen, Frank Inward. (Front row)—Nels Larsen, Anna Louise Larsen, Rosabella Inward.

Elmer and Rosabella purchased the farm from his father and they raised eleven children: Laura (Mrs. Ross Stevenson), Victor, Whitman, Leonard, Elma (Mrs. Marvin Burgart), Mildred (Mrs. Robert Stevenson), Arlene (Mrs. Clyde DeBonnette), Donald, Kenneth, Duwayne, and Rosemarie (Mrs. Frank Belmont).

Elmer lost his farm in the 1930 Depression. He held a farm sale and moved to Riceville, where he operated a tavern for several years. He also operated a tavern in Mason City for several years. Rose died of cancer on January 28, 1940. Elmer died of cancer on March 13, 1947.

Albert Lauck

Albert Lauck married Dora Schlesing August 26, 1926. They had two children—Mrs. Pete (Alice) Lickman, Mrs. Harlan (Isabel), Pietan, Elma, Iowa. Albert and Dora moved to Elma in 1949 after farming northeast of Elma. Albert started working for Elwood & Landholt Hardware in 1950 or 1951. The building was located north of the liquor store. In 1954 he started a business of his own doing plumbing, heating and electric work. Joe Ludwig went into partnership with him in the fall of 1958 and Joe took over the business in the spring of 1961. The Lauck Ludwig business was located in a building north of the Standard Station. Dora died July 6, 1969, and Albert died May 4, 1985.



Albert and Dora Lauck.

August Lauck

August Lauck was born September 8, 1866, at Sumner, Iowa, the son of John and Marie (Lamprecht) Lauck. His early days were spent around Sumner and Oelwein, Iowa. He attended the rural schools. He had three brothers, John of Alta Vista, Iowa; Fred of Elma, Iowa; and Albert of Oelwein, Iowa; three sisters, Minnie (Mrs. Theo. Lenius) of Oelwein, Iowa; Anna and Rosa of Portland, Oregon. August later moved to Howard County where he began farming. On September 28, 1893, he was united in marriage to Bertha Catherine Schmidt in Alta Vista, Iowa. They moved to Howard County and started farming 4½ miles northeast of Elma, Iowa. They were the parents of seven children, William, August, Albert, Dora, Mabel, Elsie and Rosanna.

Mrs. August Lauck was born February 27, 1870, in New York City, the daughter of Carl and Margaretta

(Boesden) Schmidt. Her parents came from Germany. Mrs. Lauck spent nine years in New York and in 1879 came with her parents to Iowa settling on a farm in Afton Township where she lived until her marriage to August Lauck. Mrs. Lauck had two brothers and one sister, William of St. Paul, Minnesota; Fred of LuVerne, Iowa; and Johanna (Mrs. Charles Stark) of Riceville, Iowa.

Of the seven Lauck children, two remain in Elma, Iowa, Mabel (Mrs. Dan Friedrich) and Rosanna (Mrs. Wallace Hidding). William Lauck died November 1, 1918, in France during World War I. August died March 2, 1924. Dora (Mrs. Henry Rimrodt) died July 25, 1968, and Elsie (Mrs. Wyron Buchholz) died September 29, 1982. Albert Lauck died May 4, 1985.

August, his wife, Bertha, and children, Elsie and Rosanna, moved to the town of Elma in 1925 where August built a new modern brick house. August was an active member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, school board, Farm Bureau, and other groups. Mrs. Lauck was an active member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church and belonged to the Ladies Aid Society. She also enjoyed working in the garden and with her flowers. She died December 24, 1932.

On January 3, 1935, August Lauck and Gertrude Falck were married at Elma, Iowa.

August Lauck died November 21, 1952. Gertrude Lauck died December 25, 1972.



August Lauck family. (Back row)—Rosanna, Elsie, Mabel, Albert, Dora. (Front)—Kate and August Lauck.

The Diedrich Laue Family

The Laue family became a part of the Elma history in 1902, when Diedrich Laue and his family moved to a farm one and one-half miles north of the Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. The Clayton Holmstrom family now reside on the farmstead.

Diedrich Laue was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1860, where he lived until 1878. He emigrated to the United States at that time to escape the military conscription. He lived at Coney Island, New York, for several years and then went west to the Dakotas. He moved from the Dakotas to Tripoli, Iowa, where he had a sister and family residing. He became a night watchman there, a position he held for several years. In 1890 he married Mary Schroeder, who was born in 1870 at Tripoli. They became the parents of eight children: Bertha, born in 1892, married Louis Deter-

ding and they were the parents of three children; Minnie, born in 1894, married to Ray Billington and had four children; Richard, born in 1897, married Anna Wacha and had one son; Paul, born in 1900, married Ethel Stevenson and had two children; Herman, born in 1902, married Clara Stevenson and had nine children; Arnold, born in 1905, married Rosella Stevenson and they raised a foster son, Donald Larsen; Carl, born in 1907, married Inga Johnson; Ida, born in 1910, married Lester Stevenson and were the parents of five children.

The Laue family farmed in the Maple Leaf area and Mr. Laue served as the assessor for many years until he died in 1928. His widow lived in the area until her death in 1952.

Herman Laue Family

Herman Laue, who is the oldest of the three surviving children of Diedrich and Mary Jane, still resides in the Maple Leaf area on a farm where he has lived and raised his family. Herman and Clara (Stevenson) were married October, 1930. They became the parents of nine children: Maxine, born 1931; Alice, 1937; Anna Mae, 1939; Dale, 1944; Gary, 1945; Linda, 1946; William, 1948; Donna, 1949; and Sharon, 1952. In 1952, there was a polio epidemic in Howard County. Clara became one of its victims in October. She was taken to the hospital in the morning and ironically, her grandson, Larry Friedrich, was taken that afternoon. He, too, was diagnosed as having polio. Larry was fortunate and recovered with no paralysis but his grandmother was less fortunate. She suffered severe paralysis which confined her to a wheelchair until her death in 1963.

Maxine married Loyd Friedrich of Elma in 1949 and they have five children. Alice married Dean Schroeder of Elma and they are the parents of five children. Anna Mae and her husband, Darol Wolfgram, live on a small farm in the Fairbanks area, and they are the parents of five children: William, born in 1958, is married to Kathy and they are the parents of Laura Rose and they live in Fairbanks; Lynette, born in 1960, is married to Gregg Fuller and they have two sons, Jason and Tyson, and live in Denver, Colorado; Lisa, born in 1960, lives in Fairbanks; Teresa, born in 1966, now lives in Texas; and Emily, born in 1977, lives at home with her parents. Dale Laue, who lives on the home farm, was married to Sharon Kock Plagman, June 1981. Gary Laue lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and has a son, Jeff, who lives in Waterloo with his mother. Linda married Pat Fogarty and lives in Elma. She had three children and now they have two children of their own. William Laue married Janice Abbas of Alta Vista and they have four children and live in the Maple Leaf area. Donna and her family live in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Donna has four children, Tina and Dena are twins born in 1970, Donny, 1980, and Tracey Ann, 1984. Sharon married Gary Zajic and lives in Charles City and they have one son, Scott, who was born in 1983. Sharon works as a nurse at the Charles City Hospital. She

made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stevenson as she was an infant at the time of her mother's bout with polio.

Herman Laue now makes his home with his son, Dale and family, near Maple Leaf.



Herman Laue family. (Left to right)—Anna Mae Wolfgram, Bill, Maxine Friedrich, Donna Fredrickson, Gary, Linda Fogarty, Dale, Alice Schroeder. (Seated, in front)—Herman Laue, Sharon Zajic.

Dale Laue Family

Dale Laue, son of Herman and Clara Laue, who lives on the home farm, married Sharon Kock Plagman in June of 1981. Sharon has two sons, Ramon Plagman, 1966, and Ricky Plagman, 1968. Dale and Sharon are the parents of two children, Sherrie, 1982, and Dietrich, 1985. They live on the farm near Maple Leaf where his father, Herman, makes his home with them.

William Laue Family

William Laue, son of Herman and Clara Laue, married Janice Abbas, daughter of Abel and Myrel Abbas of Alta Vista, and are the parents of four children: Michael, born in 1967; Michelle and Melissa, twins, born in 1969; and Mitchell in 1972. They make their home on a farm formerly owned by Lud and Anna Semerad in the Maple Leaf area.

Charles Lentz Family



(Back row, left to right)—Bonita, Daniel, John, Linus, Charlotte. (Front row)—Rose Mary, Michael, Gertrude, Joseph, Charles.

Charles Lentz came to Howard County with his parents in 1912, moved to Dubuque County for a short

time, and came to the farm that was to be his home until his death.

Charles married Gertrude Freidhof on May 4, 1937. They farmed the home place from 1949 until Charles' death in August, 1971. After her husband's death, Gert moved into Elma where she is active in church, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Senior Citizens, and Bridge Clubs. She does cake decorating and works part-time at Comprehensive Systems, Inc. She has traveled, including a trip to the Near-East, Israel and Egypt.

Gertrude is chairman of the Centennial Cookbook.

Charles and Gertrude are parents of eight children: Linus, Charlotte, John, Bonita, Daniel, Rose Mary, Michael and Joseph.

Linus married Elsie Chihak and has been an Elma businessman for many years. He is our Elma Centennial Parade chairman.

Charlotte married Robert Sweeney June 19, 1965. They reside in Chicago, Illinois, and are parents of nine children.

John married Sandra Rance on August 14, 1965. They have lived in Elma for years, where he is active in civic affairs. He is General Chairman of the Elma Centennial.

Bonita entered the order of the Sisters of Mercy in Cedar Rapids in 1960. She has taught in Marion, DeWitt and presently, at Sacred Heart School in Waterloo.

Daniel married Dena Benson on May 3, 1969. Dan has been with the Army Reserves and is presently SFC and a reserve recruiter in Decorah, Iowa. He is Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Decorah. Dan and Dena are parents of three children: Deborah, Denise and Dianne.

Rose Mary married Thomas Walsh in Chicago, Illinois January 8, 1983. Rose worked as public relations chairman for Junior Achievement in Chicago. Thomas and Rose are parents of two sons, James and Patrick.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Iowa and is a Physicians Assistant at Loveless Clinic in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Joseph is a graduate of University of Iowa and is presently studying law at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois.

Lawrence Lentz

Lawrence "Larry" Lentz was born in 1865. He married Bridget Donahue. In 1912, with their son, Charles, they moved from DeWitt, Iowa, to Howard County. They lived on the farm northwest of Elma now owned by Max Schmidt, Jr. They moved to Dubuque County for a short time before coming back to Howard County and buying their farm here, the farm now owned by the John McAvoy family.

They were parents of six children, Charles, Francis, Edmund, Donald, LaVern and Marie.

Charles married Gertrude Freidhof and they farmed on the home farm until Charles' death in 1971. Gertrude still resides in Elma.

Francis married Leone Kolbet and they have two children. They farmed in the Elma area for a time before moving to the Cresco area.

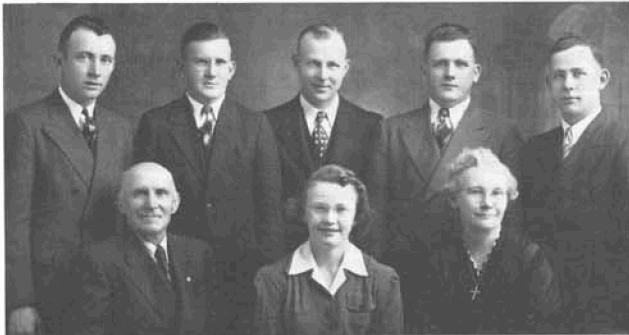
Edmund married Anna Grace Baker and, with their four children, lived in the Cresco area. He and his brother, Donald, operated a grocery store in Cresco at one time.

Donald married Hazel Kingsley. He worked at the Elma Locker for years and also for Ludwig Plumbing and Heating. He and his wife were owners and managers of the Sunnyside Cafe in Elma.

LaVern married Jeanette Brennan and they farmed in the Elma vicinity for a number of years before moving to Dewar. He was then employed at Rath Packing Co. in Waterloo, Iowa. They are parents of five children.

Marie married Robert Brennan and they became parents of four children. Their son, Russ, was a Physician's Assistant at the St. Joseph Community Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa. The Brennan family are residents of the Waterloo area.

Larry Lentz died January 19, 1951, and his wife, Bridget, died on April 25, 1971.



(Front row, left to right)—Lawrence, Marie, Bridget. (Back row)—Donald, LaVern, Charles, Edmund, Francis.

John Lentz

John Lentz, son of Charles and Gertrude Freidhof Lentz, married Sandra Rance on August 14, 1965. John is the owner of Lentz Insurance Agency, which he purchased from his father's estate.



Sandra, John. (Back row, left to right)—Steve, Jeff, Shelly.

John and Sandy are parents of three children, Jeffery, Michelle and Steven.

They are members of Immaculate Conception Church, where John has been active in church affairs, having served on the parish council.

John has been active in civic affairs, serving on the Park Board for six years and was appointed by the City Council to be General Chairman of the Elma Centennial.

John served the rural community as a Moorman Mfg. Representative from 1971-1985.

Sandy is an employee of St. Joseph's Community Hospital in New Hampton, Iowa.

Linus Lentz Family

Linus Lentz was born March 13, 1938, at Elma, Iowa. He lived all his life in Elma except for two years he served in the U.S. Army—including sixteen months in Japan.

Linus has served the agricultural needs for livestock, poultry, and pets, through Purina Feeds for 28 years. Presently, Linus owns Lentz Feed in Elma, Iowa.

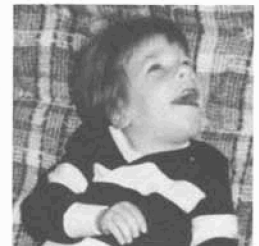
Elsie Chihak was born February 8, 1943. She was raised in the Lourdes area, going to Our Lady of Lourdes grade school and then graduating from the Immaculate Conception High School in Elma in 1961. She lived and worked in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, until coming back home to marry Linus Lentz on May 8, 1965.

They are the parents of six children: Vicki, Tony, Andy, Karen, Brenda, and David (deceased in 1982).



Linus Lentz family. (Back row, left to right)—Vicki, Andy, Karen, Tony, Brenda. (Front)—Elsie and Linus.

David Lentz, son of Elsie and Linus Lentz.



Vincent Lentz

Vincent Lentz was born July 6, 1915. He married Millie Chihak in 1936 and spent the years that followed in the Elma and Alta Vista area.

He operated the Lentz Sand and Gravel for approximately twenty-five years. He served as Justice of the Peace in Elma for fourteen years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sportsman Club. They are members of the Immaculate Conception Church.

They were parents of: Louis, Alta Vista; Mrs. Phil (Beverly) Beam, Fort Dodge; Mrs. Ron (Janet) Schroeder, Long Beach, California; Mrs. David (Carol) Zobeck, Elma.

Vincent died May 29, 1972. Millie now resides in Alta Vista, Iowa.



Millie and Vince Lentz.

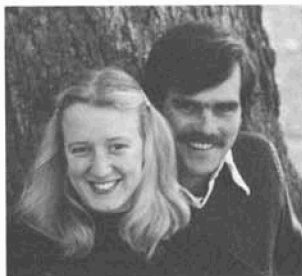
Kevin Loes

Jean Ludwig, daughter of Joe and Elsie Ludwig of Elma, and Kevin Loes, son of John and Mary Kay Loes, were married January 3, 1981, at I. C. Church in Elma.

Jean received her associate degree in nursing at NIACC college in Mason City, and was employed as an R.N. at the Floyd County Memorial Hospital in Charles City and later St. Joseph's Community Hospital in New Hampton.

Kevin worked for Ludwig Plbg., Htg., and Elec. as an electrician in Elma.

They moved to Iowa City in the spring of 1984 where Jean is employed in the Coronary Care Unit at the University Hospital and Kevin is employed as a foreman for DeVrieze Electric in Iowa City.



Jean and Kevin Loes.

Dr. E. O. Longstreth Family

Dr. E. O. Longstreth was born in Afton, Iowa, on February 8, 1895, to Orlando Langdon and Mary Louise (Wells) Longstreth. After graduating from the

school of dentistry at the University of Iowa in 1925, he established his practice in Elma.

He married Emma Claudine Lammers (who was born April 30, 1902, to George H. and Anna [Haack] Lammers) on September 25, 1927. She was one of six children, two deceased (as of 1980) and Ted, Herman and Otto.

They were the parents of three children: Langdon, and twin daughters, Dianne and Vionne. Although all of their children were formally educated, Langdon (Bucky) received his Ph.D. in Psychology and took his under graduate work at Northwestern University in Illinois. He is a full professor with tenure at the University of Southern California, and is an author on child psychology.

Vionne C. Young is living in Wellman, Iowa, and Dianne L. Needham is living in Chanhassen, Minnesota.

For forty years Emma was the librarian in Elma and was influential in helping to secure the red brick library building. She spent untold hours helping Elma's children to find the right book for their research or reading pleasure.

She was a fifty-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary, and Federated Women's Club. She was interested in music, especially in teaching her three children to play the piano. She had taught both piano and ascetic dancing prior to her marriage. She died February 9, 1980.

Dr. Longstreth was also gifted in the field of music, as many people recall, as we watched him direct our town's band concerts. He died on July 15, 1952.



Dr. E. O. Longstreth family. (Left to right)—Dianne, Emma, Langdon, Dr. Longstreth, and Vionne.

Adolph Ludwig, Sr.



Adolph, Sr., and Loretta Ludwig and their two children. (Back row)—Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Ann) Gebel and Adolph, Jr.

Adolph Ludwig, Sr., and Loretta Wacha were married May 28, 1935. They farmed until 1971 when they moved to town and bought the Farmers Inn. They operated the cafe until the death of Adolph, Sr., in April 1975. Loretta died in October, 1974. They had two children: Adolph, Jr., and Mrs. Kenneth (Mary Ann) Gebel.

Matthew Ludwig Family

Matthew and Josephine (Kuhn) Ludwig came to the Elma area in 1893 from the Spillville area. They farmed six miles northeast of Elma until their death in the late 30's and early 40's. They were the parents of eight children: Joe, Sr. (deceased); Anastacia Havlik, living at Colonial Manor; twins, Josephine Fisher (deceased); and Matthew, Jr. (deceased); Mary Vokaty (deceased); Louis (deceased); Adolph (deceased); and Emma Havlik living in Elma. Their son, Adolph, and his family bought the farm and lived there until they sold the farm in 1971 to Harold Anderlik and moved into Elma.

Joseph M. Ludwig

Joseph M. Ludwig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Ludwig and Mary C. Chihak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chihak, all residents of the Lourdes area, were married in Our Lady of Lourdes Church on October 7, 1919. They established their home on a farm northeast of Elma, where they lived until they moved to a home in Elma in 1974. Their youngest son, John, lives on the family farm now.

Joe and Mary Ludwig raised a family of eight: Joseph, Jr., Elma; Mrs. Leo (Mildred) Kobliska, southwest of Elma; Mrs. Glen (Mary) Bauer, Arizona; Francis, Elma; Reverend Raphael, pastor of St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Evansdale; William, Elma; Mrs. Ray (Josephine) Mehlberger, Marion; John, Elma.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig celebrated sixty-two years of marriage.

Joe Ludwig, Sr., passed away April 13, 1982, at the age of 88. Mary Ludwig resides at Colonial Manor and is ninety-three years of age this centennial year.



(Back row, left to right)—William, Rev. Raphael, Francis, Mary, Mildred, Joe. (Front)—Josephine, Mary, Joseph, Sr., John.

Joe Ludwig, Jr.

Joe Ludwig, Jr., and Elsie Valvoda, the daughter of Frank, Jr., and Rose Valvoda were married at St. Joseph's Church in Cresco on June 6, 1944. They were the parents of eight children: two sons who died in infancy, Tom, now a credit manager for a finance company, lives in Champaign, Illinois. He is married and has two children, Alisha and Ericka.

Rosemary married John Gansen, the son of Ken B. Gansen. She died on February 22, 1974, while they were living in Mason City. They had one daughter, Andrea, who lives in Mason City with her parents and half-sister, Erin.

Joanne married Bill Rausch and is a registered nurse. They and their two sons, Ben and Andy, live in Seabrook, Texas.

Jerry lives in Amherst, Massachusetts and is a Mechanical Engineer now studying for his Ph.D.

Jean, also, a registered nurse, is married to Kevin Loes. They live in Iowa City.

Susan is married to Allen Eiting and lives in Sanford, Florida. They have two daughters, Holly and Pamela.

Joe and Elsie made their first home on the Ed Kubik farm near Lourdes and then purchased their own farm home two miles northeast of Elma.

Joe went into the plumbing business in 1958. The family moved to Elma in 1970. They sold their business to the Jerry Palmersheims on June 1, 1985.



(Standing, left to right)—Jerry, Susan (Eiting), and Joe. (Seated)—Jean (Loes), Tom, Joanne (Rausch) and Elsie. (Insert)—Rosemary Gansen, deceased.

John Ludwig Family



John Ludwig family—Connie holding Renee, John, Jason, Teresa, Darrin.

John Ludwig, youngest child of Joe and Mary Ludwig, was born in 1941 and raised in the Elma area. He has been a farmer since his graduation from I. C. High School in Elma. John and his wife, Connie, have four children: Jason; Teresa; Darrin; and Renee. Connie was born and raised 25 miles southwest of Winona, Minnesota. Upon college graduation, she married John and moved to this area. She is a part-time librarian and substitute teacher. They live on the family farm.

Louis J. Ludwig

Louis J. Ludwig was born to Matt and Josephine (Kuhn) Ludwig, early settlers of the Lourdes community. He married Helen K. Schmelzer, daughter of Louis and Mary (Miller) Schmelzer, and they farmed in the Lourdes area for thirty-five years.

They are parents of three children: Donald, Mrs. Joseph (Eleanor) Gansen, and Mrs. William (Jeanette) Meyer.

Upon retiring from farming in December of 1968, they moved into Elma.

Louis Ludwig died May 22, 1973 at Elma.

John Quincey Mabry

John Quincey Mabry is believed to have been one of Elma's first doctors. He practiced medicine in Elma prior to his death in 1898 and is buried in the Mabry family plot in the Elma cemetery. His mother, Sarah Fuller Mabry, is also buried there. John was the father of Robert Braxton Mabry, born in Elma in 1896.

Robert Mabry married Estelle Tyler who died in 1918 when their only daughter, Roberta, was just two years old. Roberta was raised by Estelle's parents, Charles and Doradee Tyler. She graduated from Elma High School in 1933 and was married to Stuart Hawkins in 1937.

John Mahoney

John W. Mahoney was born in 1873, the son of Daniel Mahoney and Ellen Kane. In 1898 he married Maud Mabry, daughter of Dr. John Quincy Mabry.

John worked on building railroad as a young lad before Elma was started. John later owned a livery stable and acted as a horse buyer for lumber interests from Wisconsin. He also sold insurance and real estate. He died in August of 1955.



John and Maude Mahoney—50th wedding anniversary.

Arnold Maravetz Family

Arnold Maravetz was born near Elma, Iowa, on December 13, 1920. He attended rural schools and graduated in 1940 from I. C. Academy. In August 1950, Arnold married Bernie Malek of Cresco, Iowa. They had the first wedding dance held in the Memorial Hall. They have two children: Mark and Marlys.

Arnold operated Arnold's Tavern from 1945 to 1947. In September of 1947 he started in the auto body business. He moved to his present location in 1950. He also enjoys yard work, gardening and fishing.



Arnold Maravetz family.

Alvin Maseman

Alvin Maseman married Helen Bartels, daughter of Frederick C. and Louise Westendorf Bartels, on September 6, 1928, in St. Pauls Lutheran Church. They farmed near Elma and Alta Vista.

Three children were born to them: Mrs. Duane (Verna) Harms; Vera Gebel, Elma; Mrs. Ronald (Verla) Alexander.

Helen Maseman is a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Elma. She has been a seamstress in the Elma area for many years.



(Left to right)—Verna Harms, Alvin Maseman, Verla Alexander, Helen Maseman, Vera Gebel.

Michael McAuliff

Michael McAuliff, familiarly known as "Mike Mack," was born in 1867 in County Cork, Ireland; the son of Dennis and Elizabeth McAuliff. He came to this country in 1884 when he was seventeen years of age. He settled in Howard County, northwest of Elma, where he continued to live for his entire life.

In 1907 he married Mamie Madden at Davenport, Iowa. They were parents of: Harold, Francis and Mrs. Pat (Elizabeth) Birmingham.

Mike Mack died July 15, 1936.

James McAvoy

James "Jim" McAvoy and Marguerite Kennedy were married in 1922. They had four children: Jack, Jean Noshish, Joe and Marlene Hogan.

They lived and farmed west of Elma until 1929 when they lost their home by fire. They then moved into the town of Elma.

Jim died in July, 1958. In 1968, the house where Marguerite was living was destroyed by the tornado which struck Elma in May. Her home was rebuilt. Marguerite died in January, 1977. Their daughter, Jean, married to Jerry Noshish died in January, 1979.



Jim and Marguerite (Kennedy) McAvoy.



James McAvoy family. (Back row, left to right)—Jim, Marguerite, Jerry Noshish, Jean (McAvoy) Noshish, Jack. (Front row)—Joe, Marlene.

John McAvoy

John 'Jack' McAvoy and Lois Kolbet were married in 1953 in St. Bernard's Church, Alta Vista, Iowa.

They have eight children: Frank, Carolyn (Cozzolino), Joni (Palmersheim), Mary (Hildman), Karla (Bueller), Beth, Mike and Jim.

Since their marriage, Jack and Lois have farmed in the Alta Vista-Elma area. Jack farmed with his father previous to this.

In 1970, they were in the path of the tornado that struck southeast of Elma. It was then that they purchased the Larry Lentz farm just north of Elma, where they have lived since 1971.

It is of interest that Lois' grandparents, the Carl Glaser's, lived on this farm around 1908.



(Back row, left to right)—Carolyn, Karla, Frank, Joni, Mary. (Front row)—Jack, Beth, Jim, Mike, Lois.

Phil McCarville Family

Phil McCarville, son of Raymond and Zelpha McCarville (deceased) of Cresco, Iowa, married Tory Heineman, daughter of Leo and Victoria (Mishak) Heineman (deceased).

They are parents of two children, John and Carol McCarville.

Phil is the owner/operator of Phil's Barber Shop and Tory is a high school counselor.

The barber shop operated by Phil today is the same barber shop operated by Leo Heineman for years.



Phil McCarville family. (Left to right)—John, Tory, Phil and Carol.

Leo Heineman





Victoria Heineman holding granddaughter, Carol McCarville.

Jeremiah McGee

Jeremiah McGee, son of John McGee and Elizabeth Shanahan, was born on September 1, 1870, in Cedar Valley, Iowa. In 1892, he married Anastacia O'Neill, daughter of Andrew O'Neill and Bridget Sinnott. Anastacia was born on September 9, 1868, in Graigenamanague, County Kilkenny, Ireland. They had four children: John, who married Anna Knippling; Charles, who married Ella Knippling; Mary Ellen, who married Fred Araas and moved to Cody, Wyoming; and Elizabeth, who married Vincent Marr and moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The McGee family moved to the Elma area in 1915 and engaged in farming. Upon retirement in 1937, they moved to Elma. They were members of the I. C. Church in Elma.

Charles McGee Family

Charles McGee was born in Cedar Valley, Iowa, to Jeremiah and Anastacia O'Neill. He had a brother, John, and two sisters, Mrs. Vince (Peggy) Marr and Mrs. Fred (Nellie) Araas. Ella Knippling was the daughter of the late Henry Knippling and Adaline Bauhaus. She had five brothers, Frank, John, Joe, Ed, and Bernard; and five sisters, Mrs. Anton (Lizzie) Roman, Mrs. John (Annie) McGee, Mrs. John (Maggie) Jinderlee, Mrs. Charles (Clara) Boyle.

Charles and Ella were married in Elma on October 10, 1926. They are the parents of Mrs. Kenny (Eileen) Weber, Mrs. Lyle (Kathleen) Meirick and Gerald.

Gerald McGee Family



(Back row, left to right)—Gerry, Jr., Gerald, Marian, Larry. (Front row)—Gerry, Theresa holding daughter, Tara, Terry. (Seated in front)—Perry.

Gerald McGee married Marian Marr, daughter of Ralph Marr and Lila Sullivan, daughter of Charles Sullivan and Margaret Jacoby, of Busti, Iowa, on November 15, 1955. They are the parents of five sons, Gerry, Jr., Larry, Terry, Garry, and Perry.

Gerry attended the World Wide College of Auctioneering and graduated in 1981. He also drives a school bus for the Howard-Winneshiek Community School District and feeds out hogs. Gerry and his family have resided on the family farm, which was owned by Gerry's grandfather, Henry Knippling for twenty-eight years. The farm has been in the family for ninety-seven years.

Marion is employed at Donaldson Co. in Cresco and also owns and operates the "Olde Granary Shop" on the family farm.

C. A. "Andy" Mead

C. A. "Andy" Mead was born in March of 1868. Before the age of one, he moved one mile east and ½ mile north of the present site of Elma. He grew up with the local community and saw the railroad come through, and the village of Busti move south to become the town of Elma. He married Grace Pooler in 1895. They were the parents of three children: Harland, Inez, and Robert. He was active in many organizations and on the boards of several businesses, and was one of the original members of the "Pioneer Club." He died in 1941.

Henry Mealy Family

Henry Mealy was born in Rose Creek, Minnesota, and moved with his parents and siblings to Rochester, Wisconsin. He married Jessie Tidgwell, who was born in Rochester, Wisconsin. After their marriage, they came to Iowa (in the early 1890's) operating a lumber yard west of where the Russell O'Donnell home now stands. He was then transferred to Storm Lake, Iowa, and operated yards for Spahn and Rose Lumber Co. They returned to farming in Howard County in 1915.

They were parents of Sylvester (deceased, 1957); Margaret Moore (deceased, 1982); Robert (deceased, 1977); Mary Elizabeth Reicherts (deceased, 1955); Vivian Pembleton (deceased, 1935); Herbert (deceased, 1956); Mrs. A. B. (Ruth) Gansen (deceased, 1948); and Ava Beth Schmidt, Elma.

Henry died in 1954; his wife, Jessie, had preceded him in death in 1922.

Emmett Francis McGrane

Emmett Francis McGrane was born January 19, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McGrane, in a log cabin five miles west of Elma. He attended the rural Elma schools. On June 3, 1902, he was married at Dyersville to Elizabeth Ostwinkle. The McGrane's lived in the Dyersville, Farley and Chester areas. Mr. McGrane was engaged in farming and construction work until he retired in 1952.

The McGranes celebrated their seventy-first wedding anniversary June 3, 1973.

Emmett and Elizabeth were the parents of a son, Orval, and three daughters, Mrs. Cliff (Lucinda) Stratton; Mrs. Dell (Lucy) Curtis; Mrs. Leonard (Eunice) Beckman.

Elizabeth McGrane was born September 30, 1877, in Germany to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ostwinkle, coming to the U.S. when she was seven years of age.

Emmett McGrane, the jovial Irishman, said, "It's hard to get me into bed, and it's hard to get me out." He enjoyed staying up until 11:00 p.m.

Elizabeth McGrane recalled seeing Buffalo Bill Cody when she was a girl in Dyersville. "I can still remember just as well when he came with his show. They set up their tent between the tracks of the Great Western and I. C. Railroads. I bought my ticket from Mr. Cody himself. He wore a big hat and had long white hair and beard. He sat at a table with his revolver laid by his hand on one side and a bag of money on the other side. I also heard President McKinley speak."

As a girl, Liz "worked out." She came to this part of the country to work for Mrs. Daley and when she came she said, "If I can find a man who looks good to me, I'm going to get married." Well, she started with Mrs. Daley who said she had to get some extra cleaning done for they had a hired man coming. The new hired man was Emmett, and they were married a year later.

Busti had one store, a tavern, a blacksmith shop and two or three houses, then.

Emmett remembered living in log cabins and the Indians who came to their door asking for food.

His Uncle Pat had an ox team with big wooden yokes. "He used them for plowing—didn't drive them, but led them. Quite a few folks had oxen in those days."

For a teen-aged Emmett McGrane, the construction of the Great Western Railroad was an exciting event. "My father worked with a team and wheel scraper to grade for the road bed."

With the building of the roundhouse and terminal, the town of Elma developed swiftly. "There were a good many contractors, and Elma grew up in a hurry. Buildings went up fast. There was a large building where GP Lumberyard was—that was where the railroad men stayed. There were two hotels, a big one where Klobassa Store now stands and another one where the Memorial Hall is. The opera house that stood where the Lyle Hart home is, was a general merchandise store on the first floor with the opera house upstairs.

"Things were really hopping when the roundhouse was here! There were horse-drawn buses from the hotel to the depot, and you could see them carrying traveling salesmen and their trunks full of wares to show the merchants.

"Talking about the railroad, I can remember in the winter seeing hog carcasses, frozen, piled high like cord wood beside the railroad track ready to be shipped."

As a lad, Emmett had the job of building fires in the country school he attended west of Elma. "I got 5 cents a morning and four dollars for the season. I used the money to buy a road cart. Not very practical

though, I didn't have a horse to hitch to it."

He worked by the day and got \$12 per week. But he says you could get a pair of shoes for \$1.50 and overalls for as little as 50 cents a pair. There were days when corn was 10 cents a bushel and hogs were \$2.10 per hundred."

Mr. McGrane says, "The first car I ever saw was an International with high wheels. It belonged to Bill Diekmann, and he gave all the neighbors a ride. It went 15 miles an hour, and we thought we were going fast.

"I remember the first radio. You had to put tubes in your ears to listen. It was mostly music . . . and pretty scratchy."

When Elma was covered with a glaze of ice, Cindy cautioned her father to stay home and off the ice. Throwing her advice to the wind, he walked downtown. When he returned, she was there to greet him, "You shouldn't have gone out in this weather, it's too icy for old people to be out." He replied, "I walked all the way downtown and back, and do you know, I didn't see a single old person out today."

Emmett always hoped to reach 100. He died in January, 1974, just short of his goal.

Elizabeth died Jan. 2, 1981, having reached the age of 103.



Emmett and Elizabeth (Ostwinkle) McGrane.

Pat McGrane Family

Pat McGrane, son of Owen and Margaret McGrane, was born on September 2, 1879. He married Blanche Halpin, daughter of Phillip D. and Johanna (Daly) Halpin, April 14, 1914. She was born April 24, 1890.

They moved to Elma in the early 1930's, living in the house of Johanna's parents, the Daly's, on the south edge of town. Rent there, then, was \$15 a month and there was no electricity or water in the house.

Around 1937, in the fall, McGranes moved to a home on the west end of Main Street and Johanna Halpin moved to the Daly home from a farm west of Elma. Her daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Harry Johnson) and her family, lived with her.

The Daly house is still occupied by a family descendant. Jennie Johnson lived there until her health failed and she went to live with her son, Jess, keeping the house as a "summer home." When Jess' eyesight failed, he retired there and still resides in the Daly home.

Pat and Blanche McGrane were parents of four

children: Mrs. Walter (Lilas) Swacker, Mrs. Harold (Myrna) Weaver, Max McGrane, married to Charlotte Tonn; and Merle, who died as an infant.

Pat McGrane died April, 1956, and Blanche died January, 1959.



Pat McGrane family. (Back row, left to right)—Myrna, Lilas, Max. (Front)—Blanche and Pat McGrane.

Thomas McGrane

The McGrane family came to the U.S. during the great potato famine in Ireland. Rumor has it that they may have set sail from Cork, Ireland, in the mid 1850's. Margaret and her eight sons and one daughter made the long journey alone, without help of husband, Owen, who had apparently died before their departure. When they first arrived, they settled in Illinois. Early land entries for Afton Township show an entry for Patrick McGrane on February 8, 1856, and Thomas McGrane on March 22, 1855.

The children of Thomas McGrane, Sr., were: Mrs. Thomas (Mary) Roche; Henry; James, married to Margaret Devereaux; Peter, married to Rose Murray; Thomas, married to Abigail O'Connell; Frank; Margaret; Mrs. Louis (Teresa—Tess) Rustad; Joseph, married to Jane Murray; and Gene.

Thomas was born October 5, 1831, and died March 30, 1896. Margaret was born March 22, 1839, and died February 18, 1918. They are both buried in St. Cecilia Cemetery.

Thomas and Margaret farmed on what was later the George Reiken farm west of Elma. After Thomas died, his wife and two of the children moved to Austin. Following Margaret's death, the homestead was sold.

The other brothers and sisters of Thomas were: Patrick, who built a log cabin at the site of the old Fogarty place just north of the St. Cecilia Church; John settled at the site of the Raphael O'Donnell farm; Richard, settled where Cliff Valbrecht later lived, he lost his farm in the hard years of the Depression; Thomas settled on the George Reiken farm; James was a Dominican priest; Terrance settled where Henry Rosonke lives now, after serving in the Civil War Co. C 13th IA Inf; Peter was in Co. I 7th Illinois Vol., and later farmed across from the Rennie Taetes farm, later tearing all the buildings down and moving on; Elizabeth married James Richardson and settled on a farm

south of St. Cecilia; and Owen farmed on what was the Walt Gebel farm.

Many of the families in the Elma-St. Cecilia area are descended from the Owen and Margaret McGrane family.



Thomas McGrane, Sr., family. (Back row)—Tess, Frank, Margaret, Joe, Peter, Gene, Tom. (Front row)—(Mother) Margaret, Mary, Henry, Jim.

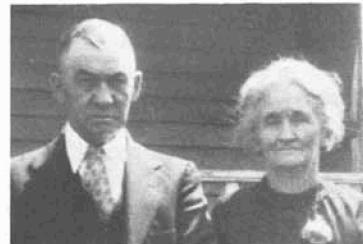
Thomas McGrane Family

Thomas McGrane, the son of Thomas and Margaret (Salmon) McGrane, was born April 22, 1867. His father was one of the early land entries of Afton Township, settling on what was known for years as the George Reiken farm.

Thomas married Abigail O'Connell, the daughter of Dan and Catherine Cashman O'Connell, on January 15, 1873. They farmed for many years in the Elma area and were the parents of ten children: Mrs. Walter (Vinnette) Holler; Mrs. Joseph (Leone) Rosonke; Rosella; Ed, married to Evelyn Quirk; Vince; Earl, married to Helen Schomer; Melvin; Don, married to Marlys Toll; Dolores (Mrs. Matt Palmersheim); and Adrian, married to Erma Toll.



The McGrane family gathered for the wedding of Dolores and Matt Palmersheim. The house was located where the county shop is now and was formerly the Congregational Church. (Back row)—Adrian, Ed, Don, Vince, Melvin, Earl. (Front row)—Rosella, Leone, Tom and Abby, Dolores, Vinette.



Thomas and Abigail McGrane.

Dolores and Rosella are the only two family members still living. Dolores and Matt are retired from farming and she is now Elma's librarian. Rosella resides at Colonial Manor.

Thomas and Abby retired into Elma in 1936. Thomas died in March of 1938 and Abigail died in February of 1946.

Ed McGrane Family

Edward T. McGrane was born November 11, 1903, near Elma, son of Thomas and Abigail (O'Connell) McGrane. He married Evelyn M. Quirk, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Weigel) Quirk, on September 4, 1933, at St. Patricks Church in Jerico. They were the parents of three children: James E., Merle J., and LaVern. Ed worked for the Howard County Highway Department for 32 years, retiring in 1969. He was on the Elma Fire Department for 20 years and belonged to the Elma Sportsman Club for many years. They were members of the I.C. Church in Elma. Ed died December 17, 1973, and Evelyn died July 4, 1981. All three sons live in Elma. James is unmarried, Merle married Gladys Meyer, and LaVern married Donna Heying.

James McGrane

James McGrane, son of Edward and Evelyn (Quirk) McGrane, graduated from the I. C. Academy and spent four years in the U.S. Air Force as a personnel clerk stationed three years in France. At the present time he is a painter in the Elma area.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed McGrane.



James McGrane

Merle McGrane Family



Merle and Gladys McGrane, Brenda and Jason.

Merle McGrane was born in Elma, the son of Edward and Evelyn (Quirk) McGrane. He has lived in Elma most of his life, graduating from I. C. Academy.

He married Gladys Meyer, the daughter of Herbert and Hazel (Tierney) Meyer of New Hampton, October 26, 1968. They are the parents of two children: Jason and Brenda. Merle has worked for Sara Lee in New Hampton since 1972.

LaVern McGrane Family

LaVern McGrane, the son of Ed and Evelyn McGrane, and Donna Heying, the daughter of Leander and Gerry Heying, were married November 30, 1968, at St. Cecelia.

LaVern has worked at White Farm Equipment in Cresco City since 1962, and part-time at the ASCS office in Cresco since 1983.

Donna has been employed as a part-time clerk at the State Liquor Store in Elma since 1975 and also at the Colonial Manor since 1980.

They are the parents of four children: Angie, Tom, Pam, and Kevin.

Their home is the former Mike Fogarty house.



LaVern McGrane family—Tom, Pamela, Donna holding Kevin, Angie, LaVern.

Dr. W. C. McGrath

Dr. McGrath was a well-known resident of Elma; he was married to Fannie Deveraux, and they were the parents of two children, Merle and Marie. Marie died at an early age, shortly after the death of her mother. He later married Elsie Miller, who was a teacher at the Elma Public School, and they were the parents of one child, Betty.

Dr. McGrath served the community as a veterinarian.



Dr. and Elsie McGrath.

an for 48 years and retired in 1960. On his retirement, he was presented fireman hat number 5, which was permanently retired from the Elma fire service, and a sterling silver key ring and watch fob engraved with Elma 1913-1960. On their retirement, the McGraths moved to Denver, Colorado, where he died.

Residents of the Elma area were always aware of Dr. McGrath approaching because his familiar "whistling" was "music to the ear" of many. Elsie is now Mrs. Elsie Lane and lives in Belleville, Illinois.

Louis Meyerhoff

Louis Meyerhoff is the son of Louis and Minnie Lamprecht Meyerhoff. His brothers and sisters are: Albert, Harold, Raymond, Edwin, Clara, Louise, Gloria, Hazel and Ruth.

He married Betty Roethler, daughter of John and Hazel Rohde Roethler. They became the parents of Mrs. Ed (Debra) Voves, Jr., Elma; Sheila; Bill; Karla; and Brenda.

Louie worked at Great Plains Supply from 1955 to 1971, becoming manager in 1957. He later transferred to Bernard, Iowa.



Louis Meyerhoff family. (Back row)—Sheila, Debbie, Bill. (Middle)—Louie and Betty. (Front)—Karla and Brenda.

Frank Meier Family

Frank Meier was born August 4, 1890, in Switzerland. At the age of 14, he came to America and spent a short time in Oregon state. He then moved to Iowa, where he spent most of his life farming.

In April of 1916, he married Veronica Kanies in Alta Vista. They were the parents of eight children: Arnold, Walter, Harold, Jerome (deceased), Francis, Mrs. Joseph (Rosalia) Ptacek, Mrs. Donald (Agnes) Hidding, and Mrs. Clement (Angeline) Urich. Veronica died in January of 1950.

Frank farmed north of Elma for many years on the farm now owned by his son, Harold. He then moved two miles east of Elma on a farm his other son, Francis, now owns. After farming, he moved into Elma. During his later years, he enjoyed doing carpenter work and spent many hours reading. He is always re-

membered as a very generous and helpful person. He passed away in April of 1978 at the age of 88.



Frank Meier family. (Back row, left to right)—Arnold, Mrs. Clem (Angeline) Urich, Walter, Mrs. Joe (Rosalia) Ptacek, Harold. (Front row)—Frank, Francis, Mrs. Don (Agnes) Hidding, Veronica.

Harold and Rosalie Meier

Harold Meier was born September 4, 1924, the son of Frank and Veronica (Kanies) Meier. He was born at Alta Vista and when he was one year old, his family moved to a farm north of Elma.

During World War II, he served in the Army in Italy. After the war, he returned to the family farm, where he and his wife reside today. In 1955 he married Rosalie Sasarak, who was from the state of Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one daughter, Suzanne (Mrs. Mike Klobassa).

Tom Miller Family

Thomas Miller, son of Cornelius and Lela (Nafus) Miller, married Sue Smith, daughter of Henry and Veronica (Polansky) Smith. They are parents of four children: Jason, Jessica, Amy and Sarah.

Tom owns and operates his own truck. Sue is a Watkins Products representative.



Tom Miller family. (Back row, left to right)—Sue holding Sarah, Tom holding Amy. (Front row)—Jason and Jessica.



"Grandpa" Cornelius Miller. Veronica and Henry Smith, holding his Godchild, granddaughter, Sarah Miller.