

WIEDERRECHT GENEALOGY

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

Under much persuasion from my own family and some encouragement from other relatives, I have undertaken to compile a Wiederrecht genealogy.

I have found it quite a task but also quite interesting and trust that it may be of interest to other members of our clan.

I have chosen to begin with my grandparents, George Philip and Salome Sulzbarger Wiederrecht, immigrants from Baden, Germany on the Rhine.

I am indebted to many relatives who have given statistics as to births, marriages and deaths, especially to my cousin Helen Smith for Uncle George's family, to Mrs. John Jessup, formerly the wife of LeRoy Lieberknecht for the genealogy of the Henry Lieberknecht family, compiled with the help of cousin Mae Lieberknecht.

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My Grandfather George Philip Wiederrecht, born May 27, 1825 was second in a family of ten children, born to Philip and Catherine Anthony Wiederrecht in Baden Baden, Germany. At age 22 Grandfather took passage in an American sailing vessel "The Independence", and after a pleasant voyage of thirty days landed in New York City, going directly to Buffalo. While there he was engaged for eight years in various kinds of labor.

In January 9, 1853 in Buffalo, he married Salome Sulzberger, who became my grandmother. She came from a family of eight, born in the village of Rhinbishopsheim, not far from Baden Baden, my grandfather's birthplace. Grandmother's parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Schafer Sulzberger. Her father was a rope maker by trade and owned "dreisig aker", thirty acres of land. In the spring of 1848, ^{she and her} brother Jacob Sulzberger set sail from Havre on the sailing vessel "Chesapeake" for the new world. After a very rough and stormy voyage of six weeks, they reached New York.

I can remember my grandmother telling about the experiences of that voyage, how everything and everybody tumbled from one side of the ship to the other and she was one of the few who did not suffer the agony of sea-sickness.

In 1854 our grandparents came to Louisa County, landing at Port Louisa on the Mississippi River. They lived for eight years in Port Louisa Township on land they rented from Mr. Frederick Beik, also a native of Baden, Germany. After that period of time they moved to Jefferson Township and began to acquire land of their own.

They first purchased a forty acre tract with a log cabin and timber that needed to be cleared for farming. At that time people had the mistaken idea that land that would grow timber must be more fertile than prairie or grass land. However, timber did furnish logs for cabins, fuel for heat and rails for fences. It is amazing how many acres were cleared with the use of a hand ax and grubbing hoe and persistent manpower. My grandfather was a real woodchopper. My father showed me the stump of a burr "oak" tree five feet in diameter that grandfather felled one forenoon with a single bit ax.

By the time I was old enough to accompany him, grandfather was semi-retired, leaving the field work to his three sons while

he did such skilled work as gardening, taking care of fruit trees and grape vines, and his colonies of bees.

Grandfather was a gentle man in every sense of the word, used good language in German or English. Even the bees must have liked him for I remember when he was taking their honey without any protection, he would gently brush off clusters of bees from his bare arms while I kept at a safe distance. When I was a small boy, we used to walk three miles to carry salt to the cattle in the timber pasture. Before we reached the place Grandfather started calling and by the time we reached the gate the herd was there.

Grandfather had the unusual ability of "water witching". I never saw him exercise his talent, but we have evidence that he located the places where several open wells were dug with good success.

My grandmother was of a different nature, she had a mind of her own, strong on discipline and not always gentle. Her religious convictions were puritanic and would not allow a violin in her home. Yet she loved to sing in her strong melodious voice. I have thought of her as the Susanna Wesley type. She must have been a good mother, for as she often said "The Lord helped her bear and rear three sons and three daughters without the loss of one". They were born in alternate order, first a son and next a daughter. Grandmother often told that she learned much about housekeeping when she served almost four years as a maid in a wealthy home in Strassberg across the Rhine. When she first expressed her desire to go to America, her mother wept, but after one year said "Saloma if you still want to go to America you have my consent", which was all that was needed. It took courage on the part of both.

The new life in America was more rigorous but also rewarding. There were helpful neighbors like the Beiks and the Wapnitz families in Port Louisa Township and other neighbors from Germany in Jefferson Township, namely the Kreiners, Fath and Bissinger families. Grandpa Kreiner as we called him was a shoemaker by trade and mended the neighbors boots and shoes. Before there was a bridge over the Iowa River to Wapello, my grandmother would carry her butter and eggs to market at Port Louisa, where there was a thriving general store and a large warehouse to store goods arriving on the Mississippi River.

Family I

My Uncle George and Aunt Lizzie Wiederrecht reared a family of three daughters, Daisy, Lela and Helen and one son Joseph Frederick, more commonly called Fred. One of the exceptional qualities of this family was their musical talent and ability. The family lived for several years on land my Grandfather had purchased one mile south of his own home where the children were born. I well remember how excited we were when these cousins moved up to Grandfather's place, almost across the road from our home. Grandfather's home was remodeled and enlarged and additional apartments built for our grandparents.

We cousins spent many happy hours together. While we were not at liberty to go to each other's home at will, we could always shout to each other and meet at the halfway point down by the creek and bridge. We used to roll our hoops up and down the road and become quite skillful at it but later bicycles took the place of hoops. We walked together to and from school at Oak Grove about 1/2 mile down the road. "Just down the lane by the cross road

In a corner so shady and green
A little white house with a belfry,
Our school house may be seen."

This is the first verse of an original poem composed by cousin Helen, recited at one of our school programs.

There are many fond memories of those good old days. On summer afternoons, we cousins would walk one mile east down to Lake Odessa for fishing, usually with pretty good luck. Cousin Lela my athletic pal seemed to excell in fishing, just as in studies, racing, riding bicycles or horses. I could throw my bait in the water right beside Lela's but the fish always preferred hers. This number one family grew up as all families do and cousin Daisy, a popular young school teacher was the first to leave home. She was married at home, to Robert Francis Johnston of Columbus City Township. I like to remember that a favorite and beloved pastor Rev. Thomas Poole (a young drummer boy in the Civil War) performed the ceremony.

Daisy and Frank had a family of four sons and one daughter. Rexford died in early youth, a victim of rheumatic fever, as I recall. Robert Leland while attending Iowa State University in Ames met an early death in an auto accident, a severe blow to the whole family. Burdette, now the eldest and a comfort to

family, after attaining his college degree started his teaching career, which has led him into some good positions in the high schools and colleges of Illinois. He is married to Emily Nesbit Johnston and they are the parents of Larry Dean and Robert James.

Larry Dean after his term of service in the late undeclared war came home from Vietnam and was married to Judy Hoag. He is now employed as a certified public accountant. Robert is married to Shirley Lynn Huber Johnston and is working for his college degree and may also follow his father's profession.

William Dean(Bill)Johnston, fourth son of Frank and Daisy now lives in Phoenix, Arizona and is in partnership with his sister Helen. They are kept busy landscaping lawns and gardens of Phoenix homes. He is married to Shirley Mitchell Williams. Their children, most of them now grown and married are Judith Jean, Kent William, and Kirk Dean Johnston, Jeffrey Lloyd, Deanna Dawn and Terry May (Williams)Johnston.

Lela Mabel Wiederrecht, second in my Uncle George's family, my youthful companion and superior after graduating from Grinnell College, taught in the high schools of Columbus Junction and Waverly, Iowa before transferring to Washington state. There she was married in 1917 to Francis J. Ehle. They are now both deceased, but left a fine son Francis George, who with his lovely wife Adeline Paghini have three lovely daughters. They live in Des Moines, Washington. Their picturesque "self-built" home is on the shore of Puget Sound. Hazel and I greatly enjoyed our visits with them especially at Moclips Beach on the Pacific. We, with our daughter Helen and family had gone with the Ehle's for a weekend trailer trip to the Pacific shore intending to dig clams, but our plans changed by a hard rain and wind storm on Friday night. We were awakened early Saturday morning by Helen holding a large blue-green glass ball at our cabin window. The storm had blown these glass balls used by the Japanese as floats for their fishing nets all the way across the Pacific, so instead of clam digging we picked up these balls. We also enjoyed a birthday party for Frank in our comfortable cabin, which we shared with Adeline's mother. The Ehle's and the Johnson's camped nearby in their handy trailers. We are very proud of Lela's and Frank's worthy son.

Next in line is cousin Helen Wiederrecht, who married Earl Smith of Toolsboro, the historic village where she still lives. Earl died in August 1962. He and Helen will long be remembered for their excellent voices in song, singing for special occasions including many funerals. Their immediate family of one son William C. and two daughters, Elizabeth Lucille, now Mrs. Ralph Nichols and Olive Pauline, now Mrs. Milton Koesau, and all followed by children and grandchildren.

William C and wife Geneva Carter Smith live in a new home on a picturesque and historic spot overlooking the Iowa and Mississippi rivers and the place where Joliet and Marquette landed in 1673. The tri-centennial of this event will be celebrated in Toolsboro this year of 1973. Bill and Geneva have a daughter Patsy Lee and a son William Carter Smith. Patsy is married to David Gish. They live in Maryland and have three sons, David, Eric and Matthew. William Carter Smith ("Bill") and wife Patricia Fleming Smith have four daughters and one son, namely Linda, Susan Fleming, Mark, Dianne and Mary Smith.

Elder daughter of cousins Earl and Helen Smith is Elizabeth Lucille. During a few years of teaching she met and later married Ralph Nichols, a teacher of speech in the University of Minnesota. He is nick-named Nick by his friends. Nick and Lucille live in St. Paul and he answers many calls to lecture throughout our country and abroad.

The Nichols have two sons, Dr. Ned Nichols, who is a practicing physician in Oklahoma City and Dr. Jack G. Nichols a professor of Economics in Wisconsin University. Jack and his wife Joan have two young sons, Craig and Scott.

Olive Pauline, the youngest daughter of Earl and Helen is the wife of Dr. Milton Kiesau, a practicing physician in Postville, Iowa. They have a family of two sons and two daughters. The Kiesau's elder son Dr. David Kiesau is a dentist in San Francisco. Dr. David and his wife Donna have a little daughter Marin. The second son Douglas Earl is a law student in Denver. He is married to Jacque Dawson. Mary Martha, a graduate of State University of Iowa is working on her masters degree at the University of Northern Iowa, while practice teaching. Georgia Louise Kiesau, a graduate of Drake University is teaching in the schools at Postville.

Cousin Joseph Frederick Wiederrecht with his impressive name and superfine voice might well have become a famous singer, but was content to let such honors pass on to his daughter Martha. Fred had met and married Lucille Wright in Seattle, Washington where he worked in the huge ship yards helping to build ships for the US Navy, and also spent some time in the service. Their daughter, Martha Wright Wiederrecht began her singing career in Seattle but later transferred to New York and attained her goal of success, by singing on Broadway. While in New York she met and married Michael Minuchi. Their children are a son, Michael and three daughters Maria, Martha Jaynie and Jennie. Fred and Lucille also transferred to New York and found pleasant employment as babysitters for Martha's young children. They are now retired grandparents and enjoy life in a cottage on the Manuchi property.

Family II

The story of the second child begins with the marriage of my Aunt Sarah to Henry Lieberknecht, a progressive farmer as well as a good husband, father and uncle. Their family consisted of two daughters and four sons. Listed in order of birth they were Daisy, Ernst, Arthur, May, Fred and LeRoy. They lived one mile east of Letts, about fifteen miles from our home, so our visits there had the added privilege of staying over night in a modernly equipped home. A wood burning brick-lined furnace in the basement, an attic tank of good soft rain water lifted there by a long-handled 'self' propelled pump in the kitchen, which furnished excellent exercise for growing boys. What I appreciated most as a small boy was the life like hobby horse in the living room. I have childhood memories of how Uncle Henry served as Sunday School Superintendent of the German Congregational Church in Grandview, where our families worshipped. This was the church which both my German and Swiss grandparents first joined in Iowa and where my sisters and I were baptized. My Aunt Sarah was one who was always concerned for the educational, physical and spiritual welfare of her family and all young people, and we must agree that concern is love.

Cousin Daisy, eldest in the family was married to an Iowa salesman, Guy Mitchell. They went to Anderson, California where Guy worked in his uncle's store. To this couple was born one

daughter, Genevieve, a great blessing, for after Guy's death Genevieve remained with her mother until death at the age of 91. Genevieve later was married to Jess Stowell. They recently purchased a tract of land they call their farm. They are presently living in a mobil home and as Genevieve says are enthusiastically planting fruit trees and other perennials.

Cousin Ernst Lieberknecht, after acquiring his degree at Iowa State University came back to the farm and was married to Gertrude Hafner of the Letts community. They had one daughter, Barbara Gail. As a young girl she was active in school and 4H work. She attended Cornell College and in her second year was editor of the college paper. Her life was suddenly and sadly cut off by death. Her life was not in vain for her memory and influence live on.

Ernst has served his community and state in several positions of distinction. He served in the Iowa legislature for two terms. He was a member of the Board of Trustees and President of the Eastern Iowa Light and Power. He served his home church at Letts for many years as Sunday School Superintendent and teacher. After retiring from his various activities and hoping to enjoy his good home with his wife Gertrude, he suffered his second great loss in the death of his life companion and helpmate. Ernst is the only survivor of this Lieberknecht family and now is in his eightyninth year and is well cared for in the Wapello Nursing Home.

Cousin Arthur, brother of Ernst, also attended Iowa State University at Ames taking Agricultural courses. He was quite proficient in cattle judging and won honors as such. Art came back to the farm and was married to Winifred Shellabarger of Letts. They became the parents of Henry Arthur, Jr. and four daughters Mary Fern, Miriam, Jean and Jeanette.

Henry Arthur, Jr. married Ruth Wells and they had a son Richard who was killed in a motorcycle accident at the age of 19. Richard had held a scholarship and was ready to enter a school of Engineering. His father, now well beyond normal college age was allowed to use his son's scholarship. He was affectionately called "Dad" by the younger students and won the pride and respect of his instructors. He secured a good position with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company and was sent throughout the states on the job, and later to Vietnam on Government work as a civilian. While

there he became ill and was sent home to recuperate. He had no more than reached home and exchanged greetings with his father, when he died in his chair only a few minutes before his wife Ruth came home from work. This was the second sad loss to Cousin Art for his life companion Winifred had been taken some fifteen previously.

Miriam, eldest daughter of Art and Winifred, and her husband Olin Taylor, retired from the US Services, live in Biloxi, Mississippi. They have two sons Patrick Arnold and Gustov Arthur.

Mary Fern, and her husband Emory Stedman live in Madison, Wisconsin and have a son David and two grandsons to enjoy. Mary Fern writes that she again works at her profession as a trained nurse.

Jean Louise and husband Arch DeWalle live in Moline. They have two sons Joseph, and Timothy and one daughter Mary, the wife of Paul Reed Roberts.

Jeanette May, youngest daughter of Art's family and her husband Truman Woodard live in Moline. They have one daughter Melinda Anne and three sons, Craig, Erick, and Nicholas. All are in high school and college. Truman Woodard is president of Dossalncers, a commercial printing company. The Woodards daughter Melinda "Missy" is a Junior at Ames, Craig a freshman at Iowa City, majoring in business administration, Eric a Junior in High School and young Nick a third grader and cub scout. Jeanette in addition to household duties does volunteer work at the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, along with her church work.

Cousin May, second daughter of Aunt Sarah and Uncle Henry Lieberknecht was an alumna of Grinnell College, which was the arch rival in football of Cornell where I attended. May invited me to visit her for one such game and Cornell was able to break the jinx, but May took it graciously and we enjoyed our visit. Later May married Earl Dickerson, a neighbor. They lived on May's parental home place and successfully operated the farm as long as their health permitted. Earl took an active part in promoting Rural Electrification in Louisa County.

After Earl's death, May sold the farm to their good neighbors the Baily's as she and Earl had planned and she spent her remaining days in the Valley View Retirement Home near Muscatine.

Cousin Fred Lieberknecht, a stalwart young man with a superb Physique was called to serve in World War I. He entered training at Fort Riley, Kansas where he fell a victim of Asian Flu, which was raging at that time. He was brought home October 10, 1918 as one who died for his country. I am glad and proud to tell that my sister Inez went to Fort Riley with the consent of the Army to be Fred's special nurse. She did all she could for Fred but the odds seemed too great. She returned home October 10th ill with the flu, but under the care of our good Dr. Grimes, she survived, glad and thankful that she had done what she could and that she did not infect anyone. Cousin Fred was buried with Military Honors in the family plot in the Letts Cemetary, October 13, 1918.

Cousin LeRoy the youngest son of the Lieberknecht family, holding a degree in Agricultural Engineering and a fine position with Fairbanks Morse of Beloit, Wisconsin, married Frances Newell of Letts. To this union were born three daughters, Mary Beth, Eleanor Frances and Jane Newell. LeRoy did not live to see his daughters mature as he was taken by death when they were all quite young. Later Frances was married to John Jessup, a former friend and college mate of LeRoy's. They live in Ames since John's retirement. We owe much to Frances for her help with the Lieberknecht genealogy which she and May compiled.

Family III

My parental home had it's beginning when my father Lewis Wiederrecht took as his bride and life companion, my dear mother Kathryn Blauer, born in Switzerland on April 28, 1858. She was four years of age when my Grandfather Blauer brought his large family to America and the state of Iowa in 1861.

My parents were married April 29, 1880 at the home of my Uncle Chris Blauer, near Grandview, Iowa. They started their domestic life in a modest home in Jefferson Township on a forty acre tract which my grandfather had purchased for that purpose. We four children had so learned to love that home, we would protest when our parents would talk about buying and moving to another farm. But eventually the time came when we realized it was time to leave the home nest. My father was fortunate in acquiring a good farm and home close by on the Odessa Bluff Road, (now called the Great River Road) in 1907.

I, James Vernon, first child and only son (of my parents) was born March 16, 1887, followed by three sisters. We had a happy childhood, attending a nearby country school, Oak Grove. After High School I taught our home school for one year before entering Cornell College at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. There my greatest gain and accomplishment was finding my life companion, Hazel Graham, the daughter of Edwin and Minnetta Rheinard Graham, of Palasade, Colorado, formerly of Newton.

Hazel was born in Brooklyn, Iowa July 18, 1888, but with her parents moved to Newton in 1892. There as a young girl she made good use of the new Andrew Carnegie Library and became an ardent reader of good books. She loved good music and has imparted these traits to our family. Although not a college "grad", she earned her "MA degree Cumlaude" when our first son was born. She can claim Quaker heritage on her mother's side and Scottish "Graham" paternal lineage. Her Grandfather Thomas Boyd Graham was a builder of wooden bridges for the Rock Island Railway, assisted by his son Edwin Grant Graham.

After graduating from the Newton High School in 1907, Hazel taught for one year in the Jasper County Rural Schools, and then enrolled at Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant. Fortunately for me she transferred to Cornell during my senior year. After my graduation in 1911, we each taught school one year. Hazel at Brooklyn and I at Columbus City.

On December 28, 1912 at high noon, we pledged our faith to spend our lives together for good and for keeps. Our marriage took place in the home of Hazel's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Lyday in Newton. After the wedding, we came directly to the little cottage in Columbus City, where my sister Mabel and I were keeping house and teaching school.

After finishing my second year of teaching at Columbus City, we came to the farm on Odessa Bluffs, where we reared our three sons and two daughters, Edwin, Harlan, James, Annabel and Helen, and have lived for sixty blessed years together.

Edwin Lewis, our eldest son, after graduating from high school, worked his way through college. While attending Muscatine College for two years, he worked as a clerk in Otto's Grocery Store and various restaurants. During the next two years at Cornell College

he worked in the dining room as a waiter. He made many friends at both places. It was at Cornell that he met his future wife, Helen Daeschner, of Coffeyville, Kansas.

After his graduation from Cornell, he secured a job with the Swift Packing Company in Chicago and was assigned to their dairy and produce plant in Salina, Kansas. While there he was accepted as a trainee by the Co-op of Kansas City, but that good opportunity was denied by a near fatal auto accident on February 7, 1940. After recuperating at home for the rest of the year, he was able to work at the Iowa Ordnance Plant in Burlington for a pipe contractor. From there he was transferred to Grand Island, Nebraska by the same contractor. While there, he and Helen Daeschner were married in Lincoln, Nebraska, by Dr. B. F. Schwartz, Chancellor of Nebraska Wesleyan. Ed had roomed at the parsonage at Muscatine while Dr. Schwartz was pastor there.

From 1942 through 1945, Edwin and Helen worked on piping construction projects in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, Washington, Indiana and Delaware.

After World War II, Ed was transferred to the Wilmington, Delaware, home office of the piping contractor for whom he had worked during the War. After completing a Masters's Degree at the University of Delaware, was employed by DuPont Company in their home office in Wilmington.

In 1964, Ed and Helen moved to Boston where Ed had accepted the position of Assistant Personnel Director of Filene's, a fashion department store. After receiving an M.I.S. degree, Helen founded a business library for United Brands Company (formerly United Fruit Company) and presently is their Corporate Librarian. Ed is Account Executive with the Alexander Hamilton Institute. They live at 9 Hawthorne Place, Boston, Mass.

Note: After the above was written we are sad to report that on May 30th, Edwin phoned telling us God had taken Helen through an incurable cancer. They had chosen not to burden anyone with the worry and sorrow that knowledge of this illness would have caused. Through her courageous will to live and the medical care of her doctors, God blessed Helen with a normal quality of life permitting an active busy working and domestic life to it's very end. Helen expressed no regret in life and told Edwin "This is a beautiful way to go." Helen chose cremation and to have ashes to ashes returned to God's own nature which she loved.

Harlan Francis unlike his older brother was too light in weight to take part in high school athletic competition. After graduating, he attended the Muscatine Junior College for two years, then took a job at the Iowa Ordnance Plant in Burlington. While there he took lessons in welding during his spare time and managed to squeeze in flying lessons also. It was here he decided to get into some kind of flying service and took a course in Civilian Pilot training. By gaining a few pounds he got into the Navy Cadets at Iowa City and took his part with the "big boys" in football and wrestling. From Iowa City he was sent to Corpus Christy Naval Air Station for further training. He graduated in June 1943 as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserves in Norfolk, Va.

In July of 1943 while at Floyd Bennet Field, he flew convoy coverage for the HMS Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth. In November of that year he was based in Brazil, where he flew a Martin Patrol plane over the Atlantic in search of enemy submarines.

At the close of World War II, Harlan came back to resume his position as mainstay and help on the farm. He did not take advantage of the GI bill but kept up his interest in flying as well as farming.

It began to seem he was content to remain a bachelor until a home economist, Betty Cruzen came to Louisa County and our farmer had a new and more serious interest.

The happy ending is that Harlan and Betty were married in her home church in Oskaloosa on February 15, 1951 and most miraculously after six years of faith and hope, Frank Lewis, a fine red-haired son was born May 12, 1956. And still more wonderful a sweet baby sister Janet Gail with golden hair joined the family on March 27, 1958. Frank is now a Junior in high school, has a keen interest in flying as well as his school work, both of which seem to come naturally. Sister Janet is also a fine student as well as a musician and seamstress, who makes many of her own clothes, or prepares a good meal for the family. Frank and Janet both play in the high school band.

James Vernon Jr, our third son, born March 14, 1919 has the distinction of being the only red-head of our family. He attended Wapello schools through the first five grades, then after two attacks of pneumonia we let him go to the drier climate of Arizona to stay with Aunt Mabel and Uncle Paul Lischer. He attended school

in Phoenix for two years, then returned home to finish grade and high school with his class of '37. That summer he helped drive our new '37 Chevy to Palisade, Colorado to visit the Graham grandparents. On our way home Jim stopped off in Salina, Kansas where his brother Edwin worked and took a job with the Butcher Meat Packing Co. for a time before returning home.

In 1940 Jim hitch-hiked to Phoenix to live with the Lischers and take a job with a drug company. He also took flying lessons, his boyhood ambition. He had one year in Phoenix Junior College before enlisting in the Air Corp as a cadet, but was disappointed in not passing as a flyer. He was then admitted to Officers Training at Miami Beach, Florida and graduated as a Second Lieutenant in 1942. He was sent overseas in January of '43 to North Africa as a radar controller. He spent 2 1/2 years in the Mediterranean countries, which he enjoyed for the opportunity to visit famous places and also to become a scuba diver and spear fisherman. At the close of the war Jim returned home and was discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Jim entered the University of California at Los Angeles and graduated in 1948. He worked in California until he had the opportunity to come home and help buy an adjoining farm, which he later occupied as a bridegroom.

Jim had now found the girl of his choice, Lucille Hamilton of Sperry, Iowa. They were married at our Methodist Church of Wapello. Lucille had a dear little girl Connie Lou, whom Jim adopted and she became our first grandchild. He and his little family moved into the refurbished residence on the new farm where they lived for six years, during which time a son, Thomas Paul was born.

Jim suffered much back trouble on the farm, so decided to go back to California and take a job as a shop foreman with Ogilvie Vaskov Engineering Co. of Glendora. He worked there for 16 years until another farming opportunity "induced" the family to return to Iowa. Lucille's father, Mark Mehmken wished to retire, so he sold the farm to Lucille and Jim. Jim came back to the farm in March 1972, and the rest of the family after the close of the school year, and after Lucille had sold her real estate business.

While in Glendora a new daughter Carol Ruth joined the family October 23, 1957 and Connie Lou was married to Robert Schuth on January 30, 1965, a Marine from St. Louis. They were stationed in

Atlanta, Georgia when Kristin Elizabeth, our great grandchild was born August 4, 1967. Connie and Bob live in Lawrenceville, Georgia near Stone Mountain where Connie has an executive position in the advertising department. Bob works for Prudential Life Insurance Company. Kristin is well prepared and anxious to enter first grade. Carol Ruth is a sophomore in the Mediapolis High School and brother Tom is a freshman at the University of Iowa, a member of the Air Force ROTC and the only male member of the Scottish Highlanders, where he plays the bagpipes.

On March 4, 1923, Hazel and I felt richly blest when the Lord answered our prayer by sending us a baby daughter, whom we named Annabel. She was a shy modest little girl, but grew up to be a competent nurse and a devoted Christian wife and mother.

After two years in college Ann entered nurses training at the Iowa Methodist hospital in Des Moines. After graduation she worked at the hospital for a time before transferring to the University at Iowa City, where her sister Helen was in training.

As is often the case, both girls met their future husbands in this environment. Ann was married to Laval Hylbak of Perry, Iowa on January 11, 1953. Laval had a little six year old son whom we were glad to claim as our grandson. They made their home in Des Moines where Laval worked for an electric sign manufacturer. Later they moved to St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis, where their 19 year old son Kenneth Dale is a talented artist and expects to enter art school. The Hylbak's daughter Karen Joyce, age 16 is a junior in high school. She works at a recreation center and likes to earn money by babysitting or helping the elderly in a nearby retirement home.

Helen Louise, our 5th child brought added joy to our home as she was another daughter. She cheerfully took the place of her brothers who were in the Armed Services, helping her dad by driving a tractor in farm and field work until she entered college in 1944. She attended Iowa State one year, then decided on a nursing career. She entered the University of Iowa at Iowa City and graduated with a degree in both science and nursing. There she met Leighland Johnson of South Dakota, who was a graduate student, who had taught in Columbus Junction High School. Leigh then entered Augustana Theological Seminary at Rock Island, Ill. In 1950 he and Helen were married in her home church in Wapello.

Leigh continued in Seminary and Helen was employed as a nurse.

After his ordination he served as pastor in Lutheran churches until 1958, when he and Helen and little 25 year old Martha Leigh went to the Mission field in East Africa. At the end of their four years they returned in 1962. Leigh spent a year in the University of Minnesota accepting a position in Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington where he served for eight years.

He is currently a mathematics instructor in Fort Steilacoom Community College at nearby Fort Lewis. Helen is a school nurse part time for two schools, just outside of Tacoma.

The Johnson's have a daughter Martha Leigh and a son Philip Douglas. Martha Leigh was married February 16, 1973 to Robert Matson and they live south of Tacoma on a ranch farm from which Bob drives to his work as a steam-fitter and Martha to school in Tacoma. They enjoy flying their plane as well as scuba diving and riding their horses. The Johnson's son Phil is a sturdy fourteen year old who likes athletic games, especially soccer.

My sister Lola, second in our family was born September 13, 1888. She was my first little playmate and often protected me from harm and trouble. We both graduated from the Wapello High School in 1906. We attended one summer of Louisa County normal school and passed teachers' exams, which allowed us to teach in our rural schools. Lola taught in rural schools three years and entered Cornell during my junior year. She then taught at Greene, Iowa for one year before she became the bride of a progressive young farmer, Walter Morris. They started farming on a rented farm and by skillful farming practices were able to bequeath a good farm to each of their four children. The Morris children and our five grew up together, going to the same school and church and having many Sunday meals together. Now that all have homes of their own, the Morris cousins still come to call on Uncle Vernon and Aunt Hazel, where they are most welcome. Their father Walter Morris was taken by death in June 1968 and his wife, my sister Lola the following February. I was deeply moved and saddened by the realization that our family circle had been broken.

John David Morris, eldest son of Walter and Lola married Ruth Howie of Montecello, Iowa, whom he met in college at Ames. After serving a few years as a County Agricultural Agent, John came back to the farm to operate a well-known pork producing enterprise. He was

honored by being chosen an Iowa Master Farmer. He and Ruth have a son David Lawrence and a daughter Marilyn Janet. David, also an alumnus of Iowa State University has a position with Brenton Banks in Des Moines. David married Carol Ann Morford, a University of Nebraska and Mayo Clinic trained physical therapist. Marilyn Janet Morris, also earned her college degree at Iowa State University and met her future husband Dr. George Max there. They live in Hickory, North Carolina, where Dr. George teaches chemistry in Lenoir Rhyne College and Marilyn teaches part time in the Home Economics Department. Little Laura Michelle was born July 20, 1971 and is now a busy little girl.

Robert W. Morris, second son of Walter and Lola, after his term of service in the US Army came back to the business of farming. He is married to Frances Wood and they live on their model farm near Letts. They have two married daughters, Sandra Kay, who is the wife of James Hafner, band director and music instructor in the high school at Fairfield, Iowa. They have a son and a daughter, Michael James and Susan Elaine Hafner. Jennifer, the youngest daughter married Tom Jacobs and they are presently living in the home last occupied by Grandparents Walter and Lola. Tom Jacobs plans to follow the teaching profession and has been doing some supply teaching in the L & M Community School closeby.

Richard Lewis Morris, third son of Walter and Lola and his sister Marjory Morris Jack, only daughter and elder child of the Morris family, now live in the parental home in Port Louisa Township. They are much interested in antiques. Richard has a valuable collection of Antique cars, which win prizes at antique car shows and Marjory collects and refinnishes antique furniture. Her son Jeffrey Jack and wife Helen Duval Jack live on Marjory's farm two miles north. This is the farm that my Uncle Charles and Aunt Mary Pantel owned when I was born. The two tall pine trees in the front yard stand as majestically as they did 80 years ago. Jerry and Helen have a sturdy 14 year old son Jeffry Allen Jack, who is quite a builder. With a little help from his mother he built a model log cabin in the woods. It is large enough for Jeff and his neighbor pal to live in, which they like to do.

To continue with my parents family, their second daughter, my little golden haired sister Mabel Grace arrived on the afternoon of September 29, 1890 to begin her eventful life of labor and travel. She grew up to be a very successful teacher, dearly loved

by all her pupils. She taught our home school at Oak Grove, also Columbus City schools, along with her brother and lastly in the newly consolidated schools of Wapello. After seven years in the Wapello schools, she was married to Paul E. Lischer in Cedar Rapids. After their marriage in 1928 they started out in search of a home in the southwest. They visited in Phoenix, where sister Inez had taken our mother, hoping to find relief from her arthritis, and they stayed to help with her care. Our father was now spending the winter months in Phoenix with half of his family there. On March 19, 1936, our Lord called Mother home to suffer no more. She was laid to rest in the Harrison cemetery half way between her home on the farm and her home in Wapello. Her life of love and patience was not in vain. Father spent seven more winters in Arizona until he was no longer able to travel. Then our faithful family nurse came to the farm in early 1944 to care for him in his last illness. He rejoined our Mother on MARCH 17, 1944. He was a good and wise father. (If I have a sense of fairness, I owe it to him, if patient, I take it from my mother, who could see the good in every one.) My parents both tried to live by the Golden Rule.

To continue the account of my sister Mabel, her husband Paul was always ready and willing to take her where ever she wished to go. She was thus able to fulfill her desire to see every state capitol in the union. Their last trip together was in 1952, when they took our niece Mary Charlotte and small son Stevie to New York on their way to England to join husband and Daddy, Master Sgt. Marlin Adolphs, US Air Force. Mabel's husband Paul died that same year and she felt a great loss, as did we all.

She now lived with Inez and the next year went with Inez to England to visit the Adolphs and new baby Kathy. They all took a tour of Europe and visited our Mother's birthplace in Grindelwald Switzerland. This was the beginning of several overseas trips for Mabel. In 1954 a month tour of the Hawaiian Islands. In 1955 a conducted tour of Europe with time on her own in Switzerland. In 1960 Mabel made an extended visit to our daughter Helen and family in East Africa. While there she went with the family on a tour that took them to noted places, one being the great volcanic crater basin Nigoro, where they saw many of Africa's wild animals, which they shot with cameras. In 1964, she took a 21 day trip to the

Holy Land and in 1965 a more extended tour of the *Far East*, conducted by her pastor, Dr. and Mrs. *Schärer*. He was born in India of Missionary parents. In 1966, a Scandinavian tour behind the iron curtain into Russia, Poland and other satellite countries, and home via the North Pole. In 1967 a circle of the globe included the South Sea Islands, Australia and Africa again. In the fall of 1966, Mabel and Inez made their last move in *Phoenix* to the Beatitudes, a lovely retirement complex at 1620 W. Glendale Avenue. In 1970 they drove back to visit us in Iowa and to the east coast and down to visit our granddaughter Connie, her husband Bob and our only great granddaughter Kristin, near Atlanta, Georgia. After they reached home a seige of illnexe struck them beginning with the flu. Mabel had not fully recovered when she fell and broke her hip. Since then she has been in and out of the hospital most of 1972, but she now walks with a cane and determination.

My youngest sister, Inez was born December 9, 1892 and was one of my best pupils, when I was teaching in our Oak Grove school. After high school she attended college at Cedar Falls, then decided she wanted to be a nurse. She entered training at North Western University and Evanston Hospital. After completing her training she married a former patient, Wilmet Campbell, an Indiana lumber dealer. On their wedding trip they visited Europe and our mother's birthplace at Grindelwald, Switzerland. That marriage was cut short by death of her husband, and Inez returned to nursing in Evanston hospital. In 1927 she took Mother to Phoenix, hoping to find relief for her arthritis. There Inez took care of another elderly mother by the name of Campbell and this resulted in her marriage to the bachelor son, Charles B. Campbell. Charlie and Inez adopted a newborn baby girl, whom they named Mary Charlotte, who is now the wife of an Air Force veteran, Marlin Adolphs. They have two sons, Steven, married to Pamela Westmoreland and Charles a teen-ager. They lost a dear sixteen year old daughter Kathleen Dianne, while they were stationed in Alaska. Kathy's body now lies in a beautiful cenetary in Phoenix, near that of Uncle Paul. Sister Inez now reaching her four score years, is still strong in spirit and a source of strength to family, friends and those who need her. "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

Family IV

The fourth child and second daughter of my grandparents was Lizzie Wiederrecht, who married a neighbor farmer George Kreiner. They lived one-half mile south of our home and only a short distance from our Oak Grove School.

Uncle George was the first in our neighborhood to introduce such modern conveniences or "luxuries" as the bicycle, typewriter, phonograph, the first single cylinder Cadillac, cream separator, and also a registered Hereford bull to build up a good herd of white face cattle at a comfortable profit.

Aunt Lizzie was small in stature but strong in spirit and determination. I have heard her say she never got tired. She could bake the largest loaves of bread and never seemed to have a failure. She was a good cook and served sumptuous meals to thrashers. Uncle George and Aunt Lizzie had two sons, Ralph and Earl and one daughter, Bertha.

Ralph after graduating from Iowa Wesleyan College married Myrtle Garmier of Dexter, Iowa, then entered the teaching profession. He retired from teaching in Hampton, Iowa where his three sons operate a thriving International Harvester and Buick Sales business. I am sorry to relate that Ralph died in his 83rd year of a severe heart attack. His wife Myrtle survives and is well cared for by her three devoted sons and their wives. The sons are Richard Allison, Robert Eugene and Raymond Francis, all of whom have beautiful homes in Hampton. Richard and wife Marie also have a model farm near Hampton.

Cousin Earl Kreiner still lives on the home farm where he was born August 12, 1888. On September 9, 1912 he married Alma Kern, a neighbor, also of German stock. To them were born two daughters, Harriet Elizabeth on June 19, 1913 and seven years later Dorothy May, whose birthdate was June 21, 1920. When baby Dorothy was born it was evident that Alma was very ill. They moved to El Paso, Texas hoping for her improvement, but after two years found their move was in vain. They then realized that Alma could no longer mother her 2½ year old baby girl and Earl's sister, Bertha came to the rescue and with her husband were happy to adopt Dorothy and gave her the name Graner and a new home in Fort Worth, Texas. Earl and Alma came back to the farm, where Alma died in April 1927. On November 11, 1934, Earl was married to Lela Martha Snavelly of

Iowa City. They are now retired senior citizens and still enjoy their modernized home and large garden. They rent the farm to good neighbors, the Williams family, who look after their wants and welfare.

Earl's daughter Harriet married a Morning Sun farmer and horseman, Ernie McElhinney. They have four sons, Joe, Richard and twins Keith and Kenneth and an only daughter Mary, who is married to Jackie Lee West. They have a baby son named Jimmy.

Bertha Saloma Kreiner born December 9, 1892 was the jovial daughter of Uncle George and Aunt Lizzie Kreiner. She was full of fun and energy. She was one of my good eighth grade pupils and also my school mate four years earlier as were Cousin Warren and my sister Inez. I am proud to say that there was no problem in discipline.

Bertha became a skillful seamstress and could make a dress in record time and never miss a stitch. She met the man of her choice Claude Graner, who worked for the Bissingers close by.

Bertha and Claude were married in her parental home and then went to Claude's sunny home in Fort Worth, Texas. There they had the joy of having their adopted daughter, Dorothy Mae Kreiner Graner grow into womanhood and become the wife and mother in the Mac Webb family.

Dorothy married Mac Webb of Fort Worth in June 1942 and they now live in Seattle Washington. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter, Michael David, Curtis Daniel and Kathleen Doyle. All are married and Curtis Daniel and wife have presented Dorothy and Mac with a Granddaughter, Rebecca Christine born June 23, 1971.

Family V

My Uncle Fred, third son and fifth child of my grandfather married Minnie Melissa Heins in May 1892. Uncle Fred was a man of considerable influence in church and community affairs. Aunt Lissa had a sweet and gentle disposition which won for her many lasting friends.

To this family was born two sons and one daughter, Warren, Kenneth and Aileen. Warren was a modest man of much influence in his church and community. He married Della Reutinger, who served many years as organist in the Methodist Church and accompanied Warren's tenor solos. They spent many of their last years in Phoenix, Arizona near my sisters. During Della's last years,

of illness she was gently cared for by Warren until her death in 1960. Later Warren married Mrs. Frances Barr Kennedy, a friend of both Warren and Della. Warren and Frances spent only a few years together. While he continued in apparent good health, they enjoyed traveling until he was stricken with cancer and death came in June 1969.

Kenneth and his wife Beulah still live on the home farm and carry on the good work of his father and brother. Kenneth started to school during my spring term at Oak Grove, but already had a good start in reading, so I cannot claim much credit for his scholastic ability. He was valedictorian of the class of 1918 in high school and made top grades at Iowa State University.

He came back to the farm and married a farm girl Beulah Minder of Muscatine, who taught in the Wapello School.

Kenneth also takes an active part in community projects. He and his brother were among the first to practice soil conservation by terracing, contour plowing and planning, etc. He is a member of the District soil conservation board and serves on the Board of Directors of the State Bank of Wapello, as well as the Farmers Elevator Board.

Kenneth and Beulah have two married daughters, Lois Melissa and Hannah Elaine. Lois and husband Fred Finke live on a farm near New London. They have a young daughter Ellen, who goes to school in New London. Kenneth and Beulah's second daughter Elaine married Jon Gilmore Lindgren, who holds a PHD degree and teaches economics at the University of North Dakota. Elaine also has a PHD and teaches part time in the Department of Sociology. The couple has a daughter Ann Melissa and son Jon Gilmore.

Aileen, a graduate of Iowa State University taught Home Economics in Danville, New London, Hampton and Lisbon, Iowa. She met her future husband Charles Campbell while teaching at Hampton. Charles spent 4 years in the US Army. He and Aileen were married during that period. When discharged from the service he finished the last two years at University of Iowa, in Iowa City majoring in History. He taught social studies at Lisbon and later at Prairie High near Cedar Rapids until a few weeks before his death in May 1970. Aileen retired from teaching in 1972 and now lives in her home in Lisbon, Iowa.

Their daughter Joan and husband Joshua Rabinowitz are both graduates of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn. Joshua attended

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass, and is working toward completion of his PH.D. The family have recently moved to Chicago, where Joshua is teaching Philosophy at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Branch. Their son Abraham is 1½ years old.

Family VI

Last but not least is my Aunt Kathryn Schafer, third daughter and sixth child of my grandparents. I can well remember her as a popular young lady still in her parental home. She liked to play tricks on nephews and nieces and friends, but always got by with good grace and good humor.

I remember that cold February 2nd, 1891, when she was married to Samuel Schafer. The day was too cold for even the proverbial ground hog to appear. The wedding took place in Uncle Fred's new home only one half mile away, but my father covered his young family with heavy robes and blankets in our bobsled. My baby sister Inez was only six weeks old.

The new home of Uncle Sam and Aunt Kathryn, where I always loved to go and was warmly welcomed was two and one half miles north on Lake Odessa Bluff Road, now part of the scenic highway known as the Great River Road. There was not much traffic on this road when we cousins rode our bicycles to "Aunt Kate's House".

To Uncle Sam and Aunt Kathryn were born two sons, W. Paul and Marion Lewis Schafer and one lovely daughter Helen Frances. Paul married a talented and capable neighbor farm girl, Marie Kreiner. They first lived in a cottage among the oak trees where Paul's parents started their married life. In fact the children of both generations were born here. The cottage still is attractive in it's picturesque setting and is used by friends as a vacation home.

After Paul's parent's deaths, he and Marie moved to the parental home nearby. They rebuilt the house into a modern attractive home with a grand view of Lake Odessa and the Mississippi River. Paul saw a favorite project develop from a cottage on the hillside into a community of summer homes. This gave Paul and Marie the opportunity to make many friends but again we were saddened when he was suddenly taken by a heart attack on December 30, 1967.

Paul served on our Wapello School Board for many years, also on the Wapello Elevator Board. The eldest daughter of Paul and Marie is Shirley May, wife of Milton Mikesh, band director and

music instructor in the schools of Waterloo. The three children of the Mikesh family are Mike, Kathy Marie, and Teresa.

The second daughter of Paul and Marie is Harriet Ione, wife of Dr. Samuel Townsend. They live in Cincinnati, where Dr. Sam does research work and teaches anatomy in the University of Cincinnati. They have a son Douglas Edward about to enter his teens and a daughter Gail Sue, two years younger, a precious pair and pride of their parents.

Mary Arlene Schafer Thompson, the third daughter of Paul and Marie is the wife of Dr. Robert Thompson, a metallurgist employed by Inland Steel in research work. They have two daughters and one son, Cynthia Carol (Cindy), Susan Lynn and Eric Robert. Their home is in Highland, Indiana.

Number four in the family of the Paul Schafers is their only son Harlan, who married Linda Moser of Burlington. They live in Burlington where Harlan is well employed and is able to come home on weekends to visit and help his mother. Harlan and Linda are the proud parents of two young sons Steven Paul and Bradley Allen. Harlan served in the US Navy three years, part of the time on the Aircraft carrier, Kitty Hawk. He was also land based on Midway Island, among the penguins (gooney birds), which he says were almost too tame and friendly.

Marion Schafer, second son of Uncle Sam and Aunt Kate was always quite interested in nature and wild life. He was able to identify the wild animals and birds by their foot prints or by their cry or song. He was a successful hunter and trapper of coons and skunks, when not in school. He still likes to take boys out on moonlight nights along with his coon dog and teach them the tricks of the sport.

He married a gracious young lady, Pansy Head and they started their home on a rented farm known as the George Bissinger farm on the Wagelle-Toolsboro road. They had the misfortune of a fire that took the large farmhouse, but they bravely converted a comedious wood shed into temporary living quarters. A more happy experience on this farm was the birth of their two sons Robert and David. In 1949 Marion purchased a farm home only two miles from his parental home, but Pansy was permitted to enjoy it only a few years when she was taken by cancer. Later Marion married Ruby Walker Waller, who was a blessing to the family and little

David, whom she nurtured to young manhood until he too was taken by cancer. David was thus denied the promise of a happy marriage and advancement with the well-known Banda Company of Muscatine.

Marion's older son Robert Schafer, a graduate of Iowa State University with a degree in Agricultural Engineering is married to the former Carolyn Henn of Blanchford, Iowa. They have a young daughter Elizabeth Dianne and live in Auburn, Alabama, where Dr. Robert works for the US Department of Agriculture in connection with the University of Alabama.

On July 7, 1908, there was welcomed into the home of Uncle Sam and Aunt Kate Schafer a beautiful blond brown-eyed baby girl, whom they named Helen Frances. After High School she entered nurses training and in her profession, her friendly disposition and attractive personality won many lasting friends.

On November 1, 1932, she was married to Thomas Davis of Chicago, Illinois. After a few years there, they moved to Normal, Illinois, where Tom worked as a Public Accountant and income tax consultant.

The Davis's had two daughters, Barbara Kay and Sheila Mae. Barbara married Arthur George Stead of Eagle, Wisconsin and they have two daughters, Debra Inez and Diedri Ann. Sheila Mae was married to Billy Gene Roth of Mansfield, Illinois and they are the parents of one son Thomas Arthur. Helen Frances, now a beloved grandmother became a victim of cancer in November 1962. Tom remarried and moved to Fort Meyers, Florida, where he died in 1970.

My Father's Philosophy

My life has been shaped largely by my father's philosophy, shown by the way that he practiced it and the unique way he used to express his opinions and beliefs.

Father's schooling was about the equivalent of present day fourth grade, but his education came from practical experience and sound judgment in putting first things first. He was a good listener which made him a good judge of human nature. In my boyhood I heard him say "I don't want to be rich, but raise a family that will have the good will and respect of other people."

I often quote my father's sayings and have been urged by my sisters and others of our family to record them for his descendants, so this may be a good time and place to do so as a tribute to my wise father whom I can now better understand and appreciate in my advancing years.

I must confess to my grandchildren that as a teenager I could not always see his wisdom or understand his concern for my welfare. I must also say that we had a sympathetic "go-between" in my dear understanding mother who was patience personified.

If I have a sense of fairness, I take it from my father, if patience I owe it to my mother.

Quotations that I remember

Be sure you are right, but don't be too sure; the wisest people are often mistaken. Be sure you think you're right.

We do have a right to our opinion, but our opinion may not be right.

There are two sides to every question, but it is not always easy to see both sides.

It is easy to see others faults, but hard to see our own.

The best way to understand the other fellow is to put yourself in his place. (apply the golden rule)

Always tell the truth, don't beat 'round the bush.

It is often best to keep your eyes and ears open and your mouth shut.

Always be good to old people, we all may be old some day.

It's all owing to how you're raised as to what you believe.
(your beliefs)

Don't talk one way to a person's face and different behind his back. (two faced)

You don't build yourself up by running others down.

Judge not. If you do you are being sized up at the same time.

There is some good in everyone.

A good days work never hurt anyone.

Don't be afraid to do a little more than your share.

Don't start a fight, but don't be bullied. (an admonition in my early youth which I tried to follow.)

A home rule that luckily never had to be enforced "A lickin' at school by the teacher requires another at home."

Family I

George Wiederrecht, Jr. Nov. 24, 1853 - Febr. 12, 1927
 Elizabeth Rebecca Handley April 22, 1886 - Febr. 23, 1952
 Married Aug. 18, 1880

Daisy Solme Wiederrecht Aug. 21, 1881 - Dec. 9, 1969
 Robert Francis Johnston June 29, 1880 - Febr. 16, 1967
 Married Dec. 28, 1903

Rexford N. Johnston Mar. 17, 1907 - 1919

Robert Leland Johnston Sept. 15, 1908 - Aug. 1930

Burdette Francis Johnston March 23, 1913

Emily Carolyn Nesbit Sept. 25, 1917
 Married June 3, 1941

Larry Dean Johnston April 23, 1942
 Judy Lee Clayton Hoag
 Married July 26, 1972

Robert James Johnston March 1, 1942
 Sherry Lynn Huber
 Married Aug. 28, 1971

William Dean Johnston March 15, 1917

Patricia Nora Christie
 Married June 21, 1938
 Divorced April 1958

Judith Jean Johnston Sept. 19, 1940
 Ronald Earnest
 Married Aug. 1959

Shane Earnest June 11, 1970
 Kent William Johnston May 7, 1942
 Valerie Ley
 Married

Scott Dean Johnston Jan. 19, 1963
 Steven Kirk Johnston Aug. 11, 1964
 Kirk Dean Johnston Aug. 24, 1960

William Dean Johnston (same as above) was remarried June 15, 1958

Shirley Mitchell Williams
 Her children adopted by William D. Johnston:
 Jeffrey Lloyd Williams Johnston Sept. 17, 1947

Diana Dawn Williams Johnston March 26, 1949
 Richard E. Epton II
 Married Jan. 24, 1970

Randall Lee Epton Oct. 24, 1970
 Terry May Williams Johnston Nov. 5, 1954

Helen Kathryn Johnston Jan. 5, 1921
 Arthur Rajewski
 Married Dec. 11, 1943
 Divorced

Lela Mable Wiederrecht Oct. 30, 1884 - May 29, 1959
 Francis J. Ehle Nov. 15, 1880 - April 1, 1963
 Married Jan. 10, 1917

Francis George Ehle April 11, 1920
 Adeline Pighini Febr. 22, 1921
 Married Aug. 23, 1948

Raeanne Ehle Jan. 21, 1954
 Nancy Ellen Ehle Febr. 9, 1955
 Janice Helen Ehle Febr. 9, 1955

Georgia Helen Wiederrecht March 11, 1888
Earl Parsons Smith Nov. 26, 1887 - Aug. 26, 1962
Married Sept. 14, 1908
Will C. Smith July 9, 1909
Geneva B. Carter Sept. 26, 1911
Married Sept. 26, 1934
Patsy Lee Smith Jan. 4, 1936
David Gish April 22, 1935
Married
Eric Gish Nov. 30, 1963
Matthew Gish Aug. 25, 1965
Will Carter Smith Dec. 25, 1936
Patricia Flemming
Married Sept. 15, 1963
Mark Fleming Smith)
Dianne Fleming Smith) Adopted by Will Carter Smith
Mary Flemming Smith)
Lynda Smith March 3, 1965
Susan Smith Oct. 29, 1969
Elizabeth Lucille Smith April 22, 1911
Ralph G. Nichols March 1, 1907
Married Dec. 28, 1933
Ned B. Nichols Oct. 12, 1935
Jack G. Nichols
Joan Johnson
Married Nov. 23, 1965
Craig Nichols March 24, 1967
Scott Nichols Febr. 1969
Olive Pauline Smith July 31, 1912
Milton F. Kiesau Oct. 21,
Married
David M. Kiesau April 24, 1942
Donna Winterbottom
Married Aug. 24, 1967
Marin Kiesau Aug. 30, 1969
Douglas Earl Diesau July 31, 1944
Jacque Dawson
Married April 15, 1972
Mary Martha Kiesau April 28, 1948
Georgia Louise Kiesau March 1, 1950
Joseph Frederick Wiederrecht Nov. 24, 1891
Lucille Wright Febr. 6, 1901
Married 1920
Martha Wright Wiederrecht March 23, 1923
George J. Manuchi May 15, 1921
Married
Michael J. Manuchi March 21, 1957
Maria Martha Manuchi Aug. 7, 1960
Jaynie Manuchi Oct. 5, 1965
Jenny Manuchi Nov. 10, 1966

Family II

Salome Wiederrecht Oct. 30, 1855 - Aug. 12, 1909
 Henry Lieberknecht Jan. 25, 1852 - April 1, 1919
 Married Febr. 4, 1875

Daisy Lieberknecht Febr. 27, 1876 - June 13, 1967
 Guy Mitchell - April 22, 1956
 Married April 18, 1912

Genevieve Mitchell Oct. 10, 1915
 Jess Stowell
 Married Nov. 16, 1968

Ernst Wright Lieberknecht Sept. 25, 1883
 Gertrude Hafner Dec. 23, 1888 - Nov. 24, 1971
 Married Oct. 30, 1911
 Barbara Gail Sept. 20, 1923 - Nov. 21, 1943

Henry Arthur Lieberknecht March 14, 1886 - Oct. 5, 1970
 Winnefred Lucy Shellabarger Febr. 24, 1888 - Febr. 2, 1952
 Married Jan. 3, 1912

Miriam Alice Lieberknecht Oct. 20, 1912
 Olin Taylor June 15,
 Married
 Patrick Arnold Taylor Aug. 15, 1947
 Gustave Arthur Taylor Oct. 8, 1949

Henry Arthur Lieberknecht, Jr. May 14, 1915 - Oct. 23, 1967
 Ruth Wells May 18, 1917
 Married June 19, 1925
 Richard Dale Lieberknecht Aug. 27, 1954

Mary Fern Lieberknecht May 14, 1915
 Emory George Stedman May 18,
 Married May 28, 1938
 David L. Stedman Sept. 6, 1940
 Lois Topp June 18, 1941
 Married June 20, 1964
 Kelly Ann Stedman Nov. 25, 1966
 John David Stedman March 24, 1969

Jean Louise Lieberknecht Febr. 25, 1917
 Archie DeWalle Febr. 28, 1910
 Married June 14, 1943
 Joseph DeWalle March 17, 1946
 Timothy DeWalle Oct. 6, 1948
 Mary DeWalle June 23, 1950
 Paul Reed Roberts Oct. 16, 1947
 Married June 17, 1972

Jeannette Mae Lieberknecht Aug. 1, 1926
 Truman Keith Woodard April 13, 1952
 Married Nov. 4, 1957
 Melinda Ann Woodard Oct. 24, 1952
 Craig L. Woodard Sept. 20, 1954
 Eric K. Woodard March 3, 1950
 Nicholas A. Woodard Jan. 22, 1964

Irene Mae Lieberknecht Aug. 26, 1888 - Dec. 8, 1970
J. Earl Dickerson Sept. 4, 1889 - Dec. 1, 1968
Married Nov. 22, 1919

Leroy Nicholas Lieberknecht April 6, 1895 - March 13, 1931
Frances Newell Febr. 26, 1896

Married Aug. 14, 1923

Mary Beth Lieberknecht Oct. 30, 1925

Eleanor Frances Lieberknecht Oct. 23, 1926

Rudolph Land Tank April 18, 1922

Married April 17, 1949

Sandra Lynn Tank Dec. 6, 1952

Rudi Edward Tank Febr. 23, 1956

Jane Newell Lieberknecht Jan. 30, 1930

Robert Kent Orman Nov. 8, 1928

Married Oct. 7, 1951

Kent Allen Orman Jan. 8, 1955

Douglas Paul Orman Febr. 28, 1957

Katherine Louise Orman Nov. 19, 1959

Family III

Lewis Wiederrecht Nov. 12, 1857 - March 17, 1944

Kathryn Blauer June 28, 1858 - March 19, 1936

Married

James Vernon Wiederrecht March 16, 1887

Hazel Graham July 18, 1888

Married Dec. 28, 1912

Edwin Lewis Wiederrecht April 23, 1914

Helen Daschner June 25, 1913 - April 30, 1973

Married Sept. 24, 1942

Harlan Francis Wiederrecht March 23, 1917

Frances Betty Cruzen July 8, 1916

Married Febr. 15, 1951

Frank Lewis Wiederrecht May 12, 1956

Janet Gail Wiederrecht March 27, 1958

James Vernon Wiederrecht, Jr. March 14, 1919

Lucille Mehmken Hamilton July 31, 1927

Married Aug. 9, 1950

Connie Lou Hamilton Wiederrecht Nov. 14, 1945 adopted by JVV

Robert Charles Schuth July 28

Married Jan. 30, 1965

Kristin Elizabeth Schuth Aug. 4, 1967

Thomas Paul Wiederrecht Nov. 8, 1953

Carol Ruth Wiederrecht Oct. 23, 1957

Annabel Wiederrecht March 4, 1923

Laval Hylbak March 19, 1920

Married Jan. 11, 1953

Kenneth Dale Hylbak Oct. 21, 1953

Karen Joyce Hylbak July 10, 1956

Helen Louise Wiederrecht Jan. 18, 1927

Leighland Johnson Nov. 13, 1919

Married Dec. 28, 1950

Martha Leigh Johnson Febr. 19, 1956

Robert Matson

Married Febr. 16, 1973

Philip Douglas Johnson Dec. 5, 1958

Anna Salome (Lola) Wiederrecht Sept. 13, 1888 - Febr. 24, 1969

George Walter Morris Nov. 6, 1887 - June 3, 1968

Married Sept. 2, 1911

Marjorie Kathryn Morris May 26, 1914

James LeRoy Jack

Married Aug. 11, 1934

Divorced 1938

Richard Jerome Jack June 5, 1937

Helen Marie Duval Nov. 20, 1937

Married April 5, 1958

Jeffrey Alan Jack Febr. 3, 1959

John David Morris Febr. 12, 1916
Ruth Howie June 6, 1917

Married July 5, 1939
David Lawrence Morris Aug. 15, 1942
Carol Ann Morford April 21, 1948
Married
Marilyn Janet Morris April 28, 1945
George Arthur Max Oct. 1942
Married June 4, 1967
Laura Michelle Max July 20, 1971

Robert W. Morris July 2, 1918
Frances Woods April 26, 1924

Married Dec. 23, 1951
Sandra Kay Woods April 6, 1944
James Thomas Hafner Febr. 5, 1943
Married 1961
Michael James Hafner Febr. 23, 1962
Susan Elaine Hafner Oct. 6, 1970
Jennifer Elaine Morris April 28, 1954
Thomas Allen Jacobs Dec. 24, 1950
Married 1972
Tara Virginia Jacobs March 7, 1973

Richard Lewis Morris Dec. 13, 1920

Mabel Grace Wiederrecht Sept. 29, 1890
Paul E. Lischer Nov. 19, 1876 - May 16, 1952
Married Aug. 30, 1928

Inez Florence Wiederrecht Dec. 5, 1892
Wilmot H. Campbell - Aug. 3, 1923
Married April 28, 1923

Inez Wiederrecht Campbell was remarried on June 15, 1927 to
Charles Burdell Campbell May 8, 1928 - Aug. 8, 1933

Mary Charlotte Campbell March 10, 1929
Herbert Bensic Married Jan. 6, 1948
Divorced May 20, 1949

Stephen Scott Bensic Dec. 11, 1949
Mary C. Campbell Bensic was remarried on Dec. 5, 1950 to
Marlin Duane Adolphs May 12, 1928

Stephen Scott Bensic Adolphs adopted by Marlin Adolphs on
Dec. 9, 1950

Kathleen Diane Adolphs Febr. 22, 1953 - Oct. 2, 1969
Charles Marlin Adolphs Oct. 11, 1959

Family IV

Elizabeth Wiederrecht June 14, 1861 - Dec. 18, 1941
 George Kreiner Sept. 14, 1860 - March 4, 1945

Married

Ralph Herman Kreiner Dec. 12, 1887 - Aug. 13, 1970

Myrtle Garmire Dec. 14, 1887

Married June 19, 1912

Richard Allison Kreiner May 15, 1914

Marie Cecilia Wolf July 2, 1915

Married June 16, 1940

Robert Eugene Kreiner July 20, 1916

Gwendolyn Fern Haxton

Married May 26, 1944

One child died in infancy

Raymond Francis Kreiner Jan. 24, 1921

Patricia Mae Miller Aug. 22, 1922

Married June 14, 1948

Earl William Kreiner Aug. 12, 1888

Alma Korn Sept. 18, 1886 - April 23, 1927

Married Sept. 14, 1912

Harriet Elizabeth Kreiner May 19, 1913

William Earnest McElhinney Sept. 27, 1911

Married Febr. 2, 1938

Joseph Frederick McElhinney June 22, 1939

Rose Mary Gerling March 15, 1941

Married June 16, 1963

Lisa Beth McElhinney Dec. 21, 1969

Richard Earl McElhinney July 12, 1940

Frances Ann (Ibbotson) Adams Jan. 26, 1943

Married Febr. 10, 1968

Keith Edward McElhinney Oct. 6, 1947

Kenneth Walter McElhinney Oct. 6, 1947

Mary Elizabeth McElhinney June 14, 1949

Jackie Lee West March 30, 1946

Married Febr. 14, 1969

James Lee West April 24, 1972

Dorothy Mae Kreiner June 21, 1920-Adopted by Claude Grayner's

Sept. 25, 1898

Earl William Kreiner was remarried on Nov. 7, 1934 to

Lela Martha Snavely

Bertha Salome Kreiner Nov. 1892 - June 11, 1969

Claude Grayner May 17, 1891

Married May 6, 1915

Dorothy Mae Kreiner Grayner June 21, 1920

Mac Evans Webb June 21, 1918

Married June 19, 1942

Michael David Webb Sept. 6, 1944

Mary Jennifer Adams March 4, 1947

Married July 4, 1970

Curtis Daniel Webb Aug. 20, 1946

Katherine Jessie Goldstone June 20, 1945

Married Aug. 12, 1967

Rebecca Christine Webb June 23, 1971

Kathleen Doyle Webb Sept. 4, 1947

Charles William Lawrence, Jr. July 23, 1945

Married June 14, 1969

Family V

Frederick Wiederrecht Dec. 28, 1863 - March 10, 1940
Minnie Melissa Heins March 24, 1868 - Jan. 19, 1929
Married May 26, 1892

Warren Heins Wiederrecht July 4, 1893 - June 7, 1969
Della Marie Reutinger July 6, 1893 - Nov. 30, 1960
Married April 25, 1917

Warren Heins Wiederrecht was remarried on Oct. 12, 1961 to
Frances E. (Barr) Kennedy Febr. 14, 1899

Kenneth W. Wiederrecht Jan. 13, 1901
Beulah Ella Minder Oct. 28, 1905
Married Sept. 19, 1931

Lois Melissa Wiederrecht Jan. 22, 1935
Frederick Lee Finke Sept. 6,
Married Aug. 10, 1963
Ellen Lee Finke April 17, 1966

Hannah Elaine Wiederrecht Jan. 16, 1939
Jon Gilmore Lindgren Sept. 18, 1938
Married Aug. 11, 1962
Ann Melissa Lindgren July 11, 1968
Kenneth Gilmore Lindgren Jan. 5, 1970

Aileen Claire Wiederrecht Nov. 22, 1906
Charles Samuel Campbell Jan. 15, 1909 - May 21, 1970
Married Aug. 8, 1942
Joan Claire Campbell Aug. 1, 1946
Theodore Joshua Rabinowitz Aug. 10, 1945
Married June 7, 1970
Abraham Charles Rabinowitz Nov. 17, 1971

Family VI

Kathryn Eva Wiedenrecht Oct. 22, 1868 - Oct. 31, 1951
Samuel Henry Schafer Dec. 19, 1863 - Sept. 26, 1952
Married Febr. 2, 1893
W. Paul Schafer Nov. 15, 1896 - Dec. 30, 1964
Marie Hannah Kreiner Dec. 13, 1905 -
Married Sept. 1, 1926
Shirley Mae Schafer May 3, 1932
Milton Mikesh Oct. 14,
Married June 8, 1951
Michael Val Mikesh Febr. 14, 1953
Kathy Marie Mikesh June 12, 1955
Theresa Ann Mikesh Febr. 24, 1963
Harriet Ione Schafer Aug. 1, 1935
Samuel F. Townsend March 22, 1935
Married Sept. 6, 1958
Douglas Elred Townsend June 16, 1960
Gail Sue Townsend Aug. 11, 1962
Mary Arlene Schafer Nov. 3, 1934
Robert Thompson Dec. 29,
Married June 10, 1961
Cynthia Carol Thompson Sept. 21, 1964
Susan Lynn Thompson May 20, 1966
Erick Robert Thompson May 18, 1969
Harlan Dean Schafer May 22, 1945
Linda Catherine Moser March 9, 1948
Married Sept. 7, 1968
Steven Paul Schafer Febr. 13, 1969
Bradley Allen Schafer Febr. 23, 1972
Marion Louis Schafer Dec. 27, 1902
Pansy Head July 1, 1912 - July 31, 1955
Married Oct. 1, 1936
Robert Louis Schafer Aug. 1, 1937
Carolyn Henn July 2, 1938
Married
Elizabeth Dianne Schafer Sept. 26, 1965
David Lee Schafer March 15, 1946 - March 29, 1970
Marion Louis Schafer was remarried to
Ruby Walker Waller on April 11, 1954
Helen Frances Schafer July 15, 1908 - Nov. 10, 1962
Thomas Davis Nov. 6, 1908 - May 7, 1970
Married Nov. 1, 1932
Barbara Kay Davis Febr. 10, 1936
Arthur Steare
Married May 8, 1960
Debra Inez
Diedri Ann
Sheila Mae Davis July 25, 1937
Billy Gene Roth
Married Sept. 8, 1962
Thomas Arthur Roth
Patty Davis March 27, 1949 - May 22, 1949