

both graduating from Grimes High School. Upon graduation Dale began his plumbing career, learning his trade from other plumbers. He began his own plumbing and heating business in the early 50's. Dale and Betty were married March 1944. They have a family of four children: Diane married to Carl Baker, a judge, live in Marshalltown and have two children; Judy, married to Steve Silkebaken, a plumbing contractor, live in Grimes and have two children; John and Pat live in Dallas Center, he is a plumbing contractor, they have three children; Sandy married to Rick Hildebrand, a forrester, make their home in Likky, Montana.

Dale is semi-retired after 28 years in plumbing and heating business.



Emory C. and Maxine (Forret) Loose were residents of Webster Twp, 32 years, then moving to Redfield in 1974, on another farm. They are members of St. Peter's Lutheran where Emory has served on the board.

Maxine, daughter of Harry and Lena (Seibert) Forret, attended North Walnut and Johnston schools, graduated from A.I.B. in Des Moines, was then employed by St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co. in Des Moines, also Pioneer Hi-Bred.

Maxine was a 4-H girls' leader, served on the Polk County Extension Council and Farm Bureau Women's Board.

Emory was a native of Clive area. They have two children, Rachel (Loose) Flippe of Grimes and Jack of Rock, Island, where he is a tool and die designer.

Charles and Hannah (Ladd) Campbell came to Grimes in a covered wagon from Wayne Co. Indiana in 1877. They had one child, six years old, Hershal, who came with them. Charles was engaged in farming.

Hershal and Estella (McVey) Campbell were married May 1896. Estella was from Vernon Co. Wisconsin. They had one daughter, Celia, who was born in 1897. Hershal died June 1929 and Estella died September 1938.

James A. and Celia (Campbell) McNabb were married July 1930. They lived most of their years in Grimes at 105 S. 3rd. June 1978, Celia moved from their residence on S. 3rd to Prairie Village in Grimes. James passed away April 1962.

John and Lucinda (Amos) Gibson Campbell were married February 1841 in Gallio County, Ohio. They started their moved to Iowa settling first in Van Buren County, later moving to Polk County. John died in 1876 and Lucinda died in 1885. One of their children was Amanda Elvira Campbell who was born October 1848 and was married to Francis M. Coburn in 1866. They had 10 children who were:

William Marion, Mary C. Crum, Winnie Coburn McNellis, Ada Coburn Render, George, Susan, Flora Belle Coburn Ivers, Arthur, Mona Coburn Mills and Clifford.

Francis Coburn was a veteran of the Civil War, was Sherrif of Grimes at one time and operated a restaurant in Grimes.



Mona Coburn was born 1888 and was married to William Brown Mills in 1909. They lived all of their years in the Grimes area with the exception of a short time living in the Vinton area. William Mills was engaged in farming, employee of Beaver Valley Canning Co., Janitor of Grimes School, also worked for Polk County in maintenance work. Mona and William had seven children: Ila, Kenneth, Ted, Mernita, Janice, Billy and Carolyn. William died in October 1953 and Mona died in December 1961.

Kenney G. Mills and Doris J. Funk worked together at the old Rollins Hosiery Mill in Des Moines, beginning in 1934 just out of high school. They were married in November 1938. He was the oldest son born in Grimes of William B. and Mona Mills. After serving in the Navy during W W II he went to work for Continental Oil Co. (Conoco) and worked for them 28 years. They had one son, Harold (Randy) Mills who is a coach and teaches in Ackley. He is married and has two children, a boy, six, and girl, four.

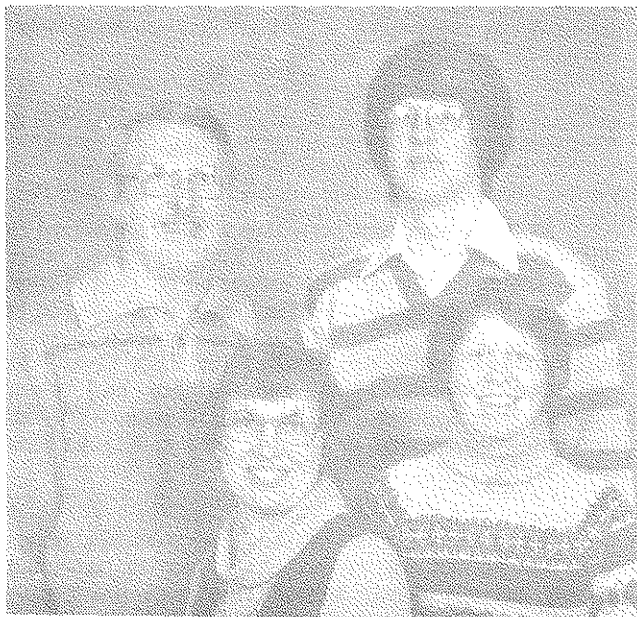
His work took him from Des Moines to Lincoln, Nebraska twice and to Kansas City. There was a period of five years when he was in the bowling business at Newton from 1960 to 1965.

He retired from Conoco in 1978, and in July of 1979 they moved to Ackley, where Kenneth and his son built a bowling center and they operate that at present. Doris passed away in January 1980. Kenneth resides at present in Ackley.

Ila Grace (Mills) Culverhouse Robinson was the oldest daughter of William B. and Mona Mills. Ila attended Grimes School and graduated with class of 1927. She married Ralph Culverhouse in 1934 and he died in 1944. In 1951, she married Charles Robinson who passed away in 1961. Ila moved from Kansas City to Grimes in 1962 and died in 1967.

Ted V. Mills, the third child of William B. and Mona Mills, graduated from Grimes High School in 1938. He worked at Beaver Valley and Equitable Life in Des Moines until he went into the Service. Ted served in World War II from January 1942 to November 1945. In March, Ted married Frances Mayer. They had one daughter, Karen. In 1946, he went to work for Standard Oil of Indiana in West Des Moines, remaining with them until he retired in 1979.

Mernita Rose (Mills) McDonald the fourth child of William B. and Mona Mills graduated from Grimes High School in 1942. She worked in defense plant in Ankeny and Kansas City then in an office in Kansas City. Mernita married Lester McDonald in 1948. In 1955, they moved to Kamiah, Idaho, where they sold Mobile Homes. They are now retired.



Fred, Carolyn, Jim, Julie

Carolyn Louise (Mills) Roth is the youngest of William B. and Mona Mills. Carolyn was born in 1931, graduated from Grimes High School in 1950. In 1956, Carolyn M. and Frederick Earl Roth were united in

marriage where they resided at 205 S. 3rd. To this union two children, a son, James William and a daughter, Julia Renee, were born. Fred E. has been employed at Meredith Printing since 1950. In August 1966, Carolyn, Fred and family moved to their present address, 701 S. 3rd. Carolyn, Fred, Jim and Julie are active members of the Grimes Presbyterian Church.

Fred is a member of the Grimes Fire Dept., also serving as Fire Chief for seven years, is a member of the Grimes American Legion, and served the Grimes Rescue for four years.

Carolyn is a member of the Grimes American Legion Aux. Jim is a student at Iowa State University, and Julie is a student at the University of Iowa.

Janice (Mills) Littlepage Armstrong, the fifth child of William B. and Mona Mills was born in Grimes, graduated from high school in 1945. Janice worked at Equitable Life, and was married October 1948 to M. Bernard Littlepage and farmed in the Waukee area. In 1955 they moved to a farm in the Linden area. Mr. Littlepage died in 1961. In 1970, Janice married Winford Armstrong and they are farming and also have a retail machinery business.

Billy H. Mills, the sixth of seven children born in 1928 to William B. and Mona Mills. Billy attended Grimes School and graduated in 1947. Billy married Lois Moser in 1950. After graduation went to work at Meredith and has been there ever since, with the exception of being in the service from 1951 to 1953.

They have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Their home is west of Grimes.

Clara M. Hobbs Roth is the mother and mother-in-law of Fred and Carolyn Mills Roth. Clara retired in 1962 from the Des Moines Independent School District as a lunch room manager. Clara moved to Prairie Village in July 1978.



Donna, Dave, Ryan, Scott, Kirk

Dave and Donna Maasen reside at 405 Trail Ridge Road in Grimes, they are both from western Iowa. Dave attended Westmar College in Le Mars. Donna (Ramsey) Maasen attended secretarial school in Omaha prior to their marriage, June 1968.

Their first home was in Des Moines. Dave was employed by an architectural firm before his present job as treasurer of Reames Foods in Clive. Donna was a legal secretary until the birth of their first child. They moved to Grimes in 1974. They have three children: Scott, Kirk and Ryan.

Dave is serving as Grimes Councilman. Donna is active with Cub Scout, Jaycee Ettes, school and the Centennial Committee.

The family attends Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines. Dave has served as treasurer of the church. Donna is in the Missionary League.



Reno, Leno, Doreno: Richard and Maria Massarini

Richard and Maria (Toschi) Massarini moved to Grimes August 1928. They had three sons, all attended Grimes School. Leno graduated in 1932, Doreno in 1935, and Reno in 1936. Richard and Marie lived in Grimes until their deaths in January and November 1967. Two of their sons served in W W II.

Reno lost his life in an auto accident September 1940.

Doreno settled in Gurnee, Illinois, in 1937, and married Jennie Torri December 1941. After serving in the Navy in W W II he returned to Gurnee, is now retired from the plumbing and construction business. They have three children, Richard, and twins Jean and Jane.

Leno married Yole Lamberta, October 1941. After serving in the army in W W II, he returned to Grimes started working for John Deere until his retirement as a supervisor in 1975. They have four children, Robert, David and Mary Ann, graduates of I.S.U and Elvera who is pursuing a business career.



Vera (Karl's wife), Arlette, Thelma, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Roger, Gene, Karl, Jeannie

Charles A. Martin and Amanda Wilkie of Grimes were married October 1901. Their marriage was the first to be solemnized in the first church building of the Lutheran congregation, Rev. H. Scheonlien performing the ceremony. The young couple started farming on the old Martin farm N.W. of Grimes. To this union three children were born: Thelma, now Mrs. Herman Trachsel, Karl of Redfield and Arlette now Mrs. Darven Paddock. 1913, the family moved to the farm home at the east edge of Grimes, known as the old Milner home. In 1918, they built the brick house.

Mrs. Martin died at home, age 65, September 1944. Mr. Martin lived in the Grimes home and died at his daughter's in California, January 1951.

Karl Martin married Vera Vought, a Grimes school teacher. They lived at Grimes two years on the home place, one year on a farm west of Grimes. In 1930, they moved to Redfield on a farm where they now live. They have three children: Gene and Jeannine (deceased) and Roger.



Henry M. Meneough was born in Grimes in October 1893, the oldest son of Matthew and Elizabeth Meneough.

He married Clara Ewing of Grimes 1918. They had one daughter, Janeth, now Mrs. H. S. Vanderlinden of Harlan.

Mr. Meneough served as postmaster in Grimes for 23 years. He was active in many community enterprises, including secretary of Grimes School Board and was one of the founders of the Grimes Chapter of the Lions Club.

A nationally known hog breeder and livestock judge, Henry served as editor for the Poland China Journal, a breed publication. He received citations of merit for his services to animal improvement from the state and national Poland China Breeders Association.

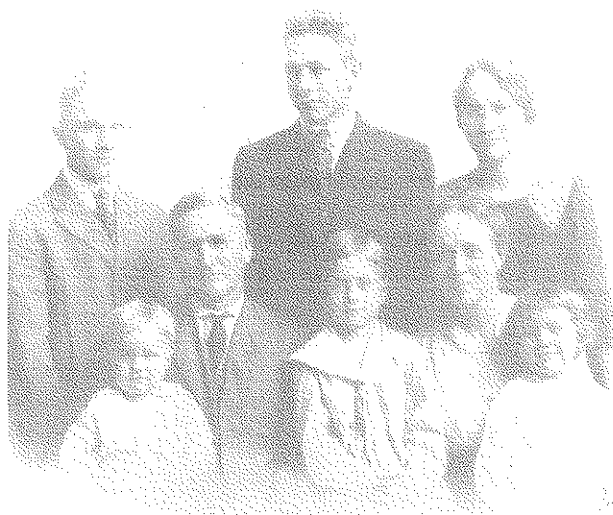
Clara was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Ewing and was a graduate and Registered Nurse. Clara cared for Henry during his lingering illness.

Henry died in October 1972. Clara died in April 1975.

Vic and Lyn Mitchell, have resided in Grimes since 1975. Vic graduated from Dallas Community school and Lyn from Central Dallas. They have two children, Raylee 8, and Brenda 3. Vic opened the Sisser Shop in 1975, later in 1978 went into the real estate sales profession.

They are members of the Jaycee and Jaycee Ettes and Lions Club. They are members of the First Federated Church in Des Moines, where Vic is active in the TV ministry of that church.

They pray Grimes will continue to prosper, keeping the tradition of a small close-knit community.



Donald Cyrus, Marion R., Wm., Lewis, Lewis E., Marion E., Margaret

Morris, Lewis: born September 1872, Keota, died March 1950. He was the sixth child of eleven children. He came to Polk County as a child, attended Campbell country school where he met Marion Elizabeth Stevenson, whom he married March 1900.

Their children are Marion Rachel, now living in Ankeny; Cyrus Robert, now living in Palms, Michigan; Donald Stevenson, living in Promise City; Lewis Ecroyd, now living in Earlham; Margaret Catherine, passed away August 1936; William Noyes, now living at Boulder, Colorado.

They were members of the Grimes Presbyterian Church where both were Sunday School teachers. Lewis

was a trustee. Mrs. Morris taught school at McDivitt Grove and in Des Moines. She was president of Polk County Farm Bureau Women, and other organizations, also a floral judge known as "the Delphinium Lady". He was principal at Valley Junction, a president of several farm groups. He was named a master Farmer in 1926, she a Master Homemaker in 1953.



William, Jennis (Stevenson) Reynolds, Marion (Stevenson) Morris

Stevenson, Robert Culthbertson, born in Scotland, January 1841, and died March 1909. He was a machinest and farmer. He was on his way to California in 1868 when he came to the end of the railroad at Des Moines, and decided he would go no further because he didn't want to "ride behind horses in a stagecoach". In 1869, he purchased a farm S. of Grimes. December 1869, he married Susan Gilmore Noyes of Warsaw, Illinois. Susan was born at Georgetown, Massachusetts, November 1834, and died October 1924.

Their children were: Jennie, born October 1860; Marion Elizabeth, born October 1872; and William Gilmore, born April 1877.



Helen, Mathew, Brian, David, Beth, Roselie and Lewis

Morris, Lewis E.: born February 1914, Campbell, attended Campbell country school, graduated from Grimes 1923. Rosalie P. Morris born November 1913, died June 1975. Both graduates of I.S.U. To this union were born five children: David Keith, Beth Ellen, Hellen Louise, Martha Gayle, and Brian Howard. All of their children attended college.

Lewis and Rosalie were members and officers in the Grimes and Earlham Presbyterian Churches. Rosalie was a 4-H leader and Extension council member. Lewis a past director of Polk County Farm Bureau, president of Central Farm Business Association, 4-H club leader. He is a member of the Presbyterian National Mission Committee, and 24 years a member of Christian Rural Overseas Programs. In recent years he has traveled to Europe and Asia on the People to People Tour.

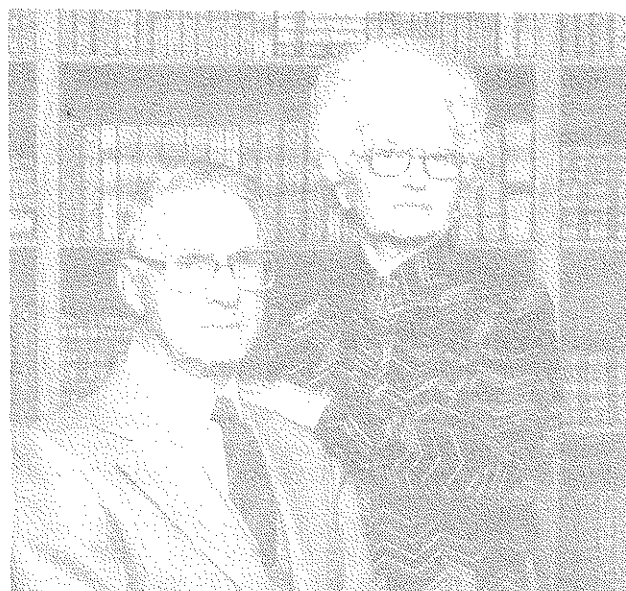
William Sherman (1865-1941) and Martha (1867-1955) (Waters) Mosier, were married July 3, 1894. They were engaged in farming on several different farms in Jefferson Twp. At one time they lived on and farmed what is now Jester Park. After retiring from farming Sherman was the caretaker for Lincoln Cemetery for many years.

When Sherman was a boy he helped his dad run a ferry from the site of old Corydon Bridge across the Des Moines River. Martha had many tales to tell of the Indians living near her when she was a girl.

Sherman and Martha had six sons: Ray (deceased), Boyd, Wilbur, Cecil, James and Rolland.

Cecil and Gertrude Mosier. Cecil (1902) and Gertrude (Harvey) 1902 Mosier were married in Des Moines, December 1927. After marriage they lived in Jefferson Twp for 16 years. During this time Cecil drove a milk truck picking up milk from the farmers and delivering to the Des Moines Co-op and Flynn dairies. He was also engaged in some farming.

They had two children a daughter Marilyn and a son Dean.



James C. (1905-) and Dorothy (1910-) (Temple) Mosier were married May 1941. They have lived on an

acreage north of Camp Dodge all their married life with exception of three years when James was in W W II. During this time Dorothy lived in Des Moines and worked at the Ordinance Plant.

James' life work was law enforcement, with most of it being with the Polk County Sheriff's office. Dorothy was an elementary teacher, teaching in rural schools of Polk County, Herrold and Saydel Consol. School. Both are members of Granger United Methodist Church. They have one daughter, Patricia Jo, who is married to Leonard Gutshall, and they have one son Byron and a daughter, Janice Joe.



Charles Nelson and Hannah (Carlson) Nelson came to Green County, Iowa from Sweden at an early age at the encouragement of his brother, John Nelson, who already was established here. John's wife also encouraged her sister, Hannah Carlson, to come and even sent her a ticket. Though they were both from near Stockholm, Sweden, they did know each other. They met in Iowa and were married and made their first home in Scranton, Iowa.

The Nelsons were parents of three daughters, Anna Nelson Wagner of Ames, Florence Nelson Ibsen of Grimes and Linda Nelson Clements who passed away in 1969. Mr. Nelson worked for the Milwaukee Railroad for 40 years. After retirement they made their home in Grimes at 624 First Street. They were the last ones to live in the Section House, as such.

Daryl Noble was born and raised near Hawarden, Iowa. Daryl met Joann (Bohrofen) Noble while attending ISU, at Ames. They were married September 1957. Joann taught at Madrid Junior High while Daryl finished College.

After graduation Daryl worked for Harold Bohrofen Implement, later becoming a partner with his father-in-law.

Daryl and Joann have 4 children which they raised on their farm NW of Grimes, Rochelle, a student at Luther College; Gregory, and Suzanne are attending Creighton U., in Omaha; Steven a junior in Dallas Center-Grimes High School 1980-81.

The family has been active in 4-H Daryl being leader of Beaver Valley Boys Club and Joann working on County projects. All the family are members of St. Peter Lutheran Church.



Thomas and Mary (Donnelly) O'Donnell, both born in Ireland were early residents of Jefferson Township. Their children were, Frank, Daniel, Thomas, John, James, and Katie (Heckman).

Floyd Wilcox was born in Webster Twp. and moved to a farm north of Grimes around 1880. He married Belle Druary, daughter of Samuel Druary an early Grimes blacksmith. They had one daughter Florence who married James O'Donnell.

James and Florence (Wilcox) O'Donnell resided north of Grimes. Their children are Steven of Ida Grove, Iowa and Edward of Grimes. Upon his retirement from farming the O'Donnells moved to Grimes where Mr. O'Donnell operated the Standard Oil Station, served as mayor of Grimes and served on the school board. Mr. O'Donnell died in 1949 and Mrs. O'Donnell in 1962.



Cora Roe was born in Kansas in 1879. **Herbert A. Olmsted** was born in Michigan 1865. They were married June 1897. Except for a few years near Madrid, lived their married life in Grimes. He was manager of Grimes Canning Co. many years, later worked for John Stewart at the tablet factory. They had 3 children, Dwight, became a trucker in Des Moines later in Conn.; Daisy, attended Drake and taught school; Alyce, graduated from Lutheran Hospital, worked in nursing field until April 1979.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted were members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Olmsted was very active in the work.



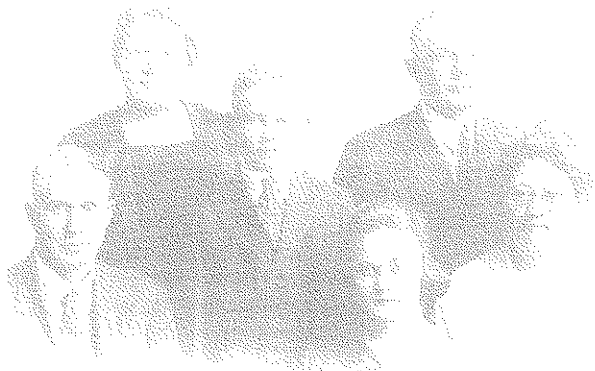
Edward and Verna (Gintzell) O'Donnell were married in October 1923, after their graduation from Grimes High School in 1926 and 1925 respectively. They resided on a farm one and one half miles north of Grimes for 45 years until their retirement in 1975. The O'Donnells have one daughter, Patricia who graduated from Grimes High School in 1952 and Drake University in 1956. She is married to Don Chartier and they live in Hutchinson, Kansas, with their two children, John and Mary. Edward and Verna have been members of the Presbyterian Church for more than 60 years. Mr. O'Donnell served on the Grimes School board for 13 years and is a charter member of the Grimes Lions Club.

Addie D., son of O. N. and May Perkins of Knowlton, and **Mae Henton**, daughter of John and Hazel Henton of Corning, were married at Diagonal, August 1945. After having resided in the Creston and Ogden areas, they chose Grimes as their new home March 1961. Addie was employed at Beaver Valley Canning Company and became Plant Supt. They have two daughters, Janet and Linda.

In 1974, Addie began working at Parker Brothers Games, and is presently employed there. The past four years, he has been chosen by Santa as one of his Special Helpers at the Montgomery Ward Store in Merle Hay Plaza. He enjoys this very much! Mae was employed at Beaver

Valley Canning Company in the Supt. office 1961-1966 and began work at the Grimes Post Office in the spring of 1970, where she still works.

They reside at 505 N. 7th St. in the same house they lived in during Addie's employment at Beaver Valley. However, the house was moved from 504 N. Main just S. of the canning company to it's present location in 1975.



Frank and Viola Parmenter, Glee, Gale, Pearl (Parmenter) Haley Fern (Parmenter) Baer

Edward Franklin Parmenter was born May 1866, died Dec. 1946.

Minnie Viola Rosenberg Parmenter was born Sept. 1870, died May 1928.

Frank and Viola were married Sept. 1889. There were 5 children born to this union, two sons Glee and Gale. Three daughters, Pearl (Parmenter) Haley, Grace Parmenter and Fern (Parmenter) Baer. All are now deceased.

The family owned a farm south of Grimes, later sold it and farmed at Harris, Missouri. They moved back to the original farm home in 1917. In 1920 they bought their home in Grimes.



John Frederick Peitzman home purchased in 1871, picture taken 1886, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Peitzman now living in home.

John Frederick and Anna Mary (Ellerman) Peitzman: John Frederick born at Westphalia, Germany, 1837, came to America in 1857, making the trip from Seaport Bremen to New Orleans in a sailing vessel. He came up the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers in a steamboat to Beardstown, Illinois.

Anna Mary Ellerman, who later became his wife, born at Hanover, Germany, 1838, came to America with her widowed mother and family in 1858. They too came by way of sail vessel to New Orleans and up the rivers to Beardstown, Illinois.

The young couple met and after three years were married 1861, the beginning of Civil War. Mr. Peitzman worked for a farmer, in 1871, he came to Iowa and bought 80 acres N.E. of Dallas Center. They moved to this farm and added until it totaled 440 acres. There were ten children: Henry, Carl, William, Emma (Mrs. Charles Grief), John, Mary (Mrs. Fred Knoll), Lena (Mrs. John Baer), Anna (Mrs. John Seibert), Frederick and Louis.

In spring 1901, Mr and Mrs Peitzman moved to Grimes and lived where the east Lutheran parking lot is. The only living person of that generation is Mrs. Carrie Peitzman, widow of Louis Peitzman. There are over 600 living descendants of John Frederick and Anna Peitzman.

Fred Peitzman, son of Frederick and Anna Mary Peitzman, married Nellie Bohrofen, daughter of Peter and and Louisa Bohrofen in 1902. They bought 160 acres of the Peitzman farm. Their children were: Austin, Josephine and Dale.

1928, Austin married Ellen Shiery. Austin died 1975 and Ellen lives in Dallas Center.

Josephine lives in Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Center.

1936, Dale married Beatrice Phelps and moved to original Peitzman farm, moving to Dallas Center, 1965.

The farm still belongs to Dale Peitzman family.

Mrs. Peitzman died April 1980.

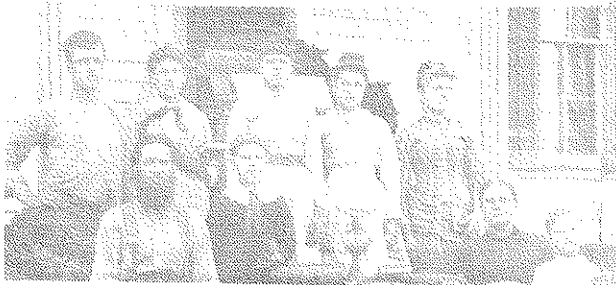


Amanda, Ida, Charles, Clarence, Anna, front row, Ellen, Henry, Amanda Jane

Henry Peitzman, son of John Frederick and Mary Anna Peitzman, married Amanda Jane Hammond 1885. To this union were born six children: Ella Price, Anna Weiser, Amanda Kuehl, Ida Morrill, Charles Martin and Clarence Frederick.

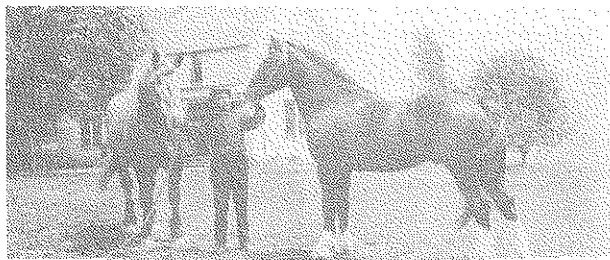
In 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Peitzman moved to their farm four miles N.W. of Grimes, where they resided for 21 years. In 1911, they moved to Grimes where they lived until their deaths.

Mr. Peitzman participated in all civic affairs, as well as serving on local and county education boards. He served on Polk Co. Grand Jury and served as Mayor of Grimes 18 years. He was a Ruling Elder in Grimes Presbyterian Church 45 years. Mr. Peitzman had a firm belief that his home should be his spiritual castle and his devotion to his Lord was carried into his relationship with his fellowmen.



David, Emma, Anna, Charles, James, Anna, Mary, Hanna, Lily

David Watters born July 1839, married Anna Mariah Reed, born February 1842. In February 1862, they were married. They had eight children who all attended Purdue School south of their farm. The children were: Lily Dale; James Martin; Hattie; Hannah Susan (Sudie) who married William F. Peitzman; Mary Louise; Anna Grace; Emma Jane; and Charles Webster.

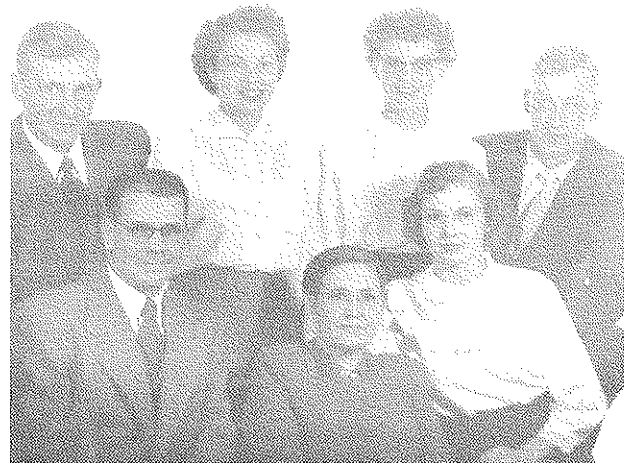


William F. Peitzman was born in Cass County, Illinois, February 1866, the third child of John Frederick and Anna Mary (Ellerman) Peitzman, who was born in Germany. In 1872, he came with his parents to Grant Twp. attending Grant No. 9 Country School.

Will was married January 1899 to Hannah Susan (Sudie) Watters. Sudie was born July 1868 in Linn Co. She came to Grant Twp. in 1876. They started married life in Grant Twp. moving to their farm south of Grimes in 1896.

This couple had six children: two sons died in infancy; Cora, died age 16; Harry, who married Mary Bohrofen, died October 1967; Floyd married Sarilla Plumer, he died April 1975; John, who married Grace Robertson, died March 1975. Sudie died April 1917.

After his wife died, Will lived alone and passed away August 1948. He understood horses and when the auto came into production, he was concerned about the need for bigger, stronger draft horses. He trained horses and did all his farming with them.



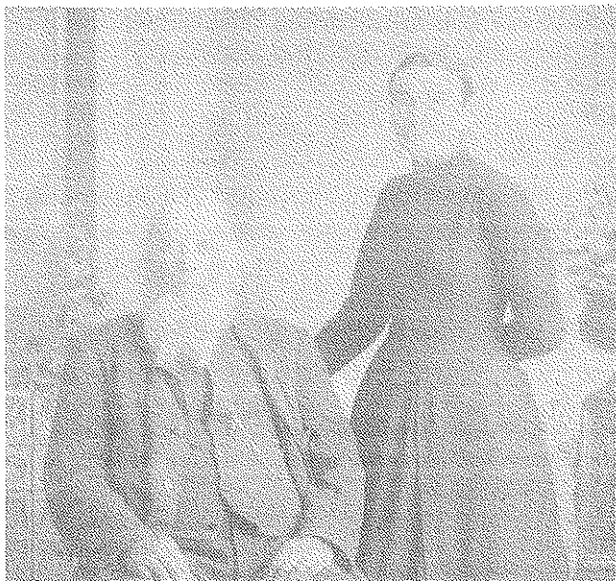
Front row, left to right, John Peitzman, Grace Peitzman, Phyllis (Peitzman) Wise, back row, Lynn Peitzman, Neva (Peitzman) Bartelt, Nadine (Peitzman) Britwon, Wayne Peitzman. Taken about 1944.

John D. Peitzman was born July 1896, on a farm south of Grimes, to William and Hannah (Watters) Peitzman. October 1917, he married Grace Robertson, daughter of Ben and Lucy (Ellis) Robertson. Grace was born February 1897. With the exception of 14 years spent near Waukee, they lived and farmed in the Grimes area, retiring in 1970. John served his church and community in many ways.

They had five children: Wayne married Mary Triplett, lives near Grimes; Neva married Herman Bartelt, they lived near Grimes; Nadine married Orlan Britson, she lives in Dallas Center; Phyllis married George Wise. They live in Dallas Center; Lynn married Daisy Wilson, he died August 1979.

Kenneth and Rosalie (Masterson) Petersen were married May 1948. They moved to Grimes in 1955, at which time Kenneth was employed with a Des Moines Insurance Co. Later he became associated with his brother and his son in the Petersen & Petersen Ins. Agency at Grimes. They are active members of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Des Moines and Ken is a member of the Grimes Lions Club.

They have five children: Cynthia, married Charles Menke, have a daughter, Andrea, live in Waukesha, Wisconsin; Kenneth, married Faye Stover, they have a son, Matthew, live in Grimes; Vicky Lynn, married Dana Myers of Dallas Center, have two sons, Wyatt and Will; Paul lives and works in Grimes; Kent, Senior 1981 class DC-Grimes High.



Enoch and Katy Jane Casebear came from Pennsylvania to Iowa in covered wagon and took up 320 acres of land from the government which at that time was mostly prairie. Later he sold 160 acres to his brother, Saul, who in turn sold it to Jacob Bauman.

As they had no children, they adopted their 3 month old niece in 1868 and named her Ena Catherine. They also raised a boy by the name of Albert Burton.



Jessie May Taylor married Donald R. Perdue in August 1943. After Don's return from World War II in 1945 they made their home in Grimes. They now reside in the Taylor farm home on the north edge of Grimes. They have two sons Gerald and Merlin.

Gerald married Jane Latta June 1973. They live and work in Des Moines and have two children, Amie Ruth and Chris David.

Merlin married Sheila Sharp August 1969. They live in Des Moines and have one son, Justin Ray. Merlin has developed a tract of land on the Taylor Farm and is constructing new homes on the land which is known as Taylor Estates.



Ena Catherine Casebear married William A. H. Seibert. ten children were born to this union, Henry, Hazel, Ethel, John, William, Ruth, Charles, Dollie, Harold, and Kenneth, all of whom are deceased except Dollie and Ethel.



Ethel Seibert, daughter of Ena Seibert married Jesse L. Taylor in July 1918. Two children were born to this union, Jessie May and Harold, who passed away in 1942, age 19 years.

Jesse and Ethel spent their married life farming in this area. They lived for 29 years on the Hughes farm southeast of Grimes. Their children were born there. The house was moved to Living History Farm and is the 1900 house. Jesse and Ethel bought the Channon farm on the north edge of Grimes in 1944 and moved there in 1946. Jesse passed away 1968 at the age of 82. Ethel resides at Fountain West Health Center in West Des Moines. He was 85 years old in 1979.

Les and Luetta Rhodes moved to Grimes from West Des Moines, February 1962, buying the Van Dorn farm. Les graduated from Spencer High School and from ISU in 1942. He entered the Navy and served as naval aviator. He served the Iowa Army National Guard until February 1979, retiring with rank Lt. Col. Les is Executive Director of Iowa Soybean Assn and Promotion Board. Luetta graduated from Cylinder High School and attended UNI. For five years she was secretary in Grimes and DC-Grimes School.

They have three daughters, all graduated from DC-Grimes. Christine; Leslee, graduated from U. of Ia. School of nursing; Rebecca graduated from ISU.



Andy, Laura, Sara, Mary

July 1971, Tony and Mary Rittgers, Andy, Laura and Sara moved from West Des Moines to Grimes. Since Tony moved to Denver, Colorado.

Mary has been active on the Grimes Library Board. She received her B.S. degree from Drake August 1980.



Ben Robertson, born near Springfield, Missouri, February 1852, came to Grant Twp. in 1864. His parents George L. and Emily (Johnson) Robertson were early settlers of Hoff Settlement before the founding of Grimes. Ben married Lucy Lucinda Ellis in August 1882, she was born at Hoff Settlement, July 1862. Her parents, Lafayette and Mary Ann (Ginn) Ellis, came in the spring of 1855, settled in Walnut Twp, ¼ mile from Hoff Settlement. Their children attended Grant No. 7 School and Grimes High School.

Lucy died September 1937, having lived her entire life within a radius of one mile. Ben, a retired farmer, died November 1943. They had four children: James married Myrtle McClain; Wesley married Norma Gardiner; Grace married John Peitzman; Esther married Carl Beckel. All are deceased.



Henry W. Schlenker (1884-1958), was born in Saylor Twp, Polk County, and received his elementary education at the original Woodside School, which was a short distance from his birth place.

In 1908, he was married to Mable C. Miller (1882-1960), who was born in Quincy, Illinois, and came to Des Moines in 1902, where she was employed as a milliner until her marriage.

In 1909, Henry and Mable moved to their farm west of Johnston, where they lived until their death. Henry engaged in farming, truck gardening and raised fruit trees, having grafted many of his own trees. Mable sold vegetables and fruits in the original City Market in Des Moines.

Henry was a member of the I.O.O.F. in Grimes, the Masonic Lodge in Granger and a member of the Johnston Federated Church. Mable was also a member of the Johnston Federated Church, Ladies Aid and PTA of the Johnston School. Henry drove the first motorized school bus for Johnston Consolidated School.

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