

LeRoy W. (1911-1977) and Gladyce (1911-) (Seibert) Schlenker were married December 1934. LeRoy attended Johnston school and graduated in 1929. He and his brother, Clarence started farming in 1929 on farm NE of Des Moines. That fall, LeRoy started his own trucking business.

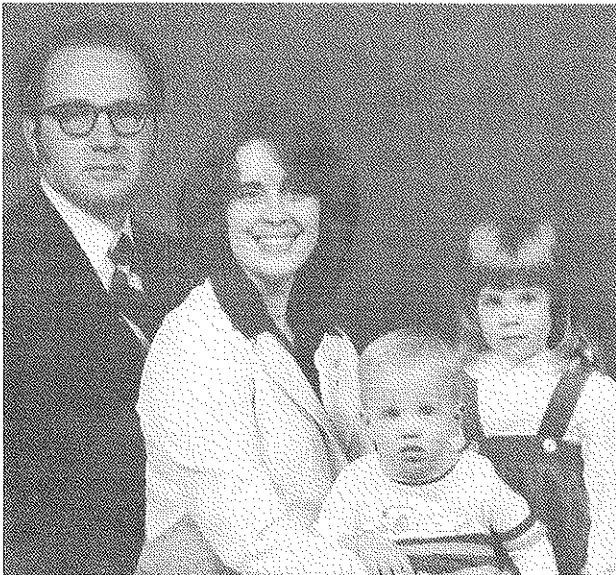
Gladyce was born on farm home S.E. of Grimes. She attended North Walnut school two years and was graduated from Grimes in 1929.

After their marriage they lived in Johnston two years. After the death of her father in 1936, they returned to farm home where they farmed in addition to trucking. In 1941, they built a new home on the farm to be near her widowed mother.

LeRoy served 15 years on Grimes School Board, was 4-H leader 10 years, Pres. of Swine Producers, Chairman of Webster Twp Farm Bureau and served on board at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Grimes.

Gladyce helped organize Webster Skylark 4-H Club and was leader many years, served as various officers for Progressive Homemaker Farm Bureau and North Walnut Circle. Both were active in P.T.A. and other community affairs and members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church.

They have four children: Eldon (married to Lynn Horn); Karl (married Donna Brauchman of Dallas Center); Marilyn (married to Larry Bauer); Diane (married to Robert Chambers).



Eldon, Lynn, Tami, Wesley

Eldon LeRoy Schlenker, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Schlenker, was born and raised in rural Grimes. He was active in 4-H, graduated from Grimes High School in 1957, attended ISU and graduated from Central Technical Institute in Kansas City. From 1961 to 1964 he operated Videotrinix T.V. Repair Shop on Main St. Grimes. Eldon has been active in Broadcasting engineering since 1960 and helped to construct the original KDDS T.V.

Lynn, daughter of Joe Horn was raised in rural southern Iowa, graduated from Northwest Bible College in Minot, North Dakota. She came to Des Moines area in 1970.

Eldon and Lynn met at KDMI-FM where both were employed. They were married December 1973. They have two children, Tami Jo and Wesley Eldon.

Eldon and Lynn are both active members of the First Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines. Lynn is an active charter member of Grimes Child Study and hosts a weekly Bible Study in their home.

Henry and Mary (Stanger) Seibert: Henry Seibert was born in Germany, May 1832. He obtained his education there, then emigrated to America in 1849 at age 17. He landed in New York and from there went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He learned the trades of machinist and blacksmith, then worked as engineer at the Spring Garden Water-Works.

He was married in Philadelphia, May 1857, to Mary G. Stanger. They came to Polk Co. S.E. of where Grimes is located in 1869. They farmed 120 acres where James and Betty Seibert now live.

They had seven children: Mary (Mrs. Culwell Wise), Henry B., Anna (Butler), William A. H., John F., Charles and Edward Seibert. All are deceased.

Charles (1871-1936) and Edith (Freiberg, 1881-1969) Seibert were married March 1908. Charles was born on a farm S.E. of Grimes and educated in local country school.

Edith was born on a farm between Stuart and Dexter, and received her education in country school near her home. Both were members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church at Grimes where he served on church board many years.

Charles and brother, John, batched many years on a farm one mile east and 1½ south of Grimes. Both lived on the same farm the rest of their lives. The farm was divided when they married and each built their own home.

Charles and Edith had two children: Hayden, married to Mamie Steible of Red Bud, Illinois, has farmed in this area until retirement; Gladyce, married to LeRoy Schlenker of Johnston, still lives on the home place, where she was born.



Garland, Leland, Mamie, Hayden, Gloria (Seibert) Southerland Dwain, Leonard, Mildred, Roger, Roxanne, Danna, Sharon

Hayden L. Seibert was born January 1909 to Charles and Edith Seibert. He attended North Walnut School and graduated from Grimes High School 1925. As a youth he was a member of 4-H, raising purebred Poland China and Hampshire hogs. He was a salesman for Pioneer Seeds and Hyline; sealed corn for Polk County ASC for 25 years; was on Webster Township ASC Committee 30 years; served on the Johnston School Board nine years; has been a member of Johnston Lions Club since 1952.

He married Mamie F. Steibel, born December 1908, of Red Bud, Illinois, in December 1933. They have farmed five miles southeast of Grimes since that time.

Hayden and Mamie have three children: Garland W., B.S. and M.A. from Drake; Gloria R., B.A. from Wartburg College; Leland E., B.A. from Coe College, Cedar Rapids.



John Adam Seibert settled SE of Grimes in April 1869. He was born in Germany and was a dairyman in eastern United States before coming to Iowa. In 1883, he married Anna Margaretha Gittelbauer, a native of Bavaria, Germany, who lived in Baltimore, Maryland, before coming to Iowa. They owned and farmed 320 acres in North Walnut School area.

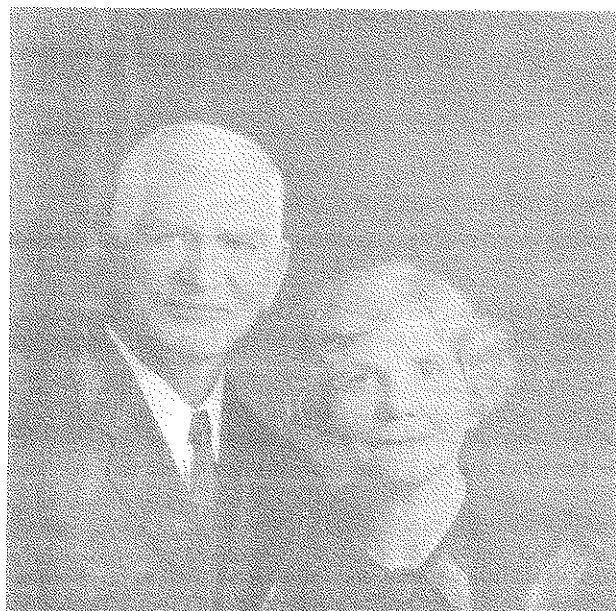
They were parents of five children: John George died age 22; Carl Frederick (better known as Charlie); Henry Walter (known as Harry); Albert Edward; Anna Pauline (Lena) who married Harry Forret.

They were one of the early members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Mr. Seibert died 1916 age 76. Mrs. Seibert, died 1933, age 70.

Walter and Maxine (McDole) Seibert were married September 1928. They started farming on the Edward Seibert Farm two miles SE of Grimes in 1930. Later bought the farm from Edward Seibert estate, where they lived 47 years. They retired and moved to Grimes September 1975.

They have six children: Charlotte Green, Denver, Colorado; James E., Story City; Marilyn Riggle, Des Moines; Larry W., Des Moines; Linda Rieck, Des Moines; Roxanne Chambers on home place. There are 20 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Walter and Maxine celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary September 1978.



John F. Seibert was born in 1868 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He came to Polk County 1869 with his parents Henry and Mary Seibert, both born in Germany. Anna (Peizman) Seibert was born in Dallas County 1876. She came to live in Grimes with her parents, Frederick and Mary Peitzman in 1901.

John and Anna were educated in rural schools near their homes. John and Anna were married in Grimes, March 1905. John and Anna had six children: Hulda, Mrs. Harry Kohls, lives in Grimes; Glen, deceased; Clarence, lives on original Seibert farm on Hwy 141; Earl, lives in Tempe, Arizona; Irene, Mrs. Toby Taylor, lives in Grimes; Mildred, Mrs. Leonard Hampton, lives in South Holland, Illinois.

John Seibert died July 1945. Mrs. Seibert lived on the farm until March 1953, when she moved to Grimes. She died in 1970.



Front row, Dwain, Leonard, Mildred, Roger, back row, Roxanne, Danna, Sharon

When Mildred Seibert graduated from Grimes High School in 1935. She married Leonard Hampton. They moved to Harvey, Illinois, where Leonard was employed by a construction co. The next years they were busy raising a family of five, Donna, Sharon, Roger, Roxanne a twin to Roger, and Dwain.

Mildred and Leonard now live in South Holland, Illinois. Mildred worked with Brownies, Girl, Boy and Cub Scouts and for Federal Signal Corp. Both are now retired.

Clarence and Ida Seibert: Clarence was born August 1910, on the Seibert farm. After Graduation from Grimes High School in 1929, he worked on the family farm.

Ida (Cone) Seibert was born August 1919, in Kansas. She graduated from Valley High School.

Clarence and Ida were married November 1937, and lived on the family farm. Four children were born to this marriage. They all graduated from Grimes High School but Della, who graduated from Dallas Community High. Twila, a graduate of Drake, teaches in Winterset; Mrs. Patricia Collison, lives in West Virginia; Darryl attended Technical School, lives in Waukee; Della, a graduate of Washington School of Ars, works as a free lance artist and lives at home.

Clarence and Ida purchased the home farm 1971. Ida died April 1976. Clarence continues to operate the family farm.

Charles F. Seibert married Lena Margaret Van Voorhis in 1915. They had one son, H. Van Seibert. Charles F. deceased in 1968 at 82 years, died on the same farm on which he was born. 1969, the farm qualified for "Century Farm" distinction. Lena Seibert died 1979. The farm was passed on to her two sons, H. Van Seibert and Niels Frederick Hansen. Van married Mable Hall, 1939. They have three children.



In 1900, Ray Shiffer moved to Grimes with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shiffer. They lived in the first house north of the school, which house is still standing. After finishing school he worked at the canning factory until 1915. In November 1919, he married Miss Irene Ewing. In 1919, he became a mail carrier. When Shiffer

started as mail carrier there were two small routes out of Grimes. His route was 24 miles and included Camp Dodge. In 1934, both routes were combined to make a 63 mile daily tour for Shiffer.

To this union were born two children, Radene and Ewing. Ray and Irene were members of the Presbyterian Church.



Simon Eugene and Anna (Kinsey) Shiffer were the parents of four children: Nettie (Shiffer) Seibert, Edward Shiffer, Calvin Ray Shiffer and Floyd Ellsworth Shiffer. They lived SE of Grimes. In 1900, they moved to Grimes and lived next door to the Grimes School. Simon Shiffer worked for the creamery until it shut down. He also worked at the Old Grimes Canning Company. Also was the grave digger for the Grimes Cemetery until his retirement.

Anna Shiffer was a homemaker and kept busy baking and canning for the family. She died in 1912 at age 55 years. Simon Shiffer died in 1938.



David Shiffer, son of Bud and Virginia Shiffer and **Linda Perkins Shiffer** were married in September 1967. David was graduated from United Electronics and accepted a position with RCA Factory Service in Des Moines where he is still employed.

Linda worked at Banker's Life and at the Polk County Court House in the Treasurer's office and in the City Assessor's office.

They have one son, Jason Ray, born May 1974. They reside at 201 N. Circle Drive.



Floyd Ellsworth Shiffer was married to Emma Kohls and to this union were born two children, Grace (Shiffer) Crawley and Robert Shiffer. They bought and operated the restaurant on the east side of main street, then after about eight years moved to the west side of the street until about 1936.

Floyd played ball as a catcher for quite a few years and was also a substitute for his brother, Ray, on the rural mail route for all the years that Ray was the carrier. The depression made him close the cafe, he started to work for Farm Mutual Telephone Company, until they sold out to Iowa Illinois who traded to Northwestern Bell where he worked until he retired. Floyd died February 1980.

Emma worked in the cafe then worked for the Old Grimes Canning Company. She retired because of ill health. Emma now lives in the Polk City Manor.



Maryan, Lonnie, Leroy, Leann, Shirley, Ruth

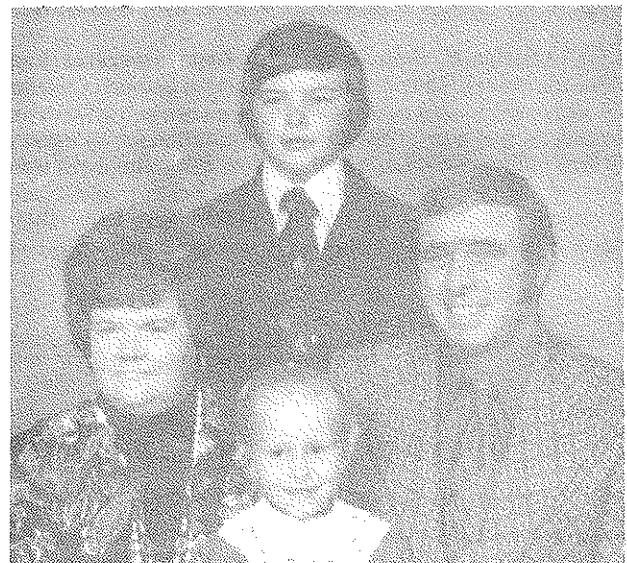
Lonnie Shipley came to Grimes 1936 from Missouri meeting Ruth Parker Skarset who was caring for her grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Brenton. They were married November 1938, and farmed in the Grimes area purchasing the Kate O'Donnell Heckman farm north of town in 1956. After the drought of 1956, Lonnie worked at A.M.F. Western

Tool until 1977, becoming chairman of Safety and Credit Union Loan committee. Lonnie was Beaver Valley Boys 4-H Club leader 20 years, member of Polk Co. Fair Board, Extension Council and Charter member of Grimes Lions Club.

Ruth worked at Pioneer Hi-Bred 27 years. Ruth continues their membership at St. Peter's Lutheran. They were Luther League Sponsors and choir members. Ruth taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Lonnie served on church council. He died November 1977.

They have two children, Maryan, a Wartburg graduate, teaches at Nashua, and LeRoy married to Shirley Osborne.

Hazel (Brenton) Parker came from Storden, Minn. to Grimes in 1946 to take care of her mother, and after Mrs. Brenton's death in 1949 remained in Grimes to keep house for her brother, Harry. She was active in the Presbyterian Church, American Legion and Rebecca Lodge. She was born at Adel, in 1886 and moved to Lohrville with her parents. She played on the Lohrville's 1st girls basketball team. She married Howard Parker shortly after graduation. They were parents of 8 children. Ruth Shipley lives in Grimes, Howard died in 1946 and Hazel in 1963.



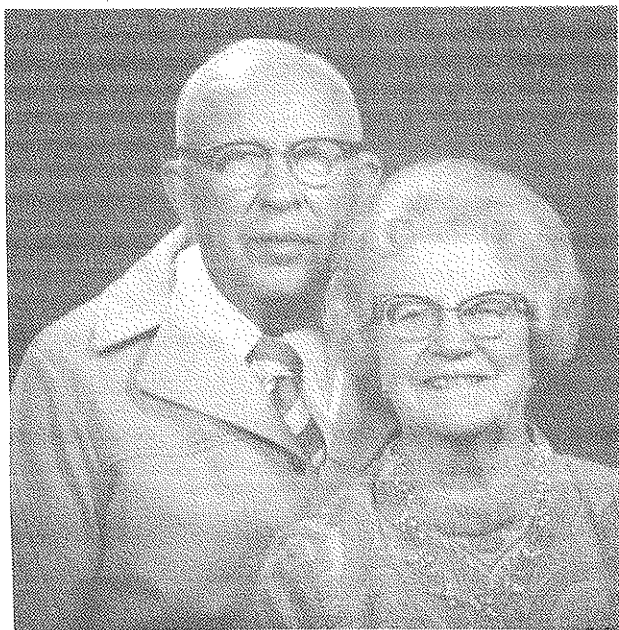
Shirley, Leann, Leroy, Chuck Kelly

LeRoy Shipley graduated from Grimes High School 1960 and worked for Pioneer Hi-Bred Seed and farmed part time.

Shirley (Osborne) Shipley graduated from Grimes High School 1962 and attended American Institute of Business.

Leroy and Shirley married in June 1963 and lived in Grimes. They started full time farming in Dallas Center area in 1968. In 1974, they moved to the Osborne home place. They have one daughter, Leann Leslie.

Leroy has served as Vice Pres. of Polk Co. Farm Bureau, Vice Pres. of School Board, a member of Grimes Lions Club and was active in Iowa National Guard in 1965 to 71.



Joe and Emily Slaughter were married August 1921. After Joe was discharged from the armed forces, serving in France during W W I he located in Panora, and was employed by the Panora Telephone Co. and rebuilt the local exchange.

Emily was visiting relatives in Australia when the war broke out in 1914. No passenger ships were sailing back to England from Australia, but was told that she might get passage from New York if she went to the U.S. Upon arriving at San Francisco, the custom officers relieved her from all papers including her passport. She was stranded here in the States and was unable to obtain passage back to England until 1920. In the meantime she met Joe and after a few months back in her homeland, she returned to Panora where she and Joe were married.

To this union two children were born. Dorothy (Slaughter) Johnson and Jack.

Joe and Emily are now residing in Sun City, Arizona.



Donald, Francis, Bruce, Ward, Edna (Baer), George

George Donald Shawver, son of Alonzo Berton and Sadie (Glascock) Shawver, was born in Springhill, and grew up in Grimes. February 1925, he married Edna Baer, who also grew up on a farm S. of Grimes. Having

graduated for Drake U. in 1921, he was employed by the Bank and War Finance Co. until 1923, when he became examiner for the Iowa State Banking Dept. He transferred to Davenport in 1933 and was in charge of Liquidation Corp. Then he was assigned to the Ration Board in charge of sugar and gas rationing, working for two years without compensation. In 1945, he acquired an interest in Innes Manufacturing Co., becoming president before retiring in 1970. He died February 1972.

Edna Baer Shawver, a graduate of Drake U. taught in Grimes and Cherokee. Don and Edna had four sons: Donald, Francis, Ward and Bruce. Don died in Sun City, Arizona, where Edna maintains a winter home.



Raymond G. and Nettie E. (Rosenberg) Stewart spent almost all of their lives in the Grimes area.

Mr. Stewart was employed for many years by the Grimes Canning Co. and during that time lived on one of the factory farms just west of Grimes.

They were members of the Grimes Presbyterian Church.

Their three children were: Lloyd G., Ruby Livermore and Samuel E.

During the last years of Mr. Stewart's life, they lived in Mississippi. After Mr. Stewart's decease, his widow returned to Grimes where she spent her last years.



Glen and Edna (Finn) Smith: Glen's parents first

came here before the turn of the century. His mother, May was a daughter of I.W. Foltz. The Smith family moved to Mitchell, South Dakota, where Glen was born in November 1904. His return to Iowa was in 1909.

Edna was born in 1904 at Dallas Center and attended the Dallas Center School. In November 1929, she and Glen were married at St. Bonaface Church in Waukee, and made their home in Grimes. In 1937, they moved to their present home. Glen worked for Pittsburg D. M. Steel and started working for the Grimes Canning Company in 1935. Glen passed away May 1962. Edna still lives in the home place.



W. Donald and Dorothy (Forret) Stout moved to Grimes in 1948 from Des Moines. Donald was a native of Thayer. Dorothy, the daughter of Harry and Lena (Seibert) Forret, lived SE of Grimes until she attended the American Institute of Business. She worked in Des Moines before her marriage in 1945. They moved to Grimes where they operated the Grimes Sundries. Later Donald was a clothing salesman in Des Moines. He was killed in an auto accident in September 1963, age 52.

Dorothy worked for Farm Mutual Telephone Company in Grimes and transferred to Northwestern Bell Telephone when they purchased the Grimes system. She moved to Urbandale in 1973, where she lived until her death in 1978, aged 56.

They were parents of four children: Tom, Donald, and Robert who live in Des Moines and Mary (Mrs. Ed Briggs) lives in rural Earlham.

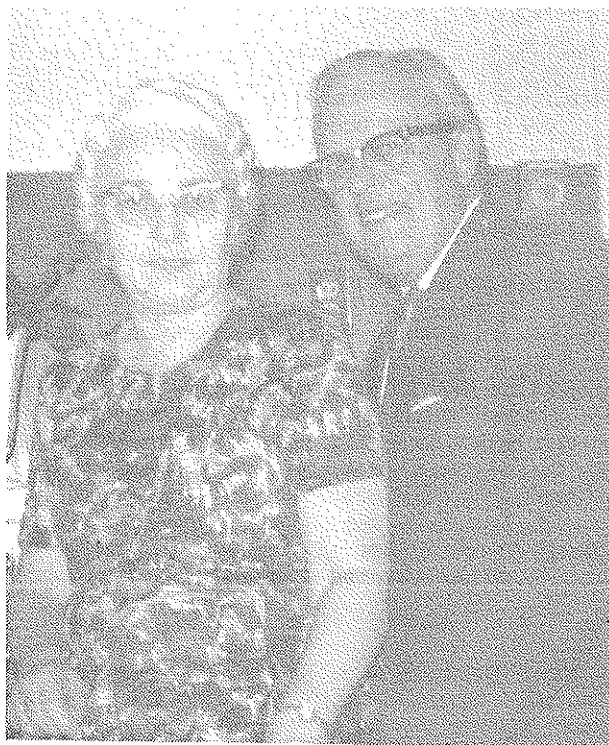


Ernest Day farm

John and Sena (Love) Swanson were married January 1900. John came from Sweden in 1890, coming directly to Des Moines. His first job was as a farmhand with a Trowbridge family S. of Des Moines. It was here he met Sena who was working for the same family.

Later they moved to a farm now 73rd and Hickman, then rented a farm that today is the Ernest Day farm. John died in November 1911, leaving a widow and five children: Agnes, Ellien, Helbert, Esther and Mildred.

A longtime friend deeded her two lots in Clive, and with the help of neighbors built a home in 1912, this home also included a small grocery store and Post Office. Surviving members are Ellien, Helbert and Mildred, all reside in Clive.



Harry and Hazel (Hatfield) Stickle: Hazel, daughter of Jessie Hatfield Earney, was born in Grimes 1911 and graduated from Grimes High School 1929. She attended UNI, taught school, after enduring the depression, was employed by Beaver Valley Canning Co. in the office from 1937-1944.

Harry was born in Grinnell, 1912, graduated from North High, Drake and Omaha Seminary, came to Grimes in 1943 as pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

October 1944, Hazel and Harry were married in Ames. Since leaving the Grimes church they served five Baptist Churches returning to Grimes 1971. They are retired, Hazel writes for the local newspaper and Harry does sub-teaching at Grimes and W.D.M. School.

They have two sons: James is in D.M. and Fred PhD from ISU is married to Jan Willis, teaches at Western Kentucky State U. They have two daughters, Charlotte and Jody.



Dale and Margaret Taylor are the third generation to own and live on the original Robert Newton Taylor farm, located 2 miles S of Grimes. Dale the third child of Harry J. and Edna (Osterhout) Taylor was born Oct., 1912. Margaret oldest child of F. E. and Cora (Friar) Shafer was born Oct., 1914. Both graduated from Grimes in 1931, and were married Oct., 1939 at the former Presbyterian parsonage in Grimes.

They are the parents of two daughters, Donna, married to Ronald Brooks. They have one son Dean, and they live NW of Grimes. Nancy is married to Jay Fried and they live in Northbrook, Ill.

Dale, Margaret and both daughters are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Grimes. The Taylors are long time members of Polk Co. Farm Bureau, and farmed for 40 years retiring in 1979, however, they still live on the farm (both have spent their entire lives on the same mile south of Grimes).

Time marches on as they sit at their breakfast table they observe traffic one mile E where I-35 and 80 are, but in front of their home people are traveling the same gravel road that has been there more than 50 years.

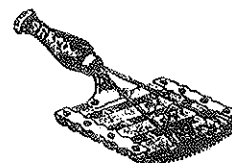


William Thorpe was born in Wye, Kent England

Jan. 1860. He came to Geneva, N.Y. with his parents at age 4. They moved to Iowa in 1868. They bought the farm NW of Grimes in 1882 and lived there the remainder of his life.

In Oct. 1894 he married Emma Powell. She was also born in England in Oct. 1865, and came to the U.S. in 1868 with her parents. Thorpes built the house on the south side of the road and had 3 daughters, Lula, born 1897, graduated from Grimes High School 1914; Gladys, born 1900, graduated from Grimes High School 1917; and Ruth, born 1903, graduated from Grimes High School 1921. Ruth, now Mrs. E. B. Parker, the only living one, lives in Altadena, Calif.

Emma Thorpe moved from the farm to Grimes 1939, with Lula, remained there until her death. Lula, lived in Grimes until her marriage to Bert Morris and they moved to Des Moines.



Toby and Irene, Jeanen, Gary

Toby and Irene (Seibert) Taylor were married August 1941. Toby was born in Newfolden, Minn., coming to work in Grimes in 1934. Irene was born in Grimes. She graduated from Grimes High School and Drake University. She taught in Webster Rural, St. Marys, Conroy, Montour, Granger and 25 years in Johnston Elementary School. Toby served in W.W. II 4½ years. His tour of duty was in Italy. After discharge he worked at Pioneer, John Deere, operated a Service Station in Grimes and 23 years at Firestone, retiring in 1975. They have two children, Jeanene and Gary.

Toby and Irene enjoy their golden years together, working in the church and being with their loved ones.



Gary and Cheryl, Brad, Jennifer

Gary and Cheryl (Allen) Taylor were married in Ponca City, Okla., Aug. 1968, one year prior to Gary's graduation from Westmar College in LeMars. After graduation Gary moved to Waterloo to become an insurance adjuster for Employees Insurance of Wausau, Cheryl remained in Grimes while finishing her teaching degree at Iowa State.

Currently Gary is a career underwriter for Farm Bureau Insurance and Cheryl is teaching for Area 7 Education in Janesville.

They have been blessed with 2 children, Jerry Bradley and Jennifer Lee.

Gary and Cheryl are active in Iowa Jaycees, attend Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly. Gary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Toby Taylor.



Carl and Winifred Temple family: left to right, back row, Evelyn Carlson, Ethel Temple, Lois Rohde, Mother, front row, Lowell Temple, Melvin Temple, Dorothy Mosier, Geneva Temple

Carl Temple (1883-1968) and Winifred (Landon) (1885-1979) were married January 1906 in Des Moines. They farmed in Jefferson Twp. until 1918, then moved to Paul, Idaho for 6 years, moving back to their Jefferson Twp. farm retiring in 1950, then moved to Polk City. In 1968 Winifred moved to Des Moines living with her two daughters until her death in 1979.

The Temples were members of the Ridgedale Presbyterian Church and upon returning from the west joined the Grimes Presbyterian Church, where they remained faithful members. They were also active in P.T.A., Farm Bureau, 4-H, I.O.O.F. and Kiwanis. They had seven children.

Ethel, Des Moines, Registered Nurse; Melvin (1909-1973); Dorothy, Granger, School teacher; Geneva Des Moines, secretary; Evelyn, Des Moines, married Ed Carlson; Lowell, Johnson, married Mildred Stocker, works at Firestone; and Lois, Thief River Falls, Minn., married Fred Rhode.

Raymond M. and Darline H. (Bohrofen) Urfer, Raymond, son of Charles and Celia Urfer was born April 1915. Darline, daughter of Peter and Edith Bohrofen, was born Jan. 1918.

Two children blessed this home, Raedine, born Sept. 1941, died Dec. 1956, and Jerry Lee, born Dec. 1959. Jerry is attending Iowa State University.

Raymond and Darline have farmed their entire married life. They bought the farm they live on in 1943. They are members of First Presbyterian Church of Grimes and Raymond is a past elder. Darline is a member of the Ladies Aid.

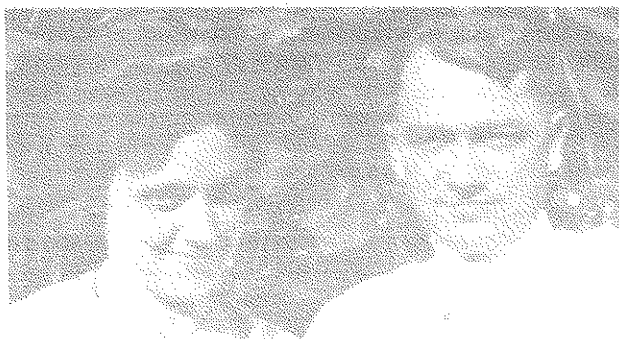
S. L. (Curg) - Mary Jane Wall of Grimes. They were the parents of 5 children. Dora, married Wm. Black; Rena, married Frank Hall; Oscar, married Lenna Gillian; Miller, married Hazel Boark; Lena, married Grant Wilson. All deceased except Miller of Dallas Center and Lena at Heather Manor.

Miller and Hazel married at Sac City, Dec. 1916, moved to Granger, and he worked for his father in the Meat Market. Then with John Deere Implement in Dallas Center 1939-1969. Miller and Hazel had 2 children, Leona Biggs and Donald, 4 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Dwayne and Karen Wallace moved to their new home on 320 Trail Ridge Rd, Mar. 1973. They had Michelle and Scott, Susan was born July 1975.

Dwayne was a charter member of Jaycees and president in 1974-75. Karen served as president of Jaycee Wives Club in 1976-77 and was charter member of Jaycee Ettes.

Mar. 1979 Dwayne became District Manager for Lumberman's Millwork Supply in Ft. Dodge. Because the family loves small town living they bought a home in Manson. Unfortunately, just 2 days before moving, the tornado hit Manson. Their home was not damaged, they had electricity soon but were without phone service or water for a week. Wallaces keep close contact with Grimes friends.



Edward Watkins and Grace Wilson were married in Winterset in 1912 and moved to Winfield, Kansas where Ed was a Pharmacist.

In 1914 they purchased the drug store in Grimes and lived there until 1935.

They joined the Presbyterian Church and Grace sang in the choir and was active in other church work. Ed belonged to the Masonic Lodge.

They had two daughters, Evelyn and Gracelyn, who both graduated from Grimes High School. The girls helped their dad in the drug store after school and in summer.

Evelyn, a widow, lives in Des Moines. Gracelyn married Loran Durlam.

Ed and Grace moved to Jefferson in 1935, having bought a Pharmacy there. They sold it in 1941 and moved to Boone where Ed was employed as a Pharmacist. He died in 1951 of a heart attack. Grace died in 1965 after a lengthy illness.

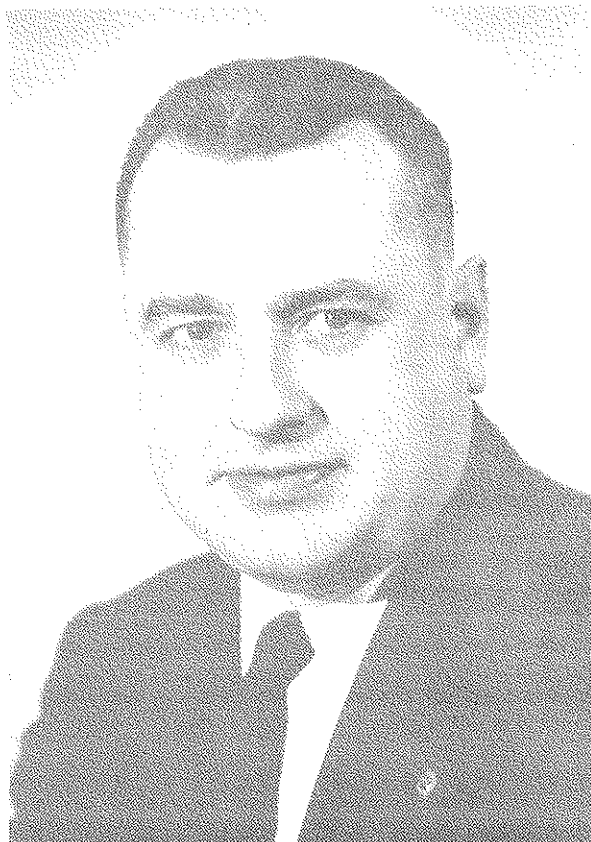


Charles Luther Weiser born in 1851 in Statford, Ohio moved to Grimes and married Anna Bredimas.

Four sons were born to this union. Elmer (1878)

"bachelor" remembered for his musical contribution; Arthur (1880); Earnest (1882), both moved to Hazelton, N. D.; Paul William (1884) spent the greater part of life in Grimes. Charles' wife Anna died in 1888.

Jan. 1889 Charles was united in marriage to Adaline Schoen. To this union was born 6 boys and 1 girl. Walter Karl (1891) married Anna Peitzman; Harry (1890) died at the age of 18 of Leukemia; Ruth Bertha (1893) was married to Glen Lowe a Grimes banker. Albert (1893) married Lamona Shawver of Grimes. Albert served in W.W. I as Athletic Director of Drury College, Springfield, Mo.; Herbert (1898) married Irma Betz of Grimes, he operated the Weiser Dairy until 1930; Harold (1906) "bachelor" bookkeeper of lumber co. in Springfield, Mo.; Earl (1908) an Instructor in a Montana college.

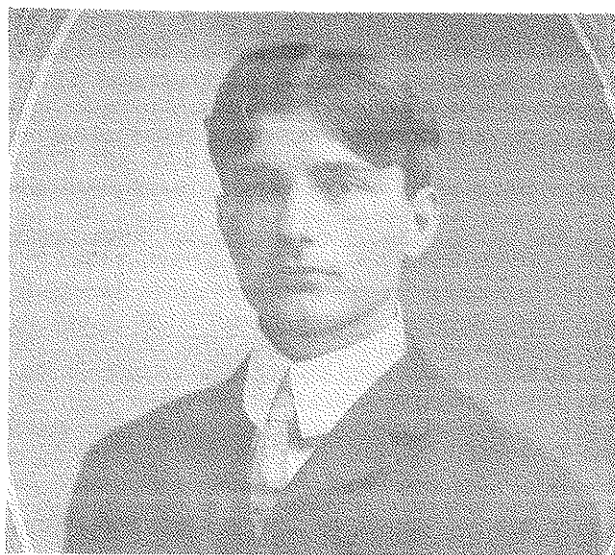


Stanley Paul Weiser was married to Pearl Marie Wipperman, daughter of Arthur and Matilda Wipperman, of Grimes, May 1940.

To this union was born a son, Stanley Jr., and a daughter, Donna (Weiser) Owen of Adel, Iowa.

Stanley Sr. attended Grimes school until a junior when his family moved to Des Moines. He graduated from North High as a member of National Honor Society, Debating team, and orchestra. He attended Drake University.

He established the Weiser Dairy Co. which operated in Polk and Dallas County for 28 years then established the Weiser Insurance Agency in Adel, Iowa. Stanley sings in the choir at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in West Des Moines.

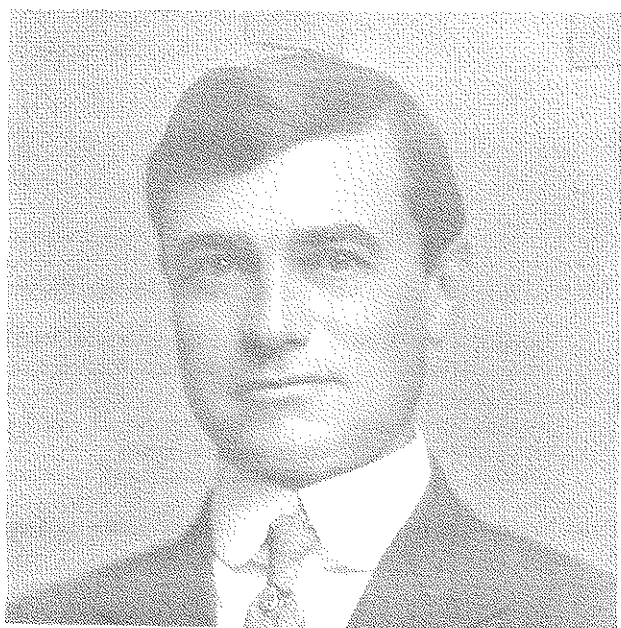


Paul William Weiser (Aug. 1884 - Nov. 1958) was married to Kathryn Wilkie (Mar. 1885 - Nov. 1950) at St. Peter's Lutheran Church March 1910. To this union was born Stanley P., Adele K., and Eva Estelle.

Paul was a first graduate of Grimes High School. The 05 in white paint suddenly appeared after this graduation above the entry into the school and remained until the school was torn down.

Paul graduated from Des Moines Business College and was bookkeeper for Zinsmasters Bakery in Des Moines for a number of years. He then purchased the Grimes Dairy from his brother, Herbert, in 1931. He operated it until pasturized milk caused him to associate with his son's dairy in West Des Moines.

Paul and his brothers Walter, Earnest, and Elmer furnished as a quartet the special music on many occasions in Grimes and Des Moines.



Elmer Weiser (1878) "bachelor" he was organist in St. Peter's Lutheran Church for 20 years. He sang solos and was second tenor in the Weiser Quartet. The naming

of Sunny Hill Cemetery was attributed to him.

Elmer started the Weiser Dairy by measuring the milk in a dipper to the customers from a spout can, hauled in a spring wagon. In 1923 he sold the dairy to brother, Herbert. The facility was one of the better raw milk establishments sporting a modern barn, milkhouse and a horse drawn milk wagon from which ice chilled dairy products were delivered in sanitized glass bottles of measured size to the customers requirements.



Melvin Wiles was born in Grimes, Iowa in 1911, S of Grimes. Two years later the family moved to Des Moines and farmed on a farm at Merle Hay and Hickman Road. They also farmed at Prole and Martensdale.

The Wiles family moved to West Des Moines on a farm in 1920 where they milked 35 cows and bottled the milk and delivered to homes and stores in West Des Moines and Des Moines.

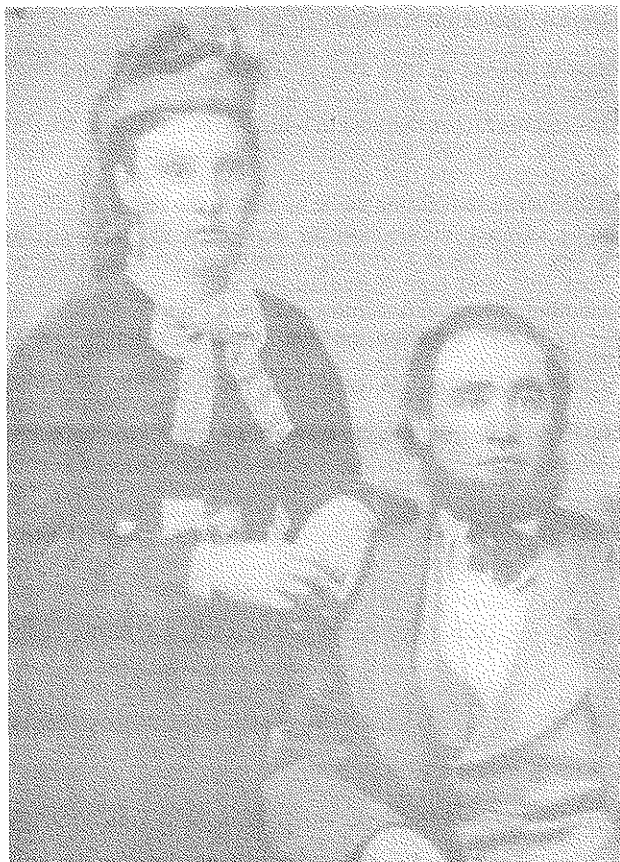
Melvin was graduated from Valley High in West Des Moines in 1928. Melvin was married to Eunice Hyde of Des Moines in 1932. They are the parents of three children, Beverly Jean, Melvin Eugene and Karen Lea.

Melvin started in the trucking business in 1933, hauling coal and paving material.

Melvin and Eunice moved back to Grimes in 1941 and Melvin ran the Standard Tank Wagon for three years, then he went into the oil business for Phillips Petroleum Company in 1944 and was there for 36 years. Their son, Melvin, Jr. was a partner for 15 years until his untimely death in 1977. The Wiles retired in August 1979 and are still living in Grimes.

In 1938 Merle and Jessie Wiese and family, Rheta and David moved to Grimes. Merle was employed by Beaver Valley Canning Company, later by Standard Oil Company. Rheta graduated from Grimes High School. Upon moving to Des Moines, David graduated from North High School and attended Drake 1 year, finishing college in Kankakee, Illinois where both he and Rheta attended. David is employed by General Motors, Delco Division in Kokomo, Indiana. Rheta resides with her husband and family in Olathe, Kansas, where Charles is in business.

Merle is retired from Standard Oil Co., Jessie from Preferred Risk Insurance Co., where she was employed for 20 years.



J. Fredrick and Emilie Wipperman were early settlers in Grant Twp. NW of Grimes. Mr. Wipperman came to Iowa from Germany in 1866, lived in Amana until 1874, when he bought the land that is known as the Wipperman farm. He was among the first to tile the land, largely advancing its value through modern drainage system.

In 1875, he married Emilie Kuehl, who emigrated from Germany in 1870 with her parents, Gottlieb and Wilhelmine Bartelt Kuehl. They farmed until 1908 when they moved to Grimes, where they resided until their death. J. Fredrick died in 1920, age 77, and Emilie in 1926, aged 71.

Mr. Wipperman was director of Grimes Savings Bank and Grimes Canning Co. and was a promoter and director of Farm Mutual Telephone Co.

They were parents of 11 children: William, died in infancy; Lesetta, Mrs. August Knoll; Ida, Mrs. Robert Knoll; Clara, Mrs. Herman Bartelt, Sr.; Edward; Arthur; Marie, Mrs. William Knoll; Rev. John F.; Herman; August; and Amelia, Mrs. Rufus House. All are deceased.



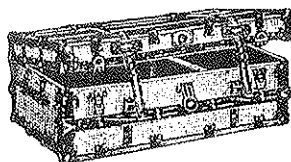
Arthur Otto Wipperman (son of John Fredrick and Emilie (Kuehl) Wipperman) was born October 1897 in Dallas County near Grimes. He was one of eleven children. When his parents retired from the farm and moved to Grimes, Arthur took over the operation and later purchased the family farm. He lived there until his death in 1940.

In 1910 he married Matilda Greif. There were four children, two daughters and two sons. Pearl Marie married Stanley P. Weiser. Darlene Emilie married Daniel W. Taylor and lives near Minburn. Kenneth Harold married Verla Marks and live near Westbrook, Minn. until his death 1978. Floyd Arthur married Ruby Christianson and farmed near Grimes until his death in 1979.

Arthur took a special interest in education and his church. He was director of Grant Twp. No. 5 Country School many years. When the old St. Peter's Lutheran Church was torn down and a new church erected in 1937-38, he served as chairman of Building Committee.

His wife, Matilda, moved to Grimes in 1946 where she still lives.

Arthur was the first life time member whose funeral took place in the new church.



Jerry and Janann (Peterson) Witmer were married January 1960, and after his tour of duty with the Navy in 1964 bought the Raymond Denny farm in Walnut Twp. where they still live and farm. Jerry also farms his father's (Roy) land in Walnut and Boone Twp.

Jerry is a graduate of Waukee High School and Janann graduated from East High School in Des Moines.

They have 3 sons, Mike, Dave, and Steven.



Charles W. Wright a native of Champaign, Ill. and Abbie L. Dunbar, daughter of Fred and Agnes Dunbar were married Feb. 1904. They engaged in farming on rented land in Walnut Twp. until they purchased a farm near Trumbull, Nebr. They then farmed in Marion, Ia. before returning to Grimes where they farmed until 1928 when Charles passed away. To this marriage was born two children, Fred T., living in Grimes, and Alice M., living in Wichita, Kansas. Alice married F. H. StJohn. They had two children, Larry and Berry.

Charles and Abbie are active members in the Christian Church in Grimes, where Charles was an elder. Abbie was a member and officer of the Rebecca Lodge and Eastern Star. Charles served as a member and president of Prairie Home School Board and a member of the I.O.O.F.

Abbie Wright resides in her home on North Jacob in Grimes.



Ora and Darline Woodring were married June 1934.

Darline was from Waukeee.

Ora came to Grimes with his parents, Alberta and Gus Woodring in 1923. Ora graduated from Grimes High 1929. He worked at Sloan Lumber & Grain for a time. He and his father decided to build an oil station on Hwy 44 in 1932. Ora ran the station until he suffered a heart attack Mar. 1974, he had run the station 42 years. His parents ran the station while he was in the service.

Ora served his country in W.W. II from Mar. 1943 to Oct. 1945. He is a charter member of American Legion Post #577 and past Commander. Darline is a charter member of Legion Auxiliary and Past President.

Ora is a Mason, he and Darline are members of Eastern Star. Darline is a past Matron. They are members of Grimes Presbyterian Church.



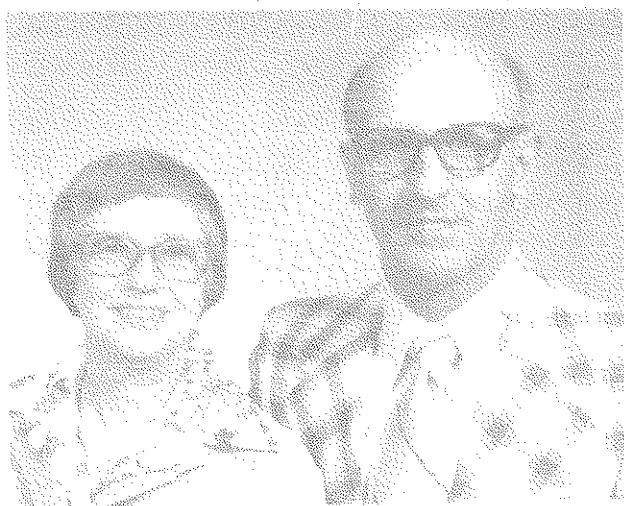
Fred Wright, son of Charles and Abbie Wright, and Irene Hough, daughter of Lyman and Fannie Hough, were married in Marion, Iowa Oct. 1927.

Fred was born on a farm near Grimes and Irene was born in Vernona, Ill. Later her parents moved to near Marion where they farmed. After finishing her schooling at Coe College, Irene taught at Manly and Adel until her marriage.

Fred was employed at the Altoona plant of Old Grimes Canning Company in 1924. He remained in the food canning business until his retirement in 1975. During that period he was superintendent of the Altoona plant and later General Supt. of canning plants in Perry, Altoona and Pella. Later he was General Manager and Treasurer of Beaver Valley Canning at Grimes.

Two sons, Jerry H. and Robert W. were born to this marriage. Both graduated from Grimes High School, served in the Armed Services and both graduated from college. Both are married and have their own families. Fred and Irene have made Grimes their permanent residence since 1937. Irene has served on Town Council, a 50 year member Easter Star, member First Presbyterian Church and Ladies Aid.

Fred was a volunteer fireman and Fire Chief, served Town Council, Charter Member Lions Club, 50 yr. member Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, ZaGaZig Shrine, member and elder of Presbyterian Church. During his years in Canning Business served on many committees as well as Director of National Cannery Assn.



Harry Keith and Pauline (Kochheiser) Wiperman were married Nov. 1949 at First Presbyterian Church in Grimes and are active members.

Keith graduated from Winterset High School in 1942. After completing signal school he was sent to Solomon Islands during W.W. II. In 1947 he graduated from A.I.B. and worked for Iowa Ford Tractor Co. in Des Moines until moving to the farm in 1952. Keith is a member of Grimes American Legion, served on Grimes Town Council and Waukee Co-op Board.

Pauline graduated from Waukee High School in 1943. She has served as 4-H leader, on Polk Co. Fair Board, Polk Co. Extension Council and is a charter member of Iowa Flying Farmers.

They have three children, Larry, Carol and Dean.

William H. Young and Marjorie Friar were married in 1943 in Los Angeles, Calif. Bill was in the U.S. Air Corps for 3 years, stationed many places and Marjorie followed him. After his service time, they came to Grimes and lived here since. Bill was born in Kamiah, Idaho and moved to Los Angeles in 1940.

Both are members of First Presbyterian Church. Bill is a Legion Member Post 577 and Marjorie an Auxiliary member. Bill has been on Grimes City Council, and works at Des Moines Area Community College in Ankeny. Marjorie works at Bankers Trust Co., Grimes.

They have two daughters, Sharon Erickson and Janel DeJoode.



James Zornes and Ida Evans married Nov. 1895. Ida died in childbirth and the baby died while still an infant.

Minnine Evans married Wm Fitch June 1894. They

had one daughter, Lora Irene, born May 1895. Wm Fitch died Sept. 1895.

In Oct. 1897 **James Zorns** and **Minnie Evans Fitch**, Ida's sister, were married in Adel and moved to Grimes. They had 4 children, two boys died in infancy, and two daughters, Grace and Margaret.

Jim had a livery stable until 1906 when he received an appointment as rural mail carrier and served 30 years, retiring in 1936. He first used a horse and buggy, then a Model T Ford. His first mail route was a total of 36 miles, after several years was increased to 57 miles. The route ran through the old State Prison Farm near Clive, now known as Living History Farms. Many times Jim was invited to have dinner with the prisoners.

Lora married Herman Wiperman and lived in Grimes and Winterset areas until Herman died in 1942. Lora then moved back to the home place where she lives with her husband, Clarence Good. Margaret lives in Phoenix and Grace died in 1971.

2. Chronological Listing. Stories that came in late.



Robert and Del Wright - Robert Wright, son of Fred and Irene Wright was born in Jefferson, Ia., Dec. 1933. He moved with his parents to Grimes in 1937. He graduated from Grimes High and from ISU in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army in Atlanta, Ga., and Paris, France in 1954-1955.

He married M. D. Olson from Minneapolis in 1956. They have four children, Robert, Ricard, Susan and Thomas.

The Wrights moved to Cedar Rapids in 1958 where Robert is employed by Rockwell International.

Tom and Jean Fitzgerald moved to Grimes from Des Moines, March 1968 and settled in a new home at 300 Trail Ridge Road. They have been blessed with four children, T. J. (Thomas John), Kathleen Teresa, Margaret Mary and Timothy Matthew.

Tom has been employed by Des Moines Public Schools the past 16 years and is currently teaching Social Studies at North High School.



Back row, Fay, Dorothy, Bernice, front row, Harry and Mary Peitzman

Harry and Mary (Bohrofen) Peitzman - Harry Earl Peitzman was born Sept. 1890, near Dallas Center, the son of William and Hannah (Watters) Peitzman. He attended Grimes High School and served with the Medical Corp in Base Hospital 120 in France in W.W. I.

Mary Frances Bohrofen was born near Grimes June 1895, the daughter of Peter and Louise (Frick) Bohrofen. She graduated from Grimes High in 1912. Harry and Mary were married Feb. 1920 and farmed two miles SW of Grimes. Harry enjoyed feeding cattle on his farm and Mary was a gardener.

Mar. 1938 they moved near Kelley, where they farmed until Harry's death in 1967. Mary moved to Ames Nov. 1975. They were the parents of three daughters, Dorothy Louise, Vivian Bernice, and Faye Susanne.

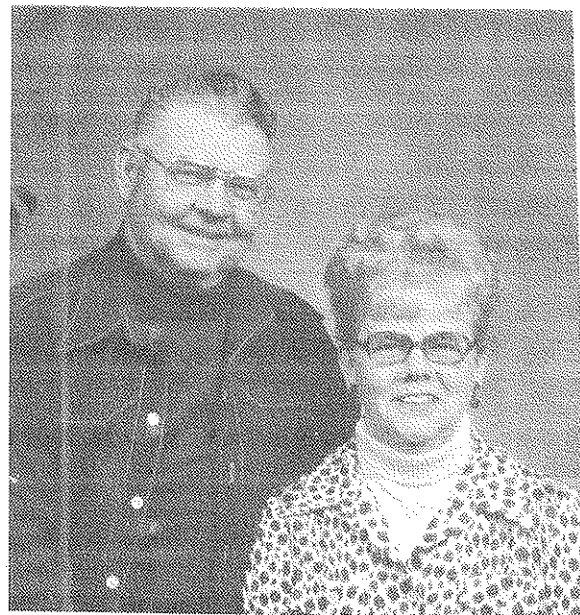
Dorothy, born May 1921, attended Prairie Home and graduated from Grimes High. She attended Iowa State and CCCC and worked as Secretary at ISU. Feb. 1946, she married Jordan Osborn and they farmed on her parent's farm. They are now living in Paris, Texas and farm in Okla.

Bernice, born Feb. 1925, attended Prairie Home and graduated from Kelley High and attended A.I.B. July 1945 she married Glenn Ingram. They farm near Ames where Glenn is employed at National Disease Lab.

Faye, born July 1933, attended Kelley High, graduated from Huxley High and Waldorf College. She taught elementary school in Jewell and Grimes. Nov. 1952 she married Kenneth Fjelland. They farmed the family farm before moving to Radcliff in 1956. Kenneth is also a Realtor.

Herbert R. Weiser married **Irma L. Betz** June 1919. Eight children were born to this union, Marjorie Weiser, Randall; Mary Jane Weiser, Randall; twins Patricia A. Weiser, and Pauline A. Weiser, Faidley; Joan Weiser, Diener; James W. Weiser; William R. Weiser and Joyce Weiser, Dorrell.

Herbert died July 1939 and Irma died Mar. 1953.



Wm (Cap) Osborne and Irene Taylor were married March 1939. Irene, daughter of Harry and Edna Taylor was born and raised two miles south of Grimes and graduated from Grimes High.

Cap was born and raised in Alabama and attended grade school in Danville and High School in Falkville, Ala.

They lived 33 years on the farm 1 3/4 miles S of Grimes. Retiring in 1974 they built their home at 704 S 4th in Grimes. They have three daughters, Beverley and twin daughters, Shirley and Sharon.

Beverley is married to C. M. Kelley and lives in Anchorage, Alaska. She has two sons, Mike and Charles.

The twins have their own histories.

Carl Bauman born Feb. 1897 and **Cecile F. Shiffer** born Nov. 1903 were married Dec. 1921. Carl lived E of Grimes on an 80 acre farm. Cecile lived with her parents on Ridge Road across from Camp Dodge.

Children born to this family were Helen and Marilyn.

Helen married Jack E. Fogelson June 1953. They have one daughter and they live in Johnston.

Marilyn married Robert Finney Oct. 1955. They have a son and a daughter and they live in Gilmer, Texas.

Lonnie and Jane Evans moved to Grimes Dec. 1966, living in the Beavercrest addition at 700 S 3rd until Jan. 1974 when they moved next door to 706 S. 3rd.

Lonnie is purchasing agent with Firestone Tire and Rubber.

They have three daughters, Kristin, age 13, Celeste, age 11, and Lana, age 5.

They are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grimes.



Mary, John, Mary Alice, Julie Ann, Anita Michelle, Rose Marie

John and Mary Fiori Ladurini were married July 1960. Upon graduation from Madrid High, John entered the Marine Corp and served during the Korean War. After his duty in the Marine Corp, John entered St. Ambrose College in Davenport. John is employed with Green Construction as an Accountant.

John's parents, Angelo and Mabel, live in Madrid. His father is a retired coal miner.

Mary is a Waukee High graduate. Her father, Terzo, now deceased, was a retired coal miner. Her mother, Anita, is a cook for her sister at Alice's Spaghetti Land.

John and Mary have 4 daughters, Julie Ann a 1980 graduate of Dowling High; Rose Marie, a senior; Mary Alice, a junior, and Anita Michelle, seventh grader at DC-G.

The Ladurini family are members of St. Pius Catholic Church in Urbandale. They have lived in Grimes 13 years.

Mike and Mary Harper were married in Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 1970. Mike attended Long Beach City College for 2 years and then transferred to ISU in Ames. Mary is a graduate of Long Beach City College in Dental Assisting.

The Harpers lived in Ames from 1973 to Oct. 1975 when they moved to Grimes. They have 2 daughters, Michelle Lynne and Melissa Kaye.

Mike is employed at Firestone as an electrician.

Jerry H. Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Wright, and Marcia L. Jordahl, daughter of Marine Corp Gen. and Mrs. Russell N. Jordahl, were married Mar. 1956 in N. Carolina. Jerry was born in Des Moines and Marcia in Shanghai, China where her father was stationed in the U.S. Marine Corp.

Marcia attended Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. and University of Maryland. Jerry attended Grinnell College and Simpson, receiving his bachelors degrees. He also attended University of St. Louis, U. of Minn., and Syracuse U., taking various graduate business courses.

To Jerry and Marcia were born 3 children, Julie, Stephen and David. Jerry's business career has been associated with Continental Can Co., where he has held several managerial positions.

Marcia is presently concentrating on young adult activities, supervising, teaching and advising.

Harold Kenneth Ritchhart and Gladys Fern Beam were married Feb. 1926 in Des Moines.

Harold, son of Frank Ritchhart and Maude Lenore Nagle Ritchhart, was born Aug. 1905 in Polk City.

Gladys, daughter of Roy Ellsworth Beam and Mirrila Ellen Mulford Beam, was born April 1908, in a sod house in Hayes County, Nebr.

Harold and Gladys had one son, Darrell LeRoy Ritchhart, born June 1931. Darrell married Bonnie Jean Whitelatch and they farm near Oskaloosa.

Harold and Gladys farmed until they retired in Nov. 1967 and moved to their new home in Grimes.

Cletus Helen (Denton) Schwalbe married Eugene Schwlabe in Madison, Wisc., Oct. 1956. Since 1964 they have resided at Cedarburg, Wisc.

To this union were born 9 children, Vincent, David, Timothy, Christine, Michaela, Jacqueline, Catherine, Charity and Amy.

The Schwalbes are active in community affairs i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, County Historical Society and 4-H.



CONCLUSION

1. Unusual items: There being only three towns in the world with the name Grimes, and each was founded in (1) at the end of the date; Grimes, Calif. 1851, Grimes, Iowa 1881, Grimes, Okla. 1901. A poem written around 1840 about a man named Grimes became associated with Grimes Canning Factory and also, a drawing of that man.

2. Grimes - Why?

True the Railroad was the industry that caused the founding of Grimes, Iowa, but it was the industrious people of Grimes and the Grimes area that made the town. Other towns had railroads, some even two and two main lines, and some of these towns are "no more" or just "a spot in the road".

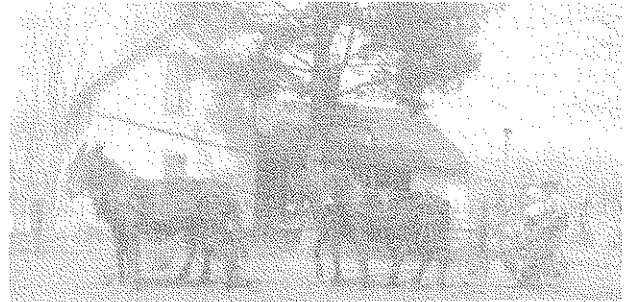
From the very first Grimes was not satisfied with General stores. We had our Drug store, and a Dr. also a hotel then came our Churches. Soon the Creamery, that sold \$35,000 of butter in Des Moines in 1902, there was the Grist mill, and the Pill Factory, with City water and a Blacksmith shop also a Machine shop besides an Electric light plant, then there was a Newspaper. There was the Stock Yard, lumber yard and two good elevators. Then came the Bank, Telephone and Canning Factory, etc. Our educational program was good, with the Public School and Farmers Institute. We provided for Area Community Fellowship with the 4th of July celebrations and other celebrations, and we must remember our famous Band before 1890, also 1905-1925. We have had our baseball teams through the years. It was the People in Grimes and Grimes Area that made the town.

Even with the closing of the railroad, Grimes will be the terminal of the railroad line, with no trains going north of Grimes, this means we are an important industrial link to Des Moines. Grimes is a great place and still we can boast of an Industrious people in Grimes and Grimes area.

Again a "thank you" to one and all for your most wonderful cooperation. We testify again how the Lord has guided us in a wonderful way in this History.

3. The philosophy of history we state again "what happened yesterday is history today."

4. This and That



Taken in 1921, Jesse Taylor and Jessie May.
This house is now at Living History Farm.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Time Card. (1906)

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No 103 ay Freight.....1:45 a m
No 161-Sioux City mixed.....2:15 a m
No 141-Chicago Express.....11:32 a m
No 139-Chicago Limited.....9:50 p m
No 137-Boone Express.....3:30 p m
No 131-Boone Express.....7:41 a m

GOING SOUTH

No 132-Chicago Mail.....10:27 a. m
No 138-Chicago Express.....6:48 p. m
No 140-D M Limited.....5:31 a m
No 144-Des Moines Ex.....12:54 p m
No 162-D M mixed.....11:52 a m
No 191-ay Freight.....9:28 a m
Nos. 129, 140, 162 and 163 Daily

JOHN SULLIVAN, Agent.

1906 Mail Arrives

From South.....7:41 a m 4:15 p m
From North.....10:27 a m 6:46 p m

Mail Closes

North.....7:25 a m 4:00 p m
South.....10:10 a m 6:29 p m

D. T. JEFFRIES, Postmaster.

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