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Clifford W. Galvin, the son of William (Pat) and Martha (Schultz) Galvin was born April 25, 1919 at McLean, Nebraska. He was educated at the McLean Public School, graduating in 1937. After graduation he became associated with his father in the implement business in McLean. In 1940, they purchased the International Harvester dealership in Randolph.

On November 14, 1941 Cliff was one of the first two draftees from Pierce County to be called for army service. During his fifty-two month hitch, he was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland; Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama; Camp House, Texas; officers candidate school at the University of Louisiana; and the last year he served in Japan. When discharged in January, 1946, he returned home and continued working with his father in the implement business.

August 12, 1951, Cliff was united in marriage to Donna Bell Neubauer, daughter of Leo and Ella (Backhaus) Neubauer at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond, Nebraska.

Donna Bell was born August 9, 1928 in Osmond and baptized on April 8, 1934 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osmond. She received her education at the Osmond Community School. Upon graduation she attended Wayne State College to receive her degree in teaching. Her teaching career began in Pierce County District 54 in 1945 and she taught in three other rural schools, Immanuel Lutheran School, McLean Elementary and at Osmond Community School, totaling 40 years in the classroom, retiring in 1988. Cliff had retired from his business in 1987.

Cliff was the oldest of the three children in his family. He entered Colonial Manor in 2003 and resided there until his death, January 17, 2009. He had a sister, Ruth (Paul) Smith of Ainsworth and his brother Don, deceased.

Donna Bell is the youngest of her family, having three sisters Leola Botsford, Helen Lindquist, Evelyn Stegelman, all deceased and her two brothers, Delmar of Osmond and Leo of Centerville, Iowa.

Cliff was a former member of the Randolph Community Club, Lions Club, a life member of the American Legion Alvin Kessler Post 113 and VFW Post 5545, and he especially enjoyed being a voyageur in 408 Voiture 121 of Nebraska and served this organization as Chef de Gare and chaplain. Cliff served the Osmond Fire Department for 23 years.

Donna Bell is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 326 for 65 years; McLean Homemakers

Club for 55 years; Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid for 59 years and various organizations with her teaching profession. Both Cliff and Donna Bell were very active members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Osmond.
Submitted by Donna Bell Galvin

Edward J. and Bernice Gerber

Both the Gerber and Clark families have their roots deep within the Randolph community. Edward John Gerber and Bernice Arlene Clark were married November 27, 1939, at St. Frances Catholic Church. Edward was the son of Frank and Rose (Meyer) Gerber who were married on September 3, 1903, in Carroll, Iowa, and soon after came to the Randolph area to farm. Bernice is the daughter of Glen Franklin and Jeanette "Nettie" (Carmichael) Clark who were married on January 1, 1905, in Randolph.

Glen Clark's father C. Clark was one of this community's first mail carriers. Glen and his sister Minta Clark attended the first school in the precinct, located northeast of town in the home of the teacher, Mrs. Totten. Mrs. Totten was a sister of Frank Whitney, one of Randolph's first settlers.

Edward John Gerber's parents, Frank (born 10-15-1875 died 12-15-1926) and Rose (born 3-27-1882 died 1-11-1971) had nine children: Irene Ann (Mrs. Walter R. Gubbels) of Randolph; Mildred Kathryn (Mrs. Linn Eaton) of Huntsville, Illinois; Lucille (Mrs. Matt Burns) of Paulina, Iowa; Cyril Francis of Randolph; Edward John Gerber; Anothony who died in infancy; Delores Monica (Mrs. Richard Goslin) of Norfolk, Nebraska; Rose Marie (Mrs. Jerome Becks) of Quincy, Illinois; and Vernelle (Mrs. John Munter Jr.) of Randolph. Deceased are Lucille, Irene, Mildred, Cyril, Delores, Rose Marie and Edward.

Bernice Arlene Clark's parents, Glen (born 6-11-1879 died 3-4-1954) and Jeanette "Nettie" (born 8-22-1884 died 3-18-1974), had five Children: Elmer Arland Clark who Married Martha Mame Hintz; Waldo Clayton Clark, who married Ethel Margaret; Marguerite (Mrs. John Meister); Ervin Charles Clark, who married Loretta Coughlin. Elmer, Waldo, Marguerite, and Ervin are deceased.

Ed (born 4-15-1912 died 4-23-1984) and Bernice (born 11-16-1918) began their married life farming in the Randolph area, moving twice before settling on the farm where their children grew up. It is located one half mile east of town. Their family included: Judith, Karon, Edward F., Glen, Jeanette, Ronald, and Roger. All of their children attended St. Frances School.

Judith Ann (born 4-12-1940) married Herman John Nordhues Jr. (Born 9-1-1939) of Randolph on February 23, 1963, at St. Frances Catholic Church. They farmed most of their lives, and also owned and operated Nordhues Feed and Seed until Herman's death in 1987. They had four children. Denise (born 9-27-1963) who married Jared Blum, Dean (born 8-24-1964) who married

Stephanie Reynolds, Darrin (born 6-6-1967) who married Tina Leiting and Donovan (born 8-5-1970). Judith married Leonard Kerkman on July 12, 1996. Leonard and Judy live in Clearwater, Nebraska.

Karon Lea (born 7-22-42) worked as a bookkeeper for the Tri-County Co-operative in Randolph. She passed away suddenly on January 15, 1996.

Edward Francis (born 1-7-44) married Bernadette Skovgard (born 7-9-52) on September 23, 1978, at Oceanside, California. They have two children: Shawna Louise (born 4-12-1980) and Rebecca Frances (Born 11-18-1981) who married Thomas Wilborn. Ed resides in El Paso, Texas. He retired from the Border Patrol and now works for the University of Texas in El Paso.

Glen Clark Gerber (born 6-28-46) farmed the home place for a few years and now works for the city of Randolph. He served in the Army from 1966 till 1968.

Jeanette Rae (born 8-5-1948) married Harold Moes (born 6-11-45) on October 12, 1968. They live in Homer, Nebraska. Their children are Tammy Jo (born 6-7-1970) who married Travis Bodlak, Tracie Ann (born 3-11-1972) who married Chris Meyer, and Thomas Edward (born 4-11-1975) who married Risa Meink.

Ronald James (born 7-31-51) who farmed the home place for awhile and now works for Korth Feedlots.

Roger Lee (born 7-20-1954) married Mary Frances Shannon (born 1-10-1958) on June 19, 1981. They live in Independence, Missouri where Roger works for Siemens Medical. Their children are Erin Michelle (born 3-9-1983) who married Jake Miller, Deanna (born 2-13-1986) and Matt (born 4-29-1988).

Edward J. Gerber died suddenly on his farm early in the spring of 1984. Bernice continues to reside on the family farm.

August and Mathilda Gerkins

It has been more than 100 years since August Gerkins settled on a farm five miles southwest of a settlement called Randolph, Nebraska. August's selection for a home has been the home of three generations of Gerkins.

August was not a Midwesterner by birth. His parents, Fredrick and Christiana Ghirkins [*sic*], were both born in Holstein, Germany. Fredrick was born about 1796, and Christiana was born about 1814. They emigrated from Holstein, Germany to Buffalo, New York, shortly before August was born on May 26, 1853. The family name was also changed at that time to Gerkins. With his parents, brother and sisters, August moved to Chilton, Wisconsin, while he was still a boy. He had a brother, Jacob, and three sisters, Christina (Gerkins) Rohn, Eliza (Gerkins) Sieling, and Wilhemina (Gerkins) Thiel.

When August was 24 years old, he married Cornelia Beeman, also from Chilton, Wisconsin, but the couple was divorced and August moved to Hooper, Nebraska in 1883. He farmed there two years, and then moved to Creighton where he farmed for three years. His next move was permanent. He settled on the farm southwest of

Randolph in 1888, two years after the town of Randolph was established.

On January 9, 1890, August married Mathilda (Westphalen) Voight, a divorced neighbor woman. Mathilda's parents were also German natives who emigrated and settled in New Holstein, Wisconsin. Mathilda was born there on July 9, 1855.

Mathilda's parents were both born in Germany and died at Town Eaton, Wisconsin. Her father, Thies Westphalen, was born April 11, 1833, and died September 2, 1898. Her mother, Margaretha Anna (Hennigs) Westphalen, was born February 10, 1831, and died December 23, 1881.

Mathilda married her first husband, John Voight, in Wisconsin in 1875. They moved to Dodge County, Nebraska in 1883. In 1886, the year that the town of Randolph was platted, they moved to a farm southwest of the town. Mathilda noted that their trading point at that time was Pierce because there were no businesses in Randolph. They traveled a cross-country trail to Pierce because homesteads were not fenced off to form the grid-style road system we know today.

August and Mathilda each had children by their first marriages. They had only one child together, Ferdinand August Gerkins. He was born July 30, 1890 on the farm where his own children would be born. August, Mathilda and Ferd moved into Randolph in 1905, but Ferd spent much of his time at the farm which was being managed by Mathilda's son-in-law, Charles Manzer.

August made regular Saturday visits to the farm, driving his Model T and bringing a sack of candy for his four grandchildren. Before returning to Randolph, he would gather milk, cream and eggs that he and Mathilda would use at home.

August had another treat for his grandchildren at Christmas time. He would bring them into town and they would go to the W. Minden McLean Store (which was located in the current location of Jim's Food Center on East Broadway) and buy them each a pair of shoes and mittens. *Submitted by the Merle Gerkins family*

Ferdinand and Viola Gerkins



Viola and Ferd Gerkins

Ferdinand (Ferd) was born July 30, 1890 to August and Mathilda (Westphalen) Voight Gerkins on the farm that was the homestead of August Gerkins.

Ferd had a half-brother, William Beeman, and six step-siblings: Anna (Voight) Manzer, Ida Voight, Dora (Voight) Long, George Voight, Emma (Voight) Idler, and Minnie (Voight) Beeman.

Ferd moved with his parents into Randolph in 1905 while his step-sister's husband continued the farming operation. The Gerkins family lived within a few blocks of two of Mathilda's sisters, Mrs. Meinert (Mary Westphalen) Hyenga and Mrs. Philip (Anna Westphalen) Reiland.

While Ferd lived in Randolph with his parents, he drove a dray wagon in which he hauled cream cans from town to the railroad depot. He would bring shipped goods from the train back into town with him. He moved back to the farm before his 19th birthday, and on August 26, 1914, he married a Wisconsin woman, Viola Minnie Meisner. The ceremony was performed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

Viola was born to Joachim (Joe) and Kathrine (Reiland) Meisner in Birnamwood, Wisconsin on November 17, 1890. She taught school in Gordon, Nebraska and in Wisconsin before marrying Ferd. The same year she married Ferd, her parents moved from Wisconsin where Joe worked in lumber camps to a Randolph farm. In 1934, the Meisners moved to the McLean area and farmed.

Ferd and Viola had four children: Violette Fern (Mrs. Clarence Kruger, Belden, b. March 3, 1917; d. June 16, 1999); Virginia LaVerne (Mrs. Harry Gosch, Randolph b. January 28, 1921; d. January 21, 2006); Vayle Vonne (Mrs. Don Kuhl, Randolph b. Oct .25, 1925); and Merle Ferd (b. August 1, 1928), who still lives on the family's original farm.

Ferd was a District 28 SE School board member during the time his children went to the school, which was located less than a mile east of their home. He also was a member of the Red Poll Cattle Association for years, and an officer of the Allen Eastern Telephone Line.

There were Gypsy caravans that would stop at the farm and make camp in the pasture north of the house. They would stop to water their livestock, and trade or buy food they needed...this took place from the early 1920s to the early 1950s. The Gerkins children can remember that their mother made them stay in the house when the Gypsies were camping there.

Ferd Gerkins continued one of his father's traditions. After moving to Randolph, he made frequent trips to the four homes of his children and brought the grandchildren sacks of candy. In the summer, he always carried a paper sack of Tootsie Roll Pops in his Nash, and in the winter the sack was full of Hershey bars. His Christmas tradition included giving his grandchildren silver dollars, which he also did on their birthdays.

Tradition and continuity were seen in other parts of the Gerkins' lives. Ferd's children attended the same country

school he had attended; District 28 SE. Merle remembers ice skating to school in the winter on the creek that ran from the family farm to about 150 yards south of the school. Ferd built a small shed on the school grounds where his children stabled the pony and cart they rode to school.

A third generation of the Gerkins family attended the rural school in the 1950s and early 1960s before it closed. That third generation included Harriet and Virgil Gosch, and Roy and Cheryl Gerkins.

When Ferd was honored as the first man of the 1961 Rand-Di-Rama, Randolph's 75th anniversary celebration, he recalled "As a child, the only trips our family made into town were during the 4th of July and Christmas." He said, "On one particular 4th of July, I saw my first horse-powered merry-go-round." And, it truly was horse-powered...a live horse in the center of the carousel provided the necessary energy to turn the ride.

Ferd and Viola moved to a house a few blocks south of downtown Randolph in 1950 when Merle married Jean Lanser, and took over the farming responsibilities.

Viola died December 12, 1957, and Ferd died June 25, 1968. Both are buried at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Norfolk, NE. Besides their four children, their other descendants include 18 grandchildren and 40 great grandchildren. Although the family roots are deep in the Randolph area, many grandchildren and great grandchildren have moved from the area, just as August Gerkins ventured forth from his Wisconsin roots in 1883.

Submitted by the Merle Gerkins family

Merle and Jean Gerkins



Merle and Jean Gerkins Family

Merle and Jean Gerkins still reside on the family farm approximately five miles southwest of Randolph that was first settled by Merle's grandfather, August Gerkins. Merle is the son of Ferd and Viola (Meisner) Gerkins. He was born August 1, 1928 on that farm. Merle's three sisters also were born on the farm.

Merle attended School District 28 SE through the eighth grade. He then attended Randolph Public School, and graduated in 1945. He participated in football during his

high school years. Merle married Jean Lanser on August 29, 1950, and they made their home on the family farm.

Jean is the daughter of Norbert and Hazel (Reilly) Lanser. Jeannie Ann was born May 16, 1931 northwest of Ponca. She attended schools at Martinsburg and Hartington before transferring to Randolph St. Frances in 1942 when she was in fifth grade. Jean's mother died when Jean was only 20 months old, and her dad married widow Josephine (Leiting) Dominissee on February 10, 1942. Josephine had two sons – Merlin and Dwight. The Lanser family lived on a farm three miles west of Randolph. Jean graduated in 1950 from St. Francis Catholic School in Randolph and married Merle, whom she had met during her sophomore year in high school.

Merle and Jean have six children: one son and five daughters. They are Roy Merle (b. June 26, 1951); Cheryl Jean (b. Nov. 17, 1953); Dal Rae (Gerkins) Grooms (b. Dec. 14, 1956), Lori Kay (Gerkins) Gothier (b. Oct. 29, 1963); Dawn Lynn (Gerkins) Doherty (b. July 6, 1967); and Kelly Jo (Gerkins) Hadid (b. May 29, 1969). The Gerkins family was a member of the Randolph Saddle Club for several years, and most of them were proficient at horse riding.

The Gerkins family farm was a popular place for friends and neighbors. In the early 1960s, they were one of the first families in the neighborhood to own a color television, and had friends and neighbors over to watch televised Nebraska football games. They also hosted large 4th of July gatherings during the 1960s at which they'd shoot off a variety of fireworks that had been purchased in South Dakota. The farm was also known in Northeast Nebraska from the late 1960s through the 1980s for the extensive Christmas lighting on the farm. People would travel several miles to see their annual display.

Merle and Jean changed the Christmas tradition for their children and grandchildren. Instead of silver dollars, they have given \$2 bills at Christmas-time, a tradition that continues today.

The Gerkins children were involved in many community and school activities. Roy participated in the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops. Roy, Cheryl and Dal were each members of the Allen Eastern 4-H (livestock) club; and Cheryl, Dal and Lori also belonged to the A & E Girls 4-H Club. Roy and Cheryl were successful in showing lambs at the Randolph Community Fair and Pierce County Fair, and Cheryl and Dal won many ribbons and trophies for their cooking skills at the Randolph Community Fair and the Pierce County Fair.

Like Grandmother Viola Gerkins, Dawn was gifted with artistic skills; and four of the children, Dal, Lori, Dawn and Kelly, all played in the high school band; music was also another talent of Grandmother Gerkins.

Roy Merle Gerkins was born June 26, 1951. He attended School District 28 SE. for four years before transferring to Randolph Public. He graduated in 1970. Roy then attended the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Nebraska. He graduated with a degree in farm

mechanics in 1972. On August 1, 1990, he married Camille Conley of Lincoln, Nebraska, and also welcomed her daughter Jennifer into the family. Roy and Camille now live on a farm 3 miles west of Randolph.

Roy is also farming the Gerkins home place, making him the fourth generation of the family to work that land. Roy's siblings have moved from Randolph. They include:

Cheryl Jean Gerkins was born on November 17, 1953. She attended School District 28 SE for kindergarten and first grade. The remainder of her primary and secondary education was completed at Randolph Public Schools. She graduated in 1971. She attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, from which she received a BA in Psychology in 1975 and an MBA in 1994. Cheryl married Mark Venneman of Fremont, Nebraska on December 29, 1981. They later divorced. Cheryl continues to live in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is a safety and environmental professional at Novartis Consumer Health.

Dal Rae Gerkins, born December 14, 1956, attended Randolph Public Schools, and graduated in 1975. She received her B.A. in Journalism from the University of Nebraska in 1979, and her MPA from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa in 2003. Dal married Michael Eugene Grooms of Ainsworth, Nebraska on April 8, 1978 at St. Frances de Chantel Church in Randolph. Dal and Mike live in Des Moines, Iowa where she has her own business, Randolph Writing & News Services, and Mike is a horticulturalist specializing in turfgrass. They have two children. Jonathan Michael Grooms was born on July 13, 1983, and Thomas Eugene Grooms was born on January 5, 1988. Both sons attended and graduated from Des Moines Public Schools. Jon married Stacy Schoessow of Des Moines on September 17, 2006, in Lincoln, NE and they have a daughter, Delaney Raeann Grooms, born August 6, 2009. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thomas is a senior at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

Lori Kay Gerkins, born October 29, 1963, received her education at Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1982. Lori continued her education at Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship in West Virginia, and completed her studies there in December 1982. On May 5, 1984, she married Neil Gothier of Dixon at St. Frances de Chantel Church in Randolph. Neil is an officer in the U.S. Air Force, and they are currently stationed at Spangdahlem AB, Germany. They have four children. Britni Lori Gothier, born July 3, 1986. Britni is a graduate of Bellevue (NE) High School, and now lives in Blair, NE. Micaela Lynn Gothier, born April 25, 1990. Micaela graduated from Fairfield (CA) High School. Sean Neil Gothier, born January 4, 1993, and Erin Marie Gothier, born August 9, 1995 are both in high school at the Spangdahlem AB. Micaela, Sean and Erin all live with Neil and Lori in Binfield, Germany.

Dawn Lynn Gerkins, born July 6, 1967, attended Randolph Public Schools, graduating in 1985. She received a BS in Fine Arts in 1994 from Wayne State

College in Wayne, NE. She married Gerald (Jerry) Doherty IV of Norfolk, Nebraska on June 20, 1997 at St. Frances de Chantel Church in Randolph. Jerry is an auto body technician at Wattier's Auto Body in Norfolk, NE. They have two children, Max Alden Doherty, born December 3, 2001, and Hazel Anne Doherty, born July 16, 2008. Max is attending Sacred Heart Grade School in Norfolk, Nebraska.

Kelly Jo Gerkins, born May 29, 1969, graduated from the Randolph Public Schools in 1987. She attended Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, and received her BS degree in Biology. She married Khaled Hadid of Amman, Jordan on Sept. 25, 1991 in Cocoa Beach, FL. They moved to Amman, Jordan in 1993 and now live there with their three children, Rakan Khaled, born July 13, 1996; Serena Khaled, born July 7, 1998; and Zain Khaled, born June 21, 2004. The children attend school in Amman, where Khaled owns a public relations and advertising company. *Submitted by the Merle Gerkins family*

Roy and Camille Gerkins



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Roy and Camille (Conley) Gerkins were married in Mission, South Dakota on August 1, 1990. Roy is the oldest of six children born on June 26, 1951 to Merle and Jean (Lanser) Gerkins. He attended School District 28 Southeast and Randolph Public School. He graduated from High School in

1970 and then attended the School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis, Nebraska and graduated in 1972. Roy was a member of the College Rodeo Team as a Bare Back Rider and Steer Wrestler participating in Rodeos in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

Roy moved to Cherry County in 1972 working on the Hoef's ranch. He married Bonnie Hoef and ranched until 1980. During this time he became active in the Sandhills Cattle Association, Nebraska Cattleman's Association, the National Cattle Association, and enjoyed Ranch and Rodeo events. In 1980 Roy moved north of Valentine where he ranched, farmed, and did contract work, haying and removing pivots. For recreation Roy enjoyed Sail Boarding, Jet Skiing, and attended the many dances held in the Sandhills.

Camille Marie Conley was born on August 24, 1951 in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Robert and Mary (Delaney) Conley the oldest of six children. Camille has three

brothers, Danny, Terry and Ed and two sisters, Deb and Mary Ruth. After living for a time in Grand Island and North Platte the family settled in Lincoln, Nebraska. Camille attended St. Teresa's grade school and graduated from Pius X High School in 1969. She attended Kearney State College. Camille married Jeff Aman and they had one child Jennifer, born October 17, 1972. Camille's daughter Jennifer (Aman) Lemmons resides in Randolph with her husband Tim and their four children; Mackenzie, Caitlin, Mollie and Sam.

After marrying Roy and moving to Valentine, Camille worked for Butler Veterinary Clinic and purchased a franchise with Jazzercise and taught classes. She became a member of the Lady Wranglers Drill Team performing in parades and Rodeo's in Cherry County.

Roy and Camille moved back to Randolph in 1999 and are the fourth generation to work the Gerkins farm.

Camille worked for the Day Companies in Norfolk and is now employed by St. Mary's Parish/School as a Secretary in Osmond, Nebraska. Roy does contract work and farms. Roy and Camille raise black and black white face cattle and background their calves to sell. The sheep are a multiple birth, wool shedding breed, raised for meat and breeding. Roy and Camille enjoy spending time with family and friends. Horseback riding is a favorite pastime whether moving cattle or trail riding. They also enjoy attending Fairs and participating in Ranch rodeos.

Roy and Camille are members of St. Jane Frances Catholic Church. *Submitted by Roy and Camille Gerkins*

Roy and Grace Gibson



Grace and Roy Gibson

Vernon Lee Gibson was born at Ida Grove, Iowa on June 24, 1886 and passed away May 3, 1947 in California. On October 7, 1911, he was married at Wayne, Nebraska to Edna B. Brinkman who was born September 22, 1893 at Earlville, Iowa.

They moved to Pender, Nebraska. To this union there was born a daughter who died at birth. On July 5, 1913, a son, Roy W. Gibson, was born.

In 1917, the Gibson's moved to Randolph, where Lee Gibson was associated with Gustave Hansen in the Star Automotive Agency. A fire destroyed the building which was located where the Authier Miller Pape Eyecare Center now stands. He then moved into a building on East Broadway which had been the Ulum Café and was located west of the current Wattier's True Value

Appliance Showroom (formerly Carhart Lumber Company).

In 1929, Lee built the building housing the Ultimate Communications, Inc., where he operated the "Studebaker Agency" and later the "Chrysler-Dodge Agency".

In 1936, with his wife and son, Gordon, Lee went to California where he was associated with Lynch Motors.

Roy Gibson and Grace Marie Aspen were married in Hartington, Nebraska on March 4, 1934. They have one daughter Constance "Connie" who married Kenneth Poppe in 1967. Connie and Kenneth had seven children.

Roy Gibson's first paying job was washing windows, sweeping walks, weeding in the summer and in the winter stocking the baseburner, emptying ashes and shoveling snow for the Lobdell Millinery for fifty cents a week. In 1925, he began employment with the McLeans Cash Store which had been newly built and now houses Jim's Food Center, Scotty's Barber Shop and C & J Scuba. He went on to work for Carmon's Grocery and the Council Oak Store located where Sam's Hardware Hank is now.

Roy worked a short time at Deines Hardware located at the present site of the Senior Citizens Center. He then left Deines for employment with the State Vocational Education Department at Lincoln, Nebraska and assisted in establishing the Milford Trade School and 83 trade training classes throughout the state. After serving in the US Army in the Pacific, he returned to Randolph and purchased West Side Café from Jim and Frances Jensen in 1946. He sold the café to Clarence Backer in late 1950 and worked in insurance and at Nissen Chevrolet. He then went back to the café in 1957 and renamed it the Derby Café. This café was located where Sourcegas is now located.

In 1960 he purchased the Andersen Clothing Store and in 1963, sold the café to Gordon Chapman and continued with the clothing store until retirement in 1982.

In March of 1984, Roy and Grace celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a big Mock Wedding with many friends and family in attendance. They spent their remaining retirement years in Randolph saying "it's the Greatest".

On September 11, 1986, Grace passed away and on November 6, 1994, Roy passed away. *Submitted by Grace and Roy's Grandchildren*

Eugene and Alice Goetsch

Eugene (Gene) Goetsch was born in Stanton County to Karl and Viola (Bauermeister) Goetsch and grew up on a farm south of Norfolk. He graduated from Norfolk High School in 1955.

In 1962, Gene married Marlene Joachimsen. They had three children: Brenda who is married to Lowell Wiese, Bruce and Brent who is married to Tammy Schafer. In 1966 they moved to a farm southwest of Randolph. Marlene and Bruce died in a car accident in 1997.



Gene and Alice Goetsch

Gene and Alice were married September 22, 2000 in Plainview. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Alice Goetsch*

Harry and Virginia Gosch



Virginia and Harry Gosch

Alice Voecks was born in Norfolk to Marlin and Marie (Nurnberg) Voecks and grew up on a farm northwest of Pierce. She graduated from Pierce High School in 1961.

Alice married Morris Holtzclaw in 1962. They had two children: John and Glen. They lived on a farm southeast of Plainview. Morris passed away in 1996.

Virginia LaVerne Gerkins was born on a farm southeast of Randolph on January 21, 1921, the second daughter of Ferd and Viola (Meisner) Gerkins.

In reminiscing about her youthful years, many highlights came to mind. The fourth of July fishing trips and picnics with her family, Grandparents Meisners, uncle Clarence and Aunt Ollie Meisner and

Cousin Wilfred all going to a celebration being held at either Brazil Mills or Yellow Banks to name a few.

Excitement arose when the Chautauqua "tent shows" came to Randolph. A large canvas tent erected on a vacant lot became the small town's theater. Live performances were given nightly enabling everyone to live for a few hours in a "land of make believe".

In 1932, at age eleven, Virginia started high school. This meant going into Randolph on Sunday evening and staying until Friday with her grandpa, August Gerkins. She graduated in 1936 at the age of fifteen. Having taken a Normal Training Course, Virginia prepared to be a teacher. She taught for five years in rural schools in Cedar and Pierce Counties. In the summers, she attended Wayne State College.

Harry Henry Gosch was born December 20, 1914 to William and Adele (Tiedje) Gosch, on a farm south of Winside. During the first sixteen years of his life, he

moved with his parents seven times. He remembers a prairie fire that threatened the family home at Platte, South Dakota. His father hitched the horses to a "sulky" plow and circled the farmstead several times thus saving all of the buildings.

He remembers when the old bridge over the Missouri River at Yankton, South Dakota was built and was excited when daughter Harriet took him for a drive to Yankton, when the new bridge was opened recently. This made him recall even further back when the pontoon bridge was the only bridge to cross the Missouri by Yankton.

In 1928 Harry graduated from the eighth grade. His mother gave him a twenty dollar gold coin for the occasion. With this, he purchased an accordion. Having a natural musical talent, he learned to play the accordion without music lessons. In the 1930's house parties were popular and Harry often played the accordion at these parties. It was a house party in 1934 at the Fred Meyer home that he and Virginia Gerkins first met.

Harry developed a great interest in cars and he recalls that in 1931, he picked corn by hand for Peter Thor in Stanton County. Harry was paid one and one-half cents per bushel of corn he picked. He purchased his first car, a green 1926 Model T Ford Roaster for twenty dollars from his earnings.

Seventy-five years ago, during the Great Depression Era, Harry Gosch and Virginia Gerkins began "keeping company". Conditions appeared very grim at that time, 1936. Harry was farming with his father east of Pierce and drought, grasshoppers and low agriculture prices promised little hope for the future.

In 1939-40 Harry decided to try another trade. He attended a Welding School in Sioux City, Iowa. In the summer of 1940 he headed for Chicago, but jobs were scarce there, too. In February 1941, Harry volunteered at the Pierce County draft board for a one year of service in the U. S. Army. He was stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas with the 110th Medical Regiment of the 35th Army Division. Then came Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 which changed his plans.

On December 18, 1941 Harry and Virginia were married at Little Rock, Arkansas. Having married a Serviceman in 1941, and joining him soon after, Virginia began a very adventuresome four years. Following a soldier husband during war time and moving to new environments, such as from the West Coast to the Deep South in Alabama, was an exciting challenge.

In December 1941 the troop train pulled out of Little Rock carrying Harry westward to Fort Ord, California. A few weeks later he was stationed at San Luis Obispo, California where Virginia joined him in February 1942. Later they were transferred to Compton, California where their first daughter, Harriet Lea, was born on December 11, 1942.

In March 1943, Harry was transferred to Camp Rucker, Alabama. He arranged to drive Virginia and Harriet to Troy, Alabama where they lived until March 1945, when

Harry was given overseas orders. He shipped out from New York to the European theater of war and Virginia and Harriet returned to Randolph.

In September 1945, Harry was seriously injured in an explosion in France. He was hospitalized until February 1946, when he was given a medical discharge from the Army at Camp Carson, Colorado.

Virgil Dean was born November 19, 1945 at Norfolk while his father was hospitalized in France. Harry did not know he had a son until he arrived back in the United States in December.



Virginia and Harry Gosch

In 1946, Harry returned to farming and in 1948 the family moved to a farm four miles south of Randolph where Harry has lived for 62 years.

After Harry and Virginia returned to farming, Virginia carried on one of her mother's traditions; that of raising chickens. For several years she raised a one thousand pullet flock, selling hatching eggs to a hatchery in Norfolk. Diversified farming continued to be a way of life for this family.

Two more daughters were born at Norfolk: Valerie Rae born on May 16, 1956 and Tamara Lin born on April 8, 1959.

The family enjoyed many activities, one in particular was fishing. Area lakes in South Dakota were favorites until Gavins Point Dam was constructed on the Missouri River near Yankton, South Dakota.

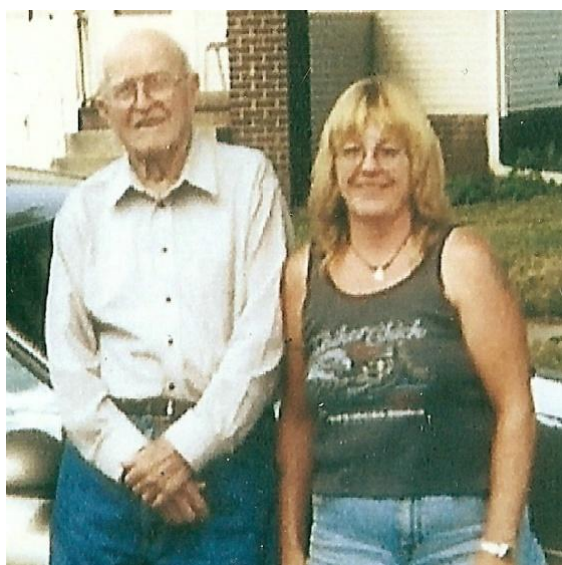
Although the family was involved in church, 4-H Club and school activities, they still were eager to explore and search for learning experiences. Most of the state parks, museums, zoos and any discovery or historical journey they were able to take, they did, including the Black Hills and Disney Land --- from Canada to the Gulf and from Ocean to Ocean.

During World War II, Harry had seen much of Europe including Germany. Virginia had always yearned for a "glimpse" of the land of her roots. In 1977, a memorable trip was taken to Central Europe, including Germany where long ago beginnings and the present era had met.

In 1975, as the farm and family work load was decreasing, Virginia took a position with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture. In 1983, the agency promoted her to a management position and sent her on an all-expense paid trip to Fort Worth, Texas. This was the beginning of many trips and events with the NASDA.

When Harry retired from farming, he became her official "driver". Together they logged over 250,000 miles of surveys. Traveling for work or on various vacations enabled Virginia and Harry to visit much of the continental United States including Washington D.C. Virginia continued to work for the NASDA, retiring in 1999.

In 1998, Harry and Virginia went back to California to visit their daughter, Harriet, who lived in the Pasadena area at the time, and to reminisce about when Harry was stationed in California during World War II.



Harry and Daughter Tamara

One of the highlights was a surprise overnight stay on the "Queen Mary", the ship that took Harry to Europe during World War II. It had been docked in Long Beach Harbor and restored to its glorious self and turned into a five star hotel and museum.

December 19, 2005 was their 65th Anniversary. Virginia passed away in January 2006. Harry continues to live alone on the family farm south of Randolph at the young age of 95 years at this writing.

The winter of 2009 and 2010 for Northeast Nebraska, with 80 plus inches of snow will be talked about for a long time. Daughter, Tamara Gosch, spent many "snowed in" weeks with her father on the farm. Rather than have her father stay alone, she closed up her house in Norfolk and she took her faithful dog, Chasta to the farm until spring.

Valerie Rae (Gosch) Bear resides in Meadow Grove, Nebraska as do her son, Anthony and her daughter, Lacy. After 30 years as a caregiver at the Veterans Home in Norfolk and at the Community Pride Nursing Home in

Battle Creek, Nebraska, she proudly babysits her two beautiful granddaughters, Lacy's girls: Alizae and Shaydance.

Virgil Gosch continues his career with the State of Nebraska Games and Parks Commission where he has worked for nearly 40 years. He and his wife, Patricia, live north of McCook, Nebraska. His daughter, Mariah, and his granddaughter, Emily, live in McCook.

Harriet Lea (Gosch) Jacobs and husband Mel "Ted" Jacobs, currently live in Battle Creek, Nebraska after returning from Pasadena, California. Harriet had moved to Pasadena in 1994 where she became the Director of a Music Academy in Arcadia, California. She separated from her husband Jim Davenport in 1994 and later divorced.

Her son, Eric Davenport, lives in Jacksonville, Florida with his four children: Dyllan, Jacob, Gwendolyn and Maddox. Eric and his father, Jim, are in the electrical contracting business.

Daughter Kristine (Hintz) Stone and husband Kevin live in Shawnee, Kansas along with their daughter Nicole Rose and various "pets". Kris is an insurance underwriter and Kevin is also an electrical contractor.

Danny Ray and Gail Davenport along with their sons, Brody and Corbin, live in Austin, Texas where Dan is in landscaping equipment sales.

Cheryl (Davenport) Knight lives near Greenville, South Carolina where she is in administration at the Fujii plant. Her two sons, Brandon and Tyler Sitton are at this time serving in the armed forces in Afghanistan.

Cathy Lee (Davenport) Boyter and her husband David live at Greenwood Lake near Greenwood, South Carolina. Cathy is office manager of "The Hangar" and daughter Mindy will graduate from Erskine College in May of 2010.

Donna Lynn (Davenport) White and husband Craig live in Laurens, South Carolina, where Donna is a Registered Nurse at the local hospital. She has daughters: Monica, Holly Beth and Margo and a granddaughter, Alissa.

The family is planning a reunion to surprise Harry for his 95 ½ birthday on Father's Day, June 20, 2010.
Submitted by Harriet Jacobs

William and Adele Gosch

Christopher Frederick Gosch, born in Holstein, Germany, November 27, 1853, came from a family of nine brothers and two sisters. In Germany, he was a carpenter by trade. In 1871, he came to the United States to escape being drafted into the German Army. He settled at Davenport, Iowa where he farmed for four years, however, when the grasshoppers continued to plague his crops; he became discouraged and returned to Germany. There, he married Magdalena Muxfeldt, who was born at Luxemburg, Germany on July 24, 1855.

After their first daughter, Mary, was born, they returned to the United States in 1880, settling in the town of

Washington, Nebraska where Christopher continued his carpentry work.

Here three daughters and three sons were born. The youngest son, William "Bill" Frederick, was born on March 18, 1892. In 1897, Christopher moved his family to an eighty acre farm near Windside, Nebraska which he rented. In 1902, the family purchased their own farm near Altona, Nebraska. Magdalena died April 13, 1910.

Christopher later married Sophia Kuhl of Davenport, Iowa and sold the Altona farm and purchased another farm south of Winside. Christopher died May 10, 1924 at his home in Winside.

Bill had been unable to accept his new step-mother so he went to live with his older brother Gustoff who in 1908 had married Elsie Tiedje. Gus and Elsie had just had a baby girl and Elsie's sister, Adele Tiedje, was helping at the home in 1911, when Bill arrived.

Elsie and Adele's father, Heinrich "Henry" Tiedje was born October 8, 1859 at Dittmarne, Germany. Henry came to the United States at the age of eighteen, deserting the German Army, into which he had been drafted in 1877. Henry shoveled coal into the ship's boilers for his passage. His destination was Bennington, Nebraska where his uncle, Herman Tiedje, had emigrated.

While Henry was working in Omaha, he met Mary Anna Asmus who had been born December 4, 1862 at Hamburg, Germany. Mary had emigrated from Germany with her parents and a brother and sister.

In 1884, Henry Tiedje and Mary Asmus were married at Blair, Nebraska. In 1892, he moved his wife and four children to a homestead six miles north of Hoskins, Nebraska. He settled his family in a dug-out while he constructed a barn. Within the barn, two rooms were built for the family to live in as Henry set about building the house. Henry was an adept carpenter and innovator.

Mary (Asmus) Tiedje died October 15, 1918 during the Spanish flu epidemic. Henry continued to live on his farm until 1941, when he moved into Pierce, Nebraska where he lived until his death on March 6, 1948.

Henry and Mary's daughter, Adele married William Gosch on May 11, 1914 at Stanton. They first lived on a farm about seven miles southeast of Winside. Two sons were born there: Harry Henry on December 20, 1914 and Louis Henry on June 12, 1916. During the Spanish flu epidemic which raged across the country, Adele recalled being so ill that all of her hair fell out. It was also at this time that her mother died of the flu, but Adele was unable to attend the funeral.

Thinking about the many times she and Bill moved in the early years of their married life, reminded her of an unusual incident in South Dakota. Adele told about her son Harry trapping pocket gophers, which had a bounty of ten cents a pair for the two front feet. She recalled the most he received at one time was three dollars, and he felt rich.

While living near Platte, South Dakota two more children were born: Clarence William on February 15, 1920 and Marie Magdalena on August 24, 1921.

Adele remembered the difficult move back to Nebraska in the winter of 1927. They had loaded their possessions onto trucks, crossed the Missouri River on the new bridge at Yankton, South Dakota and headed back to Winside. A blizzard had swept through, piling high snow drifts everywhere. Trucks broke through, became stalled and all of the livestock had to be unloaded and driven to a nearby farm, until the family could be on the move again. They arrived in Randolph at midnight and spent the night sleeping on the floor of the light power plant. They farmed for five years in the Winside area and then moved to a farm east of Wee Town. In 1957, they quit farming but remained on the farmstead until 1976 when they sold the farm.

Sixty-two years of rural living ended for Adele and Bill in 1976 when they moved into Randolph. William Gosch died June 26, 1981 and Adele died October 16, 1994. *Submitted by Harriet Jacobs from Information from Harry and Virginia Gosch*

Chris Sr. and Anna Graf

Chris Graf Sr. and his wife, Anna (Zingrich) Graf came to the Randolph area in 1899. Both were born in Switzerland in the 1860's. Both had immigrated alone to the United States as young adults, leaving behind parents, brothers and sisters. These two courageous adventurers settled near Monticello, Iowa where they met and were married February 26, 1891. They farmed near Monticello and became parents of six children: Gottlieb "Ted", Chris Jr., Minnie, Emma, Herman and Louise.

In 1899, they relocated once again to a farm five and one-half miles southeast of the young town of Randolph, Nebraska. Chris Sr. had come ahead of his family, riding the Immigrant Train. He built a small house on his new farm and then returned to Iowa and brought his family to their new home. Mrs. Minnie Jones, the last surviving member of the family, recalled riding on the train to their new home "out west". In 1902, a set of twins, Rose and Walter, were born. An addition was built on to the house where the eight children grew up.

Chris and Anna were frugal and hardworking and gradually added more acres to their farmstead. Their son, Chris Jr. served our country overseas during World War I. Upon his return he too became a farmer and later Herman and Walter and daughter Rose, (Mrs. Jay Middleton), all farmed portions of the Graf land during their active years. A granddaughter, Lorraine (Don) Winklebauer and her husband resided on land that originally belonged to her grandparents until their deaths.

The family were early day members of the German Reformed Church in Belden and attended church regularly traveling by team and wagon. Minnie Jones remembered it was a big event when they acquired a new

carriage to ride to church on the Sunday the twins were baptized.

When the twins were two years old, Chris and Anna traveled back to Switzerland for a visit, taking the twins with them.

Chris and Anna retired in 1916. Chris died September 13, 1921 and Anna died May 21, 1922. Their children, many of their grandchildren and their great-grandchildren have remained near the Randolph Community. So the spirit of our pioneer grandparents lives on in the lives of their descendants as they strive to improve the city of Randolph and the surrounding area.

Gottlieb "Ted" and Hazel Graf



Gottlieb Graf and son James

Gottlieb was born in Interlochen, Switzerland. At the age of seven years he came to America with his parents who settled in Iowa. His parents were Christian and Anna (Zingerick) Graf, Sr. In 1899 his family moved to Belden, Nebraska. He was confirmed and united with the Hope Reformed Church at Belden in April 1904. He died May 12, 1933 at Randolph.

In 1914, Gottlieb went to Colorado. He was united in marriage to Hazel Aegerter on February 28, 1923 at Cedaredge, Colorado. They continued to live in Colorado until the spring of 1928 when they moved back to Randolph and made this their home.

Hazel was born August 26, 1893 in Cascade, Iowa to Emil Clement and Minnie Augusta (Brauer) Aegerter. At the turn of the century she moved with her family to Randolph where her father established a real estate business. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Randolph. She was a graduate of Randolph High School with the class of 1911 and attended the Conservatory of Music of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. She died November 12, 1943 in Pomona, California at the home of her sister Pearle Aegerter.



Hazel Graf and son David

To this union there were two sons: James Martin Graf born February 22, 1924 in Cedaredge, Colorado. He was a corporal in the army and died November 8, 1974 in

Riverside, California. David E. Graf was born in 1925 in Cedaredge, Colorado and was in the Navy.

Ted and Hazel are buried in the Randolph City Cemetery near her parents Emil and Minnie Aegerter.
Submitted by Paula (Young) Sauser

Herman and Mathilda Graf

Herman Fredrich Graf was born March 3, 1896, the son of Chris and Anna Graf at Manchester, Iowa. He moved with his parents to Belden when he was four years old. Mathilda Helen Helms, daughter of Gerhardt and Alvena Helms was born in Randolph on June 26, 1901.

Herman and "Tillie" were married February 18, 1919 at Omaha. They were engaged in farming on the same farm the remainder of their lives. Herman prided himself on raising good horses and up to the time of his death, he was still farming with horses.

The couple had two daughters; Lorraine Winkelbauer and Virginia Young.

Mathilda (Tillie) passed away at the age of 52 on November 11, 1953. She was in ill health for many years and a car accident proved fatal. Herman passed away January 29, 1960.

Randy and Shirley Graf



Randy and Shirley Graf Family

Randy Graf, son of Darrell and Delores (Ehlke) Graf, was born February 20, 1952 at Laurel, Nebraska. Randy was raised in the Belden area, receiving his education at a country school, Belden Public School and graduating from Randolph High School in 1970. Following graduation, Randy farmed with his dad southwest of Belden.

Shirley Winkelbauer, daughter of David and Doris (Paulson) Winkelbauer, was born May 20, 1953 at Randolph. Shirley received her first years of education at St. Frances Catholic School and graduated from Randolph High School in 1971.

Randy and Shirley married on October 19, 1974 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. During their first four years they lived and farmed south of Belden and sold feed. In 1982, Randy accepted a manager position at

Bicentennial pork, five miles south of Belden, where Shirley also worked. From that time until November 2002, they both worked in a number of hog confinements together. In December 2002, they bought a house and moved to Randolph. Shirley has been at Christensen Farms now for seven years. Randy is currently employed at Randolph Farm Supply.

The couple have three children, all born at Osmond Hospital and all attended and graduated from Randolph Public School. Tina Kay, born May 10, 1976, married Andy Thelen on July 29, 1995. They have four children: Shawn, Kylie, Rylee and Delayne. They live in Randolph.

Tracy Lee, born September 5, 1978, married Jesse Backhaus on August 28, 2004. They have a daughter Alexis and make their home in McLean, Nebraska.

Troy Darrell, born May 18, 1981, married Danielle Goeschel on June 16, 2007. They have a daughter Ella and live in Randolph.

Albert I. and Ida Mae Graham



Ida Mae and Albert Graham

Albert I. (Allie) Graham was born January 1, 1890 at Lewis, Iowa. In 1904, he moved with his parents to a farm four miles northwest of Randolph. From there, they moved to a farm five miles north of Randolph.

On December 26, 1917, Albert married Ida Mae Burns. To this union were born three children: Lois, Russell (Alan), and Lila Jean.

Lois was born March 5, 1919. She went to rural school and attended high school in Randolph, where she graduated. After graduation, she worked at Mead, Nebraska in an ordinance plant, and then joined the Navy. Here she met Walter S. Howe. They were married April 24, 1946. They are the parents of two sons: Douglas, born September 13, 1954 and Randy, born March 1956. They lived all their lives in Keokuk, Iowa.

Russell (Alan) Graham was born July 7, 1920 at Randolph. He went to rural school and spent his life engaged in farming. On December 26, 1945, he married Eleanor Snook, also of Randolph. To this union four children were born.

Donna Elaine was born November 21, 1946. She went to rural school and then attended and graduated from Randolph High School. She graduated from the Lutheran School of Nursing in Sioux City, Iowa. On February 20, 1971, she married Roger Young, also of Randolph. They

are the parents of four children: Mary Kathryn born January 11, 1972; Corey Dean born July 5, 1973; Tiffany Elaine born December 23, 1974; Jeremy Dale born March 7, 1980. Donna and Roger have lived all of their married life in Pierce, Nebraska.

Rita Kay born November 30, 1947, also went to rural school and graduated from Randolph High School. Rita married Darrell Brodersen, October 24, 1965. They had four children: Brian Ray was born July 21, 1967; William Scott was born March 21, 1970; Jeffrey Alan was born April 24, 1972 and Fleicia Kay was born July 11, 1973. Rita later married James Killion and they resided in Bellvue, Nebraska until moving to Southport, Florida.

David Alan was born August 24, 1950. He went to rural school and graduated from Randolph High School. He attended Milford Tech and Northeast Tech and later went into the Army and has made it his career. He received a Degree in Business from Penn State University after retirement from U. S. Army. David married Gloria Jean (Lloyd) Osborne on September 2, 1973. They are the parents of Jerry Alan Graham born December 19, 1975, living in Chambersburg Pennsylvania. Melody MayLynn Osborne was born December 15, 1966 and Anita Deanne (Osborne) Frey was born October 18, 1967. Both Melody and Anita are currently living in Illinois. Anglea Jean (Osborne) Clevenger-Lugo was born September 15, 1971 and is living in York South Carolina. Deceased children are: David Alan Graham Junior born July 1974 and Valarie Jean Osborne. David and Gloria currently reside at 8755 Rabbit Road North, Greencastle, Pennsylvania.

Melia Sue was born August 25, 1954. She went to rural school, graduated from Randolph High School and also graduated from Northeast Technical Community College at Norfolk, Nebraska. She married Rodney Hefti on June 2, 1974. They are the parents of two sons: Eric Lee born September 10, 1979 and Craig Ryan born September 3, 1982.

All of the Alan and Eleanor Graham children were married at St. John's Lutheran church in Randolph by Pastor Walter Rossbach.

Lila Jean was born October 26, 1932 at Randolph. She was the youngest daughter of Allie and Ida and graduated from Randolph High School. She married Ralph Brown on December 26, 1955. They have three children: Jana, Sandra and David. Lila Jean and Ralph currently resided at Madison, Nebraska.

Ida, wife of Albert (Allie) Graham, passed away May 30, 1970 and Allie passed away January 13, 1982. Lois (Graham) Howe passed away May 5, 1981. *Submitted by David Graham*

Howard and Claire Graham

Howard M. Graham was born August 3, 1860, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen, he moved with his parents to Lewis, Iowa. On December 21, 1887, he married Claire Tye at Lewis, Iowa. To this

union were born two sons: Fred B. Graham born October 4, 1888 and Albert "Allie" Graham born January 1, 1890.

In 1904, this family moved to a farm four miles northwest of Randolph, Nebraska where they lived for four years. They then moved five miles north of Randolph until they retired in 1913.

Claire passed away in 1934. Howard M. passed away in 1943. They are buried in a cemetery in Lewis, Iowa a part of a farm owned by Mr. Graham's parents. *Submitted by David Graham*

Melvin and Arlene Graham

Melvin Graham was born to Fred and Ellen Strom Graham on October 27, 1918, on a farm north of Randolph. Later the family moved to a farm near Wausa, Nebraska, where they farmed while the children were in grade school.

The family moved to Randolph about 1930 on the Strom place north of town which was homesteaded by Melvin's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Nels Strom. Melvin quit school in the 10th grade and helped his father farm and worked for other farmers until 1942 when he was drafted for the army. He spent nearly four years in the military, most of it as a cook for the Air Force. He was stationed on Guam for nine months before the war ended.

Arlene Backer was born in Randolph on December 12, 1923 and attended school there, graduating in 1941. She was the first of the Backer family to graduate from high school. She operated the Pilly Cream Station for a short time and then worked as a waitress in the West Side Café operated by the Arnold Brandts.

In October 1942, Arlene and Melvin were married and lived most of the next three years at Salina, Kansa, where Melvin was stationed at the airbase. Wayne was born in October 1944 before Melvin was sent overseas to Guam. Melvin was discharged in November 1945. They farmed north of Randolph two years and then moved to east of Randolph. In 1953, they purchased a farm south of Belden where they farmed until Melvin's death in December 1982.

Arlene and Melvin had three sons: Wayne, Dallas and Howard. The boys attended school in Randolph where they graduated.

Wayne currently works for a cell phone company and lives in Carthage, Missouri with his wife Dorothy. They have two children. Their son, Tony, is married and runs a café in Mexico and their daughter, Sherri, is also married and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sherri and her husband, Gene Cotter, both work for the Lincoln Police Department. Sherri has two sons, five and eight years of age.

Dallas is married to Becky Hansen and they live on the farm south of Belden. They raised five children. Josh lives in Elkhorn, Nebraska and has two boys. Jeff is a veterinary in Madison, Nebraska and has a boy and a girl. Jonathon is married with a daughter and he farms south of Wayne. His wife operates a beauty parlor in Laurel where

they live. Daughter Amanda is student teaching in the Norfolk area. Mathew Graham just graduated from Randolph High School in May 2010 and will attend the University of Nebraska this fall.

Howard is married with one son and works in a garage in Littleton, Colorado where they reside.

After Melvin's death, Arlene moved into Belden and operated the Belden Grocery Store. In 1991, Arlene married Ellis Tilton and lived in Magnet for four years until he passed away. Arlene then moved into Randolph where she still resides. *Submitted by Arlene Graham*

Russell (Alan) and Eleanor Graham

Russell (Alan) Graham was born July 7, 1920 at Randolph. He was the son of Albert and Ida Mae (Burns) Graham. Alan attended rural school and spent his life engaged in farming.

Eleanor Marjorie Snook, daughter of Albert and Mary (Huseman) Snook, married Russell Alan Graham on December 26, 1945 and from this union four children were born, Donna Elaine, Rita Kay, David Alan, and Melia Sue.



Alan and Eleanor Graham

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They all lived on the original William and Dora Snook farm, where Eleanor's grandparents began farming in Pierce, County in 1892. Alan and Eleanor stayed farming after all their children left to make careers of their own. They retired and moved into Randolph transferring ownership to Rita's son Brian Brodersen who is a Great Great Grandson of Dora and William J. Snook. *Submitted by David Graham*

Joseph and Janet Groen

Joseph Allen Groen was born on April 29, 1953 to Orrin and Viola (Lehr) Groen in Parkston, South Dakota. The youngest of three sons, Joe followed older brothers Jack and Jerry. After graduating from Parkston High School, he attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield.

Joe married Janet Mary Mechtenberg on June 1, 1973 at the Sacred Heart Church in Parkston. The daughter of John and Joyce (Thury) Mechtenberg, Janet was born in Parkston on May 9, 1954, along with a twin sister Judy. They joined siblings, Richard and Patricia. Four more siblings soon followed: Sandy, Jody, Tom and Alan. After their marriage, Joe and Janet's first home was the Married Housing Units on the University of South Dakota campus in Springfield.

Janet was enrolled in the Medical Assistant Program at Nettleton Business College in Sioux Falls and graduated

in August of 1973. Their first child, Jennifer Mary, was born in 1973 in Parkston.

In 1975, Joe graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. He landed his first job as the junior high-senior high science teacher and head coach for girls' sports in Polk, Nebraska. They resided in Polk for four years. During that time, a second daughter, Jill Jo, was born in 1977 in York, Nebraska.



Joe and Janet Groen Family

Joe accepted a new teaching position in Randolph, Nebraska in July of 1979. He was hired as the junior high science teacher and a coach for the Randolph Public School. Joe taught in Randolph for 11 years before accepting a position with Blakely Crop Hail Insurance Company as a Marketing Field Representative. Through company mergers, he is now employed by Great American Insurance; however, he is able to continue working out of his home office in Randolph.

Janet accepted a position with the City of Randolph in 1990. She continues to work in the city office as the Deputy City Clerk.

Jenny and Jill attended Randolph Public School. After Jenny's graduation in 1992, she attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. She earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communications in 1996. That same year, Jill graduated from Randolph High School. Jenny married Bradley Higgins on July 27, 1996 at the St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Brad and Jenny's first child, Rachel Mary, was born in 2000.

In the fall of 1996, Jill began attending Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in 2000 and earned a Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha in 2002. Jill married James Gregg on July 22, 2000 at the St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Two more grandchildren were born in 2003. Ashton Bradley was born to Brad and Jenny, and James and Jill welcomed their first child, Hailey Elizabeth. Jill received her Doctorate Degree from UNMC in 2005. Later that year, Caitlyn Jo, was born to James and Jill. Brad and Jenny currently live in Neligh, Nebraska and James and

Frank and Anna (Kube) Grothe



Frank and Ann Grothe Family

Anna Kube was born February 1, 1872 in Schekeswig, Germany. Anna's parents, Robert and Johanna Kube and their seven children came to the United States in 1882. They settled on a farm near Scribner, Nebraska.

Frank Grothe was born August 24, 1864 in Germany and came to the United States earlier and was a neighbor of the Kubes. Frank and Anna married on October 6, 1891 at West Point, Nebraska. They had nine children. Henry, Johanna, Theresia, Clara and Agnes were born near West Point. In 1901, they moved to McLean, Nebraska where Frank was born. In 1904, they bought a farm about one and one-half miles south of Randolph to be near St. Frances Catholic Church and school. Anna, Marie and Margaret were born on this farm.

In 1941, Frank and Anna celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a gathering of friends and family and renewed their wedding vows at St. Frances Catholic Church.

By 1947, Frank and Anna were not able to live alone. Their home and acreage was sold and they spent the last two years of their lives near Bloomfield, Nebraska, at the home of their daughter Margaret Mabeus and her family. On March 18, 1949, Anna died at the age of seventy seven. Frank died six weeks later at the age of eighty five.

Aloie and Clara Gubbels

Aloysius Peter Gubbels was the second son of John W. and Catherine (Reding) Gubbels. He was born on November 25, 1913. He had four brothers: Anthony, Leonard, Delbert and Ray, and one sister, Velna.

Clara Applonia Thieman was born January 29, 1914. Her parents were Theodore and Anna (Olberding) Thieman and her family consisted of: Frank, Ervin, Alexia, Leo, Paul, Clara, Edna, Evelyn and Theodore, Jr.

Aloie and Clara attended St. Frances school as classmates through the eighth grade. They both quit

school at that time in order to help with the farm work at home. They were married on February 25, 1935 when they were 21 years of age. There was a terrible blizzard the day before the wedding, so it was difficult for everyone to get through all the snow to attend. They started their life together on a farm place located on the correction line four miles north on the church road and one mile east. Aloie's dad owned this quarter; however his brother, Leonard, was renting the farmland so Aloie had to find other land to farm. The quarter is now owned by Charlie and Jolene Haselhorst.

Aloie and Clara farmed here four years and during that



Clara and Aloie Gubbels

time had their first two babies. Vernon Aloysius was born December 12, 1936 and Marian Catherine was born July 27, 1939.

In the spring of 1941, they moved to a quarter located two and one-fourth miles from town. It was located just north of his folks' farm. Eventually they bought this quarter and lived here until they retired.

One year later, February 4, 1942, Norma Ann was born, completing their family.

The three children attended school and graduated from St. Frances de Chantel Catholic school.

Vernon graduated in 1954. The following spring he enlisted in the army and left on March 8. Two years later, he returned on March 8. Vernon and Sharon von Rentzell were married on June 16, 1958. They began farming in the spring of 1959. They are parents of eight children: Theresa Sharon, Tamara Sue, Lori Ann, Daniel Vernon, Timothy Lee, Bradley Lynn and Becky Lynn (twins) and Lisa Jo.

Marian graduated in 1957 and worked for Dr. Mailliard in Osmond for about six years. On November 30, 1963, Marian and Jerome Edward Wingert were married. They made their home on a farm north of Osmond and over time became parents five times. Their children are: Julie Catherine, Michael John, Barbara Ann, Paula Marie and Thomas Jerome. Marian and Jerry are now retired and live in Osmond, Nebraska where they enjoy keeping up with their grandchildren's activities.

Norma Ann graduated in 1960. She went to Norfolk to find a job and on October 27, 1962 Norma and Philip Joseph Leu were married. They made their home in Norfolk and were soon busy with four little girls: Jo Ann Lynn, Cindy Kay, Sandra Jean, and Sarah Julia. Norma and Phil are retired and spend their time with grandkids.

Aloie and Clara remained on the farm until January 1976 when they moved into a little house in Randolph about one-half block west of the Catholic Church. In 1977, they sold the farm to Aloie's nephew, Howard Gubbels.

On February 25, 1985, Aloie and Clara celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was four years later on June 31, 1989 that Aloie died suddenly of a heart attack.

Clara lived in the little house for a few more years, until the time came when she moved to Colonial Manor Nursing Home. She was there for six years. Clara died on March 25, 2002. Clara had 17 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren at the time of her death.

Bill and Joan Gubbels



Back: Casey, Bill, Kyle Jerad Front: Joan and Kristie

Bill Gubbels was born March 4, 1959 to Gene and Ailene (Rameil) Gubbels. He graduated from high school in 1977. He has always enjoyed sports and was Randolph's First State Wrestling Champion in 1977. He attended one year at Wayne State with a wrestling scholarship and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. In 1978 he began farming with his father Gene and brother, Kelly and also worked part time at the Randolph Coop.

Joan Johnson was born July 21, 1960 to Roger and Marian (Kent) Johnson in Tilden, Nebraska. Joan's family moved to Randolph in 1968. She graduated from Randolph in 1978 then moved to Lincoln, attended one year at the University of Nebraska, then Bryan Memorial Hospital School of Nursing and graduated with her Registered Nurse Diploma in 1981.

Bill and Joan were married August 1, 1981 at St Frances in Randolph. They moved to a farm one mile north of the Catholic Church where they still live and farm today. Joan began working as a Nurse at the Osmond Hospital and later worked at Colonial Manor in Randolph for many years. She is currently working for Providence Medical Center in Wayne as a Home Health and Hospice nurse.

Bill and Joan have three sons: Kyle, Casey and Jerad. They remember spending their early years helping raise

pigs, driving tractors, helping on the farm, 4-wheelers, hunting, sports, camping, boating, snowboarding and doing anything outdoors.

Kyle William was born January 18, 1984 and he graduated in 2002. He attended University of Nebraska at Lincoln and wrestled for Nebraska for three years. He moved to California for a short time but returned to Lincoln and is now completing his Lineman Training in Omaha. In June 2007, he married Kristie Johnson (daughter of Bud & Bev Johnson). She graduated from BryanLGH College of Health Sciences in 2005 with her Registered Nurse Diploma and is presently working at BryanLGH Hospital in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.

Casey Joe was born October 2, 1987 and graduated in 2006. He currently attends The University of Nebraska at Lincoln. He was also on the Nebraska Wrestling Team for two years and his current goal is to become a PA for an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Jerad Jordan was born May 1, 1991 and he graduated in 2009. He is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and currently is a member of the Nebraska Wrestling Team. He plans to get his degree in Agriculture.

Most of family's free time has been associated with sports. Bill and Joan enjoyed playing softball, golf and sand volleyball when they were younger. Then as the boys grew, Bill and Joan spent their time watching or helping with the boy's activities: soccer, track, football and wrestling. Bill is proud to have helped get the wrestling program back in the school system in 1993. He has served as an assistant coach for the majority of those years for the High School and Junior Wrestling Program. He had the Honor of Coaching all three of his sons to become State Wrestling Champs. The boys continue to enjoy coming home to help with harvest whenever they can. *Submitted by Joan Gubbels*

Gary and Jeri Gubbels

Gary Walter Gubbels, son of Walter and Detta (Rameil) Gubbels, was born the youngest of five children, on October 4, 1967. He graduated from Randolph Public School in 1986. He served in the United States Air Force from 1986-1989 and the Air National Guard from 1989-1991.

Jeri Joy Winkelbauer was born the oldest of four children, to Jerry and Joy (McFarland) Winkelbauer on March 7, 1974. She graduated from Randolph Public School in 1992.

Gary Gubbels and Jeri Winkelbauer were united in marriage at First United Methodist Church in Randolph, Nebraska on October 24, 1992. They made their first home in Randolph, Nebraska and have lived there since that time.

Gary and Jeri were blessed with 4 children: Amanda Elizabeth, born March 28, 1993; Austin Walter, born

August 31, 1995; Ajay Ryan, born September 3, 2004 and Aiden Ray, born November 14, 2005.

At the present time (February 2010) Amanda is a junior at Randolph Public School and is a CNA at a nursing home in Laurel, Nebraska. Austin is in the eighth grade at Randolph Public School and is a waiter at Jerry's Hilltop in Randolph. Ajay and Aiden attend Learn and Play Preschool in Randolph and enjoy playing and being the little brothers.



Gary and Jeri Gubbels Family

After the Air Force Gary helped his parents on the family farm until he left to work for O.L.Scheer in Norfolk, Nebraska as a salesman/purchaser. He later would be the manager at Carhart Lumber in Randolph, Nebraska. He is currently employed by Norfolk Iron and Metal and has been there for 12 years. His position there is commercial traffic coordinator.

After graduating high school Jeri ran a daycare out of their home. She then helped her parents at PersonalITEES, a silk-screening shop in Randolph. She has been employed by Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota and at *The Randolph Times* newspaper in Randolph. In 2004 she decided to start running another daycare out of her home and is presently doing so.

The family are members of St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph, Nebraska. *Submitted by Gary and Jeri Gubbels*

Gene and Ailene Gubbels

Gene was born on the farm and lived there all of his life until retiring. His parents were Joe and Clara Gubbels.

Gene has an older brother, Merle who lives in Dennison, Iowa and an older sister, Evelyn Arduser who is deceased.

Gene attended St. Frances Catholic School and graduated in 1949. He farmed with his father until Gene left for the service. Gene married Ailene Ramiel in 1955. Ailene attended Mount Marty High School in Yankton, South Dakota. After graduation she worked in the Cedar County Clerk's office for six months and then was deputy County Clerk for three and one-half years.

Gene and Ailene have four children, two boys and two girls. Kelly is married to LaRee Jones of Carroll, Nebraska. They live on the home place three miles east of Randolph. LaRee has worked at Nucor in Norfolk for over 30 years.

Bill is married to Joan Johnson and lives north of Randolph on the Church Road. Joan is a nurse and is working with Home Health out of Wayne, Nebraska. They have three sons:



Gene and Ailene Gubbels Family

Kyle is married to Kristie Johnson and lives in Lincoln. Kyle attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and wrestled in college. He is now attending school to be a lineman. Kristie is a nurse at Bryant L G H Medical Center in Lincoln.

Casey is a senior at University of Nebraska at Lincoln studying to be a Physician's Assistant and wrestled in college.

Jerad is a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and he also wrestles at the University. Note that Bill as well as Kyle, Casey and Jerad were champions at the State Wrestling in Lincoln.

Gene and Ailene's oldest daughter, Joan, married Tom Bittner and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska where both are employed. They have a son, Joel who is an eighth grader and a daughter, Riley who is in the fourth grade. Both children attend St. Peters Catholic School in Lincoln.

Their next daughter, Jackie married Darin Loberg and lives in Randolph. Jackie works at Randolph Public Schools and Darin is a route driver for Frito Lay's out of Norfolk. They have two sons: Dylan who is a seventh grader and Drew who is a fifth grader at Randolph Public Schools.

Gene and Ailene farmed until they retired and moved into Randolph where they built a new home. Ailene was a past officer of St. Frances Guild; belongs to the Christian Mothers and works with various organizations at the Church. Ailene also belonged to the Wareham Club until they moved to Randolph. Gene served on the St. Frances Parish Council, where he was a trustee. He also served as a lector. Gene was on the F.H.A. board in Hartington and belongs to the American Legion Post #113 of Randolph. Both Gene and Ailene also formerly bowled on a league. Gene still helps the boys on the farm with harvest.
Submitted by Gene and Ailene Gubbels

Gene and Linda Gubbels

In 1986, when Randolph celebrated its Centennial, at the close of the Randolph History Book, Gene and Linda had just celebrated their 25th Anniversary on September 17, 1985.

The ensuing 25 years were happy and busy for our family. Our children, Chuck, Pam and Scott, were all involved in music and all the sports offered at Randolph High School.

Upon graduation from high school in 1988, Chuck attended Midland Lutheran College, majoring in Journalism and playing basketball. He received his degree in 1993. Being a "people" person, he has been very successful as a pharmaceutical representative. He lives in Lincoln and is single.

Pam graduated, in 1990, from high school and attended Wayne State College for two and half years, majoring in Music. She changed her major to Human Resources and her college to Midland Lutheran. She received her degree in 1995. Pam owns Birchwood Manor, a nursing home in North Bend, Nebraska, where she serves as the Administrator. On June 28, 1997, Pam married Michael Griffin of Louisville. Mike is a Licensed Practical Nurse and is currently a stay-at-home Dad. They have three children: Zachary age 10; Timothy age 8; and Alynda age 4. They are expecting their fourth child in May of 2010 and currently live in North Bend.

After graduation in 1994, Scott attended Doane College, majoring in Accounting and playing football. While in college Scott passed his CPA exam. He graduated from Doane in 1998. Scott is currently Managing Director of Nelnet, an education finance company with their central office in Lincoln. On August 7, 1999, Scott married Sara Bernecker of Plainview, Nebraska. Sara has a Master's Degree and graduated from Doane in 1999. She currently oversees practice teachers for Doane College and is a stay-at-home Mom. They have five children: Grant age 8; Sydney age 6; Alyson age 5; Easton age 3, and Austin born in January of 2010. The family currently lives in Lincoln.

Gene and Linda sold Carroll Feed and Grain to Dan and Kenny Loberg in 1996. Gene worked part-time for Terra Fertilizer in Randolph for a few years. He also served as President of the Randolph Community golf Course for

several years. In April of 2008, Gene and Linda moved to Lincoln to be close to their children and grandchildren. They bought a new townhouse, where they are not responsible for snow removal, or lawn care, and have wonderful neighbors. Gene serves on their Home Owners Association Board, is a Teammates Mentor at St. Joseph School, and works part time for the Nebraska University Event Staff. Linda is a member of Welcome Wagon and is a volunteer in the lunchroom at St. Joseph's where they are members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. They both belong to the 50-50 Club as well as several bridge clubs and Gene enjoys golfing with his golf group. They are enjoying all the Nebraska University sports, especially football, as they have held season tickets for many years. They will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in Lincoln in September of 2010. Gene and Linda will always treasure all of their friends in Randolph.

Jacob and Anna Catherine Gubbels

Jacob Gubbels was born February 24, 1853 in Lumbra, Holland. His father, John Gubbels, was born August 3, 1821 and died October 3, 1880 at 59 years of age. His mother, Martha was born July 26, 1824 and died October 18, 1907 at the age of 83. They are both buried at Westphalia Catholic Cemetery in Westphalia, Iowa. They were parents of five sons, all born in Holland. The oldest, Peter, born November 1849 and died December 24, 1921 and the third brother Matt, born February 1856 and died January 27, 1933, both traveled to Texas, were married and made their homes there. They are both buried at Rosenberg, Texas. John, the fourth son was born July 29, 1859. He came to Westphalia, Iowa where he met and married Elizabeth Wurdinger. They came to Nebraska in 1894 and settled in Randolph and are buried at St. Frances cemetery in Randolph. John died July 13, 1952. The youngest brother, William, stayed in Iowa.

Anna Catherine Vondra was born July 16, 1857 in Kieler, Wisconsin. Jacob and Anna were married on February 2, 1875. They left Wisconsin and moved to Westphalia, Iowa where they lived for about 30 years. During those years, from 1876 to 1902, they had seven daughters and five sons.

The oldest daughter, Anna Margaret, was born February 12, 1876. She married John J. Schwarte and they lived on a farm by Randolph. The next three daughters, Mary Martha (Sr. Luitgard), born November 19, 1877 and died December 13, 1932; Mary Rosa (Sr. Expedit), born August 27, 1879 and died December 13, 1959 and Julianna (Sr. Anna), born March 17, 1881 and died March 9, 1936, were Sisters at the convent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and all are buried in Milwaukee. Rosalia, born March 3, 1883, married Jacob Nowatzke on July 2, 1912. John William, born September 10, 1884, married Catherine Reding, January 25, 1910. They made their home on a farm north of Randolph. He died October 19, 1953. Nicholas, born September 10, 1886, married Anna Weihs, October 18, 1909 and remained in Iowa. He died

March 29, 1966. Anna Catherine was born July 20, 1888 and married James W. Reding (brother of Catherine Reding) on January 25, 1910. Peter was born September 24, 1891 and married Clara Bock on May 17, 1915 and died September 15, 1956. They are buried at Westphalia, Iowa. Mathias was born October 14, 1893 and married Sophia C. Scharf, May 25, 1915 and died December 4, 1976. They lived on a farm north of Randolph and are buried in St. Frances cemetery in Randolph. Dorothea was born June 26, 1896 and married George Eisterhold. The youngest son, Joseph was born April 10, 1902 and died July 25, 1974. He settled in Oregon.

Jacob's brother, John and his wife Elizabeth, had moved to Randolph and made their home on a farm east of town in 1894. Sometime after that and before 1907, Jacob bought a bare quarter one mile north of Randolph. In the fall of 1907, Jacob and his sons, John W. and Matt, came to Nebraska to begin building on this land. While the boys began digging, Jacob walked over the hill north to become acquainted with the neighbor, Mr. Nepper. During their conversation, Jacob bought the Nepper farm, which joined the bare quarter. It had a full set of buildings on it. Jacob came back and told his sons to load up their shovels; he had bought an improved quarter and wouldn't be building on this land. They headed back home. The horses made the trip back in a little over 24 hours.

In the spring of 1908, John W., Matt and their sister, Anna Catherine, loaded the buggy and wagons with necessary farm equipment and livestock and headed back to Randolph. They crossed the Missouri River at Decatur, Nebraska and traveled across open country, possibly following the creeks. The brothers and their sister made their home on the Nepper place and farmed the half section of land. Anna kept house for her brothers.

Sometime later John W. bought the improved north quarter and Matt bought the bare south quarter from their father.

Jacob and Anna stayed in Iowa for a few years, then came to Randolph when they were ready to retire. They bought the house one-half block west of St. Frances Church. This property was later bought by Herman Kaiser and, after standing vacant for awhile, was bought by Paul and Dorothy Schneiders. The Schneiders built a new home on the lot and moved there when they retired from farming. *Submitted by Great Grandson Vernon Gubbels*

Jeff and Suz Gubbels

Jeff Gubbels was born July 15, 1957 in Osmond, Nebraska. He is the son of Walter Jr. and Detta Ann (Rameil) Gubbels. He grew up on a farm east of Randolph with his sisters Barb, and Chris (Steiner) and brothers Tony, and Gary. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1975 and enlisted in the Air Force. After basic training and tech school, he was stationed at Ellsworth AFB in Rapid City South Dakota, where he was

a crew chief on a B-52 bomber. After leaving the Air Force in 1979, he attended Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo, Iowa where he received a degree in Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning. Jeff worked for his uncle Gilbert Gubbels at Gubbels Heating and Air Conditioning until 1984. He returned to Randolph and farmed with his Dad until 1985. Jeff started to work for Kansas Nebraska Natural Gas Company in Randolph where he is still employed. The company is now called SourceGas. Jeff and Suzanne Rohde were married on March 6, 1976.



**Back: Daiten, Jason, Jeff, Adam, Carolyn
Front: Tammi, Suz**

Suz was born July 6, 1957 in Osmond, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Arthur "Buzz" and Rose Edna (Olberding) Rohde. She grew up on a farm south of Randolph near Sholes with her sisters, Luann (Bartels), Roxanne "Pix" (Schmit), and Leann (Otto), and brothers Steve, Jeff, and Roger. Suz attended grade school in Sholes and graduated from Randolph High School in 1975 and worked in Lincoln, Nebraska for a short time before marrying Jeff. While living in Rapid City and Waterloo, she worked for Kmart. After moving back to Randolph, she worked at Carhart Lumber, Paul's Welding, Affiliated Foods in Norfolk, West Hodson Lumber in Osmond, and Randolph Farm Supply. Suz went back to school at Northeast Community College in 2007 and graduated in 2009 with a degree as a Physical Therapist Assistant. She is currently employed as a PTA in Wayne, Nebraska.

Jeff and Suz have two sons. Jason Walter Gubbels was born March 9, 1976. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1994 and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, with a business degree, in 1998. Jason received his master's degree in supply chain management from Auburn University in December 2009. Jason married Tammi Schaaf from Atkinson, Nebraska, March 27, 2005. They have a daughter, Daiten Meah, born August 6, 2006. After graduation from college, Jason worked for Grainger Supply Inc. in Lincoln, Omaha, and Waterloo Iowa.

Jason is currently employed as a demand planning manager with ConAgra Foods in Omaha Nebraska.

Adam Jeffrey Gubbels was born October 28, 1980. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1999 and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, with an electrical engineering degree, in 2004. He enlisted in the Air National Guard while in college. After college, Adam decided to join the Air Force full time and attended the Air Force officer training school in Montgomery, Alabama. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in 2004. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology at Dayton, Ohio in April 2009. Adam married Carolyn Cruz from Puerto Rico on February 20, 2008. They are currently stationed at Eglin AFB in Florida.

John W. and Catherine Gubbels



John and Catherine Gubbels 1910

John William Gubbels was born on September 10, 1884 at Westphalia, Iowa. His parents were Jacob and Anna Catherine (Vondra) Gubbels.

Catherine Reding was born on May 10, 1889 at White Lake, South Dakota to Peter and Anna (Majerius) Reding. Her father, a twin, was born September 14, 1850 and her mother was born April 30, 1858. Both were born in Germany and were married July 15, 1879 in Johnsberg, Minnesota. In 1892, the family left White Lake and came to a farm south of Randolph. It is located two miles south of the "hog-buying station", the north-east quarter on the west side of the road. In 1986, this quarter was owned by Francis Viergutz. Catherine and her brothers and sisters grew up on this place.

In 1990, when Peter and Anna Reding retired from farming and moved into Randolph, their son, James W., stayed on the farm and continued farming. Catherine stayed, also, and kept house for her brother. The Gubbels brothers, John W. and Matt, and their sister, Anna Catherine had started farming on the Nepper quarter north of town in 1908. They all became acquainted and soon a romance took place, so the two men exchanged housekeepers!

On January 25, 1910, John W. Gubbels and Catherine Reding and James Reding and Anna Catherine Gubbels were married in a double wedding ceremony at St. Frances Church in Randolph.

Matt continued to live with his brother and sister-in-law, John and Catherine, until he married Sophia Scharf on May 25, 1915 and put up buildings on the south quarter making this land their home.

John and Catherine were parents of six children: Anthony married Margaret Rhode of O'Neill, Nebraska. They have two sons and live in Omaha; Aloysius married Clara Thieman, their children are Vernon, Marian Wingert and Norma Leu; Leonard was married to Ellen Lenhoff, their sons are Larry and Gail. Ellen passed away and he later married Rita Biernbaum; Delbert married Marina Lenhoff, their children are Duane, Betty (deceased), Helen (deceased), Stanley (deceased), Dennis and Ronnie; Ray married Lorita Lange and they are parents of Robert, Howard, Darrell, Dale, Jeannie, and Kevin; and daughter Velna married Vernice Leiting and their children are Earl and Sharon. Anthony made his home in Omaha. All of the rest were farmers in the Randolph area. All the children and spouses are deceased except Lorita (Lange) Gubbels. She is living in her home in Randolph.

John and Catherine lived on their farm until December 1946, when they moved to Randolph and lived in the house west of the Catholic Church on Mosher Street. It previously was occupied by Catherine's mother, Anna Reding. After Catherine's death, Leonard bought the property and built a new home on the lot. It is now owned by Bob Sauser and his wife. Their son, Ray and his family lived on the family farm until 1963. Later the farm was sold to Marvin Jensen. The farm now has all the trees and buildings torn down and is a bare quarter. John W. passed away October 19, 1952 and Catherine died July 10, 1978. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Randolph. *Submitted by Grandson Vernon Gubbels*

John R. and Kathy Gubbels

John R. Gubbels, son of Richard and Rita Gubbels, was born February 2, 1968, in Osmond. John attended kindergarten through fifth grade in Sholes and sixth grade through twelfth grade in Randolph. He graduated from Randolph High School (RHS) in 1986. He farmed with his father until February 1987, when he joined the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Hawaii until his honorable discharge in 1989. He then returned home to farm with his father.



Kathy, Jace, Nathan, John Gubbels

John married Kathy Sydow on November 19, 1993, in Randolph. Kathy graduated from Newcastle Public School in 1984. In 1994, the couple purchased Al and Mildred Baden's farm, half mile north of Sholes. In 2005, John took over the Golden Harvest Seed business from his father. In 2010, John's father retired from farming and John took over the farming. Their children are Ashley Nicole, Nathan Joseph and Jace Richard.

Ashley Nicole was born on March 24, 1986 in Yankton, South Dakota. She graduated from Randolph High School in May of 2004 and entered basic training for the Army National Guard two days after graduation. On June 27, 2009, she married Octavio Baeza in Lincoln, Nebraska. They both work full time for the Army National Guard in Lincoln. Ashley is a Human Resource Assistant and Octavio is a Electronics Technician. The couple has a son, Isaiah John born March 24, 2009. They all reside in Lincoln.

Nathan Joseph was born January 28, 1992, in Wayne. He graduated from Randolph High School in May of 2010 and will be attending college in the fall at Northeast Community College for Diversified Ag/Diesel Mechanic.

Jace Richard was born September 25, 1995, in Norfolk. He attends high school at Randolph High School. He enjoys football, wrestling and helping on the farm.
Submitted by Kathy Gubbels

Louis and Bessie Gubbels

Louis Gubbels was born in Shelby County, Iowa on April 15, 1891 to John and Elizabeth (Wurdinger) Gubbels. Bessie Scharf, born November 13, 1898, at Randolph was the daughter of John and Anna (Fisher) Scharf. Louis and Bessie were married on February 19, 1924, at St. Frances Church. The couple lived nine miles south of Randolph where they farmed. Their nine children were all born there – Arlene, Dorothy, Don, Ivan, Leo, Rita, Lucille, Rosemary, and David. In 1944 Louis and Bessie moved to a farm one mile east of Randolph. They retired in 1970 and moved into Randolph. In 1974 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at the City Auditorium.

Louis died March 1, 1976, at the Osmond General Hospital; Bessie died May 25, 1978, at Our Lady of

Lourdes Hospital at Norfolk. They are buried at St. Frances Cemetery in Randolph.

Arlene Anna was born on June 13, 1946. On July 1, 1946 she married Theodore Thieman, Jr. Their children are Larry, Linda Diane, Mary Jean, Deborah, Marsha, Steven, Cynthia, Annette, Carol and Kelly. Arlene died on October 20, 1994 and Cynthia died on January 13, 1987. They are buried at St. Frances Cemetery.



Louis and Bessie Gubbels Family

Dorothy Laura was born on January 31, 1927. On July 20, 1948 she married John Meyer, Jr. Their children are: Ronald and Karen. She died unexpectedly at her farm home on October 6, 1994. She is buried at St. Frances Cemetery.

Donald Louis was born on June 15, 1928. On June 3, 1952 he married Donna Neitzke. Their children are: Ann Marie, Connie, Barbara, Russell, Mark, Charles, and Sharon. He died on September 17, 2002 and is buried at St. Frances Cemetery.

Ivan Paul was born on May 3, 1930. On July 28, 1956 he married Shirley Vlasak. They reside in Randolph. Their children are: Peggy, Delores, Randal, Paul, and Shauna.

Leo Arthur was born on April 7, 1932. On April 14, 1953 he married Gladys Meyer. Their children are: Gregory, Richard, Douglas, Roxanne, and Rodney. He died at his home on March 12, 2002 and is buried at St. Frances Cemetery.

Rita Elsie was born on June 16, 1934 and died on September 29, 1999. She died at the Colonial Manor in Randolph and is buried at St. Frances Cemetery.

Lucille Alice was born on April 9, 1936. On May 9, 1957 she married Dale Bach. They reside in Hartington. Their children are: Daniel, Julie, Janet, and Lisa.

Rosemary Delores was born on September 10, 1939. She married Leon Sohler on August 26, 1958. They reside in Norfolk. Their children are: Timothy, Terry, Rhonda, and Todd.

David Roland was born on June 30, 1942. On July 18, 1970 he married La Vonne Hassler. Their children are: Tina, Chad, Craig, and Sarah. David died on October 19, 2003 and Chad died on April 24, 2006. They are buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk.

Randal and Jenny Gubbels



Emily, James, Ben, Maureen, Randy, Jenny Gubbels

Randal Louis Gubbels was born on August 7, 1956 to Ivan and Shirley Gubbels. He graduated from Randolph High School in 1974. In 1979, he married Genevieve Louise Burns (Jenny), born on October 14, 1957, daughter of Roger and Millie Burns of Detroit, Michigan.

Randy and Jenny's children include: Maureen Cecilia Gubbels, born April 14, 1981, graduated in 1999 from Winside High School, graduated from Dana College with a biology degree in 2003 and from Creighton University in 2004 with a nursing degree, (married Christopher Epping December 5, 2009); James Randal Gubbels, born December 5, 1982, graduated from Randolph High School in 2001, graduated from Doane College and University of Nebraska in 2006 with an engineering degree; Jason Daniel Gubbels, stillborn January 8, 1988; Benjamin Ivan Gubbels, born June 11, 1989, graduated from Randolph High School in 2008, attends Northeast Community College diesel mechanics with a tentative graduation in 2010 and Emily Agnes Gubbels, born March 25, 1991, graduated valedictorian Randolph High School 2009, attending Chadron State College with a biology-pre-med course of study.

Randy is self employed as a farmer and auctioneer. He also drives a school bus for the Randolph Public Schools, sells real estate, and is a seed corn dealer. Jenny is employed as a teacher for the Norfolk Public Schools.

Randy is a member of the Randolph Community Club and the Catholic Foresters. Jenny and Randy are members of St. Jane Frances de chantel Catholic Church in Randolph. They have lived on their current farm since 1998.

Ray and Lorita Gubbels

Ray Gubbels was born October 15, 1920 at Randolph to John and Catherine (Reding) Gubbels. Ray grew up on the family farm and attended St. Frances Catholic School and spent two years in the U.S. Army. Ray died October 26, 2007.

Lorita Lange was born August 18, 1925 at Menominee, Nebraska to Tony and Helen (McNally) Lange. At the age of three, the family moved to Hartington, where she attended Holy Trinity Catholic School and graduated there in May 1943. She worked as an office secretary in Hartington.

On November 25, 1946, Ray and Lorita were married at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph. They lived and farmed north of Randolph until 1984, when they retired and built a home in Randolph. They are the parents of five sons and one daughter. All graduated from St. Frances Catholic School and Randolph Public School.

Robert was born, August 31, 1947 and graduated from St. Joseph Hospital School of X-ray. He married Gloria Mahaffey on December 27, 1968, at St. Boniface Catholic Church. In 1983, the family moved to Streator, Illinois, working in the X-ray department at the St. Mary's Hospital and later was Administrator at the hospital. He retired in 2006. They are the parents of six daughters, two sons and fifteen grandchildren.



Ray and Lorita Gubbels Family

Howard was born August 13, 1948. He married a neighbor girl, Eileen Wattier on November 22, 1969 at St. Frances Catholic Church. They farm north of Randolph and Howard also works with his brothers at Firststar Recycling Center in Omaha. They are the parents of four sons and four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Darrell was born April 23, 1951. He graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln Law School in Lincoln. He has his Attorney of Law Office at Castle Rock, Colorado. He married Betsy Waterman of Plattsmouth, Nebraska on August 18, 1984 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. They are the parents of two daughters, one son and one granddaughter.

Dale was born February 3, 1953 and graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln. He is CEO of the Firststar Recycling Center which he started with his brothers. He married Mary Ryder of Bellevue, Nebraska at St. Mary's Catholic Church on August 16, 1982. They

are the parents of two sons, one daughter and one grandson.

Daughter Jeanne was born December 12, 1954 and married David Haas of Yankton, SD on September 24, 1977 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. They have three sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and one step-grandson. Jeanne is employed at the Yankton Library and David is retired from the Yankton Maintenance airport and is now doing carpenter work.

Kevin was born June 30, 1961 and he married Lisa Peterson of Norfolk on June 2, 1984 at St. Frances Catholic Church. They are the parents of five sons. They live and farm north of Randolph and he also does construction work in Norfolk. Lisa works at Jim's Food Market in Randolph.

Richard and Rita Gubbels

Richard, son of Walter and Irene (Gerber) Gubbels was born March 18, 1940 at his home in Randolph. He graduated in 1958 from St. Frances High School. Rich farmed with his father until November 1959, at that time he joined the U.S. Army. After being discharged in 1961, Rich returned home and started farming on his own.

Richard married Rita Reineke on August 1, 1964. Rita was born on July 13, 1942 to Joseph and Maxalinda (Olberding) Reineke. She did housekeeping and babysitting jobs before her marriage.



BACK: Becky, Jane, Rita, Jill, Gina, FRONT: John, Rich Gubbels

Rich and Rita purchased the family farm in 1969. The farm has been in the Gubbels family for over 100 years.

Rich and Rita are the proud parents of five children: Jan married Larry Janssen and lives in Randolph. They have three children: Heather of Lincoln; Evan a student at Wayne State College and Hannah will graduate from Randolph High School in 2010.

Jill married Jeff Dominisse and lives in Norfolk. They have three children: Robbyn Hanna of Omaha; Thomas Hanna of North Dakota and Emma will be in first grade.

John married Kathy Johnson and they live in Randolph. They have three children: Ashely who married Octavio Bazea and they have one son, Isaiah. Nathan will graduate in 2010. Jace will be a freshman in high school.

Regina married Scott Backhaus and they also live in Randolph. They have four children: Kristina will graduate from high school in 2010. Kelsey will be a freshman, Katelyn will be a seventh grader and Keaton will be a third grader.

Rebecca married Jeff Kerkman and they live in Neligh. They have three children: Alex will be in the sixth grade; Haley will be in the fourth grade and Abby will be in pre-school.

Rich and Rita both enjoy golfing, playing cards, gardening, reading and going to grandchildren activities. Rich also enjoys driving and working on his old John Deere tractors and going to sales. *Submitted by Rich and Rita Gubbels*

Vernon and Sharon Gubbels

Vernon Aloysius Gubbels was born on December 12, 1936 to Aloie and Clara (Theiman) Gubbels, on the farm north of Randolph where Chuck and Jolene Haselhorst now live. At the age of five, they moved two miles south on the "church road" where Vernon and his sisters: Marian and Norma grew up. Howard and Eileen Gubbels now live there. They began school and graduated from St. Frances School in Randolph. Vernon graduated in 1954. He left for the Army on March 8, 1955, spent the next two years in Texas and Louisiana and came home on March 8, 1957. He then farmed with his father for one year.



Sharon and Vernon Gubbels

Sharon LaVoe von Rentzell, the oldest daughter of George and Astrid (Swanson) von Rentzell, was born on December 7, 1937 in Magnet, Nebraska where they lived until moving to a farm one mile north of Magnet in 1943. The next spring, 1944, they moved to a farm southwest of

McLean where Sharon and her brother and two sisters grew up. This was Astrid's parent's home; at that time they retired and moved to Wausa. Sharon started school in McLean that fall, and then attended country school, District 19 E through the eighth grade. She graduated from Randolph Public School in May 1956, went one year to Wayne State College taking business courses and then went to Council Bluffs, Iowa to find work.

Vernon and Sharon were married June 16, 1958 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. They lived in Council Bluffs until October when they moved to a farm four miles north of Highway 81 and Highway 20 Junction. They lived there for ten years and in that time their first

five children were born. They bought the Henry Tunink farm one mile south of McLean and in January, 1968, they moved to this place. Two days after moving, Sharon went to the Osmond Hospital and gave birth to twins, Bradley and Becky. In 1972, they had one more daughter which made eight children in the family. They now have 21 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Vernon and Sharon retired from farming and moved into Randolph, January of 2001.

These are their children and grandchildren:

Teresa Sharon was born April 3, 1959 and after graduation went to Wayne State College one year. She married Richard Virgil on August 13, 1983 and made their home in Weston, Nebraska. Theresa works at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Rick works in the meat department at Gretna Grocery Store. Their four children are: Lucas Richard born December 1, 1985 and is now studying for his Masters at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska; Jennifer Lynn born August 12, 1987, she is attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln; Michelle Teresa born August 2, 1990 and attending school at the Art Institute in Denver, Colorado; and Jacob Vernon born April 4, 1991 and is in his first year at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

Tamera Sue, born March 31, 1960, went to Nettleton Business School after graduation. She married Brian Lenhoff and they divorced in 1998. Their two children are: Richard Craig born June 15, 1983 and married to Andrea Crom. They are the parents of Elyse Michelle born August 2, 2008. Craig graduated from Doan College. Lindsey Sue, born July 23, 1987, has a son, Kane Isaiah, born March 8, 2008. Tamera transcribes books into Braille and works out of her home. On November 23, 2009, Tami married Larry Wilhelm and they live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lori Ann, born March 11, 1961, lives in Randolph. She married Vernon Olson April 5, 1979. He lost his life in a car accident on May 23, 2002. Their children are: Amanda Melissa, born October 13, 1979, married to Wesley Geneski on October 23, 2000 and living in El Paso, Texas where Wes is serving in the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss. They have a daughter, Zoe Ann, born April 5, 2006. Antonia Elizabeth born September 1, 1981 lives in Omaha, Nebraska; Angelina Ann born January 21, 1983, married Jeremy Burns July 2005 and they have a son, Jaxson Vernon, born March 28, 2008. Angie works for a dentist in Omaha. They live in Kennard, Nebraska. Andrew Arthur born April 24, 1987, married Nicole Eisenmann on July 10, 2008. He went to Northeast Community College in Norfolk for two years and works for Central Valley Ag. They live in Randolph. Aaron Vernon, born November 23, 1988, went two years to Northeast Community College and works for a farmer. He also lives in Randolph.

Daniel Vernon Gubbels was born May 29, 1982, and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is working for Shanahan Construction where he operates a backhoe.

Timothy Lee Gubbels born November 23, 1964, married Marci Robinson on November 27, 1993. Tim does remodeling and construction work and also works at Hy-Vee Grocery. They have two sons: Owen Timothy born November 13, 1997 and Rylan Paul born October 5, 1999. They live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Bradley Lynn Gubbels was born January 15, 1968. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and then married Michelle May on July 31, 1994. They have two children: Derek Bradley born December 25, 2003 and Danielle Marie born on February 27, 2006. Brad works for Wagner Corporation. They live in Denver, Colorado.

Becky Lynn born January 15, 1968, and married Douglas Nordhues, a farmer, on September 20, 1986. They have four children: Morgan Sue, born April 29, 1989, works at the Veteran's Home in Norfolk where she lives. Paige Nichole born April 19, 1991, is going to school at Northeast Community College in Norfolk. Jordan Lynn born November 14, 1995 is an eighth grade student and Mason Douglas born December 5, 1999, is in the fourth grade. They both attend Randolph Public Schools. Becky and Doug live on the farm by McLean, Nebraska where she was born and grew up.

Lisa Jo born March 8, 1972 and married Michael Herda on December 31, 1996. They have two sons: Devin Joseph, born June 17, 1997 is in the seventh grade and Michael Vernon born February 24, 2005, is five years old and staying home with Mom until he goes to school. Michael is a supervisor at Frontier Refinery. They live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. *Vernon and Sharon Gubbels*

Walter and Detta Gubbels Jr.



Wally and Detta Gubbels

Walter M Gubbels Jr., son of Walter and Irene (Gerber) Gubbels was born November 11, 1931. He grew up on a farm west of Sholes, Nebraska with his family of two sisters, Frances and Donna and two brothers, Gilbert and Richard. He attended grade school at Sholes and his high school years were at St. Frances in Randolph, graduating in 1949. He worked with his dad on the farm before enlisting in the Air Force, where he served four years with the 97th Air Refueling Squadron and received an honorable discharge. He then began farming when he returned.

Detta A, daughter of Alphonse and Josephine (Burbach) Rameil was born February 6, 1935 at Bow Valley, Nebraska. She attended grade school at Bow Valley and graduated from Mount Marty High School at Yankton, South Dakota in 1953. Detta has two sisters, Ailene and Velma Jean and one brother Larry. She worked several years in Hartington after graduation.

On September 11, 1956, Wally and Detta were married at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. They are the parents of five children; all attended school and graduated from Randolph High School.

Jeff enlisted in and served four years in the Air force and received an honorable discharge. He attended school in Waterloo, Iowa and also worked there several years. He married Suzanne Rohde. Jeff currently works for SourceGas where he has been employed for many years. Jeff and Suzanne have two sons, Jason and Adam. Jason is married and lives in Omaha where he works at ConAgra. They have one daughter Daiten. Adam is married and lives in Florida. He is a Captain in the Air Force.

Barb moved to Norfolk after graduation and worked at Dale Electronics and then at GoodYear which is now Veyance Technologies, Inc., where she is still employed. She has a daughter who is in the fourth grade this year.

Chris went to college at Curtis, Nebraska and then moved to Norfolk. She married Kent Steiner and they have three boys: Zack, who is married and lives in Norfolk where he works at Affiliated Foods Midwest. Jake is a freshman and Mark is a seventh grader at Norfolk Public School. Both Kent and Chris work at GoodYear, which is now Veyance Technologies, Inc.

Tony is farming and living on the farm he grew up on. He has a daughter, Samantha. She is a junior at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Tony married, Denise Christensen and she has two daughters: Ashley and Tara. Ashley is married and lives near Valparaiso, Nebraska. Tara is a school teacher and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gary lives in Randolph and works at Norfolk Iron and Metal. Gary married Jeri Winkelbauer and they have four children. Amanda who is a junior in High School, Austin is an eighth grader, Ajay is five years old and Aiden is four years old, both attend pre-school. Jeri operates a day care out of her home.

Wally and Detta have eleven grandchildren, two step-granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

In 1995, Wally and Detta moved into Randolph. Wally still goes to the farm every day to take care of his black Angus cows and calves and also helps with the farming. They are members of St. Frances Catholic church.
Submitted by Wally and Detta Gubbels

Tom and Tiffany Guenther

Thomas Gerard Guenther was born on July 19, 1980 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, South Dakota. He is the son of Donavon and Beverley (Goeden)

Guenther of Crofton. Tom is the seventh child of ten; he has five brothers and four sisters. He grew up on a farm one mile north of Crofton. He attended St. Rose Elementary School and Crofton Community High School, where he graduated in 1999. Tom attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk and received his Associate's Degree in Building Construction in 2001. Tom was employed at Heritage Homes of Nebraska in Wayne for six years. Currently Tom is employed as head of maintenance at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Randolph.



Tom, Justin, Jenna, Tiffany Guenther

Tiffany Estelle (Schmitz) Guenther was born on November 25, 1980 at Myrtrue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Iowa to Edward and the late Sheila (Wittrup) Schmitz. Tiffany grew up in Defiance, Iowa with her father and step-mother, Lisa (Krupicka) Schmitz. She is the oldest of two and has a younger brother. She attended elementary school in Harlan and graduated in 1999 from Harlan Community High School. Tiffany attended college at Northeast Community College in Norfolk and received her Associate's Degree in Journalism in 2001; she then attended Wayne State College in Wayne and received her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education in 2004. Tiffany was a substitute teacher for one year after college and is now employed as an elementary teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Osmond.

Tom and Tiffany met in college and were married on June 19, 2004 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Defiance, Iowa. They moved to Randolph in July of 2004 and now have two children. Justin Thomas was born on June 20, 2005 and Jenna Lynne was born on April 5, 2008.

The Guenther's are members of St. Jane Frances Church where Tom is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Building and Grounds Committee; Tiffany is a member of the St. Frances PCCW and Christian Mothers.
Submitted by Tom and Tiffany Guenther



Bob and Jean Hampton Family

Bob and Jean Hampton

Jean (Walz) Hampton was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Osmond, Nebraska, the third child of Henry and Dorothy Walz. Jean attended high school at St. Frances School and graduated from Randolph Public High School in 1972. Jean graduated from College of St. Mary in Omaha, Nebraska with a degree in nursing. After graduation Jean took a job at Sarasota Memorial Hospital where she met her future husband, Robert Hampton, and they married May 10, 1976. Jean has two sisters, Barb (Walz) Thompson, Cathy (Walz) Kuhl, and four brothers, Michael Walz, Dave Walz, Tim Walz, and John Walz.

Bob Hampton was born in Boston, and spent most of his childhood in the Florida Keys. He spent four years in the Navy and then graduated from Ringling School of Art. He also attended Manatee Junior College to obtain his nursing degree. He has worked as a nurse in a variety of areas and also as a Nursing Home Administrator.

Jean and Bob have lived in Florida, Minnesota, Colorado, and currently reside in Blue Springs, Missouri. They have four children, Lisa (Hampton) Cerutti, Tim Hampton, Jill Hampton, and Sam Hampton. Lisa is currently in University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Pharmacy and plans on graduating with a PharmD degree next year. She married Ben Cerutti October, 7, 2006. Tim Hampton graduated from University of Central Missouri with a CIS degree and is currently working for Cerner Corporation as a software engineer. Jill Hampton is in her second year of college at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri. Sam Hampton is a senior at Blue Springs South High School and plans to attend Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri next year.

Bob is currently retired and pursuing his interest in oil painting. Jean is working at Cerner Corporation, a medical information system company, as a project manager.

Terry "Tom" and Barbara Hanna

Tom and Barbara Hanna's life in Randolph started in 1970, when they arrived from Lander, Wyoming to

operate the Miller Honey Company. They lived at "Honey Hill" located west of the junction of Highways 20 and 81 for five years. They then built a home and warehouse in West Randolph and started Hanna Honey Farms.

Terry Tom Hanna and Barbara Gallinger were married June 7, 1959 at Lander Wyoming. They had five children: Thomas Dean was born April 1, 1964; Michael Albert was born March 25, 1967; Jeffrey Mark was born April 22, 1970; Steven Boyd was born November 11, 1971 and Melissa Joy was born November 11, 1977. All of the children graduated from Randolph High School.

The bee business has had its ups and downs like every other agriculture business. They ship their bees in October to California for the almond pollination. Then to North Dakota in May for the summer months and arrive home in October. Each of their sons are self employed with each operating their own bee operation.

Dean was a corporate pilot for Werner Trucking for ten years and the next ten years he flew for D H L A Cargo Company. He is married to Becky Boling and they have two children: MaKayla, who is a senior and Nolan, who is a ninth grader. Dean's family resides in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Mike has three children: Robbyn is in nursing training in Omaha; T.J. is also working in the bee industry; and Bryan who was stricken with Neuro Blastoma, and passed away May 6, 1997.

Jeff graduated from South East College with an Associate Degree in Business. He worked for Woodmen Insurance before going into the honey business. He resides at Cole Harbor, North Dakota and Bakersfield, California.

Steven graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a degree in International Business. He worked for Dale Electronics before starting his bee business. He has one child, Reese.

Melissa graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Anthropology Archeology. She traveled to Jordan for six weeks on a "dig". She married Russell Eckstein and they have four children: Bryson, Caden, Cooper and Abbie. Melissa's family lives in Layton, Utah.

After a "straight wind" destroyed the warehouse, Tom and Barb rebuilt the warehouse and now have a room where they pack and sell honey. *Submitted by Barbara Hanna*

Jefferey and Molly Hartman

Jefferey Dwayne Hartman was born November 29, 1976, to Dwayne and Karen (Jaeb) Hartman in Humboldt, Saskatchewan Canada. Jeff has an older sister Tracy. He was raised in LeRoy, Saskatchewan Canada, attending Leroy Public Schools. Jeff graduated from high school in June 1994. Jeff attended Siast Technical College in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, graduating in 1995 with a Welding Certificate.

Jeff worked for Michel's Industries, where he fabricated tarp systems for grain trailers, in St. Greggor, Saskatchewan from 1995 to 1997. Jeff left Canada for a year of travel and while he was gone he spent most of his time traveling around Australia. He also visited New Caledonia, Fiji, and Hawaii. Jeff returned to Canada and worked again at Michel's Industries the winter of 1998. Soon Jeff was asked if he would move to Fremont,



Jeff and Molly Hartman

Nebraska to help start a sister company to Michel's Industries. Jeff was on a new adventure when he moved to the United States on January 15, 2000.

Molly Jean Huff was born

to John and Lila (Broders) Huff on July 15, 1978 in Osmond, Nebraska. She was welcomed home by four brothers: Jason, Chris, Cody and Kyle and a sister, Marla. Molly was raised in Randolph and attended Randolph Public Schools graduating May 1996. While in high school, she worked for Jim's Food Center from 1994 to 1997. Molly worked for Region IV Services in Norfolk from 1997 to 1999 until moving to Fremont, Nebraska in September 1999 to attend Behner College of hairstyling.

Molly and Jeff met in February 2000, when Jeff came to play on "open mic night" at Blondie's Lounge where Molly worked while attending college. They were married May 22, 2001 in Fremont, Nebraska.

After Molly's graduation in October 2002, they bought a house in Randolph and moved back to small town life. Jeff started working for Great Dane Trailers in Wayne and Molly worked for Cost Cutters in Norfolk. On June 15, 2003, Molly opened Curl Up & Dye Salon and tanning located at 103 S. Main Street in Randolph.

Molly and Jeff decided to take on another adventure in their life, so they closed Curl Up & Dye and purchased Chauncey's Bar in Randolph. They renamed it Molly's Bar and Bowl, and opened October 15, 2005. Jeff quit Great Dane January 2007 to help Molly full time with the many demands that come along with bar life. They had a great business and are very thankful to the many friends and memories they made over the years. The opportunity to sell Molly's arose out of a joke, and after many long discussions and nights without sleep they decided it was a good time to sell. Molly and Jeff sold the bar, July 14, 2009 to Zach and Nicole Meyer.

Jeff has been working in Randolph at Pierce Elevator since the summer of 2008 and has been a member of the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department for five years. Molly also worked for Laurel-Concord Schools, from September 2007 to May 2009, while owning the bar. She

started at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, January 2009, majoring in Criminal Justice/Corrections. While attending Northeast Community College, she is a member of the Dean's List, Phi Theta kappa (International Honor Society), and the President of the Criminal Justice Association. *Submitted by Molly and Jeff Hartman*

Joseph and Beverly Hartz

Joseph Hartz graduated from St. Frances high School in 1966. After working at some odd-and-end jobs he went to school at Western Nebraska Tech, in the aerospace program. Upon graduation from Western Nebraska Tech, He worked in the Aerospace Industry for a year and realized that there was more in life to be had and returned to college at Nebraska Wesleyan College in Lincoln. He entered the Business Administration Program with a minor in Psychology and Education. In his sophomore year, he met Bev Meyer and they were married in August of 1971.

Joseph worked for Abel Construction and Nebraska Book Company while in college. In 1975, he graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan on the Dean's List and continued on with Nebraska Book Company. In 1976 a new job with the Carnation Company was embarked upon which took them to Norfolk, Nebraska. Not fond of all the traveling, he looked for work in insurance with State Farm Insurance Company. In 1978, he went to work for State Farm in their agency in Norfolk. After a successful beginning with St. Farm, Bev, Joe and son, Benjamin moved to Neligh, Nebraska and embarked on our business career with State Farm.

In 1980 they had a new addition to their family, a girl, Angela. The family is a part of the business community. Joseph has served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of Ambassadors, President of the Fire Department and board member of other organizations in Neligh.

How time flies, Joseph and Beverly are still living in Neligh and enjoying their small town life. Angie is in Omaha, Nebraska working as an event coordinator at the Joslyn Castle. Ben and his two children: Izzy and Jayden continue to live in Klamath Falls, Oregon, where Ben is an engineer for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. *Submitted by Joe and Beverly Hartz*

Richard and Marcia Hartz

Richard David Hartz was born at Osmond General Hospital in Osmond, Nebraska on May 11, 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hartz of Randolph. He was welcomed by a brother, Joe and a sister, Kay.

Richard attended school at St. Frances de Chantal in Randolph and graduated from high school in 1969. As a youngster in Randolph, he was interested in T.V. work, machinery and engines.

His interest in electronics was developed when he attended college at Indian Hills Community College at Ottumwa, Iowa. He graduated in 1972 with an Associate

Degree in Computer Technology. He then was employed by Digital Equipment Corporation at Maynard, Missouri from 1972 to 1976.

In 1976, Richard returned to Nebraska and enrolled in the University of Nebraska College of Engineering. In 1981, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Rich Hartz and Marcia Forssen were married on May 2, 1987 at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Rich has been employed by Digitec Inc. in Milford, Nebraska since April 2007 as a Mechanical Engineer. Prior to that, he was employed by Lester Electrical in Lincoln. Marcia has been employed by the Nebraska Department of Revenue since September 1978.

They have two daughters who were born in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jennifer was born August 10, 1987 and will graduate from Southeast Community College in Lincoln in June 2010 with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Web Applications Programming. She is currently enrolled at Doane College in Lincoln pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design.

Rebecca was born December 4, 1991 and will graduate from Lincoln Southwest High School in June 2010. She will be attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln College of Engineering to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Rich enjoys collecting and restoring old engines and other machines, including his father's old popcorn machine from Hartz Pharmacy. Over the years he has been active with the Camp Creek Antique Machine and Threshing Show at Waverly, Nebraska where he has many of his collected items on display. *Submitted by Richard Hartz*

Vincent and Claudia Hartz

Vincent Hartz's grandfather, Jeremiah Cole Hartz was born on September 30, 1838 and passed away October 30, 1908. He was married to Laura H. (last name unknown) who was born December 23, 1854 and passed away July 17, 1934. To this union were born three children: Irvin, Louis and Grace.

Louis Franklin Hartz was Vincent's father. He was born at Hickman, Nebraska on February 23, 1882 and passed away at Lincoln on June 21, 1948. He was married to Ellen Mary O'Sullivan. She was born on April 8, 1883 and passed away September 23, 1965.

Ellen Mary's father was John O'Sullivan who was born in 1837 and passed away April 2, 1885. He was married to Mary Ellen Gallivan who was born September 14, 1860 and passed away on February 1, 1938. After John O'Sullivan's death, Mary Ellen married Mr. Maas.

When Louis and Ellen Hartz were first married, they farmed near Valparaiso, Nebraska. Later they moved to Lincoln where he became a city mail carrier. To this union four children were born: Jeremiah, Inez, Vincent and Quentin.

Vincent Hartz was born March 12, 1918 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He attended grade school at Blessed Sacrament and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1936. He worked for about a year for a friend in Lincoln before enrolling in the University of Nebraska, College of Pharmacy. He graduated in 1942. Immediately following the state pharmacy board exams, he was inducted into the United States Army as a private. In October 1942, he entered Officers Training School and became a lieutenant.

While in college, Vincent met Claudia Blair in a chemistry class. She was born on March 11, 1919 at Brunswick, Nebraska to Ralph David and Ethel (Warren) Blair.



Claudia Hartz with her Family

Claudia's grandfather was Hiram McCoy Blair who was born on May 10, 1845 at Fayetteville, Pennsylvania and died at Brunswick, Nebraska on March 12, 1921. He was married to Sarah Ellen McFarland. Sarah was born August 3, 1849 and died March 27, 1937. They were married in Iowa and moved to Nebraska in 1900. They had four children: Alice, Cora, Ralph and Earl. Upon moving to Nebraska, they lived on a farm three miles north of Brunswick. This farm was to become Ralph's home for the rest of his life.

Ralph David Blair was born at Humeston, Iowa on February 22, 1892 and passed away at Brunswick in 1962. Ralph Blair met Ethel Warren who lived on a neighboring farm. She was born in Trilla, Illinois on November 26, 1894 to Joseph and Caroline Warren and passed away on February 12, 1985.

Ralph David Blair and Ethel Warren were married at Brunswick on November 12, 1911. To this union were born five children: Owen, Allen, Claudia, Herbert and Joseph. Claudia graduated from Brunswick High School in 1937. In September of 1937 she enrolled in the University of Nebraska College of Arts and Sciences, where she met her future husband, Vincent Hartz in 1938. She graduated as a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in 1942.

After Vincent finished Officers Training School, he and Claudia were married at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on December 30, 1942. During their service stint, they lived

in Florida and Georgia. Cecelia Kay, their first daughter, was born at Savannah, Georgia on November 10, 1944.

Vince was discharged from the service in 1946. He worked for Harold Robbins at Robbins Drug in Ravenna, Nebraska. Then the family moved to Cozad, where he worked for Ford Drug. In July 1949, he bought Bowles Drug in Randolph.

While they lived in Cozad, their first son, Vincent Joseph was born on November 1, 1947. Their second son Richard David was born on May 11, 1951 at the Osmond General Hospital in Osmond, Nebraska, the family home being in Randolph. Their second daughter, Mary Claudia was also born in Osmond on August 27, 1957.

Vince and Claudia continued operating the store until 1991. After their retirement they traveled overseas and also visited with their children and grandchildren in Omaha, Lincoln and Neligh. In September of 1992, Vince was diagnosed with lung cancer and he passed away November 30, 1992. Claudia resides at the Colonial Manor in Randolph and is in good health and great spirits.
Submitted by Claudia Hartz

Charles and Jolene Haselhorst

On December 29, 1958 Charles Edward Haselhorst was born to the parents of Damian and Delores (Huwaldt) Haselhorst at Osmond, Nebraska. The third of ten children, he has seven brothers and two sisters. They lived on a farm east of Sholes, attending country school there until the family moved to a farm northwest of Randolph. He then attended St. Frances Catholic School until its closing, and then attended Randolph Public, graduating in 1977.

The first child of Delwyn and Velma Jean (Rameil) Lange was born on July 11, 1959 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Jolene Marie has three brothers and three sisters. Her family lived northwest of Randolph. Jolene attended a country school for one and one-half years. After its closing she attended Randolph Public, graduating in 1977.

Chuck and Jolene's wedding took place at St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph on May 26, 1979. After a few different moves, they made their home northeast of town, where they still reside today. In the early days, Chuck farmed and worked part time at Rokahr Implement. He also drove truck for his uncle hauling pickles.

They soon became the parents of their first child, Scott Charles, on March 8, 1980. Barbara Jo came along on January 29, 1982. Jill Marie, on May 2, 1985 and Nicholas John, on July 23, 1986 finished out their family tree. The kids all graduated from Randolph Public. They were all active in school sports, besides the chores here at home. By now they were milking cows, and feeding cattle. Chuck and Jolene purchased their farm in 1990.

Scott graduated from Northeast Community College with a degree in Air conditioning and later his journeyman's in Electrical. He worked for 10 years at Lackas Service in Laurel before purchasing his own

business in Coleridge in 2009. On August 7, 2004, he married Valerie Miller of Belden. Val is the daughter of Jim and Jan Miller. She graduated from Coleridge in 2000, and attended Northeast Community College. She is employed at Country Side Nursery in Wayne and helps with their new business. They live on an acreage north of Laurel. Scott died in an electrical accident on August 8, 2010 and is buried at St. Frances Cemetery in Randolph.

Barb graduated from Mount Marty College in Yankton



Back: Jill, Evan, Barb, Scott, Val Front: Chuck, Brynn, Jolene, Nick

with a degree in Food and Nutrition Science. Her first job was with the Wausa School System. This turned out to be a turning point to her future. Evan Smith also was beginning his first job at Wausa. The two soon became a couple and were married on June 9, 2007 at Randolph. Evan graduated from Laurel High School in 2000, then Wayne State College with a degree in Education/Coaching. Evan is the son of Daryl and Annette Smith Junck. They now live in Hastings where he teaches and coaches at Adams Central and she works at a pediatrics dental office. On October 21, 2009 Chuck and Jolene's first granddaughter, Brynn Marie was born.

Jill attended college at Midland Lutheran for one year, then moved to Norfolk and attended Northeast Community College. She is employed as a sales person at a flooring company in Norfolk.

Nick is attending Wayne St. College working on a degree in teaching and coaching.

The kids left home, and so did the milk cows. Chuck and Jolene still farm and have a small cow/calf operation. Chuck drives truck on a part time basis and also works part time for a local heavy equipment business. Jolene also works part time. Chuck and Jolene believe they are just as busy now with the kids moving on as they were when they were home. *Submitted by Jolene (Lange) Haselhorst*

Damian and Delores Haselhorst



Delores and Damian Haselhorst

Damian was born to Herman and Rose (Moser) Haselhorst on April 9, 1929. He had three brothers and five sisters. Damian lived northeast of Randolph and attended school at District 38 in Cedar County and St. Frances High School, graduating in 1946. Damian worked with his father on the farm until 1951 when he entered the U.S.

Army and served in Korea. He was discharged in 1953 and went back to farming.

On July 12, 1954 Damian and Delores Huwaldt were married in St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. Delores, the daughter of Fern and Grace (Beaton) Huwaldt lived southwest of Randolph and had one brother. She attended school at District 28 NE in Pierce County for four years, Randolph Public one year and back to District 28 NE for three more years. Delores graduated from Randolph High in 1952 and taught school for two and half years.

Damie and Delores made several moves in their married life. They started out northeast of Randolph, then northwest of Randolph, east of Sholes and then back northwest of Randolph where they spent the next 31 years.

Damie and Delores became the parents of eleven children: Joan (Ken) Lammers lives at Fargo, North Dakota. They have three daughters. Dan and Jackie (Aschoff) live near Randolph and have five daughters and six grandchildren. Charles and Jolene (Lange) live near Randolph and they have two sons and two daughters and one grandchild. Chuck and Jolene's oldest son, Scot, was killed in an electrical accident August 8, 2010. Then the twins came along, Gary and Gerry. Gary and Lucelle (Schwede) live near Randolph and have two sons. Gerry and Sandy (Mach) live near Wausa, Nebraska and have one son and three daughters. Doug and Barb (Goekin) live at Neligh, Nebraska. David and Anna Marie (Gubbels) live near Randolph and have two sons and three daughters. Vernon and Jennifer (Druyor) have one son and two daughters and live near Randolph. Next came Julie Marie who only lived for six weeks. Steve and Jennifer (Rogers) live near Pierce, Nebraska and have one son and one daughter. Sherilyn (Matt) Albino was the last to join our family. They have one son and one daughter and live at LaVista, Nebraska.

Damie and Delores moved to Randolph in 1998 but continued to farm for two more years. In 2001, they retired and had a farm sale, a very sad day for Damie and Delores. We continue to live in our home in Randolph.
Submitted by Delores Haselhorst

Daniel and Jacqueline Haselhorst

Daniel (Dan) is the second oldest of ten children of Damian and Delores (Huwaldt) Haselhorst. Dan was born on December 14, 1957 at Osmond General Hospital, Osmond, Nebraska. Dan attended country school by Sholes, Nebraska until the third grade. He then continued his education at St. Jane Frances Catholic School until sixth grade, finishing his education at Randolph Public School, graduating in May of 1976. Following graduation he worked for Terra assembling irrigations for farmers. He started farming in 1977 and is still farming at this time. Dan also drove truck for Aschoff Trucking and BoBo's Express. He currently is a self employed truck driver since 2006.

On September 8, 1979, Dan was married to Jacqueline (Jackie) Aschoff, daughter of John and Rita (Schmit) Aschoff of Osmond, Nebraska. Jackie was born March 12, 1961 at Osmond General Hospital. She is the oldest of eleven children. Jackie attended St. Mary's Catholic School until the eighth grade and then pursued the remainder of her education at Osmond Public School where she graduated in May of 1979. After graduation, she was employed by Dale Electronics in Norfolk for a year. She was a stay at home mom for ten years, then went to work at Pronto (a convenience store) in Randolph for eleven years as a cook and teller. As of now, she is unemployed.

Since their marriage, they reside on a farm northwest of Randolph. They raised hogs, cattle and grow crops. They still reside on the same farm.

There were five children born to this union (all girls). They all were born at the Osmond General Hospital and all graduated from Randolph Public School.

Karla Sue was born July 28, 1980. She graduated in May 1998 from Randolph Public School. While in high school she was employed at Pronto (a convenience store) for two years. Following graduation, Karla attended Central Community College in Columbus, where she decided to go into teaching. Karla graduated from there in 2000, then transferring to Wayne State College for the remainder of her education, graduating in 2003. On June 22, 2002, Karla married Levi Hinds of Elk Point, South Dakota. Levi works at Sioux City Compressed Steel in Sioux City, Iowa and Karla teaches third grade at Elk Point-Jefferson School District in Elk Point, South Dakota. To this union, two children were born: Kylie Sue, February 17, 2004 and Keaton John, January 2, 2008.

Kelly Jo was born July 27, 1980. She graduated in May of 1999 from Randolph Public School. While in high school she worked at the Colonial Manor as a certified nursing assistant for two years. Following graduation,

Kelly attended Central Community College in Kearney, Nebraska for dental hygiene. She then attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska. While in college, she studied nursing, graduating in 2006 as a Registered Nurse from Southeast. After her graduation, she worked at The Nebraska Heart Hospital in Lincoln for one year and then went on to be a traveling nurse in Florida, South Dakota, and California. She is presently working at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk, Nebraska. On February 11, 2007, she was blessed with a little boy Chase. The two of them presently live in Randolph.

Teri Lynn was born August 7, 1984. She graduated in May of 2002 from Randolph Public School. While in high school, she worked at Colonial Manor as a certified nursing assistant for two years. Following graduation, she attended Northeast Community College studying business. She graduated in 2004 with a business degree. She is currently working at Security National Bank as an Administrative Assistant. She married Travis Korth on June 26, 2004. Travis farms with his parents. They made their first home southwest of Belden, Nebraska. To this union were three sons: twin sons, Connor Daniel and Carter Timothy, which were born on July 27, 2006. A third son, Dayton Paul, was born November 24, 2009.

Lisa Marie was born April 12, 1987. She graduated May 2005 from Randolph Public School. While in high school she worked at Colonial Manor as a certified nursing assistant for two years. Following graduation, she attended Southeast Community College in Lincoln for nursing for one year. She then attended Northeast Community College in Norfolk for two years. While in Norfolk, she worked at the Norfolk Veteran's Home for two years. She then went to work at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa for one year. She is presently attending Northeast Community College in Norfolk for Medical Administrative Assistant. She is currently employed at Osmond General Hospital as ward secretary and Faith Regional Health Services as a cardiac monitoring technician.

Andrea (Andy) Rae was born October 29, 1990. She graduated in May of 2009. While in high school she worked at Jim's Food Center and the Colonial Manor as a certified nursing assistant for two years. She is attending Northeast Community College for nursing. She is currently working at the Norfolk Veteran's Home as a certified medication aide. *Submitted by Jackie Haselhorst*

Dave and Anna Marie Haselhorst

Dave and Anna Marie (Gubbels) Haselhorst were married June 1985. Dave is the son of Damian and Delores (Huwaldt) Haselhorst. Anna Marie is the daughter of Tom and the late Patricia (Kurtzhals) Gubbels. They made their first home for a short time just north of Randolph. In March 1986, they moved eight miles north of Randolph to the Charles and Ruth Frederick farm where they currently live and farm.

They have five children: Karrie, born March 1987; Jessica born August 1989 and engaged to Aaron Snow of Tekamah with the wedding planned for June 2010; Michael born March 1991; Adam born June 1992 and Cindy born May 2001. *Submitted by Dave and Anna Marie Haselhorst*

Ervin and Glennie Haselhorst

Ervin Carl Haselhorst, son of Herman and Rose (Moser) Haselhorst was born May 8, 1922, on the Haselhorst farm in Cedar County where he spent the first 21 years of his life. He went to grade school at District 38, "Longfellow School", of Cedar County, just down the hill to the north of their home. He graduated from St. Frances School in 1939. Ervin worked out for two years and in 1945 entered the service. He was in the Navy, aboard the U.S.S. Lange, and was discharged.

Ervin married Glennie Gail Snyder on January 21, 1946 at St. Frances de Chantal Church of Randolph. Glennie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Snyder. She went to grade school at District 45 in Pierce County and graduated from Randolph Public School in 1942.

Ervin and Glennie had a farm rented when their love life, like everyone else's was interrupted by Uncle Sam.

They started to farm in 1946, two miles east and three and one-half miles north of Randolph. They had no lights, nor water in the house, nor the bare necessities. During war time you put your name down for a washing machine, tractor and everything you needed.

In two years they moved one and one-quarter miles east of that place and stayed there until 1951. In 1951, they moved one mile west and three miles south of Randolph. In 1959, they bought the farm from Art Reiland, where they made their home until they had their farm sale, November 16, 1984.

In 1971, they bought the east half section from Gene Lienemann of Sidney, Nebraska. The Haselhorsts farmed the usual crop rotation of corn, oats, alfalfa and soy beans. They put up a silo so always made corn and oat silage. They milked cows many years, and then changed to selling Holstein heifers and feeding cattle. Of course they always had horses. When the boys were around they raised a lot of colts.

To this family were born five boys. In 1946 their oldest son, Larry was born. Larry spent his first eight years of school at District 45 in Pierce County, graduating from St. Frances School. Larry farmed one year, then went to the Navy for four years. He was aboard the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. He married Sheila Davis and they had two sons: Clinton and David. Later this marriage dissolved, and he married Nancy Ward of Houston. He is a foreman of "Seven P. Ranches", raisers of Simmental cattle, at Tyler, Texas.

Michael was born in 1950 and graduated from Randolph Public School. He helped on the farm and later enlisted in the army and was stationed in Germany. After his discharge, he settled in Colorado. He married Gail

Mayne of Glenwood, Colorado. They have two children: Hollis and Myles. Micheal is a contractor and Gail is assistant Post Master at Avon.

Gregory was born in 1954, graduated from Randolph Public School, worked out some and then went to Lincoln and got his present job with the Burlington North Western Railroad. He married Debra Wattier of Randolph. They have two children: Corey and Corissa. They also run an herb and novelty store, "Euphoria Herbs", on Randolph Street in Lincoln.

Kevin was born in January 1961, attended Randolph Public School and graduated as salutatorian, then attended and graduated from the University of Nebraska. He got his present job in computer work at the Naval Weapon Center at China Lake, California. He met Mary Jo Williams who works at the same place doing the same kind of work. They were married and have a son, Erick.

The last son, Loren, also graduated from Randolph Public School and worked one summer in Colorado. Then he returned to the farm. Loren married Terri Delaney and they have three children: Lesley, Leo and Lydia.

All the boys were active in F.F.A. work. Larry, Micheal and Gregory belonged to the Allen Eastern Livestock 4-H Club and Randolph Saddle Club.

Ervin and Glennie always enjoyed dancing and square dancing until Ervin's illness. Glennie belonged to the Kountry Klub Extension Club for 34 years.

Ervin and Glennie built a new home in Randolph at 610 South Nebraska Street during the summer and fall of 1984. They moved into Randolph on December 1, 1984, after having their sale on November 16, 1984. Glennie died July 31, 2003 and Ervin died October 18, 2004.

Herman and Rose Haselhorst



Herman and Rose Haselhorst

Randolph, Nebraska, in 1909 at the age of 19.

Herman and brothers Casper and Frank helped their mother and maternal grandmother, Anna Kampus, farm. His mother died in 1913.

Herman Haselhorst spent most of his life as a farmer and passed down his love of the land to his children and grand children.

His father, Ferdinand, who married Bertha Kampus, was a farmer until he died in 1897 at West Point, Nebraska. The family farmed by Creighton, Nebraska four years before Herman moved with his mother, sister, two brothers, and grandmother to

Herman married Rose M. Moser on September 19, 1913, at St. Frances Church in Randolph. Rose, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Book) Moser shared Herman's love of the land.

Rose's mother, like Herman's parents, was born in Germany. She and Thomas farmed in Westphalia, Iowa, before moving to Randolph in 1893 when Rose was a year old.

Herman and Rose lived on an 80-acre farm two miles east and two and one-half miles north of Randolph. Daughters Florence and Evelyn were born there.

In February of 1918, they bought 160 acres of farmland one-half mile south of the 80-acre farm; it was there that they lived and raised their family. They had three more daughters and four more sons. They were: Lloyd, Elaine, Ervin, Marvin, Darlene, Damian and Monica. In March of 1930, they purchased the 80 acres where they had previously lived.

Herman worked hard while farming through the depression years. He raised livestock and had a great love of horses. He raised horses and later mules, which he would enter in the Randolph fair.

Rose enjoyed sewing, gardening and flowers and helped a great deal with the farming.

Both were active members of St. Frances Church. Herman was an honorary member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and Rose was member of the Christian Mothers of St. Frances.

Rose and Herman lost their oldest son, Lloyd, in 1938 after a lengthy illness. Rose died of a stroke on April 23, 1957 at the age of 64.

Herman retired from farming three years later and moved into Randolph. He spent many of his retirement days playing cards with his friends. He married Mrs. Agnes Ostendorf in April of 1966.

Herman died February 8, 1974 several days after undergoing hip surgery.

The family's farming tradition continues. Sons Ervin (died 2004), who married Glennie Snyder (died 2003) and Damian, who married Delores Huwaldt, were farmers in the Randolph area. Marvin, who married Dorothy Backer, farmed near Carroll, Nebraska until his death in 1984. Several grandsons continue to farm in the Randolph area.

Evelyn married Herb Sauser, who worked in the grocery business in Randolph. Herb died in 2002 and Evelyn died in 2006. Florence married Erdie Stevens. They had lived in Aurora, Colorado. Erdie died in 1979 and Florence died in 2005. Elaine married Dean Christopherson. They had made their home in Anchorage, Alaska. Dean died in 1992 and Elaine died in 2001. Darlene married Donald Ducey and Monica married Ron Burns. Both families live in Omaha. Don Ducey died in 1985.

Loren and Terri Haselhorst

On August 5, 1988 Loren Haselhorst, son of Ervin and Glennie (Snyder) Haselhorst, and Terri Delaney, daughter of Rex and Lucille (Ramaeker) Delaney were married. Father Don Stortz performed the ceremony at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Randolph.



Back: Lesley, Leo Front: Terri, Loren, Lydia

On January 8, 1965, Loren was born in Norfolk, Nebraska. He grew up on a farm southwest of Randolph with his four brothers, Larry, Mike, Greg, and Kevin. He attended Randolph Public Schools and graduated 1983. Loren's parents retired and moved into Randolph and Loren took over the family farm. Along with farming, Loren is currently working as an agronomist for Christensen Farms, a company based in Minnesota.

Terri was born August 16, 1964 in Genoa, Nebraska. Terri grew up on a family farm in Fullerton with her three sisters. She graduated from Fullerton Public School in 1986. Terri received her Bachelor of Science degree from Chadron State College in 1988. She taught music in Randolph from 1988-2000. After all the children were born, Terri taught part-time in Laurel, 2000- 2007 and is presently working part-time at Pierce Elementary School.

Loren and Terri, with their three children Lesley (1993), Leo (1995) and Lydia (1999) live on the farm they purchased from Loren's parents in 1993. *Submitted by Loren and Terri Haselhorst*



Heidi Heegle

Heidi Heegle graduated from Randolph High School in 1988. She attended Spencer School of Business in Grand Island, Nebraska graduating with an associate's degree in 1990. She attended and graduated from Joseph's College of Beauty in Norfolk, Nebraska in 1993 with her cosmetology license. Heidi currently lives in the Atlanta, Georgia area providing childcare for her nieces. She is

active in her community and in her church, the Woodstock Presbyterian Church. She sings in her church choir, volunteers for various projects and events, and enjoys an active social life. *Submitted by Heidi Heegle*

John and Myra Heegle



Myra and John Heegle

John A. Heegle was born on December 26, 1938 in Younkers, New York. He has two sisters Patricia Tinsely of Tampa, Florida and Norma Manditch of Cedar Mountain, North Carolina. After graduating from High School he joined the Air National Guard, he then worked in the Civil Air Patrol for five years.

John attended Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota, graduating in 1965. He attended graduate school at Chadron State College and later spent a year at Wayne State College as an associate professor doing graduate studies.

John spent two years as a social worker in area nursing homes and also was employed as a police officer for the city of Randolph intermittently for a few years.

Myra L. Friesen was born on August 16, 1942 in York, Nebraska. She has two brothers: Clayton Friesen of Henderson, Nebraska and Marlyn Friesen of Freeman, South Dakota. After graduation from Henderson High School, she attended Freeman Jr. College, in Freeman, South Dakota, graduating in 1962. She spent the next year working in Akron, Pennsylvania with the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). From there she spent one year in Germany and Switzerland in the Mennonite exchange program. She met John upon her return in 1964.

John and Myra Heegle married on Sept 14, 1968 in Henderson, Nebraska. They resided in Younkers, New York, moving to Mitchell, South Dakota in 1969 where their two daughters were born. Heidi Marie Heegle was born Dec 30, 1969. Holly Dawn Heegle was born June 2, 1972. Both daughters graduated from Randolph High School. Heidi lives in the Atlanta, Georgia area providing childcare for her nieces. Holly married David Zinck and they have two daughters. Holly works for AT & T Mobility. Holly's family also lives in Atlanta, Georgia area.

From Mitchell, the Heegles then lived in Rapid City, South Dakota where John was employed with Gibson's

Department Stores. In 1974, they moved to Randolph to manage the Cedar Motel for owners George and Elizabeth Friesen (Myra's parents.) They continue operating the Cedar Motel today. *Submitted by John and Myra Heegle*

Leonard and Lexie Heger

The Leonard Heger family became a part of the Randolph community on February 1, 1963, when they moved to their present home on a farm about a mile south of town. The family has always been active members of St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph since moving to the community.

Leonard was born November 18, 1916 at Bow Valley to Frank and Anna (Schmidt) Heger, one of ten children. He attended school at Bow Valley and worked as a farmhand until being drafted into the Army. He spent four years in service, two years in California and two years in the South Pacific. He was in the 7th Signal Company, 7th Infantry Division. While overseas, in addition to his regular duties he was his company's barber.

On returning to civilian life he applied to attend a barber college. In the meantime land was available to rent so that was a deciding factor in choosing his life's vocation.

He was united in marriage to Lexie Kessler on June 5, 1956 at St. Frances Church in Randolph. Their first home was the Morningside Farm at Hartington. The next year they moved to a farm east of Coleridge where they lived for seven years.

Lexie was born at Randolph on March 23, 1928 to Joseph and Mary (Thelen) Kessler. She attended Longfellow School, Saint Frances High School and Wayne College in preparation for teaching. She spent eleven years in that profession before her marriage.

Their children are Sharon and Michael. Sharon was born in Omaha on May 21, 1962 and was adopted at three and one-half months of age. Michael was born in Omaha on February 20, 1965 and was adopted at six weeks of age. Both attended school at Randolph, with Sharon attending Wayne College and Michael attending Norfolk Technical College after high school.

Leonard passed away June 7, 1998 in a Norfolk hospital. Lexie still resides on the farm south of Randolph. She is content living in the country where gardening, fruit trees and a big yard require lots of work. The fresh air on the windy hill can be frustrating or enjoyable. During the winter months you can find her cutting and sewing quilt blocks for her own use or for the St. Frances Quilters that meet on a monthly basis. She stays active with church work, visits the Colonial Manor often and the many other needs in a small community. She also calls people for the Ministry of Praise when people request prayers.

Sharon and her family moved to Texas in 2000. She currently lives at North Richland Hills, Texas with her husband, Renan Cardenas and children: Adam, Gabriel, Mari Kathrin and Dillon. Renan works at Corning and is skilled with computers. Sharon currently works for a

chiropractor. A benefit of her employment is that her family is able to use various machines and devices to stay physically fit.

Michael lives in Norfolk, Nebraska. He worked in the electric field for many years. He had to give up a steady job after an injury at work. He enjoys smoking meat, making beef jerky and also is a trained locksmith. His hobbies include darts and pool.

Brittney, Lexie's not too friendly farm dog, rarely lets anyone on the place without barking loudly. Brittney usually follows Lexie wherever she goes and sits close by. *Submitted by Lexie Heger*

Merlin and Carol Helsing

Merlin and Carol moved to Randolph in 1973 with six daughters. They live on an acreage northwest of town. They are still in the city limits, so they have the best of both worlds, the conveniences of town and the beauty of the country. They love to raise a garden and flowers and spend a lot of time in the yard during the summer.

All six of their daughters graduated from Randolph High School. Sheryl Rehurek lives northwest of Yankton, South Dakota on an acreage. She graduated from Wayne State College and teaches fifth grade at Lincoln School in Yankton. Her husband works for Cummins Diesel.

Sheryl's oldest son, Ryan, who is married to Angie, lives on a farm west and south of Randolph. Ryan and Angie have a son, Tate, who is eight months old at this writing. Sheryl's second son, Dane, lives in Yankton and has a daughter Callie who is three years old. Sheryl also has three stepchildren: Amanda works in Yankton, Andrew is in the Air Force and Zack is in the Marines.

Lori and Paul Schutte live between Wisner, Nebraska and Beemer, Nebraska on a farm. Lori graduated from Wayne State College with a Masters Degree in English. She has taught English at Wisner-Pilger High School for thirty years. Paul manages the elevator in Wisner. They have two children: Michael is a senior in high school and Steven is a freshman.

Julie and Mike Sauser live west of Plainview on a farm. Their children are: Tom who is married to Jessica. Tom keeps the computers running in the Plainview Public School. Michelle is a senior in high school and Emma is two years old.

Kathy and Kevin Arens live in Lincoln. Kathy works for an insurance company and Kevin works for the State of Nebraska. They have two children: Kaylee is a senior at Lincoln Central high school and Alyson is in the fifth grade.

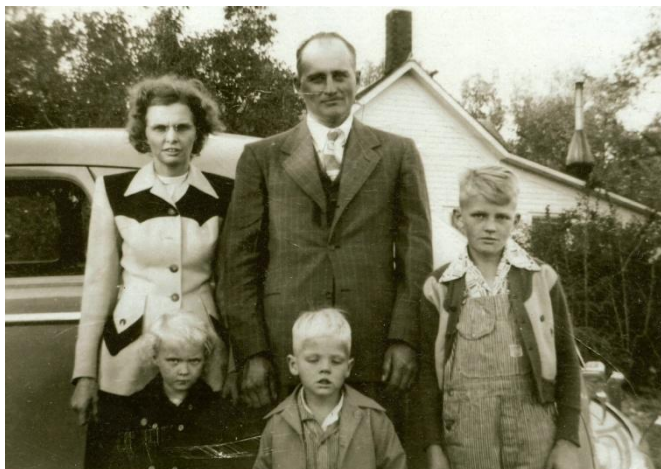
Corinne and Paul Schmit live east of Randolph on a farm. They have four children: Jason will graduate from the University of Nebraska at Omaha this spring with a degree in engineering. Melissa is married to Jacob Earl Davis and has a son, Tristan, who is six months old. Melissa will graduate from Central Missouri College in May. Jacob is in the Air Force and stationed in Missouri.

Tim will graduate from high school in May and Nick is a freshman.

Jennifer and Jeremy Reineke live in Gretna. Jeremy is a Vice President at the First National Bank in Omaha and Jennifer works at the school. They have three children: Laurel is in the fourth grade and the twins, Eric and Nathan, are in the second grade.

Merlin and Carol are both retired. They belong to the First United Methodist Church and enjoy being active in the church activities. They also enjoy going to their grandchildren's concerts and games. They have made many wonderful friends in Randolph and it is a amazing place to live. *Submitted by Merlin and Carol Helsing*

Erwin and Elsie Hilkemann



Elsie, Erwin, Judy, Jim, Vernon

Erwin Hilkemann and Elsie Mae Walmsley were married June 7, 1936 at her parent's farm. Erwin was the son of Gus and Louise (Pieper) Hilkemann. He was born on November 2, 1911 and grew up on the Hilkemann home place now occupied by Rick Koehler. Elsie was born March 21, 1912 the daughter of Herb and Nellie (Barnes) Walmsley. She grew up on a farm north of Battle Creek, Nebraska.

After their marriage Erwin and Elsie lived on the farm south of Randolph until they moved into Randolph in 1965. They had three children: Vernon (Mary Ellen); Jim (Barbara) and Judy (Darrell) McFadden.

Vernon and Mary Ellen currently live at Carter Lake, Iowa. Jim and Barbara currently live on the home farm south of Randolph and Judy and Darrell McFadden live in Randolph across from the number nine hole on the golf course.

Erwin and Elsie were killed in a automobile accident in April 9, 1976. Both are buried in the Randolph cemetery. *Submitted by Judy McFadden*

Harold and Mildred Hilkemann

Harold and Mildred Hilkemann were married on September 8, 1943. They made their home on the Hilkemann farm southwest of Randolph. In March of



Back: Kevin, Karen, Janet Front: Harold and Mildred

1947, they moved to a farm near McLean, Nebraska. In December of 2000, they retired from farming and moved to Randolph.

Harold was born on the Hilkemann farm which formerly was owned by Mildred's Great Grandfather, Christopher Tatge, and attended school in District 28 Pierce County, and graduated from Randolph High School.

Mildred was born in Colome, South Dakota and attended school there until her parents moved to Pierce County, Nebraska in 1934. She then stayed with her grandparents in Norfolk, Nebraska and graduated from Norfolk High School in 1936. She then enrolled in the University of Nebraska Study Program at O'Neill, Nebraska and received her teaching certificate. She taught in both Holt and Pierce Counties.

They are the parents of Karen Voorhees, Janet Hilkemann and Kevin Hilkemann. Their first born twins were born prematurely and died at birth.

Karen lives at Topeka, Kansas where she works for the State of Kansas. She has two daughters: Amy of Louisville, Texas and Kimberly of Topeka, Kansas.

Janet lives in Omaha, Nebraska and has a daughter, Jessica and a son Zachary. She is a Risk Management Consultant.

Kevin married Margie Pahls and lives in Salina, Kansas. They own a cabinet shop there. They have three children: Brett and twin sons, Curtis and Corey. *Submitted by Mildred and Harold Hilkemann*

Vernon and Mary Ellen Hilkemann

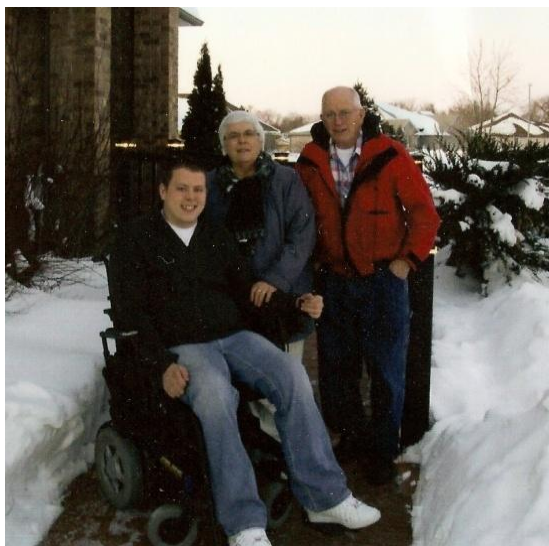
Vernon Hilkemann, son of Erwin and Elsie (Walmsley) Hilkemann, was born on the farm southwest of Randolph.

Vernon attended school at District 28 in Pierce County and graduated from Randolph Public Schools. He attended Norfolk Junior College. In 1960, he married Mary Ellen Schultze, daughter of Martin and Dorothy (Gustman) Schultze. Mary Ellen graduated from Plainview High School. Vernon and Mary are the parents of Lori Ellen Ingram and Jason Hilkemann.

Vernon's parents died in a fatal car accident in 1976 and Mary Ellen's mother died in 1993 and her father died in 1999.

Vernon and Mary Ellen lived in Omaha until 1976 at which time they purchased a farm southwest of Randolph.

Lori Ellen Ingram lives in Lincoln, Nebraska and is the mother of Samantha and David. Samantha is married to Mike Adams II and they have three children: Michael III, Ashton and Katilyn. Samantha and her family reside in Lincoln, Nebraska.



David Ingram, Mary and Vernon Hilkemann

Jason and his wife, Deb, reside in Norfolk, Nebraska and are the parents of Ross and Paige.

Vernon and Mary Ellen lived on the farm until December 2009 when they moved to a home they purchased at Carter Lake, Iowa. While living on the farm they raised goats, hair sheep, peacocks, guineas, colored chickens, Muscovy ducks and Pyrenees dogs. Vernon retired from Michael's Foods in Wakefield in December 2009. They plan to take it easy with fishing, boating, resting and enjoying the view from their new home.

They were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church while living in Randolph. The years at Randolph were pleasant and they enjoyed the community. They will always feel it is home. *Submitted by Vernon and Mary Ellen Hilkemann*

Vernon and JoAnn Hokamp

Vernon "Steve" Hokamp was born in 1924 to Edward and Katie (Bock) Hokamp at Carroll. He and his three sisters, Lorraine (Mrs. Alfred Bierschenk), Betty (Mrs. Jack Blotz) and Lois (Mrs. Delbert Krueger) attended rural schools. Steve was a student at Carroll and Belden schools and graduated from Belden High School in 1941. He entered the army in June of 1945 and was discharged in 1946 due to the death of his father in an auto accident in December of 1945. He and his mother, Katie, farmed his maternal grandfather's place until his marriage to JoAnn Anderson of Randolph in 1948, when his mother

moved to Belden. JoAnn (Anderson) Hokamp was born in 1930 and her brother, Jimmy born in 1938, to Earl and Esther Anderson. JoAnn attended a rural school for eight years and graduated from Randolph High School in 1947. In 1948 she and Steve were united in marriage at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. The couple resided on the Hokamp farm north of Carroll for 32 years.



Vernon and JoAnn Hokamp

Their children were born there; Peggy in 1951, Pamela in 1955 and Mitchell in 1961. All three children attended a rural school until it closed in 1966, when Peg and Pam transferred to Randolph Public Schools and Mitch to grade school in Belden. Peg and Pam were both cheerleaders in high school and they and Mitch were active in many school, music and church functions. Peg graduated from Randolph High School in 1969 and Pam graduated in 1973. Mitch received his high school diploma from Northeast Technical Community College, Norfolk, Nebraska in 1980.

Peg attended Midland College at Fremont for two years and married Bob Weisenberg of Omaha in September 1971. Bob was a member of the Minnesota Twins and played minor league baseball for seven years until an arm injury forced him to leave the Twins organization. He is a graduate of Wayne State College and taught at Laurel-Concord Public Schools for seven years. Bob and Peg and their 2 children, Jennifer and Brian, moved to Hooper, Nebraska in 1982 when Bob became an agent for State Farm Insurance. Peg is a licensed agent's associate in their office at Hooper.

Pam graduated from Mary Lanning School of Nursing at Hastings in 1977 and married Loren Winkelbauer of Hastings in August 1976. They owned and operated Winkelbauer Photography in Hastings. They divorced in 1996. Pam married Harold "Fred" Crisp in December 1997. They moved to Bozeman, Montana in August 1998 where they lived until November 2009 when they moved to Great Falls, Montana. Pam is the Coordinator of the Cardiac Rehab Department at Benefis Hospital in Great Falls. Fred retired in 2005 from Westfeeds Inc., the company he created.

Mitch married Brenda Voss of Winside in August 1981 and they farmed with Steve and JoAnn south of Randolph. Mitch and Brenda are parents of 3 children; Kalynda, Blaire and Blake. Mitch and Brenda divorced in 2006. Brenda is Director of the Medical/Surgical Department and ICU at Faith Regional Center in Norfolk where she now resides. Mitch is farming and lives on the farm south of Randolph.

Steve and JoAnn and their family farmed the ground Steve's grandfather purchased in 1892 from the railroad for ten dollars per acre, until JoAnn's parents retired in 1979 when they purchased the Anderson farm south of Randolph where they moved in 1980.



Vernon "Steve" and Ruby Hokamp

They were involved in many church and community activities. Steve served as president of the rural school board and on the church council. JoAnn held various positions in church and community organizations and was an organist in the area for many years. JoAnn died in September 1994.

Steve married Ruby Smith of Laurel in February 1996 and they lived on the farm south of Randolph until Steve

passed away in October 2002. Ruby now lives in Wayne. Submitted by Peg (Hokamp) Weisenberg

Matthew J. and Anna Hosch

Matthew J. Hosch was born June 6, 1873. His future wife, Anna Knepper was born November 29, 1875. They were natives of Cascade, Iowa and were married February 14, 1899. They came to Nebraska and started their married life on the half-section northeast of Randolph which his father owned. The buildings at this time were in the northeast corner. He moved the house to the present site on the southeast forty, adding the two story portion. He also built the barn, corn crib and hog house. He then bought a farm just west of town and improved it in the same way.

Although he lived most of his life on a farm, he did little of the farm work. He left that to the hired men until the boys were old enough to take over. He was a carpenter and a stone mason by trade and built many buildings around Randolph. He also ran an implement business at one time and had a machine shop.

They raised a family of eight children: Catherine (never married), Joseph (married Marie Welter), Odelia (married Henry Sauser), Arnold (married Marie Holtschneider),

twin son and daughter – Hilary (married Irene Daws) and Helena (married Bud Daws), Matthew (married Veronica Otterpohl) and Carl (married Marge Daws).



Back: Matt, Carl, Joe, Hilary, Arnold Front: Odelia, Mat. J., Anna and Katherine Hosch

Matthew and Anna lived a long life together – 54 years. Matthew died November 25, 1953 at the age of 80 years old. Anna died January 11, 1979, at the age of 103 years old. Submitted by Nancy and Jerry Sauser

Huey/Mailliard



Jacke and Maggie Huey

Jacob Huey (Old Jake) was of Scotch Irish descent. He brought his bride Margaret (Maggie) Wienert – Born in Holstien, Germany on February 18, 1859) from Pennsylvania, to the new settlement of Randolph, about 1882. He prospered in the house moving business, and lived in a fine Victorian home which still stands on the northwest edge of town.

The Huey's had five children; three daughters, Clara, Blanche, and Ida, and two sons, Edward and George. Ed ran the Ford Agency in Osmond for many years. Jacob and Margaret Huey died in Randolph. Margaret died January 15, 1944.

Their eldest daughter, Clara Magdalena graduated in the first class to complete four years at Randolph High School. She married Eloy Samuel Mailliard about 1900. Mr. Mailliard operated a variety store. He was of French descent, his father and grandfather having served in the household of King Joseph Bonaparte, Napoleon's elder brother. Mr. Mailliard moved to Randolph from Illinois just before the turn of the century. Clara Magdalena converted to Catholicism and attended daily mass at St. Frances Church for many years. She died in 1965 at age

86. Eloy died in 1944. Many will remember him as a door to door salesman in his later years.

The Mailliards had seven sons:

The eldest son, Dr. Alfred Edward (Dr. A. E.) Mailliard, practiced medicine in Osmond, Nebraska for 50 years. He conceived the idea of a hospital in the town of Osmond, about two years before it became a reality. At the time Dr. Mailliard was a member of the town council.



Mailliard Family: Clara, Ralph, Alfred, Eloy, Baby Robert

In 1944 a steering committee was appointed to proceed with the plans for a hospital after Dr. Mailliard secured a commitment from the Sisters of St. Casimir (a Luthiwainian Order of nursing Nuns based in Chicago) to operate the hospital. The spacious home of the Leonard Schmitz family was purchased for \$15,000 and the St. Joseph's Hospital opened in September of 1945. Dr. Mailliard's idea for a hospital in Osmond grew into the current Osmond General Hospital. The hospital was Dr. Mailliard's dream come true and his life's achievement. He died in November of 1971, while still maintaining his medical practice in Osmond, Nebraska. Dr. James Alfred Mailliard, son of A.E. Mailliard, was an Oncologist at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, where he died in December of 2005. Dr. James' son, Dr. Mark Edward Mailliard, is head of the Department of Gastroenterology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. The oldest son of Dr. James, Michael James, is an attorney in Minneapolis, and the younger son is a business man in Phoenix Arizona. Dr. James is also survived by his wife, Rosemarie, and two daughters.

The second son, Ralph J., who was a football star at Creighton University in 1928-29 and later played professionally for the Chicago Bears, died in the early 1990's, at New Cassel Retirement home in Omaha where he live with his wife, Marge. There is an athletic track at the Chicago High School which is named in his honor, where he was a coach for many years. His son and only child, Dennis, lives in Omaha where he is retired

The third eldest son, Robert Eloy (Dr. R.E.) Mailliard, was a surgeon in Storm Lake, Iowa and retired after 50 years of medical practice. He lived in Arizona in his later years. He passed away in March of 2004. His son, Dr.

Robert Lee Mailliard, who also practiced medicine in Storm Lake, Iowa, died in the spring of 2005.

Twins - George Lawrence and Francis Louis were the next sons. Lawrence was the founder of Mailliard's Men and Boys Stores, a clothing chain in Kansas City; Larry sold his men's clothing stores in Kansas City, (including the store's name) and retired to Arizona, living there for many years. Eventually he returned to Kansas City to be near his three sons and a daughter. He died in 2007.

Louis lived his adult life in St. Louis, where he was employed at McDonald-Douglas aircraft plant. He passed away in 1985. He is survived by twins, a son and daughter.

Eugene Hugh Mailliard is the only surviving son of Clara and Eloy. He lives in an assisted living home in Norfolk, Nebraska. Eugene distinguished himself in the Marines in World War II. Eugene's son, Russell, lives in Omaha and is employed by the Westside Community schools, and a daughter lives in the Norfolk area.

The youngest of Eloy and Clara's sons, Donald Cyril, was the first to die, in 1967 at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. He was drafted immediately after graduating from the Randolph High School and spent months in the Aleutians Islands, where his health was seriously compromised. *Submitted by Joan (Mailliard) Dunlap*

Chris and Tammy Huff



Chris and Tammy Huff Family

Christopher Ray Huff was born January 3, 1971. He was the second of six children born to John and Lila Huff. Chris has three brothers: Jason, Cody, and Kyle and two sisters, Marla and Molly. Chris was raised in Randolph, where he attended Randolph Elementary School and graduated from Randolph High School in May of 1989. He entered the U.S. Army in November 1989. He did his basic training and schooling in Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and then was stationed in Fort Ord, California. Chris was medically discharged in August of 1991. He came back to Randolph and began his working career.

Tamera Marlou (Hieter) Huff was born August 12, 1967, she was the first of two children born to Max and (the late Linda) Hieter of Royal, Nebraska. Tammy had

one sister, Missy, who died in July 1994 of cancer. Tammy was raised in Royal, and attended Royal Elementary School and graduated from Orchard High School in May of 1985. She also graduated from Northeast Community College in 1992 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She is currently working toward her Associate Degree in Nursing to become a Registered Nurse, with graduation in May 2011.

Chris and Tammy were married in Yankton, South Dakota on June 18, 1993. They have four children: Brandon LeRoy Nelson (from Tammy's previous marriage) is 22; he graduated from Crofton High School in 2006. He was active in Football and Wrestling. He celebrated his 16th birthday in Lincoln playing football for the State Championship, where Crofton took second place. He also went to state wrestling his junior and senior years.

Laura Raye was born July 20, 1993 she is 16 and a junior at Pierce Public School. Laura is not involved in sports. She is stat girl for the High School Wrestling team. She is involved in Luther League at church, FCCLA at school, and is going to try out for the all school play. She is a social butterfly and will talk your ear off, which she gets from her Grandma Lila! Laura will also graduate in May of 2011, then on to college, for what she is still undecided.

Colby James was born July 20, 1994 he is 15 and a sophomore at Pierce Public School. Colby is involved in football, wrestling and golf. His freshman year he was part of the Pierce Bluejay State Championship football team. Colby is a very good wrestler and hopes to make it to the State Wrestling meet his junior and senior years, as well as doing his best in Golf. He will graduate in May of 2012, but he has not made any career plans.

Johnnie Lee was born August 7, 1997. He is 12 and in the seventh grade at Pierce High School. Johnnie is involved in all Junior High sports which he does very well. All three have also been active in Choir at school. Brandon, Colby and Johnnie have numerous medals and trophies from youth wrestling to junior high and high school wrestling.

The Huff's moved from Randolph to Pierce in January, 2000. Chris worked for K&C Grain in Hadar, but now he owns and operates his own truck. Tammy went to work as a nurse at the Pierce Manor, where she is still employed. Tammy has also been a member of the Pierce Rescue Squad for the last 10 years. They are members of Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce where Laura and Colby have been confirmed and Johnnie will be confirmed in 2011.

Chris and Tammy also have two grandchildren and their third one due in March 2010. Brandon and Jill (Rears) Nelson were married August 28, 2009 in Pawnee City. Robbie is four and he will be five July 26, 2010. Brady Allen is seventeen months and he will be two August 25, 2010. Brandon and Jill make their home in Tecumseh, Nebraska with their children. *Submitted by Tammy Huff*

John and Lila Huff



John and Lila Huff Family

Johnnie Lee Huff was born on August 4, 1949 at Randolph, Nebraska to Kenneth Jr. and Verna (Kraemaer) Huff. He has an older brother, Terry of Lincoln, Nebraska. His first home was located north of Randolph. At the age of two, his parents moved to the farm that is now owned by Lexi Hager. Then at the age of twelve, one more move was made as the family bought the farm of Jake and Martha Backer, located two miles south and one-fourth mile west of the west end of Randolph.

John attended country school through the 6th grade and with its closing, he continued his education and graduated from Randolph Public School in May of 1967. After graduation, John continued farming with his father and helped with the construction of Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

John wed Lila Jean Broders of Belden, on October 19, 1968. Lila was born on April 30, 1950, at Bloomfield, Nebraska. She was the second child of Ervin and Lillian (Poppe) Broders. Lila has six siblings: Lauralee Hinckley of Blunt, South Dakota; Richard and David Broders and Leann Centrone of Wayne, Nebraska; Linda Bernet of LaVista, Nebraska and James Broders (deceased). Lila attended school through the 9th grade in Blunt, South Dakota. The family moved to Randolph in 1965, then into Belden. Lila graduated from Randolph High School in 1968. Lila has been a homemaker, day care provider, Medication/Restorative Aide, and bartender.

After marriage, John and Lila resided on his parent's farm, then moved to Belden in 1970 when John went to work for Green Glow Mills in Laurel, Nebraska. In August of 1971, they moved to 301 E Mosher Street in Randolph and still reside there. John worked at Green Glow Mills until the fall of 1972, when he became employed with the City of Randolph. He joined Petersen and Son Irrigation in 1975 as a diesel mechanic. In 1986, he was hired as the Superintendent of the Street Department for the City of Randolph, where he is still employed. John has been an active member of the Randolph Volunteer Fire Department since 1988.

John and Lila have been married 41 years and are the parents of six children: Jason and Katherine (Schuetz) Huff have two children, Brooke and Bryan; Christopher and Tamera (Heiter) Huff have four children, Brandon (Jill) Nelson (sons Brady and Robbie), Laura, Colby and Johnnie; Cody and Marsha (Mulholland) Huff have three children Alex Huff, Tyler and Rick Sims; Kyle and Cassandra (Korth) Huff have a son Waylon James; Bradley and Marla (Huff) Huwaldt have two children; Madeline and Zachary; and Jefferey and Molly (Huff) Hartman. *Submitted by Lila Jean (Broders) Huff*

Kyle and Cassandra Huff



Kyle, Casi and Waylon Huff

Kyle is the son of John and Lila Huff. He was born December 12, 1972. Cassandra is the daughter of Doug and Barb Korth. She was born May 12, 1979. Kyle and Casi were both raised in Randolph, Kyle in town and Casi on the Korth Family Farm northeast of Randolph. Kyle and Casi are both graduates of Randolph Public High School. Casi is also a graduate of Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Pharmacy.

After Casi graduated from UNMC in May 2005, they moved to Moses Lake, WA for Casi's job as a Rite-Aid pharmacist. Kyle went to Barber school in Moses Lake and practiced Barbering from May 2006 until April 2009.

Kyle and Casi were married August 20, 2005 at the home of Dick and Deb Broders in Wayne Nebraska.

After four years in Moses Lake --- Nebraska called them home to family and friends. They now make their home in Wayne, Nebraska where Casi is a pharmacist for Pamida and Kyle spends his time at home as a stay at home dad. They have one son, Waylon James, born April 18, 2009. *Submitted by Kyle and Casi Huff*

August Ferdinand Huwaldt

August Ferdinand Huwaldt was born August 2, 1854 in Passade, Holstein Province, Germany to John and

Magdalena (Groeber) Huwaldt, (Spelled Huwald in Germany).

August came to the United States in the spring of 1870 at about the age of 16, aboard a ship that sailed from Hamburg, Germany. August made his way west as far as Davenport, Iowa, later moving to Stanton and then Pierce County, Nebraska. While in Davenport, he married Emma Brugmann on November 23, 1877. Family tradition states that she died before August came to Pierce County.



August Jr., August Sr., George, Christina holding Charles, Hattie, FRONT: John and Edward Huwaldt

In 1877, August purchased eighty acres of farm ground in Stanton County, Nebraska near what is now Pilger, Nebraska. After two years of crop failures mainly due to grasshoppers, August moved to Pierce County where he took out a homestead. This farm became known as the Hereford Stock Farm.

August brought with him to Nebraska a herd of Hereford cattle, which were discovered to be a good breed of range cattle on the open prairie. August found the Indians to be friendly. He often gave Hereford steers to the Indians so they would not steal his prize herd of Hereford cattle.

August filed a homestead claim on April 27, 1880, establishing residence in a sod house. When August came to Pierce County in 1879, the land was barren of trees for as far as the eye could see. Having set claim to the land located southwest of what is now Randolph; August planted over 2,000 trees on his "Hereford Stock Farm". August missed the trees of his German homeland and spent a large portion of his time in Nebraska planting and caring for trees. Most of these trees were seedlings which were dug up and hauled back to the farm from the Elkhorn River.

He married Christina Peterson, the daughter of Hans J. and Lena Peterson of Pierce on February 26, 1884. They had the following children: John, Hattie, August Jr., George, Edward and Charles.



August and Minnie Huwaldt

August worked on the railroad that was being built to Randolph, to earn money to build a nice home for his family.

Christina died in 1895, leaving August with six small children to raise alone. A neighbor girl, Wilamina (Minnie) Gropper, came to the Huwaldt home to care for the children.

Minnie had come to the United States in 1882 with her parents, John and Henrietta (Stephen) Gropper, from Germany. She became a friend to the children; they loved her; and in 1896 she became their stepmother.

August and Minnie became the parents of four children: Walter, Lena, Fern, and Art. As the years passed, August helped his children enter farming. Over time, August accumulated approximately nine hundred and sixty acres of land in the vicinity of the original homestead.

August never liked the bare Nebraska prairies, so he was always planting trees. He acquired more land with a timber claim and established the "Locust Villa", which was built in 1908 north of the original homestead. August and Minnie's great-granddaughter, Susan and her husband, Francis Wattier, currently live on this farm. The "Locust Villa" has been continuously in the Huwaldt Family for over one hundred years.

August F. Huwaldt died January 27, 1929, at Norfolk, and Minnie died February 17, 1937, also at Norfolk, Nebraska. Both are buried at the Randolph City Cemetery in Randolph, Nebraska. *Submitted by Susie Wattier*

Charles and Elsie Huwaldt

Charles Huwaldt, son of August Ferdinand Huwaldt and Christina Petersen, daughter of Hans J. and Lena Petersen was born August 4, 1891, in Randolph, Nebraska.

Elsie A. Heckman was born on February 22, 1891, in Norfolk, Nebraska. Her mother, Louise Boche, was born in Iowa. Elsie's father, Henry Heckman, also was a native Iowan. Her Heckman grandparents were born in Germany.

At the age of 16, Elsie went to Janesville, Wisconsin to work in a tobacco factory and for several years in a woolen mill.

She came back to Nebraska and lived with her married sister, Louise. She worked at odd jobs and later worked for August and Minnie Huwaldt. August Ferdinand Huwaldt had a son Charles, and Charles dated Elsie for

about two years and then Elsie Heckman (a Lutheran) and Charles Huwaldt (a Presbyterian) were married February 27, 1913. The wedding took place at the home of his parents near Randolph, Nebraska (where Frank and Susie Wattier currently reside). Walter Huwaldt, his half brother from Randolph was his best man. Selma Petersen of Osmond, Nebraska was maid of honor. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. George S. Sloan.

Following the wedding the newlyweds had dinner at Charlie's parents' home where they stayed the first night. The next morning they left on their honeymoon to Pierce, Nebraska, some 20 miles away. They used two horses and a carriage. Jointly, they recalled their honeymoon in Pierce consisted of going to dinner and then coming home to a 160 acre farm about a mile south and west of his parents, which they rented and farmed and later purchased from his parents.



Charles and Elsie Huwaldt

Elsie preferred living in the country to living in town, except she didn't like to stay alone, because of the tramps and peddlers that came through the rural areas.

It was in the spring of 1938 that Charles and Elsie left their farm in Nebraska and moved to Oregon. That first year Charles built cabins for a berry farmer southeast of Gresham, Oregon. After that, Charles stayed on and was assigned the job of overseer and later was a field boss. Charles worked in the building trade and also for a cannery in downtown Portland, Oregon.

They purchased a home at 6912 N Missouri Ave, Portland, Oregon, on November 1, 1940, which was to be their home until November 1981.

As war rumors were escalating, Charles went to work at Oregon Shipyard and later became a foreman in a shipyard on Swan Island until the war ended.

During and after the war, because of Elsie's impaired hearing, he sold Sonotone Hearing Aids for approximately thirty years, covering most of Oregon and southwest Washington.

Also during this time Charles painted houses until about 1976.

The Huwaldts had two sons: Alfred Arthur born January 1, 1914 and Sidney Melvin Born May 28, 1919.

Alfred A. Huwaldt married Bernadette Catherine Wintz on September 28, 1938 and they became parents of a daughter Kathy Anne. Kathy Anne married Dennis Fredrich Call and their children are Denise Louise, Dennis Fredrich Jr., and Darran Allan.

Sidney M. Huwaldt married Suzanne Arnold on March 1, 1941 and they became parents of one child, Sidney Arnold "Skip". Skip married Claudia Fay Cushman and their children are Christopher Ryan and Andrew Charles, thus giving Charles and Elsie five great-grandchildren.

Charles Huwaldt passed away November 22, 1981. Elsie A. Huwaldt passed away February 23, 1988. Son Alfred passed away April 25, 1999 and his wife, Bernadette, passed away February 25, 2003. Son Sidney passed away June 26, 2003 and his wife, Suzanne, passed away December 21, 2006.

Edward and Marsha Huwaldt



**Bruce, Mandy and Abby Backer, Jason Larson, Marsha Huwaldt
Tracy Larson, Ed and Angie Huwaldt**

Edward Huwaldt, son of Keith and Virginia (Robinson) Huwaldt, was born January 1, 1961. He graduated from Randolph High School and married Marsha Herbolsheimer, daughter of Earl and Ardith (Koehler) Herbolsheimer of Pierce, Nebraska. Marsha graduated from Pierce High School. They were married on January 28, 1979 at St John's Lutheran Church, rural Pierce, Nebraska.

Their first daughter, Crystal Sue, passed away May 10, 1984 after an extended illness. They had 3 more daughters, Mandy, Tracy, and Angela, and are all graduates of Randolph High School.

Mandy was born November 24, 1982. On August 14, 2004, she married Bruce Backer of Randolph. Both are graduates of Wayne State College. On December 27, 2009 they had a daughter, Abbigail Marie. Bruce is engaged in farming and Mandy is an accountant employed in Wayne, Nebraska. They live on a farm near Randolph.

Tracy was born July 4, 1985. On June 20, 2009, she married Jason Larsen of Wahoo, Nebraska. Both are graduates of Midland Lutheran College, Fremont,

Nebraska. Tracy is a high school English teacher in Valley, Nebraska. Jason is an elementary teacher in Mead, Nebraska. They have a home in Fremont.

Angela was born December 30, 1989. She is currently attending Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska. She is a member of their livestock judging team. She is very active in exhibiting Polled Hereford Cattle in several states for FFA and other livestock events.

Ed and Marsha have operated Edward Huwaldt Auction Service since February 1983. They have a purebred Polled Hereford cow herd. Marsha has been employed at First State Bank in Randolph since May 2001. Ed is engaged in farming, along with the auction and cattle business, located one and one-half miles south of Randolph. They are members of St John's Lutheran Church. *Submitted by Ed and Marsha Huwaldt*

Elmer and Lucille Huwaldt



Jim Richard, Lucille, Judy and Elmer Huwaldt

Elmer August Huwaldt was the son of August, Jr. and Sophie (Volk) Huwaldt, born on July 18, 1912. He has one brother, Harrison Huwaldt who was born November 12, 1915. Elmer spent the first years of his life on the Huwaldt family farm south of Randolph. He attended school at District 28 Northeast in Pierce County and the Randolph Public School, graduating in 1930. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln for one year; he then resumed farming with his father.

On September 30, 1932, he and Mary Lucille Parlette were united in marriage at the Methodist Church in Randolph. They continued farming with Elmer's father. Elmer and Lucille started their married life during the drought and depression of the 30's.

Mary Lucille Parlette was born at Bloomfield, Nebraska on December 25, 1910. Lucille was the daughter of James T. and Maud E. (Hicks) Parlette. In 1919, she moved to a farm near Randolph from Marshfield, Missouri. She attended school in Cedar County and later in Pierce County and graduated from the Randolph Public School in 1930. She attended Wayne State College at Wayne, Nebraska for one year and taught school for one year prior to their marriage. She had three brothers, Ralph, James and Warren.

In December 1941, they moved to the "Home Place" and engaged in farming until moving to Randolph in August 1964. Elmer and Lucille spent their married lives farming and eventually retired into Randolph.



Elmer and Lucille Huwaldt Family

They had three children: James Elmer born on March 17, 1936; Judith Ann born on July 28, 1944; and Richard Winfield born on September 13, 1947. Their children all attended District 28 Northeast in Pierce County. This was the same school where their father and grandfather had attended.

James graduated from the Randolph Public School in 1954. He served in the U.S. Army for three years studying and teaching radar and computer systems. In February 1963, he graduated from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with distinction, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. Later he was employed as research engineer on the Saturn Rocket Programs with NASA at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. James then lived for about 25 years near Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was principal consultant, computer engineer and project engineer at Control Data Corporation. James is married to Judith Ann Craven, daughter of Ray and Angela Craven also of Randolph. They have three daughters: Diane Lynn, Brenda Sue, and Deborah Ann. James and Judy have retired and are currently living near Atlanta, Georgia. Diane, Brenda and Deborah, and their families and five grandchildren, also live in the Atlanta area.

Judith graduated from the Randolph Public School in 1962 and attended Wayne State College for two years and then attended the University of Nebraska. In 1970, she began working for the Department of Water Resources for the State of Nebraska in Lincoln. She retired in 2003 and now resides in a retirement complex. She is busy playing Wii bowl, shuffleboard, and taking part in the dinners, entertainment and shopping trips provided by the complex. Judith welcomed a new puppy and named him Mr. Wilson.

Richard graduated from the Randolph Public School in 1965 as class valedictorian and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the

University of Nebraska in Lincoln in January 1970. After serving in the U.S. Air Force and working for many years in the oil and gas industry he is now an Audit Manager for the State of Wyoming in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He has a son, Timothy Huwaldt who lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Elmer and Lucille celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1982. Elmer passed away on May 11, 1986 and Lucille continued to live in their home in Randolph until her health failed her and she moved to the Colonial Manor. Lucille died on March 30, 1999. Both Elmer and Lucille are buried at the Randolph Cemetery. *Submitted by James, Judith and Richard Huwaldt*

Fern and Grace Huwaldt



Fern and Grace Huwaldt

Fern Huwaldt was born on September 6, 1898, southwest of Randolph. He was the son of August and Minnie (Groppe) Huwaldt. He attended school at District 28 NE in Pierce County.

On May 26, 1925, he married L. (Lola) Grace Beaton at Sioux City, Iowa. She was the daughter of Clarence and Effie (Burwell) Beaton of

Sholes. Grace was born November 8, 1906, near Sholes, Nebraska. She attended schools in Sholes, Nebraska; Earlham, Iowa and graduated from Randolph High School in 1924. Grace taught school at District 28 NE in Pierce County before her marriage.

After their marriage, the couple farmed the "Locust Villa" homestead southwest of Randolph, which was built by Fern's father, August F. Huwaldt, in 1908.

The Huwaldts were well known for their registered Hereford cattle and Black Poland China hogs. Fern was a member of the American Hereford Association.

Fern and Grace were blessed with two children, Keith and Delores (Damian) Haselhorst. Both children currently reside in the Randolph area.

Fern passed away, March 30, 1966. Grace continued to reside on the farm until November of 1970, when she moved into Randolph, where she lived until her death, December 11, 1990.

The Huwaldts were active members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph. Grace was an active member of the Rebekah Lodge in Randolph for 44 years and a member of the Kountry Klub Extension group until her death. *Submitted by Susie Wattier*

Harrison K. and Varedo Huwaldt



Back: Susan, Mike, Sharon, Front: Harry and Varedo Huwaldt

When August F. Huwaldt homesteaded in 1880, in northern Pierce County, he married Christina Peterson. One of their sons was August Huwaldt, Jr. He married Sophie Volk and two sons were born to this union, Elmer and Harrison.

Harrison Kerley was born November 11, 1915. He attended country school and graduated from Randolph High School in 1932.

On Friday, September 13, 1935, friends arranged a blind date for Harrison and Varedo Raubach of Pierce, then attending Wayne State College. She was born at the Raubach homestead south of Pierce, November 20, 1916, and graduated from Pierce High School in 1934.

Varedo's grandfather, Theodore Raubach, had immigrated from Raubach, Germany, in 1876, which helped win the argument as to whose grandparents arrived in Pierce County first. Theodore took a load of wood to a saw mill near Verdigre and met Barbara Sukup, his future bride. Her brothers operated the mill.

Harry and Varedo were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierce, Nebraska on June 21, 1936. Their first born Rita, was taken from them with Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Sharon Marie was born August 1, 1939. During World War II, when employees were scarce, Sharon and Varedo spent a great deal of time trying to operate the business while Harry drove the trucks.

The winter of '48-49 was one continual snow storm. One week was open and Michael Harrison made his entrance on December 14, 1948. Sue Ellen chose a hot, typical summer day to arrive, August 23, 1950.

Sharon graduated from St. Frances School in 1957, was employed by United Airlines in Denver and Washington D.C., attended the University of Nebraska and received her Bachelor of Science degree in New York. She married Charles Feinstein, a criminal lawyer in New York City, December 1963. They have two children, Natalie born December 16, 1967 and Stephen Harrison born March 17, 1969. Natalie married Michael Cifelli on May 22, 1999. Stephen married Betsy on January 4, 1997. On May 26, 1985, Sharon received a Doctor of Law degree from Fordham University in New York City. Sharon and

Charles have four grandchildren: Katie and Jack Feinstein and Lauren and Thomas Cifelli.

Michael graduated from St. Frances School in 1967 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Nebraska. He entered the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant and served three years at Ft. Eustis, Virginia. He received his Master's Degree in Concrete Line and Design from the University of California at Berkeley. He is a Structural Engineer with his own office at Wheat Ridge, Colorado. He married Kathy Kelley of Denver on November 5, 1983. She is employed as an Analyst for a Petroleum Engineer in Denver. Mike and Kathy have twins, Kyle and Kelley.

Sue Ellen graduated from St. Frances School in 1968 and attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She was employed at the State Capitol for Secretary of State Bierman. She has worked in the Word Processing Department of Lincoln General Hospital since 1975. She married D. Ed Ubben, a Civil Engineer Supervisor of a contracting firm, on May 29, 1982 at Lincoln. Sue and Ed have two children: Kristin Lee and Jared.

The Huwaldt's roots are buried deep in Pierce County but the branches are wide spread. God has granted them the time to see the branches grow strong and bear leaves.
Submitted by Harry and Varedo Huwaldt

John and Anna Huwaldt



**Minnie Strathman, Marvin Huwaldt, Edna Mathers,
FRONT: Anna and John Huwaldt**

John Huwaldt, a member of one of the earliest families to settle in this community, was born November 26, 1884 to August F. and Christina Huwaldt. He married Anna Druhe at Pierce, Nebraska on May 22, 1907.

Anna, daughter of Fred and Minnie (Alberg) Druhe, was born February 27, 1885 at Fontenell, Nebraska. Her parents were born in Wesphalia, Germany. She moved with her parents, north of Sholes and later moved to the farm where Mike Strathman now lives, in 1901. She attended rural schools near Sholes and was baptized in St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph.

John and Anna lived on a farm southwest of Randolph until their retirement in 1949, when they moved into Randolph. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 22, 1957 at their home in Randolph. Their children were Minnie (Ernest) Strathman, Edna (Ray) Mathers, and Marvin. John passed away in August 1958 and Anna in August 1974.

The Huwaldts were lifelong members of St. John's Lutheran Church. John served on the church council for 15 years and was active in the building of the present church. *Submitted by Marlene (Strathman) Sellon*

Keith and Virginia Huwaldt



Keith and Virginia Huwaldt

Keith and Virginia (Robinson) Huwaldt were married, June 1, 1947 after a snowstorm during the last week in May, 63 years ago. They have continued to live on the same farm two miles south of Randolph ever since. The couple started housekeeping in an old abandoned farm house, without water or electricity. Electricity and water came a few years later and are one of the most treasured items on the farm. For their 50th anniversary they built a new house at the same site where they are enjoying their "senior" years.

After their marriage, Keith and Virginia operated Huwaldt Trucking from their farm, starting with a 1940 Chevy truck, and shortly after purchased a 1947 Chevy truck. In 1975 the business became known as Huwaldt Trucking, Inc. For many years this business hauled livestock, grain, Gedney cucumbers, etc. The motto was always "You Call – We Haul". Being semi retired now, (or retired to his semi) Keith still operates one semi truck for grain hauling, to various grain dealers in the area. Son, Don, operates Don Huwaldt Trucking out of Osmond, continuing the trucking tradition.

Keith and Virginia still maintain a small Registered Hereford herd with the help of son, Ed, who operates the Huwaldts Herefords, raising registered Hereford cattle. Several generations of Hereford breeders remain in the Huwaldt family.

Keith and Virginia are members of St. John's Lutheran church at Randolph. Four generations of their family also are active members of this congregation.

Keith served in the US Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. Virginia graduated from Pierce High and taught in Pierce County rural school districts, serving as president of the Pierce County Teachers Association during this time.

Keith and Virginia are currently active members of the Pierce Old Time Threshing Bee. They donated their threshing machine that was used to thresh grain on their farm to the Pierce Museum and Keith continues to operate it during the Threshing Bee each year. Virginia is a quilt maker, a hobby that her family enjoys the benefits of, as most special occasions require a quilt as a gift.

The couple have six children, Susan (Francis) Wattier, Randolph, Jean (Gaylen) Bierschenk, Randolph, Peggy (Robert) Christensen, Pierce, Donald (Audra) Huwaldt, Osmond, Edward (Marsha) Huwaldt, Randolph, and Joseph (Bobbey) Huwaldt, Huntsville, AL, and nineteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren, looking forward to more to come.

Keith's parents, Fern and Grace Huwaldt, both deceased, were long time residents of the Randolph area. Virginia's parent's, Alvie and Louise Robinson, also deceased, were from the Pierce area.

Keith and Virginia's greatest joy is joining their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in their various family activities. Surrounded by young children, they claim to eat a lot of birthday cake and ice cream, go to a lot of County Fairs and other 4-H activities, where they sponsor several events or awards, as well as any other family activities. Enjoying their farm life and having their children and families around has kept them "young" at heart!

With God's blessings they have had 63 years of an interesting and enjoyable life together and look forward to many more shared memories. *Submitted by Keith and Virginia Huwaldt*

Marvin Huwaldt Family

Marvin Huwaldt was born Sept 25, 1921 at Randolph to John and Anna (Druhe) Huwaldt. Marvin attended country school near his home and graduated from Randolph High School in 1938.

Marvin joined the army on March 8, 1945 and was discharged on November 30, 1946. He served at Fort Leavenworth, Texas; Camp Fannin, Texas; Camp Perry, Ohio and also in Japan and the Philippines.

Marvin married Naola Williams on June 4, 1947 at Randolph. Naola was born at Kimball, Ohio to Charles and Ann (Loroff) Williams, October 29, 1922 and passed

away March 8, 1979. Naola is buried at the Randolph City Cemetery in Randolph.

Marvin and Naola had three children. Their eldest daughter, Nancy was born March 5, 1948 and married Gene Flanigan on February 14, 1975. Nancy and Gene, as well as their children live in Sioux City, Iowa. They have two daughters. Jennifer is married to Troy Hackett and April is married to Tony Vermilyea. Nancy has another daughter from a previous marriage, Naola Hamilton who also lives in Sioux City, Iowa.

Marvin and Naola's second daughter, JoAnn was born May 29, 1950. JoAnn married William F. Anderson Jr. To this union a daughter Tiffany was born. The Anderson family all lives in Omaha, Nebraska.

A son, Robert, was born to Marvin and Naola on August 16, 1957. Robert married Helen Van Ostrand on June 12, 1982. They have a son John Michael and live at Orchard, Nebraska.

About 1979 Marvin retired from his many years of farming and moved to Norfolk. There he met and married Dorothy Denney on April 20, 1980. Dorothy passed away on April 17, 1982. Marvin passed away on December 1, 1993. He is buried at the Randolph City Cemetery beside Naola. *Submitted by Robert Huwaldt*

Walter and Gladys Huwaldt

Walter was the oldest of the second family of August F. Huwaldt. His mother was Minnie Gropper Huwaldt. He was born July 7, 1897. Walter farmed on one of the farms owned by his father, 80 acres in Pierce County and 140 acres in Cedar County.

He batched and had some housekeeper help from his sister, Lena. Gladys Jones was still in high school and worked at Hagen's Café in Randolph.

Sonny Bruner operated a small café across the street from Hagen's Café. He had a piano that on hot summer nights was moved to the sidewalk and Sonny entertained. (No air-conditioning then.)

Walter and Gladys were married in October 31, 1923. They had four children: Norma, Wallace, Alice Mae and Edwin.

Walter and Gladys farmed and struggled through the depression, as did others. They ran a dairy route, door to door, selling their own products.

Walter's health was not good and the decision to leave the farm was not easy. They purchased the S. O. Reese property and lived there for three years. The doctors found that Walter's health condition was due to leakage of the heart, the aftermath of rheumatic fever.

We left Randolph and took the southern route to California, then on to Oregon. Walter and Gladys loved Portland and settled down in the natural beauty there.

Through the next few years the children were in school and Gladys found work. Walter's health did not improve,

but the mild climate in Oregon made the living easier. Then came Pearl Harbor and son Wally enlisted in the Navy. A few months later he was home for his father's funeral in December 1944.



**Alice Mae, Wallace, Norma and Edwin
Front: Gladys and Walter Huwaldt**

Life goes on and Gladys' home was USO for nephews in the service, with leaves in Portland. After the war, Wally returned home. Both girls married and Edwin joined the Navy. Edwin spent his four years on Guam.

Gladys remarried in 1947 to Leonard Tatro. They made their home in the Portland, Oregon area. Gladys did not return to Randolph until she attended the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Laura Eike. Several years later she spent time with Lula (Art Huwaldt's wife) as she was terminally ill with cancer.

Leonard Tatro died August 1975 and Gladys passed away January 1990.

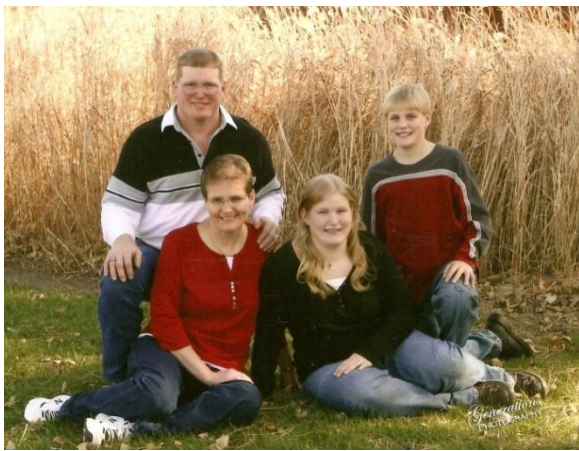
Kelly and Peggy Isom

Kelly Isom was born April 12, 1962 at Osmond, Nebraska. His parents are Roley and Rita Isom. Peggy was born March 15, 1962 at Norfolk, Nebraska. Her parents are William and Sharolyn Buss of Pierce, Nebraska.

Kelly and Peggy were married September 26, 1987. They have a daughter, Brittany, who was born July 25, 1990. They also have a son, Eric, he was born May 25, 1992, both at the Norfolk Lutheran Hospital.

The family are members of St. Jane Frances Catholic Church in Randolph.

Kelly attended Sholes school from kindergarten through eighth grade. He attended high school at Randolph High School.



Kelly, Peggy, Brittany, Eric Isom

Peggy attended kindergarten at a country school. She attended first grade through eighth grade at Zion Lutheran School and attended high school at Pierce High School in Pierce.

Brittany started kindergarten in August of 1996 at Randolph Public Schools and graduated in May of 2009. She is currently a freshman at Briar Cliff University. Eric started kindergarten in August of 1998 at Randolph and is a junior at Randolph high School.

Kelly and Peggy currently live on a farm three miles southeast of Randolph. They are currently farming and Kelly also works at Great Dane Trailers in Wayne, Nebraska and Peggy is a house wife.

Roley and Rita Isom



Roley Isom was born January 5, 1933 at Randolph. He is the only son of Roley and Bessie (Silhacek) Isom, with two older and three younger sisters. They are: Phyllis (Harold) Burns, deceased; Lila (Charlie) Junck, Ilene (Leonard) Guinn; Emogene (Glen) Andrews; and Karen (Wayne) Burns. Roley has lived at the same place, one mile north of Sholes, all of his life. He attended Sholes School District #76 until his sophomore year, when the school was destroyed by fire. The remainder of his high

school education was at Carroll, Nebraska. Roley farmed with his father for three years, then entered the Army and served in Korea. After two years in the service, he returned home and farmed. His father died in 1956. His mother married Marvin Garrett, November 28, 1965 and they lived near Central City, Nebraska until his death, June 25, 1985. Then Bessie returned to her home in Randolph. She died October 2004.



Roley and Rita Isom Family

Rita Burbach was born June 28, 1933 on a farm at Hartington, Nebraska to Werner and Theresa (Schmidt) Burbach, the youngest of ten children. Her education was at a rural school for two years, and the remainder was at Holy Trinity at Hartington, Nebraska. After graduation, she worked at the Cedar County Courthouse in the "Welfare Office" and then in her father's insurance business until her marriage to Roley, August 28, 1958. They have farmed at the same place since then and have purchased the farm from Roley's mother.

Roley and Rita have seven children. All have obtained their grade school education at Sholes and their high school at Randolph. Jolene is a nurse in Gilbert, Arizona; Janet conducts health and nutrition seminars in Scottsdale, Arizona; Kelly is married to Peggy Buss and farms in the Randolph area. They have two children. Mayvonne is in Gilbert, Arizona working at an eye clinic and has two children. Rodney is married to Joni McDonald and lives at Page, Nebraska where he manages a hog confinement. They have five children. Loren is married to Bonnie Allen and they live in Lincoln where he is an agriculture consultant for the University of Nebraska. They have three children. Brad is in the Air Force, currently stationed in Germany. He is married to Melissa Fletcher, who has four children and is also in the Air Force.

Roley retired from farming in 2008, but they continue to live on the farm. They attend St. Frances Catholic Church in Randolph. *Submitted by Roley and Rita Isom*