

INTRODUCTION

The Fricke Family Special Edition represents an effort to compile for the present and future generations a record of the Christian and Caroline Fricke family and their descendants. Already much has been lost but with the cooperation and aid of many persons a beginning has been made - a beginning which it is hoped will be built on and added to throughout the years to come. Carrying out this project has proved to be an interesting and rewarding experience and one which it is hoped will result in a treasured heritage as the years go by. Already two generations are gone. Many of the grandchildren are well up in years with only 39 of the 74 still living. This fact alone makes it important that no more time elapse before a beginning was made.

The Fricke Family Special Edition spans a period of more than 150 years. It has been designed so as to serve as a repository in which to record, not only present information but future names, dates and events as well. The use of a loose leaf notebook, was preferred to a bound book, as it better lends itself to additions as these become available. An unusual and special feature is the generous use of old and prized pictures vividly portraying life in the middle and later 1800's; also, several other extras which should add to the value of the book and the pleasure of the reader.

- * Each year, each family will be responsible for reporting to the printer of the book by July 1 all new information so that it may be compiled as an "Informational Sheet" or as new sheets to be put in the book. These sheets will be ready for the "Fricke Family Reunion" and can be distributed there. A sufficient number will be made available to one representative from each of the ten branches of the family. This representative will in turn be responsible for distributing to each owner of a book within his own family branch, one copy of the "Informational Sheet", or new sheets. In this way each owner should be able to keep up the record in his own book or books. A list of those who own books and the number they own will be found in Section D - Statistics.

It must be noted that the format for the Johanna Fricke Gerke family and that of the Frederick Fricke family are somewhat different. Ruth Frohwein, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fricke Family Reunion volunteered to compile the information for these two families. Since the Frederick Fricke family genealogy had already been done she felt it would be wise to continue with it as it had been begun. The Johanna Fricke Gerke family was then completed in the same manner.

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In a few instances some names have been omitted as well as some information. Generally this occurs only when it has not been reported.

A real effort has been made to list not only names and dates but provide a glimpse into the lives of those whose names appear on these pages; real people, beneficiaries of not only all the blessings which are bestowed upon the human race but subject also to all the stresses, frustrations and temptations which befall them. Should anyone ever feel critical it is suggested that they first read John: Chapter 8, Verse 7.

It should be understood that this is not a traditional genealogy and that it was never intended to be so. It is a singularly, unique contribution quite unlike any other and developed solely for the purpose of keeping for posterity the story of Christian and Caroline Fricke and their descendants.

Photographs and other pictures have been added for your enjoyment and to better illustrate what words cannot convey. It is here, presented with the hope that it will serve as a source of pleasure, pride and enjoyment and come to be, in the years ahead, regarded as a treasured possession by those who follow.

Information has been obtained from many sources. Much has been made available by word of mouth when calling on relatives, friends and particularly from older individuals; sometimes from letters received in response to requests for information; from records in the Marshall County Court House; records from St. John's Lutheran Church; information from tomb stones found in several cemeteries; by telephone when information otherwise was unavailable; old and current newspapers; from books including the History of Marshall County, first published by the Western Historical Society, Chicago, 1878, and reproduced under the sponsorship of the Central Genealogical Society by Unigraphic, Inc., Evansville, Indiana 1974; and from the Atlas of Marshall County, Iowa, first published by the Iowa Publishing Co., Davenport, Iowa, 1907 and reproduced by Unigraphic, Inc. 1401 North Fares Avenue, Evansville, Ind. 47711, 1975.

Fricke Family Reunions have been held annually since the early 1920's. A separate section summarizing information about these reunions is to be found elsewhere in the book.

A supplement has been added in which is included real life stories submitted by members but too lengthy to include with the regular pages. This section too, should continue to grow since it offers an excellent opportunity to illustrate more about the lives of these special people.

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It should be noted that only the cost of the actual materials used in the final production have been included in the price of this book. This includes items such as the masters, the paper used for the printed pages, the book covers and the tabs.

All other expenses have been paid for by the individuals preparing the book. As a matter of interest and that you may know a bit of what has gone into the preparation of your book it is well to mention some of these here. This includes items such as -

- The cost of collecting the information
- The necessary phone calls to obtain information
- Photographic expenses and printing of pictures
- Travelling expenses to many communities, far and near, to obtain information from church records, cemeteries, newspaper files, and court records.
- The paper used in preparing the rough drafts
- The cost of typing the rough drafts for the printer
- The typing of the masters by the printer
- The time spent by several people in proof reading
- The actual time in printing the book
- The collating and the assembling of the finished book.
- The time spent selecting the materials used in the book to obtain a book of long lasting quality
- The use of all facilities of Donna's Print Shop and dark room
- The use of Daryl Schoppe's photographic facilities
- The time spent in checking and rechecking materials for accuracy
- The hours spent in selection of the materials used

We hope the book meets with your approval and that it will serve as a source of not only information but enjoyment as well.

And finally lest we forget who it is who makes all this possible may we add, Any good thing which may come from the Christian and Caroline Fricke Special Edition we say, "To God Be The Glory."

Irma B. Fricke

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Whenever a project of this magnitude is undertaken covering as it does a period of more than 150 years and involving large numbers of people it becomes obvious that much help is needed.

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Special data and other information, precious old photographs and other pictures, items of interest, beautiful poems and pertinent stories, personal experiences and stories of everyday living; all have in some way provided a deeper insight into the lives of those whose names are recorded on these pages.

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Throughout the development of this book the expressions of good will, the generosity of many, the sharing of experiences and the information and the interest shown as well as the helpfulness offered have been a great source of encouragement and help. To everyone else who has helped along the way to make the book possible that we may have missed.

A sincere THANKS TO ALL - TO EACH AND EVERY ONE.

Irma B. Fricke



Irma Fricke was the third child of Edward and Sarah Fricke.

Irma had worked in other parts of the country and world for many years and after retirement came back to central Iowa and began to wonder who all her relatives were and where they were located.

Her search began and continued and for the last two and one half years she has written hundreds of letters, traveled many miles, researched records throughout the land, and called people from coast to coast. It has been a struggle getting information, with countless sleepless nights and hundreds of night time hours spent writing down the information as she strived towards her goal.

Her goal is close to being complete. A goal others could have done if they desired but didn't. A goal that presents the lives of people we are interested in - the Fricke Family -

To Irma who gave so much through out her years of employment, has also given us so much in her retirement, we say Thank You.

TO IRMA

From all of us through out the land we
Raise our voices in praise to
Irma, who stuck with her task
Completed it to the last,
Kind, loving, caring, sharing
Energy never wavering.

Fricke descendants
Are proud of you
Many thanks to you we bring
Indeed a job "WELL DONE"
Life continues and our book does grow.
You gave a gift - a lasting legacy.

Donna Schoppe



Ruth Frohwein is the Secretary-Treasurer of the "Fricke Family Reunion" for 1980-1982.

She and Raymond have five children and seven grandchildren. They own and operate the original Louie Frohwein farm that he bought in 1890. It adjoins the Christian and Caroline Fricke farm now owned by Glen Eggers.

Ruth works at Marshalltown Instrument and has been employed there for twenty years.

Ruth enjoys crocheting in any spare time she has.

She has been very involved with the "Fricke Family" book as she has compiled all the information for the Frederick Fricke Family and also the Johanna Fricke Gerke Family.

We wish to THANK Ruth for her contribution to help make the book a reality.

THANKS FROM THE FRICKE FAMILY.



Seldom is a family fortunate enough to have one of their own print their family history book, but that is what has happened to the Christian and Caroline Fricke family and their descendants. Donna, printer of the Fricke Family book, is a great-granddaughter of Christian and Caroline.

Donna did her first family book in 1980 for Henry and Minnie Goecke family and descendants. Now she has printed the Fricke Family book. Her education, knowledge and experience well qualify her for the expertise needed for this project. Knowledge of little known facts important to the success of the project such as the suitability of the paper, its lasting quality; and the many, many other necessary details are but a few of the important contributions made by Donna; also the use of her shop and its facilities, her time spent in typing, proof reading, printing and collating, preparation of the photographs with the aid of her brother Daryl and the hours spent in conferences plus her helpful suggestions and ideas without any thought of inumeration have given Donna a special place of honor in the Fricke Family book. Thank You Donna from the Fricke Family.

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We have tried to add a few extra things in the book with the hopes it will make it a bit unique. We have added some appropriate poetry to each family story, it seems they can put in words much nicer than I; the way things were, the way they are and the way we hope it to be. To them we say Thank You.

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Donna Schoppe