

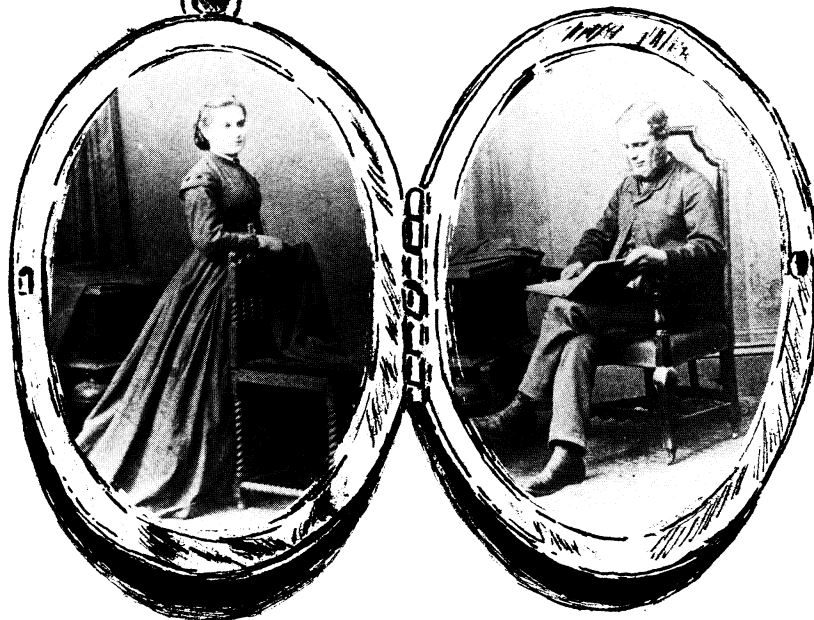
Family Histories

A timeless image we all portray,
Alike in mind, heart, and thought.
These people from the past, still they stay,
Between two worlds forever caught.

I am left to carry on their dreams,
Their hopes from far in the past.
Leading to the present it seems,
Waiting to be realized, upon my shoulders cast.

So I'll live with this spirit deep in my soul,
Crying their tears and feeling their pain.
Maybe along the way finding my goals,
Creating for the future something to gain.

by
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Conway B. Rhodes

C.B. Rhodes, born in Madison, Ohio, May 12, 1812, went with his family to Tagewell, Illinois in 1830 and came to Eden Township in 1853.

He was one of the earliest settlers, he seemed to have a capacity and the means to do things; he secured a half section of land and in a short time had a mill where he made lumber for himself and neighbors.

He married Sara Harmon, January 1, 1833. She was born July 14, 1809 in North Carolina and died April 28, 1881.

They had three children; James W., died in infancy, Anthony and John.

Mr. Rhodes was very successful and did so many things for the community, among them being Justice of the Peace. By an Act of the General Assembly, the supervisor system of county business commenced on the first Monday of January 1861. Mr. Rhodes was supervisor from 1861 to 1863.

The town of Edenville was laid out by Mr. Rhodes on August 29, 1856.

Mr. Rhodes died August 9, 1884.



Florence and Truman Kreamer

Anthony Rhodes

Anthony Rhodes was one of the earliest pioneers of Marshall County, coming here with his parents when he was eighteen years old. He played a conspicuous part in the development of the community.

He was born in Domonauk, Illinois, April 3, 1836, the son of Conway B. and Sarah Harmon Rhodes.

He married Mary Meade on October 4, 1859 and she died June 14, 1862. On December 3, 1865 he married Annie Coleman who was born in Iowa City in 1844, two years before Iowa became a state. She was the daughter of John and Hannah Woolston Coleman.

Anthony and Annie had two daughters, Florence and Lelia.



Annie Rhodes and grandson Roger Young.



Annie Kreamer Young

Florence, born October 3, 1866, died September 28, 1895. She married Truman Kramer, who was born June 23, 1887, they had one daughter, Anna. After her mothers death, Anna lived with her grandparents and was reared and educated by them.

Lelia was born in Rhodes, March 9, 1883, she graduated from Rhodes Public School in 1901.

Anthony purchased at Rock Island, the first reaper ever seen in this section of Iowa. For many years he conducted a creamery business here. He was a very successful businessman, he owned valuable property in Rhodes and State Center. He and his family were members of the Methodist Church, where he served as trustee in 1885.

Mrs. Annie Rhodes died in 1928. She was present for the first burial in Eden Cemetery, the funeral of a five year old boy, Almond Bates.

Anthony Rhodes died March 20, 1915. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

J.M. Rhodes Family

J.M. Rhodes was born August 10, 1838 in DeKalb, Illinois. In 1853 he moved to Marshall County, and purchased his farm in 1860. He owned 360 acres of land in Section 16 of Eden Township, valued at \$30 per acre.

On November 24, 1859 he married Sarah Price who was born May 24, 1841 in DeKalb, Illinois. They had five children; Myra J., Carl B., Ethel L., Charlie P. and Evan B.

J.M. was a member of the Board of County Supervisors.

Rev. Abraham and Ann Woolston

Abraham, son of Cornwell and Mary Woolston was born November 9, 1791. He married Ann, daughter of Charles and Hester Miller. She was born September 25, 1791.

Abraham, a minister, was a circuit rider in the Methodist Church. The rain stained bible he carried as he rode his steed from church to church is still in the family.

Abraham and Ann had twelve children; Charles, Asenath, Susannah, Harriet, Mary Ann, Hannah, Francis, Ann, Rebeca, Jane, Abraham and Alva.

By 1867, Abraham had moved on to Missouri, but most of his children married and settled near Edenville. They comprised some of the influential families of the township.

Charles M., born November 20, 1809, died in 1876; Asenath, born July 29, 1811, married Renscalaer Woodruff, she died November 28, 1889; Susannah Avail, born October 21, 1813, married William Broadwell, she died March of 1890; Harriet, born November 6, 1815 married Philander Culver, she died April of 1898 in Edenville; Mary Ann, born January 25,

1818 married Joseph Tuffree, she died July 19, 1894; Hannah Gray, born May 21, 1820, married John Coleman, then later married Mr. Scottin, she died September 2, 1885; Francis Asbury, born August 3, 1822, married Mary Ann Price, their son, Simon, starved to death in Andersonville Prison during the Civil War, Francis died October 10, 1891; Ann Maria, was born July 15, 1824 and died in 1846; Rebeca, was born August 24, 1826 and died in 1847; Jane Eliza, born October 15, 1830, married P.P. Nichols, she died September 1, 1864; Abraham Naudaine, born January 20, 1833, died in 1907 (see history); and Alva M., born January 1836, died in DeKalb, Illinois in 1840 or 1841.



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Voorhis Van Pelt, born December 7, 1820 in Warren County, Ohio and his wife, Martha Mendenhall Van Pelt, born July 28, 1823 in Muskingum County, Ohio; came to Marshall County in 1855 where he bought 175 acres in Township 83, Range 20, Section 23. They were the parents of nine children; Thomas J., Aaron, Newton, James, Elizabeth, Frank D., Geraldine, George Irvin and Emma A. Gray.

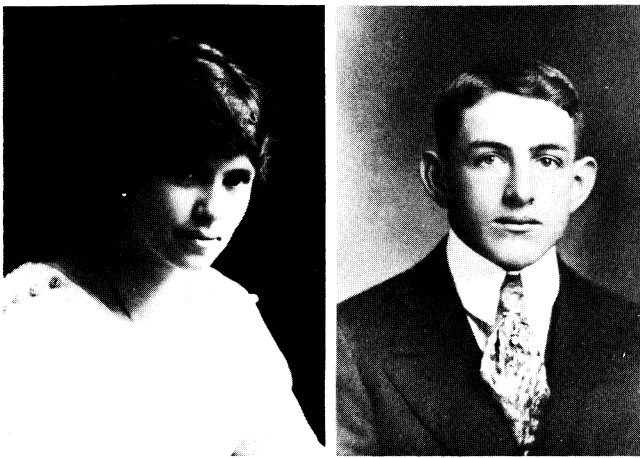
Thomas enlisted in the infantry in the Civil War in 1861 and was discharged in 1864. On his way home, he and his father passed each other at Clinton. His father served nine months in the infantry, until the war's end.

Voorhis died May 13, 1884 and Martha, December 9, 1911 and both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Thomas and Elizabeth Mendenhall

Thomas Griswold Mendenhall was born in 1797, in Virginia and his wife Elizabeth Hollenbeck was born in 1791 also in Virginia. They came to Edenville in 1853 where he was the minister in the Methodist Church. They were the parents of six children, one being Martha Mendenhall Van Pelt, whom they lived with in later life.

Rev. Thomas Mendenhall died in 1877.



Grace and Harold White

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Harold was the third son born to Mary E. Haines and James Ora White on December 24, 1898. His formal schooling was achieved in Prairie Ridge School, graduating from the new Melbourne High School. He served in the Naval Unit of the S.A.T.C. in Ames and was in the Naval Reserve for four years. The war ended, he came home and married Anna Grace Strickler, the daughter of Loella Belle Hayes and James B. Strickler on January 1, 1919. Grace was born April 28, 1899. Prior to her marriage she received her twelve years of education in the Rhodes Public School. Upon graduation she attended Highland Park College for Normal Training to prepare her for teaching. She taught the upper grades at the Iowa Center School. They began their married life at the North Place, a farm two miles from Melbourne. Here their first daughter, Ina Avera was born on October 27, 1919. In two years they made one more move to a farm two miles southeast of Rhodes. It was here that two more daughters were born, Eunice Marybelle on August 1, 1927 and Jo Anna on June 26, 1935.

Harold was a member of Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. They were members of Crystal Chapter #11 O.E.S. and the Methodist Church.

The industry of agriculture made many changes during their lifetime. I'm sure the Great Depression left its mark on all who lived during these times. The change from self supporting livestock emphasis to a grain farm complex will be recorded as another agriculture milestone.

Harold died June 14, 1954. Grace remained on the farm until her death June 2, 1968. Their son-in-law, Raymond D. Gilgen and daughter, Eunice joined in the farming operation in 1947 and today are living on the family farm.

Ina Avera married Frank Joseph Jayne Jr., February 20, 1942 and they now live in Cleveland, Ohio. They have two children, Joyce Ann and Frank Joseph III. Joyce Ann, born September 13, 1943 of Madison, Ohio married Kenneth Smith August 8, 1964

and their children are: Keith Jarrod, born February 29, 1968; Gerald Tyrone, born December 21, 1969 and Catherine Grace, born November 23, 1971; Frank Joseph III, born January 1, 1946 of Elryia, Ohio, married Karen Summers August 10, 1968 and their children are: Frank Edward, born April 10, 1976; Rebecca Summers, born August 17, 1978 and Mark Vincent, born March 26, 1981.

Eunice Marybelle married Raymond D. Gilgen (see history).

Jo Anna married Laverne Leroy Littrel on June 25, 1961. She taught vocational homemaking in the area schools of Louisa County for twenty-two years. They live on a century farm in rural Conesville, Iowa.

Maurice and Elsie Robinson

Maurice Robinson (1890-1963) was born on the family farm in Story County and grew to adulthood there. He married Elsie Luing, November 6, 1910 and they moved to the farm owned by Billie and Albert Robinson, two miles west of Rhodes. They had three daughters and one son; Margarite, Jesse, Lois and Alvin.

Margarite, married Harold Pointer and a few years later they moved to Alberts' farm west of Rhodes. After Harold's death, Margarite sold the farm and moved to Collins. They had one daughter, Deanna, who married Wayne Bailey of LeGrand. They have a boy, Dean and a girl, Janean.

Jesse, lives in Cedar Bluff, Nebraska and married Paul Tighe. They have four children.

Lois, of Kansas City, married Jim Coats.

Alvin, of Phoenix, Arizona married Gloria Godby and they have four children.

Joseph Lacey

Joseph Lacey was born April 15, 1800 in New York. In 1859 he moved to Marshall County. In 1865, they owned 134 acres of land, a house, a store and eight lots in Edenville.

On July 20, 1865 he married Mrs. Mary Swartout, the daughter of George Monlux. She was born January 20, 1825 in Washington County, Ohio and had five children by a former marriage; Pamela F., Edgar P., Melvin L., Charles B. and Azro N. Swartout. Mr. Swartout enlisted in 1862 in Company K., 23rd Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died August 17, 1863, of a disease contracted in the Army.

Mr. Lacey was postmaster for three years. The Lacey's were members of the Methodist-Episcopal Church.



Elwood and Elva Robinson

Elwood Earl, oldest son of Richard E. and Mary Rosenthal Floto Robinson, was born October 21, 1884 in Dixon, Illinois. He moved with his family to the State Center area in his youth and graduated from high school there. He then attended Iowa State College, now Iowa State University.

Elva, daughter of Commodore Peter and Lizzie Clark Capron Kline, was born November 18, 1887 near Baxter, Iowa. Both of her parents died in 1899 and at the age of 12, Elva and her three sisters were without a home. Elva's uncle, Ephriam Clark Capron, found a home for her with Levi and Alice Waltemeyer Flora of Rhodes. She graduated from Rhodes in 1906.

On January 26, 1909, Elwood and Elva were united in marriage. To this union were born four children: Harold Levi, born 1910; Marie Alice, born 1911; Glenn E., born 1913; and Richard K., born 1921. They were engaged in farming in the Rhodes area.

Elwood served two terms as a Marshall County Supervisor, active in the Masonic Lodge and the Republican Party.

Elva was very active in the Methodist Church, W.S.C.S. and M. W. Club. Due to her unsettled childhood her home, church and family were a very important part of her life.

Elwood died in 1958 and Elva in 1974. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.

The Elwood Robinson family, from the left, front row: Elva, Marie, Glenn and Elwood; Second row: Harold, not pictured Richard.



Levi Flora home, from the left; Levi Flora and Elva Kline.

Harrison White Family

One of the pioneers of Eden Township, and one of the early residents of the town of Rhodes, was Harrison and Catharine White.

Harrison was a descendant of John White, an immigrant from Ireland. A story told by Elisha White, Harrison's brother, was the following; "John White was born in Ireland around 1770. At the age of eighteen, without funds, he boarded a ship sailing for America. When he was found hidden in the hold of the ship, he was bound to a Quaker passenger, who paid for the young Whites passage. In exchange for passage he was to work seven years for this Quaker gentleman. Details of his arrival aren't clear but he became a Quaker and lived in Ohio, where he homesteaded timber land, which he cleared and farmed." It is recorded that John White married Jane Raley in a Quaker ceremony in 1798. Jane being the daughter of James Raley, the man who befriended John on the ship. To this union were born three daughters; Anna Tribby, Pheobe McMillian and Rachel Thorn and one son, James. John and Jane are buried in cemeteries in Harrison County, Ohio. Their son, James married Rebecca Dawson and they had three children. After Rebecca's death, James married Patience Harrison in 1836. James died in 1874 and is buried at Heston Point Cemetery near Princeton, Illinois. Patience was buried there in 1884. To this second marriage of James was born three sons; Harrison, Eli and Elisha and two daughters, Rebecca Stickel and Rachel Lamb.

Harrison was born September 1842 at Short Creek, Harrison County, Ohio. Anna Catharine Whiteman was born June 29, 1846 in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Her father died in the Mexican War. Harrison and his father took a thresher and worked along the way as they moved to Manlius, Bureau County, Illinois in 1855. Here in Illinois, Harrison met his wife Catharine. They were married in Princeton, Illinois in October of 1863. A few years later Harrison bought one hundred and sixty acres of land about three miles east of Rhodes from Isaac Gulih. He then moved his wife and three small children, James Ora, Leslie and Emma to Iowa by train in 1876. They arrived in Newton. This land was known as the "home farm" as Harrison continued to buy land in the area.

Around the turn of the century Harrison and Catharine moved to Rhodes leaving James Ora to farm the home place. He would walk from Rhodes to the farm to help the boys pick corn. Harrison died in April of 1927 and Catharine in 1936. They are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



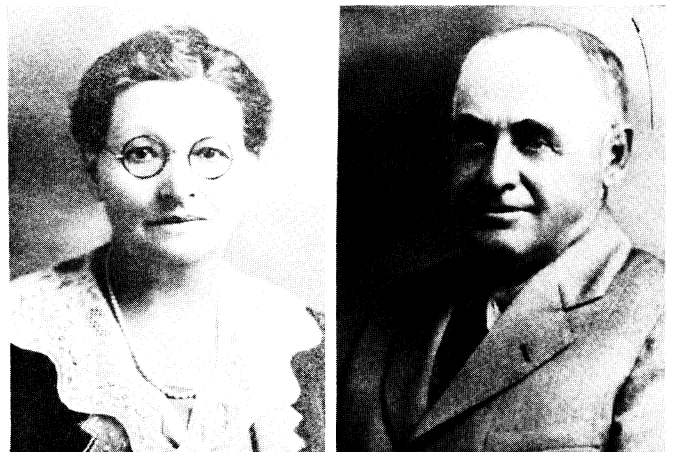
Harrison and Catharine White

Charles J. Buck

Charles Joseph was born in Welton, Iowa, August 3, 1861, the son of Christopher Grainger and Margaret Rattray Buck. On February 14, 1889, he married Anna Parker, born December 4, 1867 a daughter of Samuel and Mary Guy Parker, also of Welton. One son, David Whittier, was born on January 14, 1890.

In 1894 the family along with the Henry Buck family, came to Rhodes and bought the farm where Donald Buck now lives. The men were brothers and their wives were sisters. They lived together and farmed and bred Shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. In 1903 the brothers divided the farm and the Charles Buck family built a home on the western border of the farm, where the Leonard Dannen's now live.

In 1915 after David's marriage to Helen Jaroleman of Marshalltown, the Charles Buck's formed a partnership with their son and moved to Rhodes where a new house was built west of the schoolhouse. Charles continued to help with the farm work for many years. He died April 22, 1939, and Anna died April 7, 1957. They are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



Ann and Charles Buck



Pair of boots - \$3.00; One cow - \$30.00; Necktie - 50¢.



Lewis Phillips family, from the left, front row: Arthur, Lewis, Mary, Miriam and George; Second row: Myrtle, Charles, Willis, Hollis and Anna.

Lewis and Miriam Phillips

Lewis Phillips was born January 1, 1830, in Preble County, Ohio. As a young man he moved to Lee County, Illinois, where he met and married Miriam Wengert, who was born January 1, 1840, at Winchester, Preble County. They lived several years in Indiana, then a number of years in Illinois. In March, 1880, they moved to their farm west of Rhodes, where they lived until moving to town (in the house where Max Pickard now lives) where they lived till his death on February 25, 1911, two days after they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Phillips died April 7, 1919.

Eight children were born of this union: George Stiles, born January 23, 1862, died January 15, 1952; Charles Eugene, born October 11, 1863, died April 19, 1928; Willis Clyde, born January 18, 1869, died March 23, 1929; Myrtle Luella, born July 29, 1870, died October 17, 1959; Hollis Treon, born November 13, 1872, died March 8, 1960; Anna Viola, born July 12, 1876, died June 7, 1953; Mary Elizabeth, born July 7, 1879, died April 29, 1922; and Arthur Lewis, born July 20, 1882, died July 20, 1953.

Willis Clyde's daughters are Zora Phillips Hensley and Zelma Phillips Serfoss. Myrtle Luella Jaroleman had a daughter, Nellie M. and Mary Elizabeth Titus had a son, Donald. Arthur Lewis' children are Elizabeth Goodman, Nellie Bohrisch, Lewis Henry, Clarence Rittierodt and Charles Robert.

Joseph and Elizabeth Blink

Joseph was born November 12, 1802. He came to Eden Township in 1860 where he purchased five, eighty acre pieces of land. One parcel for each of his children.

Joseph married Elizabeth Bauer, who was born in 1803. Joseph died February 13, 1889 and she died in 1888.

Their children were: Clara (1828-1902), married Joseph Goodman; Catherine, born 1830, married Joseph Breuning; Joseph (1834-1912), married Margaret Halter; Jacob (1836-1915); Magdalena, born 1839, married John Gulde and Margaret died in Chicago, Illinois.



The Joseph Tuffree family, from the left, front row: Mary (in picture), Joseph Sr., Francis, Mary Arabell, Edmund and Anna; Second row: Joseph Jr., Ida, Elmer and Virginia.

Joseph and Mary Tuffree

Joseph, his wife Mary Ann and their eight children came to the Eden community in the spring of 1856. He was born February 10, 1810 in New Castle County, Delaware, the son of Simon and Sarah Holden Tuffree.

He married Mary Ann Woolston on August 4, 1835 in Cecil County, Maryland. She was the daughter of Abraham and Anna Miller Woolston.

Joseph yearned to go west where the land was "rich and black." They made their way westward in 1836, stopping in Pittsburgh where they remained for ten years. Here, James, Edmund, Francis, Josephine and Emma were born, also Mary Arabell and Joseph. Josephine and James died in early childhood.

In 1854, they moved to Moundville, Virginia, where it is believed Virginia was born.

They purchased a covered wagon in Elizabethtown and packed, dishes, silver, feather beds and furniture for their new home. Arriving in Muscatine they proceeded by covered wagon over trails, stopping in

Iowa City and Newton enroute to the new home in Eden Township. They located on a hundred and sixty acres, built a log house, reared their family and farmed for twenty years.

It is believed Emma who died in 1862 may be buried in a small abandoned cemetery north of Rhodes. Ida and Elmer might have been born after the family came to the Edenville area.

In 1879, Joseph Sr. moved the family to Marshalltown, going into the real estate business with his son Joseph Jr.

Joseph was initiated into the Elks Lodge in Marshalltown on his 100th birthday "as the oldest Elk in the world." He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mary died July 19, 1894 and Joseph died on January 20, 1913. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown.

John Jaroleman

John Jaroleman was born in Huron County, Ohio, November 13, 1819. In 1821 he moved to New York with his mother and they made several moves between the years of 1825 and 1855. During this period he married Phoebe Kelly who was a New York native, born in 1831. She died in 1853, leaving one daughter, Phoebe Jane, who in later years became Mrs. John Woolston of Sutherland, Iowa.

His second marriage occurred in 1855 when Susan Augusta Devine, also a New York native, became his wife. To this union were born three children, Charles Metcalf, Norma Estella, and John Leonard.

In 1857, Mr. & Mrs. Jaroleman and Phoebe Jane came to Marshall County and bought land on which they built a log cabin. This was on the farm now occupied by the Gary Buck family. The house was located on the southern part of the farm and the location is still visible, because one can see where the basement was dug.

Later, after having purchased more land, they built a home on the farm where Mr. & Mrs. John Buck live. They farmed for many years, then moved to Rhodes. John died June 4, 1904 and Susan died September 22, 1908.

James Mendenhall

James Mendenhall was born December 25, 1826 in Muskingum County, Ohio. In 1853 he moved to a farm, a grant from the Government. The land was 180 acres in Section 32 of State Center Township.

On November 22, 1855 he married Geraldine Parsons who was born July 27, 1836 in Randolph County, Virginia. They had eight children: Alice G., born August 31, 1856 and died June 5, 1857; Thomas B., born April 24, 1858; J.W., born September 21, 1859; Charles W., born August 27, 1861; S.H., born December 29, 1865; Susan B., born October 30, 1867; Grace M., born October 10, 1870 and Mary E., born January 22, 1875.

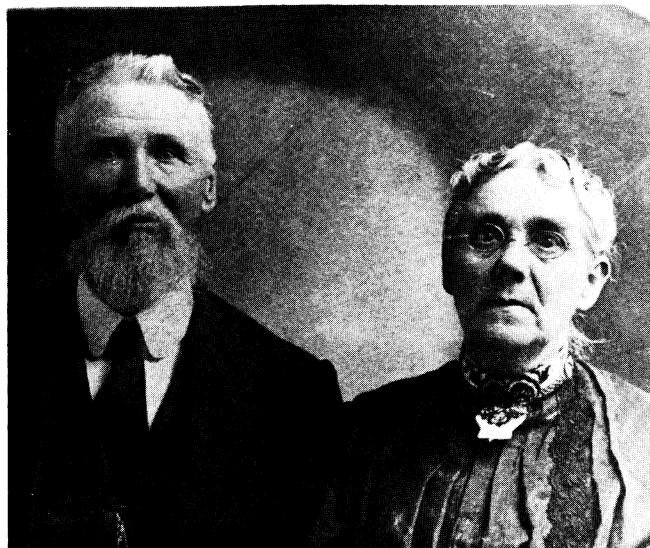
D.P. Chamberlain Family

D.P. Chamberlain was born January 16, 1825 in Livingston County, New York. On January 24, 1863 he married Elizabeth R. Dustin, who was born March 18, 1841 in Wheelock County, Vermont.

In 1870 they purchased a farm in Section 36 of Eden Township. Their farm was valued at \$25 per acre.

They were the parents of five children; Estella J., Byron P., Albert F., George M. and William H.

The Chamberlain family were all members of the Church of God.



Miles V. and Apphia Hayes

Miles V. and Sarah A. Hayes

Miles V., the sixth child of Thomas and Esther Nyhart Hayes was born June 24, 1842 in Mercer County, Ohio and moved with his family to Wisconsin. Sarah Apphia, daughter of Solomon and Anna Marie Emery, was born December 11, 1841 at Lyndon, Cattaragus County, New York. Her early life was spent in Astubula County, Ohio and Dane County, Wisconsin.

Miles and Sarah were married at Crossplaines, Wisconsin, December 25, 1859. He left her, with a baby daughter, to volunteer as a soldier in the Civil War. He was mustered in Company E, 23rd Regiment of Wisconsin in March of 1861. He became ill after a forced march in Mississippi and received a medical discharge in October of 1861. Two of his brothers, Jacob and James, died in the Civil War.

Miles and his family moved to Jasper County, Iowa in 1868, later to Story and Marshall County, living in Edenville and vicinity the remainder of their lives.

They were the parents of eight children: Loella Belle Strickler; Emelina Mead; Mary Mina (Min) Allen; Leafy Sophia Barton and Walter. Barbara Ann, Hulda and Miles, Jr. died in 1883 as small children of smallpox and are buried near their parents in Eden Cemetery.

Miles farmed and was a part time laborer. A lung ailment from the war caused his death in 1910. Apphia died October of 1925.



Two yards of flannel - 25¢; Two yards of ticking - 25¢; Nine days husking (wages) - \$11.25; One tooth pulled - 25¢; Deck of Cards - 15¢.



Rev. James and Elizabeth Gray

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James Banning Gray was born July 23, 1818 in Butler County, Ohio and his wife, Elizabeth Overpeck was born June 17, 1820, also in Butler County, Ohio. They were the parents of eight children: Eliza Jane Stout, born in 1840; Mary E. Ingersoll, born in 1842; Laura Barkley, born in 1844; Margaret, born in 1846; Martha, born in 1848; John S., born in 1851; Emma Adams, born in 1854; and Isaac J., born in 1856.

The family moved from Waynetown, Indiana in 1856 to Linn County, Iowa and in 1882 came to Edenville. The house, on the farm they purchased, 1½ miles north of Rhodes was called "Culver's Mansion," which was built in 1867 with lumber brought from Davenport. Rev. Gray traded a mowing machine for 10 acres on east Skunk Creek in order to get the fence out of the creek.

Rev. Gray was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years. Rev. James B. Gray died in 1891, his wife in 1892 and both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

August and Dora O'Brecht

August O'Brecht was born in France in 1842. He came to the U.S. in 1860 and married Dora Schaper, of the State Center area. They settled in the Rhodes area just east of the six corners and the Prairie Ridge school. They purchased 80 acres from a Nason for \$3.50 an acre. Their children were: Joe, who remained single; Anna, who married Rufus Dannen; Dora, who married Ben Dannen; and Mary, who married Carl Krupp.

August's wife, Dora, died in 1919 and he made his home with his daughters until he bought a home in Melbourne. He remained there until his death in 1936.

His grandchildren that still live in this area are; Velma Dannen Curry, Mabel Dannen Coulter, Richard Dannen, all of Melbourne and Harold Dannen of Baxter.

Frank and Emma Steiner

Frank was born in 1867 the son of Charles and Louise Tisler Steiner. He married Emma Tribby the daughter of Lewis L. and Mary Melissa Thompson Tribby. She was born July 6, 1882.

They farmed three miles south-east of Rhodes. They had no children but made a good home for drifters who came mostly from the East looking for day work. One such worker, Joe Zimmer, came from New York state to find work on the farm and lived with the Steiners until his marriage to Emma's niece, Bessie Tribby. Joe Zimmer worked on the railroad until an accident caused him to retire from that work, then Joe and Bessie moved with their son, Richard to Fort Dodge, Iowa. Another such worker from the east was Chris Strauser who lived many years with the Steiners until his death. Both Emma and Frank died in 1954 and are buried in Eden Cemetery, as is Chris Strauser.



Emma and Frank Steiner



Taxes for 1888 - \$5.12; Pair of Double Trees - \$2.25; Corn - 25¢ a bushel.



Christopher Buck family, from the left, front row: Christopher and Margaret; Second row: Charles, Herbert, Agnes, Martin, Nellie and Henry.

Christopher and Margaret Buck

Christopher Grainger Buck was a native of England. Margaret Morrison Rattray was born in Scotland. Both came to America but on separate sailing vessels. They were married in Dubuque, Iowa, in 1856. But later made their home in Welton, Iowa. To this couple were born six children, all of whom settled in the Rhodes vicinity, at that time called Edenville. They were: Henry Grote, married Pheobe Rebecca Parker, they raised one son, Alfred and one daughter, Edna ; Charles Joseph, married Anna Lefever Parker and they were parents to an only son, David; Herbert Seton, married Sarah Parker, they had two sons, Grainger Parker and Herbert Russell; Martin Kemp, married Amber Lefever Guy and they had one son Ralph B; Helen Edith (Nellie), married Edward Pester and had a family of three sons and three daughters; Miss Agnes was the youngest of the family. Henry, Charles and Herbert each married one of the three Parker sisters and Martins wife was a cousin to them.

In 1893 Henry and Charley felt the price of land was too high where they lived so looked elsewhere in North Missouri and Iowa. They bought land in Central Iowa which included the farm where Donald Buck lives now and what was to become the David Buck farm. The two families moved in 1894 and lived together on the Donald Buck place. In 1903 Charley was able to build the buildings, 1½ miles north of Rhodes. The initial farm was then divided and Charley and family moved into their new home.

Martin Buck moved here in 1898 and then in 1903, Herbert and family moved to this locality. The four brothers and their families were then all near to each other in Rhodes.

Henry Buck farmed, raised and fed shorthorn cattle. Charley, Herbert and Martin all farmed; bought and fed cattle. For a short time Charley and Herbert bred and raised Percheron horses.

These men remained on their farms until in time their sons took them over. These farms are now in the hands of third and fourth generation sons.

Russell still farms his fathers place.



The John Walker family, from the left, front row: Carl, Ruby, John, Dorothy, Hattie, Clayton and Earl; Second row: Mary, Merle, Paul, Ervin, Hazel, Donald, Johnnie, Bert, Gordon and Ruth.

John and Hattie Walker

John and Hattie Walker moved to the Rhodes community in 1928, the present Dick Ray home, from a farm near La Porte City, Iowa. At the time of their moving, nine of their fifteen children were living at home.

John owned and operated a woodsaw with all of his sons helping him.

They were the parents of fifteen children: Bert, married Lorretta Slee, of Vinton, Iowa; Hazel, married Jack Parks, of La Porte City; Gordon, married Isabel Scorey, of La Porte City; Merle, married Thelma Sawyer, of La Porte City; Mary, married Edward Helmar, of Brandon, Iowa; John, married Dorothy Albert, of Hazelton, Iowa; Donald (Doc), married

Charlotte Norris, of Downing, California, Doc died March 19, 1974; Erwin, married Marie Sanford, of Fayette, Iowa; Paul (Possum), married Rhoda DeVault, of Vinton; Carl, married Thelma Clement, of Toledo, Carl died January 3, 1978; Earl (Hun), married Goldie Schulze, of State Center; Ruth (twin) died May 10, 1931; Ruby (twin), married Gerald Richeson, of Rhodes; Dorothy, married Kenneth Clement, of Rhodes; and Clayton (Mike), married Gladys Wampler, of Los Angeles, California, Clayton died January 25, 1976.

Hattie Walker died February 4, 1940 and John died August 2, 1951. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery with their daughter, Ruth.

Although the family is scattered, their roots are in Rhodes and they retain an abiding affection for the community now celebrating its 100th anniversary.



Zenas and Emily Bartlett

Emily was the daughter of Joseph Weed and lived in Section 20 of Eden Township. She was the widow of Zenas L. Bartlett who was born April 3, 1820 in Somers, Connecticut. He enlisted in 1861, in Company H., 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and died in Jackson, Tennessee, August 31, 1861 for which she received a pension from the government of \$8.00 per month.

Emily was born February 7, 1817 in New Hampshire. They moved to Marshall County in 1856 and had three children.

J.C. Wallace

J.C. Wallace was born March 12, 1845 in Columbiana County, Ohio, the son of William Wallace. On May 15, 1869 he moved to a farm of 200 acres in Section 29 of State Center Township.

In 1863, J.C. enlisted in Company F., 143rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served about four months and was honorably discharged.

His mother was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania in March 1823 and died in 1847 in Columbiana County, Ohio.

William A. and Mary Girton

William Arthur Girton was born April 19, 1877 in or near Rhodes. He grew up here and attended Rhodes High School, quitting shortly before graduation to avoid giving the graduation oration. He was a blacksmith by trade and shod many teams of horses. At one time he was crushed by a horse. On October 27, 1902 he married Mary Frances Thompson, the daughter of David Harvey and Sarah Pentico Thompson of Rhodes.

They lived in Rhodes until after the births of their first two children; Carl Amos (1903-1976), married Rose Marie Hosek and had two children; Hazel Sarah (1905-1940), married Marvin Sannes, and had one daughter, Virginia who died at one year of age.

About 1905 or the spring of 1906, William and Mary left Iowa and moved to LaRoche Township, Charles Mix County, South Dakota and settled first near Bijou Hills and later moved to the Academy area so the children could attend high school at Ward Academy which was a normal school, training it's graduates to become teachers.



William A. and Mary Girton



Nellie and William Chmela

They farmed the prairie land until the "dirty thirties," then after their family was grown, they moved to Custer, South Dakota, where they purchased a gasoline station and small store. They lived there until William's death on September 9, 1942. Mary sold the business and moved to Hot Springs, South Dakota. Later she moved to Platte where she lived until her death on August 9, 1971. Both William and Mary are buried at Platte, South Dakota.

Their children born in South Dakota are; Ernestine Ivagene, born in 1906, married Frank Fotheringham and they have three children; Cleo Maye, born in 1908, married Delmer Stutzmen, lives in Oregon and has two children. She died in 1956; Nellie Llyene, born in 1910, married William H. Chmela and has no children; Harold David (1914-1980), married Helen Hansen and had three children, then married Betty Mapes and had three more children; Lloyd Elbert, born in 1916, married Ester Brill and lives in Hot Springs, South Dakota and has one child.

William Arthur Girton served on the school board and was township assessor for many, many years. He plied his work as a blacksmith for most of his life, making stove poker for each of his children, also knives, etc., for all of his children. He made a matched set of four daggers and framed them.

Albert Filer

Albert Filer was born May 5, 1827 in Canada and on December 11, 1853 he married Barbara Stevenson in Fulton, Ohio. She was born June 29, 1839 in Ohio.

Albert and Barbara moved to Eden Township in 1866, and were the parents of the following children; John S., born September 11, 1854; Mary C., born June 23, 1857, married D.T. Hall; Charles Henry, born February 16, 1858; Franklin, born December 22, 1859; Margaret Anna, born May 12, 1863; George, born October 8, 1864; James Albert, born July 16, 1869.

The Filers owned 80 acres of land in Eden Township.



James O. White children, from the left, front row: James. Second row: Clarence, Ralph, Wilbur, Harold and John. Not pictured, Amy.

James Ora White

James Ora was the eldest son of Harrison and Anna Catharine White. He moved from Illinois to Marshall County when he was eleven years old with his parents, a brother Leslie and sister Emma. He was born in Wyanet, Illinois in 1865.

James worked on the farm his father had purchased. He was also an artist, the medium being pen and ink sketching. In the fall of 1894, he made a trip to Kansas to marry Mary Elvia Haines.

Mary E. was born in Edenville in 1866, daughter of Nathan and Lydia Reese Haines. She taught at the Grant School and later in the Rhodes Public School. Mary moved with her family to Stafford, Kansas. There she continued her teaching career in the Stafford and Hutchenson School systems.

Upon the Whites return to Marshall County, they made their home at the "home" farm of Harrison White. To this union were born six sons; Ralph Haines, (1895-1981); Clarence Elisha, (1897-1918); Harold Albert, (1898-1954); James Nathan, born 1900; John Lawrence, born 1902; Wilbur, born 1904; and one daughter, Amy, born 1906.

James and Mary lived on this farm until their deaths. James died in 1937 and Mary in 1960. They are both

buried in the Eden Cemetery. James died of injuries sustained in a fall through a hole in the haymow floor of the barn on Thanksgiving Day. He was president of the Melbourne Savings Bank at the time of his death. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Modern Woodsman.



Mary and James O. White

Martin F. Richeson Family

Martin F. was born in Ohio on March 7, 1848, the son of Daniel and Keziah Barkhurst Richeson. They moved to the Rhodes area in 1867. Martin married Elizabeth Hughes on March 10, 1872, the daughter of Mason and Fannie Rice Hughes. They had five children; Bessie F., Claude, Roland, Alpha and Charles M. Martin was a veteran of the Civil War.

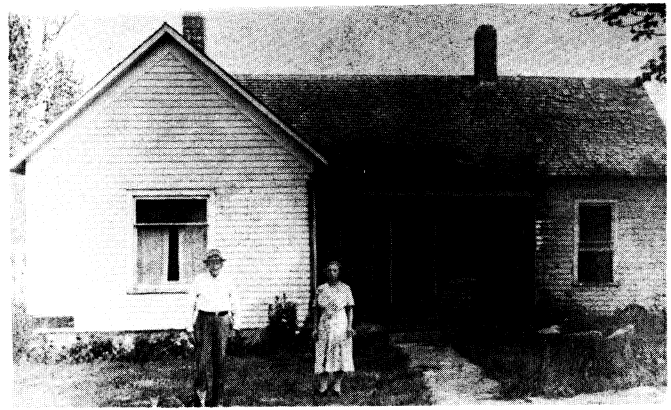
Charles Mason Richeson was born February 16, 1873 and died March 20, 1952. He married Helen Scott Pratt in May 1902 and they had five children all of whom are still living at this date. Fern Roush resides in Crook, Colorado; Ruth Mailen resides in Florida; Howard Richeson of Brooklyn, Iowa; Ina Nichol of Greene, Iowa; and Martin H. Richeson who resides on the family farm south of State Center. All of the above children graduated from Rhodes High School. Helen Richeson died December of 1962. They were members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



The children of Martin F. Richeson, from the left; Ina, Martin, Ruth, Howard and Fern.



Iron Kettles making soap; Penny postcards; Dresses, slips and underwear made out of flour sacks; the mornings when there was ice in the water pails; The hand pump in the kitchen.



William Beard and Luella Watson

William Henry Beard

William H. Beard was born December 31, 1858, near Collins, Iowa. He moved with his family to Rhodes in 1881. With the exception of a few years when he and his half-sister lived on a farm near Marshalltown he lived in and around Rhodes until his death at the age of 92. He served the town as mayor two terms and in several other offices.

He was a meat cutter in the local stores and was the foreman of a construction company for seventeen years.

Charles and Rosa Flora

Jacob Flora, born November 15, 1820, and Catherine King Mills, born November 2, 1824, were married June 10, 1840. They came to Eden Township, Section 25, in 1870. They were the parents of 14 children. The last child being Charles Wesley, born August 17, 1870.

Charles Flora and Rosa Halter were married June 29, 1904 in State Center. She was born October 4, 1876, the daughter of Louis and Louise Doerr Halter. They were the parents of 7 children; Glen, Alfred, Wilbur, Katherine, Charles Jr., and twins, Ray and Roy (deceased February 23, 1920). All were born in Eden Township.

Glen M., born July 19, 1907, married Juanita Logsdon. He died September 7, 1977; Alfred married Adeline Donaldson. She died in 1957 and he died April 17, 1982; Wilbur, born May 10, 1911, married Eleanor Benson (see history); Katherine, born April 19, 1913, married Clare Altemier; Charles Jr., born October 22, 1917, married Virginia Hargrove; and Ray, born February 23, 1920, married Charlotte Goodman.

Charles died January 28, 1930 and Rosa in 1952. Both are buried in Baxter, Iowa.



Anna and Michael Billmyer

Michael and Mary Billmyer

Michael and Mary Billmyer came to the Edenville-Rhodes area in 1891 as farmers. He operated a store in 1900 and 1901. All of his children were born while they lived in the Edenville-Rhodes area, except Anna who was born at Hull, Iowa. He farmed until 1911 with mules on a farm north of Rhodes where Marvin Gibbs now lives. After several moves he settled in Cresco, Iowa until his death.

Michael was born January 16, 1867 in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Billmyer, natives of Germany. On January 12, 1888 he married Mary Raker, the daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Raker of Dyersville, Iowa. They had eight children: Anna, married John Gauch of Melbourne; Louis, married Alma Nolte, Ollie of Cresco, married Clara Chihak; Charles of Remsen, married Delia Nolte; Laurance of LeMars, married Irene Horn; Lillian, married Ralph Huber of Austin, Minnesota; Emma, married Joe Dvorak of Charles City; and Lucy, married Walter Wendt of Spencer, South Dakota.

Michael died December 5, 1931 and Mary died August 5, 1945. Both are buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Cresco.

Albert Cheshire

Albert Cheshire was born March 16, 1839 in Franklin County, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Graham in 1861. She was born February 12, 1841 and died May 1, 1873.

In 1866 they moved to a farm of 120 acres in Section 16 of Eden Township.

On December 24, 1873 he married Salinda J. Chamberlain who was born May 29, 1848 in New Hampshire. They had one child born June 11, 1878.

George and Hannah Gilbert Sr.

George Gilbert was born September 1, 1827, the son of Truman and A. Smith Gilbert. He came to Iowa in 1856 and married Hannah R. Hackett on March 6, 1856. In 1862, at Wyoming, Iowa he enlisted in Company K, 24th Iowa Volunteers. He was honorably discharged in 1865. George resided in Wyoming, Iowa until 1885, when he moved to Rhodes, where he engaged in the grain business with his son, George Jr. They were the leading grain dealers of Rhodes.

They were the parents of three children: George, born February 15, 1858; Anna, born February 29, 1860 and died July 13, 1891; and Emma, born January 29, 1860 and died January 23, 1889.

John and Lizzie Bear

John Bear was an early settler in Edenville, coming here in 1866. He was born January 25, 1821 in Baden, Germany. He came to Pennsylvania in 1846. In 1847 he moved to Ohio, then to Richmond, Wayne County, Indiana. In 1851, he returned to Philadelphia. In 1853 he moved to New York. For six months of 1861, he traveled with the American Circus before returning to New York. In 1862 he moved to Hilton Head, Beaufort County, South Carolina. In 1865 he returned to New York and then went to Germany. The same year he came to Bucks County, Pennsylvania. In 1866, he came to Eden Township and settled on a farm in Section 21. He was married in July of 1868 in Marshall County, Iowa to Lizzie Bechel. She was a native of Baden, Germany, having been born there August 29, 1835.

They were the parents of four children; John, who died in infancy, David, Daniel and John.

John was a farmer for many years in the Rhodes area. He died February 26, 1901, just eight months after his wife who had died June 30, 1900. Both are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



John, Dan and Dave Bear



Bert Pike family, from the left; Bert, Gladys, Glenn and Lulu.

Bert and Lulu Pike

Francis Pike was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania in 1833. He came to Polk County, Iowa in 1870. He married Sarah Ann Nally who was born at Hagerstown, Maryland in 1837. Francis and Sarah lived on a farm south of Maxwell, Iowa and had four children; Lulu Minear, Mary Turner, Emma Funk and Albertus. Bert, as everyone called him, grew to manhood and attended school in Maxwell.

On January 10, 1900 he married Lulu Walker. She was born September 22, 1877 in Olgal County, Illinois. She came with her folks, when five weeks old, to a farm near Melbourne, living there until 1896 when they moved to Rhodes. After their marriage they lived one year on a farm south of Maxwell, then moved to the old home place of her folks near Melbourne. Two children were born to the Pikes; Gladys, born July 7 1901 and Glenn, born May 22, 1907. In the spring of 1908 they purchased a farm at Rhodes, which had been the old fair grounds.

Bert raised purebred cattle, hogs and farmed. He was involved with town work, such as a councilman for several years and president of the school board. Their children both graduated from Rhodes High School. The Pikes roomed and boarded school teachers.

Gladys married James Gray (see history).

Glenn married Louise, daughter of Charles and Lizzie Halter Ginter in January of 1928. They lived on a farm west of Rhodes, later moving to Nevada, then to Boone. They had three children; Robert, Dorothy and William. Glenn ran a cream and egg route at Boone, later a bread and milk route.

The Pikes sold their farm and moved to Marshalltown in 1945. They lived there until 1959, when they came to live with their daughter Gladys who had lost her husband. The fall of 1959, Bert died and his wife continued to live with her daughter until 1965. Lulu was in a nursing home until January 1, 1972 when she died. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Grubb Beard Fish Kitchen

Mary E. Grubb was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, January 4, 1833. Her family moved to Kendallville, Indiana where she grew up. She married John Beard and they moved to Iowa near Des Moines. Three children were born to this union. One daughter, died in early childhood. Their son was William Beard and another daughter, Amanda Beard Richmond. John Beard died and Mary married Wilson Fish, a widower with six children. To this union six more children were born, three sons and three daughters. Two of those children died in infancy. Walter, Frank, Minerva and Luella were the other children.

After Mr. Fish died Mary married Robert Kitchen. The family moved to Rhodes in 1881. Mrs. Kitchen served her community as seamstress, school custodian and midwife. She was a member of the Methodist E. Church from the time it was established and she was a member of the Eastern Star.

Mary Kitchen died December 18, 1926 at the age of almost 94. She is buried in the Peoria Cemetery near Maxwell, Iowa.

*Submitted by
Leonard Scott*



Mary Elizabeth Grubb Beard Fish Kitchen



The John Dannen children, from the left; Lloyd, Jerry, Marge, Jake, Max, Joanne, George, Leonard and Duane.

John and Frieda Dannen

John Minhardt was born in Melbourne, the son of John V. and Ella Brooms Dannen.

John married Frieda Sophia Krusman in 1926 in Des Moines. John was engaged in farming in the Melbourne vicinity. They moved to Rhodes in 1940 and he worked on the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

They were the parents of ten children; Jake Wilbur, deceased; Marjorie Vivian, Gilman; Leonard Lee, Rhodes; George Henry, deceased; Betty J., died in infancy; Lloyd Arthur, Missouri Valley; Max Dean, Marshalltown; Jo Ann married Lloyd Varnum, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jerry Delbert, Rhodes; and Duane Charles, Rhodes.

John Gulde

John Gulde was born July 15, 1827 in Wurtember, Germany. In 1860 he moved to Marshall County, and in 1869 he bought a farm of 340 acres in Eden Township, valued at \$35 per acre.

On March 29, 1858 he married Magdalena Blink who was born June 28, 1839 in Baden, Germany. John and Magdalena had six children; Mary E., Clara C., Emma E., Frank L., Henry J. and George E. The family were members of the Catholic Church.

John and Mary Marquette

John Adam, son of Jacob F. and Margaret Henning Burdan Marquette, was born May 26, 1843 in Detroit, Michigan.

He was living in Edenville when he enlisted in the Civil War. He joined the 1st Iowa Cavalry at Davenport on June 20, 1864. Following his discharge, he married Mary Elizabeth Crawford on June 30, 1875. She was the daughter of Henry and Phoebe Crawford. One son, Wilbur (Bert) Newton Marquette was born to this union. The marriage ended in divorce.

On May 11, 1878, John married Susan Shockly. They moved to Mitchellville and became the parents of a daughter who died in infancy. A son, Adam Herman, was born January 20, 1883 and died on May 30, 1908. Another son, Arthur, was born September 9, 1885 and he married Emma Frances Minard on June 5, 1911. Their children are Melvin Arthur and Arlene Evelyn Bradshaw. Arthur died September 6, 1981.

Although John Adam never returned to Edenville to live after his return from the Civil War, he often spoke of his life while living there. John Adam Marquette was the great uncle of Mrs. Harold (Catharine) Henderson.





Caroline and Frank Bentley

Frank E. and Caroline Bentley

Frank Ellsworth, son of Samuel Fitch and Rebecca Amelia Bentley, was born in Hopkinton, Iowa on July 8, 1873.

Early in life he learned the printer's trade but later was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad where he remained for 47 years as agent and operator.

On October 3, 1894 he married Caroline Cramer. Caroline Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph P. and Austia Kirk Cramer, was born May 11, 1874.

They had two children; Frank, married Edna Wallace and Austia Amelia, married Ralph Buck.

In August 1902, the family moved to Rhodes where Frank was depot agent for the railroad.

Frank was a member of Eden Lodge No. 466 A.F. and A.M. and of the Crystal Chapter No. 11. Caroline was a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church, Crystal Chapter No. 11 O.E.S., and the M.W. Club.

Frank died April 28, 1940 and Caroline in September 1954. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.

J.W. Johnson

J.W. Johnson was born July 14, 1822 in Jennings County, Indiana. In 1836 he moved to Marshall County, where he owned 140 acres in Section 34 of Eden Township. His land was valued at \$30 per acre.

In February 1852 he married Sarah E. Fraseur. She was born in April 1836 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Benjamin Fraseur of Cedar County, who died in 1876 at age 80. J.W. and Sarah had five children; Dora, William, Benjamin, George and Dollie.

Stewart Baker Family

Stewart Baker was born April 5, 1836 in Knox County, Ohio. In 1855 he came to Cedar County, Iowa and in 1856 moved to Marshall County. On February 10, 1858 he married Mary Beal who was born December 5, 1832 in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of four children; Nellie, Loe, Dot and Bub.

In 1866 they purchased a 120 acre farm in Section 28 of Eden Township, valued at \$25 per acre.

Stewart enlisted in Company K, 13th Iowa Volunteer Infantry in 1864, serving until the end of the War. He was also Secretary of the School Board (Grant School) and a Township Trustee.

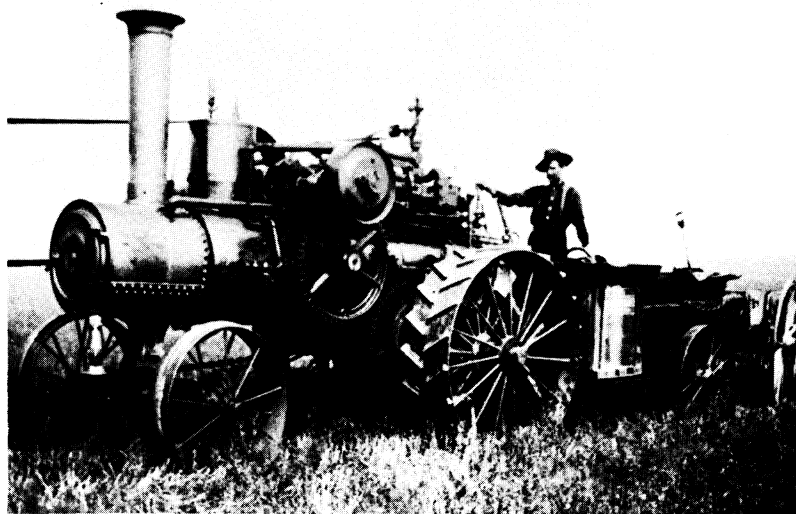


Albert Robinson

Albert Robinson (1874-1960) was born on a farm southwest of Collins in Jasper County. When asked about his early memories, Albert answered, "Dang me boy. The wind was so strong the day we moved from Jasper County to Story County in 1877 that my hat blew away and I never did find it."

In 1900, Albert and his brother Billie bought eighty acres west of Rhodes on the Story County line. Albert farmed and did custom work with various machines. He had a threshing machine, first ran with a steam engine then later with a Rumley oil pull tractor. He also had a well drill, corn shredder and house moving equipment.

In 1916, Albert and his mother and sisters built a house on the west edge of Rhodes and moved to town. Albert lived here at the time of his death in 1960.



Albert Robinson's steam engine



Rosa and Cloyd Maxwell

Cloyd and Rosa Maxwell

Rosa Pearl was born on a farm south of Rhodes, April 20, 1896, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Biesnecker Bear. She attended school and graduated from Rhodes High in 1916, being the only one in the class. She attended Drake University, Iowa State College and taught ten years in Marshall and Story Counties.

On October 6, 1927, Rosa married Cloyd Maxwell, the son of Warren and Emily Maxwell of Maxwell, Iowa. He was born August 9, 1886, and was a life time resident of Indian Creek Township, Story County, Iowa.

They were the parents of two sons, John Warren and Robert Dale. Both served in the Air Force, during the Korean Conflict.

J. Warren, born January 3, 1929, married Geraldine Bernice Lewis on February 6, 1954. They had one son Kenneth Warren. J. Warren died June 23, 1957 in an auto accident.

Robert, born August 22, 1932, married Phyllis Jean Carroll on December 26, 1953. They have two children, Randy D. and Sandra Jean.

Rosa is a member of the I.C.U. Club and is Secretary of the Iowa Center Cemetery Association. The family were all members of the Maxwell Christian Church. Cloyd was a farmer. He died June 23, 1957 in an auto accident and Rosa still resides on the family farm near Maxwell.



William T. and Fannie Meyer

William and Fannie Meyer

William Theodore was born April 14, 1878, in Eden Township, the son of A.C. and Catherine Meyer. Fannie Rosella was born May 23, 1881 the daughter of William Henry and Phoebe Ann Warner Beidler of Freeport, Illinois. William and Fannie were married December 10, 1902 at the German Church in Jasper County, only to arrive home and discover that their marriage license was issued for Marshall County, Iowa. They then had to take the sled and re-say their vows in Marshall County. After living a short while with Mr. Meyer's parents they purchased a farm southeast of Rhodes.

They were the parents of five children; Robert, Lloyd, Rosella, Florence and Lura, all five attended the Rhodes school.

Robert married Elsie Dodge (deceased) and farmed in the Melbourne-Rhodes area. They were the parents of four children: Russell of North Carolina; Thelma Kelly, Colleen Goodman and Harold, all of Marshalltown.



Robert and Warren Maxwell



The William T. Meyer children, from the left, front row: Lura Jackson and Florence Harre; Second row: Lloyd, Rosella Bach and Robert.

Lloyd married Mildred Thorne and farmed in the Rhodes area until moving to California where he worked at Morris Thermadore Company.

Rosella married Lester Bach (deceased) and they farmed in the surrounding area until moving to the Collins area. They were the parents of three children; Alma Coleman of Marshalltown; Richard, deceased; and Max of Gilman. Rosella lives in Marshalltown.

Florence married Elmer Harre and farmed in the Rhodes-Laurel area. They were the parents of four children: Ervin of Ferguson; Larry of Marshalltown; Earl, deceased; and Bonnie Goodman of Rhodes. Florence died in August 1979.

Lura married Glenn Jackson (deceased) and has lived in Alabama, California and farmed around the Laurel area before moving to Arkansas, where she now lives. They were the parents of one son, Larry, who now lives on the farm with her.

Mr. Meyer was a self employed carpenter for several years. They were blessed with celebrating their fiftieth anniversary. William died in September 1956 and six months later, in March 1957, Fannie followed him. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

John Saxauer

John was born January 25, 1823 in Baden, Germany. In 1851 he moved to Chicago and in 1863 he settled on a farm of 190 acres in Section 15 of Eden Township.

In August 1853 he married Barbara Fisher. She was born in 1826, in France and died February 25, 1868. They had three children; John, William and Anna.

On August 7, 1868 he married Mary Myers who was born in 1836, in Prussia, Germany. They had three children; Hannah, Fred A. and Mary. Mary had a daughter, Louisa by a former marriage.

Albert and Alice Blink

Albert J. was born February 2, 1867, the son of Joseph and Margaret Halter Blink, early settlers of Eden Township.

Albert married Alice Donnelly, the daughter of Nicholas and Anna Kieley Donnelly, both of whom were born in Ireland. They had twelve children: Walter, born October 15, 1893, married Amelia Schroeder, and died in 1964; Paul, born June 15, 1895, married Mary McCoy, and died in 1974; Wilbur, born July 18, 1897, married Mabel Elliot, and died in 1951; Ralph, born February 8, 1899, married Mary McCoy and died in 1970; Earl, born November 18, 1900, married Ida Schied, and died in 1972; Glen, born June 14, 1902, married Eleanor Williams, died in 1980; Adrian and LeRoy both died in infancy; Mary, born May 7, 1906, married Erie Kruhl; Mable, born September 20, 1908, married Walter Plamann; Donald, born May 25, 1909, married Muriel Baldwin; and Leo, born June 15, 1911, married Evelyn Jones.

Albert and Alice lived on a 240 acre farm south of Rhodes and later moved to Wisconsin.

They were members of the Rhodes St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Albert was a former member of the Knights of Columbus at Marshalltown, and the Modern Woodsman of Rhodes.

Albert died in 1939 and Alice on September 30, 1963. Both are buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Rhodes.



Albert and Alice Blink



Five yards of Muslin - 50¢; Ladies Chair - \$4.50; Childs rocker - 40¢; Moline seeder - \$20;

Hay Fork - \$1.25; Suspenders - 45¢; Husking pin - 10¢; Cigars for Election - 25¢.



Family home of Joseph and John Goodman's, from the left; Florence and Alvin Goodman.

Joseph and Clara Goodman

Joseph Goodman was born January 6, 1827, in Baden, Germany. He came to Eden Township in 1863. He had a blacksmith shop and later farmed, settling in section twenty-two.

In April of 1853 he married Clara Blink, the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Bauer Blink. She was born August 12, 1828 in Baden.

Their children were: Catherine (1854-1915), married Henry Hodlgrafer; John W. (1856-1946), married first Amelia Switzer, later Margaret Pfantz; Joseph C. (1860-1914), married first Adeline Pfantz, later Elizabeth Westendorf; Mary (1863-1936), married Bartel Richard; Charles (1865-1940), married first Clara Rohrer, later Anna Westendorf; Elizabeth (1869-1944), married Herman Kobbe. Four other children died in infancy, two being twins.

Joseph died June 2, 1910 and Clara died February 22, 1902. Both are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rhodes.

Ray R. Murray Family

My great grandparents were David and Sarah Thorne. A family of thirteen children included Nettie Pumilla. Nettie was born in Rhodes on July 21, 1867 and she married Samual Dumbauld from Unionville, Pennsylvania. They lived in Colorado and Tama, Iowa, in their later years in Montour and Rhodes. Nettie died February 28, 1943 and Samuel in May, 1949. Their children were; Clarence, Elsie Downs and Hazel Murray.

Hazel and Ray Ralph Murray were married March 11, 1911 at Bovina, Colorado. Ray was born in Runnels, Iowa on December 28, 1886. Their children were; Donald K., who resides in Kansas City, Missouri; Margaret married Martin Richeson of State Center, (see Martin Richeson history); Violet married Kenneth Haas of Rhodes and Norma Tribby of Marshalltown, and Meryle married Thomas Triplett of Rhodes. (see Triplett history)

*Submitted by
Margaret Richeson*

Morrison and Freland Families

John A. was the son of Thomas and Elinor Allison Morrison. He was first married to Mary Ann Wilson, daughter of James and Eva Signs Wilson. To this union was born one son, Thomas. After the death of Mary Ann, John married her sister, Fanny Jane Wilson. To this union were born twelve children; oldest son died in infancy, Sarah Linn Mills, Mary Ann King, John William, Effie Jane, James McClelland, S.H., Frank, Cora May, Lydia Robinson, Fred and Charles Allison.

John A. Morrison was born in Muskingum County, Ohio in 1833. In 1851 he moved to a farm near Mechanicsville, Iowa. The Morrisons witnessed the surveyors working on the proposed right of way at Mechanicsville before the Northwestern Railroad was built. Mrs. Morrison helped serve dinner to the first train load of passengers to arrive in Mechanicsville. They saw the famous Camanche Cyclone in Eastern Iowa. They witnessed the broad prairies of Logan, Jones and Cedar Townships ablaze from fire. In 1878, they moved to a farm two miles north of Collins and in 1895 to a farm one and a half miles west of Rhodes. Mr. Morrison lived there until his death in 1909. Mrs. Morrison died there in 1912. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Frank Wilson Morrison, the son of John and Fanny was married to Babe Freland in Mankato, Minnesota in 1920. She was the eldest of ten children of Simon William Freland of Patterson, Missouri and Sarah Adeline Jones, born in Clyde, Iowa. The other children of Simon and Sarah are; Lou Ann Schelker, James Madison, Pearl Schelker, Roy, Nellie Raffery, Raymond and three others died in infancy. Simon and Sarah are buried in the Ball Cemetery near Collins.



Babe Freland Morrison



Fanny and John Morrison

The four children of the Morrison-Freland marriage, all born in Good Thunder, Minnesota are: Nellie Pearl Chandler, now living in Canada; Esther Galloway of Des Moines; and Raymond of Portland, Oregon. All three attended Rhodes High School. The fourth child, Robert, died in infancy. Frank Morrison died in 1936 and Babe died in 1946. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Nellie Pearl graduated from Rhodes High School in 1941. In 1947 she graduated from the University of Iowa and taught elementary school. She married Bernard Chandler who is a Professor at the University of Toronto. They have two grown children, Melanie and Gregg.

Esther graduated from Rhodes High School in 1943. After attending Graceland College she married Clair Galloway from Lockwood, Missouri. They live in Des Moines where Clair is a partner in the firm of Ernst and Whinney, Certified Public Accountants. They have one son, Joseph, who is a Certified Public Accountant and Lawyer.

Raymond graduated from Rhodes High School in 1948. He married Vera Crawford and lives in Portland, Oregon. He is a pressman for the Oregonian. They have one grown daughter, Debra.

Alfred and Elizabeth White

Alfred White was born February 20, 1837 in Laurence County, Ohio.

On June 20, 1861 he married Elizabeth Trussel who was born September 9, 1840 in Indiana. In 1873 they moved to Edenville. Alfred and Elizabeth had five children; Ada M., Mary E., John X., Viola V. and Alma R.

He owned the firm of A. White and Brother, General Merchandise and was the postmaster. He was a member of the Latter Day Saints and was an Elder of their Society.

Charles Darling Family

Charles Darling was born January 13, 1868 in Seneca Falls, New York and came to Iowa with his parents in 1881.

Gertrude Kitchel was born January 1, 1870 in Greencastle and at the age of two, with her parents moved to Collins, Iowa. She was educated in the Collins school.

Charles Darling and Gertrude Kitchel were married February 16, 1892 at Newton, Iowa. They set up housekeeping in Rhodes and lived there to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Charles passed away September 17, 1948 at a Marshalltown hospital, he was buried at Collins. He left his wife Gertrude at home, and three children; Clinton of Peoria, Illinois; Nellie of Arlington, Virginia; and Margaret Miller of Blythedale, Missouri.

All of the Darlings are deceased, but Margaret Miller who lives in Bethany, Missouri, and has a son Phillip in Kirksville, Missouri.

Charles Darling was a carpenter by trade and has built a lot of landmarks in and around the Rhodes area.

Mrs. Darling resided in Rhodes until 1957 when she moved to Newton, Iowa, to be near her daughter Margaret whose husband, Maurice (Bus) Miller was employed at HyVee Food Store. Mrs. Darling passed away at Skiff Memorial Hospital in Newton, September 27, 1960. She was buried in Collins.

I still recall the happy times I had in Rhodes when I was growing up. The "Cracker Box," as Hix hall was called in those days, where we played basketball. We girls won a lot of games in that hall. I was graduated from Rhodes High School in 1932, married Maurice (Bus) Miller in 1933 and our son Phillip was born in 1934 in Blythedale.

*Submitted by
Margaret Darling Miller*

Judson S. and Jane Booth

Judson S. Booth lived in Rhodes with his family while he was owner of the Rhodes Lumber Yard 1883-1891. His wife was Jane Conwell Booth and their three children were: Carrie L. Booth Downs, Lula Booth Lane and Edward.

In 1890, Carrie was a member of the first graduating class from Rhodes High School. She was the organist at the Rhodes Methodist Church for its services. She married Horace S. Downs who owned the drugstore in Baxter in 1895. They became the parents of two daughters: Leona Jessie Downs Reese and LaReno Downs Geise, now a resident at the Colonial Manor in Baxter.

Judson S. Booth after having lived in Baxter, moved to Marshalltown in 1911. He and his wife died in 1933 at the age of 85 and in 1942 at the age of 93, respectively.



From the left; Andy, Josie and Mary Hale.

Andy and Josephine Hale

Andy Hale was born in Gloucestershire, England, January 11, 1857. He came with his parents from England to Fort Sarina, Canada, when he was nine years old. Later they went to Cook County, Illinois and then they moved to Iowa. Andy worked on the railroad and then took up the trade of painting.

On January 1, 1884, he married Josephine Gruber, the daughter of John P. Gruber and Martha Elizabeth Bolei. She was born March 27, 1866 at Chicago, Illinois.

They had one daughter, Mary Louella born September 27, 1884, married William Steiner.

Mr. Hale was a member of the Eden Lodge No. 466, Masonic Lodge of Rhodes and Woodland Lodge No. 361. Mrs. Hale was a member of Rebekah Lodge No. 362, order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 11 and the Mystic Tie Temple No. 79, Pythian Sister, of Rhodes.

Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Corn - 41¢ a bushel; Kerosene - 17¢ a gallon; Cowhide - 4¢ per lb.; a spool of thread - 5¢ each; dehorning cattle - 10¢ a head.

Henry and Phoebe Buck

In the spring of 1893 Henry and Phoebe Buck and their nine year old daughter, Edna, moved from Clinton County, Iowa to the farm north of Rhodes where their grandson Donald now lives. Although 1893 was a drought year and an epidemic of hog cholera, they made their farm payment by living almost entirely on the farm products and buying only the bare necessities. Phoebe worked in the fields with Henry, driving three or more horses on the machinery. They hauled wheat and corn to the mill to be ground into flour and corn meal. Henry raised purebred Shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses and Phoebe raised Black Langshan chickens.

On November 17, 1893, a son Alfred was born. In 1908 Henry and Edna took a trip thru the west in search of a climate which might help the asthma from which they suffered, and decided on Yakima, Washington. They rented the farm and moved there in 1909, where Henry was active in the Masonic Lodge and the affairs of the fast growing pioneer town. He owned land near the Indian reservation where he and Alfred made friends with many of the Indians.

In 1916, they moved back to Iowa, and Alfred took over the management of the farm. In 1921 when Alfred was married, they moved to Rhodes, where Henry was very active in the church and community, and was mayor of the town for many years. He was a Boy Scout leader and taught a Sunday School class of boys. While mayor, he saved several boys from being sent to Eldora Training School by befriending them and being responsible for their conduct.

Henry was a member of Eden Masonic Lodge and Phoebe was a member of Crystal Chapter OES, also the Eden Cemetery Aide which was an active organization. Both were active in supporting the Eden Fair, where Henry was superintendent of the cattle division for some years. He loved his "fiddle" and often played for dances and other occasions.

Henry died in November, 1932 and Phoebe in July, 1945. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

*Submitted by
FrancesBuck*



Phoebe and Henry Buck



James and Lucy Hale

James and Lucy Hale

James Hale was born October 30, 1828 and married Lucy Ann Thorne, born November 15, 1831. Their birth's occurred in Gloucestershire, England. They came to America and lived in Ames, Story County, Iowa.

They were the parents of the following children: Aaron, born March 16, 1854; Miram born August 16, 1856; Andy, born January 11, 1857; Isaac J., born May 5, 1858; William S., born March 1, 1863; Mrs. Fannie Heath, born April 1, 1866; Thomas, born July 24, 1867; Henry, born May 19, 1869 and died in 1880; Arthur, born June 20, 1870, died ten days later; Cora, born April 26, 1872, died July 1872; Oliver, born April 21, 1875, died April 30, 1875; Roy W., born May 29, 1882.

Vene and Nellie Gambell

Nellie Frances Webster was born April 16, 1874 in Edenville, Marshall County, Iowa. She attended school in town and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1890.

V. (Vene) C. Gambell, Winfield, Iowa was Superintendent of the Rhodes High School 1887-1891. Nellie and Vene were married at Rhodes, August 12, 1890.

In 1894, Vene and Nellie sailed the "Bear" for Sevuokok, St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Straits, as missionaries for the Presbyterian Church. The Gambell's were there three years. They accomplished a great deal of work under trying circumstances. They were completely isolated, living among three hundred-seventy-five natives on the island. The mail and supplies they received were ordered a year ahead of time and received only once a year, when the ice went out sufficiently to permit passage of the vessel. There were no trees or shrubs, the ground being covered only by grass and lava rock. Provisions were of necessity, canned goods or game and fish that could be caught. After the birth of their baby, Margaret, on April 13, 1897, Nellie's health was poor and they were



From the left; Nellie, Margaret and Vene Gambell

obligated to come back to Iowa the fall of 1897 for treatment. After visiting Nellie's parents, James and Mary Webster and family at Rhodes, and with Vene's family at Winfield, Iowa, Nellie entered the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, for two months and then two weeks in a Keokuk, Iowa, hospital. During this time Vene was sent to Juneau, Alaska to take charge of the government school for white children. When he returned he found Nellie's health so restored they began preparations to return to their work on St. Lawrence Island.

On May 19, 1898 the Gambell family set sail from Seattle, Washington, on the ill fated vessel "Jane Gray". All the other passengers were men going to Alaska to prospect in the Klondike. The men became very attached to little Margaret. Friday and Saturday, Nellie and Vene became very sick. When the alarm was given at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, the vessel was ninety miles off Cape Flattery, Vene hurriedly dressed and went on deck to find the, "Jane Gray" careening badly and the waves breaking over the ship. He soon realized the vessel was doomed and sinking rapidly. Nellie kept calling if she and Margaret should come up. Knowing how sick she was he answered, "No, dear, I will come down". As he descended, the water was pouring in from all sides and water was knee deep in their cabin. After it appeared the family was leaving their cabin, they stepped back in and closed the door. They were among the thirty-six lives lost, but twenty-seven survived.

A book, "The Schoolhouse Farthest West", is a narrative by Vene of their many experiences on St. Lawrence Island. This book was carried as a serial in "The Youth's Companion", in 1900.

Dr. Frank Gambell, Vene's brother, and a Dr. Sheldon Jackson went to Siberia, Russia, and stopped at Sevuokok on their return to look after the Gambells effects. The Eskimos had already heard the news from some whalers. They would take Dr. Gambell's hands in theirs and look in his face and repeat over again and again, "Mister Gambell - Good Man".

Dr. Jackson named the lonely little station, Gambell, in honor of the first missionaries there. On most maps today the capital of St. Lawrence Island in the Bering Sea is called, Gambell.

Reflections of Lelia Rhodes

My great aunt Lelia Rhodes was a prim and proper Christian lady who was friendly and courteous to everyone. She was an active conversationalist but tended to avoid gossip type talk. She had rather fixed and rigid opinions on many subjects but did not press such positions on to others. She did have a sense of humor but it was somewhat strained. She was highly respected and well liked by her contemporaries but was considered somewhat old fashioned by younger generations. She lead a lonely, spinsters life which may at times been the reason for her seemingly odd behavior. In summary, Lelia was a lady who lived by the Christian code and enjoyed her long life even under difficult circumstances. I do hope that she was rewarded with all the great benefits due to a fine Christian.



Lelia Rhodes

Daniel and Nettie Sanford

On September 24, 1863, Daniel Sanford married Nettie Skiff. She was the daughter of Stephen Skiff. Nettie wrote the History of Marshall County 1867, which was published in December of 1867.

Nettie lived in Des Moines for six months and then moved to Marshalltown.



Farm home of Charles and Louise Steiner; also home of Frank and Emma Steiner. The Charles Steiner family, from the left; George, Lena, Carrie, Bill, Frank, Charles, Louise and Millie.

Charles and Louise Steiner

Charles Steiner was born May 14, 1835 in Germany. He came to America in 1852 and worked as a carpenter in New Orleans, Louisiana. When the War of the Rebellion broke out, he went to St. Louis, Missouri where he enlisted in the Union Army, serving three years. He came to Marshall County in 1864 and married Louise Tisler on November 15, 1866. She was born in 1850 in France. They farmed in Eden Township and Charles died June 25, 1897. Later Louise moved to Los Angeles, California, dying in 1937. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

To this union were born six children: Frank, born 1867; Amelia, born July 18, 1870; William, born April 29, 1872; Carrie, born 1876; Lena and George.

Frank married Emma Tribby, they farmed in Eden Township and had no children. Both died in 1954.

Amelia married Arthur Rohrer and they farmed near Melbourne, Iowa. Their children are; Wilbur, Blaine, Donald and Hazel Diggins. Amelia died September 6, 1963 and Arthur in 1952.

William married Mary Hale. They resided in Rhodes and their children are; Charles, Francis, Lucy and Lloyd.

Carrie married Charles Rohrer and farmed in Eden Township and their children are; Elmer and Evelyn. Carrie died in 1970 and Charles in 1957.

Lena married Harry Hildreth and moved to Los Angeles, California and they had no children. Both died in California.

George left and went to Billings, Montana, where he was a sheep rancher. He never married and died in Montana.

John and Anna Breunig

John was the son of Joseph and Catherine Blink Breunig. He was born September 19, 1861, two miles south of Rhodes. He attended the local school, was a farmer and had several businesses in Rhodes.

On February 1, 1887 he married Anna Rohrer, the daughter of Lester and Sophia Caster Rohrer. She was born June 29, 1864 in Somanauk, Illinois.

They were the parents of three children: Isabelle, born June 27, 1888; Genevieve M., born January 17, 1891; and Lester Joseph, born September 20, 1892.

Anna died in 1913 and John in 1944. Both are buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rhodes.



Herb and Ann Nowlan

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Herb Nowlan and Ann Carmody were married June 23, 1928 in Nevada. They lived on a farm for many years in the Rhodes area. Herb served on the school board and Ann was a member of the Band Boosters Club.

They have three adopted children; Patricia, Paul and Harry (Bud) Trowbridge, all graduating from Rhodes High School and all were active in sports.

Herb died in 1970 and is buried in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in State Center. Ann resides in State Center.

Charles M. and Daisy Elliott

Charles M. was born August 9, 1888 near Collins, the son of Thomas and Ida Elliott and lived in or near Rhodes all his life. He served in World War I and received the purple heart during the Battle of Argon Forrest in France.

On July 2, 1921 he was united in marriage to Daisy Whistler Palmer. To them were born four sons: Charles J., Rhodes; Lawrence, who passed away in 1977; Harold, now married and living in Madrid, Iowa and Wilbur G. of Rhodes. They also have two step-daughters: Laura, married Donald Shattuck of Stanhope, Iowa and Charlotte, married Ray Oyler of Sunnymead, California.

Charles served several years as a mail messenger from the depot to the post office in Rhodes. After his death in 1947 his son Lawrence continued as the messenger until the mail was discontinued by the trains.

Daisy died in November of 1957.

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene K. Parrott

In August of 1928, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Parrott moved, with their children, Glenn, Nellie and Alice from southeastern Iowa to the Rhodes community. Rev. Parrott served as the pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church there for five years, during which time Glenn graduated from Rhodes High School.

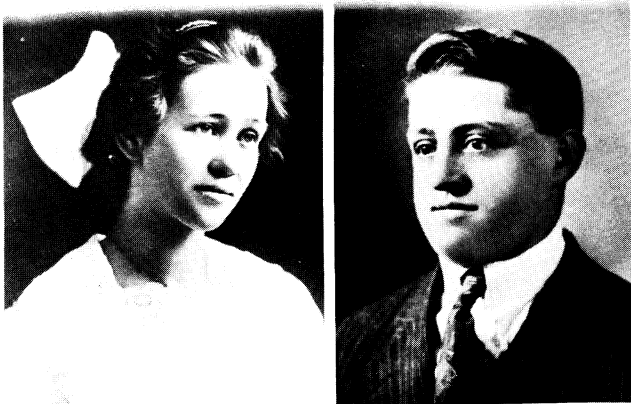
Through the years that followed Rev. and Mrs. Parrott served churches in southeastern Iowa until his retirement in 1958. They then settled in Fairfield, Iowa where Mrs. Stella Parrott died in 1959, at the age of seventy years. Several years later Rev. Parrott married Wanda Gonzalas and they lived in Fairfield until his death in 1980, at the age of ninety-one.

Both Nellie and Alice attended John Fletcher College at Oskaloosa, taught school for several years, were married, and settled in the area near Ottumwa. Nellie died in January of 1980. In July of 1982 Alice's husband died and she now lives alone in her home in Douds, Iowa.

Glenn graduated from Wheaton College and Garrett Theological Seminary and became a Methodist minister. He and his wife, Jane, served churches in Michigan and Iowa until his retirement in 1978. He also served six years as superintendent of the Ottumwa District of the Methodist Church and received an honorary doctorate degree from Iowa Wesleyan College. He now serves in a part time position as chaplain of the Burlington Medical Center at Burlington, Iowa.



Rev. Glenn and Jane Parrott



Vesta and James White

James and Vesta White

James Nathan, was born in 1900, and is still active in farming land purchased by his grandfather in 1876. While in his early twenties, Jim with two brothers, John and Wilbur, and Elwood Robinson straightened 200 rods of Skunk Creek that ran through the west side of their land holdings. This was all done with horses. In 1929 Jim tilled the creek bottom ground. The trees were cut down by hand with two-man saws. The stumps were then blasted out with dynamite. Since then there has always been a corn crop produced on it.

In the early farming days the home farm had pigs, geese, chickens, purebred Shorthorns and a dairy herd. The dairy herd was lost to mastitis in the early forties. It was at this time that Jim ventured in cattle feeding. In 1951, Jim with the help of his two sons, Carroll and Rex, built an automatic feeding system. They used electricity to grind grain, weigh it, mix the ration and deliver it to the cattle through auger-type conveyors. This system was controlled by a panel of switch boxes in a shed built near the silos and cattle yards. In the years that followed many cattle were fed in Jim's lot, some years nearly a thousand head. On April 10, 1981 the farm suffered the devastation of a tornado and for one year the cattle yards stood empty.

Jim spent his boyhood years on the home farm of Harrison White. His first eight years of school were at Prairie Ridge School which was located near what is now called the Six Corners. He took his eighth grade examination in Rhodes. Jim went to Melbourne to high school. He attended school for a year and a half before deciding the farm needed him full time.

On December 25, 1924, James married Vesta Fern Good, born in 1899. They had four children: Carroll Abraham, April, 1927; Rex E., August, 1928; Garnita, September, 1930; and Goldia, June, 1933. The sons are still farming with their father. Garnita is living in Hardin County on a farm with her husband, Irwin Seward. Goldia is teaching in the school system in Fremont, California.

In 1964 with the help of Carroll and Rex, Jim built a new home on approximately the same location of the home in which he and Vesta had raised their children. After the death of Vesta in 1979, Jim continues to live in this home by himself.

James Kennedy

James Kennedy was born September 10, 1830 in Ireland. In 1872 he moved to 80 acres in Section 33 of Eden Township. The land at time of his purchase was valued at \$20 per acre.

On February 22, 1858 he married Mary A. McMahan who was born February 21, 1841 in Canada. James and Mary had seven children; David J., James A., William D., George H., Alice M., Frank and Martha J.

E.S. and Frances Haas

E.S. (Dick) is the son of John and Agenta Haas. This family lived on the farm where Kenneth Haas now lives. Dick had two sisters, Amanda and Edna and two brothers Jake and Albert, who died quite young. Amanda was a teacher during her lifetime and retired at Rhodes.

Frances is the daughter of Edward and Nellie Pester. They lived on farms around Rhodes and Frances graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1909. Nellie Pester was a sister of Agnes, Henry, Herbert, Charles and Martin Buck. This explains our relationship with the Buck family. I am sure Agnes Buck is included in many reports as she was an inspiration to all of us.

Dick and Frances Haas have three sons; Kenneth, John and Herbert; and three daughters; Alice, Marie and Jeanette. Kenneth and John live and farm at Rhodes. Alice is in Davenport, Iowa. Marie is in Anamosa, Iowa. Herbert is in Oelwein and Jeanette in Des Moines. We were all born on farms around Rhodes although we lived in Collins for about eight years. Kenneth, John, Alice and Marie graduated from the Collins school and Herbert and Jeanette graduated from Rhodes High School in 1939 and 1940. Herbert was a principal in the schools at Brooklyn and Oelwein, however, decided to change occupations and is now working at ABCO which is an industrial manufacturer. Jeanette has been in Des Moines working as a secretary, the last 25 years at Iowa Roofing Company.

Playing basketball at Hix Hall are among my most pleasant memories of going to Rhodes High School. Only once in my four years of competing were we able to beat State Center which was a highlight. I still belong to and attend church at the Methodist Church. Being able to attend the church in Rhodes has helped me a great deal to keep in touch with the friendly people in Rhodes.

*Submitted by
Jeanette Haas Pinck*

Charles and Caroline Rohrer

Caroline Josephine was born June 3, 1876 in Rhodes, a daughter of Charles and Louise Tisler Steiner.

Charles Calvin was born in Somonauk, Illinois on February 13, 1872 to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rohrer. He came to Iowa in a railroad car loaded with his brother's farm stock and machinery. He worked for two brothers, Ed of Clarion, Iowa and Arthur of Melbourne. While in this area he met Caroline J. Steiner, sister of Amelia Steiner Rohrer (Arthur's wife). They were married in Rhodes, January 17, 1900 at the M.P. Church by Rev. A.H. Martin. They moved back to Somonauk for five years before returning to the Rhodes area in 1905. They resided on a farm a mile and a half southeast of Rhodes, which was formerly owned by Charles Steiner. In 1922 they moved to town and lived in the house presently occupied by Danny Clement. Charley died November 26, 1957 at the age of 85. He was a 53 year member of the Masonic Lodge. Carrie died January 12, 1970 at the age of 93.

Charley and Carrie had two children; Elmer, born 1901 and Evelyn, born 1908.

Evelyn was educated in the Rhodes school, where she later taught in the grades after her graduation from Iowa State Teachers College. At college she met and married Ardon L. Cole. They had no children. She was living in Atlanta, Georgia at the time of her death, April 12, 1970 at the age of 62. Her husband preceded her in death.

John and Bertha Robinson

John, was born in 1885, the son of William Cass and Amelia Woods Robinson. He married Bertha, the daughter of John and Amanda Signs Long. They lived in Mingo, Iowa and later moved one mile north and half mile west of Rhodes.

They were the parents of ten children; Orville William of Mingo, born in 1913, married Zola Hand and have two children; Charles Arthur of Rock Creek, Iowa, born in 1915, married Delores Logston and have two children; Iva Viola of Marshalltown, born in 1916, married Theodore Evans and have two children; Marcella Opal of Indianola, born in 1918, married William Buckley; Ralph Kenneth of Vallejo, California, born in 1920, married Evelyn Farmer and has one child; Leo David of Vallejo, born in 1922, married Syble Kendrick and have two children; Raymond Lloyd of Evansdale, Iowa, born in 1924, married Donna Swehla and have six children; Faye Leota of Evansdale, born in 1926, married Gerald Wilson and have five children; Flossie Alice of Marshalltown, born in 1928, married Lyle Wall and have two children; and Lois Marie of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, born in 1930, married Robert Trimble and have four children.

Ralph, Leo, Raymond, Faye, Flossie and Lois attended the Rhodes school.



Caroline and Charles Rohrer

Louis and Minnie Walters

Minnie and Louis were married in 1899 and farmed in the State Center and Rhodes areas. They were the parents of six children; Ray, Myrtle, Amos, Warren, Wilmer and Marie.

Louis died in 1949 and Minnie in 1952.

Amos, Warren, Wilmer and Marie all graduated from Rhodes High School. Marie, who married Clyde Draper, is the only surviving member of this family, and lives in Del Mar, California.



Minnie and Louis Walters

Michael and Agnes Guckert

Michael, the son of Jacob and Catherine Guckert, lived his entire life in the Rhodes area and was born July 7, 1880.

He married Agnes Westerbeck of Haverhill, the daughter of Herman and Mary Westerbeck. She was born August 13, 1884 at St. Louis, Missouri and had one sister Clara who married Joseph Guckert.

After they were married they farmed four miles south of Rhodes and remained there until they retired in 1942, moving to Rhodes. They lived in the home now occupied by Marvin Meyer. They were the parents of three children; Kathryn, Clara and Lawrence.

Kathryn, died at age twenty-two, attended Teachers College in Ceder Falls, Iowa and was a teacher in the county schools. Clara, married J. Harlan Kloppenborg and Lawrence, married Thelma Doser.

The family were all members of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhodes. Michael died March 1, 1959 and Agnes died February 12, 1960. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes.



Michael and Agnes Guckert



Allie and Arthur Thursby

Arthur and Allie Thursby

Arthur C. was born March 28, 1878 near Lynnvillle, Illinois. His parents were Charles and Ann Thursby. He was twenty-one when he came to Iowa.

September 18, 1902 he married Alice (Allie) Mae the daughter of Charles F. and Mary Jane Kuhn Dewey. Allie was born February 6, 1883 and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1902.

After Arthur and Allie married they farmed five and one half miles northwest of Rhodes. The Thursby family was a member of the Methodist Church, Allie was a member of the Rebekahs.

They had six children; Chester A., Everett W., Harold F., Willard V., Verle C. and Esther L.

Chester A. was born April 6, 1903. On June 4, 1927 he married Effie Engstrom, born August 26, 1900, at Michigan City, Indiana. They have three children, Curtis C., and the twins Paul and Pauline. Chester died April 26, 1968 and is buried in Indiana.

Everett W. was born July 3, 1904 and was a plumber and tiler for many years in Rhodes. He died March 27, 1963 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Harold F. was born July 8, 1908. He was killed in an automobile accident on July 24, 1931 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Willard, married Goldie McMeekin; Verle, married Mary Malechek; and Esther married Harold Eibs (see their histories).

Arthur died June 22, 1926 and Allie died December 12, 1959. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Joseph Baker

Joseph Baker was born October 20, 1830, in Muskingum County, Ohio. On November 6, 1864 he married Mary Tiffin who was born July 18, 1846 in Ohio. They had seven children, five of whom are; William D., Clara J., Maryetta, George E. and Samuel H.

In 1865 they came to Marshall County. In 1877 they settled on a 440 acre farm in Section 27 of Eden Township, which was valued at \$30.00 per acre.

Wilbur Williams Family

Wilbur and Elma Sefree Williams came to Rhodes in 1912 from Mingo, Iowa. He was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad as a section boss for forty years. He was active in city affairs serving as the mayor of Rhodes and a member of the city council. Wilbur was a member of the Masonic and I.O.O.F. Lodges and served as secretary of both. They were both members of the Rhodes Methodist Church. Wilbur died in 1957 and Elma in 1965, and are buried in Eden Cemetery.

They were the parents of ten children; Gertrude, Julia, Mary, Leota, Dorothy, Edith, Wilma, Wilbur, Elmer and Harold.

Gertrude married Wilfred Watts and they made their home in Melbourne. They had two children, Shirley and Winfred. Gertrude died in 1978.

Julia married Charles Ebert and lived in Lesterville, Missouri. They were the parents of five children, Charles, Betty, Dorothy, Leland and Alice. Julia died in 1982.

Mary married Ted Andrews and made their home in Cedar Rapids. They had one daughter, Donna Mac. Mary died in 1964.

Leota died in 1925 from burns received when their house burnt.

Dorothy married Russell Kielly and they reside in State Center. She is a nursing home administrator and his is manager of Gooch Feed. They have five children; Gerald, of Baxter; Pat Oetker, of Marshalltown; Wilbur (Bill), of Reinbeck; Shiela, of Grinnell and Mike, of State Center.

Edith, a beauty operator, married Walter Burton and lived in Campbell, California. They have three children; Sam, Greg and Connie.

Wilma, a beauty operator, married Charles Shryock and lives in Rancho Cordova, California. They have four children; Kay, Jan, Buddy and Annie.

Wilbur, a businessman, married Hazel Loupe and lives in Rancho Cordova. They have three children; Susie, Andy and Peggy.

Elmer is a carpenter and lives in Manly, Iowa. He has three children; Terry, Tim and Tammy.

Harold, a depot agent, married Margaret Miller and lives in Hudson, Iowa. They have four children; Harold, Elma, Becky and Bill.

J.A. Harmon Family

J.A. Harmon was born October 6, 1831 in Richmond, Indiana. In 1856 he settled in Marshall County. He owned 160 acres of land, valued at \$40 per acre in Section 16 of Eden Township.

On October 8, 1860 he married Miriam Hummel who was born January 10, 1840 in Dekalb, Illinois. They had two children; Alfred L. and Henry E.

Mr. Harmon held about all the Township offices.



The Wilbur Williams family, from the left, front row: Wilma, Wilbur Sr., Elmer and Edith; Second row: Julia, Dorothy, Elma, Mary, Wilbur Jr., Gertrude and Harold.

Leo and Lucille Baie

Leo A. was born in Albion, Iowa, in April of 1898 to Andrew and Susie Baie. He served in World War I.

Lucille K. was born in Rhodes, to Charles and Anna Goodman on February 4, 1903. She married Leo Baie on September 27, 1921. They had two children; Irene Banzhaf, born February 16, 1927 and Leland, born October 29, 1933. Lucille Baie has lived in the same house in Rhodes for over sixty years. She worked at the school as a cook for twelve years.



Leo Baie family, from the left; Lucille, Leland, Irene and Leo.

James Chapman

James Chapman was born April 5, 1831 in England. On June 19, 1854 he married S.E. Garis who was born September 29, 1837 in Ashtabula County, Ohio. In 1871 they purchased a 160 acre farm in Section 33 of Eden Township, Marshall County.

The Chapmans were the parents of six children; James L., Minnie M., Lee, died 1874, Willie R., Harry J. and Irene A.

In 1861 James Chapman enlisted in Company F., 54th Illinois Volunteer Infantry and served until March 1, 1865.

Mr. Chapman was a farmer and a Township Assessor.



Hannah Fuch

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When I was in my teens we were neighbors to Hannah Fuch, she lived where Delight Ward now resides. Hannah was a maiden lady, who was a very good Christian and lived alone. She kept chickens and sold eggs, also raised onion sets to sell. Each spring she had a regular route to deliver her onion sets. She liked to work outside and told us children that she picked corn from star light to star light for 25¢ a day.

What I remember most about Hannah is the soft molasses cookies she made for the neighbor kids. She said the world was getting so bad it couldn't get much worse so the end would be soon. She died in the early 1930's while doing her morning chores and was found lying by the chicken house. I never knew if she had any relatives. Hannah is buried in Eden Cemetery.

*Submitted by
Edith Overman*



Myrtle and Marion Wendel

Marion and Myrtle Wendel

Marion came to Rhodes in the early 20's from Clinton County to work for his brother Ross.

In 1925 he married Myrtle, the daughter of Louis and Minnie Walters.

After their marriage they moved to a farm a half mile north of Rhodes. In 1948 they purchased a farm south of Rhodes in Jasper County. They were the parents of one son, Harlan Marion, born 1929, married Helen Lee.

Myrtle belonged to several organizations in the community and Marion served on the school board.

Otto and Bessie Richeson

Bessie Edith, daughter of Ralph and Priscilla Coulter Sanders was born July 22, 1894 at Rhodes. She married Otto Engle Richeson, the son of George Emery and Belle Booth Richeson. Otto was born July 2, 1892 at State Center, Iowa.

Otto and Bessie lived in Rhodes for a number of years and had three sons: Charles Howard, deceased 1979; Ralph Willard, deceased 1980 and Robert E. All the children attended the Rhodes school. In 1928 they purchased eighty acres, one and three-fourth miles south of Rhodes, from the George Richeson estate where they lived until 1950 when they sold the farm to their son, Robert and moved back to Rhodes.

Bessie was known as the Sugar Cookie Grandma to the children of Rhodes. She always had an extra large cookie for the children that happened to knock on her door. Both were associated with the Latter Day Saints Church here in Rhodes.

Otto died March 29, 1959 and Bessie lives at the Colonial Manor in Zearing.



Herman Klaas family, from the left, front row: Herman and Agnes; Second row: Leo and Dorothy.

Herman and Agnes Klaas

Herman was born in 1902, the son of Henry and Pauline Henning Klaas on a farm west of Williams, Iowa. At the age of two his parents moved to a farm north of Haverhill. In 1936, he married Agnes Guckert, daughter of Joseph and Clara Guckert. Agnes attended the Logan No. 9 Township County school. For many years Herman was president of the Round Grove Telephone Company. He also served as president of the Holy Name Society of the Rhodes Catholic Men. He died in 1974 and is buried at the Rhodes Catholic Cemetery. They were the parents of three children; Dorothy, born in 1937, Leo, born in 1943 and John James, born in 1945 who died the day of his birth.

Leo went to Melbourne school graduating in 1961. He joined the farming operation taking over the dairy enterprise. In 1978, Leo joined the Red Angus Association with a herd of red angus stock cows.

Dorothy attended Melbourne school and graduated in 1955. She was employed at the Fidelity Savings Bank until 1963. In September of 1962, she married William Stolzmen, son of Harry and Bernadine Kopel Stolzman at the Immaculate Conception Church in Haverhill. The Stolzmen live on a farm north of Marshalltown and are the parents of six children: Deanna Lynn, born 1963, is going to Spencer School of Business, majoring in fashion merchandising; Marlene Kay, born 1965, a senior at Marshalltown High School, employed at the Farm Bureau; Gary John, born 1966 and died 1968; Lisa Elaine, born 1969 is an eight grader at Miller Jr. High; Marcia Linnae, born 1971, is a sixth grader at St. Mary's School and Rodney William, born 1975, is a first grader at St. Henry's School.

Harold and Mabel Shill

Harold (Pete) Shill was born in 1901, near the Rock Creek area at Kellogg, Iowa.

In 1923 he married Mabel Fehrman, who was born June 19, 1901. To this union were born six children; Leonard, Florence, Catherine, Marvin, Charles and Frederick.

Leonard, born May 19, 1923, was married on October 20, 1940 to Wilma Hoover. She was born January 23, 1917. They have one daughter, Janet. Leonard died March 9, 1943.

Florence, born November 18, 1924 was married on June 25, 1955 to Eugene Arthur Funke. He was born June 4, 1924. They have one daughter, Linda Jean.

Catherine, born May 30, 1927 was married, March 4, 1946 to Warren Booth. He was born December 6, 1924. They have two children, Karen Rae and Rickey Lee.

Marvin, born July 15, 1931, married Mary Jo Kleekner on May 8, 1954, later divorced. She was born January 23, 1934. They had two children, Sandra Jo and Marvin Lee, Jr. Marvin remarried and resides in Anchorage, Alaska with his wife, Amy.

Charles, born May 27, 1934, married Karen Daniels on December 8, 1957. She was born July 4, 1938. They have four children; Scott Evan, Timothy J., James Daniel and Carla Kay. Charles and Karen live in Mason City, Iowa.

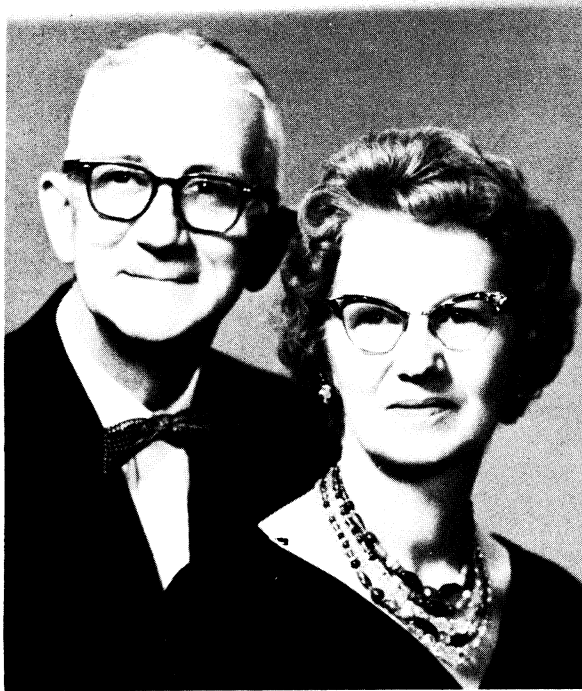
Frederick, born December 18, 1936, married Bobette Louks on July 27, 1957, and were later divorced. She was born December 6, 1938. They had two children; Todd Michael and Shawn. Fred married Ardiss Wilkins November 24, 1964. She was born November 24, 1930 and her children are; Jerry, John, Jill and David. Fred and Ardiss live in Hampton, Iowa.

In 1942 Harold and Mabel moved from the Laurel area to Rhodes, living where Ferdinand Wiese now lives. They moved to Montour, Iowa, in 1944 and back to Rhodes in 1946. They moved to the Gilman area in 1949. All their children attended Rhodes school, with Florence graduating in 1944 and Marvin in 1948. Mabel died December 10, 1962 and Harold in 1975.

George Shryock

George Shryock was born August 13, 1831 in Noblesville, Indiana. In 1863 he moved to Edenville and two years later moved to Section 12. In 1874 he purchased 160 acres of land in Section 11 of Eden Township, valued at \$25 per acre.

In April 1856 he married Theodocia Holmes who was born in May 1840 in Hamilton County, Indiana. They had nine children; Blanche, Ollie, Charlie, Bertha, Lulu and Lester. The family were members of the M.E. Church.



Luther and Louise Hix

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Luther F. Hix came to Rhodes with his parents, Walter D. and Emma Tight Hix, brother, George and sister, Florence, in 1908. He was born at Zearing, Iowa. The family homesteaded a year in Colorado, came back to State Center and then to Rhodes.

Luther married Wilma Louise Waters, daughter of Harry and Ethel Waters of Marshalltown, in 1938. To



The Luther Hix family, from the left, front row: Michelle and Jennifer Wetrich, Louise and Luther; Second row: Miriam and Richard Wetrich.

this union was born two children; Matt, who died at the age of 6, and Miriam, now Mrs. Richard Wetrich of Iowa City, and has two daughters, Michelle and Jennifer.

Luther died in 1976. He was a 50-year Mason of Eden Lodge No. 466, A.F. and A.M., a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir for many years, and was a member of the Marshalltones, a barbershop chorus in Marshalltown. He was also very active in the businesses of Rhodes. Luther is buried in Eden Cemetery. Louise now resides in Melbourne.



The Henry Townsend children, from the left, front row: George, Mary Ellen, Lucile and June; Second row: Wilma, Mae and Harold.

Henry Townsend Family

Henry (1887-1956) and Mary (1891-1943) moved to this community from Jasper County, Iowa in 1937. They had seven children. The five youngest attended the country school just across the road, State Center District No. 8. Then they attended State Center High School until 1944 when the district was changed and they attended Rhodes High School.

June, married Lorren Hardenburgh and they live in Parker, Colorado; Mae, married Glen Eckhart and they live in Melbourne; Lucile, married George Severidt and they live in State Center; Wilma, married Dale Eckhart and lives near State Center; George, married Ruth Halverson and they live in San Diego, California; Harold, married Geraldine Schmidt and they live in Baxter; Mary Ellen, married Jack Gray and they live in Rhodes (see Jack Gray history).



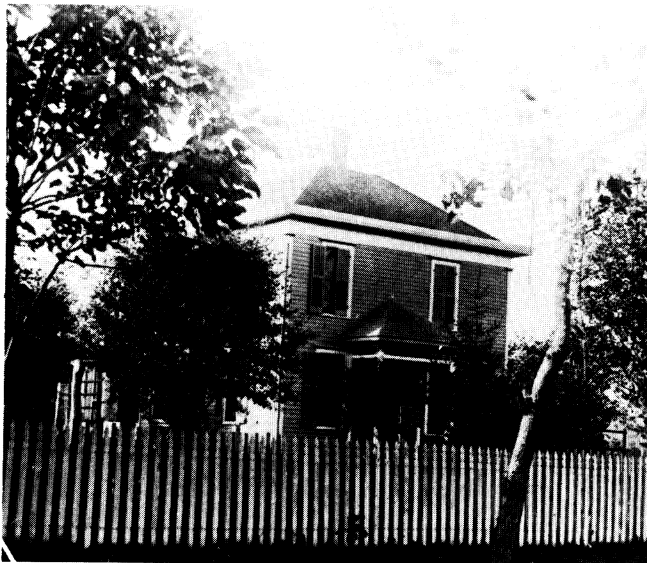
John and Martha Gruber

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John P. Gruber was born in Grumbach, Germany on April 8, 1831. He married Martha Elizabeth Bolei who was born February 15, 1835 in Hesson Cassel, Germany. They lived in Dixon, Illinois and when the Civil War started, he enlisted in 1861 in Company E. 75th Volunteer Infantry from Lee County, Illinois. He was wounded at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky and received a honorable discharge. They later moved to Rhodes, where they operated a boot and shoe retail business.

To this union was born four children; Mary, born August 30, 1861 and died August 26, 1880, married Albert Smith; Josephine married Andy Hale; a son died in infancy and Frederic, born April 1870, died May 12, 1893.

John was a member of the Eden Lodge No. 466 and both were members of the Crystal Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. They are both buried in Eden Cemetery.



John Gruber Home

Abraham and Clara Good

Abraham Good, a highly respected farmer and citizen of Eden Township, is a native of Ohio, being born in Holmes County, August 26, 1856. His parents were Abraham and Mary Ann Good. On March 1, 1878, Mr. Good came to Marshall County, Iowa and on Christmas day 1885 in Woodbury County, Iowa he was married to Clara M. Brown, who was born in Winnebago County, Illinois, August 13, 1866. She is the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Louise S. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Good were the parents of five children, namely: Gertrude Louise, born September 23, 1886, married Charles Jackson; MaryAnn, born April 7, 1888, married Ed Jackson; Maynard Taylor, born November 28, 1890, married Florence Weese; Lila Edna born November 28, 1894, married Arthur (Pete) Crawford; Vesta Fern born January 1, 1899, married James (Jim) White.

Mrs. Good devoted her life to helping the sick and the needy. She did home nursing and acted as a mid-wife. She helped deliver many babies into the world, sometimes in her own home where she would care for the mother and baby. Her house was marked for getting a good meal by the Hobo's who came in from the railroad, she never denied anyone, she often was heard to say, "You have to feed them all to be sure you fed the worthy ones."

The home place farm of the Abraham Good family is now remembered as the Maynard Jackson farm at the east edge of Rhodes. When they retired from the farm, they made their home in Rhodes, two blocks west of Main Street known as the "Green House," just west of the Rhodes Catholic Church.

Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Abraham Good family, from the left, front row: Clara, Abraham and Vesta; Second row: Mary, Gertrude, Lila and Maynard.



Clara Good in front of her home, the "Green House".

Louis and Louisa Halter

Louis Halter and three brothers came from Alsace Lorraine, France in 1868. Louis was born in 1842. He married Louisa Doerr, who came from Stuttgart, Germany. They both went to work for C.B. Mendenhall at Rhodes. Louisa worked as a housemaid for \$1.50 a month, plus room and board, and he worked as a farm laborer. When they first met, neither one of them could understand each others language, but he learned the German. After each had saved enough money, they married in 1871. They rented their first farm in section one, Eden Township, where their son Henry was born. Ida Goodman lives there now.

Later, Louis purchased all of section 24, in Eden Township for \$37.00 an acre.

They had eleven children, eight boys and three girls. The boys were; George, Albert, Joseph, Edward, Lester, Leopold and William. William died at seventeen years of age, after being struck by lightning, while threshing in a field, where Jerry Halter now lives. They all farmed and had their families near Melbourne and Rhodes communities, all but George and Albert who went to South Dakota. The girls were Elizabeth, Bertha and Rosa.

They were all reared as Catholics, but George and Elizabeth were the only ones that stayed with the Catholic faith. Louisa renounced her Lutheran faith when she married, but after his death, she joined the Melbourne Reformed Church, therefore she was buried in the Melbourne Cemetery and he in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Rhodes. He died in 1921 and she in 1929. His father, George Halter is also buried in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. All of the

children have passed away.

The final family home in the original section of land, is where the Roger Gauch family now lives.

*Submitted by
Wilma Sutton*

John and Amanda Long

John W. was born in Decorah, Iowa, March 7, 1860, the son of John and Lucy Smith Long, who were natives of Canada. He came to Rhodes in 1891.

On March 11, 1880 he married Amanda A. Signs, who was born June 29, 1860. She was the daughter of James and Sarah Kintz Signs. They were the parents of three daughters; Bertha, born May 4, 1885, married John Robinson; Iva, born May 24, 1888, married Leo Perry and Myrtle, born October 4, 1889, married Dan W. Richeson. They all attended Rhodes school with Iva and Myrtle both graduating in 1906.

The Long's were the owners of "Pleasant Ridge Stock Farm," one hundred and twenty acres in section twenty and twenty-nine of Eden Township. John was the director of the Eden District Agricultural Society Fair, since its founding, He was caretaker of the grounds and the Chief of Police. John was a lawyer and a Marshall County Supervisor. He was a member of the Eden Lodge A.F. & A.M., Woodland Camp and Modern Woodsman of America. The family was affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rhodes.



The Abraham Woolston family, from the left, front row: May, Abraham, Naudaine, Stanley and Abi; Second row: Della, Homer, Ethel and Leonard.

Abraham and Abi Woolston Jr.

Abraham Naudain, son of Abraham and Ann Woolston, was born January 20, 1833 in Middleton, New Castle County, Delaware. On March 24, 1859 he married Abi Barns, daughter of Stephen and Margaret Barns. She was born May 15, 1837 in Erie County, Pennsylvania. They had seven children: Della, Elda, William, Francis, Leonard, Ethel and Stanley.

Della Margaret, born June 24, 1860 in Edenville, married Edwin Boyd and lived in Wyoming and California many years. She died July 14, 1918.

Elda May, born June 26, 1862 in Edenville, married Lebbius Phillips Smith. She died December 22, 1940.

William Homer, born August 26, 1864 in Edenville, married Lucy Richards and lived in Cheyenne, Wyoming many years. He died May 10, 1946.

Francis Weldon, born July 22, 1867 in State Center. He died March 12, 1868.

Leonard Lee, born February 10, 1870 in State Center, lived in Wyoming and California. He never married and died December 22, 1936.

Ethel Linn, born August 9, 1873 in State Center. She never married and was a teacher all her life. She died January 23, 1942.

Stanley Barns, born October 31, 1877 in Edenville. He never married and died March 18, 1947.

Abraham died January 6, 1907 and Abi died January 10, 1911.

Charles and Carolina Fricke

Charles Fricke, born November 12, 1860, married Carolina Kelling in 1887.

They lived on a farm in Eden Township 4 miles directly south of State Center. Charles and Carolina had two children; Gertrude and Carl.

Gertrude, born December 11, 1887, married Albert Nolte in 1908. He was born January 2, 1885. They had four children. She died May 6, 1963 and he died July 11, 1976.

Carl August, born April 22, 1891, married Leona Christina Yingst. She was born January 7, 1896. Carl died in 1952 and Leona is now Mrs. Leona Wilkens and lives in State Center.

Charles died May 23, 1917. Carolina and Charles are buried in Hillside Cemetery at State Center.



Isaac and Harriet Hoy Sr.

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Isaac Hugh Hoy was born December 25, 1858 in Story County, Iowa. On June 18, 1888 he married Harriet Elizabeth Plum near Baxter. She was born December 4, 1868.

Isaac and Harriet Plumb Hoy lived in the Rhodes vicinity most of their married lives. They came from Ardmore, South Dakota to the Baxter, Hoy Hill, area in the early 1900's and moved to Rhodes a short time later. Isaac and his family settled 2½ miles south of Rhodes where they farmed and he was a blacksmith. Their farmstead was near the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad bridge, known as the "Hoy Bridge." They remained on the farm until 1936 when they moved to Rhodes.

They were the parents of eight children; Charles, William, Phoebe, Vallie, Isaac, James, Alva and Elmer.

Charles Douglas, farmed and ran a saw mill most of his life. He married Olive Wilson and they had no children. He died at his home in Colfax in 1962.

William Thomas, married Alice Wood (see history).

Phoebe Elizabeth, married Zeph Taylor, lived in the Ira area and raised four children; John, Jim, Billie and Mae. She died at her home in Ira from burns caused by an accident in 1955.

Vallie Pearl, married Wesley Rinard (see history).

Isaac William, married Grace Klatt (see history).

James Henry, married Edna Wood and lived in the Rhodes area until his death in 1958. He, like his brothers, was a carpenter. Their children are; LaVonne, Keith, Mildred, Polly, Ramona, Frank and Marlin. After Jim's death, Edna moved to Marshalltown, where she still makes her home.

Alva Earl, married Lenora Karr while he was in the Army. They made their home in the Rhodes area and raised a family of five children; Larry, Gary, Jannette, Marlis and John Philip. Alva was a carpenter by trade, retiring from that occupation and now lives in Marshalltown. Lenora lived in a nursing home in Eldora, Iowa.



The Isaac Hoy Sr. family, from the left; Bill, Phoebe, Elmer, Harriett, Jim, Vallie, Chuck, Ike and Alva.

Elmer Leo, the youngest of the family, also took up carpentry as a trade. He married Clara Pike and lived in the Rhodes area until 1949, when he left live in Colfax. his children are; Lila, Lyle and Connie. Elmer has retired and they live in Colfax. Lila is married and has four children. Lyle is an electrical engineer in the shipyards at Norfolk, Virginia and has two children. Connie works for Blue Cross Insurance, is married and has one son.

Isaac died January 27, 1941 and Harriet on February 22, 1955. Both are buried in Bethel Cemetery near Baxter.

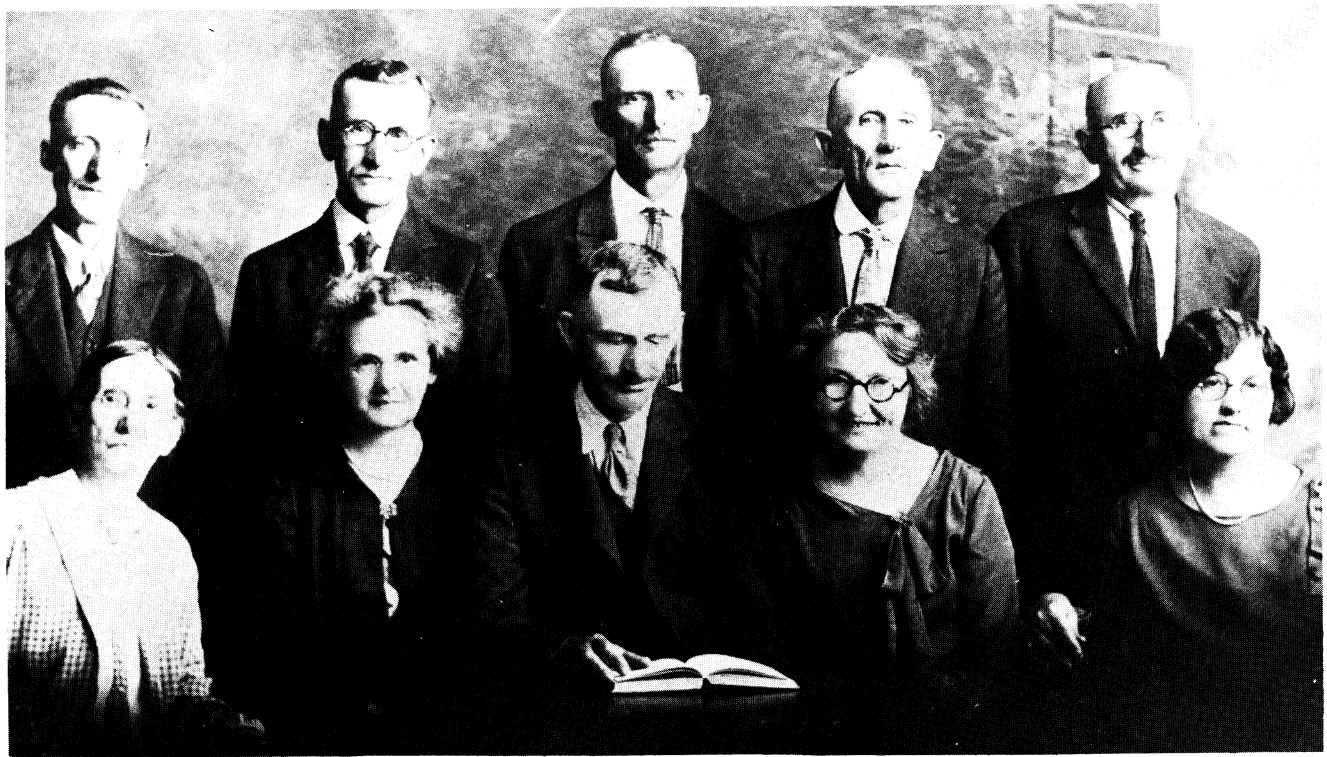
Chris Gauch

Chris was born, the son of Anton and Karlina Gauch, in 1868. He had two sisters and four brothers. Although he lost his hand in a threshing machine accident when he was a young man, he continued to farm with his brother, John until his retirement in the early 1940's. He also had his own threshing machine.

He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and he died in 1949. He is buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Rhodes.



Chris Gauch



Children of Joseph Blink, from the left, front row: Rose, Ann, Albert, Clara and Ida; Second row: Charles, Leopold, Martin, George and Lewis.

Joseph Blink Family

Joseph was born March 29, 1834, in Baden, Germany. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Bauer Blink. In 1852 he came to the United States with his parents. He had learned the trade of wagon making in Germany. When he arrived in the United States he went to work in a wagon and carriage factory in Chicago, a small town at that time.

He married Margaret Halter on February 18, 1858, the daughter of George and Margaret Rohrer Halter. She was born July 20, 1836 in France. In 1854 she came to the United States bringing her sixteen year old brother Peter. The trip was made on a cattle boat and they were required to bring their own food for the trip which lasted three months. At one point they remained stationary for six weeks because there was no wind. Margaret worked as a servant girl to support Peter, for which she was paid 25¢ a week.

Ten children were born to Joseph and Margaret; George, Rose, Louis, Anna, Albert, Leopold, Clara, Martin, Ida and Charles.

George, born January 15, 1859, married Anna and died in 1937; Rose, born April 1, 1861, married William Welp, died in 1949; Louis, born October 5, 1862, married first Sophie Retz and later Francis McMannus, died in 1947; Anna, born November 4, 1864, married Joseph Retz, died 1941; Albert, born February 2, 1867, married Alice Donnelly, died 1939; Leopold, born

December 17, 1868, married Ida Retz, died 1928; Clara, born February 17, 1871, married Edward Marshall, died 1966; Martin, born December 17, 1873, died 1966; Ida, born August 5, 1876, married Alex Elliott, died 1953; Charles, born August 3, 1878, married Kathryn Maher, died 1930.

Joseph and Margaret retired and moved to Rhodes. He died in October 1912 and she died in September 1927. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes.

F.D. and Mary Ann Curttright Sr.

Freeman Dalanton Sr., was born in Olin, Iowa. He graduated from Olin High School when he was sixteen years old. He taught his first year in high school at Stone City, Iowa, when he was 17 years old and taught several years in Jones County. He taught five years in high school at Center Junction, Iowa, where he met his wife, Mary Ann Carson. They were married in Center Junction, April 3, 1895. Freeman Dalanton Jr., was born in Center Junction on January 4, 1896. At the turn of the century the Curttright family moved to Rhodes, where Mr. Curttright was principal of the school for five years. Rhodes was where their two daughters were born; Frances Laura, born February 5, 1904 and Velma Fawn, born January 18, 1906.

Bill Robinson

Billie Robinson (1866-1911) came to America with his mother, Amelia at a very early age. As a small boy he was involved in an accident that caused the barn to burn down. The family lost all their horses which was more than a little embarrassing to Billie. At the age of fourteen Billie helped drive horses to Nebraska. After this he worked as a cowhand on ranches in Nebraska and Wyoming.

On his return to Iowa in 1900, he and his brother Albert bought a farm west of Rhodes on the Story County line. He worked with his brother Albert doing custom work with threshing machines, well drills, corn shredders and other farm machinery. Tetanus, following an accident with a corn shredder caused his death on December 17, 1911.



James Greene and Clarinda Allen

Walter and Amanda Jackson

Walter James was born December 3, 1842 in Manayoauka, Pennsylvania, the son of James and Ellen Jackson, and spent his childhood in Philadelphia. As a young man he worked in Michigan, and in 1870 located in Mechanicsville, Iowa. He married Amanda Schroepe in Mechanicsville on December 21, 1874. They moved to Marshall County in 1885. One of their first homes was the Pointer place two miles west of Rhodes. Walter bought farms sometimes for \$50, to be sold later for \$90. Before moving to State Center in 1901, the last farm they lived on was four miles north of Rhodes and remains today in the Jackson family. They were the parents of four children; Katherine Ann, William Andrew, Charles Walter and Edward Montgomery.

Both Walter and Amanda are buried in Eden Cemetery.



The Walter Jackson family, from the left, front row: Charles and Ed; Second Row: Kathrine Walter and William.

James Greene and Clarinda Allen

Clarinda Walker Wood was born October 6, 1825 in Casey County, Kentucky. Her parents, Abraham and Patsy, were believed to be wealthy plantation owners. On January 25, 1848 she married James Green Allen, born November 13, 1825.

When Green and Clarinda's little daughter, Mary Emily, born November 2, 1848, was six months old they left Casey County in a covered wagon. Mary always told the story, as told her, that one morning as they were breaking camp she disappeared. Her father had rolled up her bed of blankets and had rolled her right up in them. It is not known all they brought in their wagon, but a leather covered trunk is still in the family, the property of Patricia York Focht.

They entered land at the land office in Iowa City, Iowa and then came on to Jasper County in the spring of 1849. In August of 1849 they came to Eden Township in Marshall County. He built up their farmstead and purchased many parcels of land in Eden and State Center Townships.

They were the parents of four more children: James Abraham (April 14, 1851 - January 30, 1922) is buried in Eden Cemetery; Souvern William Wallace (January 31, 1853 - October 7, 1919), see history; John Milton (February 2, 1855 - 1861), is buried in Eden Cemetery and George Washington born May 31, 1859.

James Greene (usually referred to as Greene), had the pioneer spirit. Oregon was his goal. He went to Oregon and obtained land. He liked the milder climate. He returned several times for his family but they chose not to go. He returned in 1867 after six years in Oregon, perhaps this was the last time. Clarinda chose not to go any farther from her Kentucky family. She apparently adapted very well to pioneer life even though she started life as a southern belle.

Clarinda and son, James, were members of the Christian Church that existed sometime in the early days of Edenville.

Clarinda passed away December 7, 1911 in Rhodes. She is buried in Eden Cemetery.



The William Sheperd Girton family, from left, front row: William, Ernestine holding Elbert and Edward; Second row: William, Louella and Lewis.

William and Ernestine Girton

William Shepherd, the son of Marshall C. and Effie Flick Girton, was born February 4, 1848 near Buckhorn, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and moved with his parents to Illinois. When he was 17 he ran away and enlisted in the 7th Regiment of the Illinois Cavalry and served during the Civil War. He was too young to fight on the line so he was made a drummer boy. After the war was over he returned home and earned his living as a mason and farmed. He married Ernestine Floto on February 19, 1874. She was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, Sherburne, Germany in 1848 and came to this country with her parents, Louis and Caroline Rosenthal Floto, when she was two years old.

They had five children; Louella, Lewis, William A., Edward and Elbert.

Louella Ermatta was born in 1875. She grew up and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1893. She helped a neighbor lady care for her husband who was ill and six months later she contracted the disease and died in 1894. She is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Lewis Otto was born February 5, 1876 near Rhodes.

He grew to manhood there, was a mason by trade and married Jessie Thompson. They lived at Withee, Wisconsin. Later he married Kittie Helter Burnhart and they lived in Dixon, Illinois. Lewis had no children and died in 1922, and he is buried in Dixon.

William A. married Mary Thompson. (see history)

Edward married Mina Hill. (see history)

Elbert Grover was born August 9, 1892 and married Elizabeth May Heaton July 6, 1917. They had two children, Heaton and Warren of Evansville, Indiana. Bert is remembered as the catcher on the Rhodes baseball team, which at that time was superior to all teams in this area. He died August 9, 1963 and is buried in Custer, South Dakota.

William and Ernestine moved to a farm between Rhodes and Melbourne in April of 1875. He farmed until 1893 when they moved into Rhodes. Their four sons were all born on the farm. William continued the trade of mason during the time he lived in Rhodes and the buildings there and in the surrounding area attested to the fact that he was an excellent craftsman. He and his wife migrated to South Dakota about the year of 1911 where he filed a claim at Cooper, South Dakota.

His wife, Ernestine, being semi-invalid found life on the claim too harsh and she returned to Rhodes for a time. She eventually moved to Academy, South Dakota where she made her home until her death in 1934. Her husband preceded her in death at the age of 76 in 1924. They are buried at LaRoche Cemetery in Academy, South Dakota.

Nathan Haines

Nathan was born in LaPorte County, Indiana in 1834. In 1863, as a young man he moved to Black Hawk County, Iowa, moving the same year to Marshall County. Nathan's brother, William, had already settled here. Upon his arrival in Marshall County, he bought approximately one hundred and ten acres from Conway B. Rhodes. This land was the Maynard Jackson farm east of Rhodes, now owned by Charles Matney. In 1878 this land was valued at fifty dollars per acre.

In 1863, Nathan married Lydia, daughter of Joseph and Lydia Lautzenbizer Reese. She was born in Tuscarawas County, Ohio in 1841. They had four children; Eliza R., Mary Elvira, Della F. and Leonore A.

Nathan was a nursery man by trade. It is said he planted trees from Indiana to New Mexico. The Haines family moved to Stafford, Kansas in 1885. They deeded their farm land and home to their daughter Mary Elvira. It was retained by her until 1888 when Charles Steiner bought it.

In 1910, the Haines' moved to Hagerman, New Mexico. They remained there until their deaths. Nathan died in 1922 and Lydia in 1936. Both are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



Lydia Haines

William and Amelia Robinson

William Cass Robinson, was born July 27, 1844 in Falsgrave, Yorkshire, England. His wife Amelia Woods, was born in Scarborough, England in 1844. William came to America in 1868, leaving his wife and brother and sister in England. Mrs. Robinson followed later with baby Billie.

They first settled near Peoria, south of Maxwell and the next spring moved to Jasper County, south of Collins. In the autumn of 1877, the family moved to a farm that borders the northwest side of Hendrickson Marsh. It was here they raised their family of six boys and two girls; William, Lizzie, Fred, Harry, Mary, Albert, John and Maurice. Two other daughters died in infancy.

William Cass died here at the age of sixty years in 1904. He is buried in the Eden Cemetery, his funeral was held in the M.E. Church. In 1916, Amelia with her son, Albert and daughters, Lizzie and Molly built a house on the west edge of Rhodes and moved to town. Amelia died here in 1925. She is buried in Eden Cemetery.



Amelia and William Robinson



The Charles Ginter family, from the left, front row: Elizabeth, Lorretta, Evelyn, William and Charles; Second row: Louise, Carolyn, Lawrence, Florence, Everett and Francis.

Ginter Family

Charles Ginter was born in Grant County, Wisconsin, August 11, 1864. He grew to manhood and was educated in his native community, coming to Iowa in 1890, residing in Eden Township.

Charles's father, Jacob was born in Durgelstedt, Germany in 1839. He came to America in 1850 and was married to Katherine Kolthe. Jacob and Katherine had eight children, their son Charles was married to Elizabeth Halter on January 28, 1892 at Rhodes.

Elizabeth was born March 4, 1872 the daughter of Louis and Louisa Doerr Halter. Louis was born in France and Louisa was a native of Germany. They came to Marshall County in 1876. Eleven children were born to Louis and Louisa Halter; Elizabeth, George, Leopold, Rosa Flora, Edward, Joseph, Henry, Albert, William, Bertha Lanning and Lester.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ginter, nine children were born; William, Carolyn Heony, Lorretta Yates, Everett, Florence Lolwing, Lawrence, Frances Dodd, Louise Pike and Evelyn Diggins.

Charles Ginter served as treasurer of Rhodes Catholic Church, was a member of Rhodes School Board and was secretary of Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. General farming was his lifes' work. He moved to the farm in 1904. Charles died January 19, 1931 and Elizabeth died October 22, 1959. Both are buried in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Rhodes.



Elizabeth and Charles Ginter



Mary and James Webster

James and Mary Webster

Mary Emily Allen spent all her life in Marshall County except the first six months. When she was 84 years old in 1936, she had the longest continuous residence in the county of any person living. She married James Andrew Webster, son of Hiram and Hannah C. Webster of New Hampshire, March 20, 1867. They were the parents of four daughters; Eva Isadore, Syrena, Nellie Frances and Laura Clarinda.

Eva Isadore (July 28, 1869-1878), is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Syrena, born November 30, 1871. (see Leslie White history)

Nellie Frances, born April 16, 1874, married Vene C. Gambell, superintendent of Rhodes School, August 12, 1890. They had one daughter Margaret, born April 14, 1897 at St. Lawrence Island, Alaska. The family perished at sea in May of 1898.

Laura Clarinda, born March 12, 1884, married William Henry Aves. They were the parents of three children, one being Miriam Louise York.

Mary worked at various jobs. She practiced nursing and was matron of the Marshall County Home at one time. She died in May 1937. James A. died January 29, 1916. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

George Ogan

George Ogan was born January 5, 1839 in Green County, Ohio. In 1866 he moved to Marshall County.

On December 25, 1869 he married Mary E. Vauthrin, who was born in 1852 in Illinois. In 1872 they moved to a home in Edenville, where they owned four lots. George and Mary had three children; Carrie E., Neva J. and Ira C.

George Ogan had been a constable.

Andrew and Susan Baie

Andrew H. was born April 6, 1865 in State Center Township, the son of Andreas and Wilhelmena Meisterschmidt Baie of Germany.

On February 20, 1894 he married Susan Barry, the daughter of William and Maggie Mulharren of Ireland. She was born July 4, 1871, in Clinton, Iowa.

Their children are: Alta, died May 2, 1889; Leo, died 1952, cashier of the Farmers Savings Bank in Rhodes; Ida, also worked in the bank and resides in Rhodes; Elmer, worked as a carpenter and farmer and now resides in Rhodes; Raymond, was a cashier at Peoples Trust and Savings Bank in Waterloo, Iowa, died September 25, 1967.

All their children attended the Rhodes Public School.

They farmed 120 acres in Eden Township where they lived for a number of years, before moving to Rhodes. Andrew died April 5, 1915. Susan was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhodes, she died April 9, 1956.



Andrew Baie children, from the left, front row: Leo; Second Row: Ida, Raymond and Elmer.



Ildra and Elmer Rohrer

Elmer and Ildra Rohrer

Elmer C. was born at Somonauk, Illinois on January 28, 1901, the son of Charles and Caroline Rohrer. He was educated in the Rhodes school system, graduating in 1919. He attended Iowa State College.

Elmer married Ildra Gerke, born December 5, 1902, on December 28, 1921 in State Center. They resided on the home farm southeast of Rhodes until Elmer's death November 1, 1959 at the age of 58. Ildra remained on the farm until moving to State Center in 1972, where she presently resides.

Elmer and Ildra had five children: Wanda Koreen, died in infancy; Shirley Ilene, married David Philip Buck and has five boys, Tom, Gary, Dan, Bruce and



Harold Davis family, from the left, front row: Mark; Second row: Lee, Kae, Scott, Susan and Harold.

Ron; Colleen Rae, lives in State Center; John Ramon, married Patricia Trowbridge and has six children, Jacqueline, Craig, Brian, David, Dianne and Steven; Kae Leah, married Harold Davis and has four children, Scott, Lee, Susan and Mark, they reside in Miramar, Florida.

W.C. and Anne Nirk

January 20, 1912, W.C. and Anne Nirk, a well-known couple in Rhodes, presided as the center of attraction in a gathering of their numerous descendants, who number 7 children, 32 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, to help celebrate their 49th Anniversary.

Counting their friends by the score, Mr. and Mrs. Nirk are taking life easy in a comfortable home in Rhodes. They are pioneers of the Rhodes neighborhood, having lived in and near Rhodes for 30 years.

In their younger days Mr. and Mrs. Nirk were most energetic and industrious, and as a result of their hard work have acquired a competency for their old age. For several years Mr. Nirk has been a minister in the church of the Latter Day Saints.

The Nirk's children are as follows; Henry, John, Charles, Sarah, Mary, Emma and Clara.

John and Wadena Shelker

John, son of Jacob and Bertha Shelker, was born at Melbourne, June 18, 1901. He attended rural school near Rhodes where his parents moved when he was five years of age.

He married Wadena Blink on October 17, 1928 at St. Joseph Church in State Center, Iowa. She was born April 21, 1910 at Rhodes, the daughter of Charles and Kathryn Blink. She attended school in Rhodes, graduating in 1927. They farmed in the Rhodes and State Center area. In 1941 they purchased a farm in the Dawson-Jamaica, Iowa area.

John and Wadena were parents of five children; Juanita Davis, Sarasota, Florida; Marilyn Van Zee, Pleasantville, Iowa; Arlene Hammer, Des Moines; John R., Perry, Iowa and Sharon Cassady, St. Charles, Iowa. They have twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

John retired from farming in 1965 and worked at Dawson lumber yard and elevator prior to his death. He died August 28, 1967.

Wadena lived on a farm for one year and then purchased a mobile home in Jamaica. She worked a total of fifteen years in a grocery store, five in Dawson and ten in Jamaica. Following her retirement she moved to the senior citizen home in Jamaica. On November 1, 1982 she moved to St. Charles, Iowa and resides in the Manor, where she is closer to her family.



Ralph Buck family on their 40th Wedding Anniversary, from the left front row: Susan Buck, Craig, Tim, Cheryl and Trudy Bear, Lori and Peggy Buck. Second row: Darlene, Doug and Paul Buck, Caroline and Franklin Bear, Ralph, Warren, Amelia, Martin, Marjorie and Kathy Buck.

Ralph and Amelia Buck

Ralph Guy was born June 12, 1903, in Rhodes, the son of Martin K. and Amber Guy Buck. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1921.

On June 19, 1926, he married A. Amelia Bentley in Rhodes. She was born October 26, 1902, the daughter of Frank E. and Caroline Cramer Bentley. After graduating from Rhodes in 1921 she attended Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, later teaching school.

They were the parents of three children: Warren B., married Marjorie Kloppenborg; Paul E., married Darlene Zahnd and Caroline, first married G. Franklin Bear and then W. Harlan Wignall.

Ralph and Amelia lived on a farm, presently John Buck's, north of Rhodes until 1951, when he retired and moved to town.

Ralph was a member of the Marshall County Board of Supervisors and was employed with the state of Iowa as a county home consultant with Social Services. He was treasurer of Rhodes, director of the Iowa Good Roads Association, past president of the County Officers Association, a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church, Eden Lodge No. 466, the Signet Chapter No. 38 RAM, Saint Aldemar Commandery No. 30, King Solomon Council No. 20, Marshalltown

Shrine Club and Des Moines Za-Ga-Zig Shrine.

Ralph died July 14, 1968 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. Amelia currently resides at the Grandview Heights Nursing Home in Marshalltown. In October of 1982 an open house was held in honor of her 80th birthday. She continues to be active in various programs and is quite proud of her grandchildren and her great grandchildren.

Elzia and Ruth DeVault

Ruth, the daughter of Paul and Nell Klatt, married Elzia DeVault. They had the shoe repair shop in Rhodes.

They are the parents of one daughter, Ceclia, who resides in Madison Heights, Michigan. She has one son Richie.

Ruth later married Lewis Cowan from Detroit, Michigan, who was a Rhodes native.

To this union were born two daughters; Lovanne, who has a son Nicky and Eileen, who has three sons; Tony, Steven and Chris. They all reside in Madison Heights except Eileen who lives in Canada.

Charles F. and Mary Dewey

Charles F. Dewey, an eighth generation descendant of Admiral George Dewey, was born October 5, 1853 in Massachusetts. He moved to Illinois when he was a child and at the age of twenty-one he came to Iowa.

He went to South Dakota where he met and married a school teacher, Mary Jane Kuhn on November 7, 1880. She was born October 8, 1856, in Edina, Missouri. They lived in a sod house and farmed, living off the land.

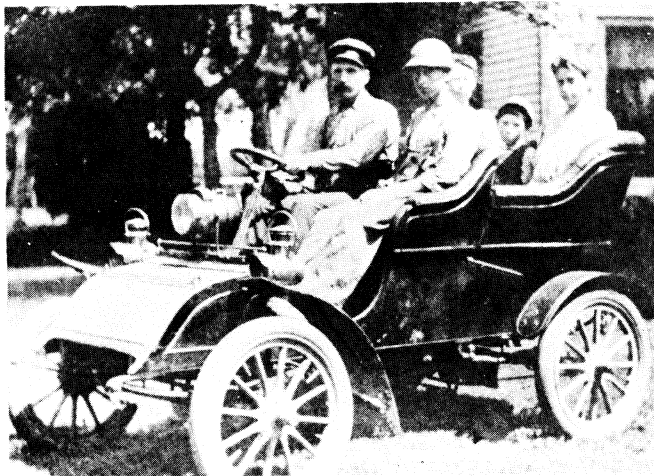
Charles was elected or appointed Sheriff of Douglas County. They returned to Iowa by covered wagon. They were the parents of seven children; Fred, Alice, Frank, Rosabelle, Edith, Charles W. and Edgar Ray.

Fred (1881-1887); Alice (Allie), born 1883, married Arthur Thursby, (see Thursby history); Frank (1884-1885); Rosabelle (December 22, 1886 - March 10, 1900); Edith (December 12, 1888 - July 15, 1952), married Ben Gray and is buried in Hillside Cemetery at State Center; Charles W. (September 27, 1891 - April 16, 1972) married Elizabeth T. Delaware and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at State Center; Edgar Ray (May 28, 1897 - October 28, 1971), married Virginia L. Phillips and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

George, a brother of Charles F., invented a plow which was patterned afterwards by a manufacturer.

While in Rhodes, Charles owned and operated a steam engine, corn sheller and grain separator. He was injured when the machine broke through the Skunk Creek Bridge, east of Rhodes, (at Carroll Whites). Sometime later he opened a garage which he operated until he retired. He was the mayor of Rhodes for several years, a quiet man, but meant what he said.

Sometime after their return to Rhodes, Charles made a trip to South Dakota with a team and wagon to bring back their children, Fred and Frank for re-internment. They are now buried along with their sister Rosabelle and parents in Eden Cemetery. Charles died December 11, 1939 and Mary Jane died May 5, 1941.



Charles F. Dewey family in their 1908 Elmore, from the left, front seat: Charles Sr. and Charles Jr.; Back seat: Mary Jane, Ray and Allie.



Charles F. Dewey family, from the left, front row: Mary and Charles; Second row: Charles W., Allie, Edith and Ray.



Josie and Fred Robinson

Fred and Josephine Robinson

Fred Robinson was born in 1869 on a farm south of Collins. In 1877, he moved to a farm on the north edge of Hendrickson Marsh. In 1895, he married Josephine Baxter (1869-1939), they made their home on farms near Rhodes until they retired and moved to an acreage on the north edge of Rhodes. This was the site of the creamery built and operated by Mr. Rhodes at an earlier date.

They had one daughter Marvel (1898-1966). In 1923, she married John Gray (1896-1974). They had two children; Roger, born 1926 and Marie (1936-1943).

Charles and Adah Hildreth

Charles (Brush) Fletcher Hildreth, was born in Hebron, Indiana in 1861. He came to Rhodes at the age of 21. He was married on January 3, 1883 to Adah Bell Thorne. She was born in Edenville on July 27, 1865, the daughter of David S. and Sarah Perry Thorne.

Brush established a butchering operation in Rhodes and was in the poultry business for 60 years.

Brush and Adah were the parents of six children; Susan Thompson, Harold, Fayette Blumenschein, Iva Snowgren, Gladys Sween and Wayne.

All members of the family except Iva and Wayne, are deceased and buried in Eden Cemetery. Wayne lives in Rhodes and Iva lives in Marshalltown.



Henry and Mary Walters Jr.

Elizabeth Robinson

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Robinson was born 1868 on a farm south of Maxwell in the Peoria area. As soon as she was able to work, she did housekeeping and various things for several different families. She did this kind of work until a few years before her death.

She was very proud of her English heritage and in the early thirties made a trip back to England to visit relatives. When asked in World War II about the terrible bombings the English were taking she said, "They aren't giving up are they?"

She was a very thrifty person and in 1929 she bought eighty acres on the west edge of Hendrickson Marsh. She took care of her brother, Albert, until his death and in 1961 she died at their house in Rhodes.



Lizzie Robinson's 92nd Birthday, from the left: Elva Robinson, Minerva Scott, Mary Steiner, Lizzie Robinson, Mary Walters, Lelia Rhodes, Mary Bear, Catherine Smith and Amanda Haas.

Henry and Mary Walters, Jr.

Henry J. Walters was born in Marietta Township, Marshall County, Iowa on June 16, 1869. He lived there until 1878 when he moved to Eden Township and in 1898 he purchased 200 acres in section six known as "Highview Farm". He was the son of Henry and Mary Hotopp Walters Sr.

On February 16, 1898 he married Mary Biensen, who was born January 17, 1874, the daughter of August and Wilhelmina Salter Biensen.

Henry and Mary were the parents of two children: Leone Dorothy, born January 25, 1899, married Alvin Kracht; and Elwood Henry, born April 23, 1900. Elwood resides at the State Center Manor.

Henry and Mary retired and moved to State Center. They were members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church and are buried in Hillside Cemetery in State Center.

Amos W. Harmon

Amos W. Harmon was born May 8, 1841 in DeKalb County, Somonauk, Illinois. He was the son of Anthony Harmon, who was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Elizabeth Wilcox Harmon, who was born in Utica, New York, on October 16, 1822.

On October 5, 1861, he married Ida Z. Rose who was born in Otsego County, New York on May 14, 1843. They had three children, Ellsworth W., Luella Amelia and John.

In March 1878 the family moved to Iowa, bought land and settled in State Center Township on the farm now owned by George Haywood.

On May 5, 1891, Ida Z. Harmon died and later he married Emma Spencer and they moved to Rhodes and lived in the brick house west of Main Street. To this union were born two children, Nora and Herbert, died when they were small children.

Amos Harmon died on January 25, 1913. He was the grandfather of Mrs. David (Helen) Buck.



Jacob Guckert family, from left, front row: Michael, Jacob and Joe; Second row: John, Charles and George.

Jacob and Catherine Guckert

One of the pioneer families of this community were Jacob and Catherine Gauch Guckert.

Jacob was born November 6, 1850 and came to this country at age 18, working as a hired hand. He accumulated ground and on January 20, 1873 married Catherine Gauch. They were both born in Baden, Germany.

Catherine came to this country in 1850 with her mother, Mary Ann Blink Gauch, a sister Mrs. Pauline Dischner, who died in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and three brothers, Anton, Joseph and August. Anton died in 1911, Joseph died in 1930 and both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes. August died in 1936 and is buried in Baxter. Their father died in Germany and their mother died in Montour, Iowa and is buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in State Center.

Jacob and Catherine had five sons: Joseph, married Clara Westerbeck; Michael, married Agnes Westerbeck; John, married Bessie Dunn; Charles and George never married.

They were all members of the Catholic religion. There being none in Rhodes they were one of the first couples married at St. Joseph's Church in State Center.

He often told of hauling coal from the mines south of Newton and then the next day taking it on to State Center for the church. They milked many cows and hauled the milk to the creamery in Baxter every morning.

They retired in Rhodes in 1911 and lived at the first house east of the new fire station.

Catherine died in 1921 and Jacob in 1934. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes.



The kick you would get when cranking a car or tractor; Hat pins; Big hats; The only women who smoked were grandmothers who smoked pipes.

Freland and Jones Families

Simon William, born in Indiana in 1859, was one of the eight children of James and Elizabeth Morse Freland. They later moved to southern Missouri where he met and married Sarah Adeline Jones. She was born in 1872 in Clyde, Iowa and moved to southern Missouri with her parents, John and Jane Darr Jones, and 12 brothers and sisters. Simon and Sarah were married in Wayne County, Missouri in 1890 and became the parents of Babe Morrison, Lou Schelker, Pearl Schelker, Madison and Roy. In 1900 they moved back to Iowa and settled on a farm two and one half miles west, one and one half miles north and one half miles west of Rhodes, just west of the county line. They later lived on several farms in that immediate area. They also had five more children, Nellie Rafferty and Raymond, the others died in infancy. Roy also died at this time. During World War I, Madison was called to serve his country. He was sent to the Dakotas to work in the wheat fields where he contracted influenza and died. His father, Simon, grieved deeply and then he also succumbed to the same illness, leaving Sarah a widow with four children, two of them quite small. She moved to an acreage one block east of the Rhodes school and resided there until her death in 1959. The house where she lived was destroyed by fire a few years after her death. The only living children of Simon and Sarah are Lou Schelker of Clutier, Iowa and Pearl Schelker of Albia, Iowa.

A younger brother of Simon, John Freland, and a younger sister of Sarah, Alice Jones, were married and also settled west of Rhodes where some of the family are still residing. They had ten children and many of their descendants are living in this area.

Another sister of Sarah Jones Freland was Nancy Jones, who married Ed Bucklin. They farmed for many years at the county line corner two and one half miles west of Rhodes. They later moved to a house at the west edge of Rhodes where they lived until their deaths. They had two daughters, Minta Minear and Mattie Kennedy, who are no longer living and have no descendants in this area.

William Gillman Family

William Gillman was born in Warren County, Indiana, on the 29th of November, 1842, son of John and Mrs. Gillman. William's mother passed away when he was but days old. In 1855, at the age of twelve, he moved with his father and family from Monroe County, Illinois to Rome, Jones County, Iowa. He came to Rhodes in 1894. He was educated in the public schools, and on December 19, 1875, he married Ida Rogers, who was born in Jones County, April 8, 1855.

Ida was the daughter of Frederick C. Rogers and Mercy Ann Allen, who were married September 14, 1842, both having come from New York state to Olin, Iowa.

William and Ida were the parents of four children, the eldest dying in infancy.

Allen Benton was born in Olin, February 10, 1878, and met death by accident in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on February 14, 1901; Caddie, born March 10, 1880, was educated in Olin and Rhodes, and was married December 19, 1904 to Ellis Tribby of Rhodes (see Tribby history); John Rogers was born in Olin on January 2, 1891 and graduated from Rhodes High School in June, 1907. He took up the study of pharmacy and served in World War I in France. He married Irma Dipple in Des Moines, and they were the parents of a daughter, Marjorie, who passed away at the age of twenty-one. John passed away in 1943, and is buried in Des Moines.

William Gillman held the position of township clerk for four years, was deputy postmaster for four years, also a pioneer mail carrier of Rhodes and drove a mail route for fourteen years. In 1865 he joined Patmos Lodge No. 155 A.F. & A.M., at Mechanicsville, Iowa and later transferred his membership to Eden Lodge No. 466 in Rhodes. He was also a member of Mount Olivet Commandery at Anamosa, having attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. William died in Marshalltown on February 15, 1920. Ida passed away at her home in Rhodes, January 31, 1919. William and Ida are buried in Eden Cemetery.

George and Sarah Marsh

George W. Marsh, born September 2, 1859, in Jasper County, Iowa. He was the son of John O. and Hannah Neal Marsh. He moved to Eden Township with his parents in 1862.

On March 24, 1879 he married Sarah A. Richmond Stier, born August 17, 1841 in Hart County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of James and Luvisa Logsdon Richmond.

Mrs. Marsh's Uncle David Maggard, was the earliest white settler to take claim in Eden Township, but he remained here just a short time, his claim then reverting to the government. He cut the first stick of timber in the territory adjacent to Rhodes.

To the former marriage of Mrs. Marsh, two daughters were born: Mrs. Emma J. Adams, born July 15, 1867 and Mrs. Luvisa Jontz, born November 7, 1872. Both daughters as well as their mother, taught school in the community.

George and Sarah were members of the Baptist Church in Jasper County. George was the first president of the Rhodes Telephone Company and first vice-president of the Eden District Fair Association. He deserves credit for being the first petitioner of the Rural Free Delivery. He belonged to the Mineral Lodge No. 519 and the I.O.O.F of Rhodes and Encampment No. 143 of Maxwell. Both were members of the Rebekah Lodge in Rhodes.



The daughters of Henry Weeks, from the left, front row: Mary and Ida; Second row: Agnes, Katie, Lelia and Nelle.



Henry Weeks

Henry and Clara Weeks

Henry M. Weeks came to Eden Township, June 6, 1865 with his father. He was born August 19, 1844 in Grafton County, New Hampshire, the son of Daniel (1811-1886) and Mary Rollins Weeks. With the exception of one year spent studying law in Des Moines he spent his entire life in Edenville-Rhodes.

On November 26, 1868 he married Clara J. Nichols, born 1851 in Green County, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of P.P. and Jane E. Woolston Nichols.

Nine children were born to this union: Minnie E. (1869-1904), married Charles E. Francis; Lela B., born 1871, married Effus Verts; Daniel P., born 1873; Paul Revere, born 1876; Ida E., born 1878, married Rufus Kent; Nellie A., born 1880, married Robert Gray; Katie E., born 1882, married Charles Baker; Agnes C., born 1884, married Frank Hickman; and James A., born 1886.

Henry Weeks was the first Mayor of Rhodes and in 1872 was elected Justice of the Peace for Eden Township. He held a number of township offices. For twenty-one years he was secretary of the Eden

Township Fair Association. He was a successful building contractor for thirty years and many of the structures of western Marshall County stand as evidence of his skill and ability. He helped build the first Presbyterian Church, first hotel and first elevator in State Center. He built the Catholic and Methodist Churches in Rhodes, also the United Brethren Church in Story County. He planned the German Reformed Church in Melbourne. In 1896 he retired from contracting and engaged in general insurance, collections and real estate.

Henry taught school in Marshall County for eight years and in later years his daughters Lela and Nellie taught.

The family were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Henry, Clara and daughters Katie Nellie and Agnes were members of the Pythian Sisters at Rhodes. Henry was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Oral and Mary Patterson

My parents were Curt and Ilene Stewart Jeffries. My father was born near Colfax, Iowa, and my mother was born near Toledo, Iowa. My parents were married at Ira, Iowa, December 25, 1912 and they lived in Ira, where my brother Frank was born in 1914. Later they moved to a farm between Baxter and Laurel, where I (Mary) was born in 1917.

In the spring of 1920, we moved to the old Deming place southwest of Rhodes. We lived there five years and Frank and I both started to school at the Pleasant Ridge Schoolhouse. My brother Curtis was born in 1925, while we were still living there.

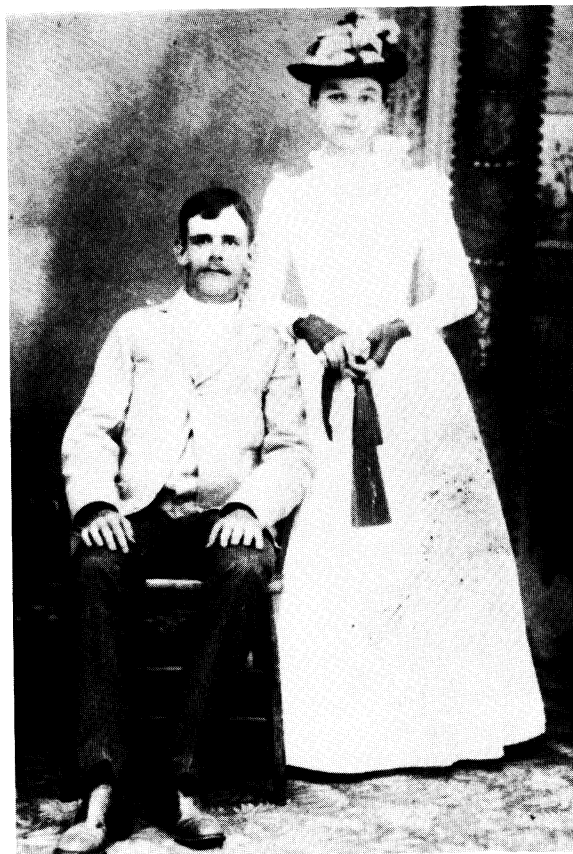
We moved south of Baxter, where my brother Arthur was born in 1926.

Then we moved to the Bill Blumenschein place southwest of Rhodes in the spring of 1930. My brother Frank went to Idaho in 1931 to live with our uncle and aunt due to his asthma. We both attended Rhodes school and I graduated in 1934. Curtis and Arthur also started to school at Pleasant Ridge.

In the fall of 1934, I went to Idaho to be with my father and brother. I met and married Oral Patterson at Gooding, Idaho in the fall of 1936. Later that fall we moved to Glade, Kansas, Orals' home community. We have lived on our farm here ever since. We have two married daughters and three grandchildren, all living near.

My brother Frank and his wife live in Gooding. They have three grown children. Curtis and his wife live in Ida Grove, Iowa. They have two children and twin grandchildren, Arthur lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

My father lived with us for over fifteen years. He died in 1955, and we took him back to Iowa for burial at Union Chapel Cemetery near Ira where all his family are buried. Mother died in 1974 at Ida Grove and is buried there.



Joel E. and Minerva Scott

Joel and Minerva Scott

Minerva Fish was born November 1, 1872 near Collins, Iowa. After her father died, her mother married Robert Kitchen and the family moved to Rhodes in 1881. She received her education in the Rhodes school. She was a member of the first class to graduate from Rhodes High School in 1890.

She married Joel E. Scott, October 15, 1890. The Scotts lived in various places in Iowa before moving to Nebraska to homestead in Cherry County. They had six children, four sons and two daughters.

After her husband died, Minerva returned to Rhodes and lived with her sister, Luella Watson and half-brother, William Beard. After their deaths she lived with her children. She died November 12, 1963 at the age of 91. At the time of her death she had 91 living descendants. She is buried at Valentine, Nebraska.

*Submitted by
Leonard Scott*



The Charleston, Barn Dances, The Dipsy Doodle and Zoot Suits, Glenn Miller's Band.



David H. and Sarah Thompson



Nina and Harvey Thompson

George and Kate Mallicoat

George and Kate Hayward Mallicoat farmed south of Rhodes and were the parents of four children; Vern, Roy, Wrighta and Gladys.

George died in 1929 and Kate in 1954. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

David Thompson Family

David Harvey was born to John or James and Mary Ann Thompson, at Baxter, Iowa, on April 5, 1846.

Sarah Pentico, the daughter of George and Fiannah Neff Pentico, Sr., was born December 25, 1848. In 1865 she married David Thompson.

They farmed in Jasper County, Iowa, where all their children were born. They were the parents of ten children; Emma, Phoebe, Harvey, Clarence, Jenny, Walter, Millard, Mary, Amos and Guy.

Emma Day, born December 7, 1866, married Ellis Lowry on February 23, 1887. She died in 1951 at Morrill, Nebraska. They had nine children.

Phoebe Ellen, born November 22, 1868, married Jesse Mowry on March 13, 1890. She died August 13, 1940. They had four children.

Harvey J., carpenter, born October 29, 1870, married Nina Burger on July 25, 1900. Nina was born June 9, 1875 in Edenville. They lived in Rhodes and had no children. He died November 1, 1958 and she died March 6, 1958.

Clarence Emmet, carpenter, born January 20, 1873, married Anna Phipps on February 10, 1897. Anna was born February 11, 1873 at Albany, Kentucky. They had three children and lived in Yakima, Washington.

Jenny, born July 24, 1877, married William Mowry in 1892. She died March 7, 1893.

Walter G., carpenter, born July 24, 1878, married Nell Landis and lived in Rhodes. He died June 29, 1958. Nell was born January 27, 1882 at Whitten, Iowa and died June 26, 1958.

Millard Andrew, born October 10, 1879 married Reginna Jennie Woodward on December 17, 1925. Reginna was born December 3, 1894 at Olin, Iowa. He died May 13, 1973. They have two children.

Mary Francis, born June 26, 1881, married William A. Girton (see Girton history).

Amos Roy, carpenter, born August 3, 1883, married Susan Hildreth and continued living in Rhodes. He died December 22, 1959 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. They had two children, Richard and Joe.

Guy M., born February 2, 1889, married Grace Bonham (see Bonham history).

After leaving the farm they moved to Rhodes. David died July 17, 1919 in Rhodes and Sarah died January 25, 1932, also in Rhodes.

L.W. Thomas

L.W. Thomas was a physician and surgeon in Edenville. He was born September 5, 1845 in McHenry County, Illinois. In 1871 he moved to Edenville. He commenced the study of medicine in 1868 and graduated in the Spring of 1871, and followed that profession.

On May 27, 1877 he married Alice I. Conkle who was born May 27, 1861 in Marshall County.

Ephraim and Annise Capron

Ephraim Clark, son of Nelson and Nancy Clark Capron, was born May 4, 1856, in Monogahela City, Pennsylvania. Nelson and Nancy Capron were the parents of four children: Clarissa Eleanor, born June 6, 1854, died October 4, 1854; Ephraim Clark; a child born June 23, 1857, died in infancy; and Lizzie Jane, born July 10, 1861, died November 10, 1899. Lizzie Jane was the mother of Elva Robinson. (see Elwood Robinson history) Ephraim's paternal grandparents were, Nelson and Hannah Saunders Capron and his maternal grandparents were David and Jane Kilgore Clark.

Ephraim's family came to the State Center area in 1866 by covered wagon. He married Annise Thompson in 1879. She was the daughter of Samuel and Katherine Deeter Thompson. Ephraim and Annise were the parents of four children: Samuel Nelson, born January 17, 1880; Veva May, born October 12, 1882; John, born August 25, 1885; and Bert Edgar, born April 14, 1888.

Mr. Capron was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, the board of education, a constable, a city marshal and a member of the town council of Rhodes. He was a successful businessman and was the owner of a well kept farm of one hundred acres in Eden Township, now a part of the Iowa State University Farm south of Rhodes.

Ephraim died in 1948.



The E. Clark Capron family, from the left, front row: John E., Bert and Annise; Second row: Veva and Nelt.



Nelson and Nancy Capron

C.W. and Mary Jane Pyle

Among the earliest settlers in the village of Rhodes, were C.W. (Billy) and his wife Mary Jane (Jennie) Pyle, who came here in the late 1880's. Their first home was located west of the former Isaac Ingersoll and Bert Pike homes. They later bought their home which still stands the second house east of the Methodist Church on the north side of the street where Jim Hoover now resides. Billy Pyle was a gardner, tending a garden a half city block each way, north of his home and selling the produce from it. You would have to hunt for a weed in it and it was taken care of with his hoe and garden plow. Jennie Pyle was a weaver of rugs, having a loom house at their back door. She wove many yards of carpet which were used on floors in one yard strips wide. The carpeting was put down over fresh oat straw that was put on the floor, the carpeting layed on top and tacked around the edge to the floor with carpet tacks. She was also known as an infant baby nurse, accompanying the late Dr. L.E. Noble on his trips to usher in a new baby.

They were the parents of three daughters; Phoebe Ann Jacobs, Maude Irene Beye and Lova May Vasey. Jennie Pyle died in 1923 and Billy in 1928. They were members of the Latter Day Saints Church in Rhodes. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Gertrude and Robert Gibbs

Robert C. and Gertrude Gibbs

Robert (Bob) Craig, was born July 3, 1899 in Boone County, Missouri, the son of Walter Scott and Nellie Burt Gibbs. He was reared and attended school in Missouri.

Bob came to Iowa in 1921, picked corn by hand for various farmers in the area and worked as a hired man for Bill Papenberg. In 1926 he went to work for Harry Greiner of Colo, running the first cream route in this area. The cream was picked up twice a week in a model T truck and taken to the State Center Co-op.

On January 27, 1927 he married Gertrude Dorothy Schoppe. She was born July 2, 1902, the daughter of William August and Anna Hennaman Schoppe. She attended school in State Center.

They are the parents of three children; Marvin Robert, married Juanita Wignall; Eugene Harry, married Donna Vogt; and Nellie Ann, married Kenneth Johnson.

In 1927 Bob started farming two miles north of Rhodes, retiring in 1954. He was a charter member of the reorganized I.O.O.F., and Gertrude was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the Etavirp Club. Both are members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center.

Bob died June 24, 1955 and is buried in Hillside Cemetery in State Center. Gertrude resides in Rhodes.

Mann and Ethel Everhart

Mann Everhart, operated a grocery store in Rhodes from 1928 to 1938.

Ethel and Mann were the parents of three children; Ray, Leora and Harold.

Ethel died at an early age and Mann died in 1938. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Willis B. Nason Family

Willis B. Nason came from Girard, Pennsylvania with his brothers, Charlie and Jim. They arrived by train in State Center, then walked to Rhodes and found work with Nate Haines and Doc Mendenhall. He worked from 1865 until 1867, then homesteaded eighty acres one mile west and two miles south of Melbourne.

He married Francis Richardson, who came from Indiana. They had three children; Laru, Sadie and Edward.

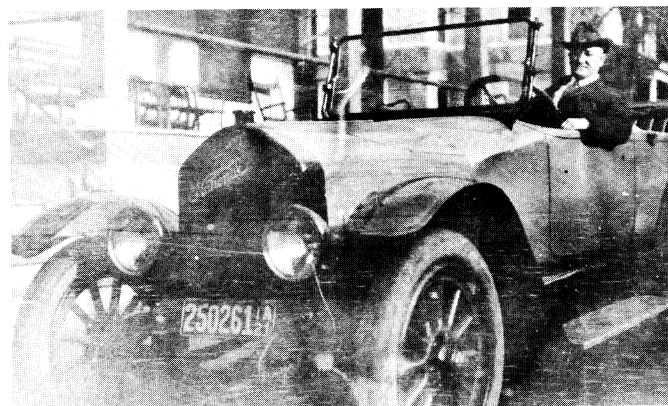
Laru Jay married Jennie Kiser and moved to a home in Van Cleve, Iowa. They had two children, Laru and Lawrence.

Sadie married John Soorholtz, who had a clerks job at the general store in Rhodes. Sadie was the first principle of the high school in Rhodes, when it became a twelve year school. They moved to Melbourne and had two children; Margaret, married Arthur Meier and lives in Tuscon, Arizona and Howard, married Edna Vasey, and they have one son John and live in Melbourne.

Edward Alphonso was born May 25, 1875. He lived on a farm south of Melbourne and was also an assessor for Eden Township for several years. On December 29, 1897 he married Anna Mable Andrews at Capron, Iowa. They had one son, Leonard.

Leonard, son of Ed, was born February 19, 1902. On November 19, 1923 he married Irene Bailey. She was born October 28, 1904 and died March 16, 1969. They farmed south of Melbourne until 1936 when they moved to a farm two miles north of Rhodes. They retired and moved to the town of Melbourne. They were the parents of three children; Lois Ann, born June 20, 1925 (see John Buck history); Max Darrell, born November 3, 1928 (see Max Nason history); and Carole Vaudine Young, born August 6, 1933.

Willis, known as W.B., helped organize the Rhodes fair and was one of the directors. Taking turns with his son Ed, he collected tickets at the fair gate for several years. He was also a charter member of the Rhodes Masonic Lodge.



Mann Everhart in his car.

The Ethington Family

Joseph M. and Ora Hutson Ethington were married in southern Illinois in 1899. They moved to Nebraska the following year, then to Rhodes in 1904, with two sons, Alva and Lindsay.

They lived for one year west of town on what was later known as the Haddock farm. A move was made east of town to the John Goodman farm, now in the Malloy family. There, two more children were born, Arnold in 1906 and Helen in 1908. Later the family moved to a farm two miles north and one mile west of Rhodes, then known as the Jaroleman farm owned by Helen Buck's parents. Being a renter, there were more moves, first to the farm owned by Henry Buck, where Donald now lives, then to the farm where Alfred and Frances Buck now reside. This was referred to as the "Buck" neighborhood. A daughter, Ruby, born in 1910 and a son, James in 1916, completed the family.

All the children attended the Rhodes school, Alva and Lindsay graduating in 1918 and 1921. While in high school both drove the horse drawn school bus. Alva played on the school baseball and basketball teams. Alva took the 1920 census for Eden Township, using a horse for transportation. The family attended the Methodist Church where it is recalled, Mrs. Fred Robinson was a long time Sunday School teacher. Helen was taught piano by Agnes Buck for several years. She has continued her musical interest, playing both the piano and organ. Arnold, while young at the time, recalls the railroad being rebuilt in 1912, and the 1914 fire on the west side of Main Street which prompted the building of the water tower. The Rhodes Fair is remembered for the balloon ascensions and the family picnics. Recalled too, is the housewarming on completion of the Ellis Tribby home a mile north of town, an occasion when Henry Buck and Joe Ethington took turns playing the fiddle for square dancing. Also remembered are the parties Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buck, assisted by Alfred and Edna, held at their home for the neighborhood children.

The Ethington family stayed in the Rhodes area until 1922 when they located near State Center, farming until retiring to live in town. Alva married Catherine Bernard, Lindsay married Hilda Weuve and Arnold married Elda Schaper, all from the State Center community. Helen married Kenneth Lively of LaMoille. All farmed in the area. Alva became a rural mail carrier out of State Center in 1940, his original route serving the residents north of Rhodes. Ruby took a business course in Des Moines where she was employed as a secretary and office manager for an insurance company until retirement. James married Gwendolyn Young of Ames, and for many years until retirement was the manager of H.L. Munn Lumber Company in Ames.

Joseph (Joe), died in 1934 at age 67, and Ora in 1949 at age 71. Both are buried in Hillside Cemetery in State Center. The oldest son, Alva, died in 1968, also is buried in State Center. Lindsay died in 1980 and is buried in Colo. Of the remaining children, Ruby (unmarried) lives at State Center and James at Ames. Arnold is living in Buena Park, California and Helen Lively in Tucson, Arizona.

Grandchildren of Joe and Ora who have stayed in the area are Alva's sons, Dale in Melbourne, Charles in Marshalltown and Joe in State Center. Arnold has a son, Dennis, in Ames. Helen has a son, Jim and a daughter Jane Eggers who farms near State Center.



The Roy Niederhauser family.

Lee and Ida Blink

Leopold (Lee) was born December 17, 1868 in Eden Township. He was the son of Joseph and Margaret Halter Blink and was educated in the Rhodes school.

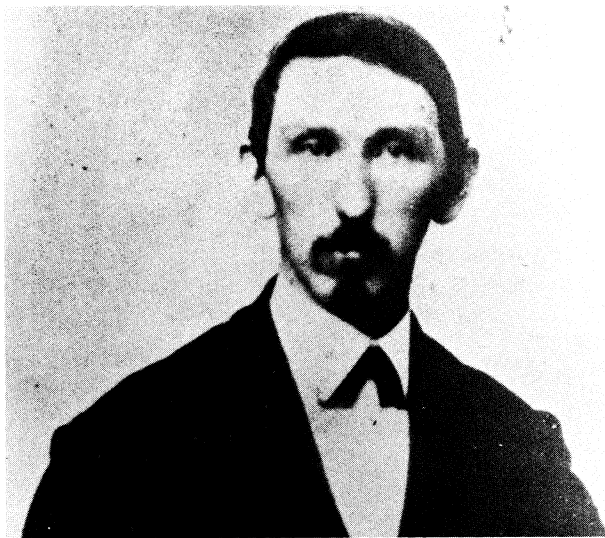
On August 18, 1897 he married Ida Retz, the daughter of Edward and Rosella Rohrer Retz. She was born July 8, 1871 in Samonauk, Illinois. To this union were born five children; two died in infancy, Ivan, Zita and Dorothy.

Ivan, born May 2, 1901, married Francis Huffacker. They had one daughter Shirley, who married Ken Seoraid and has three children.

Zita, born July 20, 1903, married Floyd Pegg, they had one daughter Melissa who married Ed Hovelka.

Dorothy, born August 31, 1909, married Roy Niederhauser, they have three sons; Robert, Gerald and Richard.

Lee served several years as a school director and the family were members of the Catholic Church at Rhodes.



Michael Malloy

Michael and Catherine Malloy

Michael was born February 10, 1846 in Kings' County, Tipperary, Ireland. He was the son of Michael and Mary Connolly Malloy. At age twenty-one he was a stowaway on a boat to America, he was discovered and worked as a cabin boy earning his passage. He landed in New York, worked as a coachman and butler before going to Jefferson, South Dakota in 1873.

On February 2, 1876 he married Catherine Tracy, born September 26, 1850 in Ontario, Canada. They reared their family on a farm along the Big Sioux River. He traded that farm for one in Armour and then traded it for a hotel in Rhodes. They lived in this community for the rest of their lives.

Their ten children were: John Charles (1877-1947); William (1878-1899); Mary Mayme (1879-1969), married Leslie Beaver; James (1880-1900); Richard (1883-1951); Bridget (Etta) (1884-1918), married Charles Morrison; Dora (1886-1899); Thomas Benjamin (1889-1972); Urban (Jud) (1891-1963) and Lawrence (1894-1895).

Catherine died March 15, 1923 and Michael died September 11, 1932. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes.

Lewis L. Tribby

Lewis L., son of John and Ann White Tribby was born in Harrisville, Ohio, January 1, 1843. He was married to Mary Melissa Thompson, of Harrisville, in January of 1861, moving to Henry County, Iowa where they resided until 1883, when they moved to Rhodes. They were the parents of eight children: Thompson J., born September 20, 1864, dying at an early age; Junius A., born September 11, 1866 at Salem, Iowa; Hannah Ann, born July 14, 1869 in Henry County; Clarence Ellsworth, born July 29, 1871 at Oakland Mills, Iowa;

Mark Leslie, born May 21, 1873 at Oakland Mills; Ellis L. born November 1, 1878, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Mary Emma, born July 6, 1882 and Daniel Leroy, born January 21, 1887, dying at an early age.

Hannah Ann married Neil Cromley and they resided in Rhodes. Neil worked as the school janitor until he was killed by a train while walking the tracks home from a days work on a farm north of Rhodes. Neil and Ann were the parents of a daughter, Inez, who died in infancy, and a son Roy who grew to manhood and moved to California in the early thirties.

Clarence Ellsworth married Mary Shinkle, and they farmed two miles west of Rhodes. Clarence passed away in his middle twenties leaving his wife and two small daughters, Ethel and Mable.

Mark Leslie traveled to Wisconsin to the logging country. He died young, leaving a wife and two boys, David and Clarence.

Mary Emma married Frank Steiner. (See Frank Steiner history.)

Lewis was a farmer for many years until his retirement into the town of Rhodes proper where he operated a truck garden business. He remained very active for his age until his death, at the home of his daughter, Emma, on November 15, 1916. Mary died March 27, 1921 at the same home. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Jacob and Bertha Schelker

Jacob G. Schelker was born in Baselland, Switzerland. Bertha L. Wiese was born in Kosternitz, Germany. Around 1890, each came to Marshall County, where they later met and married. They lived on several farms in the Melbourne - Rhodes area, the last one being in Section 26, Eden Township. They were the parents of four sons; Will, Charlie, Fred and John, and one daughter, Frieda Peters. All are now deceased.

Will married Lou Frelund and eventually moved to a farm near Clutier, Iowa where she still resides. They had two sons, William and Roy, who farm in that vicinity.

Charlie never married and he lived with his father, then at the Veteran's Home in Marshalltown until his death.

Fred was married to Pearl Frelund and for many years they lived at the south edge of Rhodes. They were the parents of four children; Lorraine Staker of Tama, Richard, Robert Wayne and Carroll. They moved to Albia in 1947 where they and Pearl still live.

John married Wadena Blink also of the rural Rhodes area. They moved to Jamaica, Iowa in 1941, then to Charles City, Iowa. They had five children; Juanita Marilyn, Arlene, John and Sharon.

Frieda married Lawrence Peters of the Hartland - Clemons area. They were the parents of two sons; Loren, of Marshalltown and Leonard, of Marion, Iowa.

Francis M. and Margaret Work

Francis (Frank) Work was born in 1857 in Ohio and Margaret McHenry in 1876 in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. They raised a family of five children; Blanch, Lelia, Marie, Glen (Chalk) and Virgil. The children were born and partially raised in southern Illinois on a farm near Bluford. With the exception of Blanch, the family moved to Iowa in 1915. After living on various farms, Frank and Margaret retired, purchasing an acreage in Rhodes. Virgil made his home here and looked after his parents until their death. Frank was an excellent carpenter, working in furniture and things of this nature during his retirement. Virgil and Frank also raised broom corn and Frank made brooms with the antique family broom machine. The machine is today the property of the "Old Threshers Association" of Mt. Pleasant. These brooms were always sold out at the end of the season. Frank also raised his own tobacco, which was strong enough to separate the men from the boys. If one could picture this it would be worth more than a thousand words on the subject.

In Virgil's career he had a variety of jobs. He worked on farms for the Dunn's of Clemons, Harold White, Marion Wendel and many more. He followed the harvest in Dakota several summers. He spent some time at Maytag in Newton and as a Raleigh salesman. He was probably best remembered as the operator of the Phillips 66 Station in Rhodes, now operated by Dannen's. He was in business here during most of the 1930's. Some of the younger boys will probably never forget some of the hair raisers he performed with the fast cars, he always seemed to have. He had a dry wit, second to none and as a young man was very good looking as the ladies will agree, I'm sure. Virgil was for many years the Rhodes City Clerk and as he put it, "The Water Commissioner." Virgil was born in 1901 and died in 1979 in the Des Moines Veterans Hospital.

Glen (Chalk), married Jan Faucett, of Nevada. They made their home for a short time in Rhodes. During this time Glen ran the Livestock Shippers Association. They lived on the Harmon farm, presently owned by Bonnie Trowbridge. In 1926 they moved to Sioux City where he worked with the Long & Hanson Company in the stockyards. They later moved to Chicago where he worked for Northwestern Company; Miller, White and Woods; and finally was President and owner of McCausland, Hoag and Vaughn Company. During this time he bought a farm near Green City, Missouri and two more farms near Peotone, Illinois. He drove to the stockyards every day from one of these farms near Peotone. Chalk still continues to order and buy cattle for his many friends and customers. Jan has recently died and Chalk makes his home in Peotone.

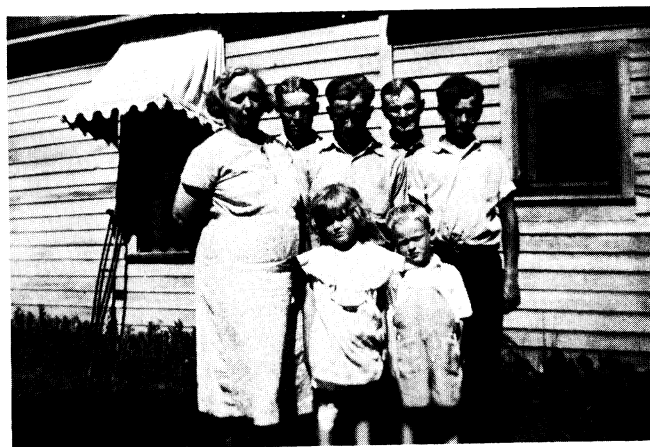
Marie graduated from Rhodes High School and sometime later she married John Silence. John worked for a few years for the Marshalltown Times Republican Newspaper. After working for other larger newspapers, he landed a job in Chicago with a newspaper there. During this time they lived in

Chicago suburb of Deerfield. After his retirement from the news business, he bought a partnership in a cob processing plant in Paxton, Illinois. John and Marie had three children; Peter, Timothy and Susan. Timothy is now managing the cob plant in Paxton. John and Marie have recently died.

Blanch didn't come to Iowa with the family in 1915. Blanch and her husband remained on the farm Frank and Margaret had left. Her husband died five years later and she moved to Mt. Vernon, Illinois, where she lives today.

Lelia left Rhodes as a young woman, married and moved to California. She spent her life in California and is buried there.

Frank died in 1945 and Margaret in 1953. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery, as is Virgil.



The Wright Richeson family (1936) from the left, front row: Wrightabelle and Stanley; Second row: Eva, Gerald, Ronald, Wright and Donald.

Wright and Eva Richeson

George Wright Richeson was born on June 25, 1889 on the family homestead north of Rhodes. He grew to manhood here and was married in 1912 to Eva Alice Burch. She was born February 17, 1896 in State Center, Iowa. They made their home a mile east of Rhodes. They had six children; George, Kenneth, Gerald, Donald, Wrightabelle and Stanley.

George Ronald, born in 1913, now living in Melbourne; Kenneth, born 1914, died in infancy; Gerald (Pete), born in 1915, now living in Rhodes; Donald (Pat), born in 1923, lives in Lemon Grove, California; Wrightabelle, born in 1930, married Lloyd Grossman, lives in Marshalltown and Stanley, born in 1932, now lives in Baxter.

Wright died August 2, 1941 and Eva on December 10, 1979. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

John Garis

John was born in Jasper County, Indiana, April 25, 1858. With his parents Joseph and Susanna Minsinger Garis, he came to Edenville on January 3, 1873.

John W. received a good education in the home schools, and he assisted with the general work about his father's place. On December 21, 1879 he married Carrie B. Weeks, who was born May 26, 1861. Her death occurred on July 10, 1905. She was the daughter of Daniel and Celinda R. Chamberlain Weeks, of Rhodes. To his first marriage, one son, Ray was born November 10, 1895 and died in Rhodes the following month. John was subsequently married to Ida E. Huntley, July 7, 1908. She was the daughter of James and Mary Morey Huntley.

Mr. Garis was very successful as a business man. They were affiliated with the Methodist Protestant Church in Rhodes. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Rhodes, also the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Yeomen and the Modern Brotherhood of America. For twenty-six years he was a successful auctioneer, and his mammoth sale pavilion at Rhodes was indisputably the largest of its kind in the country. During the season he conducted regular sales in a most successful and satisfactory manner, disposing of hundreds of horses annually. Although the demand for his services was constant, his chief diversion was found in his herd of pure-bred Duroc-Jersey swine.

The reputation of Mr. Garis as an auctioneer was statewide and in fact, it transcended the borders of Iowa. Later years he conducted sales in Omaha and Chicago. With him, generosity was a fault. No one ever applied to him for assistance and went away empty handed. He did not allow discouragements to overwhelm him. He had a deep interest in the social and business life of the community.



John and Ida Garis



Joseph and Susanna Garis

George and Anna Blink

I, Clarence am the youngest son of George and Anna Blink. My father was the oldest son of Joseph and Margaret Blink. They came to Eden Township by oxen and covered wagon when my father was eleven months old, from Dekalb, Illinois in 1860 where they lived in a log cabin that my grandfather built. He bought his first 160 acres of land for five dollars per acre and the last farm for fifty-five dollars per acre. Years later my grandfather retired and moved to Rhodes and purchased ten acres of land and the house still is there, a short distance southwest of Main Street.

My father and mother retired in 1903 when I was two and one-half years old and moved to Rhodes and purchased a house two blocks west of Main Street and a block north of my grandparents home which is still there.

There were ten children in my father's family; Albert, Lee and Charles lived on my grandfather's farms near Rhodes. My father and mother had seven children; Charles, who operated a clothing store in Rhodes, Rosa, Mary, Cecelia, Joseph, Grace and myself. My parents are buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery at Rhodes along with Charles, Rosa and Cecelia. Mary is buried in Perry, Iowa and Joseph in Minnesota. Grace is in a retirement home in Des Moines. She is eighty-six and I am eighty-one, the only two children of George and Anna Blink still living.

*Submitted by
Clarence G. Blink*

Robert and Nelle Gray

Robert E. (Rob), was born March 6, 1875 in Lisbon, Iowa, the son of John and Anna Gray. The family moved to Rhodes when he was a small child and he attended the Rhodes schools, later going to a welding school in Omaha, Nebraska. He was owner-operator of a blacksmith shop in Rhodes.

On November 14, 1903, he married Nelle Weeks, the daughter of Henry and Clara Weeks. She was born June 10, 1880, attended Rhodes school and State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. She taught rural schools in the Rhodes and Melbourne vicinity and later in Afton, Iowa.

They were the parents of two children, Helen and Harold Sanford, both born in Rhodes.

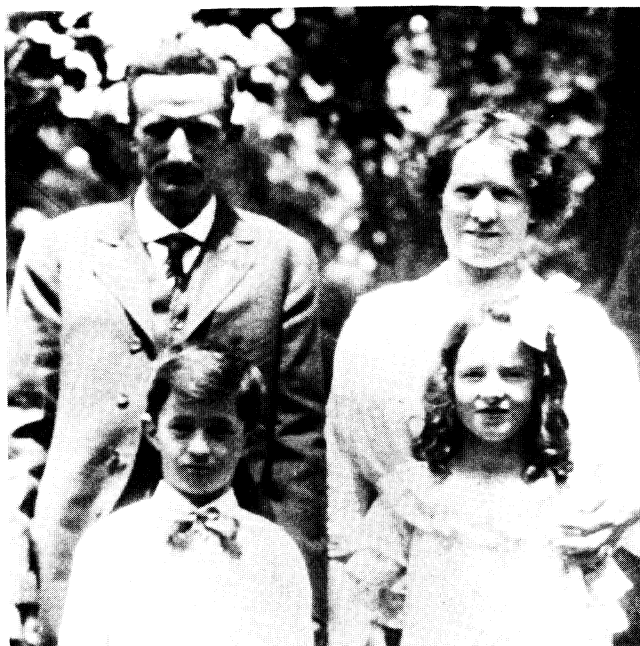
Helen married Dwight German and taught forty one years in the Marshall County schools of LaMoille, State Center and Marshalltown. They had one son, Dr. Robert German, a dermatologist at Clinton, Iowa. He has three sons; Robert, Timothy and Matthew. After Dwight's death, Helen married Earl Riemenschneider, they reside in State Center.

Harold (Griz) and his wife Phyllis reside in Denver, Colorado and have four children: John Robert, a veterinarian in Denver; Sanford Lee, a Professor of Economics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins; Barbara Husen and Merri Cary both of Denver.

In 1913, Rob and family moved to State Center where he operated a welding shop until 1952 when he retired. He was an ardent sports fan and anyone in the area could go to his shop and find out the best places to hunt and fish. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Rhodes.

Nelle was a member of the Woman's Association, Missionary Society, Alpha Class, Eastern Star, Womens Federated Club, Garden Club, Pythian Sisters, D.A.R., Chautauque Circle and Reading Circle. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church in State Center.

Nelle died November 1, 1949 and Rob died December 12, 1955. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Robert Gray family, from the left, front row: Howard and Helen; Second row: Robert and Nelle.

Vern and Isabell Mallicoat

Vern Mallicoat and Isabell Breunig were married in Rhodes in February 3, 1910.

She was the daughter of John and Anna Rohrer Breunig. Vern's parents were George and Kate Hayward Mallicoat.

They were the parents of five sons; Delwin (Dib), Darrell (Tom), LeRoy (Pink), Kenneth and Keith. All the boys were born in Rhodes and graduated from Rhodes High School. LeRoy, Kenneth and Keith served in World War II.

Vern died in 1965 and Isabell in 1978.

Fred and Maud Hale

Fred was born October 14, 1891, the adopted son of Aaron and Ada Hale. He married Maud Richmond, born May 22, 1893, the daughter of Alonzo and Amanda Richmond. To this union was born two children, James and Kathleen.

James Aaron married Dolly Hall (deceased in 1980) and they had four children, Jerry, Jean, Joan and Vicki. Kathleen Hale married Joseph Malechek.

Fred and Maud are life long residents of Rhodes, Fred was raised around Collins and Maud was born and raised north of Rhodes. They farmed the Walt Herbold farm for thirty years, moving to town in 1953. Maud was a phone operator, and active in church affairs and helped people around town. Fred was a bartender at "Joe's Place," until his retirement. They now reside at the Rhodes Elders Apartment building



The Fred Hale family, from the left; James, Kathleen, Fred and Maud.

Paul and Nell Klatt

Paul, the son of Fredrick and Albertine Krupp Klatt, married Nell, daughter of Ralph and Priscilla Coulter Sanders, on August 26, 1905.

Paul was born in Berlin, Germany coming to America when he was 2½ years old. He had five sisters and two brothers: Emma Dee and Dora Waltermeyer, Melbourne; Hilda Bailey, California, later of Melbourne; Hattie Hodge, Baxter; Anna Paul, Laurel; Carl, Marshalltown and Fred, Clarksville, Iowa. Carl and Dora are still living.

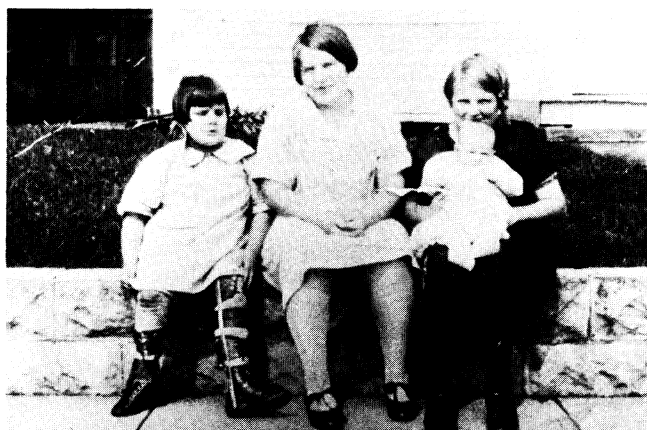


Paul and Nell Klatt

Nell had five sisters and five brothers: Minella and Maude died as young children; Claude and Otto, Rhodes; Ralph, Williamsburg, Iowa; Howard, Waverly, Iowa; Charles, Marshalltown; Alta, Cambridge, Iowa; Dolla and Bessie, Rhodes. Bessie is still living.

Paul and Nell lived in the northeast part of town, and operated the Klatt Cafe.

They were the parents of four daughters; Grace, Ruth, Velma and Mavis. (see history)



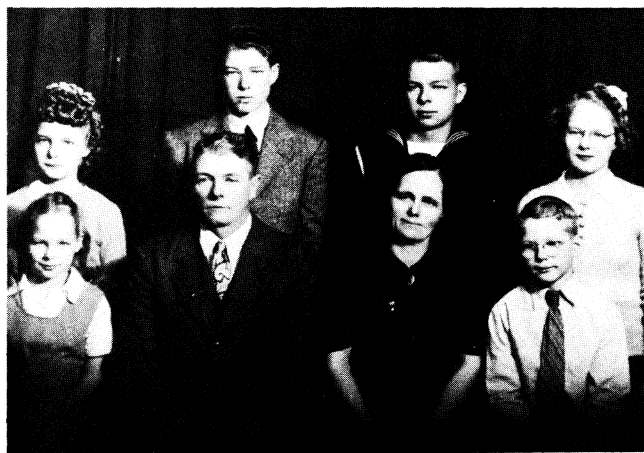
The Paul Klatt children, from the left; Velma, Grace, Ruth holding Mavis.

Paul and Nell played for dances. He worked on the railroad, did odd jobs, helped farmers, sold hot dogs and coffee at farm sales, drove school bus and was town marshall.

Paul and Nell had the cafe until December of 1936. Paul died in July of 1936 and Nell in 1964. Both are buried in the family plot in Eden Cemetery.

Fred Gardner Family

The Gardner family moved to the Rhodes area in 1932 to a farm south of town. Fred and Oma were the parents of six children: Phyllis, Ronald, Duane, Shirley, Norma Jean and LeRoy. Duane and Ronald graduated from Rhodes High School. The family moved to Nevada, Iowa in 1945.



The Fred Gardner family, from the left, front row: Norma Jean, Fred, Oma and LeRoy; Second row: Phyllis, Ronald, Duane and Shirley.

Steven and Catherine Smith

Steven Smith and Catherine Wood were married November 14, 1907 in Mayfield, New York. Catherine was born in Gloversville, New York. They lived in Grimes, Iowa before moving to Rhodes. They ran a drug store on the west side of Main Street where the Post Office now stands. They had two children; Kathryn and William (Bill). Kathryn graduated in 1927 and Bill in 1929 from Rhodes High School.



Bill and Trudy Combs

The family lived where Harold Howell lives and ran the Silver Fox Ranch on the property behind their home. Joe Ward used to help take care of the foxes. Kathryn was a beautician in Cedar Rapids until she became ill with muscular sclerosis and moved home. Steve died in 1938.

In 1940 Bill got a quit claim deed from Mineral Grand Lodge of Iowa. It was the "Odd Fellows Lodge Building" at the time. Catherine and Bill moved the drugstore into that building, which is now Bev's Beehive. It was a Drug and Sundries Store. Bill married Eleanor Eldridge in 1941 and they had one child, William Jr. Bill died in the winter of 1945 and Kathryn, his sister, in 1946.

Catherine continued to run the store and her grandson, William would stay with her off and on



Kathleen and Michael Combs

through the summers. Eleanor married Bill Combs, who later adopted her son. Catherine sold her home and bought the one where Ed Klosterman now lives. She sold the store to Luther Hix in 1955 and he changed it to a grocery store.

William Combs, Catherine's grandson, married Trudy Hill in California in 1964. Catherine died in 1967 and William and Trudy moved into her home. Their daughter Kathleen was born there in 1969. William ran a Bean Extruder, was a carpenter and worked at Arbie Feed in Marshalltown. They moved back to California in 1973. They also have a son, Michael.

Jasper Wilson

Jasper was born July 19, 1890 in Marshall County. He was the son of William and Adelaide Truex Wilson. He attended Pleasant Ridge School, District #1. He bought, sold and delivered stock in the Rhodes area. On January 4, 1912 he married Olive Jenkins. They had four children; Delmar, Donald (Dutch), Marjorie and Leonard (Pete).

Jasper moved to the Ida Grove area in the 1940's and married Murle Ilene Jeffries. Jasper died January 16, 1969 and Murle died March 4, 1974. Both are buried in Ida Grove Cemetery.

Olive later married Charles Hoy from Colfax, who operated a sawmill there. He died May 26, 1962 and Olive died March 1, 1966.



John Sanford Gray family, from the left, front row: John, Anna, Mary holding Margaret; Second row: Robert and Alice.

John Sanford Gray Family

John S. Gray was born near Waynetown, Indiana, June 13, 1851 and his death occurred at Rhodes, February 15, 1909. He was the son of Rev. James Banning and Elizabeth Overpeck Gray.

On December 19, 1872 he married Anna M. Williamson, who died September 17, 1878. To this union two children were born; Robert E, born March 6, 1875 and Alice, born June 14, 1877, married Cooper Gray.

In September 1880 he married Mary L. Williamson, sister of his first wife. She was born October 10, 1864 in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of Levi and Margaret Grantham Williamson. They were the parents of five children: Anna E. married P.R. Secor; Margaret and Esther, died in early childhood; Lyall and Lois M.

John moved to Rhodes in the spring of 1882 and began the practice of veterinary surgery.

John and Mary were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rhodes where John was the Superintendent of the Sunday School for seventeen years.

Charles A. and Flora Wallace

Charles A. Wallace came to Rhodes to run a livery stable in 1895, the same year in which he married Flora Della Francis. Flora Della, also known as Del, was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Francis who owned a farm south of Rhodes. They paid one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre for this farm which in later years was to be known as the Herman Campbell place. The James Francis family lived in a log house on the farm until they were able to build a nice two story woodframe house which still stands, although modified somewhat.

Charley Wallace went to the "Dakotas" to buy horses and farm wheat land for several years in the spring, taking his family with him but always returning to Rhodes before winter. He later sold milking machines in Iowa and also bought used Delco Lighting systems, repaired and resold them. Flora and Charley had three children; James, Edith and Edna. James E., was born in 1900. He and his wife Florence farmed near Rhodes, went to Iowa Falls to work as an assistant manager of the Hemp Mill during World War II and eventually moved to Grundy Center. Edith L, was born in 1898. She was an accomplished pianist and music teacher. She married Lloyd Kramer and settled in Strawberry Point, Iowa where she died in 1982. Edna F., born in 1896 married a Rhodes resident, Frank C. Bentley. They resided in Rhodes and later lived in Grundy Center for over thirty years before moving to the Masonic Retirement Home in Perry where they still live.

Flora Della was an invalid for many years suffering from sleeping sickness. Charley devoted all his time caring for her until her death. Charley and Del are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Charles Wallace family, from the left, front row: Charles, James and Flora; Second row: Edna and Edith.



Charles and Anna Goodman

Charles Goodman

Charles was the fifth child of Joseph and Clara Blink Goodman. He was born June 6, 1865 on the family farm south of Rhodes. Charles married Clara Rohrer and she died in 1895. They had three children; Louis, Herbert and Clara.

Charles married Anna Westendorf on July 13, 1897. Anna was born November 26, 1874 in Parkersburg, Iowa. She moved with her parents and brothers and sisters four miles southwest of Haverhill in 1891.

Charles and Anna had nine children. When they were farming they raised Belgian Horses, Duroc hogs and Shorthorn cattle. They lived on the farm until 1938, then moved to Haverhill. Charles died December 30, 1940, Anna died July 11, 1943. They are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Rhodes.

Travis and Mabel DeVault

Mabel Edna Bollman was born April 11, 1890, she was married October 14, 1909 in Davis County, Iowa to Travis Lee DeVault, who was born October 14, 1884.

Travis and Mable Bollman DeVault and their six children; Harvey, Elzia, August, Rhoda, Ralph and Edna moved to Rhodes in March of 1922. Travis hauled



Travis and Mabel DeVault

gravel for the town and worked for area farmers, Mr. Harmon, Robert C. Gibbs, Pete Crawford, Mr. Haddock and others.

Sometime before 1925 he went to work for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad on the crew that took care of the track west of town. Two children, Goldie and Vern were born after he went to work for the railroad. He worked there until his death in 1938. He is buried in Eden Cemetery.

After his death Mable gardened, papered and worked day work to take care of her family. She made pretty quilts and crocheted doilies to sell. She had also made quilts for each of her children and her twenty-two grandchildren. Mable was always busy, she raised a large garden, had a cow that furnished her milk, butter and meat and raised hogs and chickens for her own use.

She married John West in 1948. John died in 1962 and Mable in 1981. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Travis DeVault children, from the left: Vern, Rhoda, August, Edna, Goldie and Harvey. Not pictured: Elzia and Ralph.

Warren B. and Nellie Scott Gregg

Warren B. (W.B.) Gregg and his wife Nellie Scott Gregg came to Rhodes in 1920 as Supt. of Schools and H.S. Principal. She had graduated from Iowa State Normal (UNI) in 1897 and he had attended Valpariso U. and Iowa State. At that time they had both taught for many years, in one room schools, grade schools and high schools.

The school was well managed, with emphasis on good teaching, learning and character building. In addition to his administrative duties, Mr. Gregg was basketball coach, taught Agriculture, Manual Training, Physics, and "in order to get acquainted with the freshman class", 9th grade algebra. He was a creative person, interested in music, reading and literature, and usually managed to teach a class or as an extra activity some selections from Shakespeare and poetry reading.

They were in Rhodes four years, graduating the classes of 1921-1924. They moved on to other locations and retired in the spring of 1931. Mr. Gregg died January 27, 1933 and later that year Mrs. Gregg moved back to Rhodes.

After some teaching in an adult education program, and some substituting, she began to teach in the Rhodes school again in the fall of 1935. She had the 5th & 6th grades and continued in that position for 6 years, then moved up into her old position as H.S. Principal and taught eight more years, making a total of 18 years teaching in Rhodes. In her lifetime she taught 44 years.

Her favorite subjects were Latin and Mathematics, but she also taught History, English and Economics. She had at some time taught every subject in the curriculum except the vocational subjects.

She seemed to have a natural talent for teaching, holding the interest of her pupils and leading them deeper and deeper into the learning experience. She was understanding and cooperative. There were no discipline problems. Moving about with a calm and quiet dignity, she controlled by a look, a raised eyebrow, or a small gesture. A Superintendent once said to her, "I wish you would talk to that set of boys; I know they'll listen to you."

Mrs. Gregg was active in the Methodist Church, belonged to the M.W., 4 S., F.N.G. Clubs, and the Eastern Star. For 23 years she made her home with Agnes Buck. She died June 16, 1970 at the age of ninety six and one half years. Mr. and Mrs. Gregg are buried in Eden Cemetery. Their only child was a daughter Carrie who married Donald Noble and reside in rural Tama, Iowa.



Nellie Scott and Warren B. Gregg

Harry and Lydia Robinson

Harry (1871-1959), was the third child of a family of six born to William Cass and Amelia Robinson. He married Lydia Morrison, whose father was a doctor near Zearing and McCallsburg, Iowa. To this marriage were born three children: an infant, who died in 1897; Arthur Herbert (1898-1969) and Vern (1904-1978).

Harry and Lydia had five grandchildren: Arthur married Alvina Exter and their children are; Marjorie Marshall and Dorothy McEachern of Wichita, Kansas, Doris Chandler of Waterloo, Betty Roberts of Prairie City and Gerald of Melbourne. There are fourteen great grandchildren. Vern never married.

Harry farmed 80 acres, did carpenter work and raised many horses, his favorite was a gray stallion. In his later years Harry and Vern lived in Rhodes east of the schoolhouse. Lydia died in 1944.

Harry loved children and was liked and respected by all those who knew him.



John Baxter and Harry Robinson



5 lbs. of Nails - 15¢; Shodding of horse - \$1.50; Used reaper - \$37.50; Interest rate 8%;

Souvern and Mary Allen

Souvern William Wallace, was born in Eden Township, January 31, 1853, the son of James Greene and Clarinda Wood Allen. He was a carpenter.

On September 5, 1875, he married Mary Ann, the daughter of Enos and Samantha Stitt Walker. She was born March 19, 1857 in Clyde, Iowa.

They were the parents of seven children: Charles, born June 9, 1877; Clarinda Daisy, born January 23, 1879; Hattie, born May 1881; George, born May 23, 1884; Anna, born September 29, 1887; Fred, born July 14, 1894 and Albert, born April 18, 1899.

Charles lived most of his life in Rhodes doing carpenter work.

Anna was the only one of the children to graduate from the Rhodes School. After graduation she taught two terms of school. She took a business course at a Des Moines College and became a stenographer for three years. She died at the age of 23 of tuberculosis.

Souvern was a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church. Mary died July 1, 1922 and he died October 7, 1919. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



George and Charlotte Cheville

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George was born July 4, 1868 in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. He was the son of William and Sarah Cheville who had moved to Guelph in 1867 from Cambridgeshire, England. When George was twelve the family moved to Iowa settling on a farm northeast of State Center.

Charlotte was born February 26, 1872 in Yorkshire, England the daughter of William and Mary Backous. She came to the United States with her parents in 1885, at the age of thirteen. The family settled on a farm near Maxwell.

George and Charlotte were married on February 25, 1891 at Nevada. They farmed near Maxwell until 1911 when they moved to Rhodes. They spent the remainder of their lives on their farm one mile east of Rhodes. They lived to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. George was in charge of road maintenance in Eden Township for fourteen years. He managed the Rhodes Shipping Association for the livestock until the advent of trucks caused the association to disband.

George died in February of 1951 at the age of eighty-three and Charlotte died in November of 1966 at the age of ninety-four.

They were the parents of five children: Mabel, who married Sid Atkinson, lived in Collins for most of her married life and is now living in Ames; Cora Shimel, of Clemons, now deceased; Roy, who graduated from Rhodes High School in 1915. Roy pursued a career in the field of religious education. He taught Religious Education and History at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa for many years. He is now retired and lives at Rest Haven House in Independence, Missouri; Mildred Cheville, now deceased and Fred, of Rhodes.

A grandson, Roy Shimel, graduated from the Rhodes High School with the class of 1933. Roy made the Army a career retiring in 1964 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He died in 1980.



Martha and Harry White

Harry and Martha White

Harrison (Harry) Webster, son of Leslie and Syrena White, lived in the Rhodes, Melbourne area all of his life. In 1914 he married Martha, the daughter of Christoph and Mary Bollhoefer of Jasper County, Iowa. They lived near Melbourne until they purchased a farm three miles southeast of Rhodes in 1930. They moved to Rhodes in 1948. Martha later moved to Melbourne. Harry died in May, 1952 and Martha died in May 1982.

They were the parents of three children: Evelyn Marie, born August 1, 1914; Fern Luella, born April 19, 1916 and Vernon Merle, born September 4, 1918.



The Seth Smith family, from the left, front row: Paul, Ella, Mary, Alice and Leah; Second row: Ord, Walker, Linton, Bernice, Seth Jr., Hassell and Vance.

Seth and Mary Alice Smith

Seth E. Smith and Mary Alice Walker were married August 6, 1890 at Rhodes.

Their children are; Vance, Paul, Walker, Leah, Bernice, Ella, Ord, Hassell and Linton.

Vance Oliver was born April 13, 1891 and married Othy Long. She died at Oak Dale, Iowa May 24, 1924 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. He later remarried. Vance died June 29, 1968 and is buried at Arkana, Arkansas.

Paul Decatur was born August 3, 1892 and married Grace Cowan. He died September 3, 1981 and is buried at Maxwell.

Walker Bennett was born August 13, 1894 and is married to Mabel Cowan. They live in Collins.

Leah Alice was born December 17, 1896, and married Elie Lathram. He died April 14, 1967 and she married Ralph Wallace on July 21, 1968. They live in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Bernice Elizabeth was born September 7, 1900. She married Llyal Gray on July 28, 1919. They live in Rhodes.

Ella Jane was born May 22, 1902. She married Bill Carlson. Ella died November 9, 1963 and Bill on July 13, 1963.

Seth Marion, born July 13, 1904, married Allie Manship. They live in Licking, Missouri.

Ord Roger, born April 19, 1906, married Charlotte Halterman. He died April 14, 1962.

Hassell Duaine was born November 21, 1909. He died in 1968 and is buried at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Linton Burdell, born August 28, 1911 married Ida Weaver. On July 12, 1976 he married Helen Southerland and they live in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Seth Smith died July 19, 1919 near Lanton, Missouri. Mary Alice died March 8, 1958 in Collins and is buried in Eden Cemetery.



Seth Smith

John and Margaret Goodman

John was born November 29, 1856 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Joseph and Clara Blink Goodman. He came to Edenville in 1863 and was a farmer.

In 1884 he married Amelia Switzer and they were the parents of two sons, Francis and Leo. Amelia was born in 1861 and died in 1887 when Leo was four days old. Leo, (1887-1960), married May Douney.

In 1889 John married Margaret Pfantz, born 1857, the daughter of Henry and Margaret Anselme Pfantz. She was a dressmaker and specialized in wedding gowns.

They were the parents of six children: Lauretta (1890-1977), married Tom Malloy; Florence (1892-1936), married Urban (Jud) Malloy; Joseph, born 1893, single; George (1895-1960); Alvin, born 1899, married Ruth Compt; and Grace (1896-1979), Sister M. Rosaria, a franciscan nun.

George and Joe were in several businesses in Rhodes, one being partners with "Chick" Everhart.

John and Margaret farmed in the Rhodes area, one-half miles east of Rhodes, where their grandson, Leo Malloy farms today. John was a breeder of Perchon horses and Suffold sheep, which he showed at the fair in Rhodes during the late 1800's and early in 1900. He also served as the mayor of Rhodes.

John died January 14, 1946 and Margaret died in 1949. Both are buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rhodes.



50th Anniversary, from the left, front row: Margaret and John Goodman; Standing: Father Raphael Goodman, their nephew.



Family of John Goodman, from the left, front row: Father Raphael, Alvin, Tom Malloy, Jud Malloy and George; Second row: Ruth, Sister Rosaria, Laura, Lauretta and Joe.

Herman and Rosa Bohnsack

Herman and Rosa Bohnsack family consisted of Ernest, Mildred and Harold. They moved from a farm near Melbourne to the Busch farm west of Rhodes in 1919, presently owned by Merlin Klaas. They farmed there until March of 1921 when a closing out sale was held due to Herman's health.

They then moved into Rhodes to the home now owned by Lucille Baie. Herman purchased the poolhall and Rosa worked for the Karlson Mercantile Store.

Ernest worked for Earl Snowgren in his garage, Mildred in the telephone office under the guidance of Nina Baker while attending school. She also sold popcorn from the popcorn wagon, with the help of her friends on band concert nights. Harold attended school and helped out where ever needed.

In 1921 Ernest married Marie Houghkirk, who at the time was working at the Martin Buck home. She also worked at the Herbie Buck's. Their son Harlan was born in Rhodes in 1922. They will celebrate their 62nd anniversary in 1983.

Mildred graduated from Rhodes in 1922, attended summer school in Cedar Falls, Iowa, later teaching two years at the Freeloove School between, State Center and Colo on old Highway 30 until it was closed. She then taught three years in Marshall County until her marriage.

Rosa's parents, James and Pauline Coughenour lived in Rhodes around 1880 as Rosa was born there in 1883. She lived here until her marriage in 1901, moving to Melbourne where Herman owned a store. Her sisters were: Emma, born in 1886; Birdie, in 1890 Edith, in 1893; and Mabel, in 1898.



Luella and Charles Jaroleman

Charles M. Jaroleman

Charles Metcalf Jaroleman was born on April 11, 1858, in a log house in the south pasture of the farm where Gary and Sarah Buck now live. His parents, John and Susan Devine Jaroleman, both New York natives, moved to Marshall County in 1857.

In 1887, Charles bought the farm where Gary now lives, built a house, which has since been remodeled several times, and planted a large grove of evergreens, some of which are still standing.

On January 25, 1888, he married Luella Harmon, a rural school teacher, who lived in the neighborhood. To this union in 1890, Winifred Luella was born. She died in infancy. The family shortly after her death moved to Rhodes and built the house where Hershel Martin lives. Charles operated the Rhodes Lumber Co. for several years.

On September 14, 1893, another daughter, Helen, was born. When she was six years old they moved back to the farm and lived there until 1910, raising many sheep and operating the farm. Due to poor health, they moved to Marshalltown, where they retired. Mr. Jaroleman died January 14, 1930, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Buck. Mrs. Jaroleman died on February 4, 1950. They are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



Admission to Stock Show, Chicago - \$1.00; Molasses - 50¢ a gal.; Coat - \$5.00; Sows - \$10.00; Beef - 5½¢ lb.

Gilson - Callahan

At one time, Mary Mansfield Parker Gilson's mother, Sarah Fish Mansfield Mead and Mary's daughter, Adeline Callahan with her daughters, Frances and Arlene, four generations, all lived in the same household.

James and Adeline (Addie) Callahan moved in 1918, southwest of Rhodes to a farm, now owned by Jesse Wright, where their daughter, Frances, was born December 27, 1920. They later moved to a farm near Laurel, Iowa, where Arlene was born July 6, 1924. It was here that James died, October 25, 1924. Sarah Mead, Addie's grandmother, died May 10, 1930 and is buried in Collins, Iowa.

Addie and her daughters then made their home with her mother and stepfather, Joe and Mary Gilson. The family moved back to Rhodes to the farm owned by Walter Herbold, later Walt Wiltsey's, where Mary's brother, Ernie Mansfield, joined them to do the farming. Addie also worked for Charles and Adah Hildreth until her health failed. Addie started working for the Herbold's on September 14, 1931. Frances and Arlene attended Maple Grove School in Pleasant Ridge District #1. Joe Gilson died July 28, 1934 and is buried in Baxter.

Ernie Mansfield was no longer able to farm so they moved to Rhodes. Frances was staying, at this time, with the Bill Petermeier's at Melbourne and attending high school. Frances died June 5, 1936.

They moved to several houses over a period of years, one being the old M.P. parsonage and the last move to the Cowan home, later Mrs. Dan Bear's.



Joseph and Mary Gilson

Arlene graduated from Rhodes High School in 1942. She played basketball and the bass drum in the band. She married Elmer Wignall in March of 1943 and they were later divorced. Arlene later married Peter Carstensen, they reside in Marshalltown where she is a bookkeeper. She has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Rhodes Alumni Association for 14 years.

Addie worked for the Weber's at Laurel before moving to Rt. 4, Marshalltown, in 1944 to work for Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson. She died in June of 1968. James, Addie and Frances are buried in Colfax, Iowa.

Joe and Mary Gilson while living in Rhodes ran a hotel in 1901. Before their marriage they each had been previously married. Joe's first wife was Mary Hayes who died August 1, 1889 and their children were; Charles, Blanche, Leota, Leslie and Willie.



James Callahan family, from the left; Arlene, Addie and Frances.

Mary's first husband was Issac Parker who died July 6, 1897 and had the following children; Carl, Ralph, Addie and Guy.

Mary died January 16, 1943 and is buried in Center Friend's Cemetery in Newton.



Mary and Ed Jackson

Ed and Mary Jackson

Ed was born January 24, 1884, the son of Walter and Amanda Jackson.

On December 25, 1906 he married Mary Good in Rhodes. She was born April 7, 1888, the daughter of Abraham and Clara Good. They were the parents of three sons; Maynard Glen, Forrest Edward and Charles Kenneth.

After their marriage they moved to a farm north of Rhodes, later owned by their son, Forrest. Ed operated a threshing machine and did dynamiting for Marshall County. After their retirement to State Center in 1940, he worked part time for Wensel Funeral Home.

Ed and Mary were members of the Methodist Church in State Center. He died in August of 1950 and she died September 6, 1966. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Charles Jackson family, from the left; Charles, Gertrude and Sam.

Charles and Gertrude Jackson

Charles was born September 4, 1880 in Mechanicsville, Iowa, the son of Walter and Amanda Jackson. He had two brothers and a sister, William, Edward and Katy.

On December 24, 1903 he married Louise Gertrude Good in Rhodes. She was born September 23, 1886, the daughter of Abraham and Clara Good.

In 1904 they moved to Sedalia, Missouri. They had two children, Nellie, who died in infancy and Samuel. They lived in Sedalia until 1934 when they moved to a farm east of Rhodes. In 1946 they retired and moved into Rhodes.

Gertrude died in December of 1954 and Charles in September of 1970. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Sam and Wynona Jackson

Sam Jackson and Wynona Mallicoat were married on March 31, 1938. They lived in Altoona, Iowa the first year and then moved to a farm near Garwin, Iowa, where Sam farmed. In 1946, they moved to the farm (where Charles and Gertrude Jackson lived) between Rhodes and Melbourne and resided there for thirty years. Between the years of 1941 and 1952, Sam and Wynona had three children; Jerry Gene, Joan Kay, and Janet Rae.

During Sam's life, he also worked other jobs besides farming. He worked at the American Fire Apparatus in Marshalltown and Miller Oil in Melbourne. On August 3, 1969, Sam had a serious accident on the farm when the tractor he was driving upset on him. This was the beginning of a health problem for Sam. He loved his farming but was no longer able to do the work so he retired and moved to Melbourne in 1976.

On December 30, 1978, Sam passed away. He always enjoyed going to Rhodes and visiting with so many of his friends. Wynona continues to live in their home in Melbourne. Their farm east of Rhodes is now owned by Frank and Ronna Burggraaf.

All three children are now married. Gene married Jean Harvey in 1964 and lives east of Marshalltown. They have two sons; James Roy, born in 1969 and Jay Alan, born in 1971; Joan married Rick Dannen in 1963 and they live in Melbourne. They have three children; Robert Charles, born in 1964, Jacqueline Lynn, born in 1966 and Randy Dean, born in 1967; Janet married Mike Clark in 1973 and they live in Melbourne. They have three sons; Troy Alan, born in 1974, Todd Michael, born in 1977 and Travis Samuel, born in 1981.



The grandchildren of the Sam Jackson's, from the left, front row: Troy, Travis and Todd Clark; Second row: Jackie, Rob and Randy Dannen; Third row: Jay and Jim Jackson.



Sam Jackson family, from the left; Sam, Wynona, Gene, Joan and Janet.

Roy and Florence Mallicoat

Roy Mallicoat was born on March 28, 1888 at Ira, Iowa. He was the son of George and Katherine Mallicoat and had one brother, Vern, and two sisters, Wrighta and Gladys. At an early age the family moved to a farm near Rhodes.

On August 24, 1910, he was married to Leona Florence Richeson, daughter of George and Belle Richeson. Roy and Florence had four children; two sons, Rodney died in infancy, and Marvin, of Rhodes, married Maxine Viers, he died in 1976; two daughters, Thelma married Theron Nolte and lives in Colorado and Wynona married Sam Jackson and lives in Melbourne.

Roy and Florence farmed near Rhodes until 1947 when they moved to town. He served as town marshall and water commissioner until his health failed in July 1963. Roy passed away on September 9, 1963 and Florence on February 9, 1965. Their home in Rhodes is now owned by Sharon and Dick Ray.

*Submitted by
Wynona Jackson*



Florence and Roy Mallicoat

Henry Dahlam Family

Henry Dahlam was born March 13, 1813 in Bavaria, Germany. On June 7, 1842 he married Susanna Vogt who was born March 12, 1823 in Bavaria. In 1869 they came to a farm of 160 acres in Section 35 of Eden Township.

Henry and Susanna were the parents of three children; Catherine, Elizabeth and Abraham. The Dahlam family were members of the Lutheran Church.



Levi and Alice Flora

Levi and Alice Flora

Levi S. was born in Bureau County, Illinois, November 25, 1859, the son of Jacob W. and Catherine Mills Flora. He came with his parents to Jasper County in 1866, and eventually located in Eden Township. Levi was one of thirteen children.

Alice was born in Ogle County, Illinois, December 11, 1867, daughter of Jacob and Lucinda Phillips Waltemeyer. She came to Logan Township with her parents in 1868. Alice was one of eleven children.

On January 26, 1887, Levi S. Flora married Alice Waltemeyer. Levi had a reputation of being one of Marshall Counties most progressive and successful farmers being the owner of "Fairview Farm", which is now owned by Don Buck & Sons.

The Floras having no children of their own, had the opportunity to raise a foster daughter, Elva Kline Robinson. Elva was never adopted by the Floras because of her grandfather Peter Kline's wishes, wanting to keep the name Kline.

During Levi's years in the Rhodes area, he was a road supervisor, a member of the board of education of Rhodes and a stockholder in the State Center Bank.

Levi died August 22, 1938 and Alice died in 1949. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.



The John Johnson family, from the left, front row: Archie, Anna, Roscoe, John (Swede), Charles, Lucille and Florence; Second row: Worney, Beatrice, Roy and Hallie.

John Johnson Family

Three brothers, Alford, Charles and John Johnson, came from Sweden to this country to make their mark. Alford settled in Chicago, Charles in LeGrand. John stayed with Charles while he went to an Academy to school. He soon rented some land and planted corn. One day Anna was out herding cows and they got into John's cornfield. John thought she was such a pretty girl that he asked if he could take her to a dance that night. Her folks were very poor as they had just came to this country. She didn't have anything to wear to the dance so her mother made her a dress out of some drapes with velvet around the neck. She had to borrow some shoes and they were very tight, but she made them do and they fell in love and soon were married.

They rented a farm in Melbourne and soon were able to buy a farm in Rhodes. Nine children were born to this family. We all had to work hard, but had a very happy childhood. We lived on a 165 acre farm and it did very well until the big depression. The problem was that dad had mortgaged his farm to buy another farm for the boys so consequently both farms were lost and dad was left without a place to live. He received old age pension and lived in a small apartment which hurt his dignity.

John Johnson was born June 17, 1863 in Sweden. On March 14, 1891, in LeGrand, he married Anna who was born April 1, 1873. John died January 7, 1943 and Anna followed him December 16, 1946.

The nine children in their family were: Florence Louise (January 8, 1892-June 29, 1970), married Leo Pothast; Hallie Hannah (August 30, 1893-March 12, 1959), married Leonard Landis and lived in Liscomb; Beatrice (December 2, 1896-March 1958), married Clarence Rue and lived in Waterloo; Archie Augustus (March 4, 1898-August 24, 1959); Roy Louis, born April 13, 1900 and died in Moline, Illinois; Worney John (October 29, 1902-January 15, 1977); Roscoe Ralph, born April 19, 1905, resides at the Marshall County Care Center; Lucia Marie, born February 25, 1907, married Carl Moser and resides in Waterloo; and Charles Milton (January 8, 1910-April 1, 1976), lived in Mississippi.

*Submitted by
Lucia Johnson Moser*

Issac Sanford

Issac Sanford was the first postmaster at Edenville. He kept a hotel on East Main Street and also had a shoe shop. He was one of the early justices in the township.

Helen Edna Buck

Edna Buck was born at Welton, Iowa, December 20, 1884 and moved with her parents to a farm north of Rhodes in 1893. She attended the Rhodes School from which she graduated in the class of 1904. At the 1917 Alumni Banquet she started the tradition of the Alumni shovel, with each succeeding class adding it's ribbons to the handle.

In 1908 she and her father, Henry, took a trip thru the west in search of a climate which might help the asthma from which they suffered, and finally decided on Yakima, Washington. In 1909 they moved to Yakima, where Edna worked in a photographic studio until her health compelled her to give this up. In 1916 she moved, with her parents and brother back to Iowa. They drove back in an open Hudson car, camping in a tent at night. They came by way of Yellowstone Park, roads were terrible, and they had some exciting experiences.

Edna was a fine photographer and greatly interested in the history of Rhodes and spent much time recording this history in pictures and writing, and some of her records have been a real help to the committee in compiling this book. She was a member of Crystal Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and worked for several years in the Farmers Savings Bank of Rhodes. She died in 1945 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.



Helen Edna Buck



Mary and William Steiner

William and Mary Steiner

William was born April 29, 1872, the son of Charles and Louise Tisler Steiner. He married Mary Louella Hale on Oct. 11, 1910. She was born September 27, 1884 in Story County, Iowa, the daughter of Andy and Josephine Gruber Hale.

To this union was born four children; Charles Anthony, Francis Irene, Lucy Edythe and Lloyd Earl.

Mary received her schooling in Rhodes and worked in the telephone office, when it was in the old Opera House. While she was working one day, lightning struck the switchboard during an electrical storm and caused her to lose her hearing. She was a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church and the Crystal Chapter II Order of Eastern Star.

William in his early life farmed and helped run a steam engine, owned by Charles Dewey, on threshing runs. He later took up painting as a trade and worked with his father-in-law, Andy. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Rhodes.

They purchased the Burger Hotel and old stage coach stop and used the lumber from both buildings to remodel their home. (Presently the site of the Jack Gray home).

William died June 20, 1956 and Mary died July 1, 1966. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Hayloader - \$55; Bologna - 10¢ lb.; Labor - \$1 a day; Oats - 32½¢ per bushel; Dehorning of 35 cattle - \$3.50; Cattle - \$3.80 per hundred.



Bertha Rattary

Bertha L. Rattray

Bertha L. Rattray was born in 1890 in Canada and came to Welton, Iowa in 1900 to live with her cousin Agnes Buck, a music teacher there. In 1908 they moved to Rhodes, where both were active in the church, the literary society and other community activities. Bertha was interested in young people and taught primary Sunday School classes, was a Sunday School superintendent for many years and was instrumental in building up the Sunday School to the point that it was well attended with a record attendance of 125 at one time.

She and Miss Buck provided room and board for Rhodes school teachers for many years, Bertha doing much of the house and garden work, since Agnes was busy with music lessons. Both were very popular with the teachers who liked to stay with them. She died in 1935 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Verne and Ardice Greiman

Ardice Bucknell graduated from Rhodes High School in 1946. She was the daughter of Fred and Laura Sprecher. She moved to Mason City, Iowa after her graduation. She began employment with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, as an operator, Traffic Supervisor and operator services, retiring in 1982.

In 1953 she married Verne Greiman, a Supervisor at White's Farm Equipment. They have three children, Kevin, Sharibeth and Annette.

Kevin, 29, owns an acreage at Rudd and works at White Farm Equipment.

Sharibeth, 24, is a hair dresser and manager of Great Expectations in the Valley West Mall in Des Moines.

Annette, 16, is a student in Mason City High School.

Isaac and Emma Gray

Isaac J. Gray and Emma A. Van Pelt were married October 8, 1884 at the Voorhis Van Pelt home. They lived 2½ miles north of Rhodes, until the death of Rev. Gray, at which time they moved to the parental farm.

Two sons were born to the Isaac (Ike) Gray's; James Banning, born October 20, 1893 and John Voorhis, born January 5, 1896. Both sons attended Rhodes School and James later attended Iowa State College in Ames and John was enrolled in Cornell College in Mt. Vernon.

John enlisted in the Army in 1917 and spent two years, mostly overseas, in the Army band. He and Freeman Curtwright, another Rhodes young man, served together. After John was discharged in 1919, he returned to help on the farm.

Ike and Emma moved to Rhodes in 1923 and continued to live there until their death, Emma in 1939 and Ike in 1943. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Ike and Emma Gray





Jennie Mead

Jasper Mead Family

Jasper Mead came from Illinois in 1876. In 1883 he married Jennie Good, their son, Irvin was born in 1891.

In 1915, Irvin married a schoolteacher, Agnes Randalman. They had four children; Muriel, Ralph and twins Phillip and Phyllis. The children all attended and graduated from Rhodes High School.

Muriel married Garland Princehouse and they live in Fullerton, California; Ralph lives in Wake Village, Texas; Phillip lives in Greeley, Colorado; and Phyllis married Don Beethel and they live in Springfield, Missouri.

It was after the birth of their daughter Rosa Pearl, they purchased 160 acres, paying \$30 an acre. A son George was born there and another daughter, May Ruth, who died at the age of five weeks.

The family then moved to Melbourne for five years, where John was a farm hand and worked on the road. They later moved back to the farm. In 1922 their house burned and he erected the one now standing, the present David Wendel home.

John with his brothers, Daniel and David, grew up on his father's farm. When asked if he farmed with oxen he said, "No, but father did, he always made us boys stay clear away from them."

John farmed with four horses, raised colts and sold them. He once sold a team of colts, during hard times, to Charles Morrison for \$400. Corn at that time was 18¢ and oats 9¢ a bushel.

Besides being active in farming, he was a road supervisor in this area, and helped negotiate the building of the telephone lines. He helped put up the lines and was a trustee for a number of years.

John and Elizabeth retired in 1940, moving to Rhodes. Both were members of the St. John Evangelical and Reform Church in Melbourne. John was a member of The Woodman in Melbourne for 55 years.

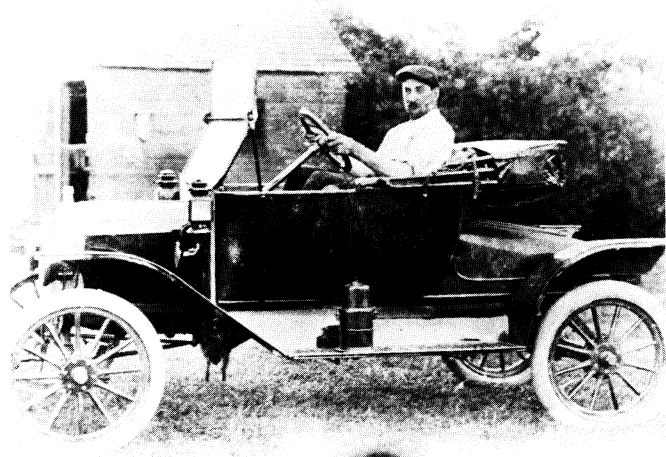
Elizabeth died in 1940 and John in November of 1957. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



John and Elizabeth Bear. Upper right, Rosa and George in pictures.

John and Elizabeth Bear

John was the son of John and Lizzie Bear. He married Elizabeth Biesnecker, who came from Germany at the age of 13. They began farming south of Rhodes on the farm where he was born.



Dave Bear in his car.



Admission to Fair - 25¢; Shirt - 85¢; Barrel of Salt \$1.25; Breaking a horse - \$15.00; Road Cart - \$17; Looking Glass - \$2.



Ora and William H. Wignall

William H. and Ora Wignall

William H. was born August 12, 1865 in Tama County, Iowa, the son of William Wignall of Lubenham, England and Mary Wolmutt of Hollen, Bohemia. He was reared in Tama County and later moved to Mississippi to work for Wickham Brothers grading railroad right of ways.

On June 5, 1904 he married Ora Bell Walker in Dancy, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Green Berry Walker and Sara Mary Watson of Dancy.

They came to Iowa after their marriage and settled on a farm in Marshall County, later moving to Nebraska and then to South Dakota. They returned to Marshall County and in 1907 they moved to a farm in Collins Township, Story County. In 1912, they purchased 188 acres in section 1, Collins Township, just north of where they lived and they resided there until William's death in 1932.

To this union was born the following children: Charles, deceased 1973, of Marshalltown married Ruth Tribby; Mary Elizabeth (1907-1911); William B., of Rhodes married Edna Spencer; James of Marshalltown married Grace Baker; W. Harold of Melbourne, married Fern White; Elmer of Cedar Rapids, married Kate McConnon; O. Warren of Marshalltown, married Marcella Schubert and George of Marshalltown, married Esther Groff.

Mr. Wignall was a farmer and a road contractor. He was a member of the Eden Lodge No. 466 A.F. & A.M. and Modern Woodman of America. He died September 19, 1932 in Collins Township.

Mrs. Wignall was a member of the Baptist Temple and was employed for many years at the Deconess Hospital in Marshalltown. She died August 1, 1953. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery at Rhodes.

Lester and Alice Halter

Lester Halter and Alice Schonewise, were married September 13, 1916. They lived on the farm where Stanley Randall lives 2½ miles east of Rhodes. They lived there, until they retired in 1958, moving to Melbourne.

They had five girls and five boys in their family; Wilma, married Lee Sutton, Mingo, Iowa; Deloris, married Art Berry, Baxter, Iowa; Dorothy, died when she was four years old; Iva Mae, married Don Reid, Hiawatha, Iowa; Roy, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Max, Des Moines; Larry, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota; Mary married Clarence Clark, Melbourne; Bill, Hampton, Iowa and Kenny, Oelwein, Iowa.

Alice passed away in 1970 and Lester in 1975.

Jake and Phoebe Jacobs

Jake Jacobs had the furniture and undertaking business at Rhodes. He started in the year 1924 and was there until the year 1936.

He was also the secretary of the school board and was on the town council. Once a week Jake played in the band on band concert nights which was held on the Rhodes streets. He played the bass horn.

He married Phoebe Pyle. She assisted her husband many times while he was in the undertaking business. Phoebe graduated from the Rhodes School in the year of 1905, she then taught in rural schools until she married Jake.

Phoebe was the daughter of William and Jenny Pyle, who also spent all of their lives in Rhodes. All are buried in the Eden Cemetery.

To Jake and Phoebe there was born two children; a son, Kenneth who now resides in Marshalltown. He is now retired after spending thirty-seven years with the Fisher Governor Company. A daughter, Darlene after graduating from Rhodes in 1936, married Reno Rethmeier, who is now a retired farmer. They live north of Newton.



Jake and Phoebe Jacobs



Frederick E. and Susan M. Kreamer

Logan and Kreamer Families

My roots on both sides of my family are in Rhodes.

I, Florence Logan, was born in Rhodes in 1897. My maternal grandfather, Rev. Frederick D. Kreamer, (1837-1906) was pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church. He had a large family of four sons and five daughters. Mother was the second daughter. The family moved to Kansas City, Kansas about 1901. My maternal grandmother was born in 1839 and died in 1910.

The earliest Logan in Edenville was Andrew, who is recorded in the 1860 census. His wife, Phila, died in 1864 and is buried in the Edenville Cemetery, as is my parents first child, baby Esther.



Candace and Reason Logan

My father, Reason Johnson Logan, was born April 12, 1868 in Edenville. My mother, Candace Kreamer, was born November 24, 1871 and moved to Rhodes with her family in about 1882. After graduating from Rhodes High School, father attended law school at Drake University, Des Moines, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1891. Mother taught school in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They were married in the Kreamer home in Rhodes, in 1892.

After practicing law for a short time in Custer, South Dakota, they were needed in Rhodes to run the Logan farm. Then in 1902, they moved to Spokane, Washington, three years later to Yakima and in 1910 to Seattle. During these years father was largely engaged in land development in the expanding west.

Though they had been active in the M.P. Church in Rhodes, they joined a nearby Presbyterian church in Spokane. Father was elected an elder in Yakima and for many years served in that capacity in the First Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Mother was active in the women's organizations of the church, particularly the Missionary Society.

My sister, Lorna, was born in Yakima. When we moved to Seattle I was ready for high school, while Lorna started the grades. We both graduated from the University of Washington and worked as missionaries. I went to North China and Lorna worked in Chinatown, San Francisco, California. In 1952 I went to work in Taiwan.

When I retired in 1962, Lorna came to Taiwan and we came home by way of the Holy Land and Europe, an unforgettable experience. Lorna and I lived together in San Francisco until her retirement in 1971. Then we moved to a small, quiet community about twenty miles from the city where we have a garden. We keep very active in our church, teaching Bible classes and rejoicing in fellowship with very loving, caring people.



Florence Logan



Bertha and Earl Lanning

Vernon and Ella Lanning

Earl John and Bertha Halter Lanning farmed a few miles east of Rhodes. They had five children; Velma, Helen, Vernon, Max and Jane.

Velma, married Benton Flora, they bought and farmed the Earl Lanning place for many years. They had one daughter, Barbara. She and her husband, Robert Goodmanson live in California. They have two sons. Velma is deceased.

Helen, (1910-1916).

Vernon, born October 4, 1912 married Ella Clausen. They had five children; Denny, Vivian, Nile, Terry and Roger. Denny, born April 25, 1940 married Nancy Judge. They live in Melbourne and have two sons, Jeff, 21 and Jerry, 17; Vivian, born July 27, 1941 married Mike Gagen. They have one daughter, Donna, 17; Nile, born August 20, 1943 married Fran Benesmiller. They



Grandchildren of Vernon and Ella Lanning. From the left, front row: Jeff Lanning, Donna Gagen and Jerry Lanning; Second row: Jackie, Jenny and Jason Lanning.

live in Nevada, Iowa and have three children: Jason, 14; Jenny, 11 and Jackie, 7; Terry, born March 17, 1946 married Sue Tennenbaun. Terry graduated from Iowa State University on December 18, 1982; and Roger, born October 12, 1950 is living in Melbourne. Vernon farmed the North ½ of Section 24, Eden Township for nearly 35 years. He died January 21, 1980 and is buried in Rose Hill at Marshalltown. Ella lives in Melbourne.

Max, married Helen Robinson. She is deceased and Max lives in Marshalltown.

Jane, married Merwyn VanDyke. They operated a hardware store in Melbourne for many years. They have three children, Bonnie, Judy and Peggy. The family lives in California.

William and Myrtle Schulz

William E. and Myrtle M. Stamps Schulz purchased the Henry Walters farm when they moved northwest of Rhodes in 1944.

Mr. Schulz served in the Army for three years during World War I. He then worked in the lead and zinc mines of northeast Oklahoma. In 1926, they moved to eastern Story County where he worked for various farmers in the area before renting a farm, southeast of State Center.

They are the parents of five children; Pauline, Vernon, R. Eugene, Janice and Russell.

Pauline, married Thomas Borton and lives on a farm northwest of Rhodes.

Vernon, served in the Army, during the Korean Conflict, in Germany. Following his discharge he was employed in the Knoxville, Iowa, Veterans' Hospital until his death in 1971. He had four children.

R. Eugene, was employed with Strands Bakery of Marshalltown until 1946. He has three children and now lives in Portland, Oregon.

Janice Hitchcock, is employed as a technical illustrator at Cape Kennedy, Florida. She is also a free lance artist.

Russell, is an assistant manager of the Erickson Supermarket in Madras, Oregon. He has four children.

In 1954, William and Myrtle sold the farm to George and Lucille Severidt and moved to the Oregon coast where he owned a service station for several years. Due to ill health he retired and died in 1972. Mrs. Schulz is now making her home with her daughter, Janice.



Gents Chair - \$4; Curry Comb - 15¢; Chamber Pot - 70¢; Hay - \$5.50 per ton.



Viola and Ervin Vogt

Ervin and Viola Vogt

Ervin, the son of Henry and Etta Cook Vogt, was born August 23, 1903 on a farm northwest of Melbourne. He attended Prairie Ridge School and Melbourne High School while the family lived on the farm now owned by Merlyn and Betty Schuler. The family moved to the Van Cleve community in 1920.

Viola, the daughter of Fred and Mary Tinnermeier Hamler was born on a farm southeast of Melbourne. She graduated from Van Cleve High School in 1924 and from Iowa State Teachers College in 1926. She taught one year in Logan No. 7 School and the second grade in Lytton, Iowa.

Ervin Vogt and Viola Hamler were married February 5, 1930 in the First Congregational Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

They farmed in the Van Cleve community until March of 1948, when they moved to the farm north of Rhodes which they purchased from Mrs. Grace Wendel. They have two daughters; Donna Mae, married Eugene Gibbs, of Melbourne and Carol Ann, married Elliott Stanley of Albion. Two daughters, Phyllis Jean and Mary Joan died in infancy. They have six grandchildren.

Ervin and Viola were active in church, school and community while living in Rhodes. Ervin served on the school board both at Van Cleve and Rhodes. He served as Eden Township Farm Bureau chairman, on the

A.S.C.S. committee and was a Pioneer Seed Corn salesman for nearly ten years.

Both served on the administrative board of the Rhodes Methodist Church. Viola served as president and treasurer of the W.S.C.S. for several years. She served on the Marshall County 4-H committee, and was leader of the Rhodes Merry Mixers 4-H Club for ten years. She is a member of the M.W. Club and a past member of the S.S.S.S. Club.

They retired from farming in 1979 and purchased their present home in Melbourne. They are members of the St. John United Church of Christ and the 50+ Club of Melbourne.



Charles and Mary Ann (Dolly) Blink

Charles and Dolly Blink

Charles was born in Rhodes, on March 27, 1865, the son of George and Anna Switzer Blink. He received his education in the rural schools of the Rhodes community.

He was married on July 2, 1913 to Mary Ann (Dolly) Dowd. She was born June 10, 1878 and taught school in rural as well as public school in Rhodes.

Charles was engaged in the manufacturing of cement blocks with his uncle Marty Blink, later he opened a clothing business. In 1942 he moved his clothing business to Scranton, Iowa.

He moved to a farm near Bondurant in 1942. In 1950 he retired and moved back to Rhodes.

Charles and Dolly were members of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was a member of Knights of Columbus of Marshalltown and for several years he was a member of the Rhodes town council.

Charles died March 12, 1955 and Dolly died September 30, 1961, both are buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Rhodes.

Guy and Grace Thompson

Guy M. was the son of David and Sarah Pentico Thompson of Rhodes, Iowa. He was born February 2, 1889 in Jasper County, Iowa and died May 22, 1955 in Olin, Iowa.

On June 11, 1913, he married at Marshalltown, Iowa, Grace May Bonham. She was the daughter of Amos and Icephene Diggins Bonham who resided in Rhodes. Grace was born November 15, 1890 at Melbourne, Iowa. She died July 29, 1970 at Monticello, Iowa.

To this union were born three children; Claire, deceased, who had two children, Janet Dawson and Carol Horne; Evelyn married Kenneth Leggett, who resides in Onslow, Iowa, had three children, James K., Gary, and Jerry; Ruth married Vernie Kreger, who resides in Olin, on a farm, had two children, Lee and Jon.

Grace graduated from Rhodes High School in 1909 and later taught school. Guy and Grace resided in Olin and were great grandparents of fifteen children and had two great, great grandchildren.



Grace and Guy Thompson

Fleet and Gertrude Richeson

Dennis Fleet, the son of George and Bell Booth Richeson was born in the family home, located between Rhodes and State Center on September 30, 1887.

He assisted in farming at the same location until December 31, 1913, when he married Gertrude Saxauer, the daughter of William and Johanna Saxauer of State Center. Gertrude had one brother, Arnold. Fleet and Gertrude moved into a new house, on the home place. The two story stucco house still is intact, about halfway between State Center and Rhodes. They farmed at the same location until 1961, when they moved to State Center, where they retired.

Three children were born to this union; Viola, was born September 18, 1914 and two sons, both dying soon after birth. Viola married Elmer Raymond Maynard the second son of John and Cecil Maynard in State Center, on June 8, 1935. One son Wayne, was born July 1, 1937. Elmer and Viola have lived most of their married life in Hardin County and are presently living in Eldora. Elmer was in road construction until 1973, when he retired. Viola is presently employed by Hardin County Department of Social Services in Eldora.

Fleet, was one of eight brothers and sisters. Eight, of the nine children made their homes in or around Marshall County, Iowa. They were; Daniel Wood (D.W.), Wright, Ozroe (Jim), Otto, Leon, who was struck by lightning in a field as a teenager, Florence Mallicoat, Ethel Landis, and Dorothy Echternacht.

Fleet, passed away at the Marshalltown Community Hospital October 22, 1973. Gertrude passed away May 9, 1975.



Leslie and Syrena White

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Syrena, the daughter of Mary and James Webster, attended school at Rhodes and finished the eleventh grade. After school she took up the millinery art, working in that profession until her marriage to Leslie White in 1890. He was born April 11, 1869, the son of Harrison and Catherine White. They moved to a farm three and one-half miles east of Rhodes. They were the parents of two children; Harrison Harry, born May 31, 1891 and Naomi Lesta, born May 26, 1906.

They farmed the same farm for over 40 years. They moved to Ames where Leslie worked for the experimental farm at Iowa State College. They returned to this area for a time before making their home in Melbourne. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1940. Leslie died in February of 1946 and Syrena died in May of 1953. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery. (see Harrison White history)



Minnie and Babe Cowan

Marcus and Minnie Cowan

Marcus (Babe) and Minnie Bishop Cowan came to Rhodes in 1917. They farmed what is known as the Lyall Gray place, west of Rhodes.

Babe and Minnie raised ten children; Grace, Mabel, Louis, Edith, Jessie, Wallace, Isabel, Ruth, William and Bertha. One child, Edith, still resides in Rhodes.

Babe and Minnie moved to town, where they resided until their death. Babe died in 1932 and is buried in the cemetery at the Marshall County Care Facility. Minnie died in 1941 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Brantley and Cecil Jones

Brantley was born September 22, 1895 in Bloomfield, Indiana, the son of Joseph and Mary Jane Jones.

He married Cecil Long on November 16, 1918 in Bloomfield. She was born August 13, 1897 in Switz City, Indiana, the daughter of Isreal and Lou Long.

Three weeks after their marriage, they loaded their furniture, two horses and some farm machinery in a railroad box car and came to Iowa. Brantley's brothers, Ralph and Ora, his sister Florence and his mother Mary came with them.

They were the parents of six children: Leo, born November 28, 1919; Veva, born January 11, 1921; Helen, born June 16, 1922; Audrey, born June 21, 1925; Wayne, born May 18, 1927 and Kenneth, born October 31, 1928. Leo, Veva and Helen attended the Rhodes School for ten years.

Brantley and Cecil lived on farms near Mingo and Collins. In 1925 they moved to the farm northwest of Rhodes, presently the Vern Maxwell Sr. farm. They went to the Methodist Church in Rhodes and bought all their groceries from Hix's Grocery.

In 1936, they purchased a farm northeast of Zearing, where Kenneth has lived since they retired.

Brantley died October 16, 1963 and his wife, Cecil, resides in Zearing. They have 21 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.



Marcus (Babe) Cowan family, from the left, front row: Grace, Bertha, Edith, Jessie and Ruth; Second row: Isabel, Lewis, Mabel, Wallace and William.

Mary Ann Robinson

Mary Ann Robinson was born in 1873 on a farm in Jasper County and moved to Story County as a young girl. In 1916, she moved to Rhodes with her mother, brother and sister. Mary took charge of the cooking and household chores. She took care of her invalid mother during her mothers final years. Her niece, Margarite Pointer said she was one of the kindest, finest persons she had ever known. She died at the family home in Rhodes in 1954.



Brantley and Cecil Jones



Millie and Claud Ward

Claud and Millie Ward

Claud Wilson Wård came to Laurel, Iowa from Farmington, North Carolina as a young man and settled in the Laurel and Haverhill communities. He married Millie Myrtle West of Laurel in 1903.

In 1913 they moved on a farm four miles northwest of Rhodes. They had four children; Jesse, Millard, Hazel and Grady. We went to a rural school, State Center District No. 8, which was just down a hill from our home.

For several years my father and brothers would cut ice in the winter from the Rhodes pond and put it in a building and pack it with sawdust. We had a two gallon freezer, so we would have a lot of ice cream through the summer. Also quite a few of the neighbors would get ice from us.

After country school we went to high school in Rhodes. Jesse graduating in 1923, Millard and Hazel in 1926 and Grady in 1933.

We moved to a farm near St. Anthony in 1936, during that bad winter that is still remembered by many people.

Millie Ward died in 1957 and her husband Claud in 1963.

Jesse married Charlotte Helin of St. Anthony moving to a farm in 1947. Charlotte died August 1982. Jesse still lives on the farm.

Jesse and Charlotte had five children; Nancy, Shirley, Mary, John and Richard (Rick). Nancy, married James Love of Albion and they have two children, Timothy and Danielle and live in Knoxville; Shirley, married Robert Harris of Marshalltown and they have three girls, Ann, Karen and Debra. They are presently living in Des Moines; Mary, married Mike Barker, has a daughter Theresa and lives in Des Moines; John, married Carol Thomas of Marietta, they live on his fathers' farm near St. Anthony; and Rick married Cindy Richeson of Marshalltown and they live near State Center. They have two children, Matthew and Misty Kay.

Millard married Irene Rambo of Farrar. After living on farms near Collins and St. Anthony they moved to Marshalltown in 1960. They had four children, Earl, Mildred, Ellen and Kay. Earl died in 1964; Mildred



Claud Ward family, from the left; Jesse, Millard, Claud, Millie, Grady and Hazel.

married Richard Schaper of State Center, they have two boys, David and Mark and live in Marshalltown; Ellen married Delbert Shores of Newton and have two sons, Chad and Brian and are living in Newton; Kay married Ben Zizzi of New Hartford, Connecticut and they live in Denver, Colorado.

After working at Dunham Bush for twenty-six years Hazel has retired and lives in Marshalltown. Grady is farming and lives on the home place near St. Anthony.

Martin and Amber Buck

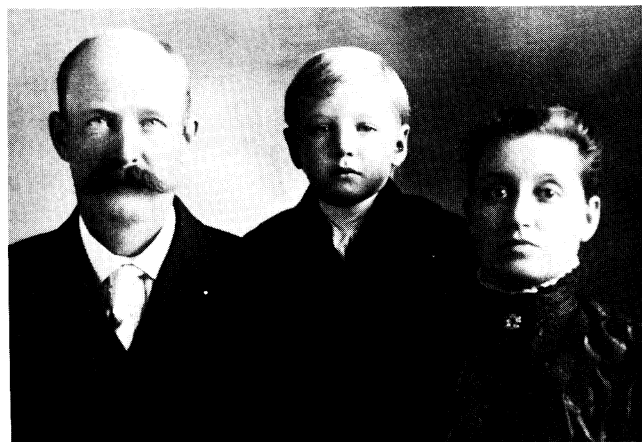
Martin Kemp, was born February 14, 1871, the son of Christopher and Margaret Rattray Buck, in Welton, Iowa, where he was raised and attended school.

On January 25, 1899 he married Amber LeFever Guy.

In 1898 they moved to a farm north of Rhodes where John Buck now lives.

They were the parents of one son, Ralph Guy, born June 12, 1903 (see history). Paul Benner lived with them for one year, graduating from Rhodes High School in 1920.

Amber died in April of 1930 and Martin on March 16, 1945. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.



The Martin Buck Family, from the left; Martin, Ralph and Amber.



John and Anna Gauch

John and Anna Gauch

Anton and Karlina Gauch came to the southeast corner of Eden Township from Germany in 1876. Anton became a U.S. citizen in 1882. They had seven children; Louis, Chris, Mathilda, twins John and Pauline, Emma and Elise.

John, son of Anton and Karlina Gauch, was born January 15, 1880. He married Anna Billmyer of Edenville on January 12, 1910. She was born September 8, 1890, the daughter of Michael and Mary Billmyer.

They had seven children: Anton (Tony), born April 1911, married Alice Dodd; Frances Marie, born March 1914, married Henry Klaas; Leo Jack, born May 1915, married Thelma Rankin and their children are; Mae, Max, Charles, Judy and Linda; Charles died in infancy; Virginia, born October 1921, married Ransom Bucklin and their children are Faye, Jerry, Ben and Karen; Roma, born December 1924, married Quinten Koon and their children are Joe, Ray, Terry and Dennis; Eileen, born 1928, married Daryl Damman, and their children are, Linda, Duane and Dean.

John and his brother, Chris, each had a threshing run, John's last run was in 1950.

John and his brothers and sisters attended Eden Township No. 6, known as Round Grove School.

The Gauches' were all members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rhodes. He started farming with



John and Anna Gauch

his father and farmed until his retirement in 1951, moving to Baxter. They both lived to celebrate their 50th anniversary. John died July 1, 1966 and Anna died December 31, 1963. Both are buried in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at Rhodes.

Leo Baker

I, Leo, was born in 1902, the son of Charles and Katie Baker. I graduated in 1921 from Rhodes High School, then moving to Minneapolis, Minnesota and have lived there ever since. We had a large family of ten children, five of whom are still living.

I attended the fair several times and remember very well the old places in Rhodes. I can still see Henry Weeks, my grandfather and Mr. Miller, of Miller's Grocery having their daily Croquet match. I remember when Rhodes had three grocery stores, drugstore, a hardware, meat market, two banks, hotel, jail, railroad depot and cafes.

My father was a working man and conducted no business in Rhodes. We all, at one time or another attended the Methodist Church, where my mother, Katie, sang in the choir.

Carroll and Florence Failor

Carroll Failor and spouse Florence, with two boys, Stewart and Martin, moved to Rhodes in 1930. He owned and operated the pool hall, worked as a carpenter, owned and operated the Coffee Cup Cafe. Carol Ann and Gene were born in Rhodes, and all four children graduated from Rhodes High School.



The children of Wash Good family, from the left, front row: Wilda, Gerald's wife, and Gerald; Second row: Gwendolyn, Gail and Gene Williamson.

George and Wilmuth Good

George (Wash) Washington was born February 16, 1887 in Marshall County, the son of George and Mary Sackett Good.

On November 10, 1910 he married Nancy Wilmuth Walker. She was born January 15, 1886 at Dancy Mississippi, the daughter of Green Berry and Sarah Watson Walker.

They were the parents of three children; Gwendolyn Walker, Gail Avis and Gerald. They all attended and graduated from Rhodes School.



Wash and Wilma Good

Gwendolyn (1915-1969) of Columbia, Missouri, married first Milton Loyd and their children are; Janice, James and George. She later married Delbert Wyatt.

Gail, born 1919, married Eugene Williamson (1918-1974) and their children are; David, Diane and Dana. Gail graduated from nurses training in Marshalltown and resides in Aneheim, California.

Gerald (1922-1947) was married and had one son Gerald Eugene.

Wash and Wilma lived on a farm southwest of Rhodes. He did all his farming with mules. He died February 24, 1942 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. Wilma lived in Aneheim with her daughter and died April 25, 1979.



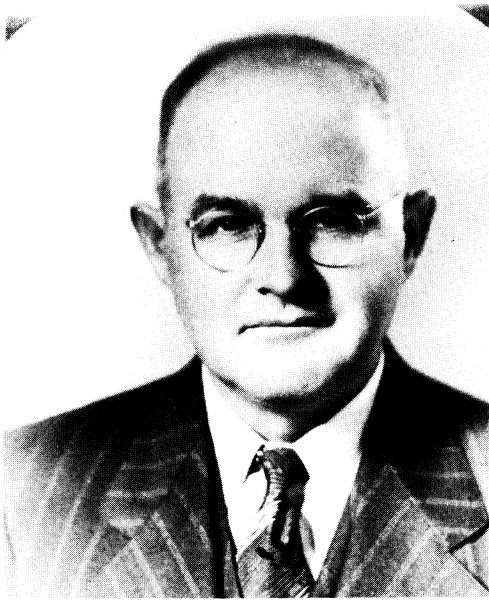
Bert Clement family, from the left, front row: Jim. Second row: Bert, Kenneth (Sam) Maude and Thelma.

Bert and Maude Clement

Bert and Maude Clement and family moved to Rhodes in the spring of 1934 from Peoria, south of Maxwell. Their children are: Kenneth, married Dorothy Walker (see history); Thelma, married Paul Walker, resides in Toledo, and are the parents of five children; and James, who retired after 30 years of service from Maytag Company in Newton. He resides in Colfax and has three children.

Maude worked at the munitions plant in Ankeny, Iowa, during the war, for three years. From 1945 until 1950 she worked for the Rhodes School, being one of the first cooks in the hot lunch program. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Bert worked for his son, Kenneth in a gas station until his death in 1952. Maude died in 1951. Both are buried in Peoria Cemetery at Maxwell.



David W. Buck

David W. and Helen J. Buck

David Whittier was born January 14, 1890 in Welton, Iowa, the son of Charles Joseph and Anna Guy Parker Buck. Charles was born August 3, 1861 and Anna was born December 4, 1867.

When David was four years old, the family moved from eastern Iowa to Marshall County and along with the Henry Buck family, bought the farm where Donald Buck now lives. In 1903 the farm was divided and David's father and mother moved to the western border of the farm, a mile and a quarter north of Rhodes, where a new house was built. This is where the Leonard Dannen family now live.



Helen Buck and her daughter, Marjorie Chrisman.

David attended school at Rhodes, graduating in 1906 and then attended college in Ames. He worked with his father on the farm until January 1, 1915, when he married Helen Jaroleman, a Rhodes native. A partnership with David's parents was formed and Charles and Anna moved to Rhodes, where a new home was built.

Helen was born September 14, 1893, in Rhodes, the daughter of Charles M. and Luella Jaroleman. She graduated from Rhodes in 1910 and also from Teachers College in Cedar Falls in 1914.

David and Helen were the parents of four children: Charles Edmund, living in Oklahoma City; Marjorie Rose Chrisman, Blue Springs, Missouri; David Philip and John Jaroleman both of State Center.

Both David and Helen were active in church and community work. David served as township trustee, was on the school board for ten years, and was an agent for the Marshall Mutual Insurance Co. David suffered a massive heart attack and died August 24, 1954. Helen remained on the farm until 1965, when she moved to State Center, where she now resides.



Dan and Mary Bear

Daniel and Mary Bear

Daniel, the son of John and Lizzie Bechel Bear, was born December 30, 1873 on the farm south of Rhodes. On February 6, 1906 he married Mary Etta Williams, the daughter of Alvis and Nancy O'Dell Williams. She was born April 14, 1882 at Bogard, Carrollton County, Missouri. He lived his entire life in the Rhodes area and was a farmer. They were the parents of three children, John Alvis, Elizabeth and Lloyd.

Daniel died in 1951 at Iowa City as a result of a broken hip. Mary Etta survived him by 18 years. She died May 12, 1969 at the age of 87 years. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

They were both members of the Rhodes United Methodist Church.



Joseph and Clara Guckert

Joseph and Clara Guckert

Jacob and Katharina Gauch Guckert were the parents of five children; Joseph, Mike, Charlie, John and George, all born in Marshall County.

Joseph the eldest, was born April 12, 1875. In 1904 he married Clara Westerbeck in the Catholic Church in Haverhill. Clara was born October 27, 1877 in St. Louis, Missouri. She was the oldest of five children of Herman and Mary Westerbeck.

Joseph farmed in the Melbourne area until 1924, then they retired to Rhodes. They kept their Uncle Albert Westerbeck until his death. Albert owned the Haverhill lumber yard in his youth.

Joseph and Clara had two daughters, Mary, born April 4, 1907 and married Anton Schoborg on January 24, 1928; Agnes, born December 2, 1909 and married Herman Klaas in 1936.

Joseph was a trustee of the St. Joseph cemetery. Clara died April 16, 1960, and Joseph died on his ninety-fifth birthday on April 12, 1970. Both are buried in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery. The Guckerts lived for thirty-six years in Rhodes before Joseph moved to Marshalltown. Joseph and Clara have four grandchildren living, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Charles and Kathryn Blink

Charles, was born August 3, 1878, the son of Joseph and Margaret Blink. He married Kathryn Maher, born in 1881. They farmed and lived their entire life in Eden Township. They are both buried in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rhodes.

They were the parents of Wadena who married John Shelker and William who married Neva Doser.

Frank C. and Edna Bentley

Frank C., son of Frank E. and Caroline Bentley was born in 1895. In 1902 the family moved to Rhodes, where Mr. Bentley was depot agent for the railroad. They lived above the depot until they built a home on the south side of town, presently the George Tuttle home.

After graduating from Rhodes High School in 1912, Frank went into partnership in a grocery store business in Rhodes. In 1917, when he married Edna Francis Wallace, they moved to Hubbard, Iowa. He worked in a grocery store until he was called into the service. He was in training when the Armistice was announced.

Frank and Edna moved back to Rhodes and went into farming and then operated a grocery store. He served as postmaster until 1933, when the Democrats came into control of the government. He returned to farming, renting a farm near Grundy Center.

In 1972, they moved to the Rowley Masonic Retirement Home in Perry, Iowa. Frank joined the Eden Lodge and is proud to be a Mason for over 50 years.

Frank and Edna are the parents of three sons: Loren, an aircraft worker in Riverside, California; Leland, who lives on the family farm near Grundy Center and Keith, a retired rural mail carrier, living in Grundy Center.



Frank C. Bentley family, from the left, front row: Frank and Edna; Second row: Keith, Loren and Leland.



The Harry McKelvey family, from the left, front row: Harry, Georgia and Nova; Second row: Violet, Florence and Hazel.

Nova McKelvey Adams

Nova Lenora, born in 1889, the daughter of Addison Anthony and Heseltine American Benton Wilson at Lacede County, Missouri. In 1909 she married Harry Lewis, the son of Edward and Mary Spratley McKelvey at Prosperine, Missouri.

They had four daughters, all born at Prosperine: Hazel Lois, married Marvin Allen; Violet Beatrice, married John Bear and later Emmett Brittain; Florence Emma, married Delmar Wilson and Georgia (Jackie) Lee, married George Allen.

In 1921, they moved their family to Iowa, where Harry was engaged in farming. They lived in the Zearing and Clemons area before moving to a farm south of Rhodes in 1927. They soon realized the advantage of raising their daughters in a tuition free school system, so remained in Iowa, until the girls had graduated from the Rhodes High School.

Nova and Harry moved back to Prosperine after Jackie's graduation, where he was engaged in farming. Nova helped her father at the post office and grocery store, continuing until her father's death.

In 1941, Harry died at the age of 55, while doing farm work.

Nova married Otto Adams and they lived in Lebanon, Missouri until they divorced in 1965 and she returned to Rhodes.

She lived in a trailer house until moving to the Delmar Wilson home. In 1975, she moved to the Hazel Allen home residing there until at the age of 91, then moving to the Marshall County Care Facility, where she still resides.

Nova, a Baptist, attended church and Sunday School at the United Methodist Church of Rhodes, saying there was no difference between the two churches. She still continues with her fancy work projects, having pieced many quilts for family, friends and organizations, her latest being a quilt for the Rhodes Centennial.

Charles and Mary Walker

Charles Fredrick Walker and his wife, Mary Jane Thomas Walker, came to Iowa from Ogle County, Illinois in November of 1877 and settled on what is now the Ralph White farm northeast of Rhodes. They and their six children made the journey by covered wagon, the youngest, Lulu, being five weeks old.

Charles farmed 160 acres and soon after arriving, the big barn that is still standing was built in sections and raised by about 100 men.

Six additional children were born to the Walker's. In 1896 they moved to an acreage near Rhodes, south of Eden Cemetery where Charles died in 1901.

One night in 1897, there came a knock at the door, but when Henry Dean, a friend and Rhodes business man who lived with the Walker's, went to the door, there was no one there. He circled the house but still could find no one. Several days later, word came from Nez Perce, Idaho that a daughter, Millie Walker Mowery, had died at the time of the knock.

After Charles' death, Mary Jane, with her son, Fred, moved to the present Keith Good home in Rhodes where she lived until 1908, when she went to live with her daughter, Lulu Pike. She died in 1918. Most of the family is buried in the Brethren (Dunkard) Cemetery, originally called Hillside Cemetery, northwest of Melbourne.

Those of the family who lived in the Rhodes area were: Lester, Allie, (Mrs. Seth Smith), Charlie, Fred and Lulu, (Mrs. Bert Pike).



Mary Jane and Charles Walker



Spelling bees; Box socials; Carpet beaters; Sad Irons; Monday was wash day; Tuesday was ironing; Cabbage cutters; Home hair cuts.



John C. and Bessie Guckert

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The late John C. and Bessie Dunn Guckert began farming one mile east of Rhodes in 1919. They were active members of the community and members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Rhodes until retiring to Marshalltown in 1953. They had two children, Margaret and John.

Margaret is married to Thomas Pohle. They live in Marshalltown where she teaches at St. Mary's School.



John Guckert Jr. family, from the left, front row: Jean, John Jr., Arla and Judy; Second row: Joe, John III and Jim.

They have four children and fifteen grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Paustian (Pat) of Gladbrook; Mr. & Mrs. Duane Forsythe (Maureen) of Cedar Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. John Pohle of Marshalltown and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Watson (Peggy) of Marshalltown.

John married Arla Steward and they farmed the home place from 1953 to 1980. They relocated to RR #6, Marshalltown where both are employed at Fisher Controls. They have five children and two grandchildren. All five children attended Rhodes Elementary School and graduated from West Marshall community school. Their children are: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Campbell (Jean), Marshalltown; John C., Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Guckert of Arlington, Texas; Joe of Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thomas (Judy) of Albion.



Marvel and John Gray

John and Marvel Gray

John Voorhis Gray and Grace Marvel Robinson, daughter of Fred and Josie Baxter Robinson, were married in Alburnett, Iowa on March 14, 1923. They bought and moved to the former John Ewing farm 2 miles north of Rhodes. They had two children; Roger J., born March 15, 1926 and Marie, born September 5, 1936. Marie died in December of 1944.

Marvel died July 2, 1966 and John on April 8, 1974. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery along with their daughter Marie.



Alice and Bill Hoy

William and Alice Hoy

William (Bill) Thomas Hoy and Alice Evelyn Wood were married March 7, 1921. They lived in the Rhodes area all their married life. Bill was a carpenter and farmer.



The children of William Hoy in 1972, from the left; Ronald, Claudia, Lois, Harlan, Juanita, Edna, Willa and Roger.

They were the parents of eight children: Edna Mae Bloodgood, a lifetime Rhodes resident; Lois Irene Essen, (see history); Harlan (Bud) Lloyd, of Riverdale, Maryland; Dorothy Juanita Meyer, (see history); Claudia Jean Nichol, R.R., Boone; Willa Marie Kingery, of State Center; Ronald Eugene, of Belton, Missouri; and Roger Dean, of Shenandoah, Iowa.

Bill died November 3, 1978 and Alice died December 5, 1972. Both are buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden's at Marshalltown.



Luella Watson

William and Luella Watson

Luella Fish was born September 11, 1876 near Collins, Iowa. Her family moved to Rhodes in 1881. She attended the Rhodes Elementary and high schools. She furthered her education at Highland Park College in Des Moines. Luella taught elementary grades in Rhodes and surrounding schools for 25 years. She drove a horse and buggy to the various schools out of town.

She married William Watson and lived in Marshalltown until her husband was killed in a railroad accident. She returned to Rhodes and lived with her mother, Mary Kitchen and her half-brother, William Beard. She was a member of the Rhodes Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, and the Eden Cemetery Aid.

Luella died June 14, 1961 at the age of 85. She is buried in Eden Cemetery.



The Wayne Hildreth Sr. family, from the left, front row: Betty and Wayne Sr.; Second row: Bill and Wayne Jr.

Wayne and Betty Hildreth

Wayne, the son of Charles Fletcher and Adah Thorne Hildreth was born November 3, 1896 in Rhodes.

He attended Rhodes School, enlisting in the Army April 7, 1917, during World War I. He was in the Coast Guard Artillery and volunteered to go to France for the First Anti Craft Battallion and received training as a gunner on Anti Air Craft. He was in the battles of Marne, St. Michel and the Argonne Forest and was mustered out March 20, 1919. He operated the Hildreth Produce from 1919 to 1958, in Rhodes and later Central Iowa Produce, in Marshalltown.

He married Ethel (Betty) Elizabeth Shaffer on February 9, 1920. They were the parents of Wayne Jr. and William Hildreth. William had four children; William Jr., Cheryl, Steve and Brent.

Betty, Wayne Jr. and William are all buried in Eden Cemetery. Wayne still resides in Rhodes.

three daughters; Cecile, born July 13, 1924; Evelyn, born March 17, 1929; and Donna, born May 13, 1932.

James was born, lived out his life, and died in 1958 on the same farm. He is buried in Eden Cemetery. His wife continues to live in the Gray farm home.



The James Gray family, from the left, front row: James and Gladys; Second row: Cecile, Evelyn and Donna.

James and Gladys Gray

James Banning Gray and Gladys Laurene Pike were married near Maxwell, Iowa, March 7, 1923 and moved to the parental Gray farm. They were the parents of

Theodore and Della Schmidt

Theodore Schmidt son of John H. and Reiker Bowers Schmidt, who were natives of Germany, was born April 2, 1878 in Scott County. In 1868 his family came to Davenport, where his father worked in the carpenter trade making wheels for wagons.

Mr. Schmidt owned and operated a livery stable and feed barn at Gladbrook. He also had three imported Percheron stallions.

On April 10, 1912 he married Della Runner at Mendon, Missouri. She was born November 4, 1883, daughter of J.W. and Mary Runner. In 1914 they purchased the residence and acreage of M.F. Baker of Rhodes. Later in 1918 they moved to a farm northwest of Rhodes. They were the parents of twins; Delbert and Della, born August 12, 1915. Della married Denzel Richeson of Melbourne and Delbert married Velma Perry.

Theodore and Della both died in 1953 and are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Theodore and Della Schmidt holding twins Delbert and Della.

Ed Beye Family

My parents are Edward and Maude Pyle Beye. They were married in June of 1909 in Emmetsburg, Iowa. I, Pearl, was born in 1910 and Opal, in 1911. We moved to Rhodes in 1914, living on the property where the late Wilbur Williams family lived and where my youngest sister, Ruby, was born in 1915.

In 1924, we purchased the former Harold and Nina Hildreth residence, located one block south of the Catholic Church.

In 1931, we moved to Blythedale, Missouri. My mother, Maude, died in November of 1934 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. Edward later married Carrie Germer of Des Moines and resided there until his death in March of 1965. He is buried in Eden Cemetery.



Ed and Maude Beye

I returned to Rhodes in 1936 and worked for the E.E. Robinson family for a year. Then I lived with my grandmother and worked in the Jack Spratt Store.

In 1940 I returned to Blythedale and worked in a grocery until 1945, when I married Hugh VanHoozer. Since 1949 I have been a property and personal tax collector for Colfax Township.

Ruby, my youngest sister, married Rex Smith in August of 1936. They are now retired and living in Kansas City. They have five children; Larry, Don Lee, Lynden, Randy and Jane. There are six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

I really appreciated the years I spent in Rhodes, and especially my school friends.



The Ed Beye children, from the left; Pearl, Opal and Ruby.

Ellis L. and Caddie Tribby

Ellis L. was born November 1, 1878, at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, a son of Lewis L. and Mary Thompson Tribby. When he was five years old his family moved to Rhodes where he grew to manhood. He was married to Caddie Gillman December 19, 1904 at Rhodes. Ellis and Caddie farmed in the Rhodes area all their lives. Ellis was a member of Eden Lodge No. 466, serving as master of the Lodge, A.F. & A.M. and served as a member of the Rhodes school board for many years, several of the years he was acting president. Ellis passed away at his home north of Rhodes December 13, 1938. He is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Caddie Gillman was born March 10, 1880, at Olin, Iowa and came with her parents to Rhodes in 1894. She completed her education at Rhodes High School. Caddie was a charter member of the M.W. Club, a member of the Rhodes Christian Service, and had been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for sixty-eight years. Caddie passed away May 3, 1968, and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Ellis and Caddie were the parents of ten children; Ruth Lucille, Charles Lester and Clarice Ester (twins), Edgar Allen, Alice Ida, Clarence Eugene, William Lewis, Helen Edna, Hazel Jeannette and Byron LeRoy. All ten children were born in Rhodes, attended the Rhodes Methodist Church and received their education in the Rhodes School.



Ellis and Caddie Tribby



Ellis Tribby children, from the left, front row: Alice, Ruth, and Esther; Second row: Edna, Allen, Lester, Gene, Bill, Byron and Jeanette.

Charles and Ruth Wignall

Ruth Lucille Tribby was born November 25, 1905 and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1924. After graduation from high school she attended Central Iowa Business College in Marshalltown. She married Charles E. Wignall March 3, 1927. Charles Emmitt was the son of William H. and Ora Bell Walker Wignall, graduating from Rhodes High School in 1924. Ruth and Charles farmed west of Rhodes, moving to Marshalltown in 1928. Charles worked for the M & St. L Railway until 1950.

He was raised in Eden Lodge #466. In the middle thirties he transferred to Marshall Lodge #108 and served as their Master in 1939. In 1951 he was elected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Masonic Holding Corporation and Secretary of all Marshalltown Masonic bodies. He held this job, being elected each year. He enjoyed his job and was a faithful member. He found time to serve the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa as their Grand High Priest in 1955 and 1956 and served in this capacity until his death.

They were the parents of two children; Richard Earl and Marie Janet.

Richard Earl was born in Marshalltown October 1, 1931. He is the father of three children; Richard Earl Jr., who died at birth; Jeffrey and Donna. He is employed by the Iowa Highway Patrol, residing at Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Marie Janet was born in Marshalltown, October 17, 1932. She was married to George R. Laipple of Faulkner, Iowa, March 22, 1953. Marie died shortly after the birth of their son, Allan Dean, born November 28, 1953. Marie is buried in Riverview Cemetery.

Charles Wignall died October 6, 1973 and is buried in Riverview Cemetery. After Charles died, Ruth moved from their home of thirty-six years to an apartment in Marshalltown.

Lester Tribby Family

Charles Lester Tribby was born at Rhodes, January 7, 1908, twin brother of C. Esther Tribby. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1926 and did odd jobs, farming for a time in the Rhodes area. Later he was employed at the Rhodes Lumber Yard. Lester married Kathryn Haines in Rhodes, on June 15, 1938.

Kathryn was born at Cedar, Iowa on August 24, 1907, the daughter of Jesse and Katie Haines. She was a teacher in the Rhodes High School for many years and was active in the Methodist Church as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. Lester and Kathryn were the parents of two daughters; Jane Agnes, stillborn in 1944, and buried in Eden Cemetery and Carolyn Kay, born January 31, 1942.

Carolyn married Don Morrison in Detroit, Michigan, July 6, 1963. They are the parents of four children, Scott, born December 24, 1965, Lynn born August 3, 1967, Katherine, born December 10, 1972 and Elizabeth, born July 21, 1979.

Kathryn Haines Tribby died July 3, 1954 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Lester married Dorothy Peterson in Detroit, on April 17, 1956. Dorothy was born in Britt, Iowa, March 30, 1913, daughter of Sophus and Katherine Petersen. Dorothy was a teacher in the Rhodes High School and retired from teaching in Detroit. Lester and Dorothy were the parents of one son, James, born in Detroit on October 7, 1957. Dorothy passed away on March 17, 1979 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Milton and Esther Stone

Clarice Esther Tribby was born January 7, 1908, in Rhodes. She graduated from Rhodes High School in 1926 and later attended Central Iowa Business College. She was employed at Nichols and Green Shoe Store for many years until her retirement. She was married to Milton Stone, January 26, 1946 and they have always made their home in Marshalltown where he was first physical director of the YMCA and then owner and manager of Stone's Cleaners before his retirement in 1963. They are the parents of one son, John Arthur.

John married Sara Jo Tow, daughter of Thelma and Basil Tow, November 7, 1969. They are the parents of two children, Jennifer Ann and John Michael. John has served in the Navy since March 1968, and they presently make their home in Ledyard, Connecticut.



Wash boilers (heat water), Sticky Fly paper, When most Americans wondered whether Vodka was a drink or the name of a Russian River.

Allen and Bethel Tribby

Edgar Allen Tribby was born February 24, 1912 in Rhodes. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1930 and farmed most of his life in and around the Rhodes area. Allen married Bethel Hester Cundiff at Glena, Illinois on August 26, 1933. Bethel was educated in the schools at Union, Iowa and graduated from nursing school in Marshalltown. They became Steward and Matron of the Marshall County Home in 1955. They were the parents of four children: one stillborn Delores Esther, born March 24, 1937; Mary Caddie, born January 23, 1940, and Linda Lee, born February 13, 1947.

Delores married Frances Ely II, March 29, 1959. They are the parents of three children; Marion Frances Ely III, born February 1, 1960, Dawn Leslie, born June 6, 1961 and Laura Dee, born February 23, 1963, she married Thomas Henry Berry July 25, 1981 in California.

Mary married Roger Carl Weuve, September 18, 1957 and they are the parents of three children: Steven Lyell, born September 21, 1960, he married Margaret Ann Davis May 28, 1981; Nancy Allen, born December 27, 1961 and David Howard, born February 25, 1966.

Linda married David Lloyd Appleby, and they adopted two babies; Jennifer Ann, born January 10, 1973 and Brent Allen, born May 7, 1979.

Glen and Alice Severidt

Alice Ida Tribby was born August 25, 1913, north of Rhodes. She attended Rhodes and State Center schools. She married Glen Severidt, son of William C. and Amanda Dammen Severidt, on May 20, 1939. They are the parents of three children; William (Bill), Robert Dean and Marilyn Kay.

Bill was born March 31, 1941 in Marshalltown. He graduated from State Center High School and married Carol Pepper, July 15, 1959. Carol is the daughter of Verner and Mildred Pepper and was born June 16, 1941, in Wright County, Iowa. Bill and Carol have two children, Annette Lynn and Todd Allison. Annette married Joseph Murphy and they have one son, Matthew David. Todd was born September 18, 1963 in Marshalltown.

Robert (Bob) was born September 8, 1942 in State Center and graduated from State Center High School. He enlisted in the Navy and served four years on the USS Constellation. He was married to Karen Wilbur of Wells, New York on September 26, 1963. Bob and Karen are the parents of two children; Jeffery Allen, born September 18, 1970 and Jennifer Lynn born October 24, 1972.

Marilyn Kay was born December 19, 1949. She graduated from State Center High School in 1969 and attended Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa. She was married to Douglas Bergloff, of Cambridge, Minnesota on November 30, 1974. Marilyn and Doug are the parents of two daughters; Sarah, born December 3, 1977 and Bridget Andrea, born September 2, 1980.

Eugene and Evalyn Tribby

Clarence Eugene Tribby was born March 14, 1915 on a farm one mile north of Rhodes. He attended the Rhodes School then enlisted in the Navy in 1934 and served until honorably discharged on August 11, 1938. He was engaged in farming with his mother until his marriage to Evalyn Guffey of Marshalltown. He returned to farming and farmed around the VanCleve, Melbourne, State Center, Clemons and Marshalltown communities. He left the farm in 1966, moving to Marshalltown where he was employed at Fisher Governor Controls and he retired in 1980. They are the parents of three children; Neal Ellis, of Van Metre, Iowa, Ann Kent and Terry Tribby, both of Marshalltown. Gene and Evalyn have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

William and Mildred Tribby

William (Bill) Lewis Tribby was born in Rhodes on February 15, 1917. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1935 and farmed in the Rhodes area until his induction into the military, serving in Japan during World War II. He married Mildred Hardeway December 15, 1944 at Newton, Iowa. Mildred was born March 22, 1918, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.P. Hardeway. They resided in Des Moines and Marshalltown, later moving to Waterloo. Bill and Mildred were the parents of one son, Michael Lewis, born in Marshalltown, February 15, 1952.

Michael Tribby was married to Rebecka Irene Pierce in 1974. They are the parents of one daughter, Gretchen Irene, born March 12, 1981 at Iowa City.

Mildred passed away in Waterloo, December 5, 1974. Bill passed away June 21, 1982 in Waterloo. Both Bill and Mildred are buried in Waterloo.

Guy and Edna Lanphere

Helen Edna Tribby was born in Rhodes, on September 27, 1919. She graduated from Rhodes High School in 1937 and attended Central Iowa Business College in Marshalltown. She was married to Guy Richard Lanphere in Marshalltown, November 14, 1942. They are the parents of three children, all born in Marshalltown: Lynette, born April 24, 1947; Guy Robert, born August 19, 1950 and James Dana, born November 12, 1955.

Guy married Ellen Peterson, daughter of Claire and Shirlee Peterson in Owatonna, Minnesota, May 30, 1972. They are the parents of three children: Guy Robert Jr., born November 25, 1978; Andrew Allen, born January 21, 1981 and Sarah Mae, born March 31, 1982.

Edna and Dick Lanphere are both retired and reside in Marshalltown.

Dennis and Jeannette Broyles

Hazel Jeannette Tribby was born on a farm west of Rhodes, on January 9, 1924. She graduated from Rhodes High School in 1943. She moved to Marshalltown and was employed at the Iowa Soldiers Home for \$75.00 per month, plus board an room, later she worked at Marshalltown Manufacturing Company. She married Charles Dennis Broyles in 1955. Dennis was the son of Della Faye Vesstal and Nove Leo Broyles and was born in Stahl, Missouri. Dennis had a career in the military and he and Jeanette lived in Germany, also in Georgia, Kansas and Washington. They were the parents of three children; Sue Ellen, Kae Lynn and Craig Dean.

Sue married Fred Duff, lives in Rhodes, and is the mother of one son, Joshua J. Buschbom, born November 22, 1974.

Kae married Roger Jackson, lives in Cherokee, Iowa and are the parents of two children; Kenny Roger, born September 3, 1980 and Heather Jeannette, born July 23, 1982.

Craig resides in Marshalltown.

Dennis Broyles passes away in December, 1971 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Marshalltown.

Byron Tribby

Byron LeRoy Tribby was born on a farm west of Rhodes, on August 11, 1926. He lived with his mother in Rhodes, after the death of his father, and attended Rhodes and State Center Schools. He is presently an employee of the Marshall County Care Facility, where he resides.

William and Edith Staker

William Staker and Edith Nessler were both born in Tama County, Iowa. They were married in 1917 and farmed in Tama County until 1941 when they moved to a farm 2½ miles west and ¼ miles north of Rhodes. In 1950 they moved back to Tama County. William died in 1961. Edith is a resident of Sunrise Hill Care Center in Traer, Iowa. Their family is as follows:

Lucille Beck, resides on a farm near Chelsea, Iowa. Her husband was killed in a farm accident in the fall of 1982.

Roland, is now living in Tama and married to the former Lorraine Schelker. She graduated from Rhodes High School in 1941. Their wedding was at the R.L.D.S. Church in Rhodes in 1943. They have three sons; Gene of West Des Moines, Daryl of Tama and Randall of West Union, Iowa.

LeMoine, graduated from Rhodes High School in 1947, is now living in Tama. He married Leila Arp in 1951. They have a daughter, LeNita and a son, Lloyce.

Marvin, graduated from Rhodes High School in 1950 and lives in Traer. He married Verona Langenbau in 1953. They have four children; Kendall, Cindy, Dawn and Tammi.



Mary and Joseph Malechek

Joseph F. and Mary Malechek

Joseph Frank was born August 22, 1892 in Malkov, Czechoslovakia, son of Joseph and Antonia Malechek. He came to the United States in 1910, at the age of eighteen and joined his cousin Matt Soukup in the bakery business in Marshalltown, where he met Mary Charvat.

Mary was born March 23, 1895 in Louny, Czechoslovakia, daughter of Karel and Elizabeth Sucha Charvat. She came to the United States in 1912 at the age of seventeen, with her Aunt and Uncle. They lived in Chicago, Illinois a short while then she came to Marshalltown to work at the Soldiers Home.

Joseph and Mary were married September 19, 1916, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Marshalltown. In 1936 they moved to Rhodes and owned and operated the restaurant-tavern, known as Joe's Place.

Mary's good home cooking brought in many customers and her Bohemian Kolaches and dumplings were a special treat. Joseph (Joe) was an avid accordion player as many people enjoyed his music, especially his family.

Upon retirement he sold his restaurant to his son, Joe Jr. and bought an acreage from Ben Overman. They enjoyed their new home only a few years when Joe died on December 22, 1948. He is buried in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery at Rhodes.

Mary moved back to Marshalltown in the early 1950's. She died October 23, 1973, and is also buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Joseph and Mary were the parents of five children; Joseph C. who married Kathleen Hale; Mary H. who married Verle Thursby; Elizabeth A. who married Leo Malloy; Dorothy M. who married Roy Johnston; and Shirley A. who married Elmer Kunkel.

A.C. (Aggie) and Catherine Meyer

A.C. (Aggie) Meyer was born in the city of Emden, Germany, December 15, 1843, the son of Fred and Betty Meyer, both natives of Germany. The family came to America in 1856. A.C. was the brother of William, Carl, Theodore, Reinhard, Johanna and Lizzie. A.C. married Catherine Dahlem in Freeport, Illinois, January 15, 1867. Catherine was the daughter of Henry and Susan Vogt Dahlem and was born in Bavaria, Germany, October 25, 1844. The Dahlem family came to America and reached Freeport, Illinois, December 25, 1852. Catherine was the sister of Henry, Elizabeth Pfiel and Abraham of the Baxter area. Aggie and Catherine Meyer moved to Marshall County in November 1869, where they owned the "Evergreen Stock Farm," consisting of 160 acres, valued at \$25.00 an acre, located in section 36, Eden Township. They resided there until March 4, 1907, when they retired to Baxter, Iowa and lived there the rest of their lives.

To this union were born twelve children: Henry, lived in Canada; Elizabeth died at 17 years of age; Susie died at 10 years of age; Johanna Meier, lived in White Lake, South Dakota; Catherine died at two months; Frederick died at five months; William T., lived in Eden Township; Carl lived in Waterloo; August and John lived in South Dakota; Anna died at two days; and Edward lived in Baxter.

The Meyer family were members of the German Reformed Church, Baxter. Mr. Meyer died July 4, 1927 and Mrs. Meyer died March 31, 1923. Both are buried in the German Reformed Church Cemetery, along with five of their children.

Submitted by

Rosella Bach and Alma Coleman



Aggie and Catherine Meyer



The Alonzo Richmond family, from the left, front row: Earl, Floyd Bowers and Maud; Second row: Lon, Amanda, Wilda, Justus and Frank Bowers.

Richmond Family History

John Richmond was the first of his family to come to America with his father in 1635. He married Abigail Rogers, granddaughter of Thomas Rogers who came over on the "Mayflower." He died in Taunton, Massachusetts October 7, 1715.

Gideon Richmond, great grandfather of Alonzo (Lon) Richmond, was born in 1735, served in the Revolutionary War and died in 1801.

Elijah, grandfather of Alonzo, was born in Sennox, Massachusetts and served in the War of 1812 at Sacketts Harbor. He married Sally Stevens on May 11, 1802 and they had eleven children. He was a farmer and died April 16, 1849.

Their son, Justus, father of Alonzo, was born in Broom County, New York on March 27, 1815. He married Catherine Wandell in 1839 and they had fourteen children. He moved his family from New York to LaSalle County, Illinois, later coming to Iowa. They lived in Collins Township, Story County, where he bought a farm and gave land for the "Willow Creek School," which was the first school house built in the township. A.B. Rhodes was the first teacher in this school. Justus' death occurred on February 22, 1903 and he is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Alonzo (Lon) Richmond was born January 27, 1850 and married Charlotte Amanda Beard on September

18, 1872. Amanda was born November 28, 1854 in Kendallville, Indiana, the daughter of Wilson and Mary Katherine Grubb Beard. Wilson brought his family from Indiana to Iowa in a covered wagon when Amanda was two year old.

Alonzo and Amanda had nine children; a son died in infancy, Kate Bowers, who died at age 24, Minnie Leibsle, Nellie Clark, Hattie Williams, Wilda Sarsfield, Flora Schonwald, Maud Hale and Earl (Tim) who married Grace Weatherman. They lived in Eden Township and were engaged in general farming, moving to Rhodes in 1910. They operated a hotel for a while and then had a restaurant which was almost completely destroyed by fire in 1914. He retired due to ill health and lived in Rhodes until his death on March 14, 1922. Amanda died August 31, 1946 and both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Two of Alonzo and Amanda's children are well known in the Rhodes community. Maud married Fred Hale (see Hale history) and Hattie.

Hattie was born April 19, 1884 and married John Williams. John died in 1936, after which Hattie came to Rhodes and worked in a local restaurant. She later retired and lived to be 97 years old. Hattie died September 4, 1981. Both are buried in Hillside Cemetery at State Center.

They had four children; Alonzo, Margaret Perry, Alice Ginter and Maude Farrell.



Alonzo Richmond family, from the left, front row: Wilda and Flora; Second row: Alonzo, Nellie, Amanda and Hattie; Third row: Kate and Minnie.

Justus Richmond, father of Alonzo (Lon) wanted more land so he sold his home in Avon, Illinois and came west where land was selling for eight to ten dollars an acre. He bought two hundred and forty acres east of Collins. Nine members of the family came.

They left Avon, where they loaded their household goods into three covered wagons, crossed into Iowa by ferry at Dubuque and started across the country, toward Story County. They lived in a log house on the land they bought, the cabin had been abandoned. They lived in the cabin all the summer of 1868 until a house could be built. There were no fences, only a few picket fences around farm yards.

Otto and Myrtle Sanders

Otto, son of Ralph and Priscilla Coulter Sanders, was born near Rhodes. He died in 1949. He was a barber and married Myrtle Perry. They had three children; Kermit (PeeWee), Rosalund and Gwendelyn (Babe).

Kermit and his wife had no children. Rosalund and her husband had no children. Gwendolyn married Keith Mallicoat and they had one child, Janis. Keith was a meat cutter and ran a grocery store in Rhodes.

Otto had a barber shop in Rhodes and they lived in the back and upstairs. On Saturday nights people went to town to get groceries, listen to the band concerts and have your hair cut for 25¢. He always had a full shop and had three other brothers that were barbers.

Frank and Ann Kolbe

Frank J. Kolbe was born March 10, 1881 in Germany. He came to the United States and Iowa in November of 1898. He lived in Conrad, Iowa.

Anna Mehulka was born June 25, 1888 in Quarry, Iowa. They were married May 27, 1908 in Marshalltown, living all their married life in Marshall County except for nine years in Hardin County.

On March 1, 1937 they moved to a farm one mile west of Rhodes, living there until moving to an acreage on the west edge of Rhodes in March of 1950. In June of 1968 they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

They were the parents of eleven children: Dave, married Ruth McCoy of Radcliffe, Iowa and have six children; Frank J., married Ruth Struble of Marshalltown, have three children; Ruie, married Arnold Schaper (deceased), had two children, she lived in Rhodes with her mother; Helen (deceased), married James Worsfold, had five children; Evelyn, married Tom Matney of Turlock, California, had three children; Tressa, married Jim Epperly of San Diego, California; Bernice, married Nick Cariello of Riverside, Illinois; Stanley, married Wanda George of Marshalltown, had four children; Shirley, married Paul Wilkening of State Center, had three children; Jo, married Earl Lukehart of Des Moines, has four children and Pauline, married James Jesson of Independence, Missouri, has three children.

Ann Kolbe is 94 years old and is the oldest living resident of Rhodes at this writing. She has 31 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren.

Frank worked at State Center Locker for 12 years retiring at the age of 82. He passed away August 19, 1968 at the age of 87. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and Ann was a member of the Rebekah Lodge. Frank is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden in Marshalltown.



Frank Kolbe family, from the left, front row: Frank and Anna; Second row: Dave, Ruie, Bernice, Tressa, Pauline, Frank Jr., Shirley, Jo and Evelyn. Not pictured, Stan.



The Percy Mansfield family, from the left; Leo, Percy, Clark, Mae, Veva holding Donald and Ray.

Percy and Veva Mansfield

Theophilus Percy was the son of Theophilus Perry and Sara Fish Mansfield. Percy was called T.P. by all who knew him. On Thanksgiving Day in November of 1900 he married Veva Capron, the daughter of E.C. and Annise Thompson Capron. They lived southwest of Rhodes on what use to be the Fred Hale homestead.

They were the parents of twelve children; Ray, Mae, Leota, Clark, Donald, Myrtle, Ethel, Grace, John, Virgie, T.P. and Alice. All were born near Rhodes, except Alice who was born after the family moved to Nichols, Wisconsin.

T.P. loved Sulky racing and took part in the Eden Fairs. He also had a stud horse for breeding purposes and men brought their mares to him.

E.C. Capron had always made his home with his daughter and son-in-law. He made a very long bobsled and every youngster in Rhodes came out in the winter to slide down the long hill. R.C. and T.P. owned a steam threshing machine and after their own harvest was done would be gone three weeks to a month on the runs.

In 1919, E.C., T.P. and his son Ray, moved their stock by train to the new farm in Wisconsin. The rest of the family except for Leota, who stayed with her Uncle Bert to finish schooling, came by train later.

The move from Rhodes to Wisconsin was brought about because their friends, the Blinks had moved there. All of the children are living except Mae, Leota and John.

*Submitted by
Ethel Zuleger*

Memories of Marjorie Buck

I remember: Riding to first grade at Rhodes School in a horse drawn bus in 1922 and being held on the lap of my first grade teacher, Miss Blumenschein.

I remember: Summer band concerts and walking around the square with my friends. Playing softball with Rhoda DeVault. Playing in the band when Ord Smith and Roger Gray directed.

I remember: Chautauqua, basketball games and plays in the old Opera House. Being in and going to, Christmas programs on crisp, starry nights with friends at the Methodist Church.

I remember: Going to Aunt Agnes Buck's house in summer and winter for piano lessons and graduating under Mr. Ringgold and four years at Iowa State Teacher's College, followed by three years of teaching music.

I remember: Meeting my husband, Samuel Luttrell at Northwestern University one summer and our marriage in 1941. Becoming a housewife and eventually the mother of David and Stephen, while Sam taught music at Bethel College in Newton, Kansas. Moving back to Blue Springs, Missouri where he worked in a munitions plant in 1943 until his death in 1947.

I remember: Marrying Frank Chrisman in 1950 and having two more sons, Gordon and James. Frank retired from Armco Steel Company in 1972 and is now ill with Parkinson's disease.

The most noteworthy event of my life was realizing in 1950 that Jesus loved me and died for my sins and rose again, so that I could be with him forever. God has been gracious and blessed us beyond words to describe. Three sons are in teaching or music and youth ministry and one is in dental laboratory work. We have talented daughters-in-law and six and one-half lovely grandchildren.

*Submitted by
Marjorie Buck Luttrell Chrisman
(daughter of David and Helen Buck)*

Fred and Maud Preston

In 1902, Charles Arthur and his wife, Cornelia L. Fisk Preston of Hale, Iowa, bought and moved to their farm one and three quarters miles north of Rhodes. This farm is presently owned by Bonnie Trowbridge.

Their son, Fred, came with them and married Maud B. Brown of Melbourne in 1905, continuing to live on the parental farm.

After his father's death in 1909, Fred assumed full responsibility of the farm and was well known as a breeder of Duroc hogs. An annual sale was held ever fall and pedigree stock was offered. The auction was held either in a large tent set up just south of the house or in Ted Corbett's Pavillion in State Center. A free sack lunch was provided for all.

In 1915, a daughter, Ruth, came to live with Fred and Maud.

Fred was an enterprising person and besides his Duroc sales, he had a railroad car of buckwheat sent to him every winter by relatives in Towanda, Pennsylvania. He sold the buckwheat to friends, neighbors and businesses, used especially to make buckwheat pancakes. He also sold a large quantity of



The Fred Preston family, from the left; Fred, Ruth and Maud

apples every fall that were shipped from Michigan. Fred often provided pines from his plantings for Christmas trees at the Methodist Episcopal church or at the Opera House for the community Christmas party. Fred drove a school bus that took in the area north of Rhodes. During good weather and smooth roads, he used his car, a 1923 Chevrolet, bought from Earl Snowgren, but when the roads were muddy or rutty, he relied on his faithful mules, Jack and Mabel, to pull the enclosed primitive bus.

In 1926 he started the Eureka Fox Ranch, raising silver fox for their pelts. About the same time, two other fox farms were started in the community; Rolla Richeson's, on the state road south of State Center, now John Rohrer's place; and the druggist Steve Smith's, the present Harold Howell home on the west edge of Rhodes. Iowa State College became interested in the venture and in October 1930, the Prestons had a farm sale and were preparing to move when Maud suddenly died. Immediately following the funeral, Fred and Ruth moved to Ames where he managed the fur farm for five years. At this time it was decided the furs would be of higher quality if raised farther north, so the entire enterprise was moved to Brainard, Minnesota, where Fred continued to manage the farm for another five years. In 1940, the fox business was phased out and the acreage was converted to Lake View Lodge, catering to fishermen and vacationers.

Fred moved to Olathe, Kansas in 1953 where his daughter, Ruth Raines lived with her children: LeRoy, Carrol and Joyce. In 1954 he passed away and is buried in Eden Cemetery, as is his wife, Maud.





The Rober Sink family, from the left, front row: Walter, Roberta and Clara; Second row: Edith and Maurice.

Rober Sink Family

Rober Sink was born at Farmington, North Carolina in 1884, one of six sons born to John and Emily Vogler Sink. Three of the boys died at an early age from diphtheria. Only one brother, John A. Sink, age 87 of Mocksville, North Carolina is still living.

Fatherless at the age of ten, Rober making his way in life came to Iowa as a young man, arriving near Laurel, in Marshall County. He found work on the William Hook farm, where the Wayne Pauls' now live, southwest of Laurel. It was there he met his future wife, Helena Charlotte, one of the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Hook, pioneer residents of Marshall County.

Rober and Helena were married January 27, 1909, by Rev. Merle N. Smith in the Methodist parsonage in Marshalltown.

The first year of their married life, was spent on a farm west of Marshalltown, owned by C.E. Wickersham.

In 1910 they rented a small farm, located just to the east edge of Rhodes, owned then by George E. Richeson, and now by Francis Klaas. After a year they rented the John Bear farm about three miles south of Rhodes, where they lived and farmed for the next four years, owned now by David Wendell.

In early February 1915, the family moved by bobsled to the Clarence Gilgen farm, northeast of Rhodes or west of Malta where they farmed four years. By this time they decided to have a home of their own. So, in March of 1919, the family moved to their new farm home, just one mile south of Rhodes, which they had purchased from Maude M. and Ernest Wishoar, of Polk County. They lived on this farm until they retired in 1943. This farm is now owned by Mrs. Charles Zieske.

The Sinks were the parents of five children; Clara, Walter, Edith, Maurice and Roberta.

Clara married Theodore H. Wheat, November 25, 1937. They have two children, George and Charlotte; Walter died at age 18, in April of 1929, his senior year of high school; Edith married Glenn Hauser, on January 24, 1937, they had one daughter, Darlene Purvis. Glenn died October 7, 1969; Maurice married Elsie Tuttle on December 20, 1939, Elsie died October 25, 1972. They had four children; Rober Edwin, Mariane Speck, David and Victoria McNear; Roberta married Forrest Granger on December 14, 1940. They had two children; a son Stanley who was killed in an auto accident October 23, 1968 and a daughter Sheryl Davie.

The Sink family attended the Methodist Church in Rhodes, and the Sink children graduated from the Rhodes High School.



Rober and Helena Sink

Upon retirement, in 1943 they moved to Marshalltown and became members of the First Methodist Church where Mrs. Sink was a member of the W.S.C.S. In January of 1959 they observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Helena passed away October 27, 1962 and Rober passed away December 26, 1974.

Fred and Grace Allen

Fred was born July 14, 1894, the son of Souvern and Mary Allen. He lived his entire life in Rhodes.

He married Grace May Kroener, February 15, 1921 in Melbourne. She was born September 12, 1898, the daughter of George and Lizzie Wignall Kroener.

They were the parents of five children; Wallace, Richard, William, Lloyd and Roger. Wallace (Trig) is the only living Allen in Rhodes. All the children attended the Rhodes School with Lloyd graduating in 1956 and Roger in 1958. William, died at birth, Richard, Lloyd and Roger reside in Marshalltown.

Fred worked various jobs through the years, having a dray business and was employed at the Melbourne Produce. He and his brother Charles worked together in the carpenter business and toward the end of his working years he did house painting.

Fred and Grace were known for their big garden, producing a lot of their own food. Grace, a very good cook, was always busy in the summer doing all kinds of canning and taking care of her pretty flowers.

Grace died August 23, 1970 and Fred died December 29, 1967. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

Ross and Emma Sutton

In February 1933, Ross and Emma Deeter Sutton moved to the Henry Shoppe farm south of Rhodes. It was a warm day in February and the moving was done with teams of horses and hayracks. The cattle were driven by men on horseback from Ira, Iowa to the new home.

It was not new country for them as Ross had come from Jones County as a boy of seventeen to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Frank Wherry. The Wherry's lived just below the hill from the Shoppe farm.

Ross loved farming and horses and soon found work with the Patton family. He met and married Emma on February 28, 1900. Emma's family lived between Rhodes and the old town of Clyde. Many of her father's people were buried in the old Deeter Cemetery plot that was almost destroyed when the diagonal road went through in 1934.

Ross and Emma farmed near Baxter and Ira before moving to Rhodes. To this union were born five children; Gladys Breer, Baxter, Iowa; Maude Huffacker, Baxter, Leona Sutton, Laurel, Iowa; Leland, Mingo, Iowa; and Marlyn, Baxter.

Marlyn attended the Rhodes school graduating in 1942. He joined the Armed Forces, and was with the 2nd Marine Division for four years.

Leland, at seventeen was interested in the road construction going on near the farm and after being around the men and machines ended up with a job. He continued the construction work and later formed his own company with his sons. Later he sold out and semi-rented, working for other companies.

In 1943 Ross, due to ill health was unable to farm, so he decided to sell out and move to Baxter. They held an auction and it nearly broke his heart to see his horses and mules sold. He had always done all his farming with them, never owning a tractor. It was his greatest joy to break young colts to work and they always had the best of care.

Ross passed away at Marshalltown in 1962. Emma died three years later at their home in Baxter.

Submitted by

Wilma Sutton and Gladys Breer



Ross and Emma Sutton

William Phillips Family

William (Bill) was born September 6, 1886, the son of Charles and Mary Ann Phillips, who came from England and settled in Urbana, Illinois. Bill had eight sisters and four brothers. He moved to Nevada, Iowa and was a fireman for the Milwaukee Railroad until 1914.

On January 1, 1914 he married Pearl Glendy of Tama, Iowa, the daughter of William T. and Julie Ellan Scoll Glendy. Pearl had two brothers and three sisters.

In 1914 they moved to a farm near Blue Earth, Minnesota. They moved to a farm at Colo, Iowa in 1919 and later moved to State Center. They came to Rhodes in 1924 where Bill was self employed as a mechanic and blacksmith. He was later employed at Dewey's Garage. In 1934 he went to work for Marshall County and ran the first road maintainer in this area. In 1949 illness forced him to leave his job. Bill died October 28, 1950.

Pearl continued to live in Rhodes for a short time and then moved to Marshalltown to be with her family. Pearl died June 19, 1982. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

They were the parents of four children; Gladys Mae, born October 24, 1914; Joseph Myldon, born January 31, 1918; William F., born October 3, 1925; and Betty L., born November 5, 1928. All the children attended the Rhodes School with Gladys graduating in 1932 and Joe in 1936.

Gladys married Raymond Childs in June 1937. He died November 22, 1979 and she died September 26, 1982. They were the parents of four children. Robert W., born December 13, 1937, married first Donna Flecher and their children are Kim, Craig and Dean. He later married Carol Greening and their children are Tamara, Julie and Dawn. They reside in Marshalltown.



Snow plow operated by Bill Phillips



Pearl and William (Bill) Phillips

Joseph E., born December 28, 1944, married Diane Wilson. They have two children, Monica and Melissa and reside in Phoenix, Arizona. Linda K., born April 20, 1949 and died in 1952. Debra K., born April 4, 1955 married Larry Koppel. They have one son, Jason and reside in Marshalltown.

Joseph never married and prior to entering the service, he worked on the railroad, for the Maytag Company and Lennox Industries. He also helped his father on the maintainer during the winter. He was killed in World War II, November 12, 1944 on Leyte Island, Philippines. He is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Betty married Charles Stewart of Gilman, Iowa, on October 12, 1946. They have five children; Cheryl D., Charles R. Jr., Janet L., Susan R. and Brett W. Cheryl married Dale Thompson and their children are, James M. and Dale R. II. They reside in Mason, Michigan. Charles Jr. married Nancy Hartwell and their children are, Stephanie, Shawn and Samantha. They reside in Marshalltown. Janet married Don Clements and their children are, Jennifer and Kyle. They reside in St. Louis, Missouri. Susan married Randall Mathews. They have one child, Emily and reside in Marshalltown. Brett is in the U.S. Marines and will be stationed in North Carolina.

William Hollingsworth

William Hollingsworth ran a harness shop in Rhodes, located at the present Gertrude Gibbs home.

He had four children; Vernie, George, Jessie and Vesta. Vesta was born in Rhodes.

Jessie, born August 5, 1882, married William Allen, born November 22, 1880. They had seven children, one being Marvin Allen of Rhodes. Jessie died February 19, 1947 and William died October 30, 1944.



The Maynard Good family, from the left; Ronald, Maynard, Keith, Jean, Florence and Dorothea.

Maynard Taylor Good Family

Maynard was the only son of Abraham and Clara Good. He was born August 10, 1890. He grew to manhood on the farms in the Rhodes area.

November 30, 1911 he married Florence Anna Weese, daughter of Emmet and Anna Wesse of Collins, Iowa.

They farmed in the Collins Willow Creek and Rhodes areas. They became the parents of four children, namely:

Ronald Elwin, born November 7, 1912. He married Geraldine Keagle of Collins and they have three children; Judith, Daniel and Stanley.

Keith Shearer, born June 11, 1915. He married Harriett Swalwell of Maxwell and they have two children; Norma and Joe.

Dorothea Maurine, born February 23, 1919. She married Raymond Appel of Rhodes and they have four children; Eileen, LeAnn, Gary and Donovan.

Jeanne Arlene, born July 12, 1932. She married Richard Sharer of Rhodes and they have two children; Kathy and Jeffery.



Raymond Appel family, from the left, front row: LeAnn, Donovan, Dorothea and Eileen; Second row: Raymond and Gary.

The Good's operated a dairy at their farm on the west edge of Rhodes for several years, keeping the town supplied with bottled rich Jersey milk. They delivered milk door to door morning and night.

After retiring from farming, Maynard and Florence moved into the town of Rhodes. Their last home was the large two story brick house two blocks west of Main Street, known as the "Harmon House," and across the street from the "Green House" which was Maynard's parents home.

Florence died in 1970 and Maynard died in 1975. Both are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



Florence and Maynard Good

Kem and Edith Pickard

Edith Garwood came to Marshall County from Kirksville, Missouri, sixty-eight years ago, to work as a hired girl. Kem Pickard came here from the Montrose New Boston area in Iowa, sixty-six years ago and began working for farmers. Kem served in World War I as a Marshall County draftee.

After they were married, they lived for 35 years, on the Bert Aves farm south of Melbourne. Their children were; Betty, Bernice, who married Earl Ficken and is now deceased, Max, Jack and Jean Johnson.

Betty, Max and Bernice received their education in Melbourne. Jack and Jean finished their education in Rhodes.

In the early days of their marriage Kem would buy, sell and trade horses and mules at the Rhodes Horse Sale.

They moved to the farm one and one-half miles east of Rhodes in 1948. They lived there until 1957 when Kem and Edith moved to Melbourne where she now resides. Kem is deceased and is buried in the Melbourne Cemetery.



Lloyd E. Noble family, from the left; Donald, Ida, Richard, Lloyd and Ralph.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Noble

Lloyd and Ida Noble were born in State Center. His parents were Hubert and Jemima Sherwood Noble. His mother died young and he and his five brothers were raised by the Noble grandparents who had come from Vermont. Ida's parents were Frederick and Lena Riemenschneider Ahrens, who had both come from Germany as children.

After finishing State Center's three year high school, Ida taught rural schools near State Center and Melbourne. Some years she drove a horse and buggy, other year her father drove her to and from school and part of the time she boarded in the neighborhood. Soon after their marriage on June 3, 1903, they came to Rhodes, living in the first block west of Main Street, across from the Saint's Church. In 1906 they built a large house in the first block north of the business section, with the office a part of the house. There was a small barn, and for many years they kept a cow to provide milk and butter for the table.

Ida was known for her handwork; crocheting, knitting, sewing, embroidery and her netting (lace) doilies. She sang alto in the Womens' Quartette with Katie Baker, Marvel Robinson and Gladys Pike. She belonged to several women's clubs, and to the Eastern Star.

The Doctor attended the County Medical Association's meetings once a month, read medical

journals, the Marshalltown Times Republican and the Literary Digest. He had no hobbies and he took little interest in community organizations, saying it was no use for him to attend, as he would be sure to be called away before the meeting was well started.

Lloyd and Ida had three boys; Donald, Ralph and Richard. They all took piano lessons from Agnes Buck, played in the Rhodes band and graduated from Rhodes High School, Donald in 1923, Ralph in 1928 and Richard in 1934.

Ralph attended A.I.B. in Des Moines, and now lives in Lake San Marcos, California. He served in the South Pacific during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He and his wife, Aileen Humphreys, have three sons, Ronald, Dennis and Roger, and eight grandchildren, all living in California.

Richard attended A.I.B. also, and has lived in Urbandale since that time. He and his wife, the former Helen Ridgeway of LeRoy, Iowa, have two children, William of El Paso, Texas and Gerard of Grundy Center, Iowa.

Donald married Carrie Gregg.

After retirement, Dr. Lloyd and Ida had nineteen years in Loveland, Colorado, the area of their favorite vacation spot. Many Rhodes friends called on them there. Ida died in June, 1963 at the age of eighty-three and Lloyd in October of 1963 at the age of eighty-five. The ashes of both are buried in the Loveland Cemetery.

Edward and Mina Girton

Edward Ernest was the son of William S. and Ernestine Girton. He was born on January 25, 1882 in Melbourne. He followed in his father's footsteps learning the craft of mason and farming.

Mina Adelene Hill was born in Peterson, Iowa. They were married on June 3, 1903.

In 1909, Edward made his way to South Dakota and settled near his brother, William at Academy. He applied his trades of mason and farming, and after a period of time returned to Rhodes to bring his family back with him to South Dakota.

They were the parents of nine children. The first four were born in Rhodes and the last five born in South Dakota. Their children were; Viola, Merton, Alva, Erma, Helen, Lillian, William, Ruth and Raymond.



Edward and Mina Girton

Viola May was born May 2, 1904 and died May 5. She is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Merton Ernest was born July 12, 1905. On May 2, 1934 he married Flossie Richeson, the daughter of Daniel W. and Myrtle Long Richeson. They made their home near Van Cleve, Iowa, where he continues to reside. Flossie died on April 2, 1968 and is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens at Marshalltown. They

have three children; Bonnie Lou, Robert Richeson and Betty Kay.

Alva Irene born August 31, 1907, married George Blazek on June 25, 1929. They have no children. Alva died October 4, 1938 and is buried at Bijou Hills, South Dakota.

Erma Margaret, born on October 16, 1909, married William Anton Mlady on October 1, 1927 in South Dakota. They have six children.

Helen Alice born April 2, 1911 and died February 28, 1918. She is buried at Bijou Hills, South Dakota.

Lillian Luella, born October 9, 1912, and died October 16, 1912. She is buried at Bijou Hills.

William Robert, born November 10, 1915 and died April 4, 1934. He is buried in Bijou Hills.

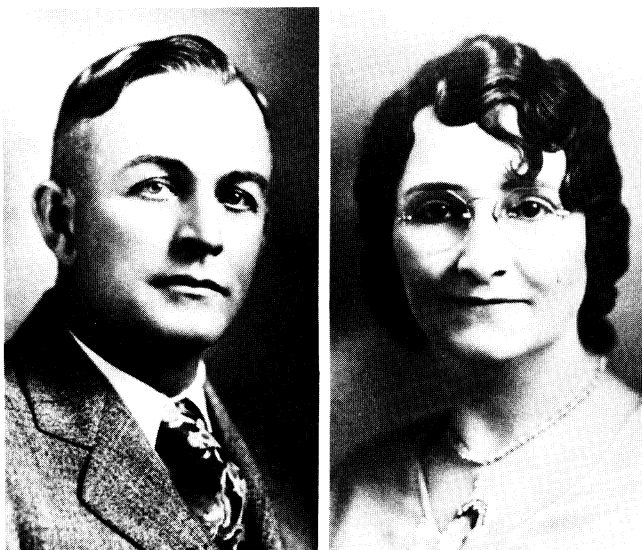
Ruth Elizabeth, born March 14, 1918, married Bernard Elroy Duba on June 8, 1940. They have four children and Ruth resides in Live Oak, Florida.

Raymond Lewis, born March 27, 1921, married Hester Langston. They have five children and reside in Bakersfield, California.

Mina Girton died in 1930 and is buried in Union Cemetery at Bijou Hills. After her death Edward moved to Oregon and California where he died December 12, 1950. He is buried in Turlock, California.



Merton and Flossie Girton



Myrtle and D.W. Richeson .

D.W. and Myrtle Richeson

My grandparents, George and Bess Richeson, lived on the Richeson family homestead north of Rhodes. They were born near Rhodes and lived there all of their lives. They had seven children.

My parents, Daniel Wood (D.W.) and Myrtle Richeson, lived on a farm south of Rhodes for many years. They bought the family homestead and farmed, before retiring to Marshalltown in 1946.

D.W., born February 18, 1884 and Myrtle Bell Long, born October 4, 1889, in Ira, Iowa. She received her education in Ira. They had six children; Denzel L., Laurence L., Rodney D., Flossie A., Katharyn C. and Winnifred A. All were born and educated in Rhodes and attended the Methodist Church.



The children of D.W. Richeson, from the left, front row: Denzel, Winnifred and Rodney; Second row: Katharyn and Flossie.

Denzel L., born April 4, 1909, married Della Schmidt. They farmed most of their lives and Denzel retired from the Maytag Company in Newton, in his later years. They now live in Melbourne.

Laurence L., born August 29, 1912 and died August 30, 1912.

Rodney D., born September 19, 1914, farmed most of his life before moving to Colo, Iowa and retiring from the Colo Road Commission. He married Alice Croner of Marshalltown and had four children; David, Steven, now deceased, Debbie and Jackie. They are of the Catholic faith.

Flossie A., married Merton Girton. (see Girton history)

Katharyn C., born February 25, 1918, married Howard J. Logsdon of Baxter, Iowa on December 31, 1944. He graduated from Baxter High School in 1933. They have one son, Gary L., born October 16, 1946. Howard and Katharyn have both retired and live in Milan, Illinois.

Winnifred A., born January 26, 1920, graduated from Rhodes High School in 1937. He died August 31, 1937 at the age of 17.

D.W. died January 20, 1955 and Myrtle died in 1962. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery as are Laurence and Winnifred.

*Submitted by
Katharyn Logsdon*

Fond Memories of Rhodes

Rhodes has many fond memories and a great heritage for me as both sets of grandparents, Michael and Catherine Malloy and John and Margaret Goodman lived there. My parents, Jud and Florence Goodman Malloy grew up in Rhodes and were married there.

Dad was born in Jefferson, South Dakota. In 1904 his parents traded their farm in South Dakota for a hotel in Rhodes. He was 13 years old then, the youngest of ten children. The Malloys lost William at 21, James at 19, Dora when she was 13 and Lawrence at 9 months.

Mother told me she met Dad ice skating on the pond by the depot in Rhodes. She graduated from Rhodes High School in 1908.

I was born in Rhodes, at the farm home of my uncle and aunt, Tom and Laurretta Malloy. Dr. Lloyd Noble delivered me. I also attended first grade at Rhodes. I stayed with my grandparents, John Goodman's, one-half mile east of Rhodes. I walked to school with my cousins, Grace and Margaret Malloy. We had to cross the railroad tracks where invariably, a train would be stopped on the tracks. Then we would hurry, passing Chris and Julia Gauch's house, Zelma and Zora Phillips house and others before reaching the big red brick school building. The bell would ring! Miss Ida Blumenschein, my teacher, always had us line up orderly outside the front door before marching into our



From the left; Mary Hughes, George Goodman, Jud and Florence Malloy in 1914.

room. Our janitor, Mac, always had a smile and sometimes would slip us a piece of candy if we were sent out in the hall for being naughty.

During the summer I stayed with my grandparents a lot. I would walk across the field or on the gravel road to the Tom Malloy farm for milk each evening, playing Run Sheep Run with my cousins until dark. Then I would carry the one-half gallon tin pail of milk to Grandmas. It was spooky passing the cemetery and I'd run fast, feeling safe when I turned into their driveway.

I came back to Rhodes again to start my teaching career in 1935. I taught third and fourth grades for three years at the Rhodes School under Superintendent R.C. Ringold. Again staying with my grandparents, walking back and forth to school as I had done in first grade. It was a big help getting started in a small, caring, friendly community where I knew many of the families.

My mother and father, Jud and Florence Malloy lived on a farm six miles northwest of State Center all of their married life. They had eleven children; William Gerald and wife Helen, retired in Bella Vista, Arkansas; Rita Mae, married Dale Figgins, a rural letter carrier, of State Center; Delores Angela (Ann), married Thurlow Mathison, retired of Desert Hot Springs, California; Robert Thomas died in 1948; Mary Lois, married Bruce Johnston, of Long Beach, California; John Dennis and wife Marlene of Troy, Michigan; Patricia Julia, married William Rood of Ames; Ruth Eileen (twin), married Larry McKinney, of Des Moines; Rose Maurine (twin) died in 1933. A baby girl died at birth in 1936 which also took the life of my mother.

My father, Jud Malloy died in 1965 at our home where he lived for twelve years.

At this writing, December 10, 1982, there are eight children, thirty grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren living in the Jud Malloy family.

In the John Goodman family, two sons are still living, Joe residing in the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown and Alvin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I am thankful for having lived all these years in this area where I can keep in touch with the great people of Rhodes, the town of my father's and mother's heritage.

Congratulations, Rhodes on your 100 year anniversary!

*Submitted by
Rita Figgins*

Nina N. Baker

Nina N. was born April 9, 1888 at Rhodes, the fourth child of James and Loella Belle Strickler.

She attended school at Rhodes and graduated with the class of 1905. She attended Normal Training School at Nevada, Iowa and taught school in Webb, Iowa and several country schools in Marshall and Story County. She also worked in the office of the Melbourne elevator for Ed Miller before her marriage in 1914 to George Baker.

Their oldest daughter, Grace Dorothy was born in Rhodes, August 20, 1915. Gayle Emily was born in Telluride, Colorado, October 14, 1917 and Opal Jean was born in Omaha, Nebraska, November 11, 1920.

Nina returned to Rhodes with her three daughters in 1921 and made her home with her parents. She was employed as a telephone operator for many years, first by Ed Beye and later, when he sold the company to the Central Iowa Telephone Company. She was also employed as a clerk in the C.O. Sween grocery store for a number of years. Nina was correspondent for the Times-Republican for 50 years. She also wrote the Rhodes News for the Baxter and State Center papers.

Grace graduated from Rhodes High School in 1933 and from Evangelical Deaconess School of Nursing in 1936. She was married July 3, 1936 to James A. Wignall and they live in Marshalltown. They have one son.

Gayle graduated from Rhodes High School in 1935 and was married that June 12, to Karroll D. Diggins. They farmed for a year west of Rhodes and moved to Marshalltown. Karroll died in September of 1977. They were the parents of seven children.

Opal Jean graduated from Rhodes High School in 1938. She attended Central Iowa Business College in Marshalltown and married Norman B. Eige on September 1, 1940. They had two children and live in Marshalltown.

Nina moved to Marshalltown in November of 1950 to make her home with Grace and Jim Wignall. She lived with them until her death on January 3, 1978. She is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Marshalltown.



Silent Movies, Old Model T's, Croquet, Drawing water out of the cistern.



Col. Roger Young (Ret.)

Roger L. Young Family

I, Roger L. Young, entered this world in Rhodes on February 5, 1915. My father was Fred Leroy Young and my mother was Anna Lucile Kreamer Young. The doctor was Lloyd E. Noble. Lelia Rhodes was a sister of my grandmother, Florence Rhodes Kreamer. Florence died when my mother was about five years old.

As a boy, I was told that my great grandfather Rhodes, gave the town of Edenville some land on which to build a school. The city fathers decided to change the town's name to Rhodes for such a gift.

After my mother and father were divorced in 1917, my mother and I moved to Kansas City, Missouri to live with my grandfather Truman H. Kreamer. In about 1920 or 1921 I started spending my summers in Iowa with the Young's in Maxwell. During these vacations I would spend a week or two in Rhodes visiting my great-grandmother Annie Rhodes and great aunt Lelia Rhodes. My grandmother was a gentle, kind, Christian lady with white hair and curls down to her shoulders. I remember Rhodes as a nice, clean, friendly little town. I was impressed with the Saturday night band concerts and all the people in town doing their weekly trading and etc. Rhodes, as I remember, was served by a double track railroad which carried a lot of trains, both to the East and West. Trains fascinated me, as I was born a train buff. In those days most boys wanted to be a locomotive engineer. I remember meeting many people as my aunt and grandmother knew everyone in that end of Marshall County. I also recall that my aunt and grandmother were somewhat on the religion track and served as pillars in the church.

My great-grandfather Rhodes died shortly after my birthday - March 20, 1915. My grandmother died in 1928. My grandmother had seen Abe Lincoln while she was in Illinois, which made both she and Lelia great admirers.

I was married in September of 1942, and me and my wife, Harriet, celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary in 1982.



Winnie Huffaker

Cy and Winnie Huffaker

In 1910 Cy and Winnie Huffaker moved four miles south and one mile west of Rhodes on the Marshall and Jasper county line, where they farmed for fifty-six years.

Cy threshed grain and ran a woodsaw for forty years. Winnie hauled cream from 1922 till 1955. She rode her horse Dandie, her pride and joy, until she was seventy-eight years old.

In 1956, Cy and Winnie moved to the Edna Buck property in Rhodes to retire.

Cy and Winnie raised four children; Lois, Cecil, Millard and Francis.

*Submitted by
Francis Wilson*



Cy Huffaker family from the left: Millard, Winnie, Frances, Cy, Cecil and Lois.

Ronald Elwin and Gerry Good

Ronald was born November 7, 1912 at Rhodes, to Maynard and Florence Good. He grew up on farms in the Collins Willow Creek and Rhodes areas. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1930.

In 1934, he married Geraldine Keagle, Collins, the daughter of George and Laura Keagle. They made their home in Rhodes where Ronald was employed as janitor of the Rhodes school until 1939. They moved to Milford Township, north of Nevada, Iowa in 1939, where he worked as janitor of the Milford school. In 1942, they moved to Collins, where he worked at the Ankeny Ordinance Plant and later as a carpenter in the Collins community.

In 1945, they returned to Rhodes where Ronald went into partnership with his father, Maynard, in the Good Feed Store, where he remained for twenty years. In 1964, Ronald became employed at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown, from which he retired in 1977.

Ronald and Gerry are the parents of three children: Judith Elaine, born December 5, 1937; Daniel Ray, born February 28, 1946 and Stanley Ronald, born July 31, 1949.

Judy graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1955. The two boys became students in the West Marshall school from which Dan graduated in 1964 and Stan in 1967.

Judy married Charles Atcher, Marshalltown, son of Waldo and Dorothy Atcher. They have five children; Jim, Bill, Larry, Sherri and Tom. They live at Laurel, Iowa. Charles (Chuck) is employed at Fisher Controls in Marshalltown.

Dan married Sandra Myers, Marshalltown, daughter of Hubert and Betty Myers. They have three sons; Troy, Dana and Steven. A baby boy, Timothy, died at four days of age in 1970. They live in Marshalltown where Dan is employed at Fisher Controls.



Gerry and Ronald Good

Stan married Dianna Baer, Marshalltown, daughter of Lyle and Hazel Baer. They have two daughters; Jillisa and Jennifer. They live in Marshalltown where Stan is also employed at Fisher Controls.

The Rhodes home of the Ronald Good family was located three blocks north on Main Street, on the east side of the street, known as the Henry Buck house and across the street from Aunt Agnes Buck.

Ronald and Gerry were active in the Rhodes Methodist Church and other local organizations until moving to Marshalltown in 1975 where they now live.

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Martin Richeson family, from the left, front row: Margaret and Martin; Second row: Cindy and Jennie.

Martin H. and Margaret Richeson

Martin Henry Richeson was born February 24, 1911 at State Center. He has lived all of his life in and around the Rhodes area. He was raised in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and graduated in 1928 from Rhodes High School. In 1933 he married Margaret Murray, the daughter of Ray and Hazel Murray. They have two daughters, Jennifer, who married Robert Mahlow, and have two children, Melinda and Marty, they live in Ankeny, Iowa; Cynthia married Francis McAtee, residing in Marshalltown have two daughters, Tracy and Christine.

Martin and Margaret still live on the family farm south of State Center. They have been active in the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star.

Art and May Roberts

Arthur (Art) T. was born April 9, 1886 to John Thomas and Fredrika (Richy) Wulke Roberts. May Leoi Gilbert was born December 25, 1894. Her parents are unknown as she was adopted after they died.

Art Roberts and May Gilbert met in 1914 and were married August 10, 1917 in Everly, Iowa. They farmed near Baxter and Rhodes until they moved to Rhodes in 1934.

Art was postmaster in Rhodes from January, 1934, to January of 1945. May worked at the Evangelical Hospital for a time.

They had five children; Charles, Harold, Delores, Donald and Jerry.

Charles, born November 11, 1917, married Twyla Sweeppe and they have three children; Fredrick, Valerie and Elaine. Charles was in the armed services for thirty years and is now retired and living in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Harold (Zick), born April 25, 1919, married Violet Murray, August 11, 1939 and they had one daughter, Sandra. He later married Anne G. Laregina, now deceased. They had two daughters; Deborah and Regina. He and his wife Dorothy live in San Jose, California.

Delores Yvonne, born November 22, 1920, married Mr. Brown and they had a daughter, Yvette. Delores then married a Mr. Lathrop who adopted Yvette and she lives in California.

Donald Eugene (Duck) was born November 23, 1922. Duck and his wife, Rose have four children; Donna May, Michael, Arthur and Sharon. He retired from the service and lives in East Greenwich, Rhode Island.



Arthur Robert's and his sons, from the left, front row: Donald and Art; Second row: Charles, Jerry and Harold.

Jerry, born February 10, 1932, married Delores Ruch on May 29, 1955. They adopted two boys, Ricky Lee, born December 30, 1963 and Darin Scott, born May 6, 1966. Jerry has worked at Fisher Governor Company in Marshalltown for 27 years and he resided in State Center, Iowa.

Art died January 16, 1983 and May died in 1957. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.

James H. and Mae Green

James H. Green came to the Rhodes and Melbourne area as a young man from Bluford, Illinois. He worked as a farm hand in this area before coming to Martin and Amber Buck's. This farm is located north of Rhodes and is owned by John and Lois Buck, who now reside there.

Mae Oler came to the Rhodes area from Fowler, Indiana. She worked for Howard and Etta Floto on a farm owned by Phillip and Shirley Buck.

After James and Mae's marriage they moved on a farm near Melbourne. A daughter, Lois Mae, was born to them while living in this area. They later moved back to Rhodes and worked for Martin and Amber Buck. They lived in a house just north of Martin's home, only a few steps from their back door. A son, Robert James, was born to them while living here.

Later they moved to Oxford Junction, Iowa and farmed for several years. Another daughter, Marjory Ann, was born to them while in this area.

Around 1924 they moved back to Rhodes on a farm belonging to Levi Flora of Marshalltown and farmed there for twenty years. This farm north of Rhodes now belongs to Donald and Ruth Buck. In 1935 another son, Richard Dwayne, was born.

Lois, Robert and Marjory all attended and graduated from Rhodes High School. Jim was a member of the Rhodes School board for many years. He also worked as assessor for Eden Township.

They moved from Rhodes in 1939 to a farm near Melbourne. They left the farm in 1941 and moved to Ames, Iowa where they lived for twenty seven years.

Mae died on October 10, 1967 and James H. on April 24, 1982.

Lois Mae is married to Clarence Shill and resides in Marshalltown. They have one son, Mark Shill, who is married and lives in Ames. They have one daughter.

Robert J. is married to Helen Current and lives in Statesville, North Carolina. They have two sons, Gary who is married and has two sons. Ricky who lives at home.

Marjory Ann is married to Russell Grove and lives in Gladbrook, Iowa. They have two sons, James D. and Thomas L., both married and living in Ames. Thomas has one daughter.

Richard Dwayne is married to Carol Ann Garland and lives in Champaign, Illinois. Their children are; Karen, Ellen and James R.



Laurretta and Thomas Malloy

Thomas and Laurretta Malloy

Thomas B. Malloy came to Rhodes with his parents Michael and Catherine in 1903. He helped in the hotel and later teamed up with brother Jud and Eugene (Moody) Vauthrin of Melbourne in the painting and paper-hanging business.

In 1912 Thomas married Laurretta Goodman, daughter of John and Margaret Pfantz Goodman of Rhodes. They farmed the Goodman-Malloy farm now owned and operated by the Leo Malloy's, one-half mile east of Rhodes. Their children are; Margaret, Grace, Raymond, Lorraine, Leo, Maurine (Sue) and Jeanne.

Margaret C. (1914-1977), married Howard Riemenschneider, they live in State Center and their children are: Carole, born 1936, married Richard Ricci; Michael, born 1939, single; Joan, born 1942, married James Mohamed; Mark, born 1946, married Becky Riemenschneider; and Mary, born 1954, married Scott Tuttle.

Grace Angeline, born 1917, married Lyle Skinner, resides in Marshalltown and has one son, Timothy.

Raymond Thomas, born 1919, married Edith Lander. She died in 1972. They had two children; Sharon, born 1942 and Paul, born 1952. In 1974 Raymond married Rose Carr and they reside in Titusville, Florida. He served in the South Pacific in World War II and is employed at the missile space program at Cape Kennedy.

Lorraine (1921-1923) was Leo's twin.

Leo, born 1921, married Elizabeth Malechek (see history).

Maurine (Sue), born 1925, married George Worley and resides in Marshalltown. Their children are: Ellen, born 1948, married Sherman Slifer; Ann, born 1950, married Clayton Williams; Brian, born 1954, married Barb Cassiotto; Joseph, born 1961, single; and Lynne, born 1963, also single.

Jeanne, born 1929, married Stanley Randall (see history).

Maurine (Sue) and Grace are in their father's trade, "paper hangers and painters." Sue ran a beauty shop in Rhodes about four years before her marriage in the mid forty's.

After the death of Thomas's sister, Etta, the Malloy's raised her son Vincent (Cappy) Morrison. Cappy was nine years old when he came here to live. Cappy, Thomas and Laurretta are buried in the St. Joseph Cemetery at Rhodes.



The Tom Malloy family, from the left, front row: Tom and Laurretta. Second row: Raymond, Jeanne, Margaret, Maurine (Sue), Grace and Leo.

William M. (Jingles) and Marietta Thorne

William M. and Marietta Roads Thorne lived their married life in State Center and Rhodes area. Mr. Thorne worked for Hildreth Produce.

They were the parents of three daughters: Emma Cromley of Santa Ana, California; Mildred Meyer, of Lakewood, California; and Fern Thorne, deceased. Fern worked many years for the Russell Smith's of Marshalltown and when her health became bad she went to Santa Ana, to be with her sisters. All the girls attended Rhodes school.

Jingles died in 1919. Marietta and her girls made their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Roads until their death. After Mildred and Lloyd Meyer were married, Mrs. Thorne made her home with them until her death in 1932. Mr. and Mrs. Thorne are buried in the Eden Cemetery.



Roscoe and Delight Ward

Roscoe and Delight Ward

Roscoe, his wife Delight and their son, David moved from Cedar Falls, Iowa to a farm north of Independence, Iowa and then to the town of Rhodes. They bought the house and block known as the Hannah Fuch place, moving there on December 7, 1946. Delight still resides at this address.

Roscoe was born March 5, 1898, on a farm near Garrison, Iowa. He died November 3, 1965 while living in Rhodes and is buried at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens at Marshalltown. Delight was born June 21, 1903 on a farm near Shell Rock, Iowa.

Both family geneologies have been traced back to England, Ireland and Germany.

Roscoe attended schools in Garrison until the death of his father when he was needed on the farm to help support his mother and three sisters. Years later the mother sold the farm and the family moved to Waterloo. Roscoe worked there for several years and attended linotype school at Charles City, Iowa before operating on weeklies and daily newspapers.

Delight graduated from Waterloo West High School, and a two year course at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls. Since living in Rhodes she has taken numerous courses at Drake University and taught at Rhodes, Melbourne and State Center. Roscoe worked as linotype operator at the Times Republican in Marshalltown for twenty years before retiring.

Roscoe and Delight Yarcho Ward were married May 18, 1924 at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa. The Wards were blessed with two sons; Meredith, born May 15, 1925 at Waterloo, and David born July 29, 1931 at Cedar Falls. Both sons are married with families and live at Waverly and Cedar Rapids respectively.



Alfred and Frances Buck

Alfred C. Buck was born in 1895 in the farm house north of Rhodes, where his son Donald and family now live. He moved with his parents and sister Edna to Yakima, in 1909, where he attended school and worked with his father on their ranch near the Yakima Indian Reservation. He made friends with the Indian leaders and became interested in their culture and philosophies.

While in high school he met Frances Steward, born at Cashmere, Washington, in 1895. She was the daughter of a pioneer family, which moved to Washington Territory on the first Great Northern train to stop in Wenatchee, Washington in 1892. They both graduated from Yakima High School in 1915 and Alfred moved back to Iowa in 1916, where he took over management of the farms. In 1927 he went back to Yakima and married Frances. She had been working as an office secretary there. They farmed near Rhodes, until Donald graduated from college and took over management of the farm. At this time they built a home on the farm, since Alfred was reluctant to move to town.

They were the parents of three children: Margaret, born in 1922; Donald, born in 1925 and Robert, born in 1931.

Alfred was a 50 year member of Eden Masonic Lodge, an active member of the United Methodist Church, and a Boy Scout leader for some years. He died in 1976 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

Frances is a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School classes for years, was a Red Cross volunteer for a number of years and is a member of the 50+ Club in Melbourne and several clubs in Rhodes.



Francis and Alfred Buck



Adria and Claire Gibbs

Claire and Adria Gibbs

Claire Eugene Gibbs of Nevada and Nancy Adria White of Colo, were married on May 18, 1928. They made their home in Nevada until 1933, when they moved to Marshalltown. Mr. Gibbs was associated with his father in the retail dairy business and farming until becoming a truck driver. He continued in trucking (becoming an independent owner) until 1962.

In 1940, the Gibbs bought the Aaron Hale acreage in southwest Rhodes, and moved here. They had two children at that time; Richard F. and Sharon E. Another daughter, Diane M., was born a Rhodes native.

Mr. Gibbs worked at Rhodes Lumber Company the last few years of his life, as did Mrs. Gibbs. Claire died in 1972 and is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown.

Richard lives at home with his mother. Sharon is married to David Ward and lives in Cedar Rapids. They have six children; two of whom are married. Diane is married to Richard W. Berglund and lives in Des Moines. They have no children.

Adria remembers when they moved to Rhodes it was a thriving town with three grocery stores, a restaurant, Farmers Lumber and Coal Company, Hildreth Produce, a furniture repair and refinishing business, Snowgren Hardware and Appliance, a barbershop, a doctor, two oil stations and an excellent school. There was also two truck lines and a corn sheller business. Perhaps others I have forgotten. They had a weekly band concert and free movie pictures.

Claire's grandfather, Jack Welch of New Providence had often brought his horses (trotters and pacers) to the Rhodes Agricultural Fair in the early 1900's. It was a high light of the times.

The Robert Meyer Family

Robert Russell, son of William T. and Fannie Beidler Meyer, was born June 8, 1904 in Melbourne. In 1928, he married Elsie Dodge and they farmed in the Melbourne and Rhodes area until 1948 when they purchased the Meyer home place southeast of Rhodes. They retired from farming in 1962 and moved to Marshalltown. Elsie died in 1976.

Their four children are; Russell, who now lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina and Thelma, Colleen and Harold, all of whom live in Marshalltown.

Russell married Barbara Crawford of Roswell, New Mexico on December 17, 1953. In March of 1979, after 30 years of service, he retired from the U.S. Air Force and is now employed at Stewart Oldsmobile in Fayetteville. Russell and Barbara have four children; Robert, Douglas, Rebecca and Diana, and they have three grandchildren.

Thelma married Glenn Kelly of Van Cleve, Iowa on December 23, 1951. Thelma has been employed at Fidelity Brenton Bank since 1963 and Glenn has been with Fisher Controls since 1950. They have two children, Ann and Paul, and two grandchildren.

Colleen married Ray Goodman of Baltimore, Maryland on October 2, 1955. She has been employed at Renner's Flowers since 1974. Ray is a partner in R.S. Stover company in Marshalltown, having been with that company since 1954. They have two daughters, Laura and Tracy.

Harold married Judith Tuttle of Rhodes, on January 29, 1961 and they had three children: Eugene, Yvonne, and Troy. Harold operated Meyer's 66 service station for 10 years prior to taking a position with the Eaton Company in 1978. He is now married to Judith Losee who is employed at The Insurance Center in Marshalltown. She has four daughters and one grandson.

Lester and Rosella Bach

Rosella was born June 13, 1909, the daughter of William T. and Fannie Beidler Meyer. She graduated from Rhodes High School and the University of Northern Iowa with a teachers certificate, teaching one year at the Round Grove School in Eden Township. On December 26, 1928, she and Lester Bach were married. Rosella and Lester farmed in the surrounding areas until moving to the Collins area in 1942. Lester died March 10, 1956 and Rosella moved to her present home in Marshalltown, where she worked at Peerless Cleaners, Strand Bakery, S & H Green Stamp and Tempo. Upon retiring, Rosella spent several winters in Arizona.

Rosella and Lester were the parents of three children: Alma, living in Marshalltown; Richard, deceased at three years old; and Max, living in Gilman. Rosella has seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.



The Donald Luing family, from the left; Ethel, Kathleen
Larry, Lois and Donald.

Donald Arthur Luing Family

In 1868, Ralph (Mac) Sanders, a discharged Civil War Infantryman who had "marched to the sea" with General Sherman, started farming in Eden Township. In 1869 he married Priscilla Coulter from Marshalltown. They raised eleven children. Four of them; Claude, a railroad employee; Otto, a barber; Bessie Richeson and Dolla Pearl Luing, housewives; were Rhodes residents for many years. Priscilla and Ralph lived on North Main Street before Ralph's death in 1923 and Priscilla remained there until her death in 1939. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

In 1896, Dolla Pearl married George Arthur Luing, the youngest of ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Luing. They farmed at first, but moved into Rhodes in 1916 when George became the manager of the Farmer's Elevator Company, a position he held until his death in 1925. Dolla died in 1961 and was buried beside her husband in Eden Cemetery.

Two children were born to George and Dolla, one of whom died at birth. A son, Donald, was born in 1897 at Rhodes. He farmed and was a rural mail carrier for twenty eight years. Don is remembered for his willingness to help anyone in trouble regardless of the hour and for his generosity to provide pink peppermints to all children awaiting his arrival at the mail box. He was a charter member of the Rhodes American Legion Post #456 which he helped organize.

In 1919, Donald married Ethel Dodd, a school teacher in the vicinity for five years. Ethel left her profession to be a housewife and raise three children. In 1938, she was one of two women elected to the town council. The purchase of a new fire truck was the major achievement of her term of office. The first house to catch fire after the truck arrived was the Luing's, but Ethel had the fire put out with buckets of water from the pump before help appeared.

After her children were grown, Ethel returned to teaching in the primary grades at Rhodes Consolidated School from 1947-1961. During this time she continued her education at Drake University in Des Moines in the evenings and on Saturdays until she received a B.S. degree in elementary education. After her retirement, she did substitute teaching for five years. Then in 1965, she and Donald moved to Colo, Iowa, where she now lives. Donald died in 1980 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

The three Luing children graduated from Rhodes Consolidated School and pursued careers in education, following in their mother's footsteps. Three of her grandchildren, Carole Cerka Burke, Debra Beye Taylor, and Rick Beye are also in the profession.

The eldest daughter, Kathleen, clerked in the Jack Spratt Store for several years when it was owned by Mr. Everhart and managed by LeRoy Mallicoat. After graduating from Graceland College and teaching for two years, Kathleen married Fred L. Beye, a career U.S.

Navy man. To this union were born four children: Gregory, a Vietnam veteran, now is an electronic technician at the Des Moines Post Office; Debra, a mother of two daughters, is teaching in Fayetteville, Arkansas; Rick, an attorney at law, is Director of New Programs for Berkeley Schools in New York City; Denise, a graduate of the University of Arkansas, is resident manager for Lawyer's Surety Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1945, Kathleen taught fifth and sixth grades in Rhodes. In 1966, she received a Master's degree in elementary administration from Drake University. She spent the last twenty one years teaching at Southeast Polk Junior High at Runnells. She and her husband are now retired and are living at Altoona, Iowa.

The second daughter, Lois, worked at Snowgren's Hardware before going to Graceland College. After teaching first and second grades at Rhodes in 1944-1945, Lois married Elmer Cerka in November of 1945. Five children were born to this union: Carole is Director of Berkeley Schools in White Plains, New York; Fred is Interchange Design technician for the Department of Transportation in Ames; John is compositor at Ames Computer Forms in Ames; Paul and David are pressmen at Graphic Forms in Nevada.

Lois received a B.S. degree in elementary education from Drake University in 1962. In 1976, she was the recipient of the governor's leadership award for Community Betterment Activities. The last twenty seven years she has taught at Colo where she and Elmer reside.

Larry, the youngest Luining, graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in business administration. He is President of Berkeley Schools in New Jersey and New York. He has served as president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools, a national organization of more than five hundred institutions and as chairman of the board. He became acquainted with Berkeley Schools during an eleven year association with McGraw Hill Book Company as manager of its collegiate business education department.

Larry married Mildred Bona in 1959. They are the parents of four sons: Kevin, a Dartmouth College senior; Randy, a Brown University junior; Timothy, a ninth grader; and Brian, a seventh grader. Their home is in Kinnelon, New Jersey.

Ben and Edith Overman

John (Ben) Overman was born in Kaleen, Indiana. He served six years in the U.S. Army, part of this was spent in Alaska during World War I helping to guard the coast. He came to Rhodes about 1925 and was a railroad bridge carpenter for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad. After retiring, he tended the railroad pump house where the trains got their water.



Ben Overman family, from the left, front row: Ben, Tom and Edith; Second row: Gene and Bill; Third row: John and wife, Darlene and J. Frank.

He married Edith Cowan in 1930, the daughter of Marcus (Babe) and Minnie Bishop Cowan. Edith came to Rhodes in 1917 and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1928. She worked for Luther Hix, grocer, until she was married. She returned to work after her family was raised and worked for eleven years. Edith still resides in Rhodes in the Charlie Blink house, that used to be the site of a cement block factory.

Ben and Edith are the parents of six sons, John; James (Frank), Charles, Daniel, born September 18, 1935 in Rhodes and passed away January 4, 1939 at his home, Gene, William and Thomas.

Ben passed away in August of 1960 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.



The Ben Overman family, from the left, front row: Edith and J. Frank. Second row: Bill, John, Tom and Gene.



Charlotte and Harold Howell

Harold and Charlotte Howell

The Howell family have lived in Rhodes since 1950. They first lived in the old Malloy home which was south of the new addition of the Eden cemetery. Late that fall they purchased the home of the Grace Wendel estate at the corner of Fremont and Main Streets. They lived there until 1955 when they purchased the old Smith home and fox farm from Mrs. Charles Blink at the west edge of Rhodes.

Harold worked for Snowgren Hardware as a repairman from 1950 until the Snowgren's retired in 1957. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo Whaley purchased the hardware and bottle gas business from the Snowgren's. They sold the gas business to Rhodes Lumber Company and the Howell's purchased the hardware. The business became known as Rhodes Hardware. The Howell family operated the business until Mrs. Howell's health failed. The building was then sold to Bill Hildreth. Harold moved his business to his home which has the trade name of Howell's Appliance. He sells and services major appliances and has been a Maytag and Westinghouse dealer for many years. Harold also has been a used car dealer since 1957 and operates Howell's Used Cars.

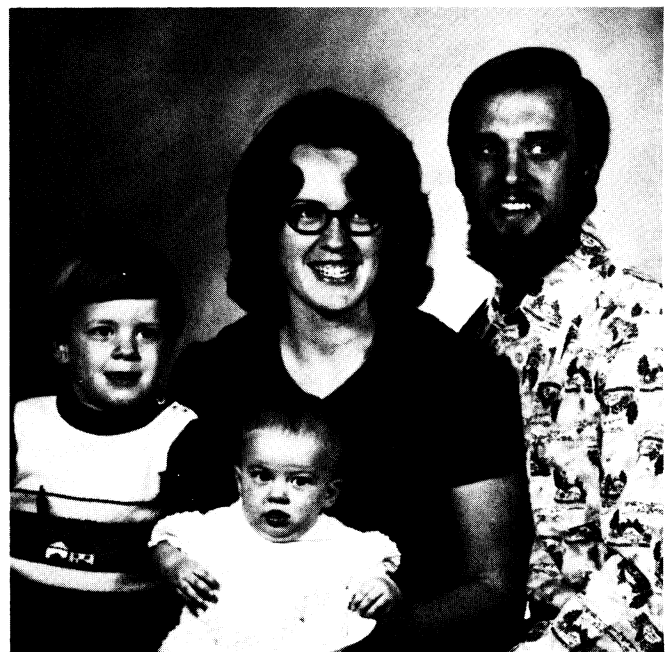
The Howell children, John, Ruth and Mary, are all married and live in different States. Each one graduated from a four year college.

John and his wife, Nancy, have two sons, John and Joel. They live in Corpus Christi, Texas. John is a comptroller for a large Ford dealership.

Ruth and her husband, Jim Potteiger, have a son, Brian and a daughter, Angela. They live in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where he manages a mobile home park.



The John Howell Sr. family, from the left, front row: Joel. Second row: John Jr., John Sr. and Nancy.



The Jim Potteiger family, from the left; Brian, Ruth holding Angela and Jim.



Bernice and Lyall Gray

Lyall and Bernice Gray

I, Lyall, born in 1898, and Bernice Smith, born in 1900, were married in 1919 at West Plains, Missouri. We have two children, Hope, born 1920 at Oxford Junction, Iowa, married Ferdinand Wiese (see history); and John (Jack) S., born in 1926, married Mary Ellen Townsend (see history).

Bernice and I started farming in 1920. A mixture of poor crops and depression were too much. We sold out in 1932. Putting all of our assets together along with a loan, we bought a truck in 1934 and moved to Rhodes. After several years of struggling it developed into a profitable business.

Bernice did not like living in town so in 1944, when Jack went to the Army, we moved to a farm 2 miles west of Rhodes where we lived for 35 years. In the spring of 1979, we moved to the Rhodes Elders Residence #1, in Rhodes where we now reside. I have had above average health, but it has been rougher for Bernice as she has had many health problems. She has lived with me for 63 years, the prettiest wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, I have ever seen.



Ruby and Gerald Richeson

Gerald and Ruby Richeson

Gerald (Pete) has always resided in the Rhodes vicinity. He lived on a farm east of Rhodes with his parents, Wright and Eva Burch Richeson. Gerald has three brothers; Stanley of Baxter, Ronald of Melbourne and Donald of Lemon Grove, California; and one sister, Wrightabelle Grossman of Marshalltown.

Ruby Walker moved to Rhodes in 1928 with her parents John and Hattie Walker. Their family included nine brothers and three sisters with one brother Earl and sister, Dorothy Clement, still residing in this area. They formerly lived in LaPorte City, Iowa.

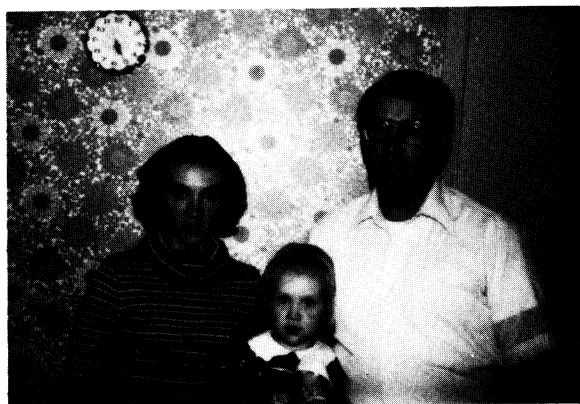
Gerald and Ruby were married in 1936. They are the parents of two sons, Melvin and Jerry.



Marjorie and Melvin Richeson

Melvin was born in 1937, attended school in Rhodes and graduated in 1956. He is married, lives in Albion and works at Gra-Iron factory in Marshalltown. He has two daughters Cindy Ward and Tammi Ryan, also six stepchildren.

Jerry was born in 1946, attended school in Rhodes and graduated from West Marshall school in 1963. Jerry is married and has one daughter, Lynn. He works at Social Security headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland, and resides in Randallstown.



Jerry Richeson family, from the left; Ardella, Lynn and Jerry.



Iva and Earl Snowgren

Earl and Iva Snowgren

Continuing a residency in Rhodes which began when her grandmother's family settled in the small town called Edenville in 1865, Iva was born on May 6, 1891, one of six children of Charles F. and Adah Bell Thorne Hildreth.

Iva graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1908 and worked for a real estate broker in Madrid until 1910 when she married Earl Snowgren. Prior to returning to Rhodes with their children in 1916, Earl and Iva lived in Des Moines, Pella and Perry. The Snowgrens operated a garage in Rhodes, known as Snowgren Auto, for 15 years, until they opened their Hardware and Appliance Store, which utilized Earl's mechanical-electrical skills and Iva's record-keeping abilities. Additionally, Iva worked as a real estate broker and an insurance agent. After operating the Hardware and Appliance Store for 28 years, the Snowgrens sold the store in 1958 and moved to Marshalltown. They had two children; John Hildreth, born in 1910 and Adah Marguerite, born in 1915, both graduating from Rhodes High School.

John graduated from Drake University and later worked with his uncles in the produce business. He married Ruth Brush in 1932 and they have one daughter, Jacqueline Snowgren Maakestad.

Adah attended the State Teachers College in Cedar Falls, taught school in Maxwell for three years and operated a preschool in her home for 19 years. She married Marvin Hilleman in 1937 and has three children; Karen Hilleman Brandt, John Hilleman and Connie Hilleman Winslow.

While living in Rhodes, the Snowgrens were very active in community affairs; Eastern Star, Masonic Lodge, Rebekah Lodge, Auxiliary of the American Legion and the Rhodes Methodist Church.

Earl died in August of 1970 and is buried in the Eden Cemetery. Iva lives in the Tallcorn Towers in Marshalltown.

J. Leonard Jaroleman

On January 6, 1892, J. Leonard Jaroleman, born April 16, 1868 and Myrtle Luella Phillips, born July 29, 1870, were married at her parents, Lewis and Miriam Phillips. home in Rhodes. They had one daughter, Nellie M., born May 30, 1893. They farmed in Iowa several years, had a general store in Rhodes a few years, and after moving to Tonkawa, Oklahoma, in 1898, had a general merchandise store there. He became a banker there and continued that work in a bank in Muskogee, Oklahoma. They retired to Oakland, California, where Nellie M. Jaroleman presently resides.

Ross and Grace Wendel

Ross and Grace Burgoyne Wendel were married in Clinton County, Iowa on January 14, 1914. They moved to Rhodes soon afterwards, with her parents, Walter and Ida Burgoyne.

They farmed one-half mile north of Rhodes and built the house now owned by Donald Buck and sons. Ross died suddenly on March 9, 1925. Grace was active in all religious and social activities of the community. She died in 1950.



Grace and Ross Wendel



Harry Eddy family, from the left; Allan, Leonard, Glenn, Harry, Bertha, Patti, Mavis and Leola.

Harry and Bertha Eddy

The Eddy family first came to this country in October of 1630. Through time and moving on to better opportunities and the promise of better times, this branch wound up in Iowa.

Harry A. was born to Frank and Susan Hix Eddy on September 15, 1898, south of Zeoring, Iowa. He grew up there, attending country schools, Nevada High School and one year at Iowa State College in Ames. At country school, he met Bertha Leola Scott, whom he later married on June 25, 1925, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa.

Bertha was born August 19, 1900 in northeast Story County, the daughter of Levi and Maria Blayney Scott. She graduated from Nevada High School and taught in various country schools in the area.

Through time and fortune they arrived in Rhodes in May of 1944 with their six children. Harry was employed at the Farmers' Lumber Company, which later became Rhodes Lumber Company. In 1949 he became postmaster, a position he held until September 1968 when he retired. Bertha was the clerk at the Post Office, retiring in 1970. She also worked as a cook for the school's hot lunch program.

During Harry's early years his family lived for a while on a farm west of Rhodes and his parents also resided in Rhodes.

Harry and Bertha were the parents of six children; Patricia, Harry, Leonard, Mavis, Allan and Leola.

Patricia Adelaide, married Jim Menter and they reside on a farm north of Rhodes. Her two sons are Marshall Hoyt and Foster Elbert McDowell. Patricia works as laundry supervisor at the Marshall County Care Facility and Jim also works there in maintenance.

Harry Glenn, married Evelyn Roberta Gray and their children are; Mark Lee, Jan Leslie, Faith Marie and Bonnie Lurene. Harry and Evelyn were killed in a car accident near Ames in December 1965.

Leonard Charles, married Marianne Lucille Logan and their children are Erin Eileen and Eric Charles. Leonard and Marianne now reside in Phoenix, Arizona,

where Leonard is employed by the county in flood control and Marianne works in data processing.

Mavis Fern, married Lawnie Brown and they have four children; Teresa Fern Arney, Gwendolyn Rae Moats, Linda Sue Johnson and Ronald Edward. Mavis and Lawnie live in Marshalltown, where Lawnie is self-employed as a plasterer and Mavis works at Fisher Controls.

Allan Lee, married Carol Sandra Erickson and they live in LeGrand with their three sons; Scot Allan, Matthew LeRoy and Benjamin Thorne.

Leola Pearl, married Larry Dean Wright and they live in Ackley, Iowa with their three sons; Lewis Dean, Leland Ray and Lowell Lee. Larry owns Wright Construction and Leola works at Waldorf's Foodland.

Harry and Bertha Eddy were members of Rhodes United Methodist Church and worked in several capacities there. Both were members of O.E.S. and held offices in that lodge. Harry was a Mason and a member of the Rhodes American Legion. The home they bought and lived in from 1944 till 1973 is in the northeast part of town. Bertha died on August 26, 1971 and Harry on December 24, 1973. Both are buried in Eden Cemetery.

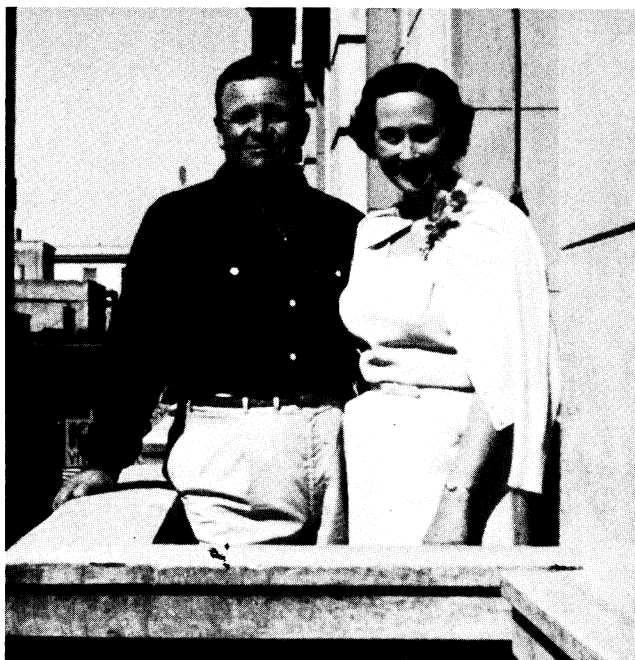
Frank Burg Family

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burg farmed the Frank Backoff farm northwest of Rhodes from 1938 to 1943.

There were eight children in their family: Virgil, died at age seven; Ralph, of St. Anthony; Lillian, of Ames, married Hollis Knutson; Delores, of Torrance, California, married Carl Duncan; Charles, of Grapevine, Texas; John, died at age 50; Betty, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, married Vern Middleton; and Wayne, of Marshalltown, married Hazel Steward.



The Frank Burg family, from the left, front row: Frank, Ralph and Anna; Second row: Lillian, Delores and Charles; Third row: John, Betty and Wayne.



Harold and Helen Robinson

Harold and Helen Robinson

Harold Levi, oldest son of Elwood and Elva Kline Robinson, was born January 19, 1910 near Rhodes. He graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1928. He farmed east of Rhodes all his life. On January 5, 1941, Harold married Helen Josephine Kroeger of Preston, Iowa. Helen, the daughter of William and Nell Sullivan Kroeger, was born June 28, 1917. She graduated from

Preston High School in 1935. Prior to her marriage to Harold, she taught in the Farrar school system.

Harold and Helen were the parents of two children; William Harold, born August 13, 1941 and Connie Kay, born March 8, 1944.

Harold was very active in community affairs, past president of Marshall County Farm Bureau, Central Iowa Fairboard and Beef Producers. He was also a member of the Shriners and various Masonic organizations.

Helen taught vocal music in the Rhodes School, later West Marshall and Marshalltown schools. During her years in the Rhodes area, she was active in local clubs and organizations.

On June 22, 1960, Harold was killed in a farm accident. Helen died on May 4, 1982. They are buried in Eden Cemetery.



Neva Green and her son Bob Duff.

Neva Green

Neva, born September 29, 1915 at Osceola, Iowa, moved to Rhodes March 3, 1980. Her home is in the Rhodes Elder's Apartment #2. Neva has six children; Deloris, Elaine, John, Bob, Fred and Jim Duff. She has 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Deloris and husband, Don Cauriell live in Des Moines with their son, Donnie Lee; Elaine lives with her husband Roger Pieper, in Lincoln, Nebraska with their four daughters: Roxanne, Jenenne, Judy and Rhona; John Duff, lives in Rhodes with his wife Lynn. John's children are Michelle, Troy, Carla and Marcy; Bob Duff lives in Rhodes with his wife, Diane. Bob has two sons; Mike and Danny and two step-children, Chad and Jodi; Fred Duff lives in Rhodes with his wife Sue, he has one daughter, Dawn; and Jim Duff lives in Marshalltown and has two sons, Allen and Benji.



Helen Robinson and her grandchildren, from the left, front row: Allan, Helen holding Karrie, Doug and Jennifer; Second row: Michael and Bill.



Wesley Rinard family, from the left, front row: Vallie, Leona and Wesley; Second row: Fonda, Harold and Leon.

Wesley and Vallie Rinard

Vallie Pearl was born to Harriet and Isaac Hoy on December 24, 1900 on their farm, known as the "Old Hoy Hill," west of Baxter, Iowa.

Vallie was stricken with polio at the age of two. She was educated and graduated from the Rhodes school.

Vallie married Wesley (Wes) Church Rinard and moved to Rhodes. Four children were born to this union: Leon Earl, born September 15, 1923; Fonda Pearl, born October 25, 1924; Harold Marcus, born March 23, 1936; and Leona Lair, born September 9, 1940. A veteran of World War I, Wes was gassed in Germany and died on April 28, 1945 of this and other service related disabilities.

After Wes died Vallie then moved to Newton, where she worked for the Vernon Company. In 1948 her mother fell and broke her hip and Vallie moved to Colfax and cared for her until Harriet's death in 1955.

Vallie has been blessed with many decendents. Leon married Dulcie (Dee) King from Texas who had one son by a previous marriage. Leon adopted Michael and later had one more child, Janet Eileen. Michael married Vanessa Davis and lives in Missouri. Janet married David McCowen and they have one child, Molly Ann.

Fonda married Carroll Tribby of Rhodes and they had four children; Shirley Ann, Carroll Dean, Eleanor Vallie and Clifford Francis. Shirley married Rodney Phillips and their children are; Kerry Deniece and Debora Dawn; Carroll Dean, married Laura West, their children are, Julie Jean and Susan Marie; Eleanor Vallie, married Roger Perin, their children are, Sheri Lynn and Angela Kristene.

Harold married Carol Erickson of Des Moines and they had one child, Robert Duane. Harold died of cancer on June 15, 1966.

Leona married Herman Bickle of Palmyra and they have one child, Rickie Dean.

At the age of 83, Vallie continues to live in Colfax and lives a very active life. She is involved in church work, the senior citizens and most of all, her family.

Donald and Carrie Noble

Donald and Carrie Gregg Noble both graduated from Rhodes High School in 1923. Donald had a year at Ames (ISU) and worked for several farmers before he began farming for himself in 1927. Carrie graduated from Grinnell College in 1927, and they were married January 3, 1928. For ten years they lived on the old Blumenschien place, which was owned by his father. Their three oldest children were born there.

They moved in 1937 to a farm in Columbia Township, Tama County, six and one-half miles from Tama, where Carrie still lives. Donald retired in 1974, and died November 28, 1977. He is buried in Maple Grove Cemetery rural Tama. He had been a church organist at St. John Lutheran Church, near his home for thirty-six years.

Their children are; Betty, married Russell Backen of Tama; Charles of Des Moines; Margaret, married James Jorris of Newton; Joan, married William Sterr of Rockford, Illinois and Helen, married David Peschau of LaCrosse, Wisconsin. Carrie has fourteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.



Donald and Carrie Noble



Willard Thursby family, from the left, front row: Goldie and Willard. Second Row: Kathleen and Colleen.

Willard and Goldie Thursby

Willard V. was born March 26, 1911, in Story County, the son of Arthur and Allie May Dewey Thursby. He had four brothers and one sister.

Willard graduated from Rhodes High School in 1928. On November 10, 1937 he married Goldie E. McMeekin. She was born in Laurel, December 18, 1915, daughter of James and Rachel Bates McMeekin. Her parents came from County Antrim, Ireland in 1909. They farmed west of Laurel. Goldie graduated from Laurel High School, in 1934.

In 1943, they moved to Tama, and lived there five and one-half years. Then moved to Monticello and Willard worked as road master for Milwaukee Railroad for six months.

In the fall of 1949 they moved back to Rhodes. Willard served on the town council in the fifties. He is a member of the United Methodist Church, belongs to the Masons, Moose Lodge and the F.N.G. Club. Goldie is a member of the Rebekah Lodge, the Crystal Circle and the F.N.G. Club and the United Methodist Church.

Willard worked as section foreman on the Milwaukee Railroad, retiring December 19, 1975, after working forty-five years for the railroad. They are the parents of two daughters, Kathleen Ann and Colleen Kay.

Kathleen Ann was born March 13, 1943 and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1961. On December 17, 1961 she married Dale Fouch Jr. He was born January 1, 1941. He graduated from LeGrand High School in 1959, and enlisted in the Navy Sea Bee's in 1960 to 1962. He works at Fishers as a welder and instructs welding two nights a week at Marshalltown Community College for adult education. Kathleen works as a Ward Clerk at Iowa Veterans Home. They live in Marshalltown and have two sons; David M., born June 6, 1965 and attends Marshalltown Senior High and Mark D., born October 6, 1968 and goes to Anson Junior High.

Colleen Kay, born July 23, 1950, graduated from West Marshall High School in 1968. She married Michael P. Weiser, December 28, 1968. He was born July 8, 1949 and graduated from Marshalltown High School in 1967. Mike enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in August of 1968 to August of 1972. After training, they were stationed at Hickam A.F.B. on Oahu, Hawaii. Mike works at Fishers and Colleen as a cashier in Marshalltown. They also live there and have two children; Stacy L., born November 27, 1975, she attends Fisher School and Todd M., born July 7, 1980.

Richard and Janice Robinson

Richard Kline Robinson was born east of Rhodes December 23, 1921. He was the son of E lwood and Elva Kline Robinson. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1939. In 1940 he attended an Aircraft Engineering School and later worked for Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica, California. He was in the U.S. Air Corp from 1943 to 1946, spending two years in India.

In 1946 he returned to Rhodes and farmed the Flora farm until 1954. He enlisted in the service from 1954 to 1958, serving three years in Germany. He is self employed and currently in real estate.

On December 17, 1949 he married Janice Annabelle Robinson from Des Moines. They are the parents of two children, Rita and Shelia.

Rita Marie, was born June 3, 1952. She graduated and received her education at the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. She is currently at Mountain Film Inc., of Telluride, Colorado and works on a contractual basis.

Shelia Ann, graduated and received her education at Metropolitan State College in Denver. She is currently working temporary assignments in the Denver Metropolitan area.



Richard Robinson family, from the left; Shelia, Janice, Richard and Rita.



Lester Middleton family, from the left; Les, Bev and Lucy.

Lester and Lucy Middleton

Lester and Lucy Edythe Steiner were married April 6, 1940. Lester was the son of Douglas Lafayette and Minnie Carter Middleton, whose ancestors came from Ireland and England. He was born March 9, 1914 in Raymond, Illinois. He moved to a farm in Sedalia, Missouri, with his parents and received his schooling at Brushy School. He came to Iowa, worked on farms and later enlisted in the Navy September 7, 1944 to January 30, 1946. After returning from the Navy, he started doing carpenter work and was in that trade for thirty-two years. He is a member of the Rhodes American Legion Post 456 and the Masonic Lodge.

Lucy lived her entire life in the Rhodes area and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1937. They had one daughter, Beverly Sharon, born November 12, 1940.

Charles J. and Alice Elliott

Charles J. was born March 19, 1922 in Story County to Charles M. and Daisy Whistler Palmer Elliott. He received the early part of his education in a rural school in Story County and later moved to Rhodes where he received the rest of his education.

In 1942, he was drafted into the Armed Forces and served eighteen months of the three years overseas with the 90th Infantry Division under the Third Army with General George Patton. He was discharged in 1945.

After returning home he was employed as a painter for Fred Sprecker in Rhodes and Mason City.

In 1947, he was united in marriage to Alice Gordon of Britt, Iowa who received her education and graduated from Britt High School and later from the LaJames School of Cosmetology and later employed as a beautician in Mason City and Charles City.

Charles was employed as a custodian at the Rhodes

school from 1951 till its closing in 1969 and then was employed by the West Marshall School District at State Center and worked in the junior high building until 1970. Charles and Alice operated the Ace Cafe in Rhodes about two and one-half years. Charles was employed by a paint contractor in Marshalltown from 1970 to 1982. He underwent heart surgery in April of 1982 which forced him to take early retirement.

In 1958, a daughter Lynn Sue was born, now Mrs. Larry Lass who resides in Rhodes.



Charles Elliott family, from the left, front row: Alice and Lynn; Second row: Charles.

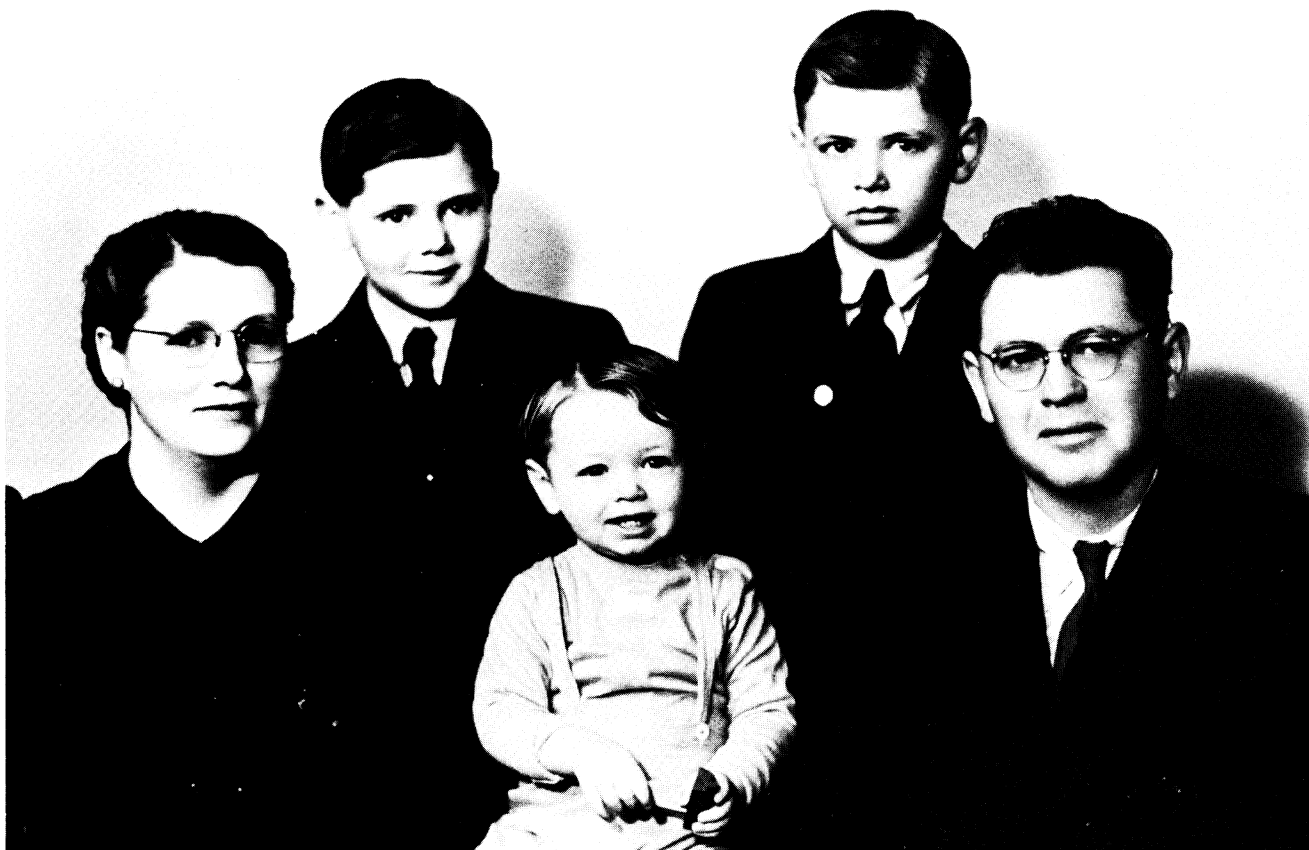
Ralph and Helen Richeson

Ralph Richeson was born outside of Rhodes on the family farm, the former Jack Triplett home, on May 22, 1915. He was the son of Otto and Bessie Sanders Richeson. He graduated from Rhodes High School in 1933.

Ralph married Helen M. Miltenberger on May 22, 1933. She was the daughter of Mable Welch and Layton Miltenberger of Allison, Iowa. They were the parents of four children: Ronnie, born December 11, 1937, married Sharon Getty. They have three children and reside in Marshalltown. Ronnie graduated from Rhodes High School in 1955. Barbara, born January 19, 1945, married James Harsha, of Marshalltown. They are the parents of four children. Sharon, married Bob Meyers (see Bob Meyers history); Helen was born June 15, 1953 and died April 25, 1965.

In the years from 1936 to 1941, Ralph had a body shop and also farmed the family farm. In 1958 he owned and operated the Black Comet Muffler factory until 1961. In 1962 the family moved to Marshalltown.

Helen died in February of 1977 and Ralph died March 21, 1980, all are buried in Rose Hill Memorial Cemetery in Marshalltown.



The Russell Buck family, from the left; Ethel, Max, Dennis, James and Russell.

Russell and Ethel Buck

Russell Buck was born in 1913. His parents, Herbert Seton and Sara Parker Buck moved to Edenville-Rhodes in 1908 bringing with them an older brother, Grainger Parker Buck. Russell was born in the same home he now lives in, the Herbert Buck home. He graduated from Rhodes in 1930. His father died in 1932 and Russell took over the operation of the farm. In 1933 he married Ethel Cundiff, a registered nurse.

Russell has been active in the community affairs, school and church. He was mayor of Rhodes for two terms and a councilman for many years. He served on the school board for seventeen years as president or as a member. Russell has been a trustee of the Methodist Church. For fifteen years he was a Boy Scout Leader and was given a special recognition certificate for his continuous leadership. He is a member of the Masonic Order, also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. They love to travel and have traveled extensively.

Russell and Ethel have three children; James, Max and Dennis.

James Lee was born in 1934. He attended Rhodes school and graduated in 1951. In 1955 he joined the Navy Cadet program after attending Iowa State College for four years. James served a term of twelve years as a jet pilot with part-time on a carrier. He flew

with Pan Am eight years and recently has flown with the Global Transport Company. He has traveled through many foreign countries. James married Ida Palazzesi in 1960. To this union, one son, Frank James was born. James has two step-children, a son and a daughter.

Max Herbert was born in 1937 and graduated from Rhodes High School in 1954. He attended Iowa State College and graduated with a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering. He furthered his education by taking a three year course in law at the University of Iowa. After graduating he was Attorney at Law for the Iowa Highway Commission. Later he joined the Rockhill law office for several years and now is an attorney with the law firm of Grimes, Petersen, Buck and Schoell. He married Joyce Bowman of State Center in 1970.

Dennis Wayne was born in 1942. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1963. He married Jane Louise Reed the same year and they moved to Pasadena, California as he had accepted a position with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. While with the department, he received his Master's degree in power. In 1970, a son, Wayne Russell was born and in 1972, a daughter, Cheryl Louise was born. In 1977 the family moved to Cedar Falls where he joined the Gilmore and Doyle, Consulting Engineers, as a consulting electrical engineer.



Ethel and Russell Buck



The Anton Schoborg family, from the left, front row: Anton and Mary; Second row: Joann and Jeannette.

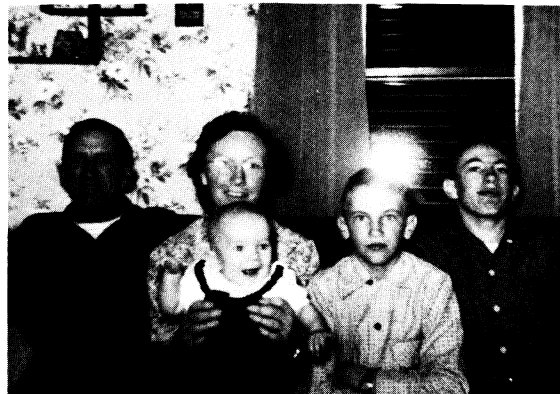
William and Neva Blink

William Cyril, was born December 10, 1913, the son of Charles and Kathryn Mahor Blink. Bill started to farm at the age of sixteen, when his father died in 1929.

Bill and Neva Matilda Doser were married August 19, 1938 at the St. Anthony Catholic Church. Neva was born September 29, 1910. Bill's mother Kathryn lived with them on the farm until she died in 1945.

Bill and Neva had three sons; Richard (Dick), born March 1939, died in 1958 and is buried in the St. Joseph's Cemetery; Robert, born May 8, 1943; and Donald, born September 4, 1954.

Bill and Neva retired from the farm on December 2, 1975 and moved to Melbourne where they lived until April 10, 1981 when their home was destroyed by a tornado. Then they settled in Marshalltown where they now reside.



William Blink family, from the left; William, Neva holding Donald, Robert and Richard.

Anton and Mary Schoborg

Anton, the son of Herman and Anna Fried Schoborg was born in Haverhill on June 24, 1901. Anton received his education at the Haverhill St. Joseph's Catholic school.

Anton and Mary Guckert were married on January 24, 1928 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rhodes. Mary was the daughter of Joseph and Clara Guckert. They are the parents of six children; four boys and two girls, the girls are the only two living at present.

Joann, the oldest is married to Donald Brennecke and they live in Marshalltown and have four children; Jeannette also lives in Marshalltown and has one daughter.

Anton and Mary have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Anton Schoborg family lived in Rhodes for four years, then moved to a farm outside of Marshalltown until 1957 when they moved into town.

Anton died on December 17, 1971 and is buried in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

Paul and Frances Benner

Paul McElwain was born on December 20, 1902 in Rhodes, the son of Peter Hess and Estella Bonham Benner. He attended school in Rhodes, graduating in 1920 and began farming in this area. He married Frances Susie Eddy at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. She was born in Nevada on February 5, 1902, the daughter of Frank and Susan Hix Eddy. She received her education in rural schools around Nevada and graduated from Nevada. She then attended ISTC and later taught in Swan, Iowa and in a country school northwest of Rhodes where she met Paul. They settled on a farm northwest of Rhodes where they spent the rest of their life.

In 1934 Paul was elected to the Triple A Committee at the beginning of the old hog and corn program, and each succeeding year was re-elected to his township committee. He was elected as a member of the first County Committee that same year. From 1941 to 1952 he was elevated to the position of PMA Fieldman for Central Iowa. Both Paul and Frances were members of the First United Presbyterian Church of State Center. Frances served many years in the church in the position of Deacon and Elder. Paul was a member of Terrestrial Lodge #276 A.F. & A.M. and Frances was a member of Eastern Star and held various offices.

Three children were born to Paul and Frances; Penny Loeke of rural Norwalk, Iowa; Jean Buck of Seymour, Indiana and Bob who lives on the family farm.

After Paul's death in January of 1954, Frances returned to teaching in the Rhodes school until her retirement. She remained on the family farm until 1972 when she moved to State Center. Frances died in December of 1976.



Paul and Frances Benner



Paul and Grace Smith

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Paul D., son of Seth and Mary Alice Walker Smith and Grace E. Cowan, daughter of Marcus and Minnie Cowan were married January 29, 1922. They lived several years in Rhodes before moving to a farm in Maxwell. They have eleven children and one adopted daughter: Dorothy; Robert, single; Anna, married Vel Tyler; Mildred, married Dale McIntosh; Earl, deceased; Ethel, married Claire Nady; Eldon, married Mary Ann Guess; Clyde married Maxine Malm; Jim, married Connie; Everett, married Gail Goner; Pauline, married James Perin; and Lois, married Kenneth Westercamp.

Paul served in the Army in World War I. He died September 2, 1981 and is buried in Maxwell.

Grace resides in the family home in Maxwell.



Silk stockings, Band concerts, Five cent ice cream cones, Medicine shows coming to town, Ice Man, Barrels of Apples.

Elmer and Florence Harre

Florence M. was born August 26, 1911, the fourth child of William and Fannie Meyer of rural Rhodes. She joined two brothers and a sister at home. She attended Rhodes school and grew to womanhood on the Meyer farmstead. On September 28, 1932, Florence married Elmer L. Harre of rural Baxter and they farmed in that area until moving to a farm northeast of Laurel. Florence died August 25, 1979 and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Marshalltown. They had three sons and a daughter; Ervin, Larry, Earl and Bonnie.

Ervin, born January 26, 1934 married Margaret Yantis on March 22, 1952 and they farm in the Laurel-Gilman area. They have two daughters and a son; Deborah, Steven and Kristine. Deborah married Rick Ray and they live on Route four, Marshalltown. Steve married Linda Louke Root and they have four children; Brandon, Mindy, Darcy and Travis. They farm in the Laurel area. Kristine married Robert Hauser and they have a son, Raymond Lee and live in Illinois.

Larry, second son of Elmer and Florence Meyer Harre was born September 3, 1935. He married Juanita Savage, September 27, 1958. They have one son Mark, who is a senior at Marshalltown High School. Larry works for Bob's Feed in Marshalltown and Juanita works at Fisher Controls.

Earl, was born February 1, 1937. He married Pauline Stewart, June 10, 1960 and they have a son, Perry. Earl died October 22, 1962.

Bonnie, was born October 26, 1940. On June 14, 1959 she married Duane Goodman of the Melbourne and Rhodes area and they have two sons; Jeffrey and Michael. They farmed in the Baxter area for several years before purchasing the farm operated by his dad, Clarence M. Goodman, which he had farmed for thirty-two years. The farm was owned by George E. Gilbert who was the owner and operator of the original Rhodes Lumber Company. Florence Meyer Harre, Bonnie's mother, grew up only a few miles across the fields on the Meyer farmstead.

Thomas and Meryle Triplett

Thomas (Tucker), was born April 16, 1910, the son of Jack and Carrie Martin Triplett in Melbourne. He received his education in the Rhodes School. He was a long distance truck driver, hauling cattle to Chicago for many years, later driving a school bus for the Rhodes and West Marshall Schools, for a combined total of 30 some odd years. He was also a farmer.

Thomas, married Meryle Murray on February 20, 1936 in Marshalltown. She was born December 1, 1916, the daughter of Ray and Hazel Murray.

Meryle drove truck and school bus along with Tucker for many years. Later she was employed at

Donnelly's Marketing in Nevada and Fisher Controls in Marshalltown.

They are the parents of two children; Jack, of rural Rhodes, employed at Maytag in Newton, and Jill of Des Moines, a L.P.N. at Iowa Methodist Hospital. Jack graduated from Rhodes High School and Jill from West Marshall High School.

They have four grandchildren; Theresa, Thomas, Timothy and Tina Triplett.

Tucker died December 31, 1982 and is buried in Eden Cemetery. Meryle resides in rural Rhodes.



Tillie and Bob Brittain

Bob and Tillie Brittain

Bob and Tillie Brittain moved their family from Baxter to Rhodes in 1940. Their family at this time was: Dorothy, Mrs. Raymond Hill Jr., Baxter; Helen, Mrs. William Guthrie Jr., Strong City, Kansas; and Donna, Mrs. Larry Shuey, Rhodes. They now have 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. All three girls graduated from Rhodes High School. Bob was employed at Snedecor Lumber Company and later worked for Hildreth Produce. Tillie also worked for Hildreth Produce candling eggs during the war. Bob then started driving truck for Bos Truck Line out of Marshalltown until 1951 when he became employed by Marshall County as maintenance man. He worked for Marshall County for 27 years, retiring in 1978.

In the summer of 1982 they bought a home in Baxter where they now reside.



The Fred Phillips family in 1974. From the left, front row: Fred and Alice; Second row: Glen, Gene, Lonnie, Darlene, Mildred and Vernon (Bud).

Fred and Alice Phillips

The Fred Phillips family lived in the Rhodes and Melbourne farming area for around 25 years.

Fred was born March 28, 1902, one of eight children, to Issac and Trudy Phillips in Bromley, Missouri. He came to Iowa in 1924 to do farm work for Ernie Hauser. After harvest he returned to Missouri and married Alice Rodden on December 25, 1924. She was born April 22, 1905 the daughter of Issac and Mary Rodden.

Fred and his bride came back to Iowa in March of 1925 and worked a few months for Ed Tuttle. Later that year they moved to the Harry White farm and worked as a hired hand. While there, a daughter, Mildred was born March 25, 1926. When they were farming for themselves on the Frank Aves farm near State Center, two sons were born, Vernon (Bud), July 13, 1929 and Lonnie, November 28, 1931. In March of 1932 they moved to the Crawford farm, which is now owned by Jack Pickard. During their fourteen years of farming their twin boys, Gene and Glen were born August 9, 1937 and a daughter, Darlene was born March 11, 1943. They rented the Lloyd Buck farm in 1946 and farmed there until 1951 when they bought a farm north of Ferguson.

Mildred married Warren Preston (see history).

Vernon (Bud) married Anita Heil, they have five children; Vernita, Vickie, Vance, Virgil and Vaughn. Vernon is a Marshall County Maintenance Operator, they live in Clemons.

Lonnie is married to Thelma Pennington, they have one daughter, Christine. Lonnie lives near

Marshalltown, he works for Fisher Controls and the A.S.C.S. office.

Gene married Marla Hiatt, they have one son, Steven.

Glen married Ida Russell, they have two children; Jerry and Terri. Gene and Glen work for Lennox and live in Stuttgart, Arkansas.

Darlene married Dale Miller, they have three children; Douglas, Michael and Julie. They live in Des Moines where Dale works for Lennox.

Fred and Alice retired from farming in 1962 and bought a home in Marshalltown, where they now live. All of their children are now married and have families of their own.

Donald and Esther Wilson

Donald (Dutch), the son of Jasper and Olive Wilson, was born in Rhodes, September 7, 1915 and attended Pleasant Ridge School, District #1. He married Esther Lena Gray, born February 5, 1917, daughter of Carl and Hattie Smith Gray, from Mingo, on September 21, 1940.

Dutch enlisted in the U.S. Army on November 22, 1942 and received the Purple Heart for two instances of being wounded in action. He worked on the railroad, the Rhodes Lumber Company and Fisher Governor Company until he retired. He still resides in the Rhodes area.

Esther graduated from Newton High School in 1939 and worked at Northrup Aircraft, in California, while Donald was in the service. She was a cook at Rhodes School from 1952 until 1960. She was a member of Rhodes Methodist Church and the Eastern Star. She died January 26, 1961 and is buried in Eden Cemetery.

They had two children; James Carl and Linda Louise.



The Donald Wilson family, from the left; Dutch, Jim, Linda and Esther.



The Leslie Gerhart family in 1941, from the left, front row: Shirley and Robert; Second Row: Florence, Byrnadeen and Les.

Leslie and Florence Gearhart

Leslie and Florence and their 3 month old daughter, Byrnadeen moved to Rhodes on May 20, 1929, from Marshalltown. Renting the Tom Malloy house south of the Latter Day Saints Church and renting the old Sales Pavilion, from Earl Snowgren, that had been converted into a garage, with gas pumps. Leslie's brother, Ray Gearhart worked for us as a mechanic for several years. In a couple of years they purchased the property. In the years of 1931-1932 they tore down the old building, using the material to build a new building composed of living quarters, large office and parts room with a two stall garage. The building was set back so the gas pumps could have a two way drive. Still living in the Tom Malloy house our second daughter, Shirley was born November 22, 1931.

Buying a used gas truck, Leslie hauled his own gas to the station and made deliveries to the farmers in the country. The new building was not entirely completed in 1933, but we moved into the living quarters. We had hired help, two being Leonard Snodgrass and George Munn, for help with the station and mechanical works.

On February 25, 1934, our third daughter, Roberta was born. This making us three girls.

About 1935, Kenneth Clement went to work for us. In the summer of 1937 we bought a 160 acre farm northwest of Colfax. Renting the station to Kenneth Clement, we moved to the farm March 1, 1938. May of 1945 Kenneth purchased the station from us.

The girls are all married with families.

Byrnadeen, married Roland Failor and lives on a farm north of Newton. They have five children, all married: Shirley, married Kenneth Fifer of Newton, retired from Maytag and built a home near Silver Dollar City, Missouri. They have three children, all married; Roberta, married Donald Emery of Colfax, lives at Drexel, Missouri and has four children, one married.

Leslie died December 18, 1979. Florence has lived in Newton since May 30, 1958. She worked in a shoe store for 16½ years before retiring.

*Submitted by
Florence Gearhart*



Clarence and Viola Lang with their dog, Teddy.

Clarence and Viola Lang

Clarence Lang and Viola Wolf were married October 2, 1940. They moved to a farm northeast of Rhodes in 1945. They lived there until 1956, when they moved to their new home north of Rhodes, where they still live. They have one daughter Carol Ann. She is married to Jerry Burke and they have two boys, Ryan 5 years old and Stephen 5 months. They live in Manchester, Iowa where Jerry is Vice-President of Farmers and Merchants Bank.



Jerry Burke family, from the left; Jerry, Carol holding Stephen and Ryan.



Ruby and Maynard Jackson

Maynard Jackson Family

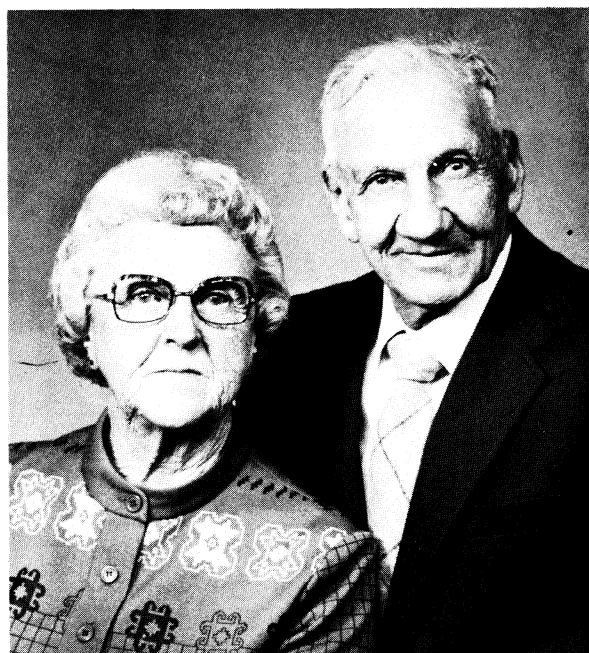
Maynard, the son of Edward and Mary Good Jackson, and Ruby, daughter of Fred and Bessie Warrell Cerka, were married in June of 1930. They lived in Eagle Grove, Iowa, where he was employed by the Telephone Company. In 1932 they moved to the farm east of Rhodes which was owned by his parents, prior to 1932 the farm was occupied by Maynard and Florence Good, then by Ed Barber and his mother.

Maynard and Ruby had two daughters; Joanne of Harlan, Iowa and Voleta of Melbourne.

Maynard later married Clara Herbert and they lived on the farm until his death. He is buried in Eden Cemetery and Clara resides in Melbourne. Ruby later married Dwight Capron and they reside in Melbourne.



Joanne and Voleta Jackson



Lucille and Fred Cheville

Fred and Lucille Cheville

Fred was born September 16, 1904 on a farm near Maxwell, Iowa. He came to Rhodes with his parents in 1911 at the age of seven. They lived on a farm on the east edge of Rhodes. He graduated from the Rhodes High School in 1922. He attended Graceland College for two years and returned to Rhodes where he operated a "Phillips 66" bulk plant and service station. In 1943, he went to work for Hildreth Produce remaining until 1953. He then joined the Rhodes Lumber Company where he worked until his retirement in 1970.

On June 26, 1930 at Westgate, Iowa he married Lucille Kollman. Lucille was born at Lime Springs, Iowa on October 3, 1907, the third child of William and Perle Kollman. When she was two years old the family moved to Westgate. She graduated from Maynard High School in 1924 and attended Upper Iowa University for two years. She came to Rhodes in the fall of 1926. She graduated from Drake University in 1964. She taught in the Rhodes and West Marshall Schools for thirty-four years, retiring in 1973.

They are the parents of two children; Norman, of Ames and Terry, of Waverly. They have six grandchildren.

Fred and Lucille have resided in the same house in Rhodes since their marriage. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1980. Their house is located on the same spot where the first school in Edenville once stood.

Fred served on the school board for twenty-three years and on the town council for twelve years. They have been active in the Methodist Church since their marriage.



The Grainger Buck family, from the left, front row: Grainger and Avilda; Second row: Bill, Barbara, Dorothy and Chris.

Grainger Buck Family

Grainger was born in Clinton County, Iowa, in 1903 to Herbert and Sarah Parker Buck. His grandparents had immigrated from England to settle in that area. In 1908 his parents purchased a farm about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Rhodes, where they continued to farm until their death. It was on that farm Grainger spent his early years and attended the Rhodes School. During the early years he walked to school and later rode in horse drawn buses. He remembers schoolmates who lived farther away, riding their horses to school. Grainger graduated from Rhodes High School in 1920.

In the fall of 1920 Grainger enrolled in Iowa State College at Ames. After his graduation from a general agriculture course in 1922, he returned home to help his father on the farm. His father purchased one of the first tractors and corn plows in the community and a corn picker was ordered through the local lumber yard owned by Ollie Luttikin. It arrived in several boxes and Grainger assembled it.

On February 3, 1926, Grainger was married to Avilda Wood of Blairstown and they began married life on a farm one mile north of Rhodes. Four children were

born to this union: Barbara, Mrs. John Kingman; Dorothy, Mrs. Gene Atwood, both of Collins; Christopher of Minneapolis and William, now deceased.

Grainger was primarily a livestock and grain farmer. In 1942 the family sold the Rhodes farm and moved to a farm they had purchased near Collins. Grainger has continued to farm up to this time and now makes his home in the town of Collins. All four children attended the Rhodes School, but graduated from Collins.

In 1974 Avilda passed away and Grainger later married Ila Atwood of Collins.

Grainger has been active in many organizations and has served on school board, church board, town council and etc. He also has taken many trips with his family and has traveled extensively through the United States and over the world in recent years. As a young man he pitched baseball while at college and later for local teams. He still enjoys athletic sports, namely golf and spends a good deal of time on the courses. He and Ila escape the winter cold by spending several months in their winter home in Arizona.

Grainger now has thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.