



On the preceeding page are two pictures taken in Germany,

Top picture is:

Mrs. Berta Fricke, her husband Albert Fricke, a friend,
Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. Viola Krueger, Helga and Geisla Fricke.

The bottom picture is

Mrs. Berta Fricke, Albert Fricke, Mrs. Schmidt, Viola and
Bernhard Krueger and Geisla Fricke.

Picture provided by Viola and Dean Krueger

VICKI MILLER CARR AND RAY CARR VISITED AGAIN WITH GEISLA IN 1979
FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

Geisla had married Karl Heinz Delmann from Vorwohle on July 27,
1972. They have two daughters; Tanja born in 1973 and Tina
born five years later (1978).

Albert, Geisla's older brother had sold the house in Vorwohle
and had since married and his wife is Ingrid.

They have a daughter five years older than Tanja, her name is
Carman.

Helga, Geisla's older sister is married and now has three sons.

Karl Keinz and Geisla have constructed a new home in Densen not
far from Vorwohle. Geisla's mother Berta Fricke lives with them.

Karl Heinz is 33 years old; he is a mason and has done some
drafting. Geisla is 32 years old.

Berta Fricke is now 75 years old.

Debbie Krueger (Mrs. Curtis Hanson) has written to Germany a
couple times this summer with the hopes we would get more infor-
mation to include in this book, however as of August 18th, we
haven't received a reply so if a letter does come it will be
added next year.

Thanks Debbie for all the help.

The following pages are added to the supplement section of this book to hopefully always remain as the ending of this book.

Therefore the numbering will be a bit different

It will start with

82-H-z(1)

and continue with

82-H-z(2)

82-H-z(3) etc. and on to the end.

Not often does the printer of a book get to put any thing in a book other than material provided by the authors; however the next few pages are by the printer.

This book was put together in July 1982 with

491 printed pages

18 picture pages

16 tab pages

(typing of the book
started in February
of 1982)

for a total of 525 pages in the book.

On August 21, 1982 more was added to the book which included

4 picture pages and over

25 printed pages

so you can see the book has over 550 pages when delivered on August 22, 1982.

PERMISSION GRANTED

We received permission from 'Ideals' magazine to publish some of the poetry you find in the book.

We have some beautiful letters from some of the authors themselves granting us permission to print their poems.

Garnett Ann Schultz has written over 10,000 poems and has six published books.

June Masters Bacher has several books published and a new one will be out September 1st.

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer has printed many poems.

Thelma Anna Martin did not write poetry until after her husband retired. After she talked with Irma Fricke on the phone she sat down and wrote a poem which she sent to us. We have printed it below.

Thanks to each and everyone for the permission granted to us. Each poem was chosen as it helped to portray the lives of the family it was put with.

A NEED FOR LIGHT (SONLIGHT)

We need more light in the world, today,
And so I send this thought your way...
Let's shed more light with our fellowman
For sharing light is in God's plan.

And sharing more, perhaps twill show
In other lives until they know
The gift of God came with his sharing.
Let's light the world with love--
and caring.

"Written 7/9/82 after a phone call today from Irma Frickey. She mentioned the need for more sunshine (Sonshine) in our lives when she called."

Compliments of Thelma Anna Martin

HELP

The following people helped put all the books together for two days - July 17, 18, 1982.

Ruth Frohwein	Helen Norman
Isabelle Gerke	Diane Shaffer
Marie Eggers	Debbie Shaffer
Dawn Schoppe	Myrna Shaffer
Inez Fricke Henze Badger	Denise Thornbury
Karla Weuve	Laura Nehring
Nancy DeKock	Irma Fricke
Irene Jacob	Alva Schoppe
Ann Gross	Emma Schoppe
Ida Frohwein	Glen Mishler
Janet Turner	Marilyn Henze
Goldie Eldridge	Marilynn Schoppe
Ildra Morey	Dean Schoppe
Nola Wiersen	Dana Schoppe
Irene Mishler	
Gertrude Fricke	
Doris Fricke	

Thanks to those who will help on August 21, 1982 to put the final entries in before delivery of the books.

Thanks for helping do a job that one could not do alone - put the books together after printing.

I'm sorry if I forgot someone as it is not intentional.

THANKS MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO IN ANY WAY HELPED GET THE JOB DONE.

REFLECTIONS

Life must have been very full of adventure, challenge and inspiration to Christian who traveled by ship from Germany to a new land in 1853 at the age of twenty one.

Caroline to, traveled far at an early age to meet the challenge of life far from her birth place.

Oh to know more of their young lives in Germany and the great adventure to America, a land so far away.

Things we can only wonder ~ ~

Did parents come to America with them?

Did brothers and sisters come?

What did they do when they got to America?

What was the area like where they landed on the coast?

How did they travel to Illinois?

What did they bring from Germany?

How long did the crossing of the ocean take?

Why did they decide to venture forth from Illinois to Iowa with four small children?

How many families came with them to homestead in the open prairie of central Iowa?

The struggle to clear the land for farming and to build homes.

Eleven children to help build a farm, a home, a community, a church, a heritage.

Grandchildren by the score who also ventured forth to new horizons.

Great grandchildren who live in what we call modern times - What is modern times?

Great, great grandchildren and great, great, great grandchildren who live in the future with the same life full of adventure, challenges and inspiration.

The past has joys for us to remember with pleasure,
Sorrow to teach us a greater faith in God to lead the way;
History that we might learn from the past to do better in the future.

Love of parents, children, family, friends and life
Trust for us to hold on to as we meet the challenge and adventure of each new day.

We must all remember the value of TIME
as it passes all too quickly.

The success of perseverance
to stick with a task until done

The pleasure of working...
yes a sense of accomplishment and pride as we complete
each day.

The dignity of simplicity
the merit of humbleness as we live.

The worth of character
the fortitude we have and strength to achieve a
good reputation

The power of kindness
which also leads to greater achievements for others
and in our own lives.

The influence of example
that others benefit from our guidance, our work,
our play, as we lead and teach.

The obligation of duty
to God and man to go forth and achieve

The wisdom of economy
that we are penny-wise and not prodigal sons and daughters.

The virtue of patience
to accept things in due time and appreciate life
as it comes our way: to take time 'To Smell The Roses'

The improvement of talent
talent bestowed by God for us to share with others
to help them also achieve as our talents only
improve by using them.

The joy of originating
a homestead, a community, a way of life for those
who follow

Remember true happiness is found when there is something
to do, something to love and something to hope for.

As I typed each new page I watched this book grow
I learned of relatives far and near most I did not know.
I found their lives had been enriched with talents of
all kinds: farmer, rancher, teacher, minister, housewife,
secretary, nurse, student, skater, electronics, economist,
accountant, climatology, military, computer operator,
conservationist, shop owners, factory worker, construction,
the list continues to grow.

To those who lived before us we thank you for the love,
trust and faith you taught us.

May we each do our best to live by it today and may we
pass it on to the future generations that their lives
will be led by the same love, trust and faith.

From the typing of "What Is It Worth" to "Grandparents"
this book covers several generations.

Some families today have five generations living and what
a privilege that is.

We hope you enjoy the book as we have tried to add things
to make it more interesting than just the facts of birth
and death.

We hope that you will take time to add to the book to
make it even more meaningful to your children and grand-
children.

We hope some of you will want to share with the rest of the
Fricke family things in your lives so it can be added to
the book next year or the years after that.

We could have put the price of land today verses yesteryears
prices plus much much more but we want you to be able to add
things of your own interest. Only by you adding information
of today will your children and grand children have it in
years to come when today is history.

Only when you add comments of yesteryear will it become more
meaningful to your family today.

AUGUST 14, 1982

A job is nearly complete as I write this, complete for today
only, as there have been births, weddings, divorce and death
since the book went to the press. These can be added another
year as these books continue to grow with life.

Thank you for the privilege of printing the Fricke Family
Book. It has been an experience I will never forget. My
family has been a great help in getting the job accomplished.

My parents have given guidance and help in many ways to
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THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR BEING A PART OF THE BOOK, FOR WITHOUT THE PRINTED PAGES WE WOULD NOT HAVE A BOOK.

Donna Schoppe

THE WORLD GOES ON

If you turn on the radio... Or read the paper through... And everything around the world... Seems horrible to you... Remember now that yesterday.... The news was quite the same... With here and there a different twist... Or someone else's name... And yet when yesterday was gone... The world did not collapse... Your dreams were still quite possible.. Your hopes were still "perhaps"... There will be tragedies to face... With every night and dawn... But life on earth and human hearts... Will keep right going on... So there is nothing now to fear... Beyond your moral way... And how Almighty God decrees... For you on Judgment Day.