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FAMILY HISTORY UPDATE

Mr. Clem Pfantz was born in the French Grove neighborhood (North of State Center) on Nov. 23, 1858. His parents, Mr. & Mrs Henry Pfantz, were among the earliest of settlers to this community. Mr. Pfantz grew to manhood in this community and on February 23, 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Eckhardt at St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center. She was born in Marietta Township on March 3, 1860.

Of this marriage were born ten children: Harvey, Albert, Walter, Mrs. Chris (Aleta) Wilkening and Mrs. Frank (Mary) Mulcahy of State Center, Iowa, William of Pipestone, Minn., Lester of Jasper, Minn., Clarence of Cazenovia, Minn. and Mrs. J. M. (Leona) McAlister of Marshalltown, Iowa. Elmer died at the age of 3 years, 8 months.

Mrs. Clem Pfantz passed away at an early age of 63 (Jan 26, 1923). Upon her death she was survived by her children and also by one brother, Edward Eckhardt of State Center and three sisters, Mrs. Elvira Edler and Mrs. Louis Smith of State Center and Mrs. John Brockenhaur of Des Plaines, Illinois.

Mr. Clem Pfantz passed away three years later at the age of 68 (Mar. 26, 1926). Upon his death he was survived by six sons and three daughters and four sisters; Mrs. H. D. Nowlan of State Center, Mrs John Goodman, Rhodes, Iowa, Mrs. Mary Barth and Miss Angeline Pfantz of Chicago, Illinois. Angeline Pfantz lived to be 102 years old, dying in September of 1972.

All of the above are deceased.

Mr. & Mrs. Clem Pfantz and family lived on the farm at the Northwest edge of State Center which later was occupied by Walter and Luella Pfantz where they raised their family of three children, Lyle, Verne and Jean. Jean Pfantz is presently living on the family farm. Clem Pfantz also had a farm, approximately three miles south of State Center, which the boys farmed. On this farm was a large 16 room house. In 1944 this large house burned to the ground. Harvey was living there at the time. A new house was later erected and changes were made on other buildings on the farm.