

Articles of Incorporation of German Evangelical Lutheran St. John Church

Filed for Record the 11th day of April A.D. 1868 at 11 O'clock A.M.
A. J. Cooper Recorder, Marshall County, Iowa

The undersigned being willing to form a Church Organization, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation

Article I. This Church shall be known by the name of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John Church of Minerva Township Marshall Co. Iowa

Article II. Our confession of faith is as follows: We do hold and believe that all the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament are the revealed word of God and that the unaltered Augsburg Confession and Luther's Smaller Catechism are a correct explanation and interpretation of the word of God

Article III. Entitled to voting are only such male members that have completed the 21st year of their age and have subscribed the constitution of the church

Article IV. The Trustees shall administer the property of the church in the name of the same and according to the will and direction of the church

Article V. Should it ever be the case, which God in mercy may prevent that a separation should take place in the church then shall all the property of the same and all privileges connected therewith belong to those members of that member who shall faithfully adhere to the confession of the church as named in Article II. and for the furthering of the foregoing, the following persons are named as Trustees forth first three years: Louis Hartwig, Henry Smith & August German

Witness our hands this 11th day of April A.D. 1868
(Sigs. etc)
10/4/68

A. German Seal

Louis Hartwig Seal

Christian Fritze Seal

F. Hillman Seal

Henry Hillman Seal

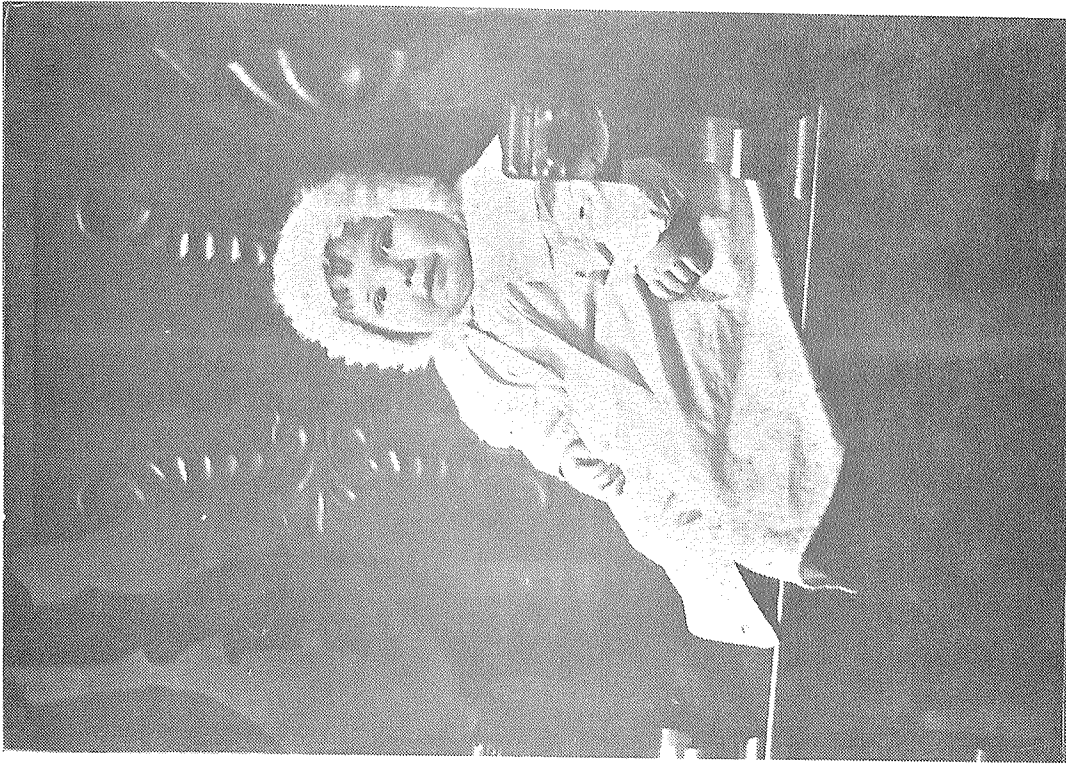
State of Iowa }
Marshall County } Be it remembered that on this 11th day of April A.D. 1868 before the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared the foregoing named George German, Louis Hartwig, Christian Fritze and Hillman & Henry Hillman who are personally known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged the execution of the same to be their free act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned

Witnessing hand and Notarial Seal the day and year last above written

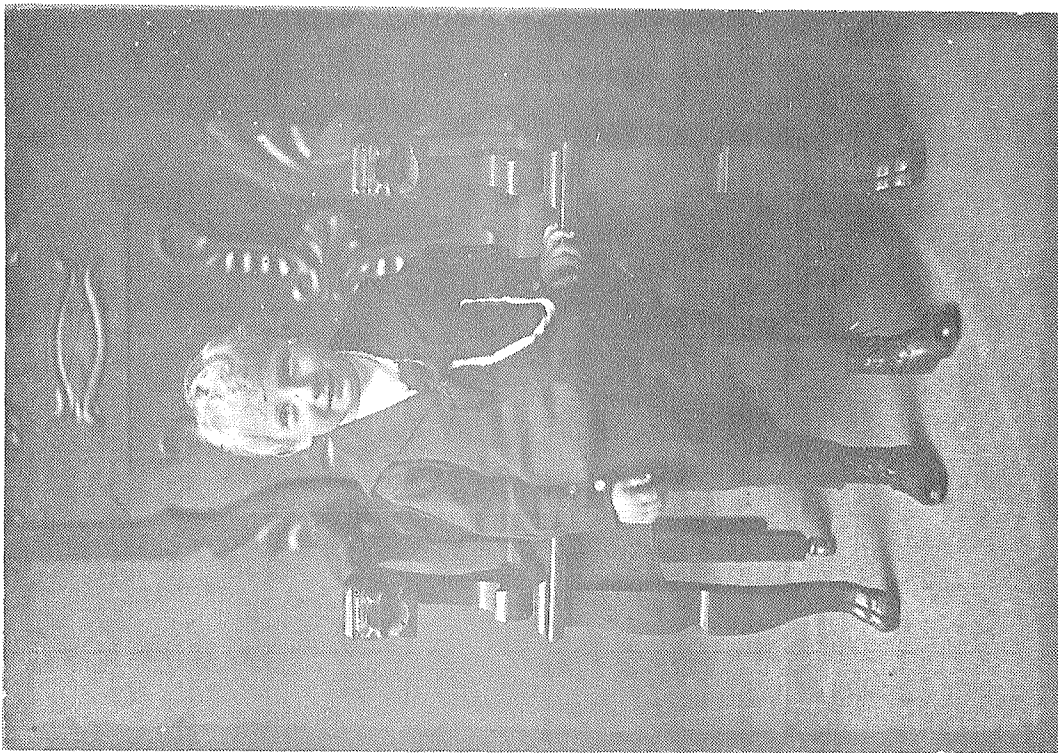
J. J.

D. B. Carpenter

Notary Public



Alice Fricke Frandsen



Chris Fricke



Ann Fricke Gross Renton Fricke



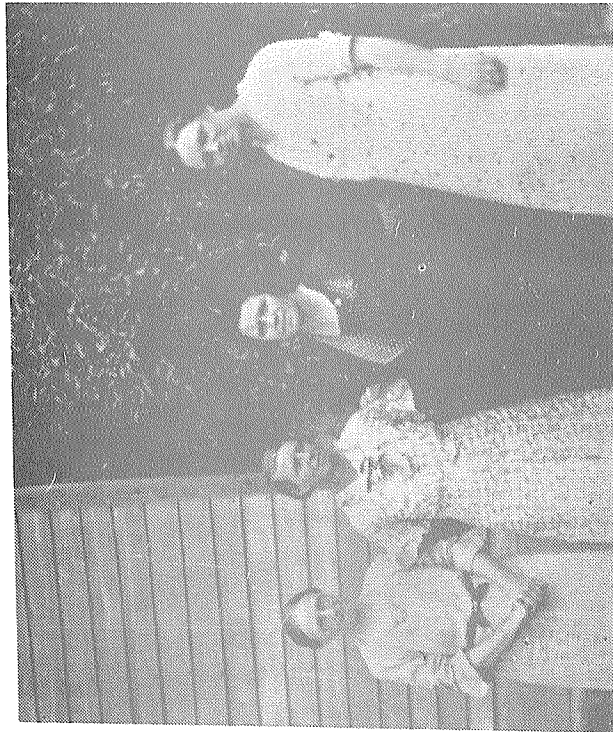
Gertrude Fricke Nolte Carl Fricke



Front Row-Left to Right
OTTO, MINNIE, LEONA FRICKE
Back Row-Left to Right
BERTHA , ETHEL FRICKE



OTTO FRICKE



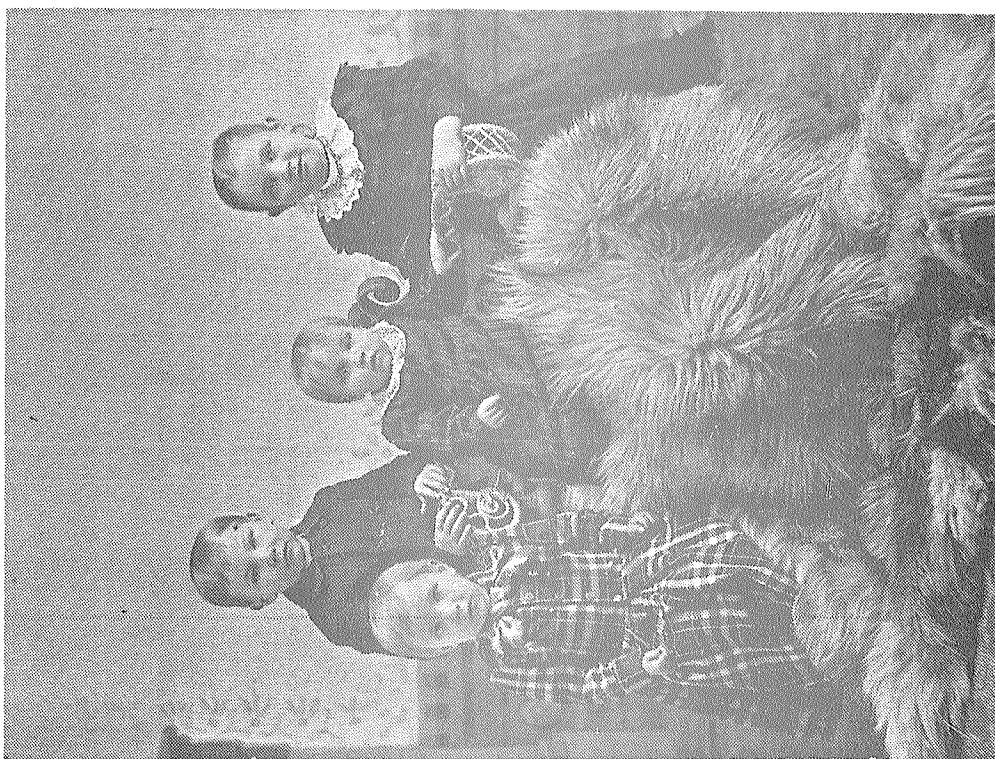
Left to Right:
 BERTHA FRICKE
 LEONA FRICKE TOEDMAN
 MINNIE FRICKE EASUM
 ETHEL FRICKE WRAMPE



Front: Carl and Elmer Krueger
Back: Helen Krueger



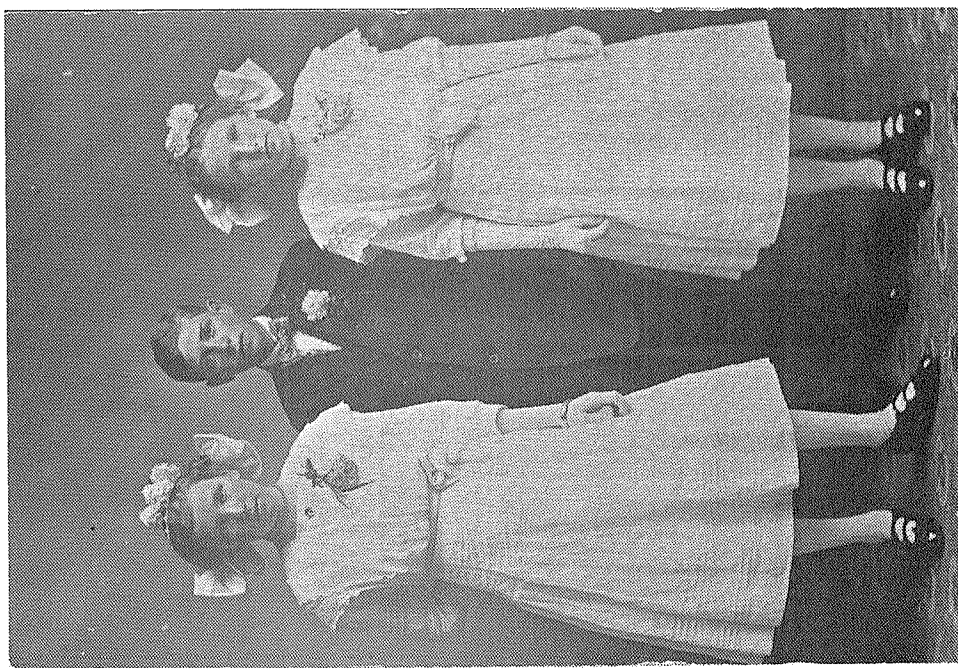
BERNHARD KRUEGER



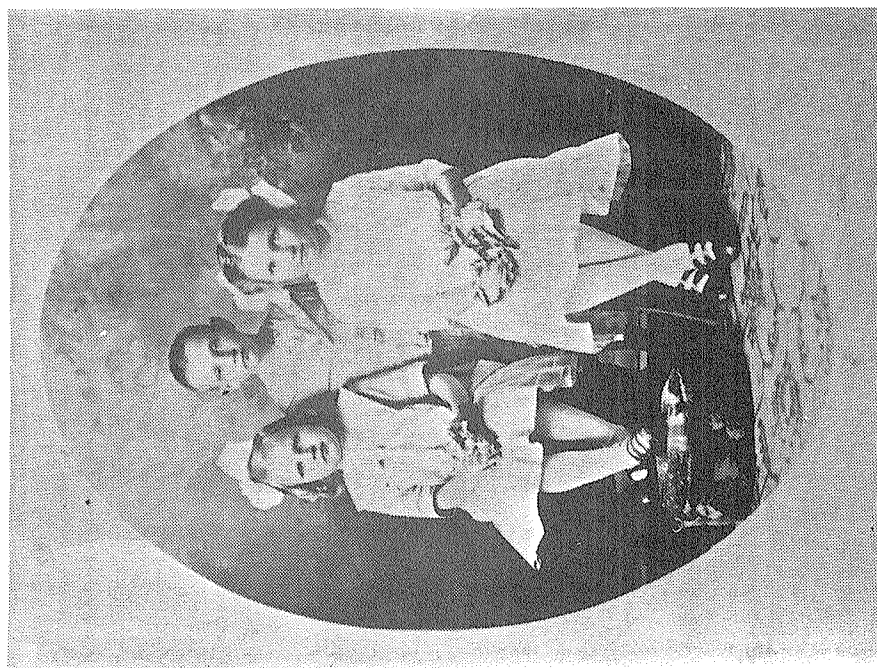
Front: W.L. (Bill) Eckhardt
August and Albert (Bub) Eckhardt
Back: Cora Eckhardt Weuve



Front: Mary Eckhardt Conkin, Lydia Eckhardt Eldridge
Back: Louis Eckhardt and Wilhelmina Fricke Eckhardt



Clara Eckhardt, Albert Smith, Elnora Eckhardt
(Confirmation picture, 1912: Albert is a cousin)



Louise Eckhardt Weuve, Roy Eckhardt
Emma Eckhardt Schoppe

TIMOTHY DEAN EGGERS

First Child of Ronald D. Eggers and Donna Shipley Eggers

TIMOTHY D. EGGERS

born August 20, 1960
died

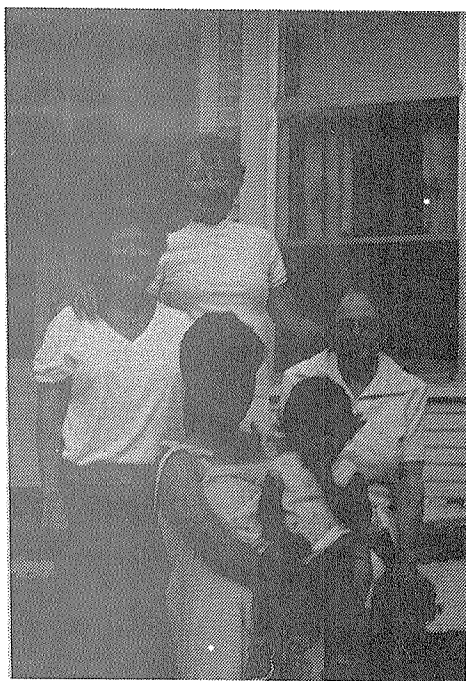
SUSAN ARLENE RUNNER

born February 5, 1958
died

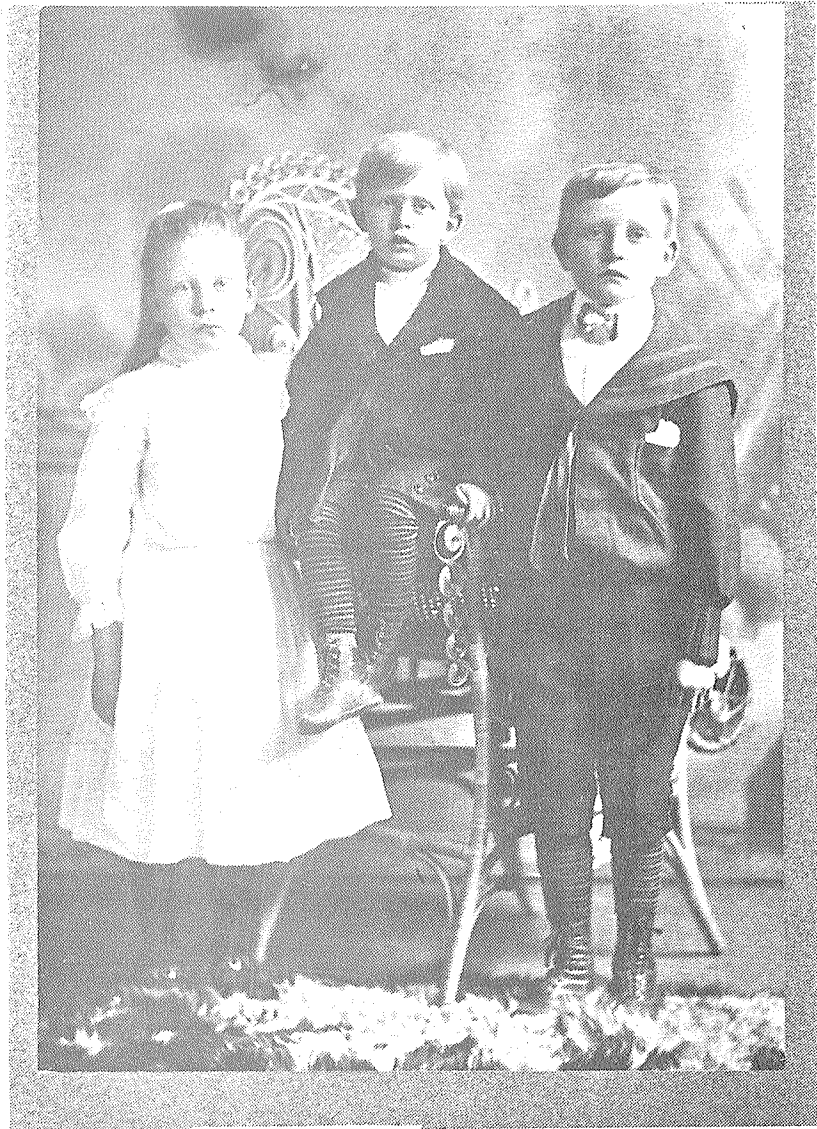
Married April 23, 1983
Trinity Lutheran Church
Dillon, Iowa

Tim and Susan live at 311 S. 8th St. Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

CHILDREN



Front: Cindy Ruiz holding Monique Ruiz
Back: Barbara Prusha, Norraine Barnard,
Mary Conkin
Five generations, July 3, 1983



Caroline Gerke Tisler
Louis and Lawrence Gerke

Children of Paul Tisler and Laurel Vaughn Tisler

***** 1. Cassandra Jo Tisler
b. September 28, 1975
d.
m.

b.
d.

***** 2. Logan Paul Tisler
b. November 23, 1977
d.
m.

b.
d.



Front: Gertrude, Agnes, Clara, Florence, Irma
Back: Herbert, Adelbert, Theodore

DOUGLAS PAUL MIELKA

First Child of Janice Elaine Fricke and Thomas Mielke

DOUGLAS PAUL MIELKE

born May 20, 1963
died

KIM MEREDETH HUSTON

born
died

Married February 12, 1983
Pasco, Washington

Doug and Kim now live at 380 N. Edison #112
Kennewick, Washington

CHILDREN

Noah Douglas Mielke

b. February 22, 1983

WHEN MOTHERS WORK WAS NEVER DONE

There were thirteen reasons why our mothers work was never done.

I remember the good old days when mothers work was never done. I was the tenth child in a family of thirteen children.

All the children in our family were born at home. There were seven in school at one time, and the task of preparing food was a huge chore. Mother would bake ten loaves of bread twice a week, also pans of cinnamon rolls, kuchen and cookies to pack our school lunches.

I was eight years old when I first helped mix the bread dough. How I loved to get my hands in the warm bread dough and mix until it became too stiff for me to handle. We would finish before we went to bed, set it on the warm reservoir of the cook stove to let it rise over night.

Mother was fortunate that the five oldest children were girls who learned to help her early in life, but they also learned to drive the horses and work in the fields.

Mother needed help as she canned hundreds of quarts of fruits and vegetables, mostly in two quart jars, from our large garden and orchard. Also she canned, fried down and salted all our meats and made laundry soap from the waste fat with lye.

Mother used nature's incubator to produce her chickens, ducks and geese. She let the 'clucks' set on the eggs until they were hatched. She had to keep a watchful eye on the 'clucks' so the eggs were not left uncovered as the eggs would not hatch if they got cold.

Mother was very fortunate in one respect. When I was two years old, my parents built a new home with a furnace and Delco light plant for electricity which made her work easier. But she still used the old Majestic coal and wood range in the kitchen. This required constant firing during any baking or cooking, with ashes to carryout.

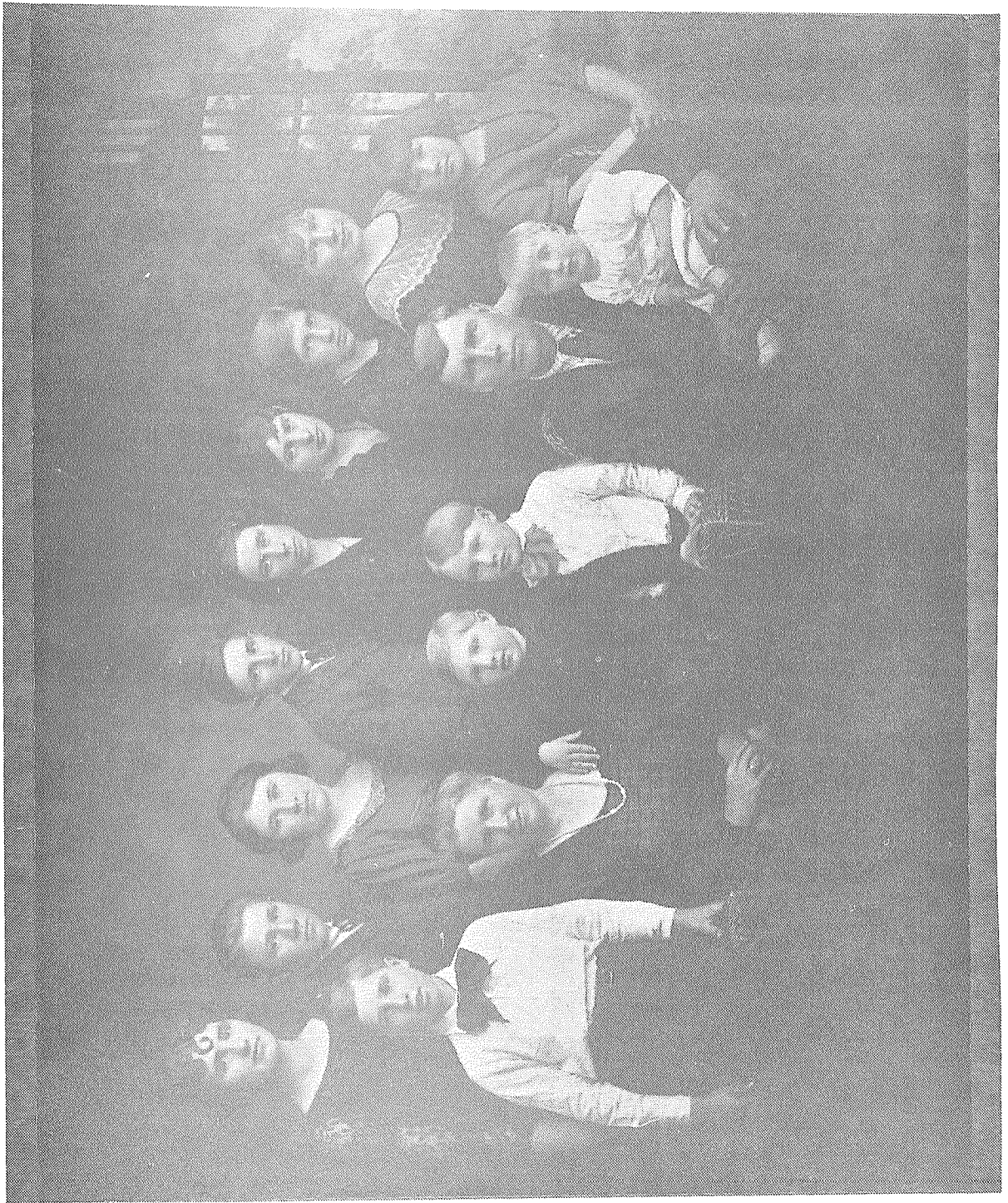
Mother was called on to help with other duties beside household chores, she also drove the team on the hayfork, shocked oats bundles and picked corn. During corn picking time it was a constant job mending the mittens when they wore through so they could be reused and avoid buying so many new ones. In the winter time she would carry a teakettle of boiling water to the chickens house to thaw the frozen water for the chickens to drink.

When my older sisters started getting married and having children of their own mother would go to help the doctor deliver the baby and stay until all was well with them. The oldest daughter at home would supervise the care for the family, house and poultry, also garden in summer. Mother would always sit up nights with any member of the family if they were ill or needed attention. Through the long winter months mother was always busy, sewing quilts, comforters and clothes for the family. She would go to the neighbors and help quilt the ones they had made, and have them over to help her. When not working on quilts she always had mending to do in the evenings.

Mother would sit in her large rocking chair in front of the cook stove in the kitchen with her mending and we younger ones would gather round; she would start singing all the hymns and nursery rhymes we learned so well, and remember yet today.

Mother lived on the same farm all her married life of 65 years. Our father passed away first and she remained on the farm for several years till her health failed and the last three years she spent in a nursing home. She passed away at the age of 88 years. A rest well deserved.

The above article written by Inez Fricke Henze Badger as a tribute to all mothers, but especially her mother.



Back Row: Edna, Hi, Rennetta, Lee, Ida, Phoebe, Laura, Marie, Inez
Front Row: Fredrick, Jr. Ma, Kenneth, Elmer, Pa, Morris

Children of Patricia Stolzman and Richard Allen Collins

- ***** 1. Paul Richard Collins
b. September 27, 1982
d.
m.

b.
d.

Children of Matthew and Lisa Naughton Fricke

***** 1. Kristen Rose Fricke

b. February 5, 1983

d.

m.

b.

d.

Children of Shirley Allen and Craig Harriman

***** 1. April Marie Harriman

b. November 13, 1982

d.

m.

b.

d.



Josephine Fricke and children

JANA RAE DAVIS

Third child of Robert and Dorothy Pfanzt Davis

JANA RAE DAVIS

born January 31, 1962
died

KEVIN FESSLER

born
died

Married November 14, 1982

Kevin is from Norwich, New York

CHILDREN

DEBRA KAY DAVIS

Second Child of Richard Davis and Karen Fisher Davis

DEBRA KAY DAVIS

born September 21, 1960
died

BRIAN CRAIG MOYER

born
died

Married August 28, 1982
Austin, Minn.

Debra and Brian now live at 2119 Stevens St.
Albert Lea, Mn.

CHILDREN

UPDATES 2001

It has been 18 years since an update was issued to the Fricke Genealogy books Volume 1 and Volume II. I tried to make this as simple and inexpensive as possible. The expense is in the paper and the printing.

This listing will be very large printing because of the length of time since last updates of 1983 were issued. If this was done every 5 years as was written in the minutes of 1984 it would be minimal printing and paper cost.

The information you are receiving is compiled from each years Fricke Reunion lists. I did not send letters to each family. By each family taking responsibility for their immediate family I think we will be able to keep our books fairly current for the next generations to treasure. Only after you start working with this do you really appreciate the effort and dedication my Aunt Irma Fricke and others who helped her put this book together do you fully understand the task this must have been before computer time. Basically what you receive is the information reported at each years reunion. Some information was sent to me in the mail. In the future it is most important that each death, birth, and marriage be identified with parents, and grandparents. Most of my time putting this information together was spent trying to figure out what family of the eleven descendants did this information belong too. Thank you Nancy Dekock, Donna Schoppe, and Joan Fisher for helping me identify some of the families. Thank you Don Blake for spending hours going through the books looking for names and other clues to put you with the correct family.

That leads me to make this next statement. Please send corrections to Barb Blake to make available that information on our next release 2006. If you have suggestions on this process please don't hesitate to give your ideas.

Basically what you have here is the information only. New sheets were not printed for individuals as you can see what a large amount of extra paper that would be. Each family may wish to only update there immediate families. The book was designed to write in dates and names. If you choose to make new pages instructions for adding to each section are on page 82-F-1. Paper used is identified on 82-F-3. This paper is expensive but worth the cost for durability.

No doubt there will be errors due to typing and others because we guessed on some families. I will depend on you to bring these to my attention for future corrections.

Included in this package is cover letter, 1 page for Fricke Reunions page 82-E-3, 245 births, 82 deaths, and 139 marriages. There may be some duplication but I tried to include all references reported at each reunion. There are a few blanks that we need help to identify family relation.

Thank you
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