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Sunday, October 5, 1986



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Hasbrouck/60

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They are the parents of two children: Donald of West Bloomington, Minn., and Carol J. Harken of Cedar Falls.

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MRS. LENA IMMINGS

NEW HARTFORD — Services for Mrs. Lena Immings, 83, who died Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Gospel Hall in Stout; burial in Oakhill cemetery in Parkersburg; survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Chris Hensey of Shell Rock, Mrs. Marlyn Hasbrouck and Mrs. Eilert Folken, both of New Hartford; a son, Ralph of Dike; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Otjes of Stewartville, Minn. and Mrs. Dena Hoffa of Grundy Center; eight grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; Kaiser - Corson Funeral Home in New Hartford is in charge. *1969*

SERVICES FOR LAMBERT IMMING

Born

April 20, 1879

Date of Death

April 26, 1963

Services at

Gospel Hall

Stout, Iowa

April 29, 1963

In Charge of Service

Paul Elliott

Interment

Oak Hill Cemetery

Parkersburg, Iowa

Casket Bearers

John Alberts Claus Feckers

John Hogenkamp Henry Kappers

A. Hogenkamp John Folken

Engelkes Funeral Home

Mabel M. Henze, 87, of 1922 5th Ave. N.W., Waverly, Iowa, died early Wednesday morning, January 29, 1992, at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo, where she had been a patient since January 23, 1992.

Mabel Immings was born on December 2, 1904, in Butler County, Iowa, the daughter of Lambert & Lena (Schatzberg) Immings. She attended country school near her home, and following her education, remained in the Butler County area. On November 25, 1924, she was united in marriage to Chris Henze at the Lincoln Center Church, Grundy County, Iowa. The couple started farming south of Shell Rock and in 1940, Chris left farming and went to work for John Deere & Co., in Waterloo. The couple made their home in Waverly for several years before moving to Shell Rock where they were living at the time of Chris's death on January 12, 1982. Shortly after Chris's death, Mabel became a resident of the Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly where she had since lived.

Mabel is survived by her two children and their spouses, Lavelle & Joe Schneider of Shell Rock, James R. & Barb Henze of Waverly; nine grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren; one brother, Ralph Immings of Dike, Iowa; two sisters, Bernice Folken of New Hartford and Laura Hasbrouck of Waverly. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Chris, and one daughter, Shirley Rae Schmidt on January 13, 1981.

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WATERLOO — Laura J. Hasbrouck, 86, formerly of New Hartford and Waterloo, died Sunday, March 10, at Grundy Long Term Care, Grundy Center, of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 22, 1909, in rural Butler County, daughter of Lambert and Lena Schatzberg Imming. She married Marlyn D. Hasbrouck on Jan. 10, 1930, in Grundy Center. He died in 1990.

Survived by: a son, Donald of New Hartford; a daughter, Carol Harken of New Hartford; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Ralph Immings of Dike; and a sister, Berneice Folken of New Hartford.

Preceded in death by: a grandson; and a sister, Mabel Henze.

Services: 1 p.m. Wednesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls, with burial in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials: may be directed to New Hartford First Baptist Church.

In Memory Of
EILERT FOLKEN

Born
NOVEMBER 6, 1917
Titonka, Iowa

Died
JUNE 9, 1993
Parkersburg, Iowa

Services Held At
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
New Hartford, Iowa
June 12, 1993 - 1:30 P.M.

Clergy Officiating
PASTOR PAUL McDOWELL

Organist
NANCY BRAVARD

Soloist
JEFF BUEGE

Final Resting Place
COSTER CEMETERY
Shell Rock, Iowa

Casket Bearers
DAVID FOLKEN
DANIEL FOLKEN
DENNY FOLKEN
CHAD FOLKEN
HARRY DeGROOTE
CHRIS GERSEMA

Eilert Folken, 75, of rural Parkersburg, Iowa, died early Wednesday evening June 9, 1993, at his home of an apparent heart attack.

Eilert was born on November 6, 1917, in Titonka, Iowa, the son of Nan and Jennie (Harms) Folken. He attended country school near Titonka and later moved with his family to the Ackley area where he attended school. He helped on the family farm and in 1937 moved to the New Hartford area where he farmed. On July 29, 1940, he was united in marriage to Berneice Immings at the Bethel Reformed Church parsonage near Allison. They farmed in the New Hartford area and in 1963 moved to their present home. Eilert faithfully attended the First Baptist Church in New Hartford.

He is survived by his wife, Berneice, one son, Wayne L. Folken of Waterloo and one daughter, Joan F., Mrs. Roger Jesse of rural Parkersburg, one brother, Henry Folken of rural Parkersburg, five sisters, Henrietta Daniels and Anna Ites, both of Iowa Falls, Florence Kuiper of Parkersburg, Jennie Tjepkes and Mary Sells, both of Cedar Falls. Also surviving are seven grandchildren; David Folken, Daniel Folken, Sarah Jesse, Denny Folken, Chad Folken, Ryan Folken, and Keith Folken and by three great grandchildren, Timothy MacKay, Jessica MacKay and Amber Folken. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, John Folken.

Following the graveside service, relatives and friends are invited to return to the church for fellowship with the family.

Berneice E. Folken (1919-2003)

NEW HARTFORD — Berneice E. Folken, 84, of New Hartford, died Sunday, July 20, at Waverly Municipal Hospital, Waverly, of natural causes.

She was born Feb. 25, 1919, near Parkersburg, daughter of Lambert and Lena Schatzberg Immings. She married Eilert Folken on July 29, 1940, in rural Allison. He died June 9, 1993.

Mrs. Folken and her husband farmed in the New Hartford and Parkersburg area.

Survivors include: a son, Wayne (Shari) of Waterloo; a daughter, Joan (Roger) Jesse of Parkersburg; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a brother, Ralph Immings; and two sisters, Mabel Henze and Laura Hasbrouck.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church, with burial in Coster Cemetery, Shell Rock. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Shell Rock.

Memorials: may be directed to the family.



**Berneice
Folken**

Woman, 75, loses family homestead in fire

By AMY DAVIS
Courier Staff Writer

NEW HARTFORD — A 75-year-old woman caught in her burning home Thursday night remembered once hearing a fire chief say that most fire victims die of smoke inhalation.

"The smoke was getting thicker," said Berneice Folken of rural New Hartford. "I knew I had to get out of there."

"I grabbed what I could," she continued. "The necessary things — my purse, my medication and some clothes — and out I went."

Today is Folken's birthday. She's

spending it at her daughter's home, but she isn't celebrating.

Folken's house, a family homestead built in 1886, was destroyed in the fire that, she said, started between the south walls.

"It's a sad situation," she said. "I never wanted this to happen, but things do happen."

Firefighters responded to the fire shortly after 6 p.m. and stayed on the scene until 2 a.m.

"It was so hard to get the fire out," said New Hartford Fire Chief Roger Schipper. "It was a steel roof and the roof fell in. We had trouble getting at

the fire."

Crews from Shell Rock, Parkersburg and Dike assisted, mainly bringing water to the house seven miles north of New Hartford. Shuttling the water across the snow-covered terrain made it very icy, Schipper said.

Neither Folken nor any of the firefighters were injured. Folken's dog also escaped harm.

Folken said her home was built by her grandfather. She lived in it from 1920 until she got married in 1939.

When her parents became ill in 1963, she moved back into the house and had lived there ever since.

Immings, whose wife lives here, has received his discharge from the armed forces. He entered the service Mar. 25, 1944, and saw action in the Rhineland and Germany during his nine months overseas. He was at a convalescent hospital near Colorado Springs, Colo., before his discharge. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Immings of Parkersburg.



Immings

DIKE — There will be an "open house" next Sunday evening in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Immings.



MR. AND MRS. IMMINGS

It will be at the Dike Legion Hall. Mr. Immings and the former Miss Helen Johnson were married Oct. 17, 1936, in Eldora, and have lived in the Dike area since their marriage. They have three children: Mrs. Robert Troy; Michael, at home, and Mrs. Sonja Smith, New Hartford.

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80th Birthday Open House

Ralph L. Immings will celebrate his 80th birthday Sunday March 31, 1996 with an Open House from 2-4 p.m. at the Dike Community Building in Dike, Iowa.

Ralph was born March 29, 1916. His family includes his wife Helen (60 years of wedded bliss!), two daughters, Bonnie of Plant City, Florida and Sonja of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and one son Michael, deceased. Ralph has three grandchildren, Shari, Terry and Mike and two great grandsons, Michael and Robert.

The honoree requests no gifts!!!

Come to the Dike Community Building and help Ralph celebrate his 80th birthday!!!

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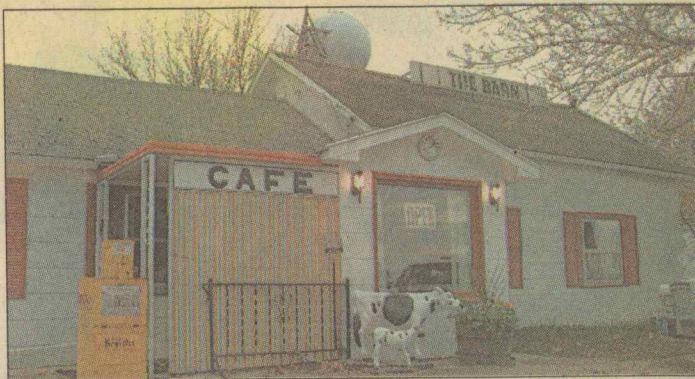
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 1992 WATERLOO COURIER PAGE A7

WAVERLY — Mabel M. Henze, 87, of Waverly, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, of natural causes at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo; survivors include a daughter, Lavelle Schneider of Shell Rock; a son, James R. of Waverly; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Ralph Immings of Dike; and two sisters, Bernice Folken of New Hartford and Laura Hasbrouck of Waverly; she was preceded in death by her husband, Chris in 1982; and a daughter, Shirley Rae Schmidt; services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Peace United Church of Christ, with burial in Harlington Cemetery, both in Waverly; friends may call until 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly, and an hour before services at the church.

Nancy Raffensperger, Managing Editor (291-1445) ■ Lisa Cosmillo, State Editor (291-1451)

Busy in the Barn



The Barn used to be a real barn before it became a popular restaurant on Highway 20.



Photos by GREG BROWN / Courier Staff Photographer

Helen Immings has served up everything from pancakes to pie in her 32 years of running the Barn Coffee Shop in Dike.

By **BRIAN BARBER**
Courier Staff Writer

DIKE

The sky is still pitch black when Helen Immings arrives before 5:30 a.m. to open up the Barn Coffee Shop for breakfast.

For a short while, all is quiet in the tiny, chalk-white restaurant along Highway 20 in Dike, but the owner knows what to expect after 32 years in business.

"Better quick get out the pancake batter and heat up the grill, 'cause customers will be piling in," she says. "On some mornings, they follow me right through the door."

Sure enough, by 6 a.m. the cafe is packed with a mix of farmers, commuters and everyone in between. Plates of pancakes and eggs start to flow out of the kitchen like a river.

But the 78-year-old Immings and her employees remain unfazed by the sudden rush.

"This is the way it'll be for the rest of the day," she says. "Breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's

Regulars come to Dike cafe for good food and conversation

always pretty busy at the Barn."

When Immings and her husband, Ralph, bought the place in 1964, the rumor around town was that she'd be out of business in less than six months.

"I don't know, maybe folks thought I was crazy for buying it," she says. "But that made me even more determined to make a success of it."

Long before Immings bought the cafe, the Barn was an actual barn.

In 1947, the first owners moved their barn one block from an acreage up to the highway and turned it into a sandwich shop.

Gail Silverthorne, who is a cook at the Barn,

was the daughter of two of the original owners Nita and Ed Kappelman.

"My parents only owned it for a couple of years," she says. "But they worked hard to make it a nice place to eat."

Over the years, the Barn had several more owners, including Anna Galatas, who now works there as a waitress.

"It's not a fancy place, but it's clean, and there's good food," the 88-year-old says. "At the Barn we usually know what customers will order before they tell us. It's that type of place. I always has been, really."

Immings started from scratch when she bought the Barn for \$9,000. She made the handwritten menus based on what she knew she could cook. Roast beef, fried chicken and other homestyle meals topped her list.

"The key was to have good food," she says. "If you don't want to have good food, you can be sure nobody's going to pay to eat it."

As Immings toiled away in the kitchen, the

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BARN

Friendly atmosphere, good food keep customers happy

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crowds at the Barn grew. Folks were standing in the doorway waiting for a seat at one of the three tables or six stools.

"I told Ralph he'd have to build me a room for more tables or we wouldn't be able to keep up," she says.

"We have so many customers, I wish I'd built it even bigger," Ralph adds.

Ralph Immings, an 80-year-old carpenter, built an addition to the Barn a few years after the Immingses bought it. The kitchen also was expanded to make room for a freezer and work space.

But after that construction, the Barn has somehow remained frozen in

time.

"People tell me all the time not to do anything to the place," she says. "I guess we're kind of a homey landmark."

Even the prices, around \$2 for breakfast and way under \$5 for other meals, haven't changed much over the years.

"I've always been scared to raise the prices," Immings says. "I'm afraid maybe people won't come back, but that's silly."

Years ago, someone started a running joke at the coffee shop by hanging a sign in the window: "Official Agriculture Seminar Held Here Daily."

It's actually a panel of "expert" farmers who stop each morning to discuss anything from politics to corn prices.

"This is part of my routine," farmer Jack Mommer says. "I haven't been here for a few weeks because it's harvest time and all, but I've missed it."

A group of women also meets there for coffee. On one weekday morning seven were circled around a table.

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Helen Immings

"Usually there's more of us," Florence Jones says. "This is kind of like a second home. We'd probably be up here on Sunday if they were open."

"But we're not a gossip club. We don't sit around here and gossip," she insists.

Ralph Immings, who has retired from farming but now mans the cash register, said the Barn Coffee Shop has become the root of the town grapevine.

"The place is so small, you can't help but meet people and talk," he says. "That's one of the things we're most proud of. That and the food, of course."

Word is certainly spreading. Mommer was once traveling out of state and told someone he met that he was from Dike.

"They said, 'Oh, that's where the Barn is. We've heard about it,'" he says. "It really is a small world when you hear that."

But how long it continues is up to Helen Immings. She had to give up cooking a few years ago because of her bronchitis, but she still puts in a full day's work.

"I haven't really thought about retiring, although everybody asks me about it," she says. "I'd be bored sittin' at home staring at the walls. This is what I enjoy doing."

Ralph L. Immings (1916-2003)

DIKE — Ralph L. Immings, 87, of Dike, died Friday, April 4, at Sartori Memorial Hospital, Cedar Falls, of natural causes.

He was born March 29, 1916, in New Hartford, son of Lambert and Lena Schatzberg Immings. He married Helen Johnson Oct. 17, 1935, in Eldora.

Mr. Immings worked for several years for John Deere in Waterloo and farmed for many years in the New Hartford and Dike areas, retiring from farming in 1978. He and his wife also owned and operated The Barn Cafe in Dike from 1965 until March of this year and were also owner-operators of the Dike Amoco Station for several years during the late 1970s.

He was a World War II veteran serving with the U.S. Army in France and Germany.

Survived by: his wife; two daughters, Sonja Wright of Cedar Falls and Bonnie (Robert) Troy of Plant City, Fla.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bernice Folken of New Hartford.

Preceded in death by: a son, Ralph Michael; and two sisters, Laura Hasbrouck and Mabel Henze.

Services: 1:30 p.m. Monday at Dike United Methodist Church, with committal services at 4 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls. The family will greet friends for an hour before services Monday at the church. Dike Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



Ralph Immings

Helen is survived by her daughters, Sonja Wright of Cedar Falls, and Bonnie (Robert) Troy of Plant City, FL; three grandchildren, Michael and Terry Troy, both of Tampa, FL and Shari Weidemann of Cedar Falls; and great grandchildren, Michael Weidemann of Cedar Falls and Robert Sousloff of Tampa, FL.

Helen died Wednesday, January 5, 2005, at the Western Home Communities-Martin Center in Cedar Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents: brother, Wayne Johnson and son, Ralph Michael Immings.

The funeral service was held Saturday, January 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Rev. Steve Hansen officiated. Honorary Casket Bearers were Michael Weidemann and Robert Sousloff. Casket Bearers were Kurt Kelley, Jim Hubert, Frank Dargan, Scott Henze, Jeremy Lotts, and Gloy Mead. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Richardson Service of Cedar Falls served the family.

Helen Immings

CEDAR FALLS — Helen Immings will celebrate her 86th birthday with an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. next Sunday in the Martin Center Commons Area at the Western Home.



Helen Immings



Helen H. Immings

Helen was born August 6, 1918, in Grundy County, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Alta D. (Jones) Johnson. On October 17, 1935, she was united in marriage to Ralph L. Immings in Eldora, IA. He died April 4, 2002. She and Ralph farmed in Grundy County for many years, then owned and operated the Barn Café in Dike from 1965 until 2002. They also operated an Amoco Station in the late 1970's. She was a life member of the Dike American Legion Auxiliary.

DIKE —R. Michael Immings, 44, of Dike, and formerly of San Francisco, died Friday, Oct. 8, at Covenant Medical Center of natural causes.

He was born April 11, 1949, in Waterloo, son of Ralph and Helen Johnson Immings.

Mr. Immings worked for the Westinghouse Co. in Iowa City and in California, and most recently for the Bechtel Corp. in San Francisco. He served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force in Vietnam.

Survivors include his parents; two sisters, Bonnie Troy of Plant City, Fla., and Sonja Wright of Cedar Falls.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Cedar Falls, with military graveside rights by AMVETS Post 49. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, and for an hour before services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.



R. Michael Immings

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R. MICHAEL IMMINGS

R. Michael Immings, 44 of Dike, IA. and formerly of San Francisco, CA died of natural causes Friday, October 8, 1993 at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, IA.

Michael was born April 11, 1949 in Waterloo, the son of Ralph and Helen Johnson Immings. He attended school in Dike and graduated from Dike High school in 1967. He attended UNI in Cedar Falls where he majored in history and journalism, graduating in 1975. Michael served in the U.S. Army and later in the U.S. Air Force and the U.S.

Air Force Reserves from 1970 to 1976. Following his discharge, Michael worked for one year at the Eldora Training School. He then went to work for Westinghouse in Iowa City and later transferred to California. He then was hired by Bechtel Corporation where he worked as office manager. He had been with the company for 10 years before he moved back to Dike where he had lived ever since.

He is survived by his parents Ralph and Helen Immings of Dike; 2 sisters Bonnie Troy of Plant City, FLA and Sonja Wright of Cedar Falls; 2 nieces; Terry Troy of St. Petersburg, FLA, and Shari Weidemann of Cedar Falls; one nephew Michael Troy of Tampa, FLA; and one great-nephew Michael Weidemann of Cedar Falls.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 12 1993 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls with Rev. Keith Scott officiating. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery Cedar



BOB IMMING

Bob Imming, 88, of Austinville, Iowa, died Thursday, March 28, 2002, at Maple Manor in Aplington, Iowa. A small memorial service was held at Coster Cemetery on Easter Sunday.

Bob was born July 27, 1913, in Butler County, Iowa, the son of Henry Imming. He married Ella Mae Bertram on December 11, 1935. Bob worked for Glen Stockdale and Bruce Eckles doing farm work. After retiring, Bob continued to work part-time for Leland and Mary Myers. In his later years, Bob served many community members doing repairs and errands for the elderly.

Bob is survived by his wife, Ella Mae Imming; two children, Betty Jane Jurs of Minnesota and Baron Eugene Immings and his wife, Myra, of Georgia; eleven grandchildren, Teresa Strand of Minnesota, Nela Immings of Nevada, Tammy Immings of California, Allison Ashbaugh of Arizona, Barton Immings and wife, Lorianne, of California, Leslie Garza and husband, Pablo, of California, Shannon Immings of California, Mike Immings and wife, Natalie, of Kentucky, Robert Immings of Georgia, Christopher of Georgia and Timothy of Georgia; ten great-grandchildren, Jessica and Lindsey Immings, Emily and Yvonne Ashbaugh Sarah and Garrett Immings Amber, Jacob and Mary Garza and Britney Strand.

Bob was known best for his exceptional work ethic, honesty and integrity.

Redman-Schwartz Funeral Homes, Inc., Parkersburg, was in charge of

Ella May (Bertram) Immings of Flowery Branch, Georgia, passed away on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at the age of 91 years, following a brief illness.

Mrs. Immings, formerly of Austinville, Iowa was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-five years, Bob Immings. Bob was employed for 35 years by Bruce Eckles Farm, Aplington. He passed away in 2002.

She was also preceded by her sister, Minnie Rieman of Clarksville; brothers Henry, August, John, Fred, Carl and Chris, all of Butler County; a great-granddaughter and a granddaughter.

She is survived by her daughter, Betty Jurs of Albert Lea, Minnesota and her son, Barton Immings, Sr. of Cumming, Georgia, and ten grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 7



great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Immings' remains will be carried to the family cemetery plot in Parkersburg where a family memorial will be held in the near future. Her family asks that her friends and loved ones remember her in thought and prayer as she passes into the sweet embrace of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

11-12-86
Area Deaths

GLENN K. STOCKDALE

Glenn K. Stockdale was born June 14, 1904 at Aplington, Iowa, the son of Charles J. and Louise (Keller) Stockdale. He married Gertrude M. DeBerg on July 27, 1923 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Glenn died Wednesday, November 12, 1986 at his farm home at the age of 82 years.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude M. of Aplington; three sons Darrell G. Stockdale of Colorado Springs, CO., Lowell A. Stockdale of Sverna Park, MD., and Wendell B. Stockdale of Lancaster, PA; one daughter Caryl L. Nielsen of Cedar Falls; ten grandchildren and twelve Great grandchildren.

Glenn was preceded in death by his parents; two grandchildren and one Great grandchild; four brothers, Raymond, Robert, William, and Howard; and two sisters, Neva Voogd and Hazel Stockdale.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 15, 1986, at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Aplington, Iowa. Rev. Doug Darnold officiated. Organists were Lydia Meyer and Dorothy Stubbe. Soloist was Jeanette Mennen. Songs were "How Great Thou Art" and "More Love To Thee".

Honorary Pall Bearers were Chris Fisher, Vern Reints, and Lewis Camp.

Pall Bearers were Louis Stockdale, Harold Stockdale, Bob Immings, Kenneth Voogd, Richard Voogd, and Woodrow Schuck

Interment was in the Pleasant View Cemetery, Aplington, Iowa.

The Dahl-Van Hove- Schoof Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, Iowa was in charge of the arrangements.

PARKER PLACE
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JULY DATES OF
INTEREST

July 1, 1966—Medicare goes
into effect

July 3, 1930—Veteran's Ad-
ministration Created

July 4th—Independence Day



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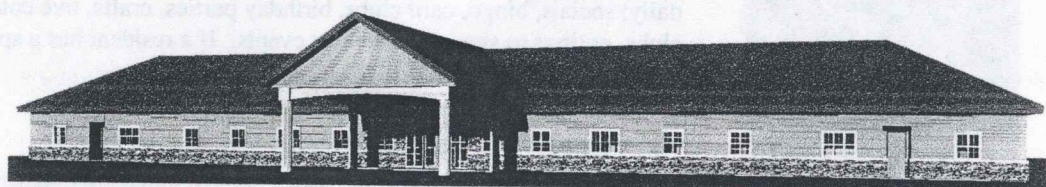
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The Story of Independence Day and America's Birthday

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing, the United States consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly known as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no say in what went on. King George sent extra troops to try to control any rebellion. In 1774, the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England but not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775, as the King's troops advanced on Concord, Massachusetts, Paul Revere would sound the alarm, "The British are coming" as he rode his horse through the late night streets.

The battle of Concord and its "shot heard round the world" would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies' war for Independence.

The following May, the colonies again tried to work out the difference with England but had no success. By June 1776, their efforts became hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28th. After various changes were made, a vote was taken on the afternoon of July 4th.

The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. At the first public reading, the crowd cheered and the church bells pealed. Even the bell in Independence Hall was run. The bell was renamed the "Liberty Bell."

Although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of the United States Independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year—July 4, 1777. By the early 1800's the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday.



October Wedding

Saturday, October 4, 1997 marked the wedding of Lorianne Kay Dietrich and Barton Eugene Immings, Jr. both of LaHabra, California. Lorianne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dietrich, Sr. of LaHabra, CA. Barton is the son of Ms. Judith Stone of Westminster, CA and Captain and Mrs. Barton Eugene Immings of Cumming.

The 2:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony was conducted by

Pastor Michael P. O'Berg of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The bride wore a re-embroidered satin gown with a cathedral train, and carried a cascade of pale pink starburst lillies, white orchids and natural eucalyptus. She was escorted by her father. She was preceded to the altar by her mother, who served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Foulk, Christine Haig, Cheryl Smith, and Junior Bridesmaid Sarah Immings, daughter of the groom.

The Pablo Garza III of Santa Ana, CA. served as Best man. Groomsmen and ushers were Charles Dietrich, Jr., brother of bride, Randy Minney and Steve Hoover. Ringbearer was Garrett Tyler Immings, son of the groom.

The couple was escorted by limousine to a formal wedding breakfast where the wedding cake was also served.

After their honeymoon the couple are residing at 731 Chestnut St., LaHabra, CA. The groom is employed as a supervisor at American Compressor and the bride is employed by Ralph's.

Mr. Immings is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob A. Immings of Austinville, Iowa.



JULY WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schulz of Midland, Michigan announce the marriage of their daughter, Natalie Susanne to Mr. Michael Shawn Immings of Mount Pleasant, Michigan. He is the son of Captain and Mrs. Barton E. Immings, Sr. of Cumming, Georgia and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Immings of Austinville.

A double ring ceremony was held on July 4, 1998 at Mount Pleasant Assembly of God Church in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Pastor Steven Bradshaw officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and mother. The Maid of Honor was Kali Saragilos of Mt. Pleasant. Bridesmaids were Hannah Andrus, the bride's sister Mrs. Jimmy Clemons, Miss Sara Bus and Mrs. Michael Lahti,

all of the Central Michigan region. The bride's sisters, Brigitte Schulz and Abbi Schulz of Midland, Michigan served as flowergirls.

Mitchell Blonde of Mt. Pleasant served as Best Man. Groomsmen included David Wyman of Boston, MA., the groom's brother Robert Immings of Cumming, Aaron Warriner and Matt Hein, both of Mt. Pleasant. Scott Dunbar of Mt. Pleasant served as Usher.

The reception held in the church fellowship hall was hosted by Miss Heather Duso of Mt. Pleasant.

After honeymooning at Niagara Falls, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Immings will reside at the University of Eastern New Mexico in Portales.

farm near Dixon., Illinois, and was thus engaged for five years. In 1887 he went to Grant county, South Dakota, and, in company with his brother, bought a quarter-section of railroad land, the northwest quarter of section 5, which they afterward traded for the farm on which our subject now resides and eighty acres now owned by his brother. Of Mr. Nelson's farm, about one hundred and thirty acres is under the plow, in a fine state of cultivation, two acres of trees, principally ash, making a fine grove, and an orchard of eighteen apple trees, interspersed with a well-selected variety of small fruit, add to the attractiveness and enhance the value of the estate. The farm is also furnished with a neat set of barns and outbuildings, the main barn being 24 x 32 feet, with fourteen-foot posts and a lean-to 12 x 32, and although the house is a cozy and comfortable one, Mr. Nelson intends building a larger and more modernly-constructed one during the coming season.

Mrs. Nelson, the estimable lady who has charge of the household affairs of our subject, was formerly Laura E. Nelson, and their home is blessed by the presence of a little son one year of age, upon whom they have bestowed the name of Robert Alton. Politically he is a Republican. He is at present a member of no secret organization, but has taken an examination for, and expects soon to join, the M. W. A., Albee lodge, No. 3465. The family attends the Congregational church. Nels H. Nelson, the only brother of our subject now in America, lives on the Yellow Bank creek in Grant county. He is married and has a family of two children—daughters.

It is appropriate in this connection to give a brief history of the parents of Mrs. H. P. Nelson. Mrs. Louisa Nelson, the mother of Mrs. H. P. Nelson, was a daughter of John Johnson, who married Miss Maria Johnson, migrated to America in 1830 and

located on a farm in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and made that their home until the death of Mr. Johnson, in 1880. They were the parents of a family of nine children—eight daughters and one son—all of whom are now living, and of whom Louisa is the sixth in the order of birth. She was married July 21, 1869, to Mr. Anton Nelson, and of the nine children born to them we have the following record: John N., a farmer in Minnesota; Nettie M., married Emil Lehman, a rancher in Washington, in 1891. They have three children, one son and two daughters: Laura A., married Hans P. Nelson, the subject of this sketch; Clara, married in 1897 to Mr. M. T. Hosted, of Madison, Minnesota, agent for the McCormick Machine Company; Mary L., Carl M., Olga H., Arthur L., and Rechter N., all living at home. The father of this family was born in Norway in 1842, and at the age of twenty-three years migrated to America, settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, until the fall of 1880, and moved from there to Grant county, South Dakota, where he bought a farm on which he placed such improvements as go to make up a first-class estate and made that his home until his death, which occurred October 21, 1897, as a result of the dreaded disease of consumption, after an illness of nineteen months.

CHARLES P. INGALLS, one of the leading settlers of Kingsbury county, South Dakota, who is now making his home in the village of DeSmet, and is following the trade, of a carpenter, is of English descent. His ancestors, who took a prominent part in the Revolutionary war, settled in Vermont and marched with the "Green Mountain Boys" for the freedom of their adopted country. Charles' grandfather fought in the war of 1812.

Our subject was born in the city of Cuba, Allegany county, New York, January 10, 1836, the second in order of birth

TRAVELING TO THE LAND OF "LITTLE HOUSES"

by William T. Anderson

There really is a "Little House on the Prairie." Every year, readers discover it in the books by Laura Ingalls Wilder and every summer thousands of travelers follow a covered wagon trail to not one, but four of the actual "Little Houses" scattered across the northern plains in Harvest States country.

The appeal of Pepin, Wisconsin; Burr Oak, Iowa; Walnut Grove, Minnesota and De Smet, South Dakota may mystify travel agents and city dwellers seeking famous vacation meccas, but to millions of devoted fans of author Wilder, her old hometowns in the Midwest are places of compelling charm and pioneer nostalgia.

If you are one of the uninitiated ones, Laura Ingalls Wilder was the Mansfield, Missouri, farm lady who 50 years ago began penning tales of her midwestern childhood of the 1870s and 1880s. Books like *Little House in the Big Woods*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *On the Banks of Plum Creek* and *The Long Winter* made Laura instantly famous and propelled her from her work as housewife and poultry expert to an



Laura Ingalls Wilder

unexpected career as the beloved author of the "Little House" series.

Started when she was 65, the book series included eight volumes by the time she retired from writing at 76. Three more books, compiled from her rough drafts have appeared since her death at 90 in 1957, and the last, *Pioneer Girl*, is being readied for the publisher. Today it would be hard to find a bookstore, a school or a library not stocked with "Little House" books.

The fame increases every year

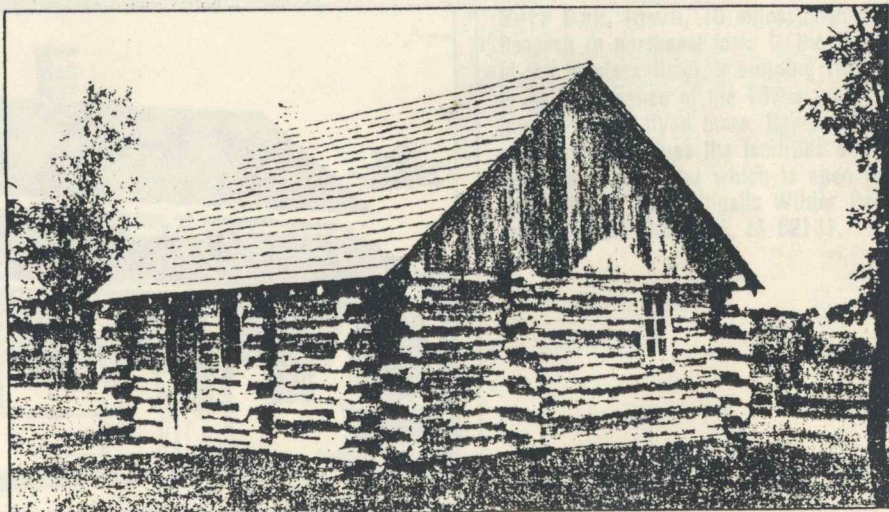
with translations into dozens of foreign languages and has made literary landmarks of the places Laura Ingalls lived as a frontier child.

Television has added a new fund of notoriety to Laura's simple, homespun stories of her parents, Charles and Caroline Ingalls, her husband Almanzo Wilder and her sisters, Carrie, Mary and Grace. Now concluding its ninth year on NBC, television's "Little House on the Prairie" has made the Ingalls family and their friends household names, though the story lines are usually far from the uncomplicated, nature-oriented prose that Laura penciled into nickel tablets in the 1930s.

Her books stand as accurate accounts of settlement years in America's heartland, gripping tales of one family's battle with weather, illness, misfortune and hardship as they homesteaded west from Wisconsin to South Dakota. Today, the books—and the Ingalls homesites themselves—lure fans from all over the world to experience first hand the life Laura lived and recorded.

Today's trekkers who follow the Ingalls family migrations usually begin their search for the roots of the pioneer clan in Pepin, Wisconsin, a river town on Lake Pepin (actually a widened portion of the Mississippi).

Pepin, Wisconsin, is a town along the Mississippi on Highways 35 and 183. Camping is available at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park in Pepin. The Little House Wayside birthplace site is 7 miles north on Highway 183. Write the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, Pepin, WI 54759 for information.



LAURA'S TRAVELS

When Laura fans either visit the museum or write to the museum asking for information about Laura we like to tell them about Laura's travels.

Laura and Mary were born on a farm a few miles from Pepin, Wisconsin. Mary was born in 1865 and Laura was born in 1867. Charles or Pa as Laura called him in her books decided to go to Kansas in 1869. Since Burr Oak was on the covered wagon trail going north and south across Iowa they probably went through Burr Oak on their way to Independence, Kansas. They stopped for a little while in Missouri before going to Kansas.

Since Pa was planning to homestead in Kansas he built a house and planted a garden. Carrie was born there August 3, 1870. Before long the Ingalls learned that they were living in Indian territory so Pa decided to leave before the Army took them out. Since they had not received the money for the farm they had sold they decided to go back to Pepin and reclaim the farm. By this time it was 1871. Mary was old enough to go to school and before long Laura was old enough to go with her part of the time.

Pa wanted to go west again so one fall he sold his farm for cash. They stayed with his brother, Peter and his family until Lake Pepin had frozen over so they could drive over it. Peter and his family decided to go west too but after they crossed the lake they decided to stay there so Pa and his family went on alone to Walnut Grove, Minnesota, arriving there in 1874.

Pa wanted to homestead again and needed a place to live. A Norwegian family had a sod house. They wanted to go west but had no horses so Charles traded his horses for the sod house. In 1875 he planted a crop but the grasshoppers destroyed the crop. Pa had to find work and since he had no horses he walked all the way to Peter's home, staying with him and working for the farmers in that area. When the farm work was done Pa walked back to Walnut Grove. When Laura wrote the story "On the Banks of Plum Creek" she tells about the grasshoppers destroying the crops and Pa walking a long way to find work. She ends her story when Pa comes home. The next story is "By the Shores of Silver Lake." Now I will tell you what happened during the two missing years.

When Pa gets back to Walnut Grove he gets his family out of the sod house into a rented place for the winter. Charles Frederick, or Freddy as they called him, was born Nov. 1, 1875. In the spring Pa plants another crop but grasshoppers destroyed it. This time Pa takes his family with him in the covered wagon and goes to Peter's home. Charles Frederick was a sick baby. He died August 27, 1876 and was buried by a little Methodist church called South Troy.

About the first part of November of 1876 the Ingalls came to Burr Oak, Iowa to help Steadman run the Masters Hotel. Masters had sold the hotel to William Steadman October 21, 1876 and Steadman wanted the Ingalls to help him. Ma cooked and baked and Laura and Mary waited on tables and took care of Mr. Steadman's little boys. The Ingalls slept in the basement where the kitchen and dining room were located for two or three months and then moved above the Kimball grocery store that was

Ma was expecting another child and Pa was concerned about her having to climb the stairs to their rooms and in the new home there was no stairs to go up. It was a small red brick house on the northwest side of town about three blocks from the hotel. It was near a small oak woods "filled with sunshine and shadow" as Laura recalled. "I loved to wander along the creek and look at the flowers and wriggle my toes among the cool, lush grasses". Pa bought a cow at this time and it was Laura's pleasure to take it to pasture down by the creek.

It was here at that home where Baby Grace was born on May 23, 1877. It was a very busy summer for Laura as she helped Ma take care of the baby, take the cow to pasture and many days were spent with her friend Alice Ward. They would walk across town to the lovely graveyard where they liked to read the writing on the stones. "It was a beautiful, peaceful place with lush green grass and flowers everywhere".

Late that fall Charles decided it was time to move on again so they loaded their wagon and in the dark of night they started back to Walnut Grove.

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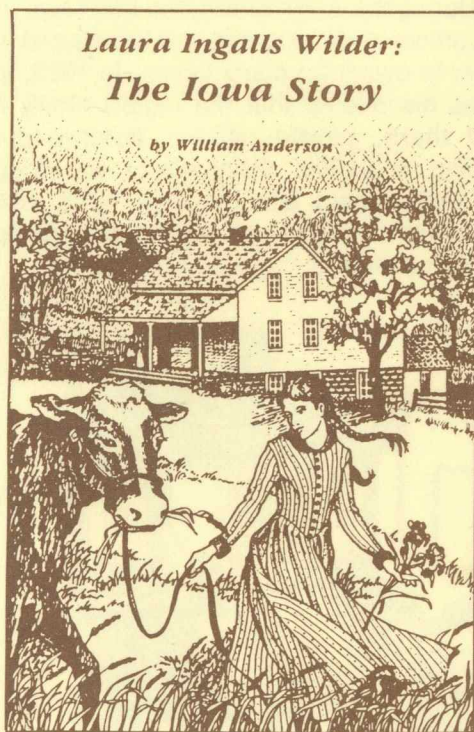
In the very early days of Burr Oak, twenty years before the Ingalls came here the town was a major highway for emigrant wagon trains that came down from Minnesota and Wisconsin along the Mississippi River. Two and sometimes three hundred wagons would come through Burr Oak in a day on their way to other, unsettled lands out west. "At night", an old settler recalled, "the houses and yards would be full of people, and one could hear all sorts of bells on the stock that was being driven through by the emigrants, from little sheep bells to cowbells as loud as church bells." Perhaps when Pa had brought his family to Missouri before going on to Indian Territory, he'd used this very trail.

"For Laura, Burr Oak was a crossroads of the spirit. It was the place where gently and imperceptibly she crossed the line between childhood and adolescence, and where she saw in the hardest times the possibilities that life held for her.

It seems to me that all these possibilities still intersect in Burr Oak."

Donald Zochert—Author of the biography
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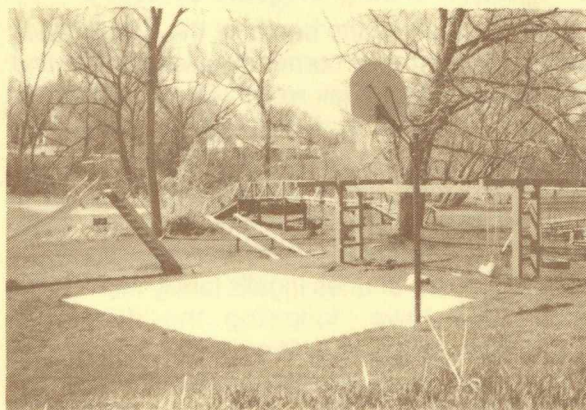
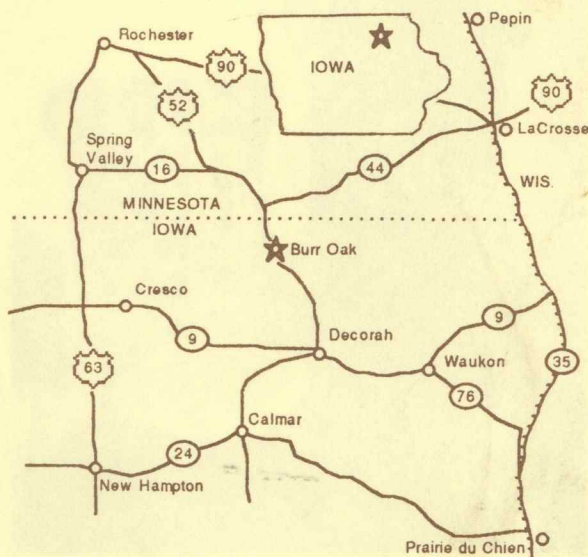


For the first time, the full story of Laura Ingalls Wilder, of "Little House" fame, can now be told. Read about the Ingalls family's life in the now restored Masters Hotel in Burr Oak, Iowa.

This book was based on historical research, some of Laura's own writing, and authentically recreates the Iowa connection of this beloved pioneer author.

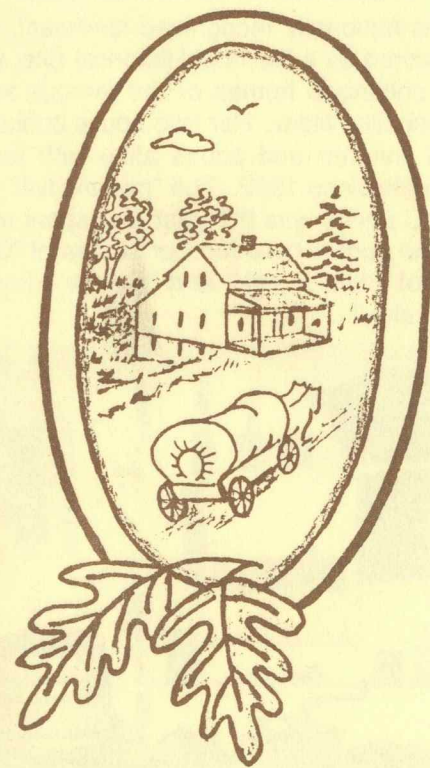
50 pages, 43 illustrations.

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Park and Museum is located 12 miles northwest of Decorah, Iowa on Highway 52 in Burr Oak, Iowa. It is only three miles from the Minnesota state line.



Visiting Hours
May 1 - October 15
Open daily 9:00 - 5:00
Groups by appointment only
Telephone 319-735-5916
Picnic facilities available in park
Restaurant next door

The Iowa Story
"the missing link"



*Laura Ingalls Wilder
Park and Museum
Burr Oak, Iowa*



National Historical Site

This nationally recognized landmark, which is registered as a National Historical Site, is one of the childhood homes of the famous author, Laura Ingalls Wilder. Her little house books have thrilled children and adults alike with tales of pioneer life since 1932. The "missing link" in her series of books was the year she spent in Burr Oak, and comes between her stories of "On the Banks of Plum Creek" and "By the Shores of Silver Lake."



Burr Oak - Ingalls History

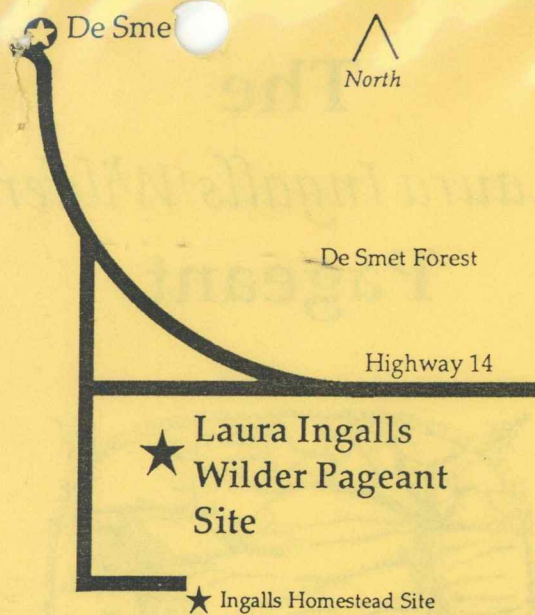
Nestled along the banks of the Silver Creek in the far Northeast corner of Iowa you will find the village of Burr Oak which was named for its ample number of burr oak trees. Founded in 1851 this village was the major crossroads of the area, with over 200 covered wagons passing through daily on the way to the South and West. It was during these exciting times in our country's history that the Charles Ingalls family moved into Burr Oak, Iowa, following the disastrous grasshopper plagues in Minnesota. In the fall of 1876, when Laura was nine years old, the family arrived in town to manage the hotel owned by their friend William Steadman. Ma, Mary and Laura were kept busy with the daily chores involved in running the hotel. It was in a small



The Masters Hotel

During the early 1900's, the hotel was as a private residence and was transferred owner to owner for many years. In 1973, it was discovered that the Ingalls family lived there, private citizens purchased building for \$1500. Renovations were begun and three years later, in July 1976, ribbon cutting ceremonies were held to officially open it as a museum.





- * At Ingalls' Homestead Site
- * The Cottonwoods Pa planted still stand

For Your Comfort and Pleasure

- Bring jackets, the prairie evenings can get cool
- Some seating is provided-may wish to bring some lawn chairs
- Concessions on grounds
- Souvenirs, programs and other items
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- Visit with and take photos of performers



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Laura Ingalls Wilder at 84

Laura Ingalls Wilder, beloved author of the "Little House" books, spent several formative years and her young adult life in De Smet.

She recalled those years in six of her books: "By the Shores of Silver Lake," "These Happy Golden Years," "The Long Winter," "The First Four Years," "On the Way Home," and "Little Town on the Prairie," a name used to describe De Smet since the book first appeared.

Laura was the second to the oldest of the four Ingalls children. She moved here with the family in 1879 when Charles "Pa" Ingalls came to De Smet as a railroad timekeeper, bookkeeper and paymaster. She attended school in De Smet and taught rural school here at the age of 15.

She married Almanzo Wilder in De Smet when she was 18 and their daughter Rose was born in De Smet.

In 1896, when Rose was a baby, the Wilders left De Smet for Mansfield, Missouri, where they spent the rest of their lives.

Mrs. Wilder wrote about her pioneering experiences late in her life, recalling her childhood days.

She was born in Wisconsin on Feb. 7, 1867, and died at her home near Mansfield, Missouri, Feb. 10, 1957.

More information is available from the Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center in City Hall.

Pageant History

The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant has been pleasing thousands from throughout the nation and from many foreign countries since 1971.

Its all-volunteer cast and crew annually stage the pageant the last weekend in June and the first two weekends in July.

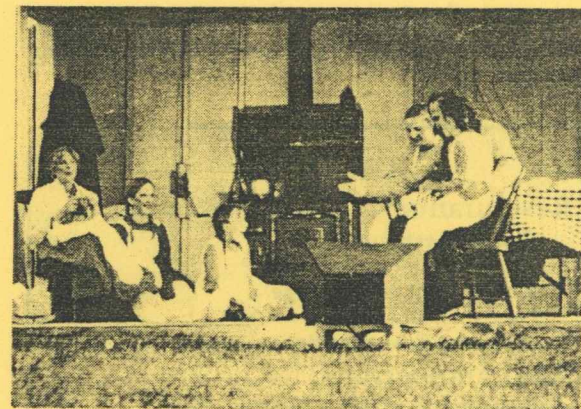
The pageant site is located one mile east of De Smet and is located near the Ingalls homestead site. The cottonwood trees Pa planted can be seen directly behind the set. The Big Slough can also be seen from the pageant site, and Silver Lake is but a short distance away.

The site itself was purchased by the Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant Society, Inc., in 1974, one year after the group incorporated.

Since its purchase the society has made numerous improvements to enhance the pageant production. Additional improvements have been made recently to the lighting made possible by a grant from the D.A.R. Foundation.

In 1989 a new script was added based on another book, funded in part by the S.D. Centennial Commission to defray cost of the new taping.

The original pageant was based on "The Long Winter," followed by "Little Town on the Prairie" and beginning in 1989, "These Happy Golden Years."



Scene at 1982 pageant

Based on the Books.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION WRITE:

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The citizens of De Smet extend to you a warm welcome to "The Little Town on the Prairie."

We hope your visit to our town will be a pleasant one. And if you need help in finding anything, don't hesitate to ask one of the town's residents - we're sure they'll be more than happy to answer your questions.

Things to see and do!

Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society Tours: Tours begin at the Surveyors' House located three blocks east of the library. Library is located three blocks north of Highway 14 on Calumet Avenue.

Washington Park: Provides overnight camping, picnicking, and playground facilities.

Hazel L. Meyer Memorial Library: Contains a display of Ingalls memorabilia and Harvey Dunn paintings.

City Museum: Located in the railroad depot, has historical displays from De Smet and Kingsbury County.

Art Exhibit: Coordinated by the Prairie Lakes Area Arts Council. May be seen at Peoples State Bank.

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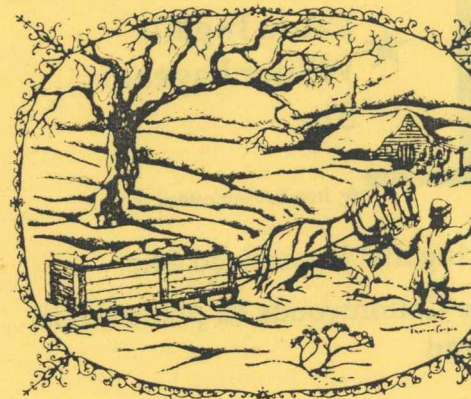
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LAURA INGALLS WILDER

By K.C. SUMMERS
Washington Post

The creek came flowing out of a thicket of plum trees. The low trees grew thickly on both sides of the narrow water, and their boughs almost touched above it.

The water was dark in their shade. Then it spread out and ran wide and shallow, dimpling and splashing over sand and gravel. It narrowed to slide under the footbridge and ran on gurgling till it stopped in a large pool . . .

Laura waited till Mary came. Then they went wading in the shallow water over the sparkling sand and pebbles.

— Laura Ingalls Wilder, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*

The creek is still there. So are the plum trees, growing wild along its high, muddy banks. The little footbridge is gone, but the wildflowers still bloom, and the prairie grasses still rustle — just as they did more than a century ago, when a 9-year-old settler named Laura Ingalls played there.

By any standard, Plum Creek — near the town of Walnut Grove in Southwest Minnesota — is an enchanting spot. But for Laura Ingalls Wilder fans, it's hallowed ground.

The pioneer author lived here with her family in the mid-1870s; it was the setting for one of her *Little House* books, the classic series on pioneer life that captivated me and just about every other

kid who ever picked them up. The books tell the story of the Ingalls family's travels by covered wagon through Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota and the Dakota Territory from 1870 to 1889. They have been wildly popular since their publication in the 1930s, as much for their drama and realistic detail as for their portrayal of warm and rewarding family life.

As I reread the *Little House* books with my 9-year-old daughter, I fell under their spell all over again. Only this time, I wanted to go west, too. Who knows how long the places Laura wrote about will last?

I wanted to find Plum Creek and dangle my feet in that water, the same water that roared past Laura's dugout home a century ago. I wanted to stand on the Dakota plains where Pa Ingalls built his homestead and to walk down Main Street in De Smet, the *Little Town on the Prairie*.

As it turned out, so did about 25,000 other people. It was disconcerting. We would drive for miles to reach some remote site, only to find a couple of RVs and a tour bus in the parking lot. Inside the tiny information centers, business was always brisk as Laura fans lined up to buy commemorative plates and souvenir mugs and Little House sunbonnets.

I should have known better. Americans love their homespun heroes, and each summer they flock to the country's literary landmarks. Think of Mark Twain's hometown of Hannibal, Mo., where Tom Sawyer continues to pack them in, or Key West, where the ghost of Ernest Hemingway

still holds court, or Concord, Mass., where Louisa May Alcott lived and wrote *Little Women*. They are among the thousands of literary sites across the country that have been identified, preserved and invaded by book-toting tourists — literary pilgrims.

For me, it was as simple as wanting to connect with a writer I began reading more than 25 years ago — someone who, I felt, belonged to me. In a way, as I traveled the trail of Laura's little houses, I was making a journey into my own past — which was why, when I ran into other starry-eyed Laura seekers, I hated every last one of them. I knew this was irrational: After all, these people shared my enthusiasms. But I wanted to discover Laura by myself, and I suspect everyone else felt the same way.

On a 10-day trip out West last summer, my family and I visited three of the places Laura called home: the tiny towns of Walnut Grove in southwestern Minnesota; De Smet on the Dakota prairie and Mansfield, Mo., in the foothills of the Ozarks. But it was this inexpressibly peaceful spot on the banks of Plum Creek where we came closest to finding Laura's spirit. The pioneer girl who hated towns, who found comfort in the vast silence of the open prairie, surely must have felt this peace when she was here.

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Driving through the Midwest during the Great Drought of '88 was not what you would call

a glamorous vacation choice. Our friends tried hard to be polite: "You're driving across the *what?* That's really . . . interesting."

We flew from Washington to Sioux Falls, S.D., rented a car and drove off.

Surprise. It *was* interesting. Better than that, it was fun. When your life is ruled by car-pool lanes and traffic copters, driving down a two-lane road over the open prairie is a kick.

The Midwestern landscape rolled by: flat, precision-planted soybean farms (no amber waves in sight), lonely little farmhouses, grain elevators clustered like giant sentries around the railroad tracks. And through it all, that long, open road, coming to a point way off in the distance, like an illustration in a "How to Draw" book.

We knew this was not exactly a dream vacation for our two kids, and we tried to compensate, buying them comics and car games, staying at motels with 130-foot water slides, letting them have Coke with dinner.

But on that first day, the situation wasn't quite so drastic. An hour after leaving Sioux Falls we were driving through the little farming community of Tracy, Minn. I gasped when I saw its sign, because it is the railroad town mentioned in *On the Shores of Silver Lake*. I could barely contain myself: Laura and her sisters had taken the train to this town on their way to the railroad camp at Silver Lake.

We Laura fans get excited easily.

The little town of Walnut Grove, where we were headed, is just seven miles from Tracy. Laura and her family arrived there in 1874. They settled near Plum Creek, about two miles north of town, living in a dugout — a sod house built right into the creek bank — until Pa could build them a proper house.

Walnut Grove was never mentioned by name in the Little House books; it was just "town." But illustrator Garth Williams had interviewed Laura in the 1940s — she died in 1957 at the age of 90 — and pinned her down on the location, so we knew this was the place.

Also, the name of the town was bandied around a lot by Michael Landon & Co. in *Little House on the Prairie*, the long-running (and appallingly inaccurate) NBC television series based on the books. The show is considered by many Wilder fans to be a travesty — not so much for its terminally adorable cast as for its deliberate distortion of the truth. As Vivian Glover of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society says, "The facts are so much more interesting."

But the TV show did open Walnut Grove's eyes to its heritage, and the 13-year-old Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum, in a former railroad depot off Highway 14, is the town's answer to the 27,000 Little House fans who visit each year. Inside is an intriguing jumble of old documents, photographs and artifacts from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

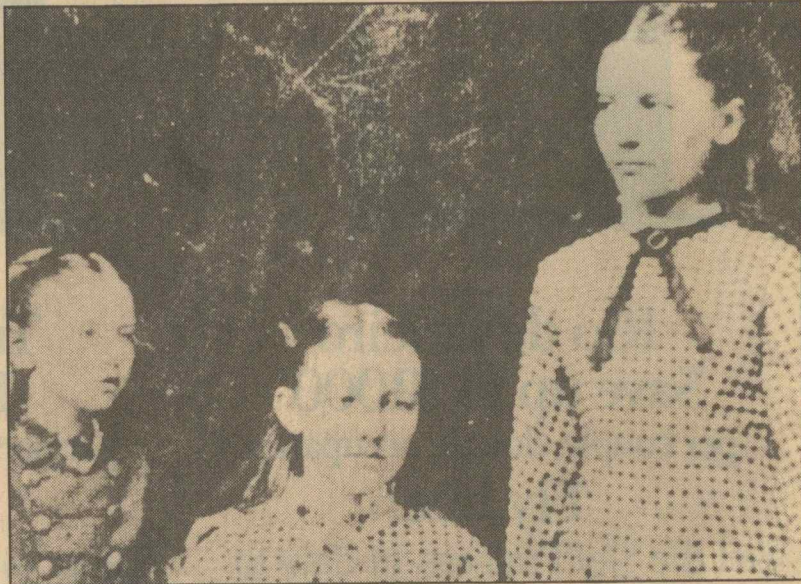
I was pleased to find a good selection of historical and biographical material tucked in among the souvenir sunbonnets. There are copies of family and town documents, newspaper clippings of dubious merit ("Boy Who Will Be Adopted on *Little House on the Prairie* Was a Real-Life Orphan") and other background material that ranges from the silly to the sublime.

"I am sorry I did not mention the name of the town in my story," the author apologized to the editor of the *Walnut Grove Tribune* in a 1953 letter reproduced here. "I should have, but at the time I had no idea I was writing history."

There were more treasures like this, and I settled in greedily to read. Then, after driving through the cute town (no original buildings remain, but you can see the church bell Pa helped pay for, in the belfry of the English Lutheran Church), we set out to find the site of the dugout.

You have to look hard for the little marker on County Road 5. We followed a winding dirt road — right through somebody's soybean farm, from the looks of it — past a classic white farmhouse and red barn and on into the fields. There was no one in sight — just a lockbox and a painted wooden sign suggesting a donation of \$2 per car, \$10 for (gulp) buses.

But we were lucky; no one else had come to this place right then. Plum Creek meandered through the landscape, its progress marked by reedy grass and a tangle of low-growing trees. My children clambered down the banks, much as Laura and her sister Mary must have done.



From left, Carrie, Mary and Laura Ingalls in an undated photo.

We were looking for "the Depression" — the site of the Ingallses' dugout house. The place had collapsed during the 1920s, I had read, and all that was left was a deep depression in the earth. By this point, I was giving it a capital D and mentally genuflecting when I said it.

We crossed over a new (but rustic) wooden footbridge and around a bend. And there it was. As advertised, the indentation is quite pronounced, and the surrounding countryside fits Laura's descriptions exactly. A large wooden sign points out the spot. Unobtrusive markers orient you and point out the Big Rock where Laura and Mary played, the knoll where Pa later built their house, and the spring that flows nearby.

It's a beautiful place, and it must have been even more beautiful a century ago, when the waving prairie grasses stretched to the edge of the sky, but the Ingallses didn't stay. Blizzards, droughts and the infamous grasshopper plague of 1874 made it impossible for them to survive here. "It is better farther on," they told themselves, so in 1879 they packed up again and headed west into Dakota Territory.

been published on the Ingalls and Wilder families. And just when I thought I had read it all, I would come across a bit of information that would stop me cold.

On the plane from De Smet to Missouri, I read *A Little House Sampler*, a fascinating compilation of supplemental material edited by Wilder biographer William T. Anderson (University of Nebraska Press, \$15.95).

Anderson had unearthed a questionnaire Almanzo Wilder had filled out for his daughter Rose in the 1930s, when she was researching her own series of pioneer stories and novels. Can you describe some of the high points of homesteading, she had asked him, special moments such as finishing the claim shanty or seeing the wheat come up?

No, he apologized, he couldn't, his memory just wasn't very good. And then he said something heart-breaking: "My life has been mostly disappointments." Sitting there on the plane with that book on my lap, I started to cry.

Almanzo had come to Dakota as a strapping young man, full of hope and energy, only to see his dreams turn to dust. In the space of seven years he had lost his money and his health, buried a child, seen his house burn down and his crops die. The same man who had galloped through the streets of De Smet behind his team of prize Morgan horses was reduced to limping around town, looking for odd jobs while Laura worked as a seamstress to support them.

Their fortunes improved dramatically after they moved to Missouri, and when Almanzo filled out that questionnaire he had been living in relative prosperity for 40 years, but those seven years on the Dakota frontier haunted him to the end of his days. His chilling assessment was eloquent testimony that there was no such thing as "free land."

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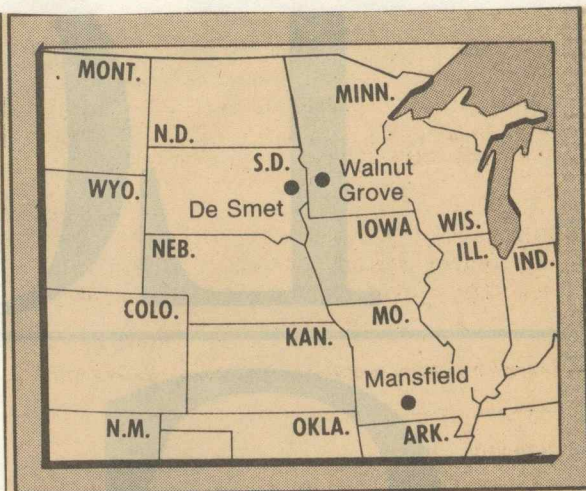
Laura's last little house is in Mansfield, about 50 miles east of Springfield, Mo., on Highway 60. When she, Almanzo and their 7-year-old daughter Rose arrived here in 1894, after a 45-day journey by covered wagon from De Smet, they bought a rough, 40-acre patch of land with a \$100 bill they had brought with them, hidden in a secret compartment of Laura's lap desk. Laura promptly named the place Rocky Ridge Farm. It would be her home for the next 60 years. Today, in addition to the rambling white farmhouse, there is a modern museum and, across the highway, a gift shop.

If Plum Creek is the most natural of the Wilder sites and De Smet is the best-preserved town, Mansfield has the best museum. Face it, it's hard to top Pa's fiddle for drawing power. The fiddle is the *leitmotif* of the Little House books; tens of thousands of people come here every summer and stare at it as if it were the Holy Grail. I stared, too, imagining Pa lifting the honey-colored instrument to his shoulder after a long day's work.

But there's more to see here, all just as evocative: Mary's and Laura's slates from their first school days in Walnut Grove. The name cards they exchanged with their schoolmates in De Smet. Laura's original manuscripts of the books, penciled in lined notebooks from the Springfield Grocer Co. Her wooden sewing box, hand-made by Almanzo, and her lap desk, where the \$100 bill was lost for a few panicky days. The glass bread plate engraved "Give us this day our daily bread," saved from the fire in De Smet. Mary's diploma from the Iowa School of the Blind. Laura's diary of their covered wagon trip from De Smet to Mansfield, hand-written in a nickel memo pad.

through her papers, reading her letters, I almost felt as if she were speaking to me.

"We still are homesick for Dakota at times," she wrote to a reader after she had been ensconced in Mansfield for decades. "On our several trips back to De Smet, we come away still unsatisfied; the country and the town are so changed from the old, free days that we seem not able to find there what we were looking for. Perhaps it is our lost youth we were seeking in the place where it used to be."



Getting there

Sioux Falls, S.D. is a good place to start a trip on the Wilder trail: It's about 60 miles from Walnut Grove and 90 miles from De Smet and has a wide variety of accommodations.

Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove, Minn. is 150 miles southwest of Minneapolis. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum and Tourist Center (Box 58, Walnut Grove, Minn. 56180, phone (507) 859-2358 or (507) 859-2155, is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily June 1-Labor Day, noon-4 p.m. daily in May, September and October and by appointment any time. There is no admission fee.

The site of the Ingalls farm on the banks of Plum Creek is 1½ miles north of the museum, just off County Road 5. Admission is \$2 a car.

Fragments of a Dream, an outdoor pageant based on the Little House books, will be presented by the townspeople June 30-July 2, July 7-9 and July 14-16.

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The Ingalls family's travels paralleled the great westward expansion movement of America during the late 19th century. The Homestead Act of 1862 had promised "free land" to any American citizen who staked and improved a claim.

As so many of the pioneers did, Pa followed the railroad. The Winona and St. Peter line was being built west into the Dakota Territory to a new town called De Smet. We drove into De Smet — the setting for six of the Little House books — in late afternoon, feeling parched and weary from our trip across the prairie, but something about the place revived us.

De Smet, population 1,300, is no longer a frontier town, but some things haven't changed — the broad streets, the generous sprinkling of late 19th-century houses. We walked down Third Street (lined with huge shade trees), past streets named Ingalls and Boast and Loftus — all characters in the books. It was late when we found Ma and Pa's white frame house on Third Street, and it was closed for the day. We peeked through the lace curtains.

After buffaloburgers at the town restaurant, our waitress stopped to chat, making sure we knew how to find the town swimming pool. Next door at the convenience store, the clerk went out of her way to find a souvenir pennant for my son. Typical Midwestern behavior, perhaps, but it unnerved my big-city daughter. "Why are people so friendly here?" she would ask suspiciously after each of these encounters.

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The next morning, at the Wilder information center on First Street, I found the best selection yet of books on the Ingallses, Wilders and South Dakota history. I also found a tour bus from Nebraska, but I wasn't going to let it get to me.

The De Smet information center, in a century-old house at Olivet and First streets, is classy and inviting. Beautiful large portraits of Laura — at 17, at 50, at 65 — grace the walls. First editions of her books are lovingly displayed, and the biographical material for sale is tempting and wide-ranging.

Next door to the information center is Stop No. 1 on the De Smet tour: the little frame house where Laura and her family spent the winter of 1879-80, described in *On the Shores of Silver Lake*.

The Surveyors' House, as it is called, is the oldest building in De Smet, built by the railroad in 1879. Pa, ever resourceful, worked a deal in which he and his family would live in the house in exchange for watching over the property. The house was moved here many years ago from its original location outside of town.

"A lot of tears are shed at the Surveyors' House," says the Memorial Society's Vivian Glover, who leads some of the tours. "Sometimes even before you start talking. Just the fact that they're in a place that Laura actually lived. . . ."

I was moved just to see the size of the place. Laura had described it in palatial terms, but the main room is tiny, about 12 by 15 feet. Here the family boarded travelers at 25 cents a night — this was the only building around for miles, and they couldn't turn anyone away. The table is set with a red checked cloth, and the oil in the kerosene lamp is decorated with bits of red flannel, just the way Ma did in the books. A nice touch.

As I craned my neck to see inside the pantry — Laura had called it "a little store" — a man in our group peered at the Ingalls family portrait on the wall: "Is this Pa? He sure didn't look like Michael Landon, did he?"

I sighed as our guide, a gingham-clad teen-ager, patiently explained that no, real pioneers tended not to have \$50 haircuts and form-fitting checkered shirts, but even I had to concede that Pa, with his piercing stare and a beard that resembled a huge, blackened whisk broom, presented a startling appearance.

Back at headquarters, I stopped just long enough to buy back issues of *Laura Ingalls Lore*, a publication of the Memorial Society. The Nebraskan bus people were still there, stocking up on photographs, posters, family trees, postcards, dolls, mounted twigs from Pa's cottonwood trees, notepaper, china figurines, aprons and sunbonnets.

We fled to Ma's and Pa's.

Pa was a pillar of De Smet society by the time he built this house in 1887 — he was the justice of the peace and did carpentry work around town. He, Ma and Mary lived in town now, in this pretty, two-story white frame house, their pioneering over. Laura was homesteading with her husband Almanzo Wilder, a mile north of town.

Our guide, another teen, led us into the dining room, the parlor where Mary had rocked and read her Braille books and magazines, the kitchen . . . ah, the kitchen.

This was going to take a while. It was a mini-museum, packed with relics.

My husband took the children outside to play while

I settled in. There were rare photographs and documents, jewelry and needlework, schoolbooks and beadwork and clothing. I flipped my way through a gigantic wall rack, speed-reading family letters, postcards, newspaper clips.

There were about a dozen of us in that kitchen, and everyone was excited to be there: "There's Pa's big green animal book!" "Look, Carrie's summer dress." "See what Mary made in blind school?" "Look at these cupboards Pa built."

They were talking as if they knew them — which, of course, they did.

We drove to the little prairie cemetery where so many of the characters from her books are buried and then to the Ingallses' homestead site, a couple of miles south of town. This was better. We stood for a while in the sunshine, looking and listening. The prairie seemed to go on forever, looking just as it must have when Pa built his claim shanty on a low hill here. The cottonwood trees he planted are huge now, twisted and gnarled by the wind. The prairie shimmered in the heat.

About a mile and a half north of town are the homestead and the tree claim where Laura and Almanzo Wilder lived. Laura and Almanzo did not fare well here. Their crops continuously failed. Almanzo was left crippled by diphtheria. Their baby son died. Their house burned down. They tried life in Minnesota, then Florida, then came back to De Smet.

Finally, lured by promotional material being circulated by the railroad, they decided to go south, to what was being billed as "the Land of the Big Red Apple" — the Missouri Ozarks.

We headed there, too.

De Smet, S.D. is 33 miles east of Huron and 60 miles west of the Minnesota border. The Laura Ingalls Wilder information center, next door to the Surveyors' House at Olivet and First streets, is the best place to get started. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily June 1-Sept. 15 and by appointment anytime. Last summer's admission (it may be increased slightly this summer) was \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Admission includes guided tours of the Surveyors' House and Ma and Pa's house and directions to about a dozen other sites.

Pa, Ma, Mary, Carrie and Grace Ingalls, Laura's baby boy and many other characters in the books are buried in the De Smet Cemetery, off U.S. Route 14.

A pageant based on the book *Little Town on the Prairie* is presented outdoors each summer during the last weekend of June and first two weekends of July. The pageant site overlooks the Wilder homestead, and the Silver Lake bed and the Big Slough are visible from the location. Reservations are not required.

The town motel, the Cottage Inn, is on Highway 14, phone (605) 854-3396. Rates range from \$22 for a single to \$48 for a large family-sized room.

Mansfield

Mansfield, Mo. is about an hour's drive east of Springfield.

The Wilder museum and home at Rocky Ridge Farm is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday May 1-Oct. 15. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12 and \$2 for those over 64 and includes a guided tour of Laura and Almanzo's farmhouse.

Laura, Almanzo and Rose are all buried in town at the Mansfield Cemetery, off Lincoln Street and Business Route 60.

Books

The Little House books — *Little House in the Big Woods*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *On the Banks of Plum Creek*, *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, *The Long Winter*, *Little Town on the Prairie*, *These Happy Golden Years* and *The First Four Years* — are published in hardback and paperback by Harper & Row.

A wide variety of supplemental material on the Ingalls and Wilder families is available. Among the best:

- *On the Way Home* (Harper and Row) is Laura's account of her family's covered-wagon trip from De Smet to Mansfield in 1894.

- *Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer and Author*, by William Anderson (Kipling Press). One of Kipling's Classic Authors series of biographies for young readers.

- *Laura: The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, by Donald Zochert (Avon). An affectionate biography, meticulously researched and illustrated with period photographs.

- *A Little House Sampler*, (University of Nebraska Press). A compilation of magazine articles, short stories and other little-known writings by Wilder and her daughter, novelist Rose Wilder Lane.

All these books, and dozens more, are available by mail through the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society bookshop, De Smet, S.D. 57231; (605) 854-3383.

Information

For information on Laura Ingalls Wilder and the Wilder sites, contact the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society Inc., De Smet, S.D. 57231, phone (605) 854-3383 or (605) 854-3181. The society's biannual newsletter, *Laura Ingalls Wilder Lore* costs \$5 a year.

— K.C. SUMMERS

Laura Ingalls Wilder: South Dakota's

Laura Ingalls Wilder accomplished for South Dakota something that few states can boast. In many of her "Little House" books she gave accurate, heart-felt, detailed accounts of the earliest settlement of Dakota Territory and its people. The books she wrote about her family's pioneering in DeSmet, South Dakota, include: *By the Shores of Silver Lake*, *The Long Winter*, *Little Town on the Prairie*, *These Happy Golden Years*, and *The First Four Years*. These classic titles are part of the 10 volume series which the author wrote between the ages of 65 and 76. Her fame is world-wide, with millions of "Little House" books printed in over 40 languages. Further recognition came when NBC Television produced the long-running "Little House on the Prairie" series, based loosely on the "Little House" legend.

Laura Ingalls was born on February 7, 1867, in a log cabin near Pepin, Wisconsin. With her parents and sisters she traveled by covered wagon to Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, back to Minnesota and finally to Dakota Territory in 1879. In 1885 she married Almanzo Wilder (whose boyhood she later described in *Farmer Boy*). In 1894, with their daughter Rose, the Wilders left drought-stricken Dakota for a new start in the Ozark Mountains. They settled on Rocky Ridge Farm near Mansfield, Missouri.

The rest of the Ingalls family remained in South Dakota, Pa and Ma living on at DeSmet with the blind daughter, Mary. Grace married and

lived at Manchester, SD. Carrie became a frontier newspaper-woman, working and homesteading in Western South Dakota. After her marriage she lived at Keystone, the town at the foot of Mt. Rushmore, where a memorial marker and museum displays honor her.

In 1932, Laura Ingalls Wilder published the first of her books. Several times in the 1930's Almanzo and Laura re-visited South Dakota while the "Little House" books were being written. Book awards, library dedications in her name, and other tributes continued to honor Laura until her death at 90 on February 10, 1957.

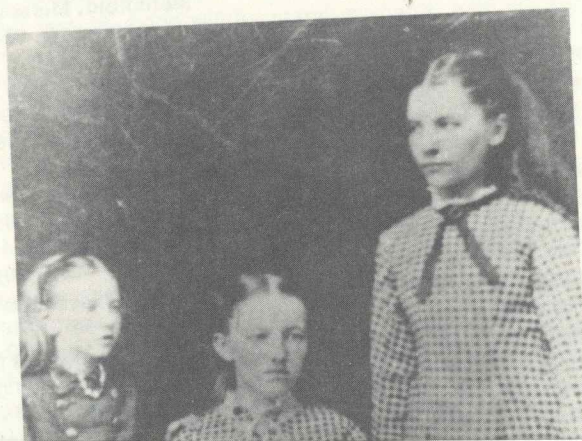
Because of great reader interest, a Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society was formed in DeSmet, SD. Write for information on two of the restored Ingalls homes in DeSmet, 18 other sites mentioned in the books, and the summer pageant based on Laura's life, at Box 344, DeSmet, SD 57321; phone: (605) 854-3383.

Here at Wall Drug's Hole-in-the-Wall Bookstore is a special display of hand-carved figures of the Ingalls family members. Copies of all the "Little House" books are available, as well as books by Laura's daughter, Rose Wilder Lane, which also describe Dakota homesteading, and booklets by William Anderson with biographical information on the family and answers to questions of "what happened next," including *The Story of the Ingalls*, *Laura Wilder of Mansfield*, and *The Story of the Wilders*.

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Laura Ingalls Wilder Writes About
Early Life at Burr Oak





Home in Mansfield, Mo., was built by Laura Ingalls Wilder and her husband, Almanzo. It is now a memorial museum open to visitors.

The real little houses on the prairie

To author Laura Ingalls Wilder they recalled an era of simple pleasures

By William T. Anderson

Laura Ingalls Wilder's memories of growing up on the frontier were "altogether too good to be lost." All her adult life—through busy years of farming with her husband, Almanzo Wilder, on Rocky Ridge Farm in Mansfield, Mo.—she planned to write her autobiography.

From year to year, she postponed the project. There was so much to do

at home: a daughter to raise, cows and chickens to tend, a 10-room house to keep clean and comfortable. Consequently, her vast fund of tales—"stories that had to be told," she called them—remained unwritten.

Finally, at the urging of their daughter, popular novelist and journalist Rose Wilder Lane, the Wilders

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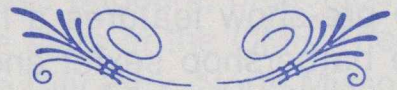


Marker on South Dakota prairie shows where Wilders settled after marriage.

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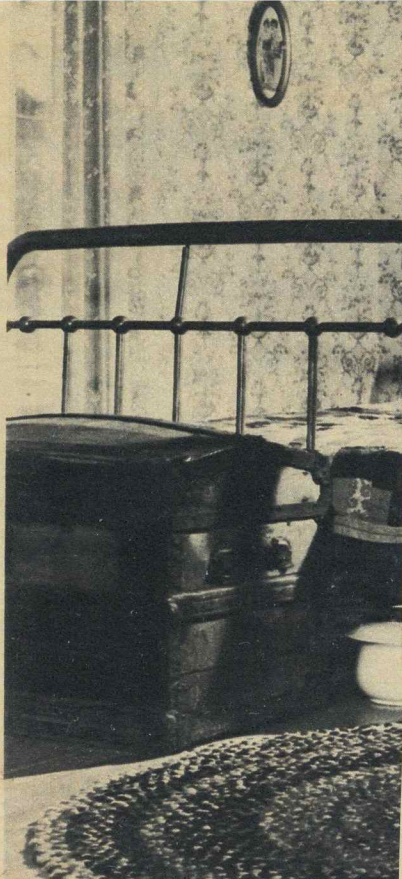
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Brass bed with trundle in restored Ingalls home

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eling back to western Minnesota, lived for several years 'On the Banks of Plum Creek.' From there, we went again to live 'By the Shores of Silver Lake' in Dakota Territory. I lived in De Smet, the 'Little Town on the Prairie,' and I married Alma of 'Farmer Boy,' just as I told in 'The Happy Golden Years.' " (Her only book was "The Long Winter.")

She was 76 when her eighth book was published. She had been writing continuously for 11 years, and when asked to continue the series, she was satisfied with her accomplishments. Besides, she joked, she was already "hit by income tax" for the royalties from her eight fast-selling books. Even so, a ninth manuscript, "The First Four Years," was found and published after her death.

Always content in the peaceful hills and hollows of their Old Mountain home, the Wilders seldom traveled far from Rocky Ridge Farm. They were well-known literary heroes to legions of Laura Wilder readers. Libraries and schools named for the author, awards and medals were sent to her; but she

from the fierce, resistant prairie, but the warm security of home provided by Pa and Ma Ingalls overcame all disasters. "The important thing," Wilder recalled, "was that we had the family and our strengths and pleasures. Pa could always play wonderful music and drive our cares away, and Ma taught us from books and trained us in our manners."

When her first book, "Little House in the Big Woods," appeared shortly after her 65th birthday, Wilder was satisfied, and expected to resume retirement with her husband in their white-painted hillside home. "I thought that would end it," she recalled, "but what do you think? Children from all over wrote to me begging for more stories—and I began to



Laura Ingalls Wilder was 60 when this photo was taken for a book jacket.

think what a wonderful childhood I had had." When her publisher's pleas accompanied readers' requests for more books, she was reminded of her own daughter's childhood begging, "Please tell me another story!"

Wilder developed a concept for an eight-volume account of pioneer days, continuing to use her own family background as story lines. She summed up her own life and the book series created from it in this order: "I was born in the 'Little House in the Big Woods' of Wisconsin in the year 1867. From there, with my parents and sisters, I traveled in a prairie schooner across Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and into Indian Territory, where we lived in the 'Little House on the Prairie.' Then, trav-

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agreed to retire from active farming. They were content to let others work the productive 200 acres that had been no more than brush-covered ridges when they first came to the Ozarks in 1894.

Lane offered her mother another suggestion: It was time to write her book. So, at 63, Laura Wilder opened a five-cent blue-lined school tablet and in pencil wrote a title across the top of the first page: "Little House in the Big Woods." She had no illusions of creating literary fame for herself. She was simply writing "to preserve the story."

She sought to save a record of the all-but-vanished lives of the pioneers. As she explained, "I wanted children now and in the future to understand more about the beginnings of things—what it was that made America as they know it. I understood that my own life represented a period of American history. I had seen the whole frontier: the woods, the Indian country, the frontier towns, the building of railroads in wild, unsettled country, homesteaders and farmers coming in to



Parlor furnishings are part of collection on display in Ingalls' South Dakota home.

take possession. I realized that I had seen and lived it all. . . ."

She had indeed "seen it all"—all that constituted America's last great expansionist thrust of the 1870s and 1880s. She, her parents, Charles and Caroline Ingalls, and her sisters, Mary, Carrie and Grace, all played a part in taming the raw west.

Remembrances of their pioneering

odyssey through the Midwestern plains were stored in Laura's retentive mind from one successive move to another. Drought, disease and dust storms had come her way. Blizzards, fire and flood had shown her Nature's force. She had watched the unturned earth, angry at invasion, buckle against her father's turning plow. It was a constant battle for the



Early 1890s' Ingalls family portrait, taken in De Smet, S.D., shows Ma, Pa and Mary seated. Standing are Carrie, Laura and Grace.

Laura Ingalls Wilder:
The Iowa Story

by William Anderson





Ma, Carrie, Laura, Pa, Grace, Mary

Burr Oak, Iowa was the home of the Ingalls family, of Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" books. This is the story of their life in Iowa.

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NAAMAN INGALLS was born in Du Page County, Illinois, July 31, 1854, the youngest of twelve children of John and Jerusha Ingalls, who were both natives of Oneida County, New York. Soon after their marriage the parents made their home in Cattaraugus County, New York. In 1846 they removed to Du Page County, Illinois, and in 1856 they located in Kane County, Illinois, where the father died in 1864, aged fifty five years. The mother subsequently went with her youngest children to De Kalb County, Illinois, and in 1868 removed to Grundy County, Iowa, locating near the present residence of our subject, and in 1870 she settled on section 19, Lincoln Township. Eight of her children are now living—Edward, living in California; George, of Lincoln Township; Mrs. Jerusha Pattison, of Reinbeck; Amelia, residing in California; Mrs. Harriet Lewis, of Reinbeck; Orrin, of Tama County; Mrs. Mary Bean, of Grundy County, and Naaman. Milton, Charles, John and William, are deceased. Charles was a member of the Eighth Illinois Cavalry and died in the service, and William belonged to the One Hundred and Fifth Illinois Infantry, dying in hospital in 1863. After his mother's death, which occurred February 4, 1882, our subject became heir to the fine farm of 160 acres which he helped to acquire, and which he now occupies. December 25, 1877, Mr. Ingalls was married to Charlotte Ingamells, who was born in Washington County, Wisconsin, January 19, 1856. They have two sons—Frank and Clarence. In politics Mr. Ingalls is identified with the

Republican party. George Ingalls, brother of our subject, is also a resident of Lincoln Township, and owns a fine farm of 160 acres, on section 20. He was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, March 22, 1836. While living in Illinois he was married April 11, 1858, to Miss Selinda Wright, a native of Allegany County, New York, born October 30, 1834. He came to Iowa in 1863, locating first in Story County, and in 1878 came to Black Hawk County, where he has since made his home. Mr. and Mrs. George Ingalls have six children—Francelia (wife of Howard Hitchcock), Charles, Harriet, John, Georgia and Ella.

RETURNS TO NEW HARTFORD HOMESTEAD

*Parkhurst
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by Lillian Rawdon

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ingalls of Tacoma, Wash. and his father, Clarence A. Ingalls of Vallejo, Calif. were in this area Wednesday and Thursday of last week and with this visit goes some very interesting history. Clarence Ingalls was born on the farmstead, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerloff on Oct. 22, 1879, which makes him, as he relates it, seven months of age as he begins his second century--actually 100 years and 7 months. Despite this he is very active and alert and made the plane trip to Tacoma from his California home and accompanied his son and daughter-in-law, the Marion Ingalls by car to this area. Though the house in which he was born has been extensively remodeled, Mrs. Gerloff reports that he distinctly remembered the stairway which he had climbed so many times as his mother stood at the foot as he went up to bed. A number of other things were very outstanding in his memory even though he was only five years of age when he moved with his

parents to the Sioux Falls, S.D. area.

His grandparents on both sides of the house are buried in Fairfield cemetery in Grundy Center on land given for the cemetery by his paternal grandfather, Jasper Ingalls from his farmstead, now the farm home of Art Hansen. His maternal grandparents, the Alex Fortunes owned 400 acres of land in this vicinity also, a part of which is now the farm of Hal Thompson. The Fortunes are also buried in Fairfield Cemetery, which Mr. Ingalls was able to visit, as well as meeting and talking with the parents occupants of the farmsteads.

He recalls his mother taught school for a time in a schoolhouse which then stood on the Roy Youngberg farm but has since been torn down.

Charles Ingalls, of the Little House On The Prairie, fame was a cousin of Clarence's grandfather, Jasper Ingalls. He is also a distant relative of Ernest Ingalls, through whom I came to meet and enjoy these interesting people.



Gerloff House Near New Hartford

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Jasper Harrison Ingalls

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Mar.							
Death							
Burial							

Places of Residence

Occupation

Church Affiliation

Military Rec.

Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Wife's Full Maiden Name

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth							
Chr'nd							
Death							
Burial							

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Places of Residence

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation

City, State

Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc.
Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
1	<i>Orlando</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
2	<i>Horace</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
3	<i>La Vina</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Nelson Griffith</i>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
4	<i>William H.</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Abigail Fortune</i>	Birth							<i>Clarence</i>
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
5	<i>George</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
6	<i>Ediza</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>John Sperry</i>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
7	<i>Francis</i> Full Name of Spouse* <i>Ada Perry</i>	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
8	<i>Charles</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
9	<i>Levi</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
10	<i>Henry</i> Full Name of Spouse*	Birth							<i>Ethel</i>
		Mar.							<i>Cora</i>
		Death							<i>Hazel</i>
		Burial							

Calif.

Clarence Ingalls was born in New Hartford, Iowa in 1879. He lived in South Dakota and Minnesota before the family moved to Washington in 1903.

He lived a good life, a happy life. On October 22, Mr. Ingalls had a birthday. Now he is . . .

. . . 100 years old.

by Ann Vinson

You can do a lot of living in 100 years.

And for Clarence Ingalls, who was 100 Oct. 22, that living has all been good.

"I've lived a Christian life," he said. "I try to live good and think good. I've never smoked or drank and I've tried to do nothing to injure my health or reputation."

For him, that seems to have been the road to happiness. "I'm a person who looks on the bright side of things," he said. "I don't get upset or worried, and I don't make demands."

The happiest day of Mr. Ingalls' life was "when he married the nicest girl in the world," Myrtle Dunn, in 1910.

"We were more in love the last year than we were the first," he said.

Mrs. Ingalls died in 1976.

They had three sons, and there are 11 grandchildren.

Mr. Ingalls is visiting his oldest son, Marion, 68, in University Place.

The middle son, Archie, 66, lives in Eatonville, and Mr. Ingalls lives with his youngest son, Russell, 60, in Vallejo, Calif.

The Ingalls were area residents for more than 30 years. When Mrs. Ingalls was alive they lived at 7213 S. Bell. After her death, Mr. Ingalls moved in with Russell and his family in Fircrest.

He is delightedly and devotedly proud of his three sons. It seems they were reared with love and understanding.

Mr. Ingalls said he doesn't remember ever spanking any of the boys. "I'd just talk to them," he said.

If he ever did spank them, he would remember.

At the birthday reception Sunday, Oct. 21, in the Sherwood Inn, he was

reciting poetry he learned before he started school, according to his daughter-in-law Bertha.

He has the memory -- and convictions -- of a young man, especially about voting, work and the church.

His first presidential ballot was for William McKinley. He's voted in every presidential election since and plans to vote again in 1980 -- probably for a Democrat.

"I think everyone should vote. Not any good later," he said, "hollering don't vote."

A believer in hard work, Mr. Ingalls didn't retire as a carpenter until he was 80. "I was working inside, and my eyesight got so I couldn't see the hammer marks," he recalled, "so I told my boss I thought

Mandatory retirement isn't too good, according to the centenarian. "An older person can't do hard work, but nowadays there's not too

much hand work, what with machines and all."

But he feels most strongly about his church.

His eyesight is bad, and he said can't see to read his Bible any more. "I have recordings of the Bible, and I listen to them for one or two hours every morning."

He doesn't miss elections, but is even more adamant about his church. "I go every Sunday, and the services during the week."

He bowls, plays checkers, takes walks, enjoys his family, attends church -- and makes plans for the future.

"Next June I'm going with Marion and Bertha to South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota," he said.

He's going to visit the lands of youth, the house where he was born.

And next year we're going to do it again so I can write about his 101 birthday celebration.

HUSBAND **EDMUND** ¹ **INGALLS**

Born 1598 Place Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, England
 Married 1620 Place England
 Died March 1648 Place nr. Boston, Mass.
 Buried at Lynn, Mass. Church Aff. Come to America in 1648
 Other wives Wife Deceased in 1628

FATHER **ROBERT** **INGALLS**

Born _____ Place _____
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died 1617 Place Skirbeck, England
 Buried at _____ Church aff. _____

MOTHER

Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church aff. _____

WIFE **ANN** **TRIPP**

Born _____ Place Skirbeck, England
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____
 Other husbands _____

FATHER

Born _____ Place _____
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

MOTHER

Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

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family name in Lincoln-
shire was in 1384. Henry
Ingalls of Skirbeck, pro
gr-grandfather of Edmun
died in 1555 & b.abt 15

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Edmund & Francis were 1
Gov. Endicott's Co.-1628

With bro. Francis & 4 ot
ers-founded Lynn, 1629.
Drowned-Saugus River.

CHILDREN

		BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	ROBERT ²	1621	Skirbeck, Eng.	Jan. 3, 1698		Sarah Harker	8 Ch.	
2	ELIZABETH ²	1622	Skirbeck, Eng.	June 9, 1676		Rev. Francis Dane of Andover		
3	FAITH ²	1623	Skirbeck, Eng.			Andrew Allen-Andover		
4	JOHN ² <i>called John Ingalls</i>	1625	Skirbeck, Eng.	Dec. 31, 1721		Elizabeth Barrett of Salem		
5	SARAH ²	1626	Skirbeck, Eng.			William Bitnar		
6	HENRY ² <i>Sgt. Commander of Andover Co Essex Regiment</i>	1627	Skirbeck, Eng.	Feb. 8, 1718/9		1. Mary Osgood 1653 Jul 2. Sarah Farnum-widow o Geo. Abbott (12 Ch) 16		
7	SAMUEL ²	1634	Lynn, Mass.	Jan. 22, 1717	Ipswich, Mass.	Ruth Eaton-Ipswich		
8	MARY ²	??				John Eaton		
9	JOSEPH ²	??		died young				
10								

HUSBAND HENRY² INGALLS (Edmund¹)
 Born 1627 Place Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, England
 Married July 6, 1653 Place Andover, Mass
 Died Feb. 8, 1718/9 Place Andover, Mass
 Buried at Church Aff.

Other wives Sarah Farnum-widow of Geo Abbott Aug 1, 1687

FATHER EDMUND INGALLS¹

Born 1598 Place Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, England
 Married March 1648/1620 Place England
 Died March 1648 Place Saugus River, near Boston
 Buried at Church aff.

MOTHER ANN TRIPP INGALLS

Born Place England
 Died Place Lynn, Mass.
 Buried at Church aff.

WIFE MARY OSGOOD INGALLS (of Andover, Mass)

Born abt 1633 Place
 Died Dec. 16, 1686 Place
 Buried at Church Aff.

Other husbands

FATHER JOHN OSGOOD

Born July 23, 1595 Place Whereville, Hampshire, Eng.
 Married Place
 Died Oct. 26, 1651 Place Andover, Mass.
 Buried at Church Aff.

MOTHER SARAH BOOTH

Born abt 1627 Place
 Died Apr. 8, 1687 (1667) Place Andover, Mass.
 Buried at Church Aff.

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	CHILDREN	BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	*** SAMUEL ³ INGALLS	Oct. 3, 1650	Andover, Mass.	Aug. 11, 1733	Andover, Mass.	Sarah Hendrick		
2	HENRY ³ INGALLS <i>Linda</i>	Dec. 8, 1656	Andover, Mass.	1698		Abigail Emery b.1669 m. 1688 d. 1756		
3	MARY ³ INGALLS	Jan 28, 1659	Andover, Mass.			John Stevens- Andover 5-28-1679		
4	JOHN ³ INGALLS	May 21, 1661	Andover, Mass			Sarah Russell		
4	STEPHEN ³ INGALLS	May 21, 1661				Dinah Elson		
5	FRANCIS ³ INGALLS	Sept. 23, 1663	Andover, Mass	Dec. 9, 1690	Smallpox			
6	MOSES ³ INGALLS	June 26, 1666	Andover, Mass	Sept. 26, 1667				
7	JAMES ³ INGALLS	Sept. 25, 1669				Hannah Abbott		
7	SARAH ³ INGALLS	Sept. 7, 1672		prob. died young				
8	JOSEPH ³ INGALLS	Mar. 24, 1675		died young				
8	OSIAH ³ INGALLS	Andover, Mass				1. Mary Holt 2. Esther Frye		
9	SARAH ³ INGALLS	Feb. 28, 1676						
		Jan. 22, 1679	Andover, Mass.			Joshua Swan		

HUSBAND ⁸⁷ SAMUEL 3 INGALLS (Henry, Edmund +)
 Born Oct 3, 1654 Place Andover, Mass
 Married June 4, 1682 Place
 Died Aug. 11, 1733 Place Andover, Mass.
 Buried at Andover, Mass (?) Church Aff.
 Other wives
 FATHER HENRY 2 INGALLS (Captain)
 Born 1627 Place Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, E
 Married July 6, 1653 Place Andover, Mass
 Died Feb. 8, 1718/9 Place Andover, Mass
 Buried at Church aff.
 MOTHER MARY OSGOOD
 Born Place Andover, Mass
 Died Dec. 1686 Place Andover, Mass
 Buried at Church aff.
 WIFE SARAH HENDRICK
 Born Aug. 5, 1661 Place Andover, Mass.
 Died Place
 Buried at Church Aff.
 Other husbands
 FATHER Daniel Hendrick
 Born about 1610 Place England
 Married April 8, 1660 Place
 Died Place
 Buried at Church Aff.
 MOTHER MRS. MARY STOCKBRIDGE (widow)
 Born Place
 Died Place
 Buried at Church Aff.

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CHILDREN		BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	SAMUEL 4	May 7, 1683				Mary Watts		
2	SARAH 4	Mar. 21, 1685		Feb. 13, 1754		Josiah Chandler (see Chandler Genealog		
3	MOSES 4	May 30, 1687				Maria Heitt		
4	DANIEL 4	July 30, 1689		Sept. 25, 1700				
5	DEBORAH 4	Apr. 1, 1691		Dec. 26, 1692				
6	ELDAD 4 { Later thought to be called Daniel	Oct. 13, 1696				Hannah Watts (1/2 sister to Mary)		
7	DEBORAH 4	July 24, 1694				Joshua Flint of Salem m. 1715		
8	RUTH 4	Feb. 19, 1699		d.n.m.				
9	NATHANIEL 4							
0	MARY 4					Noah Marble Jan. 20, 1721		

HUSBAND SAMUEL INGALLS (Samuel³, Henry², Edmund¹)

Born May 7, 1583

Place Andover, Mass.

Married 1708

Place

Died 1760

Place Chester, N.H.

Buried at

Church Aff. Presbyterian

Other wives

FATHER SAMUEL³

INGALLS (Sargeant)

Born Oct. 3, 1654

Place Andover, Mass.

Married June 4, 1682

Place Andover, Mass.

Died Aug. 11, 1733

Place Andover, Mass.

Buried at

Church aff.

MOTHER SARAH HENDRICK

INGALLS

Born Aug. 5, 1661

Place Andover, Mass.

Died

Place

Buried at

Church aff.

WIFE MARY WATTS

Born June 27, 1687

Place Haverhill, Mass.

Died AFTER R 1721

Place Chester, N. H.

Buried at

Church Aff.

Other husbands

FATHER SAMUEL WATTS

Born 1650/55

Place Wiltshire, England

Married 1684

Place

Died 1721

Place

Buried at

Church Aff.

MOTHER ELIZABETH AYER (daughter of Thomas Ayer)

Born Dec. 23, 1659

Place Haverhill, Mass.

Died Oct. 26, 1695

Place Haverhill, Mass

Buried at

Church Aff.

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Proprietor of Chester, N.H.

Captain of Militia, clerk

and Selectman.

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CHILDREN

		BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	ELIZABETH ⁵	Sept. 8, 1709	Andover, Mass.				French	
2	SARAH ⁵	Oct. 27, 1710	Andover, Mass.				Snow	
3	SAMUEL ⁵	Sept. 15, 1712	Andover, Mass	Oct. 6, 1747		Susanna Jose		
4	MARY ⁵	1714	Andover, Mass.			Ephraim Haseltine of		
5	RUTH ⁵	1717/1718	Haverhill, Mass			Thomas Wells		
***6	TIMOTHY ⁵	Apr. 20, 1720	Haverhill, Mass		Chester, N.H.	Sarah		
7	MEHITABLE ⁵	1723	1st white child b. Chester	Apr. 12, 1818		Dr. Samuel Moore of Deerfield		
8	ABIGAIL ⁵	1725	Chester, N.H.	1806		Stephen Morse-Chester (see Morse Genealogy)		
9	NATHANIEL ⁵	Dec. 12, 1727	Chester, N.H.			Abigail Huse-dau. of Israel & Mary Huse.		
10								

HUSBAND TIMOTHY 5 INGALLS (Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Henry², Edmund¹)

Born April 20, 1720 Place Haverhill, Mass

Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place Chester, N.H.
Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

Other wives _____

FATHER SAMUEL⁴

INGALLS

Born May 7, 1683 Place Andover, Mass

Married 1708 Place _____
Died Oct. 6, 1747 (?) Place Chester, N.H.
Buried at _____ Church aff. Presbyterian

MOTHER Mary Watts

Born June 27, 1687 Place Haverhill, Mass.

Died after 1721 Place Chester, N.H.
Buried at _____ Church aff. _____

WIFE Mrs SARAH (Brown) ???

Born _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____
Other husbands _____

FATHER

Born _____ Place _____
Married _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

MOTHER

Born _____ Place _____
Died _____ Place _____
Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

CHILDREN

1. EBENEZER⁶ (Rev. War)

2. DEBORAH⁶

3. JONATHAN⁶

4. TIMOTHY⁶

5. GILMAN⁶ (Questionable)

6

7

8

9

0

BORN When Where

Apr. 13, 1747 Kingston, N.H.

Apr. 18, 1746 Chester, N.H.

1740/ 1746 Haverhill, Mass

June 16, 1763 Hill, N.H.

About 1750 Kingston, N.H.

DIED When Where

MARRIED To whom When Where

Mary Lougee

2 sons

Ebenezer Gilman

Oliver Smith Blake

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INGALLS to Pettingall land
transfer.....

Timothy fought in Revolution
ary War. Death date must be
proven.....

HUSBAND JONATHAN INGALLS⁶ (Timothy⁵, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Henry², Edmund¹)

Born 1740 Place Sandown, N.H.
 Married abt 1759 Place
 Died 1834 Place Bridgewater, N.H.
 Buried at Church Aff.

Other wives 1. Hannah Locke ?? 2. Edna Hastings 1813

FATHER TIMOTHY INGALLS

Born 20-April-1720 Place Haverhill, Mass.
 Married Place
 Died Place Chester, N.H.
 Buried at Church aff.

MOTHER SARAH BROWN (see Vol 98, p. 46, N.H. records/13-Jun-1757)

Born Place (Chester)
 Died Place
 Buried at Church aff.

WIFE MARTHA JANE LOCKE⁴ (Thomas³, Edward², John¹)

Born before 1753 Place New Hampton, N.H.
 Died Place Bristol, N.H.
 Buried at Church Aff.

Other husbands

FATHER THOMAS LOCKE

Born 10-June-1713 Place Rye, N.H.
 Married Place
 Died Place
 Buried at Church Aff.

MOTHER Abigail Berry

Born 21-June-1719 Place
 Died Place
 Buried at Church Aff.

CHILDREN

	When BORN	Where	When DIED	Where	MARRIED	To whom	When	Where
1	HANNAH INGALLS ⁷	31-Mch-1760	28-Aug-1832		Samuel Worthen			
	BAPT. (May 9, 1762)	Hampton, N.H.	Bristol, N.H.		2-May-1782			
	JONATHAN INGALLS ⁷ <i>and sons</i>	very religious... Methodist			Worthen d. 29-Apr-1824			
2	JOANNA INGALLS ⁷ TWINS	bapt. Dec-12-1765			Abigail Cleveland			
		Sandown, N.H.	Dble Wedding		Mch 8, 1785			
		b. 4-May-1762			Daniel Heath			
3	SARAH INGALLS ⁷	21-Aug-1768			Hubbard Dudley			
		bapt. 10-30-1768			Jan. 6, 1789			
		Sandown Congregational Church						
****	SAMUEL INGALLS ⁷	1770	1841		Margaret Delano			
4		bapt. 8-12-1770	Bolivar, N. Y.		m. 1793	Vermont		
		Bristol, N.H.						
5	JAMES INGALLS ⁷	3-July-1772			Ruth Sleeper			
		bapt. 7-5-1778						
		Bristol, N.H.			METHODIST			
6	ABIGAIL INGALLS ⁷	26-Nov-1774			Daniel Heath			
		bapt. 1-29-1786 of			Nov. 12, 1795			
		New Chester						
7	OLIVE INGALLS ⁷	4-Aug-1780			1. Wm. Holt			
			Bolivar, N.Y.		June 23, 1795			
					2. Richardson			
	NANCY (Nanna) INGALLS ⁷	2-May-1781/2	Richford, Vt.		Wm. Gross			
		Bridgewater, N.H.	(Franklin Co.)					
9	DANIEL INGALLS ⁷	19-June-1784			1. Polly Damon			
					2. Mrs. Eunice Evans Perkins			
10	MARY INGALLS ⁷		1810					
					Sanborn			

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 marriage before Martha Lock.

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Born 1771 Place Sandown, N.H.
 Married 1793 Place Vermont
 Died Feb. 15, 1841 Place Bolivar, N.Y.
 Buried at Bolivar Cemetery Church Aff. _____
 Other wives 6
 FATHER JONATHAN 6 INGALLS
 Born bet. 1740 - 1746 Place Sandown, N.H.
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died 1834 Place Bridgewater, N. H.
 Buried at _____ Church aff. _____
 MOTHER MARTHA JANE LOCKE
 Born before 1753 Place New Hampton, N. H.
 Died about 1773 Place N. H.
 Buried at _____ Church aff. _____
 WIFE MARGARET DELANO
 Born 1773 Place Tolland, Conn.
 Died May 6, 1837 Place N.Cuba, N. Y.
 Buried at N.Cuba Cemetery Church Aff. _____
 Other husbands _____
 FATHER JONATHAN DELANO III
 Born Dec. 2, 1715 Place Dartmouth, Mass.
 Married Oct. 8, 1754 Place Tolland, Conn.
 Died Sept. 28, 1811 Place Hartford, Vermont
 Buried at Hartford-Delano Cem. Church Aff. _____
 MOTHER ANNA LADD
 Born Oct. 31, 1734 Place Coventry, Conn.
 Died Feb. 11, 1816 Place Hartford, Vermont
 Buried at Hartford-Delano Cem. Church Aff. _____

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Samuel Ingalls⁷ -

CHILDREN

		BORN		DIED		MARRIED	
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When
1	MARTHA ⁸ (Patty)		Vermont ?	Byron, N.Y.	1.	Samuel Perkins	
				1854	2.	John Taggart	
						10 Children	
2	MARY ⁸ (Polly)		Vermont ?		Michigan	Charles Hyde	
						10 Children	
3	JAMES ⁸		Vermont ?	Grundy Co. Iowa		Roxa Jackman	
				Old Fairfield Burial - New Oregon			
				Cem. / Mr. Dike, Ia.		8 Children	
4	HIRAM ⁸	1800		W	Wisconsin	Olive Bartrum	
		Dunham, P. Quebec			1865		
		Lwr. Canada				6 Children	
5	AARON ⁸	Feb. 22, 1802			1886	Olive Scott	
		Dunham, P. Quebec		N.Cuba, N.Y.		m. May 11, 1824	
		Lwr. Canada				9 Children	
6	BENJAMIN ⁸	Oct. 18, 1804		Feb. 18, 1894		Malvina Humphre	
		Dunham, P. Quebec		Michigan			
		Lwr. Canada				10 Children	
7	JOHN W ⁸	Dec. 31, 1806		1893		Betsey Marshall	
		Dunham, P. Quebec		Cuba, N.Y.		m. Sept. 1, 182	
		Lwr. Canada				10 Children	
**	SAMUEL WORTHEN ⁸	June 29, 1809		May 20, 1861		Unity Jackman	
		Dunham, P. Quebec		Grundy Co. Iowa		m. 182	
		Lwr. Canada		Old Fairfield Cem		8 Children	
9	LANSFORD WHITING ⁸	Nov. 12, 1812		May 21, 1896		Laura Louisa Co	
		Dunham, P. Quebec		Webster, Wisc.		m. 183	
		Lwr. Canada				9 Children	

HUSBAND ⁸ SAMUEL WORTHEN ⁶ INGALLS (Samuel, Jonathan, Timothy, Samuel⁴, Samuel³, Henry², Edmu⁵)
 Born June 22, 1809 Place Dunham, Quebec-Canada
 Married 1829 Place Genesee Co., N.Y.
 Died May 20, 1861 Place Grundy Co., Iowa
 Buried at Fairfield Cemetery Church Aff.

Other wives

FATHER ⁷ SAMUEL INGALLS

Born 1771 Place Sandown, N.H.
 Married 1793 Place Vermont
 Died Feb. 15, 1841 Place Bolivar, N.Y.
 Buried at Bolivar Cemetery Church aff.

MOTHER ⁷ MARGARET DELANO

Born 1773 Place Tolland, Conn.
 Died May 6, 1837 Place N. Cuba, N.Y.
 Buried at N. Cuba Cemetery Church aff.

WIFE UNITY JACKMAN (X JACKSON)

Born March 18, 1812 Place Western N.Y.
 Died Oct. 9, 1883 Place Grundy Co., Iowa
 Buried at Fairfield Cemetery Church Aff.

Other husbands

FATHER JOSIAH JACKMAN

Born _____ Place _____
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

MOTHER

Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

CHILDREN

Sheet submitted by:

Mrs. Robert M. White
 4845 45th Ave. S.W.,
 Seattle, Wash. 98116

Date

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1830 Byron Co. N.Y. Census

Worthen Ingalls (20-30 m)

Wife (15-20 f)

no children

Hist. of Hartford, Vt. p. 413

Grundy Co. 1860 Census- Iowa

Worthing Ingalls 51 Canada

Unity " 44 N.Y.

Ira W. " 23 N.Y.

Adeline " 18 Ill.

Ellen " 9 Ill.

Grundy Co. 1856 Census- Iowa

S.W. Ingalls 48 Canada

U. " 44 N.Y.

Ira " 19 N.Y.

Sophronia " 16 Ill.

Adeline " 13 Ill.

(years in state - - 1)

Ellen Ingalls 5 Ill.

	BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
	When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1	BABY BOY ⁹	June 1, 1830	June 1, 1830				
2	ALVIRA ⁹	Feb. 8, 1831			Martin Cartner	m. Oct. 9, 1846	
3	ALMIRA UNITY ⁹	June 26, 1833	July 27, 1903		Wm. Saunders	m. Feb. 8, 1848	
4	BETSY JANE ⁹	Aug. 7, 1835	Apr. 8, 1915		Joseph Scott	m. Mch. 30, 1852	
5	IRA WORTHEN ⁹	Aug. 10, 1837	Jan. 11, 1912		Annie Elizabeth Parthemore	m. May 8, 1861	
6	SOPHRONIA V. ⁹	Feb. 29, 1840	Jan. 16, 1931		Michael Niece	m. March 17, 1857	
7	ADELINE A. ⁹	Oct. 28, 1842	Dec. 14, 1861		Henry Gile	m. Dec. 3, 1861	
8	ELLEN PHILENA ⁹	Sept. 1, 1851	June 16, 1915		Martin Mallory	m. Aug. 12, 1866	
9							

When Where When Where To whom When Where

June 1, 1830 June 1, 1830

Feb. 8, 1831
 Genesee Co. N.Y.

June 26, 1833 July 27, 1903
 Allegeny Co. Stout, Iowa
 Cuba, N.Y. Elgin Cemetery

Aug. 7, 1835 Apr. 8, 1915
 Allegeny Co. Stout, Iowa
 Cuba, N.Y. Stout Cemetery

Aug. 10, 1837 Jan. 11, 1912
 Allegeny Co. Butler Co. Iowa
 Cuba, N.Y. Beaver Grove Cem.

Feb. 29, 1840 Jan. 16, 1931
 Kane Co. Ill. Shellrock, Iowa
 Riverside Cem.

Oct. 28, 1842 Dec. 14, 1861
 Kane Co. Ill. Grundy Co. Iowa
 Fairfield Cemetery

Sept. 1, 1851 June 16, 1915
 Kane Co. Ill. Wilmot, S. Dak.

Martin Cartner
 m. Oct. 9, 1846

Wm. Saunders
 m. Feb. 8, 1848
 Kane Co., Elgin, Ill.

Joseph Scott
 m. Mch. 30, 1852
 J. Scott d. Apr. 23, 1912

Annie Elizabeth Parthemore
 m. May 8, 1861
 A.E. Parthemore d. 3-10-1919

Michael Niece
 m. March 17, 1857

Henry Gile
 m. Dec. 3, 1861

Martin Mallory
 m. Aug. 12, 1866
 Mallory died Jan. 4, 1891

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Worthen
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 1840

HUSBAND IRA WORTHEN INGALLS (Samuel Worthen, Samuel, Jonathan, Samuel, Samuel)
 Born Aug. 10, 1837 Place Genesee Co. N.Y. Timothy's
 Married May 8, 1861 Place Grundy Co. Iowa Henry
 Died Jan. 11, 1912 Place near New Hartford, Iowa
 Buried at Beaver Grove Cem. Church Aff. born 1837

Sheet submitted by: Edmund
Mrs. Rose Flynn White
4845 45th Ave. S.W.,
Seattle, Wash. 98116

FATHER SAMUEL WORTHEN INGALLS
 Born June 29, 1808/9 Place Dunham, Quebec, Canada
 Married 1829 Place Genesee Co. N.Y.
 Died May 20, 1861 Place Grundy Co. Iowa
 Buried at Old Fairfield Cem. Church aff.

Date _____
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MOTHER UNITY (JACKSON) INGALLS JACKMAN ? ?
 Born Mch 18, 1812 Place Western N.Y.
 Died Oct. 9, 1883 Place Grundy Co. Iowa
 Buried at Old Fairfield Cem. Church aff.

Iowa Census Record 1870
W.P.A. Cemetery Records

WIFE ANNIE ELIZABETH PARTHMORE INGALLS

Parthmore Genealogy by
E.W.S. Parthmore
pp. 143 & 144

Born Dec. 23, 1844 Place Union Co. Ohio
 Died Mch. 10, 1919 Place near New Hartford, Iowa
 Buried at Beaver Grove Cem. Church Aff.

Land deeds & tax receipt
Beaver Twp. Butler County...
Samuel & wife Unity m.
1838-N.Y. Moved 1839 to
Kane Co., Ill then 1854 to
Iowa.

FATHER JACOB SCHUSTER PARTHMORE

Born Sept. 23, 1818 Place Middletown, Penn.
 Married Dec. 22, 1841 Place Union County, Ohio
 Died Dec. 1, 1898 Place Barrett, Kansas
 Buried at Barrett (??) Church Aff.

I have incomplete copy
of Poems, written by "The
UNLEARNED POET" my Gr-Gr
Grandfather, Samuel?
Ingalls.

MOTHER Marie S. Amrine

Born 1827 Place _____
 Died Oct. 28, 1851 Place Union Co. Ohio
 Buried at Old Amrine Cem. Church Aff.

CHILDREN Marysville, Ohio

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*Ira Worthen Ingalls
 & Charles 1st cousins
 Charles - father of Laura
 Ingalls Wilder - author of
 Little House Books*

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 GROUP



*Ira Worthen 1837-1912
 Arthur W. 1863-1925
 Adrian 1892
 Ernie 1916*

	When
1 ARTHUR WORTHEN 10 <i>Ernie</i>	Jan. Grundy
2 ADELINE V. 10 (VIOLA)	Apr.
3 ERMINNIE GRACE 10 (LILLIAN)	July 2
4 IVA MAY 10	Jan. 1
5 BIRDIE V. 10 (VALERIA RAY)	Mch. 12
6 IRA EARL 10	June 30
7 PEARL VIVIAN 10 <i>Ernie</i>	Sept. 1
BABY BOY 10	July 25

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HUSBAND Arthur Worthen Ingalls¹⁰ (Ira Worthen⁹ Samuel⁸ Jonath^{7J} Samuel⁶ Timothy⁵ Samuel⁴ Samuel³ Samuel² Samuel¹)
 Born January 1, 1863 Place Grundy Co. Ia.
 Married January 15, 1884 Place " " " " " " " " " " " " Henry-2-Edmund-1-
 Died October 10, 1925 Place Sartori Hosp. Cedar Falls, Ia. submitted by:
 Buried at Beaver Grove Ceme. Church Aff. X Methodist Pearl Middlestead
 Other wives New Hartford, Ia. 5255 N. Montana Ave.
 FATHER Ira Worthen Ingalls Helena, Mont. 59601
 Born August 10, 1838 Place Allegeny Co. N.Y. Date _____
 Married May 8, 1861 Place Grundy Co. Ia. AUTHORITIES:
 Died January 11, 1912 Place New Hartford, Ia. (List volume and page)
 Buried at Beaver Grove Ceme. Church Aff. New Hartford, Ia. Iowa Vital Atatistics
 MOTHER Anne Elizabeth Parthmore Parthmore Geneology by
 Born December 23, 1844 Place Union Co. Ohio E.W.S/ Parthmore 1885
 Died March 10, 1919 Place nr. New Hartford, Ia. pages 98,99,143,144
 Buried at Beaver Grove Ceme. Church aff. _____
 WIFE Alice Narcissa Waist
 Born Oct. 22, 1868 Place Grundy Co. Ia.
 Died April 18, 1925 Place Butler Co. Ia.
 Buried at Beaver Grove Ceme. Church Aff. Methodist
 Other husbands _____
 FATHER Charles Waist (Grandfather Frank Braniok)
 Born 1840 Place Greene, Penn.
 Married _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____
 MOTHER Narissa Branick (Dieltz)
 Born _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Buried at _____ Church Aff. _____

CHILDREN		BORN		DIED		MARRIED		
		When	Where	When	Where	To whom	When	Where
1. Archie Raymond	11	Jan. 1885	Butler Co. Ia.	April 1885	Butler Co. Ia.			
2. Cecil Charles	11	Dec. 12, 1886	Butler Co. Ia.			Annie Rabon		
3. Arthur Dale	11	Dec. 24, 1888	Butler Co. Ia.	Canada		Cedar Falls, Ia.		
***** 4. Adrian Vivien	11	Sept. 27, 1892	Butler Co. Ia.	Nov. 19, 1959	Oak Hill Ceme.	Carrie DeBoer b. 1895		
5. Loyd Worthen	11	April 1, 1894	Butler Co. Ia.	April 14, 1917	New Hartford, Ia.	Dora Anderson d. 1920		
6. McKinley	11	Oct. 12, 1896	Butler Co. Ia.	Age 23 March 9, 1969		Bixby b. 1895 d. 1966		
7. Myrtle Leone	11	April 28, 1899	Butler Co.	March 9, 1969	Iowa City, Ia.	Gladys Hibouk b. 1915		
Erminnie Pearl	11	Sept. 9, 1909	Butler Co.	March 30, 1976	Helena, Montana	d. 1967 Dexter, Minn.		
						Frank Tuttle		
						1926		
						Grapevine, Tex.		
						Robt. Middlestead		
						June 7, 1927 M.		
						Edmonton, Alberta, Cana.		
						3 Ch.		

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HUSBAND	Ernest Arthur Ingalls ¹²	Adrian ¹¹	Arthur ⁸	Worthen ¹⁰	Ira Worthen ⁹	Samuel ⁷	Jonathan ⁶	Timothy ⁵
Born	July 14, 1916	Place	Dexter, Minn.			Samuel	Samuel-3	Henry-2-
Married	October, 12, 1938	Place	Grace Methodist, Waterloo			Sheet submitted by:	Edmund 1	
Died		Place	Ia.			Velma Ingalls		
Buried at		Church Aff.	Methodist			New Hartford, Iowa.	50660	

Other wives	
FATHER <u>Adrian Vivien Ingalls</u>	
Born <u>Sept. 27, 1892</u>	Place <u>New Hartford, Ia.</u>
Married <u>Febr. 17, 1914</u>	Place <u>Austin, Minn.</u>
Died <u>Nov. 19, 1959</u>	Place <u>El Paso, Texas</u>
Buried at <u>Oak Hill / Ceme.</u>	Church <u>aff. New Hartford, Ia.</u>
MOTHER <u>Carrie DeBoer</u>	
Born <u>1895</u>	Place <u>Grundy Co.</u>
Died <u>1920</u>	Place <u>New Hartford, Ia.</u>
Buried at <u>Stout Ceme.</u>	Church aff. <u>Stout, Ia.</u>

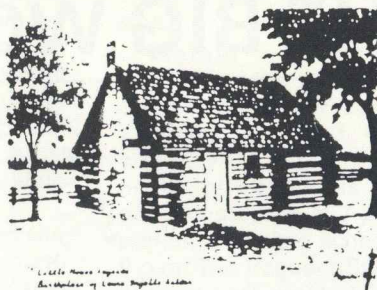
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Gravestones (pictures)

WIFE <u>Velma Violet Rawdon</u>	
Born <u>September 30, 1918</u>	Place <u>Bronson, Iowa</u>
Died _____	Place _____
Buried at _____	Church Aff. <u>Methodist</u>
Other husbands _____	
FATHER <u>Milo Roy Rawdon</u>	
Born <u>March 20, 1883</u>	Place <u>Black River Falls, Wisc.</u>
Married <u>Sept. 15, 1908</u>	Place <u>Sioux City, Ia.</u>
Died <u>January 1, 1954</u>	Place <u>New Hartford, Ia. (at home)</u>
Buried at <u>Oak Hill Ceme.</u>	Church Aff. <u>Meth.</u>
MOTHER <u>Alta Mae Barton</u>	
Born <u>April 7, 1889</u>	Place <u>Woodbine, Iowa</u>
Died <u>April 27, 1960</u>	Place <u>Sartori Hosp. Cedar Falls Ia.</u>
Buried at <u>Oak Hill Ceme. N. Church Aff. Iowa</u>	

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Pepin, Wisconsin 54759



Birthplace of Laura Ingalls Wilder

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1867 — LAURA INGALLS WILDER — 1987



PHOTO: C. LATANE'

The year of 1987 is the 120th anniversary of the birth of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Fans everywhere will be paying her honor and respect throughout the year. As we dedicate this issue of our newsletter to her memory we can affirm that Pepin, Wisconsin, the place of her birth, joins in this spirit of commemorative celebration.

Pictured here is the bulletin board that greeted visitors to the Pepin Public Library during the month of February. Laura's birthday, February 7, and Valentine's Day, February 14, were cleverly incorporated into their attractive display. Our thanks to the library staff for bringing attention to Laura Ingalls Wilder, a literary "great" whom we claim as our very own.

This 120th birthday theme

continued as members gathered for the annual meeting of the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Society, Inc. at the Eastside Apartments Community Room on Tuesday evening, February 3. A fine crowd was on hand to hear the business reports, participate in the election of directors, and enjoy a "Laura" related program and lunch. Incumbents Maxine Johnson and Dennis Schruth were re-elected to the Board of Directors, and Helen Byington was elected to fill the directorship of Donna Diedrich, who chose not to have her name placed in nomination.

The program featured a new film from the Newbery series, "Meet the Newbery Author: Laura Ingalls Wilder." This was followed by an old-fashioned

spelling bee, arranged by Barbara Winberg, faculty person in charge of the Media Center at our local school. Twelve fifth and sixth graders volunteered for the event and their performance was most impressive. All participants were given complimentary "Laura" bookmarks and the champion speller, Tonya Seifert, received an inscribed piggy bank. We gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of our school, both faculty and students.

A drawing for door prizes and the lunch concluded the annual event. Laura's gingerbread was served along with sandwiches and choice of beverages.

Now as Pepin continues this 120th year observance the

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Your Poet Writes About Laura

One of our Junior Historian members, Jennifer Shackelford from Poplar Bluff, Missouri, sent us the following poem:

A Poem of Laura Ingalls Wilder's Life

In Pepin, Wisconsin
Laura was born
on February 7th,
Early one morn.

Laura and her family
Moved to many places.
They saw many houses
And many new faces.

The family had troubles,
Oh, how many they had,
Plagues and sicknesses,
They were very, very bad.

Then in De Smet
Laura met a new face,
One that she'd seen
In many a race.

His name was Almanzo.
Oh, how he loved horses.
He had a big appetite
and Laura he courted.

Then they were married
and blessings they had.
They also had deaths
And they were so sad.

So they packed up their bags.
With their daughter, Rose, went
To the "Land of the Big Apple,"
Mansfield, Missouri.

Laura Wrote all her books
Until she was old,
And ended a life
That was courageous and bold.

PEPIN NOTECARDS AVAILABLE

The Village of Pepin, Wisconsin now appears on a 5x7 color notecard. The picture on the card is a copy of an original oil painting done in folk art style by Isabel Hillman of Minneapolis, Minnesota. It shows many of Pepin's older and historic buildings.

The cards are available in

many Pepin area shops or can be purchased through the mail from: Catherine Latane, P.O. Box 62, Pepin, WI 54759. Price is \$1.00 each plus 30¢ postage and packing or a package of ten for \$7.50 plus \$1.75 postage and packing.

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focus will be on the outreach planned for visitors and tourists in the coming weeks. Volunteers will be hosting visitors at the Pepin Depot Museum in the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park in the Village. "Little House Wayside," the actual birthplace of Laura, will be staffed by appointment only. But we invite you to use

the picnic facilities there, view the displays, and take a few minutes to reflect and enjoy this historical site.

A special bonus for visitors as they approach Pepin will be the magnificent scenery of the Great River Road. Note what Laura's daughter, Rose Wilder Lane, said of this natural beauty in 1939. "River Drive from LaCrosse to the Twin Cities is more beautiful than the Loire or Rhine. It is here simply called the River Road. If it were in Europe, hundreds of thousands of Americans would cross the Atlantic to see it."

Why not travel the Great River Road (STH #35) and see if you agree with Rose. Welcome to Pepin!



Pictured are participants in the spelling bee at our annual meeting program in February which commemorated the 120th anniversary of Laura's birth. Barb Winberg, back to camera, coached the students who were Nathan Svedvik, Keith Edwards, Michael Marcks, Joe Cernohous, Erik Collins, Sam Riesgraf, Sara Eskelson, Tonya Seifert, Tonya Mercer and not pictured Shana Coburn, Michelle Kircher and Christine Anderson.

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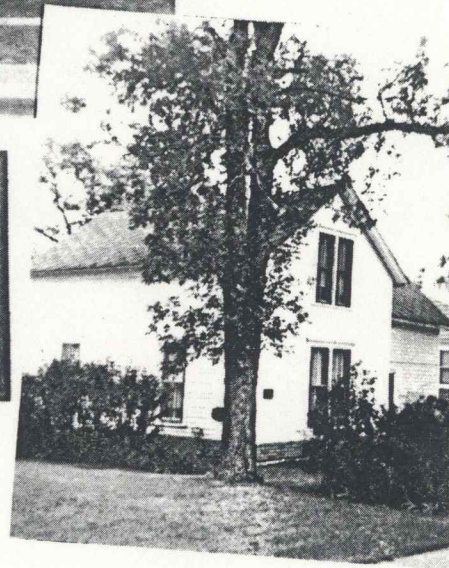
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FAMILY ALBUM



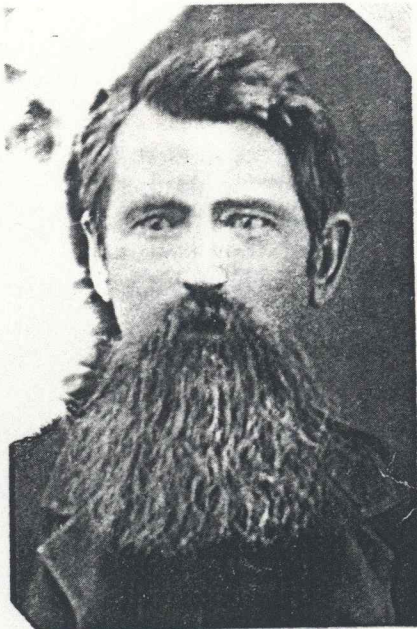
Pictured in the
Wilder Book
"On The Way Home"
Last Home of Pa. Ma.
& Mary Ingalls



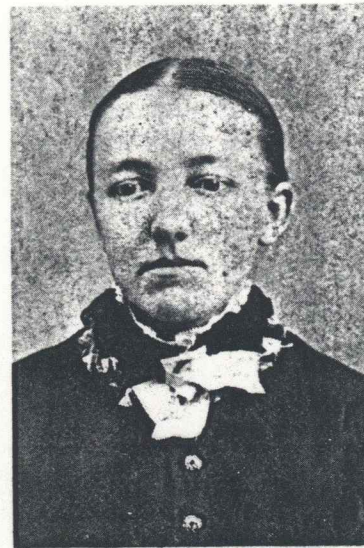
Journey's end for the Ingalls family was this house in DeSmet built by Pa in 1887. As of this writing the home is still in use and a high spot for those who take the tour



Charles and Caroline Ingalls



Pa Ingalls



Mary



Laura



**Laura and Lansford Ingalls
parents of Pa; grand-parents
of Laura Ingalls Wilder.**



Ma Ingalls, 1917



Carrie



Grace



PHOTO: History of Chippewa Valley

Charles Nunn, the man from whom "Pa" Ingalls bought his farm in 1863, was an educated Englishman who became a businessman at Read's Landing, Minnesota in 1858.



PHOTO: Alice Axtell

Laura's Aunt, Martha Quiner Carpenter, was "Ma's" sister. The Carpenters moved to their farm near Stockholm in 1860. They lived about ten miles from the Ingalls'.



PHOTO: Lorraine Lindell

Ann Barry, Laura's first teacher, came to Pepin from Pennsylvania in 1857. The Barry family lived less than a mile from the Ingalls'.



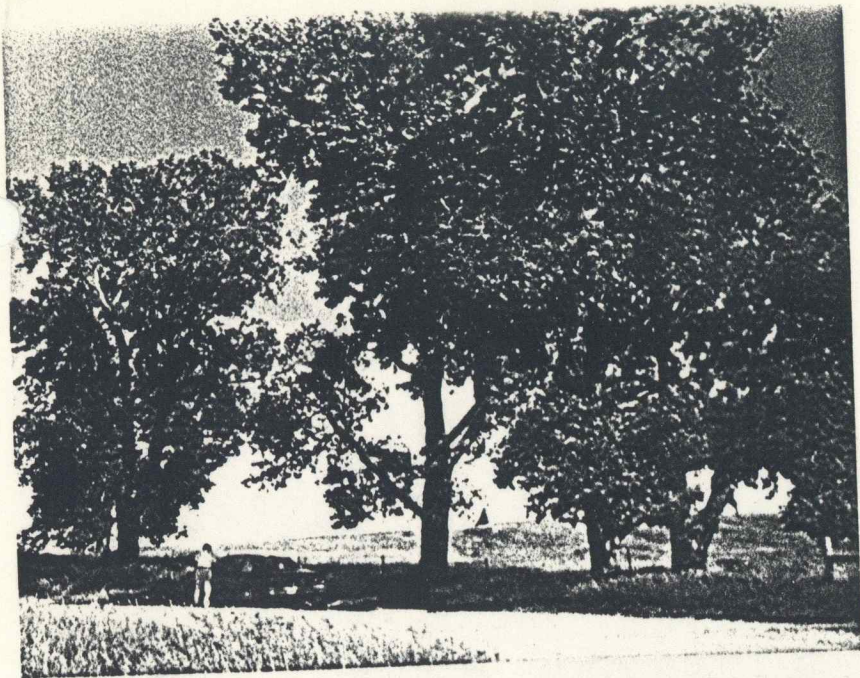
PHOTO: David N. Sterling Collection

Laura's Uncle, Thomas Quiner, was "Ma's" brother. He lived in the Pepin Area when he was a young man. Tom is mentioned in Laura's book, "These Happy Golden Years".

Posterity of Edmund Ingalls

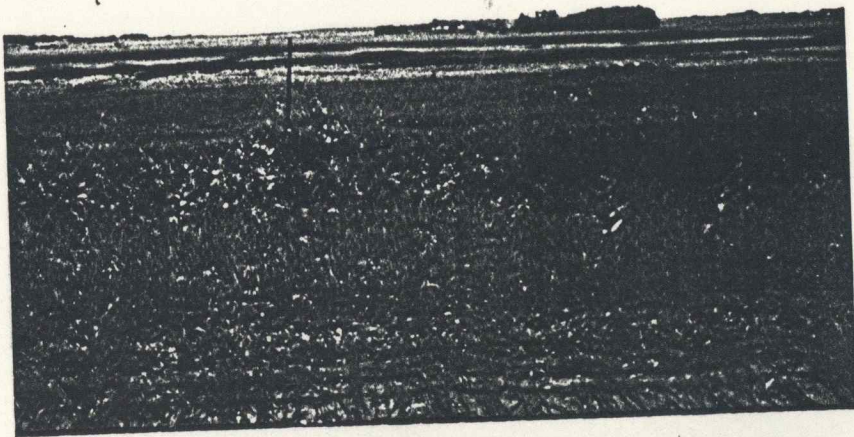
Edmund Ingalls	(1598 - 1648)
Henry Ingalls	(1627 - 1718)
Samuel Ingalls	(1654 - 1733)
Samuel Ingalls	(1683 - 1760)
Timothy Ingalls	(1720 - ?)
Jonathan Ingalls	(1750 - 1834)
Samuel Ingalls	(1771 - 1841)
Lansford Whiting Ingalls	(1812 - 1896)
Charles P. Ingalls	(1836 - 1902)
Laura Ingalls Wilder	(1867 - 1957)

The ancestors of Laura Ingalls Wilder can be traced back to the first generation of the Ingalls family in the United States. Edmund Ingalls immigrated to this country in 1628. Charles Burleigh, in his history of the Ingalls family, wrote about Edmund; "Edmund Ingalls, son of Robert and grandson of Henry Ingalls, was born at Skirbeck, Lincolnshire, England about 1598, came to Salem, Mass. in Governor Endicott's Company in 1628. With his brother, Francis, and four others he commenced the settlement of Lynn in 1629. He was a man of good character even though the following court order is found, "20/4/1646, Edmund Ingalls was fined for bringing home sticks in both his arms on the Sabbath day from Mr. Holyoke's rails, witnesses Joseph Fflood, Obadya Fflood, Jane Fflood." These were probably jealous neighbors and it goes to show the strict observance of the Sabbath in those days. His name is often found on the town records showing him to be one of the prominent citizens. In March, 1648, while traveling to Boston on horseback, he was drowned in the Saugus River owing to a defective bridge. His heirs recovered damages from the town. His will was probated September 16, 1648 and the estate appraised at 135 pounds."



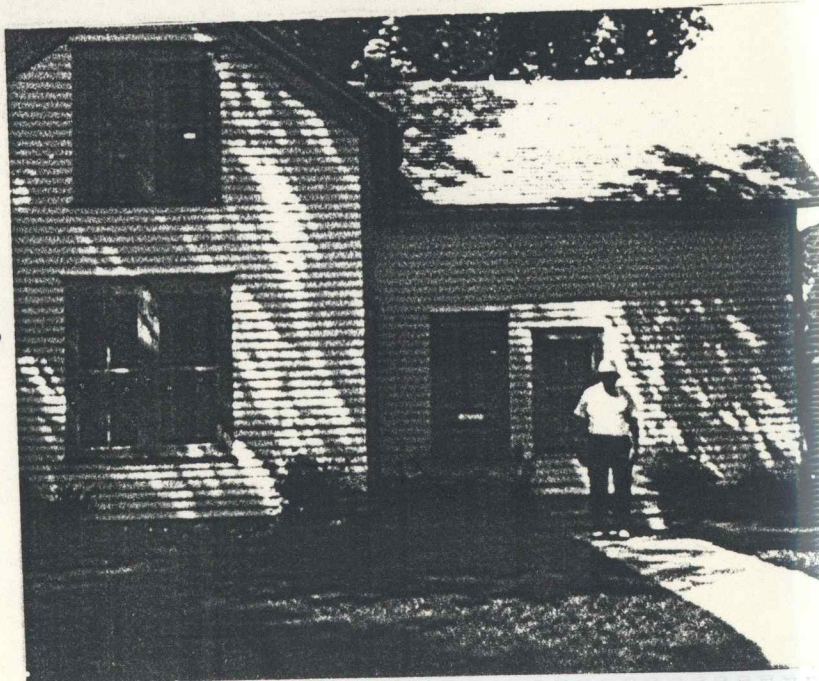
Charles Ingalls
Cottonwood tree
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de Smet, South Dakota

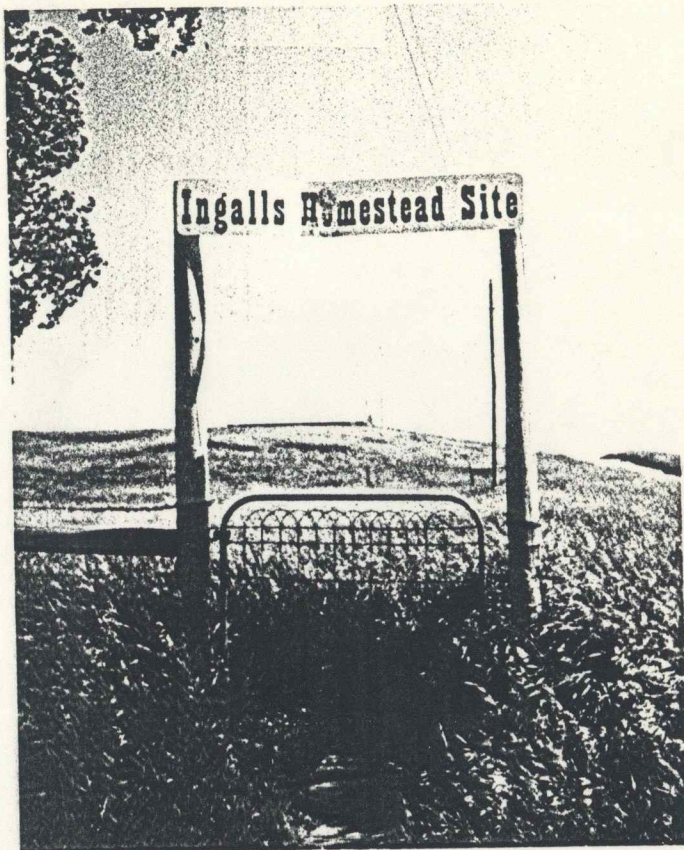
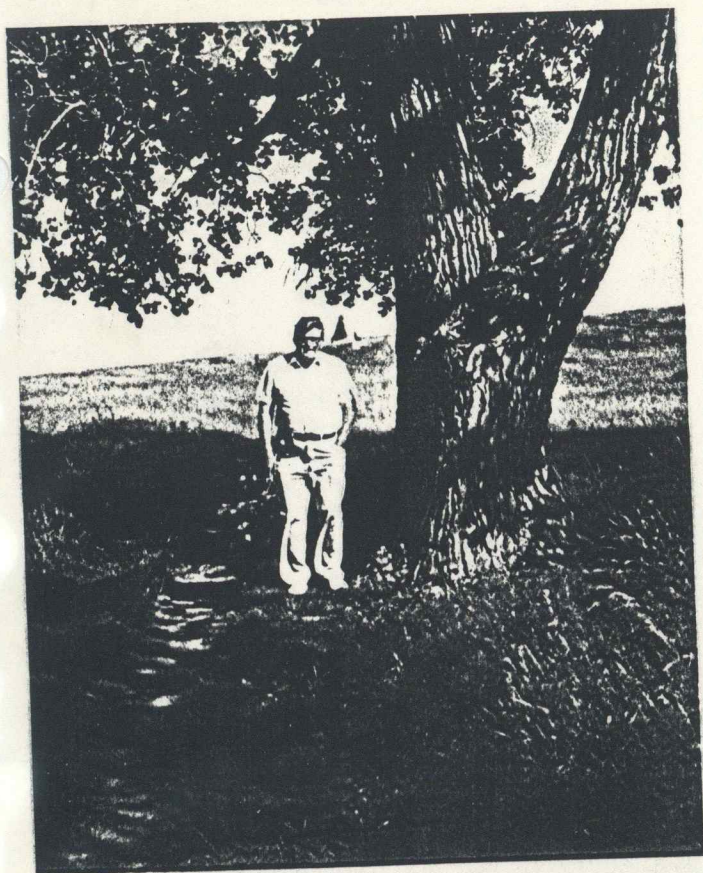
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Charles & Caroline
Homesteaded.



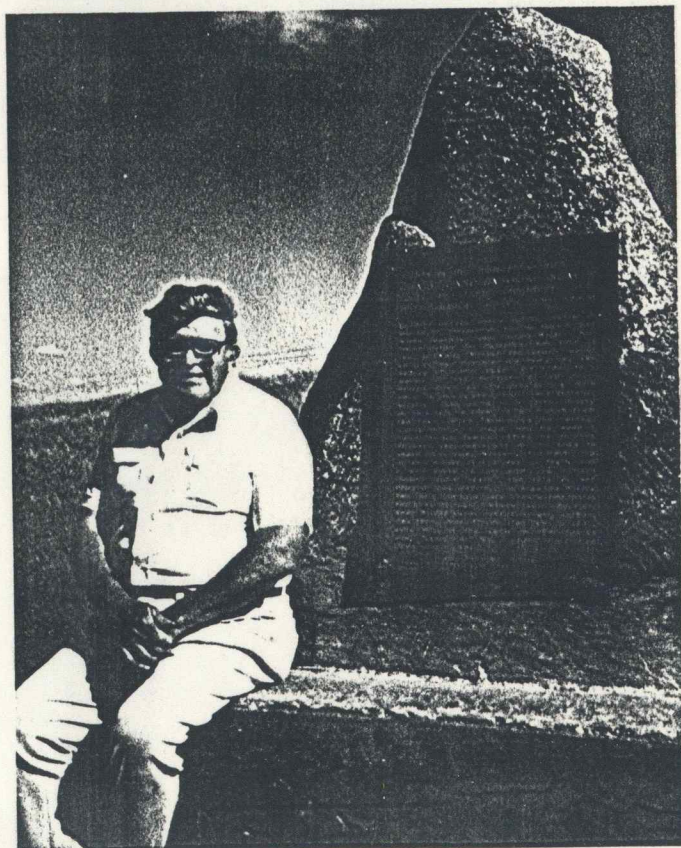
The last house
Charles Ingalls built
de Smet, South Dakota

Ernest Ingalls
standing in front of
house. June, 1986





Ernest Ingalls standing by one of the big Cottonwood trees planted by Charles Ingalls
 Ernest Ingalls by stone marking where the Charles Ingalls home stood at the Monument site



Congregational Church - Charles help build

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CAROLINE INGALLS
1839 — 1924

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DAUGHTER
MARY INGALLS
1865 — 1928

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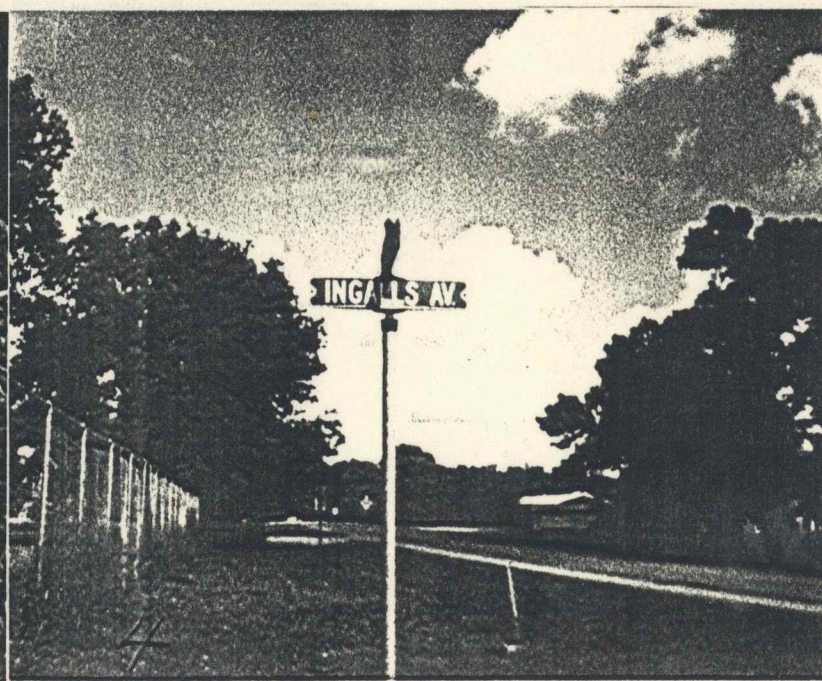
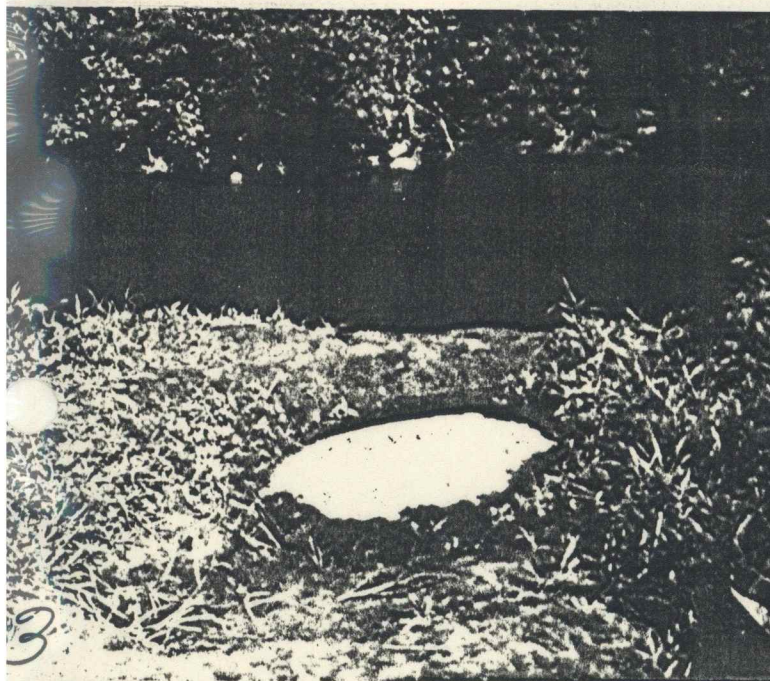
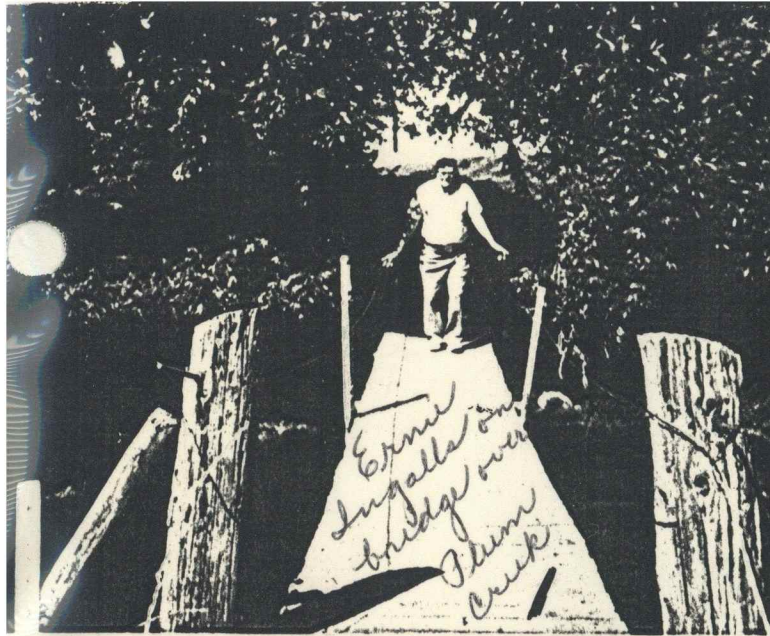
CAROLINE INGALLS
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1870 — 1946

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Taken at de Smet
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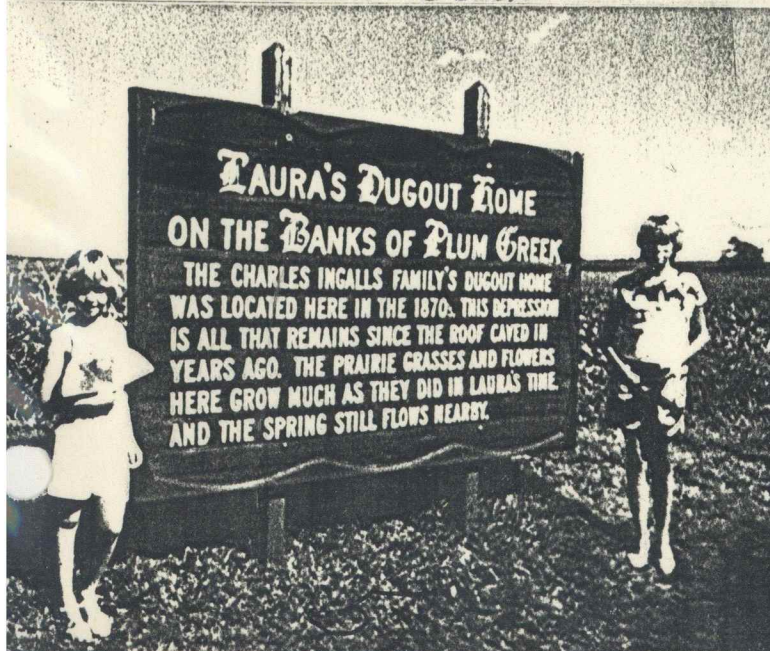
1. Charles Ingalls stone
2. Mother Caroline Ingalls
3. Mary Ingalls, daug
4. Caroline Ingalls Swanze
5. Charles Ingalls

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Stone on Plum Creek

De Smet, South Dakota



Death entered another home Tuesday morning about five o'clock and the eyes of Hazel Ingalls in eternal slumber. The deceased was the daughter of Mrs. Alma Ingalls and had been suffering from the measles for a week previous to her death. The little girl was not quite twelve years old and was a bright, winsome lassie. The funeral services were held Thursday morning from the Baptist church, Rev. Heady of Sheridan, Iowa, a former pastor of that denomination here, conducting them. The remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill cemetery.

Death of Hazel Ingalls.

The people of this community were grieved Tuesday morning on learning of the death of little Hazel Ingalls. She had not been in good health for some time, and on taking the measles was not strong enough to combat with that disease and other troubles which she had.

She was 11 years and 9 months old and had lived in New Hartford all her life. Hazel was of that sweet, unselfish disposition that everyone loves and will be greatly missed, first in the home where she was loved so dearly, and by her many friends and playmates. The Review with many other friends, extend sympathy to the mother and sister.

The funeral will be held this, Thursday, morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the home. Rev. Mr. Heady of Churdan, Iowa, a former pastor, will conduct the services. *Dec 18 1906*

ETHEL PHILLIPS

Ethel M. Phillips, 98, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1986, at Freeport Manor Nursing Center.

She lived her entire married life until her health failed on the family farm on West Cedarville Road where Phillips' family members were early Stephenson County settlers.

Ethel Phillips was born June 10, 1888, in Grundy County, Iowa, near New Hartford, the daughter of Henry and Alma (Burns) Ingalls. She attended Northern Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls. On March 30, 1910, she married Harry M. Phillips of Lena in New Hartford. He died Feb. 7, 1952.

A charter member of Stephenson County Historical Society, she was also a member of First Baptist Church of Freeport, its Good Will Sunday school class, and the Damascus Missionary Society and Cedarville Woman's Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Harriet (Glen) Bone of Vandalia, Mrs. Winifred (Vernon) Macomber of Lena and Mrs. Mary Jean (Alby) Foy of San Gabriel, Calif.; a son Hugh M. Phillips of Sterling; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Besides her husband she was preceded in death by a son, a grandson, two sisters and a brother, all in infancy.

Service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Burke-Tubbs Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home from 9:30 a.m. until time of service Saturday. Burial will be in Cedarville Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established.

Eclipse-News-Review, Nov. 12, 1986

Word has reached here of the death of Ethel Ingalls Phillips of Lena, Ill. at the Freeport Manor Nursing Home at Freeport, Ill. She was 98 years of age at the time of her death. She was born Jan. 10, 1888 in Grundy County on the farm that had been homesteaded by her grandfather, Jasper Harrison Ingalls. Her parents, Henry and Alma Burns Ingalls are buried in Fairfield Cemetery. When Ethel was a young girl they moved to New Hartford and she graduated from the New Hartford school in 1904. The Rev. Woods was the Baptist minister here then and he accepted a pastorate in Lena, Ill. and later when Ethel visited the Woods there, she met her future husband, Harry Phillips and they were married March 30, 1910 at the bride's home in New Hartford. She is a distant cousin of Ernie and John Ingalls.



MRS WINIFRED E MACOMBER
3174 N. FLANSBURG RD.
LENA, IL. 61048

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Jason J. Hanson

March 26, 1998

Vopal Youngberg
33785 Terrace Ave.
New Hartford, IA 50660

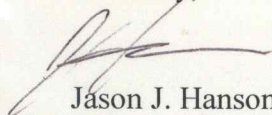
Dear Ms. Youngberg:

I have recently conversed with Rick Gersema via the Internet because of our common interest in Butler County genealogy. He suggested that you would be a good source of local information on a couple of surnames that are prevalent in my family tree. Specifically, he mentioned that you had a fairly sizable obituary collection. If this is the case, I wonder if you could see if you have any of the following individuals in your collection:

Ira Worthen Ingalls, d. 1-11-1912
Unity (Jackman) Ingalls, d. 10-9-1883
Iva May (Ingalls) Sells, d. 9-27-1952
Nathan Grant Sells, d. 4-7-1937

If you do have any information on these individuals, I would be more than happy to reimburse any expenses you might incur in providing the information to me. Thank you for your help!

Sincerely,



Jason J. Hanson

Answered April 1/98

3617 Margaret Street
Madison, WI 53714-2831
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Another Pioneer Gone to His Reward

Ira W. Ingalls was born in New York August 10, 1837, and passed away January 11, 1912, aged 74 years, 5 months and 1 day. At the age of two years he came with his parents to Illinois, residing there until at the age of seventeen they came to Iowa, where he passed the remainder of his life. May 8, 1861, he was married to Annie Elizabeth Parthenes. To this union eight children were born, one dying in in-

fancy. The widow and the following children survive: Arthur W. Ingalls, New Hartford; Mrs. Addie Ackerson, Fort Dodge; Mrs. Minnie Flynn, Gregory, South Dakota; Mrs. Iva Sells, Mrs. Byrd Ackerson, Ira Earl Ingalls and Mrs. Pearl Thomas of New Hartford. There are also left to mourn his death fifty-two grandchildren and twenty-six great grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Alvira Cartner, Craig, Colorado; Mrs. J. R. Scott, Stout, Iowa; Mrs. Sophronia Niece, Shell Rock, Iowa; Mrs. Ellen Mallery, Wilmot, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls celebrated their golden wedding anniversary May 8, 1911.

Funeral from the home Saturday, Rev. Essex of New Hartford speaking words of comfort from Eccs. 12:18. The music was furnished by Messrs. E. J. Dunham and Edgar Yokom; Mrs. Evelyn Knipe and Miss Pearl Mack. Organist, Miss Nellie Plummer.

Those present at the funeral from a distance were Mrs. Addie Ackerson and son Harrison and Alfred Ackerson of Fort Dodge.

The pall bearers were C. E. Bowen, Perry Card, M. A. Bowen, Justin Ranney, Bert Converse and Charles Ackerson. The remains were interred in Beaver Grove cemetery.

Mr. Ingalls was one of the pioneers of Butler county, coming here when all this section was a comparative wilderness. He contributed to the best of his ability to the upbuilding of the community. He had passed the three score years and ten mark and surrounded by his loving family he paid the debt nature imposes upon humanity. He is mourned by those who knew him best, but they have the satisfaction of knowing that he lived a good life and did what he could for the happiness and betterment of mankind.

Card of Thanks.—We wish through the columns of the Eclipse to thank all of the good friends who so kindly gave us help and loving sympathy in this, our time of sorrow and bereavement. We thank the minister for his kind words of hope; the singers for their comforting songs; to Beaver Lodge No. 472 A. F. & A. M., for the lovely carnations and also to the others who brought flowers.

Mrs. Annie Ingalls and Children.

ARTHUR INGALLS DIES SUD-
DENLY AT HOSPITAL

1925
The community was shocked Saturday when it became known that Arthur Ingalls had died early that morning at the Cedar Falls hospital.

Mr. Ingalls had been sick during the past seven or eight weeks and on last Friday afternoon went to Cedar Falls to have have an X-ray picture taken in the hopes that the cause of his sickness might be determined. He was taken suddenly worse during the night and passed away at about 5 o'clock in the morning. J. D. Ramsay was notified and remains were brought here to the late home of the deceased.

Arthur W. Ingalls, eldest son of the late Ira and Ann Ingalls was born in Grundy county, January 1, 1863, and departed this life October 10th, 1925, at Sartori hospital Cedar Falls. Age 63 years, 9 months and 9 days.

January 15, 1884 he was married to Alice N. Waist, who passed away April 18, 1925. To this union were born eight children, two having passed to the Great Beyond, one son in infancy and Lloyd at the age of 23. Surviving are the following children, Cecil of Cedar Falls, Dale and McKinley of Canada, Adrian, New Hartford, Pearl and Myrtle at home. Also one brother and five sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the M. E. church in charge of Rev. H. A. Essex of Shellsburg, Iowa, and Beaver Lodge No. 472, A. F. & A. M., Brother Truman DeRoame of Waterloo conducting the Masonic service. Burial was in Beaver Grove cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS.

We take this means to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the death of our beloved father. We also thank those who send the beautiful flowers.

THE CHILDREN.

THE DEATH OF MRS.
ARTHUR INGALLS

1925
Passes Away at Her Home Saturday After Lingerig Illness
—Funeral Held Sunday.

Alice Waist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Waist, was born on October 22, 1868, in this county.

She was united in marriage to Arthur Ingalls on January 15, 1884. They moved to the present home twenty-two years ago, where she lived until she departed this life on April 18, 1925, age 51 years, 5 months and 27 days.

Deceased had been in failing health since last July, the last few weeks of her life being filled with much pain and suffering.

She leaves besides her husband, Cecil of Cedar Falls; Dale and McKinley of Canada; Adrian of New Hartford; Myrtle and Pearl at home and five grandchildren. Two sons, Loyde at the age of 23 years, and Archie an infant of three months, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ingalls united with the Free Methodist church at Bristow when a child.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Pastor G. W. Van Dran of the New Hartford Associated Church in charge.

Interment was made in the Beaver Grove cemetery.

Mrs. A. W. Ingalls passed away at her home west of town early Saturday morning after a long illness. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home by the Rev. Van Dran. Burial was in the Beaver Grove cemetery. She has left to mourn her death her husband, two daughters and four sons.

Deputy Sheriff Neal of Allison was in town Tuesday.

MRS. DORA INGALLS

NEW HARTFORD — Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Dora Ingalls, 70, of El Paso, Tex., formerly of here, are pending at the Nelson Funeral Home, Cedar Falls. Mrs. Ingalls died at Waterloo's Allen Memorial Hospital at 6:05 a.m. Monday; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Charles Williams Jr., Shell Rock; 2 sons, John, of Cedar Falls, and Ernest, of New Hartford.

4966 MRS. DORA INGALLS

NEW HARTFORD — Funeral services for Mrs. Dora Ingalls, 70, of El Paso, Tex., formerly of New Hartford, who died Monday in Waterloo's Allen Me-



Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ingalls will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an Open House from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 1988 at the New Hartford Community Building in New Hartford.

The event will be hosted by their children: Vernon Ingalls of Parkersburg, Vila Burrows

of New Hartford, and Mary Wagner of Waterloo.

Mr. Ingalls and Velma Rawdon were married October 12, 1938 at Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo. There are seven granddaughters and one grandson.

No invitations are being sent and the couple requests no gifts.

Velma worked in the grocery store in New Hartford, and then at the Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa, until her retirement in 1980.

Velma was a faithful member of the New Hartford United Methodist Church. She was a past member of the Rebekah Lodge in New Hartford. She enjoyed quilting and crocheting. Velma loved wild life. She enjoyed feeding the birds, deer and wild turkeys.

Friday, November 24, 2000, at 10:23 a.m. Velma died at the Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa, from natural causes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Ingalls on March 4, 1999, her parents, two sisters, Nellie Corwin and Dorothy Harken, and one brother, Walter Rawdon.

Velma is survived by one son, Vern Ingalls and his wife, Marilyn of Parkersburg, Iowa; two daughters, Vila Ahrenholz and her husband Doug of New Hartford, Iowa, and Mary Wagner and her husband, Jon of Cedar Falls, Iowa; eight grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Schneiderman of New Hartford; and one brother, Daniel Rawdon and his wife, Jean of New Hartford, Iowa.

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**You are invited to return to the
church for fellowship and lunch.**

Schwartz Funeral Home
Parkersburg, Iowa



60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ernest and Velma Ingalls will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at home October 12.

Ernest Ingalls and Velma Rawdon were married October 12, 1938 at the Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa.

There are three children: Vernon Ingalls of Parkersburg, Vila Ahrenholz of New Hartford and Mary Wagner of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

There are eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Velma Ingalls

NEW HARTFORD — Velma Ingalls will celebrate her 81st birthday Thursday with a card shower.

Mrs. Ingalls was born Sept. 30, 1918, and married Ernest Ingalls Oct. 12, 1938. She retired from Beaver Hills Country Club in 1980.

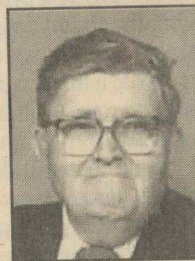
She has three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to her at Rural Route, New Hartford 50660.



Velma Ingalls

NEW HARTFORD — **Ernest Ingalls**, 82, formerly of New Hartford, died at home Thursday, March 4, of cancer; **survivors** include his wife, Velma; a son, Vernon of Parkersburg; two daughters, Vila Ahrenholz of New Hartford and Mary Wagner of Cedar Falls; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother, John of Cedar Falls; he was **preceded in death** by a sister, Marie Williams; **services** will be 1:30 p.m. Monday at New Hartford United Methodist Church, with burial in Beaver Grove Cemetery, New Hartford; friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. today and 9 to 11 a.m. Monday at Schwartz Funeral Home, Parkersburg, and for an hour before services at the church; **memorials** may be directed to Bremer-Butler Hospice or New Hartford United Methodist Church; Mr. Ingalls farmed west of New Hartford for 23 years; he also worked at Waterloo Wood Bearing Co., Hawkeye Steel Co., and Canopy Overhead Garage Door Co., Waterloo, retiring in 1979.

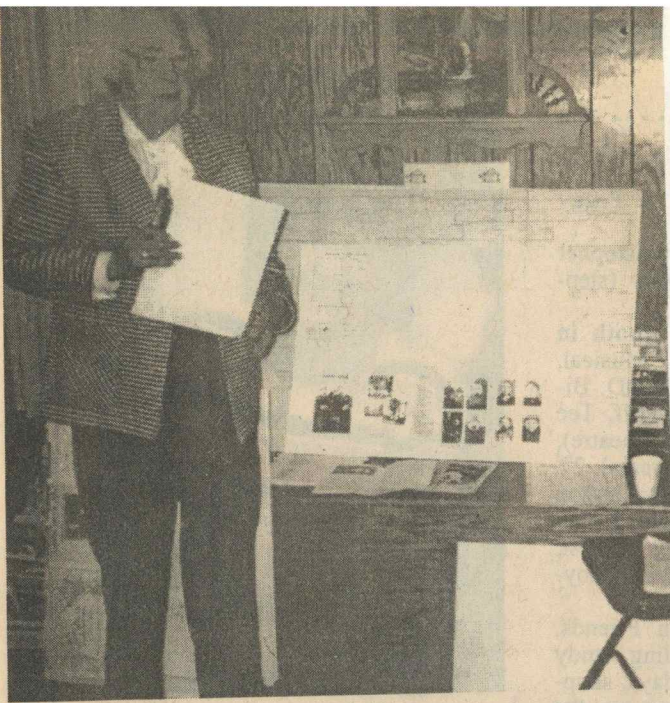


Ernest Ingalls

“Should You Go First”

by A.K. Rowsell

Should you go first and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.
in spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue,
In early fall, when brown leaves call
I'll catch a glimpse of you.
Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the
way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your
smile,
Though blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.
Should you go first and I remain
To finish with the scroll,
No length'ning shadows shall creep
in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.
Should you go first and I remain,
One thing I'd have you to do:
Walk slowly down that long, lone
path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.



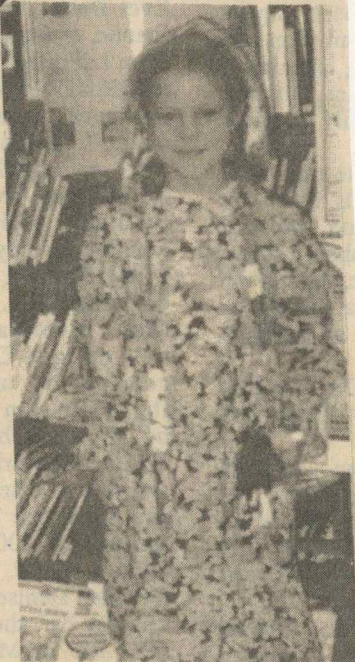
Pictured is Velma Ingalls discussing the Ingalls Family tree.

New Hartford Women's Club "Laura Ingalls Wilder Night"

The New Hartford Women's Club had a Laura Ingalls Wilder night at the Martin Memorial Library January 31, 2000. Velma Ingalls discussed the Ingalls family tree.

She stated that her husband was a distant relative of Laura Ingalls. Sandy Becker, a New Hartford-Dike fourth grade teacher, presented projects that her fourth grade class undertook. Researching the History of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Pictured is Velma Ingalls discussing the Ingalls family tree.



Pictured is Brooke Becker dressed in clothing similar to what Laura Ingalls may have worn.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

ACREAGE (Approx. 11.87 A.)

The Estate of Velma V. Ingalls offers for sale the following described real estate situated in Butler County, Iowa, to-wit:

The West Fourteen acres (W. 14A.) of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE1/4, SE1/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Ninety (90) North, Range Fifteen (15), West of the Fifth P.M., Butler County, Iowa, except for a parcel of land described as follows: Commencing at the E. 1/4 corner of said Sec. 30, thence due West 1337.61' to the point of beginning, thence South 0 degrees 33' West 532.11' to an iron pin, thence due East 213.82' to an iron pin, thence due North 208.71' to an iron pin, thence West 58.71' to an iron pin, thence due North 323.4' to the North line of the SE1/4 of said Sec. 30, thence due West 150' to the point of beginning.

This house and the surrounding acreage is located one mile west of New Hartford on Highway 57, one mile north on Terrace Avenue, and one-fourth mile west. The address is 28804 325th Street, New Hartford, IA.

FARMLAND (Approx. 30A.)

The Estate of Velma V. Ingalls and John and Genevive Ingalls offer for sale the following described real estate situated in Butler County, Iowa, to-wit:

A tract of land commencing at a point in the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of Section number Thirty (30) in Township number Ninety (90) North, Range number Fifteen (15), West of the 5th P.M., thence running West Sixty rods (W. 60 rds.), thence North Eighty rods (N. 80 rds.), thence East Sixty rods (E. 60 rds.), thence South Eighty rods (S. 80 rds.) to place of beginning.

This land is located one mile west of New Hartford on Highway 57 and one north on Terrace Avenue. This land is rented for the 2001 crop year. Buyer will assume lease.

The sale of these properties will be held on February 28, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at the Law Offices of Gary Papenheim, 234 3rd Street, Parkersburg, Iowa. The Acreage will be sold first and the Farmland immediately after.

Any interested bidders must submit a written, sealed bid to Attorney Gary Papenheim, P.O. Box 673, Parkersburg, IA 50665 no later than 10:00 a.m., February 28, 2001, and any such bidders will be allowed to raise their bid at the sale. Only bidders or their designees may be present at the sale.

Bids must be expressed in total dollars, rather than dollars per acre. Envelopes should be marked as to whether it is an Acreage or Farmland bid.

This is a cash sale with possession and closing to take place on March 30, 2001. Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due on the date of sale.

Sellers reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Any announcements on the date of sale will take precedence over any prior advertisements.

For other information regarding the sales, all interested persons should obtain a copy of the bidder's information sheet from the Law Offices of Gary Papenheim. Telephone: 319-346-2592. Fax: 319-346-1350.

VELMA V. INGALLS ESTATE
VERNON E. INGALLS, EXECUTOR
and
JOHN & GENEVIVE INGALLS

(18-3)



**In Loving Memory
of
Velma Ingalls**

Velma Ingalls, age 82, of New Hartford, Iowa, was born the daughter of Milo and Alta (Barton) Rawdon on September 30, 1918, in Sioux City, Iowa. When Velma was a small child, she and her family lived in the Clarksville and Shell Rock, Iowa areas for a short time, then finally in New Hartford, Iowa.

She graduated from New Hartford High School in 1936.

Velma was united in marriage with Ernest Ingalls on October 12, 1938, in the Grace Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa. They made their home on the farm in New Hartford where Velma currently lived. She was a good caring wife and mother, along with taking care of the household she always helped Ernest with the farm chores. Velma worked in the grocery store in New Hartford, and then at the Beaver Hills Country Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa, until her retirement in 1980.

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**Velma Ingalls
1918 - 2000**

*"Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all
the days of my life:
and I will dwell in
the house of the
Lord for ever."*

PSALM 23:6



Wedding Announced

Announcement is being made of the Saturday, November 30, 1991 wedding of Rachel Ann Ingalls and Scott Lewis Olson. Vows were exchanged in a 3:00 p.m. ceremony at Bethel Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, Iowa with Rev. Gary Olson officiating. Parents of the couple are Vern and Marilyn Ingalls of Parkersburg, and Lewis and Vickie Olson of Decorah.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory gown featuring lace over satin highlighted with sequins and pearls. Her headpiece was a caplet also trimmed in sequins and pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of long-stemmed ivory roses loosely tied with ivory ribbon. The maid of honor and bridesmaid wore ivory lace over satin dresses and carried a single long-stemmed rose. The flower girl's dress was ivory lace over satin and she carried a basket of ivory rose petals. The church was decorated with ivory poinsettias and evergreen swags and wreaths.

The bride was attended by her sister, Adrian Ingalls, as maid of honor, and her sister, Leah Knock, as bridesmaid, both of Parkersburg. The flower girl was Amy Bangt-

son, friend of the bride, of Charles City.

Bestman was Tony Bakken of Decorah, friend of the groom, and groomsman was Chris Olson, of Decorah, brother of the groom. The ring bearer was John Olson, of Decorah, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Cole Renken, of Richland Center, WI., cousin of the bride, and Rich Olson of Decorah, cousin of the groom.

Following the ceremony, there was a reception in the church fellowship hall hosted by Jon and Mary Wagner of Cedar Falls, uncle and aunt of the bride.

After the reception, the bride and groom were toasted at a champagne reception at the home of her parents. The couple is residing in Cedar Falls.

A series of prenuptial courtesies has taken place. Ginna VanderHolt hosted a surprise shower in her home on November 28. A shower brunch took place November 24 at The Olde Broom Factory in Cedar Falls. Hosts were aunts of the bride. On November 12, a miscellaneous shower was held at the First Lutheran Church, in Decorah, hosted by the groom's aunts.



Ingalls - Knock Wedding

Announcement is being made of the Saturday, April 13, 1991 wedding of Leah Ann Ingalls and Klint Charles Knock. Vows were exchanged in a 6:30 p.m. candlelight ceremony at Bethel Lutheran Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, with the Rev. Gary Olson officiating. April 13 was also the wedding date of the bride's great-grandparents, Otto H. and Margreta Renken. Parents of the couple are Vern and Marilyn Ingalls and Ken and Ranae Knock, all of Parkersburg.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin gown edged with re-embroidered lace and high-lighted with strands of seed pearls. Her headpiece was a spray of satin flowers trimmed with pearls. The bride carried an informal bouquet of roses, lilies, daisies, baby's breath and fern. The maid of honor and bridesmaid wore teal satin dresses and carried bouquets similar to the bride's. The flower girl's dresses were of ivory satin. One little girl carried a basket of ivory rose petals and the other carried a wreath of flowers from her wrist on a satin ribbon.

The bride was attended by her sister, Rachel Ingalls, as maid of honor, and her sister Adrian Ingalls, as bridesmaid.

pen of Parkersburg, friend of the couple, and Amy Bangtson of Manning, friend of the bride.

Best man was Matt Reams of Cedar Rapids, friend of the groom, and groomsman was Brad Hofer of Ames, friend of the couple. The ringbearer was Beau Knock of Cedar Rapids, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Clint Renken of Adams, MN and Cole Renken of Richland Center, WI., both cousins of the bride, and Cory Norris of Parkersburg, cousin of the groom.

After the ceremony, there was a reception in the church fellowship hall hosted by Dave and Joyce Knock of Des Moines, uncle and aunt of the groom.

Before leaving on their wedding trip, the bride and groom were toasted at a champagne reception at the home of her parents. The couple is residing in Parkersburg.

Pam and Al Bangtson hosted a couples shower on March 23 at the Doescher-Dudley Civic Center in Parkersburg. On March 24, a shower-brunch was held at the Olde Broom Factory in Cedar Falls, given by the bride's aunts. On March 30, a grocery shower was held in the home of Eunice Nelson in Cedar Falls, hosted by the groom's aunts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ingalls are proud to announce the birth of a great-grandson to Rachel and Scott Olson of Parkersburg. The baby was born February 28th at Allen Hospital and has been named Mitchel Ingalls and is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ingalls. Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ingalls visited on Monday in the Olson home to make the acquaintance of baby Mitchel.

1993 and Grandparents are Marilyn Ingalls of Parkersburg and Lewis and Vickie Olson of Decorah.

Great grandmothers are: Grace Renken of Parkersburg, Velma Ingalls of New Hartford and Jettie Borsheim and Maxine Olson both of Decorah.



Adrian
Ingalls

By Jeffrey Badger

"Adrian is a fun person to be around, she always makes things interesting and dangerous!" is how Jessica Hemmen describes Adrian Ann Ingalls, who was born on October 15, 1973, to Vern and Marilyn Ingalls. Her sisters are Leah (24), Rachel (21), brother-in-laws: Clint (24), Scott (21), and Abby (her dog).

Adrian, otherwise known as A.J., which was given to her by her Uncle Lee Renken, has participated in such activities in high school as track, yearbook, prom steering, swing choir, and band. Other activities that she is in outside of school are president of the Bethel Lutheran Youth Group and working downtown after school. Through these activities, Adrian has learned responsibility and how to budget her money. She has also received letters in track and band for three years.

The two classes in school that Adrian enjoys most are Advanced Accounting and Hypercard because, "In Accounting, we only have six people in the class, and Ms. Taggart is relaxed with us. I also like Hypercard because I get to use my imagination and create."

The atmosphere and surroundings while you're in school are the two things that Adrian likes most about PHS. Things that she feels could be changed though are that seniors should be given more privileges and that we have too many rules.

Adrian admires her parents most because "they gave me the values and morals that I will use everyday for the rest of my life." Some of the most memorable moments at PHS for Adrian are the trips to Chicago and Minneapolis with the other five seniors, conversations with Rob, "Carrides," that she has given her friends that they will never forget! Also she won't forget some of her dating experiences and asking Jeremy out.

After getting out of high school, Adrian plans to attend UNI for Business Management, to have a successful career, to get married and to have a couple of kids, and most of all, to be happy. In her leisure time, Adrian likes to go out with Jeremy and her friends, to read, ski, walk, and listen to her two favorite music groups Metallica, and Skid Row.

The expectation of becoming a senior to Adrian is, "I thought my Senior year would be easy...I ended up taking Advanced Accounting Hypercard, P.E., Health, Band, Advanced English, Economics/Government, and Sociology." For the underclassmen, Adrian's advice to you is to, "Be an individual and think for yourself."

What word describes Adrian? Adrian describes herself as, "Independent," because she doesn't like being dependent on someone else because you can't always rely on someone else. Adrian's pet peeves are people with negative attitudes, when people come to school looking like they just got out of bed, and when people place a high importance on money and possessions.

Hayley Thorne, one of Adrian's friends describes her, "Adrian is a terrific friend, but watch out for when she gets mad in Aplington. She becomes a terrible driver!"

Ingalls-Bernard

PARKERSBURG — Vernon and Marilyn Ingalls of Parkersburg are announcing the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Adrian Ingalls, to Perry Bernard, son of Vincent and Nyleta Bernard of Cedar Falls.

The bride-elect is an administrative assistant at Top Air Manufacturing, Cedar Falls. Her fiancé is an inside sales representative with Crescent Electric in Waterloo.

Vows are planned for 5 p.m. Sept. 9 at Bethel Lutheran Church.



Adrian Ingalls
Perry Bernard

Ingalls-Bernard

PARKERSBURG — Adrian Ingalls and Perry Bernard exchanged wedding vows Sept. 9 in Parkersburg.

Parents of the couple are Vernon and Marilyn Ingalls of Parkersburg and Vincent and Nyleta Bernard of Cedar Falls.

The Rev. David Palm performed the 5 p.m. ceremony at Bethel Lutheran Church.

Matron of honor for her sister was Leah Knock. Bridesmaids were Rachel Olson, Jessica Jimmerson of Newell, Holly Kruger of Waverly and Kristi VanAken of Valerico, Fla.

Best man for his brother was Kraig Bernard of Canton, Ohio. Groomsmen were Klint Knock and Scott Olson.

Flower girl was Abigail Knock, niece of the bride. Ring bearers were Mitchell Olson, nephew of the bride, and Taylor VanAken, nephew of the groom.

Bell ringer was Christian Olson, nephew of the bride, and candle lighter was Shaw Bernard of Canton, nephew of the groom. Scrip-



Adrian and Perry Bernard

ture reader was Rachel Barrett.

Seating guests were Cole Renken of Grayslake, Ill., Vince Bernard of Valerico and Trevor Perry of Cedar Falls.

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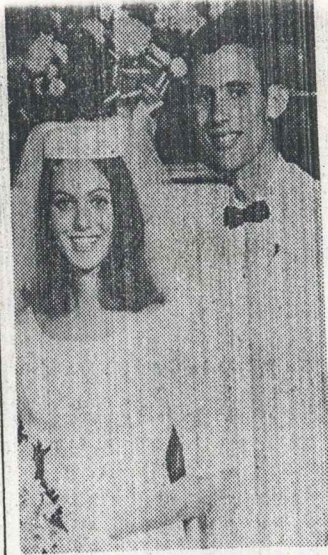
MISS INGALLS

Plan wedding

CEDAR FALLS — An Aug. 28 wedding in First Methodist Church is being planned by Miss Janelle Rae Ingalls and Charles Russell Hill.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Engalls, 1210 W. 1st St., is employed by the Systems and Research Division of Honeywell, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Hill of Omaha, Neb. He is working toward his doctorate at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.



MR. AND MRS. HILL

Evening vows

CEDAR FALLS — Announcement is being made of the Saturday evening wedding of Miss Janelle Ingalls and Russell Hill.

They repeated wedding vows in an eight o'clock ceremony in First Methodist Church before Dr. Harvey Nelson.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. John Ingalls, 1210 W. 1st St., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill of Omaha, Neb.

Miss Judie Stark of Cedar Rapids was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Misses Mary Jean Schad of Minneapolis, Minn., and Barbara Hall of Waterloo.

Best man was Dave Hooper of Omaha, Neb. Steve Nelson of Williamsburg and Roger Johnson of Omaha were groomsmen and candlelighters.

The bride has been employed at Honeywell, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minn. The groom has been a teaching assistant at University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The couple will be at home at 151 Bedford St. SE, Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Janelle R. Hill

CEDAR FALLS — Services for Mrs. Janelle R. Hill, 33, of Bloomfield Hill, Mich., formerly of Cedar Falls, will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Richardson Funeral Home with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hill died at her home Friday morning of carbon monoxide poisoning.

She was born in Cedar Falls on Sept. 13, 1943, daughter of John and Genevieve Van Note Ingalls.

Those who wish may give memorials to the multiple sclerosis society.

Survivors include her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ingalls of 1210 W. First St.; a brother, Ross Ingalls of New Hartford; maternal grandmother, Mrs. F.E. Van Note of 1210 W. First St.

Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Sunday.

Sunday, March 26, 1989

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Virginia E. Van Note

CEDAR FALLS — Services for Virginia E. Van Note, 93, of the Cedar Falls Health Care Center, formerly of 1210 W. First St., will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the First Christian Church with burial in the Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Van Note died Saturday (March 25) of complications of age at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

She was born Nov. 6, 1895 in Hiawatha, Kan., the daughter of Bernard F. and Etta Mae McCann Beesley. She married Francis "Earl" Van Note on Dec. 12, 1912 in Solider, Kan.

The couple moved to Finchford in 1925 and farmed for many years before moving to Cedar Falls in 1942. He died in 1957.

Survivors include a son, Earl J. of San Rafael, Calif.; a daughter, Genevieve Ingalls of Cedar Falls; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Russell, and by two grandchildren.

Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home and for one hour before service time at the church.

A memorial fund will be

Ingalls/50

CEDAR FALLS — John and Genivieve Ingalls, 1210 W. First St., will observe their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.

A card shower is planned.

Mrs. Ingalls is the former Genivieve Van Note.

They are the parents of two children, Janelle Hill and Ross Ingalls, both deceased.



Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls

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CEDAR FALLS — **John Edward Ingalls**, 83, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, Sept. 14, at Allen Hospital, Waterloo, of cancer.

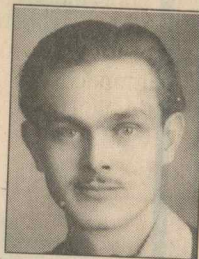
He was born June 22, 1918, in New Hartford, son of Adrian V. and Dora Ingalls. He married Letta Genevieve Van Note Oct. 27, 1940, in Cedar Falls.

Mr. Ingalls served in the European Theatre during World War II, was a carpenter with Runyan Construction Co., and then was an independent home builder until his retirement in 1978.

Survived by: his wife; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: a son, Ross E.; a daughter, Janelle Rae Hill; a brother, Ernest A.; and a stepsister, Marie Williams.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Richardson Funeral Home's temporary location, 204 W. Seerley Blvd., with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens following cremation rites. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with the family present from 6 to 7 p.m. Visitation also for an hour before services Tuesday at the funeral home.



John Ingalls
1930s photo

MARCH 9, 1994

HELLO WORLD:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gerloff of Evansdale at Covenant Friday afternoon a 7 lb. baby boy Austin Lyn. Maternal grandmother is Vila Burrows and paternal grandparents are Mary and LeeRoy Gerloff. Maternal great grandparents are Velma and Ernie Ingalls and paternal great grandmother is Sylvia Schlamp.

OCTOBER 7, 1998

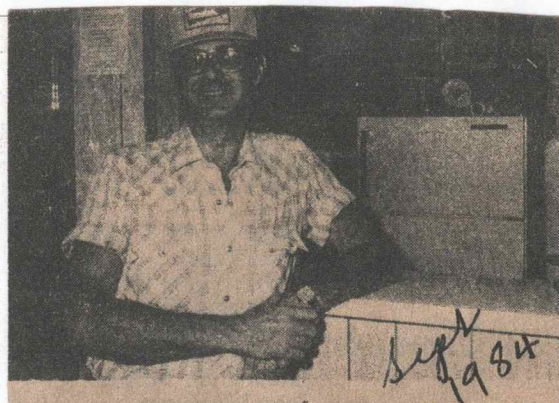
Deb and Chad Lechner of Van Horne, Iowa, are the proud parents of their son Ryan James, born on September 18, 1998. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Doug and Vila Ahrenholz and Dale and Mary Beth Burrows.

Paternal grandparents are Dave and Doreen Lechner and Marlys Bohler.

Maternal great grandparents are Ernest and Velma Ingalls and Jeanette Burrows.

Paternal great grandparents are Mildred Lechner, and Earl and Laura Warner.



NEW CAFE OPENS IN NEW HARTFORD

Ross Ingalls, pictured, has recently opened a new cafe in New Hartford called "Ingalls' Little House Cafe."

Ross and his wife Sharlene live in the New Hartford area. Ross had previously worked at a restaurant in Cedar Falls. Sharlene works at Ladies Plus Sizes in Cedar Falls.

Ross expressed his thanks to his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Ingalls for helping build and get his new building ready for business.

The cafe is open Tuesday thru Saturday from 6-9; Sunday 7-2; and Monday 6-2. "The response from the area has been great," quoted Ross.

In Memory Of
ROSS E. INGALLS

Born
AUGUST 23, 1946
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Entered Into Rest
JANUARY 5, 1986
Iowa City, Iowa

Services From
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Magnolia Parkway and Harwood
Waterloo, Iowa
January 8 1:30 p.m.

Clergy Officiating
PASTOR ROBERT LANGHOLZ

Organist
JOANN KNUDSEN

Soloist
JIM CONRAD

Solos

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES
MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

Final Resting Place
CEDAR VALLEY MEMORIAL GARDENS
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Casket Bearers

DALE L. ABBAS
DALLAS DOVE

PAUL J. ELLIOTT

STANLEY P. JOHNSON

RICHARD JOHNSON

GARF STYCH

Following the graveside service, relatives and friends are invited to return to the church for fellowship with the family.

Ross E. Ingalls, 39, of R.R.1, New Hartford, Iowa, died Sunday morning, January 5, 1986, at the V.A. Medical Center in Iowa City, where he had been a patient since Dec. 13, 1985.

Ross was born on Aug. 23, 1946, in Cedar Falls, the son of John and Genevieve Van Note Ingalls. He attended Cedar Falls High School and on Oct. 26, 1964, entered the U.S. Army during the Viet Nam War where he served in Korea until being discharged on Oct. 25, 1967. While in the service, Ross completed his high school education. Following his discharge, Ross returned to Cedar Falls and went to work for Del Farm in Cedar Falls where he worked until 1969 when he went to work for Woolco in Cedar Falls until 1970. He then went to work for the Coca-Cola Co. in Waterloo. In 1972, Ross underwent back surgery which restricted his lifting. Because of this, in April of that year he left Coca-Cola and went to work for Dan Deery in Cedar Falls, and worked there for seven months. In Nov. of 1972, Ross went to work for Montgomery Wards in Cedar Falls where he worked until June of 1975. On April 5, 1975, he was united in marriage to Charlene Sommer in Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Waterloo. In June of 1975 he went to work for Santa Claus Ind. in Waterloo, and from 1980 until 1983 also drove truck for Robert Dean in Aplington. In Sept. of 1983, Ross went to work for Orkin Pest Control in Waterloo until Jan. 1984, when he became employed by Stewart's Drive-In in Waterloo. He left Stewart's in May of 1984 and in Sept. of that year opened Ingalls Little House Cafe in New Hartford which was built by his father and himself.

Ross was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Waterloo.

He is survived by his parents, John and Genevieve Ingalls of Cedar Falls, his wife Charlene of New Hartford, two children, Darin Ingalls and Angela Ingalls both of Waterloo, and by his maternal grandmother, Virginia Van Note also of Cedar Falls. He was preceded in death by his sister, Janelle, in 1977.

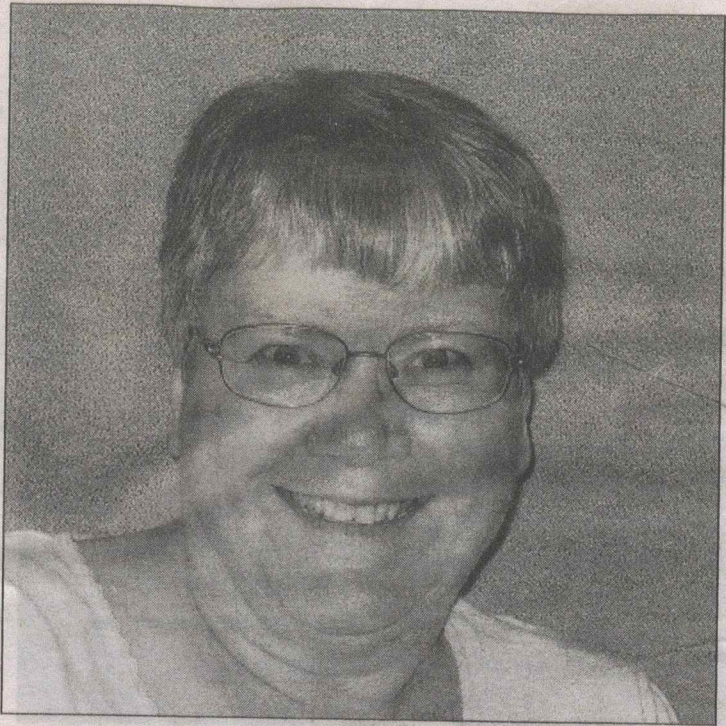
25 Years!

**Open House Sept. 13, 2 to 4
p.m.
at Little House**

Because of help from her friends, loyal customers, family, and loving church family, Charlene Ingalls is able to celebrate 25 years after the 2008 New Hartford flood.

Come wish her a Happy 25th!

Charlene Ingalls



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Ingalls Little House Cafe is a big hit in New Hartford, Iowa, community

Ingalls Little House Cafe

Owner: Charlene Ingalls

Location: 819 Main St., New Hartford, Iowa

Hours: 5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Known for the hot beef special served every Thursday for \$5.25. "It comes with real potatoes and real gravy," said owner Charlene Ingalls. "We don't use plastic potatoes, and we don't use canned gravy."

For more information call (319) 983-2702.

NEW HARTFORD, Iowa — Ingalls Little House Cafe closes at 2 p.m., but on a recent afternoon after closing time, loyal customers and close friends of owner Charlene Ingalls were playing Pepper at the round table at the back of the cafe.

"It's the people that keep me going," said Ingalls as she nodded toward the card players. "That's what I like best about this."

Ingalls and her late husband, Ross, built their cafe 25 years ago next month. Ross was an eighth cousin to Charles Ingalls, Laura Ingalls Wilder's father, and so they decided to draw on the connection when they named their eatery.

"This was my husband's baby," Ingalls said. "He had



worked in a restaurant before."

Three weeks after they opened, Ross found out he had cancer and he died a year and a half later.

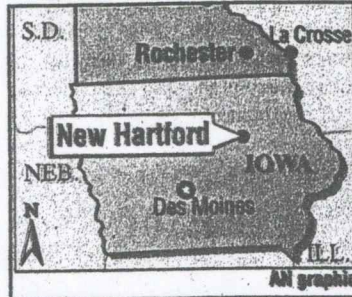
"I never worked in a restaurant in my life before we opened," Ingalls said. "I poured my blood, sweat and tears into this place."

"You put a lot of tears into it last year," offered employee and friend Sharon Fekkers.

"A lot of tears," Ingalls agreed.

When Ross and his father built the Little House, they constructed it above the 1947 flood level. When Beaver Creek flooded on June 8, 2008, water topped that by 18 inches and rose to the seats of the chairs in the cafe. Three feet of cornstalks were found outside the back door.

"The water came in like a tidal wave," Ingalls said. "We didn't have time to do anything."



Ingalls didn't know where to start cleaning up the mess. She and her sister went to get hoses, sponges and squeegees in Waterloo. When they got back to the Little House Cafe, all the booths, chairs and tables were sitting out front. Her friends had already started cleaning.

"There was no way I was going to quit after that," she said. "We cleaned and cleaned and bleached and bleached. We probably went through 20 gallons of bleach."

She found three used refrigerators, two used freezers and a stove to replace those ruined in the flood. One couple bought her a freezer and a refrigerator. Two and half weeks after the flood, Ingalls Little House Cafe reopened. Ingalls lived with her sister in Waterloo until November when the carpenter had the bedroom and bathroom in her mobile home behind the cafe finished. She hopes to get the rest of the home done this



Charlene Ingalls likes that she can see all her customers from the window in her kitchen at the Ingalls Little House Cafe in New Hartford, Iowa.

spring.

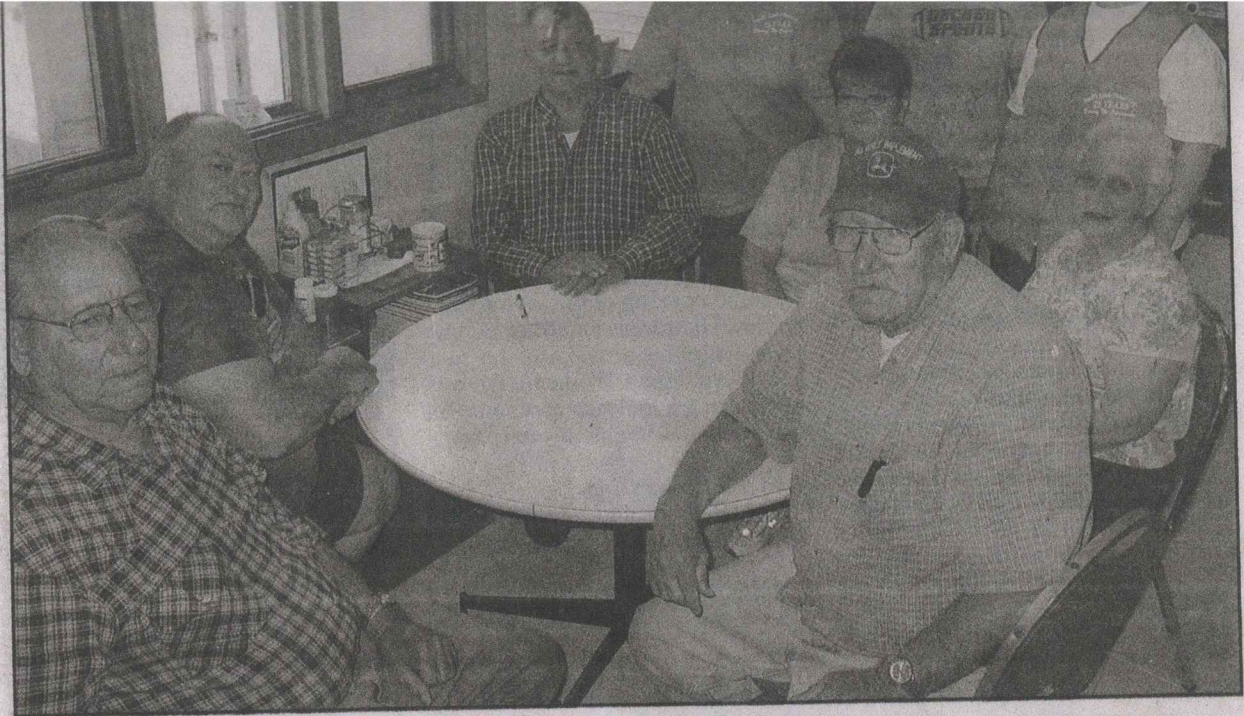
Ingalls motions to the people playing cards. They are all good friends and part of her Little House family.

Her seven employees are also part of her Little House family. In 1999 Ingalls had her own bout with cancer. Her employees took over until she recovered. Since there's no place in town to get coffee on Sunday mornings, Ingalls handed out keys to several residents who open up the cafe for coffee. She provides the rolls. One man has even cooked breakfast. When the convenience store chose not to reopen after the flood, Ingalls added

Jean Caspers-Simmet/Agri News an ice machine and a newspaper stand outside the cafe. If people run short on something, she tries to help them out. Residents fill the cafe for daily noon specials, especially hot beef on Thursdays, when they start coming at 10:30 a.m. During the summer, tacos and taco salads are served on Tuesday.

— Jean Caspers Simmet

If you have a favorite restaurant that you would like to have featured in Agri News, drop us a note. You can write us at Box 6118, Rochester, MN 55903. Or you can call us at (507) 285-7659 or e-mail wilmes@agrinews.com.



Family of Friends...

Charlene Ingalls, her employees, and a group of regulars at the New Hartford cafe, gather after the breakfast rush to enjoy a friendly game of Pepper. Each morning, providing they have enough players, they get in a game of cards before moving on to their daily duties.

Among those who are on hand each day are (left to right): Paul Feckers, Bob Lehmon, Bob Adams, Charlene Ingalls, Jan Adams, Mary Gerloff, Susan Lehmon, Arvilla Gerloff, and Sonny Feckers

Ingalls Little House Cafe Celebrating 25 Years

by Becky Schipper

Twenty-five years ago Charlene Ingalls supported her husband in his dream to own and operate a restaurant in the small community of New Hartford. Ross, and his father, John Ingalls constructed the tiny building which houses the cafe.

"I told him I'd help out in the evening," Charlene explained. "I would keep my job in town."

Ross was an eighth cousin to Charles Ingalls, Laura Ingalls Wilder's father. By using this family connection, the cafe was aptly named *Ingalls Little House Cafe*.

Two weeks after opening, Ross was diagnosed with cancer. So began Charlene's career in the restaurant business. "I'd never been in a restaurant before in my life!" Ross passed away 1 1/2 years after the opening.

Fortunately for Charlene, he had employed the assistance of Marilyn West, who took Charlene under her wing - teaching her how to make this dream a reality and show her the ropes. "I made it!" Charlene smiled.

It wasn't easy, but she has made it. She's poured her heart and soul into the cafe (along with a lot of blood, sweat, and tears along the way). It's that dedication that has led to her success.

"Sometimes I think it's determination and stupidity," she laughs. She had 18 inches of water in the building after last summer's flooding and wasn't even sure where to begin the clean up. She headed into town to purchase cleaning supplies, knowing that no matter what happened - if she opened again, or if she did not - the building had to be cleaned up.

By the time she returned to the cafe, she found her friends had already started cleaning. "They had all the tables and chairs already out front," she explained. "I knew that quickly that I wouldn't give up."

These words were no more than out of her mouth when the phone rang, notifying her that her furniture had arrived at her mobile home, located just behind the restaurant. It too received damage in the flooding.

Before the phone was back on the receiver, three customers jumped up from their table, beating Charlene to the door to help her get moved back into her home.

"That's what makes this all worth while," Charlene grinned upon her return. "It's the people, my loyal friends and customers!"

"You have to love what you do," she added, explaining that fortunately she does! "We work hard, and we play

hard," she laughs as her morning regulars settle back into their seats for one more cup before heading home.

These loyal fans of Little House arrive each morning for a generous breakfast and a cup or two of coffee, some staying to play a hand or two of Pepper before they're off to complete their daily activities.

"Many times they're back at closing time for another hand or two of Pepper. We close at two. They lock up when they're done," she explains.

She confides that there are a few keys to the place circulating in the community. "I'm not open on Sundays and after Kwik Star closed, people just wanted a place to gather. The first one in makes the coffee and I provide rolls. They're on the honor system," she explains. "There's 12 to 15 of them here on Sunday mornings. I trust them...I trust them with my life!"

And so she does. Ten years ago Charlene had her own bout with cancer. Her employees took over operations of the cafe until she recovered. "They did it for eight months," she stated as she glanced over at the group with a loving eye. "They're a great group - like a family."

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After 25 years, Charlene has many special memories. Many are displayed as the decor at the cafe. There's the poem written by a caring customer, the doll on the top shelf of the display on the back wall and the photos which are proudly displayed throughout. "We even have a pair of glasses floating around from a customer," she explains. And while he's no longer with them, a part of him has remained.

Hidden among those memories are those of the many high school students who worked for her over the years. "There's only one that I wouldn't hire again," she laughed. She's proud that each one of them had to be able to make change, and be able to count it back to the customer.

One that she won't soon forget is Jason. "I trained him to cook on the grill," she states. "And he ended up being a cook in the Navy."

Char's signature dish is, of course, her famous hot beef. It's served every Thursday as the special. Charlene recalls one time that an employee (who shall remain nameless!) overcooked

the roast. "I mean it was charred - the heat was too high. We couldn't serve it, so we put together something else for that Thursday's special," she smiles as she recalls the day. "It was just more than folks could handle! They're used to having the hot beef on Thursday and they didn't quite know what to think! You'd of thought there was a sin committed!"

Despite that mishap, Charlene and her long-time employees, Susan Lehmon (since 1995), Jan Adams (years and years!), and Arvilla Gerloff (10 years), along with other special friends who also work at the cafe - Mary Gerloff, Mary Cook, Sara McEnaney, Loris Prostone, Sharon Feckers, and Kay Dove, will be marking the 25th anniversary of the cafe.

Though the actual date of the anniversary is September 5, all of Charlene's family of friends and her faithful customers invite you to assist in marking this special day on Sunday, September 13, 2009 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the cafe. Be sure to attend.

FRIENDS GATHER



Jean Caspers-Simmet/Agri News

Charlene Ingalls, standing, looks on at card game under way at the Ingalls Little House Cafe. Pictured are her customers and friends Jan Adams, Paul Fekkers, Loris Prostime, John McEnaney, Sonny Fekkers and Bob Adams. The cafe in New Hartford was heavily damaged by floods, but friends and town residents worked together to repair it. For more on the cafe, turn to Page C1.





Herbert Quick



Laura Ingalls Wilder



Mona Van Duyn



Meredith Willson

53. Poet and Iowa State professor; born in Carroll; grew up in Manning and Davenport; now lives among Amish near Kalona; wrote "Driving

the Body," "Land of the Fragile Giants," "Out of This World" (1995).

54. Former Des Moines Register journalist and son of Des Moines

Register sportswriter; travel-writer and linguist author of such books as "The Mother Tongue."

55. Cedar Rapids poet who teaches at Coe College; occasional guest columnist and poetry/book reviewer for The Des Moines Register.

56. Put Mason City on the musical and literary map with "The Music Man" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

ANSWERS: 1-Robert James Waller, 2-Jane Smiley, 3-Jack Kerouac, 4-James Autry, 5-Janet Dailey, 6-Jeannette Eyerly, 7-Laura Ingalls Wilder, 8-Thom Swiss, 9-Mona Van Duyn, 10-Nancy Price, 11-Edna Ferber, 12-David Morrell, 13-James Norman Hall, 14-Henry Gregor Felsen, 15-Richard Bach, 16-Ruth Suckow, 17-Susan Toth, 18-Kurt Vonnegut, 19-Lee Hadley, 20-Amy Irwin, 21-Max Collins, 22-James Hearst, 23-Amy Clampitt, 24-Emerson Hough, 25-Fern Kupfer, 26-Donald Justice, 27-Mackinlay Kantor, 28-Douglas Bauer, 29-Julie McDonald, 30-Clarence Andrews, 31-Jack London, 32-Robert Dana, 33-Mildred Benson, 34-Thomas Duncan, 35-Paul Engle, 36-Frederick Manfred, 37-Maureen McCoy, 38-Herbert Quick, 39-Richard Bissell, 40-Wallace Stegner, 41-Peter Hedges, 42-Phil Strong, 43-Hamlin Garland, 44-Bess Streeter Aldrich, 45-W.P. Kinsella, 46-Ray A. Young Bear, 47-Robert Coover, 48-Kristi Holl, 49-Robley Wilson Jr., 50-Max Collins, 51-Gary Gildner, 52-Mark Twain, 53-Mary Swander, 54-Bill Bryson, 55-Ann Struthers, 56-Meredith Willson.

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shop and International Writing Program.

36. Six-foot-9-inches tall graduate of Western Christian of Hull near Doon; wrote five-novel "Buckskin Man" series; the first campaign manager for Hubert Humphrey; nominated four times for the Nobel Prize.

37. South-side Des Moines Italian neighborhood author of "Walking After Midnight," "Summertime" and "Divining Blood" (1992).

38. Born near Steamboat Rock; taught in Grundy Center for 20 years; mayor of Sioux City; author of "The Hawkeye," "Vandemark's Folly."

39. Put Dubuque on the literary and musical map with "7½ Cents" and "Pajama Game" — based on his family's pajama factory.

40. Born near Lake Mills of Scandinavian immigrants; won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972 as "dean of Western writers" for "Angle of Repose."

41. Son of St. Timothy's (West Des Moines) Episcopal priest, and a graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines; author of the novel which was the basis for successful 1991 movie ("What's Eating Gilbert Grape?") set in Ladora.

42. Born in the Pittsville settlement just west of Keosauqua on the Des Moines River; attended Drake; wrote "State Fair" and "Hawkeyes."

43. Brought up on a farm near Osage for 12 years; a friend of Whitman. Crane, Conrad, Roosevelt,

Twain, Kipling; won the 1922 Pulitzer Prize for "A Daughter of the Middle Border."

44. Born in Cedar Falls; wrote "Song of Years" (1939) set in George Wyth State Park, and "A Lantern in Her Hand" (1928).

45. Student and teacher at Iowa Writers' Workshop seven years while writing "Shoeless Joe Jackson Comes to Iowa" and "Iowa Baseball Confederacy;" put Dyersville on the world literary map.

46. Member of the People of the Red Earth Society; Meskwaki; located near Tama (settlement purchased with help by his great-great grandfather); author of "Black Eagle Child," "Invisible Musician," "Winter of the Salamander."

47. Born in Charles City; author of "The Public Burning," (1977), "The Universal Baseball Association. J. Henry Waugh, Prop."

48. UNI graduate; lived near Conrad, Story City; wrote "Haunting of Cabin 13" (set in Backbone State Park) and "Danger at Hanging Rock" (set in Effigy Mounds).

49. UNI English professor; edits the North American Review; author of "Dancing for Men," "A Pleasure Tree," "The Victim's Daughter."

50. Some works of this poet-farmer on wife's fifth-generation family farm near Farragut: "Summer in Sidney, Iowa," "Piper of Farragut," "Elmer and Betsy."

51. Was a professor of English at Drake while writing these poems: "Letter from Des Moines," "Winter-set," "Digging for Indians."

52. Worked as a printer or visited with his printer brother Orion in



Bill Bryson



Ray A. Young Bear

Muscatine, Keokuk and Knoxville — experiences he used in "Life on the Mississippi," and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

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Ingalls-Kirkpatrick

Announcement is being made of the June 16 wedding of Angela Sue Ingalls, and Lance Cpl. Andrew P. Kirkpatrick of Yuma, Ariz.

Parents of the couple are Mrs. Wesley Weissman of 3609 Kingswood Place, the late Ross E. Ingalls, and Nancy Cox of Omaha, Ark., and Jack Kirkpatrick of Brooklyn.

Vows were exchanged at 6 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. Martha Ward officiating.

Maid of honor for her sister was Sarah Weissman. Bridesmaids were Kris Heiple of Hollywood, Calif., and Katie Kimball.

Flower girl was Leah Dressman of Phoenix, Ariz.

Serving his brother as best man was Kevin Kirkpatrick. Groomsmen were Allyn Kirkpatrick of Cedar Falls, cousin of the groom, and Todd Petersen.

Justin Kirkpatrick, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Seating guests were Jason Warren of Florida; Travis Barnard, cousin of the bride, and Todd Gutnecht, both of



Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick

Cedar Falls; and Eric Canakes of Brooklyn, step-brother of the groom.

The groom is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The couple is residing in Yuma.

Woodburn-Ingalls

Announcement is being made of the May 15 wedding of Gretchen Idele Woodburn and Darin Earl Ingalls of Minneapolis.

Parents of the groom are Mrs. Marion Adolphson of Hastings, Minn., Mrs. Wes Weissman of Waterloo, and the late Ross Ingalls.

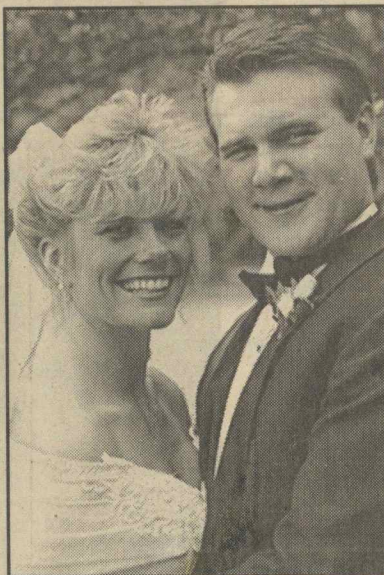
Vows were exchanged in a 4:30 p.m. ceremony at Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church with the Rev. Don Iles officiating. Escorting the bride was her son, Spencer Woodburn of Minneapolis.

Karen Blonigen of Minneapolis was maid of honor and Sarah Miller of Carlinville, Ill., niece of the bride, was bridesmaid.

Todd Gutknecht of Eldridge was best man and Bill Aguiar of Waterloo was groomsman.

Bailee Woodburn was flower girl and Tristen Woodburn was ring bearer, both of Minneapolis and daughters of the bride.

Seating guests were Travis Barnard, cousin of the groom, and



Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls

Angie Farnsworth.

The bride is employed at Dayton's department store and the groom is employed at Hadley's, both in Minneapolis.

Summertime is another good chance for leisure reading: an opportunity to digress from work-related books we tell ourselves we "should" read for professional advancement.

It's also an opportunity to get closer to our cultural roots by reading some Iowa authors we've heard about but haven't actually read.

Especially while so many Iowa writers — such as Robert James Waller, Jane Smiley, Peter Hedges, W. P. Kinsella, David Morrell, Max Collins, Nancy Price — have blockbuster novels, made-into-movie books, video rentals, Pulitzer Prizes, discussions of movie contracts, critical debates concerning their books and current media articles.

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Was there a time when Iowans could be more proud of the writing from our region of the world?

Do you wonder how knowledgeable you are about Iowa writers?

Do you consider yourself to be an expert? Above average? Typical?

Or are you a novice? Or completely uninformed?

Or aren't you sure?

Here is an overview of Iowa writers in the form of a matching test.

If you can match 40 of the following 56 author blurbs correctly, consider yourself an aficionado of Iowa writers. Thirty would be *que bueno*. Twenty is *asi asi*. Fifteen makes a dilettante of Iowa literature. Fewer than 10 probably indicates you haven't lived in Iowa long, or simply have not (until now) been very interested.

First the list of authors in alphabetical order:

Bess Streeter Aldrich, Clarence Andrews, James Autry, Richard Bach, Douglas Bauer, Mildred Benson, Richard Bissell, Bill Bryson, Michael Carey, Amy Clampitt, Max Collins, Robert Coover, Janet Dailey, Robert Dana, Thomas Duncan, Paul Engle, Jeannette Eyrely, Henry Gregor Felsen, Edna Ferber, Hamlin Garland, Gary Gildner, Lee Hadley, James Norman Hall, James Hearst, Peter Hedges, Kristi Holl, Emerson Hough, Ann Irwin, Donald Justice, MacKinlay Kantor, Jack Kerouac, W. P. Kinsella, Fern Kupfer, Jack London, Frederick Manfred, Maureen McCoy, Julie McDonald, David Morrell, Nancy Price, Herbert Quick, Jane Smiley, Wallace Stegner, Phil Stong, Ann Struthers, Ruth Suckow, Mary Swander, Thom Swiss, Susan Toth, Mark Twain, Mona Van Duyn, Kurt Vonnegut, Robert James Waller, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Meredith Willson, Robley Wilson Jr., Ray A. Young Bear.

And now the matching author blurbs:

1. After winning a basketball scholarship to Iowa, he transferred as a student to the University of Northern Iowa; became dean of the business school at UNI; wrote the best-selling hardback novel of all time.

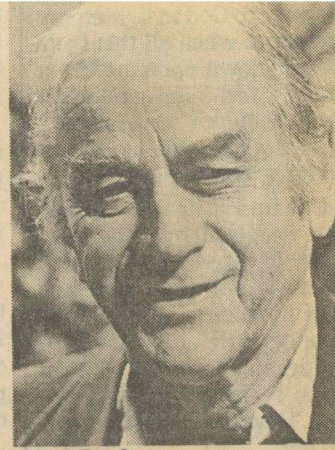
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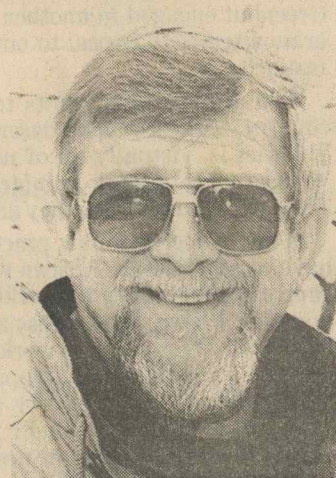
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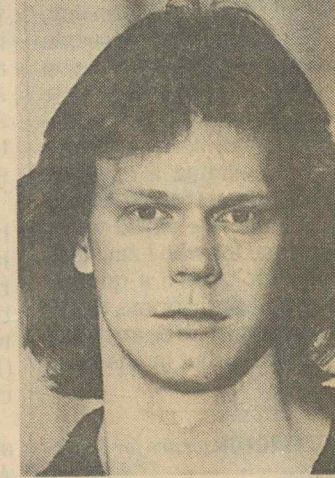
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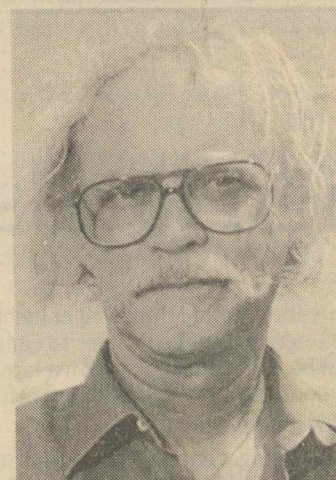
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Peter Hedges



W.P. Kinsella



Jack London



Robert James Waller

won the 1992 Pulitzer Prize, and wrote this year's "Moo."

3. Wrote in the bible of the pre-hippie beat generation, "On the Road": "The prettiest girls in the world live in Des Moines."

4. Jet fighter pilot; retired Meredith Magazine Group president; he wrote "Life After Mississippi" (poems) and "Love and Profit."

5. Born and raised in Storm Lake; one of the five best-selling authors in the world; top female author in the United States (more novels sold than Danielle Steel).

6. Des Moines author's 19 novels about young people and their problems ("Drop-Out") have earned many devoted readers; her husband was managing editor of The Des Moines Register.

7. Museum near Decorah honors her prai-

rie novels about her family's many homes, such as the one in Burr Oak when she was 9.

8. Esteemed Drake University writing teacher and poet whose "Letter From Des Moines" and "At the Botanical Center" appear in his book, "Measure."

9. Pulitzer Prize-winning Waterloo native; raised in Eldora; in 1992 she became the first female Poet Laureate of the United States.

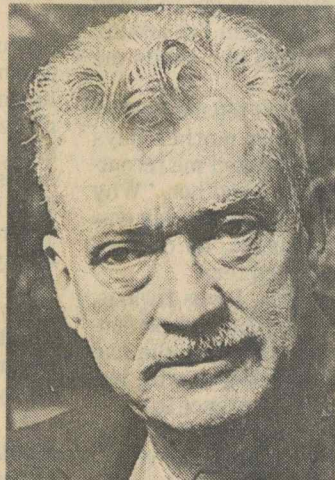
10. UNI graduate, faculty member, daughter of a UNI president; her novel was the basis for a recent movie, "Sleeping With the Enemy."

11. Greatest woman writer of the 1920s and 1930s (1924 Pulitzer Prize for "So Big"); her family moved to Ottumwa to open a general store.

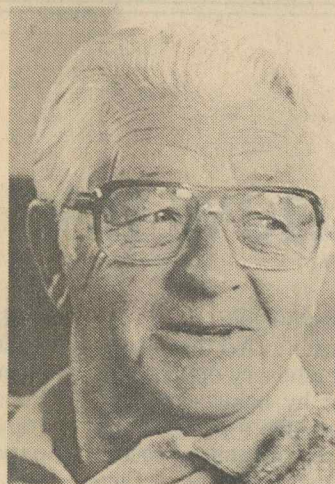
12. Iowa City professor when he created



Janet Dailey



MacKinlay Kantor



Wallace Stegner

Rambo character and a series of Rambo novels.

13. Colfax native and a Grinnell College graduate who co-authored (with Charles Nordhoff) the world-famous trilogy about Tahiti and the H.M.S. Bounty.

14. Drake faculty member whose dirt-track racing, car novels (one set near old Valley High School in West Des Moines) have been enjoyed for six decades.

15. Captain in the Iowa Air Guard in Ottumwa in the 1960s and 1970s when he wrote the most famous novel ever about flying, "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."

16. Born in Hawarden; she went to college in Grinnell; was an Earlville apiarist to support her writing; a friend of H. L. Mencken;

female characters, including "The Folks" (1934).

17. Daughter of two ISU professors, she wrote a successful 1981 book with an obvious Ames setting: "Blooming: A Small-Town Girlhood."

18. Wrote the famous World War II novel about the firebombing of Dresden while a lecturer/student under Paul Engle — "... a raffish soldier-saint leading us into battle against the Philistines."

19. Born in Earlham, and the first half of the pseudonym for two ISU professors who wrote 10 popular novels for young adults in the last 30 years.

20. Lake View native who is second half of pseudonym for these two ISU colleagues who write popular novels for young adults.

21. Muscatine author of "Dick Tracy," many other mystery/crime novels, and of the recent movie, "Mommy" (set in Muscatine).

22. Beloved poet at UNI for 34 years; knew Frost and Sandburg; 13 volumes of poetry, including "Snake in the Strawberries."

23. Born in New Providence; educated at Grinnell; an acclaimed poet: "Meadowlark Country," "Kingfisher," "What the Light Was Like."

24. Newton author of "Story of the Cowboys," "Way of the West," "Story of the Outlaw," "54-40 or Fight," "Passing of the Frontier."

25. ISU creative-writing instructor and the author of "No Regrets," "Surviving the Seasons," and the murder-mystery, "Love Lies" (1994).

26. Twenty-year University of Iowa professor; he won the Pulitzer Prize for "Selected Poems."

27. Born in Webster City; went to high school in Des Moines; won the 1955 Pulitzer Prize for a novel about the infamous Civil War prison, Andersonville.

28. Drake graduate; the husband of novelist Sue Miller; he was on the Harvard faculty and wrote "Prairie City, Iowa: Three Seasons at Home" (1979).

29. Born near Fiscus/Audubon, raised in Harlan; Phi Beta Kappa at Iowa; she stresses Danish culture, as in "Amalie's Story" (1970).

30. Wrote "A Literary History of Iowa" and "This is Iowa."

31. Stepfather from Moscow, Ia.; soul mate was Charmian Kittredge from Newton. They set sail around the world on "The Snark" when he was the most popular author in the world ("Sea Wolf," "White Fang").

32. One-time sportswriter for The Des Moines Register; now an esteemed Cornell College poet; the author of "What I Think I Know" (1991).

33. Born in Ladora; the first person to earn a master's degree in journalism at Iowa; she was ghostwriter of the first three Nancy Drew novels (and 23 of the first 25).

34. Born in Casey, taught at Drake; public-relations director for Grinnell College; wrote Book-of-the-Month Club circus novel, "Gus the Great" (set in Granger, Des Moines and West Des Moines).

35. Poet; 50 years on faculty at Iowa; 25 years as director of the Iowa Writers' Work

Des Moines

Iowa tales

By JIM POLLOCK

REGISTER STAFF WRITER

In honor of the strangest holiday on the calendar, we bring you tales of the supernatural. Just as Thanksgiving is the one time of the year when you appreciate what you have and Christmas is the one time you're nice to people, Halloween should be the one time you open your mind, cast skepticism aside and wonder, "What if it's true?"

The credit for these stories goes to the writers mentioned below and the publisher, Bruce Carlson. Carlson, who also collects and writes some of the stories, has put together a whole string of Iowa ghost story books. He publishes them under the name of The Quixote Press, R.R. 1, Fort Madison, Ia. 52627. The stories are alleged to be true, but sometimes the names are changed to protect the subjects and their descendants from a lifetime of wisecracks.

This is the tale of a house that stands somewhere in or near Cedar Rapids, as told by Lori Erickson in "Ghosts of Linn County, Iowa."

"About 60 or so years ago . . . there lived a woman who loved her husband dearly. They had been married for 15 years and still cared for each other as if they were newlyweds.

"The husband worked for the railroad and each day would leave on the local line which came into the train depot just down the street. His wife would wave goodbye to him from their second-floor bedroom window, and each evening she'd wait patiently for him in the same spot, knitting away in her rocking chair until she saw the train returning.

"One day the wife was in her usual spot when she heard the sound of the train approaching. She leaned forward in anticipation to see it come around the bend, but as it neared the house she jumped up in horror. From the opposite direction she could see another train barreling toward it on the same track.

"There were no survivors.

"For the rest of her life, the woman was a recluse. She spent most of her time in the bedroom, rocking away and looking blankly out the window where she had waited for her husband so many times.

"After 20 years, the woman finally died, and the house was sold to another family. In the years since then, it has been owned by a succession of people, and all have a similar tale to report:

"Late in the afternoon, with nearly clock-

These stories are alleged to be true, although some names have been changed.

like regularity, the rhythmic creak of the rocker can be heard coming from the upstairs bedroom."

Here's an Iowa City story about a young man named George who went off to serve in the armed forces during World War I. It's contained in Lori Erickson's "Ghosts of Johnson County, Iowa."

"The family somehow got along without him, of course, but every night at dinner, they'd still set an extra place for him, and his letters were read and re-read until the paper nearly fell apart.

"Then one night, about eight months after he'd left, the family had finished their dinner and were walking down the hallway to the living room. The father was the first to enter the room, and his gasp brought everyone rushing up behind him.

"Standing with his back to them in front of the fire was George, dressed in his uniform. As they stood there he turned around, gazing at them for just a moment with a look of pure longing. Then, before they could react, he disappeared.

"The family heard three days later that George had been killed in France on the same day that they had seen him in the living room, and George never returned again to the Iowa farm he loved so much."

Bruce Carlson collected this one for "Ghosts of the Iowa Great Lakes."

N Elmer and Susan lived near Arnolds Park in the early 1900s, and one of their traditions was to paint their initials on a couple of apples early each summer. As the apples ripened to red, the skin under the paint would remain green. In the fall, Elmer would peel the paint off, leaving their green initials printed on the red apples.

Elmer died in the spring of 1914. Shortly afterward, Susan "painted her initials on a green Jonathan like she always had. On an impulse she also did one with Elmer's initials. It just didn't seem right not to as long as they had done that together while he was alive."

No one else knew that she had painted the apples, and by the time she went back to check on them, in September, she had to search for a few minutes to find them.

When she found them, she picked the one with her initials and then — "Susan had to grab the sides of the ladder to keep from tumbling down as the shock of what she saw almost made her dizzy. There, above Elmer's initials in nice clear letters of green, were the words:

"I Love You, Susan."

"The Faulk family reunion at Riverside Park in Des Moines in 1921

was to have been an opportunity for the seven Faulk 'children' to get together," wrote Tom Welch in "Ghosts of Polk County."

"While no one said it in so many words, that reunion was considered to be the last opportunity for all seven of the 'children' to do that. These seven were all in their late 60s and 70s and scattered all across the United States. . . ."

Unfortunately, Mable, the sister in Denver, Colo., was in poor health and unable to attend the July 4, 1921, reunion. As a matter of fact, Mable died that very afternoon at her Denver home.

A photographer had taken pictures at the Des Moines reunion and sent the prints to a Faulk relative in Bondurant, who was to distribute them to all of the family members. As this woman, Irene, looked through the pictures she suddenly let out a gasp that brought her husband on the run.

"Irene couldn't even talk to her husband. She was left shocked and speechless by what she saw in those pictures of the Faulk children. All she could do was to point at them.

"There in those photos were pictured the siblings, all smiling and looking at the camera; all seven of them.

"There was Mable with the other six. She was standing along with the others . . . her arm around her sister standing next to her."

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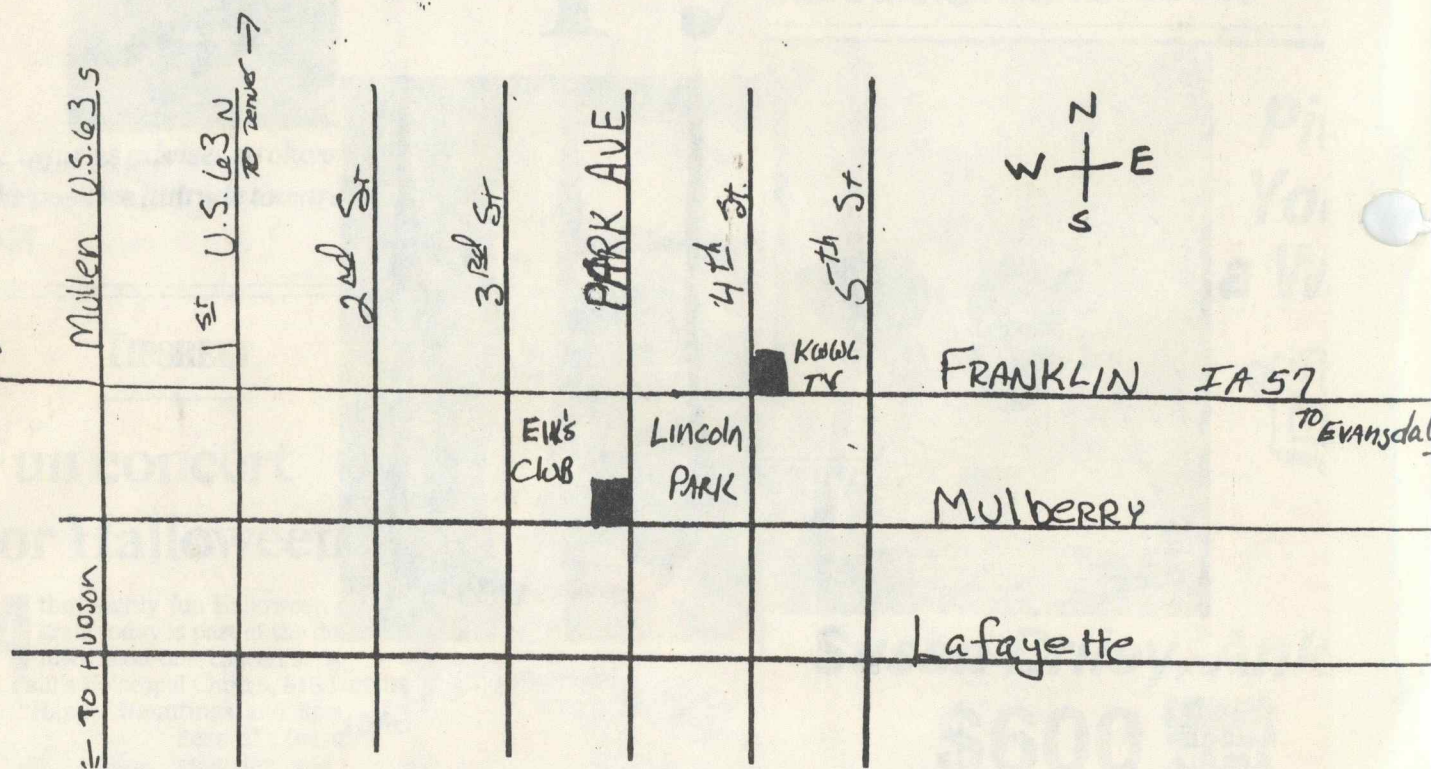
Much has happened since we last met. With the crisis in the Persian Gulf came a wave of patriotism and nostalgia--across Iowa and the USA. With that in mind, we invite you to join us on June 15th for our annual dinner. We will be gathering at the Waterloo Elks Club, 320 East Park Avenue, Waterloo, IA.

Social hour will be from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Roast Beef dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.

Bruce Schoeman, Class of 66, will be the Toastmaster and the honored classes will be those of 1941, 1951, and 1966.

Serving on next year's committee will be Marylou Schneiderman Farrell, Danny Rawdon, Stan Everts, and Doug Bass.

We look forward to seeing you on June 15.



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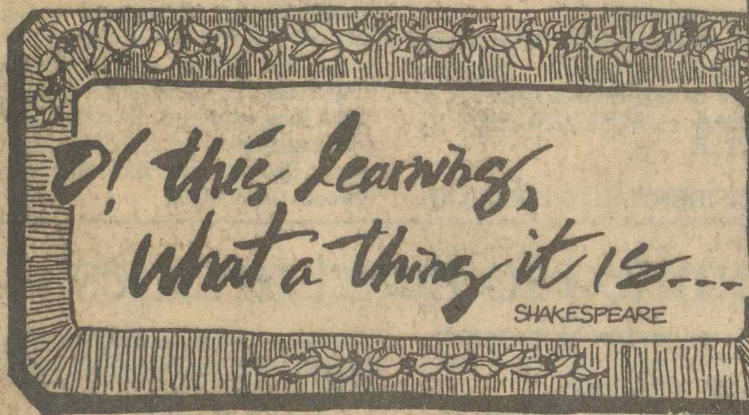
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Would you like to help out on next year's committee? Please let us know.

Senior senior looks forward to graduation



By ANNE PHILLIPS
Courier Staff Writer

CEDAR FALLS — She sits quietly among her classmates, her gray head bowed over her text as she diligently studies her Shakespeare.

When the bell rings and classes dismiss, the students flee the confines of their classroom and head home across the greening campus.

But Mary Iseminger, a senior at the University of Northern Iowa, drives south to a white farm house settled in a grove of pine trees near the area where she has lived 55 of her 72 years.

Here, on the land that lies just north of Hudson, Iseminger and her husband, John, have farmed 280 acres that has been in the family for over 100 years. Here, they have raised four daughters and one son.

And this spring, after the garden is sown and the corn is planted, Mary Iseminger will receive a bachelor's of liberal studies degree just 57 years after her high school graduation.

At 72, Iseminger admits the degree "probably won't get me anywhere now," but she says she is perfectly happy to be a member of the class of 1986.

"If I had gone to college right after high school, everything would have changed already. It would all be out of date," she says. And when Iseminger was growing up, she says she didn't take a liking to any of the college programs traditionally expected of women.

"WHEN I was a girl, there just wasn't that much women could do," she recalls. "I didn't want to be a teacher. You could be a nurse, but I wasn't adapted to that sort of thing. You always could be an old maid and do housework or — if you had the money — you could go to college and find a man."

Instead, the former Mary Platt, who graduated from Hudson High School in 1929 at the age of 15, decided there was a time and a place for everything.

She completed a certificate in stenography

from Gates Business College, Waterloo, and headed for Des Moines where she worked for an insurance company for eight years.

She returned to Hudson in 1944 when she married John Iseminger, one of her 14 high school classmates, and began raising a family.

"Thirty-plus years ago or so," Mary Iseminger first became a college student by completing two correspondence courses from the University of Iowa. She took courses in the literature of the Old and New Testaments, she remembers, to prepare for her Sunday school teaching duties.

In 1976, she celebrated the nation's Bicentennial with a UNI course focusing on the history of Iowa. One year later, she officially enrolled as a 64-year-old freshman at Northern Iowa where, she discovered, the short drive to campus could open her mind to a new world of ideas.

"JUST BY taking one class a semester, I could go up to UNI and completely change my way of thinking. I could travel in my mind without really going anywhere," she says. "I couldn't see any reason why I shouldn't go to school."

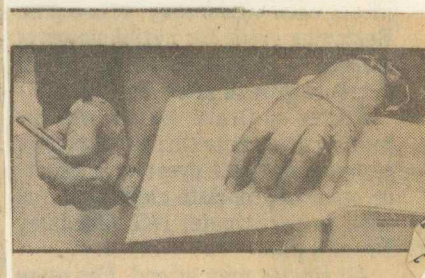
And with four daughters — all UNI graduates — in the family, Iseminger says her husband had gotten used to living with college girls. The Isemingers' one son is a graduate of Iowa State University.

While there are support groups at UNI for nontraditional students, Iseminger says she never thought of joining one. "I always thought of those things for people in trouble," she admits. "And I just never thought of myself as being in trouble."

She maintains that classmates and faculty have treated her just like any other student. "I suppose they could take me or leave me," she says. But Iseminger does believe that her age has given her a different perspective on many course materials — and unique resources to draw upon to complete class assignments.

ONE COLLEGE project included the creation

Mary Iseminger, in photos above and below, is a senior at the University of Northern Iowa and will graduate with the class of 1986.





of a 250-page text she wrote to preserve the memories of her childhood and those of her husband. Bound copies, illustrated with her sketches, were presented to the children last year to help them realize how different and rapidly changing life was in the 1920s.

Today, Iseminger says, students should use their own resources to make the most of their high school and college educations. She believes many young women still attend college for the wrong reasons despite the years that have passed.

"I worry about them, those cute little things. They still think they can find someone who can take care of them," she says. "But the world doesn't really give a damn about you. You've got to learn to take care of yourself."

And if there's one thing Mary Iseminger has learned, it's how to take care of herself.

"I've gotten by all right," she says. "When I don't know what to do, I just ask someone. You can't be afraid to do that. They say if I can keep my grades up this semester I might graduate with honors."

When UNI commencement exercises take place next month, Iseminger will likely be one of the many students with hopes and dreams for the future, their college years a compendium of hard work and memories.

"I came this far," she says. "I got to be a senior and thought that maybe I should graduate."

Iseminger is not sure whether her children will attend the May 10 ceremonies, but she says she'll "have a cake baked and a pot of coffee on, so whoever shows up, I'll be ready. I'm not going to go to much trouble."

Iseminger admits, however, that she once thought about not enrolling in her final classes because of a fear that a fuss might be made over her graduation.

Because, as Mary Iseminger will tell you, she still has to pass her Shakespeare exams. And until that's done, she insists, college graduation is really much ado about nothing.



Mrs. John E. (Mary) Iseminger from Hudson, Iowa is a Flower Show Schools Instructor and has been on the Iowa State Board of FGCM for fifteen years. She is a Master Judge and is very active in the Ikenobo Society as a professor 1st grade. COLOR IS A SENSATION a 4 hour presentation Design program for advanced instruction for renewal of certificates or for Good Standing as a National Council of State Garden Clubs Flower Show Judge was presented at the Michigan Symposium at Kalamazoo, in June and at Indian's Symposium at Indianapolis in August. Mary has created and outline for study by using COLOR FOR QUILTERS as a reference book. Realizing that colors for the quilter and the flower arranger are the same.

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Courier photo by GREG BROWN

Mary Iseminger, chairman of the My Waterloo Days Flower Design Display by the Waterloo Garden Club, poses with Betty Cavanaugh's first place winner in the Creativity division.

Hudson farmer found dead

HUDSON — A longtime Hudson area farmer was found dead by his wife Monday after he apparently was run over by a hay mower being pulled by his tractor.

Hudson Police Chief Tom Helling said the accident that took the life of John Iseminger, 77, of 6520 Hudson Road, was still under investigation.

Iseminger was working alone in a field about 1½ miles east of his farm, which is about three-quarters of a mile north of Hudson on Highway 58.

The body was discovered by Iseminger's wife, Mary, about 5:30 p.m. Helling said the incident could have occurred any time between 10 a.m. and the time the body was found.

John Ehret Iseminger

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HUDSON — Memorial services for John Ehret Iseminger, 77, of 6520 South Hudson Road, Hudson, will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Community Church of Hudson with family committal services in Hudson Cemetery before the memorial service.

He died of an apparent heart attack Monday afternoon (Aug. 31) at his farm.

He was born July 26, 1910, in Hudson, son of Delbert C. and Edith Ehret Iseminger. He married Mary Platt on April 22, 1944, in Orange Township. He farmed on the family farm all his life.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Beth Iseminger of Caledonia, Minn., Mrs. Jeanne Ciok of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Lois Iseminger of Chicago and Mrs. Nancy Geiger of Des Moines; a son, Joel of Ames; three grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Marion Branson of Canyon Country, Calif., Mrs. Edna Budlong of rural Cedar Falls, Mrs. Alice Petersen of 1900 W. Third St., Ruth Iseminger of South Pasadena, Calif., and Mrs. Neva Johansen of

Lattimer; he was preceded in death by four brothers.

Friends may call after 1 p.m. Wednesday at Locke Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

The casket will not be open.

Memorials may be made to Community Church of Hudson.

Heart attack felled farmer

HUDSON — A Hudson area farmer found dead in a field Monday died from a massive heart attack, according to Hudson Police Chief Tom Helling.

Helling said an autopsy by the Black Hawk County medical examiner determined John Iseminger, 77, of 6520 Hudson Road, may have been dead before he fell from the tractor and was run over by a hay mower.

Iseminger's body was found Monday evening by his wife, Mary. He began work in the fields about 10 a.m. Monday.

PAGE B2 WATERLOO-CEDAR FALLS COURIER TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2000

HUDSON — **Mary P. Iseminger**, 86, formerly of Hudson, died Sunday, Aug. 20, at Friendship Village Retirement Center, Waterloo, of natural causes.

She was born Dec. 3, 1913, in Black Hawk County, daughter of George and Mary Moore Platt. She married John E. Iseminger on April 22, 1944, in Orange Township. He died Aug. 31, 1987.

Mrs. Iseminger attended Gates Business College, Waterloo, and graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in 1986. She and her husband farmed in Black Hawk Township.

Survived by: four daughters, Beth Ann Iseminger of Caledonia, Minn., Jeanne Ellen Ciok of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, Lois Elaine Iseminger of Chicago and Nancy Marie Geiger of Des Moines; a son, Joel Platt Iseminger of Hudson; four grandchildren; and three half brothers, Marshall Platt of Evansdale and James and Robert Platt, both of Waterloo.

Preceded in death by: a grandson; and two half sisters, Helen Cable, and Alice Platt in infancy.

Services: 10 a.m. Wednesday at Community Church of Hudson, with burial in Hudson Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Locke Funeral Home, Waterloo, with family present from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials: may be directed to the Hudson Public Library.



Mary Iseminger

Friendship in full bloom

Flowers bring young 'partners' to Friendship Village



Wildflower expert and Friendship Village resident Mary Iseminger accepts a blossom from her newfound friends, 4-year-olds Angel Johnson and Chelsea Reuter. Angel is the daughter of Cecilia and Henry Johnson, and Lisa and Dan Reuter are parents of Chelsea.

By MELODY PARKER
Courier Staff Writer

It was a garden of delights for the clump of 15 or so 4-year-olds rooting around the flower beds at Friendship Village.

"What does this smell like?" asked Bonnie Dunham, crumbling a leaf and waving it beneath the noses eagerly sniffing the air.

"Play-Doh," shouts an enthusiastic boy. Dunham, a Chapter 1 teacher at Edison Elementary School, shook her head and smiled.

The preschoolers' garden field

trip was part of Friendship Village's Partners in Education program with Edison and Longfellow schools. The partnership sprang up three years ago with an adopted grandparent project.

Branched off with companions, the children found straggly dandelions as appealing as broad-petaled yellow chrysanthemums. They fought sword duels with long stems of ornamental grass, and stuck like burrs to the heels of wildflower authority and resident Mary Iseminger as she traipsed through the garden, snipping her way from one flower bed to the next.

Each child clutched a bunch of flowers, stubbornly refusing trades.

They treated their cuttings tenderly, as if saddened that so many plants had already succumbed to the coming winter's brief but chilly foray into fall. They didn't feel the cold, muffled as they were in coats, caps and mittens.

A "hen-and-chickens" plant brought squawks of glee from the children, who also chirped like birds at the sight of empty seed hulls beneath a sunflower's drooping head.

Iseminger crushed a sprig of spearmint between her fingers, releasing the scented oil. "Gum! Gum!" chorused the children. A few of them shredded their leaves, determined to find the stick of gum inside the spearmint.

A short time later, 4-year-old Tutu Boyd was doubtful when Iseminger drew the parallel between dill and dill pickles. "Uh-uh, no pickles in there," she said, giggling as Iseminger tickled her nose with the herb.

Planting themselves on the pavement with a crayon cornucopia from which to choose, the children drew and colored their own visions of flora. They lined up in rows to plant cuttings in a styrofoam cups for take-home souvenirs. Later, they tossed breadcrumbs to quacking ducks roosting near the creek that runs behind the Village.

Iseminger, who served several years as Operation Wildflower state chairman, and fellow resident Jean Mathes put their collective knowledge to work two years ago on developing a wildflower garden, which winds alongside the creek. Other residents enjoy patch gardening in the area, too.

"The area had already been landscaped, but it has always been a dream of Betty O'Brien's to have this kind of a garden," Iseminger explained. O'Brien is Friendship Village administrator.

"I just love wildflowers," O'Brien commented. "And, too, we

want the Village to look like an extension of people's lives.

"We'd also like the area to be used more and more by the community's children in this fashion," she added, referring to the Village's Partners in Education program, coordinated by assistant administrator Velda Phillips.

As part of the Village's three-year wildflower garden plan, Iseminger and Mathes have successfully planted native Iowa plants, two varieties of ornamental blue grasses, sideoats grama, purple and yellow cone flowers often called "New England Asters," sky blue asters (which the rabbits adore) and butterfly weed, among others.

"The idea is to give these young children contact with the outside world, let them have new experiences," explained retired teacher Fern Murphy. She has been active in the Village's Partners in Education program since its inception three years ago.

In the garden, children learn to identify colors, shapes, smells, sizes and how petals and leaves feel to the touch. The experience reinforces classroom lessons.

"I have worked with children of all ages and it's imperative that programs like this are available. Residents who like children or who were involved in education are the ones who get involved here," Murphy said, adding that she has been an adopted grandmother for several children.

Several other adopted grandparents took part in the tour and seemed to be having as good a time as their guests.

"The children do have a wonderful time and they certainly love the ducks and plants," Dunham said. "But when they get back to school and home they talk most about their adopted grandma and grandpas.

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Mary Iseminger

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THE RED-HEADED GIRL IN THE NEW YORK HARBOR - MARY ANN EMERSON PLATT

"Don't let them tease you about being red-headed. It isn't everyone who can have red hair. They won't bother to tease you unless they can see that it bothers you." This was advice from Aunt Nellie (Platt Dack), herself a red-headed twin.

The story my Dad told was that his grandfather, Burchard Diedrich Platt, ran away from Germany when he was fourteen and went to sea. Brother James has the little insignia of a sailor which proves the story. The second part of the story is that he married the red-headed girl in the New York harbor, and Dad had three red-headed sisters which tends to support the rest of his story. My mother was also a red-head, so those color genes were reinforced.

JOSEPH EMERSON, born in Ireland about 1792-3, with his wife Elizabeth (Carr) Emerson, born in Ireland about 1796-9, came to America in December 1818, when their first child, Lucinda, was but six weeks old. They were shipwrecked and lost all their belongings except the baby and six shillings. They landed in New York City, where Joseph Emerson followed the shoemakers trade and where seven more children were born. This information came by a fortunate coincident, almost as if directed by an unseen supranatural force. The household goods of a local recluse were auctioned. The gal who bought a box of miscellany called me asking about George Platt. A set of papers of the family record of Benjamin Jacobs listed the wife as Lucinda Emerson, daughter of Joseph Emerson/Elizabeth Carr. Notation was made that Mary Ann Emerson, a sister, was the mother of George Platt (my grandfather, George Washington Platt). This was a generation further than I had any knowledge of or any expectation of finding.

Aunt Nellie confirmed that they had visited cousins in Cedar Falls and knew some from Kansas City. Unfortunately I did not record which ones, except that the Gibsons had the hotel in Cedar Falls. Grandfather George W. Platt



BRANDON POLLOCK/Courier staff photographer

Mary Iseminger is one of the craftpersons who contributed a quilted wall hanging for the Conestoga

Collection benefit auction Sunday.

Conestoga Council benefit auction Sunday

The Conestoga Collection, a benefit auction for the Conestoga Council of Girl Scouts will take place Sunday at the Waterloo Recreation and Arts Center, 225 Commercial St.

A sneak preview of the auction items will be from 1 to 2 p.m. with the auction beginning at 2 p.m. Jim Jackson of Cedar Falls will be auctioneer.

More than 100 items have been donated to the auction, including original art pieces, antiques, dinner/theater tickets, chocolates, a landscaping package, and a hand-crafted wreath, sled and chess set.

Mary Iseminger has donated one

of her quilt wall hangings. The quilt has more than 700 pieces of fabric she has gathered from around the world.

Cedar Valley Wetlands board of directors has donated its 12 wildlife prints done by artists John Heidersbach, Steve Carter, Rick Morkel and Tom Carter, that span a six-year board-commissioned collection.

Pastels by L.C. Laird of Waverly and Dan Isbell of Vinton; watercolors by Marie Cook and Evelyn Cheng of Cedar Falls; charcoals by Steven Bigler of Cedar Falls and Michael Riley of Decorah; oils by Barbara Campbell of Vinton and Kim Behm of Cedar Falls; prints by

Gary Kelley of Cedar Falls and Val Patrilla of Vinton; pottery by Georgia Waller and Jim Kerns of Cedar Falls and Karen Nichols of Garrison are just a few of the many items made by artists, that have been donated to the auction.

Proceeds will benefit Girl Scout programs in all 12 counties of the council area.

Tax-deductible tickets are \$15 each and can be ordered and reserved by calling the Girl Scout office at 232-6601 or 1-800-772-0043. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door the day of the auction.

Mary P. Iseminger, #221 - 600 Park Lane, Waterloo, IA 50702-5276
December 14, 1993

Season's Greetings to all:

Again I am glad to report that my health is good, though I do get tired more easily. I have not travelled outside of Iowa this year except to Beth's in Caledonia, MN. This past weekend all of us met there for a combination of Christmas and acknowledgement of my eightieth birthday December 3rd.

The family history project has passed from the rough draft stage to a 304 page "first draft", a loose-leaf copy given to each of the five last weekend. Indexing and unifying the documentation, etc. will take a year or two more, but the first round is accomplished.

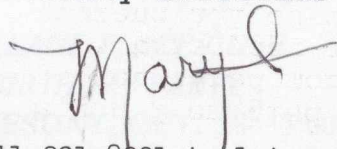
Quilting is still fun and I have worked on at least a dozen items this year, begun, finished, begun and finished, comforters tied, bed, wall or small wall (am not into miniatures). Went with a tour bus to Davenport to a national quilt show in Davenport, IA, and to a show in Des Moines. Spent three very intensive days in May with Michael James instructor of Massachusetts at Fairfield, IA.

The wildflower area here at the Village along the lakeside was enlarged by more than doubling. Plants come with amazing root systems so all set to start and we certainly did not need the watering hoses. The residents across the lake enjoy the color. I work by the hour, one and then quit for the day.

Flooding along the Black Hawk only comes from thirty miles west and so doesn't stay high more than three days, but it came several times. The beans were almost all on low ground, so less than 10% crop. Our corn was as good as any in the area, but about 50% of a normal crop. Fortunately the quality is good.

My pace next year should be more leisurely. I hope to try some interesting things quilting. The family history should get some working over. For the rest, we shall see what we shall see.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Call 291-8221 to let me know when you can stop by and I will make bran muffins. Bring the quilted tree. I will not be satisfied until I make something with the tree again - am not sure just what. I like to do red and green, red or green, thinking they can be out six weeks at Christmas time and fresh again for the next year. Must make red schoolhouses too before I am through.

A TRIBUTE TO MARY ISEMINGER

I would like to pay tribute to Mary Iseminger because I am an appreciative recipient of some of her labors.

Because of where I live, I derive a great deal of joy, pleasure, and satisfaction from looking across at the beds of lovely wild flowers on the edge of the pond. Mary is responsible for having created them. I know this because I saw her on so many mornings, out early, bent over, planting, pulling weeds, and cultivating.

I am sure that I, along with other residents, would like to thank her for her time, effort, and expertise in making our Village a pleasant place to live.

Marione Boller



1994

Mary P. Iseminger
#221 - 600 Park Lane
Waterloo, IA 50702-5276
December 7, 1994

SEASONS GREETINGS

Another year has flown by, not boring, but no drastic changes, which is really all to the good.

Health - Blood pressure and cholesterol OK, weight a hair less, no complaints. I have lost stamina and tire more easily.

Travel - Went to Santa Fe NM last March. Took in a quilt workshop and saw some of the sights. Nice trip. I can still do an airport, but the "fun" of travel is no longer worth the total energy expended. This fall I took a friend and we put some miles on the car with one-day excursions around Iowa with quilt shows as excuse.

Quilting - Not so much accomplished. Small things and finished the Maple Leaf. It was then part of an exhibit of Contemporary Quilts at the local Art Museum. Five of the thirteen were mine. Somewhat of an ego trip to see them hung as art. Have a few hours of hand quilting left to do on a small bed-sized pieced basket quilt.

The BOOK - When the family gathered last December to celebrate Christmas and my 80th birthday I gave each child a copy of what I had written (ca 300 pp). Part was raw first draft material from sources, some not redone for a couple years--but round one accomplished. This year's struggle has been establishing continuity, learning the footnote process, and generally acknowledging how much needed to be done and redone, even some additional interesting research. Bibliography is started but index is two years into the future. I have decided I will live to complete it, but also decided I will live longer if I take more time out for quilting.

Family - OK Beth still at Caledonia, MN with Day Activity Center for Houston Co. Jeanne and Henry in Toronto, she with Ontario Dept of Agriculture, and now dual citizenship. Lois still in Chicago doing free-lance accounting. Joel and family on the farm. This year's crops were very good. Nancy in Des Moines, Registrar at Drake U.

Next year is to do what I didn't get done this year. I am beginning to realize that this was a year of being messed up and it finally got to me. If you come soon I won't have it all done, but the priority is going up on serious work on it.

Mary P. Iseminger, #221-600 Park Lane, Waterloo, IA 50702
December 6, 1997

Season's Greetings to All:

Much of this year has been more of the same, so hopefully this can be short.

The year has been dominated by the effort to learn to live with the myelofibrosis (scarring of the bone marrow) and/or myleoid metaplasia (chronic leukemia). Transfusions come oftener than I would like, but things may reach a balance where shots will be helpful. Instructions are "Pace yourself." I still have the freedom of wheels, but my gas bill is less. Quilting and writing are suitable activities. No pains, no pills, just minimal energy. It is amazing what I do not "have to" do and I get along quite comfortably not doing.

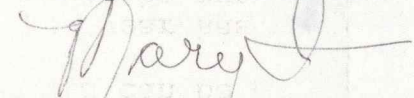
The family are located the same, doing the same things for the most part. All will meet in Waterloo Dec. 12-14 for our Holiday get-together.

The emphasis in the quilt department has been working toward the probability of giving up the studio by the end of summer next year. So it is finishing things started, deciding what I do not want to work on, and how best to use that in between. Even so I am still doing some fun things.

The Family History is still in progress. Research has filled in a few missing links and added information. Two-thirds of it is close to final draft with reasonable amount of footnotes or documentation. Last boats arrived 1840, 1849, 1854. The New England pre-Revolution part is getting its going over (160 pages), and probably will be a separate book. The final decision has not yet been made on the indexing and printed format.

Living here at Friendship Village permits me to be very comfortable at the slower pace and with any luck at all I should be able to manage several more years for in spite of the multisyllable words the diagnosis is not in itself life-threatening.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



Hope things are going well with you. Do you get over this way often, or any at all? I have been introduced to your sister, but it is surprising how little the two buildings mix. Besides that, where I have my quilting and my writing, I do not go out of my way to mix, just be friendly with those around me here in the building.

I could still make muffins in case you could find time to stop by.

Stained glass, blacksmithing artists among annual studio tour highlights

By ANNE PHILLIPS

Courier Staff Writer

The 1995 Artists' Studio Tour will be next Sunday.

In addition to the studio of husband-and-wife artists, this year's tour will feature studios of artists working in unusual mediums, including stained glass, quilting and blacksmithing.

Open from 1 to 5 p.m. will be the studios of artists frje and Pam Echeverria, quilter Mary Iseminger, and blacksmith George Shimek and the stained glass shop of John Dutcher.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the Waterloo Museum of Art, the Hearst Center for the Arts, Cedar Falls, or at the artists' studios on the day of the tour.

This year's tour participants may visit Custom Blacksmithing and Manufacturing, operated by Waterloo resident George Shimek.

Shimek opened his shop near downtown Waterloo 14 years ago, where he now operates a complete metal fabrication business. Although much of his work is in industrial fabrication, he continues to pursue the art of blacksmithing, which he began as a hobby 25 years ago.

His shop, at 827 Commercial St., features a coal-fired forge and anvil. Shimek is a registered Master Blacksmith in Iowa, and annually conducts a three-day seminar on blacksmithing that attracts participants from across the country.

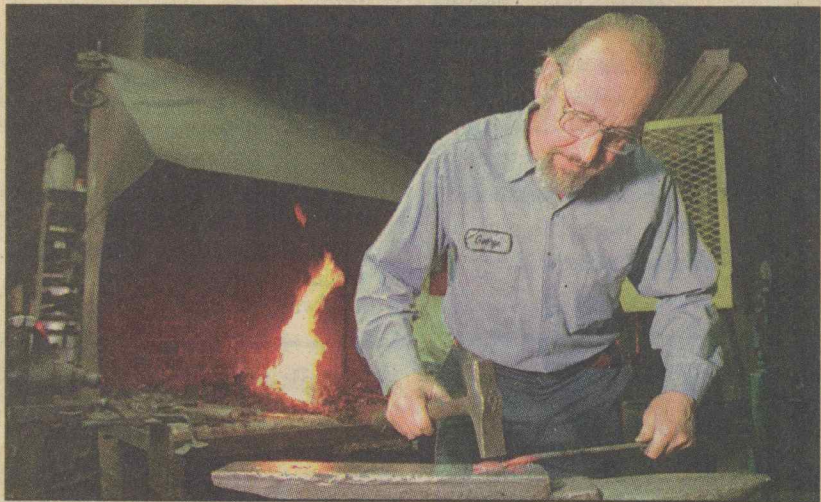
He is currently setting up a new line of wrought iron furniture, beds, tables, chairs and accessories.

Across Waterloo, tour participants can visit the quilt studio of Mary Iseminger, 3719 W. Ninth St., No. 9.

A resident of Friendship Village, Iseminger rented an apartment near the Village after she was encouraged to set up her own studio at a seminar taught by nationally known quilter Nancy Crow in California.

Iseminger keeps many of her supplies and fabrics in the studio, where she typically assembles her quilts. But she also works on hand-quilting in her Village apartment. She creates both utilitarian and artistic pieces, and estimates that she has created more than three dozen quilts.

"Right now I'm working on using old patterns in new ways," she says.



BRANDON POLLOCK / Courier Staff Photographer

George Shimek of Custom Blacksmithing and Manufacturing uses a coal-fired forge and anvil to handcraft ornamental iron, railings, artwork and other items. Shimek's business will be open for tours next as part of the annual Artists' Studio Tour.

"They're not traditional."

In Cedar Falls, tour participants can visit the stained glass shop of John Dutcher.

Located on the Cedar Falls Parkade at 419 Main St., the shop was created in 1978 and has been used to create hundreds of windows, lamps, panels and other objects. Items made in the shop can be found in homes, churches and offices across the nation.

Dutcher also operates a repair shop, where windows, lamps, panels and other objects can be restored to their original condition.

In addition, more than 4,000 individuals have participated in his stained glass classes.

In western Cedar Falls, residents can visit the studios of husband-and-wife artists frje and Pam Echeverria, 4213 Cherrywood Lane.

Frje Echeverria is a professor of art at the University of Northern Iowa, and Pam is an expanded learning teacher for the Waterloo Schools. Both are painters.

The Artists' Studio Tour is sponsored by Friends of the Waterloo Museum of Art, Friends of the Hearst Center and Arts Alive Inc. of Cedar Falls.



BRANDON POLLOCK / Courier Staff Photographer

After moving from a large farm house to a retirement community, Mary Iseminger rented a nearby apartment to provide extra space for quilting.

Coming Events



GREG BROWN/Courier Staff Photographer

Quilter Mary Iseminger is among the women who will showcase their talents during the Celebrating Women's Diversity event at the YWCA Monday.

'Creative women' exhibit opens Monday

WATERLOO — The YWCA, Waterloo Museum of Art and the Grout Museum are sponsoring "Creative Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," which opens at 7 p.m. Monday at the YWCA.

The exhibit is part of the Y's "Celebrating Women's Diversity: Strong Women/Smart Choices," which runs Sunday through March 9. The event will include contemporary works,

quilts, performances and demonstrations by women of all ages, including quilter Mary Iseminger, poet Frances Brown, dancer and choreographer Terry Pearson-Stevens, harpist Jacque Venter and artist Susan DeLoff.

A special science demonstration will also take place Monday. For more information, call the Y at 235-7589 or the art museum at 291-4491.



Village View

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CONVERSATIONS

MARY ISEMINGER



Mary Iseminger

Deeply rooted, this prairie daughter can withstand drought, flood, fire, searing Iowa sun, most any adversity to come along. This is true of prairie grass. This is also true of Mary Platt Iseminger.

"In my childhood there was more vinegar than violets," she reflects.

Born on a Black Hawk County Township farm on December 3, 1913, Mary Platt never knew her birth mother. Mary Moore Platt died only two days after giving birth.

For the first three years of young Mary's life, her aunt provided the female influence in the Platt household. Then her father, George, remarried and Mary got a stepmom.

At age five, Mary entered the Black Hawk Township School, Laurel Hill #7, the same one her father had attended. Since she could read, and since there was no second grade, the teacher placed Mary with the two boys who comprised Laurel Hill's third grade.

Finding her studies easy, Mary graduated high school at age 15 1/2. She then enrolled in Gates Business School in Waterloo. Soon, however, the country collapsed into the Great Depression. Mary left school briefly to earn money cleaning houses, later returning to Gates, graduating in 1932.

A few years later she found a job as a stenographer with Iowa Mutual Tornado in Des Moines. For the next 11 years she worked, eventually advancing to the role of secretary with another company.

In 1944 at age 30 she married her school sweetheart, John Iseminger. For the next 20 years Mary farmed alongside John, canned, cooked, washed, cleaned and raised five children.

Then in 1964, while attending the mother-daughter graduation tea, Mary heard the speaker ask the gathering "Where will you be in the next 20 years?" Hearing that,

Mary decided to make some changes. "I work on the farm and for my family for 13 hours a day," she reflected. "That should leave three hours for me."

With those three hours each day, Mary became active in the Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, rising to serve as a member of the state board for 18 years, exhibited at the National Cattle Congress, and completed training at the flower judges' school in Marshalltown.

By this time her children were grown and living on her own. Now Mary reached for even more. She decided to take courses at the renowned Ikenobo of Ikabana (Japanese flower arranging school) in Chicago. For the next few years she commuted to Chicago and took classes on weekends, eventually rising to the 14th level, a full professorship rating.

Mary got much more than a full professorship from her time spent at the Ikabana. "My professor, Ikka Nakashima told me, 'Mary, you can do this.' This was the first time I had ever heard anybody say it to me."

Perhaps inspired by her professor's comments, Mary achieved yet another goal: a bachelor's degree. She enrolled in the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program through the University of Northern Iowa, taking numerous courses, including five hands-on art classes. At age 72, she graduated, one of the first graduates in this program designed for adults returning to college.

Through these courses, Mary learned a lot about herself. "I began to learn that I had a sense of the artistic. There was nothing in my childhood that said I could do



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Thursday, November 16
Playhouse

Friday, November 17
Community Concert

Monday, November 20
Brooks Rector speaks on
"Working with the Red Cross"
V Lane 6:15 P.M.
V Place 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Get-Together
2:30 - 3:30 P.M.

Monday, November 30
Movie
V Lane 6:15 P.M.
V Place 6:30 P.M.

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this." Mary has expressed this sense through sculpture, painting, drawing and, more recently, through quilting artistry, having taken a course from Nancy Crow, a quilting artist.

Mary also indulges her enjoyment of art through her collecting pieces by artists like Nina Ward, Haupt and Delafield, many of these signed and numbered.

Her flowers are still important to her today; she tends the prairie flowers growing by the lake in Friendship Village.

"I made the most of the opportunities I had," says Mary. However, she adds that she likes living at Friendship Village because "It's the first time I can do what I want."

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- Earning a bachelor's degree at age 72 wasn't her only accomplishment. Meet prairie daughter Mary Iseminger in *Conversations*.
- Chaplain's Chat – "Where Are the Nine?"
- Administrator Velda Phillips talks about "Times of Change."



Courier file photo

Iseminger was featured in a 1995 Courier article in which she rented a nearby apartment at Friendship Village for a quilt studio. Daughters helped her complete two quilts this past spring.

Planning and preparing: the best scenario

By **KARRIS GOLDEN**
Courier Staff Writer

WATERLOO

Mary Iseminger will be remembered as many things. She was a wife, a mother, an artist, a writer, a master quilter, a college graduate and a gardener.

In other words, a woman her five children were proud of. So much so that when their mother realized she was going to die, they rushed to help her fulfill her goals.

"I certainly would call her complex," says her daughter, Nancy Geiger. "She was not a woman for her generation. She thought outside of her class and environment. Father was OK with that. He supported her. He didn't hold her back from experiencing some of the things she wanted to go experience."

Mary, 86, recently died of leukemia. Her ultimate goal was to make it until September. That way, she could take care of unfinished projects.

For one thing, there was her book. She worked on it for several years and had two publishers courting her.

"Basically, it was a book to her five children about where we came from and who we are. I call it our DNA," explains another daughter, Jeanne Iseminger Cioc. "She spent a lot of time researching and had traced the family back several hundred years. The theme is the Protestant work ethic and how that should be important. Patriotism, too."

Although fiercely independent, Mary allowed a third daughter, Beth Ann Iseminger, to help with some of the book's finishing touches. Before she died, Mary was able to see the proofs from the book.

Among her projects were her beloved quilts. On the wall of the studio where she worked on hobbies and interests, there was a large block where she mapped out ideas for new quilt designs.

There, she'd pin materials so she could visualize her designs. In early 1999, Nancy noticed two that could be completed.

The first was a blue and yellow pineapple design, the other, a purple bear's paw. "Each time I talked to her, she had the same tasks on her to-do list. I began to notice the decline in her health when she was making no progress on projects," Nancy said.

Her daughters helped Mary finish

the two quilts over Easter this year.

In addition to going after her goals, Mary let her children assist her with several other tasks. One was cleaning out her studio.

"When Mother allowed me to work with reducing the inventory of her studio to the elimination of her toys, that was a sign. She was coming to closure," Nancy recalls. "We didn't do it without her. Some psychologist would call that an issue of control. I look at it as she participated in the emptying out of her own apartment. She helped give away her toys. She participated in planning her funeral services."

Mary's children say her greatest strength was her courage. In her final days, the family worked as a team, and Mary was very much its coach.

"She was able to acknowledge how sick she was," Nancy says. "It shows the strength ... she did have, that she could watch her things being given away and participate in the distribution of the possessions of her life. Her body was weak, but her mind and will were still wanting to participate."

The Isemingers' situation is what many health care professionals and funeral planners would call the best scenario: The patient has faced her death and accepted it, and her family helped her plan and fulfill her wishes.

It's clear to Mary Iseminger's children she didn't take her life for granted. And though she didn't make it to September, Nancy thinks her mother was OK with that.

"She'd had another quilt project that was in her head for several years. It's an abstract, and it's not probably going to get finished. She wanted to finish it, but she knew she couldn't finish everything. It was a puzzle to play with in her brain. That's a major attribute of an artist — inventing and figuring out puzzles.

"Last May, she had to go to the emergency room, and I sat there with her, discussing the abstract quilt as she lay hooked up to an IV."

Wednesday,
September 6, 2000

In Loving Memory Of

Ethel M. Phillips

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou annointest my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
—23rd Psalm—

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Michael Macomber
Mark Macomber

Douglas Macomber
David Macomber
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