

Chapter Five

The Sporleder Family Third Generation



Back Row, Left to Right: Henry and John Sporleder
Front Row, Left to Right: Emma Meier, Freda Malzahn, Mary Koehler,
Louise Koehler, Ella Malzahn/Nelson and Lena Buckendahl
The photo was taken at the Berens-Sporleder Reunion July 13, 1936
South Sioux City, Nebraska
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William and Marie (nee Berens) Sporleder's Descendants



Caroline (Lena) Sporleder (1873-1941) was born October 4, 1873, at Joliet, Illinois. At age two, she moved with her parents to Carroll, Iowa. Later, they moved to Pierce, Nebraska in 1885. She attended school and was confirmed into the Lutheran faith at St. John's Lutheran School east of Pierce.¹

Henry C. Buckendahl was born on March 27, 1867, at Hanover, Germany. He came to the United States with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Chris Buckendahl, when he was three years of age. The family initially lived in Omaha, Nebraska and then homesteaded a farm six miles east of Pierce.¹

At the time of Henry's death, the local newspaper noted that he often related his boyhood hardships, such as droughts and raids by grasshoppers, on the Pierce County prairie. In like fashion, Willa Cather's narrator, Jim Burden, in *My Antonia* encountered similar natural adversities as a youth working on his grandparent's farm. Also in her short story "On the Divide" (1896), Ms. Cather realistically described the Nebraska prairie that the pioneers encountered. Norwegian immigrant, Canute Canuteson, homesteaded land and experienced the "eternal treachery of the plains, which every spring stretch green and rustles with the promises of Eden, showing long grassy lagoons full of clear water and cattle whose hoofs are stained with wild roses. Before autumn the lagoons are dried up, and the ground is burnt dry and hard until it blisters and cracks open."

¹ Henry Sporleder, Louise (nee Sporleder) Koehler, Lena (nee Sporleder) Buckendahl. The photo was provided by Duane Luebe.

Heinrich Chris Buckendahl (1837-1922) was born January 1, 1837 in Hanover, Germany. Dorothea Warneke (1840-1914) was born on August 6, 1840 in Dreyling, Hanover, Germany to Heinrich and Catherine (nee Holst) Warneke. Heinrich and Dorothea were married in Germany in 1864. They immigrated to the United States in 1870 and homesteaded six miles east of Pierce, Nebraska. The Buckendahl family, along with Dorothea's brothers, Wilhelm Warneke and Heinrich Warneke, and his wife Maria Augusta (nee Petz) all arrived together to be among the first settlers in Pierce County.

The families came from Germany to New York City aboard the ship *Hammonia*.ⁱⁱ They then made the trip from New York City to Omaha by train and rode in a covered wagon to Pierce County. They told of the Ponca Indians and their campground east of the homestead. The families were very instrumental in the founding and development of St. John's Lutheran Church near Pierce. Heinrich died on March 10, 1922 and Dorothea died September 12, 1914. Their interment is in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, east of Pierce.

Henry Buckendahl and Lena Sporleder were married on February 18, 1890, at St. John's Lutheran Church. To this marriage were born Lizzetta Louise (Lizzie, 1890-1979),^{iv} Fritz Wilhelm (Fred, 1893-1964), Rose Maria Sophia (1896-1972),^v Hugo Albert Johann (1898-1960),^{vi} Ella Rose (born 1900), Otto Charles Wilhelm (1900-1951), Carl Johann Herman (1902-1980), Theodore Albert Heinrich (1904-1992), Edward Heinrich Carl (1907-1969),^{vii} and Ruben Reinhold Louis (1911-1989).^{viii} Henry and Lena purchased a homestead tract seven miles east of Pierce and farmed until 1907. They then moved to Pierce and engaged in the hardware and implement business.

In 1951, their son, Otto Buckendahl, met a tragic death from a sudden and harsh winter storm.

Mr. Buckendahl had gone to Cheyenne, Wyoming on a business trip and Monday night called his wife to tell her he was coming home immediately. She advised him to remain there because of the storm. Sheriff Jim Shaw found the frozen body Wednesday afternoon in a field about eight miles from Harrisburg. His wife had reported him missing on Tuesday after he failed to return home. Further investigation found the car in a ditch, about two miles from the body. He was only a half-mile from a ranch house and it is believed that he saw the light at the ranch and tried to reach it for shelter. When found, he was wearing his overcoat inside out and pulled up about his head hood-fashion. A Kimball gas station attendant reported that Buckendahl had purchased gas there before continuing on to Scottsbluff. The clutch of the car was burned out when found, indicating that he had tried to get back onto the road. A severe snowstorm with considerable blowing and drifting snow struck that area on Sunday and Monday and it believe to have been the direct cause of his death.^{ix}

In *My Antonia* (1918), Willa Cather described Christian Harling as a successful grain merchant and cattle-buyer who was considered the most enterprising businessman in the neighborhood. In similar fashion, Henry Buckendahl's success and standing in the community is comparable. After serving on the Pierce city council, Henry was elected mayor for three terms. He served as the president of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Grain Company and the Pierce County Fair and Agricultural Association. He was a member of the Community Club. Henry was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Zion Lutheran Church. At the time of his death, the local newspaper's obituary noted he "was a man of honor and integrity. He was square in his business dealings and to this fact might be attributed his success as a Pierce business man."



Henry suffered from diabetes for a number of years and underwent surgery to amputate his left leg. The shock of the operation caused him to die of a heart attack on August 16, 1932, at the age of 64.^x Lena died September 24, 1941, at the age of 67. She had been of ill health for more than a year and died because of a heart condition as well as other complications.^{xi}

Louise Sophia Marie Sporleder (1875-1942) was born July 4, 1875, at Kellogg, Iowa. In 1883, she was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lidderdale, Iowa. On May 3, 1898, she married William Koehler who was born July 3, 1875, the son of Fred Koehler (*Köhler*). The couple established their home on the Koehler farm east of Pierce. Esther (1897-1978),^{xii} Meta Dorothea Maria (07/07/1899-05/20/1967), and Martin (1901-1978)^{xiii} were born to this marriage. On September 29, 1901, William unexpectedly died at age 26 of “consumption” that is now better known as tuberculosis.²

Louise was left with the task of raising three young children as well as managing the farm. In *O’Pioneers!*, Willa Cather’s heroine, Alexandra Bergson, assumed the role as head of the family upon the death of the father. Similar to Louise, she managed the farm for her mother and three younger brothers. At the time of Louise’s death on July 16, 1942, at the age of 67, the local newspaper observed in reverence, “Her life was one of hardship, sorrow and sacrifice, but she gave it willingly and with a cheerful heart.”^{xiv}

Fred Sporleder, Sr. (1877-1908) was born June 14, 1877, in Carroll, Iowa. At age eight, he moved with his parents to Pierce. In 1902, he married Dora Siensen (1885-1929), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Siensen. To this marriage were born Mary Christina (1904-1983),^{xv} Clarence (19__), and Fred, Jr. (1908-1930).^{xvi} The elder Fred died of typhoid fever August 19, 1908, at age 31.^{xvii} Dora married John H. Lohr (1872-1954)^{xviii} on May 20, 1915.

John Wilhelm Sporleder, Sr. (1879-1960) was born August 7, 1879, in Carroll, Iowa. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Lidderdale, Iowa. Later, he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended parochial Lutheran school in Pierce County. On May 20, 1903, John married Emma Christina Meier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meier. Rev. H. Strelde performed the marriage at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Randolph. Emma was born July 18, 1884. To this marriage were born Carl (1904-1978), Mamie (1905-1998),^{xix} and Edgar Heinrich Ludwig (1908-1996).^{xx} The family made their home on a farm three miles east of Pierce.



Emma died of typhoid-pneumonia at the age of 24 on July 27, 1908.^{xxi} Her caring for her husband, who had contacted the same illness, weakened her condition. Her brother, Louie, helped the family during their illness, contacted the disease, and later died. John discontinued farming and worked in Pierce at the Buckendahl Hardware

Store.

On February 27, 1914, John married Christina Lena Poignee. She was born February 18, 1895, in Merville, Iowa. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Poignee. The family then returned to farming. To this marriage were born Roy (1915-1998), Verna (1917-2006),^{xxii} Raymond (1919-1981), Wanda (1921), and John, Jr. (1922-2001). In 1927, the family moved to a farm west of Pierce where they farmed until 1945. John and Christina then retired to Pierce. Christina died October 18, 1956, at the age of 61.^{xxiii} John died September 3, 1960, at the age of 81 after he had undergone surgery for a ruptured appendix. Hymnals sang at his funeral were “Asleep In Jesus, Blessed Sleep,”³ “There Is a Fountain Filled With



² The photo of Louise, Esther, Meta and Martin with William imposed in the background was provided by Duane Luebe. Duane also provided the photo of the Koehler farm taken in June 2005.

³ “Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep” by Margaret Mackay (1802-1887) is based upon 1 Thessalonians 4:14, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.”

Blood”⁴ and “I’m but a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home.”^{xxiv}



William Carl Sporleder (1882-1908) was born in 1882 in Carroll County, Iowa. In 1885, he and his family moved to Pierce County, Nebraska. At the age of 26 in the spring of 1908, William was considered to be in the prime of his life. He was a hard working young man who had purchased new farm machinery in preparation for the upcoming spring planting season.⁵

A technique of Willa Cather’s writings on the life of the immigrant families was to inject adversity into the flow of the story to make the reader aware of the dangers of pioneer life. In *O Pioneers!* (1913), Ms. Cather reminded the reader that misfortune can cause an unforeseen death when the French immigrant, Amédée Chevalier, died because of a ruptured appendix. In like manner, the Sporleder family suffered the loss of William Carl due to an accident on March 28, 1908.

William was driving his team of horses and wagon on his way home to his parent’s house on a Saturday evening when he was violently thrown from the wagon. Apparently the high spirited team suddenly stopped or started. The rider-less team continued on to the house. Realizing something was awry; his brother and neighbor began a search and discovered William’s warm body by the roadside next to a culvert. They took him to his sister’s home that was nearby and summoned the local doctor. Upon examination, the doctor concluded William’s neck and right arm were broken in addition to a bruise over his left eye and on his forehead. The exact cause of death was not determined. William’s father thought he might have been kicked by one of the horses. It is also possible that William was thrown from the wagon.^{xxv}

Mary Sophia Sporleder (1883-1968) was born August 18, 1883, in Carroll, Iowa and baptized on October 7, 1883. As a young child, she moved with her parents to a farm east of Pierce. She attended school in District 20 and later at St. John’s Lutheran School where she was confirmed into the Lutheran faith by Rev. Ludwich Bendin in April of 1897.

Albert Koehler was born July 25, 1880 on his parent’s homestead north of Pierce. His father was Fred Koehler (*Köhler*). Albert’s brother William married Louise Sporleder. As a youth, Albert attended District 3 School and St. John’s Lutheran School where he was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith.

On February 12, 1902, Mary and Albert were married by Rev. A. Hofius. To this marriage were born William (1902-1991),^{xxvi} Laurence F. (1904-1979),^{xxvii} Elta (1907-1998), and Zelda Frieda Martha (1910-1948)^{xxviii} as well as Albert, Jr. who died in infancy on September 20, 1914. Initially, they lived for three years with Albert’s parents. Later, they purchased one of his father’s farms where they lived for 47 years until retiring to Pierce in 1951.

Albert died October 9, 1952, at the age of 72. He had been in ill health for two years prior to his death. Albert’s funeral service was conducted in both the German and English languages.^{xxix} Mary died May 23, 1968, at the age of 84.^{xxx} At the funeral service, the hymns were “Asleep in Jesus! Blessed Sleep,” “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”⁶ and “I’m but a Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home.” The Bible reading was the 90th Psalm and Mary’s confirmation verse was Romans, Chapter 1, Verse 16, “For I

⁴ “There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood” was written by William Cowper (1731-1800), the English poet and hymn writer, based upon Zechariah 13:1, “At that time a fountain will be opened to the people of Israel and Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from their sins and uncleanness.”

⁵ The photo of John, William and Fred Sporleder is from the Ernest Sporleder Collection.

⁶ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” by Joseph M. Scriven (1820-1886) is based upon Proverbs, Chapter 18, Verse 24, “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Albert and Mary’s interments are in the St. John’s Lutheran Church Cemetery.^{xxxii}



Emma Sporleder (1887-1964) was born August 19, 1887, and baptized at St. John’s Lutheran Church on September 4th of the same year. On October 11, 1905, she married Carl H. Meier who was born January 20, 1881.⁷ To this marriage were born Grace (1908-____), Harold (1910-1983), and Evans (1921-1965) as well as Baby Meier who died in infancy. Emma died April 16, 1964, at the age of 76. Carl died November 8, 1949, at the age of 68.

Henry Sporleder, Sr., (1889-1943) was born September 4, 1889, on the family farm east of Pierce. He attended the local school and was confirmed into the Lutheran faith. On December 23, 1908, he married Martha B. Koehler who was born December 6, 1885. They took over the family farm when Henry’s parents, William and Marie, retired and moved to Pierce.

Martha’s parents were from Pomerania. Ferdinand *Köhler* was born in the village of Koerlitz, Province of Pomerania, Germany, February 20, 1850, the son of Christian (1810-1861) and Henrietta/Wilhelmine (nee Buske, 1820-1901) Köhler. In 1854, the family embarked from Hamburg, Germany on a sailboat, and nine weeks later landed in New York. Initially, they located in Wisconsin and rented a farm near Watertown, living there 16 years.

Ferdinand and his brother, Fred, came to Pierce County in 1870, where they homesteaded land. Ferdinand built a sod house and lived in it for two years before constructing a frame house. He was married on September 10, 1872, to Miss Willmena Manske, daughter of John and Wilhelmina (nee Lempke) Manske, who were also natives of Pomerania. Purportedly, it was the first marriage in Pierce County. To this marriage were born 12 children including Martha.

Ferdinand and Willmena suffered the hardships experienced by many of the pioneer settlers. In the grasshopper raids of 1873 and 1874, they lost all their crops. They also suffered from hailstorms. In the blizzard of 1873, the two brothers were visiting at a friend’s home and were compelled to remain three days while the storm passed. On January 12, 1888, Ferdinand and his children experienced the Schoolhouse Blizzard when he had to lead them from their country school to home during this severe weather.^{xxxiii}

To the marriage of Henry and Martha were born Ervin J. (1909-1964), Loyd (1913-1986), Edna (1916-____), and Henry, Jr. (1920-1989). On February 27, 1941, Martha passed away at the age of 55. In 1943, Henry, Sr., died at the age of 54. Their interment is in St. John’s Cemetery east of Pierce.^{xxxiii}

Freda Sporleder (1893-1961) was born April 4, 1893. She married George Malzahn, Sr. who was born November 5, 1887. To this marriage were born Bernice (1913-____), Gladys (1915-2004),^{xxxiv} Elva (1916-____), Helen (1919-____), George, Jr., Darlene, Troy Edgar (1925-____), and Lee (1928-____). George, Jr. lived only four days and is interred in the cemetery by Pierce. The family initially lived on a farm near Pierce. Later, they moved to Norfolk and then Schuyler where George worked. Finally, they lived in Omaha where George worked in a meat packinghouse. Freda did housecleaning and worked for a while in a rug factory. George died October 16, 1960, at the age of 72. Freda died April 17, 1961, at the age of 68.

⁷ Back row, left to right: Martin Koehler, Carl Meier, Edward Luebe, Esther (nee Koehler) Luebe, Louise (nee Sporleder) Koehler, Emma (nee Sporleder) Meier. Front row, left to right: Harold Meier and Grace Meier. The photo was provided by Duane Luebe.

Ella Dorteia Sporleder (1896-1979) was born March 21, 1896.⁸ She was baptized on April 2, 1896 at St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. Ludwich Bendin and confirmed on March 10, 1910, by Rev. M. F. Scheips. In 1922, Ella married Richard L. Malzahn (1898-1940) at Pierce. His interment is in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pierce County.



On December 30, 1941, Ella married Arthur Nelson at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, Nebraska. He was born on January 8, 1890 in Dixon, Nebraska. He was baptized and confirmed in the Concordia Lutheran Church. They farmed in the Dixon and Concord area from 1942 until Arthur's death on March 23, 1968. Services were held at the Concordia Lutheran Church on March 26, 1968.^{xxxv} Ella then moved to Pierce where she died August 9, 1979, at age 83.^{xxxvi} Arthur and Ella are interred in the Concord Cemetery.

⁸ The photo of Ella (nee Sporleder) Malzahn/Nelson was provided by Duane Luebe.

Fred and Franizka (nee Werner) Sporleder's Descendants

Anton Heinrich Wilhelm Sporleder (1881-1955) was born July 28, 1881, at Manhattan, Will County, Illinois. Anton was baptized on September 4, 1881, by Rev. H. Friedemeier. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1883, residing on the family farm in Grant Township in Carroll County. He received his education in the Lutheran and rural schools.

On February 22, 1905, Anton married Anna Sophie Josephine Pluckhahn who was born August 1, 1886. The marriage ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Carroll with Rev. C. F. Luebker officiating. To this marriage were born Carl Frederick (1907-1992),^{xxxvii} Ervin Arnold (Pete, 1915-2001)^{xxxviii} and Lawrence Anthony (1925-2008)^{xxxix} as well as Friedreich Christian Anton who was born June 3, 1906, but died shortly after afterward. He was baptized on June 11, 1906 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Friedreich is interred in the Lidderdale Lutheran Cemetery. Anton and his family were members of St. John's American Lutheran Church of Grant Township.

In 1922, Anton and Anna farmed in Section 3 of Grant Township, Carroll County, Iowa. Carl was about age 15 and Ervin was about age seven.^{xl}

**Sporleder, A. H. Wf. Anna; ch. Carl F. and
Ervin A. P. O. Carroll, R. 6. R. 157.05 ac.,
sec. 3. (39.)**

Anton and Anna farmed in Grant Township until 1947, when they retired to Glidden, Iowa. Two years before his death, Anton's health began to deteriorate. He died of a heart attack on September 27, 1955, at the age of 74.^{xli}

Anna died Friday, February 29, 1980, at the Shady Oak Care Center in Lake City, Iowa at the age of 93. She had suffered a stroke in January and was taken to the Lake City Hospital. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Robert Floy. Anton and Annie's interments are in the Westlawn Cemetery, Glidden, Iowa.

Arnold August Friedrich Sporleder (1889-1971) was born March 15, 1889. In 1890, he was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lidderdale, Iowa. On October 28, 1919, he married Gretchen Faber who was born July 19, 1890, in Wittmund, East Frisia (*Ostfriesland*), Germany. Her parents were Rudolph and Martha (nee Gerdes) Faber. To this marriage were born Frederick Arnold (Fritz, 1920-2001),^{xlii} Martha Frances (1922-2005), Catherine Anna (born 1925), and Robert Carl (1927-2006).^{xliii}

In 1922, Arnold and Gretchen lived on a 160 acre farm located in Section 8 of Grant Township, Carroll County. Frederick was about age two and Martha (her listing as Martin was in error) was less than one year.^{xliv}

**Sporleder, Arnold A. Wf. Gretchen; ch. Fred-
rick A. and Martin F. P. O. Carroll, R. 6.
R. 160 ac., sec. 8. (32.) Owner, Fred Spor-
leder.**

Arnold died April 25, 1971, at the age of 81. Gretchen died in 1975 at the age of 85.^{xlv} Their interments are in the Lidderdale Lutheran Cemetery.

Anna Katherine Elisabeth Sporleder (1892-1970) was born November 20, 1892. In 1893, she was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church. On June 24, 1919, she married John Kurth (Johann Friedrich was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in 1886?) who was born September 24, 1886.⁹ To this marriage were born Marie (1920-___), Emil Frederick (born April 1, 1926), and Lyle J. (born 1933).

In 1922, John and Anna farmed 78 acres in Section 25 of Sheridan Township, Carroll County, Iowa. Their first child, Marie, was about two years of age. John had lived in Carroll County for 35 years since his birth in 1886.^{xlvi}

**Kurth, J. F. Wf. Anna; ch. Marie F. P. O.
Glidden, R. 2. O. 78 ac., sec. 25. (35.)**



Anna died September 6, 1970, at the age of 77. John died October 8, 1981, at the age of 95. They are interred at the Lidderdale Lutheran Cemetery.

⁹ The wedding photo of John and Anna (nee Sporleder) Kurth is from *One Hundred Twenty-Five Years in God's Hands, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lidderdale, Iowa*.

Fred and Wilhelmina (nee Sporleder) Jonas' Descendants



Left to right: Friederich Heinrich, Emmath, Lydia, Henry, Harvey, Irene, Frederick
Fort Ridgely, Minnesota

Wilhelm Frederick Henrich Jonas (William Henry, 1874-1951) was born August 7, 1874, in Illinois. His family later moved to Kellogg, Iowa and then Wisconsin. His education extended to about the second or third grade. When he was older, he went to work in a chair factory in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Later, he moved to Rib Lake, Wisconsin where he met Hulda Louise Klausch who was born April 8, 1881, in Schlesien, Germany. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1882. Hulda's parents were Edward Fredrick and Maria (nee Landek) Klausch.

William and Hulda were married February 21, 1905, in Medford, Taylor County, Wisconsin. To this marriage were born Elsie Marie Bertha (1906-2005),^{xlvi} Ella Olga Martha (1907-1958), Erhardt Ernest (1909-1958), Gertrude (1911-2002),^{xlvi} Anna Louise (1914-2005),^{xlvi} Walter Reinholdt (1916-1998),¹ William Joseph (1918-____), Melvin Edward, (1921-____), Harvey F. (1924-1995), and Marvin Henry (1927-1999).^{li}

William and Hulda were farmers at Rib Lake where they cleared the land. In 1920, the family moved to Cambria, Wisconsin and later Fox Lake, Wisconsin. Hulda died January 5, 1946, at the age of 64 in Beaver Dam, Dodge County, Wisconsin.^{lii} William died January 8, 1951, at the age of 76.^{liii}

Friederich Heinrich Theodor Jonas, (Fred, 1875-1960), was born October 2, 1875, at Kellogg, Jasper County, Iowa. Fred was baptized March 5, 1876 at St. Clements, Kellogg, Iowa. He was known as Fred T. Jonas. Fred moved to Minnesota where on November 16, 1905, he married Ida Bertha Mathilde White Freitag who was born May 29, 1878 in Nicollet, Minnesota. Her parents were from Repzin, District (*Kreis*) of Schievelbein, Pommern (now Rzepczyno, Poland).

Ida's father, Herman J. Freitag (1846-1900), was born September 14, 1846 in Repzin. In 1861, he immigrated with his family to America. As a young man, Herman participated in the United States-Dakota War of 1862. Eager to serve his country, he enlisted for service against the Indians even though he was too young to serve at the tender age of 16. On May 15, 1863, Herman enlisted in the First Minnesota Cavalry Company K and L (Mounted Rangers). He is listed as 22 years old, born in Germany, and a resident of Minnesota with rank of Private. Herman served until December 2, 1863 when he was honorably discharged.^{liv}

The Federal government was engaged in the Civil War with the southern states and Herman and his brother, Albert, next enlisted in Company F, First Heavy Artillery Regiment of Minnesota on February 7, 1865. Herman was then of the legal age of 18 years, four months, and two days. Because of his prior

military service, Herman was immediately promoted to Corporal on February 16, 1865.

The first group of the First Minnesota Regiment was mustered in and ordered immediately to Chattanooga, Tennessee in the winter of 1864-65. It was placed in charge of the heavy guns and forts at Chattanooga to resist the Confederate attempt to retake the city after the Union troops prevailed in the "Battle Above the Clouds" and ousted the Confederate Army from Lookout Mountain on November 24, 1864 and the next day captured Missionary Ridge.^{lv}

Herman and Albert Freitag mustered out on September 27, 1865 in Nashville. After the war, Herman and Albert returned to Minnesota where they both took up farming. Herman suffered hearing loss as a result of his service with the heavy artillery unit and died an unusual death by a railroad accident purportedly due to his hearing impairment.^{lvi}

Fred and Ida were married in Town Posen, Minnesota. To this marriage were born Emmath George (1906-1983),^{lvii} Harvey Herman (1909-1976), Harry Gustave (1911-1962),^{lviii} Fred William (1912-1978), Lydia A. (1916-1986), and Irene (1918-2007).^{lix}

Ida died September 26, 1923 in Morton, Minnesota after being kicked by a horse while hitching up her team after a visit at a neighbor's home. She had stayed for dinner and afterward went out to hitch up the team she was driving. As she attempted to rearrange some part of the harness, the horse kicked striking her over the heart, and breaking two ribs. She was taken to her home where she was given medical care, but the injury was too severe and she died the next morning.^{lx}

Sometime between 1923 and the early 1930s, Fred T. moved his family to Wisconsin. Ida's remains were interred in Minnesota, but moved to Wisconsin in 1956. Fred died February 1, 1960, at the age of 84 in Two Creeks, Wisconsin. He is interred alongside Ida in Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers, Wisconsin.^{lxi}

Ludwig Carl Jonas (Louis, 1887-1907) was born in November 20, 1877 in Two Rivers. He worked in a chair factory in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Later, he moved to Rib Lake, Wisconsin where he met his wife, Laura Jues. Louis and Laura were farmers. They had two daughters, Florence (1906-2004) and Irene (1904-1991).

The date of Louis' death is uncertain. He was deer hunting November 30, 1907 when he disappeared. A trapper found him several months later the following February. The trapper noticed a wolf circling around a certain area in the woods, as if to avoid something. Upon investigation, the trapper discovered Louis against a tree with his gun at his side. There remains a mystery whether Louis committed suicide or was shot by another hunter.^{lxii}

Carolina Sophia Jonas (Lena, 1879-1921) was born in October of 1879 in Two Rivers. She lived in Minnesota with her family. She married John Vitt who was born October 9, 1868 in ____ Germany. They were married in 1897 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lidderdale, Iowa. To this marriage were born Emma Frances (1898-1976), Elmer August (1900-1976), Edna Elizabeth (1903-1977), Regina (1905-1979) and Alfred Jacob (1909-1979). All the children were born in Minnesota. Lena died January 4, 1921 in Paddock, Minnesota.

Johann Joachim (John) Jonas was born May 2, 1881 in Two Rivers. He was baptized on August 7, 1881 at the First German Lutheran Church, Manitowoc. More information on this church is in Chapter Six. As an adult, John moved out West.

Louise J. (Lizzie, 1883-1973) Jonas was born November 29, 1883. She married Winton Raper and they lived in Chicago. Lizzie died March 3, 1973, at age 89.

Herman Jonas (1884-1928) was born in December of 1884. He moved out West where he died sometime before 1928.

Heinrich Johann (Henry John, 1888-1964) Jonas was born October 18, 1888. He lived in Wausau, Wisconsin where he was a cheese maker and later a farmer. Henry and his wife's children were Maurice (Morris, 1916-1976), Henrietta (born 1918), and Howard (1922-1977). Morris died in Florida. Henry died February 1964.

Wilhelmina (Minnie, 1892-1980) Jonas was born May 8, 1892, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin. On November 12, 1912, she married Herman Tess (____-1969) at St. John's Lutheran Church, Two Rivers. To this marriage were born Elden Fred (1913-1988), Linda Frieda (born 1916),^{lxiii} Wallace R.

Reinhold (1920-1992), Willard G. Gilbert (1921-1945), Gwendola Mae (1923-____), and Kenneth Martin (1925-2005).^{lxiv} The first four were born in Kewaunee, Wisconsin while Gwendola Mae and Kenneth Martin were born in Sturgeon Bay. They all were baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith.

Kenneth, Wallace and Willard served in the Army in World War II. Sergeant Willard Tess was killed in action in Belgium on January 7, 1945 and is interred in Bayside Cemetery, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

Herman died March 20, 1969. Minnie died August 12, 1980, at the age of 89 in Brussels, Door County, Wisconsin. They are interred in the Bayside Cemetery, Sturgeon Bay.

Emil Carl Johann (1893-1950) Jonas was born July 21, 1893 in Two Rivers. On November 23, 1918, he married Martha M. Schmidt in Manitowoc, Wisconsin who was born February 4, 1897 to George and Martha (nee Kouba) Schmidt. To this marriage were born Alfred (1919-2004) and Arnold Herman (1921-1977). They farmed on the land they purchased in 1919 from Emil's parents, Fred and Wilhelmina (nee Sporleder) Jonas, near the town of Two Creeks, Wisconsin until 1945 when they sold the farm and moved to Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Arnold attended two years of high school before becoming an automobile serviceman. In 1942, he was called to military service and enlisted in the Army in Milwaukee. He served from 1942-1945.

Emil died June 19, 1950, in Two Rivers at the age of 56 of a heart attack.^{lxv} Martha died May 26, 1963, of heart and blood problems.^{lxvi} Both Emil and Martha are interred in Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers, Wisconsin.

Walter Carl Ferdinand (Walter, 1899-1962) Jonas was born June 22, 1899 in Two Creeks, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. In September 1918, he moved to Wausau to learn the cheese making trade. In 1924 Walter married Vesta Revie (1900-2005), daughter of Xavier and Henrietta (nee Seymour) Revie.^{lxvii} To this marriage was born Elwyn ("Al," 1928-2001).^{lxviii} They lived in Wausau, Wisconsin where Walter was a cheese maker. He died October 1962.

Henry and Wilhelmina (nee Boell) Sporleder's Descendants

Laura Francis Katherine Sporleder (1891-1967) was born March 11, 1891, in rural Carroll County, Iowa. On December 27, 1916, she married Albert George John Thede at the Lidderdale Lutheran Church. They were married by Rev. H. P. Schmidt. Albert was born April 5, 1895, in Auburn, Calhoun County, Iowa. To this marriage were born Glen William (Glynn, 1918-2003), Vernon John (1919-1978), Arlene Marie (1922-1999),^{lxi} Wayne Henry (born January 11, 1925), Lloyd (1926-1994),^{lxx} Harold Albert (born October 23, 1928), Donald Dean (1931-1984), and Darlene Joyce (born May 26, 1934) as well as twin sons, Lavonne and Laverne, who both died in infancy on June 19, 1930. The twins are interred alongside Laura in the Carroll City Cemetery. Laura and Albert were divorced in 1943.

In 1922, Albert and Laura farmed 79.75 acres owned by Joe Osborne in Section 2 of Jasper Township, Carroll County, Iowa. Their son Glenn was age about age five and Vernon was about age three. Albert and Laura had lived in Carroll County for about three years.^{lxxi}

**Thede, Albert. Wf. Laura; ch. Glenn and
Vernon. P. O. Lohrville, R. 3. R. 79.75 ac.,
sec. 2. (3.) Owner, Joe Osborne.**

Laura died on November 15, 1967, at age 75 of cancer and is interred in the Carroll City Cemetery. The songs for her funeral service on November 18th were "Asleep In Jesus, Blessed Sleep" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."¹⁰ Her confirmation verse, given on April 16, 1916, is Luke 11:28, "But He said, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.""^{lxxii} Albert died April 16, 1981, in Kennewick, Washington at the age of 86. He is interred in the Desert Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Emma Wilhelmine Sporleder (1893-1979) was born March 20, 1893, in rural Carroll County, Iowa. On February 28, 1916, she married William Andrew Thede who was born on May 20, 1893. They were married at the Lutheran parsonage in Carroll with Rev. A. J. Mueller officiating. To this marriage were born Gladys Alberta (1917-2007),^{lxxiii} Dorothy Marie (1919-1992),^{lxxiv} Ivan William (1921-1944), Eugene Henry (born 1923), Lois Imogene (1925-1961), Raymond Carl (1927-1985).^{lxxv}

In 1922, Bill and Emma farmed 280 acres in Section 8 of Sheridan Township, Carroll County, Iowa. Gladys was about age five, Dorothy age three and Ivan about one year of age. Bill and Emma had lived in Carroll County for about three years.^{lxxvi}

**Thede, W. A. Wf. Emma; ch. Gladys, Dorothy
and Ivan. P. O. Carroll, R. 1. R. 280 ac.,
sec. 8. (3.) Owners, Mary Klockman, et al.**

They also farmed in the Iowa counties of Sac, and Calhoun until 1928. They next moved to Lake City and Bill took up the trade of painting. He died September 17, 1971, of cancer at age 78 while Emma died on August 29, 1979 at age 86.^{lxxvii} Both are interred in the Lake City Cemetery.

¹⁰ "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" by Ray Palmer (1808-1887) is based upon Ephesians 3:12, "Now we can come fearlessly right into God's presence, assured of His glad welcome when we come with Christ and trust in Him."

Clara Marie Sporleder (1894-1927) was born January 28, 1894, in Carroll, Iowa. On April 8th of that year, she was baptized into the Lutheran Church in Carroll. In 1903, she moved with her family to Parsons, Kansas where she attended the United Brethren Church because there was no Lutheran church in the area. Details as to the United Brethren Church are in Chapter Six. She also attended school and graduated from the eighth grade. In 1913, the family returned to Iowa.

On September 1, 1914, Clara married Charles J. Heuton (1888-1958) who was born November 22, 1888. His given name was Karl Johann Louis Heuton. His father was Onke Heuton from Ludwigsdorf, District of Aurich, East Frisia (*Ostfriesland*). Aurich is about 20 miles due west of Wilhelmshaven and Ludwigsdorf is about five miles south of Aurich. Onke Henry (born January 3, 1856) Heuton was one of five Heuton brothers who came to America. The others were Meint Henry (Michal, born July 26, 1841), William (born May 9, 1843),^{lxxviii} Nanne (born March 1, 1847),^{lxxix} and Henry (born January 3, 1856) who was a twin to Onke. Their parents were Henry M. (died 1862 in Germany) and Gretje Willues (nee Bohlen) Heuton. After Henry M. Heuton's death in 1862, Gretje mitigated with her children to America first settling in Adams County, Illinois.

In 1922, Onke Heuton was a widower living in Section 15 of Grant Township, Carroll County, Iowa with his son Albert and his wife Marie. Onke had lived in Carroll County for 36 years or since about 1887.^{lxxx}

**Heuton, O. Ch. Henry, Charles, Louise and
Albert. P. O. Carroll, R. 6. Lives in sec-
tion 15. (36.)**

Charles Heuton and Clara Sporleder were married at St. John's Lutheran Church, Grant Township, Carroll County, Iowa. To this marriage were born Mildred Margaret (1921-1978),^{lxxxi} Bernice Marie (born 19__),^{lxxxii} and Robert Carl (1922-2009)^{lxxxiii} as well as Ruth Charlotta (1918-1919) who was born June 18, 1918 and died October 17, 1919. Ruth is interred in the West Lawn Glidden Cemetery alongside Clara and Charles. Funeral service for Mildred was at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Iowa. Songs included "Rock of Ages" and "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Casket bearers were Bill Boell, Ed Bolster, John Oswald, Melvin Pietig, Leo Clark and Andy Kasperbaur. She is interned in the Carroll City Cemetery.

In 1922, Charles and Clara lived on a 120 acre farm located in Section 10 of Grant Township, Carroll County, Iowa. Their children were Bernice about age __ and Mildred about age two. Charles had lived in Carroll County since his birth in 1888 for about 34 years.^{lxxxiv}

**Heuton, Charles. Wf. Clara; ch. Bernice and
Mildred. P. O. Carroll, R. 6. O. 120 ac.,
sec. 10. (34.)**

In the spring of 1926, Clara was confirmed as an adult into the Lutheran Church. On August 2, 1927, she was taken to the Carroll hospital suffering from a tubular pregnancy. Clara died on August 20th at the age of 31.^{lxxxv}

Later, Charles married Johanna Miller (Hannah, nee Haasse). Charles died November 9, 1958, at the age of 69. Hannah died October 5, 1978.^{lxxxvi} Clara and Charles are interred in the West Lawn Cemetery near Glidden, Iowa.

Carl Heinrich Sporleder (1899-1976) was born October 2, 1899, in Carroll County, Iowa and baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church. In 1903, the family moved to a farm near Galesburg, Neosho County, Kansas where Carl attended school. In 1913, Carl returned with his family to a Carroll County farm.

Sadie Amanda Robinson (1902-1978) was born January 1, 1902, in Rockwell City, Iowa. On October 4, 1926, Carl and Sadie were married at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa.

The Little Brown Church in the Vale is a rural place of worship near Nashua in northeast Iowa. In the 1850s, William Pitt wrote a poem for his fiancée about a church in a valley. In 1857, he set the words to music. In 1864, the actual church was dedicated with his song, "The Church in the Wildwood," performed:

There's a church in the valley by the wildwood,
No lovelier spot in the dale;
No place is so dear to my childhood
As the little brown church in the vale.

During the 1920s and 1930s, the touring barbershop group, the Weatherwax Quartet, popularized the site and the church. It became a favorite for wedding and since 1918 more than 71,000 couples have solemnized their marriage there.^{lxxxvii}

In 1933, Carl and Sadie adopted Joanne (born February 4, 1933) as an infant and raised her to adulthood. Carl worked as an auto mechanic, ran service stations, and eventually owned and operated a car dealership. Carl and Sadie were always a team. When they operated a service station in Auburn, Iowa, Carl managed the service station while Sadie was in charge of the cafe. Until the day he suffered a heart attack at the age of 76, Carl continued to work. Carl died July 6, 1976,^{lxxxviii} and Sadie died February 26, 1978, at age 76. They are interred in the Lake City, Iowa cemetery.

Albert Arthur Sporleder (1904-1982) was born October 22, 1904, in Parsons, Kansas. On June 19, 1926, he married Bessie Gladys LaVern Amsden (1909-1996) who was born May 29, 1909, in Lake City, Iowa. Her parents were Frank and Cora (nee Patterson) Amsden. Albert and Bessie were married at Rockwell City, Iowa. To this marriage were born Lillian Marie (1928-19__), Charles Arthur (1929-19__), Donna Ray (1932-2007),^{lxxxix} and Dean Ellis who was stillborn on June 24, 1940.

They lived in the Lake City area most their life except for five years in the Fonda-Varina area and 15 years in Auburn. Early in their marriage, they farmed. Later, Albert worked in housing construction. Albert died on June 14, 1982, at age 77. Bessie lived at the Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City, Iowa until her death July 18, 1996 at the age of 87.^{xc} They are interred in the Lake Creek Cemetery, Rockwell City, Iowa.

On December 12, 1908, Ernest Walter Sporleder (1908-2005) was born in Galena County, Kansas. In 1913, the Sporleder family returned to Carroll County, Iowa. On September 7, 1910, Martha Lillian



Patten (1910-2003) was born in Carroll County, Iowa to Clarence Floyd and Anna (nee Billotte) Patten.

Martha and Ernest were married on September 16, 1929, in the Lutheran Church, Marshalltown, Iowa. To this marriage were born Henry Clarence (1931-2006), Elmer Lawrence (born 1937), Annabelle (Ann, born 1938), Dale Ernest (born 1940), and Duane Walter (born 1949).

Martha and Ernest's adult years were in the west central Iowa counties of Carroll, Calhoun, and Pocahontas where they farmed until they retired in Lake City, Iowa in 1974. Martha died March 18, 2003 at age 92.^{xcii} Ernest died January 30, 2005 at age 96. They are interred in the Lake City Cemetery.

Waldo Sporleder (1914-2003) was born June 17, 1914. He farmed with his parents and later his brother Ernest until he joined the Army during World War II. Waldo's service to his country and more details as to his life is in Chapter Eight. After the war, he returned to farming with Ernest and later worked as an automobile mechanic in Fonda, Iowa.

ⁱ “Pierce County, Nebraska, Buckendahl/Warneke” Vickie DeJong, 216 South Brown, Pierce, NE 68767, Last Updated: September 16, 2002, as retrieved on Jan 20, 2005 00:41:10 GMT, <<http://www.ptcnet.net/dejong/>>.

ⁱⁱ “*Hammonia* 1854/*Belgian/Missouri*. 2,259 gross tons, length 280ft x beam 38.6ft, one funnel, three masts (rigged for sail), clipper bows, iron hull, single screw, speed 10 knots, accommodation for 54-1st, 146-2nd and 310-3rd class passengers. Built by Caird & Co, Greenock for the Hamburg America Line, she was launched on 5th May 1855 and immediately chartered to the French Government for use as a Crimean War transport. Returned to her owners, she started her first Hamburg - New York voyage on 1st Jul. 1856 and her last from Southampton to New York on 6th Feb. 1864. Sold to the Allan Line and renamed *Belgian*, she commenced her first voyage from Liverpool to Quebec and Montreal on 21st Apr. 1864 and started her last for these owners between Liverpool and Portland on 2nd Apr. 1868. In 1872 went to the Mississippi & Dominion Line and made two Liverpool - New Orleans sailings before being renamed *Missouri* in 1873. She made two further round voyages to New Orleans before being wrecked on the Bahamas on 1st Oct. 1873. [*North Atlantic Seaway*, vol.1, p. 388 by N.R.P. Bonsor] [*Merchant Fleets*, vol.4 by Duncan Haws]” “The Ship List,” as retrieved on Aug 29, 2005 19:27:21 GMT, <<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/descriptions/ShipsH.html>>.

ⁱⁱⁱ “Buckendahl,” Last Updated: December 10, 2002, as retrieved on Feb 16, 2005 16:15:10 GMT, <<http://www.ptcnet.net/dejong/Buckendahl.htm>>.
“Pierce County, Nebraska, Buckendahl/Warneke” Vickie DeJong, 216 South Brown, Pierce, NE 68767, Last Updated: September 16, 2002, as retrieved on Jan 20, 2005 00:41:10 GMT, <<http://www.ptcnet.net/dejong/>>.

^{iv} “**Lizzie Koehn Laid to Rest.** Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Koehn, 88, who died last Friday at Pierce Manor, were at 2:00 p.m. Thursday (today) March 22 at Zion Lutheran Church. Rev. Walter Buss officiated at the last rites and burial was in Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Arlan Warneke accompanied Mrs. Larry Walmsley who sang “Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High” and “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want.” Pallbearers were Milford Wagner, Clair Schulz, Elwood Voecks, Leon Buckendahl, Edgar Sporleder and Lowell Koehn. Lizzie L. Koehn was born November 29, 1890, at Pierce to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Buckendahl. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Pierce. On April 4, 1912, she was married to Albert E. Koehn by Rev. M. F. Scheips at Zion Lutheran Church. They farmed west of Pierce and later one mile south of Wee Town for a number of years. Later, they moved to Pierce. Albert Koehn died November, 1974 and her son, Earl, passed away November 1974. She went to live at Manor eight years ago. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Clara Koehn, one granddaughter, Mrs. George Stone; four great grandchildren; three brothers, Theodore and Ruben Buckendahl of Pierce and Carl Buckendahl of Santa Ana, California. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son, four brothers, Fritz, Otto, Hugo and Ed Buckendahl and one sister Rose Dunn.” March 22, 1979

“**Albert E. Koehn.** Funeral services were held Sunday for Albert Koehn who passed away at his home Thursday morning, November 30, 1961 after a lengthy illness. The Rev. Robert Harms conducted the services at Zion Lutheran Church. Burial was in Zion Cemetery east of Pierce with Clair Schulz, Dale Hitz, Dr. C.K. Welch, Eldon Weich, Harlan Green and Dr. R J. Schleppenbach pallbearers. Albert Ernest Koehn was born January 4, 1891 at Hadar, the son of the late August Koehn and Minnie Struck, February 25, 1891. He was baptized at Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk by the Rev. J. P. Mueller. When he was about ten years of age, the family moved to Naper, Nebraska and it was here he was confirmed in the Lutheran faith April 16, 1905 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Naper by the Rev. Henry Weerts. When Mr. Koehn was about 18, he came to Pierce where he spent the rest of his life. On April 3, 1912, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Buckendahl at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce with the Rev. M. F. Scheips officiating. This union was blessed with one son. The Koehns lived a number of years on a farm south of Wee Town and after moving to town, he worked for the City of Pierce, serving many years as Chief of Police. He also worked several years at Buckendahl Bros. Surviving to mourn his passing are his wife; one son Earl; one granddaughter, Miss Ethel Koehn, Omaha; three brothers, Arthur and of Ed, Pierce and Reinhold of Norfolk; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Speidel, Mrs. Wm. Lenz and Mrs. Martha Miller, all of Pierce. Preceding him death were his parents; one brother, Henry; one half-brother, August Koehn; five half-sisters, Mrs. Frank Strelow, Mrs. Anna Strelow, Mrs. Ella Kieckhafer, Mrs. Minnie Weatherhold and Mrs. Emma Winter.” December 7, 1961

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^v **Last Rites for Mrs. Rose Dunn.** Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Dunn, 75, North Hollywood, California, formerly of Pierce were held Monday, May 15 at Pierce Memorial Chapel, Rev. Walter Buss officiated. Music was furnished by Mrs. Larry Walmsley, who sang ‘Asleep in Jesus’ and ‘Abide with Me’ accompanied by Dian

Buckendahl. Burial was in Prospect View Cemetery at Pierce. Pallbearers were Earl Koehn, Roy Sporleder, Lean Buckendahl, Ervin Otto, Dennis Dommer and Ellwood Voecks. Rose Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Lena nee Sporleder) Buckendahl was born December 14, 1896 at Pierce. She died May 10 in Burbank. Survivors include three children, Jim, Mission Hills; Donald, Grand Island; Mrs. Bonnie Nigro, Van Nuys; three brothers, Ruben and Theodore Buckendahl, both of Pierce; and Carl of Los Angeles; one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Koehn of Pierce; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, in 1848, and four brothers. For the last 28 years, she had been residing with her children in California. Her husband, Ed, will be remembered by many in this area as he once operated the *Pierce County Leader*. May 18, 1972.

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vi “**Buckendahl Funeral Rites.** Funeral rites for Hugo Buckendahl, 61, Fremont, were held Monday with the Rev. Siegfried Schroeder and the Rev. A. Holtz officiating at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont. Burial was in Malvern, Iowa, near the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lee Robbins. Pallbearers from Fremont included Ray Klug, formerly of Pierce. He passed away August 13 having suffered a heart attack while vacationing with his wife in Missouri. He was first taken to a nearby hospital and then moved to an Omaha hospital just three days before his death. Hugo, son of Henry Buckendahl and Lena Sporleder was born in Pierce on November 30, 1898. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church and after completing the eighth grade attended Steward Concordia where he graduated with a teacher’s certificate. He also attended Wayne State College. On April 3, 1921, he was married to Hazel Stark and this union was born Mrs. Lee (Ethel) Robbins. For sixteen years, he was County Clerk of Pierce County and then became associated with a metal and drainage concern for twenty-one years. They lived in Omaha, Norfolk and then in Fremont after leaving Pierce. He was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the Laymen’s League. He was an outdoor man and enjoyed fishing and golf and had quite a collection of stamps. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Otto. Surviving are his wife, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robbins, and one grandchild, Jeanette Robbins, Hastings, Iowa. Also five brothers and two sisters, Theodore, Edward and Ruben, Pierce; Carl North Hollywood, California; Fritz, Ewing; Mrs. Rose Dunn, North Hollywood, California; and Mrs. Albert (Lizzie) Koehn, Pierce. All were present except Carl of California. Relatives and friends attending the rites from this vicinity were Pierce, Plainview, Norfolk, Laurel, Grand Island, Ewing, Fremont, Hastings and Sioux City.” *Pierce County Leader*, August 18, 1960

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vii “**Ed Buckendahl Dies; Services Will Be Tuesday.** Pierce—Funeral services for Edward Buckendahl, 62, will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Zion Lutheran Church at Pierce. The Rev. Walter Buss will officiate. Music will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brockmann. Burial will be in Prospect View Cemetery at Pierce. Pallbearers will be Eldon Manske, Ellwood Voecks, Marvin Meyer and Charles Price. Honorary pallbearers are Elmer Green, Bill Cox, Harley Bovee, Frank Meyer, Gustav Buss and Edward German. The body will lie in state from 3-9 today (Monday) at Pierce Memorial Chapel and prior to service at the church Tuesday. Edward Buckendahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. (Lena nee Sporleder) Henry Buckendahl, was born January 15, 1907 at Pierce. He died at 8 a.m. July 26 in a Norfolk hospital where he had been a patient since July 23. Mr. Buckendahl was a 1924 graduate of Pierce High School. He was a partner with his brother, Ruben, in the Buckendahl Brothers implement business since 1932. On November 26, 1932, he married Marjorie Alexander at Pierce. Survivors include his widow; one son, Gene of Pierce; three grandchildren; three brothers, Ruben and Theodore, both of Pierce, and Carl of Los Angeles; and two sisters, Mrs. Rose Dunn of Los Angeles and Mrs. Lizzie Koehn of Pierce. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Hugo, Fritz and Otto.”

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viii “**Services for R. Buckendahl.** Last rites were conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 27 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce for Ruben Reinhold Buckendahl, 78, retired implement dealer of Pierce. The Rev. Gordon Bruce officiated with burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. American Legion Tomek-Otto Post # 72 conducted the graveside military service. Mrs. Ron Retzaff accompanied congregational singing “How Great Thou Art,” “Beautiful Savior” and “Abide With Me.” Casket bearers were Barry Tietgen, Dennis Wragge, Val Jean Wragge, Eldon Manske, Darrell Kruger and Bill Buckendahl. Mr. Buckendahl passed away Sunday, December 24 at a Norfolk hospital. The son of Henry and Lena (Sporleder) Buckendahl, he was born October 9, 1911 in Pierce. He graduated in 1929 from Pierce High School and served with the U. S. Army in England and Belgium from September 1942 to January 1946. On June 2, 1943, he was united in marriage to Lorinda Voecks at Pierce. After the service, he went into the John Deere implement business in Pierce with his brother, Ed Buckendahl, retiring from the business in 1977. He was a member of Zion Lutheran church, served on the school board, President

of the Pierce Senior Center, a member of Munson Post #1644, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Norfolk and Tomek-Otto Post # 72 American Legion, Pierce. Survivors include his wife; one daughter Mrs. Rod (Dian) Drews of Pierce; two grandchildren and one brother, Theodore of Pierce. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and two sisters." December 18, 1989

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ix "**Otto Buckendahl Funeral in Pierce.** Zion Lutheran Church was filled to overflowing Sunday afternoon by the many friends and relatives who gathered to pay their last respects to Otto C. Buckendahl, Scottsbluff, who lost his life in a snowstorm last Monday. Many beautiful floral tributes were banked about the casket and many relatives and friends gave Memorial Wreaths to various charities in memory of the departed. Rev. C. M. Steding was in charge of the service and based his comforting remarks on the words, spoken of Enoch, "And God took him to himself." The choir, under the direction of P. G. Hinz, sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide With Me." Burial took place in the Lutheran Cemetery of Pierce with the following serving as pallbearers, Herman Scheer, Robert Otto, L. V. Malone, G. B. Gould, Roy Peters and Carl Schulz. The body was brought to Pierce late Saturday night. Services with the Rev. George Weber officiating were conducted Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Reed Funeral Home in Scottsbluff. Members of Tomek-Otto Post of the American Legion attended the services in a body and also conducted the military rites at the cemetery. Color bearers were Harley Bovee and Cecil Fricke and color guards were Robert German and Charles Price. Burton Andersen was sergeant-at-arms and members of the firing squad were Paul Rathjen, Ruben Kuhl, Ralph Lehnert, John Winnipenninkx and Maynard Abler. Otto Charles Buckendahl was born May 21, 1900, at Pierce, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buckendahl. He is the first of a family of nine children to be taken by death. In early infancy, he was baptized and as a youth was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended Pierce schools and following his graduation from high school enrolled at Concordia College at Steward. At the end of two years, he was forced to discontinue his studies because of ill health. On September 24, 1922, he was united in marriage to Miss Rose Hilgert. This union was blessed with one son. The family moved from Pierce about fifteen years ago and the past three years have been residing at Scottsbluff, where he was parts manager for the Burger Oldsmobile Co. He served in the Navy during World War I and was a charter member of Tomek-Otto Post of the American Legion. At the time of his death, he was a member of Wright-Irion Post No. 5 at Scottsbluff. Survivors include his son, ET3 Dale Edward, now serving on the carrier, *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, sailing in Mediterranean waters, and who was unable to come home for the services. Three are two sisters, Mrs. Albert (Lizzie) Koehn of Pierce and Mrs. Rose Dunn of North Hollywood, California, and six brothers, Edward, Fritz, Ruben and Theodore of Pierce, Hugo of Norfolk and Carl of San Francisco. Also several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews; other relatives and a host of friends. Mr. Buckendahl had gone to Cheyenne, Wyoming on a business trip and Monday night called his wife to tell her he was coming home immediately. She advised him to remain there because of the storm. Sheriff Jim Shaw found the frozen body Wednesday afternoon in a field about eight miles from Harrisburg. His wife had reported him missing on Tuesday after he failed to return home. Further investigation found the car in a ditch, about two miles from the body. He was only a half-mile from a ranch house and it is believed that he saw the light at the ranch and tried to reach it for shelter. When found, he was wearing his overcoat inside out and pulled up about his head hood-fashion. A Kimball gas station attendant reported that Buckendahl had purchased gas there before continuing on to Scottsbluff. The clutch of the car was burned out when found, indicating that he had tried to get back onto the road. A severe snowstorm with considerable blowing and drifting snow struck that area on Sunday and Monday and it believe to have been the direct cause of his death." February 22, 1951

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x **Death Summons H. C. Buckendahl. Had Been Ill at His Home for the Past Four Weeks.** Mayor H. C. Buckendahl, who has been critically ill at his home for about four weeks from an attack of diabetes, underwent an operation Tuesday morning and his left leg was amputated. A heart attack and the shock resulting from the operation caused his death at about five o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Buckendahl had been suffering from diabetes for several years past and only about four weeks ago, he had to take his bed. His left leg became paralyzed and he was in a very dangerous condition for several days. Other parts of the body became insensible to feeling. However, later on he began to improve. Feeling came back to the affected parts and it was hoped by his many friends that he would completely recover. After several days, it was seen that he could recover, only after the left leg was amputated, so this was done Tuesday morning. Many were the expressions of regret and sympathy by the citizens of Pierce upon the learning of his untimely death. Mr. Buckendahl was born at Hanover, Germany, March 27, 1867, and at the time of his death was aged 64 years, four months and 20 days. He came to the United States with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buckendahl, when only three years of age. The family stopped in Omaha for a short time and then came to

Pierce County, where his parents took up a homestead, six miles east of Pierce. Many times during his life, Mr. Buckendahl related the boyhood experiences on the prairies of Pierce County—the droughts and raids by the grasshoppers. These conditions were anything but pleasant. On February 18, 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Lena Sporleder at St. John's Lutheran Church, east of Pierce. They began housekeeping on a homestead tract that they had purchased, located seven miles east of Pierce. They continued farming until the next year 1907 when they moved to Pierce, where Mr. Buckendahl engaged in the hardware and implement business. Mr. Buckendahl was man of honor and integrity. He was square in his business dealings and to this fact might be attributed his success as a Pierce businessman. Last April, he was chosen Mayor of Pierce for the third consecutive time. Several years ago, after serving on the city council from the east ward, he was chosen Mayor, but declined a re-nomination and election. In years past, he has served as President of the Board of Directors of the Farmers Grain Co., and president of the Pierce County Fair and Agricultural Association. He also served as director of the above organization. He was always interested in civic affairs of our city. He was a member of the Community Club and rarely missed any of the meetings. If there was any boosting for the city, H. C. Buckendahl could always be counted to do his share. He was also a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Pierce and had held the office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees for several years. Besides his faithful wife, Mr. Buckendahl is survived by nine children, viz: Mrs. Albert (Lizzie) Koehn and Mrs. E. R. (Rose) Dunn, Fritz, Hugo, Carl, Theodore, Otto, Edward and Reuben. Carl resides at Osmond and Otto at Plainview. Also two brothers, Wm. and H. W., of Pierce, and sisters: Mesdames Albert Otto and Richard Breyer of Pierce, and Mrs. Sophia Henschke of Wakefield. Funeral services will be held at Zion's Lutheran Church at two o'clock Friday afternoon, preceded by a short service at the family home. The services will be in charge of pastor, Rev. M. F. Scheips."

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^{xi} **"Passing of Pioneer Woman.** It was with deep regret that the many friends of Mrs. Henry Buckendahl learned of her death at her home yesterday afternoon. She passed away at 3:15 o'clock. Mrs. Buckendahl has been in failing health for a year or more. Lena Sporleder was born October 4, 1873 at Joliet, Illinois and when two years of age moved with her parents to Carroll, Iowa. They later moved to Pierce County. She attended school and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran School and Church east of Pierce. On February 18, 1890, she was united in marriage to Henry Buckendahl and moved to the farm east of town known as the Bauman farm. After two years, they moved to the farm five miles east of Pierce where Joe Silhacek now resides and it was there that their nine children were born, all of whom survive, viz: Mrs. Lizzie Koehn, Mrs. Rose Dunn, Hugo, Theodore, Ed, and Reuben, all of Pierce; Fritz of Hoskins; Otto of Powell, Wyoming and Carl of Omaha. Twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. Five sisters, Mrs. Ella Malzahn, Mrs. Louise Koehler, Mrs. Albert (Mary) Koehler, Mrs. Carl (Emma) Meier of Pierce and Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn, Schuyler; two brothers, Henry and John Sporleder of Pierce are left to mourn her passing. Mr. and Mrs. Buckendahl moved to their present home in the southeast part of town in February 1907—34 years ago—and it was there Mr. Buckendahl passed away August 16, 1932. Mrs. Buckendahl had been in the Norfolk hospital for two or more weeks suffering from heart trouble and other complications. She was brought home last week when little hope was held out for her recovery. Funeral services will be Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at Zion Lutheran Church with her pastor Rev. M. F. Scheips in charge."

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xii} **"Last Rites for Mrs. Ed Luebe.** Funeral services for Mrs. Edward (Esther) Luebe, 81, of Pierce, were held Friday, December 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce. Rev. Helmut Yurk officiating at the last rites. Organist, Sharon accompanied Ila Mae Wragge and Sue Lynn Wragge, who sang 'How Great Thou Art' and 'What a Friend We Have in Jesus.' Pallbearers were Lent Luebe, Kirk Luebe, Dan Whitney, Greg Luebe, Mark Luebe, David Riggert, Doug Luebe and Jim Luebe. Burial was in Prospect View Cemetery. Born March 6, 1897, she was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William (Louise Sporleder) Koehler. She married Edward Luebe on February 8, 1917 at St. John's Lutheran Church where she had also attended school. They farmed in the Pierce area until 1929 when they moved into Pierce. Mrs. and Mrs. Luebe celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1977. She was a charter member of Christ Lutheran Ladies Aid. Mrs. Luebe died Tuesday, December 26 at Pierce Manor. Survivors include five sons, Loren, Orville, Waleen, and Delmar all of Pierce, and Duane of Clinton, Iowa; three daughters, Mrs. Merle (Elvira), Whitney of Sloan, Iowa, Mrs. Vern (Eldreth) Peterson of Madison, and Mrs. Vernon (Mardell) Riggert of Pierce; 35 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren." *Pierce County Leader*, January 4, 1979.

"Edward Luebe Funeral Thursday. Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce for Edward Luebe, 79, who passed away Sunday in a Norfolk hospital. Rev. Helmut Yurk will officiate at the last rites. Organist, Brenda Bucklin, will accompany Mrs. Dale Wragge and Sue Wragge who will sing 'How Great Thou Art' and 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus.' A prayer service will be held

Wednesday evening at 8:00 at Stonacek Memorial Chapel. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Kent Luebe, Douglas Luebe, James Luebe, Kirk Luebe, Gregg Luebe and David Riggert. Burial will be in Prospect View Cemetery at Pierce. Edward Fred Magnus Luebe was born September 26, 1897 at Davenport, Iowa, to Peter Luebe and his wife, Eliza Carstens. The family moved to Nebraska when he was a small boy (nine years old in 1907). On February 8, 1917, he was united in marriage to Esther Koehler at St. John's Lutheran Church near Pierce. They farmed in the Pierce area until 1929 when they retired and moved into town. The couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on February 8, 1977. Mr. Luebe is survived by his wife, Esther; five sons, Loren, Orville, Waleen, and Delmar of Pierce, and Duane of Clinton, Iowa; three daughters, Mrs. Merle (Elvira), Whitney of Sloan, Iowa, Mrs. Vern (Eldreth) Peterson of Pierce, and Mrs. Vernon (Mardell) Riggert of Pierce; 37 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two grandchildren and two brothers, John and Willie" *Pierce County Leader*, August 4, 1977.

The obituaries were provided by Duane Luebe.

xiii "Services for Martin Koehler, 77, Pierce will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Reverend Arnold Deke will officiate with burial in the Parish Cemetery. The body will lie in state 3 – 9 p.m. Friday at Stonacek Memorial Chapel. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Koehler was born April 24, 1901, in Pierce and died Thursday morning at his home. On January 28, 1926, he was married to Gertrude Noerenberg at Hoskins. He spent his life-time on a farm, two miles northeast of Pierce. Survivors include his wife, one son, Marlin of Pierce; one daughter, Mrs. Earl (Ardith) Herbolsheimer of Pierce; one sister, Mrs. Ed (Esther) Luebe of Pierce, 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister (Meta Herbolsheimer), one grandson and one great-granddaughter."

The obituary was provided by Duane Luebe.

xiv "**Death Summons A Worthy Mother. Mrs. Louise Passes Away Thursday at Home of Son Martin.**

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise Koehler were conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Hilpert at St. John's Lutheran Church, east of Pierce, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. As stated in *The Call* last week, Mrs. Koehler passed away shortly after midnight Thursday morning, July 16th, at the home of her son, Martin Koehler, east of Pierce. She had been in poor health for some time and was critically ill from blood disease for a month preceding her death. Her maiden name was Louise Sporleder, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sporleder, also early Pierce County pioneers. Born July 4, 1875 at Kellogg, Iowa, she came to Pierce County with her parents when 11 years of age. On May 3, 1898, she was married to William Koehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koehler, pioneers of this county. The couple started housekeeping on the Koehler farm 2 ½ miles east of Pierce. Three children were born to this union. The husband and father died September 29, 1901, after a short four years of marriage. The young mother remained on the farm and reared the family of three children and managed the farm in a wonderful manner. Her life was one of hardships, sorrow and sacrifice, but she gave it willingly and with a cheerful heart. At the time of her death, she was 67 years and 12 days. The children, all of whom survive, are Mrs. Ed (Esther) Luebe, Mrs. Henry (Meta) Herbolsheimer and Martin Koehler, who live in Pierce or vicinity. Other relatives are John and Henry Sporleder; Mrs. Albert (Mary) Koehler and Mrs. Carl (Emma) Meier of Pierce; Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn of Scribner and Mrs. Ella Nelson of Concord, Nebraska, brothers and sisters. Burial was made in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery east of Pierce. The pallbearers were Loren Luebe, Myron Herbolsheimer, Wallen Luebe, Darrel Herbolsheimer, Harold Meier and George Ehlers."

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

xv On June 16, 1924, Mary married Wilson Albert Peterman at Julesburg, Sedgwick County, Colorado. She died September 21, 1983 at Ogallala, Keith County, Nebraska

xvi "Fred Sporleder, 23, stepson of John Lohr of Kirtley, lost his life early Sunday morning when a Ford coach driven by Scotty Sides, and occupied also by Ted Lohr, went over an embankment at the Hat Creek Breaks, about 3:15 o'clock, almost completely demolishing the car and injuring all three occupants. The three boys were scattered among the jagged rocks, and it is almost a miracle that all were not killed outright. It was first thought Fred would recover, but early Monday morning he went into convulsions and passed away about 8:00 o'clock Monday morning." *The Lusk* (Wyoming) *Herald*, August 21, 1930

xvii "**Fred Sporleder a Victim of Typhoid.** It is with sorrow that we chronicle the death of Fred Sporleder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sporleder, well known and respected residents of Slough precinct. The young man passed away last Saturday evening, August 29th, from an attack of typhoid fever. He had been ill for several weeks, and the skill

of attending physicians and a trained nurse were of no avail. His death marks a succession of deaths in that family, his brother Will having been killed in an accident last spring, while the wife of his brother John and her brother, Louis Meier, succumbed from the same disease that carried off deceased. John Sporleder was very low with the fever prior to his wife's death and the wife of deceased is now slowly recovering from a like disease. Fred Sporleder was born in Carroll, Iowa on June 14, 1877, being aged 31 years, two months, and 15 days. He came to pierce County with his parents 23 years ago last March. He was united in marriage to Dora Siemsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Siemsen, six years ago. The widow and three children, Mary five years old, Clarence three years old, and Fred, one year old survive. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran Church, east of town, by the pastor Rev. August Hofius, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The heartfelt sympathy of all go to out to the sorrowing family and relatives in their bereavement." *Pierce County Call*, September 3, 1908.

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xviii} **Funeral Services For John H. Lohr, Retired Niobrara County Pioneer, to Be Held Friday; Interment at Kirtley.** Death came quietly to John H. Lohr, retired pioneer rancher of Niobrara County, at 11:20 p.m. this (Thursday) evening at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Erlewine in this city. The deceased had been ill for the past several weeks, and his death is said to have been caused by a heart condition. Services are scheduled for two o'clock Friday afternoon, July 30th, from the chapel of Peet Funeral Home, with Rev. Jacob Nein, pastor of the Congregational Christian Church officiating. Burial will be made in the family plot in the cemetery at Kirtley. John Henry Lohr was born August 1, 1872, at Manhattan Island, New York, a son of Andrew and Barbara (Kemp) Lohr, and he passed away on Thursday, July 29, 1954 at Lusk, Wyoming at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 28 days. When he was an infant of one year his parents brought their family westward to Colfax County, Nebraska where they homesteaded. They made their home there for eight years, living but two years on the homestead. From Colfax County they moved to Schuyler, Nebr., where they resided for six years and then moved back to Brooklyn, New York. The deceased at the age of 14 years returned to the West, settling for a time at Schuyler, Nebraska. On January 12, 1891 he came to Wyoming and when he became of age filed on a homestead on Plum Creek. In 1896, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Grimes. Two years later they moved to the Kirtley community where they established a ranch and became engaged in livestock raising. On January, 1915, Mrs. Lohr passed away, and Mr. Lohr was left with several small youngsters to rear. Mr. Lohr was twice married, and on May 20, 1915, Mrs. Dora Sporleder became his wife. The couple made their home on the Lohr ranch in the Kirtley community where they together reared a large family, until March 11, 1929, when Mrs. Lohr passed away. In 1949 Mr. Lohr disposed of his ranching interests and moved to Lusk where he had since made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Glen Erlewine and family. Survivors include ten children, Mrs. Angie Hanson, Harrison, Nebraska, Harlan Lohr, Kirtley, Wyoming, Bob Lohr, Martin's Mill, Texas; Mrs. Dolly Jones, Nampa, Idaho, Roy Lohr, New Iberia, Louisiana, Ted Lohr, Lusk, Wyoming, Mrs. Iris Erlewine, Lusk, Wyoming, Mrs. Verda Erlewine, Glendo, Wyoming, Sam Lohr Mountain City, Nevada, and three step-children, Mrs. Mary Peterman and Mrs. Dorothy Francis, Big Springs, Nebraska, and Clarence Sporleder, Van Tassell, Wyoming. He was preceded in death by both his wives, five sons, George, Ralph, Frank, Edward and Ray Lohr, and a step-son Fred Sporleder. The *Lusk* (Wyoming) *Herald*, July 29, 1954

^{xix} **"M. Kluender Laid to Rest.** Services for Mamie C. Kluender, 92, Pierce Manor were held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 20, at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. The Revs. Gordon Bruce and Hans Trinklein officiated and burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Howser-Fillmer Mortuary in Norfolk and Friday one hour prior to service time at the church. She died Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at the Pierce Manor. The daughter of John and Emma (Meier) Sporleder was born November 14, 1905, in Pierce County. She attended school in Pierce County. On May 5, 1925, she married Fred Kluender at Yankton, S. D. They farmed in Pierce and Wayne counties until moving to Norfolk in 1973. She had been a resident of the Pierce Manor since 1996. She was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Survivors include her husband of the Pierce Manor; sons, Eldon of Denver, CO, Dean and Gene, both of Aurora, CO; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Roy Sporleder of Pierce and John Sporleder of Norfolk; and sister, Verna Weber of Pierce. She was preceded in death by one son, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one sister and three brothers."

^{xx} **"Funeral Rites for E. Sporleder.** Funeral services were held for Edgar H. Sporleder, 87, of Pierce at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, Friday, April 5, 1996. He passed away at the Pierce Manor on April 3, 1996. Interment was at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation was at the Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce from 3-8 p.m. Thursday. Pallbearers were Roland Sporleder, Jr., Gene Sporleder, Fred Sporleder, Rick Sporleder, Kevin Koehn,

Gaylen Koehn, Gary Sporleder, Roger Reed, Robert Reed and Dan Kumm. Reverends Gordon Bruce and Hans Trinklein officiated at the 10:30 a.m. service. Organist was Kathy Retzlaff with the congregation singing "Abide With Me," "Heaven Is My Home," and "Beautiful Savior." Edgar Heinrich Ludwig Sporleder was born May 12, 1908 in Pierce to John and Emma (Meier) Sporleder. He attended Pierce Public School until the eighth grade. He was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. He married Edith Butler September 11, 1931 at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Followed their marriage, they farmed in the Pierce and Osmond area. After the death of his wife, he moved to Pierce in 1978. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He had been at the Pierce Manor for a short time before his death. He is survived by one son Roland and wife, Mary Sporleder of Pierce; three daughters, Mrs. Darrel (LaVonne) Koehn of Foster, Mrs. Longin (Delilah) Karel of Norfolk, Mrs. Robert (LaVern) Kumm of Lincoln; 18 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Fred (Mamie) Kluender of Norfolk; Mrs. Archie (Verna) Weber of Pierce; two brothers, Roy Sporleder and John Sporleder, both of Pierce. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Edith, two brothers, Raymond and Carl, and one sister, Wanda Story.

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xxi} **"A Help Mate Taken.** Mrs. John Sporleder died at her home east of Pierce at 7 o'clock Monday morning, the 27th. Mrs. Sporleder had been ill with typhoid-pneumonia for several days; her being weakened when she took the disease by the care and nursing of her husband, who was sick of the same ailment and whose sickness was noticed in these columns a few weeks ago. Mr. Sporleder was on the road to recovery when his wife was taken ill. Louie Meier, a brother of Mrs. Sporleder, went out to assist the stricken family a few weeks ago and is now seriously ill with the same disease. Emma Meier Sporleder was 24 years old on the 18th of July past. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meier, living northeast of Pierce. On May 20, 1903, she was united in marriage to John Sporleder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sporleder. Three children were born to this union, viz: Carl, aged three years; Mamie, aged two years; and Edgar, a baby born on May 12th last year. Funeral services were held at the German Lutheran Church, east of town, Wednesday forenoon, interment being made in the church cemetery. Owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. M. Schelps conducted the service. The heartfelt sympathy of this community goes out to the sorrowing husband and motherless little ones in their irreparable loss." *Pierce County Call*, July 30, 1908.

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xxii} Verna Sporleder married Archie C. Weber (1915-2000) on June 20, 1937. **"Funeral Held for Verna E. Weber.** Funeral services were held for Verna E. Weber, 89, of Pierce, on Monday, February 27, 2006, at Zion Lutheran Church, Pierce. Mrs. Weber died Thursday, February 23, 2006, at the Edgewood Vista Nursing Home, Norfolk. Rev. Bruce Gordon officiated at the 10:30 a.m. service. Music was provided by organist Mrs. Dottie Ahlers accompanying the congregation singing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "I'm But A Stranger Here" and "My Course Is Run." Taped music of "Be Still My Soul" by the Schulz Sisters was played. Visitation was from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce. Internment was at Prospect View Cemetery, rural Pierce. Casket bearers were Steve Hintz, Joe Hintz, Matthew Ellenberger, Adam Ellenberger, Dana Podliska, and Ben Kumm. Honorary bearers were Bud Gutz, Delbert Krueger, Roy Wagner, Duane Buckendahl, Ralph Saegbarth, Larry Silhacek, and Les Richmond. Verna E. Weber was born January 11, 1917, in Pierce. She was baptized February 11, 1917, and confirmed July 11, 1930, at St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Pierce. She attended District #64 east of Pierce and District 14 west of Pierce through the eighth grade. She married Archie Weber on June 20, 1937 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pierce. Following their marriage, the couple lived on a farm west of Pierce until 1969. They were members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Foster, where she was a member of the Ladies Aid. They then moved east of Pierce and farmed for 18 years. They then joined Zion Lutheran Church. She was a member of the Zion Ladies Aid and taught Sunday school. The couple retired and moved to Pierce in 1987. Archie died August 15, 2000. She has been a resident of Edgewood Vista Home in Norfolk since June 2004. she is survived by one son, Jack and wife, Anne Weber of Pierce; three daughters, Janice and husband, LeRoy Hintz, of Norfolk; Joan Weber of Norfolk; and Jean and husband, Roger Ellenberger of Norfolk; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister, two half-brothers, one half-sister, and husband Archie." *Pierce County Leader*, March 2, 2006, page 6.

The obituary was provided by Duane Luebe.

^{xxiii} **"Mrs. Sporleder Funeral Rites Held Monday.** Funeral rites for Mrs. John Sporleder, 60, were held Monday afternoon at the home and at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. A. H. Krueger officiating. Music was furnished by the choir who sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Burial was in St. John's Cemetery with Louie Buckendahl, Wm. Lenz, Louis Hilgert, Elmer Green, Herman Behrens and Mel Hoefener serving as pallbearers.

Christina Lena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Poignee was born February 18, 1895 and baptized August 22, 1902 at Merville, Iowa. Her parents came to Pierce County when she was about five years old and farmed east of Pierce many years. She was married in Pierce to John Sporleder on February 22, 1914, by Judge Kelly. They started their married life farming until about ten years ago when they bought a home in Pierce. On March 28, 1920, she was confirmed in St. John's Church where she had since been a member. Five children were born to bless this union, all of whom survive, Roy G.; Mrs. Archie (Verna) Weber; Ray J., all of Pierce; Mrs. Darrell (Wanda) Story, Fremont, and John E., Plainview. Her husband and 22 grandchildren also survive and three step-children, Carl Sporleder, Pierce; Mrs. Mamie Kluender, Winside; and Edgar Sporleder, Osmond. Six sisters and three brothers survive: Mrs. Harry (Bernice) Kyriss, Denver; Mrs. Frank (Hattie) Zibell, Clearfield, South Dakota; Mrs. Mathilda Gould, Chadron; Mr. E. V. (Mabel) Mahannah, Merville, Iowa; Mrs. Walter (Bertha) Olson, Fremont; Mrs. Francis (Elsie) Grace, Valentine, and Andrew Piognee, Crookston; George, Norfolk; Thomas, Santa Rosa, California. Mrs. Sporleder passed away October 18, 1956, in a Norfolk hospitals after a lingering illness at the age of 61 years and eight months, the last three months of her life were spent in Norfolk hospital."

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

xxiv **"John Sporleder Funeral Rites.** Funeral rites for John Sporleder, 81, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Pierce with the Rev. Jordan Arft officiating. Miss Carolyn Zautke at the organ accompanied the choir who sang "Asleep In Jesus, "There Is a Foundation Filled With Blood" and "Heaven Is My Home." Burial was in St. John's Cemetery with Ruben Buckendahl, Bill Koehler, Martin Koehler, Ervin Sporleder, Evans Meier, Norfolk; Fred Weich, Schuyler, all nephews, as pallbearers. John L., son of William Sporleder and Mary Behrens, was born in Carroll, Iowa, August 7, 1879, and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He came with his parents as a child to Pierce County where he attended parochial school. He was married May 20, 1903 to Emma Christina Meier at St. John's Lutheran Church in Randolph by the Rev. H. Strelde. They made their home on a farm east of Pierce where three children were born, Carl, Mamie (Mrs. Fred Kluender, Hadar), and Edger (Osmond). His wife died when Edgar was a month and half old. Mr. Sporleder gave up farming and worked in Pierce at the Buckendahl Hardware Store for a time. On February 27, 1914, he was married to Christina Lena Poignee and again returned to farming east of Pierce where Roy, Verna (Mrs. Archie Weber), Raymond, Wanda (Mrs. Darrell Story, Fremont), and John were born. In 1927, they moved to a farm west of Pierce where they farmed until 1945 when they retired and bought a home in Pierce at 215 Lucas where he lived until his death. His wife preceded him in death on October 18, 1956 and since that time several of his grandchildren had made their home with him when they attended school and worked in Pierce. He passes away Saturday, September 3, in a Norfolk hospital where he had undergone surgery for a ruptured appendix the Saturday previous. He is survived by all eight children, twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. Also, four sisters, Mrs. Mary Koehler, Mrs. Emma Meier, Norfolk; and Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn, Omaha, and Mrs. Art Nelson, Concord. He was preceded in death by three brothers; Bill, Fred and Henry, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry (Lena) Buckendahl, and Mrs. Louise Koehler."

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

xxv **"An Untimely Death.** Will Sporleder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sporleder, met his death late last Saturday evening while going from Pierce to his home five miles east. His body was found lying by the roadside near a culvert between the farms of Wm. Manske and F. Koehler. The first intimation that something was wrong came to the family when the young man's team and wagon came into the yard driverless. A brother and Henry Bockelmann set out at once in search and found the body still warm when discovered and was taken to the home of Mrs. Louise Koehler, a sister of the unfortunate young man. Dr. Oelke was called immediately and upon examination found the neck broken, a bruise over the left eye and forehead and the right arm broken. Life was extinct and the cause of death was so apparent that Dr. Oelke, who also is County Coroner, decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The young man had evidently been thrown from the wagon, either by a sudden stop or hasty starting up of the team. It seems the team was high-strung and Mr. Sporleder, father of the young man, if of the opinion that his son was kicked by one of the horses. In any event, the conditions that surround the death are lamentable and sad to say the least. Funeral services were held at the German Lutheran Church east of town by Rev. Hoflus Tuesday afternoon, being preceded by short services at the house at two o'clock. Besides the home relatives, there were the following from abroad: Fred Sporleder and son, Henry Berns, Mrs. Louise Topp, Mrs. Sophia Subbert, all of Carroll County, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. John Berns of Randolph. The deceased, Wm. Henry Sporleder, lacked one day of being 26 years and nine months old. He was born in Carroll County, Iowa, and moved to Pierce County in 1885 with his parents when but three years of age. He was a hard working young man and had purchased new machinery preparatory to commencing spring work for himself Monday. Last year, he carried on a farm alone and his prospects

for the future were bright.” *Pierce County Call*, April 2, 1908.

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xxvi} William Koehler married Margaret Noerenburg (1907-1942) on February 12, 1924. After her death, he married Lillian (nee Breuckner) Synovec.

^{xxvii} Laurence F. Koehler married Alma L. Strelow (June 6, 1925-September 18, 1999) on December 18, 1925.

^{xxviii} Zelda Freida Martha Koehler married Carl Herbolsheimer (October 15, 1906-September 10, 1988) on June 30, 1930.

^{xxix} **“Albert Koehler Rites Today.** Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) for Albert Koehler at St. John’s Lutheran Church at 2:00 o’clock and at the home in Pierce at 1:30. The Rev. H. A. Hilpert of Norfolk will peach the German service and the Rev. A. H. Kruger the English service. Mrs. Gerhard Harms accompanied the choir at organ. Burial took place in the adjoining Lutheran Cemetery. Pallbearers were six nephews; Martin Koehler, Allen Koehler, Art Koehler, Clarence Koehler, Ervin Sporleder and Harold Meier. Albert Koehler passed away at his home in Pierce at the age of 72 years, after a lingering illness of about two years. He was the son of pioneer settlers, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Koehler, and was born on their homestead north of Pierce on July 25, 1880, one of six boys. He spent his entire life in that vicinity until moving to Pierce about two years ago. As a youth, he attended District 3 and St. John’s parochial school and was baptized and confirmed in St. John’s Church. He was married there by the Rev. A. Hofius on February 12, 1902 to Mary Sporleder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sporleder. They first lived for three years with his parents and then moved to one of his father’s farms which he later bought and where they lived for 47 years until they retired about two years ago and moved into Pierce. Two boys and two girls were born to bless this union. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Zelda) Herbolsheimer, who died august 9, 1949. Surviving to mourn his loss are his widow, two sons, William and Lawrence, Pierce; and one daughter, Mrs. Ed (Elta) Bossard, Tilden. Also 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is survived by one brother, Rudolph Koehler, living east of Pierce. Four brothers preceded him in death.” October 9, 1952

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xxx} **“Last Rites for Mrs. M. Koehler.** Funeral services were held Sunday, May 26 at St. John’s Lutheran Church for Mrs. Mary Koehler who passed away Thursday, May 23 in a Norfolk hospital where she had been taken the day before. The Rev. Jordan Arft officiated at the last rites. Organist Mrs. Marlin Zautke accompanied congregational singing. Burial was in St. John’s Cemetery with Marvin Koehler, Dale A. Koehler, Clifford Bossard, Ivan Herbolsheimer, Kenneth Koehler and Darrell Koehler as pallbearers. Mary Sophia Sporleder was born at Carroll, Iowa August 18, 1883, daughter of the late William Sporleder and Maria Berns. She was baptized October 7, 1883. Her parents came to Nebraska when she was a small child and bought a farm east of Pierce. She attended school in District 20 and later at St. John’s School where she was confirmed by Rev. Ludwig Bendlin in April 1887. On February 12, 1902, Mary Sporleder was united in marriage to Albert Koehler at St. John’s by Rev. A. Hofius. They lived at first with his parents and then moved to another farm which they purchased and where they lived for 47 years until they retired and moved to Pierce in 1951. Mr. Koehler passed away in October 1952. Mrs. Koehler is survived by two sons, William and Laurence, Pierce; one daughter, Mrs. Ed (Elta) Bossard, Tilden; 15 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Art (Ella) Nelson, Concord, Nebraska. Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Zelda) Herbolsheimer; a son, Albert, Jr. in infancy; four brothers, William, Fred, Henry and John Sporleder; four sisters, Mrs. Wm. (Louise) Koehler, Mrs. Henry (Lena) Buckendahl, Mrs. Carl (Emma) Meier, Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn, and one grandson.”

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

^{xxxi} According to the funeral program, pallbearers were Marvin Koehler, Dale A. Koehler, Clifford Bossard, Ivan Herbolsheimer, Kenneth Koehler and Darrell Koehler. The hymns and Bible verses are according to the handwritten notes by Martha (nee Patten) Sporleder, wife of Ernest Sporleder.

^{xxxii} **“Ferdinand Koehler.** Ferdinand Koehler resides in section thirteen, township twenty-six, range two, Pierce County, Nebraska, and is one of the leading old-timers in this section of the state. He came here in 1870, and has always done his full share in the betterment of conditions throughout the community in which he lives. Mr. Koehler (Köhler) was born in the village of Koerlitz, Province of Pomerania, Germany, February 20, 1850, and is the son of Christian and Henrietta (Buske) Koehler. The father was born in 1810 and died in 1861, and the mother was born in

1820 and died in August, 1901. In 1854 the family embarked at Hamburg, Germany, on a sailboat, and nine weeks later landed in New York, whence they went to Wisconsin and rented a farm near Watertown, living there sixteen years. The two Koehler boys, Fred and Ferdinand, came to Norfolk, Nebraska, in 1870, and immediately drove to Pierce County, where they pre-empted land, Ferdinand on section thirteen, township twenty-six, range two, and a year later changed to a homestead entry. On this he built a sod house, living in this (sod house) two years, and then built a good frame house. Here our subject suffered about all the hardships ever experienced by any of the pioneer settlers. In the grasshopper raids of 1873 and 1874, he lost all his crops, and he also suffered from hailstorms. In the blizzard of 1873 the two brothers were visiting at a friend's, and were compelled to remain three days. In January 12, 1888, in getting the children home from school, he had to lead them, watching the ground to keep the road. Mr. Koehler was married September 10, 1872, to Miss Willmena Manske, daughter of John and Wilhelmina (Lempke) Manske, natives of Pomerania. Of this union twelve children have been born, ten of whom are living: Fred, married Martha Schultz, and has one child, Isabel; Mary, married George Koehler; Henry; Emma, wife of Albert Kipke, has three children, Lydia, Elmer and Rueben; Herman, married Ciel Flemming, and has three children, Harry, Alfred and Luella; Martha married Henry Sporleder, and has one child, Erwin; John, Frank, Samuel, Esther; and George and Louis, who are dead. Mr. Koehler now owns eight hundred acres of choice land, and is highly respected in his community as is also his family. He worships at the Evangelical Church."

"Compendium of History, Reminiscence and Biography," © 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 for NEGenWeb Project by T&C Miller, P Ebel, P Shipley, L Cook, as retrieved on Mar 8, 2005, <
http://www.rootsweb.com/~neresour/OLLibrary/Comp_NE/cmp1025.htm>.

xxxiii **"A Native Son Called by Death. Henry Sporleder Passes Away Tuesday at the Home of Daughter.** The many friends of Henry Sporleder were saddened Tuesday morning to learn of his death at 5:20 o'clock that morning. Mr. Sporleder had been in poor health for the past twelve years. During this time, he suffered from heart trouble. He has been seriously ill the past several weeks. Henry Sporleder was on a farm five miles east of Pierce, September 4, 1889. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sporleder, pioneers of this county. He attended district school near his home and was confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church when still quite young. At the age of 19 years, he was united in marriage to Martha Koehler and they began farming the home place, his parents having moved to Pierce that spring. Three sons and a daughter were born to this union, namely Mrs. Edgar (Edna) Rhodman and Ervin at Pierce; Pvt. Lloyd Sporleder, Washington; Pvt. Henry Sporleder, Fort Riley, Kansas. Mrs. Sporleder passed away February 27, 1941, and since Mr. Sporleder has made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodman in Pierce. Surviving besides his children are two grand children, Rita and Barbara Rhodman; four sisters, Mrs. Albert (Mary) Koehler, Mrs. Carl (Emma) Meier of Pierce; Mrs. Art (Ella) Nelson of Laurel; and Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn of Schuyler; and one brother, John of Pierce. Two sisters, two brothers and his parents preceded him in death. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the home and at 2:00 o'clock at St. John's Lutheran Church east of Pierce."

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

xxxiv Gladys Malzahn was born June 18, 1915 at Pierce, Nebraska. On June 9, 1934, she married Fred White who was born May 28, 1907. They were married at Schuyler. She died May 29, 2004 and is interned in the Schuyler Cemetery. "Platte County, Nebraska, 2004 Deaths Reported in the *Columbus Telegram*," <
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~neplatte/vitals/2004deaths2.html>>.

xxxv "Arthur Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Nelson, was born January 8, 1890 on a farm near Dixon. He spent his lifetime farming in the Dixon area. He was married December 30, 1941 to Ella Sporleder at Wayne. He was baptized and confirmed in Concordia Lutheran Church, Concord. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother. Survivors include his widow and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Tuttle and Mrs. Gertie Erwin, both of Concord."

Arthur's obituary is taken from the program at his funeral kept by Ernest and Martha (nee Patten) Sporleder.

xxxvi **"Rites Held For Ella Nelson.** Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, August 12, at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce for Mrs. Art (Ella) Nelson, 83, who died last Thursday, at Pierce Manor. Rev. Martin Russert of Norfolk officiated at the last rites. Organist, Arlan Warneke, accompanied congregational singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Just As I Am." Pallbearers were Darrell Koehler, Leon Buckendahl, Delmar Luebe, Mark Luebe, Martin Koehler and Roland Sporleder. Burial was at Concord Cemetery, Concord, Nebraska. Elle Dorteia Sporleder was born March 21, 1896, east of Pierce to the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Maria Berns) Sporleder. She was baptized April 2, 1896, at St. John's Lutheran Church by Rev. Bendin, and was confirmed March 10, 1910, at Zion Lutheran Church by Rev. M. F. Scheips. She was married in 1922 to Richard Malzahn at

Pierce. He died in 1940. On December 30, 1941, she married Arthur Nelson at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne. They farmed in the Dixon and Concord area from 1942 until the death of Mr. Nelson in 1968, when Mrs. Nelson moved back to Pierce. Mrs. Nelson was the last remaining member of the William Sporleder family and is survived by nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her parents; both husbands; five sisters, Mrs. Henry (Lena) Buckendahl, Mrs. William (Louise) Koehler, Mrs. Albert (Mary) Koehler, Mrs. Carl (Emma) Meier and Mrs. George (Freda) Malzahn; and four brothers, John, Henry, Bill and Fred Sporleder." August 16, 1979

The obituary was provided by Gayle Sporleder.

xxxvii **"Carl Sporleder.** Carl Sporleder, 85, of Lake City, died Sunday, July 5, 1992, at Stewart Memorial Community Hospital in Lake City. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City with the Rev. Erland Asmus officiating. Burial will be at Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Lidderdale. Visitation began at noon today, Tuesday, at the Huffman Memorial Chapel in Lake City. A prayer service will be at 8 this evening at the funeral home. Mr. Sporleder was born May 3, 1907. On May 6, 1931, he was married to Sophia Sievers at Lidderdale. The couple farmed in the Lake City area, retiring in 1974. After retirement, they moved to Lake City where he resided at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Sophia, of Lake City; one daughter, Joanne Pfiester, of Davenport, Iowa; two sons, James Sporleder of Elk Horn and Larry of Glendale, Arizona; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Erwin Sporleder of Glidden and Lawrence Sporleder of Carroll."

The information is from the memorial service and the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection.

"Sophia Sporleder. Lake City—Sophia Sporleder, 80, of Lake City, died January 30, 1994 at Lake Regional Medical Center, Leesburg, Florida. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Lake City, with the Rev. Erland Asmus officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Lidderdale. Visitation is after 3 p.m. Thursday at Lampe Funeral Home in Lake City. Prayer services will be 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Among the survivors are a daughter, JoAnn Pfiester, Davenport; sons, Jim Sporleder, Elkhorn, and Larry Sporleder, Glendale, Arizona; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and sister Lavine Trier, Lake City. Sophia Sievers was born 1913 at Carroll County. In 1931, she married Carl Sporleder at the home of her parents in Lidderdale. The couple farmed southwest of there for nine years. They moved to Lake City and farmed southwest of there until retiring in 1974."

The obituary is from the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection.

xxxviii Ervin Sporleder's wife was Luella Ann Breidert. **"Luella Ann Sporleder.** Luella Ann Sporleder, 80, Glidden, died at her home on January 5, 2001. Funeral services were held Monday, January 8, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Raymond Reinbolt officiating. Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery at Lidderdale. Luella was born March 6, 1920, at Lidderdale, the daughter of Fred and Louise Topp Breidert and was married to Ervin Sporleder on September 22, 1940 at Immanuel Lutheran parsonage. She worked for 14 years at the Boomsma Egg Plant in Glidden, retiring in 1982. The Sporleders had farmed in the Glidden and Lidderdale area for many years before retiring in 1980. She as a life-long member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale, where she was also a member of the Adult Fellowship and Bible study class of the church. She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son and a brother Fred Breidert, Jr. and three sisters: Josephine Johnson, Marian Petersen and Arlene Breidert. Survivors include her husband, Ervin of Glidden; a daughter, Linda Francis and her special friend, Kenneth Kaderlik, of Fairbault, Minnesota; sons Roger Sporleder and his wife Sherry of Glidden, Steven Sporleder and his wife Marilyn of Lidderdale; daughter Mary Sturm and her husband Don of Carroll; daughter June Kennebeck and her husband John of Glidden; son Philip Sporleder of Carroll; and a daughter Janel Niceswanger and her husband Eric of Carroll; 22 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren." *Lake City Graphic*

xxxix **Lawrence A. Sporleder.** Lawrence A. Sporleder, 82, of Carroll died Sunday, July 20, 2008, at Carroll. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 24, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll with the Rev. Timothy Johnson presiding. Eucharistic ministers will be Jessica James and Nick James. Lectors will be Chris Humlicek, Jessica James and Tony Whitaker. Gift bearers will be Angela Arenas, Sarah Martin, Jessica James, Jennifer Schroeder, Chelsea Whitaker and Whitney Whitaker. Casket bearers will be Chris Humlicek, Chad Humlicek, Adam Humlicek, Tony Whitaker, Eric Betts, Ryan Betts, Jeff Tutmark and David Tutmark. The Carroll American Legion post will give military honors. Burial will be in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery at Lidderdale. Visitation starts at 3:30 and a rosary will be prayed at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon at Ohde Twit Funeral Home in Carroll. A vigil will be held at 7 Wednesday night at the funeral home. A son of Anton and Anna (Pluckhahn) Sporleder, he was born July 24, 1925, at Carroll and rural school at Lidderdale. Mr. Sporleder enlisted in the Army

in 1943. He and Agnes Veit were married July, 24, 1947, at the Sts. Peter and Paul Parsonage in Carroll. Mr. Sporleder worked as a farmer, roofer, hospital orderly, tank wagon driver for Community Oil Co., bus driver for Kuemper Catholic Schools and a deliverer for Ann's Flowers in Carroll for 21 years. He was a member of Holy Spirit Church and enjoyed fishing, woodworking, playing cards, hunting and watching Chicago Cubs baseball. Survivors include his wife, Agnes, of Carroll; five daughters and their husbands: Caroline and Mike Humlicek of Carroll, Connie and Darwin Betts of Carroll, Christie and Rick Whitaker of Glidden, Cynthia and Tom Langel of Carroll and Cathy and Peter Tutmark of Canby, Oregon.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Sporleder was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers: Carl Sporleder, Ervin Sporleder and Jerry Templeton. *Carroll Times Herald*, July 21, 2008

^{xl} *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Grant Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

^{xli} “**Anton Henry Sporleder**—Mr. Anton Henry Sporleder, son of Fred and Franziska Sporleder, nee Werner, was born at Manhattan, Will County, Illinois, July 28, 1881. He was baptized September 4, 1881 by the Rev. H. Friedemeier. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1883, residing on a farm in Grant Township, Carroll County. Following due instruction in matters of the Lutheran faith, he was confirmed by the Rev. Andrew Mueller at Lidderdale in the year 1895. On February 22, 1905, he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Pluckhahn, the vows being exchanged at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carroll, the Rev. C. F. Luebker officiating. This marriage was blessed with five children, three of whom survive. Mr. Sporleder was member of the Lutheran Church having received his education in Lutheran and rural schools. He and his family united with the St. John's American Lutheran Church of Grant Township January 22, 1939 of which church he was an active member. Mr. and Mrs. Sporleder observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary in February of this year and also had a brief anniversary service as a part of the Sunday's Service on March 6th. Mr. Sporleder farmed in Grant Township until the year 1947 when they retired to Glidden. His health began to fail about two years ago and he required hospitalization several times. His physical condition appeared to be fair for the last few months, but he passed away at the home of his son, Mr. Erwin Sporleder, early Tuesday morning, September 27 following a heart attack. He attained the age of 74 years and two months. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and a daughter. Those who survive and mourn his passing include his wife, Mrs. Anna Sporleder; three sons, Mr. Carl Sporleder, Lake City; Mr. Erwin Sporleder, Glidden; and Mr. Lawrence Sporleder, Carroll. Also 12 grandchildren; one brother; Mr. Arnold Sporleder, Lidderdale and one sister, Mrs. John Kurth, Sheridan Township. A host of other relatives and many friends are saddened at the passing of Mr. Sporleder out this life.”

The obituary was provided by James Sporleder.

^{xlii} “**Frederick Arnold Sporleder**. Frederick (Fritz) Arnold Sporleder, 82, of Carroll, died at the St. Francis Memorial Hospital in West Point, Nebraska on Friday, December 2001. Services were Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale with Military Honors by the Maurice Dunn Post of the American Legion of Carroll. He was born September 20, 1920, the son of Arnold and Gretchen (Faber) Sporleder. He was baptized on October 17, 1920 and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on April 14, 1935 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale. He attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Carroll High School. He married June Bachman on February 18, 1950 at the Central Lutheran Church in Winona, Minnesota. He was a lifelong resident of Carroll County having farmed northeast of Carroll across the road from where he was raised. He retired in 1985. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale where he served as chairman of the congregation for many years, the Lutheran Laymen's League, and the Carroll Maurice Dunn Post of the American Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Marsha. Survivors include his wife June of rural Carroll; a daughter Joyce (Mark) Lase of Bancroft, Nebraska; a son Mark (Diana) Sporleder of Woodbridge, Virginia; five grandchildren; two sisters, Martha (Richard) Davis of Mt. Dora, Florida and Catherine (Harold) Rudi of Payson, Arizona, one brother Robert (Ardith) Sporleder of Charter Oak; an uncle Carl Faber of Prior Lake, Minnesota and sister-in-law Fern (Bill) Meyer of Huron, South Dakota.” *Lake City Graphic*, December 19, 2001, page 11

^{xliii} “**Robert Sporleder**. Robert Carl Sporleder was born on June 21, 1927, the son of Arnold and Gretchen Faber Sporleder. He died Friday, December 1, 2006 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, Iowa at the age of seventy-nine. Robert was born in Carroll, Iowa and grew up on a farm north of Carroll. He was baptized in Christ and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lidderdale, Iowa. He received his education at Grant Township Country School and Carroll High School. On October 28, 1951, Robert was united in marriage to Ardith Brown. The couple made their home on the Sporleder home farm in Carroll County for fifteen years and was blessed with the birth of three children. The Sporleders moved to a farm north of Charter Oak in 1967. Through his life,

Robert loved riding and showing his Arabian Horses, fishing and visiting with everyone he met. He also enjoyed traveling with Tire Resource Systems delivering their products throughout the eastern United States, Taiwan and Puerto Rico. Robert was actively involved in 4-H with his children as they were growing. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, where he served as an Elder and Trustee. He was a member of the Charter Oak Community Club and Commercial Club. Robert was a member of the Arabian Horse Society of America and the International Arabian Association. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Fritz and one sister, Martha. Survivors include his wife, Ardith of Charter Oak; two daughters, Kristin Caughey and her husband, William of El Dorado, Kansas; Sandra McCartney of Issaquah, Washington; one son, Scott Sporleder and his wife, Anne of Mathison, Colorado; five grandchildren; one sister, Catherine Rudi of Oro Valley, Arizona; other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at St. John Lutheran Church in Charter Oak, Iowa. Rev. Richard Merrill officiated the services and grave side rites held at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Charter Oak. Organist Marjorie Neddermeyer provided the organ accompaniment for soloist Sara Bohnker as she sang, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and for the congregational hymns, 'Be Still, My Soul,' 'Onward Christian Soldiers,' and 'Lift High the Cross.' Those serving as pallbearers were: Patrick McCartney, Scott Sporleder, Cary Caughey, Jeremiah McCartney, Aaron Caughey, and Bill Caughey. A Prayer Service was held at 7:00 p.m., Monday at the Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak. The family invited everyone in attendance to join them in fellowship and lunch served by the Ladies Aid. The Huebner Funeral Home in Charter Oak was in charge of the arrangements." Denison, Iowa newspaper, December 8, 2006

^{xliv} *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Grant Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

^{xliv} "**Mrs. Gretchen Sporleder.** Lidderdale—Funeral services for Mrs. Gretchen Catherine Sporleder, 85, of Lidderdale were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church here. The Rev. Albert T. Bostelmann officiated. Congregational hymns were 'I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus' and 'Beautiful Savior.' A. L. Daenzer was organist. Pallbearers were Carl Sporleder, Ervin Sporleder, Lawrence Sporleder, Emil Kurth, Elmer Fricke and Oliver Wenck. Interment was in the church cemetery, under the direction of the Dahn-Woodhouse Funeral Home of Carroll. Mrs. Sporleder, widow of Arnold Sporleder, was dead upon arrival at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll at 8:45 a.m. Friday, November 28 (1975). She was born July 19, 1890, at Osfrieslund, Germany, a daughter of Rudolph and Martha Gerdes Faber. She has been a resident of this area since 1909, coming from Germany. On October 28, 1919, she married Mr. Sporleder at Carroll. Surviving are four children, Fritz of Carroll, Mrs. Ted (Martha) Hoemann of Indianapolis, Indiana, Mrs. Harold (Catherine) Rudi of Anaheim, California, and Robert of Charter Oak; 12 grandchildren and a brother, Carl Faber of Lidderdale. A granddaughter preceded her in death in addition to her husband."

The obituary is from the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection

^{xlvi} *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Sheridan Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

^{xlvi} "**Elsie M. Zeman.** Elsie M. Zeman, age 99, a resident of the Manitowoc Health Care Center and formerly of 1037 N. 13th St., Manitowoc, entered eternal rest late Thursday evening, April 14, 2005 at the Manitowoc Health Care Center. Funeral services will be held on April 18, 2005 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1712 Menasha Ave., Manitowoc, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Richard C. Miller officiating. Burial of her cremated remains will be held at a later date at Knollwood Memorial Gardens. Friends may call at Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday, April 18, 2005 from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 628 N. Water St., Manitowoc, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials to Redeemer Lutheran Church." *Herald Times Reporter*, April 17, 2005

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

^{xlvi} "**Gertrude Mullin.** Fox Lake - Gertrude Mullin, 90, of Fox Lake, died on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Beaver Dam Community Hospital. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, June 4, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fox Lake. The Rev. David Nottling will officiate. Burial will be in Annunciation Parish Cemetery, town of Trenton. Mrs. Mullin was born on Dec. 29, 1911, in Rib Lake, the fourth child of 10, to William and Hulda (Klausch) Jonas. She was married in 1936 to William L. Mullin in Fox Lake. Mrs. Mullin's family moved to the Cambria area in 1920, where she attended Healy Country School. In 1946, she and her husband moved onto the family farm where they farmed until their retirement in 1962, and moved back to Fox Lake, where she resided since. She was employed in the research lab of Green Giant Canning Co., Fox Lake, for 26 years. She was a member of the

Fox Lake American Legion Auxiliary Post 521, past member of the Fox Lake Women's Club, the HOA Club, and the Stitch and Chatter Club. She volunteered for many years for American Red Cross blood drives in Fox Lake, serving on the kitchen committee. She was a devoted member of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fox Lake, its Ladies Aid, the Missionary Society and World Missions. She will be sadly missed and mourned by one son, William (Barbara) Mullin, Fox Lake; one daughter, Elaine (Duane) Neitzel, Madison; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; one step-great-great-grandson; two sisters, Elsie Zeman, Manitowoc, and Anna Manthey, Pardeeville; two brothers, William (Lorraine) Jonas, Pewaukee, and Melvin (Elizabeth) Jonas, Fox Lake; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Jonas, Fox Lake, and Melba Jonas, Portage; nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William, on May 13, 1965; one sister, Ella Davis, and four brothers, Erhardt, Walter, Harvey and Marvin. Friends may call on Monday, June 3, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kratz-Smedema Funeral Home, Fox Lake, and on Tuesday, June 4, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fox Lake."

"Gertrude Mullin," as retrieved on Jan 26, 2005 05:41:58 GMT,
<<http://obits.conleynet.com/citizen/2002/June/03/01.htm>>.

^{xlix} Anna L. Manthey, age 90, of Pardeeville, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2005, at the Columbia Health Care Center, Wyocena. Anna was born on Feb. 2, 1914, in Rib Lake, the daughter of William and Hulda (Klausch) Jonas. She was united in marriage to Raymond Manthey on March 7, 1942, at the Lutheran Church, Fox Lake. Three sons blessed their marriage. Anna was owner-operator of the beauty shop in Cambria for many years. She also worked as a cook at the Wyocena Health Care Center until her retirement. She enjoyed the deer park, behind her home and the many beautiful flowers that graced the farm. Anna was a loving, caring and giving wife, mother and grandmother. She served her family with cooking and baking. Family get-togethers were always a favorite with potato pancakes. Anna was an avid bowler for many years, she was on the Sportsman's Bowling League, was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Pardeeville, and the Ladies Aid. She is survived by her loving children, Harold (Kathy) Manthey of Cambria, and Russell (Debra) Manthey of Pardeeville; daughter-in-law, Marlene Manthey of Pardeeville; grandchildren, Lisa (Mike) Calkins, Peggy (Scott) Braun, Jacob (Kelly) Manthey, Joshua (Jodi) Manthey, Jessica (Jeremy), Scott (Amy) Manthey and Steven Manthey; great-grandchildren, Alissa and Jorden Calkins, Caleb and Margaret "Maggie" Braun and Xavier Homans; brothers and sisters, Elsie Zeman of Manitowoc, William (Lorraine) Jonas of Pewaukee, and Melvin (Elizabeth) Jonas of Fox Lake; sisters-in-law, Melba Jonas of Portage, and Shirley Jonas of Fox Lake; many nieces, nephews, other near and dear relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond, in 1983; a son, Howard, in 1991; brothers and sisters, Ella Davis, Earhardt Jonas, Gertrude Mullins, Walter Jonas, Harvey Jonas and Marvin Jonas. Funeral Services for Anna Manthey will be held on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005, at 11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pardeeville. Pastor Edward Lindemann will officiate. Burial will be in the Marcellon Cemetery. Friends and relatives may call at the church on Saturday from 9 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made in Anna Manthey's name to the St. Johns Lutheran Church. Special thanks to the staff on Evergreen at the Columbia Health Care Center in Wyocena. Their compassion, support and love to Anna were truly a blessing. Also thanks to Dr. Cassandra Valmadrid for the care given to Anna. The Smith Funeral Home, Pardeeville, is serving the family Smith Funeral Home 106 Roosevelt St. Pardeeville

<<http://www.madison.com/obits/listings.php?type=trans&date=01%2F27%2F2005>>.

¹ "Walter R. Jonas. Portage—Walter R. Jonas, age 82, of Portage, died on Friday, December 18, 1998, at his home in Portage. Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 21, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage with the Rev. Alan Beck and the Rev. Todd Riordan co-officiating. Burial will be held on Monday at 4 p.m. in Randolph Cemetery. Friends may call on Sunday, December 20, 1998 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Pflanz Mantey Mendrala Funeral Home in Portage and at the church on Monday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service at 1:30 p.m. Walter Jonas was born on a farm near Rib Lake, Wisconsin on January 4, 1916, the son of William and Hulda Jonas. On November 11, 1943, he married the former Melba Marquart. They lived most of their entire married life in Portage. For many years, he owned and operated the West Side Service Station in Portage and also worked at Jenkins Motor Sales and Service in Portage House (NAPA). Walter served in the European Theater during World War II and was a member of VFW Post No. 1707 and the American Legion Post No. 47. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage and had served on various boards of the church during his life. He is survived by his wife, Melba; one son, Douglas (Laurie) Jonas and three grandsons, Mark, Kevin and Andrew of Portage; three sisters, Anna Manthey of Pardeeville; Gertrude Mullin of Fox Lake; and Elsie Zeman of Manitowoc; three brothers, William Jonas of Pewaukee; Melvin Jonas of Fox Lake and Marvin Jonas of Fox Lake; many nieces and nephews; other relatives and many close friends. He was preceded in death by his

parents, a sister, Ella, and two brothers, Erhardt and Harvey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's. Walter loved the outdoors. He enjoyed trout fishing especially, also duck and pheasant hunting, and, of course, his grandchildren and family."

The obituary is taken from the memorial service.

li "Marvin Jones. Marvin Jonas, age 72, of Fox Lake died Friday morning, July 30, 1999, at his home following a lingering illness. Marvin was born on March 27, 1927 on the family homestead in the Town of Springvale, Columbia County, the youngest of ten children to William and Hulda (Klausch) Jonas. He attended rural country schools until his family moved to Fox Lake in 1941 where he graduated from the Fox Lake High School in 1945. Marvin was united in marriage to Shirley Wedge on June 23, 1948 at the St. Mary's Catholic Church Parsonage. In 1953, he enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Camp Roberts in California and later at Fort Lewis in Washington, working in the communications department. Marvin and Shirley enjoyed farming outside of Fox Lake for ten years and then moved to the City of Fox Lake in 1960 there they resided since. Marvin was employed with Streich Motors for several years and then as General Manager at Friesland for Cupery and DeYoung Storage until his retirement in 1988. Marvin was an avid bowler, softball player and golfer. He will be especially remembered for his love gardening and quiet moments he spent fishing at their cottage (Wedge's Bay) on Fox Lake. Marvin was a past member of Fox Lake Golf Club, Knights of Columbus Father Budde Council and was a devoted member of Annunciation Parish of Fox Lake. Marvin will be sadly missed and mourned by his wife, Shirley of Fox Lake, three sisters: Elsie Zeman of Manitowoc, WI; Gertrude Mullin of Fox Lake; Anna Manthey of Pardeeville, WI, sister-in-law; Melba Jonas of Portage; two brothers: William (Lorraine) Jonas of Pewaukee, WI; Melvin (Elizabeth) Jonas of Fox Lake; brother-in-law, Gordon (Elda) Wedge of Daytona Beach, FL; many nieces, nephews, several other relatives and friends. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Rose Lucille on December 7, 1954; three brothers, Erhart, Walter and Harvey and one sister, Ella Davis."

The obituary was taken from the pamphlet at his memorial service held on August 3, 1999, at Annunciation Parish, Fox Lake with Father Michael Wild officiating. Interment was at the Annunciation Parish Cemetery, Town of Trenton, Dodge County, Wisconsin.

lii "Rites Held Tuesday for Mrs. Wm. Jonas. Mrs. William Jonas, 64, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Beaver Dam on Saturday January 5 of a heart condition after having been ill for the past two years. Funeral services were held from St. John's Lutheran Church at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Burial was made in the Waushara Cemetery with the Rev. G. W. Zunker officiating. The deceased was born April 8, 1881 in Germany and she came to this country with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Edward Klausch at the age of 1½ years. She lived at Saginaw, Michigan until ten years old and then moved to Medford, Wisconsin where on February 21, 1905, she was married to William Jonas. They resided at Rib Lake, Wisconsin until 1920 and then moved to a farm near Cambria where they lived until 1929 when they moved to Fox Lake. She is survived by her husband and ten children: Mrs. Anton (Elsie) Zeman, Manitowoc; Mrs. Karl Davis (Ella); Mrs. William (Gertrude) Mullin, Fox Lake; Erhardt, Randolph; Mrs. Ray (Anna) Manthey, Pardeeville; Walter, Portage; William, Jr. Waukesha; Melvin, Harvey and Marvin all of Fox Lake. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Gertrude Nohr, and a brother, Fred Klausch, Milwaukee. The St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid of which she was a faithful member attended the services in a body. 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.'" *Fox Lake Representative*, Number 52, page 1, January 108, 1946

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

liii "William Henry Jonas, 76, Passed away at the Home of His Daughter, Mrs. Ella Davis, Early Monday morning. Death was attributed to a heart condition. The deceased was born August 7, 1874 in Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jonas. While he was still a baby, the family moved to Two Rivers, Wisconsin. On February 21, 1905, he married Hulda Klusch and following his marriage moved to Medford. In 1920, he moved to Cambria and in 1940 to a farm near Fox Lake. His wife preceded him in death January 6, 1946 and since then he has made his home with his daughter. He was actively employed until the time of his death working for his son-in-law, Carl Davis, a building contractor. Survivors are his six sons and four daughters, Mrs. Elsie Zeman, Manitowoc; Mrs. Ella Davis, Fox Lake; Erhardt, Rudolph; Mrs. Gertrude Mullin; Fox Lake; Mrs. Anna Manthey, Pardeeville; Walter, Portage; Melvin, Beaver Dam; Marvin, Fox Lake; William, Waukesha; and Harvey, Beaver Dam. Also surviving are three brothers: Fred, Two Rivers; Henry, Waukesha and Walter, Chicago and also two sisters: Mrs. Herman (Minnie) Tess, Sturgeon and Mrs. Winston (Louise) Raper, Chicago and eleven grandchildren." *Fox Lake Representative*, Volume 82, page 1, January 18, 1951

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

^{liv} Dalby, John. *Civil War Veterans*. Orem, UT: Ancestry, Inc., 1999, as retrieved on Aug 27, 2005 06:43:27 GMT, <<http://tracking.ancestry.com/goto.asp?sourceid=8913&tracktype=D&trackval=3729>>.

^{lv} “Narrative of the First Regiment of Minnesota Heavy Artillery by Lieutenant and Adjutant James J. Egan,” The Great Rebellion – The American Civil War, as retrieved on Aug 29, 2005 17:42:54 GMT, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnwabcw/>>.

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“East Tennessee’s Mountain War” by the Tennessee Historical Commission, as retrieved on Nov 15, 2004 06:33:17 GMT, <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/hist/PathDivided/east_tn.php>.

^{lvi} **Killed by Cars.** Last Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock as Herman Freitag was walking on the railroad track, on his way from town to his home one mile east, he was overtaken and run over by an outgoing freight train running at high speed. The trainmen saw the accident and they stopped as soon as possible and went back to where the man was lying, picked him up and brought him back to town. It was found that the train had passed over an arm and a leg. The unfortunate man was taken to the hospital at Brainerd on the 11 o'clock passenger train, and there his injured limbs were amputated and everything possible done to save life, but he died on Sunday. The remains were brought to Aitkin Monday, and the funeral services were held in the afternoon. Mr. Freitag was an old soldier, about 54 years old, and leaves a wife and five children. He came here with his family from near Mankato about a year ago. He is somewhat deaf, which possibly is the reason he did not hear the train. *Aitkin Independent Age*, December 11, 1900

The newspaper article was provided by Ellen Rohr.

^{lvii} “Emmath G. Jonas, 76, of 1717 21st Street, Two Rivers, died unexpectedly late Monday morning, August 15, at home. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Two Rivers. The Rev. Edward Stelter will officiate and burial will be in Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers. Mr. Jonas was born August 21, 1906, at Lynd, Minnesota, son of the late Fred and Ida Freitag Jonas. He married Martha Blum, March 10, 1934, at Waukegan, Illinois. He was a painter for many years. He also was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife, Martha: four sons and three daughters-in-law; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and three sisters-in-law. He was preceded in death by twin daughters and three brothers. Friends may call at Deja and Martin Funeral Chapels 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock this Tuesday evening and at the church after 9 a.m. Wednesday.” *Herald-Times-Reporter*, Manitowoc-Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Tuesday, August 16, 1983

“Martha Jonas of Two Rivers died early Tuesday morning after a courageous and non-complaining bout with cancer. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Two Rivers. Rev. Edward Stelter will officiate with burial at Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers. She was born April 11, 1913 in Two Rivers, daughter of the late William and Meta Wenholtz Blum. She attended St. John Parochial School. On March 10, 1934 she married Emmath Jonas in Waukegan, Illinois. He preceded her in death August 15, 1983. Mrs. Jonas did housekeeping work and she wanted to remember all the children she babysat for during her life. Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, a brother, and five sisters, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son and two daughters. Martha was a very special person who was much loved by everyone whose life she touched.” *Manitowoc Herald Times*, October 17, 1990

^{lviii} “Harry G. Jonas, 50, Rt. 1, Mishicot, farmer, died unexpectedly late Friday afternoon of a heart attack while working in the field of his farm. He had been in good health previous to this affliction. Funeral Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mishicot, the Rev. David Worgull officiating. Burial will be in Forest View Cemetery. Harry Jonas was born Aug. 31, 1911 at Wolford, N.D., a son of the late Fred and Ida Freitag Jonas. He attended school at Franklin, Minnesota and in 1927 the family moved to the Town of Two Creeks. He married the former Edna Zierzow of Two Creeks June 23, 1938 and in 1941 the family took over the present farm. Besides his wife he leaves two daughters at home; two sisters; three brothers, Emmath of Two Rivers, Harvey of San Antonio, Texas and Fred of Rt. 1 Mishicot. Friends may call at the Deja and Martin Funeral Chapels after 3 p.m. Sunday until 11 a.m., Monday when the casket will be taken to the church where the body will lie in state until the time of services.” *Herald Times*, Saturday, May 19, 1962

“Funeral services for Harry Jonas, 50, of Rt. 1, Mishicot, who died unexpectedly of a heart attack while at work on his farm Friday afternoon, were at 2 p.m. Monday at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mishicot, the Rev. David

Worgull officiating. Burial was in Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers. Pallbearers were nephews of the deceased.” *Herald Times*, Thursday May 24, 1962

“Edna C. Jonas, age 80, of 1609 N. 21st St. Manitowoc, died Thursday morning, January 20, 2000 at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center, Manitowoc. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2000 at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church. Reverends Bruce McKenny and Robert Kujawski will officiate with burial at Forest View Cemetery. Edna was born February 27, 1919, in Two Creeks, daughter of the late Arthur and Edith Geerds Zierzow. She graduated from Washington High School, Two Rivers, with the class of 1936, and also attended the Manitowoc Vocational School. She married Harry Jonas, on June 23, 1938, in Two Creeks. He preceded her in death on May 18, 1962. Edna was the Deputy Register of Deeds, for Manitowoc County for many years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of the Ladies Aid of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Manitowoc Garden Club. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law; four grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law; one sister-in-law; a dear special friend; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. The family will greet relatives and friends on Sunday at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, from 1 p.m. until the time of service at 3 p.m. The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. *Herald Times Reporter*, January 21, 2000

Editorial note: Mrs. Marie Jonas, sister-in-law to Edna, was omitted from this obituary.

^{lix} Irene J. Schmitz, age 89, passed away Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged (Kenosha). Born on March 14, 1918 in Bird Island, Minnesota, she was the daughter of the late Fred T. and Ida B. (Freitag) Jonas. She was educated in schools of Minnesota. On May 6, 1940 she married Sylvester Schmitz at Holy Trinity Church in New Ulm, Minnesota. They came to Kenosha in 1952. He preceded her in death on May 23, 1994. From 1966 until her retirement in 1973 she was employed by the Kenosha County Clerk of Circuit Courts. Following her retirement she moved to Florida and later returned to Kenosha in March of 1995. She was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church and St. Mark's Christian Ladies. She was also a former member of the VFW Auxiliary. Irene was and avid bowler and a member of the Hall of Fame Roster. She also enjoyed golfing. Survivors include her son, James C. Schmitz of Kenosha. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Emmath, Harvey, Harry and Fred; and one sister, Lydia. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 2 at St. Mark Catholic Church. Interment will be private. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the mass. *The Journal*, New Ulm, Minnesota, February 1, 2008

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

Editorial note: Sylvester A. Schmitz was born December 16, 1916 and died May 23, 1994 in Sarasota Florida.

^{lx} “**Mrs. Fred Jonas Killed. Kicked by Horse While Hitching up Team at Chas. Stoll Home.** Mrs. Fred Jonas, formerly of Franklin, residing northeast of Morton was kicked by a horse while hitching up her team after a visit at Chas. Stoll home on Wednesday of last week, which resulted in her death the following morning. The tragedy is a severe shock to the bereaved family and their friends. Mrs. Jonas had called at the Chas. Stoller home and had stayed for dinner. After dinner, she went out to hitch up the team she was driving and as she attempted to rearrange some part of the harness, the horse kicked striking her over the heart, and breaking two ribs. She was taken to her home where she was given medical care, but the injury was too severe for her to withstand, and she passed away Thursday morning. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Rev. Sauer of Morton officiating, and interment made in the Morton Cemetery. Mrs. Fred Jonas, nee Freitag, was born in Nicollet County in 1878, and moved to Brown County with her parents while yet a small girl. At the age of nineteen, she was united in marriage to Ray White, who three years later lost his life in a railroad accident. To this union a son and daughter were born namely, Howard and Adeline White. Seven years later, she was united in marriage to Fred Jonas. To this union six children were born, namely, Emmath, Harvey, Harry, Fred, Lydia and Irene, all of whom, together with her husband, mourn her untimely death. She also leaves three brothers, Robert, August and Fred Freitag.” *The Morton Enterprise*, October 4, 1923

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

^{lxi} “Fred T. Jonas, 84, of Route 1, Mishicot, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Monday morning at the home of a son, Harry, with whom he had made his home since 1934. He had been in failing health for about year. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mishicot, the Rev. David Worgull officiating. Burial will be in the Forest View Cemetery, Two Rivers. Mr. Jonas was born October 2, 1875 at Kellogg, Jasper County, Iowa, a son of the late Fred and Wilhelmina Sporleder Jonas. He married the former Ida White at Vesta, Minnesota, November 16, 1905. She died September 26, 1923. Mr. Jonas celebrated his 80th birthday in 1955 with all members of his family present. He farmed in Minnesota until his retirement in 1941.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Lydia Holloran, Chicago; Mrs. Irene Schmitz, Kenosha and three sons: Harvey, San Antonio, Texas and Fred of Route 1, Misicot and two sisters: Mrs. Winton (Louise) Raper; and Mrs. Herman (Minnie) Tess, Sturgeon Bay; a brother, Walter, Chicago; 12 grandchildren and two great children.” *Herald Times*, February 2, 1960

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

lxii “Louis Jonas, one of the farmers living east of this village, has not been seen or heard of since last Friday morning. It was his habit of going before his mates and hunt rabbits until they came. Last Friday when his mates came to the place where they worked, they found his dinner pail and coat, but the man and his gun were no where to be seen. They did not pay much attention to him, thinking he was off a little ways and would return. When he failed to show up in the evening, a search for him was organized and he has not shown up yet.” *Rib Lake Herald*, December 13, 1907

The news article was provided by Ellen Rohr.

“**Louis Jonas’ Body Found.**” Readers of the *Herald* remember that we recorded the sudden appearance of Louis Jonas on the 26th of November, last. On that day, he went to work in the morning the same as usual, to chop wood, and left the house about half an hour ahead of his companions. When they arrived at the place where they worked, they saw his dinner pail and coat in its usual place, but he was not there. As he was in the habit of taking his rifle along and hunt early in the morning, they paid little attention to it and thought he was in pursuit of some game. But when evening came and he did not appear, they became somewhat worried and instituted a search for him. This was continued for several days and the woods was full of men the following Sunday who were trying to locate him. Nothing has been heard of him until last Tuesday. Last Tuesday, Andrew Berg was out hunting in the vicinity of what is known as Case’s homestead and in the following a wolf trail, he came upon the body of a dead man. He notified the authorities at once and an inquest was ordered by the District Attorney. Therefore Justice of the Peace George Clark went out to hold an inquest and identify the body if possible. The jury found that the man was Louis Jonas, who disappeared last November and that he came to his death by shooting himself in the head with the rifle. The body was found one mile southeast from where he worked with his companions in November. It lay flat on its back, the gun between the knees and both hands were clasped around it. The ball entered the brain in the left side of the forehead. The caliber was 36-56 [This may be an 30-06, I will check it out, Dale] The body was brought to this village in the evening and placed in Case & Pole’s undertaking establishment, where it will be prepared for burial. His parents at Manitowoc were notified. Date for the funeral has not yet been set. He has a brother living in the Township of Rib Lake and leaves a wife and one child. What prompted him to take his own life is not certain, although there are many theories. He is said to have lived in peace with his family. It is a sad affair.” *Rib Lake Herald*, February 7, 1908

The news article was provided by Ellen Rohr.

lxiii Linda Tess’ first husband was Edward Smejkal and her second husband was Gilbert Robillard, Sr. “**Robillard Sr., Gilbert L.**” Gilbert L. Robillard Sr., 92, Sturgeon Bay, died at the Dorchester Health and Rehab. Center on Jan. 31, 2005. He was born in Door County on February 28, 1912, to the late William and Mary (Shaw) Robillard. He owned and operated Deep Rock Oil Company for many years. Gilbert also farmed and had a cherry orchard in the town of Gardner. He married Mabel Witt who preceded him in death on Dec. 26, 1983. He then married Linda (Tess) Smejkal on January 12, 1985. Survivors include his wife, Linda; three children, Gilbert (Linda) Jr., Sun City, Ariz.; Carol (Ted) Elliott, Verona, N.Y.; and Arlyn (Gary) Londo, Sturgeon Bay; seven grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Wilmer (Lillian) Robillard, Green Bay; two sisters, Glennie DeBroux, Green Bay; Bernice (Don) Mathison, Sturgeon Bay; a brother-in-law, Kenneth “Pooky” Tess, Sturgeon Bay; and a sister-in-law, Gwen Simonar, Two Rivers; two step-daughters, Mary (Gene) Wetak, Sturgeon Bay; Debra Peterson, Sturgeon Bay; six step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at the Sturgeon Bay Moravian Church with the Rev. Dr. Matthew Knapp officiating. Burial will be at Bayside Cemetery. Friends may call at the church on Thursday from 9 a.m. until the time of services. A memorial fund has been established in his name. Forbes Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.” *Green Bay Press Gazette*, Feb. 7, 2005, Obituaries for Feb. 02, 2005

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr. The obituary may also be found at *Green Bay Press-Gazette* - Obituaries, February 2, 2005, © 2004, as retrieved on Mar 2, 2005 20:39:52 GMT, <http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/news/records/rec_19665585.shtml>.

lxiv **“Tess, Kenneth M. ‘Pooky.’** Kenneth “Pooky” Tess, 79, died peacefully Tuesday, April 5, 2005, in Sturgeon Bay, after several months of illness. Pooky was born September 4, 1925, and lived on the west side of Sturgeon Bay his entire life. He was the son of Herman and Minnie (Jonas) Tess. He was a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1943-46 and served in the Pacific. On October 10, 1953, he married Katherine “Kitty” (Pisha) Tess and they were together for over 51 years. She preceded him in death this past January. Upon returning from the service, he worked at the shipyard. After that, he was an insurance salesman for nearly 50 years at Pisha Insurance Agency. He retired in 2003. He is survived by his three children, Diane, Milwaukee, Susan Haberli (Robert), Whitefish Bay, and Mike (Jenny), Sturgeon Bay; his beloved grandchildren, Sarah (George Bullock), Matthew, Kurt, Beth and Tim Haberli and Stephanie Tess; his sisters Linda Robillard, Sturgeon Bay, and Gwen Simonar, Two Rivers; sister-in-law, Theresa (Howard) Bubnik, Sturgeon Bay, and many nieces and nephews. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers Elden “Swagger,” Wallace and Willard. Pooky loved spending time with his family, the Packers, watching the ships in the bay and the boats at the docks, ice fishing, going up north “hunting,” and taking rides around the county after going out for breakfast. He was a lifelong member of St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was also a member of AMVETS Post 51 of Sturgeon Bay and marched with its drill team at the 1960 Inauguration of President Kennedy. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay with Rev. Larry Zessin officiating. Friends may call on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Forbes Funeral Home in Sturgeon Bay and at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Entombment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum with military honors. Special thanks to the Dorchester Health and Rehabilitation for their caring attention and support.” *Green Bay Press Gazette*, April 7, 2005

“Tess, Kenneth M. ‘Pooky.’ — Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay with Rev. Larry Zessin officiating. Friends may call on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Forbes Funeral Home in Sturgeon Bay and at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Entombment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum with military honors. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mildred Tess, Sturgeon Bay.” *Green Bay Press Gazette*, April 8, 2005

“Tess, Katherine G. (Kitty).” Katherine (Kitty) Tess, 74, died peacefully at 11:05 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2005, at Door County Memorial Hospital, after a brave struggle with several illnesses. She lived in Sturgeon Bay, her entire life. Born on July 23, 1930, she was the daughter of D.C. and Marion Pisha. After graduating from Sturgeon Bay High School in 1948, she attended the Business Institute of Milwaukee. On Oct. 10, 1953, she married Kenneth M. (Pooky) Tess. Kitty was the President of Pisha Insurance Agency, Inc., established in 1924 by her father and after a long and dedicated career of over 50 years, she and her sister, Terry retired from the business on Jan. 1, 2005. She was a devout member of Corpus Christi Parish and belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America, St. Ann’s Society and Sturgeon Bay Business & Professional Women. She is survived by her husband, Pooky; her children, Diane, Milwaukee; Susan (Robert) Haberli, Whitefish Bay; Mike (Jenny) Tess, Sturgeon Bay; and her dear sister, Theresa (Howard) Bubnik, Sturgeon Bay. She was the beloved grandmother of Sarah (fiancé, George Bullock Jr.), Shreveport, La.; Matthew, Kurt, Beth, Tim Haberli, Whitefish Bay; and Stephanie Tess, Sturgeon Bay. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Linda Robillard, Gwen Simonar and Mildred Tess; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Forbes Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at Corpus Christi on Monday, Jan. 31, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Anthony Birdsall officiating. There will be no visitation at the church before the service. Memorials in her name can be made to Corpus Christi Parish or the American Lung Association. Many thanks to Dr. McGovern, Dr. Tomic and the ICU nurses at Door County Memorial Hospital.” *Green Bay Press Gazette*, January 29, 2005

The obituaries were provided by Ellen Rohr.

lxv **“Emil C. Jonas Dies Suddenly at 56 in City. Schroeder Mill Employee Is Victim of Heart Attack.”** Emil C. Jonas, 56, died at his home at 1307 Hawthorne Avenue, early yesterday afternoon shortly after suffering a heart attack. Funeral services will be held at Klein & Stangel, Inc., funeral home Thursday afternoon at 1:30 and at the St. John’s Lutheran Church at 2 o’clock, Rev. W. G. Haase officiating. Interment will be in Forest View Cemetery. The body will be in state at the funeral home 7 o’clock tonight until the time of the service. Mr. Jonas was born on the Two Creeks farm of his parents, Fred and Wilhelmina Sporleder Jonas, July 21, 1893. He spent his early life on the homestead farm and was married to the former Martha Schmidt of Two Creeks in 1918. They moved to a farm in Two Creeks and lived there until five years ago when the family moved to Two Rivers. Here, Mr. Jonas was employed by the Schroeder Mill until his death yesterday. Survivors include his wife, two sons, Alfred and Arnold, both at home; four brothers, William, Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Fred, Illinois; Henry, Wausau; Walter, Chicago’ and two sisters, Mrs. Herman (Minnie) Tess, Sturgeon Bay and Mrs. Winton (Louise) Raper, Chicago. *Two Rivers Reporter*, June 20, 1950

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

“Mrs. Martha Jonas, 66, of Shady Lane Home, Manitowoc, and formerly of Two Rivers, died Sunday noon at Two Rivers Municipal Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Klein and Stangel Inc., Funeral Home, Two Rivers, and at 2 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, the Rev. T. F. Stern officiating. Burial will be in Forest View Cemetery. Mrs. Jonas, nee Martha Schmidt, was born February 4, 1897, daughter of the late George and Mary Kouba Schmidt. She was married Nov. 23, 1918, to Emil C. Jonas at Two Rivers. Mr. Jonas died June 15, 1950. She was a member of St. John Ladies Aid Society. Surviving are two sons, and a sister of Two Rivers. Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.” *Manitowoc Herald Times*, May 26, 1963

lxvi “Mrs. Martha Jonas, 66, of Shady Lane Home, Manitowoc, and formerly of Two Rivers, died Sunday noon at Two Rivers Municipal Hospital. Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, the Rev. T. F. Stern officiating. Burial will be in Forest View Cemetery. Mrs. Jonas, nee Martha Schmidt, was born February 4, 1897, daughter of the late George and Mary Kouba Schmidt. She was married November 23, 1918, to Emil C. Jonas at Two Rivers. Mr. Jonas died June 15, 1950. She was a member of St. John Ladies Aid Society. Survivors are two sons, Alfred and Arnold of Two Rivers, and a sister, Mrs. Alwood Burmeister of Two Rivers.” *Manitowoc Herald Times*, May 26, 1963

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

lxvii **Wilson (Jonas), Vesta H.** Vesta H. Wilson (Jonas), age 105, of Weyauwega, died on Thursday, February 9, 2006, at the Weyauwega Health Care Center. She was born on October 21, 1900, in Wausau, Wisconsin, the daughter of the late Xavier and Henrietta (Seymour) Revie. She graduated from River Falls Normal School in 1916. She then graduated from Marathon Co. School in 1919 and worked as a teacher for five years. In 1924, Vesta married Walter Jonas in Wausau where they resided until moving to Chicago. He preceded her in death in 1962. In 1963, Vesta moved to the Bloomfield area where she lived until marrying Orville "Jack" Wilson in 1972. They then moved to Waupaca where Vesta was active in her church and the community. Vesta served as Secretary for the local AARP Chapter. She was a member of the Over 50 Club and volunteered in the Waupaca Lioness Club. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Dolores Jonas Dikkers and her husband Roy; three granddaughters: Christine (Scott) Rasmussen, Weyauwega; Nancy (Bud) Brown, Weyauwega; Karen (Paul) Hartrick, Fremont; nine great-grandchildren: Jennie (Joel) Harris, Dan (Sara) Smith, Cathie (Jon) Faulks, Kalyn, Jordan and Cole Rasmussen, Sarah, Paul Andrew and Jesse Hartrick; seven great-great-grandchildren: Alysha, Joel, Michael, Grace, Lilly Sophya, Gabryel; a brother, Cedric Revie, CA; two sisters: Xenia Revie, Beloit and June Smith, AZ. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Vesta was preceded in death by her first husband Walter Jonas, her second husband Orville "Jack" Wilson, a son, Elwyn "Al" Jonas, a great-great-grandson, Blake Radtke, and 10 brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2006, at 7 p.m. at the Lewin Funeral Home in Fremont. Dr. Charles Brownlow will officiate. Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery in Calumet Park, IL. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. until the time of service. A memorial fund has been established. *The Post-Crescent*, Appleton, Wisconsin, February 11, 2006

The obituary was provided by Ellen Rohr.

lxviii Elwyn L. Jonas was born June, 28, 1928 and served in the Army during World War II and the Korean Conflict achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. He died November 23, 2001 and is interned in the Oakwood Cemetery, Weyauwega, Wisconsin.

lxix “**Anthony ‘Tony’ Joseph Lange and Arlene Marie Lange.** Anthony ‘Tony’ Joseph Lange, 89, died Thursday morning, October 7, 1999, and Arlen Marie Lange, 76, died October 9, 1999, both at Field Crest Care Center, Hayfield, Minnesota. Tony was born April 12, 1910, the son of Joseph and Mary (Stein) Lange, at Valley Falls, Kansas. Arlene Thede was born October 17, 1922, the daughter of Albert and Laura (Sporleder) Thede. Tony and Arlene were united in marriage on May 1, 1945 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Maple River, Iowa. Tony and Arlene lived and farmed in Carroll, Iowa, Fonda-Varina, Iowa, and then Storm Lake, Iowa. They moved to Hayfield, Minnesota in 1949 and farmed. Arlene was a homemaker and Activity Director of the Hayfield Senior Citizen Center for 11 years and a frequent babysitter for many friends and neighbors. She was a member of the Catholic Church Ladies Guild. Tony entered Field Crest Care Center May of 1998 and Arlene entered Field Crest August 1999. Tony and Arlene are survived by several nieces, great nieces, nephews, and great nephews. Arlene is survived by three brothers, Glenn Thede, Des Moines, Iowa; Wayne and his wife, Mary Thede, Bella Vista, Arkansas; Harold and his wife Dorothy Thede, Denison, Iowa; and one sister, Darlene and her husband Keith Williams, Unionville, Missouri. Tony is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Joseph, Jr., and one sister,

Loretta. Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Tony; three brothers, Vernon, Lloyd and Donald; infant twin brothers, Laverne and Lavonne; two sisters-in-law, Viviane and Dorothy. Friends may call from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 1999, at the Czaplewski Family Funeral Home in Hayfield, and one hour before the Funeral Mass at the church on Monday. A combined Funeral Mass will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, October 11, 1999, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hayfield, with Reverend Richard Dernek celebrating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery, Hayfield. Blessed be their memories.”

The obituaries are from the joint funeral service for them.

lxx “Lloyd Thede was born December 27, 1926 at Carroll, Iowa, to Albert and Laura (Sporleder) Thede. Lloyd was received as a child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 6, 1927. After proper instruction in the Christian faith, Lloyd publicly affirmed his faith in the Rite of Confirmation on March 16, 1937, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, under Pastor Hinck. Lloyd received his education in Carroll Public Schools and then served in the Navy for 12 years during World War II and the Korean Conflict doing shore patrol in Guam and Japan. On June 18, 1950, Lloyd was married to Marian Ranniger at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll with Pastor Hinck officiating. Lloyd was a letter carrier for 28 years with the Postal Service. He also was a Carroll School District bus driver for 12 years. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where he served as a past president of the Christian Fellowship Society and was a former Finance Secretary for the congregation. He was a member of Maurice Dunn Post No. 7 of the American Legion in Carroll, the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Manning and the Order of the Arrow (BSA), a member of the American Legion Honor Guard and past commander of the Carroll VFS post, a former scout leader and member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. On Tuesday, March 8, 1994; Lloyd Thede departed this life as a child of God, entering that eternal home prepared by our Lord Jesus Christ. His body will be laid to rest in the Carroll City Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Marian; three daughters, Meg Snyder and her husband, Darrell, of Breda; Rebecca Rybicki and her husband, Dennis, of Columbia, South Carolina; and Karen Hyde and her husband, Jack, of Casper, Wyoming; one son, David Thede and his wife, Phyllis of Davenport, Iowa; 11 grandchildren; three brothers, Glen Thede and his wife, Dorothy, of Des Moines; Wayne Thede and his wife, Mary, of Hiawasee, Arkansas; and Harold Thede and his wife, Dorothy, of Denison; two sisters Arlene Lange and her husband, Tony, of Hayfield, Minnesota; and Darlene Williams and her husband, Keith, of Unionville, Missouri and a sister-in-law, Mildred Chute and her husband, Mike, of Ankeny. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Lisa Marie; twin siblings in infancy LaVonne and Lavene; two brothers, Donald and Vernon, and a sister-in-law Viviane Thede. ‘Blessed are those who die in the Lord. Blessed, indeed, says the Spirit.’”

The obituary is taken from the Memorial Service on March 11, 1994 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Carroll, Iowa and was provided by Dale Sporleder.

“**Marian M. Thede.** Marian M. Thede, 78, of Carroll died Friday, October 6, 2006, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 10, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll with the Rev. David Anthony officiating. Casket bearers will be Doug Thede and Mrs. Thede’s grandchildren. Burial will be in Carroll Cemetery. Visitation started at 3 this afternoon at Twit Funeral Home in Carroll. There will be a prayer service at 7 tonight at the funeral home and visitation will resume at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church. A daughter of Ferdinand and Lena (Opperman) Ranniger, she was born October 6, 1928, at Aspinwall, graduated from Viola Center High School and attended Commercial Extension at Omaha, Nebraska. She and Lloyd Thede were married June 18, 1950, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll with the Rev. Waldemar Hink officiating. The Thedes resided at San Diego, California and Norfolk, Virginia. They returned to Carroll and Mrs. Thede worked for Peters Motors, Tractor Supply Co. Joe P. Frank & Son Plumbing and Drees Co. for many years. She was a member, guild member and financial chair at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll and enjoyed quilting, knitting, crocheting, sewing and reading. Survivors include a son, David Thede and his wife Phyllis of Bettendorf; three daughters: Meg (Margaret) Snyder and husband Darrell of Breda; Rebecca Rybicki and husband Dennis of Columbia, South Carolina; and Karen Hyde and her husband Jack of Casper, Wyoming; 11 grandchildren, Ken Snyder, Kathy Halbur, Tonya Hyde, Kristy Ball, Acacia Thede, Tiffany Hockaday, Robin Thede, Kevin Snyder, Mackenzie Thede, D. J. Rybicki and Evan Rybicki; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Harold and Dorothy Thede of Denison and Wayne and Mary Thede of Wisconsin; and two sisters-in-law, Darlene Williams of Altoona and Millie Chute and husband Mike of Ankeny. Mrs. Thede was preceded in death by her parent; her husband Lloyd in 1994; a daughter Lisa Marie Thede in 1969 and a brother Arlo Ranniger and his wife Ellen.” *Carroll Times Herald*, October 9, 2006

The obituary was provided by Jennifer (nee Bedford) Sporleder.

lxxi *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Jasper Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

lxxii “**Mrs. Laura Thede.** Funeral services for Mrs. Laura Frances Katherine Thede, 76, of 1120 North Court Street, Carroll, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Paul Lutheran Church here, with interment in the Carroll Cemetery. The Rev. Harold W. Kieck officiated at the rites. Mrs. Victor Jons was organist and also accompanied Mrs. Kieck and Mrs. A. A. Henning as they sang two duets, “Asleep in Jesus” and “My Faith Looks Up to Thee.” Pallbearers were Kenneth Schwarzenbach, Lynn Farrell, Lyle Rungee, Melvin Ortner, Telfor anson and Merrill Bohnenkamp. Arrangements were in charge of the Dahn-Woodhouse Funeral Home. Mrs. Thede, a resident of Carroll since 1927, died November 15 at St. Anthony Hospital after a year’s illness.” *Carroll Herald Times*

lxxiii “**Gladys Alcox.** Lake City — Gladys Alcox, 90, died Thursday, June 21, 2007 at Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at the Woodlawn Christian Church in Lake City. Rev. Carla Hillyer officiating. Burial in the Lake City Cemetery. Visitation after 3 p.m. Sunday with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lampe Funeral Home in Lake City. Gladys Thede was born on April 25, 1917 at Lake City to parents William and Emma (Sporleder) Thede. Gladys graduated from Westview High School at Lake City. She married Frank Alcox on April 8, 1939 at the Woodlawn Christian Church Parsonage at Lake City. They farmed for 10 years then for the next 20 years she was the bookkeeper for Alcox Sales and Service in Lake City. She was employed at Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City in the Dietary Department for 10 years. She held various offices in the Christian Women’s Fellowship at the Woodlawn Christian Church in Lake City. Member of the Rebecca Lodge for 15 years. Lifelong resident of the Lake City area. Survivors include her sons, Melvin (Phyllis) Alcox of Lake City and Harley (Linda) Alcox of Nevada, Iowa; four grandchildren, Kevin (Carla) Alcox of Littleton, Colorado, Traci (Curtis) Mason of Missouri City, Texas, Shelly (Raul) Perez of Nevada, Iowa, and Curtis (Christi) Alcox of St. Charles, Missouri; One brother Eugene Thede of Union, Illinois. Preceded in death by two brothers, Ivan Thede and Raymond Thede; two sisters, Lois Bowie, and Dorothy DeVries.” *Fort Dodge Messenger*, June 23, 2007

lxxiv “**Dorothy Marie DeVries.** Dorothy DeVries, 73, of Lake City, died Thursday as a result of a car accident. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, with the Reverend John Claussen officiating. Burial will be in Lake City Cemetery. Visitation is after 9 a.m. Sunday at Huffman Memorial Chapel, Lake City. The family will be present from 6-9 p.m. a prayer service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Survivors include her sons, Larry DeVries, Glidden, William DeVries, Lohrville, and Edward DeVries, Lake City; daughters, Deborah Benhart, Maquoketa, and Dorene Monahan, Churdan; ten grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister Gladys Alcox, Lake City; and brother Eugene Thede, Hampshire, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin; her parents; sister Lois; and brothers, Ivan and Raymond. Dorothy Marie Thede was born February 16, 1919, in Calhoun County. She graduated from Lake City High in 1936. She taught rural school, was a nurse’s aide, a cook at the hospital and nursing home, and was a restaurant owner. She was a member of Christian Women’s Fellowship, Sorosis Club, the Stewart Memorial Community Hospital Auxiliary, and a Hospice volunteer.”

“**Martin DeVries.** Lake City – Martin DeVries, 76, Lake City, died Monday at his home. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Christian Church, Lake City, with the Rev. John Claussen officiating. Burial will be in the Lake City Cemetery. Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today at the Huffman Memorial Chapel, Lake City. The family will be present from 6 to 9 p.m., and a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. survivors include his wife Dorothy; sons, Larry, Glidden, William, Lohrville, and Edward, Lake City; daughters, Deborah Benhart, Maquoketa, and Dorene Monahan, Churdan; ten grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Lubbert, Herman, and John, all of Lake City; and sister, Ella Williamson, Sigourney. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Etta DeVries. Martin DeVries was born September 15, 1915, at Woodstock, Minnesota. He moved to Lake City in 1929, and farmed in that area until retiring in 1977. In 1939, he married Dorothy Thede in Lake City. He was a member of Woodlawn Christian Church where he was a deacon, Elder and Trustee for a number of years.”

lxxv “**Raymond Thede, Former Hospital Employee, Dies.** Raymond C. Thede, 58, a resident of rural Atlantic, died Saturday afternoon at the Cass County Memorial Hospital. Mr. Thede was employed with the Cass County Memorial Hospital for 13 years until retiring in 1984. The son of William Andrew and Emma Sporleder Thede, he was born May 3, 1927, near Auburn and lived in the Lake City area, attending high school in Lake City. After serving with the Navy during World War II, he lived in Fort Dodge and was a truck driver for 20 years until moving to Atlantic in 1972. He was married to Marie F. Skoog here April 13, 1973. Mr. Thede was a member of the Zion

Lutheran Church and was a church trustee and chairman of the Little Lambs School. He also was a member of the Nisha Valley Woodcarvers Club and secretary for the Men's Greater Atlantic Bowling League at Hawkeye Bowl. Surviving are his wife; two sons, Robert C. Thede of Mankato, Minnesota and Ivan R. Thede of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; a daughter, Kristi K. Thede of Omaha; five stepchildren, David Skoog of Chicago, Illinois; N. John Skoog of Tucson, Arizona; Ellen Fitzsimons of Boulder, Colorado and Linda Macintyre of Westminster, Colorado; a grandson; eight granddaughters; two sisters, Gladys Alcox and Dorothy DeVries, both of Lake City; a brother, Eugene Thede of Chicago, Illinois; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ivan Thede, who died during World War II; and a sister, Lois Bowie. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Zion Lutheran Church, with Pastor Russell Sorensen officiating. Interment will be in the Southlawn Memory Gardens south of here. A visitation will be held from 7-8 p.m. Monday at the Roland Funeral Home."

"Marie Florine Thede. Marie Thede, 79, a long time resident of Atlantic, died at the Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska on Saturday, June 3, 2006. Marie was born on March 20, 1927, the daughter of William Hoyt and Esther (Holland) Smith in Greencastle, Iowa. She attended East High School and Iowa Methodist Nursing School in Des Moines. She practiced as a registered nurse and was employed a number of years at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic. Marie was married to Robert Marvin Skoog on February 1, 1947. The couple raised five children. Robert died in 1966. Marie was again married in April of 1979, in Atlantic, to Raymond Carl Thede. Raymond passed on in 1985. They enjoyed their many children and grandchildren. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and active in her NGA (Neighbors Get Acquainted) Club and her bridge club. Her special interests included quilting and gardening. Marie is survived by her children: David R. Skoog and his wife, Dorothy of Marietta, Georgia and their children Justin Robert, Heidi Carol and Nichole Marie Hansen; N. John Skoog and his wife Mary of Wheatland, Wyoming and their children Karine Marie Dierks, Louisa Marlene, Jeppa William and tiffany Marie; James W. Skoog and his wife Janis of Tucson, Arizona; Ella Taylor of Denver, Colorado and children Ashley Sarah FitzSimmons and Chad Thede; Linda K. Skoog of Denver, Colorado and daughters Sarah Marie McIntyre and Lindsay Kay DeGrande; her stepchildren Ivan Thede and his wife Denise of Lakeville, Iowa and daughter Leslie McCambridge; Robert Thede and his wife of Rosemary of Mankato, Minnesota and children Nicole and Michael; Kristi Graves and her husband Jim of Omaha, Nebraska. Also, three great-grandchildren; Aidan Thede, Aspen Thede and Ty Luna and one brother Howard Smith and his wife Donna of Des Moines, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Skoog, her husband Raymond Thede, and her parents. A prayer service will be held at the Roland Funeral Home on Tuesday evening, June 6 at 6 p.m. followed by a visitation with the family receiving friends until 8 p.m. Marie's funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic. Pastor Ken Davidson will officiate. The committal service will be in the Southlawn Memory Gardens in Atlantic, Iowa. Marie's family has extended an invitation to a reception, luncheon at the church fellowship hall following the interment."

The obituary was provided by Jennifer (nee Bedford) Sporleder and appears to from an Atlantic area newspaper.

lxxvi *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Sheridan Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

lxxvii **"Emma Thede.** Mrs. Emma Thede, 87, of Lake City, died suddenly at her home here Wednesday, August 29, 1979. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Pilgrim Lutheran Church with Pastor Harold Bellsheim officiating. Burial was in the Lake City Cemetery under the direction of the Huffman Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Burton Tidwell was organist for congregational singing. Mrs. Emma Thede, daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Boell Sporleder, was born March 20, 1892 at Carroll. She was married February 28, 1916 to William Thede at Carroll. She was a member of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church. Mrs. Thede is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Frank (Gladys) Alcox and Mrs. Martin (Dorothy) DeVries, both of Lake City; Eugene, Hampshire, Illinois; and Raymond, Atlantic; 16 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; three brothers: Albert and Ernest Sporleder both of Lake City and Waldo of Fonda. She was preceded by her parents, a daughter (Lois), a son (Ivan) who was killed in World War II, three sisters (Cora Sporleder, Laura Thede, Clara Heuton) and a brother (Carl Sporleder). Mrs. Thede was born March 20, 1891 at Carroll and had lived in Lake City for 41 years. Casket bearers were David Thede, Ivan Thede, bob Thede, Melvin Alcox, Harley Alcox, Larry DeVries, Bill DeVries and Ed DeVries." *Lake City Graphic*

lxxviii **"Wilhelm Heuton.** He was born in Ludwigsdorf, District of Aurich, on 9 May 1843. He spent his youth in his home village, where he attended school and was confirmed in the local church. He later began service on a merchant ship, and he traveled to Emden and other inland [river] ports until he was 24 years old. He then emigrated with his mother and brothers to the free states of North America, and upon arrival settled in Adams County, Illinois, where he took up farming. He worked one year for a farmer, and during this time, on 2 June 1868, he married the

virtuous Miss Geschen Fokken [or possibly Folken], who was born on 6 April 1843 in Westersander, district of Aurich. At this time, the young couple rented a farm in Adams County, Illinois, and in 1870, they purchased a parcel of land in Champagne County. They sold this land [illegible] and then bought a farm in Adams County. After three years they sold it again and moved to Grant Township, Carroll County, Iowa, where they lived on a rented farm for four years. In 1879, he purchased an 80-acre farm and after a few years increased the size of the farm by about another 80 acres. In 1883, he moved from this farm and rented it to his son-in-law. He then moved to Glidden Township, and after two years he moved to the town of Glidden. A year later, he moved to Pleasant Valley Township, where he lived for seven years. In 1899, he moved back to the town of Glidden. Since Mr. Heuton moved from his farm, he has been employed in hauling milk and dairy products. The Heuton family is very respected and enjoys an excellent reputation. Two children (daughters) complete the familial bliss of this German-American family."

Carroll Co. IAGenWeb, "Wilhelm Heuton, 1899 Biography," Posted By: David Reineke, <david_reineke@admin.state.ak.us> Date: 9/9/2004 at 02:25:56, as retrieved on Nov 27, 2004 14:38:39 GMT, <<http://iagenweb.org/boards/carroll/biographies/index.cgi?read=57529>>.

lxxix "**Nanne Heuton.** This gentleman was born in Ludwigsdorf, District of Aurich, on 1 March 1847. He attended elementary school there and was confirmed in the parish church. He then took up farming and worked for two years on various farms. He then began service on a merchant ship and visited the inland [river] ports. He worked on various ships for three summers, and then he again took up the plow. But indeed, he had long entertained the idea of emigrating to the United States of North America, and at this time he carried out his plan. Upon arriving in America, he moved first to Adams County, Illinois, where he worked part-time for his mother and part-time for other farmers. On 15 February 1873, he married Miss Johanna Best, a well-brought up young woman who was born on 7 October 1850 in Wiesens, District of Aurich. Mr. Heuton then rented a farm and worked for himself for five years. During this time, he purchased a 160-acre farm in Sheridan Township, Carroll County, Iowa, where he then moved. In the course of time, he increased his real estate, so that he now calls his own 517 acres of the finest land. Mr. Heuton and his wife and children enjoy a very good reputation and are very popular. This happy marriage has produced five children, whose names are: Heinrich, Jakob, Johann, Maria, and Wilhelm."

Carroll Co. IAGenWeb, "Nanne Heuton" by David Reineke, <david_reineke@admin.state.ak.us>, date: 11/22/2004 at 20:29:46, as retrieved on Feb 18, 2005 10:53:17 GMT, <<http://iagenweb.org/boards/carroll/biographies/index.cgi>>.

"N. H. Heuton, father of Henry N. Heuton of this city, and one of Carroll County's pioneers passed away at his home in Corpus Christi, Texas, Saturday morning, January 28, 1933, at the age of 85 years and 11 months. His death, which was attributed to the frailties of age, followed a general bodily weakening during the last six weeks. Although born in Ludwigsdorf, Aut Aurich, Ostfriesland, Germany, on March 1, 1847, Mr. Heuton spent most of his life in the United States. He was married February 15, 1872 at Hancock, Illinois to Miss Johanna Best, sister of Herman Best of this city. For five years, Mr. and Mrs. Heuton lived in Hancock, but having decided to make their home on the fertile Iowa prairies, they came to Carroll County in 1877, being among the earliest settlers. They located on a farm in Sheridan Township, which was their home until the death of Mrs. Heuton April 17, 1905. Mr. Heuton then made his home with his children until 1914, when he was married on November 18 of that year to Miss Mollie Ford at Corpus Christi, Texas. This city continued to be his home from that time on until his death. To Mr. Heuton's first marriage, five children were born, four sons and one daughter. One son Jacob, died in November 1927. Surviving are his wife and four children, Henry N. Heuton, Carroll: John Heuton and William Heuton, Lidderdale, and Mrs. August Dierks (Mary), Glidden, four daughter-in-laws, one son in-law, nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two brothers, Onke Heuton of Carroll and John Heuton of Atkinson, Nebraska, besides numerous other relative and friends. Mr. Heuton was a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church and loyal supporter of its cause. He was a good husband and father, and a friend to everyone." *Carroll Herald Times*

Nanne Heuton is interned in West Lawn Cemetery in Glidden, Iowa

lxxx *Atlas of Carroll County*, Grant Township, (1922) <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

lxxxi Mildred Heuton's husband was Vernice George Gray. "**Vernice George Gray.** Vernice George Gray, 87, Carroll, died at the Carroll Health Center in Carroll on October 18, 2000 following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 21, 2000 at the Dahn & Woodhouse Funeral Home in Carroll with Pastor Alan Miller officiating. Interment was in the Carroll Cemetery. Military honors were given by the Maurice Dunn Post of the American Legion. Vernice was born September 21, 1913 at Carroll, the son of Charles J. and Laura Bailey Gray. He was married to Mildred Heuton on April 23, 1946 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. He was a veteran of

WWII having served from 1943 until 1945 in Hawaii as a maintenance engineer. He had been a resident of Carroll Health Center since 1995. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll and attended Carroll Schools. He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, bingo and his many trips to Swan Lake Park. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mildred in 1978 and five sisters: Alice Gray, Esther Bainter, Leota Farrell, Viola Annear, Irma Sanders and four brothers: Leonard, Floyd, Arlo and Rollen. Survivors include daughter Bonnie Gray of Carroll; a grandson Kevin Gray and his wife Amy of Glidden; a great granddaughter Tressy Parker and a great grandson Jason Gray, both of Glidden; a sister-in-law Bernice Warnke of Lake City and a brother-in-law Robert Heuton and his wife Margaret of Mission, Texas. *Lake City Graphic*

lxxxii **Kenneth Warnke.** Kenneth Warnke, 59, of Lake City died Saturday, January 28, 1978 at his home following a long illness. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Huffman Memorial Chapel in Lake City with Rev. Robert Floy of Carroll officiating. Burial was in the Westlawn Cemetery at Glidden. Kenneth Warnke, son of John and Edith Heim Warnke was born on March 29, 1918 in Carroll County. His marriage to Bernice Heuton took place on February 25, 1945 in Carroll County. He was a member of the American Lutheran Church. He was a retired farmer and had lived in Lake City for the last five years. Surviving are his wife, Bernice of Lake City; two brothers, Norman and Lyle Warnke, both of Carroll and a sister, Mrs. Robert (Delores) Mullins of Livermore, California. He was preceded in death by his parents. Honorary casket bearers were Dr. Keith Doyle, Ed Bernholtz, Milo Nessa, Norbert Wiederin and Charles Mosher. Casket bearers were Clifford Dowling, Lloyd Downing, Quintin Bentley, Donald Pottroff, Al Lehrter and Alvin Reiff. *Lake City Graphic*. The obituary is from the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection.

lxxxiii Robert Carl Heuton passed away Friday March 27, 2009, in Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Texas. He was born November 14, 1922, in Carroll, Iowa to Karl & Clara (Sporleder) Heuton. On March 24, 1944, he was married to Margaret Mentzer in Manning, Iowa. He was a long time resident of Springfield, Mo. where he was a member of St. Agnes Cathedral and a member of the Elks Lodge. He loved music, singing and playing his accordion & harmonica. He made many friends and enjoyed dancing at the local senior centers 3 or 4 nights a week with his close friend and companion Marge Moore. He was employed by General Tire and Rubber Company as area territory manager for 25 years, and retired in 1987. He is survived by two sons, Michael of Grand Junction, Colo. and John of Charleston, S.C.; his sister, Bernice; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services will be in Lampe Funeral Home in Lake City, Iowa with interment at Calvary Cemetery in Eagle Grove, Iowa. *Springfield News-Leader* (Missouri), April 9, 2009

"Margaret Heuton passed away on Monday, May 26, 2003 at McAllen Medical Center, McAllen, Texas. Margaret Mary Mentzer was born November 30, 1922 in Eagle Grove, Iowa to Francis and Nina (Northup) Mentzer. On March 24, 1944, she was married to Robert Heuton in Manning, Iowa. To this marriage were born Michael Robert of Grand Junction, Colorado and John Thomas of Kennesaw, Georgia who survive her. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Helen, as well as her brothers, Paul and Roger. Margaret was a graduate of St. Anthony's School of Nursing, Carroll, Iowa. She was registered nurse at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri from 1959 until her retirement in 1987. She and Robert were longtime members of St. Agnes Cathedral in Springfield, Missouri."

The obituary was taken from the pamphlet for her funeral service held on July 19, 2003, at Lampe Funeral Home, Lake City, Iowa with Rev. Robert Thiele officiating. Interment was at the Calvary Cemetery, Eagle Grove, Iowa.

lxxxiv *Atlas of Carroll County* (1922), Grant Township, <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~iacarrol/>>.

lxxxv **"Obituary of Mrs. Charles Heuton.** Clara Maria Sporleder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sporleder was born in Carroll, Iowa, January 28, 1894. On April 8th of the same year, she was baptized in the Lutheran Church at Carroll, Iowa. In 1903, the family moved to Parsons, Kansas where she attended United Brethren Church and Sunday School regularly and also the public school, graduating from the eighth grade. In 1913, they returned to Carroll County where she resided since. On September 1, 1914, Clara Maria Sporleder and Charles Heuton were married and God blessed them with four children; Ruth, Bernice, Mildred and Robert. Ruth died October 17, 1919, at the age of 16 months. In the spring of 1926, Mrs. Heuton joined an adult class and was confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church of Grant Township, thereby becoming a communicant member of said church. On August 2, 1927, she was taken to the hospital in Carroll upon the advice of the consulted doctor, but her stay there was short. Her condition become more serious as time went on. On Saturday morning August 20, 1927, her pastor was called and both she and her husband received Holy Communion, thus strengthened with spiritual food she departed at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, August 20, 1927 to be with her Savior. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. Reck at St.

John's Lutheran Church and the body laid to rest in West Lawn Cemetery. Her husband (Charles) and three children, also her parents, two sisters (Emma Thede and Laura Thede), four brothers (Carl, Albert, Ernest and Waldo), many other relatives and a host of friends mourn her sudden departure. A heavy burden has been laid upon Mr. Charles Heuton, the father and his children by the Lord, yet we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." August 20, 1927

The obituary was written by Pastor Reck and published in the newspaper. The obituary was provided by Marian Thede, wife of Lloyd who was a son of Laura (nee Sporleder) Thede. Laura was the daughter of Henry and Minnie (nee Boell) Sporleder.

lxxxvi "**Johanna Heuton.** Mrs. Johanna Heuton, 85, of Valley Springs, California died Thursday, October 5, 1978, at Mark Twain Hospital in San Andreas, California, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. John's American Lutheran Church in Carroll with Rev. Robert Floy officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery in Glidden. A prayer service for family and friends was held Monday at 8 p.m. organist was Mrs. Dianna Michaelis. Hymns sung by the congregation were 'How Great Thou Art' and 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus.' Pallbearers were Reginald Klass, Wilbur Heuton, Gary Eischeid, Dan Wenck, Lawrence Heuton and Amos Stuhr. Johanna Margaret Heuton, the daughter of Frank and Margaret Haasse, was born November 7, 1892 in Germany. She married Fred Miller February 13, 1913. He died in 1937. Her marriage to Charlie Heuton took place in June 1943. He died in 1958. Mrs. Heuton, a former Carroll resident, had lived in California for four years. She has been a Carroll County resident most of her life. She was a member of St. John's American Lutheran Church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. George (Dorothy) Walsh of Valley Springs, California; one son Melvin Miller of San Pabalo, California; two grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one step-son, Robert Heuton of Springfield, Missouri; one step-daughter, Mrs. Bernice Warnke of Lake City; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Sterrenberg of Illinois; sisters-in-law, Mrs. Gussie Johnson of Council Bluffs, Marie Heuton of Carroll, Mrs. Alma Haase and Mrs. Gladys Haase of Illinois. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, infant twins, one son, Fred Miller, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Vincent (Mildred) Gray."

The obituary is from the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection and appears to have been published in the *Carroll Herald Times*.

lxxxvii "The Little Brown Church" © 2000, Little Brown Church, as retrieved on Jul 2, 2005 06:28:11 GMT, <<http://www.littlebrownchurch.org/>>.

lxxxviii "**Carl Sporleder.** Mallard – Services for Carl Sporleder, 76, will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church with committal rites at 2 p.m. Friday in Lake City Cemetery. Mr. Sporleder suffered an apparent heart attack Monday and died Tuesday at Palo Alto County Hospital, Emmetsburg. Schellhammer Funeral Home, West Bend, is in charge. Surviving are the widow, Sadie; daughter, Mrs. Donald (Joanne) Heim, Hixon, Tenn.; two grandchildren; brothers and sister, Ernest, Albert and Mrs. Emma Thede, all of Lake City and Waldo, Fonda. Mr. Sporleder was born in Carroll County and as a small child moved with his parents to Kansas, receiving his education there. In 1926, he married Sadie Robinson at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, and they moved to Mallard in 1961. Mr. Sporleder owned and operated a DX Service Station in Mallard. Later, he operated a DX Station in Emmetsburg, and was working there Monday." July 6, 1976

The obituary is from the Ernest and Martha Sporleder Collection.

lxxxix Donna Garlock, age 74, of Storm Lake, formerly of Odebolt and Lake City, Iowa, died Sunday, February 4, 2007 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. Funeral Services for Mrs. Garlock were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Burial was in the Storm Lake Cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake was in charge of the arrangements. Donna Rae Sporleder was born on December 16, 1932 to Albert and Bessie (Amsden) Sporleder on a farm in Calhoun County, Iowa near Lake City. Donna attended country school near Varina, Iowa and then in Auburn, Iowa. She graduated from Auburn High School with the class of 1951. On May 26, 1957, Donna was united in marriage to Lance Robert Garlock in Lake City. The couple was blessed with three children: Lance, Valerie and Gale, and were married nearly 47 years before Lance died on May 5, 2004. Lance and Donna owned and operated the Rexall Drug Store from 1966 to 1986 in Odebolt, where they were active members of the community. Donna was a former member of the Odebolt-Arthur Booster Club, a member of Ingleside Club and served the Odebolt area as a volunteer EMT. She and Lance then moved to Storm Lake. Donna was a longtime and faithful member of the Presbyterian Church and currently a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. She served her Lord in many capacities, including the church offices of Elder and Deacon, as well as on

Outreach and various other committees. She was a hospice volunteer, member of Beta Sigma Sorority and president of the Storm Lake TOPS chapter. At the time of her death, Donna was semi-retired and managing the Storm Lake Senior Center. A devoted wife and mother, her treasured family always came first and was near to her heart. Donna loved life, being with her family and many friends, and giving of herself to help others. Her caring and gentle presence will be dearly missed by all those who loved her. Left to cherish Donna's memory are her son, Lance G. Garlock of Storm Lake; daughter Valerie (Duane) Kavanaugh of Groton, South Dakota; daughter Gale (Pat) McEvoy of Elgin, Minnesota; her precious grandchildren: Spencer and Mikaela Kavanaugh of Groton, South Dakota and Reece and Braeden McEvoy of Elgin, Minnesota; sisters-in-law Viola Sporleder of Winona, Minnesota and Betty Garlock of Fonda, Iowa; cousins Elmer Sporleder, Ann (Sporleder) Jacobs, Dale Sporleder and Duane Sporleder; nieces and nephews; extended family and a host of friends. Donna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lance R. Garlock; a stillborn infant brother, Dean Sporleder; her sister, Lillian Blair; and her brother, Charles Sporleder.

^{xc} “**Bessie Sporleder.** Bessie Sporleder, 87, Lake City, died July 18, 1996, at Shady Oaks Care Center, Lake City. Services were held Monday, July 22, 1996 at Lampe Funeral Home in Lake City with the Reverend Gerald McGee officiating. Burial was in Lake Creek Cemetery. Bessie Amsden was born May 29, 1909, in Lake City to Frank and Cora (Patterson) Amsden. In 1926, she married Albert Sporleder. She lived most of her life in the Lake City area. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; daughter Lillian; son, Charles and infant son, Dean. Survivors include her daughter, Donna Garlock, Storm Lake; daughter-in-law, Viola Sporleder; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. *Lake City Graphic*

^{xcii} “**Henry Sporleder,** 74, of Lake City, died March 19, 2006, at home. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Wednesday at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City with the Reverend Erland Asmus officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7. Henry Clarence Sporleder, son of Ernest and Martha Patten Sporleder, was born May 31, 1931, on a farm near Lake City. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith and confirmed on May 13, 1945 at First Lutheran Church in Fonda, Iowa. He attended rural schools in Carroll and Calhoun counties, graduating from Fonda High School in 1949. He attended Iowa State University, leaving to join the Air Force in 1951, from which he was discharged in 1955 after completing pilot training. He attended Santa Ana Community College in Santa Ana, California where he was elected president of the student body, graduating with an Associate of Arts degree. After college, he worked as a pilot for a non-profit corporation. He married Jennifer Bedford on February 11, 1967, in Pasadena, California. The couple made their home in Tucson, Arizona, later moving to Fonda, Iowa where they farmed. They returned to Tucson where Henry was employed as an electrician with Magma Copper Company. The couple retired to Lake City in 1999 to be closer to family. Henry enjoyed gardening, photography, traveling, hunting and camping. He planted over one hundred trees on their acreage near Lake City. He and his wife hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon twice after retirement. Henry was an avid fan of the University of Arizona basketball team. He was an active member of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church and the American Legion. He will be remembered for his warmth and gentle wit. Survivors include his wife Jennifer; his sons, Henry Michael of Lake City and Dirck Allen of Tucson, Arizona; brothers Elmer and his wife Mary of Auburn, Dale and his wife Linda of Carmel, Indiana and Duane and his wife Deborah of Lake City; sister Ann and her husband Rev. Robert Jacobs of Ormond Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents.”

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^{xcii} “**Martha Sporleder.** Martha Sporleder, 92, died Tuesday, March 18 at Shady Oaks Retirement Home, Lake City. Funeral services were held at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City, with Rev. Erwin Asmus officiating. Burial was in Lake City Cemetery. Martha Lillian Patten was born September 7, 1910 in rural northeast Carroll County. In 1923, her family moved to a farm near Lamar, Nebraska. In October 1927, her mother died unexpectedly and the family returned to Iowa to live with her grandparents, Albert and Mary Patten. Martha became the surrogate mother for her eight younger brothers. She was united in marriage to Ernest Sporleder on September 16, 1930. They farmed in Calhoun County until 1938 when they moved to a farm near Fonda. They lived in the Fonda area until 1955, when they moved to a farm near Auburn. Martha took an active role in their farming operations all her life in addition to raising her five children. They moved to Lake City upon retirement in 1974. In recent years she lived at Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City. During the Second World War, Martha frequently corresponded with her father and eight brothers who were on active duty in the Navy. She received the Presidential Emblem of Honor and a letter from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in recognition of the Patten family's contributions during the War. Martha's interests included gardening, needlework, and fishing trips with her husband. She was an active member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City. In recent years, she enjoyed

spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Floyd Sr. and Anna (Billotte) Patten; infant sister Hazel; brothers Gilbert, Marvin, Clarence Floyd, Jr., and Ray Patten; and grandson Jon Sporleder. Survivors include her husband Ernest Sporleder of Lake City; daughter Ann Jacobs and husband Reverend Robert Jacobs of Naples, Florida; sons Henry Sporleder and wife Jennifer of Lake City, Elmer Sporleder and wife Mary of Lake City, Dale Sporleder and wife Linda of Carmel, Indiana, and Duane Sporleder and wife Deborah of Lake City; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers Allen Patten of Anchorage, Alaska, Myrne ('Ted') Patten of Lake City, Bruce Patten of Battle Ground, Washington, and Wayne Patten of Las Vegas, Nevada." *Lake City Graphic*, March 26, 2003, page 5

xciii **"Ernest Walter Sporleder, 96, died January 30, 2005 at Shady Oaks Center in Lake City.** Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, February 4th, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City, with Rev. Erwin Asmus officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday February 3rd, at the Lampe Funeral Home in Lake City; with a prayer service following at 7 p.m. Burial will be in the Lake City Cemetery. Survivors include his daughter Ann Jacobs and husband Reverend Robert Jacobs of Ormand Beach, Florida; sons Henry Sporleder and wife Jennifer of Lake City, Elmer Sporleder and wife Mary of Lake City, Dale Sporleder and wife Linda of Carmel, Indiana, and Duane Sporleder and wife Deborah of Lake City; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Martha (Patten), parents, Henry Carl and Wilhelmina (Boell); infant sister Cora; brothers Albert, Carl, and Waldo; sisters Clara Heuton, Emma Thede and Laura Thede; and infant grandson Jon Sporleder. Ernest Walter Sporleder was born December 12, 1908 in rural Parsons, Neosho County, Kansas. In 1914, his family moved to a farm near Lidderdale in Carroll County, Iowa. Later, in 1920 they farmed land in the Lake City area. He was united in marriage to Martha Patten on September 16, 1929. They helped farm with his parents until 1933, then he and Martha moved to a farm near Jolley. In 1936, the couple moved to a farm northwest of Lidderdale, where they remained until 1939. At that time they purchased a farm north of Fonda in Pocahontas County. They lived in the Fonda area until 1955, when they moved to a farm near Auburn. Upon retirement in 1974, the couple moved into Lake City. During this time, Ernest and Martha enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends, fishing, gardening, and playing cards. They were often seen riding around Lake City on their tandem bicycle. Before Martha's passing, the couple celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary in 2002. Ernest was an active member of the Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Lake City. He was the last surviving charter member from the church's founding in 1928. In recent years he lived at Shady Oaks Care Center in Lake City." *Lake City Graphic*, February 9, 2005, page 5

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