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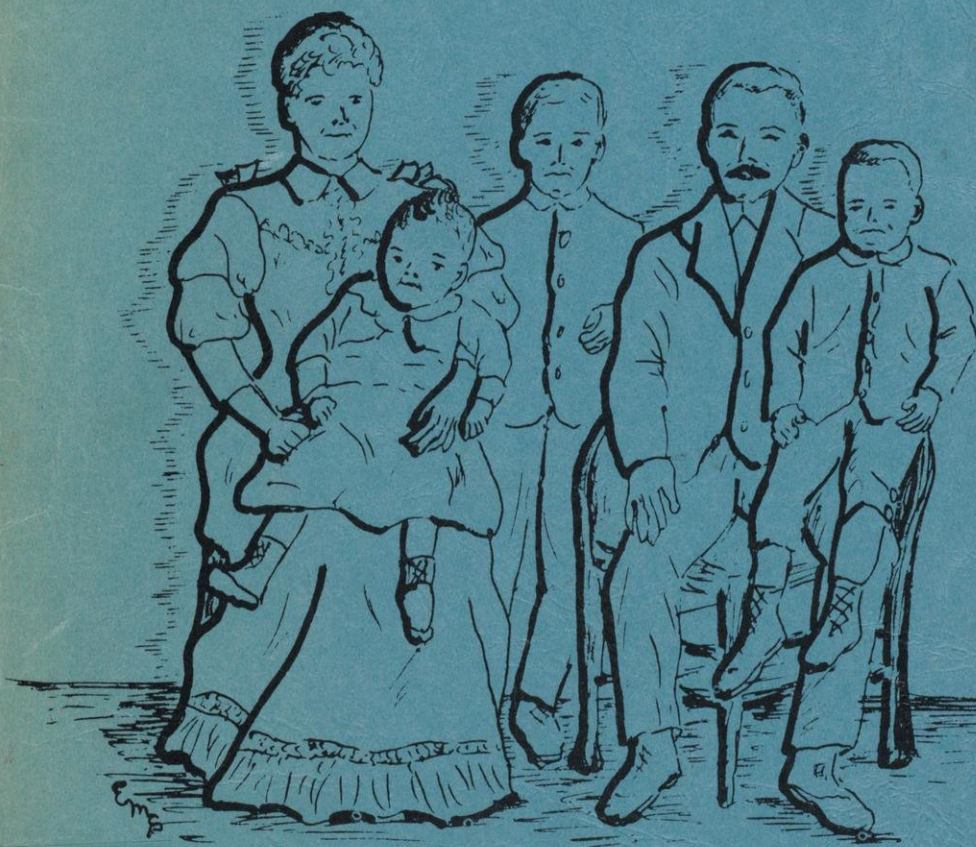
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A Note from Otto Oimoen:

In preparing this Book, we are greatly indebted to various members of the Oimoen family for their generous help with stories, pictures and family lists. The genealogy was a "winter's work" and could not have been gathered together without the cheerful assistance of all the Oimoen relationship.

We realize that there may be mistakes or Omissions in the genealogy. In all cases we tried to contact the "oldest" members of the particular branch. One family that we cannot locate is the Olson family of Minneapolis so it is difficult to make the list complete. - For this we apologize. We hope the name spellings are right and if there are any mistakes they are not intended.

Otto

Now-a Note from Ethel Skalet:

Whew!!! Maybe had I known all of the work ahead of me when I told Otto I'd help get-together this Oimoen History I would have maybe said "No" - but now I realize all that I would have missed out on in finding out about and learning to know and almost "bringing to life" my ancestors - if I had turned down the chance to work on this History.

I decided to do all the "Family Trees" (genealogies) in my own hand printing and then have all the stories printed by the printers. I hope it will be legible and clear for you.

If this will help you, I'll make an explanation of the code to understanding the order of the Family Trees:

* By a name means - deceased

I. (Roman Numeral) in front of name is a Son or Daughter of Ole and Anne

Disaster - Second Generation

① (circled) are Grandchildren of Ole and Anne - Third Generation

Ⓛ (Boxed) are Great-grandchildren of Ole and Anne Fourth Generation

(continued next page)

(Notes from Otto and Ethel continued)

- 1.) (1-half parenthesis)-great-great-grandchildren - Fifth Generation
1. - are the great-great-great-grandchildren - Sixth Generation

Information on each Family Member is listed similar to this:

Name (spouses also) children, etc.	Birthdate Marriage dates Burial place if deceased	Birthplace	Address and Occupation
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① Third Generation

① Fourth Generation

1.) Fifth Generation

1. Sixth Generation

Direct-Blood-line name is underlined in most all cases throughout the "Family Trees" and "Story write-ups!"

I hope now that each and everyone of you will enjoy reading this history of the Coimoeu Family, looking at the pictures and reading the stories written by several people.

I want to Thank you all for sending in your Family Trees, and pictures and stories that some of you sent too, it all helps to make this a more interesting history book.

I'm sure you will find errors, omissions, etc., and hope you can forgive me for that, as there's no intention of missing anyone or "gooting" it up in anyway! Thanks again, every one!!

Ethel

Norwegian



IMMIGRATION



“Kan du glemme
gamle Norge?”

Norwegian Immigration

Ole and Anne
Disæther
and Family
Oimden - Sæther - Olson



OLE AND ANNE ØISÆTHER HAD NINE CHILDREN, TWO GIRLS AND SEVEN BOYS. THEIR CHILDREN ALL CAME TO AMERICA AND AFTER OLE DIED, ANNE CAME TO AMERICA TO BE WITH HER CHILDREN.

THE FOLLOWING PAGES IN THIS BOOK WILL UNFOLD THE SAGA OF OLE AND ANNE'S FAMILY IN AMERICA, WHERE THEY SETTLED, WHO THEY MARRIED, AND WHAT KIND OF LIVING THEY CHOSE.

THERE ARE FAMILY LISTINGS, (GENEALOGIES) STORIES, AND PICTURES, OLD and NEW, OF THE ANCESTORS (FAMILY) OF OLE AND ANNE.



SECTION I



Family History from NORWAY

Upon request the following letter of Family History information was sent to Olga Grinder:

STATSARKIVET I HAMAR
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N-2300 Hamar, Norway,
April 5 1979

Ref.No 706/1979

Mrs. Helmer Grinder
10759 Grinder Rd.
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin 53572
U.S.A.

Your letter of March 21 1979

In the 1865 and 1875 census returns for Øisateren, Nordre Land, we find the crofter Ole Madsen, his wife Anne Knutsdatter and their children. According to the mentioned census returns they had the following children: Christian, Andreas, Ole, Anne, Iver and Marthinus. Statsarkivet has parish registers up to and including the year 1881, but Ole Madsen Øisateren must have died after that year. Parish registers after 1881 are kept by the vicar of Nordre Land, N-2870 Bokka, Norway. According to our parish register 1841-1849 for Sør-Aurdal, Valdres, Ole Madsen Ødemoenseie and Anne Knutsdatter Midtfield were married in Bruflat on January 26 1845. Ole was baptized in Bruflat on May 31 1807, parents were Mads Olsen and Ingri Andersdatter Lundeseie (Sør-Aurdal par. reg. 1807-1815). He was confirmed in Nordre Land on December 2 1821. Anne was b. on Sept. 23, bapt. Oct. 14 ¹⁸²¹ in Aurdal, Valdres, par. Knut Andersen Kulterstad and Kari Knutsdatter Floeviig (Nord-Aurdal par. reg. 1816-1828).

Letter from Norway.

The above information is given free of charge.

Any further investigation must be pursued privately, the usual remuneration for private genealogical research work being ab. 7 dollar per hour.

When writing to us, please address your letter to Statsarkivet, not to any particular member of the staff

With kind regards

Knut Skisted
Knut Skisted

archivist
by authority

Section I

The Family of
 Ole Madsen Disæther and Anne Knutsdatter
 (Solemoenseie -- Disæteren) Midtjæld

Ole's parents: Mads Olsen ^{and} Ingri Andersdatter Lundeeie

Anne's parents: Knut Andersen Kulterstad ^{and} Kari Knutsdatter
 Floeviig

Ole was baptized in Bruflat - May 31, 1807 - Confirmed Dec. 2, 1821
 in Nordreland

Anne was born on Sept. 23, 1821 ^{and} Baptized Oct. 14, 1821 in Aurdal, Valdres

Ole ^{and} Anne were married January 26, 1845 in Bruflat

Ole died in Norway in late 80's - Buried at Nordreland, Prestejæld, Norway

Anne came to America after Ole's death - Anne died - Sept. 27, 1893
 and she is buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery in Daleyville

- OLE ^{and} ANNE DISÆTHER'S CHILDREN (9) -

(Please Note: dates may not be accurate - no dates for some)

	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>
I. Martin Oimoen	4-14-1844	4-14-1929
II. Kristian (Christ) Sæther (Sather)	1845	1930
III. John Oimoen	9-26-1846	8-13-1926
IV. Andrew (Andreas) Olson (no dates)		
V. Tonetta Oimoen (Anka/trud)	2-2-1850	9-25-1906
VI. Ole Oimoen	3-12-1856	4-25-1923
VII. Anna Karina (Carrie) Oimoen (MacGarva)		(No dates)
VIII. Iver Oimoen	1863	1937
IX. Martinus Oimoen	1867	4-9-1946

(Note: All of these BROTHERS ^{and} SISTERS were born in Norway)
 Section I

OLE AND ANNA OISAETHER AND THEIR DECENDENTS

by Oscar Oimoen

Ole and Anna Oisaether were born in Northern Land, Prestejeld, Norway. We don't know the exact date of Ole's birthday but we know the date of Anna. She was born in 1821 so it is reasonable to expect Ole was born around 1820.

After they were married they got a job as "hus-mann" (or renter it is called in this country) on the Oisaether gard (farm) owned by Tore Oimoen who owned two farms close by each other.

It was the rule or law that a land owner, when he died, the oldest son inherits the farm, so Ole, not having a father with a farm, had to be an ordinary laborer or get a job working a farm. The land owner in those days never did any labor to amount to much, the work being done was done by the "hus-mann".

There were really two classes of people in Norway at that time, the well to do with property and the other with out property who had little chance acquiring any property.

Ole must have been a true and trusted employee as he lived on this farm all his life 'till he died there. Ole and Anna had nine children, seven boys and two girls. As the children grew up they became restless and started to think about migrating to America. We don't know who made the first move to come to America but we think Christ (Kristian) or Andrew (Andreas) might have come first.

They all came to Wisconsin over a period of time. Christ (Kristian) settled near Mondovi in Modena, Buffalo County, Wisconsin. He worked around that area until he had saved up enough money to make a down payment on a farm where he spent most of his life. He retired to Modena in his old age and there he and his wife are buried.

When Andrew (Andreas) came over he settled in Arbor Vita, Wisconsin, Vilas County, where he got a job in a pinery cutting logs for the saw mills in Arbor Vita. After a few years in the forest he was advanced to chief filer so the last years all he did was file saws.

We don't know just when he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he lived for a few years, then he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to live with their son who was a doctor, not married. When there, their son died so he and his wife moved back to Minneapolis where he and his wife are buried.

He was married twice. He called himself, Andrew Olson, which was the correct way at that

time if your father didn't have a farm and was an ordinary laborer, his son or sons just added son on their dad's first name, hence Oleson, and a daughter would be known as Olesdaughter. (By the way, Christ called himself Oisaether but after awhile he finally omitted the Oi and used plain Saether (Sather). John, Ole, Iver, Martin and Martinus used the name Oimoen).

Martin, after he came to Wisconsin, worked around Blue Mounds area for sometime when he bought a farm in Minnesota in the Red River Valley near Moorehead. He farmed it for a number of years, raising grain, mostly wheat. After he sold the farm he went to Bode, Iowa where he owned a butcher shop which he operated until he retired.

He was pretty crippled up and was hard for him to get around so he came and stayed with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ole Oimoen until he died. He is buried in West Blue Mounds Cemetery. He got to be the oldest of his brothers, 88 years. He was never married.

John (Johan) came to Wisconsin in 1871 to the Daleyville area. He got to be called "Grubar John" as he did so much of it. I was told this story, to me (Oscar) by an Irishman out of Ridgeway (80 some years old). John had taken a job to grub five acres of woods for his father. One morning when John went to work it started to rain. John didn't come home and he didn't come home for dinner and it got toward supper time and he didn't show up so his father sent his sister to look for him. She came running back and told her father that John must have gone mad as he didn't have any clothes on. He was digging for dear life.

So her father went to see for himself, where he was, still digging and chopping. He asked John why he didn't come home out of the rain. John said, "You can't beat this kind of weather for grubbing". So John went over to a stump and pulled his clothes out, nice and dry! The Irishman said it was unbelievable how much he had grubbed down.

When John got married he bought a farm. He was also quite a horse man. He used to raise them and they were big and beautiful! He was married twice and is buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery with his wives. He died at 79 years of age.

Ole came also to Blue Mounds area in 1880 and worked around for sometime until he got married. As his father-in-law had hundreds of acres of land he bought 200 acres from him and built all new buildings. He built his house just like the one he was born in in Norway. The barn he built was the largest one around there anywhere at that time.

He was quite often the first to try anything

new. He had the first manure spreader. He also had a tread mill that he used to grind feed with.

Ole also built a stone wall in front of his house, four feet high. It is still there today. Just for some weathering it is still as good as ever. He knew how to build and make it last.

Ole Oimoen was only 70 years old when he died and is buried in the West Blue Mounds Cemetery with his wife, Annie.

Iver (Ever) came to Wisconsin when he was 16 years old, (1879), to Perry where he worked on farms, except for one year when he worked on a grain farm in North Dakota. He told the fields was so long he started out at 7 o'clock in the morning with 4 mules on a gang plow and it was 6 p.m. when he got back. (There were 6 of them with gang plows and 4 mule teams.)

This man had several sections of land. When Iver got married he bought a farm close to his father-in-law. This farm had very little field, mostly virgin timber. He was always grubbing and making new land and before he sold it in 1906, he had cleared at least 40 acres. He built a new house. He was the only one who lived in a log house of his brothers. He lived in the log house for 10 years. In 1906 he sold this farm and bought a big farm about 3 miles north of his first farm. This farm was mostly all plowland, that was the end of his grubbing.

In 1921 Iver sold this farm to his son, Joseph and moved to Blue Mounds where he died in 1937 and is buried in the Perry Cemetery with his wife.

Martinus settled in Chippewa County near Bloomer. He farmed there for a few years, sold his farm and went to Canada to homestead land in Saskatchewan near Asquith, west of Saskatoon. He lived the rest of his life in Canada. At one time, how much land he had we don't know, but he used to write his brothers, Ole, John, and Iver after harvest time and tell them about all the grain he had harvested. That same year he harvested several thousand bushels of wheat, flax and oats. The more grain he would harvest, the more land he bought.

Martinus had his own threshing rig and also raised horses. He never was married and he also got to be the wealthiest of his brothers. When he died he was buried in Saskatoon. Two of his nephews, Otto Oimoen and Olaf Ankaltrud went to his funeral.

Tonetta was married to Christ (Christian Olson), he changed his name to Ankaltrud years later.

Christ bought a farm not far from Iver's farm. Tonetta and Christ were married before they came to Wisconsin. Christ ran a threshing rig for many years, and they lived on this farm all their lives.



Oscar Oimoen (confirmation).

Christ built a new house and barn on his farm too. When he bought it, it had a log house and the barn was part logs. Christ and Tonetta are both buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery in Daleyville.

Corine (Carrie), Norwegian name Anna Karina, did not stay very long in Wisconsin before she went out to Lodi or San Francisco. We don't know very much about her. She did not get married until she was in her late 50's, so she had no children. She married a man by the name of John MacGarva. She is buried some place in San Francisco.

ANNA OISAETHER, (Oisather), after her husband died, also came to Wisconsin in the late 1880's. She died September 27, 1893 and is buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery. Her husband is buried in Northern Prestejeld, Norway. Anna, we are told, never could come to like it here in America and she was very homesick for Norway.

OLE AND ANNA'S boys were all big men, 6 feet and over and weighed 200 lbs. and over, except Martin, who was short, about 5'8" or 9", weighing around 180 lbs.

They all married Norwegian girls and all joined Norwegian Lutheran churches, that was a must. They were a hard working bunch, never asked for a hand-out and when they made up their mind on some project they never quit until accomplished. It is people like these that have made the U. S. great.

OLE AND ANNA'S ancestors have ventured into many different kinds of occupations. There is or has been one doctor, one lawyer, two ministers, many teachers, nurses, salesmen, store keepers, accountants, insurance salesman, manager of a co-op, some employed by the state and federal government and one in foreign service.

A majority of them stepped into their father's shoes and became farmers and tillers of the soil and very good ones, I may say.

Many of their descendants have moved from Wisconsin to the west coast and east coast and places in between.

So this is the history of **OLE** and **ANNA OISAETHER'S** descendants up to now, 1977.

(This interesting history of Ole and Anna Oisaether and their descendants was written by Oscar Oimoen, obtained mostly by what he had stored in the back of his mind from what he had heard from his father and others, plus doing a little research and scratching around in church records and elsewhere. We have to say a big "Thank You", Oscar, for your contribution to this history book).

Otto Oimoen
Ethel Skalet

I REMEMBER

by Otto Oimoen

My early remembrance of the Oimoen family that settled in this area was **Uncle John**, **Uncle Iver**, **Aunt Tonetta Ankaltrud** and of course my dad, **Ole**. Being a close knit family they met in each others homes making four Sundays every year that a big feast and enjoyment was had by all both big and small.

This was long before automobiles were around. The farm horse plugs were hitched to the wagon with spring seats or no seat at all made the journey to the different aunts and uncles homes. This continued until as time passes on. Aunt **Tonetta Ankaltrud** answered the final roll so did Aunt **Annie** and Aunt **Lena** which left Uncles **Christ**, **John** and **Iver** to take care of their families which they did so well. Eventually the older

cousins established their own homes so that their annual visit ceased to be. Many pleasant memories of those happy days remain.

I remember **Uncle John** had such a hearty laugh which impressed every one who heard. **Alena** his daughter who with her husband **Fred Fridstrom** operated a restaurant in Chicago had her dad come to Chicago for a visit and while there **Alena** took her dad to a show which was something new for **Uncle John**. The show being a comedy **Uncle John** laughed so much and so loud that the entire audience had more enjoyment in hearing **Uncle** laugh than in the show itself.

Uncle Iver also had a hearty laugh. I remember one Christmas I got what was called a **Balky Mule**. It was a mule hitched to a two wheel cart with a funny looking driver. When it was wound up and released the spring it would start ahead, stop and back up and go ahead again and continue to do so and the driver would be in so many funny different positions and when **Uncle Iver** saw it, it made him laugh so long and hard that I thought he would never stop. I can hear him laughing yet.

My Dad when he was 10-12 years old had a hip infection which kept him in bed over a year with out any doctor but left to nature to heal, results left the leg shorter as it ceased to grow compared to the other during his growing age. After coming to this country he was working in **Martin Sonstebo's** mill just north of **Barneveld** in **Walnut Hollow**, when the steam engine used for power exploded and my dad was scalded and burned on his short hip side. He carried the scars the rest of his life. Being somewhat crippled for this reason he was not able to do too much walking so I was left to do most of the field work at an early age.

I remember **Dad** had the ability to work cold iron. With his hammer and anvil, which is still on the farm, and with a chisel and punch he was able to work iron into different shapes and sizes to repair any broken items. No heat of fire was connected with his work. **Dad** made different pieces of furniture from old **Reed** organs and material on hand with no power tools, only wooden planes, hand saws, hand draw knives, and hand bit drills. I have several book stands and dressers that he made from **Cottonwood** lumber that was sawed from the old homestead that my mother helped plant 120 years ago.

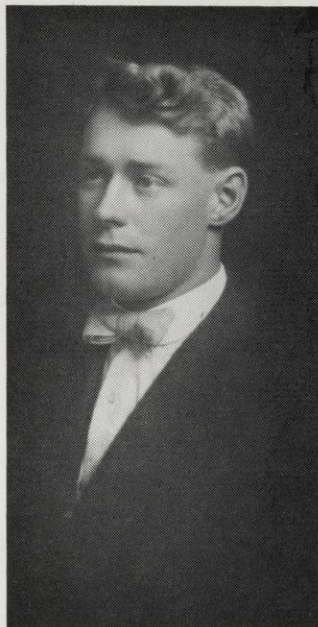
Uncle Andrew, after coming to this country, became a saw filer in the saw mills in Northern Wisconsin and the brothers lost contact with one another until **Uncle Andrew** placed a note in the **Skandinaven**, the Norwegian paper in Chicago, wanting information of his brothers in Wisconsin.

Uncles Iver, John and my dad saw the notice as all of them kept the paper and their reply brought the brothers together again. He made several visits down here before passing away.

Aunt Karina or Carrie spent her life in California. I only have a faint remembrance of seeing her once.

Uncle Martin spent most of his life in Iowa until his last years. Then he lived with my mother at Blue Mounds. He died in 1929 and is buried in Blue Mounds Cemetery.

Uncle Martinus settled in Northern Wisconsin where he cleared a farm in that wooded area, selling and went to Canada in the Saskatchewan province where he did very well. He was a very prominent farmer of the Asquith district where he had very extensive farm holding. He died in 1946 and was buried in Canada. Olaf Anaklud and I attended his funeral.



Otto Oimoen, 1912.

common to see older women smoking pipes, but they usually smoked them only when their rheumatism bothered them. It was for this reason that Anne often smoked a pipe, but she never puffed it in the presence of company.

One of the sons, Ole Oimoen, was married on March 14, 1887, to Annie Anderson of Blue Mounds, Wisconsin. They purchased a portion of her father's homestead in Iowa County, and settled down to a life of farming and good living. A large frame house was built on the top of a hill overlooking the spacious meadow, where a hairlike stream of water curled and wrinkled its way southward. Most of the fields were on the ridge, while the meadow furnished excellent pasture for the cattle.

It was here that Grandpa and Grandma Oimoen raised their seven children--six girls and one boy.

Written about 1946 by Albert O. Grender
Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church
Fair Water, Wisconsin

OLE AND ANNE OISAETER

by Pastor A. O. Grender

When I was at St. Olaf College, I had to write our family history for Norwegian class. The following is the information told to me by Grandma Oimoen and parts were taken from the family history in her family Bible:

Ole and Anne Oisaeter were born in Nordre-land, Prestegjeld, Norway. They had nine children, seven boys and two girls. Each son changed the name of his own choosing. One chose Saeter, leaving off the prefix. Another chose Olson derived from the first name. And the other five changed the suffix from "saeter" to "moen", forming the name Oimoen. The boys came to America in the 1880's and settled on farms in the Town of Perry in Dane County, and a few years later, after their father's death in Norway, their mother, Anne, came to America and joined their children.

Anne was sometimes criticized because she smoked a pipe. In the old country it was quite

Martin Oimoen



A. C. Gerlach,

ARTIST

Martin Oimoen

Martin, at the time
he lived in
Blue Mounds at his
sister-in-law,
Mrs. Ole Oimoen



SECTION II

I. Martin Oimoen

Born: 4-14-1844 in Norway

Died: 4-14-1929 - Buried W. Blue Mds. Cemetery

Martin was born in Norway, the oldest of nine children of Ole and Anne Oisæther.

After leaving Norway and coming to America he worked in and around Blue Mounds. Then he moved to the Red River Valley in Minnesota where he bought his own farm located near Moorehead.

He sold his farm after a number of years and bought a Butcher Shop in Bode, Iowa and operated it until he retired.

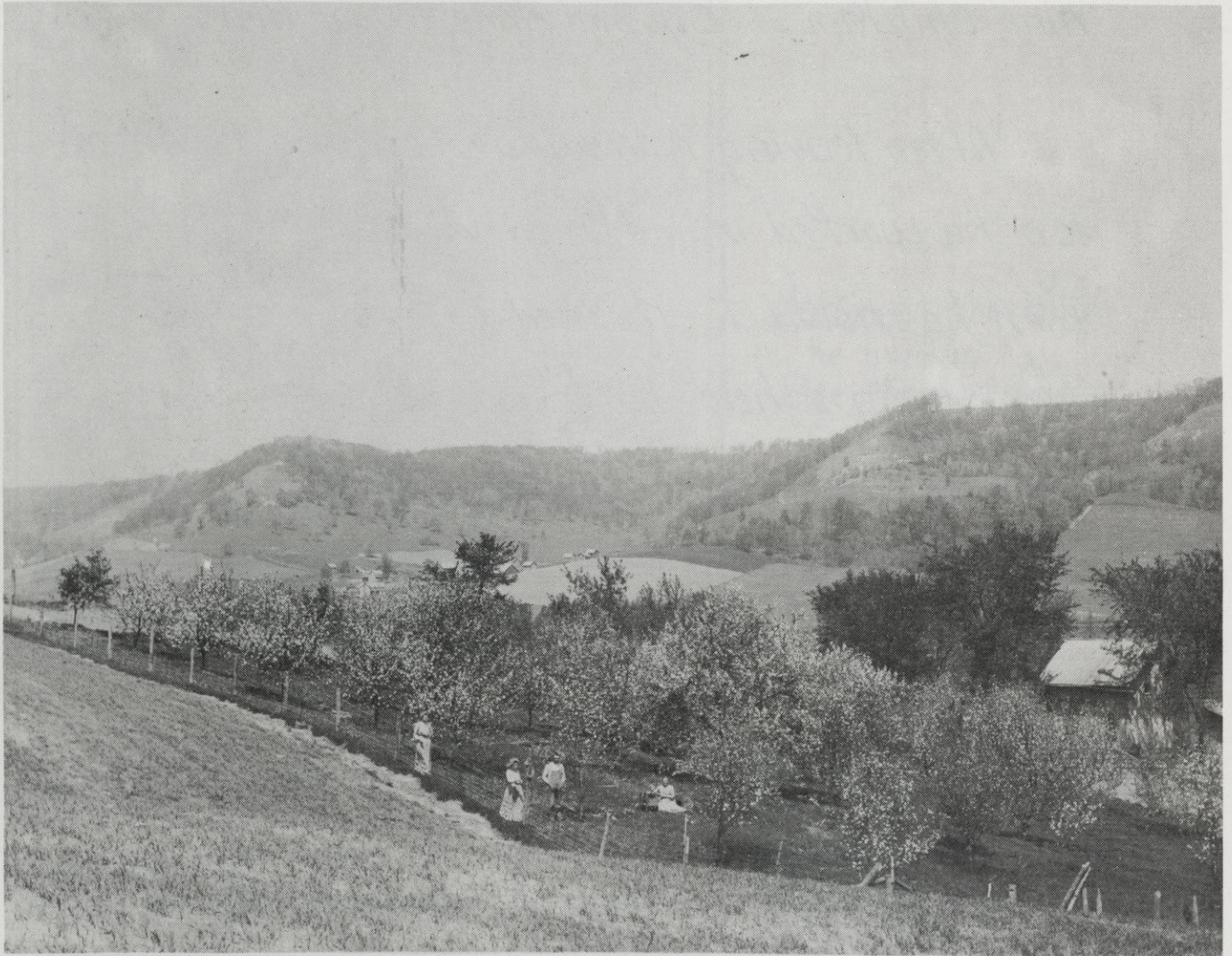
After his retirement he came to live in Blue Mounds with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ole Oimoen, until his death. He was 88 years old when he died.

Martin was never married.

SECTION II



Kristian Sather
(Christ Sather)



Christ Sather's family in the Apple Orchard on the
Homestead near Modena, Wis.

SECTION III

The Family of

II. Krustian* (Christ) Sather and Beret* Brendingen
 Born: (unknown date) In Nordre Lands, Prestejeld, Norge
 Born: Søndre, Aurdal, Vakkres, Norge
 Died: In the 1930's, at age 85
 Died: In the 1930's at age 81
 Both are Buried in the Lyster Cemetery Church Valley
 Urne, Wisconsin

(4 CHILDREN)

① OLE*

Born: 1882

Died: 1905

at 23 years of age

(Both are buried in Lyster Cemetery Church Valley, Urne, Wis.)

② BERTHE* MARIA

Born: 1885

Died: 1908

at 23 years of age

③ ANNA

Born: April 23, 1887

④ BERTINA*

Born: 1889

Died: 12-2-1970; Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery
 Denver, Colorado

⑤ JOHANNA

Born: June 23, 1903

③ Anna - Born 4-23-87 Modena, Buffalo Co., Wis. Aurora, Colo.

Retired Registered Nurse

Graduated from Robert Burns Hospital - Chicago - Worked at Fitzimons' and Colorado Gen. Hosp. in Denver.

Johanna - came to live with Annas' parents at age 2.

She lived with them til their deaths. She then lived with Anna until 1956. She lives now on Hanover St. in Aurora, Colo. - Retired from Food Service in Fitzimons Army Hosp.

④ BERTINA* and Fred* Schuetze (died in 1963)

Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery
 Denver, Colorado

(1 Daughter)

(Bertina taught parochial school, also a nurse)

① Maxine* Bertina - Died - Dec. 23, 1974

John* Thielke - Died in 1972

Both are buried in Fort Logan Cemetery
 Denver, Colorado

LETTERS TO OTTO FROM ANNA SATHER

(Age 91)

March 21, 1978

Dear Cousin Otto:

I am sorry I haven't been able to send you any history on our family yet, I haven't felt very good lately, so I haven't felt much like doing much writing. I don't know if I can tell you much as I don't know or remember dates, but I will try and do the best I can.

I have written to Lloyd Olson in California, it is many years since I heard he was there. I also have written to Luella Olson, Oscar's widow in Mpls., haven't heard from her since she wrote about Oscar's death. If I don't hear from them I will try and send you what little I know about the Olson family.

In the meantime I'll try and get ours together as soon as possible.

As ever, Anna

Below is 2nd letter to Otto from Anna.

Dear Cousin:

Wrote both Lloyd Olson and Luella Olson, Oscar's widow, both letters came back, so won't hear from them. Then I remembered Oscar had a boy named Warren, so I wrote to a friend in Mpls., if she could find his name in her phone book. If found would she please send me his address. But she said in her letter I received today, there are 15 Warren Olsons. Didn't say if she would call them or not, but I will write her again. As soon as I hear from her I will let you know-

As ever, Anna

P.S.

You mentioned my father's name as Christ but his Norwegian name was Kristian. And our aunt in Calif., her Norwegian name was Anna Karina. I don't know if you knew her Norwegian name or not. You asked about Johanna so I am sending you a little about her too. Don't know if you want to include her in our family history or not.

Am sorry I couldn't remember dates better, so it would have been more complete, but it is the best I could do.

The following family history is written by Anna Sather, written in her own hand writing, at age 91 on April 23, 1978.

My father, **Kristian Oisater** or **Oimoen** was born in Nordre Lands, Prestejeld, Norway (don't know the date). Have a faint recollection that he and **Uncle Andrew** came to America together, and worked in the woods in the Central part of Wisc., don't know how long he was there before he came to Modena, Buffalo Co., where he met my mother

Beret Brendingen, who had come from Sondre Aurdal, Valdres, Norway, when she was 13 years old with parents, Bjorn and Berthe Marie Brendingen and brother Jon and sisters Ingeborg and Siri.

Was told they were 6 weeks on the ocean and when they came to their destination, Alma, Wisc., they walked about 20 miles through woods and swampy roads, with an Indian guide, before they got up into a valley called Lurendahl, named after some of my mother's relatives that had come before them, and was the first settlers in the valley.

Can't imagine how they made a living in those days, don't know when **my father** came to Modena but he and **Beret Brendingen** were married in Lyster Church, Church Valley, Urne, Wisc. (date unknown) and started housekeeping on a 160 acre farm in the same valley where my father had built a loghouse. The only drinking water they had, was from a spring a little ways from the house, until a well was dug. **My father** worked hard clearing the land, as there was a lot of timber on it, he made cord wood and railroad ties to sell. He was known for being the strongest man that walked in the town of Modena.

My mother worked hard too helping with chores and sometimes out in the fields. They both died in the nineteen-thirties. **Father** was 85, Mother 81. Both are buried in the Lyster Cemetery, Church Valley, Urne, Wisc. They had 4 children, **Ole**, **Bertha Maria**, **Anna** and **Bertina**. **Ole** died in 1905, 23 years old, **Berthe Maria** died 3 years later, at the same age of 23. Both are buried in Lyster Cemetery.

Bertina in her early life taught parochial



Christ Sather and family; Anna, Ole, Bertha Maria, Bertina (in front)

school and also did some nursing. She married Fred Schuetze, lived in Madison, Wisc. awhile, then moved to Mpls., Minn., later to Denver, Colo., where Fred died 15 years ago (1963). Bertina died Dec. 2, 1970, 81 years old. Both are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver, Colo. They had one daughter, Maxine Bertina. She married John Thielke, he died in 1972, Maxine died in Dec. 23, 1974, they lived in Denver, Colo. Both are buried in Fort Logan Cemetery in Denver.

That leaves me (Anna) the last of the Sather family. I was born on a farm in Modena, Buffalo Co., Wisc. in April 1887. I stayed at home and helped with the farm work, and also helped neighbors with odd jobs, until I got the idea I would like to be a nurse, so I packed my trunk, and off to Chicago I went and landed in a Hospital in China town, but I didn't stay there more than 10 months as I found out I wouldn't become a registered nurse if I stayed there, so I entered Robert Burns Hosp., stayed there 3 years and graduated from there in 1928, worked in Chicago



Christ Sather and family; Anna and Bertina (standing),
Johanna (seated).

for many years. In 1944, I went to Denver, Colo, got a job in Fitzimons Hosp. (Army). In 1946, I bought a home at 1533 Boston St., Aurora, a suburb of Denver, rented out rooms and also worked in the hospital.

I retired from Colorado General Hospital (a State Hosp.) in 1968, where I had worked 9½ years, I did some private duty after that for about one year, so that ended my nursing career.

I have enjoyed staying at home, and not having to go to work every day. Of course keeping up a home means work too, so I have to hire some things done. In my leisure times I have done sewing and fancy work. In the summer time, I have enjoyed working with flowers, in the last few years I have been going to a Senior Citizens Club, that serves dinners 5 days a week, there I get a well balanced meal. We can pay what we want, but not less than thirty-five cents, a van picks us up that has no transportation, and brings us home again. I have a woman stay with me, as I don't like to stay alone.

Sunday, the 23rd of April 1978 was my 91st birthday, so I am not a youngster anymore. I am in fairly good health, have my aches and pains, but thank God that so far it isn't any worse. My neighbors had a nice birthday party for me, got quite a few nice presents, had a good lunch and a nice time.

This will have to be partly my history up to date 1978.

Anna Sather

[Anna wrote the following information about
Johanna.]

Johanna was born June 23, 1903 in Modena, Wisc. She was 2 years old when my folks got her. She lived with them until they were gone.

She came with me (Anna) to Denver in 1944, and got a job in food service at Fitzimons Army Hospital. She lived with me until she got the notion she wanted her own home, so she bought a home on Hanover St., Aurora in 1956, had a couple of roomers for awhile, then she retired from food service in 1968. She now lives alone, with 2 dogs as company.

This is Johanna's history up to date 1978 (partly).

Anna Sather

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Anna Sather

A sample copy of Anna Sather's handwriting at age 91
(from a letter to Otto).



John Oimoen



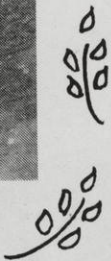
John Oimoen's family and home.

SECTION IV



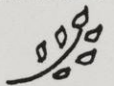
John Dimoen

John Dimoen's daughter,
Alena and Granddaughter,
Aimee



John
in
Chicago
"John's the
one behind
the beard"

(Driver
unknown?)



III. John* Oimoen The Family of and Anna* Anderson
 Born: 9-26-1846 in Norway Born: 1852
 Died: 8-13-1926 (Both Buried - Perry Luth. Cem.) Died: 4-23-1893
 (John's First Marriage.) - Feb. 24, 1881 at Blue Mounds

① ALENA*	② ROSENA*	③ OLUF*
Born: 1886 Tn. of Blue Mds.	Born: 12-25-1888	Born: 1891
Died: 1930 Madison	Died: 2-2-1936	Died: 1891
	Perry Lutheran Cemetery	Perry Cemetery
(In 1887 another baby, Otto, was born - died 1887) (Perry Church Records)		

① Alena* and Fred* Fridstrom
 Born: 1875 in Sweden The Fridstroms
 Died: 1950 Madison were the proprietors
 1. Aimee Fridstrom (died in infancy) of the F & F Rest-
 2. Aimee Fridstrom White - 7-1912 Madison aurant and Furniture
Living in Madison, Wisconsin Store in Madison.

② ROSENA* Oimoen

③ OLUF* Oimoen

John Oimoen's Second Marriage - Dec. 30, 1893
 Married - Annie* Moen - Born: 10-23-1861
 Died: 3-22-1917 Perry Luth. Cemetery

① OLAF*	② & ③ TWINS - EDWARD* & EDWIN*
Born: 2-9-1895 Blue Mds. Tnsp.	Born: 4-2-1897 Blue Mds. Tnsp.
Died: 3-9-1976 Roselawn Cemetery	EDWARD died: 10-6-1942 - Perry Luth. Cem.
Madison, Wis.	EDWIN died: 7-16-1965 - Mt. Vernon Cemetery

④ CARL*	⑤ OSCAR*
Born: 5-30-1899 Blue Mds. Tnsp.	Born: 11-26-1901 Blue Mds. Tnsp.
Died: 2-27-1978 Mt. Horeb Union Cem.	Died: 1-26-1921 Perry Luth. Cemetery

(John Oimoen families - Continued)

(John Oimoen Families Continued)

① Olaf* and Jessie Oimoen Married-11-5-1938 3542 Johns St.
Born: 11-17-1900 Columbia Co., Wis. Madison, Wis. 53714
(No Children)

Olaf served in the United States Army from 1917-1918.

② Edward* (Eddie) and Mabel Engen Oimoen 703 E. Main St.
(TWIN) Born: 12-30-1900 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(2 Children) Rock Co., Orfordville, Wis.

① Mary Ann Oimoen 7-17-30 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 304 Blue View Dr.
William L. Johnson 11-16-27 Tn. of Vermont Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(3 Children) Bill - Employed in Farm Machinery Business
1.) Ellen (Adopted) 1-6-64 Milwaukee, Wis. 8th grade - Mt. Horeb
2.) Timothy (Adopted) 5-30-65 Milwaukee, Wis. 7th grade - " "
3.) Stephen 9-28-68 Madison, Wis. 3rd grade - " "

② Roger E. Oimoen 12-30-31 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 1543 Parmenter
Ada Rhiner 5-10-31 Mt. Vernon, Wis. Middleton, Wis.
(3 Children) (Moved from Marshfield to Middleton in '78) Roger - Vice-President of Wick Building Systems, Inc.
1.) John Edward 1-15-59 Madison, Wis. Student - U. of W. Madison, Wis.
2.) Peggy Ann 3-29-60 Madison, Wis. 12th Grade - H.S. Marshfield Sr. High
3.) Thomas Alan 10-12-64 Hammond, Ind. 7th Grade - Jr. High Marshfield

③ Edwin* and Iva Tasher Oimoen 200 W. Harriet St.
(TWIN) Born: 7-29-1902 Verona, Wis. 53593
PRIMROSE TNSP. Retired from Farming
(2 Children)

(Edwin Oimoen family - continued)

(Edwin Oimoen Family-continued)

1. Winifred Oimoen 9-30-32 Primrose Tnsp. Route #1, Mt. Horeb,
Donald Losenegger 8-2-32 Blue Mds. Tnsp. wisconsin 53572
(4 Children.) winifred - Administrative
Assistant - Madison
Donald - Farmer, Maintenance
U.W. Hospitals
Staff Sergeant
U.S. Air Force
Hahn AFB, Germany
303 Princeton St.
Madison, Wis.
Nursing Assistant
U.W. Hospitals
148 E. Gorham St.
Madison, Wis.
Student - U. of W.
Menomonie, Wis.
Student - Stout U.W.
- 1.) Mark 9-13-54 Madison, Wis.
Kumpoon Neuwanssee 3-15-49 Thailand
- 2.) Laurel 9-19-55 Madison, Wis.
- 3.) Michael 11-27-57
Rayne Arneson (married - June 10, 1978)
- 4.) Lois 5-28-59 Madison, Wis.
2. Inez Oimoen 10-26-34 Madison, Wis. 210 N. Jackson St.
Janesville, Wis.
Elem. Teacher

4. Carl* and Cornelia* Swenson Oimoen Lived at 208 S. 2nd St.
Born: 2-2-1905 Mt. Horeb, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis.
Died: 10-5-1963 Mt. Horeb Union Cem. / was retired farmer, highway worker
(3 children) Married - 2-7-1925

1. Lester Oimoen 4-10-27 Forward, Wis. (Dane Co.) R#1, Blue Mds, Wis. 53517
Hilda Doescher 7-5-29 Barneveld, Wis. Farming
(5 children) Married - 8-20-1948
- 1.) Larry Oimoen 10-6-49 Dodgeville, Wis. Farmer - Blue Mds, Wis.
2.) Lana Oimoen 6-21-51 Dodgeville, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
Roland Dyreson 7-12-51
Roland - Employed - Wicks at
Married - 8-12-72 Mazomanie
Lana - Teacher - Barneveld
(Carl Oimoen Family cont'd)

(Carl Oimoen family Contined)

- 3.) Gary Oimoen 3-31-53 Dodgeville, Wis. / Home Paint Designer - Mr. Horeb
4.) David Oimoen 10-11-54 Dodgeville, Wis. Blue Mounds, Wis.
Jackie Schlingen 1-17-54 Madison, Wis. Farming
Married - 6-10-78
5.) Jeffery* Oimoen 11-11-59 - Died 11-13-59 Perry Lutheran Cemetery

[2.] Doris Oimoen 6-25-31 Mr. Horeb, Wis. 6410 Keelson Dr.
Richard Schaller 2-15-32 Madison, Wis. Madison, Wis.
(3 Children) Rick - Realtor, Stark Co.

TWINS - Adopted

- 1.) Joan Schaller 3-30-58 Both live at - 704 Menomonie Ave.
2.) Julie Schaller 3-30-58 Eau Claire, Wis.
Both - Students at Eau Claire University
3.) Michael Schaller 10-19-64 - Adopted Student - 8th grade - Jefferson
Middle School - Madison

[3.] Kenneth Oimoen 10-3-34 Mr. Horeb, Wis. 4908 Shore Acres Rd.
Muriel Dresser 4-12-37 Edgerton, Wis. Monona, Wis 53716
(5 Children) Ken - Driver Salesman
Mrs. Karl's Bakery
Muriel - Employed by Sears,
Roebuck & Co., Credit Dept.

- 1.) Mark Oimoen 11-20-60 Beloit, Wis. Attends M.A.T.C.
2.) Steven Oimoen 1-30-62 Monroe, Wis. Soph., Monona Grove H.S.
3.) John Oimoen 2-16-64 Madison Wis. 8th grade - Winnequah
4.) Daniel Oimoen 6-18-65 " " 7th grade - Middle School
5.) Kerri Oimoen 1-16-68 " " 4th grade, Nichols Sch.

[5] Oscar* Oimoen Died at age 20 years



SOME OF MY MEMORIES

by Lester Oimoen

I bought the farm I now live on from my dad, **Carl Oimoen** in 1954. My dad had purchased the farm from **Simon Punswick** in 1928 which made it tough going for a few years during the depression.

When I was a kid our indrive to our farm seemed to be much longer than it is now, as there was poor road plowing service in the winter with no or very little snow removal equipment around. I remember we had to leave our car up at the **Hanley** farm during the bad snows and walked to our farm. I remember of digging shale from off our farm and hauling it on our long indrive to improve the muddy conditions.

When **Dad** started school he attended the **Moen** school and they'd go by horse and wagon, no roads, just through farmers' lands, opening and shutting gates as they would go. They did the same as they traveled to **Mt. Horeb**, going up **German Valley** through farm after farm. This all seemed so primitive to me when he told me. There was no public assistance for roads so they had to make the best of it.

When I first began farming I can remember of working only with horses until we got our tractors. We used to haul milk to the cheese factory twice a day back then as they didn't have ways of keeping the milk cool. In the winter the cheese factory would close down for a couple months or so and then we farmers would separate our milk. Also the farmers furnished the wood for the factory boiler and would have to haul that to the factory.

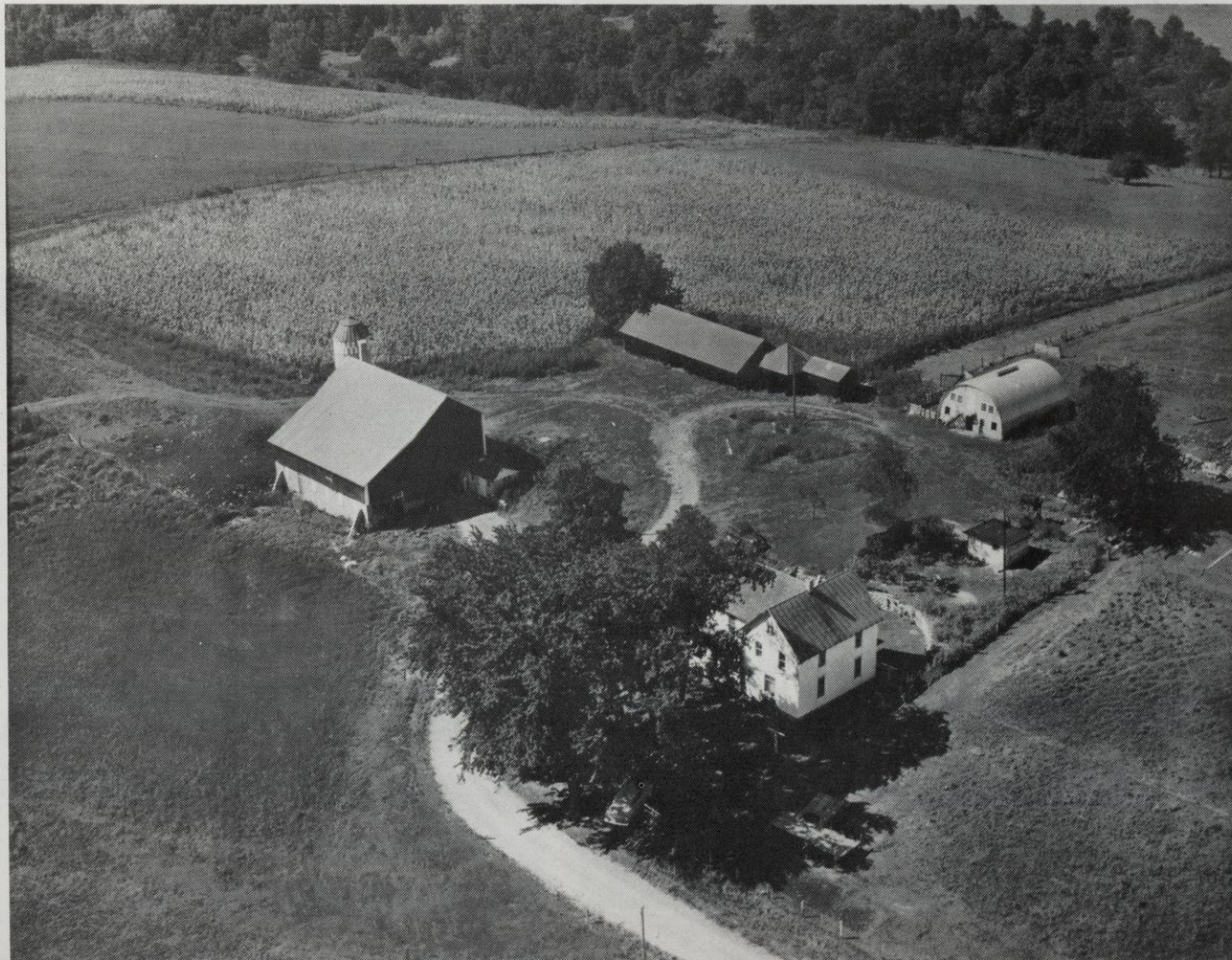
I can remember when **Aunt Rosena** died in 1936 or 1937. The funeral had to be postponed several times because of the bad winter storm and when they finally did hold it we had to go to the funeral on skis.

I can even remember that we had church services at **Perry** only twice a month, and one of those services was English and the other Norwegian. And I remember when **Perry** church was struck by lightning and burned, around 1935 or so.

Another incident that I remember was when they were remaking **Highway 18** and had to detour all the traffic down our **Highway 'F'**, it made our road pretty busy in those days.

A real pleasant memory of growing up was looking forward to and attending **Parochial School** during our summer vacation. We all in the

Carl Oimoen farm when first purchased.





Carl Oimoen farm, home of Lester & Hilda Oimoen.

neighborhood or school district took turns keeping the teacher at our homes and I can remember for sure two of my teachers, **Alma Midthun** and **Evelyn Grundahl**. We didn't have a well at Barber School and so I can remember of us having to haul water to the school from the factory next door. Also during regular school we had to haul slab wood from Keith Fredrickson's saw mill in Blue Mounds down to our school for the furnace heat in the winter. Things just weren't so handy in those days.

One more thing, Blue Mounds was a pretty busy and center point town in the earlier days and I can remember of them talking about Milwaukee as the young city east of Blue Mounds. Times do change.

Notes from Lester Oimoen (I called Lester on the phone one night in May of 1979 and asked him if he had any remembrances to put in this book and the above were the things he came up with on the spur of the moment. I'm sure everyone reading this book could think of many more things they would like to have written but that can be added to the next book that **someone** may like to revise or continue on with this precious Oimoen History. Thanks, from Ethel.)



Rosie Oimoen, daughter of John Oimoen.

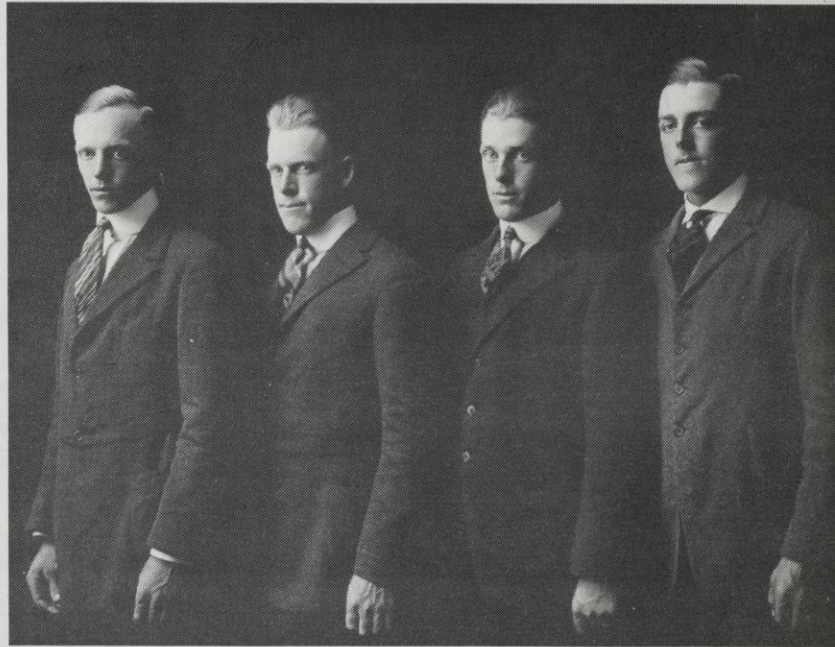


John Oimoen, Aimie and Alena (John's daughter).

Carl Oimoen (Confirmation, 1914 in Perry).



Mr. and Mrs. Lester Oimoen and family: Lana, Dave, Larry and Gary.



Edwin, Eddie, Carl and Olaf, sons of John Oimoen.

Edwin, Edward (twins) Olaf and Carl, sons of John Oimoen. (Young man seated is Jimmy Moen).

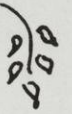




John Oimoen's Boys



1909



Eddie and Mabel
Oimoen



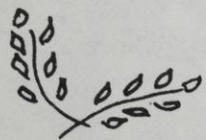
Olaf Eddie Carl Edwin



Carl and Cornelia Oimoen's Silver Wedding
 ↓ L.to R: Lester, Carl, Cornelia, Kenneth, Doris ↓



↑ Doris and Lester ↑
 (1yr.) (5yrs) Oimoen
 1932

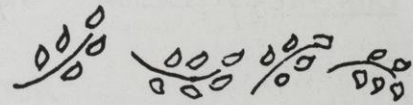


Andrew (Andreas) Olson



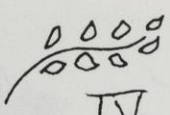
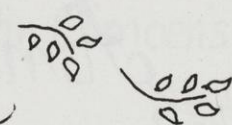
Florence Olson
(Ryan)

Daughter of
Andrew Olson



Bill Olson, his wife Sophie, Clarence Olson and wife, Florence Olson

SECTION VI

 The Family of 
IV. Andrew (Andreas) Olson

(The below information about this family was written in about 1945)
(This is the only information we were able to find on the Olsons)

(5 CHILDREN)

- ① William* G. Olson - Age 65 Saw Filer, Weyerhaeuser
Timber Co. - St. Paul, Minn.
Home Address: 3223 Du Pont Ave. North
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- ② Oscar* A. Olson - Age 55 Mpls. Honeywell Reg. Co.
Home Address: 4705 Clinton Ave
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- ③ Clarence* A. Olson - Age 49 Mgr. - Fire Ins. Dept.
Marsho McLennan
Home Address: 5300 Hampshire Drive
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- ④ Florence* Olson (Ryan) - Age 47 Employee - Phoenix Ins. Co.
Home Address: 3714 Bryant Ave N.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- ⑤ Lloyd W. Olson - Age 44 Mgr. - Cayol Food Center
Home Address: 1115 W. 28th St.
Minneapolis, Minnesota

(We think possibly Lloyd may still be living -
his whereabouts - unknown)





Tonetta Oimoen (Ankaltrud)



Christ Ankaltrud's house. Standing is Olaf, Anton and Christ; seated is Tonetta and Alma.

The Family of

V. Tonetta* Oemoen and Christ* Ankaltrud
 Born: 2-2-1850 in Norway Born: in 1852 in Norway
 Died: 9-25-1906 Died: 7-24-1920
 (Both are buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery)

① <u>OLAF</u> * Born: 1879 Died: 1950 (All are buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery)	② <u>ANTON</u> * Born: 1881 Died: 1945 (All are buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery)	③ <u>ALMA</u> * <u>OVIDIA</u> Born: 1-25-1889 Died: 8-5-1967 (All are buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery)
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① <u>Olaf</u> * and <u>Lydia</u> <u>Blanchard</u> <u>Ankaltrud</u> Born: 1879 Died: 1949 Buried - Perry Luth. Cemetery (The Outdoor Perry Lutheran Church Bulletin Board and Sign was given in memory of <u>Olaf</u> & <u>Lydia</u> .)	Farmed near Verona, just south of Hwy "18" on "J" (Carlton Midthun now farms this farm.)
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② Anton* (never married)

③ <u>Alma</u> * <u>Ankaltrud</u> and <u>Carl</u> <u>Midthun</u> (5 children) Born: 7-24-1891 Died: 8- -1954 Buried - Perry Luth. Cemetery	Last lived at 312 N 2 nd St. Mt. Horeb, Wis. (Married - 4-17-1916)
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① <u>Chester</u> <u>Midthun</u> 1-25-17 Brigham Tnsp. Dane Co. <u>Elaine</u> <u>Schimmelpfennig</u> 4-18-16 (3 children) (Married - 6-27-37)	313 Nesheim Tr. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572 <u>Chester</u> - Owns and operates Midtown Distributors - Industrial Equipment <u>Elaine</u> - School teacher
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1) <u>Julianne</u> <u>Mary</u> 8-7-39 Madison, Wis. <u>Stephen</u> <u>George</u> <u>Vasen</u> (Married - 12-26-62) (2 children)	313 S. 2 nd St. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572 <u>Steve</u> - Mayor of Mt. Horeb <u>Julie</u> - School teacher Graduated - Univ. of Wis.
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(Steve Vasen family Continued)

(Steve Vasen Family Cont'd)

1. Bradley Stephen 8-5-66 Madison, Wis.
2. Blakely Stephen 5-2-68 Madison, Wis.
- 2.) Elaine LaVeen 3-28-41 Madison, Wis. Teaching at the Van Hise Elementary School in Madison, Wis. Graduate of Luther College - Decorah, Iowa
- 3.) Craig* Chester 7-11-52 Madison, Wis. was attending the University of Oshkosh and was in his sophomore year.
(A car accident claimed the life of Craig in 1971 - he is buried in the Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery.)

Note: We are so happy that several people have sent extra information and stories about themselves and their families. This makes for a much more interesting and informative history.

So, if you turn to the end of each division of the Family Trees you will find such stories. Following the Sherman and Arlene Lee family tree you will find writings by Midthun family members. Have fun and enjoy reading and reminiscing.
Thank You!!!
Ethel

(The Carl and Alma Midthun families Cont'd next page)

[Carl and Alma Midthun families cont'd)

[2.] Tenney* Midthun 10-3-18 Brigham Twp, Dane Co. R#9, Verona, Wisc.
Died: 12-25-68 Buried - Springdale Luth. Cemetery

was farming and formerly
Co-owner - Hometown
Feed & Fuel in Mt. Horeb

Evelyn Kunkel
(3 children)

Almena Twp, Barron Co. presently unemployed.
(formerly a school teacher) - Living on the farm at
R#9, Verona 53593

1.) Thomas Midthun 7-16-49
Kathryn Anding
(1 child)
1. Lori Midthun 11-7-74

Iowa City, Iowa
Medical Doctor

2.) Bruce Midthun 9-12-55
Renee Tracy

R#9, Verona, Wisc.
Bruce - Shipping Coordinator
at Janlin Plastics,
Mt. Horeb, Wis.
Renee - Occupational
Therapist.

3.) Kay Midthun 1-15-60

Senior at Mt. Horeb
High School
Living with mother

[3.] Maynard V. Midthun 2-4-21 Blanchardville, Wis.
Mary Ellen Mandt 12-15-20 Madison, Wis.
(3 children)

618 E. Tyler Ave.
Eau Claire, Wis.
54701
Sr. Pastor at
First Lutheran Church
Eau Claire, Wis.

(Maynard Midthun Family cont'd)

(Maynard Midthun family Cont'd)

1) Darla M. Hillestad - 4-21-48 St. Paul, Minn. 1312 E. Anita Drive
(2 Children - adopted) Eau Claire, Wis.

1. Michael Dean 3-30-71

2. Dana Marie 8-27-74

2) Gail P. Midthun 10-5-50 LaCrosse, Wis.
Gary E. Johnson 1-15-50 Rice Lake, Wis.

3442 Hillview Rd.

Eau Claire, Wis.

Gary - Employed at Eau
Claire City-County

Health Department

Gail - A Psychiatric Social
worker at Eau Claire Co.

Guidance Clinic.

3) Kevin C. Midthun 1-10-53 LaCrosse, Wis.
Dawn P. Lamb
(1 child)

Eau Claire, Wis.

Kevin - Self-employed Wood
Carver + Wood Specialties

Dawn - Licensed Practical
Nurse.

1. Aaron Paul 9-7-76 Eau Claire, Wis.

4) Carlton Ardell Midthun 1-3-23 Blanchardville, Wis.
Leona E. 2-15-23
(4 children)

R#9, ^{Hwy. "J"} 2342 Verona,
Wis., 53593

Carlton - Farmer, farming
Olaf Ankaltrud farm for 26 yrs.

A car Salesman for 23 yrs.,
Lee Pontiac, Cambridge, Wis.

Graduate of Mt. Horeb High Sch.

Attended 3 yrs. U. of Wis.

Leona - Hospital Attendant II
Verona, Dane Co. Home.

(Carlton Midthun family - cont'd)

(Carlton Midthun family cont'd)

1) Gary Ardell Midthun 4-16-48 Madison, Wis.

R#1, Belleville, Wis.
53508
Graduate of Mt. Horeb
High School and U. of
W., Milwaukee.
Counseling.

2) Marcia Lee Midthun 6-5-50 Madison, Wis.

Madison, Wis.
Graduate of Mt. Horeb
High School and Pat-
ricia Stevens Career
College, Milwaukee.
Real Estate Consultant

3) Dennis Carl Midthun 11-13-56 Madison, Wis.

R#9 2342 Hwy "J"
Verona, Wis. 53593
Graduate of Mt. Horeb H.S.
Construction Contractor

4) Donna Marie Midthun 12-8-58 Madison, Wis.

403 Coate Hall
LaCrosse, Wis.
Graduate of Mt. Horeb H.S.
Student - U. of W. LaCrosse

(Note: the following information on the family of Arlene
Midthun Lee was received in March of 1989 so will be
more "up-to-date" than most other family histories in this book.
Thank You!)

[5] Arlene Tonetta Midthun 10-28-25 Daleyville, Wis. Menomonie, Wis.
Sherman Lee 10-17-21 Newfolds, Minn. Family Physician
(4 children)

(Sherman Lee family cont'd)

(Sherman Lee family Cont'd)

- 1.) Sharon Lee 10-3-55 Menomonie, Wis. In Eugene, Ore. Studying for Masters Degree in Physical Education. - Also a Ski Instructor. - Graduate of Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn.
- 2.) Kristi Lee 9-4-57 Menomonie, Wis. In Sioux Falls, So. Dakota at Augustana College and will graduate this May in the field of Special Education and Physical Ed. - Is a Water Safety Instructor + poetry writer.
- 3.) Lynda Lee 3-20-59 Menomonie, Wis. In Moorhead, Minn. 2nd year student at Concordia College majoring in Physical Education. - Composes music.
- 4.) Steven Lee 11-13-61 Menomonie, Wis. In Menomonie, 3rd year student in High School. Active in Athletics and Music.

Arlene Lee is a well known vocal soloist in the area and the Lee Family has performed musically for many years at religious, community, and civic affairs. They use various combinations of voice, Vibraharp, Altoharp, two Guitars, two Trumpets, Piano and Organ. They have presented many programs especially for Mother-Daughter functions in the area.

The Lee Family has enjoyed travel in every state, (except Alaska), Canada and Mexico.

MIDTHUN ROOTS

by Chester Midthun

Life began for me on the Ankaltrud homestead on the upper banks of the Blue Mounds Branch Creek. This was the farm where **my mother, Alma**, was also born except her birthplace was the log house. The country doctor drove his horse and buggy from Daleyville to deliver me on this January 25, which was also **my mother's** birthday. Her first son weighed in at 10½ lbs. That's an "Uf Da". Being the first of 4 boys and a sister, I would like to share a few of the memories, that began with the horse and buggy, a time when man **looked** at the moon and has continued to man **standing** on the moon.

Much of our happy childhood was spent on the Spring Creek that bordered our farm. Here we learned to swim (nude). **Our uncles** taught us the art of trapping, catching trout on a fairly straight willow stick. Often were the times a city slicker would follow us to our favorite fishing holes, with promises of treats for that nice trout. Their store bought equipment never worked on the big ones.

The creek was also a troublesome threat every spring when the melting snows would turn our friendly creek into a raging torrent which would often tear out the footlog bridge which we crossed twice a day to attend the Clay Hill School, also we were unable to deliver our milk to the Clay Hill Cheese factory, our team of horses could almost navigate the bridge but the buckboard was not seagoing. During the floods we would make home made butter, which was traded for groceries at the Daleyville Store. It was to that store we would drive our team and wagon to purchase candy and Marshmallow-Cocoanut cookies, with eggs that had been gathered from the Midthun chicken house. My parents always wondered why the egg count would vary so, now and then. A sweet tooth for growing boys is sometimes hard to control.

The creek too was often the source of our drinking water for the Clay Hill school system, that had not acquired a well. It was an honor to be chosen for the bucket brigade to fetch cool clear water from the springs, this would often take a few hours, due to ice and other pitfalls that would waylay the bucket brigade. We would arrive back at school with almost an empty pail, with most of the water in our clothing, which was dried by slowly turning around by the corner wood stove. Sometimes we were placed in the corner!

The Clay Hill School still stands as a monument to the great memories of this educational and social center. Who can forget those wonderful holiday programs, box socials, pie socials and

other neighborhood gatherings. We are reminded too, about our first day in school to meet the new school marm, and our new shoes were so tight, after a summer of running the bluffs and creek barefooted, we could hardly wait to get back home to jump out of our new overalls and hot shoes. Before we could remove the shoes, we had to pick up our mail which was in a box on a wagon wheel that was shared by our neighbors and was over two miles away from the farm gate. This was our first and most important contact with the outside world, it was here that we got our mail order catalogs, day old papers and often a surprise sample of gum or other merchandise, and at Christmas time it was hard not to take a peek at all the mystery boxes that were showing up at the wagon wheel mail box next to the Clay Hill Cheese Co.

A family of 4 boys was a lot of haircutting. **Mother** had been doing this duty during our early years when a plain "butch" worked out the best for swimming and other boyhood activities, as we became more head concious, we delegated our hair chores to Helmer Grinder, who we were told had that 'pro' touch. So when Mother wanted a visit with her **cousin, Olga**, our family would pile into the family car and spend the evening getting four heads trimmed in the Grinder kitchen. What a restful way to spend an evening after a hard day's work on the farm! Ya! Der vas plenty of hair der, Ole. A free lunch too.

My first barber cut was for confirmation day. Tony Arneson, the Blanchardville millionaire, was helped to his fortune by his charging our family the sum of twenty five cents for this high style hair trim, I still think he lost money, because he broke the bowl! The knee knickers were going to be a thing of the past. My blue confirmation suit was priced at \$14.00. Lo and behold my parents were offered a tan suit that was just my size, and if we would take both suits the entire deal would be \$20.00, and of course a new leather belt was thrown in at no charge, and the suspenders from my knickers were also a thing of the past, with the long black knee socks.

Another fine and fond memory was the gathering of the clans, at the annual **Oimoen family reunion**, an event that always brought out the best cooking, visiting, speech making, readings, and a parade of the fine talents that made up this happy family. I can still hear the hearty laughter as memories and jokes were shared on this important family day.

Do you remember the large canvas strapped bag? This was the ice cream treat to be combined with the afternoon treat. This treasure was always placed in the cool basement, I have to tell you

now, there were times we boys of the tribe just couldn't wait, and we raided the ice cream inventory, our hot and handy hands served as scoops for this early reunion "store boughten" dessert.

This may be the age of computers in this year of 1979, but don't ask this electrical wizard about your "Roots". TV, Radio, Books and all of the media have stressed how important it is to record the past and the present for the future. How fortunate our families are that members of our relationship have taken the time and made the effort to make this life's story of the past and present a permanent record of our "Roots" for all time.

Thanks for the memories.

Chester Midthun

(A note from Ethel and Otto--we are thankful to people like you, Chester, and the others who have contributed stories such as yours to make this history book more interesting and more authentic. Thanks).

**ALMA OVEDIA (ANKALTRUD) MIDTHUN
1889-1967**

**Daughter of Christ and Tonetta
(Oimoen) Ankaltrud**

written by Arlene Midthun Lee

In 1908 at the age of 19, **Alma** Ankaltrud attended school for 1 year at Lutheran Normal School in Madison, Minn. She spent her Christmas vacation working at the hospital there because of a desire to be a nurse. The next summer (1909) she went to South Dakota and taught Parochial School one month at Florence and one month at Wallace. Still having the desire to become a nurse, she went to Minneapolis, Minn. to work at Asbury (Methodist) Hospital but got Lumbago so ended up as a patient in that hospital. She then went to visit **Uncle Christ Sather** in Modena, Wisconsin. His daughter, **Mary Sather**, at the age of 25 became very ill with headaches so **Alma** drove, with one horse, to Nelson, Wisconsin to bring her back home to Modena. **Alma** stayed there to care for her and along with a Dr. Amundson was with Cousin **Mary Sather** when she died of Cerebral Spinal Meningitis. It was **Alma's** task to prepare **Mary's** body for the funeral and drive horses to Lyster Lutheran Church for the funeral service and burial.

In 1910 and 1911, **Alma** taught Parochial Schools in and near Modena—around the dining room table, in Widow Sigre Peterson's home and in an old log cabin in Lorendalen (Poor Valley)

where **Uncle Christ Sather** had lived. She also taught on "top of the bluffs" and while staying with a Severson family Carl Midthun came to see a new team of horses and also met **Alma** sitting under an apple tree, wearing a white and brown checked princess style dress. That began other visits in the orchard and a courtship which lasted 5 years.

Alma and Carl were married on April 19, 1916 and after a wedding trip to Chicago farmed near Blanchardville, then near Daleyville, then bought a farm east of Mt. Horeb during the Great Depression (1930). Their last few years were spent in Mt. Horeb at 312 N. 2nd St. where **Alma's** brother **Olaf Ankaltrud** and wife had lived from their farming retirement until their deaths.

Alma had a beautiful singing voice and sang solos all around the Mt. Horeb area. A pet project in her later years was to rally relatives and friends to clothe a Chicago family of 21 children!

Alma Ankaltrud Midthun-1889-1967 (died after stroke)

Carl Midthun — 1891-1954 (died of cancer) — both are buried at Perry Lutheran Cemetery, Daleyville, Wis. Carl enjoyed raising and "breaking" horses!

**ALMA (Oimoen) ANKALTRUD AND CARL
MIDTHUN BRANCH**

Written by the Chester Midthun family.

Alma Ovedia Ankaltrud, the daughter of **Tonetta** Oimoen and **Christ** Ankaltrud was born January 25, 1889. She passed away in August, 1967. She is buried at the Perry Lutheran Cemetery.

Carl Midthun, her husband was the son of Anna Mikelson and Lars Midthun. He was born July 24, 1889, at Nelson, Wisconsin. His burial is at Perry Lutheran cemetery.

Alma Ankaltrud was a graduate of the Lutheran Academy at Madison, Minnesota. Upon graduation she became a counselor at the Home for Boys at Wittenberg, Wisconsin. She later became interested in Christian Education and taught Parochial schools. One of her assignments led her to Nelson, Wisconsin where she met Carl. They were married at Perry Lutheran at Daleyville on April 19, 1917. They began their life together on the Ankaltrud Homestead in Clay Hill. Their family members are **Chester**, **Tenney**, **Maynard**, **Carlton** and **Arlene**.

Their oldest son, **Chester** married Elaine Schimmelpfennig on June 27th, 1937. Upon graduation from the University at Platteville, Elaine has taught in several schools in Southern



Going to Church from the Orphan's Home at Wittenberg, Wisconsin, 1914.

Wisconsin. Elaine is proud of having taught her three children, enjoyed attending college classes with them, and has taught with them. Add to this the fun of teaching her two grandsons, **Bradley** and **Blake** Vasen.

Talk about a fulfilling and delightful experience.

Chester owns and operates Midtown Distributors. He distributes Industrial Equipment and Supplies in Wisconsin and Illinois. (Kan du forsta) Midthun is Midtown!

Prior to this **Chester** owned and operated Hometown Feed and Fuel for 15 years. This mill (a landmark) built in 1892 was one of the first commercial businesses in Mt. Horeb. The wheat needed to be ground to make bread.

Elaine and **Chester's** family members are: **Julianne** Mary, August 7, 1939; **Elaine** LaVeen, March 28, 1941; **Craig** Chester, July 11, 1952-1971.

JULIANNE MARY MIDTHUN VASEN

Julie is the oldest child of **Chester** and Elaine Midthun. I was born in Madison, Wisconsin on August 7, 1939. Julie is the first grandchild of Carl and **Alma** Midthun and enjoyed all the privileges of this lucky arrangement.

My first grade through third grade years were spent at Springdale Center School with Mother Elaine as my second grade teacher. Elaine senior, **Elaine junior**, and **Julie** walked over the hill to school from Carl's farm. Our next rural school experience was at Klevenville in a school of about fifteen students. Mt. Horeb Elementary school and high school was where I finished my education. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and have been teaching in Mt. Horeb since. I have taught with Mother Elaine during my years and have benefited from her tutoring and guidance.

My family consists of **Bradley** Stephen Vasen age 12 years and **Blakely** Stephen Vasen age 10.

I am married to Stephen George Vasen, We were married on December 26th, 1962 in Mt. Horeb.

Steve is the present mayor of Mt. Horeb and is a true son of Mt. Horeb being one of the last people being born in Dr. Buckner's hospital.

ALMA (OIMOEN) ANKALTRUD AND CARL MIDTHUN BRANCH

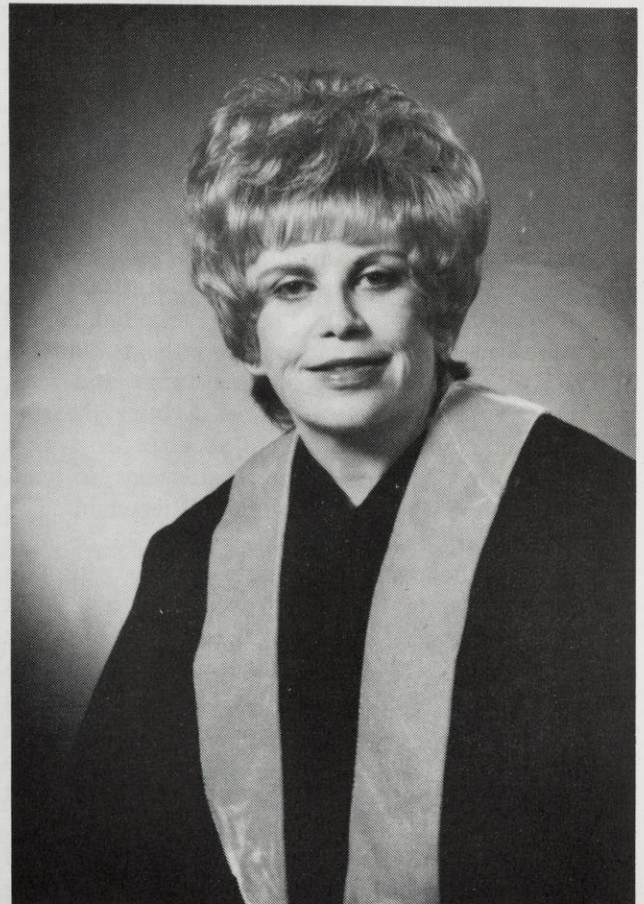
ELAINE LAVEEN MIDTHUN (LONNIE)

Elaine is the middle child of Elaine and **Chester** Midthun. She was born in Madison, Wisconsin at St. Mary's Hospital on March 28, 1941.

Lonnie attended grade school at the Springdale Center school when she was 4½ to 5 years of age. She always thought it rather smart to have her mother as her first grade teacher. Her other grade school experiences were in Klevenville and Mt. Horeb grade schools and under the care of her mother in school, she began her quest for being a school teacher herself in years to come.

She graduated from the Mt. Horeb High School in 1958 after being involved in plays, band and choral groups. During her high school years she was active in Luther League where she was president and enjoyed going to the conventions. Today she continues to be active in teaching Sunday School and choir.

After high school, she attended and graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Ia., from 1958-1962. She graduated with a BA in Education and taught for the next five years in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Graduation Day for Elaine (Lonnie) Midthun, daughter of Chester and Elaine. She earned her Master's Degree.

She left Minneapolis in 1967 and has been teaching in Madison, Wisconsin at the Van Hise Elementary School since. She has been teaching lively Kindergarten students and during her time here has attended the University of Wisconsin and earned a Masters' Degree from the School of Education in 1974.

Her hobbies include needlework, reading and travel. Her trips have taken her within the United States rather extensively and abroad to Europe, New Zealand and Australia.

CRAIG CHESTER MIDTHUN

Craig Chester was born July 11, 1951, at Madison General Hospital. He attended the Mt. Horeb schools from Kindergarten through High School. Here again while in 5th grade Mother Elaine was his teacher. He enrolled as a freshman at the University of Oshkosh. As a sophomore an auto accident claimed his life. He is buried in the family plot at the Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery.

MEMBER OF OIMOEN FAMILY TREE GOES FROM PRISON TO PULPIT

One of the members of our clan, **Maynard Midthun**, one of the five children of Carl and Alma Midthun, went on the Death March of Germany during the Second World War as a prisoner. **Maynard**, now Pastor of First Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, served with the 28th Infantry Division, landing in Normandy shortly after D-Day and serving in the front lines until he was taken a prisoner of war in the Battle of the Bulge.

There were 1,800 who started out on the Death March of Germany and only 154 were left on the day of liberation. Many days there was no food or water. Other days there was some green grass soup or a sixth of a loaf of bread. During this time **Maynard** began worship services and had several baptisms for men who decided to become Christians through the suffering of being a prisoner of war. Due to the great need and desire to read the Bible some of the Bibles were torn up into chapters giving many more men the chance to read the Good News we have in Christ whatever the circumstances might be. Lack of food, suffering and sickness meant funerals. At one time as many as thirteen Americans were buried in one mass grave and the service, since we did not have a Chaplain with us, was a group of Americans praying The Lord's Prayer. For a few days the prisoners were placed in box cars without food or water and G.I. belts tied together and attach-

ed to a tin can in the railroad car to scrape up snow to serve as food and water.

It was during this time that **Maynard** decided to become a minister and went from prison to pulpit. After returning from service he attended and graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and from Luther Theological Seminary in St Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained at Perry Lutheran Church in Daleyville, Wisconsin, and has served First Lutheran Church, Onalaska, Wisconsin, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Torrance, California, and is now Senior Pastor of First Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He has also attended the University of Minnesota, taken additional courses in Los Angeles, California, Canterbury, England, and has taken several additional courses on the family, alcoholism and drug abuse.

Maynard and his wife, Mary, have taken seven tour groups to Europe visiting the various areas where he had been during the Second World War as well as many other places.

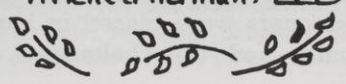
Alma (An Kaltrud)
 ↓ Midthun (1961)



↗ Pastor Maynard Midthun
 (Middle left) Mary and
 Maynard Midthun

Dr. Sherman Lee Family

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 L.to R.: Dr. Lee, Steven,
 Kristi, Sharon, Lynda,
 Arlene (Midthun) Lee





The Tenney Midthun Family
 Bruce - Tom - Evelyne - Tenney - Kay
 Tenney's Mother - Alma (seated)



Bruce - Evelyne - Kay



Bruce Midthun and Wife Renee



Tom Midthun and Wife Kathryn



The Carlton Midthun Family
 Gary - Donna - Leona - Cart - Marcia - Dennis



BROTHERS!! Feb. '78
 Cart and Maynard



Ole Oimoen



Ole Oimoen family: left to right: Otto, Olga, Ole, Geneva,
Annie, Agnes, Minnie, Ella, Adeline.



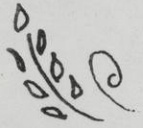
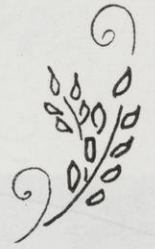
Annie and Ole Oimoen and children: left to right: Minnie, Ella, Adeline, Agnes and Otto.



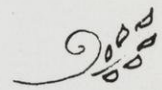
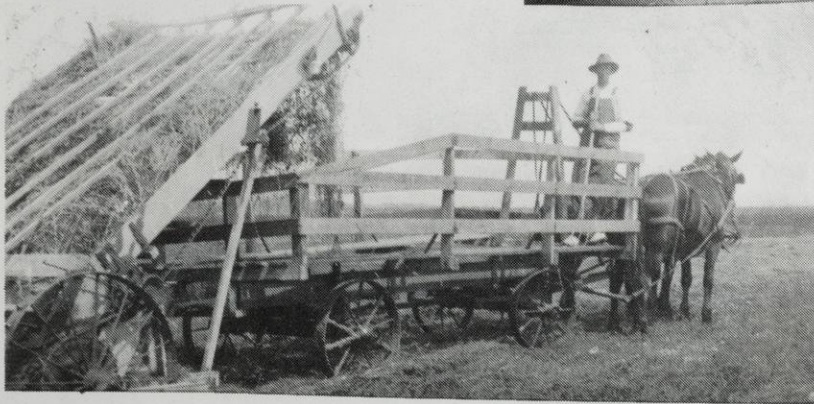
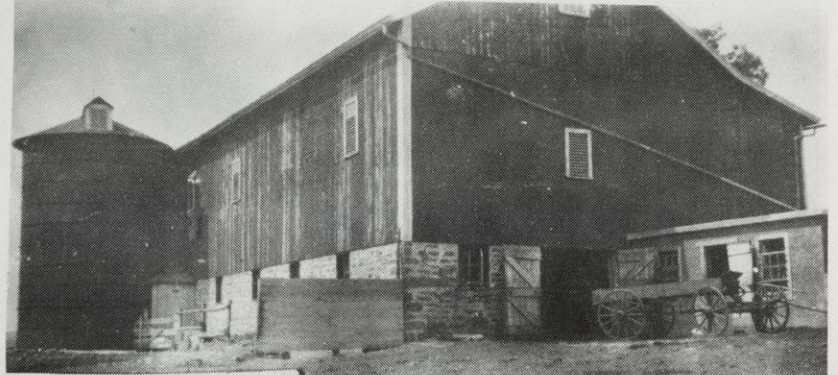
Geneva, Minnie, Agnes, Otto, Adeline, Ella and Olga, children of Ole Oimoen.



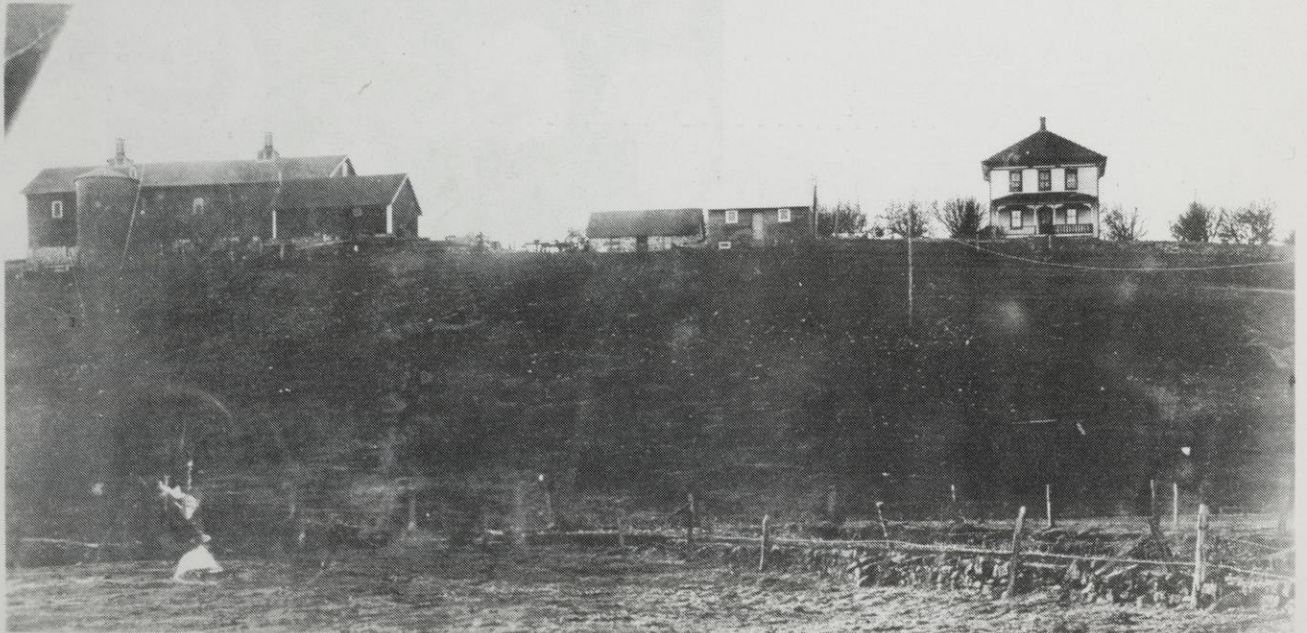
Old Oimoen Homestead
South of
Barneveld



"This is the way it
used to be done"
on the homestead



The Same Homestead



VI. Ole* Oimoen *The Family of* and Annie* Anderson
 Born: 3-12-1856 in Norway Born: 9-9-1857 in Brigham Twp.
 Died: 4-25-1923 Died: 1-10-1952
 Both are buried in the West Blue Mounds Cemetery

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| ① ADELINE*
Born: 4-12-1888
Died: 8-6-1956 (Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery) | ② MINNIE*
Born: 2-10-1890
Died: 1-3-1963 W. Blue Mds Cemetery | |
| ③ OTTO
Born: 11-6-1891 | ④ EMMA*
Born: 10-9-1893
Died: 12-5-1895 | ⑤ AGNES*
Born: 3-1-1895
Died: 11-30-1965 W. Blue Mds Cemetery |
| ⑥ ELLA ODELIA*
Born: 7-13-1897
Died: 10-26-1968 W. Blue Mds Cemetery | ⑦ GENEVA
Born: 12-16-1898 | ⑧ OLGA
Born: 6-3-1901 |
- (All were born at Barneveld, Wisconsin)

* Deceased

① Adeline* and Melvin* Thompson Married: Sept. 1, 1910
 (6 Children) Born: 3-7-1886 Mt. Horeb, Wis. Lived at R#2, Mt. Horeb Wis.
 Died: 5-6-1965 Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery Farmed

① Theodore* Thompson 10-14-1911; Died: 1-19-1912 - Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery

② Alverna Thompson 1-24-14 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 201 Center Ave.
 Lloyd Robinson 3-9-05 St. Louis, Mo. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
 (2 Children)
 Lloyd = Retired Feed and Grain Merchant
 Alverna = Employed at State Dept. of Public Instruction, Madison, Wis., Supervisor, Special Education former teacher.

1) Anita Marilyn Robinson 5-22-43 Madison, Wis. 311 Lowes Creek Rd.
 James Nagle 1-2-38 Eau Claire, Wis. Eau Claire, Wis., 54701
 (2 Children)
 Jim = Sales person
 Anita = Social Worker

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(James Nagle family (cont'd))

1. James David 12-28-69 Eau Claire, Wis. Both at home
2. David Geoffrey 9-29-73 " " " with parents

2.) Jeanne Ann Robinson 4-24-44 Madison, Wis. 824 Ivanhoe Dr.
John Lygre 3-19-44 Omaha, Neb. Northfield, Minn. 55057
(2 children) John - College Administration
Jeanne - Teacher

1. Sara Jeanne 5-8-71 Princeton, N.J.
2. Anne Elizabeth 3-31-75 Northfield, Minn.

3.) Gladys Thompson 9-27-18 Mt. Horeb, Wis. Died: 11-10-19 Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery

4.) Stanley Thompson 5-13-20 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 16516 Grays Bay Blvd
Gail Peterson 11-20-17 Madison, Wis. Wazata, Minn. 55391
(4 children) Stan - Marketing Manager
Cargill, Inc.

1.) Stanley Martin Thompson 3-17-47 Reedsburg, Wis. 222 Lyndon Dr.
Janet Hanrahan Married: 1970 (Cisco, Texas) Hermosa Beach
California

Stan: U. of Minn.; Capt. in Marine Air Corps
Reserve; Territory Mng. - American Express

2.) Stephen Theobald Thompson 7-8-48 Dodgeville, Wis. Box 169
Susan Jane Alexander Married: 1-20-73 Rockville, Minn.
(2 children) Steve: U. of Minn. Product Mng. - Cold Spring Granite Co.
Sue: U. of M.E.; St. Thomas M.A. Cold Spring, Minn.

1. Sarah Elizabeth 10-24-75
2. Kirsten Rose 10-17-77

3.) Eric Douglas Thompson 10-14-50 Beaver Dam, Wis. 2326 Cherrywood
Brenda Dean Married: 9-9-72 Wazata, Minn. 55391
Eric: U. of Minn.; Insurance Adjuster for Town
and Country

4.) Martha Ann Thompson 9-1-55 Dodgeville, Wis. Brenda: Phy. Ed. & Health Teacher, Robbinsdale, Minn.
U. of Minn.; Student
Sales person at
Interior Design Studio

(Melvin Thompson Families continued)

5. Glenn Thompson 12-22-22 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 3591 Sabaka Trail
Barbara Stork 10-15-24 McFarland, Wis. Route #7, Verona, Wis.
(2 Children) ⁵³⁵⁹³
Glenn: Coordinator, Cooperative Educational Service Agency #15, Madison, Wis.
Barbara: State Superintendent of Public Instruction since 1973, Madison, Wis.
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- 1) David Thompson 7-23-45 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 5 Glengora Ct.
Brigitte Desmeules 9-5-45 Chicoutimi Nord, Quebec, Canada Mahwah, N.J.
(2 Children) ⁰⁷⁴³⁰
David: Corporate Assistant Vice President and Mgr. of Vegetable Oil Division, Bunge Corp. New York City, New York
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1. Kevin Glenn 10-10-70 Souix City, Ia. First Grade
2. Tim Noel 12-17-71 " " " Kindergarten
- 2) James Thompson 8-18-50 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 30807 Gladeridge
Georgia Lord 3-1-50 Hebron, Neb. Houston, Tex., 77068
Jim: Manager of C. Tennant and Sons Steel Corp. Office (Cargill) Houston, Tex.
Georgia: Group Ins. Representative for Northwestern National Life Insurance Co., Houston, Tex.

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6. Milford Thompson 8-16-24 Mr. Horeb, Wis. R.#2 Mr. Horeb, Wis.
Shirley Thompson 7-30-28 Tisdale, Sask, Canada Farming, USDA Se-W.
(5 Children, - Infant son deceased - 2-22-55)
- 1) Mary Thompson 1-22-53 Madison, Wis. 621 W. Superior St.
Michael Bauer 4-25-53 Harlingen, Texas Ottawa, Ill. 61350
- 2) Rodney L. Thompson 6-22-57 Madison, Wis. Present CPL Rod L. Thompson
Address → MWH5-3 MCA's, El Toro, Santa Ana, Cal. 92709
- 3) Janet C. Thompson 1-30-59 Madison, Wis. Present 776 Franklin St.
Address → Wausau, Wi. 54401
student - Trans-American School of Broadcasting
- 4) Randall S. Thompson 10-5-61 Madison, Wis. at Home R.#2 Mt. Horeb, Wis.
student - Mt. Horeb High School

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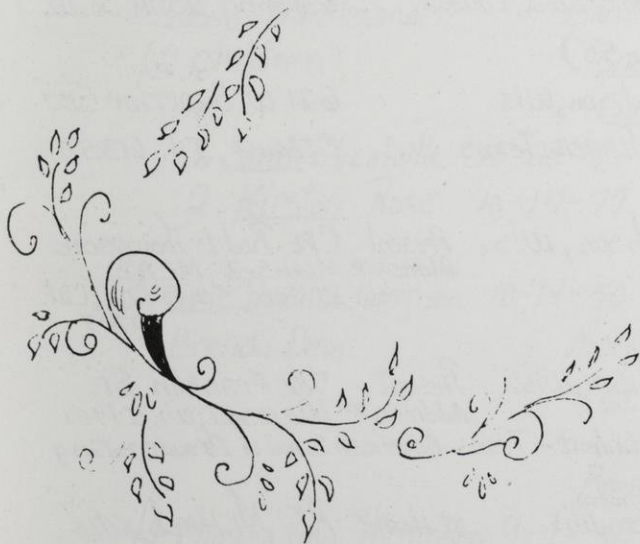
② Minnie* Louise and Carl* John Peterson
Born: 6-1-1890 at Hollandale.
(2 children) Died: 7-24-1952 Blue Mds. Cemetery
Retired from farming.
Made their home in
Blue Mounds, right
next door to Minnie's
parents, Ole + Annie.

☐ Ruth Evelyn Peterson 8-20-17 Barneveld
Dane County
Hospital, Verona, Wis.

☐ ② Elmo Oimoen Peterson 7-27-23 Barneveld
Geneva* Maxine Parmeter 3-12-24 Beldenville, Wis.
Died: 11-25-73 Blue Mds. Cemetery
(2 children)
3113 Thurber Ave.
Madison, Wis.
Jeweler

1.) Karen Elaine Peterson 8-19-52 Madison, Wis.
Milwaukee, Wis.
Proof Dept.,
First Bank of
Midland.

2.) Carol Ann Peterson 10-16-54 Madison, Wis.
948 S. Alma School Rd.
Mesa, Arizona
Insurance Writer



(Ole Oimoen Families Cont'd.)

(Old Dimoen Families Cont'd)

③ Otto and Esther* Dimoen married-8-28-1919 309 N. Grove St.
(2 Children) Born: 12-25-1894 - Klevenville, Wis. Barneveld, Wis. 53507
Died: 6-23-1976 - W. Blue Mds Cemetery Retired Farmer

1. Gerald M. Dimoen 7-31-20 Madison, Wis. 701 Eugenia Ave.
Frances Jane Caruso 7-23-20 Madison, Wis. Madison, Wis. 53705
(2 Children) Gerald - Employed at Meat Packing Plant
owner of Movie Theater, Waterloo, Wis.
Jane - Employed at West High School
Cafeteria

1.) Mary Esther Dimoen 4-10-54 Madison, Wis. 705 Eugenia Ave.
Charles E. Katic 2-16-54 Greensburg, Penn. Madison, Wis. 53705
(2 Children) Charles - Employed at Badger Ordinance
in Baraboo, Wis.
Mary - Owner & Instructor of Mary's
School of Dance in Oregon & Fitch-
burg.

1. John Gerald 2-13-74 Madison, Wis.
2. Christina Marie 3-10-77 Madison, Wis.

2.) Otto Carl Dimoen 3-12-56 Madison, Wis. 114 Gerry Ct.
Madison, Wis. 53705
Employed by University of Wis.

2. JoAnn Marie Dimoen 6-21-29 Madison, Wis. R.#1, Barneveld, Wis.
Harland Rue 12-17-24 Town of Arena, Wis. Farming 53507
(4 Children) Married-3-28-48
1.) Kathy Ann Rue 1-2-51 Madison, Wis. Franksville, Wis.
Gary Andersen Married - Nov. 19, 1977 Gary - Does Landscaping
Has a PET Cemetery

2.) Kenneth Harland Rue 2-3-53 Madison, Wis. Medford, Wis. 54451
Theresa Lease 8-28-55 Ken - Loan Officer
Married - 7-9-77

3.) Tom Henry Rue 10-29-54 Madison, Wis. Student - LaCrosse, Wis.

4.) Pamella Marie Rue 3-1-68 Madison, Wis. 4th Grade - Barneveld, Wis.

(Ole Oimoen Family Continued)

④ Emma Oimoen

Born: 10-9-1893

Died: 12-5-1895

⑤ Agnes Oimoen

Born: 3-1-1895

Died: 11-30-1965

w. Blue Mounds Cemetery

Lived a great deal of her life at home in Blue Mounds - was a Registered Nurse - Did extensive traveling - world-wide!

⑥ Ella Odelia Oimoen

Born: 4-13-1897


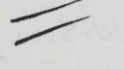
Died: 10-26-1968

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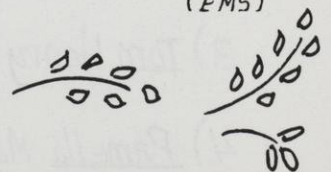
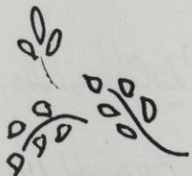
Lived her entire life at home in Blue Mounds - Did a lot of gardening - vegetables and flowers - loved to can the vegetables & fruits - was a great cook and did a lot of wonderful baking. She corresponded much with Wm. T. Evjue of the Capitol Times and many of her letters and writings would appear in his column. Wrote also to authors of books, mainly August Derleth.

Below is a sample of Ella's handwriting.

Ella will always be remembered by most of us for her unusual and beautiful handwriting with all its scrolls and swirls.

 *Ella Odelia Oimoen* 

(EMS)



(Ole Osmoen Families Cont'd)

⑦ Geneva and Myron* Murray 835 E. Gorham St.
(3 children) Born: 9-28-1900 LaFarge, Wis. Madison, Wis. 53703
Died: 5-10-1973 Hobart, Indiana Geneva - Retired Wis. State
Buried in Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrille, Ind. Employee

① Barbara Murray 10-1-23 Chicago, Ill. (Oak Park) 4322 Buckeye Rd.
Lawrence Albright 8-4-15 Ripon, Wis. (Trout Green Lake) Madison, Wis. 53716
(4 children) Larry - Disability Retirement
Former Grocer

1) Dennis Albright 2-24-47 Madison, Wis. 160 Timber Hill Rd.
Sibyl Emerson 10-7-47 New Haven, Ct. Buffalo Grove, Ill. 60090
(1 child) Dennis - Marketing Manager
1. Gage 6-22-76 Arlington Park, Ill.

2) Richard Albright 1-30-49 Madison, Wis. 337 Trapelo Road
Linda Scott 6-6-50 Barre, Vt. Belmont, Ma. 02178
Rick - Civil Engineer and
Teacher at Middle School
3) Lois Albright 2-23-52 Madison, Wis. 02002 1/2 S.W. Pala-
tine Hill Rd.
Portland, Oregon 97219
Lawyer
4) Ronald Albright 4-9-59 Madison, Wis. Living at Home
Student - U.W. - Freshman

② Myron Murray 2-19-25 Garfield Park, Ill. (Cook Co.) 5612 Crestwood Pl.
Audrey 1-27-28 Cincinnati, Ohio Madison, Wis. 53705
(3 children) Mike - Electronics - U. of Wis.
Audrey - Pre-School teacher
Housewife

1) Jean Murray 12-23-50 Madison, Wis. 3506 Park Lane Dr.
Lawrence Stoffregen 7-1-51 Chippewa Falls, Wis. LaCrosse, Wis. 54601
Lawrence - Nursing Student
Jean - Registered Nurse -
LaCrosse Luth. Hosp.

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(Myron Murray family Cont'd)

- 2) Mark Murray 6-2-56 Madison, Wis. 112 N. Blair
(Mark died - July 6, 1979 from a Madison, Wis. 53703
drowning accident in Hawaii) U. of W., Madison, Art Student
3) John Murray 5-20-58 Madison, Wis. Living at Home
MATC. Student - Madison
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- 3) Robert Murray 2-24-27 Elmhurst, Ill. R#3, 8902 Sletto Rd.
Marion Skogan 7-17-30 Blue Mds. Twp., (Mt. Horeb) Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(3 children) Married - 10-3-54 at Bob - Farming at Klevenville
the East Blue Mds Luth. - " - " Served in Korean War - April - '52 - Jan. '54.
Began farming in March of 1955.

- Marion - Registered Nurse
works part-time Ingleside Nursing Home - M.H.
1) Janet Murray 9-2-55 Madison, Wis. 311 B Haskill St.
Duane Sherven 4-7-53 Beaver Dam, Wis. 53916
Married - 9-24-77 at Duane - Ag Teacher - Beaver Dam
the Springdale Luth. Church Janet - Book-Keeper at
Bonded Collection Agency - Beaver Dam
Both graduates - U. of W., Platteville
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- 2) David Murray 11-21-56 Madison, Wis. 201 Durtschi Dr.
Susan Lubcke 8-19-57 Madison, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(1 child) Married - 4-2-77 at David - Maintenance Supervisor
the Springdale Luth. Church - and Bleeding Technician at Gibco Diagnostic
Lab., Blue Mounds, Wis.
1. Jeremy David 1-18-79 Madison, Wis. Susan - Unit Clerk - Renne-
bohm Drug - Madison
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- 3) James Murray 2-14-61 Madison, Wis. Living at home
Student - Mt. Horeb H.S.
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by the time you read this.)

(Note: Some changes and additions
have been added as I receive them)

Thank You! Ems
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(Ole Osmoen Families Cont'd)

⑧ Olga and Helmer P. Grinder married - 2-7-1923
(5 children) Born: 1-20-1896 tn. of Perry
10759 Grinder Rd.
R. 2 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
Retired farmer

1. Arlene Grinder 11-15-23 Daleyville, Wis. 404 School Street
Tn. of Perry, Dane Co. Marshall, Wis. 53559
Arthur W. Stark 3-22-21 tn. of Christiana. "
(4 children) Art - Arc Welder

Arlene - Abstractor, Dane
County Title Co.
Madison, Wis.

1) Barbara Ann 12-27-48 Madison, Wis. 411 Hubbell St.
Dennis Gottschalk 4-11-49 Hartland, Wis. Marshall, Wis. 53559
(1 child) Dennis - Farmer - near Marshall
1. Craig Arthur 4-9-77 Madison, Wis. Barb - Works for State of Wis.
at Madison, Wis.

2) Janice Marie 11-11-50 Madison, Wis. North Prairie,
Wis. 53153
William Follmer 10-27-50 Milwaukee, Wis. Willie - Kreuger Printing Co.
(2 children) New Berlin, Wis.
1. Christopher James 4-24-74 Madison, Wis. Jan - Homemaker
2. Daniel Evan 6-18-76 Waukesha, Wis.

3) Patricia Louise 11-22-52 Madison, Wis. 4809 Hamlet Place
William Kreitzman 8-16-51 Watertown, Wis. Madison, Wis.
(1 child) Bill - Accountant, Dane Co.
1. Maria Margaret 2-2-77 Madison, Wis. Pat - works for City of Madison

4) Marilyn Kay 10-6-55 Madison, Wis. 1114 Ann Street
Phillip Wagner Married - Mar. 10, 1979 Madison, Wis.
Office Worker -
State of Wisconsin

2. Albert Grender 6-11-25 Daleyville, Wis., Tn. of Perry 200 Church St.
Carol Handahl 5-10-31 Minneapolis, Minn. Fairwater, Wis. 53931
(5 children) Al - Pastor, Zion Lutheran
served in the Pacific
Theater during World War II.

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(Albert Grender family Cont'd)

- 1.) Ruth Grender 9-21-53 Watford City, N.D. 614 24th St. E.
Mark Senn 9-2-53 Menomonie, Wis. Menomonie, Wis. 54751
(1 child) Mark - Supervisor, 3-M Co.
1. Laura Lee 5-27-79 Menomonie, Wis. Ruth - Mgr, "The Trademark"
(As of May '78 - Ruth is back at Northwest Fabrics) (Clothing Store)
- 2.) Jane Grender 1-5-55 Watford City, N.D. 212 Hatten Ave.
David Beyer 3-7-54 Milwaukee, Wis. Rice Lake, Wis. 54868
(As of 1979 - Dave is now in the Dave - Fieldman, Farmers
Farmers Union Insurance Union Milk Marketing Co-op.
Business) Jane - Student - Indianhead
Tech. Inst.
- 3.) Anne Grender 3-19-56 Watford City, N.D. 184 N. Main St.
Bruce Siegmann 9-14-56 Whitewater, Wis. Clintonville, Wis. 54929
(2 children) Bruce - Fieldman, Farmers
Union Milk Marketing Co-op.
1. Brian 10-28-75 Clintonville, Wis.
2. Kevin 2-1-79 " "
- 4.) David Grender 2-20-58 Watford City, N.D. 702 1/2 S. 3rd Ave.
Tammy Marsh Married, May 19, 1979 Wausau, Wis. 54401
(As of 1979 - David is now a Student at [Was a Carpenter, Woodcrest Bldgs]
North Central Tech. Institute)
- 5.) Gary Grender 12-7-59 Watford City, N.D. Marathon Hall
(As of 1979 - Gary is also a student at Wausau, Wis.
North Central Tech. Institute) 54401

- 3.) Ernest Grinder 10-15-26 Daleyville, Wis., In of Perry 10488 Docken Rd.
Marion Roach 9-13-24 Dodgeville, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(2 children) Ernie - Farming - young stock
Quit milking cows in 1971
Works for Dane Co. Parks.
Marion - Homemaker
- 1.) Steven Grinder 4-27-51 Dodgeville, Wis. 306 Academy St.
Carey Collins 12-18-56 Madison, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(2 children) works for Central Soya
(Feeds)
1. Gregory 3-30-77 Madison, Wis. Madison, Wis.
2. Jamie (GIRL) 6-9-78 " "
- 2.) Susan Louise Grinder 1-11-56 Dodgeville, Wis. Living at home

(Olga and Helmer Grinder family contd)

4. Ralph Grinder 6-19-28 Daleyville, Wis. Tn. of Perry 10828 Hwy. "A" R. 2
Lois Steensrud 4-18-44 Madison, Wis. Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
(5 children)

Ralph - Custodian - Mt. Horeb
Schools
Lois - Started work in May '78
at Central Colony -
Madison.

- 1.) Karen Grinder 4-22-63 Madison, Wis. Freshman - Mt. Horeb H.S.
- 2.) Katherine Grinder 10-17-64 Madison, Wis. 7th Grade - Mt. Horeb
- 3.) Paul Grinder 5-18-67 Madison, Wis. 5th Grade - Mt. Horeb
- 4.) Ellen Grinder 1-14-70 Madison, Wis. 2nd Grade - Mt. Horeb
- 5.) Peter Grinder 10-7-71 Madison, Wis. Kindergarten - Mt. Horeb

5. Ethel Grinder 5-21-30 Daleyville, Wis., Tn. of Perry 4665 CTH. "JJ" R. #1
Philip Skalet 2-26-23 Black Earth, Wis. "Pud's Ranch,"
Black Earth, Wis. 53515
(1 child)

Phil - Road Patrolman (main-
tenance)
Owns & Operates a Re-
creation Farm - Hayrides pulled by horses

Ethel - Receptionist - Optometrists
in Verona Office and
Mt. Horeb.

- 1.) Ingerid Malla Skalet 12-11-70 Madison, Wis. 1st Grade - Black Earth

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Mrs. Ole (Annie) Oimoen and her grandchildren.

BITS OF HISTORY FROM ALVERNA ROBINSON

A former owner of the Melvin and Adeline Oimoen Thompson farm, Thomas Heney, had a large Tavern/Hotel (like our modern day hostel) which stood a few yards east of the present farm residence of Milford Thompson and his wife, Shirley Pope-Thompson. A depression in the ground, about one and one-half rods square, is all that makes the spot where the building stood before it burned to the ground. It was a very large building comparable in size to the present farm homestead. The farm, too, was large, making it necessary to keep two hired girls and five hired men. This was one of the main stopping places on the Mineral Point-Madison Road traveled by hundreds of miners in search of lead mines and employment at Mineral Point and Pokerville. Many immigrants came in search of homes here or further west and, therefore, kept the Heney Tavern busy. Many of the girls like to work for Heney since they were paid in cash rather than in goods which was common at poorer places. Mrs. Teman

Knutson, employed at the Heney Tavern/Hotel during her girlhood days and later a next door neighbor to the Ole Oimoens in Blue Mounds, recalled all the dishwashing, sometimes 300 pieces at a meal, and also the large amounts of horseradish, grown in the front yard to cook with the meat to extend the food. Horseradish still grows on the farm today. My grandmothers, Lee and (Rue) Thompson worked for the Heney's when they were young girls. Also noteworthy is that the granary on the farm today was rebuilt from the granary Heney's lived in for a time after the fire.

On September 1, 1910 Adeline Oimoen was united in marriage to Melvin Thompson by the Reverend Otto Mostrom in the Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church. A huge reception for the wedding guests was held on the Thompson farm lawn. Pictures of the wedding can be found in the last section of this history book. They went farming on the Thosten Thompson farm where they resided together for 46 years after purchasing the farm from Melvin's father, Thosten Thompson.

Melvin and Adeline Thompson raised four children: Alverna, Stanley, Glenn and Milford. (A

son Theodore and a daughter Gladys died in infancy).

Milford and Shirley Thompson purchased the farm from his father Melvin, in March of 1963.

Historically then, the original farm purchased in 1886 by Thosten Thompson, Town of Blue Mounds, from his father Torstein T. Thompson, has remained in the Thompson family for four generations.

SOME MORE BITS OF HISTORY

Presented by Mrs. Alverna Robinson

The following article on ancestors was written for a Social Studies class by Jeanne Robinson when she was in the 4th grade.

“Adeline Gurina Oimoen— Adeline Oimoen was my grandmother. She died in 1956. We lived near her so I got to see her often.

Grandma Thomspson liked to entertain company and she was such a good cook. She was fun to visit because she used to tell me lots of stories. We all loved her.

Melvin Theodore Thompson — Melvin Thompson is my grandfather. He lives at Mount Horeb on his farm. My uncle and aunt live there, too, and do the farm work.

Grandpa Thompson can tell a great many things about the old road that goes past his house. He tells stories of how travelers used to stop and rest at his home.

Grandpa Thompson has been a clerk of the Township of Blue Mounds for the past 46 years.

Ole Oimoen — Anne Anderson — Anne Anderson and Ole Oimoen were my great-great-grandparents. Grandma Oimoen died when she was 95 years old. I cannot remember much about her but I do remember when she rode in an airplane on her 92nd birthday and landed on my grandfather's farm. This was her first and only plane ride.

Ole Oimoen came to America from Norway about 1880. He worked on farms near Daleyville in the Town of Perry and also for the railroad when the tracks were being laid.

He and Annie Anderson were married in 1887 and bought 160 acres of the large Anderson farm in the Town of Brigham. There were lots of cows and no cheese factories or dairies.

Mrs. Oimoen had to churn butter by hand and ship it in wooden tubs to Chicago on the Northwestern road. This was the only market for dairy products until the first cheese factories were built several years later.

Mrs. Oimoen had become an expert at shearing sheep when a young girl — she could do 20 in one day. Then she cleaned and washed

the wool to make the blankets and clothing for the children.

When grandfather Anderson first came to Brigham he would have to hitch up an old team of oxen and drive all the way to Milwaukee for food and supplies for his own family and the neighbors. This trip would take about a week.

But with the coming of the railroad, towns sprang up and the Oimoens' could drive or walk to Barneveld and Blue Mounds for food or mail.”

By Jeanne Robinson Lygre

MEMORIES

By Geneva Oimoen Murray



Otto and Esther Oimoen.

REFLECTIONS OF OUR FAMILY

(taken in part from
"WORDS FROM OTTO")

in the THE NEWS & VIEWS LETTER
from the Iowa County Commission on Aging)

My early days of childhood were spent upon the farm. We kids were always happy just playing in the barn. And then we got to learning, we trudged two miles to school and as we homeward wandered we observed nature in all its splendor. Then Mother gave us milk and bread, sometimes an apple too. Then we were all ready for our little chores to do, we fed the chickens and the pigs and gathered up the eggs. And watched the baby calves trying to stand upon their wobbly legs. That big old wood box stood just inside the kitchen door, no matter how much we carried in it always wanted more. Dad and Mother always worked from early morn till dark, they never heard of movies or sitting in the park. Dad worked the farm with his horses and his mules. While Mother made the garden and we all helped milk the cows. Many a neighbor came and asked for help. And he never was expected to pay but always returned the favor. Maybe first by mowing hay. It is not as it used to be when we kids were young and the forms of those to whom we clung. But we still love the homes where we passed our early years. Though not a single face is there the momory still remains. Father and Mother never made the headlines as they did not have much learning but with their frugal means they kept the **home fires** burning. And as they have now been laid down to rest. I can only say that they were honest and done their very best.

I remember my dad Ole as a good provider. He would buy flour and sugar in 100 lb. sacks and oatmeal, etc. in large quantities.

He would buy white soda crackers in large wooden boxes which we kids always enjoyed as soon as we came back from school. We had to have crackers with cream on them, as in those days we separated the milk so had real cream. He was fond of "sild" or herring which he would buy in large kegs. He also bought many other things in bulk and large quantities. There was a closet or ledge over the stairway and in this space we kept all these supplies which would be a winter supply.

He also butchered beef and hogs and he fixed up a large piano box which our piano came in, he set it outside and kept the meat frozen in this box all winter. There would be a few anxious moments during the January thaws but it served the place of a freezer fairly well.

Mother would fry a lot of pork slices and chops and put them in crocks and cover it with lard. She also put the beef in fruit jars and boil them making cold pack meat.

Then we had an attic above the kitchen where Dad hung slabs of beef which had been cured for dried beef. Mother also made bologna and hung there to dry too. When they couldn't find us kids they would look in this attic and find us each with a knife, whittling off the sides of the dried beef as it dried. The pieces became smaller and smaller.

SOME NOTES FROM THE FAMILY OF MYRON MURRAY

In the Oimoen tradition we are a family of do-it-yourselfers, fixing decrepit cars and building our own home in a lovely co-op neighborhood called Crestwood on Madison's west side.

We started building in 1954 and our house is still growing with the newest addition built in 1976. Uncle Otto helped with the original house, a good carpenter who kept us out of trouble.

THINKING BACK

by Olga Oimoen Grinder

I remember my dad, Ole, as the instigator of parochial schools in our district area for 2-3 weeks in the summer vacation. He would hire a seminary student to teach and each family was charged so



Olga, Ella, Agnes, Otto, Minnie, and Geneva, family of Ole Oimoen taken at Helmer and Olga Grinder's home in Daleyville.

much for each child they had in school. The school was not held in the schoolhouse but in homes. I remember they had school in dad's apple orchard and if it rained we would have to go under cover. I know I memorized many lessons sitting in an apple tree.

Then the farm next to ours which belonged to may dad was vacant so we held parochial school in the house for a term or two. Then when we were through with 3 weeks in our home district the teacher would go to Blue Mounds and teach 3 weeks more. I was sent up there and went 3 weeks more to school. I stayed with my Aunt Lena, Mother's sister who lived right back of the schoolhouse. I did not have very much vacation left after going 6 weeks of it to parochial school. I can remember one incident that happened at our farm during school. One girl stuck her finger in the hole in the pump rod and as the rod went up her finger to the first joint was cut off. That taught us all a lesson to be careful.

I also remember in the spring when we had little pigs our dad would play a mouth organ and loved to watch the little pigs jump around like they were dancing to the music. He spent a lot of time laughing while watching them.



Parochial School in Blue Mounds. Olga Oimoen tallest child in back row.

THIS IS OUR LIFE TOGETHER

by Helmer and Olga (Oimoen) Grinder

We lived on different farms as we were renters up to 1944 when we bought the Harland Barton farm in the town of Blue Mounds, halfway between Mt. Horeb and Daleyville. We retired and moved to Daleyville in 1958. Our son, Ralph, bought the farm and he sold it in 1970.

The Perry Lutheran Church needed a custodian in 1960 so Helmer took the job until they could get someone else. He had the job for 12 years, resigning in 1972. He received a lovely plaque from the congregation in appreciation for faithful and dedicated service.

We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 1973. We had open house in the church basement where 300 people came to congratulate us.

We keep ourselves busy with hobbies we like to do. Olga started a project of having wooden boxes made for our granddaughters. We called them their first hope chests. She would 'rosemal' a design inside the cover with their date of birth and their 14th birthday, when they have a family party and the box is given to them to put their gifts in. She had 12 boxes made for the granddaughters and the grandsons get foot-lockers. Another hobby



Patsy, Barbara, Janice, Grandma Olga Grinder and Patsy (Arlene [Grinder] Stark's daughters) showing their boxes they received for their 14th birthdays rosemaled by Grandma.



Helmer and Olga Grinder cutting their 50th Wedding Anniversary Cake (1923 to 1973).

she had was to make afghans for each of her children as the picture shows. At present she is piecing quilt tops to give to each of the grandchildren as a wedding gift. Nine have already been given away and the rest are ready to give when they get married. We have 17 grandchildren.

Helmer has no special hobby but he calls himself "Mr. Fixit" as he has to fix the things that break and keeps everything under control.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

by Arlene Grinder Stark

Many pleasant memories of my childhood come back to me when the name "Oimoen" is mentioned.

Memories of staying at **Grandma Oimoen's** house when we couldn't drive along the muddy road to the "Helmenstine Farm" when we moved there. All of our furniture had to be stored in Grandma's barn until the road was passable.

Memories of **Aunt Ella** coming out to the farm, picking choice rocks for her rock garden, and Dad lugging them all back to Blue Mounds for her. Also **Aunt Ella** picking berries on top of the Mounds, filling that pail to the top with choice berries.

Memories of sharing all sorts of childhood diseases with **Barbara, Myron and Bob Murray** (including a summer coping with the whooping cough). A not so pleasant memory of **Barbara (Murray)**



Helmer and Olga Grinder.

Albright being hit by a car while sliding on a side street, and being unconscious for nearly a week.

Memories of loving to go to Carl and **Minnie Peterson's** home and playing with **Elmo's** toys (he had more than all of ours put together), including a car that we pedaled with our feet, and riding on **Nellie, Elmo's** pet horse.

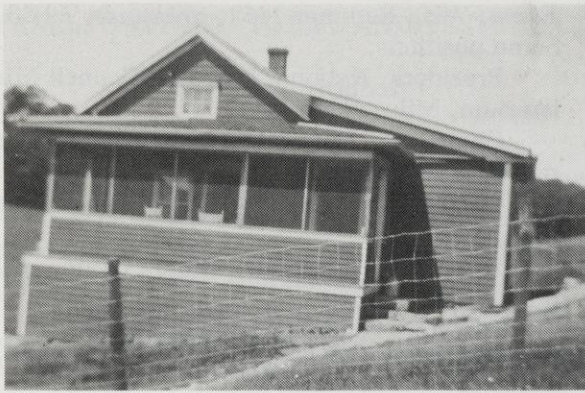
Memories of **Barbara** and I staying at the **Thompson** home, and **Milford and Elmo** pulling all sorts of pranks on us, including stuffing our bed with coat hangers, etc.

Memories of **Alverna** and others coming to our house during Christmas as "rag-a-muffins, and of **Albert** being so scared of all the weird characters.

Memories of going fishing with Dad, pulling suckers out of the creek running through **Uncle Otto's** pasture, and pulling little minnows out of the same creek, but farther downstream near the **Williams** farm.



Ralph, Arlene, Ethel, Ernest, Albert Grinder, holding the afghans crocheted by their mother, Olga.

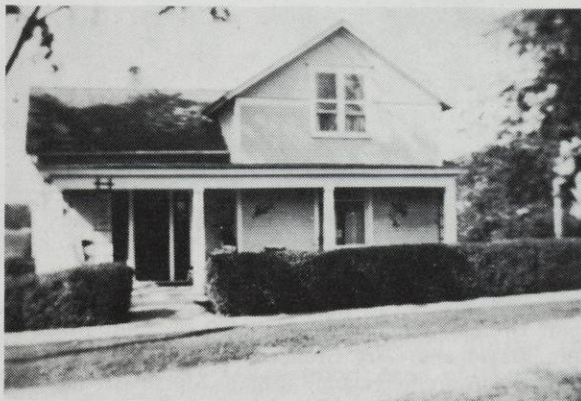


Sonderland home.

Memories of Carl and Alma Midthun visiting our house while we were living at "Sonderland" near Daleyville, and going home and leaving their baby, Arlene, sleeping peacefully on the bed forgotten by all. All these memories will always be cherished.



Art and Arlene (Grinder) Stark and daughters Marilyn, Patsy, Janice and Barbara.



Grandma's House (Mrs. Ole Oimoen)

GRANDMA'S HOUSE

by Albert Grender

Going to Grandma Oimoen's house in Blue Mounds is one of the most pleasant memories from my childhood. All the grandchildren seemed to take turns having a "vacation" there, spending a day or two. I remember sitting on the front porch, in a wooden rocker that had been painted many times with green paint, watching the traffic go by down the Main St., which was US 18 at that time. I remember the old horse barn behind the house, a place of mystery that we always explored with the greatest of care. I remember riding on the milk-wagon (a green buggy with yellow trim that had been used by a mail carrier) from our farm southwest of Blue Mounds to the cheese factory in Blue Mounds, and often we would detour up past Grandma's house. I remember all the **big get-togethers** with **aunts** and **uncles** and **cousins**, when the house would rollick with laughter and fun. One time a bunch of us kids were upstairs in the bedrooms, and we decided to see how loud and long we could laugh—it brought a few grown-ups to the steps to see what was going on! I remember the free movies in the summers, held in the grassy area across from Grandma's house, and afterwards the whole clan would meet together for some more fun and talk. I remember the little flower garden Aunt Ella had fixed up behind the front hedge, a place of intrigue and beauty, with a stone path, a rock garden in the corner with a fish pond, a rustic chair made from forest wood, and all sorts of flowers. I remember going to the hen house and helping to pick eggs from a few hens that were kept back there. I remember the old iron pump behind the house that always delivered good, cold drinking water. I remember the open stairway in the living room of the house, a good place for extra seating when the clan got together. I remember the little attic upstairs that seemed to lead off into even another world. How much poorer I would be today if I had no such pleasant memories of **Grandma's house!**

MY PAST TO THE PRESENT

by Pastor A. O. Grender

Upon request I am giving some more information about my past for the Oimoen Family History.

Albert Orlando Grender

Born 6-11-25 at Daleyville, (Mount Horeb), Wisconsin

Living at 200 Church St., Fair Water, Wis. 53931



Albert O. Grender, Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Fair Water, Wis.

Pastor Zion Lutheran Church
 Graduated from Mt. Horeb High School, 1943
 Served in the U.S. Signal Corps, 1944-46
 (Okinawa, Korea)
 Graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., 1950
 Graduated from Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., 1953
 Ordained at Perry Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, Wis., June 7, 1953
 Served First Lutheran and Spring Creek Churches, Watford City, N. Dakota, 1953-59
 Served Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, West Allis, Wis., 1960-1973
 Served Zion Lutheran Church, Fair Water, Wis., 1973-

Other Experience includes:

Orderly in surgery, Swedish-American Hospital, Rockford, Ill., Summer '43
 Counselor, Camp Carson (YMCA), Fredricksburg, Penn., Summer '48
 Counselor, Andover Childrens Home, Lynn Center, Ill., Summers '50-'51
 Counselor, Luth. Children's Receiving Ctr., St. Paul, Minn., winter-spring 1951
 Lay Assistant, Eleva Lutheran Parish

Eleva, Wis., Summer 1952, weekends '52-53
 Some positions:

- President, National Lutheran Council Ministerium, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Chairman, Milwaukee Conference Committee on Aged
- Chairman, Milwaukee Conference Youth Committee
- Director, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wis.
- Director, Fond du Lac Lutheran Home
- Chairman, Fond du Lac Conference Ministerium
- Chaplain, Milwaukee United Lutheran Church Women
- Member, Committee on Conference, Retreats and Outdoor Ministries, Southern Wisconsin District



Pastor Albert Grender and wife, Carol.



Albert Grender family. Back row left to right: Bruce Seigmann, David and Gary Grender, David Beyer, Mark Sen. Front row: Anne Seigmann, Tammy Marsh Grender, Brian Seigmann, Pastor Albert Grender, Jane Beyer, Carol Grender, Ruth Senn.

FAMILY HISTORY--TODAY AND YESTERDAY

by Ernest Grinder

Back in the Good Old Days it seems like nobody was born in the hospital. We were born at home on a farm now owned by Enoch Shervan, 1½ miles south of Daleyville off Hwy. 78.

As kids we could find plenty of things to do because there were five of us.

During the depression Dad decided the farm which was only 80 acres was too small so he sold it, and we moved to a bigger farm he rented. We moved to five different farms in a period of a dozen years before Dad bought the Barton farm where I lived until Marion and I were married and went out on our own in 1956 after living upstairs in my parents house for two years.

As kids we always enjoyed moving into a different and strange house and surroundings. There was always a junk pile some place back in the woods or a ditch that I could dig through, then I was happy. I always like to put a pile of junk together and make something out of it. I am still that way.

I have four Chevrolet Corvairs, three of them without rust and one that I use to drive to and from work with.

I like to visit at **family get-togethers** and with people. I even talked to a wrong number for ten minutes before the guy on the other end of the line realized he was not talking to his son-in-law but to a complete stranger. All the questions he asked fit in with what I was doing on the farm, so I figured it was somebody I knew but couldn't place his voice. We had a big laugh over it after he and I realized we were complete strangers. When he asked how the new baby was getting along I knew something was wrong as we have not had any new baby around for 20 years. In all it got to be about a 20 minute wrong number.

Marion and I were married September, 1949 in the Grace Lutheran Church at Dodgeville. Our first son Steven was born in 1951. We had started out on our own on a small farm which we rented from Paul Antonson.

Steven has always been interested in the outdoors, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, etc. He works for Central Soya where he drives a large semi-truck around the state to feed mills.

Susie is home with us. She likes animals especially her dog, Wilma. She likes music, so has a lot of records. While I'm at work during the winter months, she takes good care of the wood furnace which we use along with the oil furnace.

My wife Marion spent her childhood days in



Ernest and Marion Grinder, daughter Susan and son Steve.

Dodgeville. Her father was a mortician, so we came from entirely different backgrounds. She liked music and had many records to show for it. She also liked roller skating which proved to be her "downfall", that's where I met her and asked for my first date. We were married two years later.

MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY

by Ethel Grinder Skalet

I shall start with the first things that I can remember and that is the doorway on the north side of the house that had no porch or steps on the **Helmenstine farm** near Blue Mounds; also the big evergreen trees right near the house; I was only three when we lived there.

I remember **Ralph** cutting his wrist on a barbed wire fence and the blood spurting high and fast when we ran to the house on the **Thousand farm** on "F" south of Blue Mounds. The cold-snowy winter when Daddy and the horses were snow-bound in Blue Mounds and we at home with no more wood to keep the stoves going for warmth and we kids running around the kitchen table, waving red hankies that Grandma Grinder handed us, just to keep warm. I remember my kitty, "Wooty-Toot" (Ethel's kitty, born and raised in the capital city).

I remember the sand pit, the creek, Ray Peterson's junk pile, starting first grade at the Barber school, learning how to ride a bike, birthday parties for Daddy and Edgar Field at



Ralph Grinder family: Ralph, Lois, Karen. Front row: Katherine, Paul, Ellen and Peter.

either the Fields or Grinders on January 20th every year, the Oimoen reunion when **Vernon** and **Anita Oimoen** sang "Little Sir Echo", riding in the back of the pick-up truck on top of a load of silage with **Ernest** at the wheel, going up the hill and the axle breaking when he shifted to second, going backwards down the hill with not breaks and tipping on our side in the ditch, all taking place when we lived on the **Paulson farm** which was about 3 miles farther south on "F" from the Thousand Farm. I could never forget our dogs, Blackie and Pooch, our fun trips to Blue Mounds and staying at **Grandma Oimoen's** house, getting electricity for the first time and taking turns switching on the lights, etc.; walking 1½ miles to school with **Doris Oimoen** and Lucille Field; also I remember the fierce wind storm when we all went to the basement, with Daddy ready in a split second to pick up Grandma Grinder, who was bedridden, and carry her to the basement if need be, but no tornado occurred but we were frightened! Oh, yes, and Daddy's horses, Big and Little Dobbin and a horse named Lady that I first rode alone on, **Arlene** riding bare back on Little Dobbin and cutting her foot real bad on the yard gate latch when riding through it, and **Ralph and I** riding on Big Dobbin, falling off and being knocked out, Daddy picking us up and carrying us down to the barn and setting us up on the rock wall, laughing at us and saying we looked just like two little white ghosts. Also my getting knocked down and run over by our young colt, Jerry, as Daddy was letting the horses in the barn, and also my taking an unexpected, unwanted, backwards ride on a pig's back as she plowed through my legs where I was guarding the door of the pig house. I can't forget **Arlene** and **Albert** playing paper dolls, cut out from catalogs, up in the attic and when I'd show up they'd yell, "Tootsie, stay out of here!" **Ernest** too was always making some kind of a "rig" to ride on and making it out of most

anything. A kind of bad memory is the time I was playing in the barn and ran a rusty pitchfork tine through part of my foot, ouch! One more thing, I remember the winter of '36 and '37 when we had so much ice and we kids would slide on the hill near our school sitting on slabwood pieces, we had extra long recesses and noon hours as our teacher, Vivian Smith, enjoyed the ice as much as we did. Oh, what memories of my childhood on the Paulson farm.

Then I remember moving to the **Blum farm** near Belleville, Wisconsin and going to the Bowars School and the Primrose Church; being (across the indrive) neighbors to Alfred and Gen Rundle and being afraid of him when he would be drunk and would storm around his buildings, pounding on the barn doors; Daddy losing Little Dobbin from a big rupture which caused him to have spasms or collick, sort of like seizures; fun trips continuing to Blue Mounds and visiting at **Grandma's** and **Ella's** and also at **Aunt Minnie's** house too and finding an excuse to have to go to her outdoor "biffie" to sit and look at her wall paper which consisted of pictures cut out from magazines, nice ones, funny ones, cute ones, etc.; peeking in the attic room at Grandma's and feeling like you were stepping into another world with all its mysteries and fantasies; Bobby Denton and the Jimtown Store near our Blum farm, with his high pitched voice which sort of gave out squeaking tones!

Moving came around again and we moved to the **Hegland farm** just south west of Daleyville, once again coming back to our home church at Perry Lutheran, my Reading for the Minister (Confirmation Instruction), being confirmed by Rev. I. A. Lavik; going to the Daleyville State Graded School; raising pet (runt) pigs, esp., Sandy, and we even walked him into the house one day to show him to Grandma Grinder, the pig was already about 200 lbs. and ready for market; **Ralph** going to work for Burnell Daley and getting homesick and came flying home on his bike just to see us and going back again, making it OK.

Finally, moving to the **Barton farm**, which Daddy and Mother bought, halfway between Mt. Horeb and Daleyville; my graduating from eighth grade and singing one of my first solos at the graduation exercises at the Daleyville school. I remember starting school at Mt. Horeb High, having a weight problem since I was 8 years old and then going on a doctor's diet when a freshman and losing 50 lbs.; continuing our fun trips to **Grandma's** and **Minnie's**; still raising pet pigs — Darius (dare he is), the one who, along with the rest of the pigs, got drunk on some fermented whey and Darius stood, leaning against the fence post groaning. I remember **Albert** coming home

from the Army on furlough; roller skating on Saturday nights, with the gang, at Dodgeville; singing in the choral union of Mt. Horeb Circuit and singing Handel's Messiah with Otto Festge as the director, my doing some solos and then meeting singer and soloist, Phil Skalet from Black Earth, dating, falling in love and marrying him.

Now, in all these years of growing up, I'm remembering my loving, caring, even-tempered, God-fearing parents, no yelling or squabbling between them, always being good neighbors to others, helping and caring for others, **Mother's** love and care for her mother-in-law who lived in with us and who became bedridden from severe arthritis while we were living on the Paulson farm, **Mother** never complaining of her extra work with Grandma Grinder and Grandma never complaining of her extreme pain and discomfort, and each of them having so much love for our family and an exceptional love for their Lord, making me so **thankful** for my having grown up in a loving, Christian home.

HI-LITES IN THE LIFE OF THE PHIL SKALET'S

Philip and **Ethel** were married on February 27, 1949 at the Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville, Wisconsin. They farmed the Skalet home place near Black Earth for nine years after their marriage. They sold the farm to Phil's brother, Jorgen, in 1958. They then worked from March to October 1958 on the Otto Jacobson farm near Forward and then moved to **Ralph Grinder's** farm, halfway between Mt. Horeb and Daleyville, and farmed with him from the fall of '58 to January of '62.

Phil and **Ethel** attended the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis, Minn. for three winter shortcourses, from January through March, in 1957, 1958, and 1961 and then moved to Minneapolis in January of 1962 where Phil worked as custodian and **Ethel** as Faculty Secretary at the LBI. They left Minneapolis in October 1963 and lived with Phil's brother, Maurice, in Black Earth until they moved to the Elliot Mickelson farm which they bought in January of 1964 and moved there on July 1, 1964. Their farm is located just 1½ miles south of Black Earth. **Ethel** went to work as an optometrist's assistant for Drs. Guenveur and Sutter in Mt. Horeb and Phil worked at various jobs until July 1967 when he was hired by the Vermont Township as their road patrolman.

In the fall of 1964 the Skalets had their first Horse-drawn Hayride on their farm which they named, Pud's Ranch, (Pud is Phil's nickname) and since have had hundreds of groups from all around Southern Wisconsin, mainly in the Madison area,



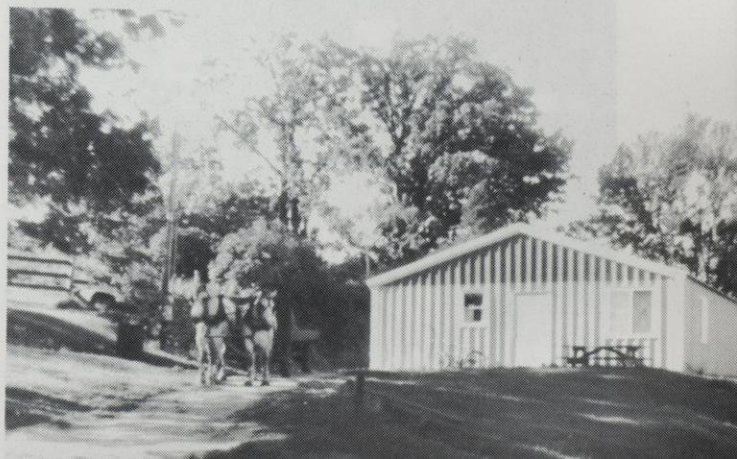
Sleighride at Pud's Ranch (Phil Skalet farm).

for hayrides and sleighrides. The Skalet's dedicated their farm and the new recreation building that they built in 1967, with the help of the Black Earth Rifle Club, to the Lord in the fall of 1967 for providing clean recreation for young and old alike. They have met so many wonderful and fun-loving people in their work there at Pud's Ranch.

On December 11th, 1970 the greatest of all the blessings in their lives was the birth of their daughter, **Ingerid Malla**. She is now, as of April 1979, a second grader at the Black Earth Elementary School

The Skalets do a lot of singing for various observances in the community and area, for weddings and funerals and special programs. They sing solos and duets. **Ethel** has presented many programs where she speaks, chalk draws and sings, (harmonizes with her own voice prerecorded on a tape recorder and accompanies herself on piano, organ or auto-harp) at many women's meetings, family nights, Mother-Daughter banquets, etc. Phil sings with a men's gospel quartet, The Permons, and they have given concerts in many area churches and also in the states of Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota. They are now in the process, as of April 1979, of making a stereo record

Recreation Building at Pud's Ranch.





Philip and Ethel Skalet.



Ethel and Ingerid Skalet displaying Skalet Greeting Cards.

album. The members of the quartet are Bob Disrud, Monticello, Wis., lead; Phil Skalet, tenor; **Ralph Grinder**, Daleyville, baritone; David Jeglum, Mt. Horeb, bass; Henry Steinhauer, Mt. Horeb, piano accompanist. The quartet brings a simple witness of Jesus Christ to the people through their singing and speaking at Sunday morning church services, family nights and whole concerts and at other community functions. They have been together since about 1972.

Ethel is also talented in art work, doing sketches and drawings. She has made her own personalized Christmas cards since 1953 and has

Permons Gospel Quartet. Standing: Robert Disrud, Lead; Philip Skalet, Tenor; Ralph Grinder, Baritone; Kneeling: Henry Steinhauer, accompanist, (on the left) and David Jeglum, Bass.



Phil Skalet and three horse hitch on grain binder.

made many personalized cards and sketches for many other people. She also has a "Skalet Greeting Card" card assortment of cards that she had purchased a copyright for and has sold many cards and also stationary notes and post cards. **Ethel** is also the Sr. Choir director and organist at the Vermont Lutheran Church and has served the Lord in this capacity since 1964.

Phil sings in the Vermont choir, has been the Sunday School Superintendent and a teacher for several years at the Vermont church but has retired from the last two positions at present. Phil enjoys his horses, all 11 of them, most of which are draft horses, Belgians, Percherons and part Clydesdales. He uses them mainly for hayrides and sleighrides but does some farm work like discing, dragging, planting oats, cutting grain and corn, hauling grain bundle loads from the fields to the threshing machine. In this day and age of the energy crisis the horses come in handy and he plans to use them more and more. He also has had them in many parades in towns and cities in the area and that has proved to be fun but much work and worry.





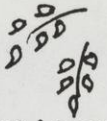
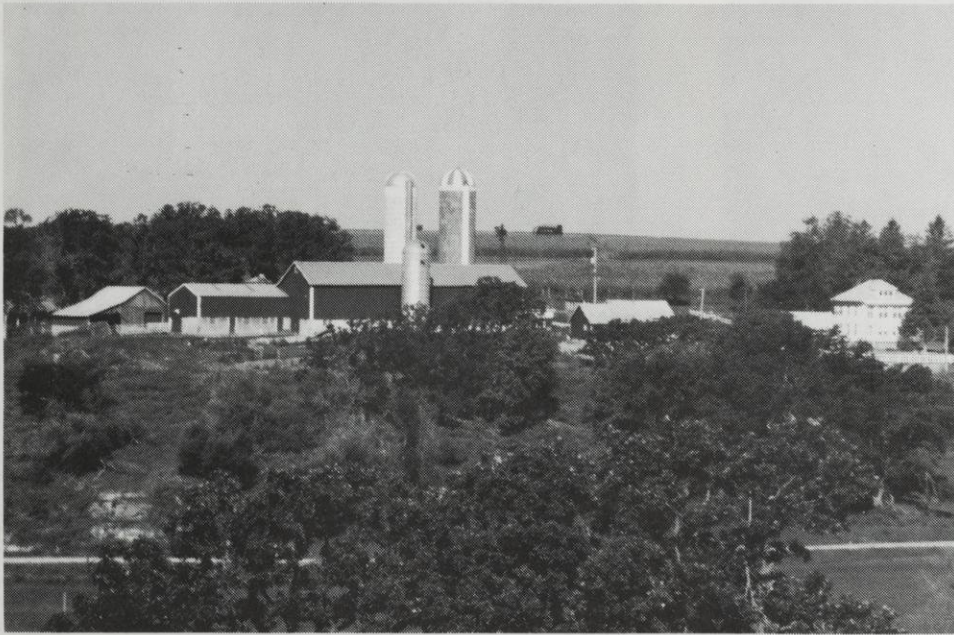
Philip Skalet's horse and mule in the Mazomanie parade.



Ingerid Skalet (daughter of Ethel & Philip Skalet).

Ingerid is musical, takes piano lessons, loves athletic sports, ice skating, roller skating, ballet, skate boarding, swimming, tumbling and hand and head stands. She'd like to get into gymnastics but it is not offered at the school until they are in the fifth grade. She also loves running and entered in the Vilas Runners' Club Spring Race at Black Earth in April 1979 and ran in the mile race. She didn't win but she had the satisfaction of running and completing the mile run. She is also a lover of cats and dogs and of course, horses.

There are two houses on the Skalets' farm and now in the fall of 1979 their present renters, Greg and Ann Marie Paprocki will be leaving and Ethel's parents Helmer and Olga Grinder will plan to move in as their next renters, an exciting event to look forward to!!!

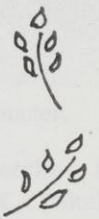
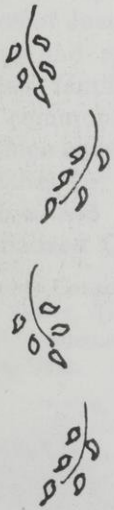


The OLE OIMOEN
HOMESTEAD
as it is today !!

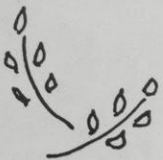
Home of Harland
and JoAnn Rue

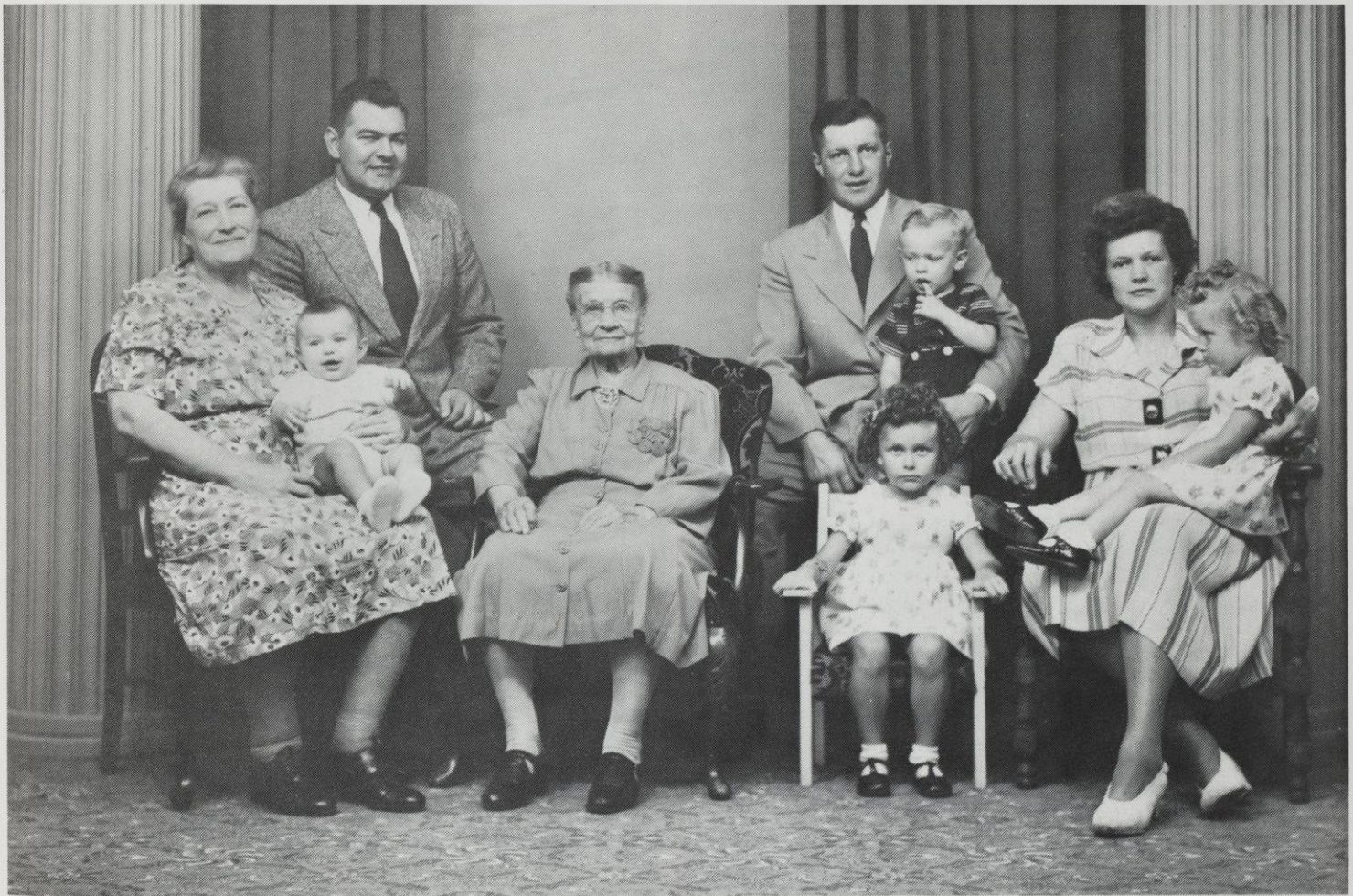


Looking
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Homestead

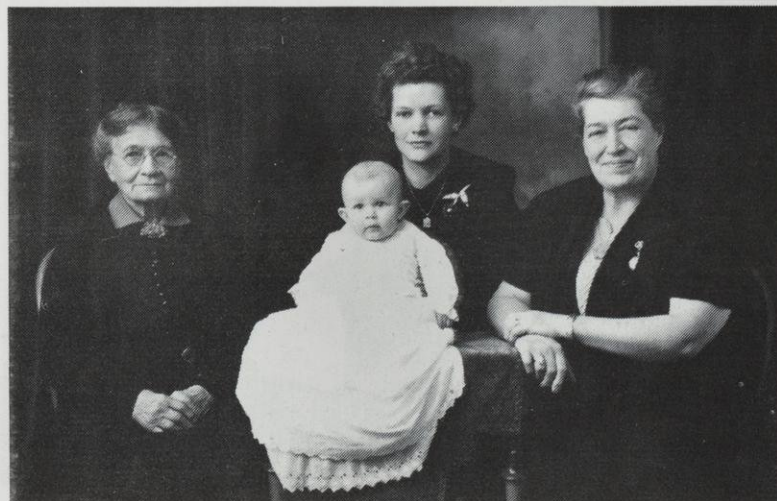


Looking up
at the
Homestead from
the town
road.





Mrs. Annie Oimoen and daughter Adeline Thompson with her children and grandchildren: Adeline, Stanley, Stanely Jr., Grandma Annie Oimoen, Glenn and son David, Anita, Alverna and Jeanne Robinson



Four Generations: Mrs. Annie Oimoen, Alverna Robinson and daughter, Anita, and Adeline Thompson.



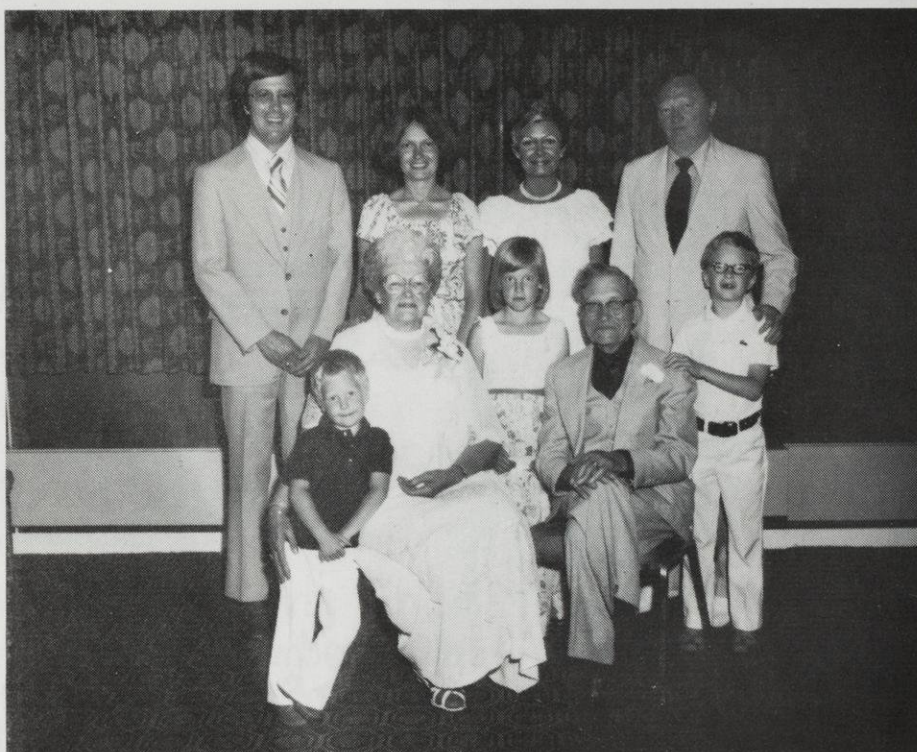
Adeline and Melvin Thompson and daughter Alverna.



Alverna Thompson.



Alverna Thompson with baby sister Gladys at the Thompson home. (Gladys died at age 14 mos.)



The Lloyd Robinson family. Back row: John Lygre, Jeanne Lygre, Anita Nagle, James Nagle. Front row: David Nagle, Alverna Robinson, Sara Lygre, Lloyd Robinson, Jimmy Nagle (Anne Lygre not present for picture).



Stanley Thompson, Alverna Robinson, Glenn and Milford Thompson.



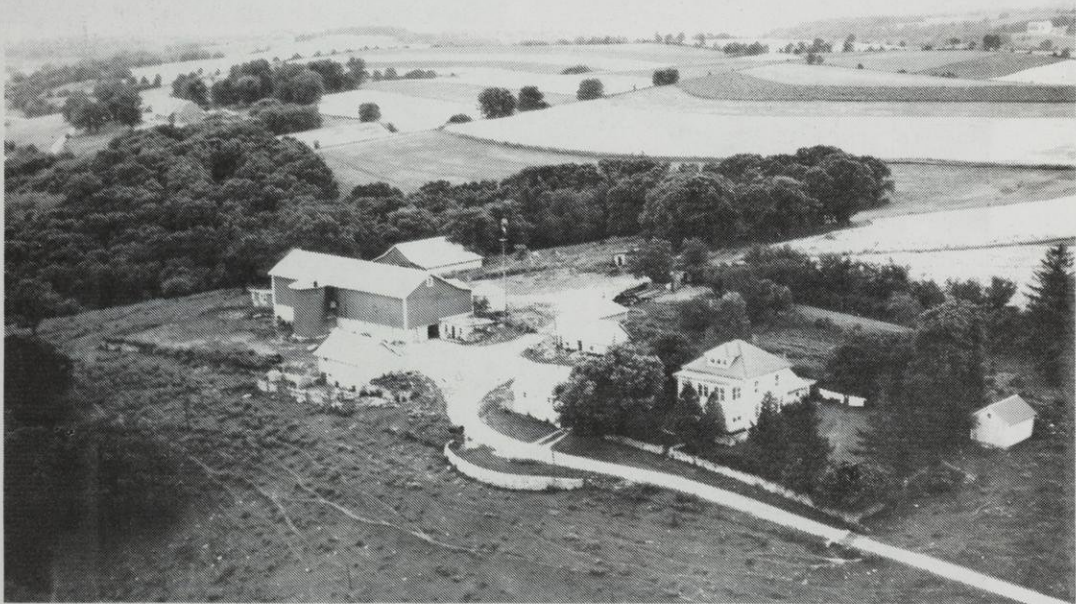
THE ROBERT MURRAY
FAMILY

Janet Murray ^{and} Duane Shervan
Wedding 9-24-77

Back Row: L. to R. David, David's wife Sue,
and Jim

Front Row: L. to R. Bob, Janet, Duane and
Marion

AIR VIEW of the OLE OIMOEN HOMESTEAD
Now the home of Harland ^{and} JoAnn (Oimoen) Rue



Bob Murray has many pleasant memories of this farm as he grew up here and lived most of his boy hood years with his Uncle Otto Oimoen.



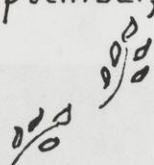
Ole Oimoen's Remaining Children
 Geneva Murray - Otto Oimoen - Olga Grinder
 (Taken at Ole Oimoen Family Reunion at Milford Thompsons
 in September, 1978 by Abner Grender)



Agnes Oimoen



SISTERS !!!



Ole Oimoen's Grand-daughters

Back Row: Barb Murray, Alverna Thompson, Ruth Peterson, Arlene Grinder
 Front Row: Jo Ann Oimoen, Grandma, Ethel Grinder

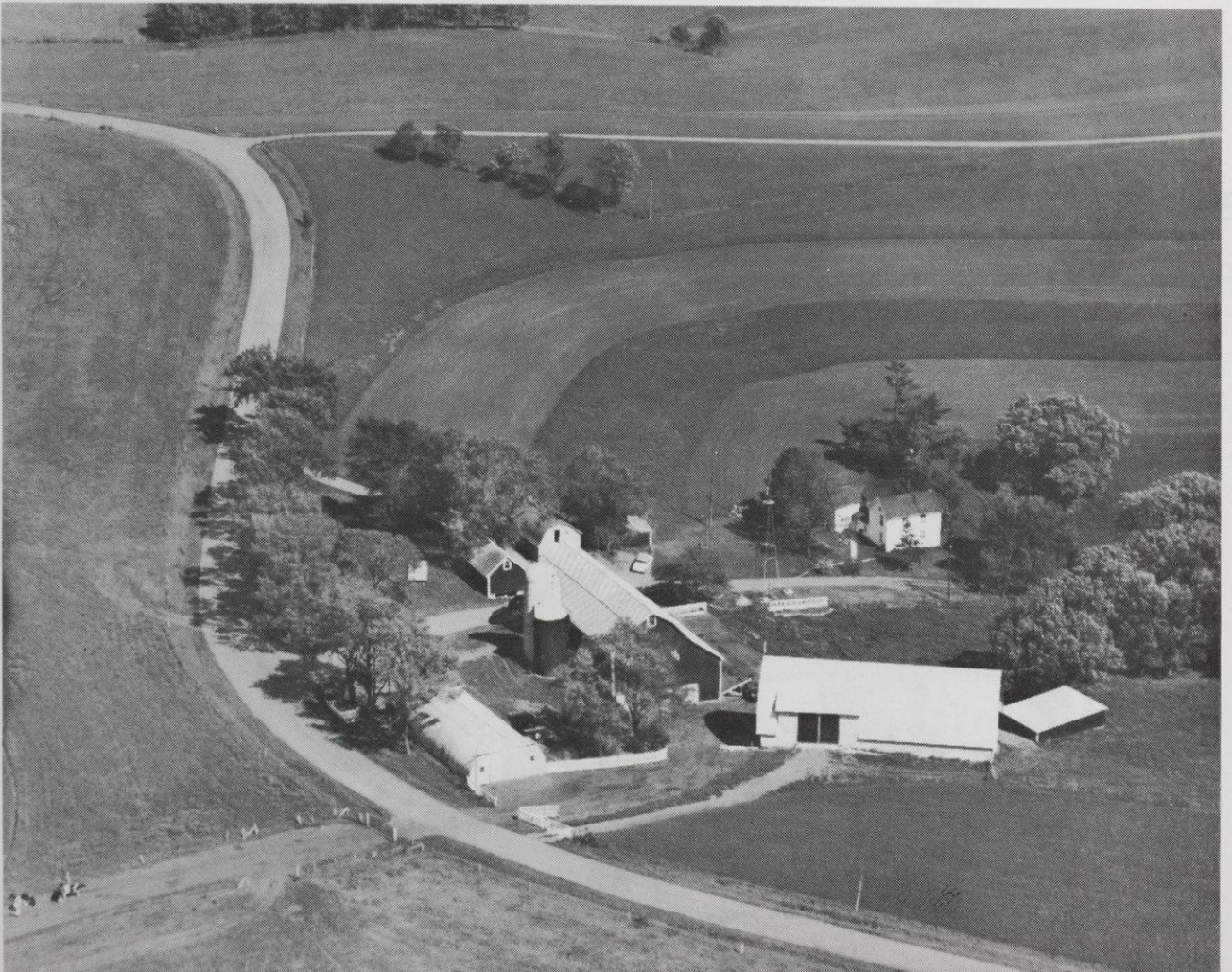


L.to R. - Ella, Olga, Geneva,
 Minnie, Agnes, Adeline



Iver Oimoen's farm when first purchased.

Iver Oimoen farm today.



*Anna Karina (Carrie) Oimoen
MacGarva*



CARRIE
OIMOEN
← MacGarva

Carrie at age 82
↓



SECTION VIII

VII. Anna Karina Oimoen
(Carrie - Corine)

Carrie was born in Norway. We do not know the date.

She came to Wisconsin but did not stay very long before she went to Lodi or San Francisco, California.

Carrie was married to John MacGarva when she was in her late 50's, so she had no children.

We have little or no information about Carrie. She is buried someplace in San Francisco, California.



Carrie and John MacGarva
and his niece.



Iver Gimoen

IVER'S FIVE SONS



Joseph - Alfred - Oscar - Edwin - Henry
(All brothers are still living as of June, '79)

SECTION IX



Family Reunion at Iver Oimoen's home in Clay Hill.

VIII. Iver* Oimoen *The Family of* and *Helena* Bratlie*
 1863-1937 1859-1935

Born in Norway

Both are buried in the Perry Lutheran Cemetery, Daleyville, Wis.

- ① OSCAR ② JOSEPH ③ HENRY ④ EDWIN ⑤ ALFRED
 3-31-1891 11-4-1894 4-30-1897 6-18-1898 6-16-1903

All were born at Barneveld, Wis. Brigham Tnsp., Iowa County
 All are still living as of January 1978

one daughter, Annie* was born between Oscar & Joe and
 died at age 4. (No dates given for birth - death or burial place)

- ① Oscar and Lillian* Oimoen Married-10-30-1915 212 Lake Street
 (5 Children) Born: 10-9-1891 Springdale Mt. Horeb, Wis. 53572
 Died: 2-12-1942 Springdale Luth. Cemetery Retired farmer

- ① Arthur* Oimoen 9-16-16 Married-11-1939 Divorced-1945
 Betty Sullivan (2 Children) Died-5-7-47 Buried at Lodi, Wis.
 1) James Oimoen 8-28-40
 2) Judy Oimoen 1-9-41
Arthur's 2nd Marriage

Anna Irene Alme (2 Children)

- 1.) Christi L. Oimoen 9-9-52 Madison, Wis. (Dane Co.)
 Roland Anton Maier 8-26-50 Tn. of Lodi, (Columbia Co.)
 (1 child) Married 10-2-71

1. Melinda Rae 9-23-77 Madison, Wis. (Dane Co.)
 2.) Ronald Arthur Oimoen 3-27-55 " " " "

Ellen Susan Maile 8-29-56 Chicago, Ill. Married-10-16-76

- ② Eleanore M. Oimoen 4-19-18 4701 Sheboygan Ave.
 Secretary- Univ. of Wis. Madison, Wis. 53705
Apt. 312

- ③ Ruby* Oimoen 8-18-21
 Died-2-18-25 Buried-Springdale Luth. Cemetery

- ④ Verda Oimoen 4-5-24 Springdale Tnsp. 725 Phillips Blvd.
 Robert McFarlane 11-7-19 Prairie du Sac, Wis. Sauk City, Wis. 53583
 (4 Children) Robert- Farm Implement
 Dealer- McFarlane Mfg. Co.
 Verda- Homemaker
 (Robert McFarlane family Cont'd)

(Robert McFarlane Family Cont'd)

1) John Robert 6-5-48 Madison, Wis.
Jerilyn Strasburg 4-5-50 Lake Mills, Wis.
(2 children)

304 Spruce St.
Sauk City, Wis. 53583
John - Office Manager -
McFarlane Mfg. Co.

Both at home
with parents

1. Matthew John 10-5-72
2. Sara Lyn 1-12-75

2) David Earl 8-14-50 Madison, Wis.
Mary Phillips 12-30-50 Rochester, N.Y.
(1 child) Married 8-19-72

1714 Capital Ave.
Madison, Wis. 53705
Lawyer - LaFollette,
Sinykin Law Firm
Chemist - U.S. Dept. of Ag.

1 Robert David 1-23-78

3) Richard James 11-29-53 Baraboo, Wis.
Marilyn Griebenow 12-31-53 Beaver Dam, Wis.
(1 child) Married 7-31-76

320-3rd Ave. West
Menomonie, Wis. 54751
Student at Stout Univ.
Part-time John Deere Imp.

1. Alice Elizabeth 1-22-78

4) Douglas Paul 11-29-56 Prairie du Sac, Wis.

725 Phillips Blvd.
Sauk City, Wis. 53583
Jr. Univ. of Wisc.

5) Donald Oimoen 8-9-28
Joyce Anderson 9-5-31
(3 children) Married - 6-23-51

Living in
Zumbrota, Minn.

1) Steve Oimoen 5-14-52
Lee Ann Olson Married - 8-15-78

2) Bruce Oimoen 9-14-54
Betty Smith Married - 9-5-76

3) Patricia 12-11-62

① OSCAR'S - 2nd Marriage to Julia* Anderson - 3-2-1946 Born: 9-15-1898
Died: 5-25-1960 ^{Springdale} cemetery

② OSCAR'S - 3rd Marriage to Rosena Field - August-1968 Born: 6-5-1897

(Over Oimoen families Continued)

(Over Oimoen Families Contd)

② Joseph Albert and Esther* Stenseth Oimoen 204 S. 8th St.
(3 children) Born: 12-21-1897 - Daleville, Wis Mt. Horeb, Wis 53572
Died: 12-10-1936 - Perry Luth. Cemetery

1. Ralph Oimoen 4-29-23 Blue Mounds, Wis R[#] 1, Barneveld, Wis.
Arlene Dougherty 11-1-24 Ridgeway, Wis Farming in the
(6 Children) Township of Brigham

1.) Sherry Oimoen 10-3-47 Barneveld, Wis. Barneveld, Wis.
Lenard Harpold 5-19-43 Len - Mechanic at
(3 Children) Barneveld Motors
Sherry - Wis. Tax Dept.

1. James 4-27-70 Barneveld, Wis.
2. John 6-1-72 "
3. Jeremy 12-30-77 "

2.) Dennis Oimoen 12-14-48 Barneveld, Wis Blue Mounds, Wis
Kay Bohle 5-11-51 Employed - E+S Electric
(1 child)
1. Tonya 5-31-77

3.) Dean Oimoen 8-28-50 Barneveld, Wis. R[#] 1, Barneveld, Wis.
Diane Thousand 12-30-56 Farming in the
(1 child) Town of Brigham
1. Kari 1-10-77

4.) James Oimoen 8-27-54 Barneveld, Wis. U.S. Navy - Norfolk, Va.

5.) Eugene Oimoen 6-3-59 " Student - Univ. of Wis.
at Platteville

6.) Randy Oimoen 10-1-62 " Student - Barneveld
High School

(Joseph Oimoen family cont'd)

(Joseph Oimoen Family Continued)

- [2] Vernon Oimoen 5-4-29 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 106 Hillcrest Ave.
Ruby Foss 6-27-31 Rural Ridgeway, Wis. Barneveld, Wis.
(5 children) (Rockwell Mills) Carpenter
- 1.) Jean Oimoen 4-2-52 Dodgeville, Wis. Lives at home
works - Rural Ins.
- 2.) Gregory Oimoen 2-5-54 " Barneveld, Wis.
Farming
- 3.) Jacquelyn Oimoen 1-5-56 " Ridgeway, Wis.
Jerry Hodgson Farming
(1 child)
1. Chad 5-23-76 Madison, Wis.
- 4.) Peggy Oimoen 5-8-59 Dodgeville, Wis. Carling Dr., Madison, Wis.
Cuna Ins.
- 5.) Patti Oimoen 10-23-63 " At home - Student
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- [3] Anita Oimoen 8-4-33 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 10080 Fuerte Dr.
David Reith 1-19-30 Milwaukee, Wis. La Mesa, Ca. 92041
(2 children) David - Administrative Law Judge
Anita - Teacher & Homemaker
- 1.) Dirk Reith 2-15-55 Madison, Wis. Living at Paradise, Ca. 95969
Pam Peters 3-19-55 Culver City, Ca.
Dirk - Student
Pam - Savings & Loan Officer
- 2.) Robin Reith 4-24-58 Rhinelander, Wis. No permanent Address
Ballet Student
Office Receptionist in Los Angeles, Ca.
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② Joseph's Second Marriage to Myrtle Hanson Brattlie - Born: 9-2-1904
at Arena, Wis.
Living at - 204 S. 8th St.
Mt. Horeb, Wis.

(Over Oimoen families Continued)

(Over Oimoen Families Cont'd)

- ③ Henry and Gladys*Topper Oimoen
Born: 6-4-1902
Died: 4-16-1976 Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery
308 S. 4th St.
Mt. Horeb, Wis.
Retired Farming
- (1 Son)
- ① Harlan Oimoen 4-15-30 Mt. Horeb, Wis. R⁷. Blue Mds., Wis.
Marilyn Kuam 12-1-34 Madison, Wis. Farming
- (2 Children)
- 1.) Pamela Oimoen 8-28-56 Madison, Wis. Working at Ingleside
Nursing Home,
Mt. Horeb, Wis.
- 2.) Bruce Oimoen 3-4-60 Madison, Wis. Student - M.H. H.S.

- ④ Edwin and Gena*Nygaard Oimoen
Born: 2-5-1899 Ness, Norway
Died: 8-27-1977 Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery
Edwin - Resident - Ingleside
Nursing Home, Mt. Horeb
- (5 Children)
- ① Robert V. Oimoen 3-2-23 Daleyville, Wis. (Dane Co.) 212 So. 5th
Janice Brumi 7-25-35 Monroe, Wis. Mr. Horeb, Wis.
(4 Children) (Divorced) Owner, Operator of
Bob's UNION 76
- 1.) Robert A. Oimoen 8-3-54 Madison, Wis. 9911 Barton Rd.
Carol Tresch Mt. Horeb, Wis.
(1 Child) Drives for Dartlines
1. Robert A. Oimoen 6-23-76
- 2.) Jeffrey L. Oimoen 10-22-57 Madison, Wis. Employed by
Bob's UNION 76
- 3.) Randall D. Oimoen 10-24-60 " Student - Verona H.S.
- 4.) Lisa J. Oimoen 11-10-66 " Student - " Grade Sch.

② Grant* E. Oimoen 6-22-24 Died: 10-22-74 Torrance, California

(Edwin Oimoen family Cont'd)

(Edwin Oimoen family cont'd)

3. Ruth Oimoen 3-23-26 Blue Mds, Wis. (Ariaham Tnsp) 1116 Deerwood Dr.
Codie Phillips 8-4-24 Franklin Co. Georgia Columbia, S.C.
(10 Children) Codie - Retired - Army ²⁹²⁰⁵
Ruth - Voucher Examiner
Fort Jackson Finance
and Accounting Office
Fort Jackson, Fla.
818 Paramount Dr.
Columbia, S.C.
- 1) Deborah Phillips 5-15-51 Macon, Georgia
Kenneth G. Oliver Jr. 8-3-45 Union, S.C.
(2 Children) Ken - Dist. Mgr. - Gates
Rubber Co. Attended
Univ. of S.C.
Deb - Housewife - Mother
Attended Univ. of S.C.
1. Kenneth G., III 5-8-74
"chip"
2. Brent 8-12-76
- 2) David Phillips 3-17-53 Fort Benning, Ga. 1 River Oaks Rd.
Carol Morris (Deedie) Savannah, Ga. 31410
(1 child) Dave - Mgr. Butler Shoe Store
Attended U. of S.C.
Carol - French Teacher
Graduate U. of S.C.
1. Scott 10-25-74 Columbia, S.C.
- 3) Diane Phillips 3-31-54 Madison, Wis. 614 Wessinger St.
Wyndham Burriss 1-14-55 Anderson, S.C. West Columbia, S.C.
Wyndham - Apprentice Plumber ²⁹¹⁶⁹
Attended Midlands
Tech. Col. + U. of S.C.
Diane - Cost Accounting Clerk
Nat'l. Cash Register
Attended Midlands
Tech. Col.

(Codie + Ruth Phillips family Cont'd)

(Codie & Ruth Phillips family cont'd.)

- 4.) Richard Phillips 6-13-56 Columbia, S.C. Employed as
Renee Clowney (married- 9-9-78) Instrument man -
Engineering Dept.,
City of Columbia
- 5.) Leslie Phillips 9-11-57 Columbia, S.C. 3913 Overbrook Dr.
Joel Wallace 8-2-56 " " Columbia, S.C. ^{Apt. E} 29205
Leslie - Secretary - does
occasional modeling
Attended Midlands Tech. Col.
Joel - Won a soccer scholar-
ship to Midlands Tech. Col.
Transferred to Ricks Col.,
Rexburg, Idaho
Now-back at U. of S.C.
works at Capitol Blue-
print Co.
- 6.) Barbara Phillips 12-6-58 Columbia, S.C. Freshman - Univ. of S.C.
Majoring in Nursing
Awarded Nat'l Honor Society Scholarship and Anchor Club Scholar-
ship during Sr. year in High School. - Last summer - assistant on
Newspaper Staff - Ft. Jackson. (Currently at J.B. White's Dept.
during winter break from U. of S.C.)
- 7.) Thomas Phillips 10-27-60 Columbia, S.C. Senior - Dreker High School
- 8.) Charles Phillips 12-5-62 " " Freshman - " " "
- 9.) Craig Phillips 2-25-66 " " 6th grade - Hand Middle School
- 10.) Bryan Phillips 9-21-70 " " 2nd grade - Kilbourne Ele-
mentary School

(Edurn Demoen family - Cont'd)

(Edwin Oimoen Family Cont'd)

4. Marvin Oimoen 3-26-28 Mt. Horeb, Wis. 4501 Mineral Pt. Rd.
Margaret 4-18-29 Verona, Wis. Madison, Wis. 53705
(2 Adopted Children)

Marv - Sales, Oscar
Mayer & Co.,
Madison, Wis.
Marg - Rural Ins. Co.
Part-time

1.) Michael Oimoen 9-8-61 Madison, Wis. Student - 11th grade
Edgewood High
School - Madison, Wis.

2.) Marianne Oimoen 10-19-63 Madison, Wis. Student - 8th grade
Van Hise School
Madison, Wis.

5. Fredrich Oimoen (Jr.) Born: 1930
Died: 1934 at age 4 1/2
Buried in Mt. Horeb Union Cemetery



(Iver Oimoen families - Cont'd)

(Iver Oimoen families Cont'd.)

- ⑤ Alfred and Viola Oimoen
Born: 10-24-1904 New Berlin, Wis. 531-W28381 Sunset Dr.
Waukesha, Wis. 53186
Township of Genesee
(1 Son)
- Alfred - Retired 1967 after 43 years at Keystone Dairy Farms, Genesee.
Part-time relief chef at "The Avalon Manor" in Waukesha, a
Retirement Home for the Elderly.
- Viola - Retired 1977 as Organist for 39 years at Bethesda
Presbyterian Church. Also-retired from Floral Design
work at two Waukesha Floral Shops for 12 years.

- ① Melvin Oimoen 6-1-36 W301-S2863 Snowdon
Nancy 4-26-36 Waukesha, Wis. 53186
(2 Adopted Children) - Melvin - Formerly employed at Hawthorne
Melody Ice Cream Co. in Waukesha until the
plant closed. - Now is owner and proprietor of
Liquor Shoppe, in its 4th yr. at Genesee Depot.
- Nancy - Retired, Physical Ed. Instructor,
Waukesha School System. - Now assists Melvin
in their business and is Town Clerk, Tn. of Genesee.

1.) Heather Lee 12-28-66
(adopted at 6 mos. of age)

2.) Jaimey 1-7-70
(adopted at 2 mos. of age)

→ As of January 1978 -

Alfred can boast to say that his father, Iver
still has his 5 sons living. One daughter, Annie,
died when 4 years old. She was between Oscar
and Joseph.

When Alfred and Viola were married it was drifted
roads and could get to Waukesha on one road ---
and that was on the 4th day of May.





Henry and Gladys Dimoen's
 SILVER WEDDING
 ←



Dick Reith and wife Pam ↑
 REITH FAMILY
 Anita(Dimoen)-Dave and Robin Reith ↓



Marvin Dimoen Family ~
 Margaret-Michael-Marianne
 and Marvin (Edwin)

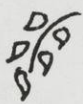



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Cousins!!
 Doris and Anita Dimoen
 (Carl) (Joe)




 Ruth Oimoen Phillip's Family
 (10 children - largest family)
 (in the Oimoen Clan)
 



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1. Kenneth Oliver
2. Debbie (Phillips) Oliver
3. Tommy
4. Deedie
5. David
6. Richard
7. Codie (Father)
8. Chip Oliver (1st Grandchild)
9. Craig Phillips
10. Bryan
11. Ruth (Mother)
12. Barbara
13. Charles
14. Diane
15. Leslie

Martinus Oimoen



SECTION X



Martinus and his house in Canada.



Martin (standing), John and Martinus (seated).



Martinus Oimoen's farm in Canada (Martinus is in buggy).

IX. Martinus Oimoen

Born: 1867 in Norway

Died: 4-9-1946 in Canada

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Martinus Oimoen was born in Norway in the year of 1867. At the age of 20 years he immigrated to the United States of America coming to Blue Mounds, Wis.

After 10 years of farming in Wisconsin he homesteaded near Asquith, Saskatchewan, Canada where he remained until his death, which occurred in a Saskatoon hospital on April 9th, 1946.

Martinus is the last of the Oimoen family of 9 brothers and sisters. Six brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. Surviving are the nieces and nephews.

He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Saskatoon (Grave # 12702). Services were held at Park's Funeral Home, Saskatoon, with Rev. Olaf K. Storaasli officiating, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church.

Two of Martinus' nephews attended his funeral. They were Otto Oimoen and Olaf Ankaltrud.




Jonetta



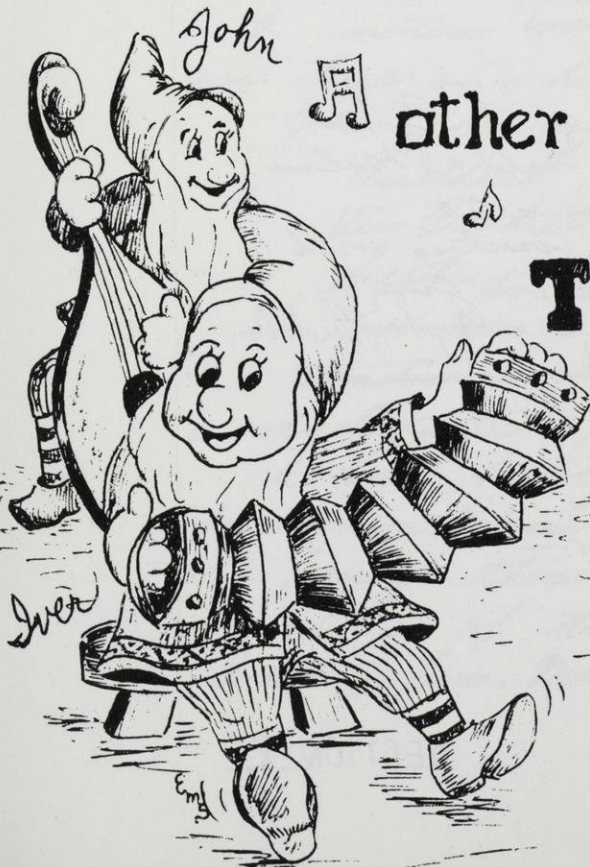
Anna
(Larrie)

Reunions and

SMØRGÅSBORD

John  other

TIDBITS



Kristian
(Christ)



Section XI

Smørgåsbord (Reunions and Other Tidbits)

The Oimoen Family Reunion got its start in the year of 1923 and continued for 29 years. Since then the relationship has met together in smaller groups according to family heads. Now, in the year of 1979 in August we plan the BIG REUNION again in order to hand-out the HISTORY BOOKS and to have a great time reminiscing and remembering to "Back When"...

Below is the Secretary's Report out of the actual Oimoen Family Reunion Secretary's Book. This report shows us the goings-on at the very FIRST MEETING of the Oimoen Family Reunion.

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Oimoen Family Reunion. 1923

The first meeting of the Oimoen family reunion was held at Melvin Thompson on Sunday, June 20. The day was spent in visiting with a short program. A talk was given by Mrs. Olay Ankaalund, and Rec. by Mrs. Fredshin. It was decided to hold the reunion as an annual event. The following officers was elected.

Pres. Joe Oimoen
Vice Pres. Mrs. Fredshin
Sec. Otto Oimoen
Treas. Mrs. Otto Oimoen.

SECTION VI

Below is the actual copy of the Secretary's Report of the last meeting of the "BIG" Dimoen family Reunion - 1952.

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1952

The Dimoen family reunion which originated 29 years ago, was held at the beautiful home of Mr. & Mrs. Otto Dimoen on June 29, at Barnwell, S.C. It was a very warm and humid day.

Pres. Glenn Thompson called the families together for a short business meeting & program at 2:30 P.M.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved. The balance on hand was \$19.75

A motion was made and seconded we keep our dues at \$1.00.

The following officers were elected:

President - Henry Dimoen

Vice President - Elmo Peterson

Secretary - Davis Dimoen

Treasurer - Ernest Grinder

A motion was made & seconded to form a mailing list for the secretary.

A brief history of the reunion was given by Alvina Robinson.

Among those introduced as new members of the family were Lena Dimoen, Mrs. ~~Margaret~~ Dimoen, & Mrs

SECTION XI

Secretary's Report on LAST "BIG" Oimoen Reunion-1952 (Cont'd)

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Ernest Grinde.

Helmer Grinde remarked on Albert Grinde's wedding at Minneapolis.

Arnie & Jeanne Ann Robinson sang "Mother". Oscar Oimoen, Wm. Olson, Clarence Olson gave short remarks.

Otto Oimoen gave remarks about getting ready for the reunion.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Skatet, Helmer & Ralph Grinde sang "Praise Ye The Father", "In Heaven Above" and "The Benediction". The former song written by Helmer's brother Abram Grinde.

A rising vote of thanks & applause was given Otto & Esther for their wonderful hospitality for entertaining the group for the day.

After partaking of lunch all left for their respective homes feeling the end of another perfect reunion.

Secretary
Doris Oimoen

SECTION XI

High-Lites of Oimoen Reunions

from 1923 to 1952

What fun to just sit and read through the entire Oimoen Family Reunion Secretary's book but since you all may not ever get that chance I'm going to take the time here and give you some of the high-lites and "goodies" from that precious book!!

June 29, 1924 - "Reading by Mrs. Olaf Ankaltrud.

Song: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" by Ruth Peterson

Duet: "O Bread of Life" by Mrs. Carl Midthun and Helmer Grander

Song: "This is the Way I Do it" by Amie Fridstrom

Business Meeting - Motion made and seconded to levy 50¢ due on each man adult. Carried.

Motion to set aside the last Sunday in June of each year as the Annual meeting date. Carried.

Motion to fine 25¢ to anyone that failed to appear on program when asked. Carried. "

The above is a typical report (in part) of a meeting of the Oimoen Club. There was and still is a lot of music, and other talents in the Oimoen family. Mrs. Olaf Ankaltrud almost always had a special reading at a meeting, either serious or humorous, and was delivered very well!! Alma Midthun, Ruth Peterson, Helmer Grander and family - Arlene Albert-Ralph + Ethel, Barbara Murray, Joe Oimoen, Alberna Thompson, Arlene Midthun, Verda Oimoen, Ruth Oimoen, Glen and Milford Thompson, Elmo Peterson, Myron Murray, Joan Oimoen, Robert Murray, Anita Oimoen, Dorald Oimoen, Vernon Oimoen, Roger Oimoen, Doris Oimoen, Anita and Jeanne Robinson and Philip Skalit all took part in bringing music ♪ ♫ to the reunions with solo, duets, groups - quartets, etc. Wouldn't it be fun to hear from each of the above named now again in 1979??

SECTION XI

High-Lites of Reunions (Continued)

"Things to Remember" - Quotes from Secretary's Book:

1. Ice Cream Treats: "a rising vote of thanks, applauding and cheers was given Fred Fridstrom for his generosity in treating the ice cream again."
(This was a year after year treat from Fred)
2. Food and Fun: "A bounteous cafeteria dinner was served on the lawn after which the happy and jolly bunch spent a pleasant social afternoon visiting and playing games."
3. Food Rationing - June 17, 1945: "Everyone welcomed the beautiful sunny day after a cool rainy week. Everyone enjoyed a fine cafeteria dinner in spite of the fact that butter took 24 points a lb., Cheese - 12 points and meat averaging 10 points a lb. and potatoes being very scarce that storekeepers sold only 5 lbs. to a customer and sugar so precious that 5 lbs. had to last each person 4 months."
Food Rationing - June 16, 1946: "Everyone enjoyed a fine cafeteria dinner although the absence of hot meat dishes was noted due to the fact that meat could not be bought in the stores. Sandwiches were not as plentiful as usual either as bread was a hard-to-get item because of the Government Relief Program to war-torn countries. Jello and sugar also were still precious items."
4. Food Rationing Lifted - June 20, 1948: "Everyone enjoyed a delicious cafeteria dinner, it being our first reunion since the lifting of all food rations - so, many fine cakes and pies appeared on the scene."
5. "The Outstanding Event of the day (June 9, 1940) was a guessing contest of the families BABY PICTURES. There were 32 baby pictures. The winner was Mrs. Lloyd Robinson who received the prize of \$.25 for having a perfect score."

SECTION XI

High-Lites of Reunions (continued)

6. Good Humor: "Oscar Oimoen gave his remarks which centered on his usual good jokes - this time being about a Laplander." (Oscar, to this day, still can tell a good joke!)
7. Relatives from afar: "A welcome was given to our Minneapolis relatives - - it being the first reunion they attended. Clarence Olson from Mpls. responded." - June 16th, 1946
(The Olson's attended again in 1948 and 1951.)

8. Oimoen Family members serving as Presidents and Secretaries from 1923 to 1952 were: (in order)

PRESIDENTS

1. Joe Oimoen
2. Mrs. Olaf Ankaltrud
3. Oscar Oimoen
4. Mrs. Melvin Thompson
5. Otto Oimoen
6. Olaf Ankaltrud
7. Glenn Thompson
8. Henry Oimoen

SECRETARIES

1. Otto Oimoen
2. Mrs. Melvin Thompson
3. Mrs. Ted Folkedahl
4. Mrs. Helmer Grinder
5. Alverna Thompson (Robinson)
6. Doris Oimoen (Schaller)

Members serving as Vice Presidents and Treasurers were:

VICE PRESIDENTS

1. Mrs. Fred Fridstrom
2. Olaf Ankaltrud
3. Oscar Oimoen
4. Otto Oimoen
5. Mrs. Olaf Ankaltrud
6. Mrs. Melvin Thompson
7. Lloyd Robinson
8. Henry Oimoen
9. Elmo Peterson

TREASURERS

1. Mrs. Otto Oimoen
2. Ed Oimoen
3. Beulah Folkedahl
4. Olaf Ankaltrud
5. Eddie Oimoen
6. Carl Oimoen
7. Ernest Grinder

(After the "Big Reunion" disbanded in 1952 the money in the Treasury was used up in Memorials.)

SECTION XI



Dimoen Reunions



at
← Melvin Thompson farm home



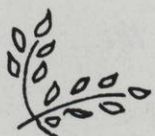
at Ole Dimoen farm →



← at Eddie Dimoen farm home



The Whole Clan together again at someone's farm! →





Minnie and Carl Peterson.



Oscar and Lillian Oimoen's wedding, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Oimoen 1890.



Ole and Annie Oimoen.





Adeline and Melvin Thompson.

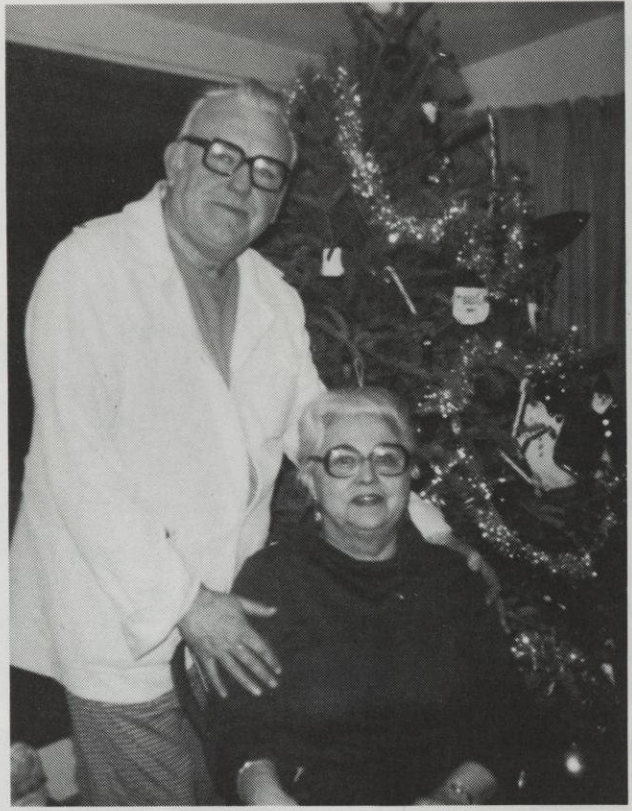
Helmer and Olga Grinder.

Carl and Cornelia Oimoen (wedding).





Alma Ankaltrud and Carl Midthun wedding. Attendants are Henry Oimoen, Selma Goli, Otto Oimoen and Belle Sanders.



Chester and Elaine Midthun, Christmas 1977.

Otto and Esther Oimoen.





Melvin and Adeline Thompson's Wedding Day at the Thompson farm home

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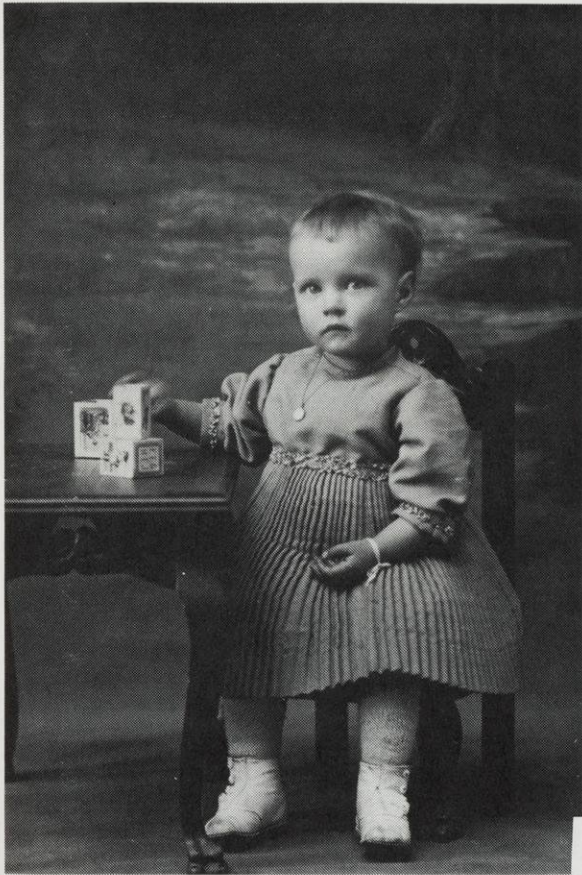
Later..... Thompson Children with Grandma Oimoen and Mom, Adeline! Alverna, Stanley, Glenn and Milford

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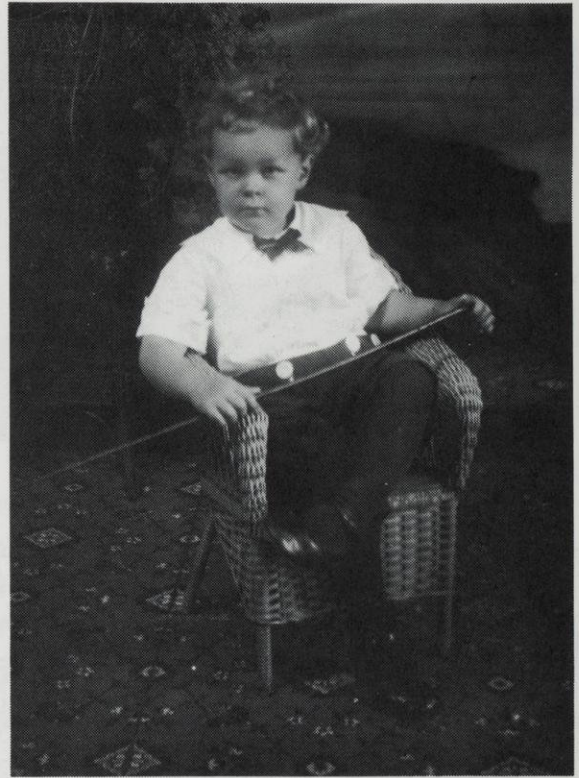
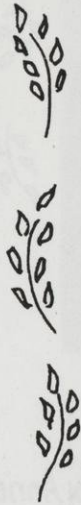
Milford ↓ Alverna

Milford Glenn Stanley



Ruth Peterson ↑

Ruth and Elmo



↑ Elmo Peterson



JoAnn
and
Gerald Dimoen





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← Ole Anne Oimoen's house in Blue Mounds

↑ Geneva and Otto Oimoen
" work's all done! "



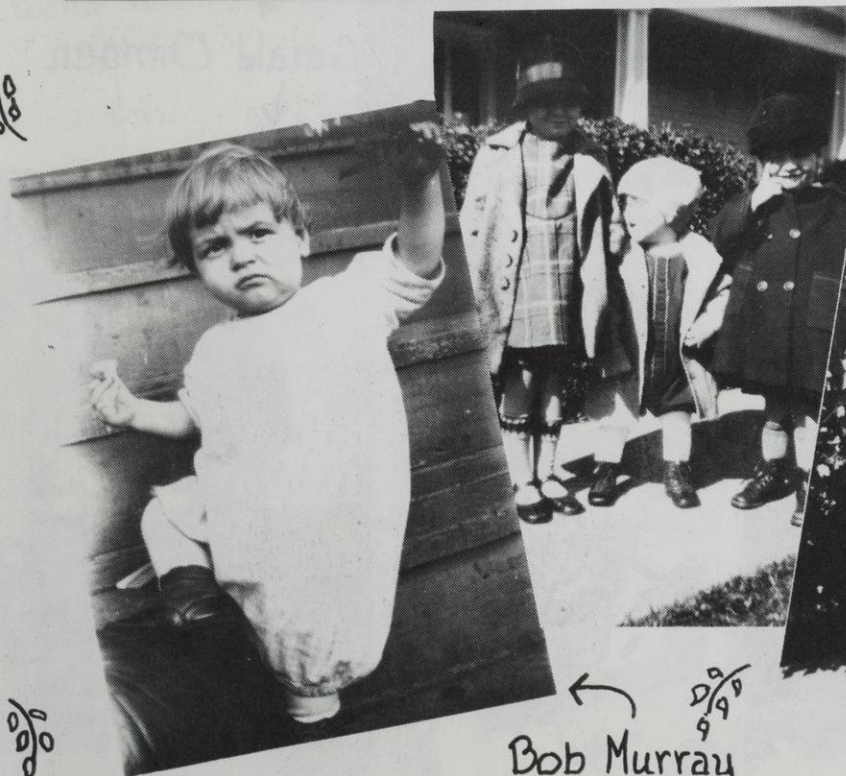
Ella Odelia Oimoen
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Barbara ↓ Bob Myron Murray

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Myron and Barbara !!

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← Bob Murray

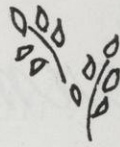
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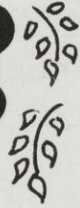
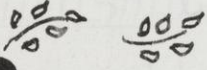
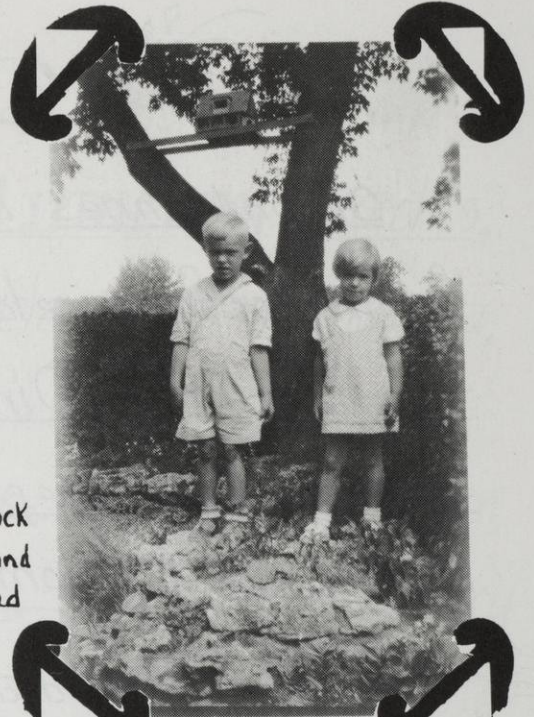


Albert and Arlene Grinder



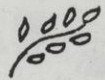
Ralph
and
Ethel

by
Ella's Rock
Garden and
Fish Pond



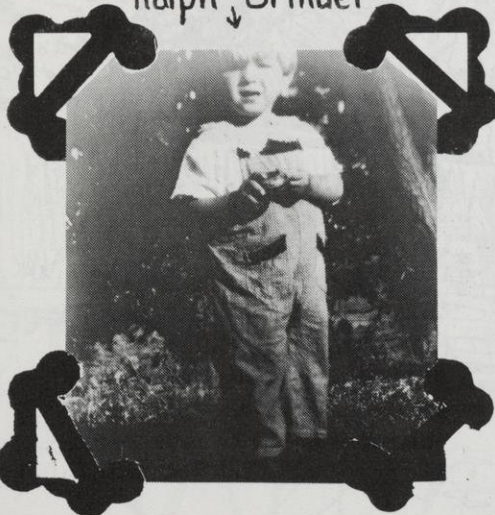
Arlene ~

"So what if my
stockings are
a little wrinkled?"

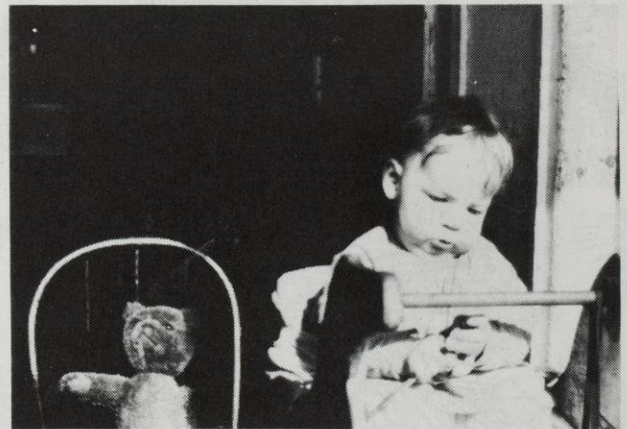
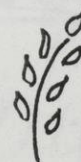


Ethel Grinder ↑

Ralph Grinder ↓



Ernest Grinder



Farming

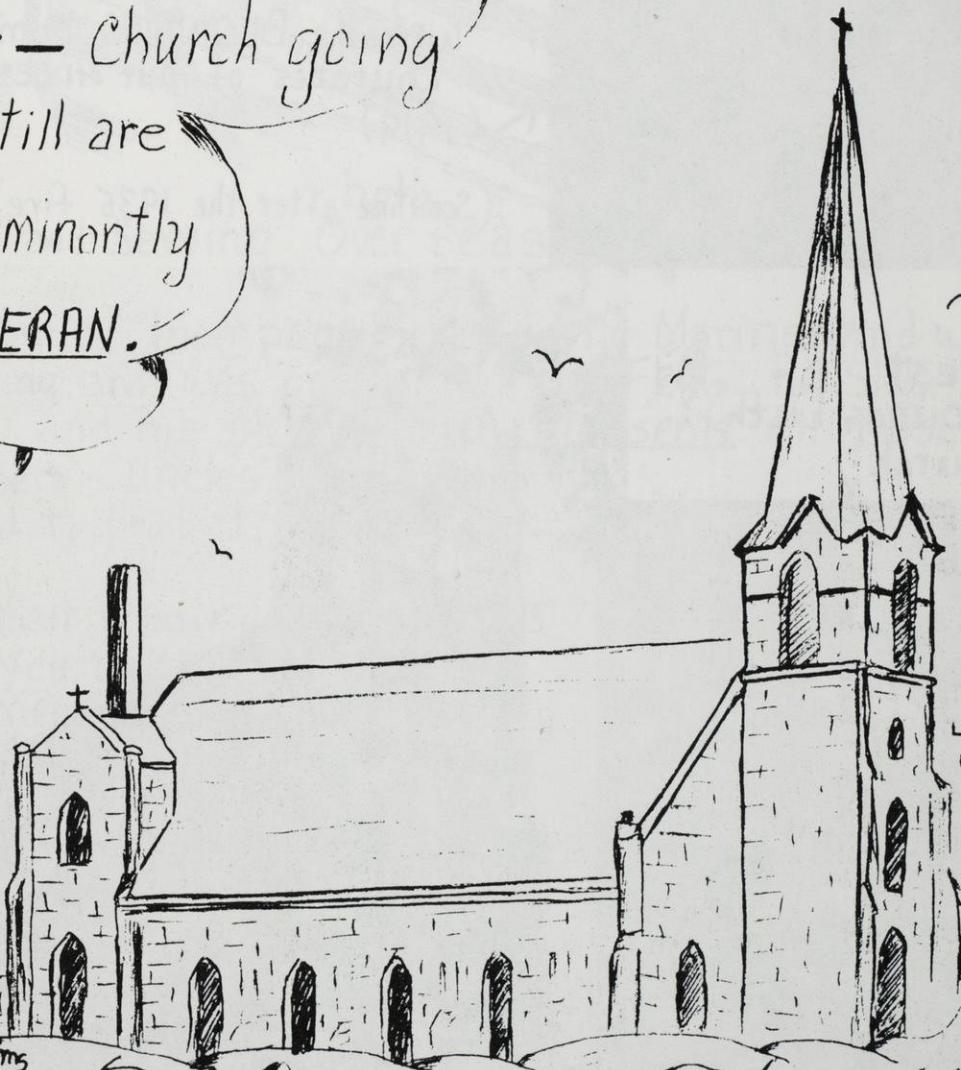
Ole and Anne's boys liked farming and settled on farms or farm related occupations. Down through the years the Oimoens have followed in their fore-fathers' foot steps and you'll find that the Oi-moens are predominantly farmers today or have been farmers and are now working at other occupations.



Ole and Anne's boys all married NORWEGIAN girls and all joined Norwegian LUTHERAN Churches, that was a must. One of their daughters, Tonetta, did likewise but as for Carrie - we know Mac Garva doesn't sound very much like Norsk! The Oimoen relationship has been active - Church going and still are predominantly LUTHERAN.

a very people

Perry Lutheran Church



Religious Faith



PERRY
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Daleyville, Wisconsin

Perry and West Blue Mounds Churches
were the BEGINNING home
churches of our Ancestors

← (1919)

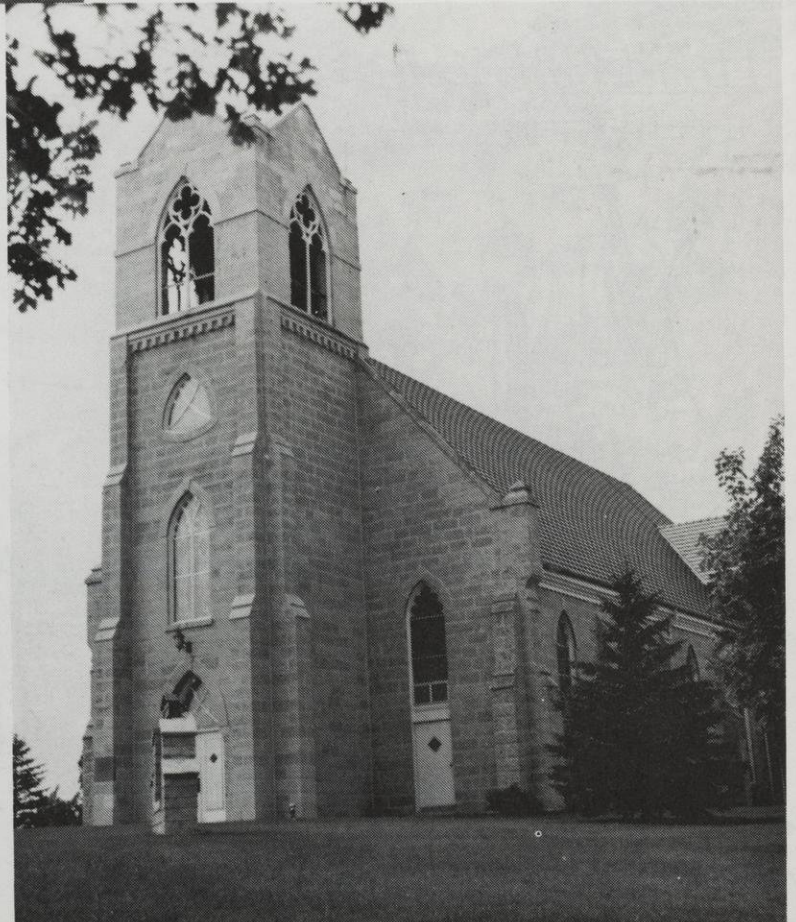
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West
Blue Mounds Luth.
Church ↓



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Taken around 1925 or so



WARS ★

With LOVE
and
HONOR

we dedicate this page to
those men, descendants of
OLE and ANNE ØISÆTHER,
who have served our Country,
the UNITED STATES of AMERICA,
in the Armed Forces.

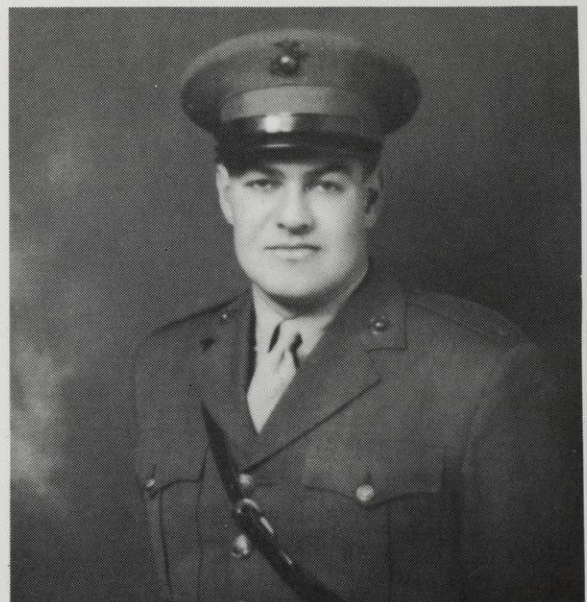
We do not have a list
of those men but we do
know that many of our
relatives were in
ACTIVE and INACTIVE Duty,
during the wars.

both
and Serving Over seas

Stanley Thompson served in the Marines and was in the
fighting and was present at the FLAG RAISING at Iwo
JIMO and his picture here represents all those Cousins-
brothers - uncles - dads who
helped to protect our country.

When reading through this
book you will read of several
who mentioned their active duty
in the Armed Forces, some tell of
their experiences during the
war, etc. Stanley was wounded
in action, Maynard Midthun tells
his story as a prisoner and many
more could continue on with their
stories. So we say "thanks" to
all who did their part for our
Country!

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Stanley Thompson
(Marines)



Stanley Thompson
fighting and
LIMO and his
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helped to



Stanley Thompson
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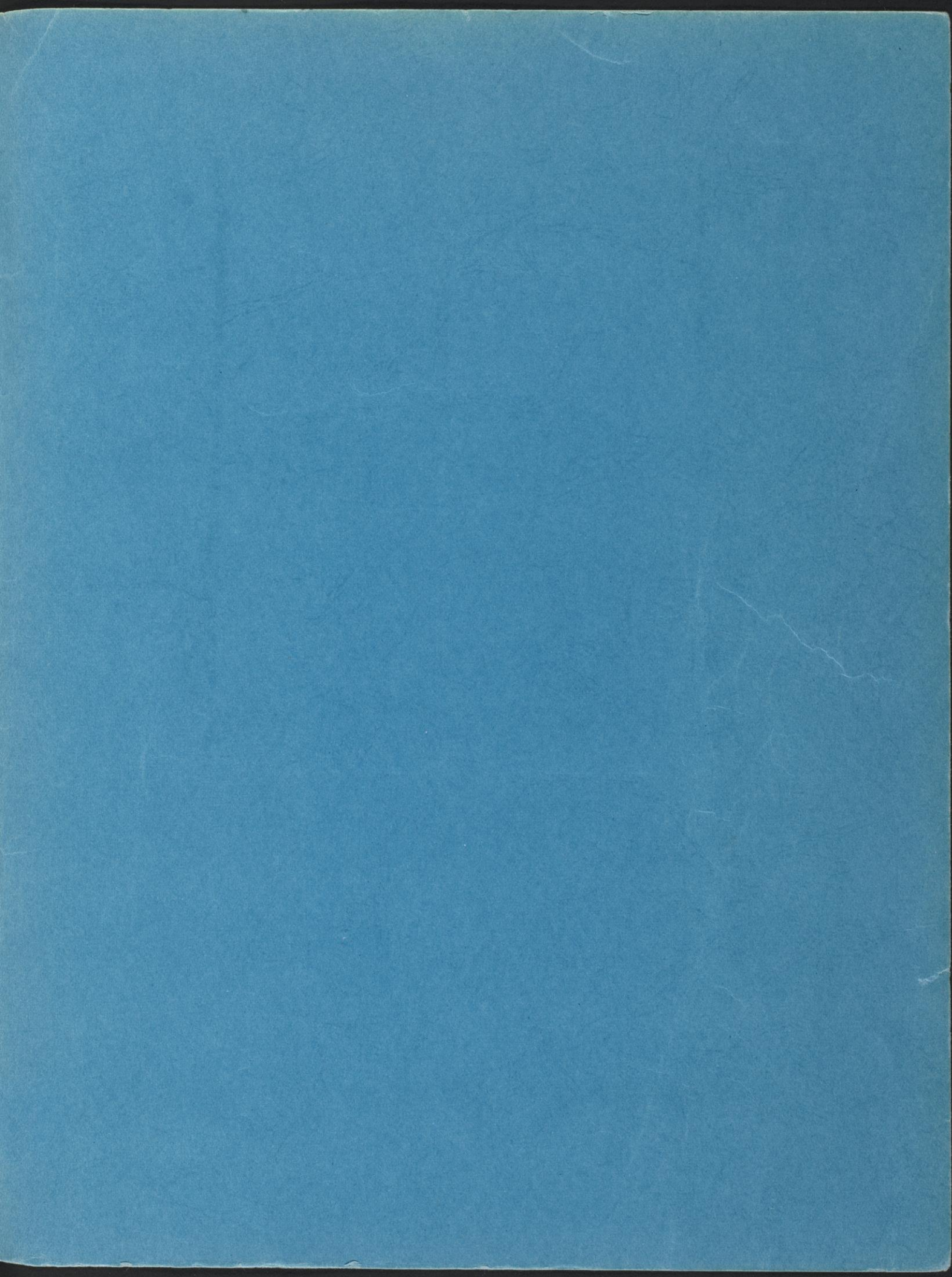
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