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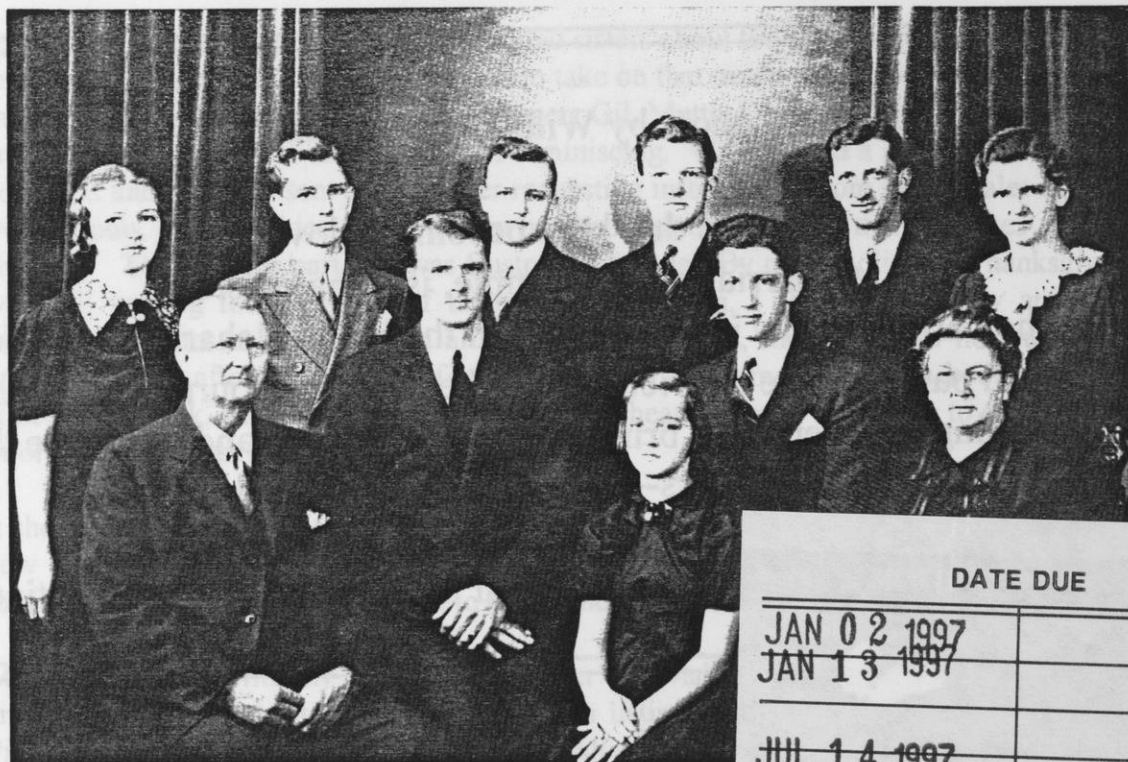
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ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

OF

SEVER AND MALLA SKALET



SEVER AND MALLA AND THEIR NINE CHILDREN
Standing: Dorothy Mae, Philip, Maurice, Gilbert, Grant, Thora
Seated: Sever, Steven, Phyllis, Jorg
(Photo taken at Austin Studio, Mt. Horeb)

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A quote by William K. Kilpatrick:

Any love that lasts becomes a love story.

A marriage, for example, is a shared story:

The partners grow in love partly on the basis of shared memories,
and partly on the conviction that they are on a journey together.
In having children, they bring them into the story and introduce them
to the characters--aunts, uncles and grandparents--
who are already part of it.

It is an expression of confidence that the story ought to be continued.

INTRODUCTION

The whole idea of this book began with a smaller vision about a year and a half ago. I requested information from all the Descendants of Sever Skalet as to their birth dates and marriage dates. I compiled this into a very small book and gave it to each of Sever's children hoping they would pass the information on to their families. It was not until spring 1995 that I received a copy of "The Grinder Family" a complete history book of my mother's father's side of the family. My uncle Albert had put it together and the book was so interesting, as it was filled with stories, past and present, and pictures by the tons. My mind started spinning, thinking I wish I had done more work on the Skalet Family. So this is where it starts.

In July, I started talking to Dad's brothers and sisters about the possibility of doing a book of this size. They couldn't believe I wanted to take on that much of a project! However, I was eager to begin. We started, with Thora, Jorgen, Gil, Mutts, Dorothy Mae, Dad, Phyllis, Nitzzy and I getting together for an afternoon of reminiscing. We sure had a good time! Now, the book was under way. I sent a form letter requesting information from each Skalet as to their whereabouts, job, hobbies, etc. I also wanted information on their spouses and their children. This was the part that was frustrating for me. By my deadline of Thanksgiving, I was still waiting for over half of the responses. Then, I found out Randy and I were expecting another baby. Through all the days of nausea, the book was not such a high priority. Then, after Christmas, I finally decided it was time to get this book finished. I either wrote back, called or visited those I had not heard from. I am happy to say that I have information on nearly all the Skalets now.

It should be remembered that I have intended this book be fun to read! It is full of old and new stories, memories, and pictures, pictures, pictures! I hope you all enjoy it and feel a sense of joy knowing you are related to this wonderful family.

My plan is to start with my grandparents, Sever and Malla Skalet, then trace back into their ancestral history, and after that proceed into a listing of their descendants to the present. Pictures will be included in a so called "photo album" in the back of the book.

If I went back another generation, it would be too much. The list of descendants would be more than I could handle.

Instead of most books having the chart/outline form, this book is done more fully and should be easier to read. Here goes!

The book was officially started on July 25, 1995

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"OLD VERMONT"
(sung to the tune of "Old Cape Cod")

If you're fond of woodlands where you can dream,
spending some time along a cool trout stream,
You're sure to fall in love with Old Vermont.

If you like the sound of a whippoorwill
Singing its song from high on Robert's hill,
You're sure to fall in love with Old Vermont.

Winding roads that seem to beckon you,
Miles of green beneath a sky of blue,
Church bells chiming on a Sunday Morn,
Remind you of the town where you were born.

If you spend an evening you'll want to stay,
Watching the moon along Sandridge way,
You're sure to fall in love with Old Vermont.

This song I think is a good example of how the Skalets must have felt when they came to the land known as Vermont Township. It was a beautiful area that reminded them of their homeland, Norway. Indeed they fell in love with Vermont and made it their home. The Skalet Farm has now been in the family for 129 years, beckoning each generation to continue there way in Old Vermont.

The ownership of land which now makes up the Skalet farm was entered at the United States Land Office by James Kersey on April 4, 1854. According to description, it is part of the work land on the hill.

September 6, 1855, it was sold to Geo. Landhardy plus other land.

December 6, 1855, Geo. Lanhardy to Levi Strouss.

October 18, 1856, Levi Strouss and wife, Sarah, to David Flesh.

October 18, 1856, David Flesh to Sarah Strouss (different parcel).

December 1, 1856 Sarah Strouss and husband, Levi, to Morris and Edward Fishel.

Sale of 1856, State of Wisconsin sold by Tax Deed to Mary Sutherland (one parcel)

July 27, 1861, Mary Sutherland to Morris and Edward Fishel.

July 11, 1866, Morris Fishel and wife and Edward Fishel and wife to Peter and Gilbert Olson Scarlet. Here is where the Skalet ownership began, making additional purchases of land. (Skalet a/k/a Scarlet and Skarlet.)

1867, Ole E. Barsness to Gilbert Olson Scarlet and Peter Olson Scarlet.

1877, Sever Skalet sold to Gilbert Olson Skalet his ownership in the land.

1892, Ole A. Bjelde and wife to Gilbert O. Skarlet.

1916, Sever Skalet purchased farm from Gilbert O. Skalet Estate.

1949, Philip Skalet from Sever Skalet.

1958, Jorgen Skalet from Philip Skalet and is still the present owner.

SEVER AND MALLA SKALET

SEVER SKALET, son of Gilbert and Tonetta Skalet was born on Feb 4, 1878 at the Skalet Homestead, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

He was baptized and confirmed at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

He married Dorothea Marie (Malla) Venden on May 23, 1908 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

He died on Dec 23, 1953 in his home in Black Earth, WI. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

DOROTHEA MARIE (MALLA) VENDEN, daughter of Martin and Olijanna Venden was born on May 6, 1881 in Valdres, Norway.

She came to America in the fall of 1881 at the age of 6 months with her parents on a ship that took 6-8 weeks. Her parents had only a small wooden box with her belongings. Maurice Skalet now has this box at his home in Black Earth, WI.

She died on Aug 5, 1958 in her home in Black Earth, WI. She is Buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

Sever and Malla had 9 children:

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| 1. Grant Marion | - Born Mar 7, 1909 - Vermont Twp. |
| | - Died Mar 27, 1988 - Prairie Du Sac, WI. |
| 2. Thora Olijanna | - Born Nov 2, 1910 - Vermont Twp. |
| 3. Jorgen Norman | - Born Aug 30, 1912 - Vermont Twp. |
| 4. Steven Donald | - Born Mar 29, 1914 - Vermont Twp. |
| | - Died Sep 9, 1991 - Madison, WI. |
| 5. Gilbert Otis | - Born Mar 26, 1916 - Vermont Twp. |
| 6. Maurice Oliver | - Born Aug 6, 1918 - Vermont Twp. |
| 7. Dorothy Mae | - Born Feb 24, 1921 - Vermont Twp. |
| 8. Philip Arthur | - Born Feb 26, 1923 - Vermont Twp. |
| 9. Phyllis Arlene | - Born Apr 20, 1925 - Vermont Twp. |

SEVER attended grade school at Helland School in Vermont Township. He lived on the Skalet farm all of his life, except the last four years, which he lived in Black Earth in the house Gil and Maurice live in now. He farmed with his father until he was married in 1908 and then took over the farm from his father.

Thora recalls when she was young she would ride to town with Sever on the milk rig to attend her piano lessons. She also remembered Sever to have a quiet sense of humor. She writes, "Once when I was getting ready for a date. I was putting on the finishing touches of my make-up using the mirror in the gun cabinet. Pa was sitting nearby reading the paper. I placed my rouge compact on the table. When I turned around to get it, there was Pa's Copenhagen snuff box there instead. Of course that brought a smile. I thought it was funny and laughed."

Gil remembered cleaning the barn in the wintertime on the bobsled and took it up to the ridge to unload. On the way back down, they would stop on the "Slit", the flat of the farm, cut wood and bring it back to the house and throw it in the basement. One time Sever hit Phil on the head and he still has a scar to prove it. Phil also recalls this ritual of cleaning the barn and picking up wood on the way back. One time when Sever and Phil were on their way back down, they stopped to cut a tree down. When Sever and Phil stepped back and the tree fell, a branch came off of another tree and hit Sever in the head, knocking him to the ground. Phil helped him on his feet and Sever said he wanted to walk home instead of riding on the bobsled. Phil drove the team home and kept an eye on him all the way back to the farm. Sever stopped by the pump to clean his head with cold water before he went to the doctor to have stitches put in.

All the kids recall Sever taking out his fiddle on Sunday afternoons. He taught Thora to chord on the piano so she could play along. They often listened to records on Sundays too.

Phoodie recollected a time when she and Sever were riding down the ridge road and saw a snake. "I was so scared", she said, "but Pa calmed me down by singing 'Big Rock Candy Mountain' to take my mind off the snake."

There were times on Sunday mornings when the roads were too muddy to drive to church. Jorgen remembers Sever and him walking to church, crossing the Vermont Creek on a log, and following the line fence up to the church. They had to allow about 45 minutes to get there.

Maurice told of a sad time, when Sever had to put a horse down because of a broken leg. He recalled, "Pa led it over to the barn and I don't know who was crying louder, Pa or the horse."

Sever would often take the kids to school, about 1/2 mile on his way to the cheese factory with the milk. Dorothy Mae remembers riding on the runners of the sleigh in the wintertime.

Phil was remembering that he always wanted to ride along with Sever to town. One day he hid in the back of the truck and when they stopped in Black Earth, Phil got out and Sever calmly said " You're here too?"

Sever's first car was a 1917 seven passenger Studebaker. Later, he bought a 1925 Studebaker Special.

In 1953 Sever was admitted to the hospital to have Prostate surgery. Dorothy Mae remembered going to see him in the hospital and asking him "how are you?" Sever responded with "It is not good".

Sever and Nitzy went to the store shopping for lutefisk and sil on December 23, 1953, and Sever carried the sil bucket home. Later in the evening, the women were doing some house cleaning to prepare for Christmas Eve dinner, Nitzy recalled asking Grandpa to move from his chair so they could wash the floor. He got up and groaned a little, walked a few steps and fell to the floor. He died instantly of a heart attack.

All nine kids remember there father to have been a very loving, gentle concerned father. He was a man of few words, but the few he used were very much respected by his children.

This is Sever's obituary as printed in the Dane County News, January 1, 1954: Sever Skalet was born February 4, 1878 in the Town of Vermont on the "Skalet Farm" where now Philip Skalet lives. His parents were Gilbert and Tonetta Skalet.

He was baptized by Rev. Jon Field and was confirmed by Rev. S. Gunderson.

He was married on May 23, 1908 to Dorothea Marie Venden. They lived at the home farm in Vermont 41 years until 1949, at which time they moved to their present home in Black Earth.

On December 23, 1953, Sever Skalet passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home in Black Earth. He was 75 years, 10 months, and 19 days old.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, nine children, and thirteen grandchildren.

He also is survived by two sisters, Nora (Mrs. Arthur Knudtson) of Black Earth, and Mrs. Hannah Field of Madison. His parents and sister Alma Skalet preceded him in death.

He was a kind husband and father, a good neighbor, a friend to all. He was a life-long member of the Vermont Lutheran Church. His passing creates a void in the community that will not soon be filled..

Funeral services were held December 26, 1963 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, Rev. Hector Gunderson, pastor. Mrs. Joseph Dybdahl sang a solo, and the Vermont Choir, directed by

Mr. Otto Festge, sang "Beautiful Savior". The church was packed with people from far and near to honor the father of the outstanding Skalet Family. Memorials totaled almost \$300.00.

I think the following poem, written by Grace Skalet, sums up the kind of man Sever was:

- S. His life is a synonym of honesty and love
His law of life comes from above.
- E. "Everyday Economy" is his best policy.
Luxuries as well as necessities he's provided for his family.
- V. He's virtuous and vigorous, big and strong
His opinions mostly right, seldom wrong.
- E. With a comely reserve he's endowed his offspring,
And gifted them with many talents--you should hear them sing.
- R. His reasoning power is always at work,
Discover "Wild Ideas" if around him they lurk.
- G. His "Ah Goodness" is like a rein holding us in check
And has saved our mind and body from being a total wreck.
- S. "Candy" he teases and offers you his snuff
When you refuse--"It's pretty good stuff."
- K. He's unusually gentle and kind,
Revenge and hatred never enters his mind.
- A. He's amusing in his teasing way
Causing much laughter and gaiety every day.
- L. He's been very lenient with the red,
His influence on others must come from God.
- E. He's an example of everything honest, decent and good
To follow in his footsteps--at least try you should.
- T. In these turbulent times he's like an anchor,
If you become confused--your mind he'll clear.

A quote by William J Bennett from the Book of Virtues: There is nothing more influential in a child's life than the moral power of quiet example. For the children to take morality seriously they must see adults take morality seriously.

Sever raised his family through this expression of quiet example and all of his 9 children have grown to be unquestionably moral individuals.

MALLA came to America in the fall of 1881 on a ship from Norway. She was only 6 months old. She was a seamstress before she was married and traveled different places to sew for people. After she was married she used her skills to make clothes for her nine children. Often times the girls' dresses were made from flour or feed sacks. She once made a jacket for Gil out of Buck Skin from his deer he had gotten during hunting. It was a hard job.

Malla spent many years being a mother and caregiver to her children. She moved to Black Earth in 1949 and lived there until her death in 1958.

Thora wrote, "Ma was an excellent seamstress. In those days before she was married, she stayed with families for two weeks at a time and just sewed clothing for members of the whole family. And so, in our family she sewed for all of us. All I needed to do to show her the style of dress I wanted, was to draw a picture to give her an idea. (no pattern) All my young life and into college I wore dresses sewed by my mother.

"Ma was a cozy person", says Jorgen, "she almost always had a smile."

Christmas was an especially busy time of year for Malla. Gil recalled her making lefse on the 24th in order to have it fresh for Christmas Eve. "Some of the best stuff we could eat", Gil said. Malla would make a list of all the things to be done before Christmas. The sign might even say wash floors, wallpaper a room, curtains need to be washed, etc.

Malla enjoyed berry picking up in the woods. This was something she enjoyed to do all alone. The kids feel this was her "get away" and quiet time from the family and all her work. She made shortcake covered with wild Strawberries from her pickings. The children picked berries sometimes too. The comment was made "oh so good!"

Dorothy Mae remembers her mother enjoying singing little songs around the house. Sever bought a player piano for \$500 when the family could least afford it, proving music very important. Dorothy Mae would be practicing on the piano and Malla would always tell her play "Rondo" and then a wren would sing outside the window.

Taking care of infants back then was not as easy as today. There were no cribs, bassinets, or high chairs. The baby would sleep between Sever and Malla at night, and the toddler would sleep at the foot of the bed. When another baby was born, the toddler would get moved upstairs with the other children, and the "old baby" would move to the foot of the bed to make room for the "new baby". Malla used to have a hammock in the kitchen that she would put her babies in. Every once and a while she'd give it a little push and the baby would swing. The toddlers would sit on Pa's lap at the table to eat. It was remembered that when Phil sat on his lap, he'd finish his food and say, "more Pa".

Malla was not always able to go to church on Sunday mornings, but Phoodie recalled always finding her in the parlor reading her Bible.

When Malla was married to Sever her wedding dress measured to have a seventeen inch waist. Years later, the dress was to be worn for a history event held at Vermont Church. Amy Schmitt Schlimgen was the one chosen to wear this dress with the tiny waist. There is a picture of her wearing it in the Sever and Malla Family photos section.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1958, Maurice came home from working at the Brick yard in Madison, and found Malla had died of a heart attack. Her obituary appeared in the Dane County News on Friday, August 15, 1958, and printed the following article: Dorothea Venden Skalet was born May 6, 1881 in Valdres, Norway. She was baptized in the Bruflat Kirke in Norway. At the age of six months she came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Venden who settled in Adams Township, Green County, Wisconsin, later coming to the town of Vermont. She was confirmed in the Vermont Lutheran Church by the Rev. S. Gunderson on May 31, 1896. On May 23, 1908, she was united in marriage to Sever Skalet in the Vermont Lutheran Church. Mrs. Skalet was a member of the Vermont Lutheran Church and Ladies Aid where she was honored with a Life Membership pin a few years ago. She was a kind and devoted Christian mother--at all times considering the welfare of others. She passed away at her home in Black Earth, August 5, 1958 at the age of 77 years and 3 months. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 8 at 2:30 p.m. in the Vermont Lutheran Church with the Rev. O.S. Solberg officiating. The pallbearers were Paul and Carl Mahoney, and Kenneth Corcoran of Madison; Jorgen Greve of Mount Horeb and Nels Goderstad of Black Earth. Music was provided by Mrs. Joseph Dybdahl and Mrs. Richard Goderstad. Burial was in the Vermont Lutheran cemetery. We are in our Father's hand; Wisely led at His command, By His grace and to His pleasure, We His keeping gladly treasure. In the name of Christ, our Lord.

THE STORY BEHIND THE NICKNAMES

DOROTHEA "MALLA" - this name is really a nickname in Norwegian. No one is sure how she got it, but possibly, when she was a young child going to school, the other children couldn't pronounce Dorothea (pronounced Dorti) and it came out sounding like Dirty. She went by Malla all of her life.

GRANT SKALET "GHETTIE" - Not one of the Skalets can remember how this nickname came about, but Grant was definitely called "Ghettie" frequently.

THORA SKALET GILLETTE "TOS" - T.O.S. are Thora's initials. Later they added the slash to the O, and pronounced it Tuss.

JORGEN SKALET "HA RDIG" - When Jorgen was a boy at Helland School, Gay Steensrud and him were playing football, and the ball went into the road. Jorgen ran after it, but fell and cut his knee. Just then the bell rang to go back in the schoolhouse. Gay walked by Jorgen and saw his knee with the skin laying back, and said to him "You're a hard egg!" Somehow all these names start to sound Norwegian.

STEVEN SKALET "DONNY" later "STEVE" - Donald is Steve's middle name, and he was called Donny up until he went to school.

GILBERT SKALET "G.O." - In Norwegian, the letter G is pronounced Gay and the O is pronounced Oh, therefore the nickname Gayo. Thora remembers when Gil fell in the water tank and she was screaming Gayo! Gayo!

MAURICE SKALET "MUTTS" - The story goes that one of the family's hired men, Henry Sale, would play with Maurice, pretending to be the characters from the cartoon Mutt and Jeff. Henry would say, "I'll be Jeff and you be Mutts."

DOROTHY MAE SKALET RASMUSSEN "TUI" AND "HONE" - No one could remember how she got Tui, pronounced "Two-ee", but Dorothy could remember that Sever used to call her Hone, which means chicken in Norwegian, because she'd try to sit on the chicken eggs and hatch them.

PHILIP SKALET "PUD" - Phil enjoyed the cartoon strip Slim and Spud, but had trouble saying "Spud", and it would come out "Pud". Phil has been called Pud all of his life. Phil even named his farm "Pud's Ranch".

PHYLLIS SKALET BOWER "LULY" and "PHOODÉE" - When Phyllis was small, the family called her Luly. Jorgen used to sing a song, "You can bring Peg with the wooden leg, but don't bring Lulu." and Pud would think that was terrible cause he thought Jorgen was singing about Luly. Phoodée came about, because Thora's daughter Nitzy couldn't say "Phyllis", and it came out "Phoodée".

DARLENE GILLETTE FIELD "NITZY" - When Welberne's sister Idella and him were small, Welberne looked at his sister and tried to say "look at her little hands!", but it came out "look at those Nitzy hands!" Later, he called Darlene that when she was small, and it stuck!

MARGUERITE SKALET PARRELL "TEE" - Grant called Marguerite "Reetee" until his dying day. However, when she was small, their hired man called her "Rena Tena Tot" which evolved into "Tee Tot", later "Tee Teet" and finally cousins, Aunts, and Uncles shortened it to "Tee".

STEVE SKALET JR "SONNY" - Stever Jr. was Steve's little son, and so the nickname "Sonny".

SHARON SKALET ERICKSON "SALLY" - No one is real sure how she got this nickname, but have always called her Sally.

JOANNE SKALET "TOOSALUMMA" - Dorothy Mae and Phoodie would sing a song called "Toosalumma" when Joanne was small and they started calling her "Toosalumma", later they shortened it to "Toosie".

ROSALIE SKALET RICHARDSON "RHODIE" - Probably evolved from a child not being able to say "Rosalie".

DIANE BOWER TWITON "DI DI" - The Skalet family has always referred to Diane as Di Di.

LIFE ON THE FARM

The following stories about life on the Skalet farm were written as memories by Phil and Thora, but should help give the idea of their "way of life"!

CLEANING THE BARN

Pud recalls a day that should have been an average day of cleaning the barn, but: It was the spring of the year, about corn planting time. Before Dad and my older brothers went to the field, they would pull a wagon into the barn for Steve, Maurice and myself to clean the gutters and load the manure on this wagon with a box on it. It would always get to be a very large load. We could move the wagon along the drive way without the horses. This particular day, after we had the load on, we were going to try to push the wagon out of the barn. The tricky part was that there was an upward grade before the wagon ended up outside. We pushed hard, but didn't quite make it. The wagon came rolling back into the barn and the left hind wheel ran right over my right foot. OUCH! I guess I started to holler and cry, so brother Steve picked me up and carried me back to the house. I lost the toe nail on that foot, but it grew back. However, every 4 or 5 years since then, I lose it and re-grow it.

LIFE WITH A MEAN ROOSTER

On the farm it was a good 150 yards from the kitchen door to the barn door, the ground was level going, and the chicken house was in the middle. Grant would tease a Plymouth Rock rooster on his way to the barn. I, Pud, was never far behind, and was always on the watch for that rooster, because at the age of 4 or 5, that rooster looked pretty mean with his sharp spurs and his big bill. I was a fast runner, but so was that rooster. It was a daily trip; sometimes faster than others.

CUTTING GRAIN

When it came time to cut grain on the ridge, we would take two teams up with the wagon loaded with water, oats, and hay in the box to feed the horses at noon. Three horses would be hitched to the grain binder in the morning, and at noon we sometimes would switch horses in order for them to rest if the weather was real hot. Malla and two boys would carry the food up to the ridge for us to eat our dinner. We would eat in the shade under a tree, rest for an hour, and then back to work. Those dinners always tasted so good. As the binder was going, there was a nice place to ride for a small boy just to Sever's left on a platform where the grain went after it went through the sickle. It was a little bit dusty, but it was always fun to be with my Dad and the horses.

HAYING

When it came time to do the haying in the summer, we would get started after milking and chores were done in the morning. After the horses were harnessed, we would take two teams up to the ridge. One team would be hitched to the mower, and the other to the dump rake, raking hay into windrows to later be cocked (small piles intended for drying purposes). After drying was sufficient, we would take pitch forks and load it into wagons to be taken back to

the barn and unloaded in the hay mow. We'd try to take one load down with us at noon and get it unloaded before we ate our dinner. We'd try to bring back two loads and unload them in the afternoon. In the barn we would have one team on the hayfork rope and the other team hitched to the wagon. One man would stick the fork into the hay and handle the trip rope (a smaller rope that could easily be handled by hand. It was about a half inch thick, while the hayfork rope was over an inch thick). Then, one or two men in the hay mow would spread the hay out and try to keep it a level pile. The mow was full of hay and corn fodder for bedding animals by the end of the fall. What a good feeling!

MILKING

We had to milk our cows by hand every morning and night. We got up at 6 O'clock in the morning so we could get things done in the field after milking. After milking each morning, somebody would take the milk to the cheese factory (one mile south of the farm at the intersection of the church road and Hwy 78) with a team of horses hitched to the milk rig. For many years we used King and Scott, a lighter team. After returning home from the cheese factory, it was time to "slop the hogs" as we called it. We mixed feed and whey into a liquid slop. After all the rest of the chores were done during the day, we got the cows back into the barn to milk them again. We had about 25 cows and enough people that each would milk about 4 or 5 cows each time. In the wintertime some of the cows would dry up so there wasn't quite as much time spent milking during those months.

CLOTHES WASHING

Monday was wash day, unless the weather was such that we couldn't hang the clothes on the clothesline.

In the summer we would always place tubs, boilers or barrels under the drain pipes that led from the eave spouts and gutters that ran along the roof of the house or the Bu (the summer kitchen). That water was used to wash and rinse clothes and also to fill the reservoir attached to the wood stove, which supplied us with warm water for our personal use--washing and bathing.

In the winter we would use the water that accumulated in our cisterns. Our first cistern was under our kitchen floor. There was a trap door on the floor, which was opened, and then with a pail in your hand, (with a rope attached if the water was low) kneeled down on the floor and dipped the pail to get as much water as possible. This was used to fill the boiler, and the reservoir.

When the boiler was filled with water, a portion of a Fels-Naphtha bar of soap was shaved off into the water to produce soapy water. When the water was hot enough, it was carried by the pail full to the tub or machine for washing to begin. In the earliest days, washing was done by hand, with one tub for the washing board, and the second tub with cold water for rinsing.

The second cistern we had on the farm was built into the hillside behind the house, with the help of Christian Rusten. It was deep and provided a great deal of rain water, which was

available by pumping it at the base of the cistern near the house. Then the water was carried into the house to fill the boiler and the reservoir.

The first washing machine we had was operated by hand. It had a handle which was rocked back and forth to move the attachment that worked on the clothes in the machine. A hand wringer was used to wring the soapy water from the garment and into the rinse water. After rinsing, the clothes were run through the wringer in reverse and placed in a clothes basket and ready for hanging on the clothesline.

The next washing machine we had was Maytag with a gas motor attached at the base of the machine. It had an attachment by which the fumes could be forced out through the base of the kitchen window. In the summer we moved the machine out on the "Tram" (a wooden platform built from the back door of the kitchen), which in our present age may be called a deck. There the exhaust from the gas motor was taken care of easily.

Then in 1927, we had our own electricity system called the "Delco" with batteries and equipment housed in the "Separator House" next to the pump and water tank. This also provided us with the use of a milking machine, and we had electric lights, and could have a radio to provide us with music, programs and news.

To go on with the clothes line job, the clothes were then hung on the revolving clothes line and/or fence to dry. It worked out well in the summer, but in the winter it was not easy. The clothes would freeze on the line and become as stiff as a board. Before night-fall, we would bring the clothes into the house and hang them on a rack that fit over the floor register where heat for the room was supplied by a wood burning furnace.

There were some articles of clothing that would need to be ironed. So they were sprinkled slightly and folded and kept until the next day which would be ironing day. Old fashioned irons that were heated on the wood cook stove. One iron holder which fit on all the irons, was used as we changed frequently to keep ironing with a warmed iron.

There was no polyester or easy to wash garments in those days. So washing clothes was a big job, especially with a family of 9 children, parents and some years, hired men.

Washing clothes on the farm in the old days is only one part of life we remember. But it is a life like this that brings back to us many memories.

BABYSITTING

With a family of nine, you can realize that there was plenty of baby sitting at various stages in our lives. Being one of the oldest in the family, Grant, Jorgen, and I can remember some aunts coming to help on the farm--Aunt Alma, Aunt Clara, and Aunt Nora. In those days too, even the hired man would occasionally hold a child so Ma could finish dishing up food for our meals. The second from the youngest, (about 2 years old) always sat in Pa's lap while we ate. We never had a high chair.

At one period of time I remember when Jorgen, Stephen and I were on a schedule for washing dishes and baby sitting. This would be in the summer time. After breakfast, Stephen and I would do the dishes and Jorgen cared for the baby. After the noon meal, Jorgen and I would do the dishes and Stephen took care of the baby. After the evening meal, Jorgen and Stephen would do the dishes and I would take care of the baby. Taking care of the baby could involve wheeling the child in a go-cart, or rocking and putting the baby to sleep for a nap. Sometimes we would walk back and forth with the baby in our arms, singing songs to help the baby go to sleep. The songs were not always lullabies. Grant was old enough at this time to help with the farm work.

At another period in our lives, I remember we had a "time limit" for doing dishes. We called it "Beat the Clock". We allowed ourselves 5 minutes, or whatever time we thought would be reasonable as to the amount of dishes that needed washing. The one who was washing dishes would prepare the water in the dish pans for washing and rinsing. The others would put away the food. When we were ready to start washing, then the time limit began. It was judged after all the dishes were wiped and put away. At that point Ma would be holding the baby and probably would be nursing the child and be preparing for bed. She sat there laughing at us racing the clock. The baby was put into bed where the parents slept. We never had a crib.

On Saturday nights, Pa always drove to town to shop as the Farmer Store was open until 9:00 in the evening. We could go along, caring for the younger children while Pa and Ma got some groceries. We were not allowed to get out of the car. We remained in the car and watched other people walk back and forth on the sidewalks and crossing the streets. Sometimes we would enjoy a 5 cent ice cream cone to eat on the way home. Sometimes Ma did not go along, which gave her some time at home by herself.

The younger children didn't have much chance to baby sit until after Grant and I were married. Then Marguerite and Nitzy got in some baby sitting and companionship with Gil, Maurice, Dorothy Mae, Philip, and Phyllis. I know I enjoyed their help when in 1938 my husband died and the ones mentioned were of great help to me, as we spent many weekends on the farm. And especially when Dorothy Mae and Phyllis lived with me in Black Earth while they attended High School (and Dorothy Mae worked for Dr. Turk) and I was teaching at Union Valley and the Black Earth Grade School, a period of seven years after which Nitzy and I moved to Madison, but we still came out to the farm to help with house work, teach Sunday School, and for Nitzy's piano lesson.

Thora wrote a small story about the "Bu" (Summer Kitchen) on the Skalet Farm when she was in College, and it was chosen to be read over the radio. I will include the entire story since it is a very important part of the Skalet Family History.

THE "BU"

On the farm where I grew up, in the Town of Vermont, Dane County, there was a small building located just a short distance away from the south entrance to our home. It had been built by my grandparents as a storage house for food, and placed directly over a spring. A few boards extended in different directions provided the only flooring on which to walk to place food into containers or crocks that were set into the cold flowing water. Dairy products and meats were the main foods that were kept in this way. (Not as handy as a refrigerator, but a very welcome place in the days before electricity.)

It is not too definite as to how this building got its name, but I would presume that it may have derived from the name given to storage houses in Norway. The name used there was "Stabbur" (pronounced Stabbu). This storage house was in two levels, supported on pillars, so that no animal would be able to enter the house. The lower level was used for storing food for the family, and the upper level was used for storing hay. Thus, the last syllable of the name "Stabbur" became the name for our storage house on our farm.

At a very young age, possibly two years, I have been known to have fallen into the cold spring water in the spring house. I was rescued, and probably warned to stay away from the "Bu", until I was old enough to be of help.

At a later date, my parents decided to move the "Bu" to the north side of the house and furnish it with a complete floor and use it for a summer kitchen. As it was done by the family and a hired man, large logs were placed in a continuous fashion underneath the building, as it was pulled by many hands and put in place, slightly elevated, near the north entrance to our home.

The space under the "Bu" provided a nice shady place for the dog and cats to rest, on hot summer days.

As our large family would use large amounts of water, eave spouts and drain pipes were placed on both sides of the roof and building to catch rain water, which would flow into a huge barrel or other container. This water was carried to fill the reservoir that was contained in our kitchen range, which was kept warmed for daily use, or the water was used to fill the boiler to heat water for washing clothes.

As the "Bu" was now to become a summer kitchen, there came a day in late spring when the kitchen range was dismantled and carried piece by piece to the summer kitchen, where it was assembled and made ready for its use in its new location. This arrangement was not the handiest for those who did the cooking, but it did provide a much cooler place in the kitchen of our home, to eat our meals, during the hot summer months. As there were nine children in our family, we all had our turn at helping to carry the food and utensils from the "Bu" to the kitchen in the house where we ate as a family. Another advantage of cooking in the summer kitchen was its nearness to the wood-pile. For that task, we all had our turn at keeping the wood box filled with wood.

It was important to keep the coffee grinder in a handy place, also, so it, too, was moved to the "Bu". It was the kind that was attached to the wall. The upper part had a large glass container in which we poured and emptied into a glass at the lower part of the grinder. In the winter time, the coffee grinder was returned to the kitchen. It may not always have been moved so promptly as the stove, because I remember running to the "Bu" (and it was colder then) to grind the coffee.

Everyone in our family learned to help with the baking and preparing of food. The boys, as well as the girls, had their share of cooking,--and especially baking cakes. A great variety of kinds were tried,-- chocolate, white, yellow, marble, black walnut and even checkerboard cakes. With the ingredients in the house, and the stove in the "Bu", it took many hands (and feet, too) to complete the tasks when cooking in the "Bu".

For us, as children, the "Bu" also provided a good place to play the game we called "Ante-high Over". Any number of participants could play the game. One member on one side of the building would throw a soft ball over the roof and say, "Ante-high Over" and a person on the other side would try to catch the ball. If someone caught it, all members of the team on that side would quietly and quickly run to the other side and the person with the ball would tap someone before they reached the half-way mark, to gain that person for their team. Luckily, there were no windows on the sides of the building, only one window on the end.

The years went by, and every summer the kitchen range was moved to the "Bu". When autumn came, it would be moved back to the kitchen in the house. In the winter time, the "Bu" would become a storage place for foods that needed to be kept cold, particularly meat. After a day of butchering, large chunks of salt pork were packed in crocks and stored. Parts of beef were cut and hung to dry up near the rafters. This was our cured dried beef.

At a later date, we acquired a gas stove (pressure stove) and when we finally got electricity, we had an electric stove. This took care of our needs for cooking and baking during the summer months and the "Bu" lost its use as a summer kitchen and became mainly a good place to store a variety of things. One of the items I recall were bags and bags of rags. These were stored there until at such time when a "ragman" would stop by to buy whatever we may have accumulated.

As years went by, and more conveniences were added in our home, and remodeling was completed by my brother and his wife, who still live at the home farm, the "Bu" was dismantled,--and now in its place the fresh green grass flourishes where it once stood.

In our family, we all have fond memories of the "Bu".

Probably as important in some respects as the "Bu", is the shooting cabin tucked away in the valley, several hundred feet behind the barn. This cabin has been a host to shooters from all over the area as the Vermont Rifle Club for years. An article about the cabin was printed in The American Rifleman magazine, May issue, 1953. I would like to include parts of the article here in the history of the Skalet Family. It was written by Emery G. Gregory, and titled "An Independent Group of Shooters".

These men asked of the new land only the opportunity to live and prosper and to build a new life. When they got together and formed a gun club, they asked little or nothing of any man, but set up their own standards, their own rules, devised their own target and scoring system.

The amazing thing about this independent group of shooters in the Vermont Rifle Club is that through the years they have been steadfast in the tough competitive shooting which their half-century old rules impose upon them. Through the years, good weather or bad, members show up at the clubhouse on the last Saturday of each month for a round of ten shots at their unique target, hoping of course to shoot the perfect score of 90, but never, over all the years, quite doing it. Some of the old-timers came close, and some of the younger members, sons and grandsons of the original founders, manage to equal the marks set many years ago with black powder and the rifles of another day. But they keep coming back for another try.

The Vermont Club's 'big shoot' is held on May 17 which honors Norwegian Independence Day. Special prizes are awarded to the top winners on this day and the little valley is parked full of visiting cars, families of members who have come 'to make a day of it' and meet and visit with old friends. As each year brings new members into the club, the annual May 17 shoot has become the occasion for the Rev. Hector Gunderson to tell the story of Norwegian Independence Day to the members.

The Rev. Gunderson is one of the club's regular members and is usually on hand for the monthly meeting unless a wedding or funeral makes his duty to his flock keep him away. He is a man's man, big and four-square, meriting respect for his ability with his rifle either at the target or when deer hunting deer in Wisconsin's northern deer country as well as for the sincere ministry he brings to these men largely of his own faith and carrying in their blood the same rich heritage of Scandinavian culture which is so enriched the American Middle West.

The Vermont Rifle Club has been in continuous existence since 1896 and half a dozen of the original members are still living and active in the present day club. Plaques on the walls of the clubhouse bear testimony to the scores of the early founders. In 1902 H.G. Halsten made a score of 81; on June 7 of 1904 he managed an 88. Others of the old-timers who are still active were Sever Skalet, who made an 80 in September 1904. C.A. Anderson, who died last winter, made an 81 in December 1934.

In 1932 the club had become a part of the community and what had for years been known as the Black Earth Valley Rifle Club became the present Vermont Rifle Club.

Many of the club's members are active in other gun clubs, but they find in the friendliness and fellowship of the Vermont Club a gathering-place of kindred spirits. In the Vermont Club's members one finds the same strong moving spirit which we know existed in the riflemen of our early history. They keep alive personal independence and self-reliance in a day when men both individually and in groups seem to seek some answer to their every problem through edict and statute.

This one quality alone makes the members and the activities of the Vermont Rifle Club important. Perhaps the club in some respects harks back to an earlier, less hurried day when backwoodsmen gathered in tiny hamlets to try their skill with muzzleloaders at a block of wood set up for a target. New generations are taking up the comradeship of arms in the Vermont Rifle Club and are learning from the old men of the club not only about how to shoot, but about how to live. ***

The club has made few changes since 1953, maybe the most significant would be that the perfect score of 90 has been reached a couple of times. The club was strictly men years ago, but women have been members recently; it was actually a woman who was one of the perfect 90 scores. Many of Sever's descendants have been and are members of the club. All of his boys belonged at one time, some of his grandsons, and his great-grandson David Parrell is a current member. The shooting cabin burned to the ground in 1954, shortly after this article was written, but, because of the dedicated members of this club, it was quickly rebuilt. It should be noted, that the last Saturday of December, 1953, they did not hold a shoot at the cabin, for they attended Sever's funeral.

ANCESTORS OF SEVER SKALET AND DOROTHEA (MALLA) VENDEN

PLAN:

The ancestors of Sever Skalet will be presented first, then the ancestors of Dorothea (Malla) Venden, his wife. In other words, we will trace Sever's ancestors back as far as we can go, then Malla's. Doing them separately should cut the confusion in half.

It is confusing, of course, to try to see all of this. It would be ideal if we could have a big "tree" or chart for the eye to follow, but this wouldn't fit on an 8 1/2 by 11 sheet of paper! Consider that each generation doubles in size. First there are 2 parents, then 4 grandparents, 8 great-grandparents, 16 great-great grandparents, and so on. If we went back just 12 generations, we would end up with 2,112 ancestors!

I am going to use identification numbers, which I will explain below.

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:

1. The first number, before the hyphen, indicates the Generation, starting with Sever and Malla as the first generation. There will be headings to show this too.
2. The second number, indicates the PERSON in that generation. 1-1 being Sever, 2-1 and 2-2 being Sever's parents, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, and 3-4 being his grandparents, and 4-1, 4-2, etc. being his great-grandparents. Now look at the chart on the next page.

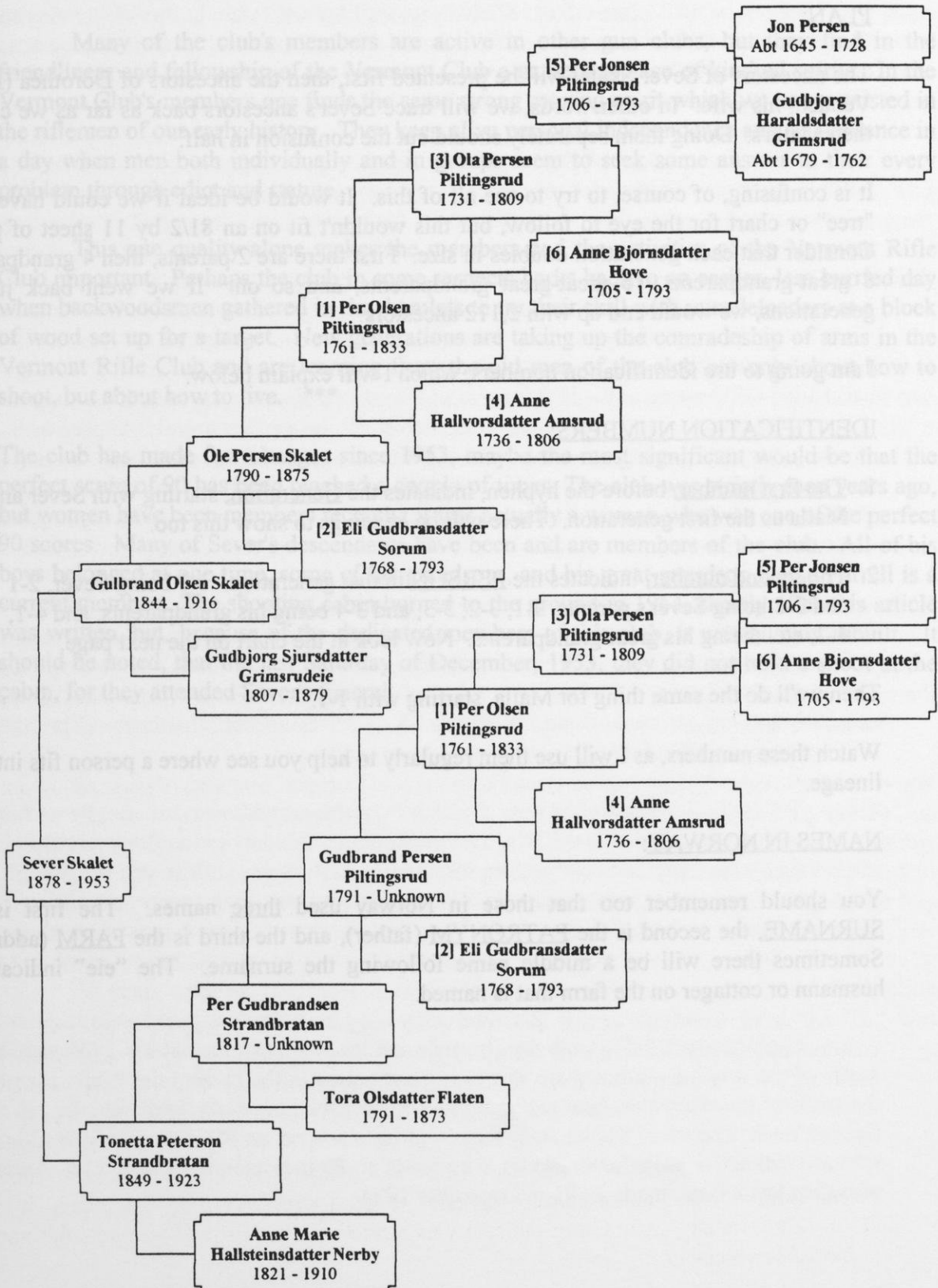
Then we'll do the same thing for Malla, starting with 1-1.

Watch these numbers, as I will use them regularly to help you see where a person fits into the lineage.

NAMES IN NORWAY:

You should remember too that those in Norway used three names. The first is the SURNAME, the second is the PATRONYM (father), and the third is the FARM (address). Sometimes there will be a middle name following the surname. The "eie" indicates a husmann or cottager on the farm that is named.

Ancestors of Sever Skalet



The following information was copied from a Norwegian Bygdebook (a book that tells the history of the farms in different areas of Norway.) by Gerhard Neseth a geneologist at the University of Wisconsin. Thora contacted him a few years ago and he found the following ancestral history for us. (The book was all in Norwegian, and Jean Bower Amundsen translated it for me.) Looking into the Strandbratan history, she noticed a Tonette born in 1849. It seems Sever's grandfather, Ola Persen Piltingsrud sold Strandbratan to his younger brother Gudbrand Persen (1791-1878) Gudbrand Persen married Tora Oldsdatter Flaten(1791-1873) in 1816. They had five children and lived on Strandbratan.

- * 1. Per (1817-1859)
- 2. Eli (1820-)
- 3. Siri (1823-)
- 4. Anne (1824-)
- 5. Tora (1828-)went to America in 1852.

Per Gudbrandsen Strandbratan married Anne Marie Hallsteinsdatter Nerby in 1843 and they had four children, one of whom was Tonette born in 1849. The dates match up, and the names are so similar that we are pretty sure this would be Tonetta's family. If this is true, Sever's great Grandfather on his father's side is the same person as his Great-Great Grandfather on his mother's side. Thora could not verify if all this information is true, but also feels this could be a match.

SKARET

Skaret lies up in Muggedalen about 250 meters above sea level, on a flat meadow down towards the river. Along the new farm road (from about 1956) it lies about 800 meters from the main road (highway).

Skaret was cleared as a tenant farm before 1800. The first that we know about anyone living there is Harald Torsteinsen and his wife Gunhild Tordsdatter.

According to folklore, in 1801 there were tenant farmers on the southern part of Steinsrud. In June that same year the same people are said to have lived on Piltingsrud land and both were called Piltingsrud when they died in 1810 and 1814. Their daughter, Gunhild Haraldsdatter later came to Skaret.

With the dividing of Steinsrud in 1796 Skaret was set off as a separate farm. But the new owner, Gudbrand Arnesen (born 1788) the fourth and youngest son of Arne Olsen Steinsrud, was too young to live there. In 1805 Gudbrand sold Skaret to his brother Tord Arnesen (born 1783) and Tord sold it the same year to Chamberland (court official) Peder Anker. In 1809 Tord sold Hesjabakken and Muggedalen together to Hallvor Olsen Sorumseie. Hallvor sold the land with the exception of Skaret the same year to Gudbrand Persen Piltingsrud. Hallvor sold Skaret back to Tord Arnesen who in 1810 sold it to Ola Olsen Muggedalen. Included in the sale was Skaret's setra (summer pasture), the northern part of Valdreshaugen.

In 1811 the Skaret land was assessed. Ola Muggedalen sold Skaret that year to Hallvor Olsen of Hesjabakken. In 1821 Hallvor Olsen traded Skaret for Kristians moen with Ola Persen Piltingsrud. Ola and his family seem to have been the first family to live on Skaret in many years.

ANCESTORS OF SEVER SKALET

GENERATION 2: Parents of Sever

2-1 GULBRAND OLSEN SKALET

2-2 TONETTA PETERSON STRANDBRAATEN

Parents of Sever Skalet (1-1)

GULBRAND SKALET was born on Nov 22, 1844 in Sondre Urdal, Valdres, Norway. He came to America with his family on the steamship "Winter" porting in Quebec, Canada, July 25, 1861 when he was sixteen years of age. He married Tonetta Strandbraaten Peterson on September 20, 1877, after knowing her for a time in Norway. He died suddenly on Saturday, February 26, 1916 at the age of 74 years, 4 months and 4 days. He was a respected citizen of Black Earth. His obituary in the Dane County News had this to say about him: He was a man who helped when ever help was needed in a quiet, unobtrusive way. He will be missed; not only by his family, but by a large number of friends. The Vermont Lutheran Church; of which he was a member, will miss him; his place was seldom vacant. We have every reason to believe the Church Triumphant has gained what we have lost. The funeral services were held at the Lutheran Church in the village and also at Vermont Lutheran Church conducted by Rev. S. Gunderson. The interment was at the Vermont Lutheran Cemetery where his parents many years ago were laid to rest. Among those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Field (his sister and her husband) and children of Madison, Mr. Ole Pederson (Tonetta's brother) of Blanchardville, Samuel Thompson, James Gesme, and Clarence Paulson of Mt. Horeb.

TONETTA STRANDBRAATEN PETERSON was born in Valdres, Norway, January 22, 1849. She came to America in 1868, coming directly to Black Earth, where she lived until 1877, when she was united in marriage to Gilbert Skalet of Vermont Township where they lived until 1908, when they retired and moved to Black Earth. Tonetta was a good wife, and an upright Christian. She took active part in all church work as long as her health permitted, being for many years, president of the Ladies Aid at Vermont and for several years acted in that capacity in Black Earth. Tonetta passed away on Wednesday morning, January 17, 1923 after having been in poor health for some time, but her last illness was of short duration. Had she lived until the next Monday, she would have been 74 years old. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the home and the Lutheran Church in town and at Vermont Lutheran. Rev. Gunderson conducted the service and testified to the many good qualities of Tonetta, and that her presence and counsel would be greatly missed. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord".

Gulbrand and Tonetta had 4 children:

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| * 1. Sever | - born Feb 4, 1878 (Skalet Homestead) |
| 2. Alma | - born Aug 17, 1879 (Skalet Homestead) |
| 3. Hannah Olisa | - born May 16, 1881 (Skalet Homestead) |
| 4. Nora Pauline | - born Feb 6, 1891 (Skalet Homestead) |

ALMA never married, she died Jan 8, 1939.

HANNAH OLISA married Joseph Field. She died on Jul 29, 1977. They had 4 children:

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| 1. Esther (married Edward Ottow) | - born 1903 - died 1973 |
| 2. Grant | - born 1905 - died 1932 |
| 3. Marshall (married Marguerite Karnes) | - born 1908 - died 1971 |
| 4. Arnold (married Helen Vingom) | - born 1911 - died 1954 |

NORA PAULINE married Arthur Knudtson. She died on Oct 15, 1968. They had 4 children:

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| 1. Adeline | - born Nov 29, 1913 |
| 2. Arthur (married Marjorie Mykleby) | - born Nov 18, 1915 |
| 3. Dorothy (married Julius K. Townshend) | - born Nov 18, 1917 |
| 4. Valborg | - born Dec 31, 1919 |

GENERATION 3: Grandparents of Sever

3-1 OLE PERSEN SKALET

3-2 GUDBJORG SJURSDATTER GRIMSRUDEIE

Parents of Gulbrand Olsen Skalet (2-1)

OLE PERSEN SKALET was born on May 17, 1790 in Valdres, Norway. The records show that Ole Persen sold Skaret to his son Per in 1846 who sold it back to his father in 1857. In 1848, Knut Trefothaugen and his wife Eli Gudbrandsdatter Strandbratan were said to have lived at Skaret. Ola Persen sold Skaret according to records in 1861, when Ole brought his family to America, to Hans E. Grimsrud from Grimsrud farm. His son Gudbrand took ownership of the Skalet farm in Vermont Township in 1866, where Ole farmed with him until his death. He married Gunhild Haraldsdatter Piltingsrudeie in 1816, and in 1837 he married Gudbjorg Sjursdatter Grimsrudeie. He died on Mar 3, 1875 in the Town of Vermont. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

GUNHILD HARALDSDATTER PILTINGSRUDEIE was born in 1793 at Nerbratan in East Piltingsrud. She died in 1833.

GUDBJORG SJURSDATTER GRIMSRUDEIE was born on Feb 5, 1807 in Trefothaugen in Norway. She died on Aug 19, 1879 in the Town of Vermont. She is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Ole had two children from his first marriage to Gunhild Haraldsdatter Piltingsrudeie:

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| 1. Per (Peder) | -born May 22, 1820 -died Apr 7, 1895
He owned Skaret next and sold it back to his father in 1857. Per moved to Blafargeverket in Modum in 1842. |
| 2. Eli (Ellen) | -born in 1817. Married Hallsten Gudbrandsen Piltingsruddokka. |

Ole and Gulborg had 2 children:

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| 1. Sjur (Sever) | -born Oct 22, 1841 |
| * 2. Gudbrand (Gulbrand) | -born May 22, 1844 |

3-3 PER GUDBRANDSEN STRANDBRATAN

3-4 ANNE MARIE HALLSTEINSDATTER NERBY

Parents of Tonetta Strandbraaten Peterson (2-2)

PETER STRANDBRAATEN was born in 1817 and married Anne Marie Hallsteinsdatter Nerby in 1843. He came to America in 1869 with his wife and children.

ANNE MARIE HALLSTEINSDATTER NERBY was born in 1821. Anne remarried later to a Peterson and that is how Tonnetta came to be known as Tonnetta Strandbratan Peterson.

Per and Anne had 4 children:

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| 1. Gudbrand | -born 1844 |
| 2. Hallstein | -born 1847 |
| * 3. Tonette | -born Jan. 22, 1849 |
| 4. Ole | -born 1858 |

GENERATION 4: Great-Grandparents of Sever

4-1 PER OLSEN PILTINGSRUD

4-2 ELI GUDBRANDSDATTER SORUM

Parents of Ole Persen Skalet (3-1)

PER OLSEN PILTINGSRUD was born in 1761 in Norway. He Married Eli Gudbrandsdatter Sorum in 1789, and he died in 1833. He married a second time to Ronnaug Larsdatter Nord-Garthus. In 1803 Per Olsen Piltingsrud sold the forest below the farm in thirds to Chamberlain Peder Anker, the forest was assessed in May of 1806. In 1813 Per Olsen

Piltingsrud sold West Piltingsrud (farm A) to his son Ola Persen (See Skaret). Ola then sold it in 1814 to Hallvor Olsen Tolleusrud who then sold it a year later to Torgrim Anderssen Asli (of Hesjabakken).

ELI GUDBRANDSDATTER SORUM was born in 1768 and died in 1793.

RONNAUG LARSDATTER NORD-GARTHUS was born in 1759.

Per and Eli had 3 children:

- * 1. Ola (married Gudbjorg Sjursdatter Grimsrud) - born 1790 - died 1875
- 2. Gudbrand (married Tora Olsdatter Flaten) - born 1791
- 3. Marit - born 1793 - died 1793

Per and Ronnaug had 2 children:

- 1. Lars (married Gudbjorg Haraldsdatter Haugsrudeie) - born 1800 - died 1835
- 2. Ingrid (married Hans Eriksen Piltingsrudeie) - born 1804

GENERATION 5: Great-Great Grandparents of Sever

5-1 OLA PERSEN PILTINGSRUD

5-2 ANNE HALLVORSDATTER AMSRUD

Parents of Per Olsen Piltingsrud (4-1)

OLA PERSEN PILTINGSRUD was born in 1731 and died in 1809. He married Anne Hallvorsdatter Amsrud in 1757 who at the time was a widow. Ola came to own all of West Piltingsrud for some years. He overtook his fathers farm (IIb) and in 1786 he bought both farm I and farm IIa. Ole sold half the land (farm A) to his son Per and in 1789 the other half ("Dokka" or farm B) to the youngest son Gudbrand.

ANNE HALLVORSDATTER AMSRUD was born about 1736 and died in 1806.

Ola and Anne had 5 children:

- 1. Anne (married Ola Arnesen Koparvike) - born in 1757
- * 2. Per (married Eli Gudbrandsdatter Sorum) - born in 1761 -died in 1833
(second marriage to Ronnaug Larsdatter Garthus)
- 3. Anders - born in 1764 -died in 1784
- 4. Gudbrand (married Tora Olsdatter Grimsrud) - born in 1767
- 5. Gudbjorg (Gudbrand Monssen Nord-Sorum) - born in 1772
(second marriage to Ola Olsen Berg)

GENERATION 6: Great-Great-Great Grandparents of Sever

6-1 PER JONSEN PILTINGSRUD
6-2 ANNE BJORNSDATTER HOVE

Parents of Ola Persen Piltingsrud (5-1)

PER JONSEN PILTINGSRUD was born in 1706 and died in 1793. Per owned West Piltingsrud farm IIb.

ANNE BJORNSDATTER HOVE was born about 1705 and died in 1793.

Per and Anne had 1 child:

- * 1. Ola (married Anne Hallvorsdatter Amsrud) - born 1731 - died 1809

GENERATION 7: Great-Great-Great-Great Grandparents of Sever

7-1 JON PERSEN

7-2 GUDBJORG HARALDSDATTER GRIMSRUD

Parents of Per Jonsen Piltingsrud (6-1)

JON PERSEN was born about 1645 and died in 1728. He farmed all of West Piltingsrud (Farm 2) since 1688. In 1699 he bought 2/3 of the farm from Gehard Treschow and in 1717 the inheritance rights from Christian Sorensen of Bragermes. Jon Persen was married two times. The first wife was (perhaps) Kjersti Olsdatter Piltingsrud, who was buried in 1700, at 64 yrs. old. In 1702 Jon Persen had only one son, Tomas, who married Ingrid Ostensdatter. Also, Tomas was named as a "buyer" in 1699. In 1703 Jon Persen married again with Gudbjorg Haraldsdatter from Grimsrud (born about 1679 and died in 1762). Because their age difference was so great Jon had to believe that he would die before his current wife, thus he willed her 7 fleeces in 1702. His son Tomas, who was now an adult, 14 or older, committed to letting his stepmother use that part during her lifetime.

KJERSTI OLSDATTER PILTINGSRUD was buried in 1700 at 64 years of age.

GUDBJORG HARALDSDATTER GRIMSRUD was born about 1679 and died in 1762.

Jon and Kjersti had 1 child:

- 1. Tomas (married Ingrid Ostensdatter) -born ? -died 1778

Jon and Gudbjorg had 3 children:

- 1. Ingeborg - born 1703
- * 2. Per (married Anne Bjornsdatter Hove) - born 1706 - died 1793
- 3. Tora (Gul Monssen Grimsrud) - born 1709

Ancestors of Dorothea Marie Venden

Mons Nilsson Venden
Unknown - Unknown

Ole Munson Venden
1824 - 1898

Marit Olsdatter
Unknown - Unknown

Martin Venden
1856 - 1937

Dordi Knutsdatter
1826 - 1906

Dorothea Marie Venden
1881 - 1958

Hans Solberg
Unknown - Unknown

Olijanna Lile Solberg
1855 - 1927

NOTE: I will only print small portions of the Venden Family due to the fact that the Venden Family History was done into a complete book by Thora Skalet Gillette. Please refer to her book if you have further questions about the Vendens. I have printed a story from Jean Bower Amundsen about the Venden Farm in Norway, since she was there after the Venden Book was completed.

ANCESTORS OF DORTHEA (MALLA) MARIE VENDEN

GENERATION 2: Grandparents of Malla

2-1 MARTIN VENDEN

2-2 OLIJANNA LILE SOLBERG

Parents of Dorothea Marie (Malla) Venden (1-1)

MARTIN VENDEN was born Aug 25, 1856 in Etnedal, Valdres, Norway. He married Olijanna Lille Solberg on January 3, 1881 in Norway. They emigrated to America in the fall of 1881 settling in Monroe, Wisconsin, where they lived for six years. On May 18, 1887, they moved to a farm in Vermont Township, just down the north side of the Vermont Church Road hill. In 1911 they moved to Black Earth where he lived until his death on August 25, 1937, his 81st birthday. He was a carpenter by trade and helped build many of the buildings in Black Earth, and nearby farms. He would often times walk up to the Skalet farm (about 2 miles from town) to have coffee at 3:00 in the afternoon, or to help with some work. His funeral took place Saturday, August 28, 1937, at 2:00 p.m. from his home in Black Earth and at 2:30 at the Vermont Lutheran Church with burial in the Vermont Cemetery. Rev. S. Gunderson, officiated. Special songs were sung by Dora Brusveen and Gladys Kleppe of Hollandale and by the Vermont ladies choir. The pallbearers were Sever Lee, Martin Haugen, Henry Norslien, Ole Lukken, Melver Bordson, and Halsten Halsten. The funeral was in large attendance with relatives and friends from Madison, Sun Prairie, York, Cambridge, Blanchardville, Hollandale, and Poynette and many other places.

OLIJANNA LILE SOLBERG was born on Sept 19, 1855 in Etnadal, Valdres, Norway. She died on January 25, 1927 in Black Earth. The following is her obituary from the Dane County News: Although feeble for many years she always wanted to do her own work. She was the kindest spirit we have ever known. Always thoughtful of others, never remembering her own suffering. She led a quiet and peaceful life and as quietly and peacefully she passed away to her Heavenly Home on Tuesday morning at 8:00. She is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Martin and Olijanna had 6 children:

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| * 1. Dorothea Venden (Sever Skalet) | 1881-1958 born in Valdres, Norway |
| 2. Olava Venden (Charles Mohoney) | 1883-1970 born in Wisconsin |
| 3. Henry Venden (Gerharda Forshaug) | 1885-1960 born in Wisconsin |
| (second marriage: Dorothea Iverson) | |

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| 4. Randena Venden (John Greve) | 1888-1965 born in Wisconsin |
| 5. Mathilda Venden (Joseph Corcoran) | 1895-1963 born in Wisconsin |
| 6. Clara Venden (Torge Goderstad) | 1898-1970 born in Wisconsin |
- (second marriage: Stephen Halsten)

GENERATION 3: Great Granparents of Malla

3-1 **OLE MUNSON VENDEN**

3-2 **DORDI KNUTSDATTER**

Parents of Martin Venden (2-1)

OLE MUNSON VENDEN was born on Apr 26, 1824 in Etnadal, Valdres, Norway. He came to America along with his son Martin in 1881. Ole's son Knute came to America in 1880 and sent for his parents in 1881. He married Dordi Knutsdatter. He died in 1898 in the Town of Vermont. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

DORDI KNUTSDATTER was born Oct 14, 1826 in Veste Slidere, Valdres, Norway. She died in 1906 in the Town of Vermont. She is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Ole and Dordi had 8 children:

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| 1. Ole O. (Ragnhild Sahn) | 1848-1937 |
| 2. Gunhild (Knute Fyke) | 1851-1940 |
| 3. Marit (Haldor Brusveen) | 1854-1936 |
| * 4. Martin (Olijanna Solberg) | 1856-1937 |
| 5. Knute (Karen Lindokken) | 1859-1933 |
| 6. Julia (Otto Manstad) | 1863-1933 |
| 7. Nels (Christine Hovrud) | 1866-1911 |
| 8. Bertha (Nels Espeseth) | 1871-1903 |

3-3 **HANS SOLBERG**

3-4 **UNKNOWN**

Parents of Olijanna Lile Solberg (2-2)

HANS SOLBERG was born in Norway. They remained in Norway. They had another daughter, Helen, who came to America. She later married and moved west to Seattle.

GENERATION 4: Great-Great Grandparents of Malla

4-1 MONS NILSSON VENDEN

4-2 MARIT OLSDATTER

Parents of Ole Munson Venden (3-1)

MONS NILSSON VENDEN is the first tenant farmer we know of to have farmed "Venda", a section of the large farm "Berge". Venda was set apart a bit, the area around these tenant places was called "Bergabygde" (Berge-town). "Venda", meaning turn around, got it's name because the place was used as a gathering (drop off) place whenever they transported logs and lumber.

MARIT OLSDATTER

Mons and Marit had 5 children:

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| 1. Nils (married Olea Gudbrandsdatter Bergestolen) | -born 1810 |
| 2. Olea | -born 1815 |
| 3. Gjertrud | -born 1820 |
| * 4. Ole (married Dordi Gudbrandsdatter Ferdenseige) | -born 1823 |
| 5. Anders (married Kjersti Olsdatter) | -born 1827 |

Jean Bower Amundsen lived in Norway 2 years, and while she was there her employer, Oyvind Gulliksen, and her made a visit to the site of the Venden's husmann (tenant) farm in Etnedal. She took a log of the trip and titled it "Retracing the Venden family's footsteps. I will write portions of her journal.

I paid my second visit to Valdres, June 14th, as we'd planned to visit the site of Venden's husmann's farm in Etnedal.

Guri Byfuglien, who is the granddaughter of Gunhild Venden, lives in Rogne-Oistre Slidre, near Fagernes today. She is retired along with her husband Kolbjorn--they have a son and daughter who I haven't met yet. (Jean told me on the phone these are the only Venden's from Ole and Dordi's family left in Norway.) Byfuglien is also a family that has lived in the Etnedal area for years. Guri and Kolbjorn and family lived on a small farm 17 years next to the Venden's, high up above a larger farm. (below in the valley near the river) -- and I believe Guri grew up there also. They can remember old people from their childhood's who actually knew Ole & Dordi Venden and family. Martin was known for his good carpentry and it gives me a wonderful feeling to know that the whole family was well liked and known for their kindness.

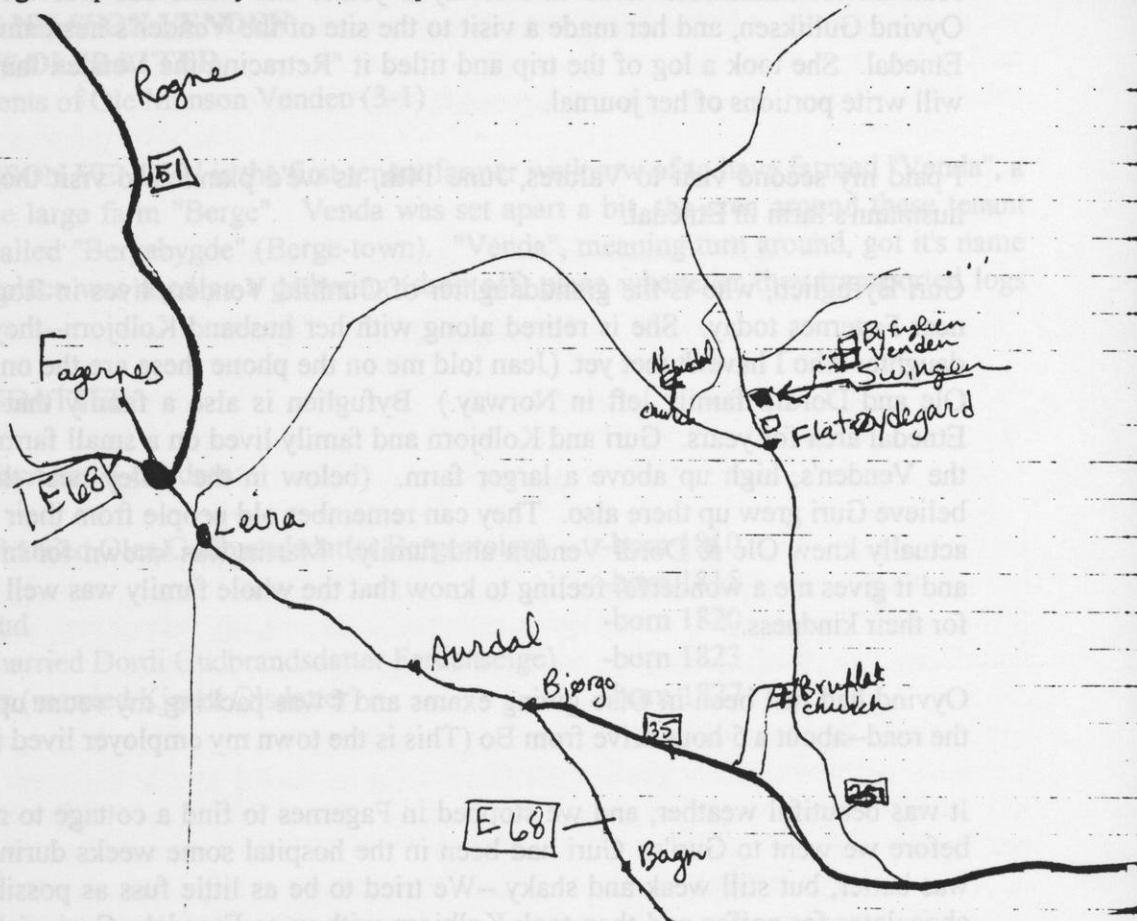
Oyvind had just been in Olso giving exams and I was packing my room up--but we took to the road--about a 5 hour drive from Bo (This is the town my employer lived in)

It was beautiful weather, and we stopped in Fagernes to find a cottage to rent for the night before we went to Guri's. Guri had been in the hospital some weeks during the winter and was better, but still weak and shaky.--We tried to be as little fuss as possible.--We brought chocolates for coffee and then took Kolbjorn with us to Etnedal. Guri wished she could be with us to Venden and their old place, but didn't feel up to the climb.--We visited before and afterwards at their home.

Kolbjorn Byfuglien was a fantastic guide! He had on only shorts, tennis shoes, and a dapper cap for the hike. He told story after story about their lives on the place.--His Valdres dialect was difficult for me to understand--and even for Oyvind! But, Oyvind took notes the whole time and hopefully will be able to write them out someday. He's planning to write an account of the Valdres Historical Society and the parts of our family that are in Norway.

We first stopped at the Northern Etnedal Church--where Gunhild Venden Fyke (not sure of spelling) was buried.--her grave site cannot be found because, as Guri told us, she was buried during the German Occupation (1940 or 41). She remembers that they couldn't reach Bruflat church because the bridge over the Etne River had been bombed, so they brought Gunhild here to N. Etnedal Church and buried her while planes were flying overhead. Imagine!

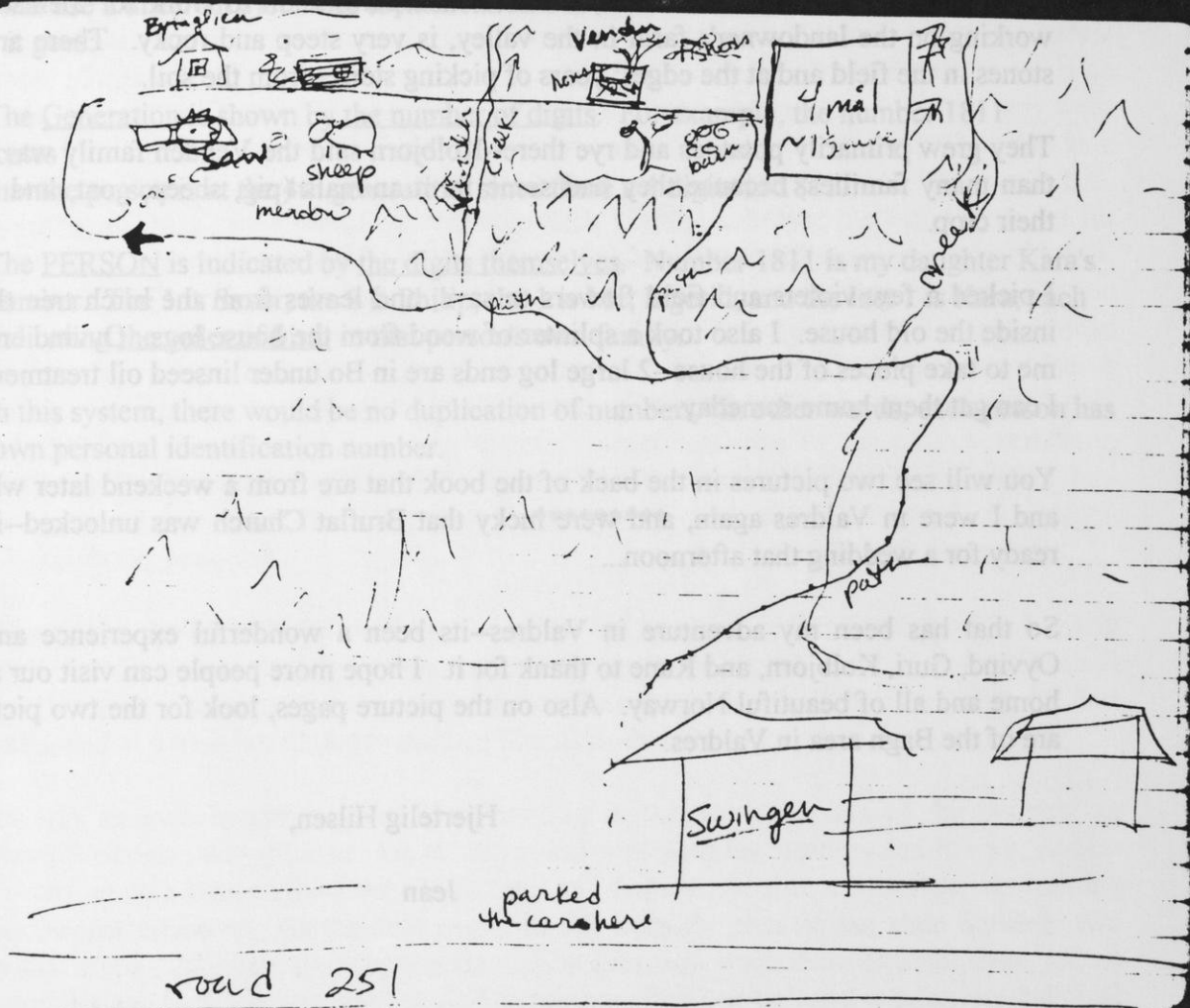
Here is a rough map of the way to Venden's place...



Driving with Kolbjorn, he directed us to the smaller back road, (most of it unpaved) past N. Etne Church--but Rune and I drove on the main road to take 251 up to the farm...where the road forks is a little village called Flatoydegard and an "Esso" filling station...you pass one farm on the right and the second is called "Swingen"--"the Curve".

We arrived at the farm "Swingen" and looked up to where the tenant farmer's old farms lay. I think this farm and the tenant farm pieces of land made up one big landowner's farm called Berge. We walked up behind the brown barn and onto the "road"! Only a cleared path with many stones...as Kolbjorn told us they had to bring everything up and down by horseback and the horses had to be young and strong. He told stories of his work days when he ran a saw up at his farm (next to Venden) and had to cart logs down by horse and then float them down the rivers--a few horses slipped on the stones, especially in winter. They lost a few horses that way--but, luckily not people! When the path was not rocky, it was green, shady and full of pine needles.

Whew! After many stories and rest stops, we reached the end of the road.
 This map is very clear to me--but I know it won't be to you.
 3-D on a mountainside.



The huge boulder fences at edges of fields were incredible--heavy, and old--imagine the years it took to drag stones to one place...

We crossed through a yard and over a meadow--across a creek they called "Venden Bekk" (I tasted it!) and to the next little hill where the ruins of the Venden house stand and only the stone foundations of the barns & sheds. Kolbjorn said that only the barn and house stood when the Venden family left for America--the others were added later when the place was used by the big farm as a whole and the house rented to an old woman.

Kolbjorn had 3 bottles of Coke in Oyvind's backpack--I sat down on the stones that were the barn's foundation to drink mine--a hundred years go by and one of the Venden descendants returns with a Coke in her hand--incredible! The farm in the valley is called "Solberg"--Olijanna's maiden name. Kolbjorn didn't know of Martin marrying such a

wealthy man's daughter, but said she could've well been a daughter of a tenant farmer of the Solberg farm. Many people from there called themselves "Lillesolberg", Lille meaning small or a part of that larger farm--the feudal system was complicated.

The field that the Venden's owned, or rather had permission to work for themselves after working on the landowner's farm in the valley, is very steep and rocky. There are piles of stones in the field and at the edges; years of picking stones from the soil.

They grew primarily potatoes and rye there--Kolbjorn said the Venden family was better off than many families, because they had some farm animals (pig, sheep, goat, and cow) and their crop.

I picked a few violets and field flowers to save, and leaves from the birch tree that grows inside the old house. I also took a splinter of wood from the house logs. Oyvind encouraged me to take pieces of the house--2 large log ends are in Bo under linseed oil treatment--I hope I can get them home someday.

You will see two pictures in the back of the book that are from a weekend later when Rune and I were in Valdres again, and were lucky that Bruflat Church was unlocked--it was all ready for a wedding that afternoon...

So that has been my adventure in Valdres--its been a wonderful experience and I have Oyvind, Guri, Kolbjorn, and Rune to thank for it. I hope more people can visit our ancestors home and all of beautiful Norway. Also on the picture pages, look for the two pictures that are of the Bagn area in Valdres.

Hjertelig Hilsen,

Jean

DESCENDANTS OF SEVER AND MALLA SKALET

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:

We will use a different system of identification numbers for the descendants section. Here's how it goes:

1. The Generation is shown by the number of digits. For example, the number 1811 indicates that the person is at the 4th generation, since there are 4 digits in 1811.
2. The PERSON is indicated by the digits themselves. Number 1811 is my daughter Kara's number. The 1 is Sever, the 8 is Philip, the 1 is Me, Ingerid, and the last 1 is Kara, each indicating the order of birth in that person's own family.

With this system, there would be no duplication of numbers. In other words, each person has his own personal identification number.

11 GRANT MARION SKALET

Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

Grace Skalet

C/O Heartland Country Village

634 Center St.

Black Earth, WI 53515

GRANT MARION SKALET was born on Mar 7, 1909 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township., Dane County, WI

He married Grace Steensrud on May 14, 1932 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

He died on Mar 27, 1988 at Sauk-Prairie Hospital, Prairie Du Sac, WI. He is Buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

GRACE STEENSRUD was born on Nov 6, 1906 in Vermont Township., Dane County, WI.

Grant and Grace had 1 child:

1. Marguerite Elaine - Born Nov 21, 1933 - Twp. of Cross Plains

Hjertelig Hilsen,

Jean

GRANT went to Helland Grade School and graduated from Black Earth High School in 1927. He went a short time to the UW- Madison. Grant worked as a Bell-hop at a hotel in Madison, and then worked at the Standard Station in Black Earth. When he married Grace he was working for Ryan Schultz and Dahl Road Construction Company, and he couldn't get time off for their honeymoon, so they spent their wedding night in his tent on their construction site. Grant and Grace farmed near the town of Riley for a few years and their daughter Marguerite (Tee) was born there. In May of 1943 they bought a farm on Blue Mounds Trail in the Town of Vermont and farmed there until Grant retired. While they were living on the farm Grant worked part-time at Patrons' Mercantile Co-op filling gas and as a mechanic in the shop from 1968-1987. He also worked for the Dane County A.S.C. Committee, and was a member of the Vermont Rifle Club. Grant was clerk and treasurer for the Town of Vermont for 32 years, and a member of the Sons of Norway Vennelag No. 513, Mount Horeb. Their daughter Tee and her husband Don took over the farm when Grant and Grace moved to Black Earth. Grant passed away in 1988 of a heart attack. He had noticed chest pains the day before he died and he went to the doctor and they gave him some medicine. He died during the night. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, from the Vermont Lutheran Church. Interment was in the church cemetery. Musicians at the funeral were Rosalie Richardson (niece), Sue Henderson (great-niece), Joel Skalet (great-nephew), and Eric Steensrud (nephew on Grace's side). Pastors T. N. Borgen and Ren Svanoe, presided.

Grant enjoyed the sport of baseball, as did all of his brothers. He played for Black Earth Home Talent Team and the Riley team. In his later years, he played on the Vermont Dartball team. (Dartball is a sport played very similar to the rules of baseball, only you throw a dart underhanded at a 4'x4' board that is marked like a baseball diamond from 20 feet away.)

Grant was an avid hunter. He enjoyed hunting in the western parts of the country, in northern Wisconsin and at home. He made several trips with his brothers and friends, and on one occasion on a hunt to the Crazy Mountains in Montana, he shot a deer that was running down the mountainside. As the deer began to fall from the shot he ran right between two trees that were standing very close together. The deer was stuck there and not dead yet, so Grant pulled out his knife and stabbed it. His brothers Phil and Gil, and Dennis Norslien had also gotten deer that morning and each one had managed their kills in one shot. Gil was to have said "four shots and a stab, we'll have to cut that number down!"

Grant, Jorgen and Phil worked together each summer with the haying season. First they would bail and mow Jorgen's hay and then move to Grant's farm and Lastly Phil's. They worked very well together and were always concerned for each other.

Grant, with the help of relatives and neighbors, cleared away brush, stones and weeds on the north side of a hill on their farm. When the snow fell that winter, a rope tow was installed. It was powered by an old Massey-Harris tractor. This made it easy for the skiers to reach the top of the hill for the invigorating ride down. The activities on this hill could be likened to that of a kindergarten class. It was here that many relatives and neighbors took their first

step in ski boots. Many have had a chance to try out their equipment and techniques on this hill.

Grace also wrote a poem about her husband, Grant.

- G. A Gentleman of the noblest kind
A truer man you'll never find.
- R. From reading he gets much pleasure.
Books are among his richest treasure.
- A. His Alertness of mind is also outstanding
And brings to him much learning.
- N. His niche in any neighborhood
Is a pleasant place filled with much good.
- T. He's a thinker with much talent
And to avoid trouble, he oft remains silent.
- S. He's a sweetheart to his wife and child
Very considerate, just and mild.
- K. His kindness to man and beast
Wins him recognition from north, south, west, and east,
- A. His attitudes toward life's challenges
He controls, and very well manages.
- L. Many lullabies has he sung
From which he's derived much fun.
- E. He's eager and earnest, filled with energy
His moral and spiritual strength is extraordinary.
- T. The Target is his most interesting hobby.
Finally, as his wife, I'll say he's a perfect hubby.

What do I remember of the tales of Grant -- firstborn of Sever & Malla Skalet? by Marguerite Parrell.

He was truly a brilliant child and man. He made top grades in school, especially in math; but he also excelled in sports. His leadership qualities made him captain of his high school championship basketball team, a fine catcher on the baseball team, and their best long-distance runner on the Black Earth track team.

His keen mind sparked his interest in many varied fields. He was a fine hunter & trapper, probably stemming from his reading one of his favorite books, The Deerslayer by James Fennimore Cooper. He loved guns, and subscribed to "The American Rifleman" for years. He seldom missed a "shoot" at the Vermont Rifleman's Club cabin.

He had a real passion for photography. Seldom did a family or church event pass without Grant taking pictures. When video cameras became available, he was among the first to try its Technology. He would take the camera out & record the beauty of nature,

trees, animals, waving fields of corn or sorghum, fall colors, winter beauty, anything that struck his fancy.

He was among the first in the Vermont valley, in the early '50's, to try out this new-fangled invention called television. The house was usually filled with friends, family and neighbors to view either the television shows or his latest batch of slides depicting his and Grace's latest excursion to a Sons of Norway event or a church convention, or maybe just a little trip to a place of interest--like to a grandchild's dance recital or a water-ski show in Avoca.

Similarly, in 1950 he bought the first known reel to reel tape recorder so that greetings from Vermont could be carried to Grace's elderly aunt on a car trip via Route 66 to Los Angeles, CA. He would sometimes hide the recorder under a table and record conversations that proved hilarious when played back to unsuspecting guests.

Although Grace and Grant's first home was a tent in a friendly farmer's yard, Grant soon left employment as a truck driver for Ryan, Schultz and Dahl to run a farm himself. He began farming in the Depression years when prices were so bad that he sold a calf for \$5.00 so the couple could buy baby clothes and supplies for their one daughter they had. All field work was done with horses. All milking was done by hand. He rented a farm near Klevenville for six years. Then he came to Vermont to buy his own land. Always open to the latest changes in farming, he modernized the farm with electricity, milking machines, balers, elevators, and whatever he could do to improve the farm.

Grant was a herdsman extraordinaire who cared for his "girls" like pets. However, when Grace got the opportunity to go to Norway for summer school, he sold his milk cows and went to the "old country" with her. There he spent many hours researching archives for information on the Steensrud and Skalet families. They found the home farm of each family, and they found new respect for their roots.

Grant's low-key but intelligent leadership guided Vermont Church and the township of Vermont over most of his adult years. He held many offices in these institutions, and his influence is still felt to this day.

As a family man, Grant exuded love for his family: brothers, sisters, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and the extended family of the neighborhood knew his love. His ski hill and picnic spots on the farm provided happy memories for so many of us lucky enough to know him.

To quote Shakespeare: "His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, This was a man!"

GRACE was the youngest child and only girl born to Hannah (Bakken) and Gustave Steensrud. With six older brothers, she grew up on a rugged farm in Vermont Township. The boys teased her and spoiled her, but later in life, all looked to her on as the "rock" of the family.

She attended Steensrud School, a small country school, for all eight years of her elementary education. None of her brothers had attended high school, so her parents did not feel it necessary to send her. Grace loved learning, and was so inspired by her teacher, Julia Julson, that she returned to Steensrud School for the entire year to help her with classes. Grace's parents finally concluded that they could not hold her back. Her dad established the eldest son and his new wife in a house in Black Earth so Grace could live there while attending high school.

She gratefully attended Black Earth High School, joining the same class as both Grant and Thora. High school was a happy episode, but when graduation came, her friends planned on going to a teacher's college. She wanted nothing more than to fulfill her lifelong dream of becoming a teacher. Again she met opposition from her parents. Her two youngest brothers stood up for her dream. They threatened to leave the farm if their folks would not let her go to college.

Again, Grace's love of learning won out, and the family's Model A Ford was soon making the long trip to Whitewater State Teachers College. After taking the one-year course, she was certified to teach school. Her true calling had finally begun.

As a young teacher she was in her element in the local country schools. She taught at Helland School, where she was "teacher" to several little Skalet children. She also taught at Danz and Steensrud Schools.

When she and Grant married in 1932, they spent much of their first year living in a tent on a farm-house lawn. Then they decided to go farming and rented a farm near Pine Bluff. It was here that Marguerite was born, in the chilly farm house during deer hunting season.

In 1941 they bought a farm in Vermont. Soon she was teaching all eight grades at Steensrud School. In a short time she was called into service in Black Earth Grade School where she became a truly inspiring eighth grade teacher.

After many years of night classes and summer schools, she finally earned her Bachelor's degree from Whitewater in 1966, almost 40 years since she first attended. She then established the first special education class that Black Earth Grade School ever had.

This lady was truly a gifted teacher. She touched many, many lives. Even in this, her ninetieth year of life, she received thank-you notes from former students in their Christmas cards, expressing appreciation not only for the knowledge she generously imparted, but for the self-esteem she was able to inspire in so many of her large family of students. Grace was truly a lady who made a difference.

111 MARGUERITE SKALET PARRELL

Daughter of Grant and Grace Skalet

Don and Marguerite Parrell

4543 Blue Mounds Trail

Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-2427

MARGUERITE ELAINE SKALET was born on Nov 21, 1933 in her parents home, Cross Plains Township., Dane County, WI.

She married Donald Lee Parrell on Jul 2, 1955 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

DONALD LEE PARRELL was born on Nov 17, 1932 in his parents home, Town of Black Earth, Dane County, WI.

Marguerite and Don had 4 children:

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| 1. David Ernest | - Born Mar 11, 1956 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Laura Lee | - Born Sep 28, 1957 - Richland Center, WI |
| 3. Cynthia Elaine | - Born Apr 12, 1959 - Richland Center, WI |
| | - Died Oct 5, 1982 - Minneapolis, MN |
| 4. Donna Marguerite | - Born Jun 30, 1960 - Richland Center, WI |

MARGUERITE attended grade school at Klevenville and Steensrud Schools. She graduated from high school in Black Earth in 1951. In 1970, she received a B.S. from Platteville and a M. Ed. in 1988 from there also, where she was awarded the Anoinette Durant Scholarship for "Outstanding Senior in English". Tee has spent a large portion of her life teaching the English language at Riverdale High School in Muscoda and at Black Earth and Mazomanie Schools for 19 1/2 years.

She has been employed at Ingleside Nursing Home in Mount Horeb as an Education Coordinator and a Registered Nurse for 5 1/2 years.

Tee and all of her family participated in water ski shows for 20 years. She has directed and produced about 40 one-act plays, and 15 dramas or musicals for Riverdale and Wisconsin Heights schools. Before a hip replacement in January '95, she enjoyed bowling, and downhill skiing. She is now able to do cross-country in winter and golf in good weather.

The following is a poem Tee's mother Grace wrote about her when she was young:

- M. She has many friends from numerous walks of life
Each affords strength to meet life's strife.
- A. Anxious to do good in her is inborn,
True friend to the lowly and forlorn.
- R. She's learning about righteous living,
And spiritual guidance to us she's giving.
- G. She's gracious and thankful
Trying hard not to be ever bold.
- U. Understanding of life's tempestuous ways
Is developing during these childhood days.
- E. Eagerness in youth is always expected
Without it many lessons would never be inspected.
- R. She radiates gladness wherever she goes
Striving for cleanliness of mind and clothes.
- I. Her Interest often is centered on a book
And from her reverie, sometimes must be shook.
- T. This is the Time to sow good seeds
Which in years to come will bring forth good deeds.
- E. She has entered life's great drama
Yet to be unfolded is her panorama.

DON served in the U.S. Army during Korean conflict. He was stationed in Japan after his records were misplaced under a secretary's seat cushion, and the rest of outfit was shipped to Korea. After working with his family in the Black Earth Feed Mill, he moved to Avoca at the age of 23, bought the local train depot and Transformed it into the Avoca Feed Mill. He served on Avoca Village Board and Avoca Church Council for most of the 25 years he lived there. He also served as Avoca Fire Chief and on the rescue squad. He worked for Golden sun Feed Company, and then spent 13 happy years operating a beef farm. He is presently town chairman of the Town of Vermont, and he is on the Vermont Lutheran Church Council. He enjoys golf, bowling, reading, and doing field work on the farm. He played Count Peppi LaLuux of Paris in 54 productions of "The Song of Norway."

1111 DAVID ERNEST PARRELL

Son of Don and Marguerite Parrell

David and Carol Parrell
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Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-3413

DAVID ERNEST PARRELL was born on Mar 11, 1956 in Madison, WI.

He married Carol Sue Coleman on Jul 25, 1981 in Soldiers Grove, WI.

CAROL SUE COLEMAN was born on Jul 14, 1959 in Madison, WI.

David and Carol have 2 children:

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| 1. Angela Grace | - Born Jan 23, 1985 - Richland Center, WI |
| 2. Daniel David | - Born Nov 10, 1989 - Madison, WI |

DAVID attended school in Avoca, and graduated from Riverdale High School in 1974. After high school, he attended school in Fennimore for one year. David chose to work for a couple of years, and then attended college in Richland Center for 2 years. He also attended UW-Stevens Point and UW-Platteville, graduating from there with a bachelors degree in 1988. During the years he was getting his education, he did odd jobs, and helped farm on Grant's place. David received police training, and is now employed for the City of Madison's Police Department on the K-9 Special Operation Dane County Narcotics and Gangs Task Force. David enjoys hunting, and is an active member of the Vermont Rifle Club held at the cabin on the Skalet farm. David enjoys farming, and helps Carol when ever possible.

CAROL attended college at Richland Center, and graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a Bachelors degree in 1981. Carol is currently running the farm Grant and Grace had on Blue Mounds Trail.

ANGIE is 11 years old and in the 5th grade. She enjoys playing her saxophone, and playing with her kittens.

DANIEL is six and in Kindergarten. He especially loves playing with his Power Rangers.

1112 LAURA PARRELL WINCHIP

Daughter of Don and Marguerite Parrell

Wade and Laura Winchip

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LAURA LEE PARRELL was born on Sep 28, 1957 in Richland Center, WI.

She married Wade Alan Winchip on Aug 12, 1978 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

WADE ALAN WINCHIP was born on Aug 25, 1957 in Anamosa, IA.

Laura and Wade have 3 children:

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|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Paul Isaac | - Born Jan 18, 1982 - Marshfield, WI |
| | - Died Jan 18, 1982 - Marshfield, WI |
| 2. Emily Joy | - Born Dec 18, 1982 - Marshfield, WI |

3. Grace Hannah - Born Sep 19, 1994 - Davenport, IA

LAURA attended grade school in Avoca, Wisconsin, and graduated from Riverdale high school in 1975. She graduated from UW-Platteville in 1979 and from Palmer Chiropractic College in 1991. Laura has run her own chiropractic practice for the past 4 years in Davenport, Iowa.

WADE is a native of Anamosa, Iowa. He also graduated from UW-Platteville in 1979 as a mechanical engineer. He has worked for ALCOA since 1987. Both Wade and Laura are very active with church in choirs, council, and youth groups.

EMILY is almost 13 and is a very busy 7th grader. She has been involved with swimming and sign language, plays piano and percussion, and devotes most of her free time to projects for her talented and gifted class. She also helps a lot with caring for her baby sister.

GRACE is a typical toddler and into everything. She loves to sing with us, walks, talks, and giggles.

1113 CYNTHIA PARRELL LINDER

Daughter of Don and Marguerite Parrell

CYNTHIA ELAINE PARRELL was born on Apr 12, 1959 in Richland Center, WI.

She married William (Bill) Joseph Linder on May 30, 1981 in Avoca, WI.

She died on Oct 5, 1982 in Minneapolis, MN at the age of 23.

WILLIAM JOSEPH LINDER was born on Jun 10, 1956 in Elkhorn, WI.

CYNTHIA took dancing lessons from the time she was five until she graduated from high school. She played piano and trombone and sang in choral groups. She completed high school in three years, went to UW-Richland and UW-Madison graduating as a civil engineer. As an undergraduate she assisted Bill Wolf in surveying and planning Saddle Ridge development. She bravely accepted amputation of her left leg and married Bill Linder in 1981. They lived in a Minneapolis suburb where she tutored math students before her death in Oct. 1982.

BILL is an electrical engineer. He worked for Honeywell when he first went to Minneapolis. Since Cindy's death he has remarried and has a daughter, Theresa.

1114 DONNA PARRELL VARNEY

Daughter of Don and Marguerite Parrell

Mike and Donna Varney

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Lincoln, NE 68506

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DONNA MARGUERITE PARRELL was born on Jun 30, 1960 in Richland Center, WI.

She married Michael George Varney on Apr 17, 1982 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI

MICHAEL GEORGE VARNEY was born on Dec 16, 1959.

Donna and Michael have 3 children:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth Rebeka | - Born Apr 17, 1983 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Heidi Marguerite | - Born Oct 7, 1984 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Grant Michael | - Born Apr 13, 1990 - Madison, WI |

DONNA attended Avoca Elementary and graduated at Riverdale High School in 1978. She has spent the last 12 years raising their three children (and a few extras now and then). She is presently back in school attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

MIKE and Donna attended the same high school and UW- Madison together. He has worked in the insurance field since 1984 and is currently the Lincoln Branch Claims Manager for General Casualty.

BETH is in the 7th grade this year and is quite a performer on the trumpet and with singing. She already receives a paycheck through our church for baby-sitting and excels academically.

HEIDI is in the 5th grade and is also an excellent student. She enjoys playing the drums, taking dance lessons, and helping with her little brother.

GRANT is now in kindergarten and loves school.

12 THORA SKALET GILLETTE

Daughter of Sever and Malla Skalet

Thora Gillette

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Madison, WI 53704

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THORA OLIJANNA SKALET was born on Nov 2, 1910 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

She married Welberne Leroy Gillette on Jun 16, 1932 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

WELBERNE LEROY GILLETTE was born on Jun 17, 1909 in Black Earth, WI.

He died on Dec 2, 1938 in Black Earth, WI at the age of 29.

Thora and Welberne had 1 child:

1. Darlene Joan (Nitzy) - Born Sep 17, 1934 - Black Earth, WI

THORA attended grade school at the Helland School. Having such a desire to go to school, she started the same year as her brother Grant, so that they were together in the same school until they both graduated from Black Earth High School in 1927. Then she attended Whitewater State Teachers College for two years, enrolled in an elementary course and graduated at the age of 18 in 1929.

She taught three years in rural schools before her marriage to Welberne Gillette in 1932. She continued teaching until their daughter Nitzy (Darlene) was born in 1934. Welberne's illness made it necessary for her to continue teaching. He died in 1938 when Nitzy was four years old.

Her teaching career involved 8 years of teaching in rural schools, 5 years in the Black Earth grades 1 and 2, and first grade teaching in Madison Schools, making a total of 42 years and retiring in 1973.

Thora was Sunday School Superintendent at Vermont Lutheran Church for 13 years and taught Sunday School there for 15 years, all of which she organized the children's Christmas programs.

After retiring from teaching she has been involved in volunteer work at Bethel Lutheran Church and at the Bethel Parish Shoppe. She has worked for the Madison School Supply for ten years, going to teacher's conventions throughout the state both spring and fall, to exhibit and sell school supplies. Many organizations pertaining to teaching and/or Bethel Church activities have been a big part of her time, such as WREA (Wisconsin Retired Education Association) and Delta Kappa Gamma, a group for active and retired teachers. XYZ Club, a group of retired people that meets at Bethel once a month, and Blanket Workshop at Bethel tying quilts.

In 1987 and 1993 Thora traveled overseas to visit the beautiful country of Norway.

WELBERNE was a barber having worked with his father in Black Earth and later worked in the barber shop in the State Capitol Building in Madison. He was active in sports, basketball and baseball. He was a pitcher for high school and town teams, and later pitched as a professional baseball player for Sauk City, Burnett, and at a later time for the Madison Blues. He enjoyed fishing and every year went deer hunting. He died in 1938 at the age of 29 years after a two year illness with cancer. Welberne was also a very important person to the 6 Skalet boys. They all looked up to Welberne not only as an athlete, but as an extraordinary person as well.

121 DARLENE (NITZY) GILLETTE FIELD

Daughter of Thora and Welberne Gillette

Dr. Howard and Nitzy Field
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Solon, IA 52333

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DARLENE JOAN (NITZY) GILLETTE was born on Sep 17, 1934 in Black Earth, WI.

She married Howard M. Field on Aug 25, 1956 at Lake Edge Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

HOWARD M. FIELD was born on Aug 22, 1934 in Madison, WI.

Nitzy and Howard have 3 children:

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Karen Lynn | - Born May 7, 1963 - Milwaukee, WI |
| 2. James Erik | - Born Oct 7, 1964 - LaCrosse, WI |
| 3. Mark Erik | - Born Jan 16, 1974 - Iowa City, IA |

NITZY went to grade school in Black Earth and at Sherman in Madison, and graduated from Central High School in Madison as Valedictorian in 1952. She graduated from St. Olaf College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1956 and also met Howard while she was attending there. Traveling around the country during Howard's Air Force career, dental education and practice, Nitzy worked as a nurse in Harlingen, Texas; New Bedford, Massachusetts; and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She then stayed home for 25 years with their growing children. In 1992 Nitzy received her Masters in Nursing at the U of Iowa. She has worked at Iowa City Hospice for 7 years as a primary nurse. Her hobbies include photographing family, especially grandchildren and flowers; golf and tennis.

HOWARD was an Air Force navigator for 3 years following graduation from St. Olaf College. He is a native of Madison, WI. After the Air Force he attended dental school at Marquette University. He practiced dentistry in LaCrosse and Stoughton, WI before he went to Harvard University in Boston to get a Masters degree in Public Health Dentistry. Howard became a professor of preventive and community dentistry at Louisiana State University in New Orleans and now has taught at the University of Iowa Dental School since 1973. Howard enjoys piloting a Bonanza airplane, playing golf, and gardening/landscaping projects.

1211 KAREN FIELD EDLUND

Daughter of Howard and Nitzy Field

Greg and Karen Edlund
1436 Altoona Ave.
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KAREN LYNN FIELD was born on May 7, 1963 in Milwaukee, WI.

She married Gregory Roy Edlund on Sep 13, 1986 at the Lutheran Church of the Master, Brooklyn Center, MN.

GREGORY ROY EDLUND was born on Jan 17, 1965 in Golden Valley, MN.

Karen and Greg have 2 children:

1. Alyssa Joy - Born May 2, 1988 - Fridley, MN
2. Erik Gregory - Born Feb 11, 1991 - Eau Claire, WI

KAREN attended grade school in various places, and graduated from high school at West High in Iowa City, IA. She attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, and graduated from there in 1985 with majors in Psychology, English, and Religion. She worked three years for the American Lutheran Church National Office and Luther Seminary before Alyssa was born. Karen is currently a full time mother of her two children. She is very active in church activities, piano teaching, and quilting. Her enjoyments include: singing, playing piano, sewing, reading, prayer, Bible study, walking and being home with her family. Karen and Greg are expecting their 3rd child in early February.

GREG attended St. Olaf College for two years, and is where he met Karen. He finished his degree in Physics at the University of Minnesota in 1988. He has worked as a computer engineer in Eau Claire since then for three different firms. His current position at Chen Systems is as a designer of circuit boards for a super-fast process server computer. Greg enjoys playing with his kids, biking, rollerblading, reading and golfing. He serves as an elder in their church, is active in the men's ministry, and sings in the choir.

ALYSSA attends the second grade at a Lutheran School. She keeps busy taking ballet and piano lessons. Since learning to read, she devours as many books as she can find.

ERIK is an active kid, going to preschool this year. He enjoys doing anything with his dad, listening to stories on tape, riding his bike, and playing with his buddies.

1212 JAMES ERIK FIELD

Son of Howard and Nitzy Field

James and Patricia Field
7805 Sunderland Dr.
Ft. Wayne, IN 46835

Ph. 219-485-1285

JAMES ERIK FIELD was born on Oct 7, 1964 in LaCrosse, WI.

He married Patricia Ann Zdawczyk on Jul 28, 1990 at the St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Champaign, IL.

PATRICIA ANN ZDAWCZYK was born on Aug 28, 1964 in Toledo, OH.

James and Patricia have 1 child:

1. Hannah Marie - Born Jul 29, 1994 - Ft. Wayne, IN

JAMES attended Ernest Horn Elementary and graduated from high school at West Sr. High School in 1983. He went to undergraduate school at Arizona State University, graduating in 1988. He then attended graduate school at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and graduated in 1992. Jim became a registered architect in 1994, and has worked for the Moake-Park Group as an architect for 4 years. Jim enjoys playing golf, racquetball, and softball. He also enjoys tending their garden, taking vacations, and watching their daughter, Hannah, grow up.

PATRICIA graduated with a B.A. in Accounting from Manchester College in 1986, and became a CPA in the same year. She is currently employed as a tax manager with the firm of Baden, Gage, and Schroeder. She is also a kitchen consultant with the Pampered Chef Company which she thoroughly enjoys. Patricia enjoys cross-stitching, reading, gardening, playing in the handbell choir at their church, and most important, Hannah!

HANNAH, at 16 months loves to read books and have books read to her. She loves the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo and is learning to make many of the animal noises. She loves Pooh Bear and all his friends. She can recognize and point out all the characters in the 100 acre woods.

1213 MARK ERIK FIELD

Son of Howard and Nitzzy Field

Mark Field

2732 Hidden Valley Trail N.E.

Solon, IA 52333

Ph. 319-337-6143

MARK ERIK FIELD was born on Jan 16, 1974 in Iowa City, IA. He will graduate from Luther College as a Math Major in the spring of 1996 and plans to teach high school mathematics. Mark enjoys biking, golf, running, music and his friends.

13 JORGEN NORMAN SKALET

Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

Jorgen and Milly Skalet

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Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-3423

JORGEN NORMAN SKALET was born on Aug 30, 1912 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

He married Mildred Irene Mickelson on Jun 23, 1937 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

MILDRED IRENE MICKELSON was born on Feb 8, 1914 in Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

Jorgen and Mildred had 3 children:

1. Paul Jorgen - Born May 19, 1939 - Vermont Twp.
2. Joanne Marie - Born Sep 29, 1943 - Vermont Twp.
3. Julie Ann - Born Feb 16, 1948 - Vermont Twp.

JORGEN graduated from the elementary grades at Helland School. He attended Black Earth High School for two weeks, and decided not to continue, but help his dad on the farm. He worked there until Grant started farming and then moved in with them and helped them farm while they were living in Riley, WI. Jorgen learned the cheese-making trade from his uncle, Torge Goderstad. He accepted the job as cheese-maker at Diamond Cheese Factory in May 1934. Jorgen and Milly moved to the cheese factory after they were married, and Paul and Joanne were both born there. On December 1, 1945 they moved to the Clarence Norslien farm, one farm north of the Skalet farm, and farmed there for 12 years. Julie was born while they were living there. On March 1, 1958 they moved back to the Skalet farm which they purchased from Phil and Ethel. Jorgen has retired from farming, but still lives on the home farm.

When Jorgen was young, he froze his ear one night sleeping upstairs a little too close to a window. Oftentimes the family would wake up in the mornings with frost on their bed.

When Jorgen was dating Milly, he'd stand in front of the mirror shaving and sing this little song, "She may not be an angel 'cause angels are so few. But, until the day that one comes along I'll string along with you". Times weren't always so jolly during his time shaving. One time Welberne was outside doing some shooting, one of the bullets came in the house, and after some ricocheting, missed Jorgen by a narrow margin.

Jorgen and Thora owned a car together (a Chevrolet Coupe) when Thora first started teaching. Thora used it during the day and Jorgen would use it at night!

Jorgen has always enjoyed attending the last Saturday of the Month shoot up at the shooting cabin on the farm and is an excellent off-hand shooter.

Jorgen played ball as a youngster and played with the Black Earth Home Talent Team. He is now playing dartball on the Vermont Dartball Team.

MILDRED, before marrying Jorgen worked for family's in Madison as a maid and caregiver for the children earning \$5 a week with only Thursday afternoons off. After she married Jorgen, she worked for a canning factory in Waunakee for several summers.

Milly was a very meticulous lady, and kept her house in immaculate order. Her baking and cooking was regarded as some of the best in the area. Her raised doughnuts were outstanding. She worked alongside Jorgen for many many years in the barn with the milking of the cows and lots of other farm work as well. She always had beautiful rock gardens that she spent many hours perfecting. Through these later years, Milly was having problems with her health and soon was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. She is now a resident at the Heartland Country Village (nursing home) in Black Earth.

131 PAUL J. SKALET

Son of Jorgen and Mildred Skalet

Paul and Joan Skalet

1430 Ray St.

Black Earth, WI

Ph. 608-767-2289

PAUL JORGEN SKALET was born on May 19, 1939 in the Diamond Cheese Factory, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

He married Joan Monette Swacina on Jul 10, 1965 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Mount Horeb, WI.

JOAN MONETTE SWACINA was born on May 4, 1938 in Madison, WI.

Paul and Joan have 3 children:

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| 1. Kristin Joan | - Born Oct 3, 1968 - Prairie Du Sac, WI |
| | - Died Oct 9, 1968 - Prairie Du Sac, WI |
| 2. Erika Joan | - Born Dec 29, 1970 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Trygve Paul | - Born Dec 15, 1972 - Madison, WI |

PAUL went to grade school and high school at Black Earth and graduated in 1957. He attended St. Olaf College for 2 years, 1958-60. He worked for the Bank of Madison for about 5 months, and Bell-hopped at the Edgewater Hotel in Madison. He also worked for Northwestern Construction. In 1961 he was hired as a teller at the Black Earth State Bank. Then January through July 1962 he served in the Army. In 1965, he was promoted to Chief Executive Officer of the Black Earth State Bank, and has been there ever since. Just recently the Bank moved into a brand new building across the street from the old one. Paul had significant input into the architecture and interior design of the bank. It has beautiful woodwork in it portraying the turn of the century, but also a flair of modernism with skylights and a modern clock tower that plays music. Another distinct highlight is all the old photographs Paul has collected of the Town of Black Earth from early days to current displayed throughout the bank. Paul also enjoyed skiing in his younger years, and made numerous trips to Colorado to try his skill on the slopes. He also ski patrolled at Tyrol Ski Basin near Mt. Horeb. Paul has a great love for music and is a wonderful singer and a banjo player. He was part of the group "The Four Bards" when he was at St. Olaf, and they continued the band when they returned home, now with only three members. "The Bards" made a professional recording of "Yellow Bird" at CUCA Records in Prairie Du Sac, but lost out on the hit to Martin Denny and Lawrence Welk. Paul is a great fan of Garrison Keillor's "Prairie Home Companion" and drops everything to listen to his 2 hour program on Saturday evenings. Paul is an admirer of old cars and sports cars and is the proud owner of a 1970 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible. Paul also enjoys golfing, woodworking, refinishing and traveling. He and Joan have traveled to the Caman Islands, Texas Gulf, Hawaii and

California Twice, Honeymooned in Washington D.C., and have visited the great state of Washington.

JOAN has been a homemaker and mother to her two children. While her kids were in school, she was very involved in the PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) and the merging of Wisconsin Heights Middle School. She has been a Superintendent and teacher of the Vermont Sunday School for many years, and has helped teach and organize Vacation Bible School. Joan is currently working part-time at the Black Earth State Bank. Her hobbies include reading, crosswords, gardening, travel, genealogy, and loons. She especially enjoys family reunions.

1311 KRISTIN JOAN SKALET

Daughter of Paul and Joan Skalet

KRISTIN JOAN SKALET was born on Oct 3, 1968 in Sauk Prairie Hospital, Prairie Du Sac, WI.

She died on Oct 9, 1968 in the Sauk Prairie Hospital, Prairie Du Sac, WI. She is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

1312 ERIKA JOAN SKALET

Daughter of Paul and Joan Skalet

Erika Skalet

240C Willow St.

Arena, WI

Ph. 608-753-2207

ERIKA JOAN SKALET was born on Dec 29, 1970 in Madison, WI

ERIKA graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1989. She is currently employed by Independent Insurance Services as an Agent and Bookkeeper. She enjoys Volleyball, billiards and running.

1313 TRYGVE PAUL SKALET

Son of Paul and Joan Skalet

Trygve Skalet

1430 Ray St.

Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-2289

TRYGVE PAUL SKALET was born on Dec 15, 1972 in Madison, WI.

TRYGVE graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1991. He entered the US Marine Corps in July of 1991 and completed his training in San Diego. He finished Artillery School in Oklahoma, and spent three years and three months at Kaneohe Bay Air Station in

Oahu, Hawaii. A tour of duty included Okinawa, Japan and Thailand. He was discharged on July 28, 1995. He is currently employed by the Herrlings sealing and tarring black top roads.. He enjoys hunting and fishing, spectator sports, and music.

132 JOANNE MARIE SKALET

Daughter of Jorgen and Mildred Skalet

Joanne Skalet

302 S 8th

Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

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JOANNE MARIE SKALET was born on Sep 29, 1943 in the Diamond Cheese Factory, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

JOANNE attended all 12 years at Black Earth, and graduated from there in 1961. After high school she worked at Black Earth Insurance Agency, and started working at the Black Earth State Bank in February 1962. In July of '62, she was hired at the Mt. Horeb State Bank and has worked there now for 33 years. Joanne and Ethel Skalet took two bus trips together in the years 1967 and 68. First traveling out east and to the Expo '67 in Montreal, Canada, also visiting Quebec City in Quebec and touring many of the northeastern states, including Niagara Falls. The following year they traveled west, touring San Francisco and south to San Antonio, Texas to the Expo there. From there they flew home. Since then, Joanne has made many short trips, and day trips traveling around the beautiful state of Wisconsin. Through these later years when Joanne's mother has been ill and in a nursing home, she has spent much of her time with her Mom, just being with her and supporting her in so many ways.

133 JULIE SKALET SCHMITT

Daughter of Jorgen and Mildred Skalet

Steve and Julie Schmitt

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Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-2380

JULIE ANN SKALET was born on Feb 16, 1948 in Madison, WI.

She married Steven William Schmitt on Jun 22, 1968 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

STEVEN WILLIAM SCHMITT was born on Feb 8, 1947 in Madison, WI..

Julie and Steve have 4 children:

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| 1. Amy Lynn | - Born Dec 17, 1968 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Jill Marie | - Born Mar 26, 1970 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Emily Ann | - Born Jan 5, 1975 - Madison, WI |

4. Allison Kay - Born Oct 4, 1979 - Madison, WI

JULIE and her husband own and operate The Shoe Box in Black Earth. It is considered one of the largest independently owned shoe stores in the Midwest. She is now semi-retired, doing the payroll and "gopher" (go-for) jobs. Previous to this she was home with the girls.

STEVE has been in the shoe business for 26 years. He sponsors several youth and adult sports teams in the area. He organizes yearly an athletic fund-raiser for the Wisconsin Heights school district. Steve has enjoyed playing sports and watching his four daughters play throughout the years.

1331 AMY SCHMITT SCHLINGEN

Daughter of Steve and Julie Schmitt

Paul and Amy Schlingen

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Prairie du Sac, WI 53578

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AMY LYNN SCHMITT was born on Dec 17, 1968 in Madison, WI.

She married Paul Elliott Schlingen on Jun 4, 1994 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

PAUL ELLIOTT SCHLINGEN was born on Apr 30, 1968 in Madison, WI.

AMY graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School and UW-Madison with a degree in art. She is currently managing "The Shoe Box Outlet" in Baraboo, WI. She also coaches girls volleyball and basketball at Wisconsin Heights. She also actively plays both sports in area leagues.

PAUL is from Madison, Wisconsin. He played baseball for Madison Memorial High School and UW-Platteville, graduating with a degree in corporate fitness. He has continued playing with the Black Earth Home Talent League. He is also managing "The Shoe Box Outlet" in Baraboo.

1332 JILL SCHMITT ADLER

Daughter of Steve and Julie Schmitt

Randy and Jill Adler

1422 East St.

Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-3224

JILL MARIE SCHMITT was born on Mar 26, 1970 in Madison, WI.

She married Randall Paul Adler, Jr. on Oct 23, 1993 at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Black Earth, WI.

RANDALL PAUL ADLER, JR. was born on Aug 8, 1968 in Madison, WI.

JILL graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1988 and later from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in business. She works for The Shoe Box and enjoys coaching girls basketball at Wisconsin Heights High School. She is active in playing volleyball and basketball with area teams.

RANDY graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1986 and later from UW-Eau Claire with a degree in business. He worked for The Shoe Box through his college years and now works for Prudential Life Insurance in policy and financial planning. He enjoys playing baseball with the Black Earth Home Talent League. Randy and Jill have known each other since childhood.

1333 EMILY ANN SCHMITT

Daughter of Steve and Julie Schmitt

Emily Schmitt

1614 Hall St

Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-2380

EMILY ANN SCHMITT was born on Jan 5, 1975 in Madison, WI.

EMILY attends UW-Whitewater and is very active in sports. She is also working at The Shoe Box.

1334 ALLISON KAY SCHMITT

Daughter of Steve and Julie Schmitt

Allison Schmitt

1614 Hall St.

Black Earth, WI 53515

Ph. 608-767-2380

ALLISON KAY SCHMITT was born on Oct 4, 1979 in Madison, WI.

ALLISON is a student at Wisconsin Heights High School and is very active in sports. She also works at The Shoe Box.

14 STEVEN DONALD SKALET

Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

Inez Skalet

200 N. 3rd St.

Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Ph. 608-437-8135

STEVEN DONALD SKALET was born on Mar 29, 1914 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

He married Inez Evangeline Brager on Feb 9, 1935 in Galena, IL.

He died on Sep 9, 1991 in Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

INEZ EVANGELINE BRAGER was born on Jun 19, 1916 in Black Earth, WI.

Steven and Inez had 6 children:

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| 1. Steven Dean | - Born Aug 11, 1936 - Black Earth, WI |
| 2. Sharon Ione | - Born Jan 18, 1938 |
| 3. Rosalie Mae | - Born Apr 13, 1944 - Madison, WI |
| 4. Judy Lynne | - Born Feb 4, 1948 - Madison, WI |
| 5. Larry Neil | - Born Mar 6, 1950 - Madison, WI |
| | - Died Jan 16, 1994 - Madison, WI |
| 6. Kristi Rae | - Born Oct 27, 1954 - Madison, WI |

STEVE attended Helland Grade School and graduated from Black Earth High School. After attending UW-Platteville for one year, he went to work at Patrons' Mercantile Co-op in Black Earth, and Harder Paper Company in Madison. Later, he drove delivery truck for NEHI Bottling Company in Madison. He was employed by Stuessy Feeds, Crackin Good Cookies and Milwaukee Biscuit Company. In 1954 Steve started his own Skalet Biscuit Company. Steve and Inez lived in Black Earth for awhile and then moved to Mazomanie. Their last move was made to Mt. Horeb where Inez still lives after Steve passed away.

When Steve was young he had the misfortune of being bit by a rattlesnake. The story goes according to Jorgen: Sever, Jorgen and Steve were cutting corn by hand and shocking it in a field back of the barn. They stopped to take a drink of water and they placed the cover on a shock. The cover fell through to the ground. Steve reached for it and suddenly pulled his hand back from under the shock and felt something had bit or stung him. They all figured it was a bee and continued on with their work. After completing one other shock, Steve's hand had really swollen up. They took him down to the house to have Ma look at it. She saw two punctures in his skin and thought it may have been a snake. Jorgen and her ran back out to the field, tipped the shock over and discovered the rattlesnake. Grant and Sever rushed Steve to the doctor in Mt. Horeb, making the 8 mile trip in 10 minutes on gravel roads. Steve was well taken care of and survived the incident with no permanent damage.

Norwegian Heritage was important in Steve's life, involving him in many Norwegian based affairs. Steve played the role of "Father Nordraak" for 22 years, in the production of "Song of Norway" held each summer in rural Mt. Horeb. He never missed a performance in all 22 years. His entire family was very involved in this musical as well. It also became a tradition that he would sing "Kan Du Glemme Gamle Norge" (How Can You Forget Old Norway) each year at the play's cast party. He was also a charter member of the Sons of Norway Vennelag No. 513, Mount Horeb; and also a member of the Song of Norway Singers.

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INEZ attended Steensrud School in the Town of Vermont, and graduated from Black Earth in 1933. After graduation she enrolled at Platteville Teachers College. Over several years, Inez taught in the Steensrud, Marksville, and Danz Schools. After Sharon was born, she decided to quit teaching and stay home to raise her family. A dedicated mother she was

raising six children. Inez, along with Steve, spent about 10 years in the musical production of the "Song of Norway". There was a time that 9 of Steve's family were involved at one time. Steve and her were also both involved with the Song of Norway Singers presenting programs around the area. Inez is known well for her dedication to "Little Norway" (An outdoor folk museum) as a tour guide dressed in the authentic Norwegian costumes. She has blessed "Little Norway" for 19 years now.

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141 STEPHEN DEAN SKALET, JR.

Son of Steve and Inez Skalet

Steve and Mitzie Skalet

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Ph. 608-437-3474

STEPHEN DEAN SKALET was born on Aug 11, 1936 in Black Earth, WI.

He married Mitzie Susannah Schroeder on Feb 13, 1954 in Mt Horeb, WI.

MITZIE SUSANNAH SCHROEDER was born on Sep 5, 1936 in Madison, WI

Steve and Mitzie have 7 children:

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| 1. Craig David | - Born May 28, 1954 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Randall Stephen | - Born Jun 1, 1955 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Susan Joy | - Born Jun 19, 1956 - Madison, WI |
| 4. Beth Ann | - Born Apr 18, 1959 - Madison, WI |
| 5. Wendy Lee | - Born Nov 23, 1961 - Madison, WI |
| 6. Joel Jonathan | - Born Nov 9, 1967 - Madison, WI |
| 7. Melissa Marie | - Born Oct 23, 1968 - Madison, WI |

STEVE went to grade school at Black Earth and Mazomanie, and graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1954. He has worked for Milwaukee-Salerno Biscuit Companies as a State of Wisconsin Sales Representative Manager for 41 years now. He took business courses from Cornell University, graduating with high marks and subsequently taught the sales force with the Cookie Company. He has been a cast member in the production of "Song of Norway", playing the part of Henrik Ibsen for many years. He has sung with the Song of Norway Singers and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir. Steve has taught Sunday School, served on the Church Council as President, and been involved in Community Groups. He is a charter member of the Mt. Horeb Jaycees, and has been a member of the male contingent of the Unkalung Choir since it began. This June he will be traveling with the group to Russia. Steve has been involved with sports, actively participating, or as an enthusiastic spectator. Music is equally important in his life.

MITZIE, after raising 7 children, returned to the work force working for Knowledge Unlimited as Telemarketer and Manager. She is currently the Sales and Marketing Director for the Best Western Karakahl Inn in Mt. Horeb. Mitzie has taught Sunday School, Bible School, and Adult Bible Studies. She sings in the church choir, and has served on the church council and as President of the Women of the church. Some responsibilities have included, Presidency of the Mt. Horeb PTO and AFS Organizations. Mitzie has been a member of the Song of Norway Singers and part of the "Song of Norway" cast. She has now been a member of the Unkalung Choir for 18 years (Each member plays a bamboo instrument native to Thailand--the Unkalung). The choir has traveled throughout the United States and

Canada. This June they will be touring and performing in Russia. They have also performed at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.; West Point; The Thai Embassy; The Crystal Cathedral in California; Victoria Island and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to name a only a few.

1411 CRAIG DAVID SKALET

Son of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Craig and Sandra Skalet

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CRAIG DAVID SKALET was born on May 28, 1954 in Madison, WI.

He married Paige Martin in 1975.

Craig and Paige were divorced in 1979.

He married Sandra Lea Schilling on Feb 14, 1981 in Palo Alto, CA.

SANDRA LEA SCHILLING was born on Aug 29, 1953 in Redwood City, California.

Craig and Sandra have 3 children:

1. Christopher Stephen - Born Sep 23, 1984 - Fairfax, VA
2. Andrew Carl - Born Jan 2, 1986 - Fairfax, VA
3. Jeffrey Grant - Born Dec 14, 1988 - Littleton, CO

CRAIG went to grade school in Mt. Horeb and graduated high school from there in 1972. His schooling continued at the University of Wisconsin where in 1976 he graduated with a BS in Geography and in 1983 he received a Master of Science degree in Cartography. He has worked for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) National Mapping Division since January 1977. Craig is currently in charge of Research and Development for the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center in Denver, Colorado. He represented the USGS on two separate trips (1986 and 1993) to the Peoples Republic of China's National Bureau of Surveying and Mapping. Craig's interests include his family, golf, and woodworking.

SANDRA is the daughter of Carl and Betty Schilling. She went to grade school in Palo Alto and graduated high school from there in 1972. Her schooling continued at Foothills Community College. After school she worked at various places including Sears, Dataquest, and USGS. Sandy's interests include her family and her friends of which there are many.

CHRISTOPHER is 11 years old and is interested in reading and math, and although he likes most sports he is particularly fond of baseball. His little league team won the Colorado State

Tournament this year and advanced to the Western Regionals in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Christopher pitched for his team, one of their two left-handed pitchers.

ANDREW is 8 years old and is interested in anything non-scholastic. His sporting endeavors have included basketball, soccer, and baseball. Andrew's baseball team was also successful this year and they won their league championship where Andrew was awarded the game ball.

JEFFREY is just starting to get into reading and writing. Play is also Jeffrey's preference where he has played basketball, baseball, and soccer.

1412 RANDALL STEPHEN SKALET

Son of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Randy and Michele Skalet

Neenah, WI

RANDALL STEPHEN SKALET was born on Jun 1, 1955 in Madison, WI.

He married Barbara Hanson

Randall and Barbara were divorced.

He married Michele Gehrt on Jun 24, 1989 in Neenah, WI.

MICHELE GEHRT was born on Feb 26, 1964.

Randall and Michele have 3 children:

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| 1. Kaitlyn Grace | - Born Mar 29, 1990 |
| 2. Nathan Randall | - Born Feb 2, 1992 |
| 3. Kelsey Marie | - Born May 17, 1993 |

RANDY attended elementary and high school at Mt. Horeb and graduated in 1973. He spent one year at UW-Platteville. He has worked for Skalet Biscuit and for an insurance company. He is presently a Sales Representative for Bergstrom Motors in Neenah.

MICHELE is a Meeting and Catering Coordinator for Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah.

1413 SUSAN SKALET HENDERSON

Daughter of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Tom and Susan Henderson
417 Forest St.

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Ph. 608-437-5214

SUSAN JOY SKALET was born on Jun 18, 1956 in Madison, WI.

She married Thomas Lee Henderson on Apr 10, 1976.

THOMAS LEE HENDERSON was born on Feb 26, 1953.

Susan and Thomas have 3 children:

1. Tara Elizabeth - Born Feb 13, 1978 - Madison, WI
2. Carina Marie - Born Sep 26, 1980 - Madison, WI
3. Michael Jonathan - Born Jun 9, 1983 - Madison, WI

SUSAN graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1974. She majored in music at UW-Madison. She does in home child care at present. She is the choir director at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb, and is a member of the Unkalung Choir.

TOM is a State Field Rep. for North Central Crop.

1414 BETH SKALET WITTENWYLER

Daughter of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Scott and Beth Wittenwyler

205 S 5th St.

Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

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BETH ANN SKALET was born on Apr 18, 1959.

She married Scott Steven Wittenwyler on May 12, 1979.

SCOTT STEVEN WITTENWYLER was born on Oct 7, 1956.

Beth and Scott have 4 children:

1. Mathew William - Born Feb 14, 1982
2. Elisa Lee - Born Feb 25, 1983
3. Jessica Susannah (twin) - Born Jul 7, 1988
4. Jennifer Joyce (twin) - Born Jul 7, 1988

BETH graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1975. She attended Madison Area Technical College. She presently is self employed as a child care provider.

SCOTT works for Milwaukee Biscuit Company.

1415 WENDY SKALET SCHEIDEGGER

Daughter of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Karl and Wendy Scheidegger

103 Academy St.

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WENDY LEE SKALET was born on Nov 23, 1961.

She married Karl Jon Scheidegger on Jul 2, 1988 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, WI.

KARL JON SCHEIDEGGER was born on Dec 6, 1961.

Wendy and Karl have 2 children:

1. Kallee Marie - Born May 11, 1992
2. Kasey Lee - Born Aug 22, 1993

WENDY graduated from Mt. Horeb High School. She received her degree from UW-Madison. She has taught school in Viroqua, Wisconsin and Auburn, Alabama. She is currently at home raising her family.

KARL is a biologist with the DNR Fish and Game.

1416 JOEL JONATHAN SKALET

Son of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Joel and Susan Skalet

Ph.

JOEL JONATHAN SKALET was born on Nov 9, 1967.

He married Susan Diane Ibinger on Jun 12, 1993.

SUSAN DIANE IBINGER was born on Apr 24, 1967.

JOEL graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1986. He received his degree in Cartography from the UW-Madison. He is employed as a Cartographer with the National Geological Survey in Madison.

SUSAN is an interpreter for the hearing impaired in the Madison District. She also is employed at Meriter Hospital in Madison. Joel and Susan are expecting their first child in April.

1417 MELISSA SKALET MASON

Daughter of Steve and Mitzie Skalet

Paul and Melissa Mason

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MELISSA MARIE SKALET was born on Oct 23, 1968.

She married Paul Alan Mason on Oct. 19, 1992 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, WI.

PAUL ALAN MASON was born on May 30, 1966.

MELISSA graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1987. She received her degree from UW-Madison, and is currently teaching Mathematics at Mt. Horeb High School.

PAUL is a plumber with Sutter Plumbing in Mt. Horeb.

142 SHARON SKALET ERICKSON

Daughter of Steve and Inez Skalet

Phil and Sharon Erickson

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SHARON IONE SKALET was born on Jan 18, 1938.

She married Phillip Emil Erickson on Aug 6, 1960 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, WI.

PHILLIP EMIL ERICKSON was born on Jul 18, 1937.

Sharon and Phillip have 3 children:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Joan Marie | - Born Apr 27, 1962 |
| 2. Tammy Rae | - Born Jul 16, 1963 |
| 3. Leif Stephen | - Born Jan 31, 1966 |

SHARON attended Black Earth Grade School until the 4th grade, and then attended Mazomanie Elementary through the 11th grade. She graduated from Mount Horeb High School in 1955. Sharon also attended St. Olaf College for one year. Sharon and Phil have made their home in Shawano for the past 26 years. They were married when Phil was a student at UW-Platteville and Sharon was working at the Gonstead Clinic in Mt. Horeb.

Sharon has been working for Zion Lutheran Church for the past three years as a secretary. She has always been very happy and contented as a housewife and mother, but has also worked in several secretarial positions.

PHIL attended UW-Platteville and after graduating taught and coached in Deerfield, Wisconsin for 6 years. In Shawano, Phil was head football coach, English Teacher and Guidance Counselor. For the past ten years, he has been the principal at an elementary school on the Indian Reservation north of Shawano.

1421 JOAN MARIE ERICKSON

Daughter of Phil and Sharon Erickson

Joan Erickson

3011 N 90th St.

Milwaukee, WI 53222

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JOAN MARIE ERICKSON was born on Apr 27, 1962.

JOAN attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Shawano High School in 1980. She received her BS in Recreation Management in 1988. She is presently working for the city of Hartford as the Assistant Recreation Director. She has held the position for 3 years. Joan enjoys camping, swimming, traveling, and athletics. Joan has just recently purchased her own home.

1422 TAMMY ERICKSON LEIBHAM

Daughter of Phil and Sharon Erickson

Tim and Tammy Leibham

3428 Martenson St.

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TAMMY RAE ERICKSON was born on Apr 7, 1961.

She married Timothy Ewald Leibham on Jun 21, 1986 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Shawano, WI.

TIMOTHY EWALD LEIBHAM was born on Apr 7, 1961.

Tammy and Tim have 2 children:

1. Allison Marie - Born Jan 24, 1992 - Tomah, WI
2. Briann Evangeline - Born Sep 16, 1993 - Tomah, WI

TAMMY attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Shawano High School in 1981. She graduated from UW-Madison in 1985, and met her husband, Tim, while she was a

student there. Tammy is currently raising her family as a home mother. As a family, they enjoy biking, camping, hiking, and reading. Tammy personally enjoys decorating their home, crafting and cross stitch. She also enjoys a book discussion group.

TIM is an assistant principal at Eau Claire Memorial High School. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from UW-Madison. In his free time, he enjoys drumming, camping, canoeing, and local festivals.

ALLISON is three years old. She enjoys dance class, playing with her sister and friends, and a vast world of imaginative play. Both girls love to spend time with Grandma Sharon and Grandpa Phil.

BRIANNE , two, likes books, puzzles and Winnie-the-Pooh. She also tags along with her "big" sister and enjoys playing make-believe.

1423 LEIF STEPHEN ERICKSON

Son of Phil and Sharon Erickson

LEIF STEPHEN ERICKSON was born Jan 31, 1966.

Leif Erickson

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Ph. 303-870-1543

LEIF went to grade school and high school in Shawano, Wisconsin. He graduated from UW-Stout in Menomonie in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Leif manages, nights, a Norwegian restaurant, Ragnar's, on the ski hill at Steamboat Springs. He enjoys working nights so he can ski during the day. Leif is an avid skier and has recently become interested in fishing, hiking, camping, and mountain biking.

143 ROSALIE SKALET RICHARDSON

Daughter of Steve and Inez Skalet

John and Rosalie Richardson

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ROSALIE MAE SKALET was born on Apr 13, 1944 in Madison, WI.

She married John George Richardson on Jul 21, 1973 at Christ Lutheran Church, Spring Green, WI.

JOHN GEORGE RICHARDSON was born on Apr 19, 1945 in Richland Center, WI.

Rosalie and John have 2 children:

1. Jamie Jo - Born Jul 24, 1976 - Madison, WI
2. Ashley Ann - Born Aug 4, 1979 - Madison, WI

ROSALIE attended grades 1-3 at Mazomanie Elementary, and the rest at Mt. Horeb Elementary. She graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1962. She received her B.S. in Vocal Music from the UW-Platteville in 1966 and her M.S. in Music Education from Platteville in 1971. Rosalie taught vocal music in East Troy for 3 years, Spring Green for 5 years, and Oregon, WI for 2 years. After her marriage to John, they moved to Oregon in 1974. When Jamie was born she elected to stay at home to be a housewife and mother. Rosalie directed church choir and chime choir at St. John's Lutheran in Oregon for 13 years. She has also taught piano lessons in their home. When the girls began school, she began substitute teaching music. They moved to McFarland in 1987 where she continues to substitute teach at Deerfield, Monona, McFarland, Sun Prairie, and Oregon. She is presently the director of the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir at McFarland Lutheran Church. She does some part-time work for the Wisconsin School Music Association and continues to judge for them at music contests throughout the state since 1970.

JOHN graduated in 1968 from UW-Platteville with a Business Degree. He spent time in the Army after graduation and was stationed in Texas. When he was discharged, he found a job as an Insurance Underwriter at American Family Insurance in Madison. He continues in that Capacity, currently in his 24th year. John continues to play softball in the summer with a league in Oregon, and both Rosalie and him bowl in a couples league in McFarland.

1431 JAMIE JO RICHARDSON

Daughter of John and Rosalie Richardson

Jamie Richardson
"at home"

Ph.

JAMIE JO RICHARDSON was born on Jul 24, 1976 in Madison, WI.

JAMIE attends UW-Eau Claire with plans to major in Art Education. Jamie is active in the summer at the McFarland Pool as a Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor. In her spare time, she plays on a recreational softball team in Madison.

1432 ASHLEY ANN RICHARDSON

Daughter of John and Rosalie Richardson

Ashley Richardson
"at home"

Ph.

ASHLEY ANN RICHARDSON was born on Aug 4, 1979 in Madison, WI.

ASHLEY is presently a Junior at McFarland High School. She participates in swimming and basketball, and is the pitcher on the Varsity Softball Team. She's also active in Band and Choir, participating in Solo-Ensemble, making it to State Solo-Ensemble as a freshman with her vocal solo. She has also made it to the State Swimming Meet as a sophomore and a junior, swimming on the 200 Free Relay Team from McFarland.

144 JUDY SKALET DORSHORST

Daughter of Steve and Inez Skalet

Steve and Judy Dorshorst

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JUDY LYNNE SKALET was born on Feb 4, 1948 in Madison, WI.

She married Jack Fankhauser on Mar 17, 1973 at St. Paul's Liberty Lutheran Church, Deerfield, WI.

JACK FANKHAUSER was born on Dec. 20, 1949 in Barren County, WI

Judy and Jack have 2 children:

1. Brett Alan - Born Mar 3, 1973 - Madison, WI
2. Ryan David - Born Jan 12, 1978 - Madison, WI

Judy and Jack were divorced in July of 1981.

She married Steve Dorshorst on July 22, 1994 in the Governor's Conference Room at the State Capitol building in Madison, WI.

STEVE DORSHORST was born on March 22, 1952 in Stoughton, WI.

JUDY went to grade school at Mt. Horeb Elementary School and graduated from high school at Mt. Horeb High School in 1966. After high school she graduated from UW Platteville with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. She attended UW Whitewater taking graduate courses in reading and language arts. For the last 24 years she has been teaching in Deerfield, WI. Her first years were spent teaching Elementary Music and One Reading. For the last 18 years she has been teaching First grade and loving it! She enjoys reading, singing, going to the flea markets and antique shops and playing the piano.

STEVE comes from a family of seven and has lived in the Deerfield area all his life. He worked for General Telephone Company right out of high school. Then returned to the family farm when his mother passed away. He farmed for 15 years and then returned to General Telephone Company as an Installer/Repairer. He is presently working part time for

the phone company and raising Holsteins and beef cows along with farming 80 acres. He likes to collect Farmall and John Deere tractors, the big ones and the toy ones too.

1441 BRETT ALAN FANKHAUSER

Son of Jack Fankhauser and Judy Dorshorst

Brett Fankhauser
"at home"

Ph.

BRETT ALAN FANKHAUSER was born Mar 3, 1973 in Madison, WI.

BRETT is presently working in Deerfield as a surveyor and laborer with a local sod dealer. He is also a volunteer fireman for Deerfield and an EMT for the Deerfield/Cottage Grove area. He's still an avid reader and enjoys softball in the summer and bowling in the winter.

1442 RYAN DAVID FANKHAUSER

Son of Jack Fankhauser and Judy Dorshorst

Ryan Fankhauser
"at home"

Ph.

RYAN DAVID FANKHAUSER was born Jan 12, 1978 in Madison, WI.

RYAN will be a senior at Marshall High School this year. He enjoys all sports and music. He plans on attending UW Whitewater next year and will be pursuing a major in music. Guess he was lucky enough to inherit those musical Skalet genes. His grandpa Steve would be very proud of him.

145 LARRY NEIL SKALET

Son of Steve and Inez Skalet

LARRY NEIL SKALET was born on Mar 6, 1950.

He died on Jan 16, 1994 at Meriter Hospital, Madison, WI at the age of 43. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

LARRY attended the Mount Horeb Elementary and High School and graduated in 1968. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the UW-Platteville in 1972. He also did post-graduate work at Platteville in Counseling Education during 1972-73. Larry entered Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN, in 1973. After his first year he worked for two years as a counselor at Home of the Good Shepherd in the Twin Cities area. Returning to LTS, he attended until his intern year which was spent in Avoca, IA, serving Trinity Lutheran Church. He graduated from LTS in June of 1980. At this time he was a

member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, while living and working as a volunteer with the M.S. Society and in various hospitals and nursing homes. Pastor Skalet accepted a call and served as a pastor at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Butler, MO, in 1982. At his death he was a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison, where he was the president of the Corinthians in 1994. He was also an associate pastor of the Triangle Ministry in Madison and chaplain at Leader Nursing Home. Larry died on Sunday, January 16, 1994, after a long illness with multiple sclerosis. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, from the Immanuel Lutheran Church with Bishop Enslin, Pastors Mark Sabin, Gary Burkum, Donald Jacobson, and William Berg officiating. A memorial service was also held at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, on Sunday, February 13, 1994.

146 KRISTI SKALET HIPENBECKER

Daughter of Steve and Inez Skalet

Richard and Kristi Hipenbecker

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Ph. 608-437-8135

KRISTI RAE SKALET was born on Oct 27, 1954 in Madison, WI

She married Richard Allen Hipenbecker on Jun 14, 1975 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Horeb, WI.

RICHARD ALLEN HIPENBECKER was born on Jul 14, 1953 in Richland Center, WI.

Kristi and Richard have 3 children:

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| 1. Heidi Rae | - Born Aug 4, 1978 - Richland Center, WI |
| 2. Holly Marie | - Born Apr 30, 1983 - Knob Noster, MO |
| 3. Carl Christian Martin | - Born Aug 21, 1992 - Madison, WI |

KRISTI graduated from Mt. Horeb High School in 1972. She went to UW-Platteville 1972-1973 for music. She worked at Ingleside Nursing Home in 1974. In June of 1975 she married and joined the Army. She got her nurses training at Ft. Sam in Houston, Texas. In 1976 she began working as an LPN in Muscoda, Wisconsin and worked there for 2 years. After Richard joined the Air Force, they made many moves, including: Minot AFB in North Dakota; Sweet Springs, Missouri and Warrensburg, Missouri while at Whiteman AFB. While in Sweet Springs, they built a house in the Country. After Richard completed his service in the Air Force, they bought their first motel, The Homestead Motel, in Boonville, Missouri in 1987. In 1989 they bought their second motel, The OK Motel, in Boonville also. They moved back to Mt. Horeb in 1992 and bought their 3rd motel, The Karakahl Inn. They have spent much time remodeling the Karakahl, and in 1995 it became Best Western Karakahl Inn.

RICHARD went to UW-Platteville and graduated with a degree in Music. He joined the army in 1975 and transferred to the Air Force in 1976. He was commissioned 2nd Lt. in 1978, 1st Lt in 1980, and Captain in 1982. He finished his service June 1, 1987.

HOLLY is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Mt. Horeb Middle School. She plays the violin, clarinet and the piano. She also sings in her church choir, and in her swing choir at school. She enjoys playing volleyball. Holly is now taller than everyone in her family except her dad.

CARL is a very active 3 year old, and loves his grandma Inez whom he calls "honey".

1461 HEIDI RAE HIPENBECKER

Daughter of Richard and Kristi Hipenbecker

Heidi Hipenbecker

200 N. 3rd St

Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Ph. 608-437-8135

HEIDI RAE HIPENBECKER was born on Aug 4, 1978 in Richland Center, WI.

HEIDI is a senior at Mt. Horeb High School. She is actively involved in music, playing trumpet, french horn, and using her soprano voice. She has played first trumpet with the State Band Honors Group, and has traveled with the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra to Europe in the summer of 1995 playing her trumpet. Heidi is currently tied with one other classmate as Valedictorian of her graduating class. Good luck to her! She plans to attend UW-LaCrosse next fall to major in Physical therapy and minor in music.

15 GILBERT OTIS SKALET

Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

Gilbert Skalet

1515 Mills St.

Black Earth, WI 53515

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GILBERT OTIS SKALET was born on Mar 26, 1916 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

GIL started Helland Grade School at the age of 5 and graduated from Black Earth High School in 1933. He helped work on the home farm after graduating for four years before working for neighbors for 3 or more years. He attended an aircraft manufacturing school in Minneapolis before going to Wichita, Kansas attempting to get a job in Aircraft Manufacturing there, but ended up working for a company installing roofing. He returned home and went to work for Badger Ordinance Company, but just in the building of the plant. Gil was drafted into the army in late August of 1942. He ended up just north of San Diego, California at Camp Callan which was an anti-aircraft camp. He spent more than a year there training rookies most of the time. He was then sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas where he again trained rookies. Later, he was sent to Camp Maxey in north Texas for six weeks of intensive infantry training before being sent over seas. He traveled to Europe on the Queen Mary with about 15,000 other GI's. Strangely enough, he was sent to an anti-aircraft battalion again as corporal in charge of a gun section on a 40mm Bofors gun. He fortunately arrived there just after the Battle of the Bulge. He was located just west of the Roer River. After the war was over he did not have enough points to go home, so eventually ended up in a different army group. They learned that he could type, so he ended up in the office of that unit. Once again, he did not have the required points to go home so he was once again transferred; this time to a headquarters group where he was again in the office, but eventually was promoted to Sergeant Major. After about 14 months abroad, he returned home on a rather small ship arriving home very near his birthday of March 26, 1946.

On checking the newspaper looking for a job, Gil noticed that John Deere had an ad for employment in Madison. He applied and was hired just 12 days after he had returned from Europe. After working 8 months in Madison he was asked to come to Milwaukee, which he did and worked there for 8 years ending up in the billing department in charge of billing. Deere decided to close the Milwaukee office and so he was sent to Moline, Illinois where he worked until he retired in 1979. The last years of his employment, he was in charge of shipping and inventory control of the Moline Branch House. While in Moline, he first stayed in an apartment until 1969 when he bought a house where he lived for 24 years. Gil sold his house in Moline in September 1993 and moved to Black Earth.

Over the years Gil has enjoyed many hobbies such as singing in the choir; not only in Vermont Lutheran Church, but also in Trinity Lutheran in Moline. He also had quite an assortment of wood working tools which he so very much enjoyed to work with. He made a number of stools and tables. In about 1968 and 1969 he rebuilt a new kitchen in the Black

Earth house where Mutts was living. Again in 1982 he rebuilt the kitchen in his Moline house. In his retirement years in Moline he played quite a bit of golf. In the fall of 1990 Gil had the unfortunate experience of falling from the roof of his house and landing on the right side of his head which upset his inner ear and caused him to lose his hearing in the right ear and causing him much dizziness which keeps him away from his precious wood work and other hobbies. He is very content to read now, which he does a great deal of.

Gil's favorite hobby over the years was photography. He has hundreds of negatives and thousands of colored slides. He owned three Leica cameras, the best 35mm camera money can buy, and had a very well equipped dark room in his Moline house where he reproduced pictures from his father's glass plates and hundreds of his negatives. Gil belonged to a photography club in Moline where they met once a month nine times a year showing slides they had taken earning prizes for the best ones. Another hobby was going on trips. In 1980 he went with the Deere retirees group to Europe. In 1981 he went through the Panama Canal. In 1982 he traveled to Norway and Sweden, and in 1983 through Britain. 1984 took him to Germany, Austria, down through Croatia and he crossed the Adriatic Sea to Italy along with a group from his church. Again in 1985 he went with the Deere group through Spain, Morrocco and Portugal. Also in the spring of 1985 he traveled to Hawaii. In his early years after returning from service, he also collected rifles and did quite a bit of restocking rifles and a great deal of target shooting with them.

Gil enjoyed hunting like his brothers and also made many trips. He also enjoyed skiing a great deal and traveled west several times to try the slopes.

16 MAURICE OLIVER SKALET

Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

Maurice Skalet

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MAURICE OLIVER SKALET was born on Aug 6, 1918 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

MAURICE never missed a day of school in his 12 years at Helland and Black Earth High Schools. He graduated from high school in 1937. He worked on the home farm for four years after this and then was drafted into the army. Mutts traveled to many different places during his years of service. First he was at Camp Grant in Illinois, then Ft. Brag, North Carolina. He moved onto Ft. Sill in Oklahoma and then to the desert in California. Next was Fort Knox, Kentucky, then Pine Camp, Ny. His last camp before going overseas was Indiantown Gap, PA. Mutts was first in England, and then crossed the channel to France. He later was in Luxemburg, Germany and fought in the famous "Battle of the Bulge" in Forest Heurtgen. He was able to return home in October 1945. Both Mutts and Gil were in Germany when the war ended. Mutts had worked with tanks in Field Artillery in the 5th armor division. After he returned home, he worked on his brother Jorgen's farm and the Norslien farm. Mutt's was hired at Wisconsin Brick Company in Madison and retired on Jan 1, 1980 after working there for 33 years. He moved to town in 1949 with his parents to the house he presently lives in. Phil took over the farm from Sever at this time.

Maurice was an excellent baseball player and played with Black Earth Home Talent and after the war with Mazo Home Talent. He and his brother Phil used to play a game called burn-out on their lawn at home. They would throw the ball back and forth as fast as they could. Phil would usually end up with a swollen hand even though he was wearing a glove. When Mutt's was young he enjoyed batting stones with a stick, and would just pick up a stick and entertain himself (practice) for awhile.

When Mutt's was real small, Gollee was staying at the house taking care of him. He wandered away and she couldn't find him. she said "Mutt's say what", and Mutt's answered back "What".

Once when the students at Helland School had a "Minstrel Show", Mutt's saw black stuff around a wheel and rubbed axle grease all over his face.

Mutts enjoyed hunting too, and traveled up north some, but not out west like his other brothers. He would usually hunt with his friends from Wisconsin Brick.

When Phil was young Mutt's used to tease him and tell him that the ground was held up by planks and Phil believed him.

Mutt's too plays with the Vermont Dartball team.

Again, here is a poem by Grace Skalet about Maurice.

- M. Strong and Sturdy are his muscles
Ready to meet all life's tussle.
- A. God made him a true athlete, straight and neat
And crowned it with a temperament mild and sweet
- U. On the "diamond" unusual skill he's shown
Many a swift runner has he out thrown.
- R. His presence is restful soothing and fine
Tact and intelligence in him are combined.
- I. To many, many people he does appeal,
In our neighborhood he's termed "Ideal".
- C. He carefully calculates before he contradicts
When his mind is made up--carefully, his words he picks.
- E. "Play Ball" is sweet music to his ears,
From the grandstand arise lusty cheers.
- S. In the church choir every Sunday he sings
Pride and joy to friend and kin he brings.
- K. Of knowledge he has a fine store
In his mind there's always an "Open Door".
- A. On August the 6th nineteen-eighteen
He started his life here, calm and serene.
- L. To the "little ones" he's very kind
A truer friend they'll never find.
- E. He's eligible for military training
That he be sparred--we're all praying.
- T. The texture of his earthly life
Is filled with pleasure and with strife.

Dorothy Mae also has some childhood memories that she shared for this book. I will write these as if she were telling them herself.

I remember when Thora was dating Walborne. She had such pretty dresses and always looked so cute. I could hardly wait until I "grew up" and could dress like that.

Thora was so kind to me as she would help me have clothes to wear. I remember in particular a beige-brown coat and red hat I wore when I would take piano lessons. I was so proud to wear them. I will be ever grateful for all she did for me. (which includes piano lessons.)

17 DOROTHY MAE SKALET RASMUSSEN

Daughter of Sever and Malla Skalet

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DOROTHY MAE SKALET was born on Feb 24, 1921 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

She married Lyle Norman Underwood on Aug 18, 1945 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

LYLE NORMAN UNDERWOOD was born on Aug 16, 1919 in Racine, WI.

He died on May 19, 1990 in Fort Atkinson Hospital, Fort Atkinson, WI. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Black Earth, WI.

Dorothy Mae and Lyle have 5 adopted children:

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| 1. Richard Troy | - Born Sep 9, 1954 - Turlock, CA |
| 2. Jeffrey Lee | - Born Jan 4, 1956 - Stockton, CA |
| 3. Mary Jo | - Born Jun 19, 1957 - Kenett, MO |
| 4. Kenneth Wayne | - Born May 4, 1959 - Modesto, CA |
| | - Died Nov 9, 1979 - |
| 5. Gerald Keith | - Born Aug 21, 1961 - Springfield, MO |

Dorothy Mae married Richard Michael Rasmussen on Aug 31, 1991 in Lake Mills, WI.

RICHARD MICHAEL RASMUSSEN was born on Jun 20, 1923 in Thorp, WI.

DOROTHY MAE graduated from Black Earth High School in 1939 and was hired in June by Dr. Angus Turk to work as his Dental Assistant. She was employed by him for 5 years (lacking one month) when she made application at Hercules Powder Co., Badger Ordinance Works as a General Office Clerk in the "sign-up" line of the Employment Office.

After Dorothy Mae and Lyle were married in 1945, they moved to Chicago, Illinois where Lyle began working for the Civil Aeronautics Administration as an Air Traffic Controller at Midway Airport. Throughout her married life, until Lyle retired in 1975, they moved where ever Lyle's job took them. Their homes included Chicago, Illinois; Madison, Wisconsin; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Kansas City, Missouri. Dorothy Mae worked mainly as a secretary for various corporations as they moved around the Country. In January of 1962 Lyle and Dorothy Mae acquired a family of five children to care for--which was more than a full-time job. They moved from their comfortable ranch home in Kansas City to a 30 acre farm with a large pond. While there, Lyle had large gardens so they always had their own vegetables. Also while living in Waterloo, Wisconsin, they had three huge vegetable gardens, enough so that they could sell at the Farmer's Market on the Capitol Square in Madison. That was an interesting experience for them. They also raised chickens and pheasants.

Dorothy Mae remarried in 1991 to Richard Rasmussen. His wife, June (Halsten) passed away in July of 1950. She was a second cousin to the Skalet Family. Dick and June had been long-time friends of Lyle and Dorothy Mae, in fact Dorothy Mae played the organ at their wedding in June of 1947. Over the years the two couples had attended baseball games together in Chicago and Milwaukee, golfed together and even danced at the Aragon Ballroom when they came to Chicago for a visit.

Dorothy Mae has spent many years as organists in various churches and continued her gift of music at her church in Lake Mills, but has now retired, so only plays once and a while. Her volunteer jobs are less now, with only Meals-On-Wheels and waitressing at the Trinity Retirement Center now and then. This gives her and Dick more time to golf in the summer, which they hope they can continue for years to come. Also, Dorothy Mae still takes her walk in the early a.m. with her friends.

Dorothy Mae also has some childhood memories that she shared for this book. I will write these as if she were telling them herself:

I remember when Thora was dating Welborne. She had such pretty dresses and always looked so cute. I could hardly wait until I "grew up" and could dress like that.

Thora was so kind to me as she would help me have clothes to wear. I remember in particular a beige-brown coat and red hat I wore when I would take piano lessons. I was so proud to wear them. I will be ever grateful for all she did for me. (which includes piano lessons.)

There was a time when Thora, Phyllis and I all had those slacks that had such a generously full pant-leg in them. One day I was carrying two pails of water from the barn, and I had to go up a slight incline before getting to the house, at which point I tripped on those "balloon pants" and fell, losing both pails of water. What a mess.

After the Dionne Quintuplets were born, Phyllis and I collected and pasted in large black books (which we had acquired from the "Farmer's Store" I believe) any pictures and/or articles we could get. It was fun just to look through those books. We had our favorite "quints' too".

We always looked forward to the 4th of July when we could go to my Godfather and Godmother's - Torge and Clara Goderstad's. Nels (Torge and Clara's son) would put on his own "fireworks" display for all of us to enjoy. We would enjoy ice-cream, which was a royal treat. Torge and Clara always enjoyed making others happy.

When Charlotte Goderstead would come and stay at the farm, we would have a ball sleighing and playing in the snow. Once we had a sleet storm over snow and the ground was covered with this slippery surface. We took pieces of linoleum and slid down the gradual hill behind our barn. I can remember how we laughed so hard. Those little pleasures brought us so much joy! We were lucky to live within close proximity to our special cousins and could enjoy a Sunday afternoon of fun!

How I envied Jorgen for his beautiful black, wavy hair. It seems I was always having a "bad hair day" -- just ask Phoodie. She wrote in my autograph album "Wish you'd get a permanent so you wouldn't have to fuss with your hair so much."

Some of my fondest memories are at the Little House when Thora, Phyllis, Nitzy and myself lived together. We have many special memories.

The following is a poem Grace Skalet wrote about Dorothy Mae:

- D. She's a delightful companion this wonderful lass,
Always doing something which to others brings happiness.
- O. Obedience is a trait which is helpful indeed,
To her is second-nature--she'll always heed
- R. Righteousness to her is most precious of all
She treats everybody squarely, both great and small.
- O. is for Orderliness, which is part of her everyday life.
Some happy groom will have a wonderful wife.
- T. Is for tears and I'll endeavor to explain
That joy comes hand in hand with a great deal of pain
- H. She's as honest as the day is long,
Which always brings happiness and a heart full of song.
- Y. Her yearning for happiness for herself and others
Makes her a true friend to her sisters and brothers.

- M. Mother Instinct in her is easily detected
Youngsters with her are always well protected.
- A. Her attitude towards life is simple and true
Takes things as they are--she's seldom blue.
- E. Notice the distance between these eyes so blue,
That explains why she understands both me and you.
- S. On Sunday she sings in our church choir
Just for love -- not for hire.
- K. She kindles our hearts with a sympathetic glow,
When she appears-gone is all our woe.
- A. She has an aptitude for so many things
She cooks and bakes and plays and sings.
- L. Her "lover" I dare to say
Must be just as perfect as Dorothy Mae.
- E. Everybody loves her so
Very unwelcome anyone who causes her woe.
- T. is for "teeth"--well you know the rest
She helps you and others get the best.

LYLE had been in Air Traffic Control while in the U.S. Air Corp (July 1941 to May 1945). After he married Dorothy Mae, he began working for the Civil Aeronautics Administration as an Air Traffic Controller at Midway Airport. After 33 1/4 years in the business with numerous moves around the country, Lyle retired from Federal Aviation Administration. Once retired, Lyle kept busy again gardening, but was very active in the American Legion and 40 et 8, serving as Commander and Chef de gar. He was always very dedicated to his country and to his fellow man. He was always interested in history and loved fishing, golf and playing cards.

DICK was also involved in aviation while in service (1941-1945) as an airplane mechanic. After his discharge from the U.S. Air Corp. he worked as an airplane mechanic in Milwaukee. Dick attended Marquette University in the accounting field. He worked for the Heil Company for 36 years and was their Tax Accountant. Dick's hobbies include making tapes of the good music put out by the Big Bands back in the 40's as well as being a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, of which he is presently President of his Chapter at Watertown, WI.

171 RICHARD TROY UNDERWOOD

Adopted son of Lyle Underwood and Dorothy Mae Rasmussen

RICHARD TROY UNDERWOOD was born on Sep 9, 1954 in Turlock, CA

172 JEFFREY LEE UNDERWOOD

Adopted son of Lyle Underwood and Dorothy Mae Rasmussen

JEFFREY LEE UNDERWOOD was born on Jan 4, 1956 in Stockton, CA

173 MARY JO UNDERWOOD KOHL

Adopted daughter of Lyle Underwood and Dorothy Mae Rasmussen

Dennis and Mary Jo Kohl

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MARY JO UNDERWOOD was born on Jun 19, 1957 in Kennett, MO.

She married Dennis James Kohl on Jun 3, 1978 in Reeseville, WI.

DENNIS JAMES KOHL was born on Jul 13, 1956 in Beaver Dam, WI.

Mary and Dennis have 3 children:

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| 1. Benjamin James | - Born Nov 18, 1980 - Watertown, WI |
| 2. Stephen Glenn | - Born Jun 5, 1984 - Watertown, WI |
| 3. Bethany Sue | - Born Sep 18, 1986 - Watertown, WI |

MARY went to grade school in Cary, Illinois and graduated from high school at Waterloo, Wisconsin in 1975. She has worked at Columbus Hospital for five years as a Registered Nurse. Their family has registered quarter horses which they ride in parades and show at horse shows. Mary is also active in their local 4-H Club as a leader. There, she assists kids in their projects and attends different functions with them. Confirmation classes at Faith Lutheran Church also have her help as a teacher/assistant. Mary thoroughly enjoys raising her family.

DENNIS has been employed by Alto Dairy as a service representative for 6 years. He is also a leader in the 4-H Club. He enjoys helping his sons raise their angus beef cattle.

BENJAMIN is 15 years old. He is very active in 4-H and enjoys caring for and showing his lambs and registered angus cattle at fairs. He owns angus cows and is involved in the management and care of the cattle. He is a freshman at Columbus High School. He is also currently taking karate classes.

STEPHEN is 11 years old and he plays center for Columbus' 5th grade football team. He is also active in 4-H showing his pigs. He owns the angus cows and shares the work with his brother Ben.

BETHANY is 9 years old and enjoys dance class and playing the piano. She loves animals and cares for her cat, Fluffy, and puppy, Jazzy. She is in the 3rd grade at Columbus Elementary and is also taking karate lessons.

174 KENNETH WAYNE UNDERWOOD

Adopted son of Lyle Underwood and Dorothy Mae Rasmussen

KENNETH WAYNE UNDERWOOD was born on May 4, 1959 in Modesto, CA.

He married Jeana Schollmeyer on Jan 28, 1978 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Waterloo, WI.

He died on Nov 9, 1979 in a car accident. He is buried in Waterloo, WI.

JEANA SCHOLLMMEYER was born on Jul 6, 1959.

Kenneth and Jeana have 1 child:

1. Peter James - Born Jun 14, 1978 - Ft. Atkinson, WI

175 GERALD KEITH UNDERWOOD

Adopted son of Lyle Underwood and Dorothy Mae Rasmussen

Jerry Underwood

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GERALD KEITH UNDERWOOD was born on Aug 21, 1961 in Springfield, MO.

JERRY attended grades K-5 at Cary, Illinois and 6-8 at Waterloo, Wisconsin. He graduated from St. John's Military Academy in 1979. He has also studied at Carthage College and UW-Whitewater. Jerry has been a golf instructor for 11 years having played golf since the age of 9 and also while at the Academy. Jerry played little league baseball when he was young, and has now been enjoying playing wheelchair basketball for 15 years.

18 PHILIP ARTHUR SKALET
Son of Sever and Malla Skalet

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PHILIP ARTHUR SKALET was born on Feb 26, 1923 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

He married Ethel Marie Grinder on Feb 27, 1949 at Perry Lutheran Church, Daleyville, WI.

ETHEL MARIE GRINDER was born on May 21, 1930 in Perry Township, Dane County, WI.

Phil and Ethel have 1 child:

1. Ingerid Malla - Born Dec 11, 1970 - Madison, WI

PHIL attended Helland Grade School and graduated from Black Earth High School in 1941. After graduating he helped his dad on the farm while Gil and Maurice were involved with their military service. During this time he also helped many other farmers with their field work. He met and married Ethel Grinder and they took over the farm after Sever and Malla moved to Black Earth. They farmed there for nine years and then started attending the Lutheran Bible Institute in Golden Valley, MN for their winter short courses. They turned the farm over to Jorgen in 1957 and lived on the Otto Jacobson farm during crop season. They then moved to Ethel's farther's farm and farmed with her brother Ralph Grinder for the next few years. While living with Ralph, Phil also worked part-time as a bell-hop at the Park Hotel in Madison, and later worked with his cousin Ole Venden clearing trees for the freeways through Milwaukee. They moved to St. Louis Park, MN in 1962 and worked at the Golden Valley Lutheran College (formerly the Lutheran Bible Institute). Phil was a custodian and Ethel Faculty Secretary. Phil spent time at Eaten's Ranch in Apple Valley, MN and got the idea of giving hay-rides and sleigh-rides with draft horses. He and Ethel moved back to Wisconsin in 1964 and bought Elliot Mickelson's farm, just a couple of miles from the home farm. Phil gave hay-rides and sleigh-rides for 24 years, entertaining church groups, 4-H Clubs, Girl and Boy Scouts, Etc. While they lived there, he worked for the Vermont Township as a road maintenance worker. He retired in 1989, and drove school bus for a while for Wisconsin Heights.

Phil wrote: "I remember my first day of school at Helland School. I would just have soon stayed home to be with my folks. I went back of the barn to hide in the straw-stack. In those days, a farmer would put a small A frame at one end of the stack for a sow to have little pigs in at the proper time. This was just right to hide in! But of course, they found me. I had to go to school, No Questions! As I got older, 5th or 6th grade, I remember walking to school in the winter time, about one half mile, early in the morning to build a fire in the furnace before the teacher got there. I would crawl in the basement window in order to get in. I recall haying with my brothers and Dad. On a beautiful day that was just right for making hay, we would take two teams, King & Scott - Prince & Charley, and go up on the ridge. We'd hook King & Scott to a dump rake and get the raking done. Then, we'd load up with loose hay on the wagon and go home for dinner. We tried to get two loads done in the afternoons. When ever I could, I would try to ride King. He was a wonderful horse! When we put the hay in the barn, it was my job to pull the rope back that the horses used to pull hay up to the mow. We would rest between loads with a refreshing glass of lemonade!"

Phil much enjoyed playing baseball as a youngster and a young man. He once played for two teams playing 18 innings in one day sometimes. Later, he enjoyed playing dartball first with the Vermont Team and then starting Wisconsin Heights team which he is managing and playing with.

Singing has always been important in Phil's life. He has sung at many funerals and weddings as a soloist or along with Ethel. He also sings tenor in the Permmonts Quartet, performing at church services, community functions, etc. They have done three professional recordings over the years.

Phil has always enjoyed deer hunting, and has even made several trips with his brothers and buddies to the Crazy Mountains in Montana, hunting mule deer, elk and antelope.

On June 8, 1984, Phil and Ethel had the misfortune of being hit by a tornado that took all their farm buildings except the house, where they had been sleeping. A crew of 60 Amish men, 20 Mennonites, and 20 neighbors rebuilt his barn in one day! But after a second tornado swirled through, damaging their buildings again, they decided to move to town.

Phil is enjoying his retirement and playing with his granddaughter, Kara.

ETHEL has worked for Drs. Guenveur and Sutter, optometrists, in Mt. Horeb since 1964. She is currently working there two and a half days a week. Ethel has sung by herself and with Phil for hundreds and hundreds of weddings, funerals, Sunday worship services, and special events. She also sings with the Harmonettes, a women's trio, that give programs in many area churches and communities. They have recorded a stereo album entitled "Something To Sing About". She has been organist and choir director at Vermont Lutheran Church for many years. Ethel is very artistic and has done many beautiful drawings through the years which is evidenced by artwork in the Vermont Lutheran Cookbook, as well as in her Christmas greetings over the years, in note cards she designed, and in church newsletters. Check out her drawings of the Skalets found in the very back of this book.

181 **INGERID SKALET KVAM**

Daughter of Phil and Ethel Skalet

Randy and Ingerid Kvam

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INGERID MALLA SKALET was born on Dec 11, 1970 in Madison, WI.

She married Randy Lee Kvam on Sep 12, 1992 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

RANDY LEE KVAM was born on Jun 25, 1955 in New Ulm, MN.

Ingerid and Randy have 1 child:

1. Kara Marie - Born May 22, 1993 - New Ulm, MN

INGERID attended Black Earth Elementary School, and graduated from Wisconsin Heights High School in 1989. She studied one semester at Madison Area Technical College in Madison, WI, but decided not to continue. Ingerid studied private voice in Madison for 5 years and was selected to sing in the alto section of the State of Wisconsin Honors Choir in 1988. She was also accepted into the National Collegiate Choir which traveled through many European countries, but chose not to go because of the high cost. She worked at CUNA Mutual Insurance Company in Madison until she moved to Minnesota. Now, besides being a Mother and Housewife, she is a Piano/Voice Teacher as well as Organist and Choir Director at two local churches. She has recently started "Spirit Song Ministries", presenting vocal programs in churches throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ingerid has done a great deal of traveling and has traveled in 32 states and 2 Canadian Provinces. Ingerid and Randy expect the arrival of baby number two about June 7, 1996.

RANDY is a Cash Crop Farmer on his home farm in Franklin Minnesota, a farm that has been in the Kvam name since the late 1890's. Some events of the Sioux Uprising in 1862 took place on the land that is now the Kvam farm. He is an amateur photographer and has many beautiful pictures, many from his two trips to Norway and other trips across America. Randy is very interested in genealogy as well as Ingerid and has traced his families roots back many generations. He has also served on many committee's at his church, including Deacon for 6 years, church council and Vice President of the men's group. Randy is helping Ingerid with her vocal ministry by running all the sound equipment. Both of them are officers of Lutheran Brotherhood Branch #8477.

KARA is in her terrible but adorable two's. She is already taking after her Grandpa with an extreme love for horses. Kara also loves music and enjoys to pound on the piano and sing at the top of her lungs. She spends many hours watching videos of movies like, The Lion King, Fox and the Hound, and A Goofy Movie. She calls her Grandpa "Papa Pud".

19 PHYLLIS SKALET BOWER

Daughter of Sever and Malla Skalet

Dave and Phyllis Bower

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PHYLLIS ARLENE SKALET was born on Apr 20, 1925 on the Skalet Farm, Vermont Township, Dane County, WI.

She married David Charles Bower on Jun 13, 1948 at the Vermont Lutheran Church, rural Black Earth, WI.

DAVID CHARLES BOWER was born on Jun 22, 1925 in Whitewater, WI

Phyllis and Dave have 8 children:

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Gary David | - Born Mar 29, 1949 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Baby Boy | - Born Jul 3, 1950 - Madison, WI |
| | - Died Jul 3, 1950 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Constance Gail | - Born Jun 8, 1951 - Madison, WI |
| 4. Brian Charles | - Born Jan 1, 1953 - Madison, WI |
| 5. Paul James | - Born Oct 25, 1955 - Madison, WI |
| 6. Diane Joy | - Born Mar 16, 1960 - Madison, WI |
| 7. Mark Dale | - Born Dec 21, 1961 - Madison, WI |
| 8. Jean Marie | - Born Apr 6, 1963 - Madison, WI |

PHYLLIS was born April 20, 1925 in the farmhouse where her 8 older brothers and sisters were born. The dining room was curtained off, a bed moved in, and then she was born. Dr. Frogett came from Cross Plains in time for the birth. Jorgen told Phooddee he heard her first cry. Sever and the other 8 were eating supper in the kitchen when Phooddee announced her arrival. It may have been an "after milking" supper as her birth certificate states: Born -8 P.M.

I'm sure being number 9 in this family had its advantages : six brothers to help her and 2 sisters to grow up with. Phooddee doesn't recall ever being teased or being unhappy; only well -entertained. She thanks her brothers and sisters for all her go-cart rides, tying her shoes, shielding her from angry bulls, roosters, and Wildy the cow.

She tells of Grant being homebound with a cut finger (in a saw-blade mishap). She was 5 and the only one not in school. He taught her how to do dishes (he couldn't wash with his cut finger). He stood her on the oven door to reach the dishpan on the stove. Sometimes the pan was on a chair, too. She thought it was a good game then! Little did she know the piles of dishes there were to be done in the Skalet kitchen.

Grant also helped her make her first cake--yellow, from scratch. He read the funnies to her with sound effects and squeaky voices.

There was the time that Phooddee and Pud got in some hot water for throwing eggs up the ventilator of the chicken house! They thought it would be fun to throw them up the ventilator and then watch them smash all over the floor. One smashed right on Phooddee's head. But, that wasn't the end of it. Malla came in, never said a word, picked up three eggs and smashed them on top of Pud's head, turned around and walked out!

Of course, her two sisters were great fun; singing was a big part of their entertainment on the farm. They gathered around the piano or would even harmonize as they did the dishes. Thora, Dorothy Mae and Phooddee continued to enjoy singing together--especially in the 40's--while Phooddee was in high school. Dorothy Mae worked for Dr. Turk, Thora taught in Black Earth, and so they live with Thora and Nitzy quite a bit in those years.

High school was fun for Phooddee and she liked to study, managing to be Salutatorian of her class of 1943.

Being teenagers with her cousins, Charlotte Goderstad and Oleanna Venden meant lots of good times. A special club of cousins; June and Lorraine Halsten, Charlotte Goderstad, Dorothy Mae and Phooddee had great fun going to movies, picnics, and more movies. "The Just Us" Club was re-born after Malla and her friends had a similar group--only they had men in their club.

School at Whitewater State Teachers College was very quiet in 1943--only 7 men on campus--only girls were enrolling. Phooddee did volunteer work with the Red Cross (rolling bandages) and worked in an Army Raincoat Factory. She also baby-sat for 10 cents an hour

(25 cents after midnight). Returning veterans enrolled in '45-'47. Dave was one of those returning and the rest of her life has been this Skalet-Bower partnership. After teaching one year in Union Grove, Wisconsin, Dave and her were married June 13, 1948.

Seven little Bowers blessed their lives. The Skalet families have continued to help their family grow. Just Gary and Connie remember Sever and Malla, but these loving aunts and uncles mean so much.

DAVID attended 4 years of college at Central Michigan and Whitewater Universities. From 1943-1946 he served in the US Navy in its V-12 program and was a weather observer in the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. He was employed by the Rural Mutual Insurance Company as an Auto, Fire, and Crop Hail Insurance Underwriter from 1947-1955. From 1955-1958, he worked for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau as Assistant to the Bureau Manager. Cuna Mutual Insurance Society hired him as an Assistant Sales Manager and Insurance Counselor from 1958-1962. 1962-1973 He was employed by WPS Blue Shield as an Underwriting Supervisor and Contract Coordinator. He worked for Hallmark Insurance Company as their Special Risk Manager from 1973-1977, and from 1979 to 1993 he worked for the State Insurance Commissioner as an Insurance Analyst and Insurance Examiner. He retired from there in July of 1993, and is now enjoying retirement and his 14 grandchildren.

191 GARY DAVID BOWER

Son of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Gary and Cheryl Bower

1629 Angel Crest Way

Madison, WI 53716

Ph. 608-222-1089

GARY DAVID BOWER was born on Mar 29, 1949 in Madison, WI.

He married Cheryl Ann Fillner on Jun 20, 1970 at Messiah Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

CHERYL ANN FILLNER was born on Dec 15, 1948 in Madison, WI.

Gary and Cheryl have 2 children:

1. Jennifer Lynn - Born Dec 23, 1973 - Madison, WI
2. Jeffrey Todd - Born Nov 2, 1976 - Madison, WI

Gary attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School in Madison. He studied at UW-Madison, and received a BBA, MBA and a CPA. Gary is currently a Certified Public Accountant at National Guardian Life in Madison. He enjoys playing tennis and reading.

CHERYL attended UW-Madison and received a BS and a MAT. She is a 5th grade teacher at Sandberg Elementary School in Madison. She likes to do needlework and read.

1911 JENNIFER LYNN BOWER

Daughter of Gary and Cheryl Bower

Jennifer Bower

1629 Angel Crest Way

Madison, WI 53716

Ph. 608-222-1089

JENNIFER LYNN BOWER was born on Dec 23, 1973 in Madison, WI.

JENNIFER will be a senior this fall at UW-Madison, majoring in Social Work/Counseling. She enjoys playing tennis, and loves cats.

1912 JEFFREY TODD BOWER

Son of Gary and Cheryl Bower

Jeffrey Bower

1629 Angel Crest Way

Madison, WI 53716

Ph. 608-222-1089

JEFFREY TODD BOWER was born on Nov 2, 1976 in Madison, WI

JEFF will be a Freshman at UW-Madison this fall, majoring in Business. He also enjoys playing tennis.

192 **BABY BOY BOWER**

Son of Dave and Phyllis Bower

BABY BOY BOWER was born on Jul 3, 1950 in Madison, WI. He died at birth on Jul 3, 1950. He is buried in the Vermont Lutheran Church Cemetery.

193 **CONSTANCE BOWER FAUSETT**

Daughter of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Carl and Connie Fausett

504 E. Walnut St.

Horicon, WI 53032

Ph. 414-485-2430

CONSTANCE GAIL BOWER was born on Jun 8, 1951 in Madison, WI.

She married Carl Almond Fausett on Aug 16, 1986 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

CARL ALMOND FAUSETT was born on Jul 8, 1956 in Madison, WI.

Constance and Carl have 3 children:

- | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Taylor Robert | - Born May 2, 1981 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Austin James | - Born May 31, 1986 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Amber Gail | - Born Jun 1, 1988 - Madison, WI |

CONNIE attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School. She studied Dental Hygiene at MATC in Madison, and received a BS degree at UW-Eau Claire, WI. She is teaching Special Education in the Horicon Public Schools. Connie's hobbies include art and music.

CARL is self employed as a recruiter and Certified Personnel & Employment Consultant in Horicon. He is the boy scout master in Horicon. He enjoys wood carving, archery, fishing, and computers.

194 **BRIAN CHARLES BOWER**

Son of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Brian and Diane Bower

1030 Painted Post Dr.

BRIAN CHARLES BOWER was born on Jan 1, 1953 in Madison, WI.

He married Diane Marie Dolderer on May 26, 1978 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Madison, WI.

DIANE MARIE DOLDERER was born on Jun 30, 1954 in Madison, WI.

Brian and Diane have 2 children:

1. Katie Marie - Born Sep 9, 1987 - Madison, WI
2. Brett James - Born Jul 5, 1990 - Madison, WI

BRIAN attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School in 1971. He worked for B.F. Goodrich Tire Co. and Gardner Bakery before taking a job with the State of Wisconsin as groundskeeper for Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison. He has been employed there for 19 years. He plays in the city softball, basketball and volleyball leagues and golfs when ever Diane lets him. He enjoys camping and bike riding with his kids and spent his first year as T-ball coach for Katie and Brett. The entire family enjoys playing tennis.

DIANE went to Madison Area Technical College to be a Dental Assistant, and also to get an associate degree in Accounting. She has worked for Dr. Griswold and Cuna Mutual Insurance. She is currently employed by the City of Madison as an Accounting Tech. II, and has been employed there for 16 years. Diane plays in the city golf league, and enjoys camping, biking, and family tennis.

KATIE attends the 2nd grade at St. Dennis School in Madison. She played T-ball this summer and loves drawing and sewing. She is also active in Brownies.

BRETT attends Monona Grove Nursery School. He plays in T-ball and soccer leagues and likes basketball and football too.

195 PAUL JAMES BOWER

Son of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Paul and Barbara Bower

302 Gillis Ave

Brainerd, MN 56401

Ph. 218-829-1254

PAUL JAMES BOWER was born on Oct 25, 1955 in Madison, WI.

He married Barbara Ann Twiton on Sep 4, 1982 at the Barneveld Lutheran Church, Barneveld, WI.

BARBARA ANN TWITON was born on Feb 9, 1958 in Minneapolis, MN.

Paul and Barbara have 2 children:

1. Matthew Paul - Born Aug 28, 1983 - Madison, WI
2. Halen Ann - Born Oct 18, 1985 - Madison, WI

PAUL attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School in 1973. He is a Real Estate Broker and owns Tower Real Estate in Brainerd, MN. They moved to Brainerd in 1986 to enjoy all the beautiful lakes and recreation the area has to offer. They started the Real Estate business in 1992 and have been keeping very busy selling property. They have also been remodeling their big old 5 bedroom house. Paul has many hobbies including Fishing, softball, camping and remodeling.

BARB received a BA from Carthage College in Kenosha, WI, graduating with a Social Science Degree. She is teaching Computer Education at present, and helping run the real estate office. Barb plays organ and piano for their church, and is president of their AAL (Aid Association for Lutherans) Branch which does local charity work. Barb likes camping, fishing and shopping with Haley.

MATTHEW is 12 years old and enjoys baseball, fishing, camping and all sports in general. He also enjoys music and likes school (most of the time).

HALEN is 10 years old and likes all sports. She enjoys music and is learning to play the piano. She likes school and shopping with her mom.

196 DIANE BOWER TWITON

Daughter of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Rev. John and Diane Twiton

Box 222

Blair, WI 54616

Ph. 608-989-2591

DIANE JOY BOWER was born on Mar 16, 1960 in Madison, WI.

She married John Halen Twiton on Dec 31, 1982 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

JOHN HALEN TWITON was born on Oct 26, 1959 in Fargo, ND.

Diane and John have 2 children:

1. Andrew Russell - Born Jun 22, 1986 - St. Paul, MN
2. Hannah Joy - Born Jul 26, 1988 - LaCrosse, WI

DIANE attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School in 1978. She graduated from UW-Madison in 1982 with a major in English. She is presently a Teller at the Union Bank of Blair. She enjoys reading, writing, and being with her family. Some of her hobbies are biking, camping, and cross country skiing. The family enjoys there new home in Blair and would welcome any visitors who happen their way.

JOHN grew up in Barneveld, Wisconsin where his father Robert Twiton was Pastor for 28 years. He attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota and Luther Northwestern Seminary in St. Paul. After seminary John was Pastor of the Mt. Sterling and Utica Churches for 7 years. 1986-1993. He is currently serving a 3-point parish in Blair: Zion, First and Fagerness Lutheran Churches. John finds time for fishing, biking, camping and gardening.

ANDREW is in the 4th grade, and is an avid Packer fan.

HANNAH is an animal lover who takes good care of the family dog, 2 cats and 2 fish. Hannah is in the 2nd grade at Blair Taylor.

197 MARK DALE BOWER

Son of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Mark and Diana Bower

1224 W. Main St.

Stoughton, WI 53589

Ph. 608-873-0737

MARK DALE BOWER was born on Dec 21, 1961 in Madison, WI.

He married Dianna Marie O'Brien on Aug 18, 1990 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Madison, WI.

DIANNA MARIE O'BRIEN was born on May 27, 1964 in Madison, WI.

Mark and Dianna have 3 children:

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Mackenzie Marie | - Born Dec 5, 1991 - Madison, WI |
| 2. Brianna Marie | - Born Apr 25, 1993 - Madison, WI |
| 3. Zachary Mark | - Born May 14, 1995 - Madison, WI |

MARK attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School in 1980. He received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from UW-Madison in 1985. He is currently employed at Research Products Corp. in Madison where he has been an engineer for 7 years. Mark met Dianna working at The Athlete's Foot athletic footwear store in Madison during there college years. They purchased an old house in Stoughton in 1992 and have been busy keeping up with needed repairs and remodeling with years of work and plans ahead of them. Mark enjoys remodeling his home (when things go according to plan), playing tennis and golf, and just being with his family.

DIANNA graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in Exercise Physiology in 1988 and returned to the UW to get her Nursing Degree in 1990. She is at present a Registered Nurse at the University Hospital Emergency Room in Madison and has worked there for 5 years. Dianna enjoys being outdoors and playing golf, softball, and basketball.

MACKENZIE is 3 years old and enjoys doing jigsaw puzzles, reading books, and playing with identical twin neighbor boys her age. She is also looking forward to starting Pre-school in Stoughton this fall.

BRIANNA is 2 years old and does a good job of keeping up with her older sister. She enjoys playing with dolls, blocks, reading and showing her sister that she can do anything she can do.

ZACHARY their newborn, enjoys eating, sleeping, teething and smiling his toothless smile at everyone.

198 JEAN BOWER AMUNDSEN

Daughter of Dave and Phyllis Bower

Rune and Jean Amundsen
312 E. Diamond Lake Rd.
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Ph. 612-825-2527

JEAN MARIE BOWER was born on Apr 6, 1963 in Madison, WI.

She married Rune Bjorn Amundsen on Aug 27, 1988 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.

RUNE BJORN AMUNDSEN was born on Mar 2, 1964 in Skien, Norway.

JEAN attended Schenk Elementary & Middle Schools, and graduated from Lafollette High School. She went one year to Luther College, and then received a BA degree in Scandinavian Studies from UW-Madison. She also studied to become a Electronic Publishing Technician at Hennepin Technical College. She is currently employed by West Publishing Company as a Ancillary Production Editor, College Textbook Department in Eagan, MN. Jean spent a few years in Norway studying and working as a Nanny. While she was there, she traced the Venden family footsteps in Valdres.

RUNE was born and raised in Skien, Telemark, Norway. He studied Business and Information Systems at District College in BO, Telemark. He moved to the United States after his marriage to Jean. He is currently employed by Analysts International Corporation in Bloomington, MN. Rune and Jean are also Interactive Marketing Business Owners. They both enjoy music and hiking.

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LINEAGE LIST

Pedigree

Descendants of Sever and Malla Skalet (1)

A Lineage List or Pedigree is made up of only blood-line or genetic relations. All spouses, adoptees and step relations are intentionally omitted. Nicknames are not ordinarily used, but middle names are shown if a person is known by that name. Women who are married will have their most recent married names indicated. The numbers preceding the names are Identification Numbers, as explained on page --. This list is based on information that was available at the time of printing.

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1111 David Parrell

11111 Angela Parrell

11112 Daniel Parrell

1112 Laura Winchip

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11123 Grace Winchip

1113 Cynthia Linder

1114 Donna Varney

11141 Elizabeth Varney

11142 Heidi Varney

11143 Grant Varney

12 Thora Gillette

121 Nitzy Field

1211 Karen Edlund

12111 Alyssa Edlund

12112 Erik Edlund

1212 James Field

12121 Hannah Field

1213 Mark Field

13 Jorgen Skalet

131 Paul Skalet

1311 Kristin Skalet

1312 Erika Skalet

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- 133 Julie Schmitt
 1331 Amy Schlimgen
 1332 Jill Adler
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 1411 Craig Skalet
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 1414 Beth Wittenwyler
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 14142 Elisa Wittenwyler
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 1415 Wendy Scheidegger
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 14152 Kasey Scheidegger
 1416 Joel Skalet
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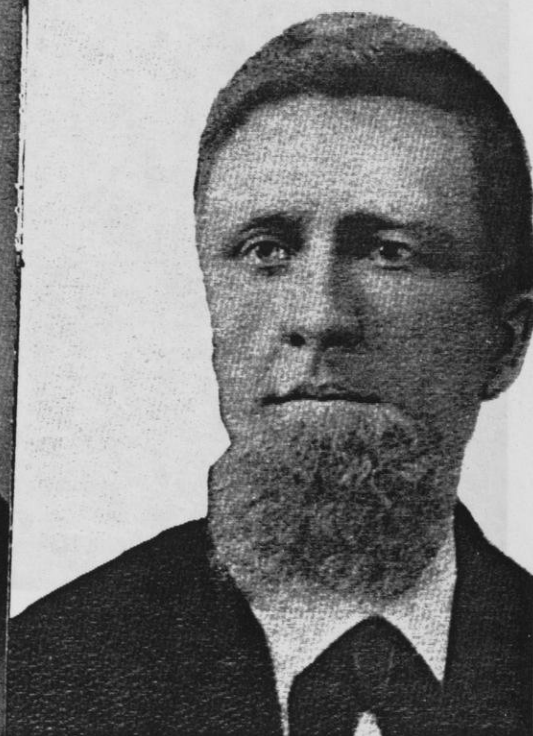
Skaret - The Skalet Farm in Norway,
taken by Grant Skalet on one of his
trips.



Skaret - The farm on the left in the
distance.

Skaret - Skaret, meaning the scar in the hill.

Tonetta Peterson Strandbratan &
Gulbrand Skalet





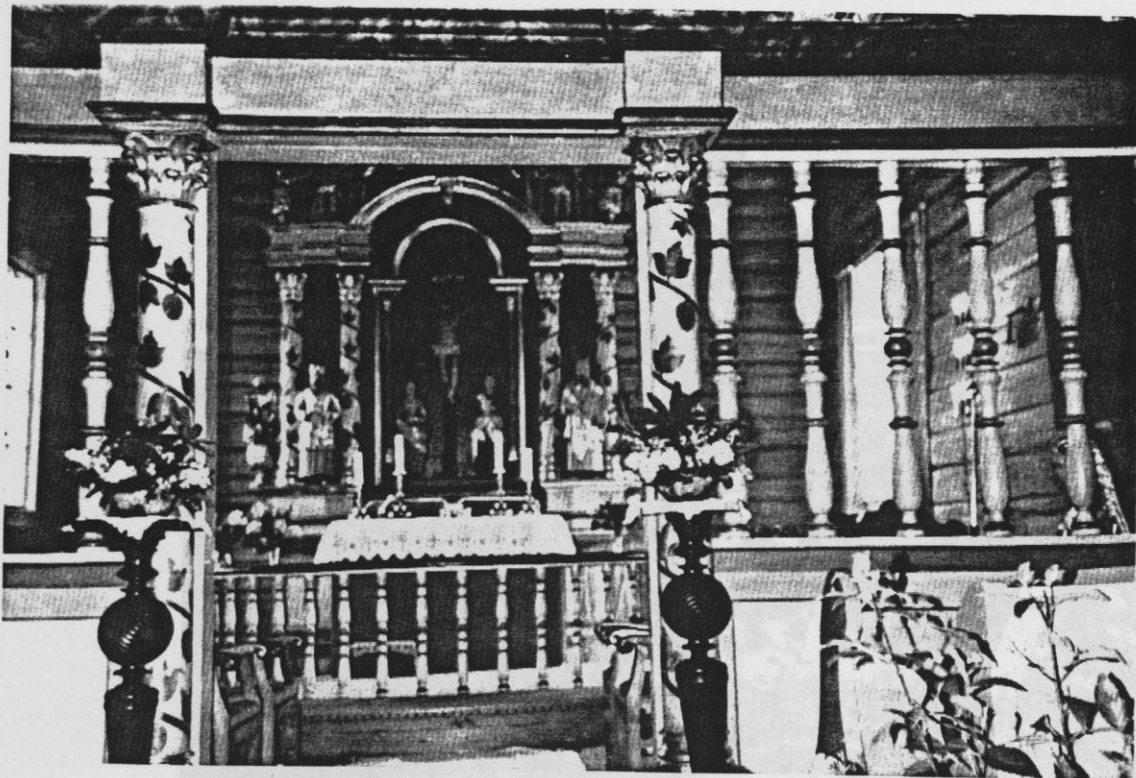
Brother and Sisters - Standing: Sever
and Hannah. Seated: Nora and Alma



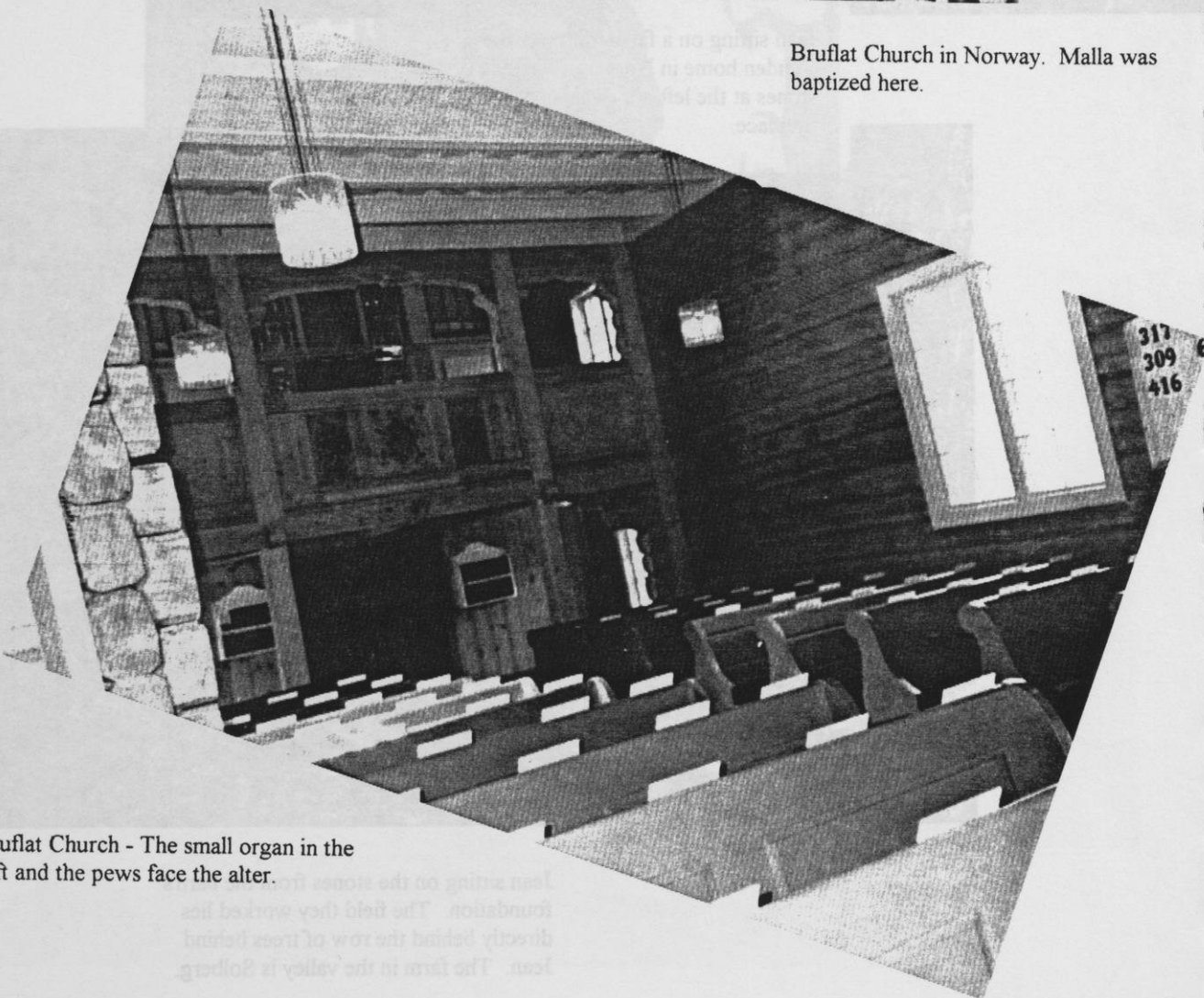
Jean sitting on a fallen rafter of the Venden home in Norway. The pile of stones at the left are remains of the fireplace.



Jean sitting on the stones from the barn's foundation. The field they worked lies directly behind the row of trees behind Jean. The farm in the valley is Solberg.



Bruflat Church in Norway. Malla was baptized here.

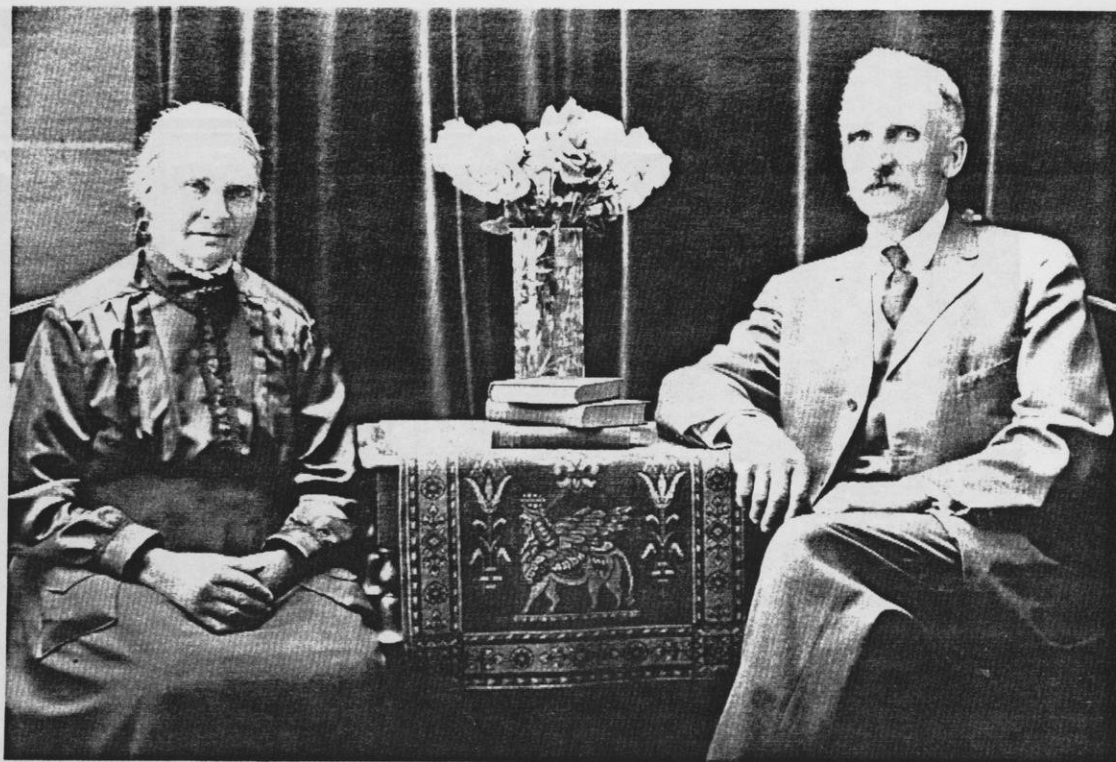


Bruflat Church - The small organ in the loft and the pews face the altar.



These two pictures are of the Bagn area
in Valdres.





Olijanna and Martin Venden

Bridal Church in Norway. Malla was
baptized here.

Olava - Clara - Henry - Dorothea - Mathilda - Randena - Malla





Sever Skalet

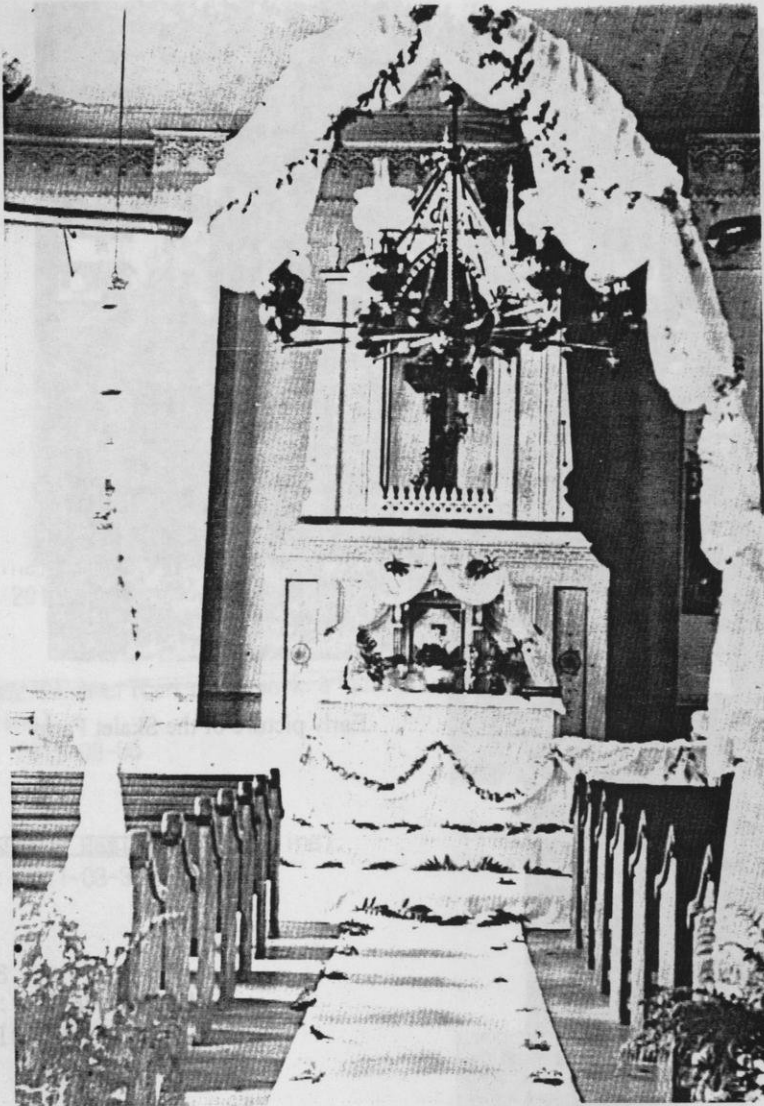
Vermont Lark, Ct. decorated for the wedding.

Dorothea (Malla) Marie Venden





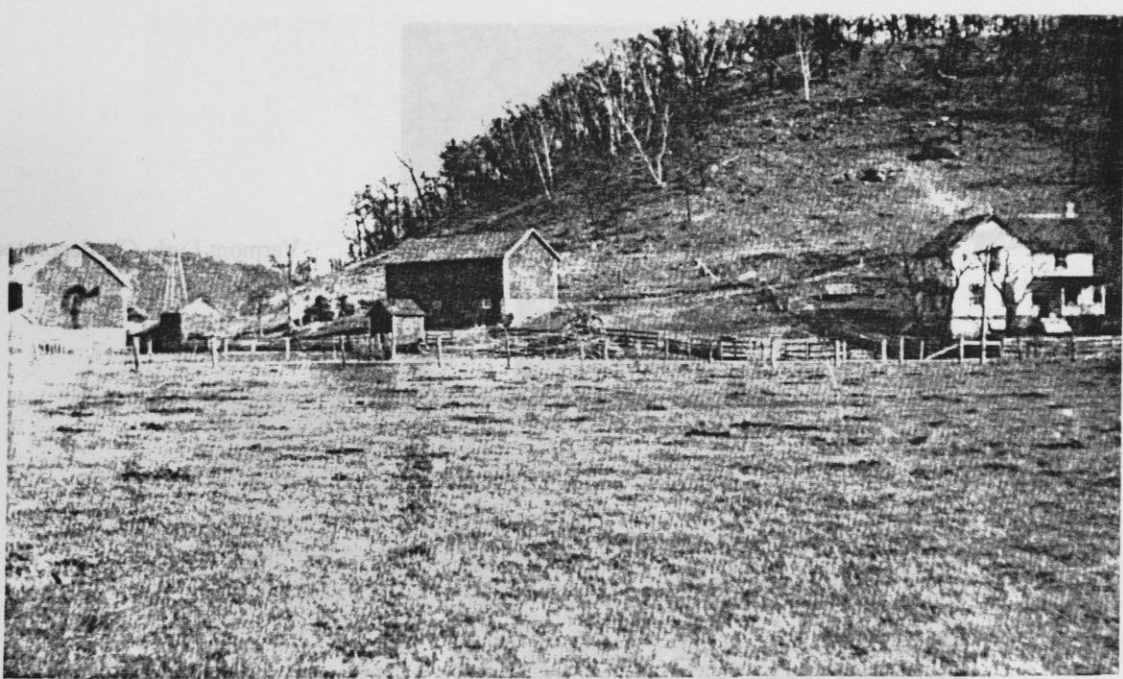
Sever and Malla's Wedding Picture



Vermont Luth. Ch. decorated for the wedding.

Wedding party and guests on the lawn of the Martin Venden home.

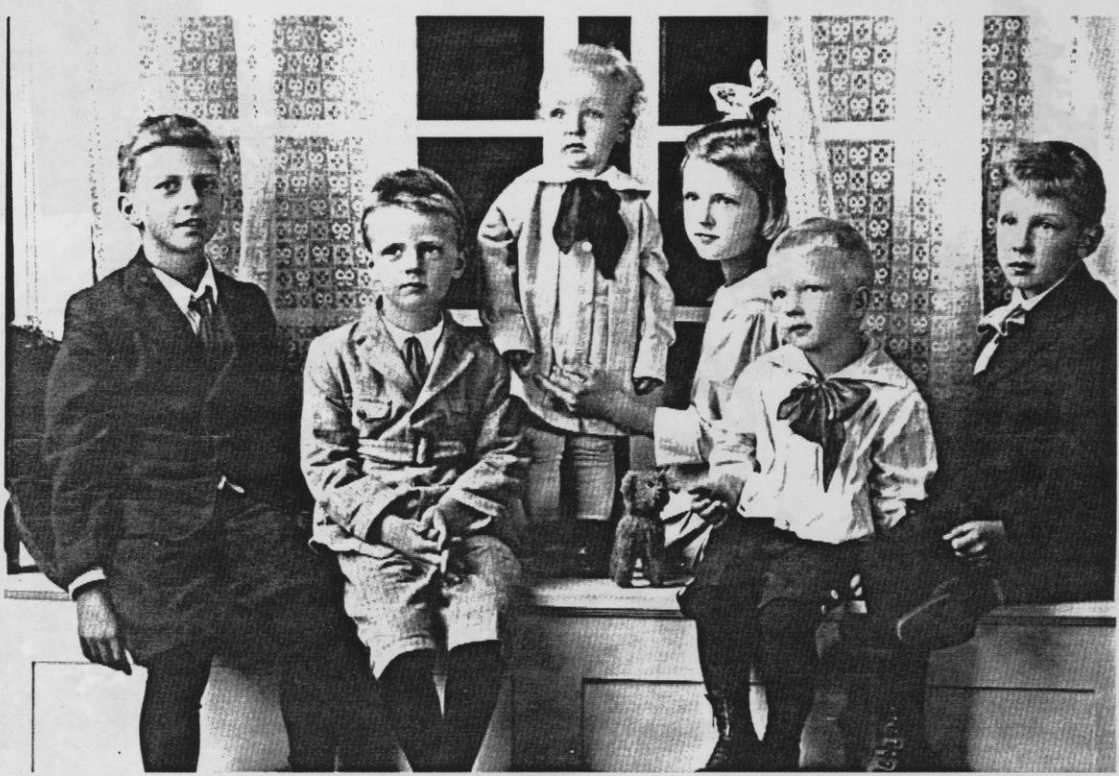




Early picture of the Skalet Farm.



Amy Schmitt wearing Malla's wedding dress.



L to R - Grant - Steve - Maurice -
Thora - Gilbert - Jorgen



Thora's first day of College & Do Mae's
first day of school. Back row: Steve -
Gil - Do Mae - Mutts - Grant - Thora -
Jorgen. Front: Scott(dog) - Phoodee -
Pud



The Skalet Band - L to R: Phoodie -
Steve - Mutts- Gil - Pud and Do Mae in
front.

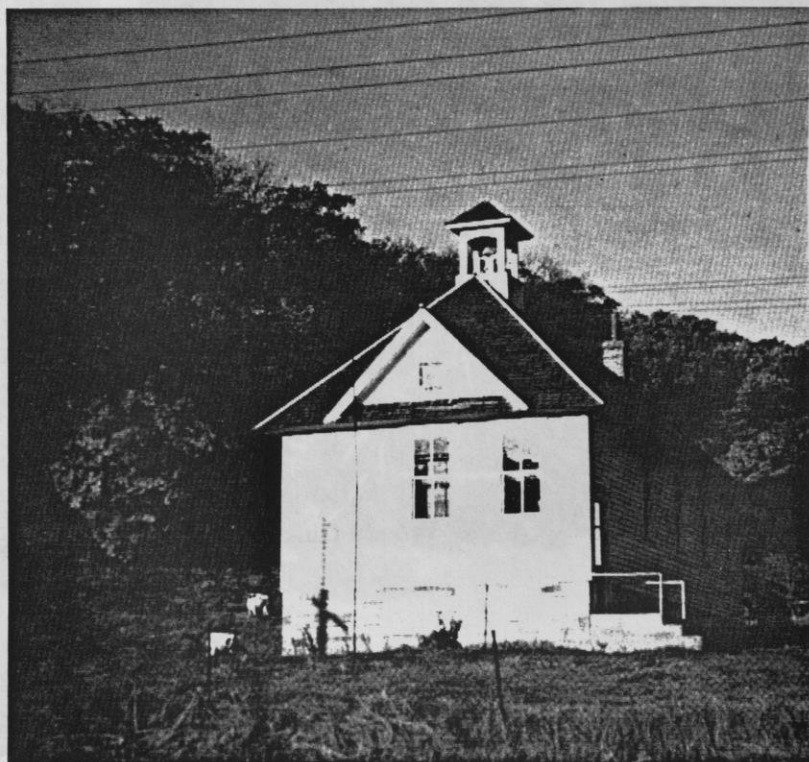


Mutts - Pud - Gil and Steve playing ball

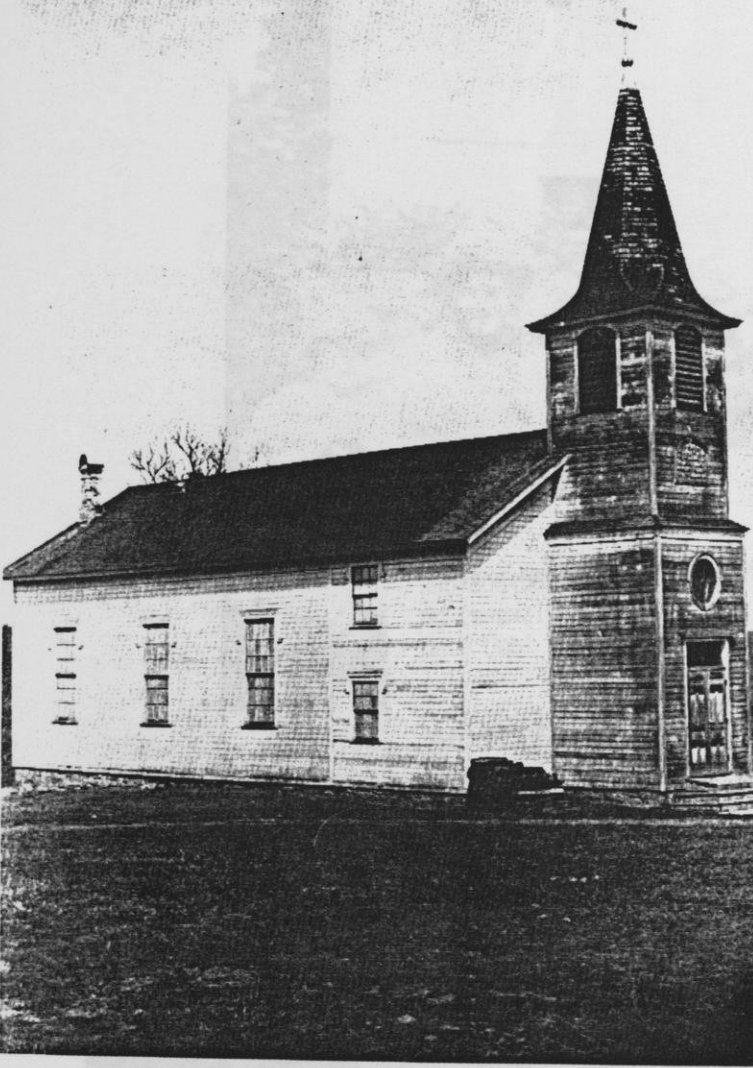


First Helland School

Helland School as it looked for most of the Skalets as students.



Vermont Lutheran Church as it looked
before 1913.



Vermont Lutheran Church.





The Skalet Farm about 1935.



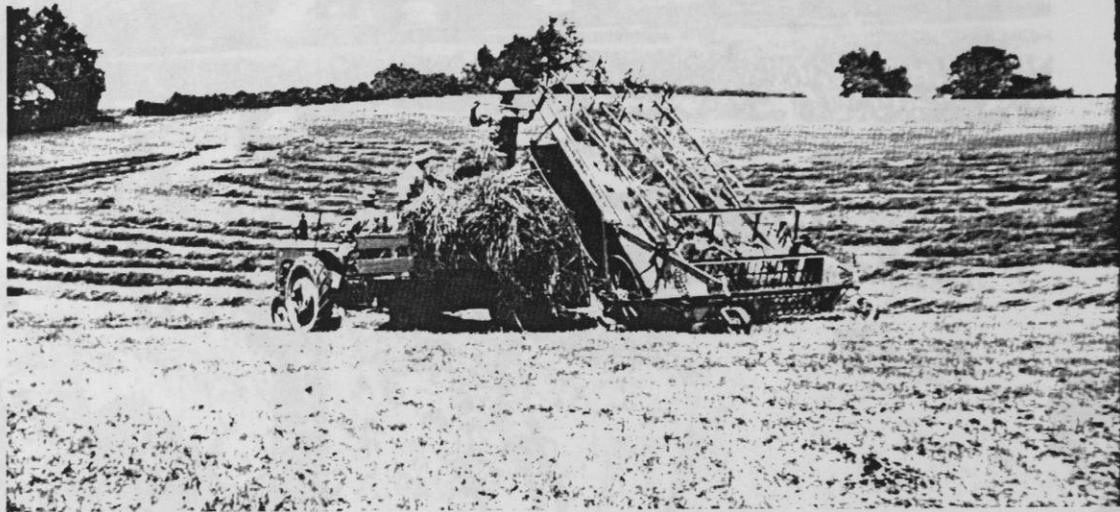
Phil & Nitzy on the Massey-Harris 81
bringing hay off the meadow during
WWII.



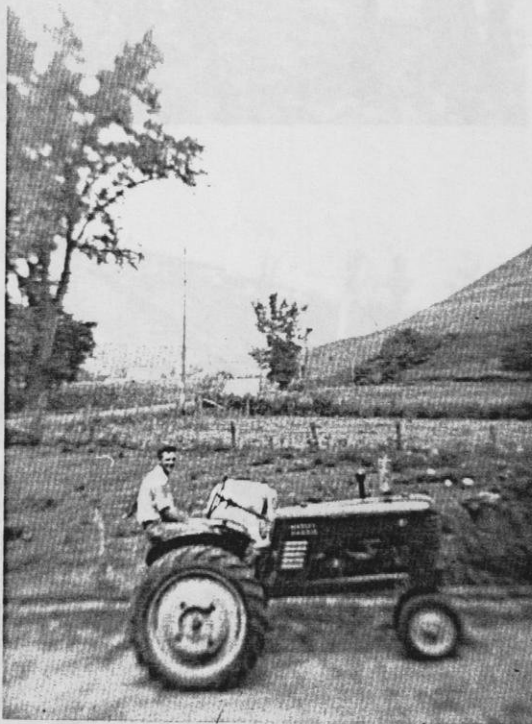
Haying on the ridge - Sever standing behind tractor. Mutts on top of load. Just before the war.



driving tractor on left is Sever with Jorgen on top of load. Phil driving the other tractor.

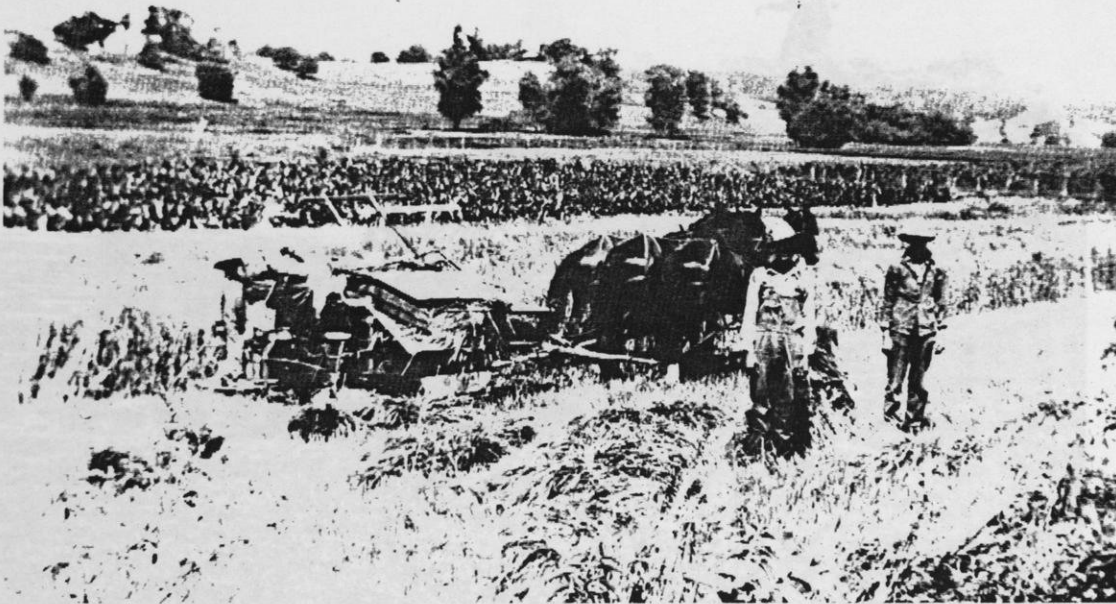


Haying on the ridge with the hayloader.

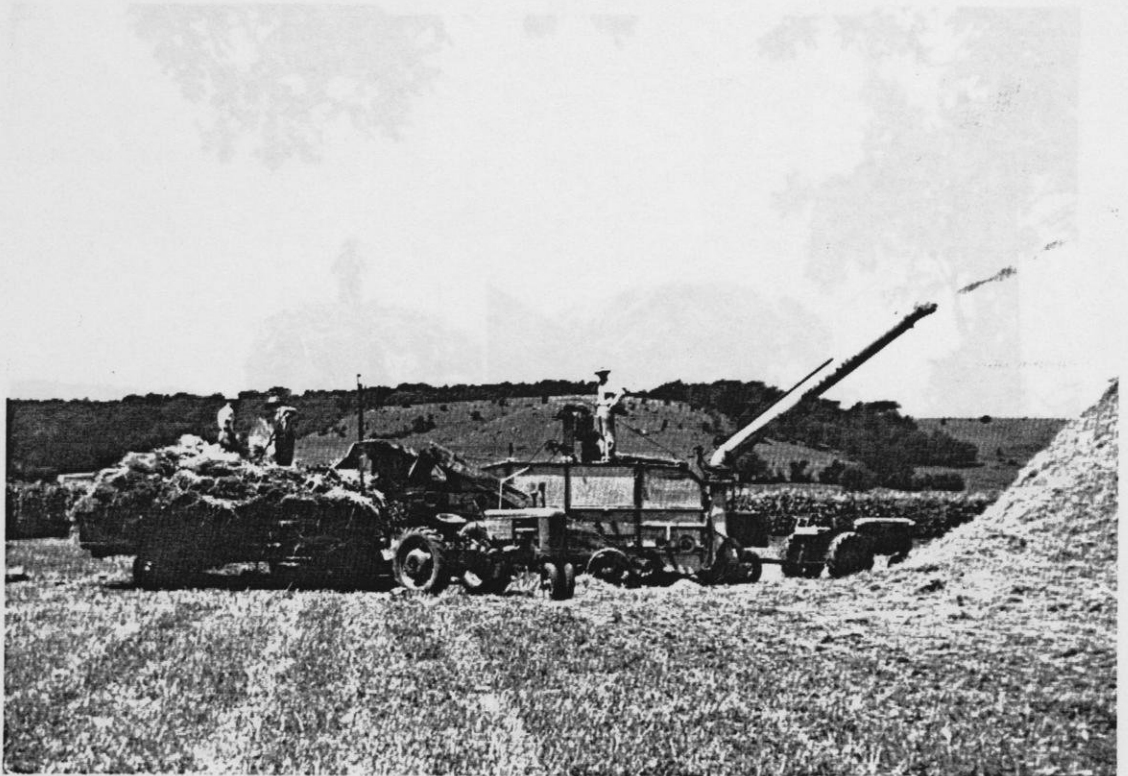


Phil on the Massey-Harris 81.

Phil. This photo. Jay



Cutting grain below Hwy 78. Sever driving with Pud along side him. Horses L to R: Charlie - Prince - Scott. Steve and Jorgen standing.



Threshing



Bell - Sever - Charlie about 1947



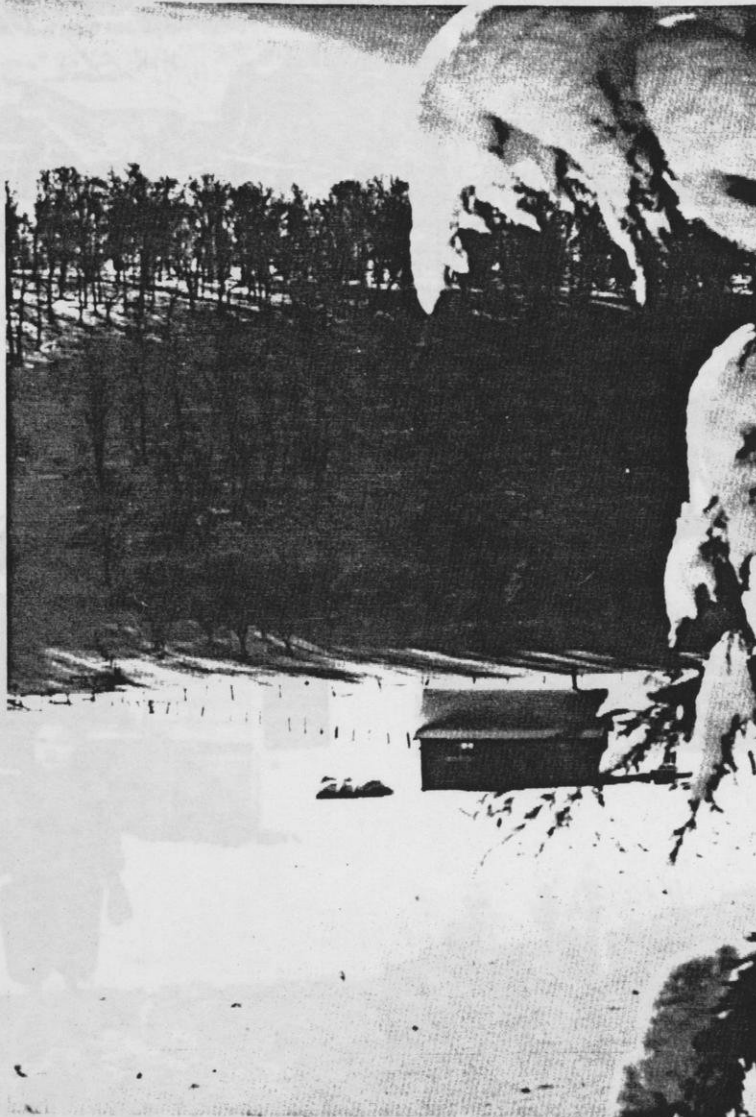
Dick - Phil - Clyde about 1982. Like father like son.



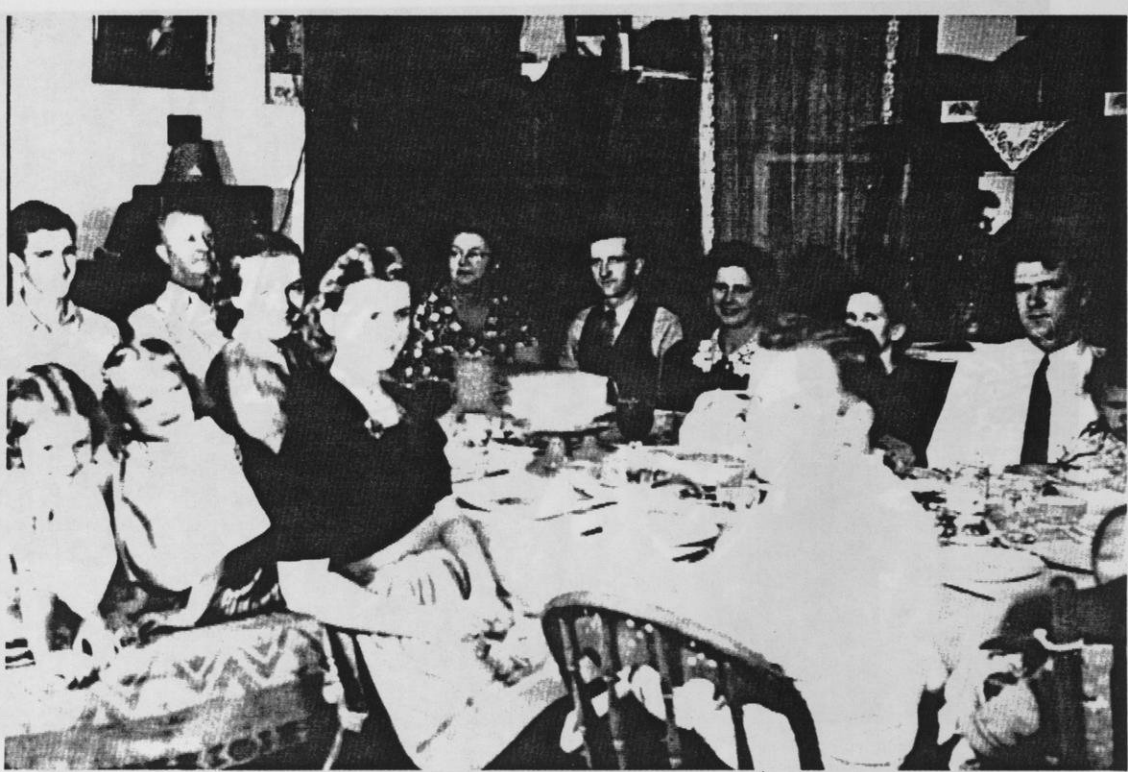
Paul in front of the "Bu".



Sever and Phil next to the old cottonwood after it was cut down in the early '50's.



Shooting cabin in the valley.



Christmas on the Farm. Back row: Pud
Sever - Malla - Grant - Grace - Inez -
Steve. Front: Tee - Nitzy - Phoodie -
Thora - Mutts

Do Mae - Tee on her lap - Gil - Paul -
Milly - Jorgen - Steve Jr.





Mutts - Hannah Field - Sever at Grant's place.



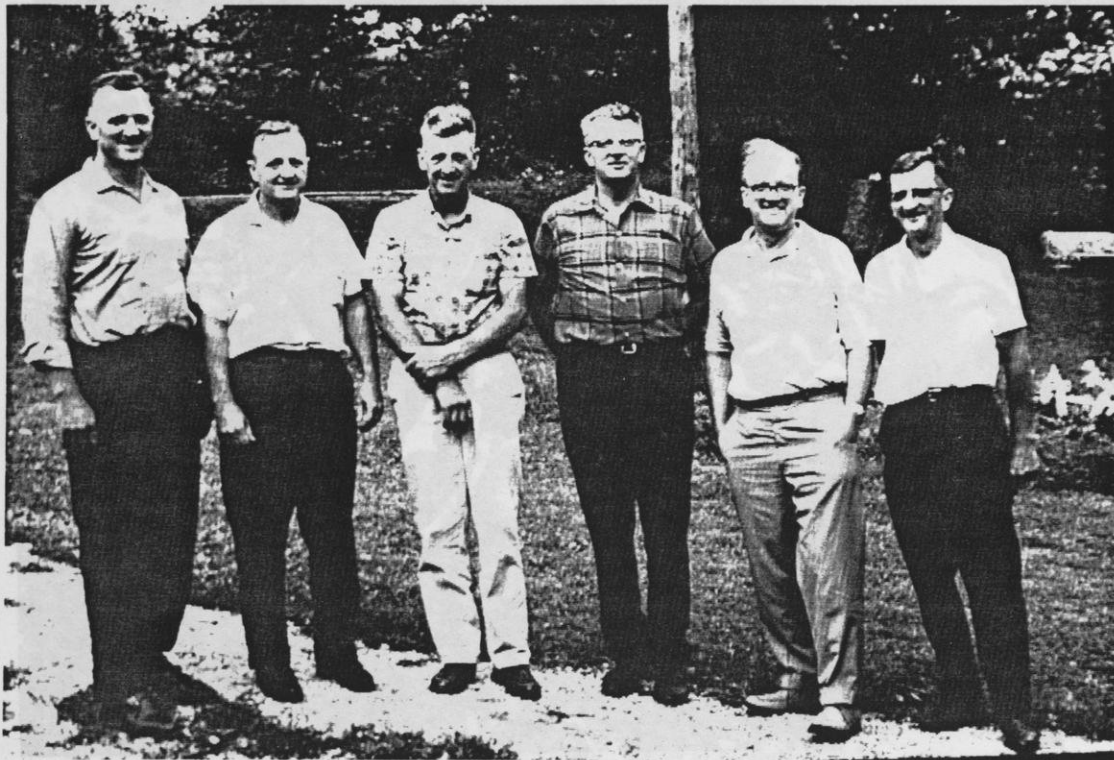
Sever and Malla at Fish lake on the 4th of July.



Malla

Sever with Jack





Phil - Mutts - Jorgen - Steve - Gil -
Grant at Grant's place.

The Singing Sisters: Thora - Phoodie -
Do Mae





The Skalet Sisters baking Nov. 1, 1993

L to R: Thora - Jorgen - Gil - Mutts -
Do Mae - Pud - Phoodie. Taken at Do
Mae's Sep '95.





Skalet Farm as it looks today.



Grant's graduation picture. 1927



Grant and Grace's Wedding. 1932

Grant and Tee



4 Generations: Malla - Grant - Tee - David



Grace - Grant - Tee



Grant and Grace



Grant and Grace





Tee



Don and Tee's wedding. 1955



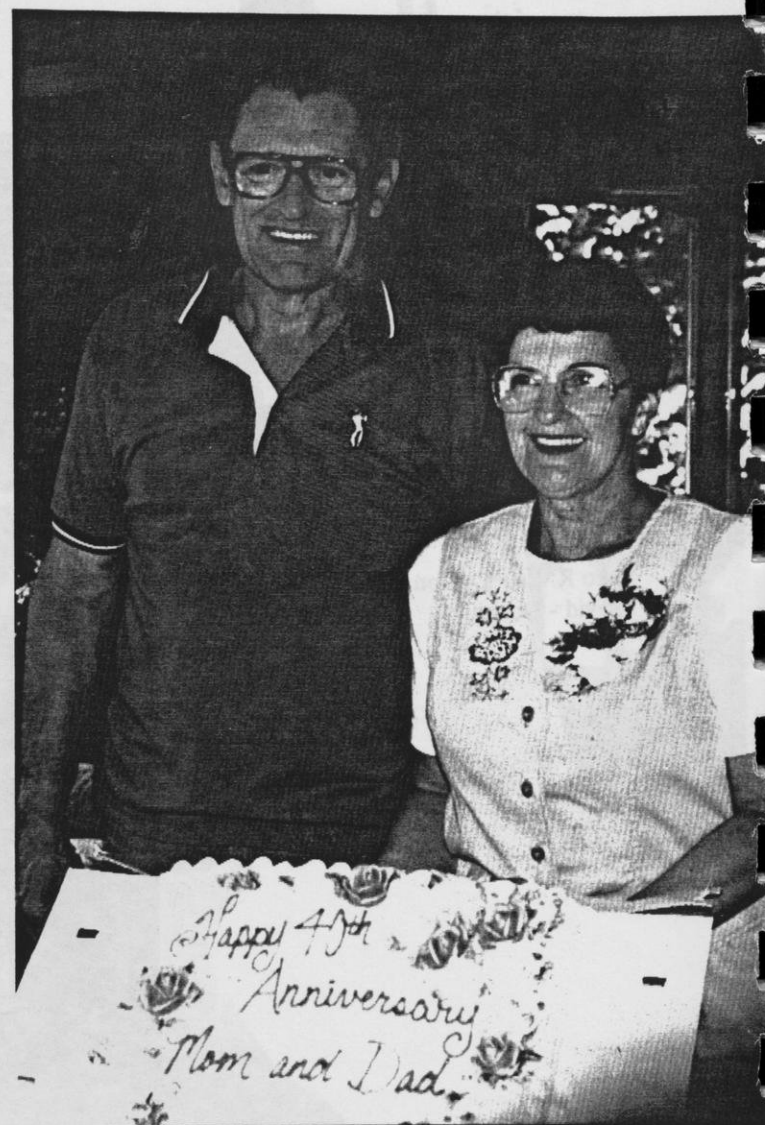
L to R: Cindy - David - Donna - Laura



L to R: Laura - Don - Tee - Cindy -
David - Donna



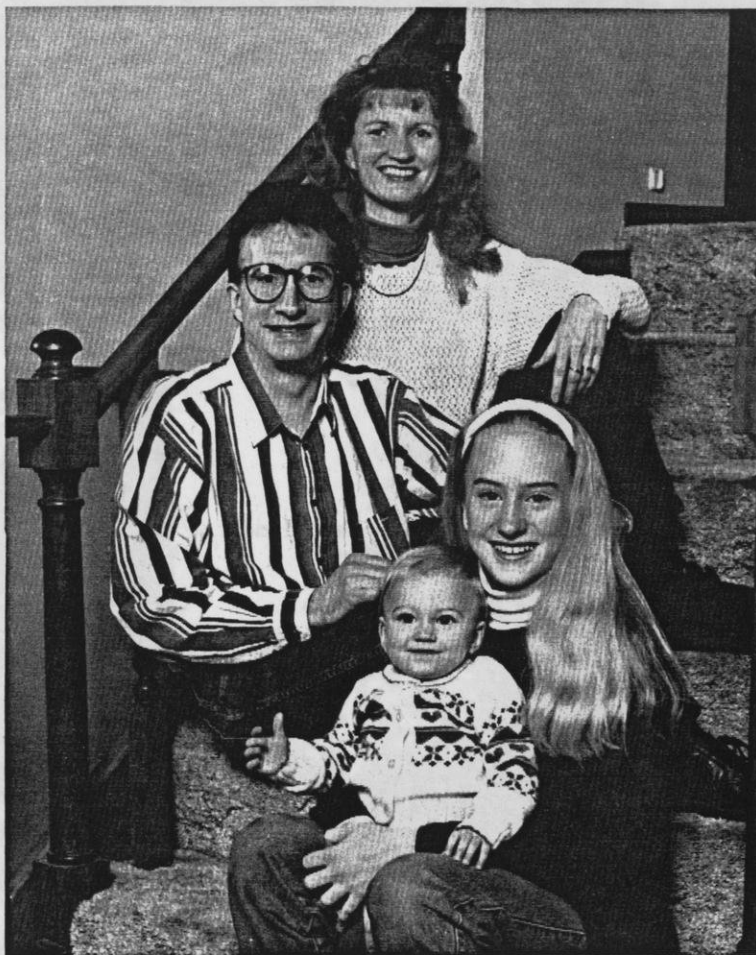
Don & Tee in their Norwegian Dance Costumes.



Don & Tee at their 40th Ann. Celebration. 1995



L to R: Angie - David - Carol - Daniel

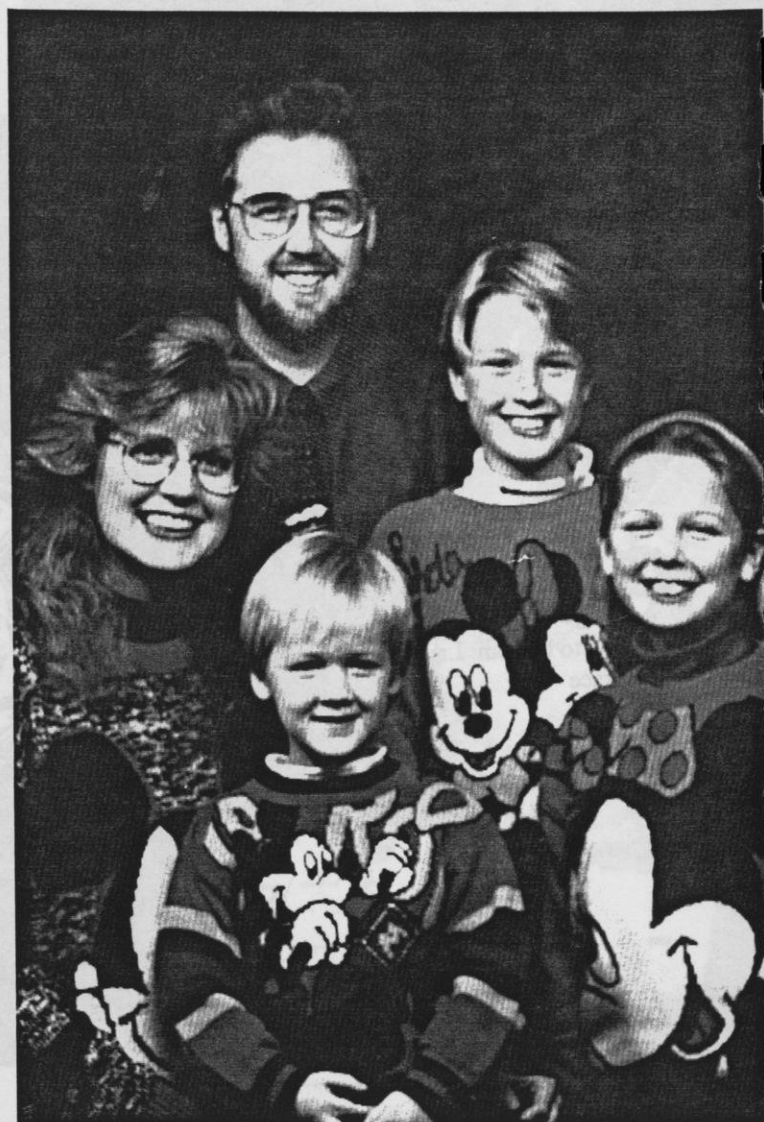


Top to bottom: Laura - Wade - Emily -
Grace



Cyndi and Bill on their wedding day.
May 30, 1981.

Clockwise: Donna - Mike - Beth - Heidi
- Grant





Thora's confirmation picture

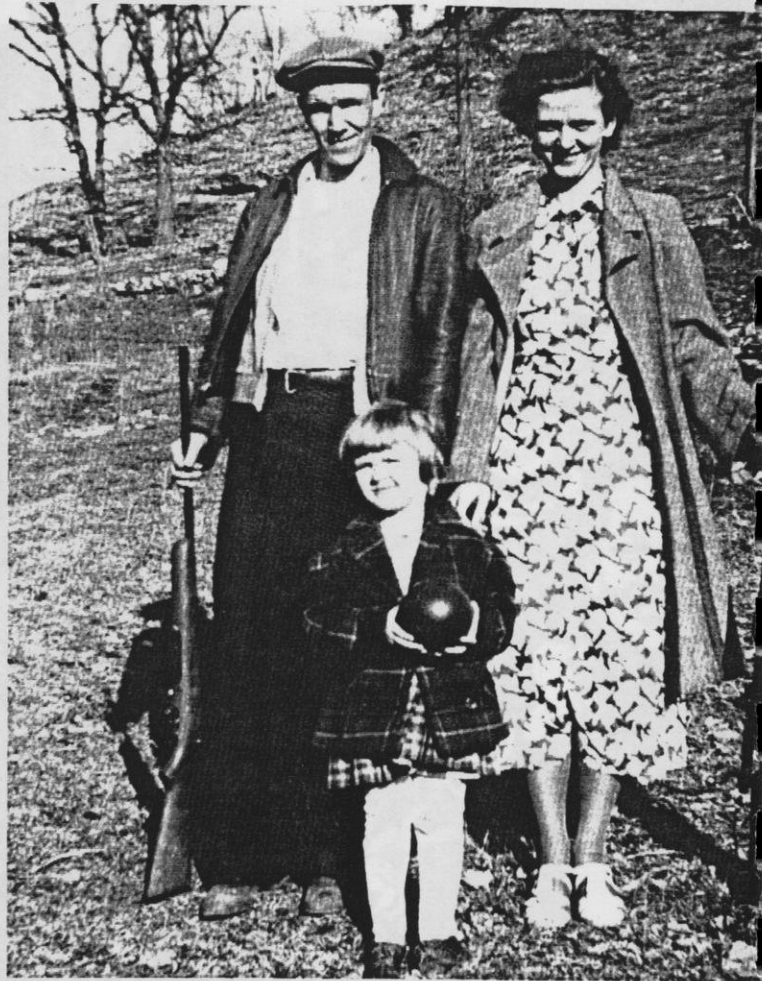


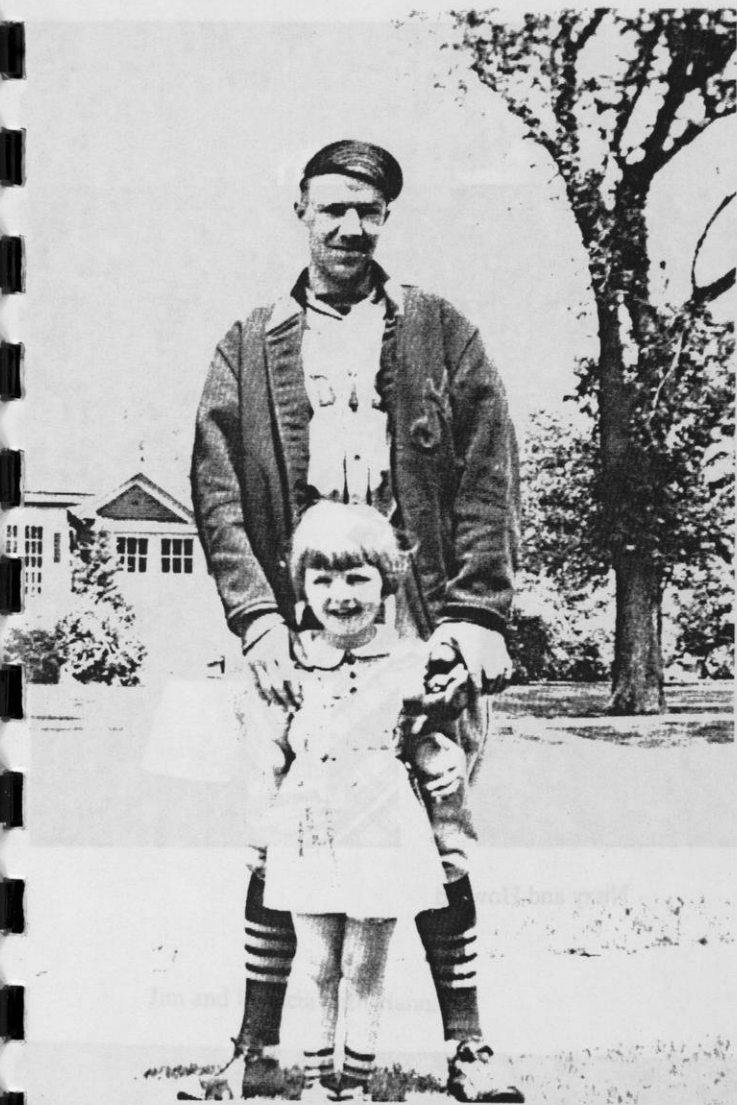
Thora's graduation picture. 1927



Thora and Welberne's wedding. 1909

Welberne - Thora - Nitzy





Alberne and Nitzy



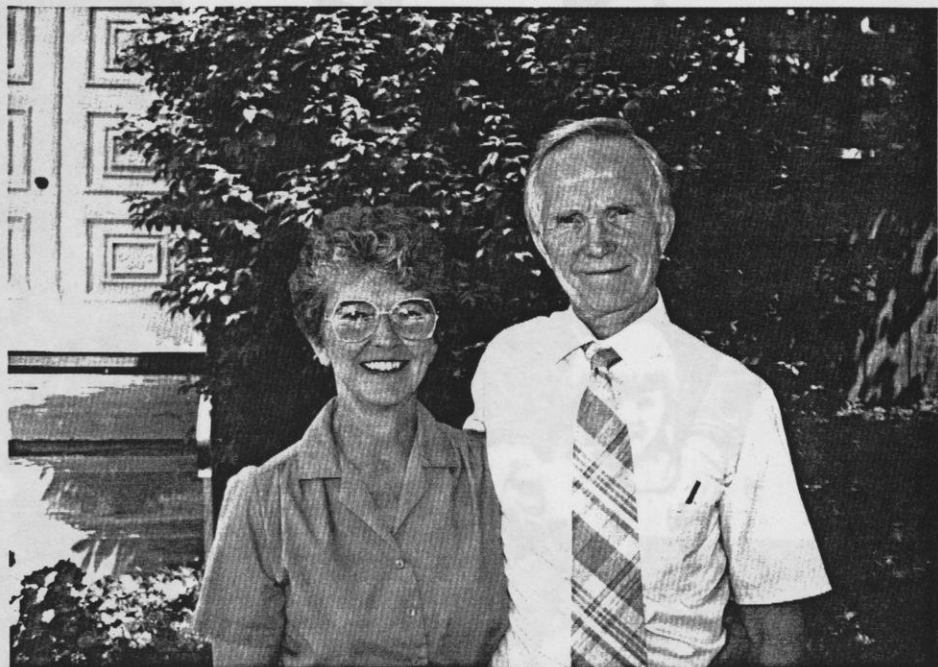
Thora and Nitzy



Thora. Taken in 1994.

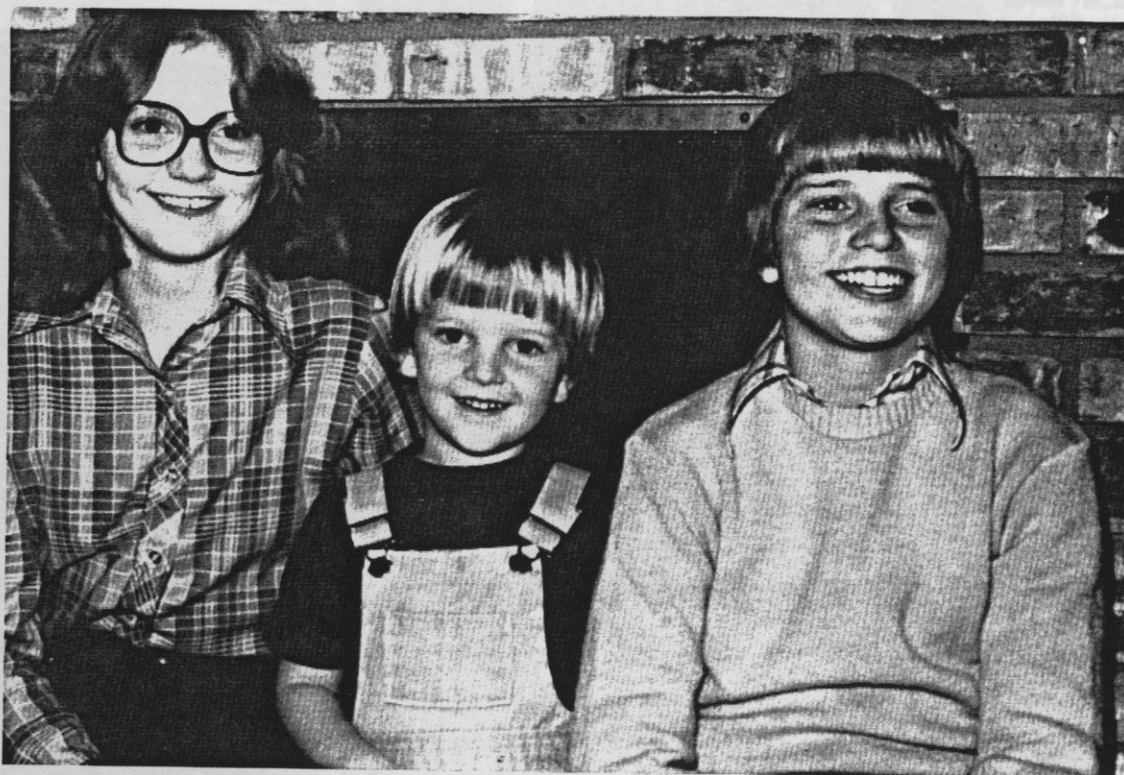


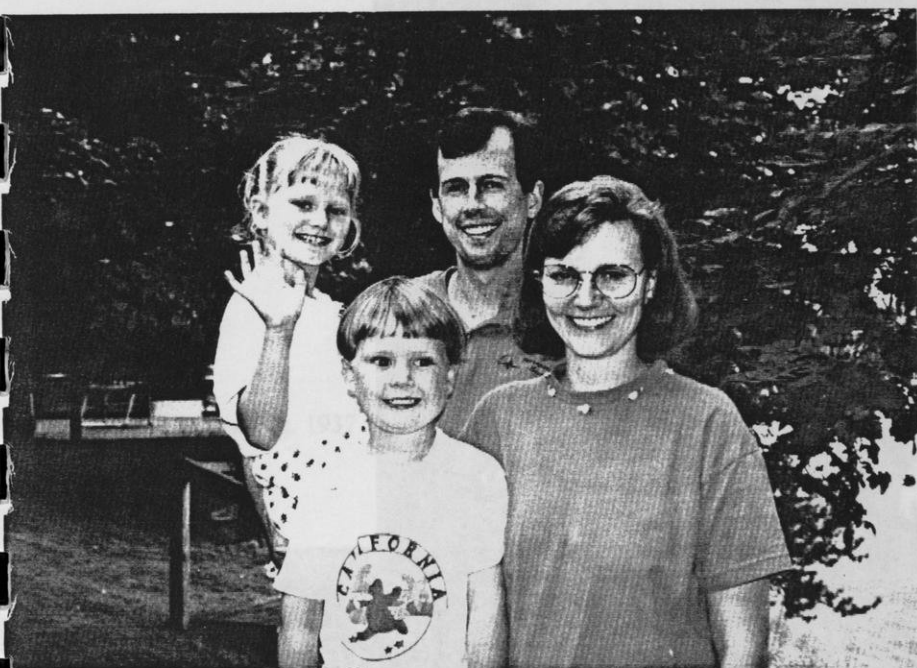
Nitzy's graduation picture. 1952



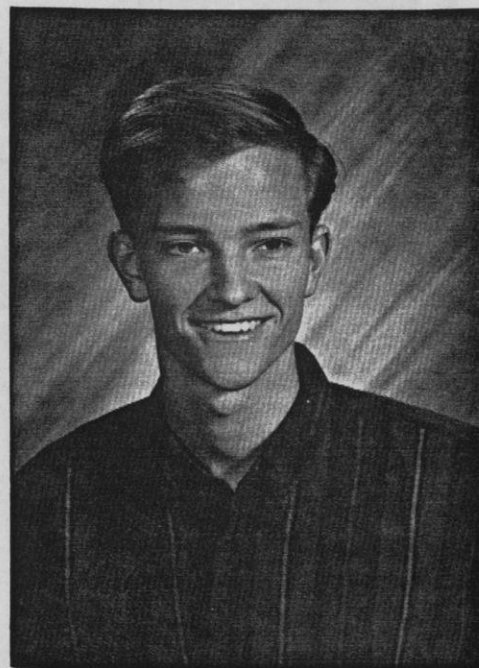
Nitzy and Howard

L to R: Karen - Mark - Jim





L to R: Alyssa - Erik - Greg - Karen



Mark at the age of 21. 1995

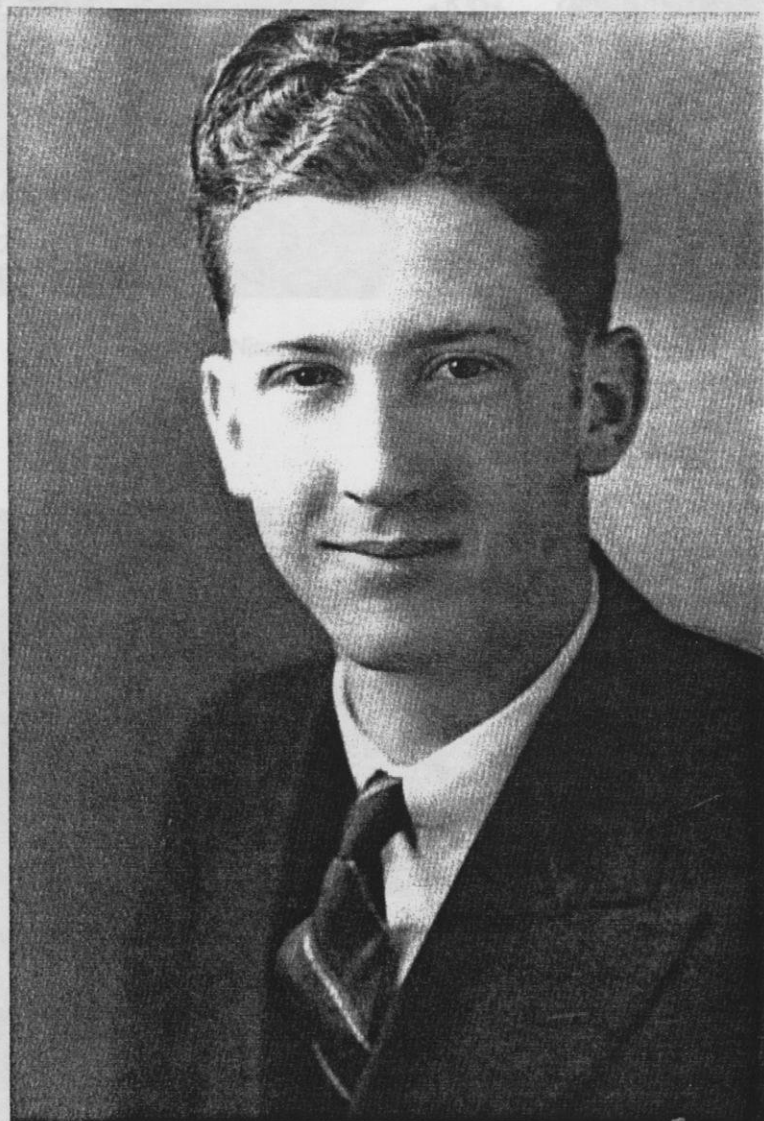
Jim and Patricia with Hannah



L to R: Paul - Joanne - Julie

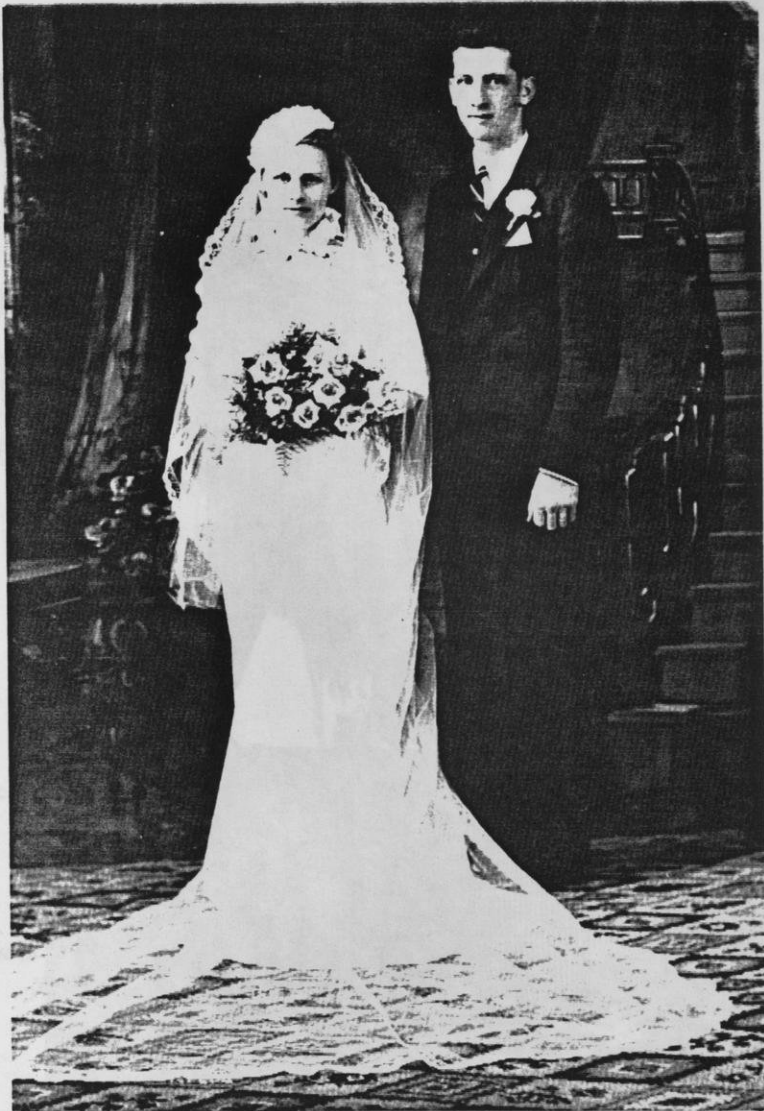


Jorgen's confirmation picture.

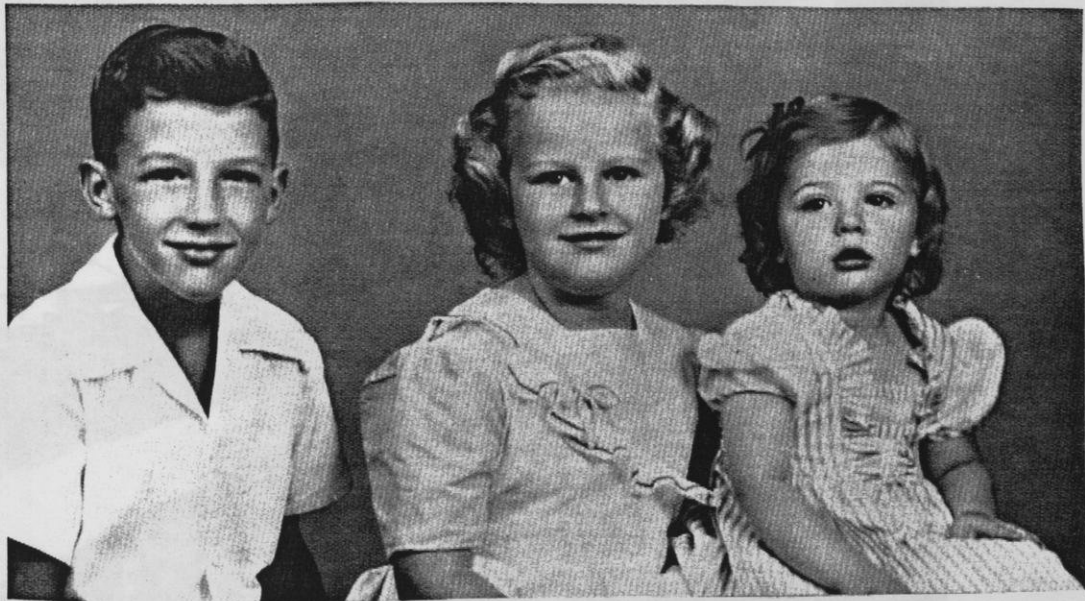


Jorgen about the age of 18.

Jorgen and Milly's wedding. 1937



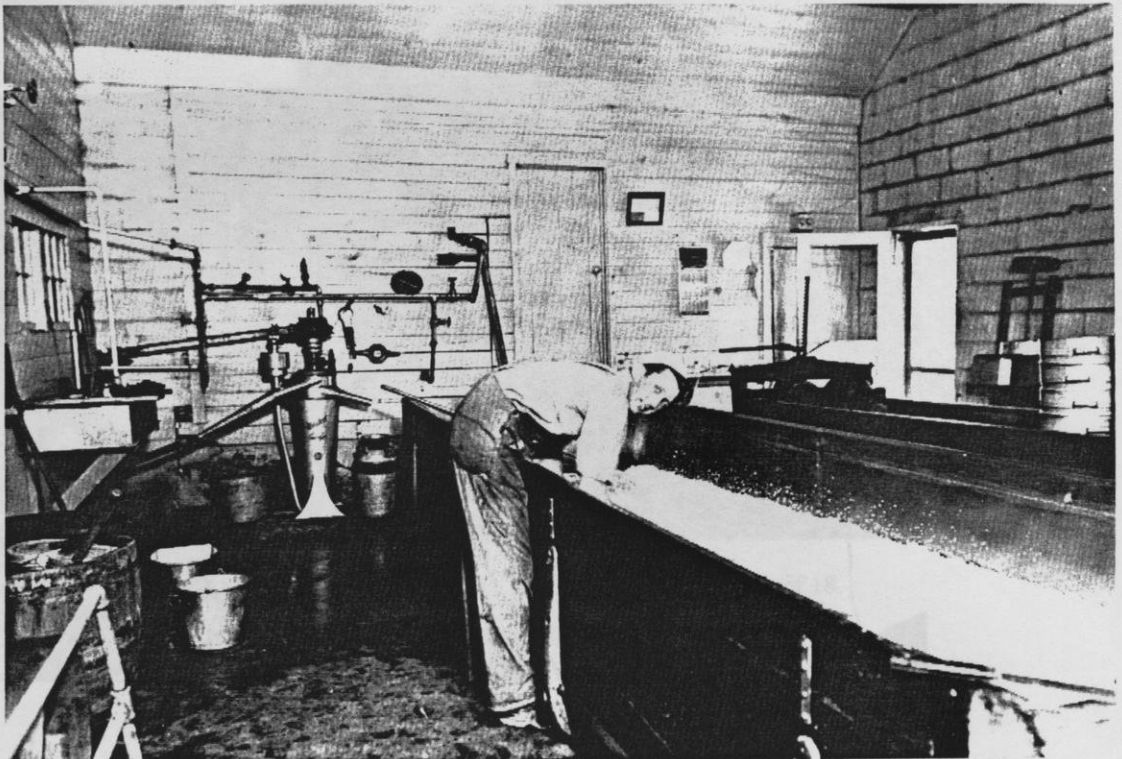
L to R: Paul - Joanne - Julie





Jorgen catching a bite to eat.

Jorgen at work in the Diamond Cheese Factory.





standing: Julie - Joanne - Paul. Seated:
Milly - Jorgen



Jorgen and Milly



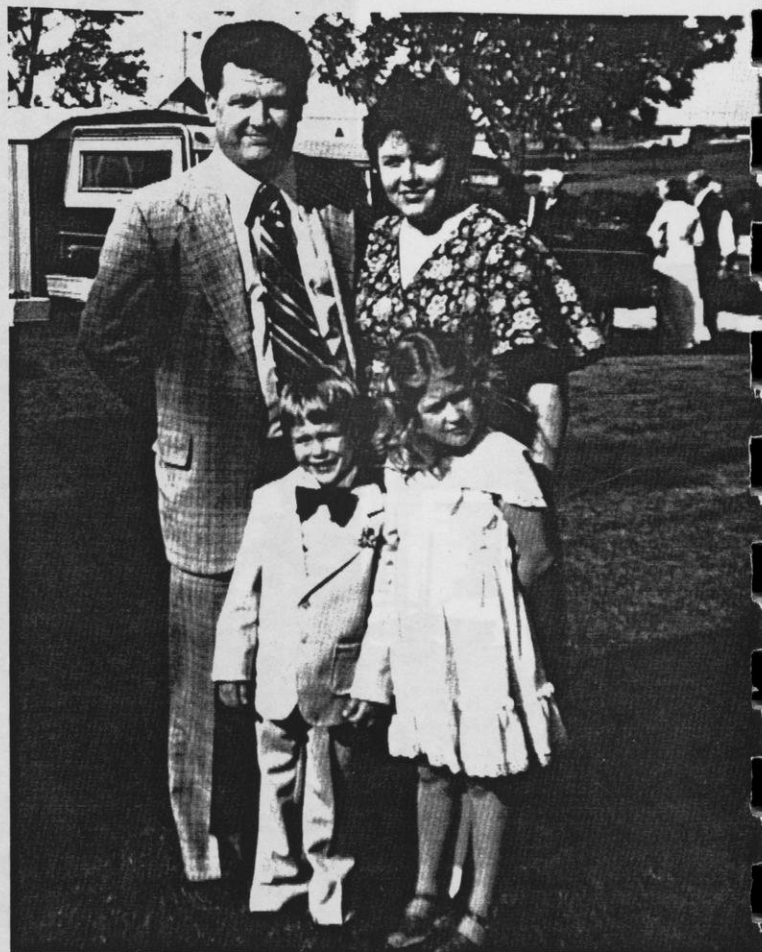
Paul and Joan's wedding. 1965



The Four Bard's at St. Olaf College



The Bard's: Paul - Bill Brunner - Phil Dybdahl



Paul - Joan - Trygve - Erika



Joan and Paul taken and Do Mae's Sep. '95.



Erika - Joanne - Jorgen at Jill Schmitt Adler wedding. Oct. 1993



Trygve's Service Photo: 1991



Joanne feeding corn to the chickens.

Sisters: Julie and Joanne

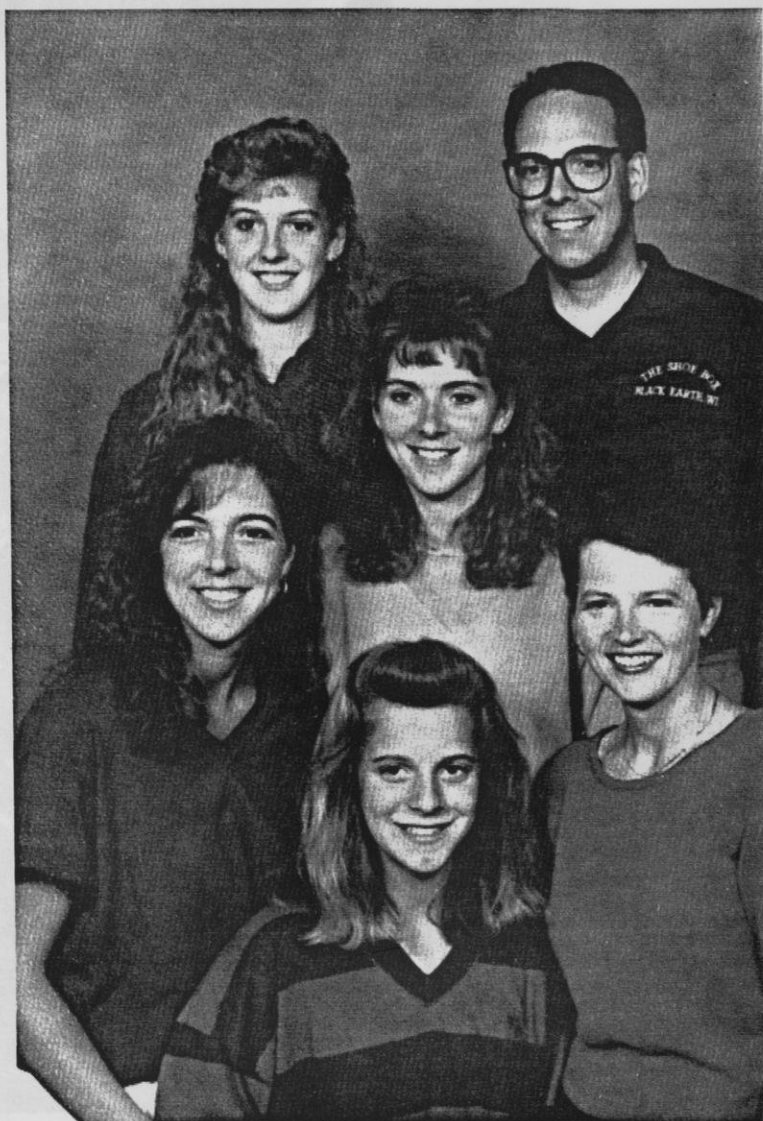


Paul - Joan - Trygve - Erik



Julie and Steve's wedding. 1968

Clockwise: Amy - Emily - Jill - Steve -
Julie - Allison





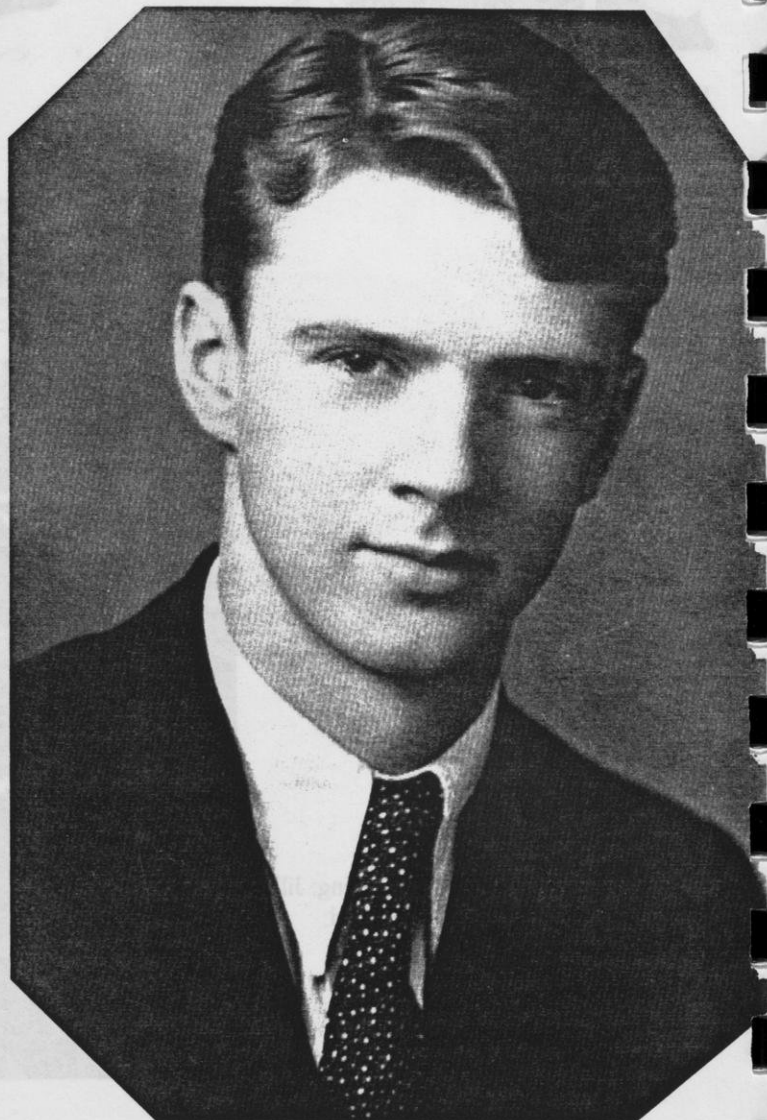
Jill's wedding. Oct. 1993. L to R: Emily
- Allison - Steve - Jill - Randy - Julie -
Amy



Amy's wedding. Jun. 1994. Standing: Jill
- Steve - Julie - Amy - Paul. Seated:
Emily - Allison



Steve's confirmation picture



Steve's graduation picture.



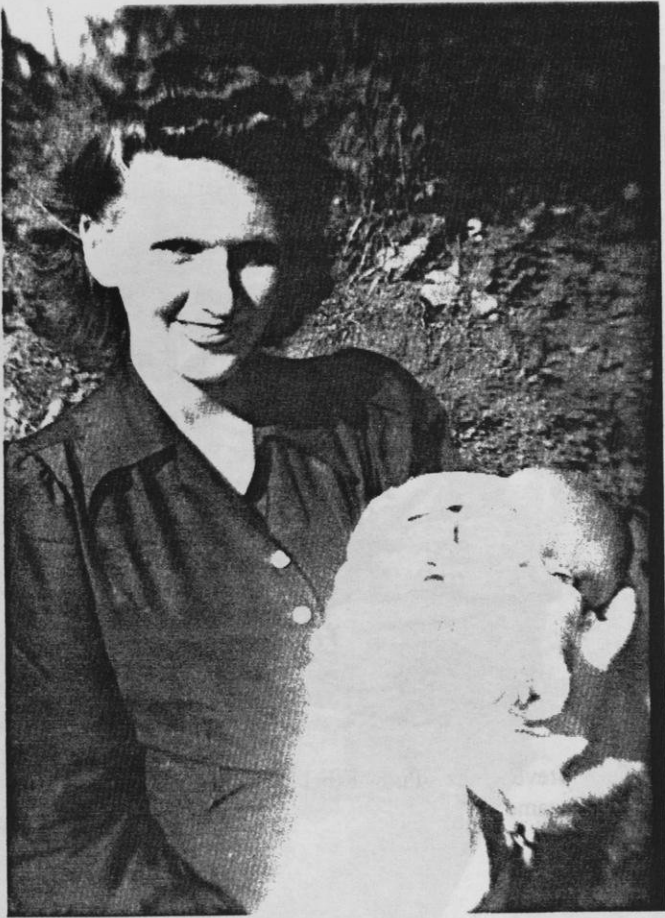
Steve ready to play ball.



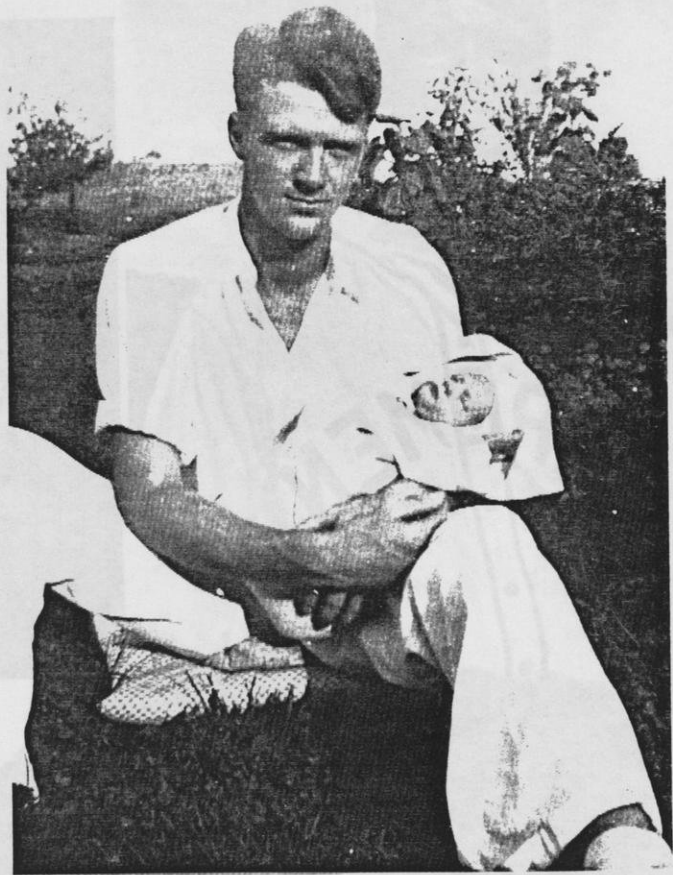
Tee - Steve - Inez - Pud - Ethel - Grant
after a game.



3 Generations: Standing: Malla - Steve
Steve Jr. - Inez - Inez's mom, Ida
Brager. Seated: Martin Venden - Inez's
grandfather, Olaus Thorsrud



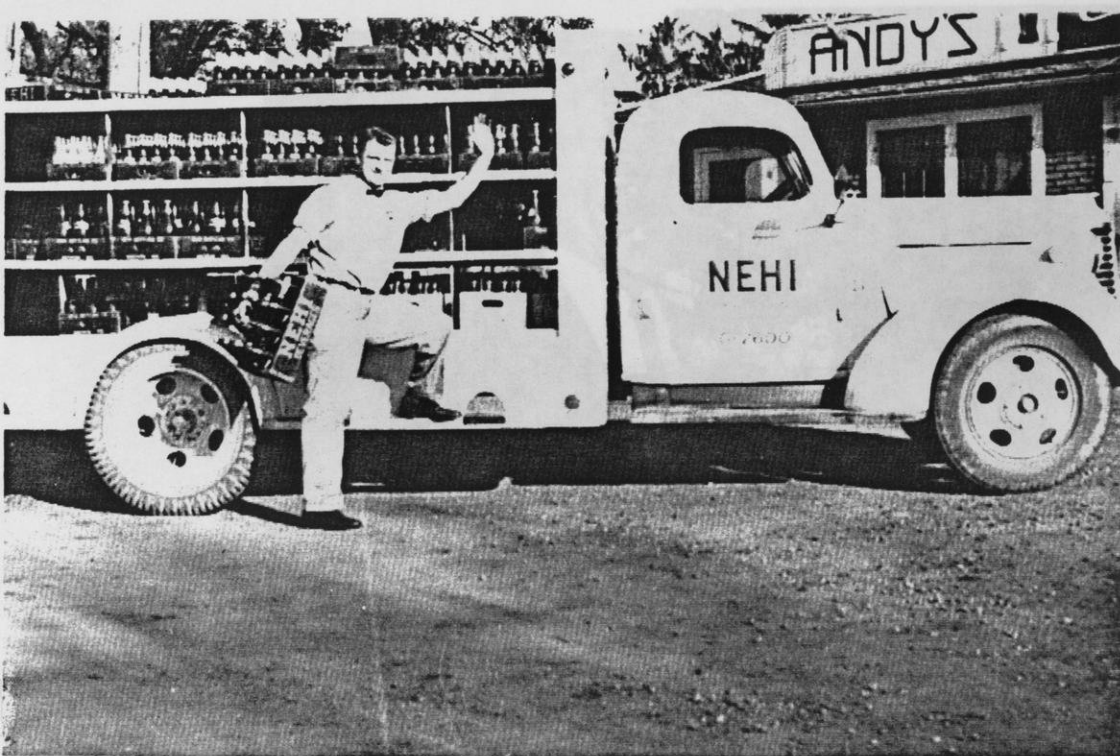
Inez and Steve Jr.



Steve and Steve Jr.



Back: Steve - Sharon - Kristi - Inez.
Front: Judy - Larry - Rosalie



Steve doing deliveries for NEHI



Steve and his Skalet Biscuit delivery truck



Inez and Steve at Pud's in their Norwegian Costumes.

Standing: Steve Jr. - Judy - Sharon - Inez - Steve - Rosalie - Kristi. Seated: Larry

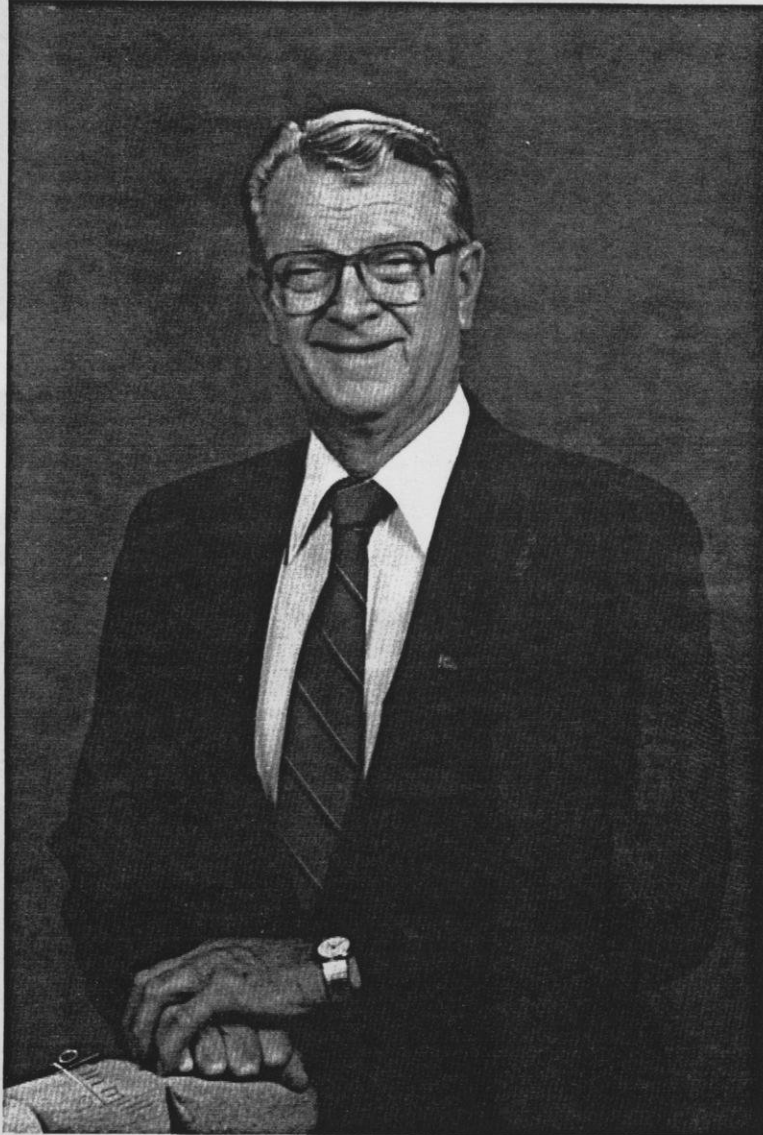




Steve & Inez



Inez, Steve and Larry at Sugar Creek Bible Camp.



Steve



Steve Jr and Mitzie's wedding. 1954



Back: Craig - Beth - Wendy - Susan -
Randy. Front: Joel - Mitzie - Steve Jr. -
Missy

Steve Jr. and Mitzie

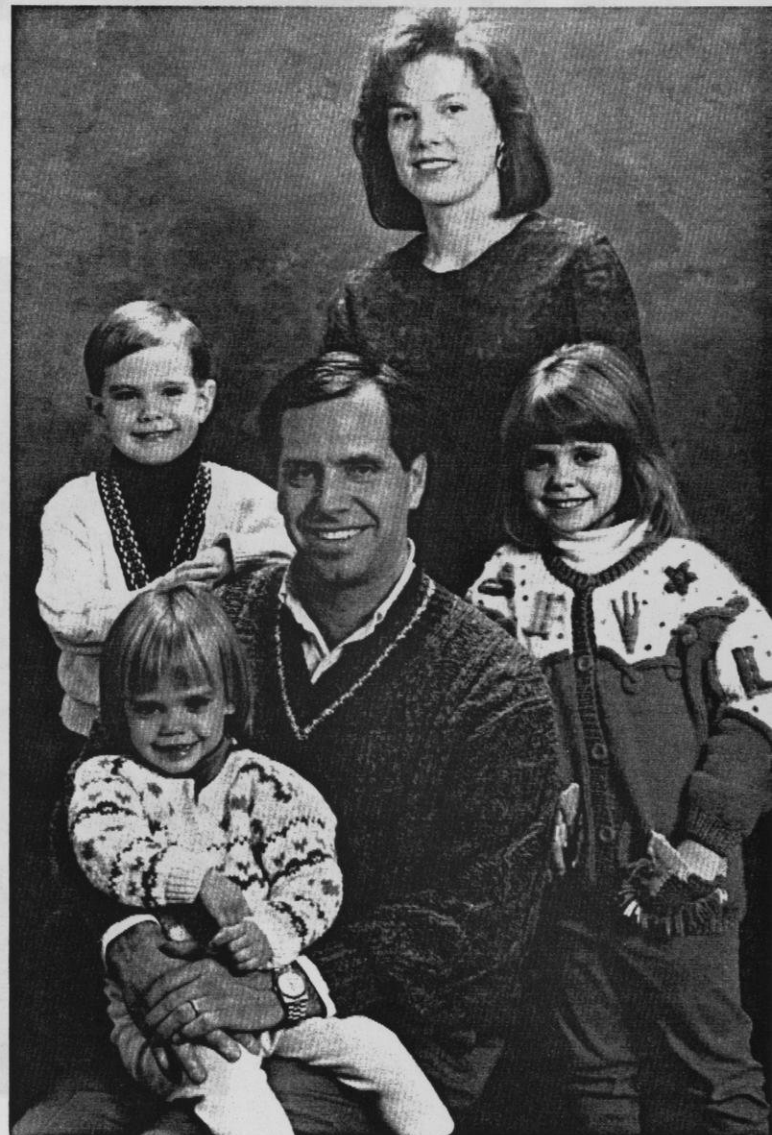




The Unkalungs: Mitzie far left top row.
Susan 3rd from left second row.



Back: Craig - Christopher. Front: Jeffrey
- Sandra - Andrew



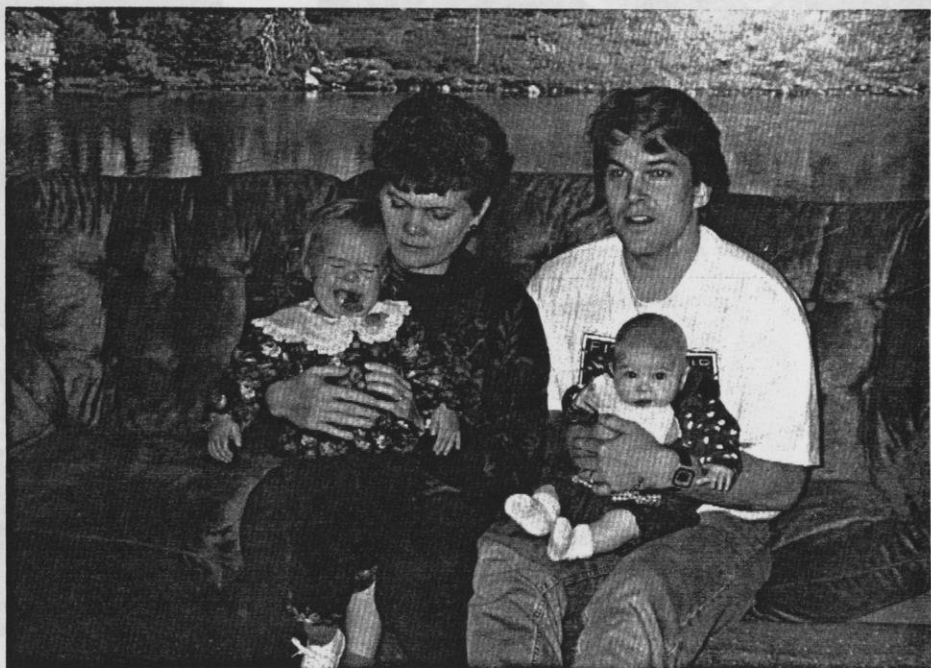
Clockwise: Kelsey on lap - Nathan -
Michele - Kaitlyn - Randy



L to R: Michael - Tom - Susan - Tara -
Carina



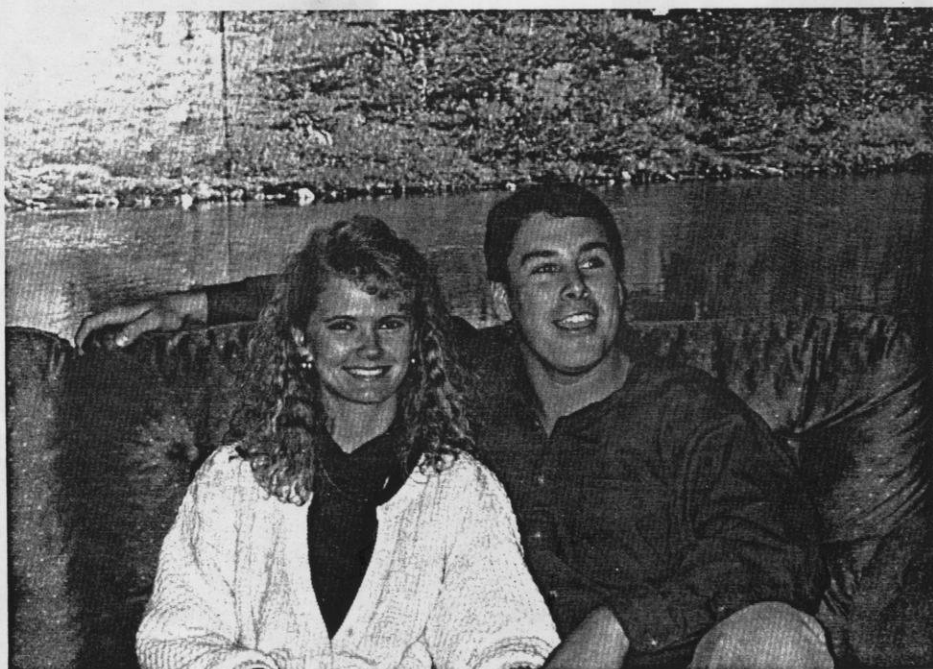
L to R: Elisa - Scott - Beth - Matthew -
Jessica(in lap) - Jennifer



Wendy and Scott with Kallee and Kasey



Susan and Joel



Missy and Paul



Sharon's graduation picture. 1955

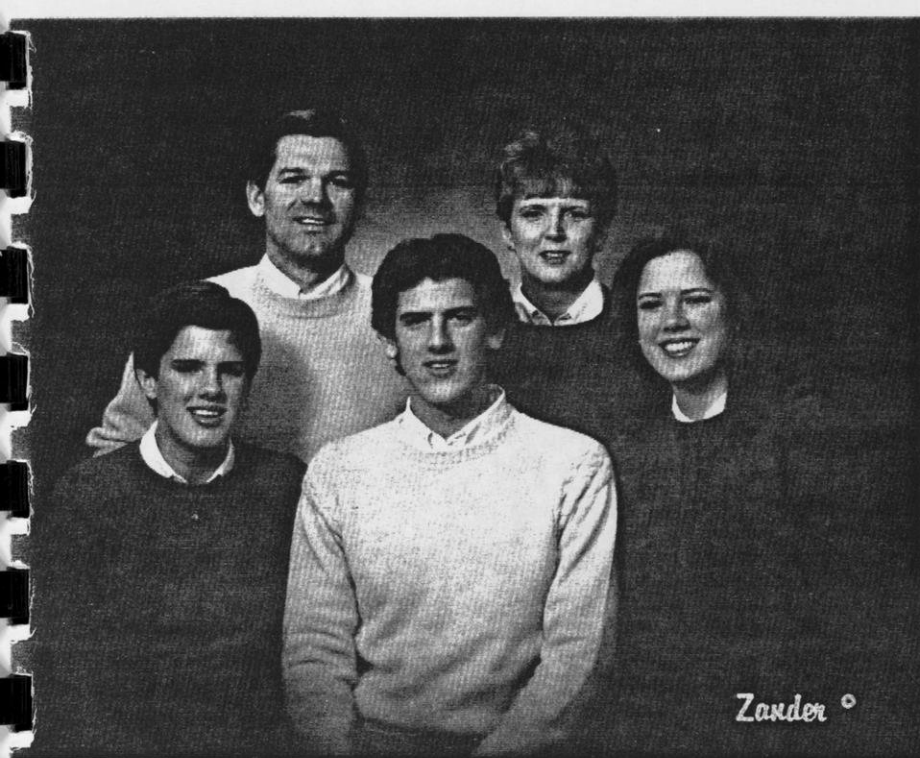


Joan

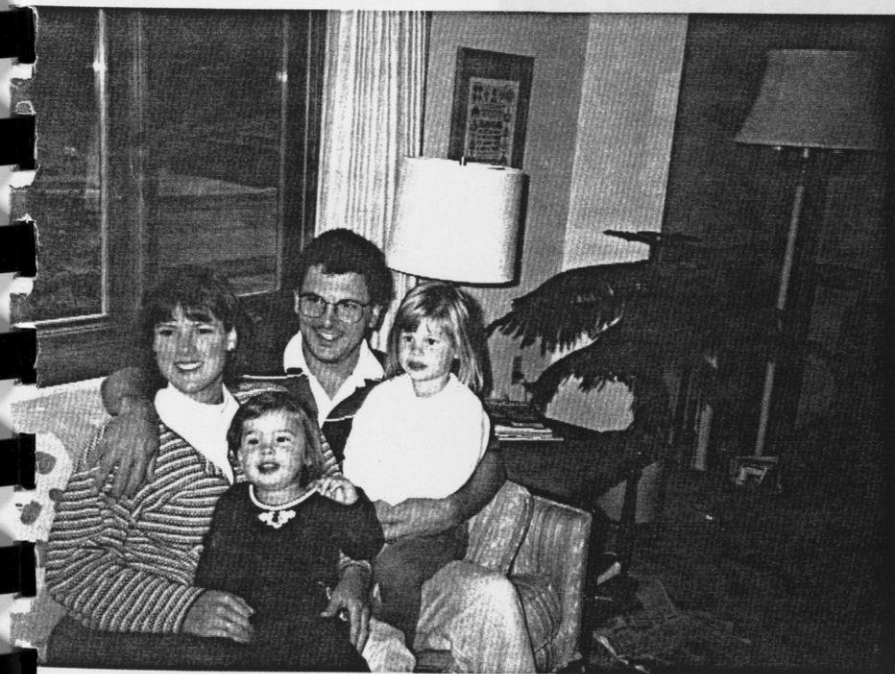


Sharon and Phil's wedding. 1960

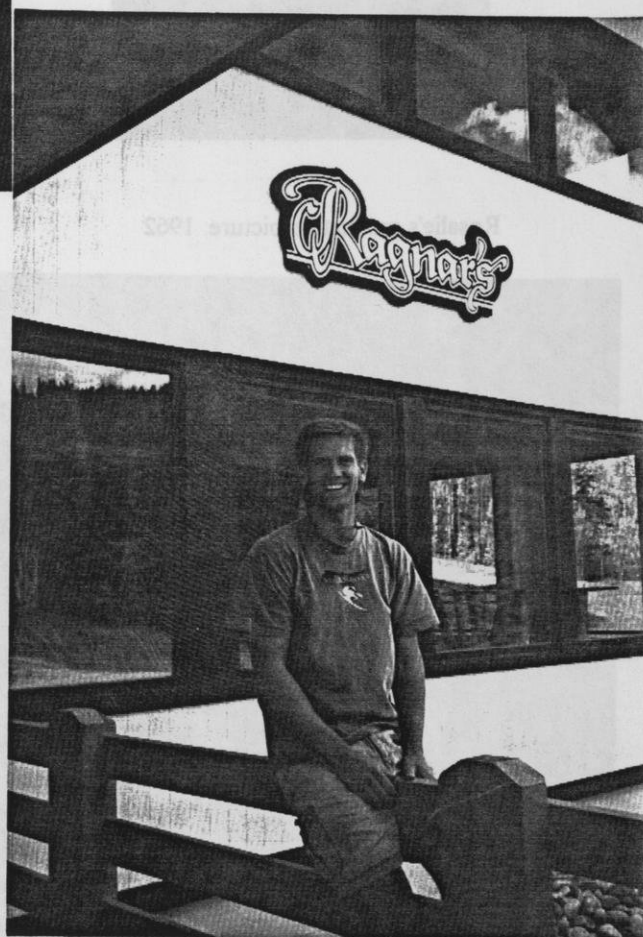
Joan - Leif - Tammy



Standing: Phil - Sharon. Seated: Joan -
Leif - Tammy



L to R: Tammy - Brianne - Tim - Allison



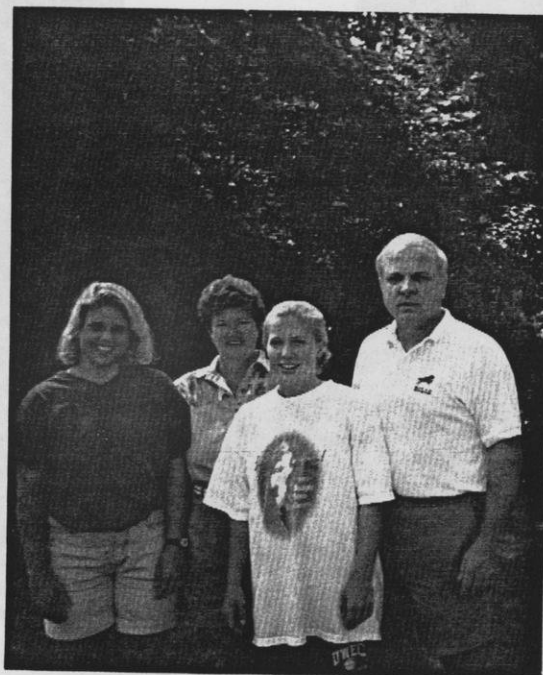
Leif in front of the Norwegian
Restaurant he manages.



Rosalie's graduation picture. 1962



Ashley - 3 and Jamie - 6



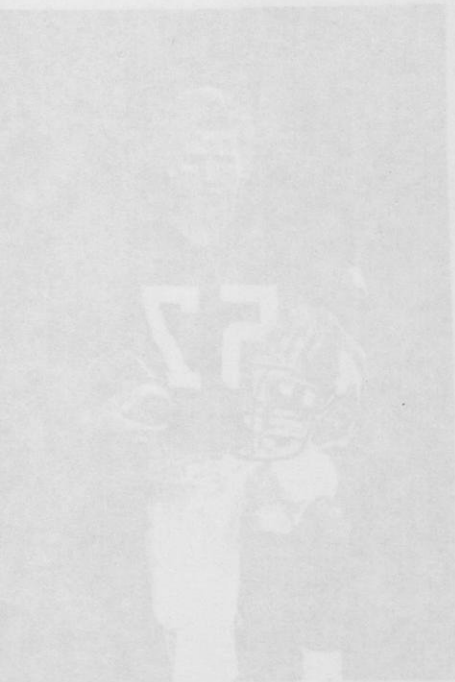
Jamie - Rosalie - Ashley - John



Jamie



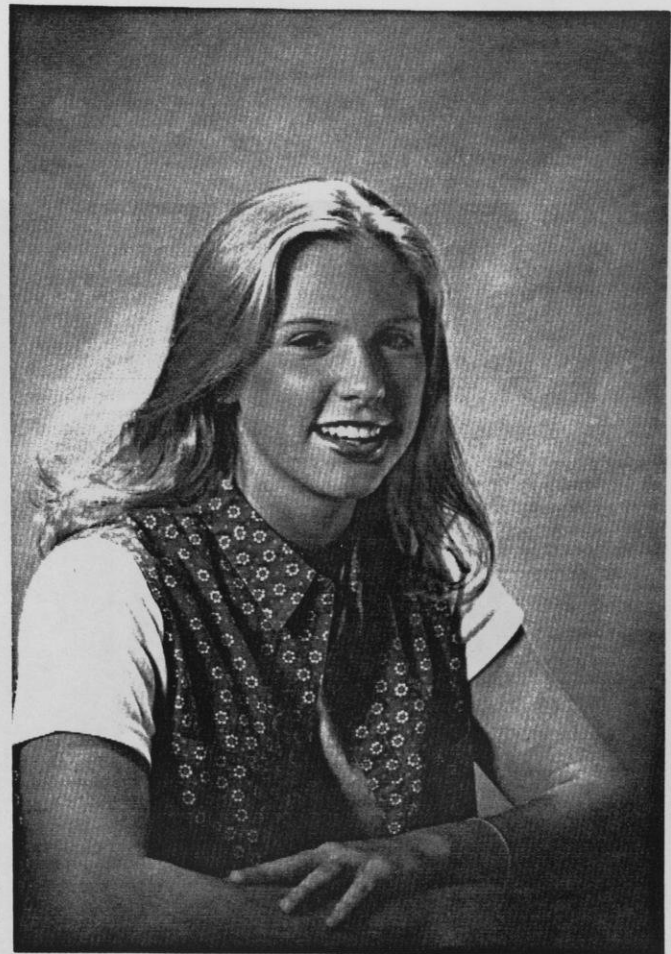
Jamie's graduation picture 1998



Ashley

Peter Larry Slater

Ryan

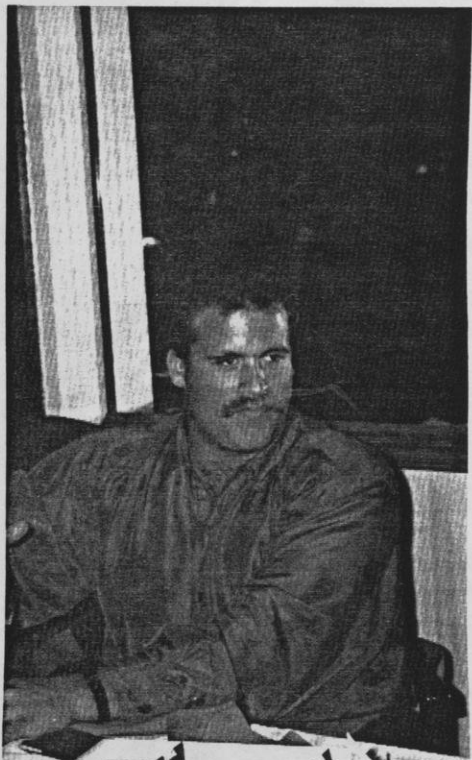




Judy's graduation picture. 1966

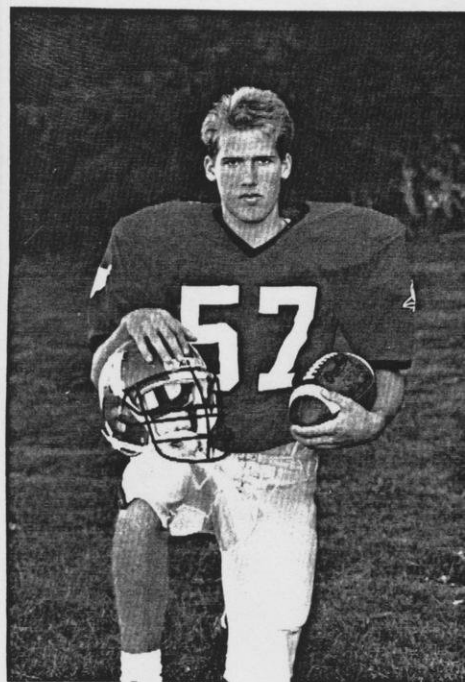


Steve and Judy's wedding 1994. Ryan -
Judy - Steve - Brett



Brett

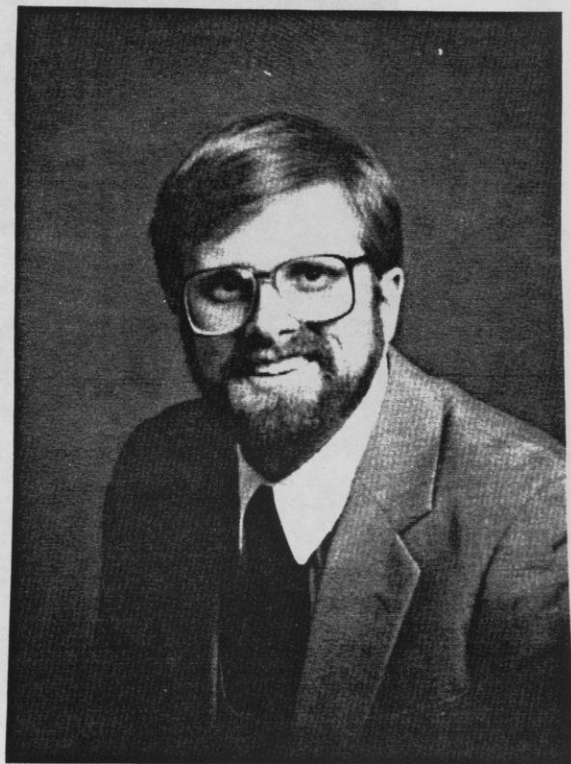
Ryan





Larry playing ball.

Pastor Larry Skalet

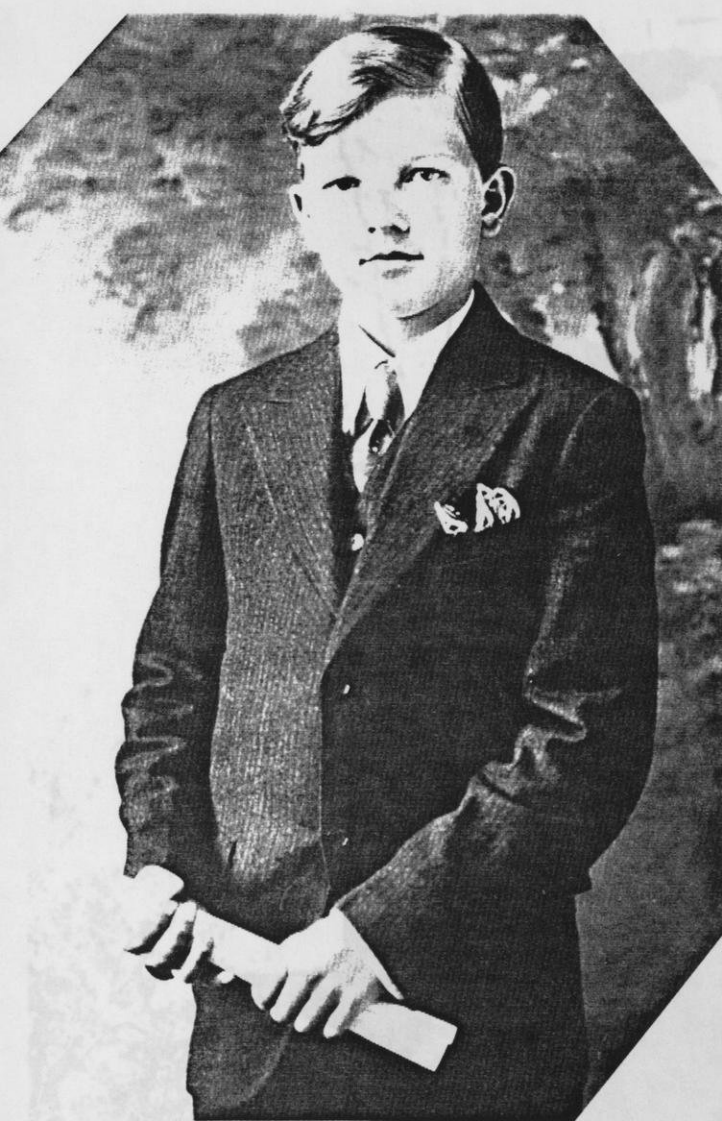




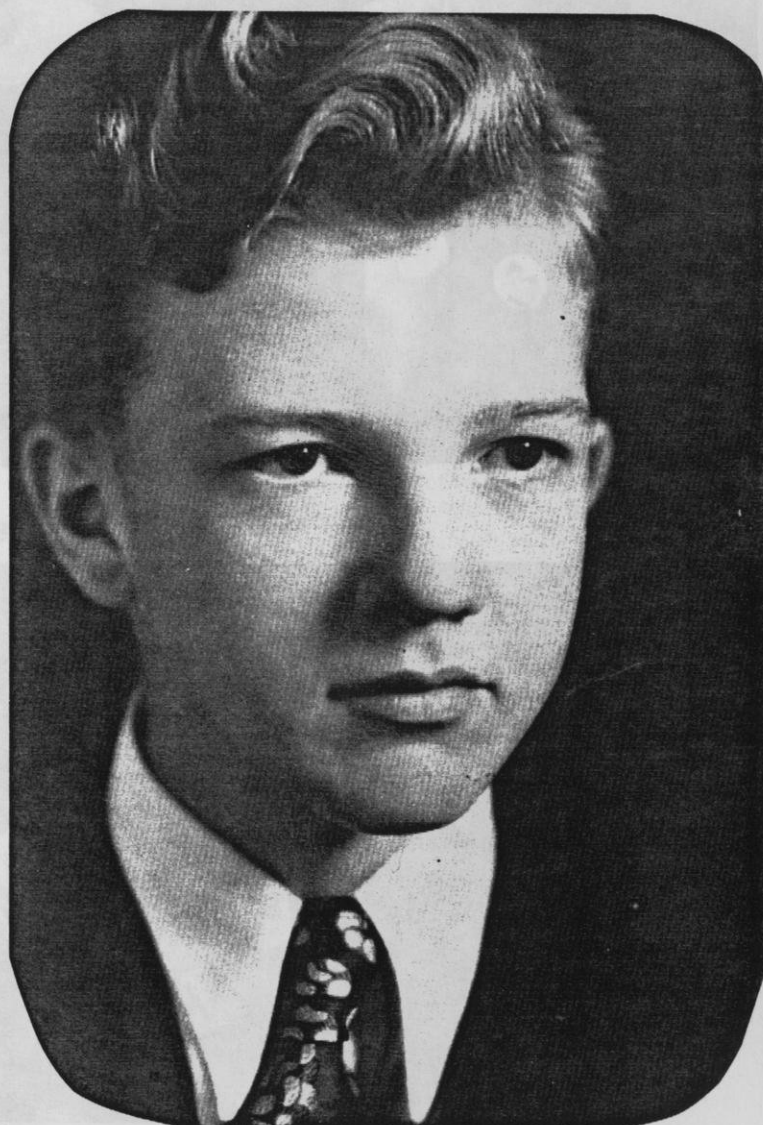
Holly - Richard - Kristi (holding Carl) -
Heidi



Richard & Kristi



Gil's confirmation picture.



Gil's graduation picture. 1933



Gil Service picture

Gil during the war.





Gil during the war.

Gil and Mutts together in California.

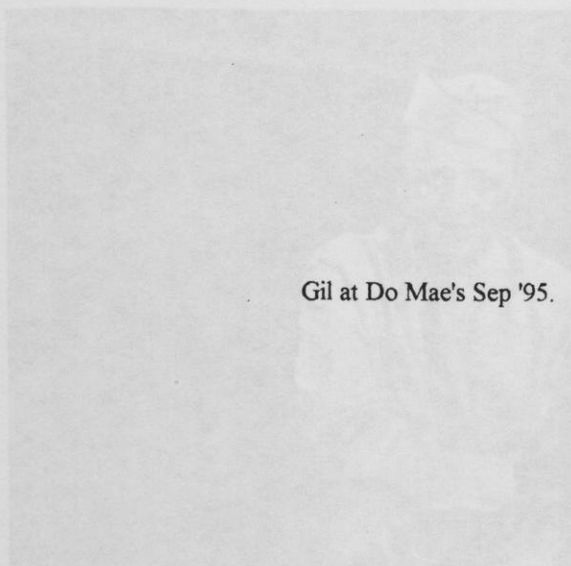




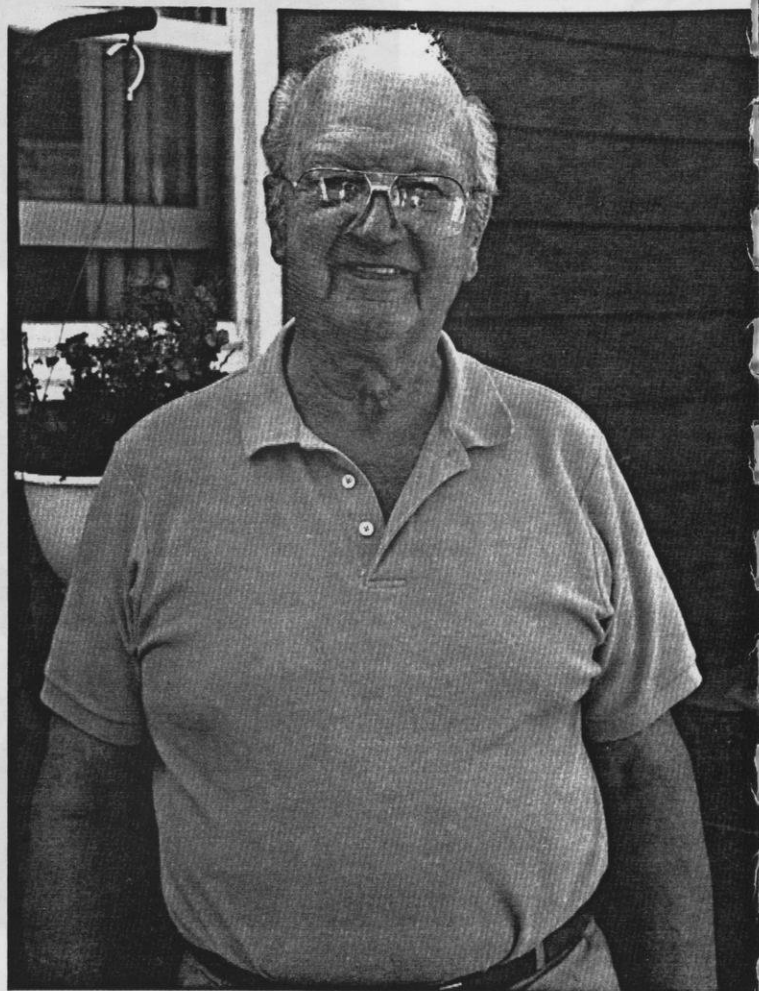
Gil



Gil with his special baking.

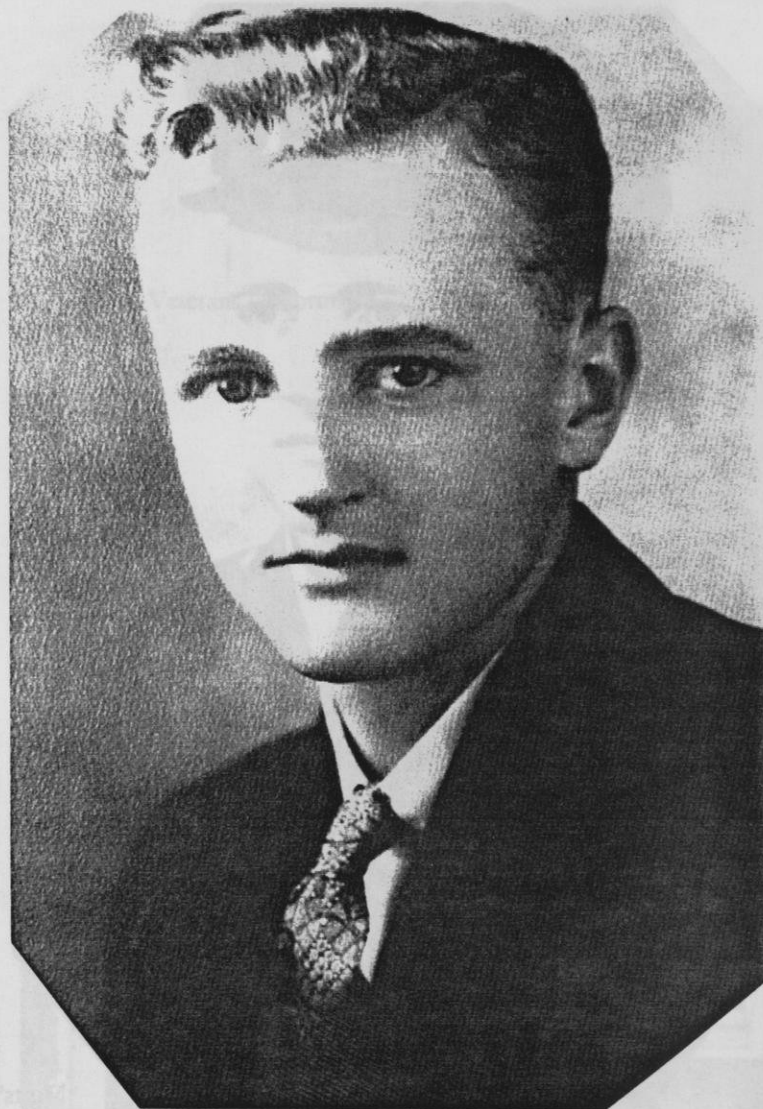


Gil at Do Mae's Sep '95.





Mutts as a youngster batting rocks.



Mutts' graduation picture. 1937

Mutts playing ball.



Mutts' Service picture.



Mutts in front of a tank



Mutts in his pup tent



Mutts bagged a Coyote up in Northern
consin



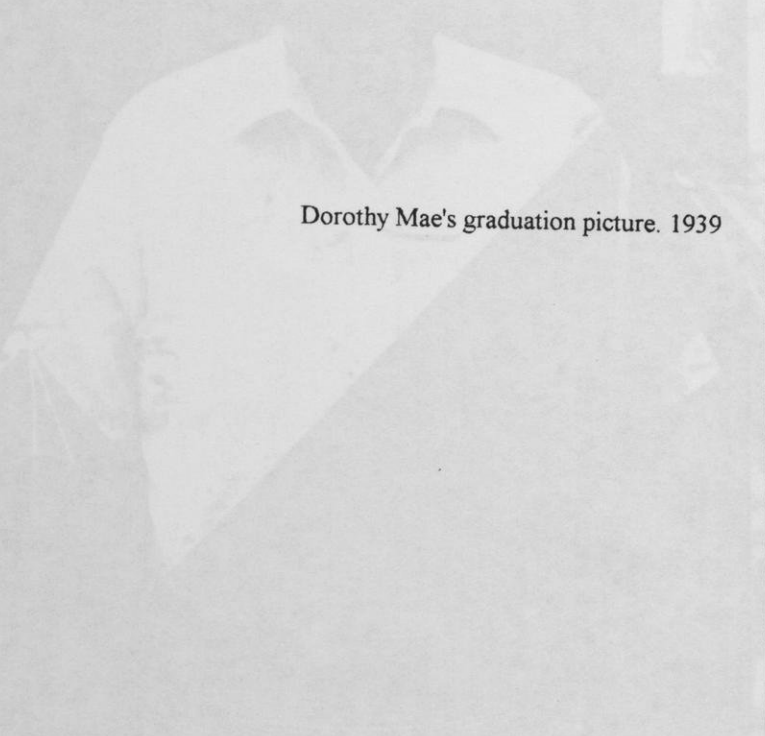
Mutts at Do Mae's Sep '95.

Mutts in Veterans Uniform





Dorothy Mae's confirmation day.



Dorothy Mae's graduation picture. 1939





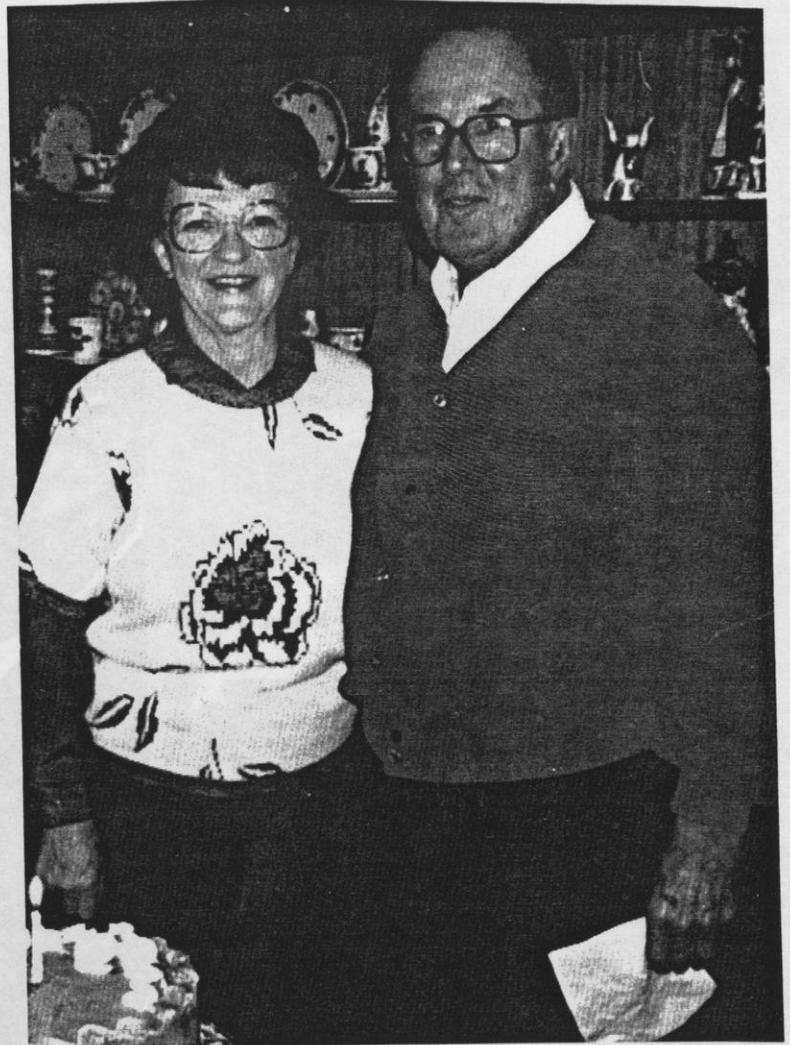
Dorothy Mae and Lyle's wedding. 1945



Dorothy Mae and Lyle



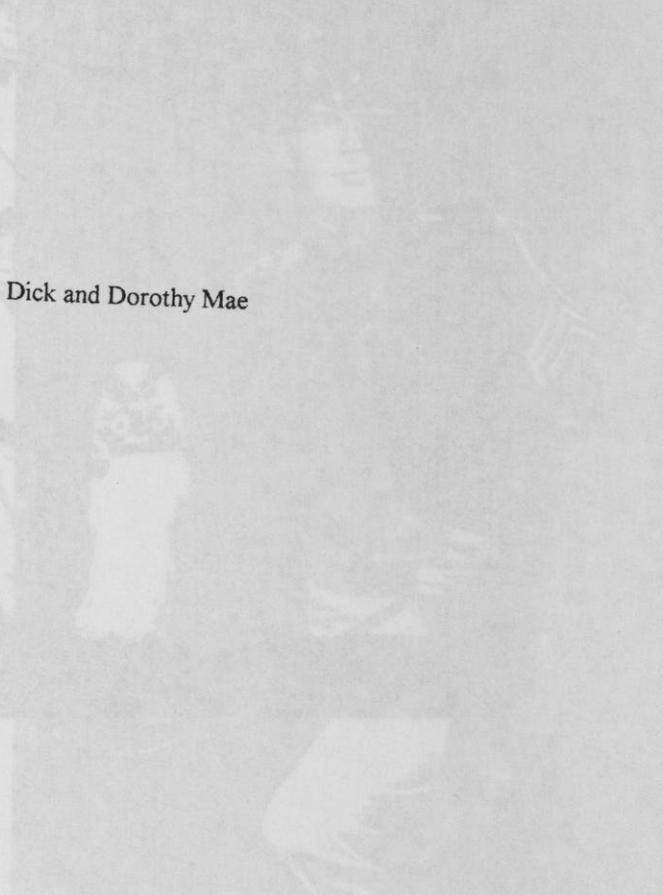
Standing: Jeff - Mary - Kenny - Jerry.
Seated: Dorothy Mae and Lyle



Dorothy Mae and Lyle



Dick and Dorothy Mae



graduation from the academy.

Dorothy Mae playing the organ.





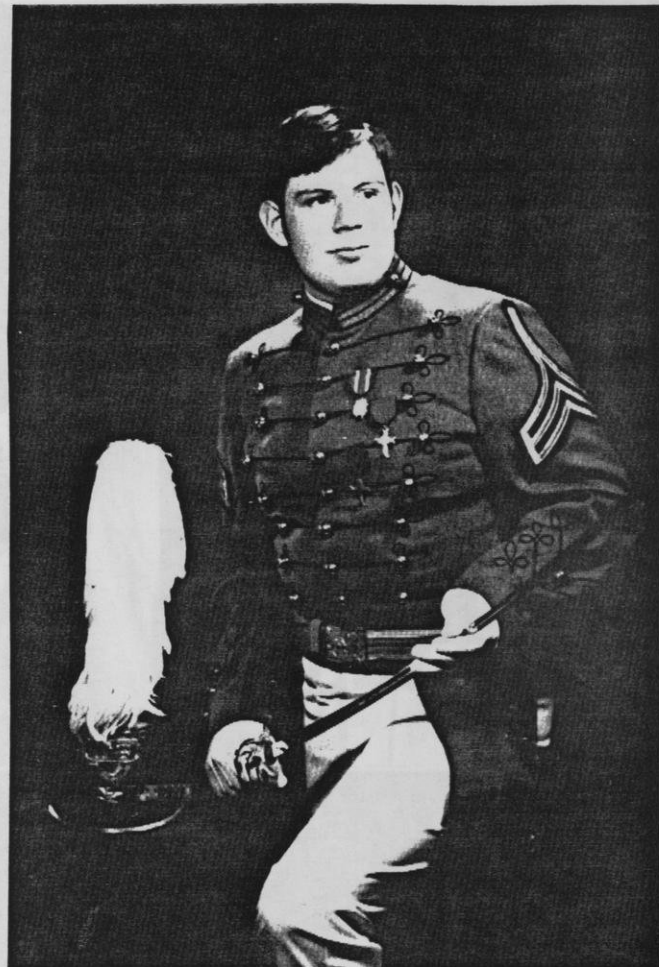
Mary - Pastor - Dennis. Bridesmaid:
Ingerid Skalet Kvam. Ringbearer:
Trygve Skalet



Bethany - Mary - Benjamin - Dennis -
Stephen



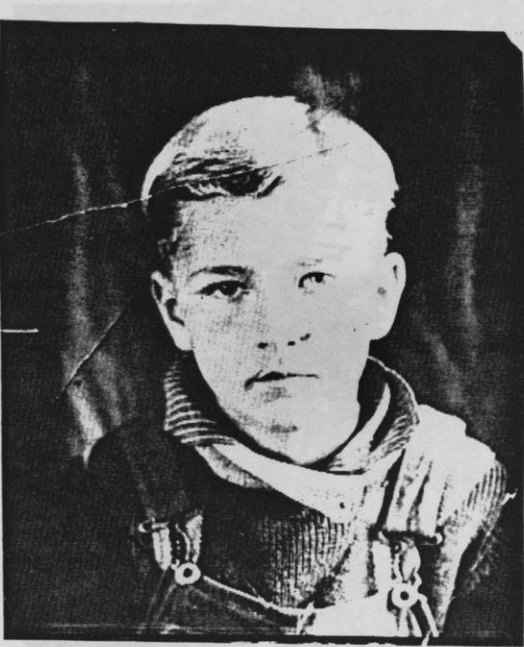
Jeana and Kenny Underwood wedding.
1978



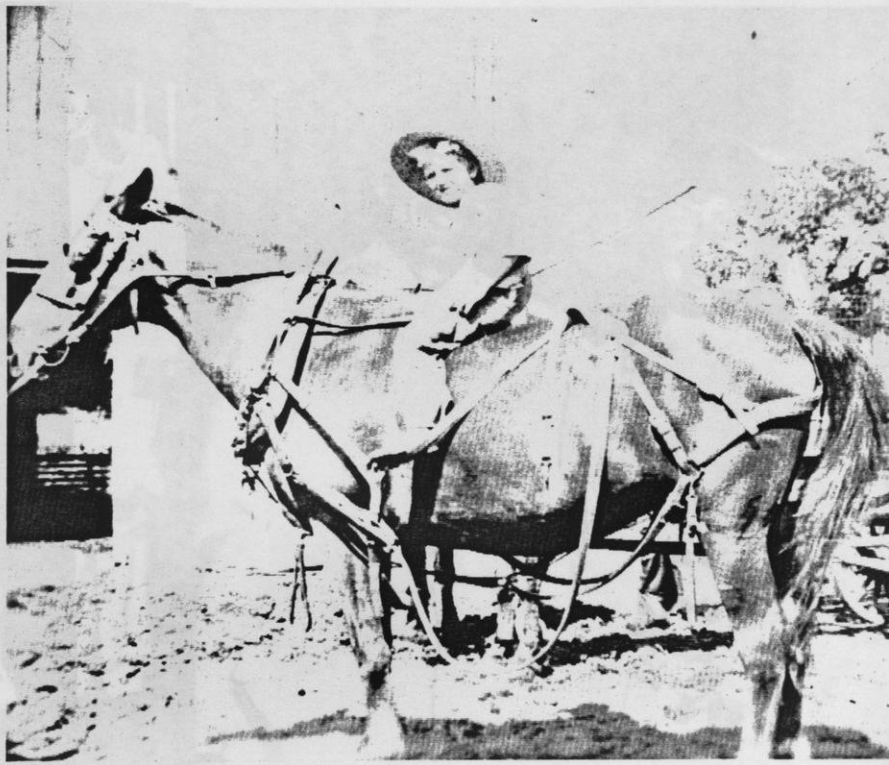
Jerry's graduation from the academy.



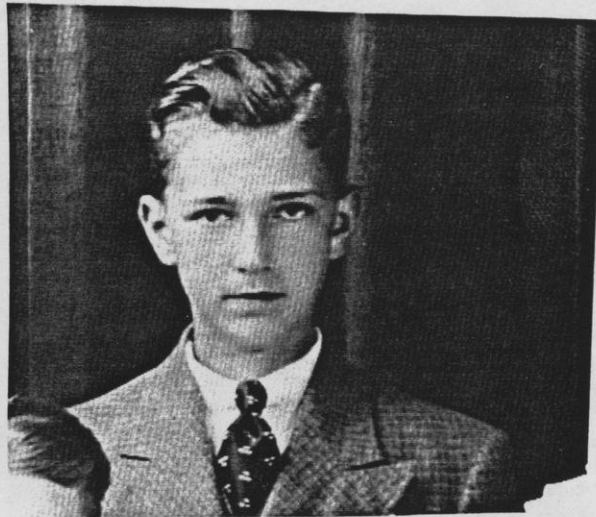
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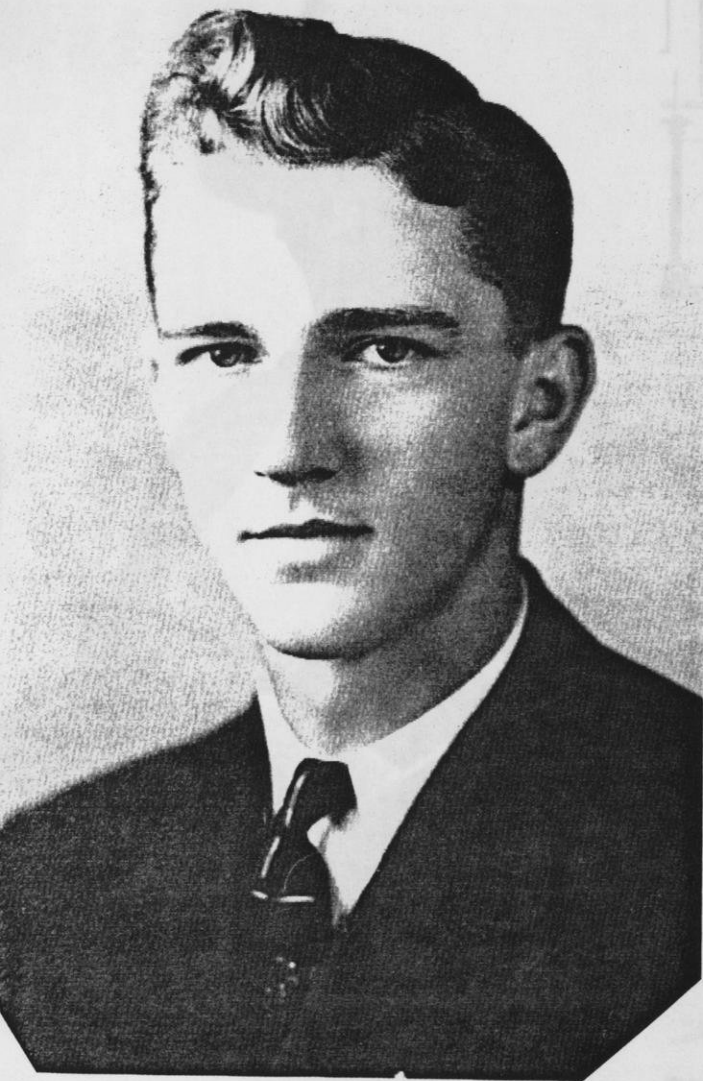
Pud



Pud on King



Phil's confirmation picture



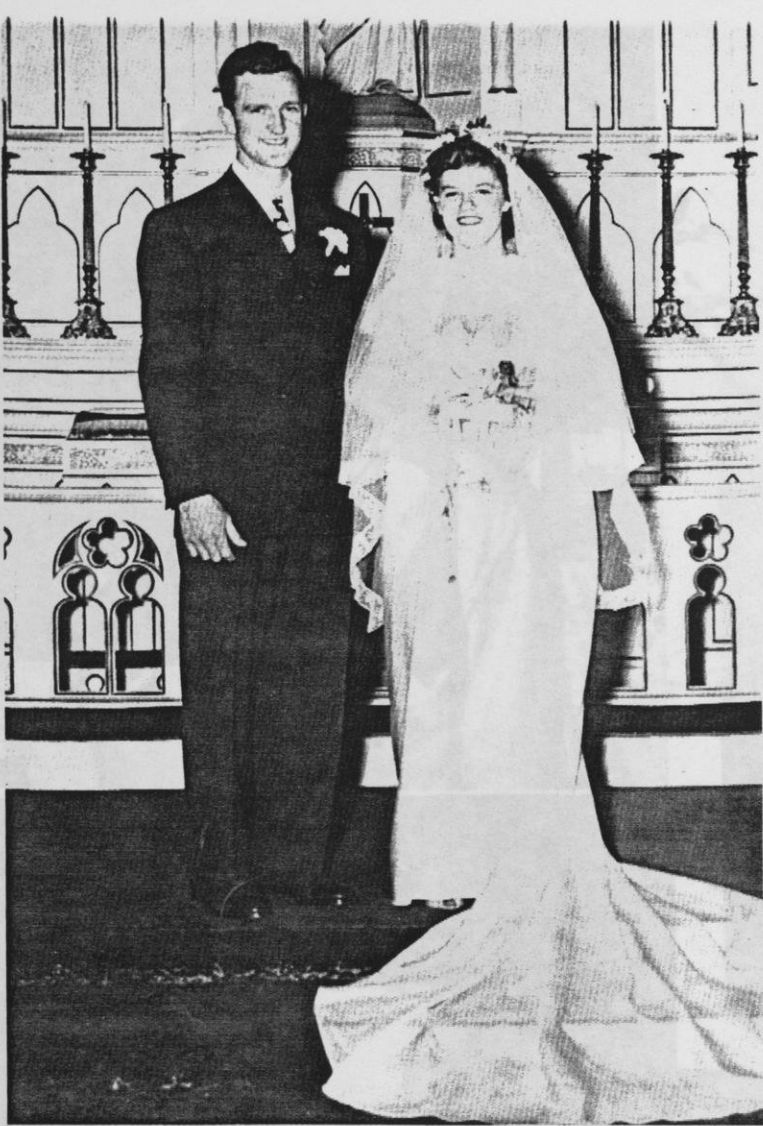
Phil's graduation picture. 1941



Pud in his ball uniform



Pud just before his marriage in 1949.



Phil and Ethel's wedding. 1949

Pud & Ethel

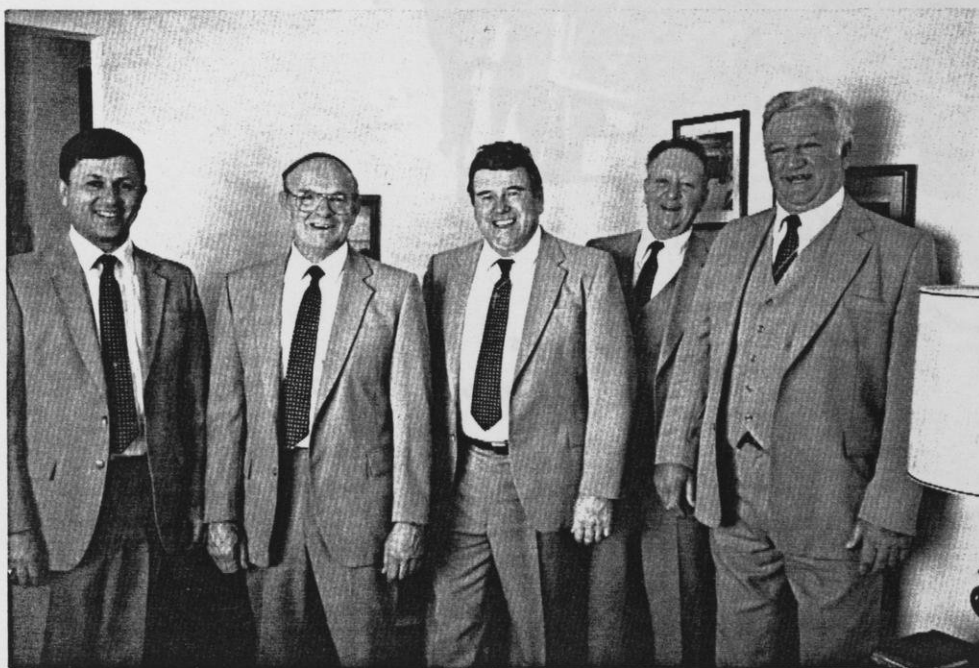




Pud & Ingerid



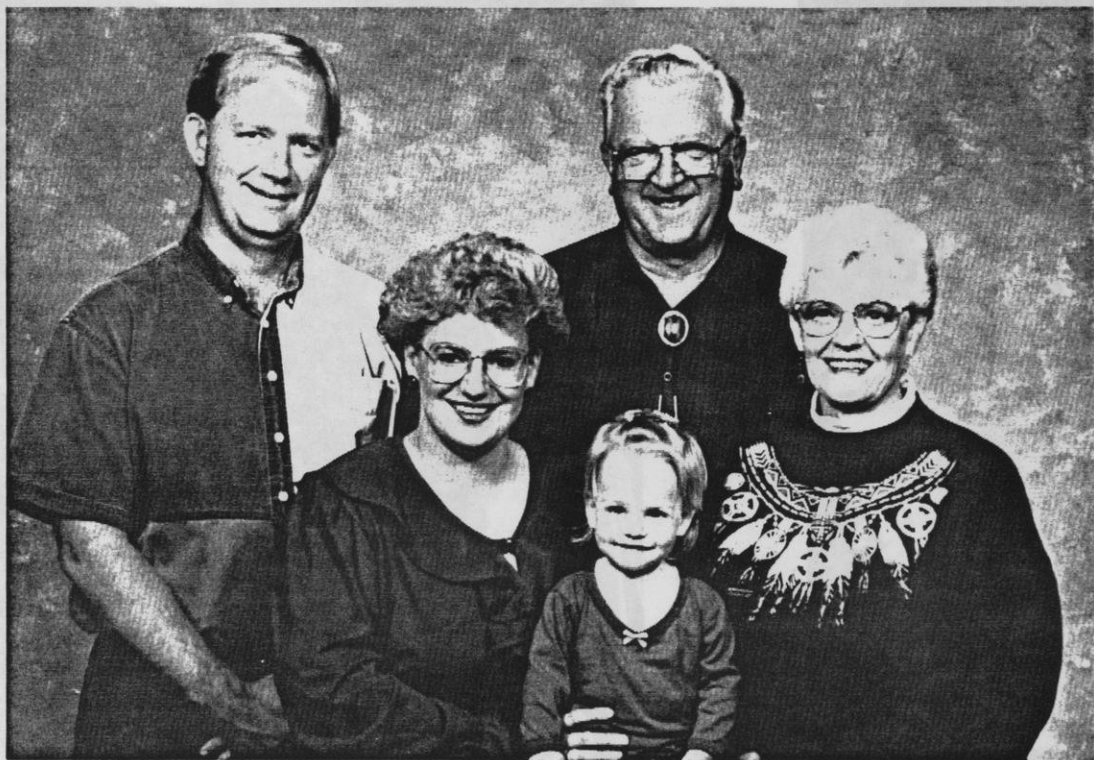
Pud - Ingerid - Ethel



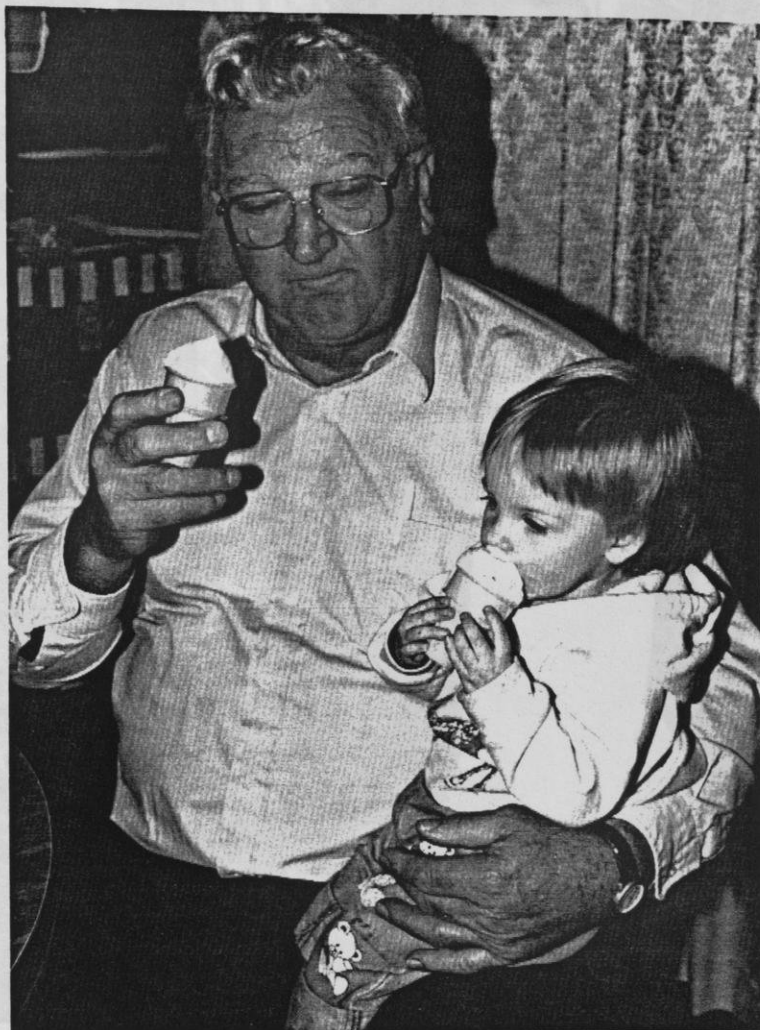
Perrmonts Quartet: L to R: Dave Jeglum - Ralph Grinder - Bob Disrud - Henry Steinhaur(pianist) - Phil.



Pud with Scott & Kate bringing bundles of oates to be threshed.



Randy - Ingerid - Kara - Pud - Ethel



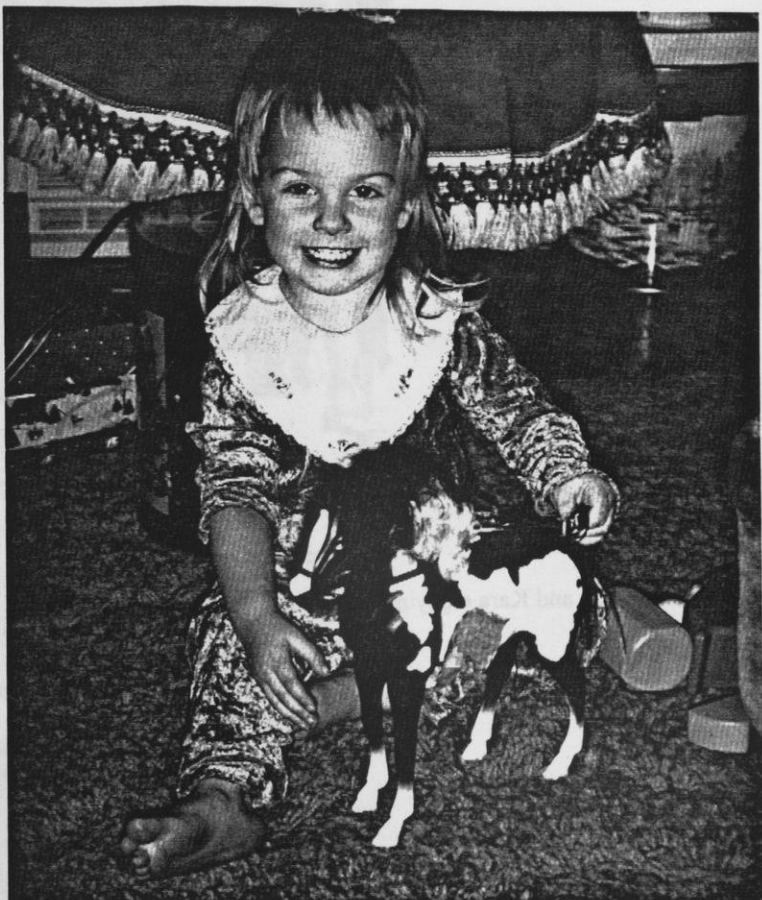
Papa Pud and Kara enjoying ice cream cones.



Ingerid wearing Thora's bridesmaids dress from Pud and Ethel's wedding. Alterations done by Grace Skalet. Made for Pud and Ethel's 25th Ann.



Randy & Ingerid's wedding. 1992



Kara Christmas day 1995 at Papa Pud's



Phoodee's graduation picture. 1943



Dave and Phoodee's wedding. 1948



Standing: Connie - Paul - Brian - Gary.
Seated: Phoodie - Mark - Diane - Dave
- Jean



L to R: Jean - Mark - Diane - Paul -
Brian - Connie - Gary

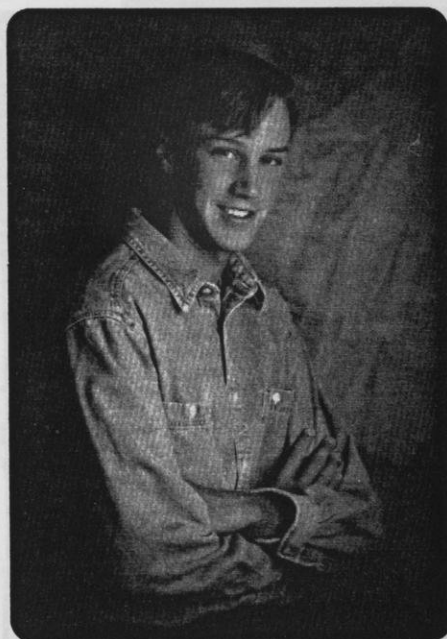
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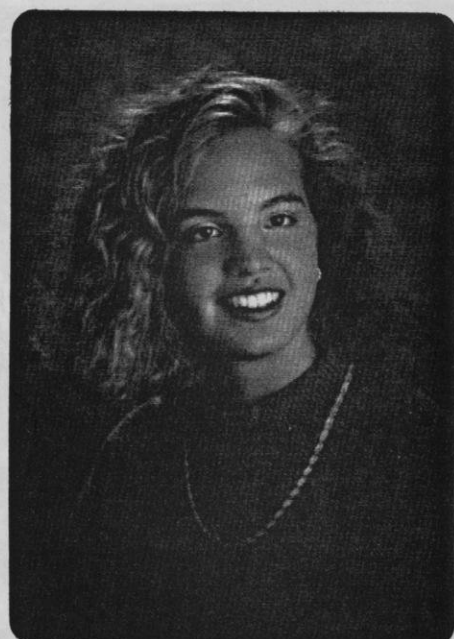
Dave & Phoodie



Gary & Cheryl



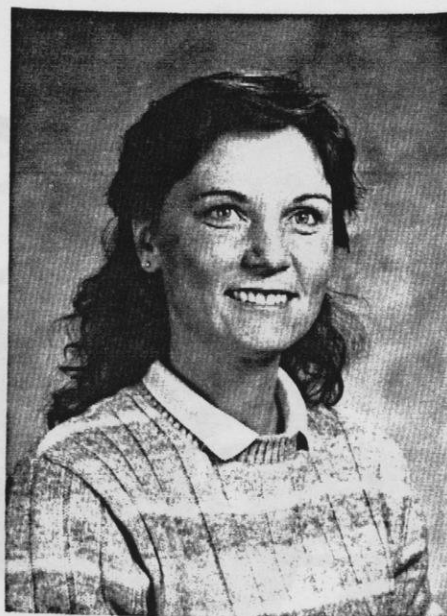
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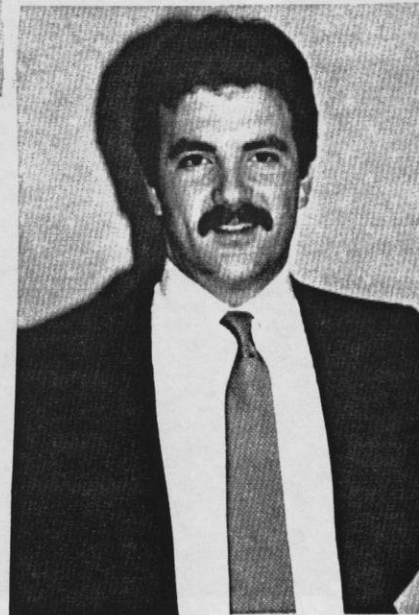
Jennifer



Amber - Taylor - Austin



Connie



Carl

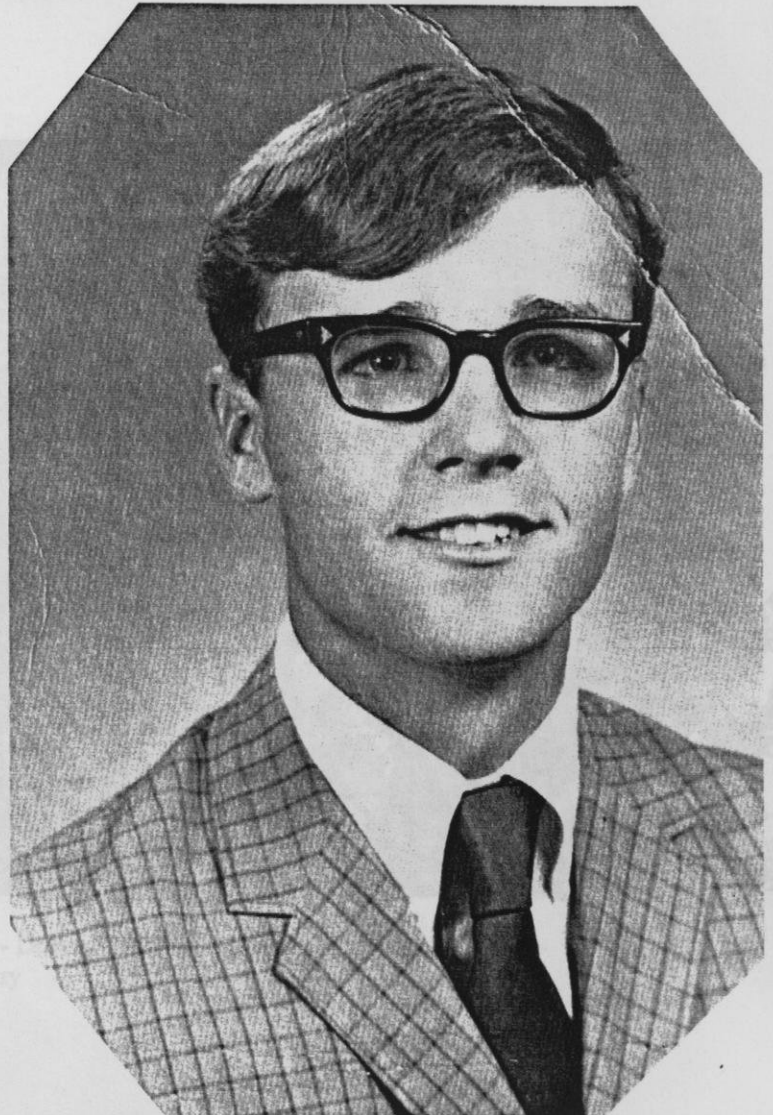


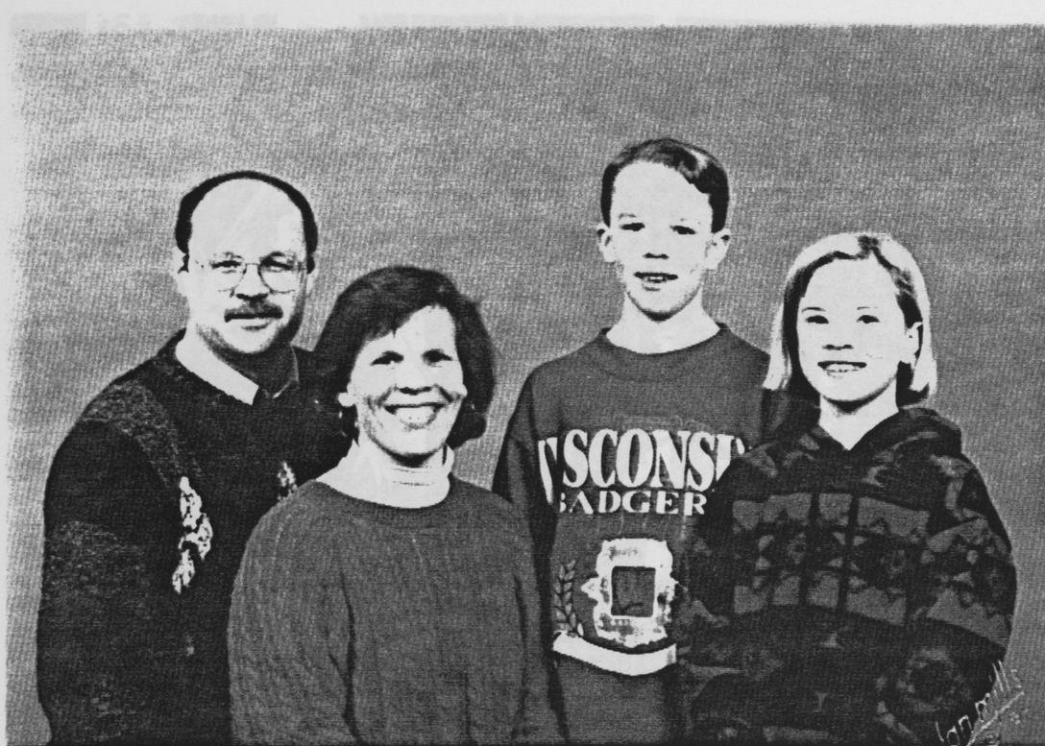
Connie and Carl



Katie - Brian - Diane - Brett

Brian's graduation. 1971





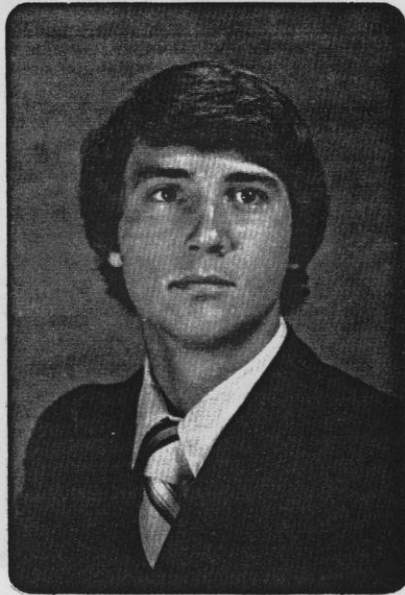
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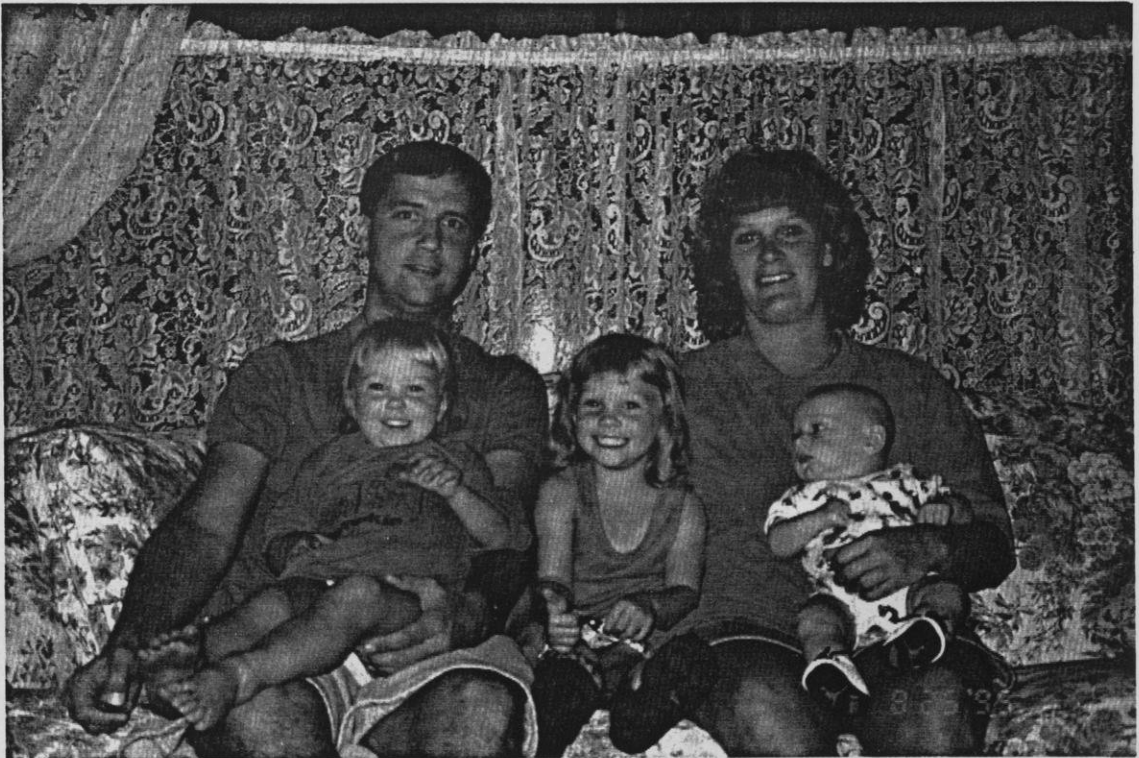
John - Diane - Andy - Hannah



Di-Di on the steps at Mutts' house.



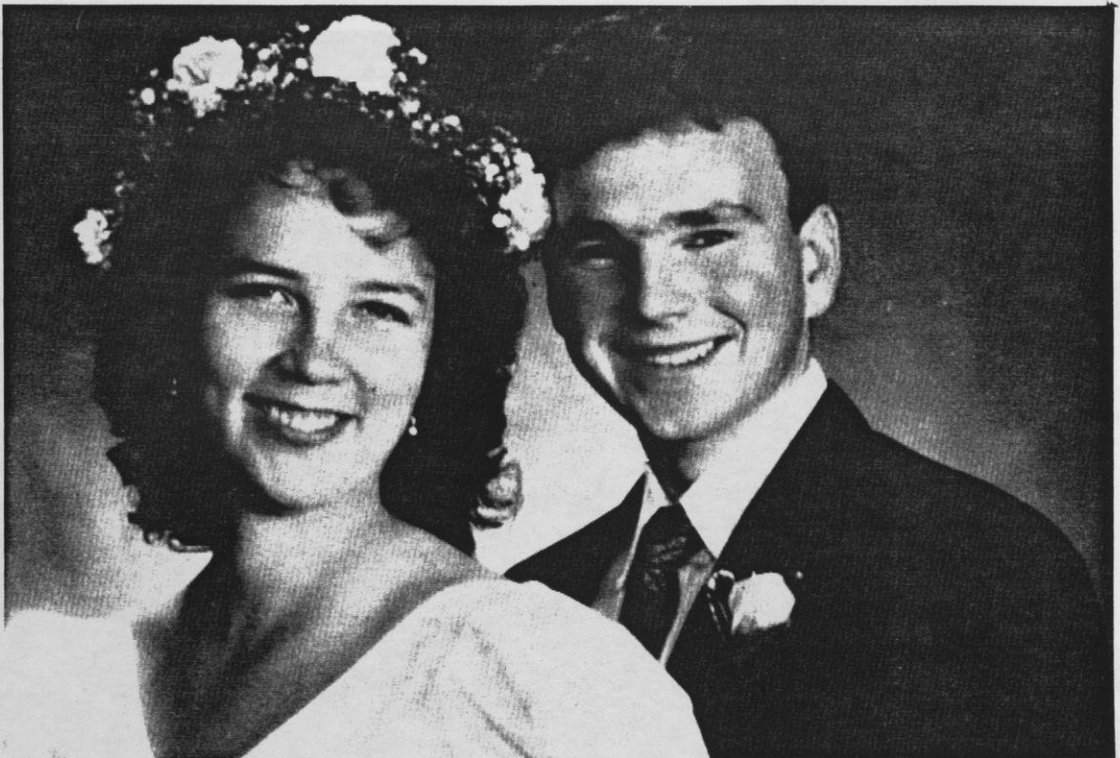
Mark's graduation picture. 1980



Mark - Dianna - Brianna - Mackenzie -
Zachary



Jean's graduation picture. 1981



Jean and Rune's wedding. 1988

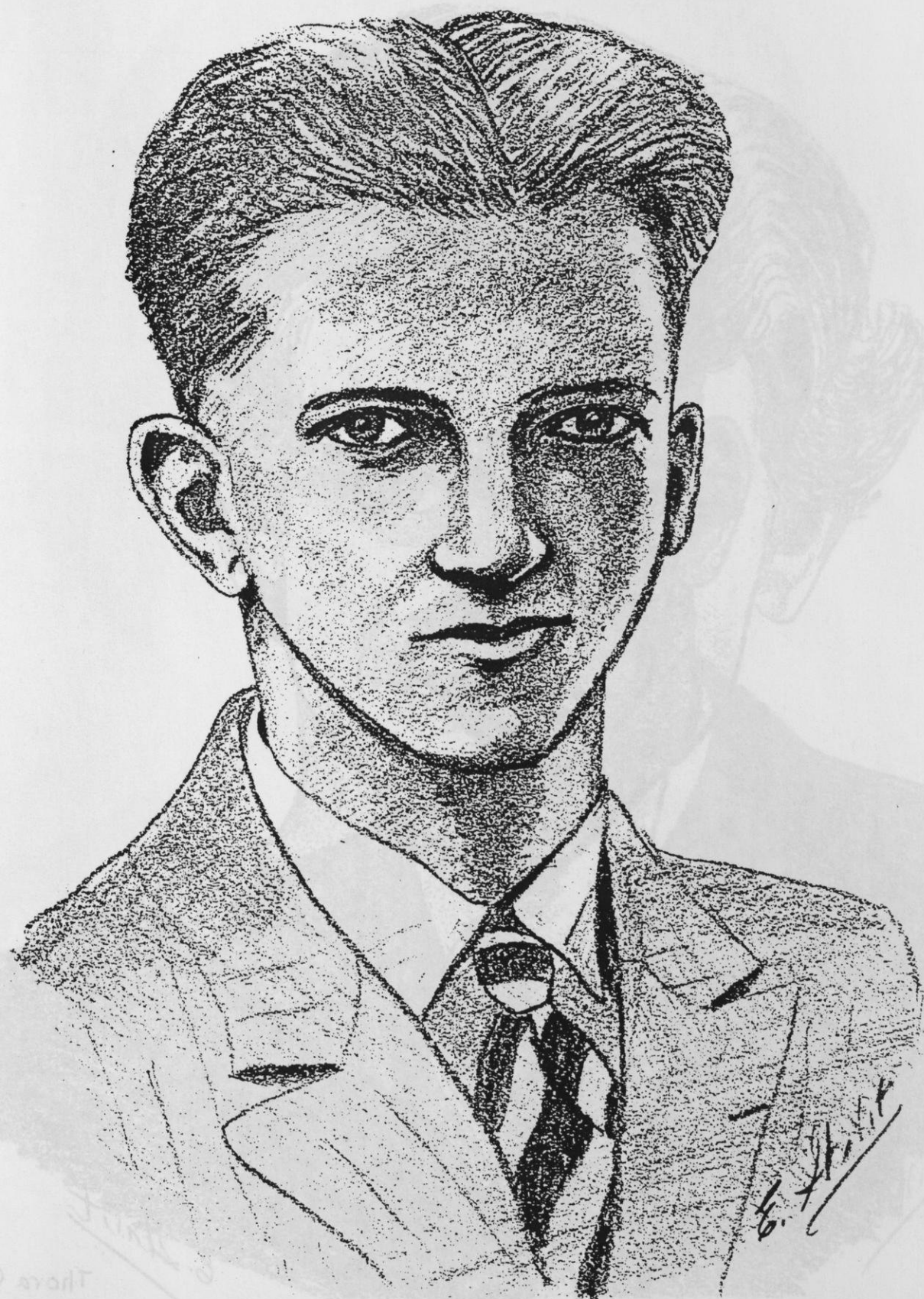


Sever Skale

Jean's graduation picture 1931



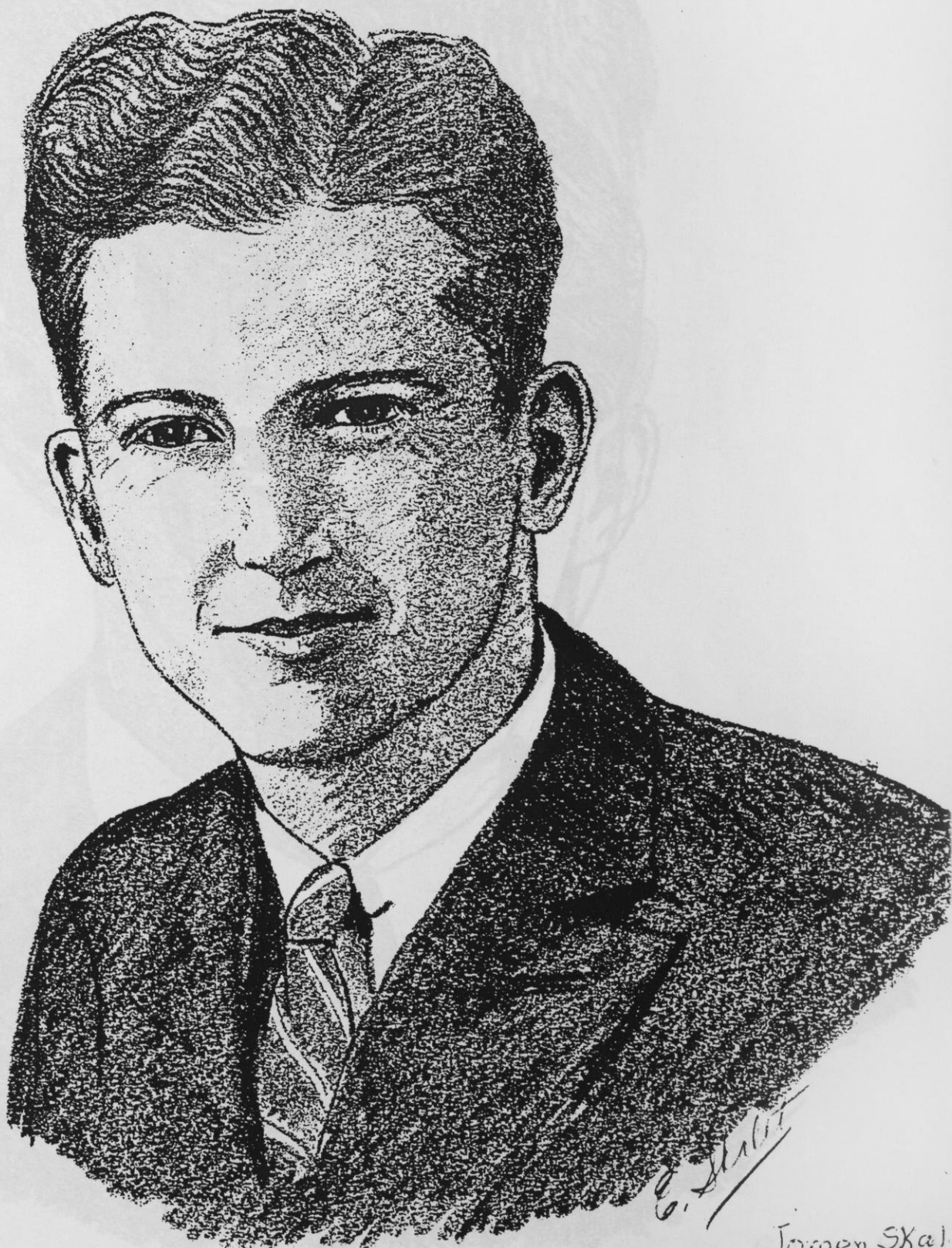
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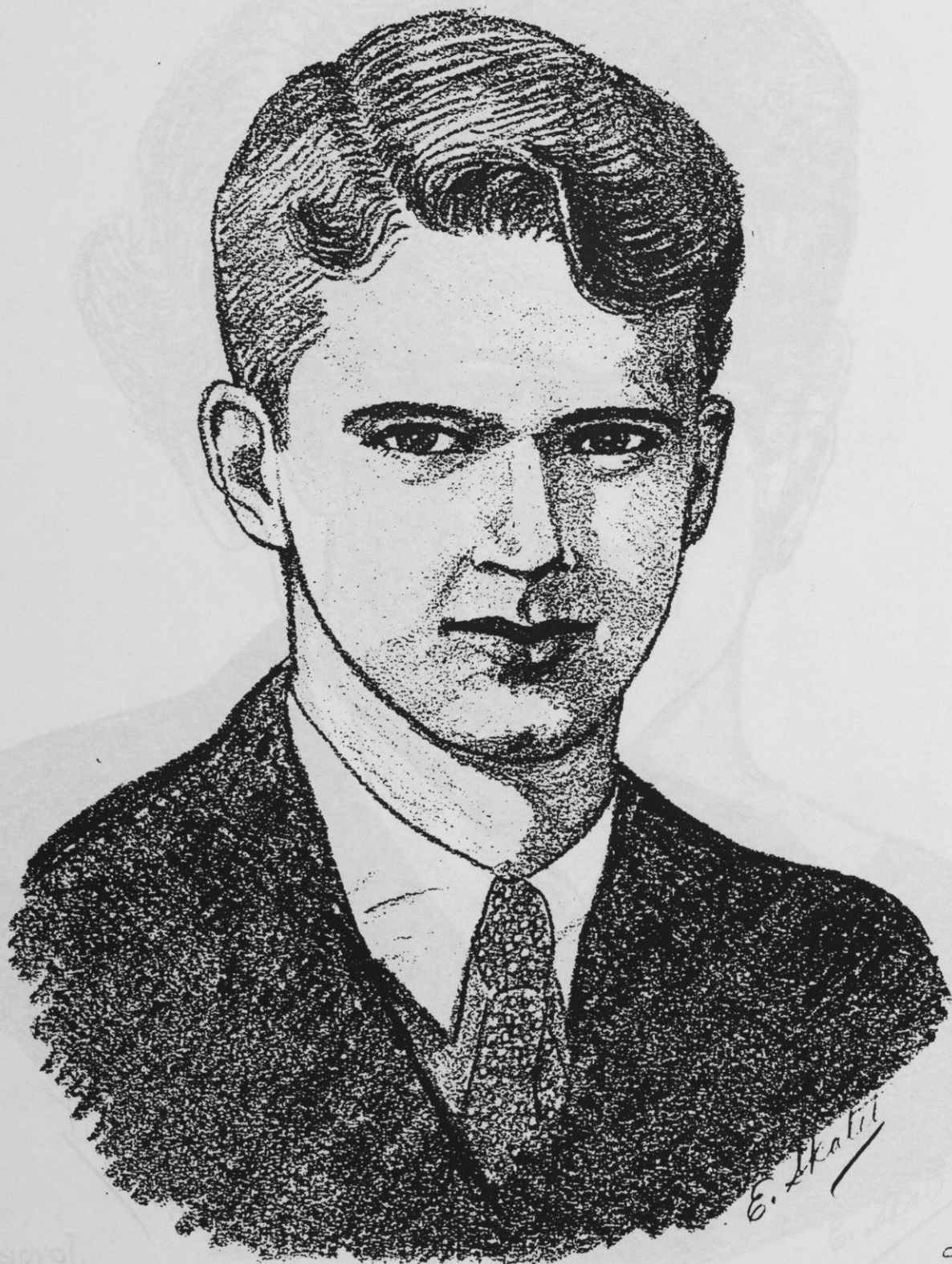
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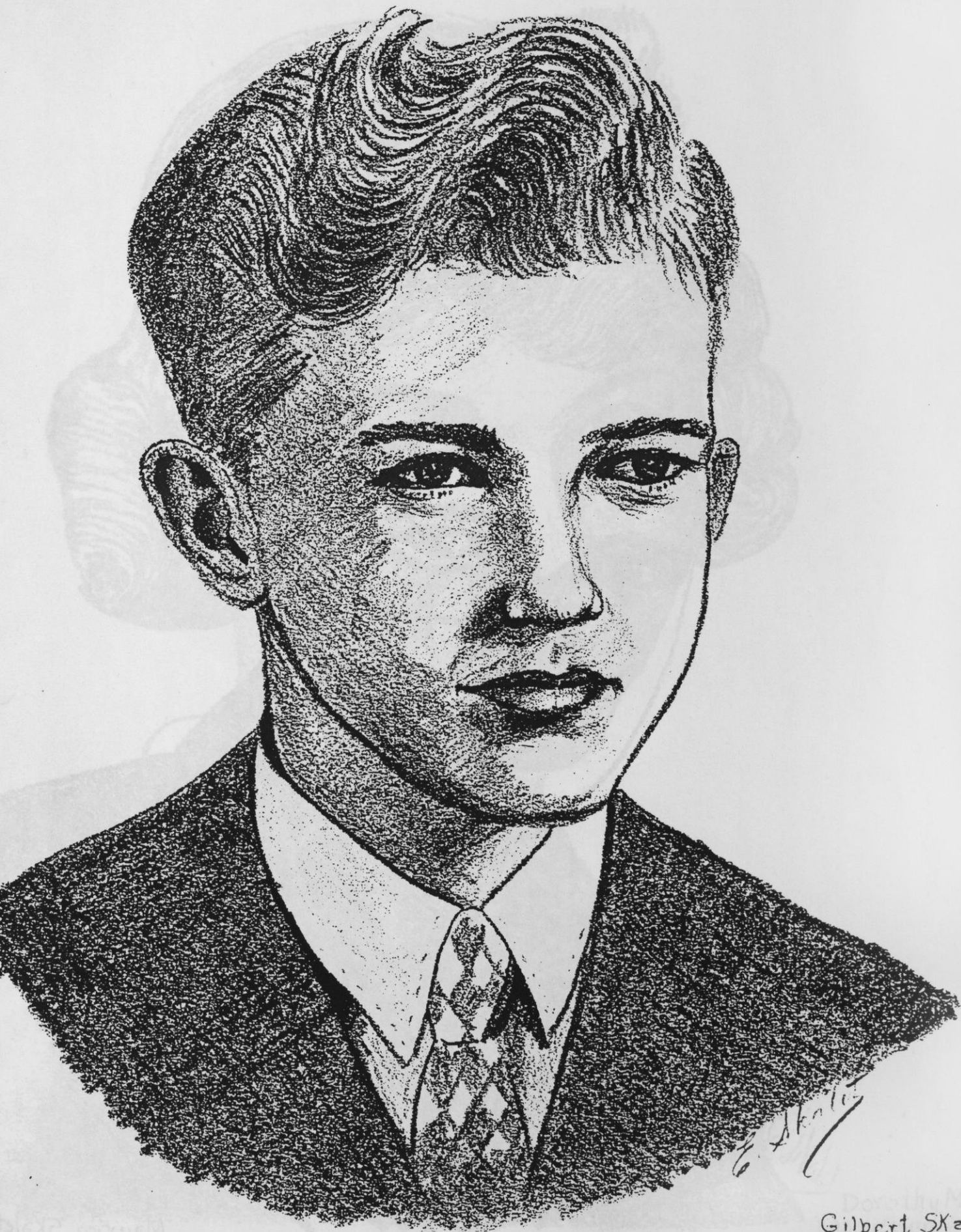
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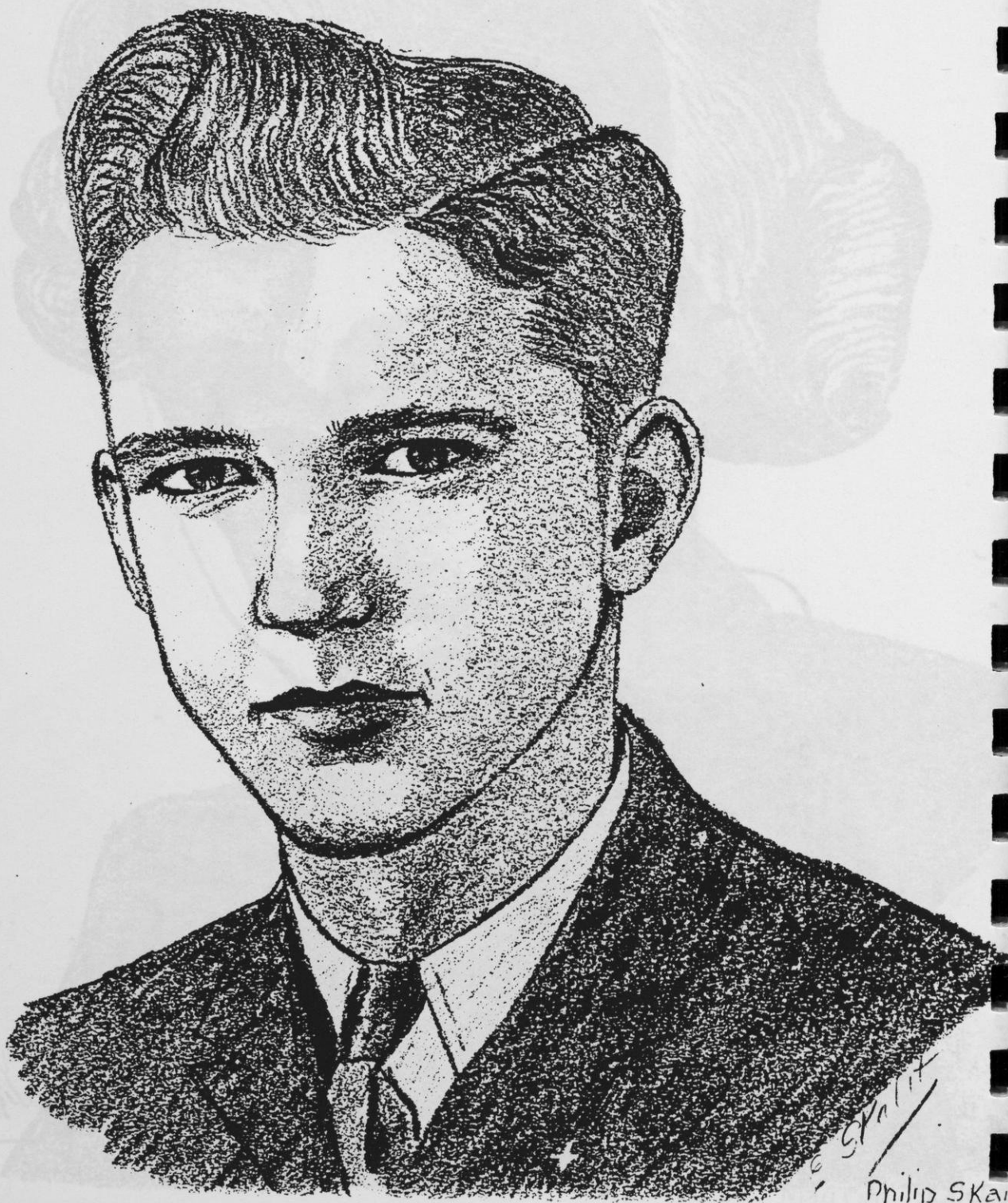
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Maurice Skalet

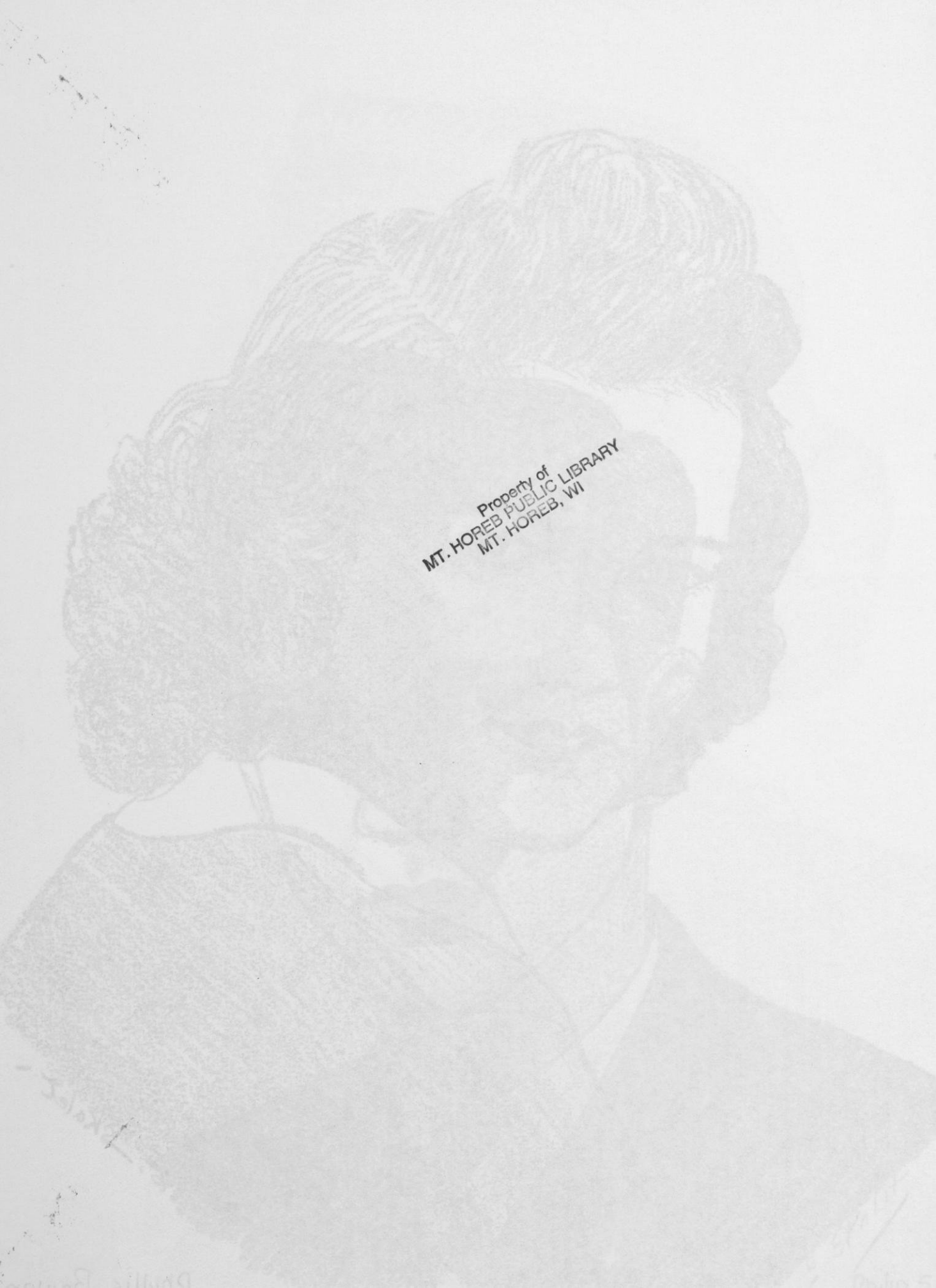


Dorothy Mae
Rasmussen





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