EISMA-AXMEAR GENEALOGY

DESCENDANTS OF JAN WILLEM EISMA-AXMEAR

Compiled by

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HI -

Here - at last - your Axmear Genealogy. Sorry that I am late; but as you know sometimes the 'best laid plans' do not work out.

Since I had been wanting a computer the genealogy gave me the excuse for which I had been looking. Just couldn't do this without a computer - so I became the proud owner of an Epson that does almost everything for you. I enjoy using it and I am looking forward to becoming 'friendly' enough with it so that I can use it more efficiently.

This turned out to be quite a project but I enjoyed doing it. I've learned a lot and find that there is still much more that I need to know. Thanks to all of you who sent information for the genealogy. "Thanks, Deanna and Edgar" for helping me proof read. All this help made it possible to complete your book. Please forgive me if you find an error. I did my best to be correct but it is not always possible. If you find something that needs to be changed let me know.

There is a computer program, Personal Ancestral File, put out by the Morman Church that I plan to get. This is designed especially for family record keeping and I will be using it for the Axmear records. I visited the Family History Library of the Morman Church in Cedar Rapids and the lady in charge said she would be glad to help me get started using the program.

Many interesting things happened during the course of organizing this material. Had occasion to use a Fax machine, which enabled me to send some copy to the Coast in a matter of a few minutes. This modern technology is wonderful. On the other hand, for some of us it is hard to break old habits and it is easy to use maiden names. However, in our small community, believe me, I still receive anything addressed to Raechel Higgins.

Please send me your family changes so that I can update the records. I will plan to have the changes made so that you can have them for your book when the next reunion is held. In this way future generations can easily trace their "roots."

Enjoy your genealogy and keep it up-to-date. Hope to see all of you at the Reunion in 1995.

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar J. Axmear
This book makes a good reference book. If you need to know the date of a birth, a marriage, or a death of a relative consult the records. There is also an address section. This is not complete for it contains only the addresses I had, but I thought you might find them useful and as others become available I will add them.

Each person named has been given a number. That number is the first number on the left appearing in the series of numbers above each name. The next number would be that of his parents, followed by that of his grandparents, etc. on back to the immigrant ancestors, whose number is 1.

The families are grouped by generations beginning with your first ancestors in this country, first generation. Their children are the second generation and so on down to and including the sixth generation.

Each married child, with children, will appear in the next generation under their own assigned number. If a child did not marry, was married and had no children, or died, they will not be listed in the next generation.

A few records are incomplete since a family could not be located to give current information, or perhaps the individual who was contacted did not respond.
FAITHFUL TREES

See that tree on yonder slope
Tall and straight and trim--
It has not always stood
With upright head and limb.

Many a storm has bowed it low
And rocked it in the rain,
And though it bended to the earth
It came back up again.

The breakings of it's aching boughs
Lay low upon earth's green,
And there they silently speak
The tragedies they've seen.

And, so it speaks to every one
In accents strong and clear,
How it has stood day after day
When none but God was near.

Lift up your eyes to Him on high
And whisper with the sighing leaves--
Make me steadfast, strong and firm
And faithful like the trees.

Etta M. Rugg

The thoughts expressed in this poem by one of your ancestors are worth remembering. If we are 'faithful' perhaps we can help, in some small way, to make our world a better place for the generations to come.
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

You now have a genealogy of the great Axmear family. We have done our best, with the help of each family, to be accurate in names and dates. We express our deep gratitude to Raechel Higgins Axmear for collecting the material, preparing it for the printer, and for taking care of countless other details.

Our appreciation and thanks to all of you for your assistance with the Reunion. Thanks to Raechel for acting as chair person for this event on August 10, 11, 12, 1990. Thanks also to Charlotte Axmear and Wayne Silver for all the work they did in making everything run so smoothly. Everyone cooperated in many ways and without this help we could not have accomplished what we did in 1990.

With this combined help we have successfully completed the record of our great family and rejoiced in celebration.

Ellen Elizabeth Kegg-Eisma
FOREWORD

It was a morning in February 1989 when I answered my ringing telephone and the voice at the other end said, "Is this the John Eisma residence?" to which I replied "Yes." This kind, but unfamiliar voice I was listening to said, "This is Wim Eisma." Elated, and my mind whirling with every possible reason for his calling, I said "Wim! How are you and Lies and JoGriet?" (We had not heard from John’s sister since Christmas ’88) and I was very puzzled when he said, "You do not know me. I am Wim Frans Eisma from New Jersey." The telephone introductions, questions, and answers became lengthy and it was not easy to finish a conversation with a relative we had never seen nor spoken with before. In those few minutes there was such a warm feeling of belonging and we seemed to have known each other always.

My husband, John, as a young boy, and his two brothers Gerard and Henry while growing up in Holland, many times were together sailing in their boat and swimming in the Rhine river with a cousin Willem Karel Eisma. (The father of Wim Eisma who called us this February morning.) The boys were the greatest of friends in their young years to be separated later by immigration to other countries. Their lives and chosen occupation, with many miles between made a lengthy separation. In November 1933 when John and Ellen were on their honeymoon in Holland to visit as much of John’s family as possible, Willem Karel Eisma met us for a short visit in the American Hotel Restaurant in Amsterdam. Though brief, it was a wonderful reunion for the two cousins to meet again. Little did they realize that such an opportunity would not come again.

After the telephone conversation, to which I earlier referred, we and Wim Frans Eisma and Rita his wife exchanged letters and telephone calls and they came to visit us in our home in Mill Creek, Washington in early 1989. While on business trips, Wim has been here several times and the strong feeling of family ties has filled our hearts.

It was Christmas 1987 in a letter from John’s sister Lies, in Amsterdam, that we learned of a Wim Arnoldus Eisma of Rijswijk, Netherlands, who was up-dating the Eisma genealogy. In her letter she asked me for the relationship of my mother, Etta Melissa Axmear Rugg to the Axmear family in the United States.

To learn about the up-dated genealogy of the Eisma family was very exciting to me, having always been very interested in family history, and it lit a fire in my heart to do a genealogy of the family Axmear who descended from Jan Willem Eisma and Deute de Leeuw, and then his second wife Julia Ann Martin.

After getting to know Wim Frans, my intrigue resulted in writing to Wim Arnoldus Eisma in Rijswijk who did the Eisma Genealogy with his very able assistant Ingrid Eisma Putnam (sister of Wim in New
Their warm letters in response to mine were very exciting. In Holland they had an Eisma reunion planned for September 9, 1989. With this family history up-dated and a reunion to take place, I was certain the American Eisma-Axmear genealogy must be done to add to the Eisma records in Holland, to be celebrated with a reunion of all the family who could attend.

I began making contacts with families, and very shortly realized that my being in the most northwest part of the United States, and the majority of the family in the mid-west, I was too far removed from access to records and personal contacts for complete information. Immediately I knew who I would ask to take charge of the research and contact with relatives. She is Raechel Higgins Axmear, wife of Edgar Axmear. Their home is in Keswick, Iowa. Raechel, Edgar, and I graduated from the same high school in Keswick so we have known each other many years. I must add here, that when Raechel and Edgar were married she became a great addition to the Axmear family. Knowing her ability, thoroughness, and charm I felt secure in asking her to be organizer of my idea and she is centrally located for a great number of family contacts. She very graciously accepted. As you enjoy and treasure this Axmear genealogy, you must be reminded that many hours of work went into this; including search, letters, telephone calls, short and long auto trips, and computer hours. Raechel and I have kept in close touch during this time in exchanging ideas.

Bringing the Axmear records up-to-date has been very exciting and enjoyable. We hope you will always treasure this genealogy and continue to add your own family records through the coming years for very meaningful and lasting ties.

The following pages will give you more brief bits of interesting history and pictures of this brave and very respected man, John Willem Eisma-Axmear and his family.
A Tribute to Jan Willem (Eisma) Axmear
My Great Grandfather
The first Eisma to come to the United States

Great Grandfather was born November 30, 1822, in Amsterdam, Holland, where he was raised and educated. There he worked in a ship building company followed by four years of army service in the war between Belgium and Holland. After the war he worked four years for an Amsterdam merchant. His young years were already revealing his ambition and restless nature for adventure and changes to better his life.

Jan married his sweetheart, Deute de Leeuw in Holland in 1848, and according to plans, they immediately set sail on a ship to America - a new and far away country where he felt certain there must be great opportunity. He and his bride were but two among many who were leaving Europe at that time.

I can imagine their families deep sorrow and concerns as they said goodbye, for they all surely shared in the hurt of separation from each other. However, as one looks back it is clear that Jan and Deute were determined not to let distance dim their goals, though they must have been certain it would shape their lives. No doubt his bravery and daring with this great determination made him stronger each day. He must have believed that "the real voyage of discovery consists not only in new lands but in seeing with new eyes." After a long voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, to set feet on soil (any soil) must have felt like one large victory.

For the record and future generations to understand, the name change from Eisma to Axmear must be explained. With the foreign accents from many countries, language differences soon became a stumbling block and every pay day Jan’s (John in English) last name was never correct on his pay check. Most of the time it was written as Axmear which eventually became permanent. There was a time in the early 1880's that the name was spelled Axsmear. This is known since this is the spelling found on marriage licenses. How long they spelled the name this way is not known.

John and Deute had five children - John, Emma, Jacob, George, and Willem. In 1860 Deute, their mother, died. Three years later, John married Julia Ann Martin, a native of Bavaria, and they moved with the family to Iowa. If the generations of today feel insecure at times, they must compare with the uncertainties and difficulties of our early ancestors. Surely you’ve heard the stories of their struggles and many times adverse conditions as they pushed westward from the eastern shore. Great Grandfather chose an area in Keokuk County, Iowa, as the place they were determined to make their hopes and dreams come true.
I can recall stories told by my Grandfather (John's oldest son) and my mother Etta, of how Great Grandfather worked and prospered. As each of his children matured and married he gave them a farm on which to begin their life. From the time I was old enough to understand, I always enjoyed listening to these stories and as I grew older I began to realize that the profound ideals to which he adhered all his life have been carried down through the generations. Whatever he did, he was successful. His quality of life was not amplified with a loud noise but by leadership and quiet example. Respectability, fair dealing, honesty, loving kindness, aggressive, willing to take risks, and perseverance, were but a few of his attributes.

There must have been many trials in establishing a good, sound life for a future in their new land, but he was motivated to pay the price of sacrifice for success, through his strong faith in God. Necessity changes many a course but never a goal and Great Grandfather didn't believe in looking back - but always ahead in determining how much good he could do. He believed one of the great sources of energy is having pride in what you are doing.

I am sorry that I never had a chance to know Great Grandfather. He was a great and honorable man. He died before I was born. But down through the years I cherish the things I've heard about this man and the ideals for which he stood and which he instilled in his children.

So it is with the deep respect and love I feel for Great Grandfather that I have written this tribute. In doing so I feel I did know this man from the way of life he passed on to his descendants. I like to think each one of us has inherited some of his characteristics to always preserve his image and continue to add significance to our families in the coming years. May his ideals remain in our hearts forever, and may the Axmear family continue on in great strength down through the years.

I'm sure Great Grandfather would be very happy if he knew we were celebrating a reunion in his honor. It is so very necessary to keep in touch with the early history of our ancestors so that the younger generations know from where they come - their family roots.

It is then, with great pride and love we pay honor to our Great Grandfather, John Willem Eisma-Axmear, 1822-1913. We thank him for the legacy of ideals, examples and the internal directional compass which we have inherited -- so necessary for a good life.

Ellen Elizabeth Rugg-Eisma
Back Row - L to R
William and Jacob
Cesar

Front Row - L to R
John (Ina)
Eva Melissa
George Washington
The next four pages are taken from the History of Keokuk County.

THE

HISTORY

OF

KEOKUK COUNTY,

IOWA,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,


ILLUSTRATED

DES MOINES:
UNION HISTORICAL COMPANY.
1880.
The American people are much given to reading, but the character of the matter read is such that with regard to a large proportion of them it may indeed be said that "truth is stranger than fiction." Especially is this the case in respect to those facts of local history belonging to their own immediate country and neighborhood. This, perhaps, is not so much the fault of the people as a neglect on the part of the book publishers. Books, as a rule, are made to sell, and, in order that a book may have a large sale, its matter must be such general character as to be applicable to general rather than special conditions—to the Nation or State rather than the County or Township. Thus it is that no histories heretofore published enter into matters relating to county and neighborhood affairs, for such books, in order to have a sale over a large section of country, must necessarily be very voluminous, and contain much matter of no interest to the reader. The publishers, having received a liberal patronage from the people of Keokuk county, have endeavored to prepare a work containing a full and minute account of the local affairs of the county.

The following pages constitute a history of the Northwest and a detailed account of the early settlement, natural resources and subsequent development of Keokuk county, together with reminiscences, narratives, and biographies of the leading citizens of the county.

The work may not meet the expectations of some; and this is all the more probable, seeing that it falls short of our own standard of perfection: however, in size, quality of material and typographical appearance, it is such a book as we designed to make, and more than fills the conditions guaranteed by our prospectus.

To the early settler, who braved the dangers, endured the hardships and experienced the enjoyments of pioneer life, it will be the means of recalling some of the most grateful memories of the past; while those who are younger, or who have become citizens of the county in more recent times, will here find collected in a narrow compass an accurate and succinct account of the beginning, progress and changes incident to municipal as well as individual life.

The old pioneer, in reviewing the history of the county, all of which he saw, and part of which he was, will find this work a valuable compendium of facts, arranged in analytical order, and thus will events which are gradually vanishing into the mists and confusion of forgone be rescued from oblivion.

The rising generation, which is just entering upon the goodly heritage bequeathed by a hardy and noble ancestry, will find in this work much to encourage them in days of despondency, and intensify the value of success when contrasted with the trials and compared with the triumphs of those who have gone before.

In the preparation of this work we have been materially aided by numerous persons in sympathy with the enterprise and solicitous for its success: to all such we feel ourselves under great obligations, and take this method of acknowledging the same. To S. A. James, Esq., especially belongs the credit for any merit the work may possess. Without his encouragement the work would not have been undertaken, and without his assistance it could not have been completed.

In presenting this work to our many hundred patrons, we have the satisfaction of knowing that they are of sufficient intelligence to appreciate merit when it is found, and errors will be criticised with the understanding that book-making, like all other kinds of labor, has its peculiar vicissitudes.

Whatever of interest, of profit, or of recreation the reader will find in perusing the following pages will be a source of satisfaction, gratitude and happiness to the

Publishers.
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AXSMEAR, JOHN, farmer, Sec. 1; P. O. White Pigeon; the subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Amsterdam, Holland, on the 30th day of November, 1822; his father and grand-father were ship carpenters, and the latter was engaged for years in building vessels for Napoleon I; Mr. Axsmear had more than ordinary educational advantages until eighteen years of age; he then entered the army and served four years; during the time he was wounded in the short war between Belgium and Holland; after leaving the army, he had a mercantile experience of four years in the employ of a noted merchant of Amsterdam; he emigrated to the United States in 1848, and settled in Cumberland, Maryland, and lived there one year, and then removed to West Virginia; until the outbreak of the Rebellion he was employed by the construction company of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and held an important and responsible position; but, owing to the war, the business was suspended; he determined to leave, and had to sacrifice all he had made excepting $735; being a strong Union man, he came to Iowa in 1863 and has lived in Keokuk county since that time; he owns 540 acres of choice land, well improved; Mr. A. has been twice married, first to Miss D. Delinc, in 1848; she was born in Amsterdam and died in West Virginia January 31, 1860, leaving five children: John, Emily, Jacob C., William and George W.; for his second wife he married Miss Julia A. Martin, a native of Bavaria; they have one daughter: Melissa, living, and have lost two children: Peter and Almeda.
SOME EARLY AXMEAR REUNION HISTORY

The first Axmear reunion to be held in the United States was on August 9, 1925 in the beautiful Noel Montz grove at Webster, Iowa. The attendance was near perfect for this great celebration, and excitement filled the heart of each one. A fabulous picnic dinner furnished and assembled by the ladies of each family was placed on long tables and in orderly fashion everyone was soon enjoying the delicious food. Following the dinner, there was a business meeting and organization of plans to make the reunion an annual event.

There followed a short program of music and songs by everyone, and there were a few oratorios given by eloquent speakers. On this day we were gathered together not only to know better our relatives, but to honor the man and his wife who started the Axmear family in this country.

At the second reunion on August 8, 1926, Noel Montz was master of ceremonies and read the following letter. We are so grateful to have a copy of that letter now 64 years old.

1926 AXMEAR REUNION

The occasion which brings us so happily together today had its beginning in a brave decision made many years ago in far away Holland. And there was romance connected with it too. In Sneek, a city of Holland in 1848, took place the marriage of John Eisma and Deute de Leeuw, the one chosen to share his life’s journey. She, a charming bride, he a stately groom, stepped on a boat and came to what was then very distant America. For them it was a land of promise, and for it they left behind their heart broken parents, brothers, and sisters, and came to make it their home, here in America.

They were indeed brave souls, worthy of the success they were later to achieve, or they would never have come to the states where they knew no one. But both had plenty of vigor and pluck, with which they started on their wedded pilgrimage in Cumberland, Maryland. They lived there one year and then moved to West Virginia. There grandfather first worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railway constructing a road through the mountains. His foreman could not remember the name "Eisma" or perhaps he did not understand it with the Holland accent, so it went on the records of the company as "Axmear" and the change from Eisma has so continued in the United States, but it remains Eisma in Holland.

On October 3, 1850, a son was born to them and he was given the name of his father, John. They were still young and in search of betterment, so they left Maryland and moved to Virginia. Four more children came to bless the home—Emma, Jacob, William and George. Then in 1860, ten years after their marriage, came a sad blow. The
wife and mother died after these short years of faithful companionship.

John Axmear was again married, to Julia Ann Martin and a daughter came to their home and was given the name of Melissa. They soon after heard the call of the West and came to Iowa with the family in 1863. They first came to Washington, Iowa, where Jacob Dell met them at the train and brought them to North English to the home of Samuel Thomas where they remained for a few weeks. They had been frugal and their industry had resulted in their accumulating enough so that they could buy some land which their Holland instinct told them would some day have greater value. They bought 104 acres from William Fancher west of White Pigeon. That thrift and hard work continued to be their mainstay is plainly seen when we find them a few years later owning 1200 acres. Grandfather was concerned not only for his own success, but for that of his children, and as each married, he gave them a good start.

John, the oldest son, remained on the same section that came from his father until he moved to Sigourney, where he is enjoying some of that well merited freedom from care and hard work which he always faced so cheerfully, getting real pleasure out of a task well done, and in the thought that his children were being reared in habits that would make true men and women of them.

The daughter Emma, died leaving a son John and a daughter Nellie.

J. C. stayed on the farm until he moved to Iowa City. On leaving, he gave his boys land on which some are still living.

William is still living on the same section that his father gave him.

Of course, with the splendid training they had, each son was equipped to acquire land of his own and they have added much to the original farms their father gave them. All have proven that they could make a real success in life.

George lived on the old home place until he moved to What Cheer and from there to Oskaloosa, his present address.

Melissa married Thomas Morgan and now lives in Webster in the summer and Pasadena, California in the winter.

Grandfather Axmear lived to the ripe old age of 91, dying at home in Keswick in 1913 after many years of hard toil, out of which he got genuine enjoyment. Grandmother Axmear died in the spring of 1915. Both lived to see the wonderful development of the state they had chosen for home, from primitive days until it was one of the richest in the union.
Last year was the first time the family met in a picnic reunion. It was so enjoyed that we are having another this year, and trust that it is to become an annual event. Those of us who are of the younger generation look with pride on the achievement of those who met obstacles and made a success of their undertakings.

We wish to extend a special welcome to those who have lately come from Holland across the sea to join their fortunes with America and their kinsfolk here. Last year we were fortunate to have with us Gerard Eisma. This year we are doubly fortunate to have with us both Gerard and John who came from Holland only a few months ago. We trust that both boys will find America as good to them as it has always been to the rest of us.

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There were many more reunions to follow and finally some years ago because many of the younger generation were separated by great distances the annual gathering of the family was cancelled. But there comes a time in our lives again when we feel the necessity from family love to update our records and celebrate together once more as one great family and become acquainted with our younger descendants.
Women
Back Row - L to R
Helen Sturdevant
Evelyn Johnson
Jessie Axmear

Evelyn Harris
Viola Johnston
Ada Yoakam
Marguerite Axmear

Front Row - L to R
Hazel Axmear
Ellen Rugg

Helen Axmear
In front of Helen
Ellen Rugg
In front of Ellen
Gertrude Montz

Men
Back Row - L to R
William Axmear
John Axmear
John Rugg

George Axmear
Verne Sherwood
Glen Yoakam
Fred Axmear
Loupy Kerkove

John Eisma
T. A. Morgan
W. C. Axmear

Middle Row - L to R

E. C. Sturdevant
Ward Sherwood

Sidney Axmear
In front of Sidney

In front of T. A. Morgan
In front of W. C. Axmear

Front Row, seated - L to R
Paul Jones
George Jones
John Jones
Baby - Lloyd Rugg
Maurice Axmear

John Rugg
Fred Rugg

Richard Axmear

If you can fill in any of the blanks please send the names to me.

\[\text{[Signature]}\]
Back Row
L to R
Lloyd Rugg
Robert Montz
John Jones
Cornelius Albert Rouw
Lloyd Axmear
Edgar Axmear
Kenneth Axmear
Sam McPherson
Dale Axmear
Alfred Hansen
Norman Axmear

Middle Row
L to R
Noel Montz
Helen Montz
Winnifred Jones
Aleda Jean Rouw
Anna Belle Axmear
Louise Axmear
Flora Axmear
Raechel Axmear
Ada Sturdevant
Blanche Snakenberg
Hazel Hansen
Alta Axmear
Alma Axmear
JoAnn Axmear
Lois Axmear
Doris Axmear
John Rugg
E. C. Sturdevant

Front Row, Sitting
L to R
John W. Axmear
William T. Axmear
on John W.'s lap
Fred S. Axmear
W. C. Axmear
Willem Arnoldus Eisma
Grietje Eisma
John Eisma
Etta Rugg
Sidney Axmear

Youngsters in front row Left to Right
Fred L. Axmear
Rex Jones
Richard Jones
Nancy Louise Jones

Beverly Hansen
Shirley Hansen

If you have the names for any of these blanks, please send to me.
EISMA-AXMEAR GENEALOGY

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JOHN WILLEM EISMA, born November 30, 1822, in Amsterdam, Holland; and Deute de Leeuw (pronounced Duty Du-lay-oo) born in 1822, in Amsterdam, Holland; were married in 1848. They came to America in 1848 where the name changed to Axmear. They had five children. Deute died January 31, 1860.

2 - John (Ina), born October 3, 1850. Married Cordelia Wyant.
3 - Emma (Emillie), born February 15, 1852. Married John W. Crouse.
4 - Jacob Cesar, born September 6, 1854. Married Rosa Brakel.
5 - William (Willem), born June 7, 1856. Married Mary Ernestine Schubel.
6 - George (Sjors) Washington, born April 17, 1958. Married Rosiella Lane.

John's second marriage was to Julia Ann Martin in 1861. Julia Ann was born April 14, 1822 in Bavaria, Germany. There were three children from the second marriage. John died December 13, 1913; and Julia Ann died February 28, 1915.

7 - Eva Melissa (Melysa), born October 9, 1863. Married Thomas A. Morgan.
8 - Peter M., no recorded date of birth, deceased.
9 - Alemeda E., daughter of John and Julia A. Axsmear, died September 26, 1876. Age 7 years ___ 7 days. (Stone broken at age line and months not readable.) Buried in Porter cemetery.

2 - 1
JOHN (INA) AXMEAR, was born October 3, 1850 in Cumberland, Maryland; and Cordelia Wyant who was born on December 4, 1855; were married on April 9, 1882. They had five children. Cordelia died on May 30, 1927. John was married a second time to Sarah Ellen Wyant Cissna, a sister of his first wife. They were married on April 9, 1928. Sarah died December 5, 1931. John died on June 23, 1939.

11 - Etta Melissa, born March 6, 1884. Married John Earl Rugg.
12 - Katherine Ann, born July 31, 1886; died March 27, 1924. She was never married.
14 - John Wyant, born May 5, 1892; and AnnaBelle Needham who was born August 30, 1884; were married January 4, 1921. No children. John died September 30, 1962 and AnnaBelle died January 9, 1970.
Left
Cordelia Wyant
Eighteen years old

Right
John (Ina) Axmear
Taken before he married Cordelia

Above - L to R
William, John, and George Axmear

Below - Back Row - L to R
Thomas A. Morgan, John and William Axmear
Front Row - L to R
Rose Axmear and Melissa Morgan

Above - The Morgan Family
L to R - Ada Ann, Thomas A., Clarence, Melissa, Blanche

Below - L to R
Cordelia Axmear, Melissa Morgan, and Emma Crouse
EMMA (EMILLIE) AXMEAR, was born in West Virginia on February 15, 1852; and John W. Crouse, who was born in Iowa in 1856; were married on October 10, 1880. They had two children. Emma died November 23, 1918, and John died in 1929.

16 - John, born April 27, . Married Mary Convey.

JACOB CESAR AXMEAR, born in Preston County, West Virginia, September 6, 1854; and Rosa Brakel, born on September 5, 1859; were married on December 4, 1879. They had seven sons. Jacob died on November 3, 1918 and Rosa died on July 3, 1929.

19 - Frederick Stevens, born June 24, 1884, twin. Married Alma Ferne Oldaker.
20 - George Forrest, born June 24, 1884, twin. Married Ethel Fancher.
21 - Sidney Harrison, born May 11, 1888. Married Alta Irene Himler.

WILLIAM (WILLEM) AXMEAR, born in Preston County, West Virginia on June 7, 1856; and Mary Ernestine Schubel, born April 8, 1860; were married November 3, 1880. They had six children. Mary died February 24, 1922 and William died March 29, 1931.

24 - Elmer Clay, born August 5, 1881. Married Mamie E. Shepard.
25 - Glenn, born 1883 and died March 24, 1891 of diphtheria age of seven years, ten months, and twenty-four days.
26 - Elsie Mae, born in 1886 or 1887. Married Samuel H. Johnston.
27 - Estella Eulala, born March 12, 1892. Married Walter Abel.
28 - John Byron, born April 15, 1894; and Eliza Dora Abel who was born July 7, 1889; were married December 25, 1917. They had no children. John B. died November 26, 1970 and Liza died April 4, 1976.
29 - William Harlan McKinley, born June 20, 1897. Married Josie Clubb.
The William Axmear family
L to R - William, Elmer, Harlan, Mary, and Estella

The George Axmear family
L to R - Gail, L. V., George, Lulu, Rose, and Pearl
Seated in front, Bertha

Rose and George Axmear with their first two daughters
GEORGE (SJORS) WASHINGTON AXMEAR, born in Preston County, West Virginia on April 17, 1858; and Rosella Lane, born at Boscobel, Wisconsin on June 7, 1866; were married January 15, 1885. They had eight children. Rose died September 20, 1923 and George died February 7, 1929.

30 - Lulu Maude, born January 16, 1886. Married John Rah.
32 - Olive Pearl, born January 14, 1890. Married Andrew Franklin McClune.
33 - L. V., born March 21, 1892. Married Cora May Fuller.
34 - Bertha Jane, born February 2, 1894. Married Henry Faas.
37 - Marie Annette, born January 9, 1905. Died December 4, 1905 at the age of ten months and twenty-seven days.

EVA MELISSA (MELYSA) AXMEAR, born in Virginia, on October 9, 1863; and Thomas A. Morgan, who was born May 17, 1867; were married October 30, 1887. They had six children. Eva Melissa died April 5, 1929 and Thomas died July 18, 1957.

39 - Ada Ann, born April 6, 1890. Married Ernest Clark Sturdevant.
41 - Grace Ethel, born March 30, 1895. Married Wayne Yoakam.
43 - Thomas A. Jr., born April 21, 1903. Died July 30, 1904.

JENNIE LULU AXMEAR, was born April 10, 1882; and James Ward Sherwood, who was born on September 5, 1872; were married November 30, 1902. They had three children. James died July 17, 1973 and Jennie died December 4, 1974.

45 - Mary Cordelia, born August 6, 1908. Married Frederick William Miller.
John (Ina) Axmear family
Back row - L to R
Jennie, Clara, Etta, & Kate
Seated - L to R - John (Ina),
John Wyant, & Cordelia

L to R-Katherine sitting, Jennie
holding Clara, and Etta

John (Ina)
Taken
August 11,
1936

The John Axmear farm home

John Axmear family - Back Row - L to R - Jennie, Clara, Katherine
Seated - L to R - John (Ina), Etta, John Wyant, Cordelia
ETTA MELISSA AXMEAR, was born on March 6, 1884; and John Earl Rugg who was born on October 17, 1887; were married June 18, 1913. John and Etta were farmers in the Keswick and Webster area until they retired in 1950 in Webster. Their five children grew up on the farm and while they were all at home there were many wonderful times together when everyone would join in a family music fest on Sunday afternoons. In their retirement years, John and Etta enjoyed working in their beautiful garden and fruit orchard. Etta died December 4, 1966 and John died February 11, 1975.

47 - Ellen Elizabeth, born September 17, 1914. Married John Coenraad Eisma.
51 - Lloyd Axmear, born June 2, 1924. Married Norma Jean Icenbice.

CLARA ESTELLE AXMEAR, was born on January 17, 1890; and James Alexander Jones, who was born on June 6, 1880; were married December 25, 1912. They had four children. Clara died January 24, 1937 and James died May 19, 1958.

54 - Paul Arthur, born August 11, 1920. Married Dolores Mary Armstrong.
55 - George Forrest, born February 13, 1922. Married Viola McConaughey.

NELLIE ONESKA CROUSE, was born July 25, 1881; and Frank Van Kerkove, who was born August 30, 1867; were married at Marengo, January 6, 1904. Frank used Van as his middle name and spelled his last name Kerkove. He farmed in Iowa and Keokuk counties. They had seven or eight children. The male child born in 1907 and the child referred to as Keefe could be the same boy. Frank died November 30, 1925 and Nellie died December 11, 1946. Both are buried in Pleasant Grove Cemetery west of Sigourney.

56 - Loupy John, born August 6, 1904. Married Lelia Icile Beasley.
57 - Male child, born August 15, 1907 in Dayton Township. Died August 16, 1907.
Above Four generation picture taken in 1906
Top Row - L to R - John (Ina) Axmear, Jennie Sherwood
Bottom Row - L to R - Julia Ann Axmear, Verne Sherwood,
and John Willem Axmear

Below Thomas A. Morgan family
Back Row - L to R - Grace, Clarence, Helen
Front row - L to R - Thomas A., Ada, Blanche, Eva Melissa
60 - Keefe, no record of birth; died in infancy.
62 - Martin, born November 17, 1918 in Van Buren Township, Keokuk County.
63 - Arland, born November 18, 1918. Married Helen Arlene Lamb.

16 - 3 - 1
JOHN CROUSE, born April 27, . Married Mary Convey. They were married for sixty-three years. They had two children.

64 - Raymond, born July 15, 1914. Married Faye Margaret Popma.
65 - Hugh, born April 28, 1908. Married three times.

17 - 4 - 1
ARTHUR JOHN AXMEAR, was born October 18, 1880; and Lina E. Allsup, who was born July 30, 1882; were married at What Cheer on March 30, 1910. They had no children but adopted his brother William’s youngest son, Junior Conrad, and named him Arthur, Jr. Arthur was Clerk of Court of Linn County for many years. After retirement he dabbled in real estate until his death. He and his wife were avid gardeners. Arthur died March 4, 1968 and Lina died February 9, 1975.

66 - Arthur, Jr., born August 12, 1921. Married Shirley Mae Miersen.

18 - 4 - 1
WILLIAM CONRAD AXMEAR, born August 15, 1882; and Clara Price, who was born September 1, 1883; were married February 8, 1910. They had four children. Clara died August 13, 1921. His second marriage in June 1924 was to Flora E. Dillon. Flora was born September 28, 1881. They had no children. Flora died September 8, 1970. He served a term as State Representative, was a director of the White State Bank in South English, and spent most of his life as manager of the Farmers Lumber Company in Keswick. William died February 26, 1960.

67 - Jessie Ruth, born March 6, 1911. Married John Frazier Barr.
69 - Edgar John Jacob, born November 13, 1916; and Mary Raechel Higgins who was born August 14, 1917; were married January 11, 1942. Edgar graduated from the Keswick High School in 1935 and began to work with his dad at the Farmers Lumber Company in Keswick. During World War II he served in the Navy on a transport hauling troops in the
The Jacob Cesar family
Top Row - L to R - Fred, Sidney, Arthur, William C.
Bottom Row - L to R - Jacob Cesar, George, Rosa

Picture below
Back Row - L to R - Fred, Sidney, George
Front Row - L to R - Jacob Cesar, Bruce,
Arthur, William C., Cecil, Rosa
Pacific. He returned to work at the lumber yard, becoming manager. In 1961 he joined his brother Lloyd at the White State Bank in South English where he worked until he retired in 1978. Still has a small insurance business which he has owned and operated since 1949. Raechel worked in Des Moines before their marriage. After their marriage she worked part time as a switchboard operator in Keswick. In September of 1960 she went to work for the Modern Cooperative Telephone Company in South English; retiring at the end of 1982.

70 - Junior Conrad, born August 12, 1921. Adopted by Arthur Axmear and named Arthur Axmear, Jr. See # 66.

19 - 4 - 1
FREDERICK STEVENS AXMEAR, twin, born June 24, 1884; and Alma Ferne Oldaker, who was born March 17, 1896; were married on September 28, 1915. Fred taught school in Keswick, then farmed north of town, and retired in Keswick in 1948. They had ten children. He died May 22, 1950. In August of 1990 Alma was still living in her own home.

72 - Hazel Arlene, born May 22, 1918. Married Alfred Hansen.
74 - Raymond Frederick, born December 3, 1920. Married Lois Irene DeBont.
75 - Dale Stevens, born December 4, 1921. Married Doris Evelyn Shaull.
76 - Kenneth Eugene, born April 26, 1923. Married Joan Corrine Herdliska.
77 - Elizabeth Louise, born September 28, 1924. Married Robert Davies.
79 - Lois Maye, born May 1, 1934. Married Dennis Charles Miller.

20 - 4 - 1
GEORGE FORREST AXMEAR, twin, born June 24, 1884. Married Ethel Fancher. Farmed south of What Cheer. Took his own life October 16, 1939. They had four children. Ethel remarried. No record of date of marriage or date of her death.

81 - Richard Jacob, born June 10, 1914. Married Wylda Floy Jackson.
82 - Gladys Evelyn, born January 4, 1916; and died in a fire at home November 1, 1919.
84 - Aleda Jean, born April 12, 1926. Married Cornelius Albert Rouw.

21 - 4 - 1
SIDNEY HARRISON AXMEAR, born May 11, 1888; and Alta Irene Himler, born June 18, 1896; were married May 11, 1915. They had three children. Sidney died July 31, 1971 and Alta died January 22, 1983.

87 - Norman Lee, born March 29, 1929. Married Mildred Esther Tanke.

24 - 5 - 1
ELMER CLAY AXMEAR, born August 5, 1881; and Mamie E. Shepard were married on November 22, 1908. Divorced. They had three children.

88 - Infant son. Date on tombstone 1910.

Second marriage to Myrtle Kramer, born August 4, 1882, the youngest of thirteen children. They were married in Ottumwa on September 11, 1926. No children. Myrtle died November 16, 1963 and is buried beside Elmer in Garrett cemetery.

Third marriage to Lucille West. Lucille died January 11, 1972, and was buried January 14, 1972 in the Lebanon City Cemetery, Lebanon, Missouri. Elmer died November 19, 1974.

26 - 5 - 1
ELSIE MAE AXMEAR, born in 1886 or 1887; and Samuel H. Johnston, born 1880 or 1881; were married June 20, 1906. He was a real estate dealer from Seattle, Washington. Had one daughter. Do not know if they had any other children.

91 - Viola, I could find no recorded information about her. She did graduate from the Keswick High School in the class with Jessie Axmear Barr. She did marry and her last name is Barrons. We know this because she writes to Jessie and signs her name Viola Barrons.

27 - 5 - 1
ESTELLA EULALA AXMEAR, born March 12, 1892; and Walter Abel were married on December 24, 1917. They had one child. Divorced. Her second marriage was to Adolph Martens in 1928. Estella and her daughter were both killed by Adolph on August 2, 1934.

92 - Velma Maxine, born October 24, 1919; died August 2, 1934.
WILLIAM HARLAN MCKINLEY AXMEAR, born June 20, 1897; and Josie Clubb, who was born May 24, 1900; were married on March 21, 1917. They had one daughter. Divorced. Josie died May 23, 1930.

93 - Hazel Marie, born October 1, 1918; and Robert William Coffman, who was born February 18, 1909; were married on January 20, 1949. They had no children. Hazel taught school forty-three years and has lived at her present address in Council Bluffs since 1950. She retired from teaching in 1980. Robert died September 13, 1975.

Harlan's second marriage was to Nettie Emma Herman who was born on March 30, 1896. They were married on December 22, 1921. They had one daughter. Nettie died April 3, 1935.

94 - Helen Louise, born June 10, 1925. Married James C. Salesberry. Didn't find a date of marriage. They had no children. Divorced.

Harlan's third marriage was to Neola C. Holmes. Neola was born in 1902. There was a step son, Willard Holmes. Harlan was injured fatally in an automobile accident near Oxford, Nebraska; November 14, 1954. He died at General Hospital, Oxford; November 17, 1954. Neola died in 1989.

LULU MAUDE AXMEAR, born January 16, 1886 and John R. Rah, who was born in 1880 or 1881; were married February 12, 1906. They had one daughter. John died in 1957 and Lulu died August 3, 1972.

95 - Mildred Louise, born October 23, 1921. Married a Wimpsett.

OLRINDA GAIL AXMEAR, born October 23, 1888; and Glen M. Yoakam, who was born March 23, 1884; were married February 10, 1909. They had two children. Glen died December 28, 1965; and Gail died April 14, 1981.

97 - Marvin, born July 29, 1913. Married Elizabeth Osweiler.

OLIVE PEARL AXMEAR, born January 14, 1890; and Andrew Franklin McClune, born September 13, 1887; were married March 7, 1911. They had one son. Andrew died May 8, 1916. Pearl died May 22, 1990.

98 - William George, born March 28, 1912. Died May 7, 1916. "Three lives were lost Sunday night when two automobiles met head on in the northwest corner of Adams Township."
little son William, four years old; Andrew's mother about
sixty years old. Mrs. Andrew McClune was thrown from the
car but was not injured. All the above were in the
McClune car, driven by Andrew. In the other car were Dr.
Tinsley and Mr. McFadden. The doctor had a couple of ribs
broken. McFadden was not injured.

The McClunes are good prosperous farmers who reside just
across the line between Prairie and Adams Townships.
They had been to church in Keswick and were on their way
home. The big dust storm which swept over this section
about 9:30 Sunday night was probably the real cause of
the accident. The road runs east and west. The McClune
car was going west at a speed estimated at 35 to 40 miles
per hour, and was a big Spaulding car. The other car
was a Ford and going east at a speed of 25 miles an
hour. The dust and a little rain had accumulated on the
wind shields rendering sight difficult. It was almost in
front of the Thos. White residence that they met.

No one seems to be especially to blame. They were going
fast to get out of the storm and the dust had helped to
blind them. The three funerals were held yesterday
afternoon." -- Part of item in the Sigourney Review,
May 10, 1916.

Pearl’s second marriage was to Roy Johnson. No record of marriage
date or the date of death of Roy Johnson.

Pearl married Joe Lyon. Divorced.

Fourth marriage was to Charles F. Judd who died June 17, 1970.

33 - 6 - 1
L. V. Axmear, born March 21, 1892; and Cora May Fuller, who was born
April 17, 1892; were married January 10, 1912. They had two
children. L. V. died January 5, 1922; Cora died October 27, 1976.

99 - Vernon Bueford, born August 18, 1912. Married Wilma
Harshbarger on November 25, 1936. They had no children.
Vernon taught school, as a coach at Roland,
superintendent and coach at the White Oak Consolidated
school, and superintendent of the Woodward Independent

100 - Mabel Marguerite, born March 4, 1914; and Arthur Bockes,
who was born August 27, 1913; were married May 15, 1935.
They had no children. She taught school for several
years before she married. For over twenty years she and
her husband were tour escorts for the Jefferson Bus
BERTHA JANE AXMEAR, born February 2, 1894, and Henry William Faas, who was born January 21, 1892; were married December 11, 1912. They had three girls. Bertha died May 12, 1975. Henry died October 23, 1979.


NEVA MISSOURI AXMEAR, born February 11, 1901; and Edgar White (son of John and Sarah Bates White) were married February 11, 1920. They moved to California and Edgar and Neva purchased a funeral home in Bellflower and operated it until Neva’s death on September 16, 1983. It is still operated by their only child Georgiana Lee White Rowe.


FRANK GARFIELD AXMEAR, born January 15, 1903; and Zella Cope Piersel, who was born August 1, 1900, were married February 26, 1924. They had one daughter. Zella died April 8, 1979. Frank died October 4, 1983.

105 - Roberta Rose, born August 11, 1927. Married Raymond Beryl Edmundson.

Frank’s second marriage was to Sylvia Morrow on September 15, 1979.

ADA ANN MORGAN, born April 6, 1890, and Ernest Clark Sturdevant, who was born March 27, 1889; were married November 30, 1911. They had two children. Ada died June 2, 1971; and Ernest died November 28, 1982.

106 - Helen Loreta, born September 13, 1912. Married Norman Oliver Walk.

LELA BLANCHE MORGAN, born November 21, 1891; and Byron Snakenberg, who was born September 12, 1890; were married on July 14, 1913. They had one son. Byron died March 21, 1938. In the late summer of
From the Morgan family Bible showing the birth dates of all the family. Such fine penmanship, and notice also the spelling of the name Melissa.
1990 Blanche could no longer live in her own home and she is now living in the Keokuk County Health Care Center in Sigourney.


41 - 7 - 1
GRACE ETHEL MORGAN, born March 30, 1895; and Wayne Yoakam, who was born February 20, 1891; were married December 25, 1913. They had two children. They farmed near Hedrick, Iowa. After retirement they moved back to the Webster area. Grace died June 25, 1972; and Wayne died April 15, 1968.


110 - Donald W. born November 1, 1922. Married Mary Alice Dayton.

42 - 7 - 1
HELEN LUCILE MORGAN, born November 26, 1899; and Noel Wilson Montz, who was born April 26, 1899; were married August 27, 1919. They lived in the Webster area all their married life. They had three children. Noel died July 13, 1973. In February 1991 Helen was still living in her own home in Webster.

111 - Gertrude Lois, born June 17, 1920. Married Dr. Harold E. Poole.

112 - Margaret Ann, born March 1, 1926. Married Lester Harmon.


44 - 10 - 2 - 1
JOHN VERNE SHERWOOD, born June 28, 1904; and Bernice Pfaff, who was born May 12, 1908; were married May 11, 1935. They had two children. Verne died March 22, 1986, and Bernice died July 18, 1972.


115 - Terry Verne, born March 27, 1948. Married Alice McDonald.

45 - 10 - 2 - 1
MARY CORDELIA SHERWOOD, born August 6, 1908, in Keswick, Iowa; and Frederick William Miller, who was born August 14, 1902, in Sigourney, Iowa; were married November 6, 1929. Mary was a cook in many large restaurants doing an excellent job. In her retirement years she enjoyed knitting and crocheting and making bread of all kinds. She even baked bread for residents of the Manor where she lived. November 2, 1990 she suffered a stroke followed by another one on November 5, and died on November 16, 1990. They had four children. Frederick died April 23, 1957, and is buried in Port Angeles, Washington.

117 - Donna Lea, born March 2, 1936, in Hedrick, Iowa. Married Roger Elliott Davis.

118 - James William, born April 6, 1938, in Hedrick, Iowa. Married Patricia Shedd.


46 - 10 - 2 - 1
JAMES WARD SHERWOOD II, born December 12, 1912; and Dot Ilene Thatcher, who was born December 4, 1916; were married November 17, 1937. They had three children.

120 - Sylvia Lou, born October 9, 1939. Married Arvin Hackert.

121 - Ronald Dean, born October 6, 1943. Married Patricia Ann Carrigg.


47 - 11 - 2 - 1
ELLEN ELIZABETH RUGG, born September 17, 1914; and John Coenraad Eisma, who was born December 29, 1907, in Arnhem, Netherlands; were married November 5, 1933. John and Ellen farmed in their home state of Iowa from 1934 to 1956, and then moved to Iowa City where John was an employee of the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company and Ellen for the Iowa City Press-Citizen. After retirement, they moved to Laguna Hills, California. Since 1986 they have lived in the state of Washington and now reside in the Ida Culver House Broadview Retirement Center in Seattle near their family. They have one daughter.

123 - Miriam Elizabeth, born January 29, 1940. Married Bruce Frederick Cullen.

48 - 11 - 2 - 1
HAZEL ETTA RUGG, born October 12, 1916; and Berwyn Harold Moen, who was born June 11, 1918; were married January 1, 1948. Berwyn was an ear, nose, and throat doctor in St. Joseph, Missouri. They had two children. Berwyn died April 21, 1986. Hazel now lives at 510 N.E. Murray Road, Lee's Summit, Missouri, 64081.


125 - Bruce Harold, born October 16, 1950; and Nancy Helen Coles who was born April 12, 1952; were married December 28, 1973. He is an OSHA inspector and his wife Nancy is a CPA. They have no children.
This is a photo copy of the Bible (and the inside face) that was given to my great grandfather from his friends. It was handed down to my grandfather, then to my mother, Etta Axmear Rugg; and at the present time it is a very treasured heirloom in the home of Ellen and John Eisma.

Ellen Elizabeth Rugg-Eisma
49 - 11 - 2 - 1
JOHN VICTOR RUGG, twin, born February 25, 1921; and Geraldine Jane Kessler, who was born November 28, 1923; were married September 12, 1947. They had three children. Divorced.

127 - Patricia Ann, born February 9, 1950. Married Jean Irving Lewis.
128 - Mary Alice, born June 28, 1953; and John Harley Lamb, who was born October 2, 1953; were married March 10, 1977. They live at 2915 East Grand, Des Moines, Iowa. John works for the State of Iowa as a custodial worker, and his hobbies are wood working and oil painting. Mary works for the State of Iowa as a clerk typist. Her hobbies are gardening and canning. Mary's mother, Geraldine, lives in Toddville, Iowa; and enjoys gardening and doing latch hook work. They have no children.

His second marriage on October 18, 1969 was to Leona Sue McNeelley, who was born March 21, 1927. They had no children. John served four years in the U. S. Navy in the second World War on the Island of Guam. For many years, John and Sue owned and operated the "J. R. Tree Service and Landscaping" in Lawrenceville, Georgia. They recently retired. John had a stroke in the middle of April and passed away April 18, 1991. He is buried in Des Moines.

50 - 11 - 2 - 1
FRED EUGENE RUGG, twin, born February 25, 1921; and Lucile McDonald, who was born July 17, 1920; were married August 4, 1944. Fred was a pilot in the U. S. Air Force, 1942 - 1946. After service he worked for the Arizona State Department of Transportation until his retirement. They had one child. Lucile died November 19, 1976.

129 - Charles Frederick, born June 14, 1951. Married Rose Marie Gavin.

Fred's second marriage on November 18, 1978 was to Mary Florence Wood, who was born August 26, 1921. Mary worked for the Arizona State University and is now retired.

51 - 11 - 2 - 1
LLOYD AXMEAR RUGG, born June 2, 1924; and Norma Jean Icenice, who was born December 5, 1930; were married March 5, 1950. They had one son. Lloyd and Norma owned and operated the Rugg Construction Company until Lloyd's death on September 8, 1975.

130 - David Lloyd, born December 1, 1953. David is an independent interstate trucker.
JOHN WILLIAM HENRY JONES, born May 2, 1915; and Winnifred Neoma Neal, who was born on October 17, 1920; were married November 29, 1939. Winnifred was a school teacher before marrying John. They farmed for twenty-seven years. John then worked as a carpenter and real estate salesman in Ottumwa. They had three children. John died January 16, 1984.

131 - Nancy Louise, born January 11, 1941. Married Ward Latcham.

ADA ARLENE JONES, born February 9, 1918; and Stanley Royce Smith, who was born December 10, 1915; were married October 4, 1943. They operated a dairy farm and nursery school for many years. They had five children. Stanley died November 16, 1990.

137 - Thomas Lisle, born February 8, 1949. Married Catherine Wilson.

PAUL ARTHUR JONES, born August 11, 1920; and Dolores Mary Armstrong, who was born August 2, 1923; were married October 26, 1957. Paul served in the Navy and Army where he met Dolores, who was a nurse in California. They retired to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They had two children. Dolores died April 30, 1976; and Paul died March 24, 1983.


GEORGE FORREST JONES, born February 13, 1922; and Viola McConaughey, who was born May 20, 1923; were married August 2, 1953. Viola taught school until retiring in the spring of 1990. They farmed all their married life near Martinsburg. They had three children. George died June 25, 1988.


39
142 - David Lynn, twin, born September 12, 1957. Married Lori Wehner.

143 - Dennis, twin, born September 12, 1957.
Died September 12, 1957.

56 - 15 - 3 - 1
LOUPY JOHN KERKOVE, born August 6, 1904; and Lelia Icile Beasley, who was born September 10, 1910; were married at Hayesville May 4, 1927. They have three children.

144 - Leta Mae, born December 26, 1928. Married Russell Dean Chittick.


146 - Ellen Lea, born August 27, 1939. Married William Meredith Manning.

58 - 15 - 3 - 1
LELAND KERKOVE, born December 6, 1908. Married Henrietta Shumaker. Birth of one child found in records of Keokuk County Court House.

147 - Leland Leonard, born May 21, 1932, West Lancaster Township, PO address Hayesville, Keokuk Co., Iowa.

59 - 15 - 3 - 1
ILO KERKOVE, born June 28, 1911; and Lena Leveta Beall, who was born April 7, 1914; were married in Sigourney, November 29, 1932. Ilo and Leveta farmed for many years, owned the Sunrise Motel in Sigourney for several years, and Ilo is a collector of antiques. They have four children.

148 - Anna Laura, born April 17, 1933. Married Isidore Erwin Weber.

149 - Darlene Ruth, born April 18, 1935. Married Donald Eugene Jennings.

150 - Franklin Dean, born January 24, 1942. Married Lavonne Trier Myer.

151 - Francis Van, born March 12, 1944. Married Helen Marie Bowers.

61 - 15 - 3 - 1
LOUEEN KERKOVE, was born January 16, 1916; and Merwin Meredith Hixson, who was born September 25, 1914; were married in Kirksville, Missouri, July 30, 1936. They had three children.


ARLAND KERKOVE, born November 18, 1918; and Helen Arlene Lamb, who
was born January 17, 1919; were married April 7, 1938. Have one
son.

Vorhauer.

RAYMOND CROUSE, born July 15, 1914; and Faye Margaret Popma, born
June 7, 1914; were married August 26, 1936. Raymond bought standing
walnut trees and sold walnut lumber. They had two children.
Raymond died October 17, 1985.

157 - Kenneth Ray, born September 14, 1941. Married Jerry
Ashman.

HUGH CROUSE, born April 28, 1908. From first marriage one child.

158 - Judi. Married Gary Rector. Most recent address Abilene,
Kansas.
Second marriage was to Irene Hawk from Rose Hill. They had a son.

159 - Gary G., born March 1, 1937. Married Stephany Pierce.
Third marriage to Ruth, who was born in 1910, and died in 1973.
Hugh died in 1988.

ARTHUR AXMEAR, JR. born August 12, 1921; and Shirley Mae Miersen,
who was born April 16, 1928; were married September 20, 1947.
Arthur (Jake) worked thirty-six years for Collins Radio, now
Rockwell, until his retirement in 1987. Shirley is retired from
Armstrong’s Department Store. They own a farm in northeastern Iowa
and are busy managing it. They have three children.

161 - Lezlie Sue, born November 17, 1954. She has been a
stewardess for Delta Airlines for many years. Recently
moved to Los Angeles from Salt Lake City. She has
traveled about the country and world extensively and
enjoys her life on the road. Not married.
162 - Mitchell Lane, born January 2, 1957. Mitch was
manager of the Athlete’s Foot, an athletic goods
store, at Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids. He left there
to finish college. He graduated from the University of
Iowa in May of 1990 with a degree in Finance. Mitch
is now in California where he hopes to make his fortune.
Not married.
JESSIE RUTH AXMEAR, born March 6, 1911; and John Frazier Barr, who was born July 16, 1904; were married November 22, 1944. They had four children. They owned and operated dry cleaning establishments in West Point and then in Wayne, Nebraska, until John's retirement in 1972. John died September 3, 1973, and Jessie still resides in Wayne.


WILLIAM LLOYD AXMEAR, born April 2, 1913; and Katherine Louise Moss, who was born September 24, 1913; were married May 21, 1939. They were the parents of two sons. Lloyd spent all of his married life working at the White State Bank, South English. Lloyd died April 20, 1990.

167 - William Thomas, born June 4, 1940. Married Sheryl Lynn Edmundson.

HELEN MARIE AXMEAR, born July 9, 1916; and Isaac Arnout Dunnick, who was born March 7, 1901; were married January 6, 1937. They farmed in Keokuk and Mahaska counties before retiring to Oskaloosa, in 1966. They were married for forty-three years. Parents of six children. Isaac died February 19, 1981.

173 - Nellie Elizabeth, born September 27, 1944. Married Keith Dean Schmidt.
HAZEL ARLENE AXMEAR, born May 22, 1918; and Alfred Hansen, who was born March 14, 1913; were married May 3, 1938. Had three children. Hazel died August 9, 1974. Alfred died September 17, 1975.

175 - Shirley Ann, born September 8, 1941. Married Darrel Edward Salmons.
176 - Beverly Ferne, born February 17, 1944. Married Dean Hughes Martin.

VELDA JEAN AXMEAR, born August 7, 1919; and Samuel McPherson, who was born December 23, 1916; were married May 14, 1944. They farmed in the Hedrick area until they retired when they moved to Ottumwa. They have three children.

179 - Linda Jean, born July 27, 1948; and Edward M. Vass who was born August 13, 1934; were married August 8, 1975. No children.

RAYMOND FREDERICK AXMEAR, was born December 3, 1920. Raymond is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Axmear and after graduating from Keswick High School he helped with the farming until called to service in 1942. He served with Co. C 14th Armored Replacement Battalion, taking his training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. He served in Africa and Italy with this Division, 1942-1945. While in service he received the Purple Heart as well as other ribbons. He married Lois Irene DeBont (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tunis DeBont), who was born May 8, 1924; at the Keswick Methodist Church, December 27, 1947. They have one daughter Cynthia Ann. Raymond and Lois farmed on the home place, moving there in August of 1948, and purchasing the farm in the spring of 1961. This farm was honored as a Century Farm in the fall of 1976. They were grain farmers, also raising hogs; and having laying hens. In 1980 they purchased the Orrie Hubbell house in Keswick, tearing it down and building a brick home; and moving to town in March 1982. Rented the farm for two years, then sold 80 acres to Don and Lori Herr, Jr. Kept 80 acres of the farm renting this to Don. Since retiring Raymond and Lois have done some traveling, visiting ten countries in Europe; as well as visiting his sisters in Oregon. Raymond keeps busy working for the town, as well as doing odd jobs for his friends in town and in the country. He is active in the Legion. Lois is busy with her house work, garden, and
lawn. She is also active in her church, the American Legion Auxiliar y, and is a volunteer at the VA Hospital in Iowa City every Tuesday.


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DALE STEVENS AXMEAR, born December 4, 1921; and Doris Evelyn Shaull, who was born January 13, 1921; were married January 11, 1945. Dale graduated from Keswick High School in May 1939. He entered the Marine Corps in February 1942, spending eighteen months in the South Pacific. He served until October 1945. He worked as a farm hand for three years, rented a farm for seven years; bought the farm west of Keswick and moved there in 1955. Still lives there though semi-retired. Doris graduated from Keswick High School in 1939, then attended Iowa State Teacher's College (now UNI) in Cedar Falls. She taught five and a half years in rural and consolidated schools. After their marriage she became a farm wife. Had three children.

184 - Alan Steven, born February 6, 1951. Married Jane Ann Heikenen.

76 - 19 - 4 - 1
KENNETH EUGENE AXMEAR, born April 26, 1923; and Joan Corrine Herdliska, who was born July 1, 1928; were married October 3, 1946. Kenny and Joan began farming in 1948 after he was discharged from the U. S. Marines. He worked as a hired hand for his father Fred on the Axmear-owned farm north of the family home place. In time they rented, and moved to a farm owned by John W. Axmear, where they stayed for five years. Then they moved to a farm near South English which they rented for three years. In 1958 they bought, from Alma Axmear, the land where they had begun farming and in 1973 that farm was recognized by the Iowa Agriculture Department for being owned and farmed by the same family for more than 50 years. Today Kenny and Joan's youngest son Rick farms there in partnership with Joan. They were the parents of six children. Kenneth died May 17, 1977.

186 - Frederick Eugene, born December 1, 1948. Married Debbie Palmer.
Robert James, born February 23, 1951. Married Kathy Ann Harris.
Carolyn Jo, born March 18, 1953. Married Charles Eyerly.

Elizabeth Louise Axmear, born September 28, 1924; and Robert Davies, who was born December 22, 1924; were married June 22, 1947, in Sigourney, Iowa. Betty was a school teacher in the Keswick, South English and Webster, Iowa areas until her marriage when she became a homemaker. Her hobbies include duplicate bridge, knitting, and sewing. Bob is a retired Resident Project Manager specializing in power generation and transmission for a Chicago based architectural engineering firm. His interests include downhill skiing, golf and computer hacking. They are the parents of three children, and now live in Sun City West, Arizona.

William Edward, born August 30, 1951. Married Kathleen Patricia Hiltz.
Christine Elizabeth, born September 13, 1959, in Clinton, Iowa. Married Paul Donald Schlaudraff, April 14, 1990, in Roundtop, Texas. Christine is a Certified Public Accountant and Paul is a telephone company supervisor. They reside in Houston, Texas.

Merna Gayle Axmear, born March 9, 1928; and Julius Nicholas Peet, who was born October 20, 1925; were married December 31, 1947; at the Little Brown Church, Nashua, Iowa. Merna was a secondary school teacher in Salem, Oregon, and is now retired. Her hobbies are gardening and playing bridge. Nick worked as Administrator for several departments of the State of Oregon. He is now retired and enjoys hunting and fishing. They are the parents of three children.

Nicki Jean (now Jean Nicole), born September 22, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa. Married Michael Garrett Moroney.
Steven Gregory, born July 16, 1951, in Iowa City, Iowa. Married Sally Lynn Reeves.

Lois Maye Axmear, born May 1, 1934; and Dennis Charles Miller who, was born April 9, 1931; were married August 1, 1953; in Woodburn, Oregon. Lois is a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Dennis was employed by First National Bank (now First Interstate) for twenty-three years. At this time he is the owner of three real estate businesses in Woodburn. Parents of five children.
197 - Denise Carol, born September 1, 1954. Married Kenneth Carl Johnson.
198 - Karen Marie, born December 26, 1956. Married David Borges
199 - Kent Michael, born November 26, 1959, in Salem, Oregon. Graduated from Woodburn High School and from West Point Military Academy. He is single, a Captain in the U.S. Army and is living in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
201 - Mark Douglas, born March 25, 1968, in Salem, Oregon. He was killed in a car accident March 18, 1985, at Donald, Oregon.

80 - 19 - 4 - 1
JO ANN AXMEAR, born August 5, 1936, on the Jacob Axmear homestead, the youngest grandchild of Jacob and Rosa. She lived on the homestead for twelve years before moving into Keswick. Jo Ann attended the Keswick Schools, graduating from high school in 1954 in a class of 10. She married Jimmie D. Moore, who was born October 7, 1934; on June 8, 1957. In December 1957 she graduated from Iowa State College with a degree in Home Economics. After teaching six months in City High at Iowa City she joined her husband, who was serving in the Army in France, where they lived for nine months. After returning to Keswick they rented for several years and then bought the Rosa Axmear home where they now reside. Aside from homemaking Jo Ann is the City Clerk and has been a Post Office Clerk. Jimmie graduated from the Keswick High School in 1953, in a class of six. He was then a surveyor for Keokuk County, raised swine, and sold feed for Walnut Grove, each for approximately ten years. At this time he is driving a semi, hauling cattle and swine. They have six children.

203 - Randal Dean, born January 20, 1961; and Denise Hope Holland, who was born February 17, 1965; were married December 16, 1989. Randal grew up in the Rosa Axmear home, graduating from Tri County High School in 1979. In 1985 he graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, with a degree in Computer Engineering. In October of 1985 he began his work at McDonnell Douglas Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri, as a Software Engineer. His wife Denise graduated from McCluer North High School and the University of Missouri with degrees in Applied Math and Computer Science; and is also a Software Engineer at McDonell Douglas.
204 - Kenneth Lee, born April 22, 1962; and Laura Laine Johnk, who was born March 27, 1966; were married June 24, 1989. Kenneth also grew up in the Rosa Axmear home, and graduated from Tri County High School in 1981 and from
the Silvey Refrigerated Truck Line School in 1985 and at this time is an owner-operator pulling for America Transit Inc. His wife is a 1984 graduate of the Oakland High School, and is presently employed by an insurance firm in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

205 - Jeffrey David, born August 10, 1969. He grew up in the Rosa Axmear home, graduating from Tri County High School in 1987. He joined the Army Reserves while still in high school, and joined the Army after graduating. At this time he is with the 101st Air Borne Division in Saudi Arabia.


207 - Brandon James, born December 30, 1980.

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RICHARD (Dick) JACOB AXMEAR was born northeast of Keswick, June 10, 1914, son of George Forrest and Ethel Fancher Axmear. Richard's parents moved to a farm south of What Cheer where he lived until 1951. Richard attended Colbert Country School and graduated from the What Cheer High School in 1931. He worked on the family farm and after his father's death in October 1939 he rented it. On February 7th, 1940; he married Wylida Floy Jackson who was born July 10, 1909. They had four children. Richard adopted Wylida's boy Steven Arlington. In 1951 they moved to a farm at Delta. Later moved to Sigourney and Richard spent two years in Greenland, employed by the government. Returning to Iowa he went to work as a superintendent for Iowa Culvert Builders in Sigourney. The family moved to Delta in 1967 and Richard retired in 1979. He enjoyed his retirement. He was active in the Delta Methodist Church, Ruritan Club, and was on the Delta Retirement Apartment Board. He loved to garden and kept the neighbors supplied with his garden produce. For ten years he had ridden, with his grandson, on RAGBRAI, (Registers Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa). He died suddenly December 11, 1988 after an illness of only 24 hours. He is buried in Garrett Cemetery near Delta.


211 - Richard Jackson, born October 19, 1944. Married Thaydean Kay Boettcher.
CLIFFORD MAURICE AXMEAR, born July 4, 1917; and Jean Ellen Horras, who was born October 17, 1921; were married at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa; October 7, 1938. They had six children. He farmed near Keswick all his life. Jean died January 29, 1987 and Maurice died October 5, 1987.

213 - David Maurice, born May 18, 1941. Married Elizabeth Ann Baylor Wood.
217 - Charlotte Ann, born August 17, 1950; and Wayne Gary Silver, who was born October 18, 1942; were married May 23, 1981, in Keswick, Iowa. Graduated from the University of Iowa, Iowa City in 1972. Is employed by the Department of Defense as a computer systems analyst. Lived in Germany for eleven years; moved to St. Louis in 1989.

ALEDA JEAN AXMEAR, born April 12, 1926; and Cornelius Albert Rouw, who was born October 16, 1916; were married December 23, 1946. They had five children. Cornelius died November 11, 1965.

222 - Colleen Marie, born May 18, 1960. Married Craig Allen Winters.

RUTH IRENE AXMEAR, born February 29, 1916; and Kenneth Snakenberg, who was born April 22, 1914; were married January 24, 1935. Have one son.

NORMAN LEE AXMEAR, born March 29, 1929; and Mildred Esther Tanke, who was born December 23, 1938; were married June 5, 1957. They had four children. They have always lived and farmed in the North English area. They live in North English and their son David and family live on the farm.

224 - Duane Allan, twin, born February 27, 1958.

MILDRED LOUISE RAH, born October 23, 1921. She was married to a Wimpsett. Divorced. They had two children.

228 - Merle G. Married.
229 - Pat. Married a Slate.

Mildred's second marriage was to a Baughman.

ADA MARGUERITE YOAKAM, born March 3, 1910; the daughter of Glen M. and Gail Axmear Yoakam. Ada married Morris Earl Johnson, who was born September 27, 1910; in Ogden, Iowa, February 2, 1934. She attended William Penn College, Oskaloosa; and Iowa State Teachers at Cedar Falls. Ada taught school, for twenty-eight years, at Ogden, Iowa as well as Kinross, Webster, and Sigourney. They are the parents of one daughter. Morris and Ada retired to Sigourney, Iowa in August of 1978.


MARVIN YOAKAM, born July 29, 1913; and Elizabeth Osweiler, who was born March 19, 1918; were married November 23, 1938. They were the parents of four girls. Marvin died May 18, 1988.

232 - Patricia Jean, born November 3, 1945. Married Lewis Trimble Broschard, II.

HELEN LORNA FAAS, born September 16, 1914; and Lawrence M. Briggs, who was born January 24, 1904; were married April 25, 1936, at North English, Iowa. They were the parents of two children. Lawrence died August 26, 1970 at Long Beach, California.

236 - Delwin Dean, born February 22, 1945; and Sharyl Sue Fink who was born August 3, 1946; were married November 29, 1968. No children.

Helen's second marriage was to Kenneth Montgomery on January 15, 1977. Kenneth was born February 6, 1911; died May 29, 1982.

102 - 34 - 6 - 1
ARVA ROSEANNA FAAS, born September 5, 1917; and James R. Gibson, who was born July 11, 1920; were married August 28, 1949. They had two sons. James died in April of 1980 in California.


238 - Pamela Sue, born October 12, 1955. Pamela Sue is a registered nurse. Married Joachia Leifkes in Germany. Second marriage to Joseph DiCappo in Hawaii.

103 - 34 - 6 - 1
AVIS JENEVA FAAS, born February 22, 1927; and Neil Stein, who was born September 23, 1925; were married December 24, 1944. Avis taught school for forty-four years. She is now retired. They have one son.


104 - 35 - 6 - 1
GEORGIA LEE WHITE, born May 24, 1927. Married Eugene Kapple. They had three boys. Divorced.

240 - Mark, born January 29, 1950. He is in college studying to be an attorney.

241 - Jon, born July 20, 1953. Jon was an embalmer and worked at the White Funeral Home until his death July 25, 1981.

242 - Robert, born August 1, 1957. He is an electrician for an oil company.

Georgia's second marriage was to Jack Rowe, on March 3, 1965. They operate the White Funeral Home; Bellflower, California. This business was owned by Georgia's parents and has been operated as the White Funeral Home for fifty-three years.

105 - 36 - 6 - 1
ROBERTA ROSE AXMEAR, born August 11, 1927; and Raymond Beryl Edmundson were married December 21, 1947. Roberta graduated from the Thornburg High School in 1944 and attended William Penn College in Oskaloosa. They had three boys. Divorced.
243 - Robert Franklin, born February 27, 1952.
244 - Roy William, born February 26, 1954.

Roberta's second marriage was to John Buhr. Roberta is a retired school teacher.

106 - 39 - 7 - 1
HELEN LORETA STURDEVANT, born September 13, 1912. Married. Divorced. One son.

246 - David Charles, born October 25, 1947; and Marilyn Kay Razook, who was born April 8, 1954; were married May 14, 1983.


247 - Beverly stepdaughter.
248 - Fred stepson.

107 - 39 - 7 - 1
MAX MORGAN STURDEVANT, born March 20, 1916; and Shirley Viola McRevey, who was born October 12, 1916; were married December 31, 1938. Max served four years in the Infantry in WW II. Prior to retirement he was Purchasing Manager for High Protein Ingredients for the Hubbard Milling Co. Shirley, an RN, retired from nursing in 1985. They are the parents of four children.


108 - 40 - 7 - 1
KENNETH SNAKENBERG, born April 22, 1914; and Ruth Irene Axmear, who was born February 29, 1916; were married January 24, 1935. Had one son.


109 - 41 - 7 - 1
MILDRED EVA YOAKAM (daughter of Wayne Yoakam and Grace Ethel Morgan Yoakam), was born April 5, 1915, Webster (Keokuk County) Iowa. Married in Webster, Iowa; June 16, 1946 to Lyle John Mugge (son of Henry W. and Lillie Kundel Mugge), who was born June 8, 1915, at
Canova, South Dakota. Lyle served in the U. S. Army in World War II and then farmed about forty years near Calumet, Iowa. Mildred received her Bachelors Degree from UNI and taught ten years prior to her marriage. Mildred and Lyle retired to Spencer, Iowa in 1976. They are the parents of four children.


255 - John Howard, born August 24, 1954, in Cherokee (Cherokee County) Iowa. He received his Bachelors Degree in Music from Morningside College and his Masters Degree from the Juilliard School. He pursued doctoral studies, in music, at the State University of New York at Stonybrook. He is a pianist in New York City.


110 - 41 - 7 - 1
DONALD W. Yoakam (son of Wayne and Grace Morgan Yoakam) born November 1, 1922; and Mary Alice Dayton (daughter of Urban and Murl Jones Dayton), who was born February 11, 1924, in Ottumwa (Wapello County), Iowa; were married April 16, 1946, in Ottumwa, Iowa. Donald farmed near Hedrick, Iowa for over thirty years. Mary attended Ottumwa Heights Jr. College and was employed as a secretary. Don and Mary are now retired and live in Ft. Myers, Florida. They are the parents of two children.


111 - 42 - 7 - 1
GERTRUDE LOIS MONTZ, born June 17, 1920; and Dr. Harold E. Poole, who was born June 23, 1912; were married September 18, 1942. I graduated from high school in 1937 and from the University of Iowa, with a B.S. in Nursing in 1942. I took graduate work at the University of Minnesota to be a Nurse Anesthetist. We moved to Salem, Oregon in 1946 where Harold developed a successful practice and we became involved in our church and community. In our spare time we went water skiing, snow skiing and played golf. We had four children, and they all lead very busy lives, and now there are ten grandchildren. My world changed dramatically when Harold died suddenly, January 22, 1985. I have been fortunate to have such a loving family who keep close track of me, and many supporting friends. They keep me busy.

259 - Madele Carol, born March 12, 1946. Married Dr. Christian Friess.
261 - Bruce Robert, born July 2, 1950, and Jeannine McMahon, who was born February 7, 1951; were married July 29, 1984.

112 - 42 - 7 - 1
MARGARET ANN MONTZ, born March 1, 1926; and Lester Harmon, who was born June 25, 1924; were married October 25, 1947. They had one son. Lester died October 9, 1975.


113 - 42 - 7 - 1
ROBERT MORGAN MONTZ, born June 6, 1927; and Shirley Killian, who was born October 5, 1929; were married July 2, 1950. Bob was born and raised on a farm near Webster, and he and his son Avery work together farming this family farm. They are the parents of three boys.

264 - Avery Wilson, born August 8, 1951. Married Carol Byers.

115 - 44 - 10 - 2 - 1
TERRY VERNE SHERWOOD, born March 27, 1948; and Alice McDonald, who was born January 24, 1949; were married June 7, 1968. They had one child. Terry died December 27, 1989.


116 - 45 - 10 - 2 - 1
PHYLLIS ANN MILLER, born February 9, 1931, in Sigourney, Iowa; and William H. Hopf, who was born July 26, 1925, in Port Angeles, Washington; were married May 18, 1949, in Port Angeles, Washington. Phyllis keeps busy with ceramics and does child care. Her husband is a parts man for the Port Angeles school district. They have two sons. Phyllis passed away sometime during the first two months of 1991.

DONNA LEA MILLER, born March 2, 1936, in Hedrick, Iowa and Roger Elliott Davis, who was born August 12, 1932, in Aberdeen, Washington; were married November 14, 1959, in Hoquiam, Washington. I have done many things; clerk in a fabric shop, secretary to five men at the Dept. of Natural Resources, worked at the local Y.M.C.A. and I now drive a school bus and just love it. Wish I had started years ago. My husband Roger has been a machinist for forty years at the same company, Lamb Grays Harbor Co., Inc. Parents of three children.

270 - Linda Ann, born February 23, 1964, in Aberdeen, Washington; and Duk Kim who was born September 14, 1960, in Seoul, Korea; were married June 21, 1986, in Hoquiam, Washington. Linda works for the Howard Johnson Co. (actuaries) and her husband works for Boeing as an electrical engineer. He is going to college to get his Masters in business.


272 - Larry Todd, born July 4, 1971, in Aberdeen, Washington. Larry is a sand blaster at the same company where his father works.

JAMES WILLIAM MILLER, born April 6, 1938, in Hedrick, Iowa; and Patricia Shedd, who was born September 24, 1942, in Aberdeen, Washington; were married March 8, 1973, in Forks, Washington. Jim works in the woods and drives a logging truck. His wife Pat works in a doctor’s office. The children are students at the high school.


BARBARA KAY MILLER, born January 8, 1941, in Sigourney, Iowa; and Raymond Ross, who was born November 21, 1931; were married June 24, 1974. Raymond had three children from a previous marriage, Christina Marie, Phyllis Elizabeth, and Robert James. Barbara works for the Welfare department and her husband, Ray, works for the county road department. They have one daughter Lisa Jean.


278 - Lisa Jean, born February 2, 1975, in Washington D.C.
SYLVIA LOU SHERWOOD, born October 9, 1939; and Arvin Hackert, who was born May 25, 1935; were married May 25, 1958. They had five children. Arven died February 23, 1974.

279 - Patricia Louise, born March 13, 1959.
281 - Richard Dean, born February 6, 1962.

Sylvia's second marriage was to Lawrence Carter on February 25, 1975. They had one child.


RONALD DEAN SHERWOOD, born October 6, 1943; and Patricia Ann Carrigg, who was born May 2, 1947; were married November 24, 1967. They had three children.

286 - Michelle Lynn, born April 6, 1970.
287 - Scott Carrigg, born May 12, 1975.

JAMES WARD SHERWOOD III, born March 19, 1946; and Colleen Fisher, who was born January 13, 1948; were married June 22, 1968. They have two children.

288 - Elizabeth Kathleen, born April 4, 1969.

MIRIAM ELIZABETH EISMA, born January 29, 1940; and Bruce Frederick Cullen, who was born May 6, 1940; were married June 25, 1960. Miriam is an interior designer and has her own company, Miriam Cullen Interiors. Bruce is a Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Washington; and Chief of Anesthesiology at Harbor View Medical Center, Seattle. They have three children.

LINDA LOUISE MOEN, born October 19, 1948; and Robert Lane Carley, who was born October 26, 1948; were married January 2, 1971. Linda is a Speech Pathologist, at the Capistrano Unified School District. Her husband Robert is a Consulting Engineer, of Water and Waste Water. They are the parents of three children. They live in Laguna Niguel, California.

293 - John Lane, born August 28, 1975.
295 - Kristin Elizabeth, born April 11, 1980.

PATRICIA ANN RUGG, born February 9, 1950, and Jean' Irving Lewis, who was born August 4, 1947; were married July 11, 1968. They live at 603 - 34th Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, 95062. Jean' is a maintenance repair man. Jean's hobbies are wood working and working with old cars. Patty is a registered nurse. Her hobby is gardening. They have two children.

296 - George Steven, born March 25, 1969. He has finished high school and is living in Omaha, Nebraska, and has a scholarship to college.
297 - Julie Lynn, born September 20, 1972, is a senior in high school and an honor student. She works at a Pizza parlor.

CHARLES FREDERICK RUGG, born June 14, 1951; and Rose Marie Gavin were married June 14, 1973. They had one daughter. Divorced.

298 - Leslie Marie, born May 18, 1980.

NANCY LOUISE JONES, born January 11, 1941; and Ward Latcham, who was born December 26, 1939; were married September 20, 1959. They had four children. Divorced.

299 - Randy James, born March 21, 1960. Married Elizabeth Scott.
Nancy Louise was married the second time to Fred Kimmel, who was born March 16, 1912. Fred adopted Rhonda Vergene. They had two children. Fred died February 18, 1987.


132 - 52 - 13 - 2 - 1
RICHARD LEROY JONES, born June 28, 1943; and Diane Carol Minssen, who was born December 12, 1945; were married September 19, 1965. They had twins.


133 - 52 - 13 - 2 - 1
REX WAYNE JONES, born December 18, 1945; and Cathy Lee Sonksen, who was born August 17, 1945; were married August 3, 1968. They have two children.

308 - Alan Wayne, born July 9, 1976.

134 - 53 - 13 - 2 - 1
ANN ROYCE SMITH, born October 21, 1944; and James A. Lund, who was born February 4, 1942; were married January 23, 1965. Three children.

309 - Laura Jayne, born September 18, 1965; and Bobby Lockwood, who was born April 21, 1964, were married September 10, 1988.
310 - Bruce, born November 18, 1967; and Brenda Jean Haglund were married August 4, 1990.
311 - Brian, born October 21, 1969.

135 - 53 - 13 - 2 - 1
JOAN STANLEY SMITH, born June 18, 1946; and James Stephens, who was born August 9, 1945, were married April 6, 1969. They had three children. Divorced.

312 - Scott, born December 29, 1970.
313 - Melissa, born December 18, 1972.
THOMAS LISLE SMITH, born February 8, 1949, and Catherine Wilson, who was born October 1, 1948; were married February 28, 1970. Have three children.

317 - David, born August 14, 1974.

JULIE JEANETTE SMITH, born February 4, 1957; and David Antioho, who was born December 2, 1953; were married May 22, 1982. They have four children.

318 - Megan, born August 3, 1983
319 - Heidi, born April 13, 1986.

JOYCE GEORGIANA JONES, born August 10, 1955; and David Lee Jackson, who was born June 18, 1954; were married September 27, 1980. They have two children.

322 - Ryan Lee, born June 8, 1986.

DAVID LYNN JONES, born September 12, 1957; and Lori Wehner, who was born April 25, 1961; were married July 6, 1985.


LETA MAE KERKOVE, born December 26, 1928; and Russell Dean Chittick, who was born September 15, 1924; were married in Sigourney, November 27, 1947. Leta is a school teacher and they live in the country near Muscatine. They have five children.

326 - Alan Russell, born May 15, 1951, married Cindy Hughes on October 22, 1983. Alan is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and was a band teacher for eight years. Completed more education at the University of Iowa and is now an Assistant Principal, at Plymouth, Wisconsin. Cindy is a Special Education Teacher.
327 - Valerie Lynn, born May 22, 1955 and Dr. Rhys Jones were married on December 27, 1987. Valerie graduated from the University of Iowa with a Bachelors degree in Science. Before her marriage she was in Heart Research, Hematology
Director of East Central Iowa Dental Health at St. Lukes Hospital in Cedar Rapids, and also Associate Professor at the College of Dentistry in Iowa City. He is an avid runner and has been in many marathons. Valerie is now a Research Specialist in the Department of Surgery, College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

329 - Heather Nell, born April 10, 1966 and Douglas Paul Haley were married on August 11, 1990. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa. Upon graduation she immediately moved to Chicago and taught two years in the Naperville, Illinois school system. She then moved back to Muscatine, Iowa. Heather is presently teaching fifth grade. Douglas will graduate from the University of Iowa in December of 1990, with a degree in Business and Finance. He is also working at the First National Bank in Iowa City and plans to continue his education, looking to a degree in law.

145 - 56 - 15 - 3 - 1
FRANK LAVON KERKOVE, born January 23, 1936; and Carolyn Ann Bensmiller, who was born August 28, 1936; were married July 31, 1960. Frank and Carolyn have four boys and one girl.

330 - Craig Allen, born October 10, 1960. Married Pirjo Niemi. She was born in Finland and they were married on June 10, 1989.

146 - 56 - 15 - 3 - 1
ELLEN LEA KERKOVE, born August 27, 1939; and William Meredith Manning, who was born April 28, 1933; were married August 24, 1958. Ellen graduated from Northwest Institute of Medical Technology in 1958. Her hobbies are doll collecting and decoupage. Parents of four children. Divorced in 1974.

338 - Drake Loupy, born December 6, 1969.
Ellen's second marriage was to James A. Eversole, March 16, 1979. In March of 1983 Ellen and Jim became foster parents for a newborn baby girl, June 6, 1984, they adopted her.


148 - 59 - 15 - 3 - 1
ANNA LAURA KERKOVE, born April 17, 1933, and Isidore Erwin Weber, who was born December 22, 1930; were married in Kinross, November 10, 1951. Three children. Divorced.


149 - 59 - 15 - 3 - 1
DARLENE RUTH KERKOVE, born April 10, 1935; and Donald Eugene Jennings, who was born August 20, 1933; were married in South English May 10, 1959. Two children. Darlene died January 4, 1989.


150 - 59 - 15 - 3 - 1
FRANKLIN DEAN KERKOVE, born January 24, 1942, married Lavonne Trier Myer. Franklin owns his own plumbing and electrical business in Ankeny, Iowa; and Lavonne is secretary for the Ankeny Schools. They have one son.


151 - 59 - 15 - 3 - 1
FRANCIS VAN KERKOVE, born March 12, 1944; and Helen Marie Bowers, who was born October 27, 1946; were married at the English River Church of the Brethren, South English, April 4, 1970. Francis entered the U.S. Army September 27, 1964; was at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri four months; Sogel, Germany thirty-two months; and discharged September 27, 1967. He was assistant to the manager of shipping at the Amana Refrigeration Company, Amana for several years. He now farms north of South English. Helen has an income tax business and has many customers. She also helps Francis in the farming operation. They have two sons.

346 - David, born July 18, 1971. David graduated from English Valley High School. He attended the University of Iowa, Iowa City, his freshman year of college; and is now attending the Brethren College, McPherson, Kansas.
152 - 61 - 15 - 3 - 1
RICHARD VANCE HIXSON, born March 14, 1937; and Deette Louise Grove, who was born October 10, 1939; were married in Sigourney July 11, 1958. Parents of four children.


153 - 61 - 15 - 3 - 1
MEREDITH ELLIOTT HIXSON, born November 25, 1945, and Rosalie Mapes, who was born April 21, 1950; were married December 31, 1970.

353 - Andrew Meredith, born October 3, 1975.

154 - 61 - 15 - 3 - 1
JANE ELLEN HIXSON, born July 31, 1952; and Marc Steven Farmer, who was born March 8, 1953; were married May 25, 1974.

354 - Dustin Brian, born May 12, 1980.

155 - 63 - 15 - 3 - 1
ARLAND DALE KERKOVE, born May 22, 1938; and Carole Ann Vorhauer were married May 22, 1938. One son.

356 - Arland Dale, Jr., born September 24, 1964, Los Angeles, California.

156 - 64 - 16 - 3 - 1
CAROLYN FAYE CROUSE, born April 29, 1938; and Linn Flook, who was born on September 18, 1952; were married February 12, 1972. Four children.

358 - Darby Allan, born April 16, 1976.
359 - Rachel Ann, born May 10, 1980

157 - 64 - 16 - 3 - 1

GARY G. CROUSE, born March 1, 1937; and Stephany Pierce, who was born June 28, 1942; were married October 6, 1960. Gary works for Pella Rolscreen and Stephany is employed by Paslode in Oskaloosa. They have three children.


MARSHA LYNN AXMEAR, born June 6, 1948; and Larry Allen Erb, who was born December 31, 1944; were married December 28, 1974. Larry is president and majority owner of Erb's Business Machines, Inc., specializing in office equipment and computers. Marsha is now a housewife after retiring from MorAmerica Financial Corp., as secretary for twelve years to the president; to raise their children. She is very active in the Indian Creek Nature Center Guild and is a Silver Leaf recipient. Marsha has carried on the tradition of her parents and grandparents in her love of gardening. Larry and Marsha's home has been designated as a National Urban Wildlife Sanctuary, the 61st in the United States. Three children.

365 - Erin Lee, born August 10, 1977. Erin is in the 8th grade, an honor student, and in the Gifted and Talented Program. She is on the track and volleyball teams; and takes piano and gymnastics lessons. In 1989 she took second place in the Iowa division of the National History Day contest; and is hoping for first place and a trip to Washington, D. C. this year.
367 - Christina Liane, born June 27, 1982. Christina is in the second grade and enjoys gymnastics. She loves animals and wants to be a veterinarian - if she can't be a tight rope walker.


John's third marriage was to Deann Vodicka on June 20, 1988.

167 - 68 - 18 - 4 - 1
WILLIAM THOMAS AXMEAR, born June 4, 1940; and Sheryl Lynn Edmundson, who was born October 19, 1945; were married July 17, 1965. Bill attended Parsons College, Fairfield, for two years. He served in the Navy, and was a member of the United States Navy Band. He was employed by the White State Bank, South English, Iowa in 1963 and is still working there. One daughter.


168 - 68 - 18 - 4 - 1
FREDERICK LEE AXMEAR, born September 3, 1941; and Jane Marsha Gilmore, who was born January 31, 1948; were married June 1, 1974. Fred graduated in 1963 from Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He served two years in the Army and then was employed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In 1975 he came to work at the White State Bank, South English, Iowa, where he is still employed. Two children.

372 - Scott Frederick, born June 8, 1978.

169 - 71 - 19 - 4 - 1
ARNOUT STEVENS DUNNICK, born October 7, 1937, near Gibson, Iowa. He attended grade school at Aurora, in the country, and then at Keswick. The family moved to Barnes City in March of 1952 and Arnout graduated from the Barnes City High School in 1955. On December 3, 1955 he entered the Army reserve for six months. After this service he returned home and went to farming with his father. Arnout and Janet Arlene Van Maanen, who was born January 24, 1939; were married on September 20, 1962. After his father retired they moved to the home place and continue to farm there. They are the parents of five children, and now have three grandchildren.

375 - Sharon Rae, born September 25, 1964. Married Randy Lee Van Dusseldorp.
EVERETT LEE DUNNICK, born May 26, 1939; and Olivia Lucretia Soto, who was born May 23, 1942; were married December 10, 1966. Olivia was born in Calexico, California. Everett was born on a farm north of Keswick and graduated from high school in Barnes City, Iowa in 1957. At that time he entered the U. S. Army. He has been employed by Continental Airlines for over thirty years. He is presently working as a Maintenance Supervisor at the Los Angeles International Airport. They have four sons.

379 - Everett William, born February 19, 1969, in Hawthorne, California. He graduated from Hawthorne High School in 1986. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1990, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. He is presently in training in Quantico, Virginia.

380 - Alejandro Lee, born August 28, 1970, in Hawthorne, California. He graduated from Hawthorne High School in 1988. He is attending Grossmont College, San Diego, California, and will transfer to U. C. San Diego in the fall of 1991 to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

381 - Eric Bernard, born April 6, 1972, in Inglewood, California. He graduated from Hawthorne High School in 1990. At the present time he is attending San Diego State University on an ROTC scholarship. He is working toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

382 - Francis Raymond, born July 21, 1975, in Inglewood, California. He is a sophomore at Hawthorne High School.

MARY MARIE DUNNICK, born June 21, 1941; and Jack Holmes Heberlein, who was born August 17, 1942; were married March 21, 1964. Graduated from Barnes City High School in 1958 and then attended Iowa Methodist Hospital School of Nursing until June 1960. Moved to California without completing the program at Iowa Methodist. The next four years worked in a hospital and then a doctor’s office. After my marriage I continued my work in the doctor’s office and after the birth of our girl in 1968 I was able to continue working but I did it at home. In 1969 I obtained an LVN license. Our son was born in 1970 and nothing changed for eleven years. With so many changes in the Los Angeles area, in 1979 my husband accepted a transfer to the high desert. He has been with the General Telephone Company for 26 years and currently is an outside construction supervisor. After our move I started working as an LVN at a Los Angeles County Hospital where I am still employed. In 1984 I
finished what I started in 1958 and became an RN. I am now a full
time Utilization Review Coordinator and work part time with prenatal
and orthopedic clinics. We all love to travel and camp and I still
love to sew.

383 - Kimberly Marie, born September 8, 1968. She has one more
year at Cal State, Northridge; and hopes to become an
elementary school teacher.
384 - Todd Holmes, born January 6, 1970. He is in his third
year at Utah State. He was fortunate enough to get a
football scholarship.

172 - 71 - 19 - 4 - 1
RUTH ELLEN DUNNICK, born January 9, 1943; and Jack Lee Tipton, who
was born April 16, 1940; were married September 17, 1966, and live
in Smithville, Missouri. Jack is a graduate of Washburn University,
Topeka, Kansas, and is a salesman. Ruth graduated from the American
Institute of Business, Des Moines, Iowa; and also a cosmetology
school in Kansas City. Ruth was hostess for Braniff airlines and
now works in a beauty salon. Have three children.


173 - 71 - 19 - 4 - 1
NELLIE ELIZABETH DUNNICK, born September 27, 1944; and Keith Dean
Schmidt, who was born November 4, 1943; were married June 19, 1971,
and live in Ankeny, Iowa. Keith is a graduate of Drake University,
Des Moines, Iowa; and is Chief Accountant at Iowa State University,
Ames, Iowa. Nellie is a graduate of the American Institute of
Business, Des Moines, Iowa; and is employed as a legal secretary in
Des Moines, Iowa. Have two children.

388 - Brian Keith, born May 16, 1974.

175 - 72 - 19 - 4 - 1
SHIRLEY ANN HANSEN, born September 8, 1941; and Darrel Edward
Salmons, who was born October 22, 1938; were married September 12,

Petersen.
392 - Eric Lee, born July 6, 1964. Married Kimberly Ilene
Scarborough.
BEVERLY FERNE HANSEN, born February 17, 1944; and Dean Hughes Martin, who was born February 21, 1944; were married August 25, 1966. Divorced in 1983. Beverly died April 5, 1988. Two children.


FREDERICK WILLIAM HANSEN, born May 19, 1963; and Julyn Kay Miller, who was born September 1, 1965; were married September 8, 1984. Have one daughter and one son.

396 - Andrew Frederick, born January 18, 1990.

LARRY MAX MCPHERSON, born January 8, 1946; and Ginger Sue Rumbaugh, who was born July 26, 1955; were married May 29, 1976. Larry is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army serving in Germany. Have three children.

398 - Jonathan Ryan, born April 9, 1981.
399 - Kaitlin Rae, born September 19, 1985.

KAREN LOUISE MCPHERSON, born October 21, 1949; and William McKinley Reece, who was born August 30, 1946; were married December 15, 1979. Four children.

400 - William McKinley III, born September 17, 1980.
403 - Carol Louise, born June 16, 1986.

CYNTHIA ANN AXMEAR was born December 21, 1953 at the Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Attended Keswick Elementary school and graduated from Tri-County High school in May 1972. Was a student at the University of Northern Iowa In Cedar Falls, Iowa for three years. Married Galen Albert Reding at the Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on August 30, 1975. Galen was born November 16, 1952; and is from Armstrong, Iowa. Spent the next three years in Estherville, Iowa; where Galen worked at the Iowa Trust and Savings Bank and Cynthia was employed at the corporate office of Golden Sun Feeds. In May 1978 they moved to Mapleton, Minnesota where they
Mapleton. Cynthia is active in the choir and teaches Sunday School. Galen serves on the Volunteer Fire Department.

404 - Abby Elizabeth, born December 9, 1983; at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital in Mankato, Minnesota.

183 - 75 - 19 - 4 - 1
ANITA SHARYN AXMEAR, born October 10, 1947; and Kenneth Harold Bengsten who was born September 8, 1947; were married June 26, 1971. Anita graduated from Tri-County High School in 1965 and then attended Drake University in Des Moines, majoring in Business and Special Education and graduating in 1969. She taught in Racine, Wisconsin for two years and then for two years in Wichita, Kansas. She is now raising five children, the youngest a Mayan Indian girl from Guatemala. Kenneth is the son of Art and Alma Bengston; Racine, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Madison with degrees in Civil Engineering and City Planning. Moved to Wichita in 1971. Worked for an engineering firm and later started his own business, Mid-Kansas Engineering Consultants.

405 - Rebecca Kay, born July 28, 1974.
408 - Michael David, born October 2, 1980.

184 - 75 - 19 - 4 - 1
ALAN STEVEN AXMEAR, born February 6, 1951; and Jane Ann Heikenen, who was born March 21, 1955; were married November 12, 1977. Graduated from Tri-County High School in 1969 and from Iowa State University in 1975 with a degree in Entomology. Worked as a farm hand for a few years and now operates a machine shop on the Dale Axmear farm. Three children. Divorced.


185 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
DEANNA LYNN AXMEAR, born February 25, 1947; and Douglas Arthur Valley, who was born February 24, 1947; were married May 25, 1969. Deanna and Doug each earned a B.S. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. They moved with their family to Stillwater, Oklahoma, in June of 1989; when Doug had a job transfer there from Waxahachie, Texas. They have moved every four years since 1972 when Doug joined Osmose Wood Preserving Co., Inc., which is headquartered in Buffalo, New York. He is an Area Manager and travels over Oklahoma and parts of Texas and Kansas. Deanna works half-time on the staff of Highland Park United Methodist Church as Program Coordinator for Care, Nurture and Discipling. She is a member of the handbell choir. In 1991 Doug and Deanna will be chairpersons for the Council of Ministries at Highland Park and on the Board of
the United Methodist Student Center at Oklahoma State University. Doug and the children race every July in the Republican River Canoe Race in Franklin County, Nebraska. Together the Valleys are refurbishing a 52-year old house that had been a student rental property before they bought it.

413 - Jason Douglas, born September 20, 1971. Graduated from Waxahachie High School in Texas where he was a member of the National Honor Society. He attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogodoches, Texas for a year; and played trumpet in the Lumberjacks Marching Band. He currently works at a fast food restaurant in Stillwater.

414 - Joanna Clarice, born October 11, 1977. She is an eighth grader at Stillwater Junior High. She plays bass clarinet in the Raider Marching Band and is a member of "Math Counts" Math Club and the Spirit Club. In 1989 she won the Stillwater Middle School Language Arts Award for excellence in writing.

415 - Jamie Elaina, born May 17, 1979. Jamie plays violin in the Middle School Sixth Grade orchestra and occasionally submits poems to publications and poetry contests.

186 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
FREDERICK EUGENE AXMEAR, born December 1, 1948; and Debbie Palmer, who was born September 13, 1950; were married September 4, 1971. No children. Divorced 1975.

Fred's second marriage on June 19, 1982 was to Patricia Ann Phillips Bucheit, who was born on September 2, 1950. Her husband had died and she was left with three small children. Fred and Patricia have three sons. Fred worked nine years for IBM, and three years for the Mayo Clinic. He now lives in Decorah, Iowa, where he has a small furniture manufacturing business, established in 1986, and Patti is half owner of a fabric store.

419 - Job Townsend, born December 12, 1984.

187 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
STEVEN H. AXMEAR, born March 3, 1950; and Marvel Ann McCallister who was born May 14, 1956; were married October 6, 1972. Steven and Marvel raise cattle and grain on his mother's family farm (Jim and Iva Herdliska) one mile north of North English. They own three farms and Steve also does custom farming in the North English area. Their three children help with the farming chores.
422 - Corby Kenneth, born February 26, 1973. He is a senior at English Valley High, where he plays trumpet in the marching band, jazz band, and concert band. He is President of the Future Farmers of America and works parttime at a grocery store.

423 - Connie Jo, born September 7, 1975. Connie Jo is a sophomore in high school and plays volleyball and is a football cheerleader.

424 - Steven Daryle, born July 2, 1979. He is in sixth grade. He participates in summer baseball and plays drums in the grade school band.

188 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
ROBERT JAMES AXMEAR, born February 23, 1951; and Kathy Ann Harris, who was born February 23, 1953; were married January 17, 1970. Have one daughter. Divorced.

425 - Nicki Sue, born July 13, 1970. She is enrolled at the University of Iowa.

Robert's second marriage was to Mary Louise Welch on July 5, 1975. Mary Louise was born August 22, 1954. One daughter. Robert and Mary live in Iowa City where he renovates old houses for rental properties. Prior to that, he owned a fish store in Coralville called the Coral Reef. Mary is a pediatric nurse at the University of Iowa; and was taking classes at the University before the birth of their daughter Kristina. She has plans to finish her bachelor's degree.


189 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
CAROLYN JO AXMEAR, born March 18, 1953; and Charles Eyerly were married December 18, 1971. No children. Divorced.

Carolyn's second marriage was to Donald Peter Heying on August 11, 1978. Donald was born August 23, 1948. Carolyn is a nursing instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar, Iowa; she is currently studying toward her bachelor of science degree in nursing. Carolyn and her husband Don (Deuce) were married in the "Little Brown Church" in Nashua, Iowa. Deuce is a salesman with Frana Beer Distributing Company. They have three children.

427 - Reesa Deann, born January 13, 1979. She is a sixth grader, plays flute in the band, is a student council member, and is a member of vocal chorus. She plays softball, volleyball, and has won conference champion in the 200 Medley Relay on the swim team.
428 - Megan Joann, born April 9, 1981. Megan is a fourth grader, on the Calmar swim team, plays softball in the summer; and is in the Brownies.

429 - Eric Donald, born June 1, 1985. Eric is in his second year of preschool.

190 - 76 - 19 - 4 - 1
RICHARD DAVID AXMEAR, born July 16, 1954; and Margaret Mary Tyrrell, who was born August 12, 1957; were married April 22, 1977. Rick began raising hogs in 1978 with his mother on the home place of Kenneth Axmear, his father. He is still there farming and raising livestock. He is actively involved in community activities, a member of the Tri County School Board, coaches Little League Ball in the summer, and is a member of the Keswick Ball Association. Margaret began her own beauty shop outside her home in 1981, and she still owns and operates the business. She is a past member of the Tri County School Board, and is now a member of the Keswick Commercial Club. They are the parents of four children.

430 - Abbie Leann, born September 8, 1978. Abbie is active in the talented and gifted program at school and plays in the band, and began playing basketball in the fall of 1990. During the summer she plays softball. She also takes piano and dance lessons.

431 - Aaron Richard, born November 19, 1979. He is active in the school's talented and gifted program and loves to play baseball in the summer. For the past three years he has been wrestling in the junior class.

432 - Adam Tyler, born October 20, 1983. Adam is in first grade, plays baseball in the summer and has begun wrestling.

433 - Alex Mychal, born July 7, 1988. Alex is two years old and very active.

191 - 77 - 19 - 4 - 1
WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIES, born August 30, 1951, in Sigourney, Iowa; and Kathleen Patricia Hiltz, who was born June 4, 1953; were married December 15, 1973, in Middleton, Wisconsin. William is an engineer in the Dallas, Texas area and Kathy is both a teacher and a homemaker. They reside in De Sota, Texas. Have five children.


436 - Meredith Megan, born February 14, 1985, in San Antonio, Texas.


JOHN ROBERT DAVIES, born January 10, 1957, in Ottumwa, Iowa; and Carol Page Pearson, who was born September 15, 1958; were married August 12, 1979, in West Lafayette, Indiana. John and Page are engineers and reside in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, outside of Pittsburgh. Have two children.


NICKI JEAN PEET (name now Jean Nicole), born September 22, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa; and Michael Garrett Moroney, who was born October 24, 1944; were married December 23, 1969; at the First United Methodist Church, Salem, Oregon. Michael was a pilot. Nicki is a housewife and she is educated to be a secondary school teacher. She is an accomplished weaver. Divorced in 1972. One son.

441 - Michael Oliver, born December 24, 1971, at Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, California.

Second marriage June 12, 1981, in Portland, Oregon; to William Lee Burdette, Jr., who was born September 29, 1947. William is a secondary school teacher and coach. He enjoys all sports. They have one daughter.


STEVEN GREGORY PEET, born July 16, 1951, in Iowa City, Iowa; and Sally Lynn Reeves, who was born August 11, 1951; were married June 12, 1976; at the First Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Steven is a Senior Tele-Communications Analyst for Mutual of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska. Sally is a full time mother and housewife. They are the parents of four children.

443 - Gregory Allen, born June 6, 1979, at Papillion, Nebraska.
445 - Jonathan Nicholas, born May 24, 1985, at Papillion, Nebraska.
446 - Benjamin Thomas, born August 23, 1987, at Papillion, Nebraska.

CAROLYN SUE PEET, born October 22, 1952, at Salem, Oregon; and Alfred Michael Pirrone, who was born July 2, 1951; were married June 16, 1974, at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Salem, Oregon. Carolyn
is an elementary school teacher in Modesto, California. Alfred is manager of the family vineyards and orchards. He enjoys most sports and is especially good at golf. They have three children.

447 - Christine Elizabeth, born May 27, 1975, at Modesto, California.
448 - Alfred Mathew, born January 2, 1977, at Modesto, California.
449 - Paul Michael, born August 29, 1980, at Modesto, California.

DENISE CAROL MILLER, born September 1, 1954, at Myrtle Point, Oregon; and Kenneth Carl Johnson, who was born November 1, 1953; were married June 1, 1974. Graduated from Woodburn High School and attended Emanuel School of Nursing; Portland, Oregon. Two children. Divorced 1982.

450 - Laura Michelle, born January 1, 1976.

Denise was married a second time November 23, 1983 to Donald Raymond Bolton who was born November 2, 1954. No children. One stepson Allen. At present they are living in Woodburn.

KAREN MARIE MILLER, born December 26, 1956, at Myrtle Point, Oregon; and David Borges, who was born May 13, 1954; were married June 16, 1979, in Woodburn, Oregon. A graduate of Woodburn High School, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon; and from Life West Chiropractic College in San Leandro, California. They are the parents of two daughters. She and her husband are both Doctors of Chiropractics in South Lake Tahoe, California.


JOHN DAVID MILLER, born August 17, 1964, in Salem, Oregon; and Robin Rene' Gruchalla, who was born February 23, 1966; were married on June 30, 1984. Graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, Salem, Oregon; and attended Portland State College. At the present time they are residing in Beaverton, Oregon and he is employed by Graphics Systems Software.


TERESA LYNN MOORE, born September 10, 1959; and Jeffrey Lynn Osborne, who was born August 12, 1956; were married March 28, 1981. Teresa grew up in the Rosa Axmear home and graduated from Tri County High School in Thornburg in 1977. In 1979 she graduated from Indian
Hills Community College, Ottumwa, Iowa; with a degree in Computer Programming. In March of 1979 she began her work at Mutual of Omaha in Omaha where she is still employed. Her husband, Jeffrey, graduated from a Council Bluffs High School, and is a self-employed carpenter. They have three children.

455 - Sarah JoAnn, born October 7, 1981.
456 - Benjamin James, born March 29, 1984.

208 - 81 - 20 - 4 - 1
STEVEN ARLINGTON AXMEAR, born December 15, 1936; and Marietta C. Smedema, who was born November 23, 1937, were married in Sigourney, Iowa on August 22, 1959. Steven attended Iowa State College at Ames where he studied engineering. Steve and Marietta make their home in Beloit, Wisconsin, where he is in charge of travel, import, and export for the Beloit Corporation. They have two children.

458 - Cheryl Lynn, born January 1, 1961; at Beloit, Wisconsin. and Donald J. Bomcamp were married August 21, 1982, in Janesville, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin, and is vice-president of a bank.
459 - Michelle Ann, born January 8, 1964; at Beloit, Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin, and is a high school teacher at Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

209 - 81 - 20 - 4 - 1
RAYCHEL ANN AXMEAR, born November 10, 1940 at Oskaloosa, Iowa. After graduation from Sigourney High School in 1958 she joined the Navy. Raychel graduated as a medical technologist while living in Hawaii, where she was stationed for 24 years. She married Edward Eugene Watkins, Jr., from Paris, Kentucky; at Honolulu, Hawaii on August 29, 1963. They had two children. Divorced. Raychel received her degree in biology from the University of Hawaii in 1979 and moved to Omaha where she is employed as a technologist at the Veterans Hospital. In May 1989 Raychel received her Master's at the University of Nebraska in Omaha. She is now working on a Doctorate, employed at the hospital, and acting as a Naval reserve.

460 - Edward E. Watkins III, born April 29, 1965 at Pearl City, Hawaii.
461 - Leah Lelani, born October 2, 1968, at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and Eric Pallett were married October 8, 1987, at Minneapolis, Kansas.
LINDA BETH AXMEAR, was born January 31, 1943, and graduated from the Sigourney High School in 1961. She attended Lab School at Northwestern and has been employed at the Keokuk County Health Center for over twenty years. She married Richard Forrest Miller on August 16, 1964. Had one child. Divorced.

Richard Forrest, Jr., born June 3, 1965. Married Carol Redd on June 10, 1989. He is a graduate of the Sigourney High School and Northeast Missouri State College at Kirksville. Richard and Carol live at Breckenridge, Colorado, where both are employed by the Village of Breckenridge and serve as ski instructors at the National levels.

Linda's second marriage was to William E. Rees on November 1, 1969. William was born on December 28, 1944. Richard Forrest was adopted by William Rees when he was four. They have one child. William is a high school teacher in Sigourney.

Stephanie Ann, born August 24, 1973, at Sigourney, Iowa. Is a junior in high school. As a freshman she was listed in "Outstanding High School students in America" and her sophomore year she was elected to the National Honor Society. She is on the honor roll; plays in marching, concert, pep, and jazz bands and is in the swing choir. She is on the volleyball and track teams. At the state level has received honors for her work in speech and in plays.

RICHARD JACKSON AXMEAR, was born October 19, 1944, at Oskaloosa. He graduated from Sigourney High School and received his degree in Psychology from the University of Iowa in 1969. He was married to Thaydean Kay Boettcher of Rockwell, Iowa, on August 3, 1968. After graduation from the University he enlisted in the army where he spent three years, one in Viet Nam. After his service they moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he received a Master's Degree from the University of Nebraska. Thaydean, a registered nurse, worked in the cardiac intensive care unit of Bergen Mercy Hospital. He received his Doctorate in Psychology from Indiana State University at Terre Haute, where he also had a teaching assistantship. He now works as a psychologist for Area 16 in Burlington. His wife serves as a Physician's Asst. to a heart specialist, Dr. Tony Lazier, in Burlington.

Anthony Michael, born April 10, 1971, at Iowa City, is a sophomore at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Ryan Andrew, born January 23, 1976, at Terre Haute, Indiana, is in eighth grade.
GEORGE EDWARD AXMEAR, born September 25, 1939; and Lucy Lu Schneekloth, who was born September 7, 1941; were married June 7, 1964. George farms near Malcom, Iowa. Three children.

   466 - Jerry Allen, born March 4, 1966, and Linda Ranae Merryfield who was born April 16, 1967; were married July 11, 1987. No children. Divorced. Jerry's second marriage was to Jane Marie Overturf who was born July 11, 1966. The wedding was at the Sheridan United Methodist Church, Grinnell, Iowa; May 26, 1990.

DAVID MAURICE AXMEAR, born May 18, 1941; and Elizabeth Ann Baylor Wood, who was born January 12, 1939; were married December 2, 1967. David and Betsy farm near Sigourney, Iowa. They have a large hog operation, and Daryl K. (Deke), a stepson, helps David with the hog operation. There were six children in the family.


JOE'D AXMEAR, born January 23, 1943; and Karen Ann Brockshus, who was born January 1, 1950; were married June 4, 1971. Joe'd farms near North English, Iowa. Five children.

   476 - Chad Michael, died at birth February 19, 1975.
   478 - Jesse James, born December 20, 1977.

JOHN CHARLES AXMEAR, born January 17, 1945; and Connie Diane Calvert, who was born September 26, 1945; were married July 28, 1965. John farms south of Keswick, Iowa. They have four children.

   480 - Diana Lynn, born August 27, 1966. Married Justin Lane Deahr, June 2, 1990. Both are employed at the Ace Hardware Headquarters in Oakbrook, Illinois. They are living in Downers Grove, Illinois.
481 - Patricia Ann, born August 23, 1968, news editor of the North English Record.
482 - Andrew John, born February 8, 1970.

216 - 83 - 20 - 4 - 1
EVELYN VICTORIA ELIZABETH AXMEAR, born January 5, 1946; and Denny Ray Garns, who was born December 31, 1936; were married September 12, 1971. Evelyn worked for several years in Des Moines as a secretary at Drake University. She is a home maker, enjoys sewing, and also makes sweaters, etc. on her knitting machine. Denny has a degree in Chemical Engineering, and is Senior Research Fellow at the James River Corporation in Appleton, Wisconsin. They are the parents of one son.

484 - Ryan Justin, born November 27, 1972. Ryan is a senior in high school, interested in radio, TV, and film work.

218 - 84 - 20 - 4 - 1

485 - Scott Richard, born September 27, 1967, in Orange, California.


486 - Aimee Rachell, born November 16, 1972, Anaheim, California.

Third marriage to Jill Bowman. No children.

219 - 84 - 20 - 4 - 1
CALVIN CAIN ROUW, born in Portland, Oregon, March 25, 1950; married Fay Marie Cox. Two children.

488 - Christina Jean, born September 29, 1973, Orange, California.
489 - Calvin Curtis, born March 27, 1976, Orange, California.

220 - 84 - 20 - 4 - 1
DAVID GEORGE ROUW, born June 4, 1954, Orange, California; married Mary Sue Veeman. One daughter.

490 - Ashley Marie, born July 11, 1985, Ottumwa, Iowa.

491 - Jacob Craig, born May 24, 1977.

LYLE GENE SNAKENBERG, born July 24, 1936; and Marietta Snakenberg, who was born December 31, 1934; were married February 2, 1957. Two children.


DAVID AXMEAR, born September 9, 1961; and Lisa Ann Fisher, who was born May 8, 1963; were married June 25, 1983. Three children.


MERLE G. WIMPSETT. No information regarding birth or whom he married. Two children.

498 - Wesley. No other information.
499 - Tony. No other information.

PAT WIMPSETT. No information regarding birth. She married a Slate. Two children.

500 - Dawn. No other information.
501 - Dayna. No other information.


502 - Patrick, born July 1, 1960. He is in business in Abilene, Texas.
504 - Mandi, born August 5, 1964. Is a graduate of Texas University and is teaching in Tyler, Texas.
505 - Timothy, born June 7, 1966. Is a college student in Abilene, Texas.
506 - Davis (Chip), born May 8, 1969. Is serving in the Army and is stationed in Texas.
507 - Mary, born May 1, 1971. Is attending Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

231 - 97 - 31 - 6 - 1
LINDA KAY YOAKAM, born March 16, 1942; and Melvin Stanley, who was born September 13, 1939; were married June 5, 1960. They had one daughter. Divorced.

Linda's second marriage was to Dr. Eugene Robert Hale, May 5, 1984. Dr. Hale was born August 30, 1935.

232 - 97 - 31 - 6 - 1
PATRICIA JEAN YOAKAM, born November 3, 1945; and Lewis Trimble Broschard II, who was born January 9, 1942; were married August 31, 1968. One son.


234 - 97 - 31 - 6 - 1
VICKI SUE YOAKAM, born September 10, 1957; and Robert Kyle, who was born August 15, 1950; were married July 21, 1988. One daughter.


235 - 101 - 34 - 6 - 1
LOREN LEE BRIGGS, born January 30, 1937; and Betty Jean Burgart, who was born June 26, 1950; were married February 3, 1973 at Nashua, Iowa. Two children.

514 - Barry Dean, born August 11, 1976.

237 - 102 - 34 - 6 - 1
ROBERT GREGORY GIBSON, born February 15, 1952 married Susan Peters. Robert is a doctor. They have three children.

515 - Gregory James, born April 3, 1981, Tyler, Texas.
516 - Kimberley Sue, born June 1, 1984, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
517 - Andrew Joseph, born August 16, 1987, Annapolis, Maryland.
239 - 103 - 34 - 6 - 1
LONNIE STEIN, born November 1, 1947, and Joan Kay Malloy, who was born July 12, 1946; were married November 19, 1966. Two children.


247 - 106 - Helen Sturdevant Walk's stepdaughter.
BEVERLY WALK HUTCHCROFT.

520 - Jayne - Step granddaughter
521 - Jill - Step granddaughter
522 - Julia - Step granddaughter.

248 - 106 - Helen Sturdevant Walk's stepson.
FRED WALK.

523 - Deborah, step granddaughter.
524 - Laura, step granddaughter.
525 - Frederick (Rick), step grandson.

249 - 107 - 39 - 7 - 1
KAYE ELAINE STURDEVANT, born June 7, 1940, married John Whitehouse. They had two children. Divorced.

526 - Lezli Ann, born November 30, 1964. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa. She is pursuing an acting career and is currently on tour with a Theater Group out of Boston.
527 - Edward Ian, born May 9, 1967. Married Tina Morgan.

Second marriage was to Allan Winder in February of 1977. Allan was born July 21, 1940. Kaye is a Professor of Art Education at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, Wisconsin.

250 - 107 - 39 - 7 - 1
CRAIG MORGAN STURDEVANT, born April 20, 1943; married Joyce Humphry. Divorced. No children. Craig's second marriage was to Ruthi Jones on November 20, 1974. Craig is President and CEO of ERC, Inc. which specializes in Environmental Impact Reports. He is also a Professor at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri. Ruthi is a Professor of Mathematics at Lincoln University. They have two children.

529 - Casey Glynn, born November 27, 1984.

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RAY CLARK STURDEVANT, born June 22, 1947; and Marlene Renie Jodts, who was born December 15, 1946; were married June 29, 1968. Ray practices Pediatrics Medicine in Sioux City, Iowa. Marlene, an RN, is a nurse in his office. They have three children.

530 - Aimee Michelle, born March 14, 1973. She is a Pre-Med student at the University of Iowa.

JANE ELLEN STURDEVANT, born February 16, 1951; and James Turner, who was born June 6, 1938; were married January 19, 1978. Jane is a Masters Social Worker at St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, Illinois. James, also a Masters Social Worker, is employed by the state as a Child Placement Consultant. They have one son.

533 - Geoffrey Paul, born September 13, 1983.

WAYNE DOUGLAS MUGGE (son of Lyle Mugge and Mildred Yoakam Mugge), was born January 26, 1950; in Cherokee (Cherokee County) Iowa; and Emily Lou Perkins (daughter of Donald and Gladys Perkins), who was born December 6, 1950; were married August 11, 1973, in Des Moines, Iowa. Wayne received his Bachelors Degree in Engineering from ISU and his Masters Degree in Business from Xavier University. He is an engineer for Deere & Co. in Waterloo, Iowa. Emily received her Bachelors Degree in Psychology from ISU and her Masters Degree in Psychology from the University of Miami at Oxford, Ohio. Emily is a librarian in the Community school at Dike Iowa. They have two daughters.

534 - Andrea Lynn, born February 17, 1977, in Waterloo, Iowa.

PAUL HENRY MUGGE (son of Lyle Mugge and Mildred Yoakam Mugge), was born April 27, 1951, in Cherokee (Cherokee County) Iowa; and Karen Sue Taylor (daughter of Harold and Sue Taylor), who was born October 9, 1951, in Coolidge, Arizona; were married August 23, 1975, in Longview, Washington. Paul received his Bachelors Degree in Engineering from ISU and worked as an engineer at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Washington. Since 1976 he has farmed near Calumet, Iowa. Karen went two years at Lower Columbia Jr. College in Longview, Washington and was employed as a secretary at the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle. They have three children.

536 - Charity Sue, born February 13, 1977, in Cherokee, Iowa.
537 - Melissa Eve, born January 17, 1979, in Cherokee, Iowa.
538 - Taylor John, born November 9, 1987, in Cherokee, Iowa.
JUDITH ANN MUGGE (daughter of Lyle Mugge and Mildred Yoakam Mugge), was born February 13, 1957, in Cherokee (Cherokee County) Iowa; and Jeffrey John Miles (son of Lowell and Janice Miles), who was born June 1, 1955; were married May 31, 1980, in Spencer, Iowa. Jeff served in the U.S. Navy and later received his Bachelors Degree in Business from Morningside College. He is employed at Brenton Bank in Des Moines, Iowa. Judy received her Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Morningside College and is employed at Mercy Hospital Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. They have one son.

Nicholas Jay, born July 8, 1989, in Des Moines, Iowa.

REX ALAN YOAKAM, (son of Donald and Mary Alice Dayton Yoakam), was born September 19, 1950, in Ottumwa, (Wapello County), Iowa. His first marriage was to Mary Jo Markley on September 29, 1973. They were divorced in August 1978. His second marriage in Ottumwa, Iowa, on December 30, 1986 was to Kathy Martz Smith (daughter of Robert and Patricia Martz). She was born August 6, 1951, in Ottumwa, Iowa. Rex served in the U. S. Navy on board the U. S. Constellation 1970-74. He is a commercial pilot with experience in weather modification and crop spraying. He is currently engaged in farming. Kathy attended Career Academy in Kansas City, Missouri and is employed in the banking profession. Kathy is the mother of two daughters by a previous marriage. Rex, Kathy, and the girls live on the farm where Rex was raised; near Farson, Iowa.


ALISA ANNE YOAKAM (daughter of Donald and Mary Alice Dayton Yoakam), was born December 22, 1954, in Homestead, Florida. Married in Hedrick, Iowa, January 12, 1974 to Charles Meacham (son of Laurence and Nellie Meacham), who was born February 22, 1950, in Fairfield, Iowa. Charles and Alisa farm near Richland, Iowa. They are the parents of three children.

Elizabeth Anne, born March 6, 1980.
Melinda Marie, born May 20, 1983.

MADELLE CAROL POOLE, born March 12, 1946; and Dr. Christian Friess, who was born January 17, 1946; were married August 17, 1968. Four children.

CLARK MORGAN POOLE, born May 28, 1947; and Kathy Dillon McManus, who was born October 28, 1948; were married October 23, 1976. One child.


CRAIG ALLAN POOLE, born November 4, 1951; and Sheila DeLapp, who was born January 12, 1952; were married September 9, 1972. Three children.


REECE MORGAN HARMON, born October 5, 1953; and Vickie Perry, who was born November 1, 1954; were married June 3, 1973. Two children.

553 - Heath Morgan, born April 24, 1974.
554 - Aaron Clifford, born October 20, 1976.

AVERY WILSON MONTZ, born August 8, 1951; and Carol Byers, born October 16, 1950; were married March 23, 1974. Avery graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a BS in Mathematics. He is presently farming, with his father, the family farm. Three sons.

557 - Ryan James, born March 8, 1984.

NEIL ROBERT MONTZ, (Rev.) born December 28, 1953; and Debra Bassett, who was born on June 25, 1954; were married on May 29, 1988. Neil graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Political Science Minor in Counseling; and he has an M.A. from Boston University in Theology. At the present time he is Associate Pastor of the Immanuel United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

KIM WADE MONTZ, (Dr.) born June 17, 1960; and Kimberly King, who was born December 21, 1964; were married December 16, 1989. Kim graduated with a PHD in Chemical and Material Engineering from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is presently President of MicroFrontier in Des Moines, Iowa. They have one daughter.


Micheal's second marriage was to Maxine Parker, September 15, 1986. Mike is an assessor for the county and his wife Maxine is a police dispatcher. Two step children. They have no children.

Seth Parker, stepson, born April 30, 1974.
Emily Parker, stepdaughter, born June 8, 1978.

STEVEN GUY HOPF born December 22, 1954 in Seattle, Washington; and Susan Mahoney, who was born September 11, 1957; were married February 5, 1977, in Bridgeport, Washington. Steve is a fire man and helps out in the surgery room at the hospital. Sue works in a doctor's office. Their two girls are students.


Barbara Kay Miller Ross's stepdaughter.
CHRISTINA MARIE ROSS born October 24, 1962; and John Chirnell, who was born January 14, 1960; were married August 22, 1981. Two children.


Barbara Kay Miller Ross's stepdaughter.
PHYLLIS ELIZABETH ROSS, born July 31, 1964; and Gary Cooper, who was born October 19, 1959; were married February 10, 1988. One child.

Barbara Kay Miller Ross’s stepson.

ROBERT JAMES ROSS, born July 29, 1966; and Shannon Spencer Evans, who was born October 16, 1967; were married September 5, 1989. One child.


MARY THERESA HACKERT, born April 16, 1960; and Rob Schwab, who was born September 23, 1958; were married June 25, 1977. Two children.

572 - David Lawrence, born September 5, 1979.
573 - Amanda Kay, born April 15, 1983.

JULIE ANN SHERWOOD, born May 24, 1968; married Craig Forcht. One child. Divorced.

574 - Elisa Rae, born October 7, 1988.

KRISTIN LYNN CULLEN, born September 26, 1962; and Gary Charles Oliver, who was born June 7, 1962; were married September 18, 1983. Two children.


RAN Y JAMES LATCHAM, born March 21, 1960; and Elizabeth Scott, who was born July 25, 1960; were married April 17, 1982. Two children.

577 - Bandi Louise, born August 14, 1982.
578 - Kandi Lynn, born August 8, 1986.

REGINA LOUISE LATCHAM, born January 7, 1962; and William Tisar, who was born May 14, 1958; were married June 5, 1982. Two children.


Rhonda's second marriage was to Robert Christe. Robert was born October 10, 1966. One child.

582 - Ashley Ann, born October 21, 1986.
FREDERICK WAYNE KIMMEL, born December 23, 1968; and Christine Dunkin who was born January 1, 1972; were married May 22, 1989. Two children.


SONDRA KAY CHITTICK, born November 9, 1948; and Elwood Arthur Clark, Jr., who was born January 19, 1946; were married November 18, 1967. They live in McMinnville, Oregon. Two children.

586 - Chad, born March 6, 1972.

LISA ELLEN CHITTICK, born January 27, 1959 and Karl Sherry were married on October 17, 1981. She is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa in Fashion Merchandising. She is a fashion and design stylist in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Karl has a degree in business.

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PAUL BRYAN KERKOVE, born November 14, 1962; and Andrea Ruth Pfannebecker, who was born January 20, 1967, were married September 25, 1987 at the Sigourney Christian Church.


TRACY LYNN KERKOVE, born February 29, 1964; and Kimberly I. Burtlow, were married June 15, 1985 at the Sigourney Christian Church.


DAVID WILLIAM MANNING, born April 5, 1959 was married to Crystal Maestretti on June 11, 1983.

590 - Nicholas David, born March 31, 1989.

ROBERT ERWIN WEBER, born February 29, 1956, married Angie Dietz.

JOYCE ANN WEBER, born July 27, 1957, married Frank Ruplinger. Joyce has been a secretary to a University of Iowa professor for many years. Frank is Maintenance Supervisor at Mercy Hospital, Iowa City.

595 - Laura, born March 26, 1984.

TAWNIA DENISE JENNINGS, born July 23, 1959, married Dennis Olsen. Tawnia is a Medical Technician, at a Des Moines Clinic. Dennis and his brother own and operate a garage at Waukee, Iowa.

598 - Samantha, born July 24, 1980.
599 - Danielle, born April 6, 1983.

DONNETTE KAY JENNINGS, born on August 24, 1961, and married Ralph Stanley II. Donette has been a secretary for many years.

600 - Dustin, born March 26, 1982.
601 - Nate, born February 12, 1985.


603 - Christopher Richard, born March 5, 1988.

DENIELLE BELVA HIXSON, born June 11, 1960; and Thomas McLaughlin, who was born February 11, 1958; were married October 7, 1978.

605 - Amber Michelle, born December 8, 1981.
606 - Teresa Beth, born September 15, 1984.

DENISE ELLEN HIXSON, who was born June 9, 1963; and Frank Albert Lourenco, who was born January 15, 1963; were married November 19, 1983.

LAVETTE DEETTE HIXSON, who was born June 9, 1965; and Nye Thomas Quesnel, who was born November 20, 1963; were married August 30, 1986.

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ROBERT GENE CROUSE, born April 7, 1965; and Michelle Childs, who was born on April 29, 1968; were married June 11, 1988.


KRISTINE KAY BARR, born February 20, 1969; and Steven Vigil, who was born July 21, 1966; were married September 5, 1987. Two children.


SUSAN KAYE DUNNICK, born July 31, 1963; and Monty Lloyd Upton, who was born July 22, 1946; were married May 7, 1988. One step daughter.


SHARON RAE DUNNICK, born September 25, 1964; and Randy Lee Van Dusseldorp, who was born February 26, 1959; were married November 30, 1984. One son.

615 - Travis Dwight, born November 30, 1989

STEVEN ARNOT DUNNICK, Born July 7, 1968, and Janis Brown, who was born November 11, 1971; were married February 10, 1990. They have one son.


SHARLENE FAE DUNNICK, born November 4, 1970; and Kevin Sean Huntington, who was born February 16, 1969; were married February 25, 1989. One daughter. Divorced in 1990.

DEAN EDWARD SALMONS, born January 17, 1962; and Lisa Kay Petersen, who was born July 14, 1964; were married May 18, 1985. Two sons.


SCOTT ALAN SALMONS, born June 6, 1964; and Lisa Ann Smart, who was born December 12, 1964; were married March 14, 1987. Two children. Divorced in 1989.

620 - Mendy Lynn, adopted.

ERIC LEE SALMONS, born July 6, 1964; and Kimberly Ilene Scarborough, who was born August 16, 1968; were married December 31, 1988. One daughter. Divorced in 1990.


Eric Lee and Tina Hart.


MARY JEAN SNAKENBERG, born July 5, 1959; and Dale Goeldner, who was born December 17, 1955; were married August 20, 1977. Three children.


SHEILA DAWN STANLEY, born April 12, 1961, and Ted Callahan, who was born January 11, 1960; were married on July 7, 1979. Two children.


EDWARD IAN WHITEHOUSE, born May 9, 1967; and Tina Morgan, who was born February 27, 1968; were married June 18, 1985. Two children.

629 - Angelo Marie, born March 18, 1984.
L to R - Picture B
Douglas Valley
Charlotte Axmear (Silver)
Jeffrey Osborne

L to R - Picture A
Mrs. William T. Axmear (Sheryl)
Mrs. Larry Erb (Marsha Axmear)
Mrs. Douglas Valley
(Deanna Axmear)

L to R - Picture D
Mrs. John Eisma (Ellen Rugg)
Max Sturdevant

L to R - Picture C
Mrs. Larry Erb (Marsha Axmear)
Mrs. Douglas Valley
(Deanna Axmear)
Mrs. Edgar Axmear (Raechel)
Mrs. Wim Eisma (Rita)
Mrs. Jeffrey Osborne
(Teresa Moore)
Jeffrey Osborne
Morris Johnson
Mrs. Lyle Mugge (Mildred Yoakam)

L to R - Picture F
Robert Montz
Sam McPherson
Mrs. Lloyd Rugg (Norma)
Mrs. Robert Montz (Shirley)
Mrs. Raymond Axmear (Lois)

L to R - Picture E
Melissa Sue Axmear
Mrs. William T. Axmear (Sheryl)
William T. Axmear
Mrs. Lester Harmon
(Margaret Ann Montz)
In front, back to camera
Charlotte Axmear (Silver)
Mrs. Christian Friess
(Madelle Carol Poole)
Robert Montz
Behind Robert, Kenneth Moore
Mrs. Noel Montz (Helen Morgan)
Mrs. Sam McPherson
(Jean Axmear)
Robert Davies
Kenneth Snakenberg
Dale S. Axmear
Mrs. David Borges
(Karen Miller)
Brooke & Lisa Borges
L to R - Picture B
Mrs. Harold Poole
(Gertrude Montz)
Mrs. Noel Montz (Helen Morgan)

L to R - Picture A
Raymond Axmear
John Eisma

L to R - Picture D
Arthur Axmear, Jr.
Mrs. John Barr (Jessie Axmear)

L to R - Picture C
Wim Eisma
Mrs. Bruce Cullen (Miriam Eisma)
Mrs. Lester Harmon
(Margaret Ann Montz)
Behind Mrs. Harmon
Mrs. Marvin Yoakam
(Elizabeth Osweiler)
Back to camera Mrs. Nicholas Peet
(Merna Axmear)
Nicholas Peet

L to R - Picture F
Lezli Sue Axmear
Larry Erb
Erin Erb

L to R - Picture E
Mrs. Morris Johnson
(Ada Yoakam)
Mrs. Edgar J. Axmear (Raechel)

L to R - Picture G
George E. Axmear
Arthur Axmear, Jr.
Mrs. Edgar J. Axmear (Raechel)
Mrs. John Eisma (Ellen Rugg)
Doing a little KP  
Mrs. John Eisma  
( Ellen Rugg)  
Mrs. Edgar J. Axmear  
( Raechel)  
Mrs. Merlyn Griffin  
( Mrs. Kenneth Axmear)

Above  
Getting ready to serve  
lunch Sunday  
August 12, 1990  
L to R  
Wim Eisman, Edgar J. Axmear  
Back to camera  
George E. Axmear

Picture to the left  
Waiting on the food-L to R  
Mrs. John Barr  
( Jessie Axmear)  
Mrs. Fred S. Axmear (Alma)  
Mrs. Noel Montz  
( Helen Morgan)  
Mrs. Harold Poole  
( Gertrude Montz)  
Mrs. Christian Fries  
( Madelle Carol Poole)  
Kenneth Snakenberg

Picture to the right  
Waiting in line  
Mrs. Isaac Dunnick  
( Helen Axmear)  
Scott Axmear  
Mrs. Fred L. Axmear  
Stacy Axmear  
Fred L. Axmear  
Mrs. Kenneth Snakenberg  
( Ruth Axmear)
Mrs. Robert Axmear (Mary) holding Kristina Marie
Fred E. Axmear with sons Jacob and Job

Fred E. Axmear
Gerard Eisma
Mrs. Nicholas Peet
(Merna Axmear)
Mrs. John Barr
(Jessie Axmear)

Charlotte Axmear (Silver)
Mrs. John Axmear (Connie)
Mrs. William T. Axmear
(Sheryl)
Melissa Sue Axmear
Arnout Stevens Dunnick
Mrs. Kevin Huntington
(Sharlene Fae Dunnick)
Mrs. David Borges
(Karen Marie Miller)

Robert Davies
Norman Axmear and his wife Mildred

Mrs. Fred S. Axmear (Alma), 94 years old.
Mrs. Robert Axmear (Mary), holding Kristina Marie, six weeks old. Kristina is Alma’s great grandchild. Alma had ten children, eight still living. She has thirty-nine grandchildren, eighty-one great grandchildren, and eight great, great grandchildren. Alma was the oldest and Kristina the youngest at the 1990 Axmear reunion.
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Information from some of the family Bibles.

Information supplied by Axmears and descendants; giving names, dates, and other pertinent information.
Eismas, and their families, from Holland who became citizens of the United States after 1924
PART 1

Willem Arnoldus Eisma, born February 14, 1877; and Grietje Visser, who was born June 8, 1876; were married in 1903. Parents of four children. Willem died in March 1952 and Grietje died in August 1968.


3 - John Coenraad, born December 29, 1907. Married Ellen Elizabeth Rugg.

4 - Henry W., born February 21, 1909, in Arnhem, Netherlands. Came to America in 1927. Never married. Henry was Corporal in the U. S. Army in the Pacific Theatre for four years in the second World War. He served the entire time in the Communications Department. After the war he returned to his trade as a professional rose grower in several green houses in the mid west until his death, December 5, 1969.

5 - Elizabeth, born September 5, 1913. Married Arie Endel.

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GERARD WILLEM EISMA, born in Arnhem, Holland, May 16, 1906; and came to the United States in 1925. He joined relatives in Iowa where he worked as a farm hand while attending college. During World War II he enlisted in the Army and was stationed in many places throughout the United States and in the Pacific Ocean. In 1945, while serving in the Philippine Islands, he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal by the commanding general for "Meritorious Achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese." After the war Gerard returned to Iowa. He and Edna Susette Greiner, who was born January 9, 1919; were married on February 4, 1946. They continued his army career and were stationed in Maryland, Japan, and Virginia. While in Maryland they had three children. Retiring from the Army in 1962 Gerard and Edna moved their young family to a farm in central Ohio, Bladensburg, where they still live.


7 - Mary Louise, born April 15, 1950; and Gaylord D. Wood, who was born July 5, 1937; were married May 3, 1975. They live in Poulsbo, Washington. Mary is a department secretary for a government contractor at the submarine base Bangor, Washington. No children.

8 - Barbara Ann, born June 25, 1953; and Lawrence Allen Smith, who was born May 3, 1953; were married June 14, 1975.

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Picture, at the left, taken in Arnhem, Netherlands April 4, 1911 L to R Gerard, John, and Henry Eisma

Picture, at the right, taken in 1944 L to R John, Gerard, and Henry Eisma

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JOHN COENRAAD EISMA, born December 29, 1907 in Arnhem, Netherlands; and Ellen Elizabeth Rugg, who was born September 17, 1914; were married November 5, 1933. John and Ellen farmed in their home state of Iowa from 1934 to 1956, and then moved to Iowa City where John was an employee of the Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company and Ellen for the Iowa City Press Citizen. After retirement, they moved to Laguna Hills, California. Since 1986 they have lived in the state of Washington and now reside in the new Ida Culver House Broadview Retirement Center in Seattle near their family. They have one daughter.

9 - Miriam Elizabeth, born January 29, 1940. Married Bruce Frederick Cullen.

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10 - Gerard Willem, born in 1939. Willem (Wim) is a Certified Public Accountant for commercial and private customers.
11 - Johanna Grietje, born in 1947. Jo Griet visits her family in the United States every two years. She is an administrator of Government Housing in Amsterdam and is working toward her law degree.

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WILLIAM MATHIAS EISMA, born June 16, 1947; and Linda Jo Sample, who was born November 21, 1951; were married July 5, 1969. They live near Gambier, Ohio, where William is a Communications Technician for the United Telephone Company. They have three children.

14 - Maria Theresa, born June 20, 1978.
MIRIAM ELIZABETH EISMA, born January 29, 1940; and Bruce Frederick Cullen, who was born May 6, 1940; were married June 25, 1960. Miriam is an Interior Designer and has her own company, Miriam Cullen Interiors. Bruce is a Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Washington, and Chief of Anesthesiology at Harbor View Medical Center, Seattle. They are the parents of three children.


KRISTIN ELIZABETH CULLEN, who was born September 26, 1962; and Gary Charles Oliver, who was born June 7, 1962; were married September 18, 1983. They have two children.

### INDIVIDUALS BEARING THE NAME EISMA BY BIRTH OR ADOPTION

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1 WILLEM KAREL EISMA, born in 1910 and Alexandra Anderson Roed, who was born in 1907; were married in 1934. They had two children. Willem died in 1963.

2 - Wim Frans, born November 20, 1939. Married Rita Peach.
3 - Ingrid, born July 6, 1937. Married Robert Punter.

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WIM FRANS EISMA, born November 20, 1939; and Rita Peach, who was born April 25, 1934; were married June 5, 1963. They came to America in 1979. Have three children.

4 - Wim David, born June 11, 1964.
6 - Andrew Michael, born October 19, 1968.

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INGRID EISMA, born July 6, 1937 married Robert Punter in 1962. They are the parents of two children.

7 - Anne Marelle, born in 1965.
8 - Wencke Birgit, born in 1968.

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HELEN ALEXANDRA EISMA, born December 28, 1966; and Richard Allen Prokesch, who was born October 31, 1969; were married April 16, 1989.

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For those who have a copy of the Eisma Genealogy that was compiled in 1989 by Willem Arnold Eisma and his sister Ingrid the following pages will give you the translation of the written material.

This was most interesting to me and I thought that even though you might not have a copy of that genealogy you would be interested in reading this to learn something about the Eismas/Axmears back as far as the 1500s.
It was August of 1988 when my daughter got married, and at the reception afterwards I met Eise Eisma, who for a short time had worked together with my son-in-law. You shake one another's hand and you look at one another wondering for a moment, then carefully ask the question: "Could we be family?" This event gives me the motive to get out my family tree book of 1928 and to update it. In the meantime, Eise had also found a legal paper listing ancestors. You can find his family tree in the back of this book.

Until now, there is no possibility of any family relationship. It is not surprising. Going back to the time of the nomads, the safety of a tribe was in the hands of shepherds. As the number of people and cattle in the tribe grew, the need of a separate protecting power also grew. For this the families were obligated to deliver a few warriors to the leader of the tribe. The one with the most cattle was that leader. These warriors carried the mark or crest of their leader on their shields. These leaders would later be called kings. This mark, also used on banners, could not be inherited. When they went over to agriculture, they became more settled. Then the mark was carved in the main beam which carried the roof of buildings. This mark was also used against evil spirits. If they lost the land, they also lost the mark. This mark or crest could only be used as long as you were in the possession of a "homestead" or cattle, meaning you had a high position in society. It took a long time before marks could be inherited. When suits of armour came into existence, they needed to be marked with the crests so the difference between friend and enemy could be seen.

In Friesland were living free Friezens and white slaves. The free Friezens were the high society. The homestead owners were also called "estate holders". Here also you could lose your "mark or crest" by loss of rank or homestead. Later this way of doing things wasn't used any more. This is why there are different Eisma families without being related. (Note: There were two types of slaves, some who had no rights and others who could earn land by working. Because the slaves and/or servants had no last names, they took on the last names of their owners.) Our crest is still evidence of this historic development. The clover leaves are "estate holders" emblems. The star points to a line of leading functions (mayors or heads of districts). And the half eagle points to the Kaiser of Germany who gave them the right to speak in judgment because they were "estate holders".

After having updated my own side of the family tree, I felt like updating the other branches of the tree. Updating the results of the five sons of Willem Eisma and Aaltje Faber (see also photo from 1887) via the publishing house Eisma and Theo in Leeuwarden (the capital city of the province of Friesland), the wife of Jan Coenraad te Koudum, Hotze and Ceasar in Amsterdam and Arnhem (they were friendly enough to put their name fully printed in the telephone book). Through all those people I came to Angenita in Den Hague. After the first telephone conversation I had with her, which lasted
two hours, I knew that it was possible to find all the family branches. After that, I had many telephone conversations with other Eismas and everybody was equally enthusiastic. Within a week I had almost all the information for a new family tree book, with the exception of the Indies side, the descendants of Jan Willem Eisma and Charlotte Wilhelmina Henner.

By coincidence, I discovered the key to that secret side branch was on Tenerife Island. During my detective work I had the most luck of the world. While looking for the telephone number of the publishing house, I discovered the name of David Eisma, architect, living in Leeuwarden. Because I was always in construction myself, I dared to call him. When he heard that I was in the possession of our family tree, he told me he also had one; and he was willing to mail it to me and that's what happened. His family tree was put together in 1958 at the request of Angenietje Eisma on her 40th wedding anniversary by S. R. Roorda, a well-known professional genealogist. This is how we corrected the mistakes in our tree and could add dates and professions.

Slowly but surely we could see more clearly the history of our family in the 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th centuries. We still need to get more information from the 19th century. And I am convinced that a reunion would be most useful for this.

I had much joy in compiling this booklet, and I want to thank all who have sent me information. The show of blood relationship, in the middle ages so very important, can in the future of this fast changing world be more important than we now realize.

Rigswijk, (suburb of Den Hague), April, 1989
Engineer, W. A. Eisma

The pictures are of Willem Arnold Eisma and his sister Ingrid. Willem, with the help of his sister, put together in 1989 the genealogy of the Eisma family in the Netherlands.
EISMA (VAN EYSMA) Colors of the Crest are blue and silver.

A painting of the Crest is hanging in the Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem, about fifteen miles from Amsterdam.

Note: Description of the Crest is written in Frisian dialect so it's difficult to translate.
Family Crest
The most important mark of a family crest is that it is an inherited symbol from a certain family. The suit of armor was the beginning of the crest in the Middle Ages. The open helmet was replaced by the "closed pot helmet" by which you couldn't see who was the owner of the suit.

That is when they put on a recognition mark on the suit of armor, shield and clothing of the warrior and horse.

Those crests were inherited, one family had one symbol. By the use of a crest came rules.

A family crest has different parts; the shield, the cover, ring and a helmet sign. These parts are also used on the stamp with which the nobleman would use on official papers to confirm it.

The use of this stamp has been the cause that also civilians, women and clergy were using the heraldic symbol in their stamp.

The question is, of course, what is the meaning of our crest, why did our ancestors choose this crest? This will be difficult to find out because we won't know what meaning our forefathers attached to the crest.

It is known that certain crest figures were common in certain areas. One of them is the half eagle on the golden right half of the shield. This one was very popular in Friesland and for that reason was used in many families. Even the cloverleaf is used a lot in Friesland and Groningen. The star is in Holland, Germany, and Italy a six-pointer where as in France it has, most of the time, five points.
In the development of the Middle Ages tournaments, the announcers of jousting games played an important role in those games. Because of that job, the announcers had to recognize people by what they wore. Little by little, out of the knowledge of the tournament outfits, they created a weapons book.

Out of the tournaments, the announcers could tell immediately who the person was by their weapon shield or their seal. To create a bigger variety, they used combinations of colors, stripes, crossbars, etc. The elite had a preference for personal signs alluding to supposition of the quality of the person. This all took place in the feudal time period in the last part of the Middle Ages which bridged the old world to the new world. The ties between the landowner and the renter loosened up slowly resulting in more rights but the showing of relationships did not lose its importance. It will be very clear that the tournaments showed many facets and for that more and more a separate science.
The Machet Family

Claudius Machetti was an Italian nobleman. Nobleman van Frinco in Piermont, who lived in his castle in Italy. He was killed from eating poisoned pasta. From his marriage are two children, Francisca, who died in 1602, was wedded to Thebaldus Vibertie (1558-1602); and Caesar who died in 1622, who married Mayke Arents Lunsinga who died in 1628.

Caesar de Machet and Mayke Arents Lunsinga married in 1615 and had at least five children:

1. Claudius, died after 1658.
2. Cathalina, who married Douwe Tymens Eysma.
3. Jeroentje, first married Evert Jacobs (1623) and later Inte Symens, died February 6, 1645. Inte was a brewer and widower of Mayke Hessels. She had eight children.
4. Trijntje, who married Frederik Bothe, died before 1655. He was Mayor of Bolsward. She had one son and died October 4, 1654.
5. Franske, who married Rev. Matthias Walsweer (1624). His brothers Abraham and Dominicus were also ministers.

It is not known for what reason Caesar left his birthland and it is also not clear why he chose to settle in Bolsward. It was probably a case of family property. When Kaiser Maximiliaen II by decree of December 8, 1568, made the Duke of Mantua, Marquis of Monferrato and gave him judicial power, then he probably left "because the ground under his feet became too hot." Caesar went back to Piermont for a little while in 1592 to put everything in order and to claim his possessions. In the mortgage files in Bolsward, papers have been saved about his property in Italy. The papers have been translated from Latin and can be found in the "Dutch Historic Institute" in Rome. In 1615 Caesar became a citizen of Bolsward. Caesar and Mayke lived in a very big house evident by the record of sale.

"October 4, 1654

Frederik Bothe, old mayor Bolsward for himself and for his son, Caesar, by his late wife, Trijntje Machet, for one half and Jeroentje Machet, for herself, for one quarter part and Abrahamis Walsweer, Rev. at Tskerwerd, and professor Bernardus Vullemius PHD in Franeker as curator over the orphans of past, Mathia Walsweer PHD by Franske Machet for one quarter to sell the house and contents..."

(Can't translate last part)

Caesar and Mayke died in 1622 and 1628 respectively. They are buried under the church organ in the Martiny church in Bolsward:

"On the 10th of February, 1622, died honorable Caesar Macett, Nobleman van Frinco, also owner of Salvqien in Piermont in Montisfarrat, Italy, and lies buried here. On September 5, 1628,
died the honorable Lady Áreents Lunsinga, his wife, also lies buried here.

The crest is barely readable but they think it looked like this. On the tombstone are more names:

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[Image: Crest image]
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"On the 30th of March, 1758, died the honorable Mr. Lou Fransen Machet, in life mayor and guardian of the house of poor in Bolsward. His age was about 64, and he is also buried here."

"On 11th of June, 1786, died Goris Fransen Machet and is also buried here. On the 7th of May, 1782, died honorable Pytje Poulus Bylsma, in life housewife of Goris Fransen Machet in the age of ... and is also buried here."

Caesar de Machet was keeper of the loan bank of Bolsward. This was not unusual. This lucrative profession, where often very high interest was taken on loans. Fellow countrymen could not practice this profession. This was done by strangers. Most of the time it was northern Italians who had this profession in Holland. In most cases, those people could not be people of royalty. It is understandable that these bankers weren't held in high regard by people.

It will surprise no one who knows how bad smelling their kind of Italians and their businesses were thought of by the leaders of the church. The synode of 1617 said it was against the word of God and is as a cancer and pest to the poor. Every Synode didn't accept any of the loan sharks at communion. The women of the town in 1588 couldn't marry the loan sharks or would be punished by excommunication. Communion was also not given to the loan sharks' wives, their servants, the clerks or the spouses of the servants or clerks when a living was made from the business.

So much for the blame to be married with the loan sharks' daughter. The minister M. Walsweer's fate was in the hand of his colleagues who didn't think he deserved to be associated with the Church of Christ. M. Walsweer fought the decision because his father-in-law did not like loan sharks. He quit the business 15 years before he died and in that time he proved his charity by giving money to needy people. A reason he had money was that he received it from his father's estate who was a blessed owner of a shipping business.

The fact that the daughters of Caesar married rich, well-known, honorable people makes it appear that he did not take advantage of people."
The signatures of:
Frans Ulckes Baerdt
Jacob Fransen Eysma
Tymen Fransen Eysma

The shield with the Frisian eagle.
Our ancestors -- 16th century

The name Eysma starts early, as in the land-agents bills:

Part I -- Page 11 on September, 1519 -- Meynse Eysma.
Part VII -- Page 16 on 1531/1532 -- Hinne Jenne Eysman.

The first one that was mentioned in the archives in Bolsward was Jacob Freerks, born about 1500. It is not known who he married. He had a younger brother, Frans, who died childless.

Jacob had a son, Frans Jacobs, born around 1530. This one married a daughter of Pytrick Tymens, died before 1592. He was mayor of Bolsward, having power of attorney of Landdag. From this marriage three children: Tyets, Jacob and Tymen Fransen Eysma.

Tyets, born 1557/1558, died before 1597. Was married to Ulicke Rienks Baerdt. Died before 1592. In 1588 she lived in Arum. Ulicke was a son of Rienck Sypeurtts Baerdt and his second wife, Rientje Douma van Oenema. Out of this marriage of Tyets and Ulicke three children: Rienck, Sypeurtte and Frans Ulckes Baerdt. Rienck died young. Sypeurtte married Schelte Rispens, notary in Witmarsum. They had one son, Sjoerd. Sypeurtte remarried in 1607 with Alle Tyes of Ameland. Frans married Teth Oenes Bangama, who was a daughter of Oene Elings Bangama and Yeldu Feikes Ipema. Out of this marriage of Frans and Teth three children: Tietske, Habel and Ulicke Franses Baerdt. Tietske married Harmen Bockama. Their portraits are displayed in the Friesch Museum.

The son from the late Tyets Franses Eysma and late Ulcke Baerdt, Jacob Fransen Eysma, being assisted by his brother, Mayor Tymen Fransen Eysma, had full responsibility of the estate since 1597.

"Frans Ulckes Baerdt, assisted by Oene Elings, his wife. Father, Minnema Sate, estate by Arum. Also 20 (don’t know pdm – more than likely land size) at Schraard in the estate whom Jacob Fransen himself uses."
Under this writing are the signatures of Frans Ulckes Baerdt, Jacob Fransen Eysma and Tymen Fransen Eysma.

Jacob, born in 1564, died in 1625 in Schraard, buried in Witmarsum. He had lived in Bolsward and in Schraard on the Britsma estate and was married to Zetske Fyngers Popma. They were wealthy people. You find their name several times in poklemaesjeboeken (can't translate) as buyers. On their tombstone: "In the year 1628 on 12th March died Jacob Fransz Eysma about 64 years old and is buried here. Here is buried chaste, virtuous Zetske Fyngers Popma, daughter. She died on the 1st of November, 1602." There is not much left of the crest on the tombstone.

Tymen was born 1566. He married before 1590, Bauck Douwes Bockema. Died before 1639. Tymen and Bauck's will appears in an extra edition of Civil Sententies van het Hof van Friesland on October 27, 1634.

Testament (will):

"In the name of God Almighty Amen. In the year the blessed Jesus Christ thousand six hundred twenty-four, the 20th day of July did the Tymen Fransen Eysma, Mayor, Bauck Douwe Bockema, married people in the town of Bolsward. That on this sad world nothing else is to be expected but a sad and bitter death, and not being sure as of the hour, that is why by good health were doing five sentences of memory. We are making our testament of the belongings which God Almighty has given us."

Their property is divided among four children. Frans, Douwe, Dirk and Gerlantie. Each of them shall receive one-fourth of the Eisma estate in Oldeboorn and all their houses. From this also comes the name Eisma. Out of the same book in 1667.

"In Bolsward Aernt Eysma, Piettje Eysma, the wife of Joannes Moll te Nyega, Dirk Eysma (lists rank in army equivalent to Lt. J. G.). children of late Douwe Tymen Eysma and grandchildren of late Tymen Fransen Eysma and Bauckien Douwes Boccema."
Daughter Gerlantie married in 1622 Doctor Adriaen van Velsen, died before 1662.

"For a long time has a branch of the noble family van Velsen lived in Bolsward. For a long time they and many of the people thought they were related to Gerard van Velsen who killed Count Floris. That was the reason the family escaped to Friesland with all of their belongings."

Adriaen van Velsen was mayor of Bolsward and member of Staten Generaal at Den Hague (note: congress). He had two sons Theodorus and Willem who were tax collectors in Friesland. Their daughter, Femma, married in 1645 with Egbert van Heixan who was the son of Pieters Jans Heixan, Mayor of Franeker. Out of this marriage a son Pyter Velsen van Heixan.

Only the sons of Douwe and Dirk out of the marriage of Tymen Fransen Eysma and Bauck Douwes Bockema kept the Eisma family name going.
Forefathers - 17th Century

Douwe Tymens Eysma, born about 1594 and died before 1653, was a city rentmaster in Bolsward. In 1615 he married there Cathalina Caesars de Machet, daughter of the Italian nobleman, Caesar de Machet and his wife, Mayke Arents Lunsinga. Out of this marriage five children: Arend, Caesar, Pytke, Maycke and Dirck, all born in Bolsward. Out of the archives of 1653/1654:

"Maycke, 20 years, and Dirk Douwes, 16 years, the two youngest children of the late Douwe Tymens Eisma by Catalina Saesars..."

In 1654 upon request of Catalina de Machet, widow of Douwe Tymens Eysma as mother of her youngest children, Dirk and Mayke Eysma, and supported with Arend, Caesar and Pytke Eysma, her three children to sell the house on the dike for 975 guilders."

Arend is not the youngest child as shown in the family tree book of 1928, but by the ranking of names is probably the oldest child. It is Caesar (Machet van Eysma) who may be shown on the tombstone of Femma van Velsen, October 1658/59. He must have died young.

Arend Douwes Eysma died before 1706, was married with Foockeltje Sjoerds van Oude Clooster. First they lived in Bolsward, later they were farmers close to Kollum. Out of this marriage five children: Douwe, Sjoerd, Cathalijn, Douwe and Mayke, all born in Bolsward. It's not unlikely that these died young, Douwe, Sjoerd and Cathalijn. Out of the Civic Sentinel 1735, 1709 and 1733 the next explanation:

"Caesar Eisma, baker in Leeuwarden, that my grandfather Arent van Eisma has lived in Kollum ..."

Douwe Eysma, old writer of a company and salesman in Collum 41/42 years, that his late father Aene Eisma, the place, Taetsma forest in Kollum, had rented it in 1687...

Gerryt Carsties, then 60 years old, was in 1692 a farmhand for Arend Douwes Eisma, farmer near Kollum, that he was a farmhand and lived there for four years and his daughter, Mayke Arents, became married and lived there for about ten years..."

Gerryt Carsties was later grain salesman in Kollum.

Pytke (Piettie) Douwes Eysma, born 1627, was married with Rev. Joannes Moll, died in Hempens in 1688.

Mayke Douwes Eysma, born 1633, was in 1656 married with Fonger Inthema. They had one child that died young.
Dirk Douwes Machet van Eysma, born in 1637 in Bolsward, married there in 1662 with Geertruida Joanna de Gavera from Harlingen, widow of Sibrandus Siccama. She died in 1674. Dirk, who was a captain at sea, married in 1676 for the second time in Koudum with Anna Elisabeth van Albaeda, widow of Captain Douwe van Epema. Out of this marriage seven children all born in Bolsward: Jacobijntje, Jan, Caesar, Antje (died), Antje, Caesar Dirks and Catalina.

Out of the Civic Sentinel from 1734:

"Cathalina van Eisma, the wife of Rev. Th. Vomelius in Burum and Gillis Eisma, Commander at sea, working for the College of Admiralty in Amsterdam, living in Haarlem, declared to court that all items in possession of Pyter Velsen Heixan from his late grandmother, Gerland van Eisma, he had legitimate claim to...."

Probably the crest of Cathalina had two clovers and two six-point stars (the top one green on silver and the bottom one gold on blue). Cathalina Dirks Eisma, born 1673, was married with Rev. Theodorus Vomelius from Bolsward, died in 1752. He became in 1694 minister in Kollum. He couldn't work well with the people there and left in 1721 to try again near Burum.

Antje Dirks Eisma, born 1670, went in 1688 to Hempens to marry there with Hessel Wiersma.

Dirk Tymens Eysma, born around 1596 was first lieutenant and later captain. His crest is still in the Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem; a black eagle on gold, a clover, then a six-pointed star and then a clover of silver on blue. Dirk married Antke Fekkes, from his marriage a son, Fekke Dirks Eisma, who was a lieutenant at sea and married about 1650 with Elizabeth de Glarges. Out of that marriage four children: Jelis (died young), Dirk, Wilhelmina and Gillis. In the Civic Sentinel you find that Dirk Eisma was the third son of Tymen Fransen Eysma and when he died, left behind a son, Fecke. Fecke left behind a son, Gillis, commander at sea in duty of the College of Admiralty in Amsterdam. You also can find there was a house leased from February 21, 1683, from Eisma State in Oldeboorn:

"Petrus Velsen van Heixan for myself, Joannes Moll Rev. in Hempens and Tirns, curator over the orphanage of captain Dirk van Eisma and further as instructor of Arent Eisma and Joannes Meionsma medical Dr. in Bolsward, mandatory agent of Wilhelmina van Eisma, landlord of the place big 100 pdm (note: refers to the size of the place) to Riernert Everts for 50 guilders per year..."
Gilles Fekkes Eisma, born around 1658, was commander at sea and living in Haarlem. His brother, Dirk, born 1653 in Bolsward, is presumably the city pharmacist in Haarlem; and you can find him on a painting from 1692 from the Collegium Medico-Pharmaceuticum from which he was a member. It is unknown if Gillis and Dirk were married and left children behind.
Forefathers - 18th Century

Unknown is if Jan and Caesar Dirks Eisma were married and left children behind. Known is that Douwe Arends Eisma, born 1668 in Bolsward and died before 1718 in Kollum, son of Arend Douwes Eysma and Foockeltje Sjoerds, was married twice. You can find in the Civic Sentinel of May 30, 1724:

"Meyert Haersma in Kollum, curator over the children of the late Douwe Eijsma by his first wife, Taetje Harkes; and Tiebbe Doekes, curator over the children of Douwe by his second wife, Martjen Doekes...

Caesar Eisma, baker in Leeuwarden, against Arnoldus and Catharina Eisma in Kollum, by her former curator, Tjebbe Doekes and Martien Doekes, supported with her current husband, Berent Jans..."

Douwe Arends Eisma was writer, salesman and brewer in Kollum. He married Taetje Harkes who died in 1707 in Kollum. They had eight children: Jisken, Harke, Caesar Douwes, Cathrijne, Willem, Theodorus, Aarn and Tjal. In 1735 is only Caesar still living, all children died at a young age. Around 1709 remarried Douwe with Martjen Doekes who in 1730 remarried with Beerrent Jans. From the second marriage of Douwe, five children: Arnoldus (died), Arnoldus, Doeke, Catrine and Foockeltje.

Caesar Douwes Eisima, born 1700 and died before 1738 in Leeuwarden where he was a baker. He married in 1723 with Trijntje Carstens who died before 1738 in Leeuwarden.

From the Civic Sentinel of 1735 and 1738:

"Caesar Eisma, baker in Leeuwarden, also my sisters Gerlantie van Eisma, housewife of Adrianus van Velsen, in life living in Bolswert and a degree higher in blood than Catalina van Eisma, housewife of Theodorus Vomelius in Burum. That my grandfather, Arent van Eysma, living first in Kollum and father of Catalina van Eisma and Dirk van Eisma, were full brothers, besides the afore-mentioned there is no closer blood of mine than Gerlantie van Eisma still alive; that Gillis and Gerlandina were even closer in blood to Catalina van Eisma.

Take stock late Caesar Eisma and Trijntje Carstens on request of Arnoldus Eisma, master coppersmith, curator over Douwe, Arnoldus, Christiaan, Tetje and Willem Eisma, heirs of their elders..."
Caesar Douwes Eisma and Trijntje Carstens had five children: Douwe, Arnoldus, Christiaan, Tjaardje Caesars and Willem Caesar, from which Christiaan and Tjaardje died young. From those children possibly only Willem Caesar, born 1734 in Leeuwarden and died in 1822 in Sneek kept the Eisma family going — see farther Part I.

Arnoldus Douwes Eisma, born in 1713, married in 1742 with Rienkje Tjietzes van Nijkerk. He was a master coppersmith in Dokkum.

From the Civic Sentinel 1739:

"Arnoldus Eisma, master coppersmith in Dokkum, curator over the children of Caesar Eijsma, in life baker in Leeuwarden..."

Arnoldus Eisma and Rienkje Tjietzes had five children: Baukje, Douwe Arnoldus, Martha, Tjietzes and Antje. From those children only Douwe Arnoldus, born in 1746 in Dokkum and died in 1826, kept the Eisma family going. See Part II.

Caesar Douwes Eisma lived from 1700 - 1738 while his father, Douwe Arends was born in 1668. In the family tree book of 1928 Caesar was marked as grandson of Caesar Dirks Eisma, born in 1672. But that cannot be. His "father" Willem Eisma is possibly that or a young and/or a childless dead son of Caesar Dirks, also no one else than the brother of Caesar Douwe.
Jan Willem Eisma, born circa 1813, emigrated in 1850 to America. It was in that time hard to write the name of so many foreigners on the payrolls so that's when the name Eisma changed to Axmear. Jan Willem was married with Dute de Leeuw. They had six children: Ino, Emilie, Jacob Cesar, Willem (married with Mary -- see tombstone), Sjors Willem and Jan Willem (John William Axmear). Dute de Leeuw died in 1860. In 1861 Jan remarried with Julia Ann Martin. They had one daughter, Melissa.

John William Axmear married with Cordelia Wyant and had five children:

3. Clara Axmear, married with Alex Jones. Four children: Paul, John, George, Ada
5. John Wyant Axmear, married with Anna Belle Needham -- no children.
The Eisma Family in the 19th and 20th Centuries

Willem Arnold Eisma, profession unknown, was married in 1837 to Aaltje Faber. They had nine children out of which three died young. The following information is about the remaining children.

Approximately 1838 Arnoldus Willem Eisma married Akke Stoker. They had three children from which the oldest, Willem Cesar Arnold, became a timber agent in Amsterdam in the time the phone numbers were still four numbers instead of eight now.

Through his sons, Arnoldus Petrus Willem and Johannes Josephus, the business was continued until about 1932 when they separated.

The son of Johannes, Willem Arnold worked as civil engineer for a long time at the government's building department in Den Hague and after that was head teacher with the Technical University in Delft, teaching building and civil techniques. He compiled in 1988 the new family tree book.

Geert Willem Eisma married twice, first with Anna van der Weij and after that with Elisabeth Meijer. Out of the first marriage Aaltje was born who always took care of her stepmother and died in 1929 in Brouwershaven. Out of the second marriage seven children were born. Two died young.

Geert Willem had a tailor shop in the Peperstraat in Sneek. You can still find on one of the windows of the building the name Eisma.

Two sons, Willem Arnold and Cesar Willem continued in the profession of their father in Arnhem and Leeuwarden. The other son, Jan Coenraad, was a pharmacist in 'sHertogenbosch. Their only child, Elizabeth, died in 1918 from the Spanish flu. Daughter Machteld stayed unmarried and became head of the housekeeping service in the Wilhelmina Casthuis in Amsterdam (at that time Amsterdam's largest hospital). The other daughter, Hilda Maria, married Willem Hendrik Ittmann, who was a family doctor in Brouwershaven. They had four children. We cannot forget to mention that their son, Cesar Willem, became a surgeon in Amsterdam. Then on the Amstel (river in Amsterdam) he was shot by the Germans in World War II.

Son Willem Arnold married in 1903 Grietje Visser. They had three sons and a daughter. The three sons, Gerard Willem, Jan Coenraad and Hendrik Willem, all went to America after studying "clean farming".
The following song, written for the silver wedding anniversary of Willem and Grietje refers to their studies.

Anniversary Song

For five and twenty years, it was in the Bakkerstraat (Bakerstreet). The business started there and is still there. The wedding boat was uneventful there in the old street. But quickly there came life, that’s how it usually goes. First Gerard, nice young fellow and then came Janneman. They were going to move also, everything in a bigger plan. The New Square was then the place, where the business continued. The big balcony heightened the fun for Henny and Lies.

It’s going successfully there on the New Square. The children were bigger, the business progressed fine. The oldest boys went to Burum with a farmer. They worked what they could. It was sometimes difficult. But after the years of toil what I could prove they had the breadth (and length) of a normal man. They studied in the attractive agriculture field. All quickly_________. They got a diploma in their pocket.

The bridegroom until now, the father of those two Had in the Haag soon a passport first of Gerard. Gerard went to the land of dollars, to big America. He enjoyed and liked it by Rugg in Iowa. He worked hard and diligent. He wrote soon to his brother, Jan. He wrote, “You’d better come soon. It’s something for you man.” Then Jan took a journey far over the sea to Rugg in Iowa. They find it is fine in the big America.

All quickly is also Janbaas (nickname of Jan) by Rugg doing well quickly. He also is in the clouds but here what he wrote once. Father, you have to go for Henny very soon to Den Haag. For Hent (nickname for Henny) passport because we will stay here. Gerard goes study now there over in Iowa. The boys will make it there in America. I see the whole family now here in New Square. All going to America because it is here so fine.
In 1947 Willem and Grietje went to America to visit their sons and Arthur Axmear. This is the news article from the Cedar Rapids Gazette of May 14, 1947.

Things in Holland are gradually looking up, with respect to manufacturing, transportation and food, but the housing shortage there continues critical.

That is the state-of-The-Netherlands-situation report one gets from W. A. Eisma, Amsterdam merchant tailor, who was a visitor in Cedar Rapids Tuesday.

Eisma is in America on behalf of the Holland Merchants Tailors Association and is making a study of the tailoring industry in this country.

While here, he and Mrs. Eisma are visiting their son John C. Eisma, a Keokuk county farmer living near Veedersburg, Henry W. Eisma, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Paul and Gerard Eisma, army infantrymen from Germany.

On Tuesday Mr. Eisma visited in Cedar Rapids with Arthur Axmear, Linn county clerk of court and distant cousin.

The Axmear name formerly was Eisma, until changed by Axmear's grandfather.

Eisma was in the tailoring business in Arnhem from 1903 until evacuated from the city by the Germans in September of 1944 when British parachutists moved into the town.

Most of Eisma's savings, in the form of shares in the De-Berks Diamond Mining Corporation and American stocks, were taken along with his bank deposit when Germans raided the bank vaults, he said.

Dutch police found the box intact — along with some 50 others — in a bunker near The Hague in June of 1945 and Eisma's securities were restored to him without loss.

Only William Eisma will keep the Eisma name going out of the American emigrants.

Cesar Willem Eisma married in 1866 with Maria Zeilmaker. They had six children from which three died young. Cesar Willem was a man of many initiatives and great workpower which was in the favor of the city of Bolsward.

For years he was a member of the city council, President of the Chamber of Handel of business and industry and guardian of an orphanage. Owner of a stone factory and member of Wonseradeels Zuider Sea Dikes. He also was founder of the Philantropic Insurance Co. of Bolsward.

Accident & Illness Insurance

Cesar Willem had three sons. Willem Arnoldus Cesars, Hotze and Gerard Carel. Hotze studied for notary, and after he graduated, he was co-director of the Philantropic Insurance Co. He also wrote
frequently in the Bolswaard newspaper. He also was for many years member of the government of the state of Friesland and also a delegate of the States of Holland. In his religious life, he served in many functions and finally as member of the General Synode.

In 1915 because of the death of Cesar Willem, there was a vacancy in the city board. The Kaisers appointed Gerard Carel as his successor. He had for many years already been the successor to the Philantropic Insurance Co. Gerard Carel was for 20 years council member. He also was active at the Savings Bank of Bolswaard, the Green Cross (like the Red Cross), the Wonseradeels Zuider Sea Dikes and for many years he was president of congregation of his church.

It was clear that C. W. and G. C. Eisma meant a lot to the city of Bolswaard. Therefore, the Eisma Bank (see picture) as a gift of the citizens and corporations of the city of Bolswaard.

The "EISMA-BANK" in Julianapark, a gift from residents and corporations from the city of Bolsward (1935) to the Eisma family.
The oldest son Willem Arnoldus Cesars founded a book printing and publishing shop on the Gardens of Leeuwarden. He was also publisher of "Sljocht and Rjocht" and the town and village chronicles of Dr. Wumkes. His son, Cesar Willem, continued the business and his son, Willem Ysbrand, did also.

Hotze's son, Cesar Willem Gerard, became an importer of glass, porcelains, and earthenware. (The name of the company was PACH Agencies) His son, Hotze, is a photographer and has a studio in Amsterdam. Anthony Willem Eisma married Hiltje Liibering. He was a non-uniformed representative in Wolvega and a member of the state government of Friesland. They had one son, Willem, who had a wholesale business in bakery products and egg products. From his marriage to Julianna Freiboth, he had four children. After her death, he married Gezina Lucia Bijerk, who is still alive at 103 years. Willem's son, Ignacio, died in the second World War on the Burma Railroad (note: as prisoner of war). After the war, his young children and their mother left for Australia.

Hiltje Eisma married Carel Dirk Willem Pape who became a judge in the Dutch East Indies. They had three children, the youngest, Marius Frans Sebald, married his niece, Willy Eisma, the granddaughter of Arnold Eisma and Akke Stoker. Marius worked in the tin mines of Siam.

Jan Willem Eisma left as an officer to the Dutch East Indies. He married Charlotte Wilhelmina Henner, the daughter of a gardener, from Banda Neira. They had two sons, Willem Frans and Evert, both professional army officers. Willem Frans married Jeanne Henriette Elisabeth Steenstra Toussaint, daughter of an administrator on the coffee land "Penataran" on Java. The Toussaints are descendants of the Huguenots who escaped to Holland after the bloed-feast (note: a French massacre) and added Bosboom or Steenstra to their names. They had two children, Willem Carel and Henriette Elise. Willem Carel was working in the Indies, at one time was known to be an employee of an oil company and married a Norwegian, Alexandra Andersen Røed. Henriette married Chris Berg, also a career army officer and is living on Tenerife.

Evert married Caroline Wilhelmine Louise van de Nagel. They had two children, Adrienne Eveline Yvonne and Evert Erick. Evert remarried in 1924 with Antoinette Roque', who after his death remarried with General Hein Terpoorten.

Anybody who has any information about their descendent, please let me know.