

In 1985, Ruth Tresler sent me (Jean Wigdahl) a photograph album that was once owned by Mattie Regenberg Uden. (Ruth had married Jake Tresler – the adopted son of Emma Regenberg). Ruth stated in her letter “Jack and I went to Frank’s funeral and the lawyer and I went through the whole place as he was a very simple but eccentric old man. We found a number of keepsakes ... I brought home the velvet photo album from “old” days – some pictures we could identify. I will dig that out and send to you.”

While working on the Schmidt/Roth family trees, a Mrs. Eva Stubbe (wife of Herman Stubbe of George, Iowa) sent me an e-mail that reads as follows:

“You may be interested to know that when we were first married, my parents, Harvey & Edith Schmidt, were still farming the Schmidt home place. We rented a farm that was owned at one time by Ude & Mattie Uden. Ude had passed away years before but we rented the farm from Mattie and farmed it until she died. We probably gave that album from her to Edith & Frank Regenberg and eventually it went to you – just guessing but it is possible! Mattie Uden took care of your grandfather, Herman Regenberg, when he was on his death bed. I can remember that. Uncle Herman was a nice guy but back then they didn’t know what to do when one had cancer. Your grandmother, Alma, was having a struggle to do all the farm work when he was so sick as I can recall.”

More later – Eva

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I bet it is, indeed, the same album. Small world!