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Life Story of

GEORGE FREDERICK WASEM
(1836 - 1909)

and

SOPHIE RICKLEFS WASEM
(1845 - 1909)
of Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa
and
Denver (Grangeville), Idaho County, Idaho

and

Their Descendants

As

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FOREWORD

The concept of compiling a family album first came to me away back in the early 1940's when I assisted my husband's mother, Annine F. Harder to write her book, "The Opportunity of the Golden West." We worked on it for seventeen years. It was published in 1960 and was a huge success.

Since three of Max and my parents came directly from Germany to America, I decided to start my album with that generation. They each came from a large family.

It soon became apparent that I could use some help. So Betty Meloy, daughter of my cousin Dick Thiessen, volunteered her time and services.

We have written many letters, searched official records, and made an attempt to obtain as many life stories, historical articles and pictures as we could regarding our parents and our many aunts and uncles. We feel we have more interesting stories to be told, if only people had more time to compile them. We are, therefore, planning to do an update in a year or two. We realize that there are probably a few inaccuracies, but we have been as careful as we could to have our dates and spellings correct.

If, in spite of errors and omissions, this book brings back memories of people and places, helps straighten out relationships, or excites the interest and curiosity of our young people, it will have served its purpose. We hope you enjoy it.

Alana and Betty



George F. Wassem (Wassem)



Sophie Ricklef Wassem (Wassem)

GEORGE FREDERICK WASSEM. Many of our most substantial and capable citizens come to us from the land of Germany. Among that worthy number we are constrained to mention the subject of this article, whose labors and integrity have demonstrated him one of the leading men of his section. Mr. Wassem dwells three miles northwest from Denver, where he owns a mommoth estate of four hundred and eighty acres, which his skill, industry and untiring care have made one of the fine farms of the state. He handles about one hundred head of cattle, raises annually as many hogs and does a general farming business, wherein prosperity has been constantly attendant upon him.

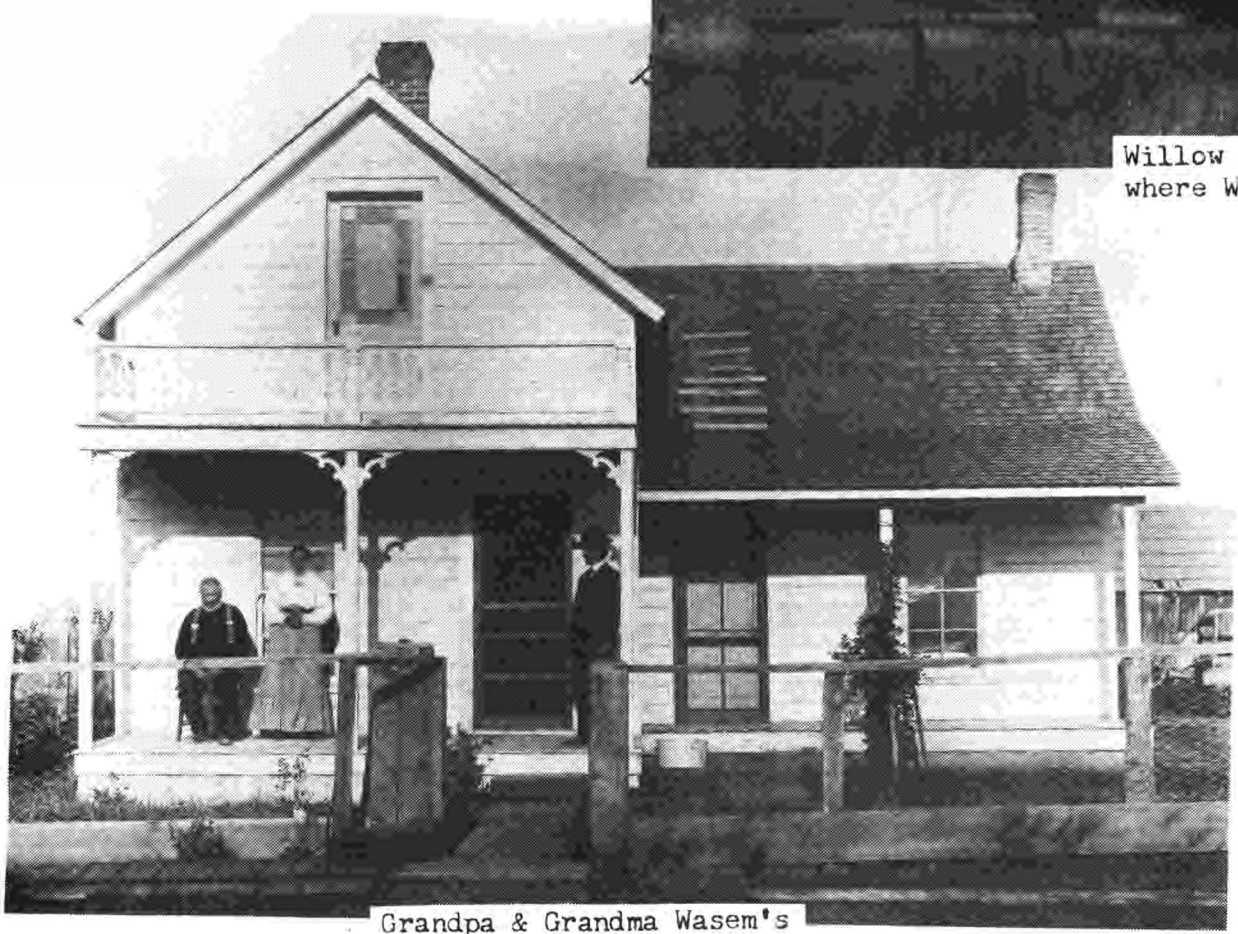
George F. Wassem was born in Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany, on December 1, 1836, the son of Ludwig and Elizabeth (Kulp) Wassem. The father was born in 1800 and remained in Germany until his death on December 25, 1854. The mother was born in 1797, married in 1830 and died in February, 1879. Our subject was reared in his native place and received his educational training there. He remained with his parents after school days until July, 1864, when he came to the United States. Six months were spent in Illinois, then he went to Wright County, Iowa, where he bought a hundred acres of land for eight hundred and fifty dollars. Twenty five years were spent there and in the winter of 1889 he sold out, came to Uniontown, Washington, whence he went to his present place, which he secured by purchase. Since that time, Mr. Wassem has continued steadily in the pursuit of farming and raising stock. He has one brother and one sister, Elizabeth Nichte, deceased, John E., deceased.

On November 4, 1870, Mr. Wassem married Miss Sophie, daughter of Zad and Sophie (Nicholaus) Ricklefs. The father was born April 10, 1812, and died on April 8, 1877. His native place was Oldenberg, where he was a merchant. The mother was born in Oldenberg, on March 24, 1818, and died in the spring of 1879. Mrs. Wassem was born in Oldenberg on July 6, 1845, and has two brothers and one sister, Herman, Theodore, Hermina. The following children have come to bless this household: Mary Thiessen, born December 24, 1871; George F., born May 11, 1873; Herman, born September 20, 1874; Elizabeth Thiessen, born April 3, 1876; Franz, born January 1, 1878; John, born March 12, 1881; Kate, born December 30, 1883; Theodore, born December 4, 1886. Mr. Wassem and his wife are active and solid Republicans and also belong to the Evangelical Church.

(Taken from the History of North Idaho, 1903)



Willow tree at Uniontown where Wasems first settled



Grandpa & Grandma Wasem's home



DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE FREDERICK WASEM
and Sophia Ricklefs

I. MARY WASEM b. Dec. 24, 1871 d. Oct. 1, 1941
Eagle Grove, Iowa Lewiston, Idaho
Married: Gustav D. Thiessen b. June 21, 1865 d. Dec. 19, 1929
Wasbeck, Schleswig- Lewiston, Idaho
Holstein, Germany
Date: Mar. 29, 1894 at Lewiston, Idaho

A. ALBERT CHRISTIAN THIESSEN b. May 19, 1896 d. Feb. 4, 1972
Lewiston, Idaho Lewiston, Idaho
Married: Helen Marie Davis Kalinoski b. Feb. 10, 1903
Sprague, Wash.
Date: Jan. 29, 1948, at Lewiston, Idaho

Children of Helen and Ervin W. Kalinoski

1. Donna Jean Kalinoski b. Nov. 18, 1924
Spokane, Wash.

Married: Glen A. Goddard b. Dec. 7, 1922

Date: June 19, 1942 at Spokane, Washington

a. Glen Lee Goddard b. Sept. 14, 1943
Colville, Wash.

Married: Ruth Ann Allan b. Mar. 3, 1943

Date: Aug. , 1967 at Coos Bay, Oregon

(1) Wayne Allen Goddard b. June 23, 1968 at Portland, Ore.

(2) Troy Lee Goddard b. Aug. 17, 1970 at Portland, Ore.

(3) Melissa Evelyn Goddard b. Jan. 12, 1972 at Portland, Ore.

b. Terry David Goddard b. Sept. 17, 1944
Colville, Wash.

Married: Aryles Edwards b. June 22, 1942

Date: Feb. 14, 1965 at Sutherlin, Ore.

(1) Pamela Goddard b. Oct. 27, 1968 at Portland, Ore.

(2) Melea June Goddard b. May 28, 1971 at

c. Merry June Goddard b. Jan. 22, 1954
Colville, Wash.

Married: Bradley Dean Potter b.

Date: May 15, 1967 at Mt. Adams Baptist Church, Trout Lake, Wash.

d. Becky Lee Goddard b. June 25, 1956
Colville, Wash.

Married:

Date:

e. Lester Albert Goddard b. June 25, 1957
Colville, Wash.

Married:

Date:

f. Delbert Kelly Goddard b. Mar. 31, 1961
Rosburg, Wash.

Married:

Date:

2. Joan Joyce Kalinoski b. Dec. 29, 1928
Spokane, Wash.

Married: Melvin Paul Schoonmaker b. Oct. 26, 1922
McKean County, Pa.

Date: April 4, 1944 at Lutheran Church, 2nd Ave., Lewiston, Idaho

a. Larry Gene Schoonmaker b. March 18, 1945
Lewiston, Idaho

Married: Ann Raymond b. Nov. 11, 1946

Date: June , 1966 at Lewiston, Idaho

b. Dolores Dianne Schoonmaker b. June 2, 1949
Los Angeles, Calif.

Married: Donald J. Bond b. Aug. 26, 1948
Ida Grove, Iowa

Date: Nov. 26, 1971 at Denison, Iowa

(1) Jonathan Harold Bond b. May 14, 1972 at Britt, Iowa

(2) Jennifer Ann Bond b. July 19, 1973 at Britt, Iowa

c. Christine Kay Schoonmaker b. Nov. 3, 1952
Lewiston, Idaho

Married: Micheal Beale b.

Date: April 1, 1974 at Lewiston, Idaho

(1) Micheal Christopher Beale b. Oct. 18, 1976 at Lewiston, Idaho

d. Daniel Paul Schoonmaker b. Dec. 1, 1956
Lewiston, Idaho

Married:

Date:

3. Irving Ernest Kalinoski b. Sept. 7, 1930
Spokane, Wash.

Married: Mary Louise Lowe b. Apr. 3, 1932
Duke Center, McKean County, Pa.

Date: June 14, 1953 at Lewiston, Idaho

a. Jeanne Marie Kalinoski b. Nov. 6, 1955
Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

b. Steven Mark Kalinoski b. Nov. 12, 1957
Lewiston, Idaho

Married:

Date:

c. William J. Kalinoski b. Jan. 3, 1964
Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

B. WILLIAM EDWARD THIESSEN b. Dec. 5, 1898
Fairmount Station, Idaho d. Sept. 23, 1969
Lewiston, Ida.

Never married.

C. LOUISE WILHELMINA THIESSEN b. Dec. 16, 1900
Fairmount Station, Idaho d. Jan. 26, 1920
Lewiston, Idaho

Never married.

D. OTTO DAVID THIESSEN b. Oct. 13, 1902
Lewiston, Ida.
Married: Erma Irene Allen Jones b. Dec. 5, 1908
Plains, Mont.

Date: May 24, 1952 at Lewiston, Idaho

Children of Erma and Ben C. Jones

1. Monty Ray Jones b. July 1, 1931 d. May 6, 1949
Lewiston, Ida. Lewiston, Ida.

Never married.

2. Reta Alene Jones b. Apr. 4, 1935
Lewiston, Ida.

Married: Lester G. Larson

Date: Aug. 24, 1951 at Lewiston, Idaho Divorced in 1954

a. Vickie Marie Larson b. July 20, 1952

Married: David Lewis Robinson b. Aug. 16, 1952

Date: May 22, 1976 at Elko, Nev.

Married: Boyd Allen Thornton b. Dec. 10, 1929

Date: April 21, 1956 at

b. Monty Allen Thornton b. Mar. 17, 1957

Married:

Date:

c. Marty Ray Thornton b. Oct. 24, 1958

Married:

Date:

d. Michael Dean Thornton b. July 15, 1961

Married:

Date:

E. OSCAR RAYMOND THIESSEN b. Aug. 15, 1906

Tammany, Idaho

Married: Melba Charlotte Kissinger b. Jan. 29, 1915
Snow, Idaho

Date: Jan. 8, 1936 at Lewiston, Idaho

1. Merle Ronald Thiessen b. Sept. 29, 1937

Lewiston, Ida.

Married: Louvette Marylyn Utter b. Nov. 28, 1941
Boise, Ida.

Date: Dec. 21, 1962 at First Presbyterian Church at Clarkston, Wash.

a. Melissa Marie Thiessen b. Dec. 22, 1964

Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

b. Terri Lynne Thiessen b. June 11, 1967

Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

2. Margaret Louise Thiessen b. July 23, 1939

Lewiston, Idaho

Married: Lewis William Roberts b. July 15, 1935
Boise, Idaho

Date: Apr. 20, 1963 at Grace Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Idaho

a. Scott Donald Roberts b. Sept. 27, 1966

Seattle, Wash.

Married:

Date:

3. Eugene Walter Thiessen b. June 10, 1941
 Lewiston, Ida.
 Married: Dawn Ada Utter b. Oct. 6, 1945
 Lewiston, Ida.
 Date: Mar. 20, 1964 at Clarkston, Wash. Divorced: July 24, 1965
 Married: Linda Jo Craven Shumaker b. June 23, 1941
 Date: Dec. 1, 1967 at Lewiston, Idaho Divorced: July 18, 1977

a. Cheri Lynne Shumaker Thiessen b. Jan. 10, 1960

Married:

Date:

b. Lorrie Ann Shumaker Thiessen b. Apr. 15, 1962

Married:

Date:

c. Dan Ray Thiessen b. July 4, 1972
 Clarkston, Wash

Married:

Date:

4. Robert Lewis Thiessen b. Feb. 25, 1947
 Lewiston, Ida.
 Married: Lorraine Ann Hall b. May 18, 1952
 Date: Sept. 8, 1966 at Coeur d'Alene Divorced: Oct. 5, 1967

a. Brian Lee Thiessen b. April 13, 1967
 Moscow, Ida.

Married:

Date:

Married: Joyce Ann Brooks McManus b. Aug. 10, 1947
 Clarkston, Wash.

Date: Dec. 16, 1972 at Asotin, Washington

Child of Joyce and James Allen McManus
 b. Jolene Marie McManus b. Dec. 7, 1967
 Lewiston, Ida.

Married:

Date:

F. MELINA CATHERINE THIESSEN b. May 31, 1908
 Tammany, Idaho
 Married: Frederick William Herrmann b. Nov. 24, 1891 d. Apr. 2, 1960
 Wheeling, Ill. Lewiston, Ida.
 Date: July 30, 1936 at Lewiston, Idaho

G. JOHN H. THIESSEN b. Aug. 3, 1910
 Tammany, Idaho
 Married: Mary Magdellena Dau b. Sept. 11, 1911 d. Sept. 20, 1953
 Lewiston, Ida. Lewiston, Ida.
 Date: Oct. 12, 1936 at Lewiston, Idaho

1. John Harold Thiessen b. Sept. 16, 1937 d. Mar. 18, 1956
 Lewiston, Ida. Lewiston, Idaho
 Never married.

2. Wayne Lee Thiessen b. Aug. 7, 1940
 Lewiston, Ida.
 Married: Peggy Joanne Roper b. Feb. 27, 1942
 Portland, Ore.
 Date: June 15, 1963 at Methodist Church at Nampa, Idaho

a. Michael Scott Thiessen b. Nov. 11, 1966
 Libertyville, Ill.
 Married:

Date:

b. Andrew Todd Thiessen b. Jan. 26, 1970
 Boise, Idaho
 Married:

Date:

c. Karen Lyn Thiessen b. Sept. 20, 1974
 Boise, Idaho
 Married:

Date:

Married: Helen Lenora Bohman Bowling b. April 17, 1919 d. Feb. 7, 1968
 Troy, Ida. Lewiston, Ida.
 Date: June 22, 1954 at Lewiston, Idaho

3. Robert Thomas Bowling Thiessen b. Dec. 10, 1944
 Weed, Calif.
 Married: Karen Adora McCaughey b. Aug. 5, 1949
 Date: April 8, 1971 at United Methodist Church at Los Angeles, Calif.

a. Brian Robert Thiessen b. Aug. 20, 1975
 San Diego, Calif.

Married:

Date:

b.

Married:

Date:

Married: Marion Josephine Olson Bohman b. Feb. 12, 1918
 Wilmer, Minn.

Date: Aug. 3, 1968 at Troy, Idaho

Children of Marion and Bertil F. Bohman

1. Barbara Karen Bohman b. Sept. 21, 1942
 Long View, Wash.

Married: Charles Nelson b. July 22, 1934
 Moscow, Idaho

Date: Aug. 1, 1964 at Troy, Idaho

a. Scott Brandon Nelson b. Jan. 14, 1970
 Spokane, Wash.

Married:

Date:

b. Michael John Nelson b. Oct. 23, 1971
 Moscow, Idaho

Married:

Date:

2. Judith Vivian Bohman b. Mar. 28, 1944
 Long View, Wash.

Married: David C. Baumgartner b. Feb. 23, 1943
 Genesee, Idaho

Date: Sept. 12, 1964 at Troy, Idaho

a. Ann Serinia Baumgartner b. Dec. 7, 1969
 Moscow, Idaho

Married:

Date:

3. Marsha Kathryn Bohman b. Aug. 3, 1948 d. Mar. 20, 1974
 Pasco, Wash. Lewiston, Idaho

Married: Steve P. Walker b.

Date: June 16, 1972 at Troy, Idaho

4. James Bertil Bohman b. June 23, 1952
 Moscow, Idaho

Married:

Date:

H. AUGUST D. THIESSEN b. Feb. 19, 1913
Lewiston, Idaho
Married: Edna Iva Moxley b. June 5, 1917
Culdesac, Idaho
Date: November 4, 1937 at Clarkston, Washington

1. Betty June Thiessen b. June 19, 1941
Lewiston, Idaho
Married: Norman Douglas Meloy b. Sept. 24, 1940
Naches, Wash.
Date: Sept. 1, 1962 at Lewiston Orchards Methodist Church at Lewiston, Ida.

a. Michelle Dee Meloy b. June 18, 1969
Salem, Ore.

Married:

Date:

b. Michael Douglas Meloy b. May 19, 1972
San Jose, Calif.

Married:

Date:

2. Harvey Dean Thiessen b. Feb. 20, 1944
Lewiston, Ida.
Married: Dianna Lynn Sullivan b. June 15, 1949
Lewiston, Ida.
Date: Apr. 20, 1968 at Lewiston, Idaho Divorced: Apr. 25, 1977

a. Rebecca Lynn Thiessen b. Dec. 13, 1970
Lewiston, Ida.

Married:

Date:

b. Chad Alan Thiessen b. Sept. 30, 1973
Lewiston, Ida.

Married:

Date:

II. GEORGE FREDERICK WASEM, JR. b. May 11, 1873 d. Mar. 2, 1940
 Eagle Grove, Iowa
 Married: Anna Maria Geiger b. Sept. 16, 1876 d. Apr. 9, 1957
 Stuttgart, Germany Rosetta, Idaho
 Date: Sept. 14, 1898 at Lewiston, Idaho

A. WELDON BERNARD WASEM b. June 11, 1899
 Rosetta, Idaho
 Married: Laura Dustan b. Mar. 25, 1901
 Clarkston, Wash.
 Date: July 21, 1924 at Seattle, Wash.

1. Clifford Weldon Wasem b. June 14, 1928
 Clarkston, Wash.
 Married: Dorothy Ellen Farthing b. March 11, 1925
 Cottonwood, Idaho
 Date: June 1, 1952 at Clarkston, Washington

a. Anne Marie Wasem b. Dec. 28, 1952
 Clarkston, Wash.
 Married: Jeffrey James Ogard b. Oct. 7, 1953
 Date: Aug. 9, 1974 at Clarkston, Washington

b. George Frederick Wasem b. Dec. 18, 1954
 Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

c. Katherine Leigh Wasem b. Apr. 15, 1958
 Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

d. Jon Philip Wasem b. Dec. 25, 1960
 Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

2. Janet Laura Wasem b. Oct. 7, 1929
 Lewiston, Idaho
 Married: Roy Clarence Burke, Jr. b. Dec. 14, 1927
 Elma, Wash.
 Date: Sept. 7, 1950 at Lewiston, Idaho

a. Laura Marie Burke b. Jan 24, 1956
 Clarkston, Wash.

Married: Thomas Sidney Kornelis b.

Date: Sept. 24, 1977 at Clarkston, Washington

b. Linda Louise Burke b. Jan. 11, 1958
Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

c. James Weldon Burke b. Mar. 2, 1964
Clarkston, Wash.

Married:

Date:

III. HERMAN CHRISTIAN WASEM b. Sept. 20, 1874 d. Nov. 28, 1904
Eagle Grove, Iowa Denver, Idaho

IV. ELIZABETH A. WASEM b. Apr. 3, 1876 d. June 17, 1950
Eagle Grove, Iowa Pullman, Wash.
Married: Henry (Heinrich) Thiessen b. May 12, 1876 d. June 28, 1951
Wasbeck, Schleswig-
Holstein, Germany

Date: Dec. 2, 1902 at Lewiston, Idaho

A. LESTER RICKLEF THIESSEN b. Aug. 2, 1905 d. Oct. 22, 1908
Fairmount Station, Idaho

B. AMELIA WILHELMINA THIESSEN b. Aug. 21, 1907
Fairmount Station, Idaho
Married: Chester B. Oddson b. Oct. 14, 1900 d. May 18, 1970
Spokane, Wash.

Date: Oct. 11, 1930 at Lewiston, Idaho

1. Gilbert Oddson b. Jan. 20, 1932 d. Jan. 20, 1932

C. HENRY THIESSEN, JR. b. Aug. 4, 1909 d. Dec. 30, 1930
Fairmount Station, Idaho Lapwai, Idaho

D. ALANA PAULINE THIESSEN b. June 10, 1912
Fairmount Station, Idaho
Married: Max Stanley Harder b. Dec. 23, 1913

Date: Feb. 15, 1941 at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

1. Rexford Henry Harder b. Sept. 23, 1946
Spokane, Wash.

Married: Dianne Blue b. July 17, 1948

Date: June 28, 1969 at

a. Danielle Christine Harder b. Jan. 27, 1970
Spokane, Wash.

Married:

Date:

b. Lindsey Allen Harder b. Dec. 1, 1973
Spokane, Wash.

Married:

Date:

2. Virginia Ann Harder b. July 14, 1950
Spokane, Wash.

Married: Robert U. McKay b. Dec. 4, 1947
Elmira, Wash.

Date: Jan. 3, 1977 at Spokane, Washington

V. JOSEPH FRANZ WASSEM b. Jan. 1, 1878 d. Mar. 17, 1942
Eagle Grove, Iowa Lewiston, Idaho
Married: Florence Rena Langdon b. July 11, 1886 d. June 2, 1975
Fall River, Kan. Portland, Ore.
Date: July 30, 1916 at Mohler, Idaho

A. CECIL EDWIN WASSEM b. Aug. 20, 1917 d. Aug. 20, 1953
Lewiston, Idaho Colfax, Wash.

Married: Irene Fern Devin b. June 8, 1918
Flora, Ore.

Date: Aug. 22, 1942 at Lewiston, Idaho

1. Karen Louise Wassem b. Oct. 11, 1943
Clarkston, Wash.
Married: Leslie David Venable b. Aug. 11, 1938
Porterville, Calif.
Date: June 16, 1964 at Riverside, Calif.

a. Lydia Dianne Venable b. Oct. 16, 1968
Fontana, Calif.

Married:

Date:

2. Mary Ellen Wassem b. Mar. 21, 1946
Colfax, Wash.
Married: Fred Lee Drury b. Mar. 2, 1933
Vining, Kan.
Date: Mar. 9, 1973 at Palm Desert, Calif.

3. Robert Warren Wassem b. Jan. 26, 1951
Colfax, Wash.

Married:

Date:

B. ALICE MARY WASSEM b. Jan. 7, 1920

Clarkston, Wash.

Married: Mitchell Glen Vetuski b. Nov. 12, 1922 d. Apr. 14, 1965
Midway, Tex. Luke Air Force Base
Glendale, Ariz.

Date: Feb. 20, 1943 at Methodist Church in Spokane, Wash.

1. Rena Lucille Vetuski b. Sept. 10, 1945

Lewiston, Idaho

Married: Jernald Lee Robbins b. Apr. 10, 1943
Springfield, Ohio

Date: Mar. 2, 1964 at Reno, Nev. Divorced: 1969 in Springfield, Ohio

a. Jernald Lee Robbins, Jr. b. Feb. 4, 1965
Sacramento, Calif.

Married:

Date:

b. James Glen Robbins b. Jan. 12, 1968
Springfield, Ohio

Married:

Date:

Married: Curtis Dee McLane b. Mar. 2, 1949
Globe, Ariz.

Date: May 9, 1970 at Yuma, Ariz. Divorced: Dec. 1970

Married: Calvin Lee Montgomery b. May 9, 1945
Houston, Texas

Date: Sept. 30, 1977 at Conroe, Texas

2. Mitchell Glen Vetuski, Jr. b. Aug. 24, 1947

Offuit Field

Omaha, Nebr.

Married: Stephanie (Penny) Lois Garrison b. May 19, 1949
Houston, Texas

Date: April 17, 1970 at Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in
Houston, Texas

a. Glenna Michelle Vetuski b. Jan. 14, 1972
Ft. Bragg, N. Car.

Married:

Date:

b. Molly Elizabeth Vetuski b. July 13, 1973
Houston, Texas

Married:

Date:

c. Micah Andrew Vetuski b. Nov. 5, 1976
Houston, Tex.

Married:

Date:

3. Michael Lynn Vetuski b. Feb. 4, 1949
Enid, Okla.

Married: Sandra Arlene DeBurger b. Sept. 17, 1946
Selma, Calif.

Date: May 11, 1975 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Child of James Diamond Ryan and Sandra DeBurger

a. Sherri Renee Ryan b. Mar. 24, 1962
Wynnewood, Okla.

Married:

Date:

Child of Gary Lean Dixon and Sandra DeBurger

b. Gary Joseph Dixon b. Sept. 15, 1967
Ft. Bragg, N. Car.

Married:

Date:

Children of Gene Ray Siegfried and Sandra DeBurger

c. Gina Marie Siegfried b. Dec. 18, 1970
San Bernadino, Calif.

Married:

Date:

d. Brandon Royce Siegfried b. July 18, 1972
Riverside, Calif.

Married:

Date:

4. Baby Girl Vetuski b. Mar. 15, 1958 d. Mar. 15, 1958
William A.F. Base William A. F. Base
Chandler, Ariz. Chandler, Ariz.

5. Millicent Helaine Vetuski b. May 24, 1960
William A.F. Base
Chandler, Ariz.

Married:

Date:

C. ANNA FLORENCE WASSEM b. Feb. 5, 1923
 Clarkston, Wash.
 Married: Jack Robert Pickens b. Nov. 11, 1918
 Portland, Ore.
 Date: Mar. 3, 1945 at Portland, Ore.

1. Richard Lee Pickens b. Feb. 23, 1946
 Lewiston, Idaho
 Married: Diana Dement b. Aug. 20, 1951
 Date: July 11, 1970 at Springfield, Oregon Divorced: Jan. 1977

2. Deborah Ann Pickens b. May 22, 1953
 Portland, Ore.
 Married: John McCormick Clarke b. Oct. 21, 1947
 Portland, Ore.
 Date: Apr. 27, 1974 at Portland, Ore.

D. RUTH PAULINE WASSEM b. Dec. 27, 1925
 Clarkston, Wash.
 Married: Glenn Royal Shahan b. July 31, 1925
 Date: Oct. 26, 1946 at Lewiston, Idaho

1. Paul Royal Shahan b. June 13, 1954
 Spokane, Wash.
 Married:

Date:

2. Pamela Kay Shahan b. Dec. 20, 1955
 Spokane, Wash.
 Married:

Date:

3. Linda Diane Shahan b. Jan. 27, 1958
 Tacoma, Wash.
 Married:

Date:

VI. HENRY JOHN WASEM b. Msr. 12, 1881 d. Oct. 21, 1959
 Goldfield, Iowa Grangeville, Idaho
 Married: Alta Leona Fortin b. Mar. 14, 1894

Date: May 12, 1912 at Fenn, Idaho

A. LLOYD SHERMAN WASEM b. Nov. 3, 1913

Married: Wilma Merle Rupe b. July 3, 1915

Date: June 12, 1938 at

1. Arield Lloyd Wasem b. Nov. 9, 1939

Married: Virginia Lee Copelan b. Aug. 11, 1941

Date: Apr. 15, 1961 at

a. Arield Shane Wasem b. Mar. 26, 1962

Married:

Date:

b. Cary Lynn Wasem b. Sept. 7, 1964

Married:

Date:

c. Cinthia Suzanne Wasem b. Feb. 5, 1966

Married:

Date:

2. Denna Rae Wasem b. Oct. 3, 1941

Married: Gordon Quickstad b. Sept. 13, 1943

Date: Sept. 14, 1968 at

3. Wayne Leroy Wasem b. Oct. 21, 1943

Married: Sarah Joane Patzer b.

Date: Feb. 13, 1971 at

a. Lori Sarah Wasem b. Apr. 22, 1974

Married:

Date:

B. GLENN FREDERICK WASEM b. Nov. 24, 1920
Cottonwood, Idaho

Married: Bernetta Ludell Bolt b. Sept. 27, 1926

Date: June 18, 1950 at

1. Jeannette Evonne Wasem b. Apr. 13, 1951

Married: Leo Wilfred Cumings b. Oct. 26, 1946

Date: July 21, 1972 at

a. James Michael Cumings b. Nov. 28, 1973

Married:

Date:

b. Allen Duane Cumings b. May 2, 1975

Married:

Date:

2. Lois Leona Wasem b. Aug. 5, 1953

Married: James Lynn Lovell b. June 24, 1946

Date: June 24, 1977 at

3. Robert John Wasem b. Oct. 8, 1954

Married:

Date:

4. Shirley Joan Wasem b. Aug. 2, 1956 d. Aug. 2, 1956

C. HAROLD JOHN WASEM b. June 5, 1923

Fenn, Idaho

Married: Eldene Angelyn Rupe b. July 10, 1928
Harpster, Idaho

Date: Jan. 9, 1949 at Grangeville, Idaho

1. Keith Harold Wasem b. May 3, 1950

Grangeville, Ida.

Married: Julie Ann Moravec b. Aug. 21, 1953
David City, Nebr.

Date: July 23, 1977 at Ulysses, Nebr.

2. Vaughn Dean Wasem b. May 22, 1951

Grangeville, Ida.

Married: Marcia Elizabeth Hart b. Aug. 29, 1953
Colfax, Wash.

Date: Dec. 28, 1974 at Colfax, Wash.

3. Larry Lee Wasem b. May 26, 1954

Grangeville, Idaho

Married: Carolyn LaRae Bouvia b. July 3, 1954
Tifton, Ga.

Date: Jan. 15, 1977 at Washington, D.C.

4. Scott Craig Wasem b. Nov. 11, 1955
Grangeville, Ida.

Married:

Date:

5. Sheryl Kay Wasem b. Nov. 5, 1958
Grangeville, Ida.

Married:

Date:

6. Reed Allen Wasem b. Aug. 1, 1960
Grangeville, Ida.

Married:

Date:

VII. KATHARINA SOPHIA WASEM b. Dec. 31, 1883 d. July 1, 1925
Eagle Grove, Iowa Cottonwood, Ida.
Married: Albert Joseph Barth b. Dec. 17, 1878 d. Dec. 17, 1940
Mount Angel, Oregon Cottonwood, Ida.
Date: July 8, 1908 at

A. DOROTHY MARIE BARTH b. Nov. 24, 1910
Cottonwood, Idaho
Married: Ralph George Whitson b. Aug. 18, 1909
Sandpoint, Idaho
Date: Aug. 1, 1935 at

1. Bonnie Lee Whitson b. May 7, 1940
Seattle, Wash.
Married: Robert Warren Boblet b. Aug. 31, 1940
Everett, Wash.
Date: Sept. 3, 1961 at

a. Suzanne Marie Boblet b. Apr. 9, 1965

Married:

Date:

b. Keith Warren Boblet b. Dec. 9, 1969

Married:

Date:

2. Kathryn Louise Whitson b. Aug. 24, 1942
Seattle, Wash.
Married: Donald Glen Wallace b. Nov. 7, 1943
National City, Calif.
Date: Aug. 15, 1970 at

3. Donald Melvin Whitson b. Nov. 24, 1943
Seattle, Wash.

Married:

Date:

B. THELMA ADELINE BARTH b. Dec. 25, 1913
Cottonwood, Ida.
Married: Francis J. Nuttman b. Nov. 30, 1916
Keuterville, Ida.
Date: Dec. 29, 1944 at Seattle, Washington

C. ALBERT MELVIN BARTH b. Oct. 17, 1915

Married: Dorothy Loraine Misz b. May 15, 1929

Date: June 10, 1949 at

1. Donna Loraine Barth b. July 1, 1950

Married: Vern Edward Barnett b. Sept. 5, 1947

Date: July 24, 1970 at

a. Anthony Ray Barnett b. Aug. 5, 1971

Married:

Date:

b. Bryan Jeffrey Barnett b. Dec. 30, 1972

Married:

Date:

Married: Gary Allen Krui z b. Mar. 4, 1949

Date: Dec. 30, 1976 at

2. John Albert Barth b. Dec. 30, 1951

Married: Myra Dawn Moser b. July 21, 1955

Date: May 15, 1974 at

VIII. THEODORE WILLIAM WASEM b. Dec. 4, 1886 d. Nov. 4, 1952
Eagle Grove, Iowa Seattle, Wash.

Married: Hazel A. Newman

Date: July 20, 1910 at Rosetta, Idaho

Divorced:



Fred & Herman, Mary & Elizabeth Wasem



John, Franz, & Ted Wasem



Franz, Mary, Fred, Elizabeth & John Wasem 1929



Theodore Ricklet,
Brother of Sophia Wasem



Wasem Farm at Rosetta about 1910



Elizabeth, Mary (seated) & Kate Wasem

MARY WASEM was born to George F. (Dec. 1, 1836 - Jan. 22, 1909) and Sophie Ricklefs (July 6, 1845 - Feb. 1, 1909) Wasem on December 24, 1871, at Eagle Grove, Iowa.

The Wasem family moved to Uniontown, Wash., in 1889 but Mary came to Lewiston to work for J. P. Vollmer on Snake River Avenue, until she married Gus D. Thiessen on March 29, 1894.

Gus and Mary had 6 sons and 2 daughters: Albert Christian, May 19, 1896 - Feb. 4, 1972; William Edward, Dec. 5, 1898 - Sept. 23, 1969; Louise Wilhelmina, Dec. 16, 1900 Jan. 26, 1920; Otto David, Oct. 13, 1902; Oscar Raymond, Aug. 15, 1906; Melina Catherine, May 31, 1908; John H., Aug. 3, 1910; and August D., Feb. 19, 1913.

Mary was a charter member of the Pollyanna Club of Tammany and looked forward to the club's meetings each month. Although she didn't drive, she seldom missed a meeting.

After Gus died in 1929, Mary was active in the Thiessen Land Co. and lived on the Tammany ranch until she died of cancer at St. Joseph's Hospital on October 1, 1941.

GUSTAV D. THIESSEN was born at Wasbeck, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on June 21, 1864. His parents were Heinrich Thiessen (1836-1912) and Elizabeth Hingst (1844-1914).

He came to America in 1881 with his family to visit the J.D.C. Thiessen family (his uncle) at Lewiston, Idaho. Gus stayed and never returned to Germany. He also did not speak the German language here in America at all.

As a young man Gus worked as a butcher in Chicago and Lewiston. Monte Jarret and Gus Thiessen had a stock ranch on the Salmon River. In 1889 they drove several hundred head of horses overland to LaGrande, Ore., and shipped them to Omaha to sell.

He married Mary Wasem on March 29, 1894, at Lewiston and farmed a wheat ranch called "Fountain Ranch" on McCormack Ridge, about 30 miles southeast of Lewiston. They moved to Lewiston in 1902 and bought a ranch in Tammany, 10 miles south of Lewiston, in 1904 where he raised wheat and some cattle.

Gus and Mary had 6 sons and 2 daughters.

Gus was a county commissioner for the First District in Nez Perce County from 1912 to 1914. He served 6 years as a commissioner of the Waha-Tammany highway district. He was a member of the Lewiston order of the Elks.

Gus bought 80 acres at Black Pine on Craig Mountain about 1920. The Thiessen Land Co. (Gus, Mary, sons and daughter) bought a ranch on Webb Ridge in 1929. Gus and Mary raised a large garden and had all kinds of animals, both tame and wild species, at the Tammany ranch.

Gus died of cancer of the stomach on December 19, 1929, at the Tammany home.



Gus D. Thiessen
1864 - 1929



Mary Wasem Thiessen
1871-1941



House built on Tammany ranch by Gus
Thiessen in 1904



Louise Thiessen



Otto Thiessen



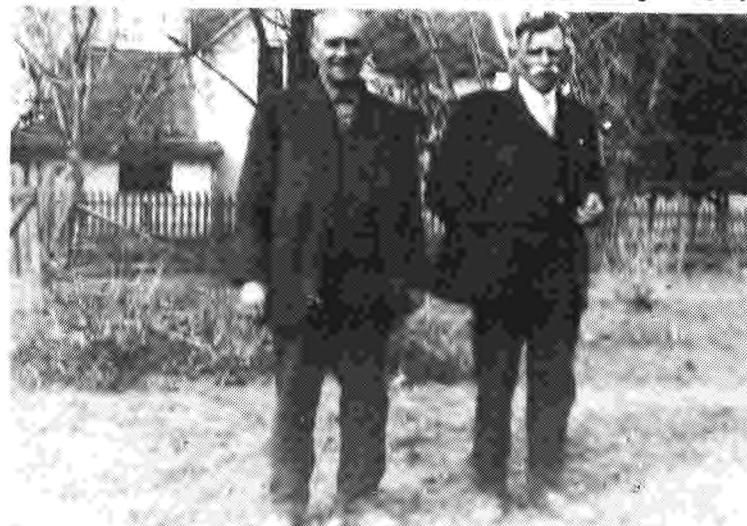
Melina (Thiessen) and
Fred Herrmann 1936



Gus and Henry Thiessen



L. to R. Otto, John, Albert, Melina, Bill, Dick, and Oscar Seated: Gus and Mary 1929



Gus, 65, and Henry, 53, in Tammany



Gus and Mary's Living Room
L. to R. Amelia, Mary and Elizabeth 1929



L. to R. Otto, August, Amelia, Henry, Jr., Melina, Albert, Alana, Oscar, Bruno, Bill, and John 1929



View of Gus Thiessen's farm in Tammany

ALBERT CHRISTIAN THIESSEN, son of Gus and Mary Thiessen was born May 19, 1896, in Lewiston, Idaho on 3rd. St. on Normal Hill. A few years later the family moved to McCormack Ridge, on the foothills of Craig Mountain. Freight wagons operating between Lewiston and the Nezperce Prairie and using the Fountain Grade stopped overnight at the farm.

The Gus Thiessen family returned to Lewiston around 1902 when they sold the farm to Henry Thiessen. The new owners continued boarding the freight drivers and horses until the railroad was completed between Lewiston and Grangeville.

In 1904 Gus Thiessen moved his family to Tammany. The original farm is still owned by the youngest son, August (Dick). Albert enjoyed talking about the swimming pond and fruit orchard which provided recreation and fruit for family and friends. An artesian well provided the water for pool and orchard.

Albert received his education in Tammany, at Lewiston State Normal and Lewiston Business College. He enlisted in the Navy for 4 years and served in active duty from April 23, 1918, to February 21, 1919, on the receiving ship Puget Sound at Bremerton, Wash. He was given an honorable discharge after 10 months by order of the Secretary of Navy, due to lack of funds. The First World War (to end all wars) had ended by that time. After discharge from the Navy, Albert enrolled in a Diesel Engine Trade School in Spokane. He was there when he received word his sister, Louise, had died of pneumonia.

Albert worked on various farms at different times. He started working for Jack McCormack when in his teens on what is now known as the Rosenkranz farm in Tammany close to the breaks of the Snake River. He worked on that farm three different times: first for McCormack, then for Rosenkranz and later for his brother, Oscar, when he rented the farm in 1959.

About 1924 to 1926 Albert and Bill farmed the Pahl ranch near Nezperce, Idaho. Brother Otto later replaced Bill in the partnership.

The Thiessen Land Co. was formed by Gus, his sons and daughter in 1929. The Co. included the Tammany and Webb Ridge ranches. The corporation was dissolved in 1945 and each of the members farmed independently.

From 1944 to 1947 Albert spent the winters in Stockton, Calif., working for the Case Co. and returned to Lewiston to work for Rosenkranz through harvest.

On Jan. 29, 1948, Albert married Helen Kalinoski. They lived in Lewiston and he was manager of the State Liquor Warehouse until the fall of 1957. That fall they moved to the Rosenkranz farm to help his brother, Oscar, who had just rented it.

Albert retired in 1961 in June and bought the home at 1132 Ripon, Lewiston. Located on the south edge of the Orchards, he could sit on the patio and watch the farmers planting and harvesting the land he knew so well.

Albert and Helen traveled the West Coast from 1965 to 1969 in a small travel trailer and pickup truck, as far south as Mexico, several short trips into Mexico. In 1967 they drove to Alaska and came home by way of Prince Rupert, Canada, on the ferry and drove home from there.

January 2, 1970, Albert became seriously ill and passed away with cancer of the liver on Feb. 4, 1972. He was survived by his widow and three step-children, Donna Jean Goddard, Joan Joyce Schoonmaker, Irving (Kelly) Ernest Kalinoski, thirteen step-grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren. He was laid to rest in the family plot in the Normal Hill Cemetary, Lewiston, Idaho. His parents, sister Louise and brother Bill preceeded him in death.

HELEN MARIE DAVIS KALINOSKI THIESSEN was born on Feb. 10, 1903 to Nathaniel L. Davis, Jr. (Apr. 2, 1883-Apr. 27, 1940) and Jessie Glendora Wright (Jan. 4, 1885-Sept. 12, 1917) on a farm 15 miles south of Sprague, Wash.

Helen has one brother, Ernest Lee Davis, born in 1909 at Lamont, Wash., a half-sister, Myrtle Adair Davis, born Dec. 18, 1922, at Craigmont, Ida. and a step-brother, Leroy Vivian Irwin.

Helen was married on Nov. 12, 1923, at Lewiston, Ida., to Ervin Walter Kalinoski (b. Nov. 1901 at Baldwin, Wis.). They had three children: Donna Jean Kalinoski, Joan Joyce Kalinoski, and Irving (Kelly) Ernest Kalinoski. Ervin Kalinoski died Jan. 29, 1937 at St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Wash. and is buried at Breenwood Cemetery in Spokane.

In the fall of 1937 Helen and her three children moved to Lewiston from a small farm near Waha, Idaho. Helen worked for Jack and Gladys Shaughnessy at the fruit stand and lunch counter at 18th and Main for three years. She worked for Snappy Service Lunch on Main St. for one year. In 1942 she bought the White Front Cafe, located across from the Railroad Passenger Depot, and sold it in 1949. The buildings are now gone and the area is parking space for the Courthouse.

On Jan. 29, 1948, Helen married Albert C. Thiessen (May 19, 1896-Feb. 4, 1972). In 1961 they bought a new house with a small acreage at 1132 Ripon, Lewiston, and Helen still lives in that home.

DONNA JEAN KALINOSKI GODDARD was born to Helen and Ervin Kalinoski on Nov. 18, 1924, at Spokane, Wash. Donna was married to Glen A. Goddard on June 19, 1942, at Spokane, Wash. She is a nurse at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore., now.

Donna and Glenn have six children: Glen Lee Goddard who is an airplane mechanic and transport truck driver, Terry David Goddard who is a C.P.A. (Certified Public Accountant) and Vice-Pres. of Finance for Northwest Capital Investment Corporation in Yakima, Wash., Merry June Goddard Potter who is in the US Navy Medical Corps and married to a printer, Becky Lee Goddard who is in the US Navy Medical Corps, Lester Albert Goddard who is a college student, and Delbert Kelly Goddard who is a high school student.

Glen A. Goddard was born Dec. 7, 1922. He served in the Medical Corp with Pattons Division in World War II and is now a hospital chaplin at Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Portland, Ore.

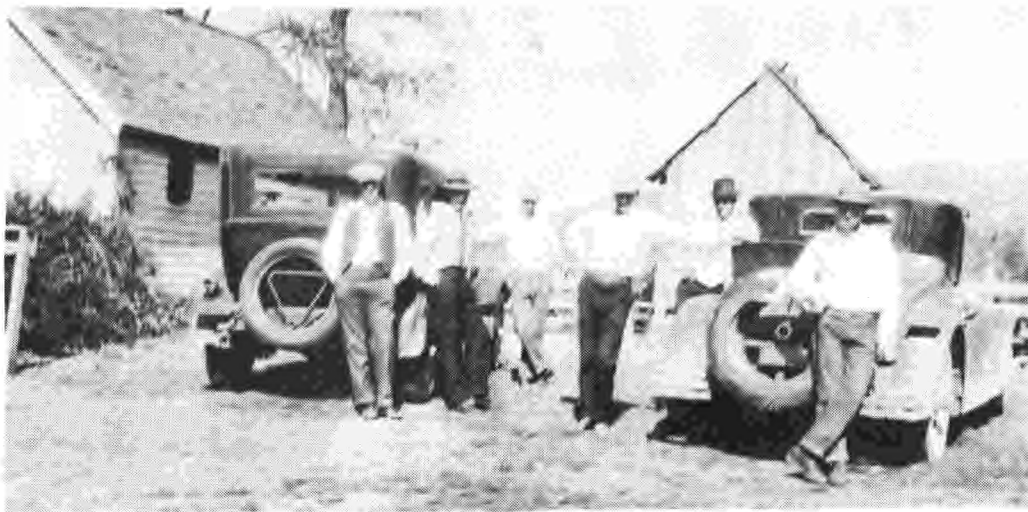
JOAN JOYCE KALINOSKI SCHOONMAKER was born to Helen and Ervin Kalinoski on Dec. 29, 1928, at Spokane, Wash. Joan married Melvin Paul Schoonmaker on April 4, 1944 at the Lutheran Church on 2nd Ave. in Lewiston, Idaho. They have four children: Larry Gene Schoonmaker who is a buyer for Albertson's Warehouse in Seattle, Wash., Dolores Dianne Schoonmaker Bond who is a secretary and bookkeeper in Lewiston, Idaho, Christine Kay Schoonmaker Beale who works for Omark at Lewiston, and Daniel Paul Schoonmaker who attends Devry Institute of Technology at Phoenix, Ariz.

Melvin Paul Schoonmaker was born Oct. 26, 1922, at McKean County, Penn. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was stationed at Walla Walla, Wn. He is a highway construction worker.

IRVING ERNEST KALINOSKI (Kelly) was born Sept. 7, 1930, to Helen and Ervin Kalinoski at Spokane, Wash. Kelly was a member of the Idaho National Guard from 1949 to 1957 and served active duty for 19 months during the Korean War. He is a volunteer fireman for the Lewiston Orchards Fire Dept. Kelly began work in 1950 for Potlatch Forests Inc. and now operates a rewinder in the paper finishing dept.

Kelly married Mary Louise Lowe on June 14, 1953, at Lewiston, Idaho, and they 3 children: Jeanne Marie Kalinoski, Steven Mark Kalinoski who is a student at Washington State University on a football scholarship, and William J. Kalinoski.

Mary Louise Kalinoski was born on Apr. 3, 1932 at Duke Center in McKean County, Pa.



The Thiessen Boys May 1929 L. to R. John, Otto, Dick, Oscar, Bill, Hiny, Albert not in picture. Albert's & Bill's cars.



Louise Thiessen 1917



Albert & Helen Thiessen



Albert Thiessen

WILLIAM EDWARD THIESSEN was born to Gus D. and Mary Thiessen at Fairmount Station, Idaho, on Dec. 5, 1898. He moved to Lewiston and then to Tammany where he grew up and attended the Tammany Elementary School.

Bill started farming with Albert on rented land at Nezperce, Idaho, in 1923. He farmed for two years and sold out to Otto Thiessen. Bill worked at construction and farm work until he joined the Thiessen Land Company in 1931.

He was drafted into the Army in September of 1942 at the age of 43 and went to Camp Roberts, Calif. but was discharged in December of 1942. He returned to the home ranch in Tammany and stayed there until he bought his own ranch of 320 acres from John Dau in Tammany in 1946. He lived there until he died of emphysema on Sept. 23, 1969 at 70 years of age. Bill was never married.

LOUISE WILHELMINA THIESSEN was born to Gus D. and Mary Thiessen at Fairmount Station, Idaho, on Dec. 16, 1900. She moved to Lewiston and Tammany with the family and grew up there going to school at Tammany and Lewiston High School.

When a young lady, she worked at the C. W. Steen place in Tammany where she died with the flu and pneumonia on Jan. 26, 1920, at the age of nineteen.

OTTO DAVID THIESSEN was born in Lewiston, Idaho, on October 13, 1902. His parents, Gus and Mary Thiessen, moved to Tammany when Otto was one year old. He attended the Tammany School. In the mid-twenties he rented and farmed at Nezperce, Idaho, returning two years later to farm in the Tammany and Webb Ridge area of Nez Perce County. In 1942, he worked about a year for Jacob Harder who had a cattle ranch near Sprague, Wash. Otto's cousin, Alana Thiessen Harder, was married to Jacob's youngest son, Max.

Otto married Erma Irene Allen Jones on May 24, 1952, at Lewiston, Idaho. They bought and operated a fifteen acre tract in the Lewiston Orchards at 22nd and Powers which was once part of the old White Bros. and Crumb fruit ranch. He and Erma lived there until moving to Boise, Idaho, in July of 1964, and they now live at 3314 Cherry Lane (83705).

ERMA IRENE ALLEN JONES THIESSEN was born in Plains, Mont., on Dec. 5, 1908. Her parents were the J. M. C. Allens. She grew up and attended schools in Asotin County Wash. She married Ben. C. Jones on Apr. 13, 1929, in Lewiston, Idaho, and was divorced in 1951. They had a son, Monty Ray Jones, born on July 1, 1931, and a daughter, Reta Alene Jones, born on Apr. 4, 1935.

Erma and Otto were married on May 24, 1952, at Lewiston, Idaho.

OSCAR RAYMOND THIESSEN was born at the family ranch home in Tammany, August 15, 1906. He was the fifth child of Gus and Mary Wasem Thiessen. He went to the Tammany School for ten grades, graduating in May of 1922.

Oscar joined his father and brothers, Albert, Otto, and Bill in a corporation called the Thiessen Land Company. They bought a farm on Webb Ridge in the spring of 1929. Oscar, Albert and Otto moved at that time to live on this ranch.

MELBA CHARLOTTE KISSINGER THIESSEN was born to Edward and Mary Cuthbert Kissinger, January 29, 1915. She lived in the community of Snow. She attended eight grades at Snow, Flat Iron, and Webb Ridge Schools, graduating in May of 1929. She attended Lapwai High School for four years, graduating in June of 1933.

Oscar and Melba were married at the Christian Church Parsonage, Lewiston, Idaho, on January 8, 1936, by Reverend Peterson. They lived at the Webb Ridge farm home for eight years. Melba did the cooking for Oscar, Albert, Otto and all the others that came at meal time. While living there, three children were born to them at St. Joseph's Hospital: Merle Ronald, Sept. 29, 1937; Margaret Louise, July 23, 1939; and Eugene Walter, June 10, 1941.

In the fall of 1945, the Thiessen Land Company (which now consisted of: Albert, Otto, Bill, John, Dick, and Oscar Thiessen, and Melina Herrman) was dissolved; and the Webb Ridge land sold to Bob McGregor. Oscar and his brother, Dick, bought the home place in Tammany and Oscar's family moved into the Woods house. Robert Lewis was born, February 23, 1947, at St. Joseph's Hospital while they lived there. This partnership was dissolved in the fall of 1953, leaving each with a farm.

Oscar and Melba rented the Rosenkranz place in the fall of 1956 and farmed with the help of Albert until Merle graduated from college in 1959. They bought pasture land in Idaho County from Martin and John Nuxoll in January of 1963. They continued farming and raising cattle until their sons purchased and rented their holdings in 1965. In November of 1970, Oscar and Melba moved to their present home at 1046 Hemlock Drive, Lewiston, Idaho.

MERLE RONALD THIESSEN was born Sept. 29, 1937, at Lewiston. He lived on Webb Ridge until he was seven and then moved with his parents to Tammany. He attended school at Tammany and at Lewiston High School. He graduated from Lewiston High School in 1955 and went to the University of Idaho. Merle graduated from U. of I. in 1959 with a major in Agronomy. He then returned to Lewiston to farm with his father.

On Dec. 21, 1962, he married Louvette Marylyn Utter of Clarkston, Wash. Louvette was born on Nov. 28, 1941, in Boise, Idaho. In 1945, she moved to Clarkston with her parents and attended school at Clarkston. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1960 and then attended Lewis-Clark Normal for two years. She taught at Tammany School for two years in 1962 and 1963. On December 22, 1964, a daughter, Melissa Marie was born. On June 11, 1967, another daughter, Terri Lynne, was born.

Merle and his brother, Gene, formed a partnership in 1968 and took over the operation of their dad's ranch in Tammany. In 1971, they purchased a cattle ranch in Asotin, Washington. In 1974, Merle's brother, Bob, joined the partnership.

MARGARET LOUISE THIESSEN ROBERTS was born in Lewiston, Idaho, July 23, 1939. She lived on Webb Ridge until age five, moving to Tammany in 1945. She attended grade school at Tammany and high school at Lewiston graduating in 1957. From there, Margaret went on to college at Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, Washington majoring in nursing. After graduation in 1961, she worked in Los Angeles for one year in various hospitals coming back to Lewiston in 1962.

While working in Clearwater Medical Center in Lewiston, Margaret was married to Lewis William Roberts. They lived in Lewiston until 1964 moving to Spokane so Lew could go to Spokane Community College. After he finished school in 1966, they moved to Seattle, Wash., where he worked for West Coast Airlines. A son, Scott Donald Roberts, was born in Seattle, Sept. 27, 1966. West Coast Airlines merged with two other airlines forming Airwest Airlines so Lew was transferred to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1968. Margaret worked at Rockwood Clinic while in Spokane and has worked at several doctors offices and hospitals while in Phoenix.

Lewis William Roberts was born July 15, 1935, in Boise, Idaho. He was the last of eight children of Virgil and Ida Roberts. He lived in various towns in southern Idaho coming to Lewiston to work for the Highway Department of Idaho in 1961. He attended Eagle, Idaho, grade school and high school. He received his Aircraft Mechanics License from Spokane Community College in 1966. He has worked for the airlines since.

EUGENE WALTER THIESSEN was born June 10, 1941, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lewiston, to Oscar and Melba Thiessen. He lived at Webb Ridge for three years moving to Tammany in 1945. He attended Tammany Grade School for seven years and graduated from the Lewiston Senior High School in May of 1959.

Gene attended the University of Idaho one semester and Lewis-Clark Normal for one semester. He joined the Air National Guard in October of 1963. Gene worked with his father and brothers on the farm looking after the cattle. He worked a few seasons for Ray McCann. Gene married Dawn Ada Utter, March 20, 1964. They were later divorced.

On December 1, 1967, he married Linda Jo Craven Shumaker. He adopted her two daughters, Cheri Shumaker and Lorrie Shumaker on April 15, 1971. Danny Ray Thiessen was born at Tri-State Hospital in Clarkston, Wash., on July 4, 1971, to Gene and Jo. They lived at Lewiston on John Thiessen's ranch and at Waha for a few years while Gene worked for his father.

Gene and his brother, Merle, formed a partnership in 1968. They bought their father's machinery and rented his land. In 1971, they bought the Clayton Gordon's cattle ranch on Asotin Creek and the family moved there.

ROBERT LEWIS THIESSEN was born on February 25, 1947, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston, Idaho, to Oscar and Melba Thiessen. He lived with his two brothers and one sister at the Tammany ranch. He attended Tammany Grade School and graduated from Lewiston High School in May of 1965. Bob attended the University of Idaho for one year. The summer of 1966 he worked for Green Giant Factory at Dayton, Washington.

Bob married Lorraine Ann Hall on September 8, 1966. They lived at Moscow, Idaho, until May of 1967. Bob worked as a mechanic for Helbing Brothers while he lived at Moscow. A son, Brian Lee Thiessen, was born to them on April 13, 1967, at Moscow.

Bob and Lorraine moved to Dayton, Wash., May of 1967. Bob worked for Green Giant Factory at Dayton until September of 1967. He and Lorraine were divorced in Oct. of 1967.

Bob moved home and worked for his father in Tammany until enlisting in the Air Force in February of 1968. He went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. Later he went to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colo., to Photo Interpretation School until Aug. of 1968. Before going overseas, he was awarded custody of his son, Brian. Bob's parents, Oscar and Melba, took Brian to live with them until Bob finished his term in the Air Force. Bob was sent to Okinawa (an island just south of Japan) where he stayed one and one half years except for two months temporary duty in Korea. In May of 1970, he was sent to Vietnam where he served duty for one year. In May of 1971, Bob was sent to March Air Force Base in Riverside, Calif., and remained until discharged in Feb. of 1972. Bob then came to Lewiston, Idaho, and worked for his two older brothers, Merle and Gene, on the Tammany Ranch.

Bob married Joyce Ann Brooks McManus on December 16, 1972, and was joined by her daughter, Jolene Marie McManus, age five. Joyce Thiessen was born at Clarkston, Wash., on Aug. 10, 1947, to Paul and Verree Brooks. She had one brother, Paul Jerome (seven years older), and one sister, Paula Verree (five years older). She attended Asotin Grade School until the ninth grade. In 1961, she moved with her parents to Lewiston where she graduated from Lewiston High School in 1965. Joyce attended the University of Idaho for one and one half years.

Joyce married James Allen McManus in 1967. They lived at Pierce, Idaho. On Dec. 7, 1967, a daughter, Jolene Marie McManus, was born to them at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewiston, Idaho. Joyce and Jim moved to Monterey, Calif., in 1970. They were divorced April of 1971. Joyce and her daughter lived in Monterey where Joyce worked for an Interior Design and Furniture Store as a secretary until she married Bob Thiessen and moved to Lewiston, Idaho, in Dec. of 1972.

Bob and Joyce Thiessen along with Brian and Jolene lived in Lewiston where Bob worked for his brothers until becoming a partner in the Thiessen Ranch, January 1, 1974. They presently reside in Lewiston with Joyce working as a secretary at Jenifer Junior High School and Bob working at the farm in Tammany and helping his brother, Gene, at the Asotin ranch from time to time.

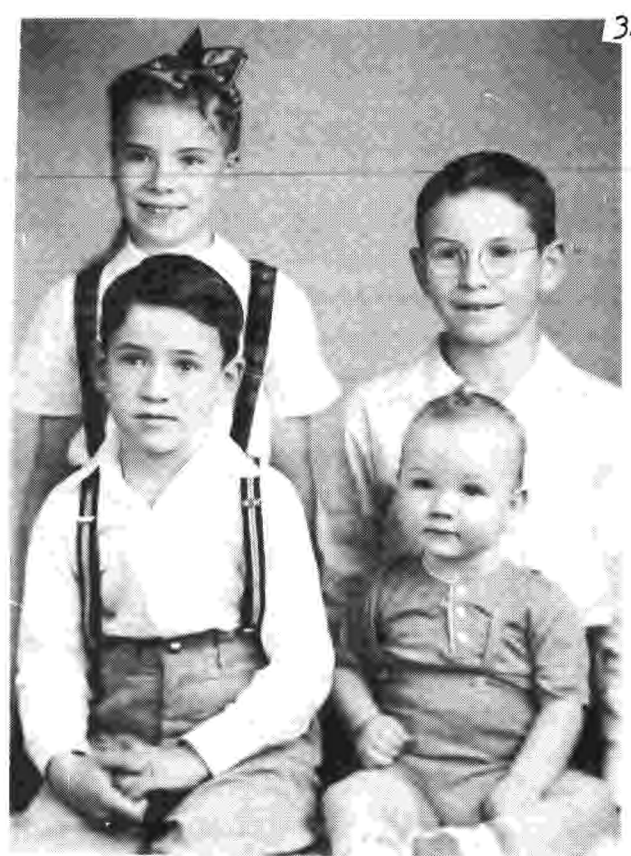


1936

Oscar and Melba Thiessen



Margaret Louise
Merle Ronald
1940



Margaret
Gene
Thiessen

Merle
Bob



Merle Ronald
1 year



Eugene Walter
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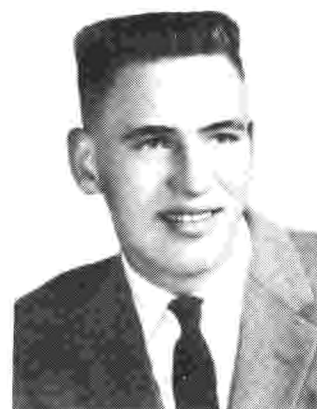
Margaret Louise
1 year



Merle Thiessen
1955



Margaret Thiessen
1957



Gene Thiessen
1959



Robert Thiessen
1965



Harvey Thiessen, Bob Thiessen, Jack Pinch, Rick Utter, Dawn Utter, Lisa Curfman, Louvette Utter Thiessen, Merle Thiessen, Bruce Utter, Gene Thiessen, Margaret Thiessen, Wayne Thiessen, Ken Fuller Dec. 21, 1962



Merle Thiessen
1959



Brian Thiessen-2



Margaret Thiessen
1961



Michael Scott, 10
1977



Andrew Todd, 7
1977



Karen Lyn, 2½
1977



Michael, Todd, Karen 1977



Michael, Peggy, Karen,
Wayne, Todd Thiessen
1976

MELINA CATHERINE THIESSEN HERRMANN was born May 31, 1908, in Lewiston, Idaho. She lived her childhood days in Tammany, went to the Tammany grade school, and to the Lewiston High School, graduating from there May 1928. John and Melina drove a Model T Ford to high school. Her folks delivered eggs and butter on Saturdays to people living in Lewiston. Sometimes the kids went along and their mother would take them to Clarkston to see Uncle Franz and Aunt Rena on the street car. The kids thought that was a thrill.

After graduating from high school, Melina went to Webb Ridge and cooked for her brothers where they farmed. She was there eight and a half years. On July 30, 1936, Melina married Frederick William Herrmann in Lewiston. They lived at Flat Iron, east of Waha, on a wheat farm and cattle ranch. Fred and his brother, Emil, worked it together. They sold the ranch in 1946 and bought an acreage of 95 acres on Cottonwood Creek, and built a house there in 1947. Fred passed away April 2, 1960. Emil and Melina lived on Cottonwood Creek until 1964, when they bought seven acres from Otto and Erma Thiessen on the Lewiston Orchards.

Since then Melina has been on several trips. In December 1971 she went to Hawaii. In July 1972 she went on the Inside Passage to Skagway, Alaska; from there to Whitehorse on a narrow gauge railway; bused to Fairbanks and Anchorage and flew home. In November 1973, she went by plane to the Orient, Australia, and New Zealand on a trip that took 29 days and she enjoyed a turkey dinner in Sidney, Australia, on Thanksgiving Day. In May, 1974, Melina flew to New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. In January, 1975, she took a cruise through the Caribbean, Panama Canal, and up the Mexican coast to Los Angeles. In October, 1975, she went to Disneyland and in July, 1976, she attended the Calgary Stampede.

JOHN H. THIESSEN was born August 3, 1910, in Lewiston, Idaho. He was the seventh child born to Gus and Mary Thiessen. His first ten grades were at the the Tammany School, but he was graduated from the Lewiston High School in 1929.

After graduation, he farmed with his five brothers and mother under the name of Thiessen Land Company. They farmed approximately 3000 acres in the Tammany and Webb Ridge areas.

On October 12, 1936, he married Mary Magdellena Dau, the daughter of John and Mary Dau. She was born September 11, 1911, at Lewiston, graduated from Lewiston High School and Northern Idaho College of Education. She taught school at Tammany for two years before marrying John. They had two boys, John Harold born September 16, 1937, and Wayne Lee born August 7, 1940.

In 1945, the Thiessen Land Company was dissolved and each of the boys went into business for himself. John purchased the John Dau and the Clara Madden places; he leased other lands so was farming 1060 acres.

On September 20, 1953, Mary Passed away from an extended illness of cancer.

On June 22, 1954, John married Helen Lenora Bohman Bowling, who graduated from the University of Idaho in Home Economics and was the Nez Perce County Home Demonstration Agent. She was born April 17, 1919, at Troy, Idaho, the daughter of the Axel Bohmans. Helen had a son, Robert Thomas Bowling, born on December 10, 1944, whom John adopted.

One weekend in the spring of 1956, John's oldest son, Harold, was home from the University of Idaho at Moscow with some fraternity brothers. While the boys were leaving the ranch to go out to shoot ground squirrels, Harold was accidentally shot and passed away shortly afterwards. This was on March 18 when he was eighteen.

Sadness struck the family again when on February 7, 1968, after several surgeries, Helen passed away from cancer.

On August 3, 1968, John married Marion Josephine Olson Bohman of Troy, Idaho, born February 12, 1918 at Wilmer, Minn. Marion had four children by a previous marriage to Bertil F. Bohman who passed away March 18, 1966.

John has been active in Grange, as a 4-H leader, on the Nez Perce County Fair Board, and in the Elks. He continues to manage his farm but leaves the active work to an assistant who resides in the Dau home buildings. John and Marion now have a nice home on 25th Avenue in Lewiston. They both enjoy playing golf and traveling. In 1976 they traveled extensively through Europe by rail.

JOHN HAROLD THIESSEN was the first son born September 16, 1937, to John and Mary Thiessen at Lewiston. He attended Tammany School and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1955. He was active in 4-H and played the saxophone in school and for a dance band. Harold was enrolled in his freshman year at the University of Idaho when he was accidentally shot in the driveway at home while going squirrel hunting with college fraternity brothers on March 18, 1956.

WAYNE LEE THIESSEN was the second son born August 7, 1940, to John and Mary Thiessen at Lewiston. Wayne attended Tammany Grade School and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1958. He was active in 4-H work and played a trumpet during school years. Wayne received a B.S. in Agriculture in 1962 and a M.S. in Soils in 1964 from the University of Idaho.

Wayne worked for International Mineral and Chemical Corp. in Illinois in the research dept. from 1965 to 1967. They then returned to Idaho and he worked for the Idaho State Extension Service as the Extension Soils Specialist for the southern half of the state living at Boise and Twin Falls. Wayne started working for Ore-Ida in 1973 and moved to Ontario, Ore. He was general manager of agricultural research there but has been promoted to general manager of agriculture based at the company headquarters in Boise and is presently living at 6138 Winstead Place, Boise 83704.

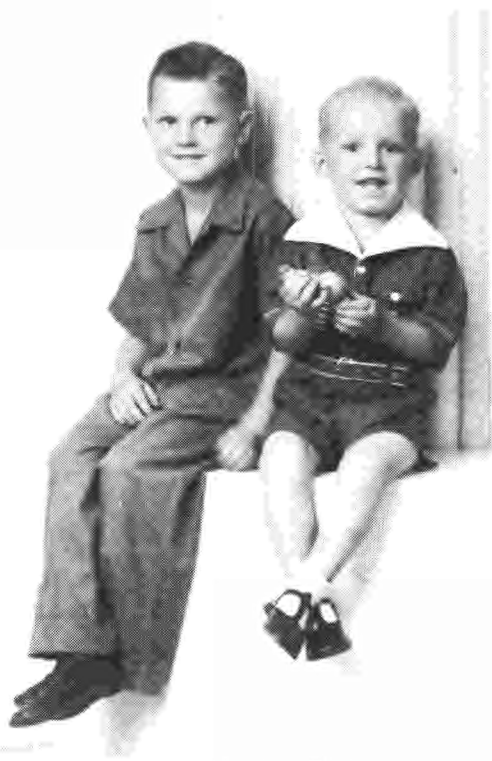
He married Peggy Joanne Roper on June 15, 1963, at the Methodist Church in Nampa, Idaho. Wayne and Peggy both joined the Methodist Church in the fall of 1963. They have two sons, Michael Scott Thiessen born on November 11, 1966, at Libertyville, Ill. and Andrew Todd Thiessen born January 26, 1970, at Boise, Idaho, and one daughter, Karen Lyn Thiessen born Sept. 20, 1974, at Boise, Idaho.

ROBERT THOMAS BOWLING THIESSEN was born Dec. 10, 1944, to Robert and Helen Bowling. He was adopted by John Thiessen after his marriage to Helen in 1954. Bob attended school at Lewiston and Tammany and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1962 and served as senior class president. He was active in 4-H while growing up.

Bob graduated from the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho, in June of 1966 in business. He attended Law School at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and then practiced law in Los Angeles for several years.

Bob married Karen Adora McCaughey on April 8, 1971. They have one son, Brian Robert Thiessen born Aug. 20, 1975, at San Diego, Calif., and are expecting a child in Sept. 1977.

Bob and Karen are now living in San Diego, Calif., where he is in partnership with another attorney, Robert Carlson.



Harold and Wayne Thiessen



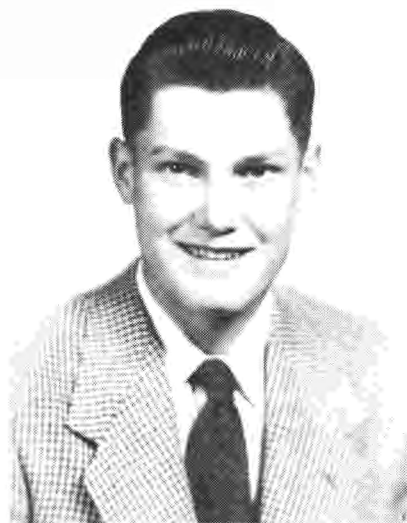
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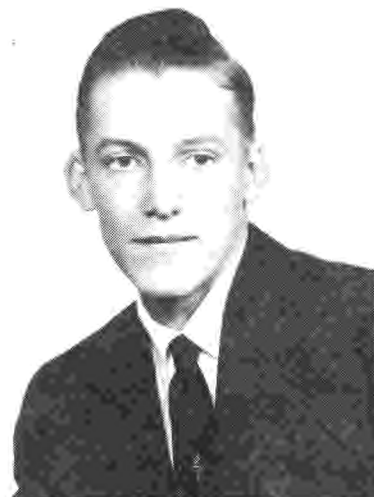
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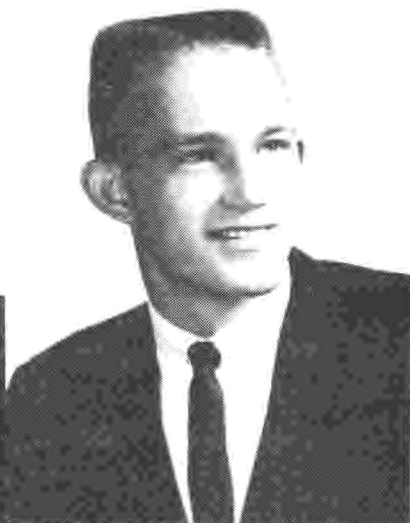
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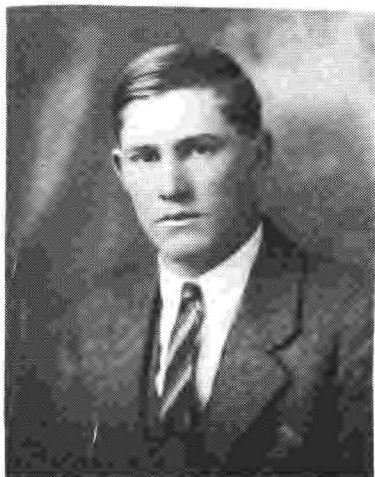
Harold Thiessen 1955



Wayne Thiessen 1958



Robert Thiessen 1962



John Thiessen



John and Marion Thiessen
Amelia Oddson 1977

AUGUST D. THIESSEN (Dick) was born to Gus D. and Mary Thiessen on their ranch in Tammany, Feb. 19, 1913. He attended the Tammany School for grades 1 through 10 and Lewiston High School for grades 11 and 12. His father died when he was 16. He worked at the Tammany Ranch and Webb Ridge Ranch after high school and lived at home with his mother. The Webb Ridge Ranch was rented in 1926 and bought by the Thiessen Land Co. in 1929.

Dick was married to Edna Iva Moxley on November 4, 1937, at Clarkston, Wash. and they lived at the Tammany ranch with his mother until she died October 1, 1941.

Dick and Oscar farmed in partnership after the Thiessen Land Co. was dissolved in 1945 until 1954. Dick has farmed the home place and some land rented from the Clark estate since. He bought the Black Pine place in 1954 and sold it in 1964. Dick and Edna built a new home on the Tammany ranch in the fall of 1954 moving in on Christmas Eve. They also bought 640 acres of cattle pasture off the Ten Mile Canyon called "Pigeon Roost" from Guy Lamb in 1960 and sold it in 1971.

Dick leased a cattle ranch at Kamiah, Idaho, on Lawyer's Canyon in April of 1966 from Tommy Robinson and bought it in 1971. Harvey has lived there since 1966.

Dick and Oscar raised Registered Polled Hereford cattle starting in 1945 and Dick continued with them until he phased the registered cattle into the commercial herd at the Kamiah ranch.

Dick and Edna moved to Nezperce in June 1973 and to Kamiah in November 1973. They bought 12 acres to live on and put a mobile home on it. The move from Lewiston was necessary for Edna's health. They have just bought 6 acres and a house 2 miles from Kamiah. There are fruit trees, berries and a garden to keep them busy.

Dick and Edna have 1 daughter and 1 son, both born at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lewiston, Idaho; Betty June born on June 19, 1941, and Harvey Dean born on Feb. 20, 1944.

Dick has been a long time member of the Tammany and Lapwai Grange, holding various offices, the Lewiston Elks and Lewiston Grain Growers. He has served on the Grange Store Board of Directors, the ASC County Board, and been a Nez Perce County Cattlemen director and president.

EDNA IVA MOXLEY THIESSEN was born to Thornton G. and Iva Taylor Moxley on June 5, 1917 at Culdesac, Idaho. She lived at Clarkston, Pomeroy, Walla Walla and Uniontown before moving to the 21 Ranch near Waha, Idaho, in 1925. She attended school at Hall School at Uniontown, Redbird School at Waha and graduated from Lewiston High School in 1935. Her mother died at the 21 Ranch when Edna was 16.

Edna lived in Clarkston and clerked at Sapp's Grocery Store on Main Street in Lewiston until her marriage to August D. Thiessen on Nov. 4, 1937.

BETTY JUNE THIESSEN MELOY was born June 19, 1941, at Lewiston, Idaho, to August and Edna Thiessen. She was raised on the ranch at Tammany and attended Tammany Elementary School, Lewiston Junior High School and Lewiston Senior High School graduating in 1959. Betty was a 4-H member for 10 years winning prizes in homemaking and beef projects and a trip to National 4-H Convention in Chicago in 1959 in achievement. She attended the University of Idaho from 1959 through 1963 graduating with a B.S. in Home Economics.

Betty married N. Douglas Meloy on Sept. 1, 1962 at the Lewiston Orchards Methodist Church. She worked as a dietitian at Gritman Memorial Hospital from April through August 1963; taught at Deary High School, 1963-64, Asotin High School, 1964-67 and Culdesac High School, 1967-68, 1974-77. Doug attended Lewis-Clark Normal School from 1964 to 1968 graduating with a B.S. in Education. They moved to Dallas, Ore., where Doug taught school for five years while Betty attended Oregon State University and received a M.S. in Clothing, Textiles, and Related Arts. Betty and Doug moved to the Tammany ranch in 1973 and Doug is farming for his father-in-law, Dick Thiessen.

Betty and Doug have two children, Michelle Dee born in Salem, Oregon, on June 18, 1969, and Michael Douglas born in San Jose, Calif. on May 19, 1972, and adopted in May, 1975.

HARVEY DEAN THIESSEN was born Feb. 20, 1944, at Lewiston, Idaho to August and Edna Thiessen. He was raised on the ranch at Tammany and attended Tammany Elementary School, Lewiston Junior High School, and Lewiston Senior High School graduating in 1962. He was active in 4-H for about 8 years. Harvey attended North Idaho Junior College at Coeur d'Alene the fall term of 1962 and Lewis-Clark Normal School for about two semesters. He joined the Air Force National Guard in March 1965 and had Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas, and some schooling in Denver, Colo.

Harvey moved to the cattle ranch at Kamiah, Idaho, in January of 1966. He married Dianna Lynn Sullivan at the St. Stanislaus Catholic Church on April 20, 1968. Harvey and Dianna have two children, Rebecca Lynn born in Lewiston on Dec. 13, 1970, and Chad Alan born in Lewiston on Sept. 30, 1973. Harvey and Dianna bought a furniture store in Kamiah in September of 1975 and sold the store to Harvey's uncle, John Moxley, in January 1977. They were divorced on April 25, 1977. Harvey and Chad are living at the ranch in Kamiah.



August & Edna Thiessen



Betty June Thiessen
6 months



Harvey and Betty Thiessen



August and Edna Thiessen
25th Wedding Anniversary



Betty June Thiessen
1 year



Harvey Dean Thiessen
1 year



Chad, Dianna, Rebecca and Harvey
Thiessen 1976



Betty, Michael, Doug and Michelle
Meloy 1977

GEORGE FREDERICK WASEM was born May 11, 1873, in Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. He came west with his parents by immigrant train in 1891 to Uniontown, Washington. The following year the Wasem family moved to Denver, Idaho, near Grangeville, but Fred, as he was called, went to Lewiston to work for John P. Vollmer. There he met Anna Maria Geiger, who was also employed by the Vollmers. They were married in 1898. Anna Geiger was born in Stuttgart, Germany, September 16, 1876, and came to America with her family when she was 12 years old. They settled on a farm in Deerfield, Michigan. At age 16, she went to Denver, Colorado, as a companion to a wealthy German lady; then on to San Francisco and later to Spokane with Senator Heyburn and his wife. While in Spokane, she proved up on a homestead at Rosetta, Idaho, which became the nucleus of the Wasem Ranch there.

Fred and Anna had one son, Weldon Bernard Wasem, born June 11, 1899. They ran a general store and Post Office at Rosetta, as well as managing their farm. Across the road from the farm was the Rosetta School House. The school teacher always stayed with them as the location was convenient and the cooking was excellent. They bought several farms that adjoined theirs so the work was heavy.

In 1915 they retired renting the farm to Ralph McCracken, and they moved to Clarkston, Washington, so that Weldon could attend high school since the Rosetta School included only eight grades. They bought the house at 702 Riverview Boulevard, which was their home until they died.

WELDON BERNARD WASEM graduated from Clarkston High School in 1918. After a brief time in the Army, he enrolled in the School of Pharmacy and Business Administration at the University of Washington in Seattle, receiving his Pharmacy license. Throughout his school years he worked in drugstores, first as a delivery boy for McMillan's Pharmacy in Clarkston during high school and later for drug stores in Seattle near the University, while he was attending school there.

In 1924 he married Laura Dustan, daughter of a pioneer family in Clarkston, and also a graduate of the University of Washington. Laura taught English and junior high school one year along with piano lessons. She has continued her piano teaching and music interests up to the present time. The couple had two children, a son, Clifford, and a daughter, Janet.

In 1925 Weldon bought the Clarkston Drug Co. For nine years he also owned a drug store in Lewiston, but sold out to Payless Drug Co. He then opened an appliance and camera store in Lewiston but sold it in 1949 and returned to Clarkston buying back the Clarkston Drug Store. His son, Clifford, a graduate Pharmacist from Washington State College, joined him in Wasem's Drug Co. The store was enlarged and a new building erected on 6th and Elm. The new store included a coffee shop and outstanding camera and gift departments. Weldon combined other businesses along with Pharmacy. In the late 1940s he acquired a furniture and hardware store in Clarkston. In 1952 he sold the hardware, but kept the furniture store. His son-in-law, Roy Burke, joined him in Wasem's furniture. They added Burger Mace Furniture in Lewiston; later Wasem's Furniture became Surplus Furniture. For 21 years Weldon was a director of First Federal Savings and Loan in Lewiston and since 1940 he has managed the Wasem Farm at Rosetta.

Weldon's community activities included: Boy Scouts, tennis courts, Baseball Park which is now Adams Field; Chamber of Commerce Director and President, member of

service clubs, and one of the first members of the Clarkston Golf Club; Chairman of the Clarkston School Board for eleven years; one of the first supporters of the Tri-State Memorial Hospital, helping with a then sizable donation. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Masonic Lodge and Calam Shrine and other organizations.

Weldon and Laura live at 710 Riverview in the home they built in 1940. Since semi-retirement, they have spent much of their time traveling and photographing beauty spots around the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska, but only two nearby foreign countries, Canada and Islands in the Caribbean. His present hobby is restoring and upgrading the old Wasem farm home at Rosetta, where he and Laura spend much time in the summer. His biggest interest, however, remains in the drug store where he still works a 40 hour week and enjoys seeing his many friends and visiting about the topics of the day.

CLIFFORD WELDON WASEM and his wife Dorothy and their 4 children live only a half block away from Weldon and Laura. Cliff is engrossed in his business and community affairs, and is in demand as a photographer. Dorothy attended Whitworth College in Spokane and graduated from Lewis-Clark State College with a teaching degree. She is an avid gardener, loves her yard above the river, and is active in church work and other community activities. The family enjoys boating, water skiing and snow skiing, reading and they all love music.

JANET LAURA WASEM BURKE and her husband, Roy, and their 3 children live on Clarkston Heights where they have room for horses and a huge garden. Janet devoted many leaders to youth work: church school, Campfire Girls, Job Daughters and 4-H Leader. Roy and his son share hunting and fishing. The girls like horseback riding and music. The whole family enjoys golf, swimming, tennis, in fact all athletics, and they keep up their interest in Washington State University where Janet graduated in Home Economics and Roy in Hotel Administration.

Weldon and Laura have been indeed fortunate to have both their children and their families living in the valley, adding zest to every day of their lives.

HERMAN CHRISTIAN WASEM was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, on Sept. 20, 1874. He came west with his family in 1890 settling first at Uniontown and then moving to Denver on the Camas Prairie. He never married. Herman was homesteading land near Greencreek when he died. Franz Wassem finished filing on the homestead and paying the land off.



Fred Wasem



Weldon Wasem



Anna, Weldon and Fred Wasem



At Fred Wasem's Farm: Top standing-Fred Wasem, Emil Geiger, Theodore Wasem, Clarence Butler. Bottom-Anna (Geiger) Wasem, Weldon Wasem, Eva Geiger, Ernst Butler, Carrie Butler holding baby Pauline Butler. In rocker, Elsie Butler Curry.



Weldon & Laura Wasem
July 21, 1974
50th Wedding Anniversary



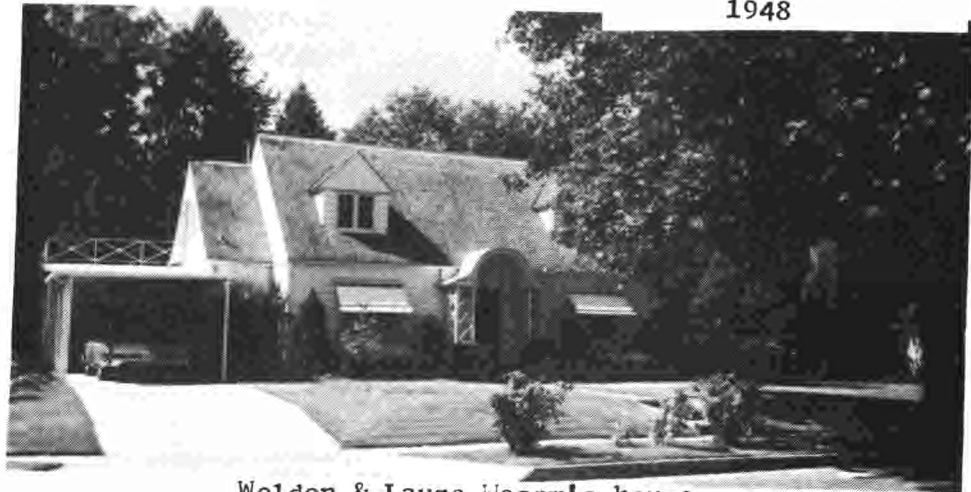
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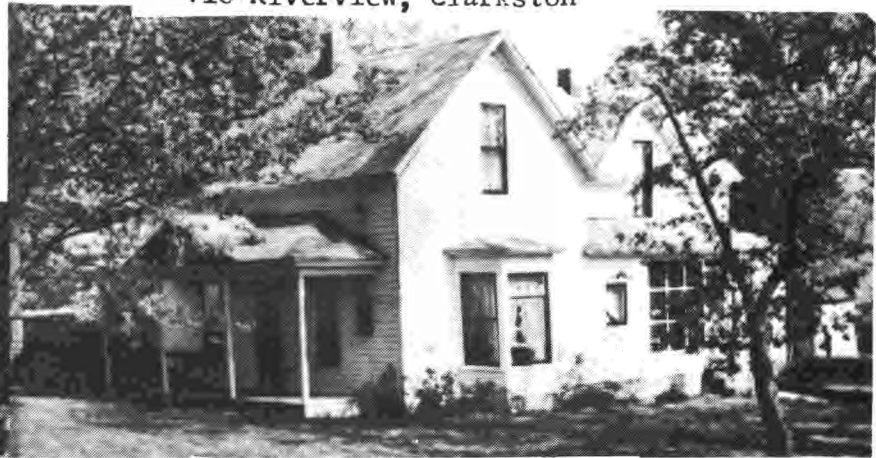
Anna (Geiger) Wasem
1948



Laura Burke
age 19



Weldon & Laura Wasem's house:
710 Riverview, Clarkston



Weldon Wasem's Farm House
at Rosetta Taken 1977



Weldon Wasem's Drug Store
1925 - Clarkston



Wasem's Drugs 1977



Jon Wasem
Age 17



Laura & Weldon Wasem family - L. to R. Katie Wasem, Dorothy & Cliff Wasem, Janet (Wasem) & Roy Burke, Laura Burke, Rick Wasem, Anne (Wasem) Ogard, Jeffrey Ogard Seated: Laura & Weldon Wasem



James Weldon Burke
Age 13



Laura (Burke) & Tom Kornelis
Sept. 24, 1977



Anne (Wasem) & Jeff Ogard
Aug. 9, 1974



Weldon & Cliff Wasem's Drug Store

Wasem's Drugs 1977-Clarkston

ELIZABETH WASEM THIESSEN was born April 3, 1876, at Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. She came west with her parents by railway express car from Iowa to Uniontown, Washington. The Wasem family lived near Uniontown only a short time. From there they moved to the Camas Prairie, to the Fenn and Denver areas, which was northwest of Grangeville, Idaho.

Elizabeth married Henry Thiessen on December 2, 1902, in Lewiston, Idaho. Elizabeth's sister, Mary, was married to Henry's brother, Gus, in 1894. Henry and Elizabeth moved to the Fountain Ranch in 1903 when his brother, Gus's family moved to Tammany, a wheat growing area ten miles south of Lewiston. Up until now, the "home" on the Fountain Ranch was an old log cabin, built many years earlier. About 1909, Henry and "Lizzie" built a beautiful new ranch home and continued the wheat growing operations. On November 17, 1910, Henry, Elizabeth and Amelia, who was three, left on a five month trip on the S.S. Amerika for Germany to visit his family in and near Neumuenster. (Had the unsinkable Titanic been completed, they would have been on its maiden voyage, on which trip it hit an iceberg and sank on April 15, 1912.)

In 1914, Henry and his family moved to Sweetwater, Idaho, on to the 800-acre Craig Donation Claim which was seventeen miles east of Lewiston, on State Highway #95. He soon purchased several top quality registered Hereford heifers from a well-known Hereford breeder near Kansas City, Missouri. These became the foundation stock for his famous and well-known "Henry Thiessen Registered Herefords."

Henry and Elizabeth had four children all born while they lived at the Fountain Place: Lester Ricklef, born Aug. 2, 1905 and died Oct. 22, 1908; Amelia Wilhelmina, born Aug. 21, 1907; Henry Jr., born Aug. 4, 1909 and died Dec. 30, 1930; and Alana Pauline, born June 10, 1912. After losing their second son and with Henry's failing health, on March 28, 1936, the famous herd of Herefords was dispersed. Henry and Elizabeth then moved to Lewiston where they lived until their deaths. She passed away on June 17, 1950, and he on June 28, 1951.

LESTER RICKLEF THIESSEN was born in 1905 and in 1908 at the age of three, he died of spinal meningitis.

AMELIA WILHELMINA THIESSEN ODDSON was born August 21, 1907, while her parents lived on the Fountain ranch. Being so far from a school, for her first year she stayed with her Uncle Fred Wasem (her mother's brother) and Aunt Anna (nee Geiger). After her family moved to Sweetwater about 1914, Amelia attended the Bundy School, a one-room rural school one mile east of their ranch. From then on she attended the Clarkston, Washington, grade school and the Lapwai, Idaho, high school.

She married Chester B. Oddson of Craigmont, Idaho, on October 11, 1930 at Lewiston. This was during America's big depression. He worked for the Potlatch Lumber Company for sixteen years. They lived most of this time at 1218 - 15th Avenue in Lewiston. Then in the fall of 1943, they moved to Sprague, Washington, where they helped Alana and Max operate their cattle ranch one and a half miles west of Sprague.

After his retirement, they moved to 1122 East 32nd Street in Spokane, Wash., where Chester passed away May 18, 1971. Amelia still lives at this address.

"INCIDENTS I REMEMBER WHILE GROWING UP" by Amelia (Thiessen) Oddson

This is one of the things that I have been thinking about, back when I was three years old. I made a trip to Germany with my folks. They tell me that I was all over that big steamer. According to my mother, the barber shop seemed to be the place I would spend most of my time.

When I was 13 years old my mother made me bake two cakes to enter in the Lewiston Fair. I baked one chocolate and one white cake from scratch. Since we lived so far out of town, we sent the cakes to the Fair with a hired man that was just leaving for North Dakota. They were mistakenly entered into the 'Women's Division' instead of the 'Youth Division', but I received the First and Second Prize!

I always helped my mother with the cooking and housework. It was no effort for me to bake a cake. She also taught me how to make home made bread. Every other day we had to bake 4 to 6 large loaves of bread for our hired men. They would eat bread like candy.

In my mother's day, babies were usually born in the home. Shortly before the baby was expected, they would have a mid-wife come to the home to live so she would be there when needed. My mother always hired Mrs. Conger, a lady that lived at the top of the Fountain Grade near Morrowtown. I was five years old and can remember when my sister, Alana, was born right at noon on June 10, 1912. Twelve years later when we three children were going to the Bundy School, Mrs. Conger lived in a small house near the school. She was always sitting out on her front porch in a rocking chair, smoking her old corn cob pipe, probably thinking "I brought those kids into this world!" Every morning and evening, she spoke to us.

My brother and I had to drive four miles to the Lapwai High School. I was on the girls softball team. Ready to go home one night in mid-winter, our old 1920 Chev car would not start. It had frozen up, so I started to walk on home. Was it cold! I almost froze, so I stopped at the Sweetwater store to get warmed up. I shall never forget that kind man, Mr. Frank McIntire, who drove me the other two miles to my home.

After my graduation from the Lapwai High School, I attended the Lewiston Business College for a short while, and then worked as a secretary. When I was 23, I married Chester B. Oddson who worked at the Potlatch Lumber Mill.

The lumber mill was very noisy, so Chester and I welcomed the opportunity to move to Sprague in 1943 to live and work on the cattle ranch of my sister and her husband. That was a good move; we were there for twenty-five years. After Chet had a slight stroke in 1970, we moved to Spokane where he passed away in May 1971.

One of my friends wanted me to put my name in at Gonzaga University as a domestic worker. As I had tried and did not care for some other kinds of work, I welcomed the opportunity to be assigned to Campion Hall. My work hours are short and benefits good. This is 1977 and I'm still working. Along with the twenty-seven other women, I like my work very much. I hope to be there for many more years.

HENRY THIESSEN, JR. was born Aug. 4, 1909, at the Fountain Ranch. He attended grade school at Bundy, and high school at Lapwai, Idaho. "Hiny" was a great help to his father in operating his registered Hereford Ranch. He passed away suddenly of pneumonia on December 28, 1930.

ALANA PAULINE THIESSEN HARDER was born June 10, 1912, at the Fountain ranch. Her grade schooling was at Bundy School. She was graduated from the Clarkston, Wash., High School in May, 1930. After going two years to the Lewiston State Normal School, she taught through May, 1935, at the Bundy school. After graduating from the University of Idaho, at Moscow, in June, 1937, she taught commercial subjects at the Grangeville, Idaho, High School for three years. She then taught nine months at Kinman's Business College in Spokane, until her marriage to Max S. Harder on February 15, 1941. Three of her summers were spent at summer schools at the University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont; the University of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, Calif.

"INCIDENTS I REMEMBER WHILE GROWING UP" by Alana (Thiessen) Harder

I was two years old when my parents moved from the Fountain place so I do not recall any thing from there except when we went back to visit the Whitmans who purchased the place from us.

However, on the Craig Donation Claim, or Sweetwater Ranch as it was called, was different. My next 22 years were spent here. There were about 800 acres in the farm, some hilly pasture, but mostly low meadow land and sub-irrigated from Lapwai Creek which ran through it for two miles. Besides the large barn, my father built two or three big hay sheds as he put up a lot of alfalfa hay.

He went to Kansas City and purchased some very fine purebred registered Hereford heifers for his foundation stock. He took great pride in his animals and wanted to grow them the best. He had a show string and showed them at many fairs and at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition at Portland, Oregon. This advertised his good quality of animals, so he seldom had any trouble selling his range bulls, and some females. His name and farm, "Henry Thiessen, Registered Herefords, Sweetwater, Idaho" became very well known in the Northwest. I remember a letter from California once came addressed "Henry Thiessen, Idaho" and it was delivered to us. One wall in our living room had four or five strings of ribbons, mostly blue or first prize that he had won during his twenty-two years in business.

After my brother, Henry Jr. suddenly died of pneumonia at 21 years, on Dec. 30, 1930, our farm was never the same. At this time my mother was very ill and doctoring for cancer of her breast. She soon had it completely removed by a very fine doctor from Colfax, Dr. F. A. Bryant. She was never bothered with that again.

I cannot recall the exact date, but our parents acquired a big beautiful home in Clarkston, on Riverview Boulevard just across from Uncle Fred and Aunt Anna. It was built about 1900 by a rich lumber man, R. C. Allen, who put the best of everything into its construction. Amelia and I can remember the many nice Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners we used to have. It was always interesting to watch the "paddle-wheeler" steamers come up the Snake River from Portland and tie up to the docks across from our house and unload their freight.

When we lived there, we children attended the Clarkston School; when it was necessary for us to be on the ranch, we went to Bundy. Sometime in the middle of

the 1920's, our dad remodeled and made four small, cute apartments. From that time on, Amelia and I lived there and worked hard to keep it clean, to stoke the big furnace all winter, keep the snow cleared, and to keep up the big yard, as the place took up three city lots. Apparently the electric wiring was not sufficiently heavy to carry the extra electrical load, as the house was destroyed by fire in 1929. So in my senior year in high school, I worked for my room and board, living with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sleeper.

In 1931 when I was 18, I lived at home and drove my Chevolet to the Lewiston Normal School. During these days just after the great depression of 1929, everyone had to save money where ever they could. Our family milked about ten milk cows. Each morning, after the 10-gallon cans of milk were completely cooled, they were loaded into the trunk of my Chev, and seventeen miles to Lewiston, I would drive on loosely gravelled road. After school, I picked up the empty cans and arrived home in time to help with the milking.

My first job (the first money I ever earned) was teaching at the Bundy school near our ranch for three years. I received \$90 per month for nine months, or \$810 for the year. I usually had five or more pupils. During these three years, I completed several correspondence courses from the University of Idaho. Therefore, it was only necessary for me to attend College for three semesters to earn my Bachelors degree. The semester I stayed home, I compiled the Sales Catalogue for my father's upcoming dispersion sale. In it I had to record a five-generation record of each animal to be sold. (Maybe that is where I got the idea of putting together this family album!)

Both my parents were born in 1876, so in 1936, when they were fifty years old they decided to sell out that famous herd of cattle, sell the ranch and move into Lewiston to live. In the spring of 1937 I received my Bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho at Moscow and accepted a teaching position at Grangeville, being in charge of the commercial department. My mother had originally come from that area, so they were happy to move up there with me while I taught there for three years. They enjoyed visiting with relatives and friends. We often drove the 80 miles to Lewiston for a weekend.

Next, in June 1940 I accepted a teaching position at Kinman's Business College in Spokane. I invited my parents one Sunday to come to Spokane, and drive 40 miles west to Sprague to visit some old friends of theirs, Jacob and Annine Harder. They were in the cattle business, and also came from Schleswig-Holstein in Germany. Lo and Behold! They had a son my age and on Feb. 15, 1941, Max and I were married.

For a few months we lived in an apartment in Sprague, but I spent most of my time out on the ranch, a little over a mile west of town, doing what I could to help his parents. They had moved to this Rothrock farm only four years earlier. Besides Max's parents, Jacob and Annine, he had a sister, Anne, who was four years older than me. We did a lot of things together and went on many trips together. Mother Harder never learned to drive a car and Jacob was now 77 years old, so I came in in handy as a chauffeur! After Jacob died on Nov. 6, 1943, Mother Harder and Anne moved to Ritzville to live; Max and I moved into the big house, and assumed our responsibility to manage and care for our share of the large cattle operation that Jake and Annine had built. Besides Anne, Max had two older brothers, Carl and John.

In 1943, Max and I formed a partnership with his brother, John and his wife, Ellen, Harder which we operated together for seventeen years. Between them, they

owned approximately sixty thousand acres of land and rented several sections from the state in Adams, Lincoln and Whitman counties.

In 1960, this partnership was dissolved and each family formed a family partnership with their own children, which have continued to this date. We call our partnership "Harder Livestock Co.". We also incorporated most of our land into "Harder Land Co.". As Rex and Virginia have become more involved in the operations, their ownership has increased.

Rex now does most of the management while Max and I take a little more time off and are not under the pressure of modern times. Virginia and Bob come frequently to help with anything that needs to be done. Since he has wheat only on his farm, they plan to spend much time training and providing more gentle saddle horses for the cattle roundups. Neighbors and friends from Spokane often join us for riding, roundup, and the usual big feed.

Now back to when I was growing up on the Sweetwater ranch; the main highway from Lewiston to Grangeville went about 500 feet in front of our house. Next to it, meandered the Lapwai Creek, and then a few feet further over were the tracks of the Camas Prairie Railroad, all running parallel to each other.

We children all went to grade school at Bundy, which was a one room, one teacher school and all eight grades. Usually there were 10 to 15 pupils and some walked two miles from Jacques Spur. We had a half mile to walk. The teacher always lived at our house because it was the largest and closest.

We had a telephone and a toilet in the house, but no electricity, no refrigeration, nor central heating. In the kitchen, we had a big wood and coal range (that heated our hotwater tank), and in the living room we had a wood and coal heater. In the cold winter days, it did not take long to get from one to the other. In the mornings, we would jump out of bed, tear down the stairs, and get behind the heater to dress! From the warm living room, we would dash through the cold dining room, to the warm kitchen to eat.

Our house was probably built about 1910 or earlier. It had on the ground floor, a large kitchen in which we ate most of the time, a small door lead to the dining room, sliding doors led to the living room; and another set of sliding doors led to the parlor--all these rooms in a straight line. There was also a large bedroom, a bathroom (the toilet was added later) and a good sized pantry. Upstairs were four bedrooms and a sleeping porch. There was a cellar under the kitchen part of the house. It had only a dirt floor. Three sides had heavy duty shelves which were nearly always filled with home grown and home canned fruits and vegetables. We also canned most of our meat. A large part of our canning was in half gallon jars. I remember that under the steps were usually two 50 gallon cider barrels, sometimes "fermented."

Every summer my father planted a large garden, probably 300 feet long by 150 feet wide. He planted everything imaginable in it. Every week or so, he would put me on old "Peaches" or "Cream" to guide her between the rows while he walked behind controlling the cultivator. Then came the hours and hours of weeding within each row! Then came the gathering, the preparation for canning, and then the canning. We used a big copper boiler, usually held about 12 quarts; covered the jars with water, then stoked the fire. Often one boiler followed another. It was always my job to carry all the jars down stairs. Amelia and Mother did most of the other work.

At the same time as canning, we had a lot of hay men to cook for, as well as our steady man, the herdsman, Henry Bechtold. To cure our hay before it was put into the hay sheds or barn, it had to be shocked or put into small piles and let set for several days. This usually took five or more men. When the hay was ready to be put into the shed, our six wagons would head up the road to the field. Each wagon had two nets laying across it; each net was in two parts which were carefully hooked together, so that later when the trip rope was jerked they would come apart and release the hay into the shed. The driver of each wagon would load it rounding full with several shocks of hay, bring it up to one end of the shed directly under a pulley that was hanging from a big beam on the roof. With my father's help, the driver would hook each end of the net into this pulley, climb over on the other half of the wagon, and my dad would call out "Go ahead." From the time I was eight to fifteen years old, I was the derrick driver. That meant that I was the one at the other end of the barn and cable, driving my two old faithful work horses, Peaches and Cream. As I started my horses, I would take up the slack in the cable. Soon the two parts of the net would come together and start rising to the top of the barn toward that big extended beam. Just as soon as the pulley got to the top, it hit the carriage which travelled along the track in the roof of the shed. I would keep driving and pulling the net load of hay until I heard "Trip it". My dad then would give the rope he had been holding onto a quick jerk. This separated the two parts of the net and the hay fell into the barn or shed just about where the stackers wanted it. I would then unhook the cable from my double-tree and my dad would pull the net back to the wagon. Most of the time I would ride the double trees back to my place of beginning. Needless to say, I became pretty dirty by night time. We did the same procedure for the second net in each wagon.

It did not always go as smooth as it sounds. Sometimes, the driver would not have the two parts of the net hooked together right. Then when I started up, the nets would just slip past the hay in the wagon and dangle in the air. He then had to pitch the hay over into the other empty net; the driver soon learned how to fasten them correctly. Sometimes the carriage at the top or end of the beam would take off before the net got up to it, then the net load of hay would drag against the side of the shed. I'm not sure how my dad repaired that.

Usually by fall all three of our hay sheds and our barn were full to the roof with hay.

My mother used to say to us "There is no excuse for not having your house broom clean." Therefore, another of my jobs was to keep the side walks and porches swept. There was always a lot of wood and coal to be hauled to the stoves. We children had to keep the fires going in the smoke house when we were curing our own hams and bacon. We used to have lots of company--cattle buyers and relatives. Mother always received a lot of compliments on her home canned meat. Amelia was Mother's big helper both with the cooking and house cleaning.

I was very young when the first radios came in, but I can remember the rectangular shaped wooden cabinet had three tuning dials. The speaker was a big horned shaped affair coming out of the top of the cabinet. It was powered by a battery. As two persons would try to bring in a station, squeals and more squeals would always come first. Then finally some music or words.

My mother had a big floor model R.C.A. Victrola. How I loved to play that! At first I had to always stand on a chair to change records. I especially liked to play it in the spring, when the doors and windows were open, and all the wild birds

would sing. My favorite music was bands and marches, especially those by Sousa. That old Victrola is now among our antiques.

Besides chickens we usually kept a flock of geese. I can remember holding the goose's neck between my knees, holding his legs with my left hand, and yanking all his 'goose down' from his stomach. We used these choice feathers to make pillows and feather beds. Now in 1977, these sell for \$44.00 a pound.

REXFORD HENRY HARDER, son of Max and Alana (Thiessen) Harder, was born Sept. 23, 1946, in Spokane, Washington. He attended Sprague Grade School and the first two years in high school. He then went two years and graduated from the Ritzville High School in May 1965. He lived at 403 South Palouse with his Grandmother Annine Harder, until she passed away March 25, 1964. He attended Yakima Junior College for two years, then entered Washington State University at Pullman, Washington, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics in Feb. of 1969.

Rex made two trips with his parents on Western Livestock Study Tours, usually 70 tour members. The first in 1962 was to Hawaii, Fiji, New Zealand, and Australia for six weeks, visiting cattle stations there. The second tour in 1964 went to Panama, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Venesuela, and Puerto Rico. In Argentina and Brazil they visited three of the famous KING ranches based in southern Texas.

While at the University he enrolled in the Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) program. His military training to become a helicopter pilot was at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Camp Walters in Texas; and Fort Rucker in Alabama. He spent one year as a helicopter pilot in the Delta area of Viet Nam.

He married Dianne Claire Blue on June 28, 1969, and they have two daughters: Danielle Christine and Lindsey Allen Harder.

TheⁿRex served in the American forces at New Ulm, Germany, with rank of Captain for one year. While there, he, Dianne and Danielle had many enjoyable side trips to several parts of Germany skiing and visiting relatives.

Jan. 9, 1973, they arrived home from Germany as he had received an honorable discharge from the Army so he could return home to help his parents operate their livestock ranch. It was about this time that the U.S. government sold wheat to Russia--wheat prices jumped way up; cattle prices dropped way down!

Rex has done a very good job in assisting his father during these very difficult times. Changes had to be made. They have put many more acres of land under wheel-line irrigation; now hopefully raising all the feed needed for the winter months.

Another big change has been from baling our hay to the making of many small stacks of one or three tons each. They purchased a Hesston and a John Deere stacker; also equipment to move the many stacks to the storage or feeding grounds.

We purchased a single engine Beachcraft plane which he frequently flys over the range to check the livestock, water supply, feed, and overall condition of the pasture.

He and his family moved into the Rothrock house in Dec. 1973, when his mother and father moved about 600 feet to the west in a house that Virginia had planned and built.

VIRGINIA ANN HARDER McKAY, daughter of Max and Alana (Thiessen) Harder, was born July 14, 1950, in Spokane, Washington. She attended grade school at Sprague and completed four years of high school at Ritzville. She attended Washington State University at Pullman for one and a half years leaving there in 1970.

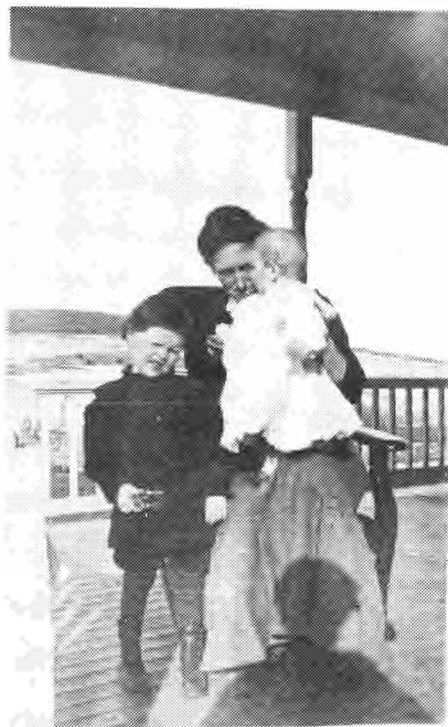
Then in Spokane she took a six-month course learning to operate a computer. Beginning in September, 1970, she worked for three years at the Spokane Computer Service Center. After leaving that position, she divided her time by helping to do special work for the computer company, working part time for an Interior Design Company, and when needed she helped on the ranch. She owns three small houses in Spokane which she rents.

On January 3, 1977, she was married to Robert U. McKay who owns and operates a wheat farm near Almira, Washington. Though they live about 70 miles northwest of Sprague, they often come to participate in the round-up, "work" the cattle, and feed in the winter.

During the year of 1973 she planned and built a thirteen room home about 600 feet west of the Rothrock house. Her parents rent this from her.



Elizabeth (Wasem) Thiessen



Elizabeth, Amelia & Lester
Taken on the front porch
at Fountain place 1908



Henry Thiessen



Elizabeth Thiessen



Henry Thiessen Jr.



Henry & Lizzie
Amelia & Lester



Henry, Jr. & Amelia



Amelia Thiessen



Alana Thiessen



Henry Thiessen's home (Backdoor view)



Elizabeth (Wasem) and Henry Thiessen 1945



Henry Thiessen's Farm buildings



Henry Thiessen



The Henry Thiessen family at Tammany
L to R: Alana, "Hiny" or Henry, Jr., Amelia
Henry and Elizabeth



Rex Harder 1964



Amelia W. (Thiessen) Oddson 1960



Chester B. Oddson 1960



Virginia Harder 1968



Putting up hay at Henry Thiessen's



Roundup on Harder Range 1941 (Pole corral)



Six wagons on way to hay field at Henry Thiessen's

The Henry Thiessen Family Homes

The Fountain Ranch home built by Henry Thiessen in 1909, to replace the log cabin in which they had been living. It was the over-night stop for the horse-drawn freight wagons between Lewiston and Grangeville.



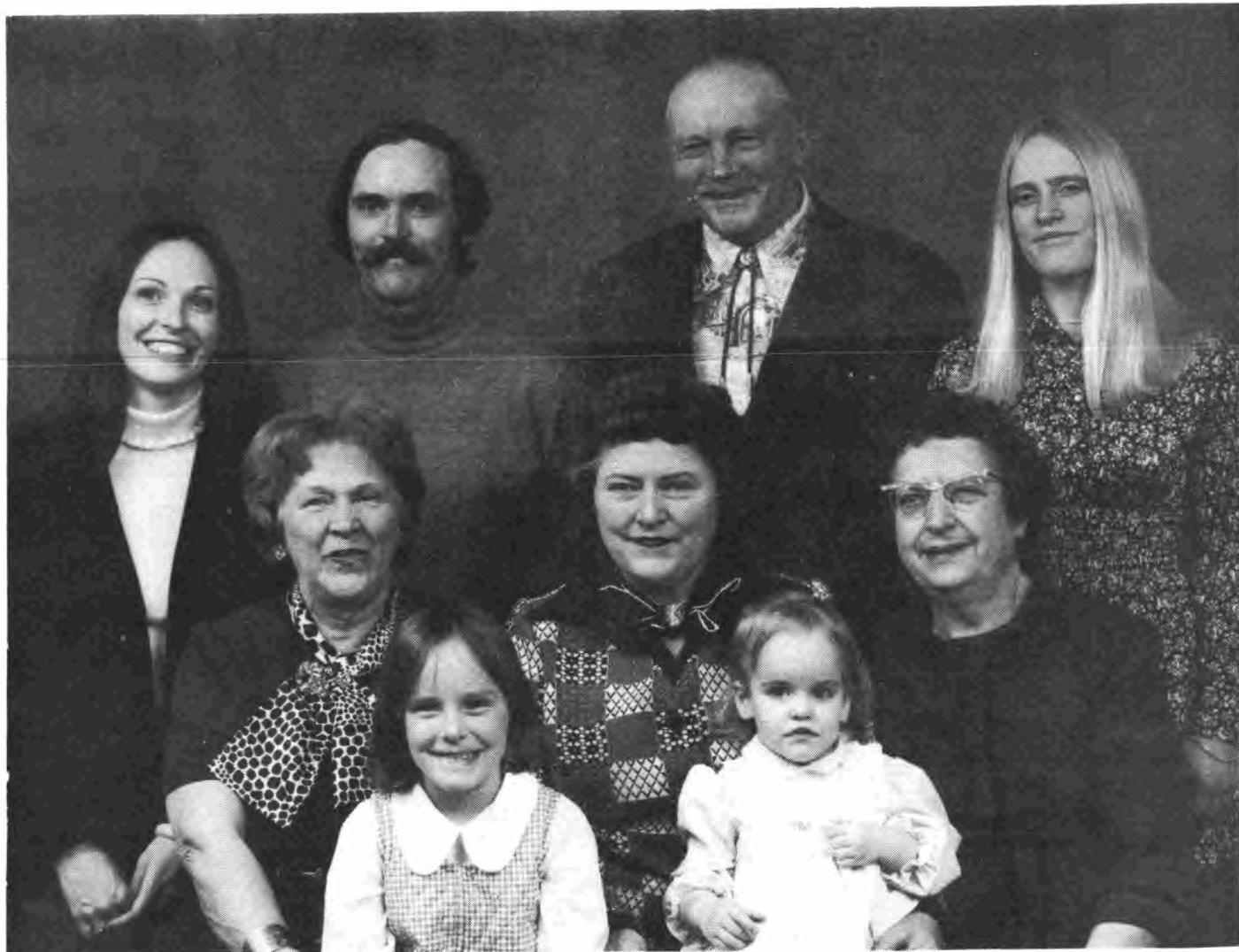
Henry Thiessen Registered "HENRY THIESSEN REGISTERED HEREFORDS" Farm 17 miles southeast of Lewiston on Hiway # 95. They lived here from 1914 to 1936

Our beautifully constructed four-story Clarkston home at 705 Boulevard, built in 1905 by Libby who was a wealthy lumberman. After having been remodeled into 5 apartments, it was destroyed by fire in 1929.



1935 looking east at the Thiessen Hereford Farm, Sweetwater, Idaho. Note new round roof barn. Also the Bundy School and accompanying horse barn in the right middle background.

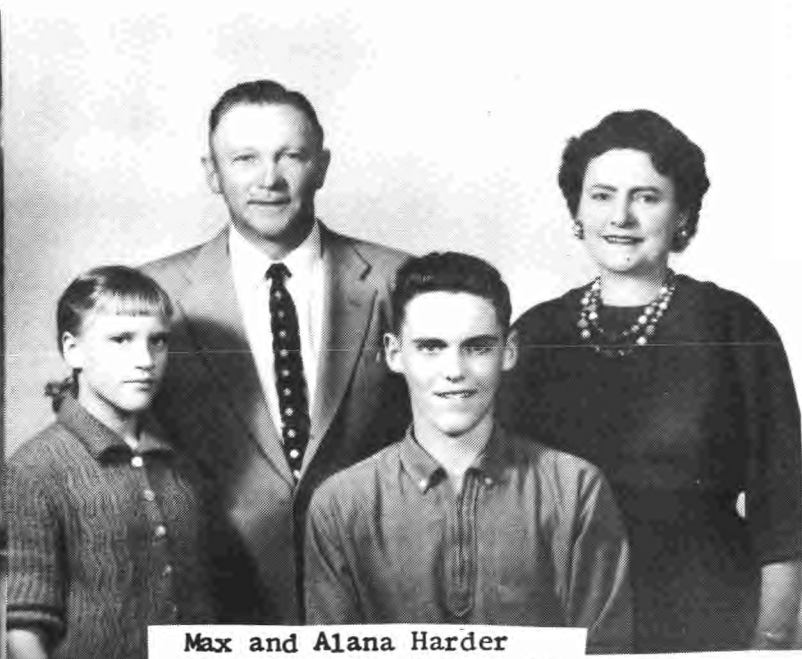




Back row: Dianne, Rex, Max & Virginia Harder
 Middle: Anne Harder McKenzie Wyatt, Alana
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 Front: Danielle, 6, & Lindsey, 2, Harder
 1976



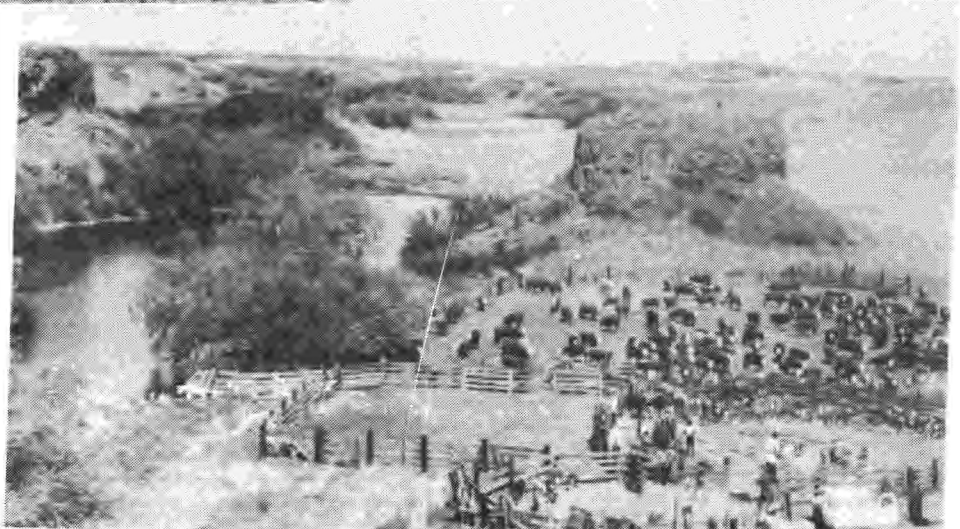
Robert & Virginia (Harder) McKay
 Naomi & Roy Walters 1977



Max and Alana Harder
 Virginia, 11, & Rex, 15
 1961



"Roundup" on Harder Range



Branding on Harder Range, by chute, and by "hand" or "roping."



Max and Alana Harder home from 1943 to 1973. Now Rex Harder home Sprague, Washington



Max and Alana Harder home Sprague, Washington 1977

JOSEPH FRANZ WASSEM was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa, January 1, 1878. He stayed in Iowa until 1890 when his parents came west with another family. Both families rented a box-car to Uniontown, Washington. They stayed there for a year and then moved to the Camas Prairie near Denver, Idaho. Franz has a farm of 360 acres but retired about 1915 and moved to Clarkston, Washington. He helped real estate men sell property for several years. Franz married Florence Rena Langdon of Mohler, Idaho, on July 30, 1916. They made their home at 1222 6th Street in Clarkston. Franz died March 17, 1942, and is buried at Vineland Cemetery in Clarkston.

Florence Rena Langdon was born July 11, 1886, in Fall River, Kansas. Her parents were Albert and Annette (Tarry) Langdon who came west in a covered wagon in 1890. They first settled at Cavandish, Idaho, and later at Mohler, Idaho. Albert got 180 acres of land with the opening of the Nezperce Reservation, where they lived until both of their deaths. The Tarrys came to the USA from England in 1822. Rena homesteaded in Southern Idaho for 5 years and later came to Lewiston, Idaho, and attended the Lewiston Normal School where she met Franz. They had 4 children. Rena died June 2, 1975, at Portland, Oregon and is buried at Vineland Cemetery in Clarkston, Washington.

CECIL EDWIN WASSEM attended Clarkston elementary and high schools and was a graduate of the Lewiston Business College. After graduating from the college he obtained a position as an accountant with the Oakesdale Grain Growers. In 1942 he married Irene Devin, daughter of Ira and Oleta (Hansen) Devin.

In 1955 after the death of Cecil (in 1953) Irene moved from Oakesdale, Washington, to Riverside, California, where Karen, Mary and Bob graduated from area high schools--Karen from Poly High School in 1961 and Mary and Bob from Rubidoux High School in 1964 and 1969. Irene now owns and operates a small business in Riverside.

KAREN LOUISE WASSEM VENABLE worked at part-time jobs during high school and after graduation attended Riverside City College. She went to work as a full-time employee of the Riverside County Personnel Department in January, 1962, and worked there until September, 1968. Karen met her husband, Leslie David Venable, when he fingerprinted her for the Personnel Department Job. (All employees of the county are fingerprinted as part of the employment process.) They were married June 16, 1964. Les is employed by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and has worked in almost all phases of local law enforcement during his more than 17 years as a peace officer. He now is assigned as a staff member to the Tri-County council on Criminal Justice.

Their daughter, Lydia Dianne, was born October 16, 1968, and is a student at the John Adams Elementary School. Her activities include scouting, tumbling, swimming, reading, and just generally being a girl. During Karen's time as a "housewife" she learned how to knit and developed an interest in chasing ancestors. She still does both when she finds the time, for in 1973 she returned to the "working world" on a part-time basis first for two orthodontists as a typist/bookkeeper and presently for some insurance agents doing secretarial work.

MARY ELLEN WASSEM DRURY finished high school and then she worked for the Sheriff's Department, the Coachella Police Department, the City of Palm Springs and now works for the Sunrise Corporation whose speciality is building planned country club communities. Mary and Fred Lee Drury were married March 9, 1973; Fred is a masonry contractor in Palm Desert. Mary attended the College of the Desert. She is "mother" to three dogs, three ducks and several cats.

ROBERT WARREN WASSEM attended Riverside City College for one semester and then made a commitment to the Army that lasted for 7 years. Part of his service time was spent in Germany and the last 2½ years in Virginia where he attended college classes at Manassas. He and the Army parted company in late 1976 and Bob returned home to California. He is now attending Riverside City and San Bernardino Valley Colleges working towards an Associate in Arts degree in photography. He is single.

ALICE MARY WASSEM VETUSKI was born Jan. 7, 1920, in Clarkston, Wash. She received her schooling at Clarkston, attended the Mounce Beauty College and held two state licenses. In 1943 on February 20 Alice married Mitchell Glen Vetuski (born Nov. 12, 1922) of Houston, Texas, in Spokane, Wash. He was serving in the Army-Air Force and made a career of it until his death on April 14, 1965. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. Mitchell served in Korea, France, and a 3 year tour in Ankara, Turkey, with his family. In their trip to Turkey, they traveled in Germany, Austria and Rome.

Mitch's parents and grandparents, the Vetuski, came to the USA in 1838 from Dresdaon, Germany, and one came from Warsaw, Poland. His mother's side were English and Irish and they came to the USA in 1750. Mitchell possessed numerous service medals, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. The family lived in many states: Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Washington but never in the eastern states. They had 5 children, 5 grandchildren, and 4 step-grandchildren.

RENA LUCILLE VETUSKI MONTGOMERY finished her schooling in Ankara, Turkey. She met Jernald Lee Robbins in Ankara and they were married March 2, 1964, in Reno, Nevada. They have two sons, Jernald Lee, Jr. and James Glen Robbins. They were divorced in 1969 in Springfield, Ohio.

Rena married Curtis Dee McLane of Globe, Arizona on May 9, 1970, in Yuma, Ariz. They were divorced in December 1970. Rena and her family lived in San Diego, Calif., where she worked with a landscaping company. Rena is a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Rena married Calvin Lee Montgomery on September 30, 1977, in Conroe, Texas. They live in the Houston, Texas, area.

MITCHELL GLEN VETUSKI, JR. finished his schooling in Houston, Texas. He entered the Army in 1966 and served 6 years. Jr. married Stephanie Lois Garrison on April 17, 1970. She was born May 19, 1949, in Houston, Texas. Both of them belong to the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Jr. entered college and he has three years in besides being a full time Houston Fireman. Jr. and Penny have three children: Glenna Michelle was born on Jan. 14, 1972, at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Molly Elizabeth was born on July 13, 1973, at Houston, Texas, and Micah Andrew was born on Nov. 5, 1976, at Houston, Texas.

MICHAEL LYNN VETUSKI finished his schooling in Tempe, Arizona. He attended the Lincoln Technical School of Diesel and Car Mechanics. Mike married Sandra Arlene DeBurger (born Sept. 17, 1946) on May 11, 1975, in Phoenix, Arizona. She has 4 children by other marriages. They don't have any children. Mike and family live in the Houston, Texas, area now.

MILLICENT HELAINE VETUSKI was born on May 24, 1960 in Chandler, Arizona. She went to school in Tempe, Ariz. but moved to Spring, Texas, and will graduate in 1978. She is engaged to be married June 1, 1978, to Eric Augustof Bergman III of Waverly, New York. (He was born Aug. 14, 1949)

ANNA FLORENCE WASSEM PICKENS was born Feb. 5, 1923, at Clarkston, Wash., and graduated from Clarkston High School. She worked for the Telephone Co. at Lewiston, Idaho and transferred to Portland, Ore. Florence and Jack R. Pickens were married on March 3, 1945, at Portland, Ore. Jack was raised in Seattle, Wash. and Tualatin, Ore., where he graduated from high school. He spent 6 years with the US Army of which 3½ years were in the South Pacific during World War II. For the past 31 years he has been employed by Stauffer Chemical Company. They have two children: Richard Lee Pickens and Deborah Ann Pickens.

RICHARD LEE PICKENS was born Feb. 23, 1946, at Lewiston, Idaho. He was raised at Portland and graduated from high school there. Dick spent 2 years in the US Army in Germany. He married Diana Dement on July 11, 1970, and they were divorced in January 1977. They had no children. Dick has worked 8 years for the State of Oregon and lives at Salem, Oregon.

DEBORAH ANN PICKENS CLARKE was born May 22, 1953 at Portland, Ore., graduated from high school there, and attended Oregon State University for 6 months. For the past 9 years she has been a Dental Assistant and Receptionist. Debbie married John McCormick Clarke on April 27, 1974 at Portland, Ore. He graduated from Portland State University. He works for U.S. National Bank as a Trust Officer and presently they are living at Eugene, Ore.

PAULINE WASSEM SHAHAN: As the youngest daughter of Franz and Rena Wassem, my childhood days were spent in Clarkston, Washington where I was born in the family home. Attended the public schools 1 through 12 years and graduating from Charles Francis Adams Hi. I was always a happy child and loved being involved with groups - especially singing in the choir and playing violin in the Orchestra, also active in the choir and youth groups at church. Summers, I spent working in the fruit. I attended Kinman Business University, Spokane and received a Master of Accounts Degree. While living in Spokane one Sunday afternoon in Natatorium Park, I met Glenn who was then a patient at Baxter General Hospital from being wounded in the South Pacific during World War II.

We were married in Lewiston, Idaho, October 26, 1946. He was the youngest of three children born to Will and Laura Shahan of Grays Harbor County, Washington. Will Conrad came from West Virginia and Laura Royal was reared in Grants Pass, Oregon. We then made our home in Spokane, while Glenn received his Master of Accounts Degree at Kinman Business University. Glenn prefers and enjoys doing General Contracting, such as storm windows, siding and now has his own business of building Steel Buildings. He also spent four summers in Egigik, Alaska as a Salmon Cannery carpenter.

While still living in Spokane, we were fortunate to have Paul Royal join us in 1956. He has since completed his schooling at Mt. Tahoma Hi, Tacoma, and now attends Pacific Care Center. He has participated over the years in the Special Olympics and been president of the adult group of the Handicaps here.

Pamela Kay was born December 20, 1956 in Spokane and in March of 1957 we moved to Tacoma to be closer to Glenn's work, which was mostly on the coast at that time, so he could also enjoy his young family. Pamela completed her twelve years in the public schools in Tacoma graduating from Lincoln Hi where she received a four-year scholarship in business. She attended two years at Ft. Steilacoom Community College and presently is in her senior year at the University of Puget Sound, majoring in Business Administration, specializing in Management and minoring in Psychology.

Linda Diane, born January 27, 1958 in Tacoma attended and graduated also from Lincoln Hi--following in her mother's steps, enjoyed music and was active in the choir. She is now attending Ft. Steilacoom Community College and will graduate this year. Plans on either attending the University of Puget Sound or Washington State University next year.

Both girls have been active in Camp Fire and Junior Achievement, receiving scholarships from J.A. Pamela is President of AESEC, a group of International Students who work in internships in foreign countries. She is planning to go on an internship after graduation in the summer of '78. Both girls were on the Tennis Team in Hi school and enjoy swimming and skiing.

While raising the family, I was active in PTA, Camp Fire, and Credit Union work. In 1969 Glenn and I had a serious auto accident which sort of slowed us down, leaving me immobilized for eight months, but back to the old self again now. Housekeeping is not my cup of tea, would rather sew, knit and read or work in the yard and like Grandma Langden work better at night. I just seem to shift into gear at 5:00 P.M. We have always enjoyed having our children with us and so our vacations were spent camping or traveling on the coast, clam digging & collecting drift wood. This year for our 31st Anniversary, we spent in Nassau, Bahamas, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Since we have no son or daughter-in-laws and can't brag on any grandchildren- this must be where our family tree ends temporarily.

November 9, 1977



Franz Wassem



Rena Wassem



Rena, Cecil, Alice, & Franz Wassem



Ted and Hazel Wasem



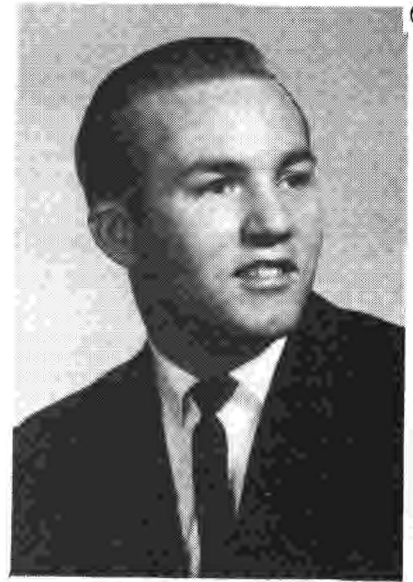
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John and Debbie Clarke



Jack, Deborah, & Florence (Wassem) Pickens



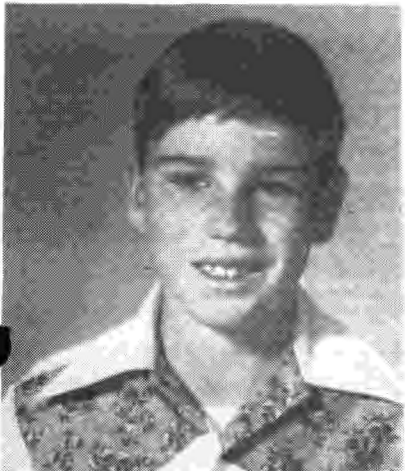
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Helaine Vetuski 1976



Rena & Jerry Robbins 1976



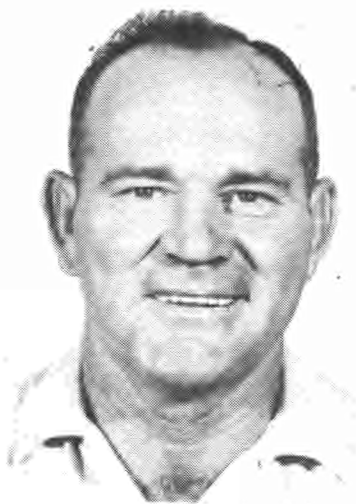
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L.to R: Mike Vetuski, Alice (Wasem) Vetuski, Rena McLane, Helaine & Mitchell Vetuski 1975



Mitchell Vetuski



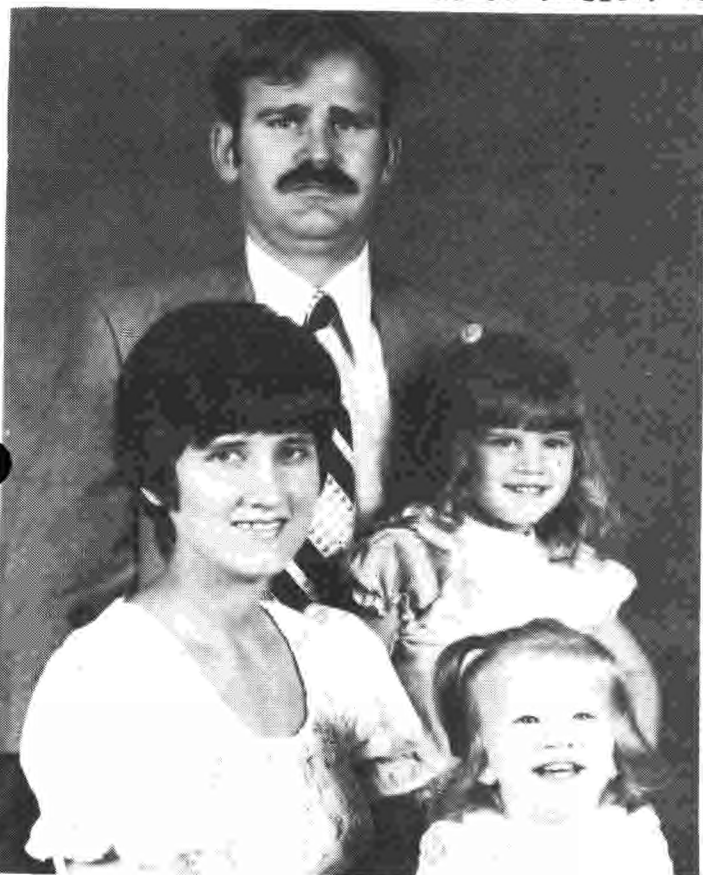
Alice (Wassem) Vetuski



Alice Wassem 1939



Cecil Wassem 1935



Mitchell, Jr. & Stephanie Vetuski
Glenna Michelle & Molly Elizabeth



Paul Shahan



Florence Wassem 1941



Pamela Shahan



Linda Shahan



Mike and Sandy Vetuski 1975



Glenn and Pauline Shahan



Paul, Pamela, Pauline
Linda & Glenn Shahan

GLENN FREDERICK WASEM was born on Nov. 24, 1920. He was married on June 18, 1950 to Bernetta Ludell Bolt. They have 4 children and live at Portland, Oregon.

Born at Cottonwood, Idaho my earliest recollections were of the farm Grandfather George Waseem had bought and moved to in the early 1980's. Located seven miles south-east of Cottonwood and about 13 miles northwest of Grangeville, it has been the family farm up to the present day (1977). My brother, Harold, and family still operate it. Located fairly near the center of Camas Prairie, ringed with Grangeville mountains and Cottonwood Butte on the south and west and Winona Buttes on the north it was, and is, a beautiful restful place removed from the rush of metropolitan life. Cottonwood Creek meanders through the northeast corner of the farm. I remember the days in the 20's when roads were plain dirt and mud when it rained. We used to go to the town of Denver (located about 3 miles southeast--toward Grangeville) in a buggy, splashing through the mud and rain. One time as we returned from Oregon in Dad's 1923 Willis Knight we couldn't make it quite home. Grandad Fortin loaned was a team of horses and hired man to pull us on up the hill to home.

In those days we used to have many family gatherings on holidays or birthdays. As kids we had a great time on these occasions. We usually ate so much of the good tasting food that we felt miserable all afternoon. Some of the special occasions brought us together at the Fortins' where the relatives on my Mother's side of the family gathered. Grandpa and Grandma Fortin had a big yard with many huge boxelder trees and many, many flowers in the front yard. My aunt Addie Fortin along with Doris and other children in the family kept up that big flower garden along with Grandma. The Chicanos, Chet Thompsons and family friends were part of these gatherings. About once a year we went to the valley near Sweetwater to the Henry Thiessens for a family get together with the Waseem side of the house. The Franz Wasems' from Clarkston would be there along with the many cousins and families of the Thiessens. These were big times in our lives. Another important occasion was the annual visit of Uncle Franz and family to the farm on Camas Prairie each year. Usually they stayed a week--these were our "city cousins" so we used to get a horse in to ride and do other "country things". Cousins Alice, Florence, and Pauline were about the only girls we played with as kids since our other cousins our age were all boys. It's hard to realize in these days of fast transportation, but we lived such an isolated life that contacts outside of the family and the kids at school were about all we knew or played with. A town like Grangeville was somewhat awesome to us and so big we were afraid of getting lost if we left Mom or Dad while there. Lewiston was the "big city" where we would go about once a year. That was truly a big event and the trip was uncomfortable because our ears plugged up from the altitude change and we would get car sick from all the turns in the road--but it was all worth it to see the "big city" and visit with the Franz Wasems in Clarkston. Sometimes we went over to the Fred Wasems too, where I especially remember Aunt Annas good home squeezed grape juice.

I never knew my Grandad and Grandmother Waseem since they were dead before I was born. They lie buried in the family plot at Denver Cemetery along with some of their children. My Dad said his Dad was a stern German who kept the kids in line very strictly. I remember Dad telling and laughing about one time Grandad decided to move the house (a one room shack where the 8 kids and Grandma and Grandpa lived) He brought the oxen around and hooked up to the house without even telling Grandma. She was greatly startled, to say the least, when the shack began to shake and move. No problem those days with unhooking the plumbing--that was another shack even easier to move. My Dad used to tell of harvest time a lot, when in his earlier days in Idaho he tended the Steam engine for a big threshing crew. Pete Bies had a

36" cylinder case thresher and steam engine. They travelled over the Prairie threshing for many farmers. Behind they left a big stack of sacked grain and a large straw pile or two. As a kid I remember playing on the sack piles and in the straw piles. I still remember the smell of the new burlap sacks and fresh grain.

Dad didn't tell a whole lot about his earlier life. He mentioned the move from Uniontown, Washington (the end of the rail line) when they moved from Eagle Grove, Iowa to Idaho. They walked and drove pigs and cattle the 90 miles or so with all their belongings in a wagon. He was a boy of nine years old. I remember Dad as a stern father much as he may have remembered his own dad, except that I was privileged to know him in his later years when I was grown with a family of my own. It was then I learned he was actually a very gentle kind of person in many ways. He helped all his boys (only three--Lloyd, I, and Harold) get a start in life and was always concerned about them but never interfered with their business. He loved his grandchildren. I never guessed how much my mother depended on him until he died in 1959.

So these are my recollections of family life as seen through my eyes and senses. No doubt others would see the same era and events differently. It is hard to believe life and times could change so much in only the 56 years of my span thus far. Our generation has seen more change probably than ten generations all put together would have seen in years past. We saw wars that were probably ten times as destructive, too. World War II came, I was drafted in 1942, served on a hospital train in England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. We saw such devastation of life and property. After two years of living overseas in the wake of the fighting I came home to what looked so peaceful with no destruction, and lights burning brightly. It was such a contrast I will always remember that first sight of America again after those two years. I pray that by God's grace we may never see another war like that one. I suppose if the world continues and given the selfish greed that rules humanity our children may well see another even more terrible; but we can still pray it won't happen.

HAROLD JOHN WASEM was born June 5, 1923, at the Wasem place at Fenn, Idaho. He rode horseback to Highland School, a country school, with Glen for 2 years. Then he attended Cottonwood School being driven by his parents until some of the older ones were old enough to drive. Bus service started in 1937 coming almost to the door to pick them up. Harold attended Grangeville High School his junior and senior years graduating in 1942. Following graduation he started to the University of Idaho.

Glen was on the farm helping and he was drafted into the service during the height of World War II so Harold came home to help with the farming. He was in 4-F for several years, but in 1946 the services lowered their requirements and he was drafted into the Army. Harold spent only 9 months in the Army and most of the time was spent in Seattle at Fort Lawton as a clerk-typist.

Harold and Glen went into farming together after they got out of the service for some 10 to 12 years. Since 1956 Harold has farmed the place the Wasem's came to in 1890 and also the Fortin place (from his mother's side) which joins this place.

Harold and Eldean Rupe were married Jan. 9, 1949, in Grangeville, Idaho. The winter of 1949 was probably the worst winter around Grangeville for many years.

Harold ran a D-6 bulldozer for a friend to help keep the roads open and Eldean continued to work as a secretary and cashier in the A and F Store in Grangeville during that winter. In the spring his folks bought a home in town and decided to retire. Eldean and Harold moved out to the ranch and have been there ever since. They have six children.

Since they moved onto the ranch and started operating it themselves, they have made many changes in the house which has modernized it. They also have done much landscaping around the house and are continuing to incorporate new ideas.

KEITH HAROLD WASEM graduated from Grangeville High School in 1968 and went to Denver, Colorado, for 2 years of drafting school. About that point it looked like he might be drafted into the service so he joined the Air Force. He spent 4 years in the Air Force and trained as a weather observer but they put him on computer operation and at one time he was a computer operator. When he got out of the service, he spent 2 more years there in civil service job. The last 2 years he has been a computer supervisor.

He married Julie Ann Moravec on July 23, 1977, at Ulysses, Nebraska. She is an extension home economist in Hamilton County, Nebraska. Keith is enrolled in the Univeristy of Nebraska at Lincoln in an agriculture-related program.

VAUGHN DEAN WASEM graduated from Grangeville High School and put in two years of college. Then he went into the Air Force as an enlisted man for two years. The service sent him back to college to get his degree and his commission. He received his commission and he also got married on the 28th of December, 1974, to Marcia Elizabeth Hart at Colfax, Washington. He and his wife were both in the service and stationed in St. Petersburg, Florida. He spent one year on active duty and was transferred to Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif. to study navigation. She resigned her commission and moved out to California with him. He has completed his navigation training and has his wings and now has gone into electronic warfare training.

LARRY LEE WASEM graduated with three degrees from the College of Idaho at Caldwell, Idaho. In the last semester of college he went to Washington, D.C. to get training by working in Representative Steve Symmes office as a staff assistant. Since graduation he has been working for Symmes as his Legislative Assistant.

Larry was married to Carolyn LaRae Bouvia at Washington, D.C. on January 15, 1977. She worked for the National Broadcasting Association in Washington, D.C. This fall Larry went back to school at Stanford University to get his Law degree.

SCOTT CRAIG WASEM spent the summer following his graduation from Grangeville High School on a harvest tour. They started harvesting in Oklahoma and worked through the middle west up into Montana where he left to come home. He worked for some of the local farmers that summer and winter and has since worked at a sawmill in Grangeville. He bought a mobile home and put it on the Fortin place that Harold farms and rents it out as an investment.

SHERYL KAY WASEM graduated from high school in 1977 and is enrolled at the University of Idaho. She has a scholarship in home economics but is interested in journalism and paralegal work also.

REED ALLEN WASEM is a junior in Grangeville High School this year. He is the class clown and keeps them entertained. He likes to play basketball, too.

MY MEMORIES ---- By Harold Wasem

"It was a pleasant spring day, June 5, 1923, to be exact, and I was down in the garden planting peas. A sudden sharp pain brought me straight up. I hung up my hoe, started for the house in preparation for the birth of our third child. We were hoping for a daughter, as we had two sons, but we were blessed with another boy, Harold John Wasem. He was named after his father." This is the story my Mother, Alta, has related to me many times.

I was born in the original house that my grandfather, George Wasem, built in 1899, near Denver, Idaho. We are still living in the remodelled house.

Many memories race through ones mind as you stop and reflect on the past. Our hard winters of snow and winds leave an etching of good days and bad days. The three mile horse back ride to the little country Highland school was hard on cold winter days. I'm sure it was much harder on my brother Glenn as I occupied the rumble seat of the saddle leaving him to face the full brunt of the storm. Our little one-room school house housed from 20 to 30 pupils, comprising all eight grades.

I'll never forget the day I left for school in such a rush I had forgotten to change into my school clothes from my chore clothes. I guess I would have been in style with the dress of today.

My fun days of yesterday involving winter consist of ice cutting from Tolo Lake. Dad and Uncle Willie Fortin would take their trucks and boys and head for the lake. What was a work day for the oldsters was a play day for the youngsters. As a large bonfire was being built, we boys hurriedly were putting on ice skates to spend the rest of the day skimming across the smooth ice. Using crosscut saws, large squares of ice would be cut from the frozen lake. Ice tongs were then hooked over the blocks and lifted onto the trucks and later stored on the farm in sawdust in the ice house. This was our source of ice for home made ice cream. It also was a wonderful source for cooling off on a hot summer day. I and my two cousins and constant companions, Vern and Louis Fortin found the ice house a wonderful retreat. We would stretch our bodies full length on the damp sawdust and spin tales by the hour. We still have some of the ice tongs that my father made.

We had a very hard winter in 1935. We were now attending school in Cottonwood. Drifting snow filled the roads making travel by car impossible. Dad took the front bob of a sled, equipped with side boards and a covering of canvas and hitched it to a team of horses. For two months neighbors could see us gliding across the snow covered roads. Dad stood on the back of the sled directing the horses, as we, (myself, brother Glenn, and the three Fortin cousins) snuggled down in the straw for warmth. I don't believe it was ever a chore for Dad as he was a devoted pinochle player and this gave him a good reason to spend the day in town playing cards until school was out and time for him to take us home.

Cottonwood is a distance of seven miles from our home. He was a wonderful and patient father. I'll never forget his kindness.

My memories of my Mother, Alta, was her watchful eye on her chickens and geese. It supplied our table with eggs and fowl. The remaining eggs were traded in the stores for groceries.

She raised a large garden, canning many jars from it for our winter use. She dried much of the corn, a treat I still remember.

Her hot rolls will always be remembered as my favorite. She was well known for her bread baking.

Life on the "OLD WASEM FARM" has been a wonderful life.

THE LIFE OF ALTA FORTIN WASEM
As told to Eldene Wasem

I was born, Alta Leona Fortin, March 14, 1894, in Coles Valley, Oregon, to Louis and Olive Fortin. My folks ranched in this area until I was fifteen years old.

Looking for better land was the decision to move to the Camas Prairie in north central Idaho. Two families traveled from the Oregon area, (Sherman, Olive, William and Alta Fortin; also my Aunt Leonora and Uncle Horace Chicane and five children.) Our total belongings were loaded into a box-car. One end of the car had all of our personal belongings, furniture, household supplies and machinery while the other end was occupied by horses, cattle, and our old dog, Nip. My brother, Willy, was given the honor of riding in the box car to care for the animals. It was October 1909 that we boarded a passenger train to start our lives in a new way of living. Our box car was the third immigrant car to cross over the high Lawyers Canyon railroad trestle. As the train pulled into Cottonwood, I can remember my Mother saying, "Where are the trees?" She had left a timbered area and moved to the Prairie, sight unseen.

We were met in Cottonwood by my Uncle Chester Thompson who had come to the Prairie and was settled with my father in our new home. Our task now was to unload our belongings and transfer them to the wagons. Since we had brought our own wagons and horses we used them, but we rented a hack and team from the livery stable in Cottonwood for the women to make the seven mile trip. To our surprise, as we topped over the last hill, we saw a lovely large white box house surrounded by many trees. It was a show place for miles around. The house no longer stands but the farm is still in the Fortin name.

Little did I know that my life was soon to have a new turn. Shortly after we were settled, callers came to welcome us to the community. They were the two bachelors, John and Franz Wasem, that lived on the farm north from us. John must have liked what he saw as he kept returning. About a year later, he ask my mother if he could take me to the Literary Society in Denver. She said yes if you won't let her dance. He loved calling for square dances, but he kept his promise to her.

I was courted in a buggy with Topsy and Blue as the team. I'll never forget the evening I returned home late. Removing my shoes I was quietly tip-toeing across the floor and was carefully opening the upstairs door when to my surprise, BANG! CRASH! BUMP! objects were flying everywhere. My anger mounted as I heard soft, muffled laughter coming from the locked bedroom door close by. My prankster uncle thought it would be a big joke to let the whole household know the hour I returned home. He filled a large metal dishpan full of metal objects, placed it on the landing of the stairway, secured a string to the handle, took it all the way down the stairs, and tied it to the door knob. With the opening of the door, everything came tumbling down. Needless to say, I did everything possible to retaliate. Since the bedroom door was securely locked, I had to wait my chance. My uncle was always a big show-off to his lady friends. A favorite trick was to reach into his rear pocket, remove his handkerchief, and snap it into the air before using it. Knowing he was dating a certain young lady that evening, I took my revenge. I removed his handkerchief and replaced it with a woman's long stocking. It produced the results I was looking for. A red faced Chet flipped the stocking out in front of his gall!

The Wasem-Fortin two year old romance blossomed with the Spring flowers. We were married May 12, 1912, in the lovely Fortin home. C.T. McDonald, the Christian minister from Grangeville performed the ceremony. After the wedding, Dad Fortin took us to Cottonwood by hack and we spent our first night there. The next morning we boarded the train for a two-week visit with relatives in Coles Valley, in the Oregon area. It was during this stay, John got poison oak on his hands and face. Poison oak was a new and unpleasant experience for him.

Our return trip now made me chief cook and bottle washer for the "not too tidy" bachelor quarters on the hill. Many changes had to be made. I guess Franz felt he was one of them, because a few months later he moved to Clarkston, Washington. Another change took place with the move. The horse team was owned jointly, so Franz took Blue. This left us in a hurry up fast situation to get another horse. With the purchase of Daisy, we now had transportation again.

Seventeen months later I gave birth to a son Lloyd Sherman. He was born in the Fortin house that we were married in. Dr. Wesley Orr of Cottonwood was the attending physician. Lloyd was the third child he delivered after opening practice in Cottonwood. He was one of the most respected family doctors in this area. He practiced here until the year of his death, August 5, 1969.

We now were coming up in the world. John purchased a new Model T Ford. It was in 1913 and very few people owned a car.

In 1920, John thought he was going to retire, so he rented the place out to Franz and Elsie Schlicker. We moved to Cottonwood, and it was here November 24, 1920, I gave birth to our second son, Glenn Fredrick. Dr. Orr again was the doctor.

A good friend, Eli Weber, sent word that he now lived in sunny California and that it was lovely there. John was still restless from retirement, so we loaded our belongings and moved to Lodi, California. Receiving word that our renters weren't doing the expected work on the farm, and John's restlessness of doing nothing, we moved back to the "Wasem Farm." We were now full fledged farmers again. Our restless days were over.

June 5, 1923, we had our third son, Harold John. Again Dr. Orr did the honors. Harold is the only child born on the original farm. He has spent his entire life there.

We had many joys and heartaches. We survived hail storms, grasshoppers, and the great depression. During our farming years we added another 40 acres of land. I remember the large threshing crews that went around doing custom cutting. A cook house on wheels with two women cooks, a crew of usually 15 to 20 men, and a roust-about. The roust-about was a chore boy. He drove a light wagon around getting supplies and doing chores for the cooks. The cook house was home for the women. The men tossed their bed rolls in the freshly made straw stacks.

Our main town was Denver until politics put the railroad on another route. The little town became Fenn. It killed the town of Denver. It was the Spring before I came to the Camas Prairie, that George and Sophia Wasem (father and mother to John) moved into Denver. When they retired, they left the farm to John and Franz to farm. George became ill with the flu and died at his Denver home on January 22, 1909. Sophia attended the funeral in the bitter cold and contracted pneumonia. One week later, February 1, 1909, she died. Both are buried in the Denver cemetery.

Our boys grew up on the farm. Lloyd married Wilma Rupe, June 12, 1938 in Lewiston, Idaho. Lloyd bought and farmed the farm below us for several years. It was here their three children were born; Arield, Denna Rae, and Wayne. Later they sold and moved to various places. They now live at Kamiah, Idaho.

Harold, our youngest son, married Eldene Rupe, a sister to Lloyd's wife, on January 9, 1949. It was at this time that John and I bought a home in Grangeville and really retired. Harold and Eldene have been on the home place ever since.

Glenn was not married yet so he moved to town with us but was still in the farming operation with Harold. He married Bernetta Bolt, June 18, 1950. She was a school teacher from Portland Oregon, and had come to the small community of Clearwater for her first teaching job.

Harold and Glenn rented more land and were farming together. In 1955, Glenn and Bernetta moved to Craigmont, then later on to Portland, Oregon, where they are still living.

Our retirement years were pleasant. We traveled over the United States with my brother and his wife, Willy and Addie Fortin. John was in seventh heaven. He could walk to town every day and play pinocle with the boys at the "Spot." In the summer of 1959, he became ill with heart problems, and died in our home in Grangeville, October 21, 1959. His remains were placed in the Grangeville cemetery.

I lived alone for ten years and then Louise Teeter came to live with me. She has become a very dear friend and a constant companion.

Life has been good to me. I have been blessed with three sons, three daughter-in-laws, twelve grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, and I'm sure more to come.

John and I were married for forty-seven years. He was a wonderful husband, a very understanding father and was well thought of in the community. He was always ready to help a neighbor.

(All of the original Wasem family have died. Alta Fortin Wasem is the only living spouse of the Wasem family.)



John and Alta Wasem
Wedding



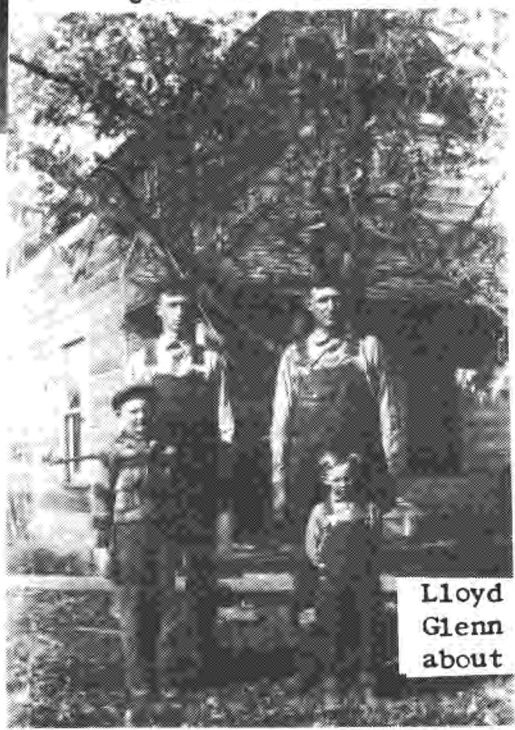
John and Alta Wasem



Glen Wasem 1939



Harold, Lloyd & Glenn



Lloyd & John
Glenn & Harold
about 1930



John Wasem



Alta (Fortin) Wasem in favorite pastime -
Tatting. Taken at her home in
Grangeville, Idaho, about 1960



John, Lloyd & Alta
about 1920



House on Farm near Denver, built by George and Sophia Wasem. Children: Doris Fortin and Lloyd Wasem



Clarence Thompson and H. John Wasem on Thompson Farm in Coles Valley, Oregon, ancestral home of Alta (Fortin) Wasem's Mother, Olive (Thompson) Fortin. (Typical pose of John - Taken about 1955)



Wasem home at Denver Farm



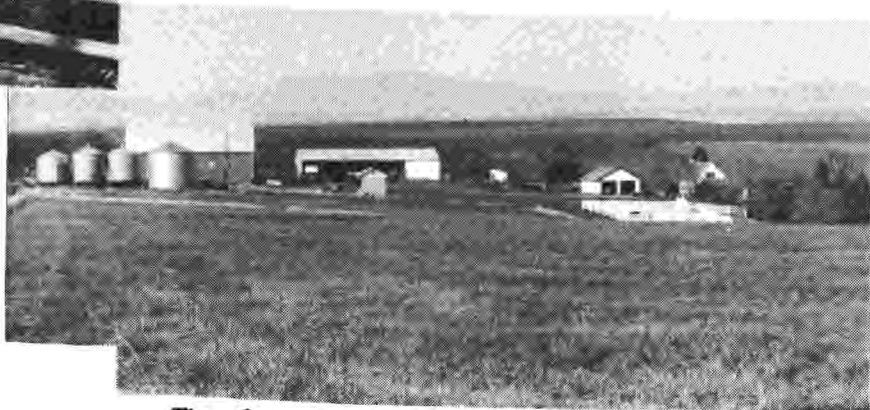
John Wasem on Combine, Lloyd (little boy) Farming on Denver farm.



Present entrance sign to the "old home place" where Harold's family now live. Sign made by Keith Wasem



The home of Harold and Eldene Wasem. The original portion built by his grandfather, George, is on the left side.



The farm Wasems bought in 1890. Home of Harold and Eldene.



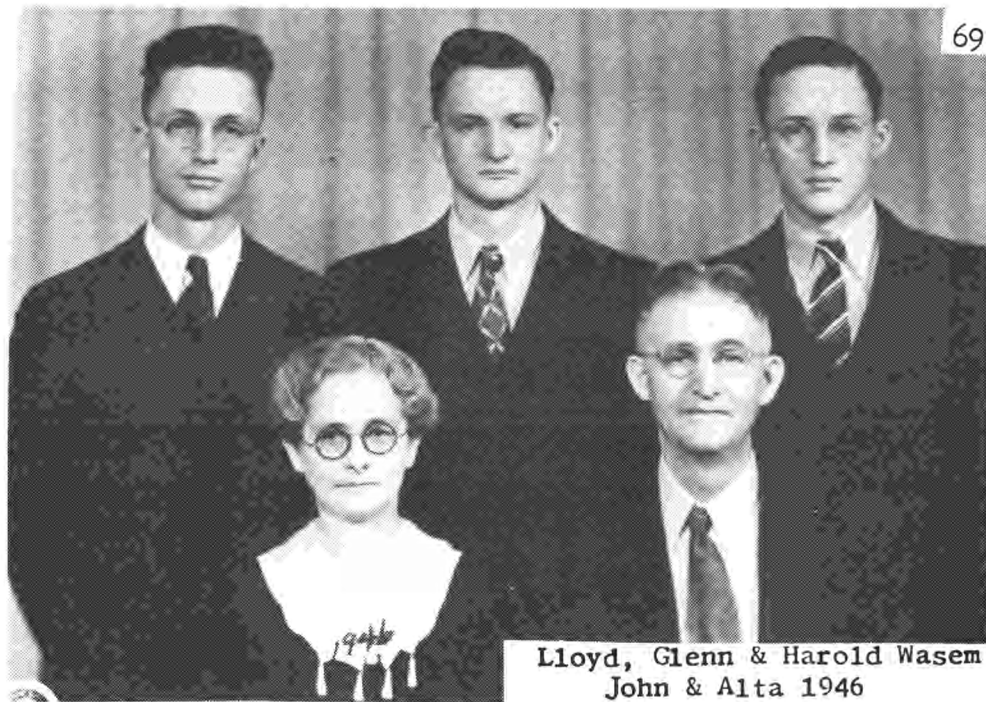
The Family marker in the Denver Cemetery Spelled "WASEM" by some members of the family.



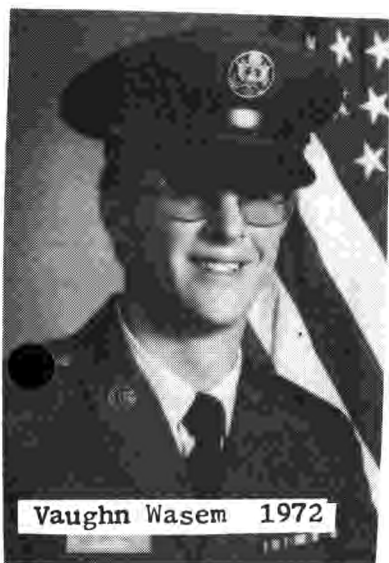
Denver flour mill. The only remaining building of the Denver townsite.



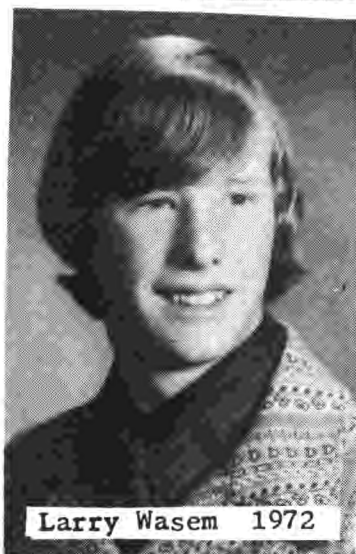
Keith Wasem 1971



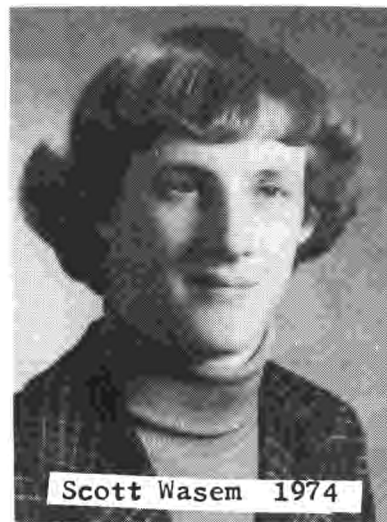
Lloyd, Glenn & Harold Wasem
John & Alta 1946



Vaughn Wasem 1972



Larry Wasem 1972



Scott Wasem 1974



Reed Wasem



H. John Wasem & Alta L. (Fortin) Wasem
46th Wedding Anniversary, March 14, 1958
At Family Farm north of Fenn, Idaho



Sheryl Wasem 1977



Glenn Wasem Family: L to R. Jeannette, Bernetta, Glenn, Lois, Robert 1975



L. to R. Leo, Jeannette, James & Allen (front) Cumings, Bernetta, Glenn, & Robert Wasem 1976



H. John & Alta F. Wasem and Grandchildren:
Back Row: Wayne, Denna Rae, Arield
Second Row: Jeannette, Alta, John, Keith, and Vaughn, Front Row: Robert, Sheryl (baby) Lois, Scott, Larry. 1953



Glenn, Bernetta, & Robert



Vaughn & Marcia (Hart) Wasem



Larry & Carolyn (Bouvia) Wasem



Harold & Eldene (Rupe) Wasem



Harold Wasem Family: Larry, Sheryl, Harold, Eldene, Keith & Vaughn, Seated: Reed & Scott



Keith & Julie (Moravec) Wasem

KATHARINA SOPHIA WASEM BARTH was born in Wright County, Iowa. When a girl of six years of age, the family came west locating at Uniontown, Wash., for one year, and then moved to Camas Prairie (in the Fenn and Denver area). After her marriage she lived in Cottonwood, Idaho, until her death.

ALBERT JOSEPH BARTH was born in Mount Angel, Oregon. He moved with his family to Cottonwood, Idaho. He went to a watch repairing school in Portland, Oregon. He owned and operated "Barth Jewelry Store" in Cottonwood, Idaho, until his death.

DOROTHY MARIE BARTH WHITSON was born in Cottonwood, Idaho. She graduated from Cottonwood High School in Cottonwood, Idaho. She was Librarian for several years, and worked in a bakery until she was married.

RALPH GEORGE WHITSON was born in Sandpoint, Idaho. He graduated from Cottonwood High School in Cottonwood, Idaho. After high school, he went to National Electrical School in Los Angeles, Calif. After finishing electrical school, work was very hard to find, as this was during the 1930 depression. So, he joined the Navy and spent four years as an electrician. Throughout all these years he has used his trade and is still working as an electrician.

BONNIE LEE WHITSON BOBLET was born in Seattle, Wash. She graduated from Marysville High School in Marysville, Wash. She went to Everett Business College in Everett, Wash. After attending business college she worked for several car dealers, doing their licensing work, Marysville Realty (doing their licensing work) New York Life Insurance Co. and is presently Office Manager of Prudential Insurance Co. of Everett, Wash.

ROBERT WARREN BOBLET was born in Everett, Wash. He graduated from Everett High School in Everett, Wash. He graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

KATHYRN LOUISE WHITSON WALLACE was born in Seattle, Wash. She graduated from Marysville High School in Marysville, Wash. She graduated from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash. She majored in Math. After teaching about five years in southern California, she went to the Philippine Islands and taught several years. While over there she was married. They returned to San Diego, Calif. and she is teaching in the San Diego schools now.

DONALD GLEN WALLACE was born in National City, Calif. and graduated from high school there. He attended California Western University, Dan Diego, Calif. He was a Captain in the Air Force and was stationed at Barksdale, Louisiana. From there he went over to the Philippine Islands. He is presently manager of Dairy Queen in San Diego.

DONALD MELVIN WHITSON was born in Seattle, Wash. He graduated from Marysville, High School and then attended Everett Junior College in Everett, Wash. From there he went to the University of Washington, Seattle, Wash., and graduated with a degree in graphics art. He was in the Navy four years in the Viet Nam War. After returning home he went into business for himself and owns and operates Commercial Advertising in Everett, Wash.

THELMA A. BARTH NUTTMAN was born in Cottonwood, Idaho, and attended school there, graduating from high school in 1931. Following that she attended Success Business College in Seattle, Washington. In 1933, she entered the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Spokane, Washington. Following graduation and receiving her certification as a Registered Nurse in the fall of 1936, she was employed in the office of Dr. W. F. Orr, Cottonwood, Idaho. In 1938-39 and again in 1943, she attended the University of Washington, Seattle, where she majored in Nursing Education. In 1944 she returned to Cottonwood where she was again employed by Dr. W. F. Orr as office nurse and surgical assistant. In 1953, Dr. R. E. Orr joined his father in practice, and she was office nurse and business manager for both doctors. At the present time she is employed by Dr. R. E. Orr in the same capacity.

FRANCIS J. NUTTMAN was born at Keuterville, Idaho, and spent his early childhood there. The family moved to Lewiston when he was in the 6th grade, and he graduated from Lewiston High School in 1935. He then returned to Keuterville and farmed in that area until moving to Cottonwood, Idaho, in 1945. He was then employed by the Cottonwood Grange Supply Company, became the manager of that company in 1951, and presently holds that same position.

THEODORE WILLIAM WASEM was the youngest child of the family and was born in Eagle Grove, Iowa. He was a small boy when the family moved west to Uniontown in 1890 and later to Denver, Idaho. He was married to Hazel Newman of Sweetwater, Idaho, on July 20, 1910 at Rosetta, Idaho, and they lived at Gifford. They were divorced and had no children. Neither one of them remarried.

Ted inherited 160 acres from his father at Denver. After his divorce Ted lived on the coast at Portland and Seattle. He worked as a delivery man for a meat packing company, night watchman and delivered newspapers door to door at various times. He died in Seattle on Nov. 4, 1952.



Thelma, Melvin & Dorothy



Melvin Barth



Dorothy & Thelma Barth



Albert, Melvin & Kate Barth



Albert & Kate Barth



Thelma Barth



Dorothy Barth



Thelma Barth



Dorothy and Ralph Whitson



Suzanne, Bonnie (Whitson) Boblet, & Keith



L. to R.: Fritz & Thelma (Barth) Nuttman; Ralph & Dorothy (Barth) Whitson; Bud (Melvin) and Dorothy (Misz) Barth



Thelma (Barth) & Fritz Nuttman 1974



Donald Whitson



Kathy (Whitson) Wallace and Don Wallace



L. to R. John Barth, Donna Kruize, Bud Barth, and Dorothy Barth.



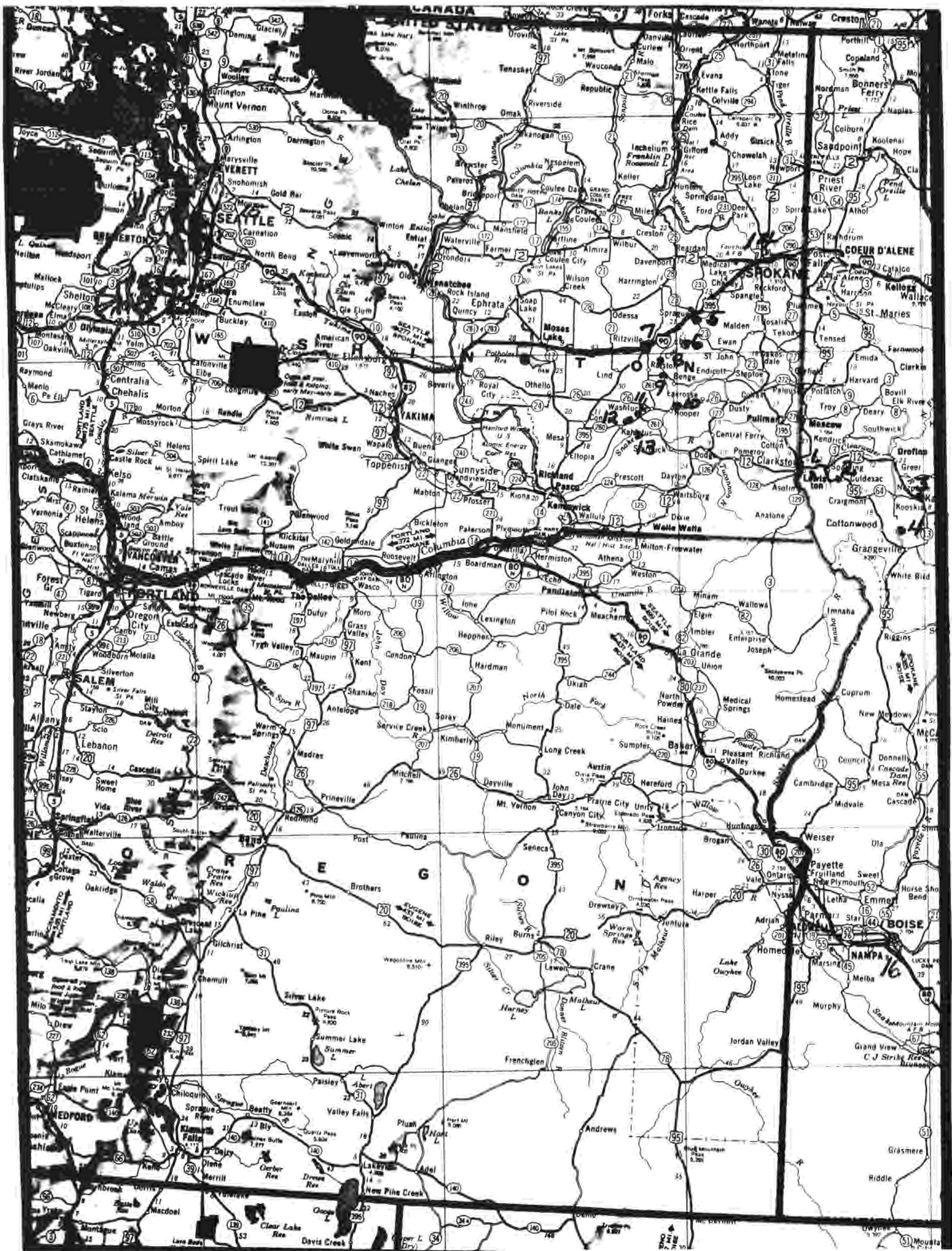
Anthony Barnett, Donna (Barth) Kruize, Brian Barnett, & Gary Kruize.

MAP A. Part of North Germany

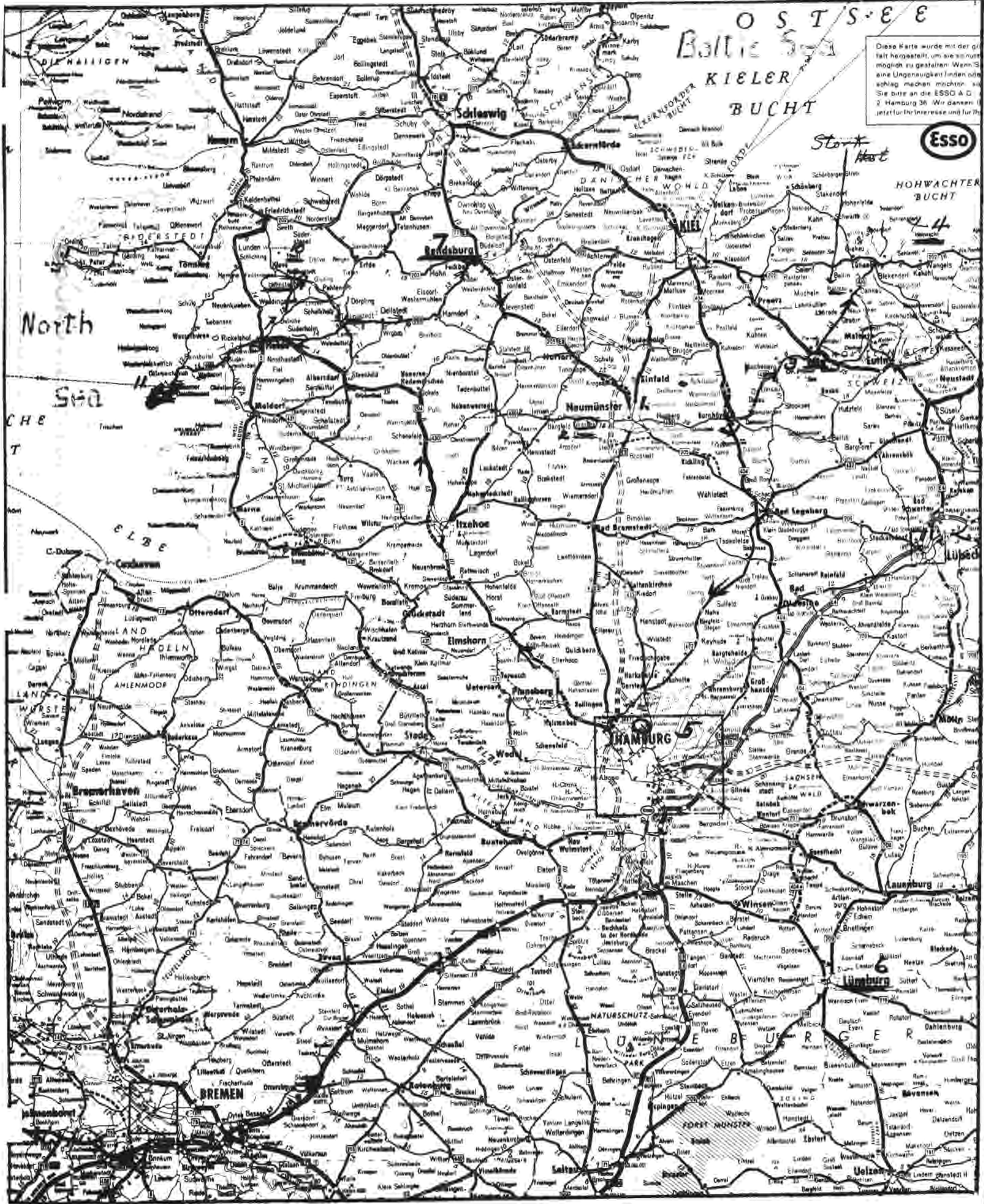
1. Neumuenster, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
2. Wasbek, and nearby Ehndorf
3. Ploen
4. Holwacht
5. Hamburg
- 6.. Luneburg
7. Rendsburg
8. Heide
9. Hennstedt
10. Horst
11. Bosum

MAP B. Washington, Idaho, and Oregon, United States

1. Lewiston, Idaho
2. Culdesac, Idaho
3. Kamiah, Idaho
4. Denver and Fenn, Idaho
5. Sprague, Washington
6. Lamont, Washington
7. Ritzville, Washington
8. Jacob Harder Home Place
9. Benge, Washington
10. Hooper, Washington
11. Washtucna, Washington
12. Kahlotus, Washington
13. 3-Bars on Snake River
14. Spokane, Washington



Washington, Oregon, Idaho U.S.A



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