
SESQUICENTENNIAL
CHICKASAW, OHIO
1838-1988
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Yesterday's Dreams



Today's Realities

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1987

To the Citizens of the Village of Chickasaw:

I am pleased to send warm greetings for the 150th anniversary of Chickasaw.

Each city and town of our great country is unique, but all are bound together in the love of these United States. We are fortunate to live in a nation of strong and proud communities where everyone has a chance for success and the blessings of liberty and freedom can be enjoyed by all, regardless of background.

As you commemorate this anniversary, you have a splendid opportunity to renew your commitment to preserving the spirit which has forged America into a land of wonder. I am proud to join you in making such a commitment on this historic occasion for the people of Chickasaw.

With hearty congratulations and best wishes for continued milestones,

Ronald Reagan

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STATE OF OHIO

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ohio is blessed with wonderous diversity within its people and their communities. At the heart of these communities, Chickasaw has added many contributions to this State's history and character; and

WHEREAS, Chickasaw's rich history reaches back to the time when the town was named for the two creeks which run through the county, Chickasaw Creek and Little Chickasaw Creek, both names of Indian origin; and

WHEREAS, Chickasaw can be proud of its heritage and growth. Through the efforts of its hard-working citizens, the area has flourished as an agriculturally-based community; and

WHEREAS, the history of Chickasaw is the history of Ohio. Its founding pioneers and their families established the traditions, hopes and plans for the future. The citizens of Chickasaw still stand strong in the belief that "Yesterday's dreams are tomorrow's realities;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. CELESTE, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby pay special recognition to

"CHICKASAW, OHIO"

and join with the people of this outstanding village in honoring their past, celebrating their present and participating with them for the future.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus, this 13th day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

Richard F. Celeste

Richard F. Celeste
Governor of the State of Ohio

ATTEST:

Sherrod Brown

Sherrod Brown
Secretary of State

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VILLAGE OF CHICKASAW

P.O. BOX 101
CHICKASAW, OHIO 45826

FOUNDED 1838

RALPH H. LIETTE
MAYOR

NORBERT TANGEMAN
CLERK

It is with much pride and expectation that we the citizens of the Community of Chickasaw take pleasure in celebrating our 150th Anniversary.

We take pride in the many accomplishments that were derived from much hard work by so many people of this community as:

The settlement and organization of our village in 1838

The hard work and foresight used in surveying and establishing the streets as we know them today

The organizing of the community into an incorporated village in 1890

The advancement of electricity and street lights

The Chickasaw Fire Dept., originally founded and organized by the Village Council of Chickasaw

The coming and passing of the railroad

The organization by a few citizens of Chickasaw, the water system, known as the Neighbor Water Co.

The improvement of that same water system to include the standpipe, the water tower, and the new well.

The improvement of the streets from mud to gravel, then to chip and seal, and finally to blacktop pavement as we have today

The village hall, the library, the park system, and much, much more

These are the things of the past that we look back on with pride.

The expectations for the future are certain to be as pronounced as the past.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to share with us, the joy of celebrating our 150th Birthday.

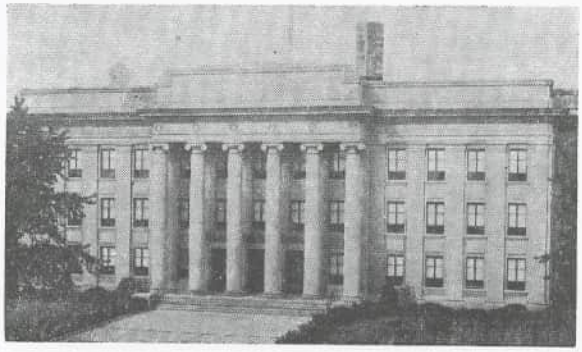
Sincerely,

Ralph H. Liette

Ralph H. Liette
Mayor of Chickasaw

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BOARD OF
MERCER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
CELINA, OHIO 45822
JOAN BOLLENBACHER, CLERK/ADM OF THE BOARD

March 22, 1988

Citizens of Chickasaw
Chickasaw, Ohio 45826

TO THE RESIDENTS OF CHICKASAW:

We, recognize Chickasaw as an outstanding Community of Mercer County, Ohio.

The Board of County Commissioners of Mercer County, Ohio do hereby support the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Chickasaw, Ohio for the years 1838 to 1988. We look forward to future accomplishments of the Village.

Sincerely yours,
Board of County Commissioners
Mercer County, Ohio

Ronald Puthoff
Ronald Puthoff, Chairman

Herbert Muhlenkamp
Herbert Muhlenkamp, Vice Chairman

Jerry Laffin
Jerry Laffin, Member

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cc: Mercer County Historical Society, Joyce Alig
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CHICKASAW SESQUICENTENNIAL PRAYER

Written by Rev. Albert Schetter

O Almighty God, You created each of us and gave us this life so that, with your graces and guidance, we might be able to save our souls and gain the eternal happiness and reward of heaven. Throughout the years, we have come together from various places and aspects of life and gathered here in the Village of Chickasaw, so that we could share our lives with one another and be help and protection to each other.

Now, as we celebrate this year of the sesquicentennial celebration of our community, we would like to offer our thanks to you for the many blessings and helps that you have bestowed upon us. We do appreciate the happiness, companionship and cooperation shown to one another. We thank you that we have been able to share with one another the gifts and talents that you have given to us, and we ask for your continuous blessings within our future lives here together. We ask that you help us to have a successful and pleasant celebration of the Village's 150th anniversary and we would like to renew our own intention to try to continue with your teachings and graces.

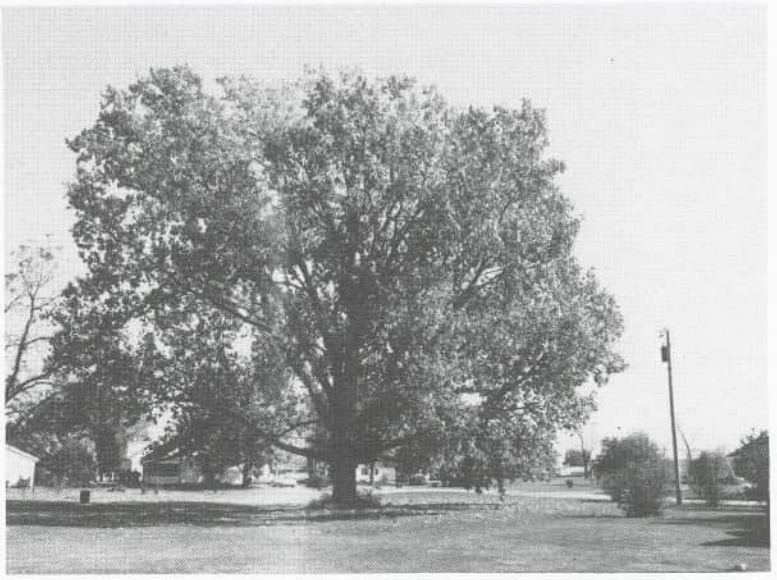
We are happy to be your disciples and we ask you to help us make our celebration this year one of a truly Christian Community and let us continue showing our faith and trust in you in our daily lives.

We ask this, through Our Lord, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

GOD'S LANDMARK



Gust Niekamp (brother of Bill Niekamp) facing Niekamp home. Notice the railroad tracks and the small tree.



This is the same tree and it still stands. The tree is over 100 yrs. old.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Chickasaw, Ohio is celebrating its sesquicentennial, 1838-1988. In observance of this event, the people of the Village of Chickasaw have tried to put together a history book about the life and times of the village. This could not have been done without the help of many people (too numerous to mention all of their names individually). Credits have been given to each section that was written by specific individuals other than the editor. Since a book on the history of Chickasaw has never been written before we've tried to get as much history and facts that we possibly could. We've tried to organize it into sections for easier access to specific areas of interest. Our research on this book and the facts are documented to the best of our ability. Some of our documentation comes from residents who actually lived here for many years or from people outside the community who still seem to be very fond of this community.

Residents of Chickasaw live in this community only because they choose to live here. Most of them work in nearby communities. Outsiders are still drawn into the village because of the horseshoe pitching every Tuesday evening, and the ball park has much activity, as does the Chickasaw Community Park. Also, the branch library draws many from other areas. The VFW and the Town Tavern offer many sociable evenings for the area residents.

During this sesquicentennial, we've tried very hard to made this a book to remember our heritage. We aren't professional historians and aren't trying to be. We are just citizens of a fine community which we all love.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the people at Post Printing Company for their special effort in making this project a good and lasting memento.

Sincerely,
Marie McClurg, editor

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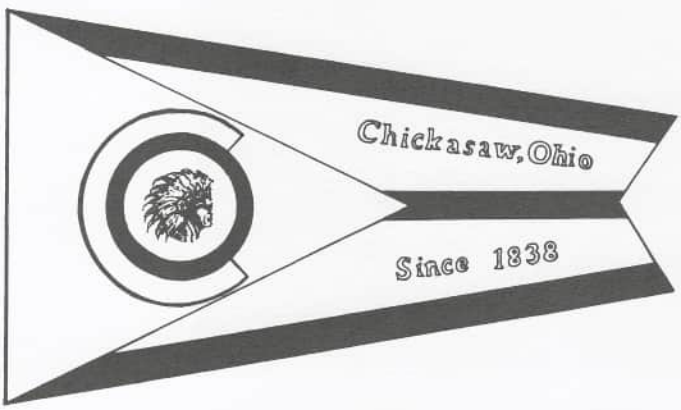
Sesquicentennial Committee
Seated: Alice Huelsman, Secretary; Mary Eyink, Treasurer; Marie McClurg, Editor of History Book.
Standing: Roman Steinbrunner, Video; Ron Puthoff, Public Relations; Don Eyink, Financial Chairman; Paul Huelsman, Chairman; and Harold Rentz, Co-Chairman.



Contest Winners
Winners of the flag, motto, and seal contest for the sesquicentennial were: Stephen and Marie McClurg (flag), Virginia Rindler (motto) and Harold Rentz (seal). Absent Mark McClurg (flag).

"Yesterday's Dreams Today's Realities"

In the spring of 1986, a contest was held to spark some interest in the upcoming sesquicentennial, as well as to produce a seal, a motto, and a flag for the Village of Chickasaw. Names of the entries were concealed from the judges. The winning seal was drawn by Harold Rentz. The winning motto was "Yesterday's Dreams, Today's Realities" written by Virginia Rindler. The flag was designed by Marie, Stephen, and son, Mark McClurg. The winner of the flag contest won a $50.00 savings bond. The winner of the motto contest is to be the "Honorary Grand Marshal" of the parade during the sesquicentennial. The winner of the seal is awarded the Number One (#1) mug which displays the seal.



The flag is designed in the same shape as the Ohio flag, with a large "letter C" around the "letter O" representing Chickasaw, Ohio. It has the Indian in the center depicting the Indian name. The writing, Chickasaw, Ohio gives the name of the town and state and the year it was surveyed and platted, 1838.



The seal represents first the early Indians and then the white man coming by wagon. Next a train is pictured representing the C.H. & D. and the progress it brought the town. Another part of the seal shows the present church (religion) and water tower and the homes of the village. This being a rural community the farm is also represented. In the middle we have joining hands to represent that people have worked together to make this fine community of Chickasaw.

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Early Scenes Of Chickasaw



View of Franklin St. (St. Rt. 274) looking west; Kremer's Market tall building on right. This was a postcard dated July 31, 1911.



Another view of town in 1911; Kremer's Market is the big building on left. Church and school in the upper right corner.

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Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio, c. 1900 (looking east).



Corner of Franklin St. & Chickasaw Rd. (looking west).



A veiw of the north side of Franklin St.; first home is that of LaVern Heitkamp, home in the upper right corner is Ed Puthoff (1920's).



Rohr home in the upper left (Wayne St. & Roosevelt St.).



State St. looking north, c. 1940's.



Mulberry St. looking north, c. 1940's.

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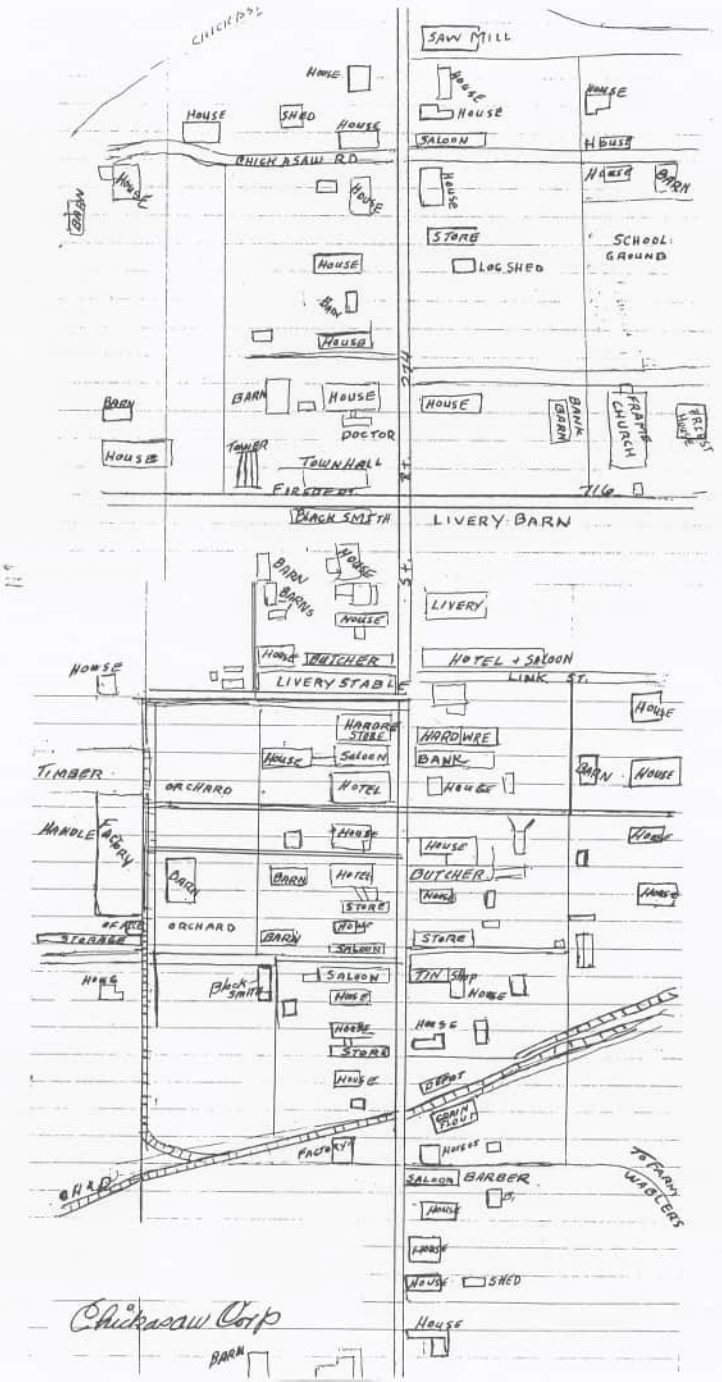


Main St. looking north; elevator on the left, c. 1940's.



Chickasaw Rd. stop sign, looking south on to State St.; early, 1950's.

A Map during the early years in Chickasaw, drawn by Anthony J. Rengers, as he remembers the village. He came to Chickasaw in 1912 from St. Joe with his family at the age of 5.



Map by A.J. Rengers "as he remembers Chickasaw"

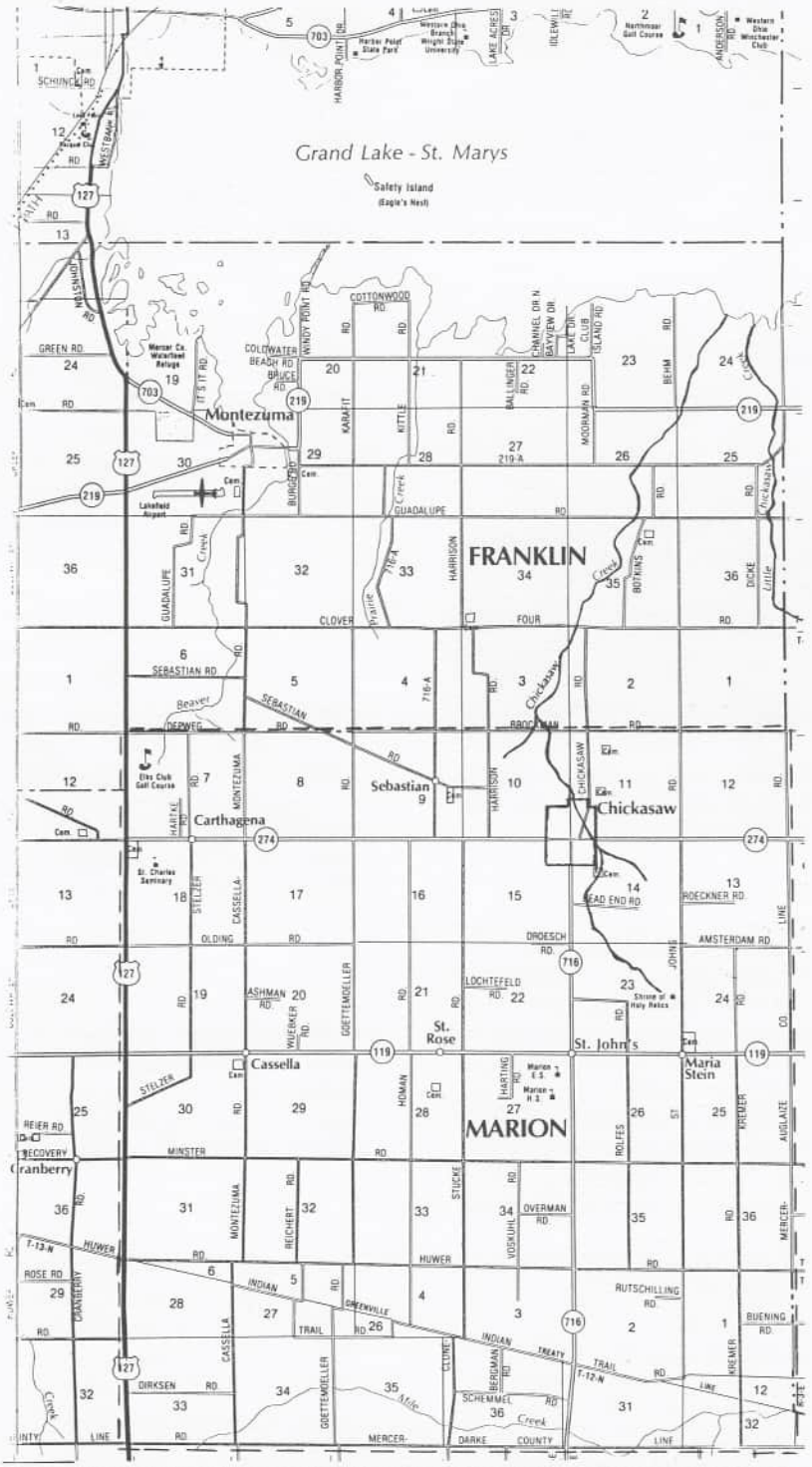
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During the settlement of the Franklin and Marion Township lands, two small bands of Indians, known as the "Big" and the "Little" Chickasaws, inhabitated parts of this territory. They lived on the higher ground along the stream which took their name, Big and Little Chickasaw Creek. They were peaceful, hunting, fishing, and trapping bands of Indians merely eking out existence. Until recent years hundreds of their arrowheads and artifacts were found on the higher grounds. As recently as 1972, arrowheads have been found while building.

The presence of members of the Chickasaw tribe in this vicinity is not clearly understood. The original habitat of the Chickasaw tribe was in Oklahoma and at one time was a warlike tribe of 19,000. Later they crossed into Mississippi. Here some of them scattered. Some moved into Tennessee and a few went as far north as the Ohio River.

It is assumed that a small group of Chickasaw Indians moved into Ohio and that eventually some of them reached Mercer County. Evidently they were the remnants that survived the harrassment and near annihilation so common at the hands of hostile tribes in Ohio.

The village of Chickasaw, which also has the Indian name, is on the arrowhead of land - several miles south of the point - formed by the juncture of the two streams, the Big Chickasaw and the Little Chickasaw Creek.



Note the point of the arrowhead at the top, coming out of the Grand Lake - Chickasaw located several miles south of the point of the Chickasaw Creek. Chickasaw is the only incorporated Village in Marion Twp.

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The village of Chickasaw, Ohio, located in the northern part of the Marion Township, was laid out and surveyed July 27, 1838, by James Hanks, Deputy Surveyor, acknowledged by John Nutter and James Brooks before H. H. Frazier, Justice of the Peace.

The town's history has roller-coaster characteristics. In 1870, it was second largest in the whole county with 386 population. By 1880, it was reduced to 59. A history (published in 1882) notes: "This is a very old town, but made no progress, until the last year or two, or since the building of the railroad, which has given the town a new start."

The increase reached 479 in 1890, and the town became incorporated at this time. Then gradual decline came again. When the railroad was removed in the 1920's, houses were hauled out of town and some fears were expressed that "corn would grow in the streets of Chickasaw."

This home is evidence of them actually moving the entire home to another location. This home was at the site of the still vacant lot behind the Zahn-Marion Township Library. Frank Grieshop moved this home to the present Cy Everman location on Rt. 716.



Former Frank Grieshop home which stood behind the now Zahn Marion Township Branch Library lot was moved to the Cy Everman farm on Rt. 716.

Other homes that were moved out of town were the George Fink home which was located on the west edge of town and the Weber home which was located on the corner of the school ground. These homes were both moved to New Bremen. One was located across the street from the pond that the creamery owns. Crown Control recently tore this home down. The other was located close to the Stamco location and has also been torn down. Also the present home of Leo Homan was once a home (small section of present home) west of town and was moved to that location by Mestemakers.

In 1950, Chickasaw's population was counted at 166, and since then it has grown to over 300 in 1967. As recently as the 1980's, Chickasaw has grown to 350.

During the very early years the early settlers had to turn their attention to the chase as the only certain means of gaining a subsistence. Hunting and trapping was abundantly rewarded. By it alone they were able to pay taxes. In 1838-39, raccoon skins were legal tender for one dollar and deer skins for about two dollars and a half. Venison sold at about twenty cents a pound. As yet the land was a wilderness, a very thick woods. A change came with the opening of the canal in 1845. Timber itself became valuable and paid for the clearing. Development now became rapid.

Some of the early Chickasaw residents were Joseph Miller, Joseph Wahler, Henry Kaiser, Garrett Stammener, Henry Rose, Fedena Cook, Mathias Stelzer, and John Listenschneider.

A brief history of some of the very early settlers is as follows: Actual information taken from the Van Wert and Mercer County History book 1882.

FEDENA COOK,

son of Wendelon and Tracey Cook, was born in Germany, May 30, 1815, and came to this county in 1846, when he located on section 15, and has now a farm of 100 acres, all well improved. In 1843 he married Mary, daughter of August and Catharine Bealer, of Darke County, and has reared a family of seven children, named John, Tracey, Mary, Catharine, Caroline, Rosie, and Joseph. Mr. Cook lives near Chickasaw, and in his own district has held the offices of school director and supervisor of roads.

HENRY GREESUP

came from Oldenberg, Germany, to Mercer County in 1843, and settled in section 12, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land from John McDaniel. About five acres had been cleared. At that time the woods were full of game, and Mr. G. claims it was necessary at times to drive the deer away while the horses and hogs were feeding.

HENRY KAISER,

a farmer of Chickasaw, was born in Minster July 2, 1842. He is the son of Theodore and Elizabeth Kaiser, of Auglaize County. In 1868 Henry moved to this township, and settled on section 10, where he still resides. The same year he married Mary, daughter of John and Margaret Wenner, who came to this county in 1851. She was born in Dayton in 1846, but came here with her parents when five years of age.

JOHN LINK

came to Mercer County in 1871, and settled in Chickasaw, where he is engaged in the hotel and restaurant and livery stable business. He is also post-master at Chickasaw. In 1880 he married Miss Rose Kock, who was born in this county in 1862. Mr. Link was born in Germany in 1855.

JOSEPH NUSTEMAKER,

a resident of section 15, was born in Germany in the year 1825, and came to America in 1846. In 1849 he located where he now lives, and fourteen years after coming to America sent for his parents, who came here and located. Although he commenced poor, he has acquired 160 acres of well-improved land, and is one of the leading farmers of this section. He was married in 1852, his wife being a native of Germany, where she was born in 1822. They have reared four children, viz., Mary, Bernard, Elizabeth, and Anna.

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HENRY ROSE,

son of Bernard and Mary Rose, was born in Germany, June 19, 1829, and came to this county in August, 1860. He is now engaged in farming near Chickasaw, where he owns 260 acres of good land. In 1860 he married Dena, daughter of Garrat and Elizabeth Knoba. She was born in this county in 1843. Their children are named Bernard, Mary, Hermon, Henry, Anna, John, and Elizabeth. He is now in the mercantile business, carrying a full stock of dry-goods, hats, caps, boots and shoes at St. Rosa.

GARRETT STAMMENER,

a resident of section 10, is the son of Albert and Wilhelmina Stammener, and was born in Germany September 12, 1819. He came to this county in 1849, and has since been engaged in farming near Chickasaw. In 1853 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Dedrick and Elizabeth Cramer. She was born in Germany September 20, 1834, but was brought here by her parents the following year. The family consists of nine children, named Matthias, John, Peter, Andrew, Henry, Philhelmina, Mary, and Agnes.

CHARLES STELGER,

son of Leon and Catharine Stelger, was born November 1, 1857, in this county, his paretns having come here as early as 1838. He is now a resident of Chickasaw, where he is engaged in the hotel and saloon business and farming. In 1881 he married Mrs. Lena Stelser, daughter of Henry and Martha Wall, of Indiana. She was born July 15, 1856. They have three children, viz., Henry, Bertha, and an infant daughter.

MATTHIAS STELZER,

son of Leon and Catharine Stelzer, was born in this county May 10, 1854, and has since resided at Chickasaw, where he is now engaged at the carpenter trade. His parents came to this county as early as 1838. On the 7th of November, 1876, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Antony and Agnes Bosche. She was born at Minster, December 27, 1853. Their children are named Antony, Isabella, and Victoria.

JOSEPH WAHLER

was born in this county January 21, 1839, and has since resided in Marion Township, where Chickasaw is his postoffice. His parents, Bernard and Elizabeth Wahler, came to the county in 1831, thus ranking among the early settlers. On the 7th of February, 1861, Joseph was married, and from that date has accumulated 150 acres of improved land, in connection with sixty lots in the town of Chickasaw, although the start given him by his father only amounted to $600. He is now one of the leading farmers of this section, and is well respected, as evidenced by the fact that he has held the office of township trustee for a number of years. His family consists of eight children, named Joseph, Elizabeth, Frederick, Bernard, Catharine, Clemens, Frank, and Uley.

The early settlers of the area were of varied stock, with English and Irish names occurring most frequently. In the 1840's the German stock of the people moved into the area. Among the early German Catholic settlers of Chickasaw were Arnold Clune, *See Alphonse and Luke Clune's family history, Mathias Gast, D. Hinders, Grieshops, Kremers, Rentzes, Niekamps, Hulscamp, Fleck, Hierholzers, Stelzers and Crons. The German settlers were either born in Germany and came here at an early age or were of German descent. *See Property History for other early settlers.

In 1890, the town boasted of a population of nearly 500. Thus began the move to incorporate the village of Chickasaw. Chickasaw then became an important trade center in the cross country traffic. A plank road was the forerunner of what is now State Route 274 and a toll station was located in Chickasaw at the south east corner of Rt. 274 and Center St. The plank road was from Chickasaw then on east to New Bremen. New Bremen had the Miami-Erie Canal. The road was made by laying logs east and west on the road and then planks were pinned to the logs crossing over in a north-south direction. The planks were pinned to the logs with long wooden pins, about 1½" to point and about a foot long. A few years ago while putting new water lines in town a piece of plank with the pin still intact was dug up. The cost at the toll gate was approximately $1.00. Farmers from the western part of the county used this route to New Bremen.

Many hundreds of wagon loads of grain passed through the village of Chickasaw enroute to New Bremen where they were unloaded into the canal boats. Hogs were slaughtered over a wide area of southern Mercer County and the whole carcasses were brought to Chickasaw to the flour mill and unloaded in the cellar. Here the carcasses were cut up into ham, shoulders, and side meat. The hams and shoulders were heavily salted and shipped by canal boat to Cincinnati; the side meat, also salted was shipped to West Virginia for the coal miners. The so-called offal, head, backbones, and spareribs were taken back by the farmers and used for their own winter meat. A two bushel grain sack full of this offal would sell for only a few cents on the market. The toll gate house was the Claybaker home located west of the bank.

The plank road being a main east and west route not only brought many hundreds of creaking, loaded ox-drawn wagons, but many tired travelers, home seekers and disreputable characters to the doors of the Chickasaw taverns and hotels.

One tavern and hotel at the east side of the village was a favorite rendezvous of the rougher element of visitors and was one of the few places visited by William Simison, the bad man of Granville Township's Black Acres. This fact also brought soldiers and bounty hunters to the place. (Bill Simison was a famous draft dodger during the Civil War from Cranberry Prairie area.)

At the east edge of town was also located an underground railroad stop-over for negro slaves before the Civil War. This was their last stop and when released the next day they were on their own resources in choosing their destination. Many of them stayed and found employment hiring out to the farmers of that area.

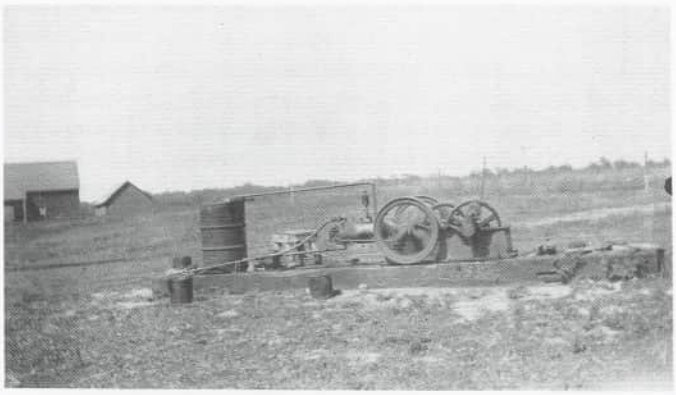
Chickasaw was considered a "rough" town in those early days with eight saloons in or near the corporation limits. There soon was a need for a marshal and a jail. Chickasaw is reported to have the first jail in Mercer County. It was located in the City Hall. It had two cells.

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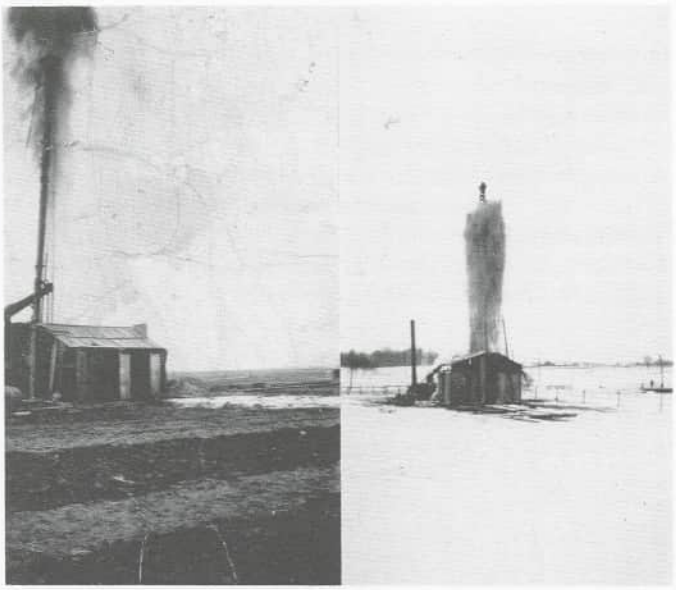
The building of the T. D. & B. Railroad, later the C. H. & D. in 1881 brought Chickasaw its greatest prosperity, at least equal to the opening of the Miami and Erie Canal. Time moved on but Chickasaw suffered many setbacks and disasters, the worst of which was an epidemic of fires with heavy losses. These destroyed the Handle Factory, Flour Mill, Depot, and a score of business places and residences.

Shortly before the turn of the century, Chickasaw found itself in the center of an oil and gas boom. The gas was piped to the south as far as Urbana, but the supply did not last long and the wells have since been abandoned. On June 14, 1890, Blazius Hein leased a plot of ground 80 x 80 feet for the transfer station or pit to the Dayton National Gas Co. Also on August 8, 1890, Anton Eyink and Xavier Rentz were trustees of National Gas Co.

In 1892, a tragic gas accident occurred. On Saturday morning January 29, 1892, Casper Hein went into the pit to blow off a line. On the Casper Hein farm was a transfer station. There were many large gas lines, 6 and 8 inch lines that came together in a pit on the Casper Hein farm. On this day Casper Hein went into the pit to blow water off of a line. Twice a week this had to be done. The gas manager was D. C. Freeman at this time. When Casper went into the building, which had no windows, just one door, he mistakenly opened the wrong valve. It was a 6 inch line with 125 lbs. of pressure. He was overcome by the gas. The neighbors could hear the gas blow for half a mile. Casper's wife Caroline knew something was really wrong. She yelled to the neighbors for help. Heinrick Kaiser went into the building and he was also overcome by gas. John Eyink, a close neighbor seeing and hearing that there must be great trouble jumped on his horse to tell the manager D. C. Freeman. Mr. Freeman rode to the valve to shut it off. The neighbors helped Mr. Freeman tear off the siding and drag out the bodies. Dr. Woods tried in vain to survive them. Casper Hein 24, left a wife Caroline and three children, Theresa, Joseph, and Josephine. Heinrick Kaiser 49, left a wife Mary. Funeral and burial were at St. Sebastian.



August, 1929, Oil wells on the Grieshop farm on Rt. 274.



More oil wells near Chickasaw.

These were also the days of the threshers. Chickasaw is a rural town surrounded by farms and threshing was a big business in those days. Below is an accurate account told by Edward Hirschfeld, long time resident of Mercer County just north of the village of Chickasaw. The article was sent to us by Mrs. Carl Ankerman, daughter of Edward Hirschfeld.



Threshing at Rentz's farm just east of Chickasaw.



Steam locomotive used during threshing at Rentz's farm; Mary Ann on left, the two boys are Maurice and Fred and Florentine on the right.

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Latest Thing In Threshers (In 1895)



This picture was taken around 1905 by some country boys, when Ed Hirschfeld and his crew were threshing at the farm where John Dorsten now lives. The men on the picture, as nearly as Mr. Hirschfeld can remember, are left, to right, unknown, Ben Preston, then owner of the farm, John Lyons, Jeff Ballinger, George Ballinger, Wayne Preston, Billy Ballinger, unknown, Harry Preston, unknown, old Mr. Harrison, Ed Hirschfeld, unknown. One of the men standing on the separator is probably Henry Warner, and another may be Billy Kawell. This is a Reeves 16 h. p. cross-compound engine, with a Reeves compound 32x56 separator. The barn in the picture was sawed out by Mr. Hirshfeld nearly 45 years ago.

Old-Time Thresherman Tells Of His Career - - A Life Full Of Cross-Country Locomotion

Saws, Threshes, Hulls, Buzzes and Shreds Through Life

As each new step in industry or agriculture is taken, one or more of the old vocations becomes a lost art, and the men who practiced it become less in number until but a few remain to tell us of what was once a flourishing and profitable profession.

Such a man is Edward Hirschfelt, who lives in Mercer county, seven miles northwest of New Bremen, and who was a thresherman while most of us were still in knee pants.

A thresher for 51 years, most of these in the time when one threshing outfit had to service many square miles of territory, and when a thresherman started threshing in July and didn't stop until after it was time to sow seed for the next year's crop, Edward Hirschfelt was 76 years old just Thursday, April 25.

In recognition of his 76th birthday, The Sidney Daily News arranged for an interview with the old thresherman. But by the time our reporter had arrived at Mr. Hirschfeld's, he had taken down paper and pencil and written the story himself. And so, we present the story of a 76-year old thresherman, written by himself with a thoroughness and attention to detail that exemplifies his life as a successful thresherman.

Relates Early History

Mr. Hirschfeld's story follows:

I was born 76 years ago on April 25, 1864, on the farm where Jake Froning now lives, on the New Bremen-Chickasaw road. After a few years my parents moved to New Bremen where my father had a saloon in the house where Anna Schwepe now lives.

Then, 70 years ago, our family moved to the farm, seven miles northwest of New Bremen where I still live. My father became a thresherman, but when I was about 21 years of age my father became ill and was unable to operate his threshing outfit. So my brother, John, and I ran the rig for him that fall. Soon after, my father died.

The two years following, we made the rounds, running the rig for our mother, but then my brother, John, and I started in for ourselves. We traded our old portable D. June steam engine (which had to be pulled from farm to farm by horse) for a new D. June 16 horse-power traction engine (able to move under its own power). At that time my brother, John, and I weren't worth a dime and so we bought the engine on two years' time. There were four notes, but we paid each off before it was due.

First Traction Steam Engine

Ours was the first traction steam engine to be used in these parts. The first winter we had this engine we formed a partnership with Henry Grothaus, who now lives east of Lock Two. "Fuddle Heine" as we called him then, had a sawmill for us to use with our new engine.

After one season we bought our own sawmill and this we ran every winter for nearly 20 years.

Our first season of threshing on our own we had an upright boiler D. June engine and Springfield vabrator separator. After a year or two we bought another complete outfit. This was purchased from Henry Schafer, New Bremen's widely-known Civil war soldier, and his partner, Bill Brune, who lived where William Kohlhorst now lives.

Then my brother, John, and I each had an outfit and, able to cover twice the territory we had formerly covered, we began to make money.

One or the other of our outfits threshed as far south as the White Mountain Creamery farm, New Bremen; as far east as Sebastian; northwest to Montezuma; north to St. Marys, and all along highway 66 between St. Marys and New Bremen.

Stayed Overnight

In the old days we stayed overnight at the farm where our outfit was. At first, before the self-feeder equipment was on the separators, we travelled with a crew of three. Later, two of us were the permanent crew. I have slept in a good many different houses in my time.

After several years of threshing, sawing, hulling clover, shredding and buzzing wood, my brother died, and we discontinued use of the one outfit, and also of the sawmill.

I threshed by myself then, and in all I threshed for 51 years, not counting the last two years, during which I have only threshed my own crop. Although I went out of the threshing business three years ago I still live on the farm.

Early Threshing Equipment

During my threshing career I used two D. June engines, the first an upright-boiler 12 h. p., the latter the 16 h. p. traction engine. Later, I used a 13 h. p. Gaar Scott engine, two Reeves engines, one 16 h. p. cross-compound (an arrangement whereby the same steam was used twice), the other a 20 h. p. double-cylinder. About 20 years ago I bought a 20x40 Rumley oil pull kerosene-powered tractor, an outfit as large as a steam engine which uses oil in its radiator instead of water. This engine has a roof over the diver like a steam engine and it costs $3,300.00 when new. I still use it for threshing.

The first separators had no blower or swing-stacker, and so the straw had to be worked back from the machine by hand, and the grain had to be measured with half-bushel containers. The bundles were fed by hand and the bands with which the sheafs were tied had to be cut by hand. This cutting was done by a man who stood near the feeder and wielded a serated knife. The feeder had to be careful so that his hands wouldn't be cut as he reached for the sheaf.

I had two Gaar Scott separators, one a handfeed machine and the other an up-to-date outfit with self-feeder, weigher and blower. In the early days the thresher who had one of the first separators with blowers lost out on business until the farmers got used to the new idea. At first, the farmers were afraid that the blower "sucked" the grain through the separator too swiftly. Actually, the

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blower had no effect on the straw until it was through the separator, but you couldn't tell some of the old farmers that.

I also had a Reeves compound separator, a Robinson separator, and the one I have now—an Aultman and Taylor, 32 by 56. These were big machines compared to the 20 by 36 machines most farmers now use.

I have also had a McCormick-Deering shredder, an Aultman and Taylor clover huller, a Birdsell huller and a Victor huller. The separators cost around $2,000.00, and the hullers about the same.

In the old days everything was threshed from the barn and we had a whiskey jug in the barn every place we threshed. Everyone had a good time. I was never drunk in my life but someone was drunk every day.

In the first years we threshed it was the practice for the farmer to come and get the separator with a team and pull it over to his place. One time a farmer was pulling the separator from his neighbors' to his place and when he turned in his driveway he turned too short and the rear wheel of the separator went into the ditch. He was thrown from his seat and lay in the ditch on the ground in front of the wheels. If the horses had pulled, the separator would have run over his legs. Too much whiskey.

Another time a fellow was cutting bands, when suddenly he fell backwards off the platform onto the barn floor and got quite a bump. Too much whiskey.

I once had a band-cutter who was very drunk, and since I was feeding I was afraid that he might cut my hands with one of his wild swings. I told him to get off the platform. He didn't want to get off and got hold of a pitchfork and tried to stick me. Too much whiskey.

One other incident I remember: One afternoon in the fall, when the ground was thick with leaves, we were taking a short-cut through a woods from one farm to the next, and we came to a creek that was all covered with leaves. One fellow in our party must have thought that it was dry land, and he waded right through it. Later that afternoon, he fell from the straw stack, about 15 feet, and his fork followed him. Too much whiskey.

I have had several accidents with my rig, and twice I broke through bridges. The first time was at the Clover Four bridge where Herb, Bill and Edwin Dicke live. We were going to Bertke's to thresh (where Howard Wiehe now lives). It was on a Saturday evening, and one side of the bridge gave way, so that I was almost caught between part of the bridge and the engine. I slipped down into the creek, but that accident very nearly got me.

By Sunday noon I had the engine out, and by Monday morning was threshing.

The next accident was at the bridge west of Clover Four. Here the front wheels were across when the bridge gave way, so that only the rear wheels were still on it. I saw the bridge giving, and jumped off. This was an upright-boiler engine, and it fell over backwards and broke the smokestack off. This also was on a Saturday night and the next morning we went over and got him out.

The price for threshing was 2c for oats and 3c for wheat per bushel, but in war-time it went up to 5c for oats and 8c for wheat. I furnished the tractor and the fuel.

I remember some of the men who have done hand-feeding for me. There were Louis Schierholt, Henry Grube, Henry Blanke, Henry Grothaus, Billy Kawell, Christ Kawell among others, and some of these have passed away.

Among the blower tenders were John Schierholt, Link Temple, Richard Speckman, Albert Harrison, Werley Frank, Joe Hein, Victor, Gilbert, Edwin and Leroy Hirschfeld, John Grieshop, Vincent Fischer, Paul Dicke, Ed Nieter, Ben Bruns, Billy Fenneman, Frank Hoeft, Ray Wilker, Lafe Dammeyer, Ferd Stroefer, Elmer Gilmore, Zeke Pierce, Henry Warner, Quito Ellermann and others.

Most all of my old customers have passed away, and I don't suppose that there are more than one-third of them still living.

I remember once when John and I were helping father hull clover in the barn in mid-winter. The ground was frozen and rough. We were at John Sear's farm, where John Klosterman now lives, and in the evening when we went in to supper we had honey in the comb which was a treat to us. Another time we hulled clover on the old Bill Axe farm, now owned by Frank Axe. This time it was also very cold, but the seed turned out good. This must be some 60 years ago.

I have owned four farms. Three of these farms my boys now own, and the home farm is intended for the boy who stays with me now on the farm. I have six living children, four boys and two girls. And thank you for the patronage that you have given me, and good luck to all of you.

Edward Hirschfeld.

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1920

WORST WRECKAGE Of Sunday Night's Cyclone Seen At The Lawrence Lochtefeld Farm East of Chickasaw

The worst wreckage resulting from the cyclone Sunday night is to be seen at the Lawrence Lochtefeld farm, a short distance east of Chickasaw.

The frame dwelling house had been lifted from its foundation, blown to the east across the driveway and then splintered into fragments. Scarce a whole piece of timber nor a perfect board is to be seen. The cement steps and the floor to the porches are bent and twisted as though fused by fire. The wreckage which lies east of the foundation shows now and then some fragment of the household furnishing. The west walls of the house were blown farthest east. The big barn north of the house is a total wreck and so were all the other outbuildings. Everywhere with trees uprooted and debris littering the orchard and fields it was a pathetic picture of ruin and disaster. How Mr. and Mrs. Lochtefeld and their 15 months old baby escaped with their lives is one of the strange happenings of the time of horror.

Mr. Lochtefeld whose back was badly wrenched and whose head and right eye were cut and injured, was seen amid the ruins Wednesday morning. He told his story like this:

My wife and I were in our kitchen and our 15 months old little girl was asleep in her baby buggy. We heard a roar, then the windows blew in. We fell to the floor and tried to hold on to the baby buggy. We felt the house lifted up, we didn't know how far, nor how long, and it must have rolled over with us. When we came to ourselves my wife and I were close together, with boards and stuff all around us, but we were not pinned under. Our first thought was, where was our baby? We could not find it. But pretty soon we came upon its little body, but we could not feel it breathe. My wife and I were bleeding from our hurts. Then what must have been the kitchen walls caught fire from the range and we knew we must get away. We walked with the baby down the road to Ben Desch's and they laid the baby on the table. The doctors came and they said the baby breathed. August Rentz came with his machine and took us to their home. The doctors found my wife's arm and shoulder were hurt. The baby had a cut on the back of its head, but seems to be all right now.

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Lawrence Lochtefeld's place as it looked on Monday morning after the tornado. Nothing left of the house but the foundation; only the south part of the barn was left. March 28, 1920.



Ben Desch farm, now the Paul & Rita Tobin farm after the tornado on Palm Sunday, March 28, 1920.

Horse & Buggy tales . . . Inniard Mystery Resolved

The Inniard article was written by a noted historian Bronsart H. Gilberg. He ran several articles about the village of Chickasaw dealing with the Indian Hill misconception and another legend which is very interesting which was handed down from generation to generation.

By BRONSART GILBERG

Considerable speculation, doubt and gossip prevailed during the week-end of July 9th, by the discovery of an old burial ground at the northeast edge of Chickasaw. These first impressions about this old burial ground which dated from 1847 were false.

A new bridge approach was being built on Route 274, and earth moving equipment was being used to cut down the top of a hill on the Rentz farm, the earth being used to build a new grade. This hill was chosen because of its nearness and the fact that the ground was not fertile and used only for pasture. That point ties in with our story later.

Several feet below the surface, the bull dozer cut through a number of old graves. The rotted walnut coffins were sheared off as if with a knife, and each of them contained human bones. Work was halted and the news spread like wildfire.

SHERRIF BRUCE BARBER and Prosecuting Attorney Dean James were notified and visited the scene. Scores of people flocked to the area Sunday and Monday and some dug in the dirt-filled coffins and carried away bones.

As in all such cases, while official investigation is going on, second guessing and conjecture were rampant and many visitors believed or wanted to believe that it was an Indian burial ground. They should have realized that the Indians did not bury their dead in wooden coffins and without their personal belongings and Indian artifacts.

The writer who is also Curator of the Mercer County Museum did not learn of the find until Tuesday, when with his camera drove to the scene. While I did not know what to expect, I suspected that the long lost Inniard Burial Ground had been discovered. Now beyond any doubt that is the answer.

IN 1958, IN ONE of my Horse and Buggy Tales, "The Chickasaw Story," I told of the strange little colony commonly known as the Inniards, and of their passing into oblivion more than 100 years ago, and also of their lost burial ground, the exact location of which was unknown.

Many hours were required in gleaning the facts of their story as handed down to the present. Only a few of the elders of that vicinity had any knowledge of this strange group of people and what they possessed had been handed down from previous generations.

The Inniards was a communal group, that is, they pooled all of their land, property, scant resources, crops and labor. They did not adhere to any orthodox religious group. In fact they had no religion as we know it and they were strictly aloof, clanish and barred all outsiders.

The rites and rituals that they practiced were and are now unknown, except for the knowledge that they were exceedingly superstitious and adhered to fetishes of the weirdest kind. They devoutly believed that humans and animals became "hexed" with evil spirits.

THERE IS ONLY ONE known example of their rites in expelling the "evil one." A colt was believed to be hexed and because they could not drive out the evil spirit, they trussed it up and burned it alive on a brush fire. This was witnessed by several men who succeeded in creeping through the weeds and brush and close to the scene.

The only indication of the exact home site of the colony was: It was very close to the platted lots of Chick-

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asaw, which was laid out in 1838. The land was so poor that it was not wanted by other more thrifty settlers. Water could not be procured without drilling wells to prohibitive depths. For that reason the ground was unsuited for town lots.

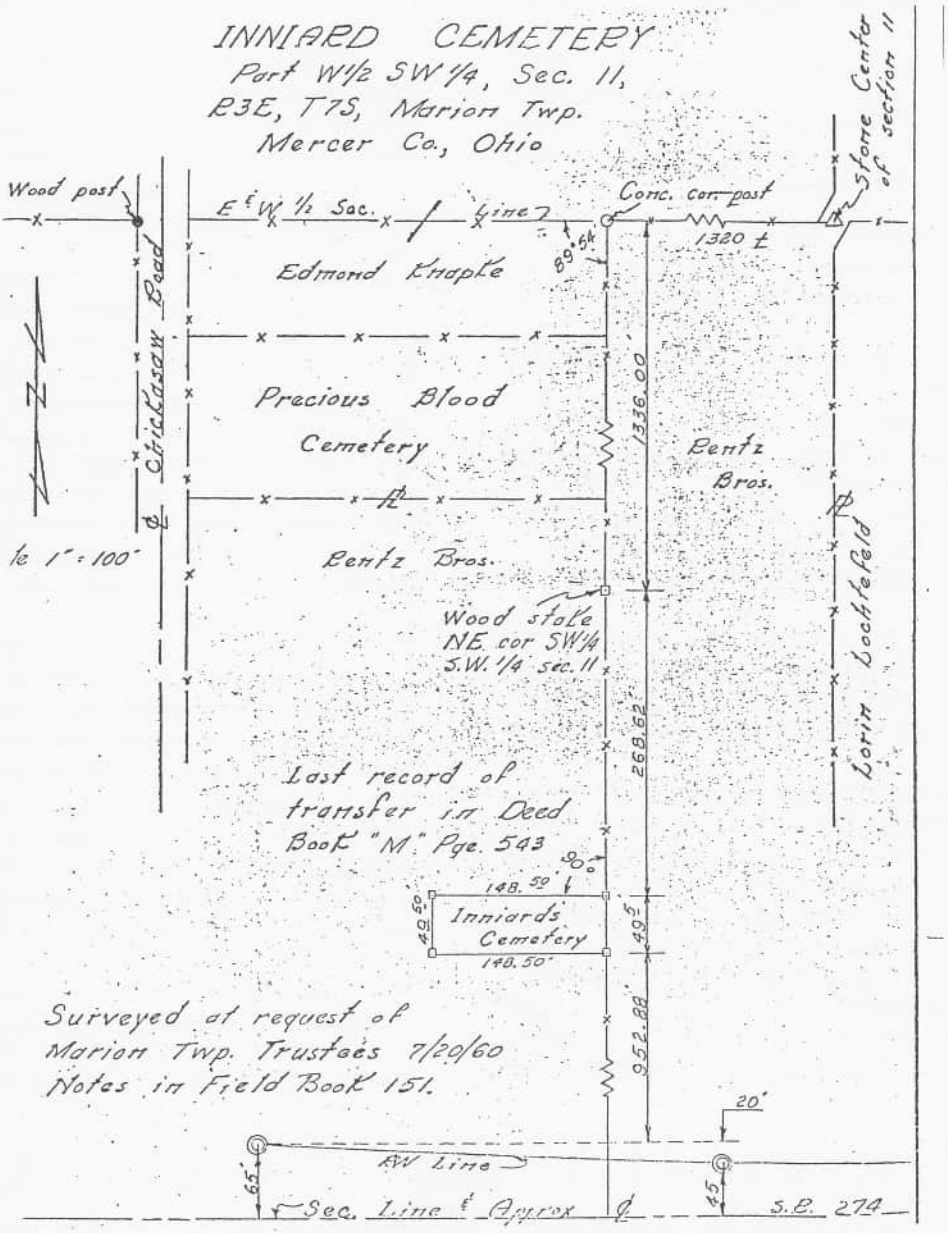
This small impoverished group eagerly built their shacks here and carried all of their water from Chickasaw Creek which was nearby and at that time, clean, and sandy. Owing to their living conditions, the death rate of this little band was probably very high and logically could have been decimated almost to the last couple of survivors, who after burying their last dead, slipped quietly away, writing "finis" to this strange chapter of their lives.

The proximity of the burial ground to the edge of Chickasaw; its unfertility and Chickasaw Creek, now muddy, winding and tangled, which courses at the foot of the hill, a stone's throw from the graves, is almost certain evidence that the last resting place of the Inniard Communal Colony has at last been revealed. Ironically it remained for modern earth moving equipment, in its everyday advance of progress to bring the mystery to a close.

The Marion township trustees' records revealed no indication of their ownership of this burial ground. Had there been a record, they would not and could not have legally disturbed the bodies unless all of them were disinterred and placed in new graves. This would have been impossible, for the number of graves is unknown.

The only known record of this spot having been set aside for burial purposes is the deed recorded in Book M, page 543 and dated September 29, 1847. It bore a notation "for burial of white persons only." This was not only illegal, but proved conclusively that the burial ground was not for former slaves who had escaped via the Underground Railraod or had been manumitted or freed from slavery. Thus the theory of some visitors at the hill, that it was the bones of colored people is refuted.

Bulldozing on the hill was halted Tuesday and dirt for the road grade is being secured elsewhere. May the remains of the Inniards with their hexes and fetish beliefs remain, undisturbed, with their weird past.



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HORSE AND BUGGY TALES



BRONSART H. GILBERG

"The Chickasaw Legend -- I

Just as a boulder tumbling down a mountainside can cause an avalanche, likewise an unusual or startling happening can foster a landslide of conjecture, doubt and fiction.

The recent discovery of an old burial ground at the northeast corner of Chickasaw brought mistaken ideas: partial confirmation of hitherto suspected but unproven facts; interesting legendary stories and definite identification of the exact location of the old Inniard Burial Ground.

Probably the most interesting story, and one which doubtlessly has a legendary foundation, came to light when the writer interviewed Mrs. Vincent Fisher, 217 Forest St., Celina. Mrs. Fisher, the former Elanor Eyink, was born and reared near the site of the old burial ground and during her childhood played in a clump of trees which once stood where the graves were recently uncovered by earth moving equipment.

The town of Chickasaw and Chickasaw Creek derived their names from the little band of Indians which was once a part of the powerful and proud Chickasaw tribe which migrated from their homeland in Oklahoma. Their wanderings in search of new hunting grounds took them through Mississippi, Tennessee and finally into Kentucky. From there a group pushed northward into the Ohio territory of the Miamis.

It is logical to assume that the warlike Miami tribe resented this intrusion and drove them hurridly northward until only a small remnant of the Chickasaws reached what is now Chickasaw Creek in Marion and Franklin townships, and there remained unmolested.

Their numbers decreased through the years, however a few remained as late as in the 1880s.

The story as related by Mrs. Fisher and as passed on to her by father and grandfather is intriguing, even though it is bizzarre and not based entirely on known facts. While it is largely legendary, it has to do with one of the Chickasaw Indians, a self-styled Doctor, Baseius Hein, and Mendoza, a Spaniard.

Baseius Hein was not a bona fide physician through academic training and had acquired his knowledge through considerable experience and natural ability while in his native Germany. In this pioneer community where there was no Doctor between Minster and Fort Recovery, he found a constant demand for his services and he gave his time unselfishly.

Through this area he was constantly on the move supplying his own concoctions made from herbs, roots and the few drugs available. He delivered babies, set broken bones, treated fever plagued patients and snake bite victims. He also practiced the ancient and strange rite of stopping the flow of blood.

Dr. Hein spoke German and Dutch fluently but never mastered English which was his greatest handicap in this area. This statement may sound strange to my readers who have always known that vicinity as being predominantly German.

At that time (and it is borne out by present day records) the area from Fort Recovery up to and even including Minster was comprised of almost totally English speaking settlers. The only German speaking family in the Chickasaw area were Mrs. Fisher's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Eyink. Now to the heart of the story.

Dr. Baseius came to America in 1814 and finally settled at Minster. He secured a contract for building a one mile section of the Miami and Erie Canal and completed the work with the use of only mattocks, shovels and wheelbarrows. He encountered all of the hazards that were experienced by his workers which included swamp fever, snakebite and malaria, in which whiskey was a stand-by remedy.

With his profit and what he acquired from his medical practice he purchased a tract of land that practically joined the Eyink farm and the spot where the Inniard Burial Ground was later located.

Mendoza, the Spaniard in the story, operated a little shop in Chickasaw where he made wooden pumps similar to the design & function of the small cast iron pitcher pumps known today. He cut down a small tree of suitable diameter and after splitting it lengthways, he hollowed out the halves and then fastened them together. He cut a hole in the top of the pump for the flow of water and inserted a wooden pole with a leather suction cup.

Mendoza was industrious and there was no indication of meanness or viciousness in his nature.

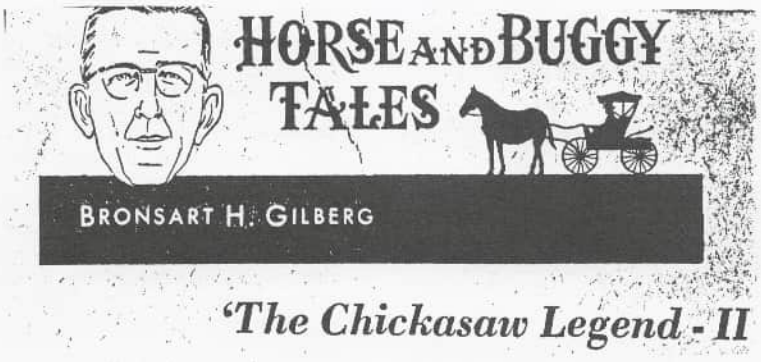
One day while in the woods the Spaniard found a hollow bee tree with its load of honey. There was a long split in the tree caused by a storm or lightning, and after feeling the tree, Mendoza pried open the split and wedged it to provide entrance to reach the honey.

At this juncture a Chicksaw Indian who had been watching from behind some bushes, approached and asked for some honey. The Spaniard agreed and motioned for him to get into the tree and help himself. As soon as the red man put his arms and shoulders into the hole, Mendoza knocked out the wedge and the split snapped shut, pinning the Indian hopelessly and crushing him severely.

The heretofore quiet Mendoza now revealed as diabolically cruel left the Indian to a cruel and slow death and returned to his pump shop. There deep in the forest, it was hardly probable that help could reach the Chickasaw brave in time.

Watch for the concluding installment next week.

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'The Chickasaw Legend - II

At the conclusion of last weeks installment of The Chickasaw Legend, a Chickasaw Indian was hopelessly pinned inside of a hollow bee tree. It was the diabolically cruel crime of the Spaniard Mendoza.

Several hours passed and hope of rescue seemed futile unless a passing hunter could hear his weak and muffled shouts. The Indian grew weaker; his calls subsided and unconsciousness mercifully relieved him of his terrible suffering.

Dr. Baseius Hein left his home near Chickasaw on his daily errand of mercy among the scattered settlers. While following a trail through the woods, he saw the legs and body of an Indian protruding from the open end of a log. After much effort he succeeded in prying the crack open and pulled the unconscious body from the opening. He succeeded in reviving the victim and half carried him to his home where he and Mrs. Hein gave him first aid.

At the Hein home, the Chickasaw brave was given constant attention and after more than a week he was able to leave. The Indian spoke his undying gratitude to his white benefactors and vowed to return. About a week later he appeared and laid the carcass of a fine young buck deer at their feet.

Again expressing his thanks as best he could with the barrier of German, Dutch and Indian languages, he turned and disappeared into the forest, never to be seen again by any person, save possibly by one man, Mendoza the Spaniard.

The pump shop remained close for a couple of days and customers were puzzled but not for long. Mendoza made one more and also his last visit to the forest. His lifeless body was found by hunters. His head, arms and shoulders were pinned inside of a split bee tree. He had been first rendered unconscious by a blow on the back of the head and the body dragged to the hollow bee tree, where after regaining consciousness he was to endure the agony of a slow and painful death, the same fate which the Spaniard had intended for the Chickasaw brave.

Another story not based on legend but on facts might be titled "Ghosts in the Cemetery," This true Chickasaw story happened in 1913.

The Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood at Chickasaw was being served by the Rev. Joseph Miller, who inherited a problem that had been causing him grave conern and for which he had been unable to find a solution.

Mysterious lights had been reported seen in the cemetery. The reports increased, and, as in such cases, were magnified. Finally there was strong belief among some of Father Miller's parishioneers, that ghosts were actually holding forth in the Church Cemetery at night.

Rev. Miller was satisfied that the lights — if there were lights — were what is known as Fox Fire, which is a phospherescent light emitted by rotten wood. His explanations were to no avail and the belief continued.

Father Miller was skilled in landscaping and in 1913 through his personal efforts and work, assisted by John Eyink, father of Mrs. Vincent Fisher, Celina, transferred the church grounds into a beauty spot.

It was then he told Mr. Eyink about the ghost stories and his desire to conslusively prove that they were untrue. He enlisted John's aid and the plan was set in motion. He was, however, convinced that Fox Fire was the cause of the lights.

It was while discussing this possible answer that Rev. Miller remembered that in each case the lights had been seen when members of his flock were passing the cemetery in their buggies. He then asked that Mr. Eyink bring his buggy to the Parish House the next night and they would drive past the cemetery.

They slowly approached the burial ground and passed many graves without seeing any lights. This test appeared to be another failure, just as walking past had not revealed any lights. Then suddenly two dancing lights appeared over two graves which were not far apart.

Tieing the horse the men entered the cemetery and walked to the graves in question. Each of them had highly polished red marble headstones. Father Miller had another clue and followed it. He removed his coat and hanging it over one headstone, asked Mr. Eyink to do the same to the other headstone.

They returned to the buggy and retraced their approach to the cemetery and passed it entirely, without the sign of a light, and the answer was theirs.

Positive proof was now furnished to the superstitious group that their cemetery was not haunted by ghosts, but instead the eerie lights were the reflections of buggy lamps on the polished surface of the two red marble grave markers.

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF CHICKASAW 1838 thru 1986

Compiled by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Liette

The Village of Chickasaw was founded in July 1838 by John Nutter and James Brooks. The village at that time progressed slowly through the early years and remained very inactive for many years. The Village was located in Marion Township, which was one of the four original Townships established in Mercer County, Ohio.

The first governing body of the area were the Marion Township Trustees who were elected on June 25, 1833. The elected officers were: Trustees Samual Gray, Charles Botkins and John Miller. Clerk: John L. Simes and the Treasurer was John Sprague; Overseers of the Poor (So called Health Department of the time) were: Mathew Kearns and Alexander Gillespie: Fence Reviewers were: William Botkins, John Davis and Hugh Miller.

The Village of Chickasaw, not being incorporated at that time, would have been under the control of the Marion Township Trustees.

The Village remained very inactive with no apparent records kept of its growth and government until 1880, when the C.H. & D. Railroad was built through the village. The coming of the railroad brought additional businesses and so the population began to grow. It was September of 1890 that the residents of the village, which numbered approximately 300 at the time, petitioned the Mercer County Commissioners to have the village incorporated.

After the proper legal procedures and time lapse necessary for discussions etc., the petition was granted and finally recorded in the Auditors office on November 18, 1890.

**Run down how first council and Mayor were elected.

Actual minutes start here:

A meeting of the first village council was held on February 14, 1891. It was presided over by the first Mayor, Charles Stelzer. The Clerk was John Lechleiter and the Councilmen were: Charles Desch, John Wint, Frank Olges, John Will, William Miller and Henry Gast.

The Seitz addition (lots #34 and 46) were accepted into the Village, March 27, 1891.

Mayor Theo Snypp was appointed in April, 1891.

The Dues and Kaiser and the Link and Gast additions were accepted into the Village April 27, 1891.

The first Marshal was paid $10.00 a year and the first Clerk $25.00 per year. The first Mayor's office and prison was rented from a Joe Ranly for a fee of $1.75 per year.

Lot #16, of the old plot, was purchased from Mary Koenig for the price of $85.00, as the location for the first Village Hall. The first Village Jail was purchased from Celina, Ohio in June 1891 for $35.00

July 25, 1891 the Village Council approved and accepted a bid from August Dorsten for $142.41, to build a 14' x 30' building on said Lot #16, to be used as a Village Hall.

On April 5, 1892 an election for a Village Councilor was held and August Seitz was elected for a term of two years.

PETITION FOR INCORPORATION

The actual wording of the Petition For Incorporation is as follows:

The State of Ohio, Mercer County

Before the Commission of said County.

To the said Honorable Board of Commissioners of Mercer County, Ohio.

Gentlemen,

1st We, the undersigned petitioners, electors and residing within the limits of the territory, hereinafter described, respectfully request that we are desirous to have said territory incorporated (in the pursuance of the statutes in such case made and provided) into a village which said territory for the proposed Incorporation is described as follows, situated in the County of Mercer and State of Ohio and beginning at a stone located at the North-West corner of the East half of the North-East quarter of Section fifteen (15) seven (7) South of Range three (3) East said stone being Thirteen hundred and thirty-nine (1339) feet West of Section corner, thence North nine hundred and sixty-two (962) feet, thence East to the section line, thence North One hundred and fifty-one (151) feet to a stone, thence East ten hundred and seventy (1070) feet, thence South to the North end of Franklin Street, thence East to the East line of original plot, thence South to the North line of Exchange Street, thence West to the half section line, thence North to the point of starting.

A map of the above described territory is hereto attached and made a part of this petition.

2nd We request that the supposed number of inhabitants residing in the proposed corporation are three hundred (300).

3rd That it is the desire of your petitioners that the said corporation shall be a village.

4th That the name of the said Corporation shall be, The Incorporated Village of Chickasaw.

5th And that we hereby elect, as our agent in this matter, Theodore Snypp, a resident of said Territory. Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Board take such steps in the matter as will permit us to complete the aforesaid proposed incorporation.

*Note the names of the petitioners on the left of the petition.

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The State of Ohio Mercer County-ss. Before the Commissioners of said County.

To the said Honorable Board of Commissioners of Mercer County-Ohio Gentlemen:

We the undersigned petitioners electors and residents within the limits of the territory hereinafter described respectfully represent that we are desirous to have said territory incorporated in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided into a village which said territory for the proposed incorporation is described as follows situated in the County of Mercer and State of Ohio and Beginning at a stone located at the North-East corner of the East half of the North-East quarter of Section fifteen (15) Town seven (7) South of Range three (3) East said stone being thirteen hundred and thirty-nine (1339) feet west of Section corner thence North-Nine hundred and sixty two (962) feet thence East to the Section line thence North-One hundred and fifty-one (151) feet to a stone thence East ten hundred and seventy (1070) feet thence South to the North side of Franklin Street thence East to the East line of unplatted plat thence South to the North line of Exchange Street thence West to the half Section line thence North to the point of starting A Map of the above described territory is hereto attached and made a part of this petition And We represent that the supposed number of inhabitants residing in the proposed corporation are three Hundred. And that it is the desire of your petitioners that the said corporation shall be a village 4th That the name of the said corporation shall be the Incorporated Village of Chickasaw. 5th And that we hereby select as our agent in this matter Theodore Smyth a resident of said Territory Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honorable Board take such steps in the matter as will permit us to complete the aforesaid proposed incorporation.

Petitioners

Theodore Smyth M.D.
Charles Desch
Charles Kaffel
John Wint
John Smith
Herman Mansfield
E. Engart
George Gast
Engelbert Dresch
John [illegible] Bryant
Jacob Bunderman
John Hagedorn
Charles Stelzer
Jos Schrad
Henry A. Bale
Adam Young
E. E. Shaffer
Franklin Fricke
John C. Fleck
A. D. Everman
Jos B. Kerner
Jos J. Dues
Jos Henry Gast
Henry Gast
Gerhard. Schroeder
Wm H. Haslinger Sgr.
Wm Miller
Aug Fuchs
H. D. Schafer
Jos H. Mayer
B. Dawson
L. Eulers
Henry Algey
August Gast
J. Madarasi
John Hill
Wm Cartwright

Commissioners Journal September session 1890 Mercer County Ohio

Monday Sept 1st 1890

This day the Board of Commissioners met at their office in Celina in regular session Present P. Haubert C. Fanger J.B. Behymer Commissioners and J.D. Lowell Auditor

In the matter of the Incorporation of Chickasaw } Presentation of Petition.

A Petition was this day presented to the Commissioners signed by thirty seven voters of the village of Chickasaw asking that said village be incorporated whereupon the Commissioners fix the 29th day of October 1890 at 10 o'clock A.M. at the Commissioners Office in Celina Ohio for consideration the same

On Motion Board adjourned

attest J. D. Lowell Auditor. P. Haubert Pres't of Board C. Fanger Com.

Commissioners Journal October Session 1890 Mercer County Ohio Wednesday Oct 29th 1890

This day the Board of Comrs of Mercer Co. met pursuant to adjournment Present P. Haubert C. Fanger & J. B. Behymer Comrs & J. D. Lowell Auditor In the matter of the application of the village of Chickasaw in Mercer Co. O. on this 29th day of Oct 1890 at 10 o'clock A.M. according to former notice the petition asking the incorporation of the village of Chickasaw came on for hearing & the Board of Co. Comrs. being fully advised in the premises do find that the petition contains all the matters required that its statements are true that the name proposed is appropriate namely the village of Chickasaw that the limits of the Corporation are accurately described and are not unreasonable large or small that the map & plat is accurate that the persons whose names are subscribed to the petition are electors residing in the territory that notice has been given as required that there is the requisite population for the proposed corporation therefore it is ordered that the prayer of the petition be granted and that the corporation be organized The yeas and nays were ordered on the foregoing orders which resulted as follows yeas P. Haubert C. Fanger & J. B. Behymer nays none Therefore the prayer of the petition be granted.

On Motion the Board adjourned

attest J. D. Lowell Auditor Peter Haubert Pres't of Board of Comrs Chas Fanger

State of Ohio } Auditors office Celina Nov 11th 1890

Mercer County-ss } I J. D. Lowell Auditor of Mercer County Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings in the matter of the Incorporation of the Village of Chickasaw as transcribed from Commissioners Journal No 5. Page 21 In Witness Whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 11th day of November 1890.

J. D. Lowell Auditor Mercer Co. O.

Filed for Record Nov 14th 1890
Recorded Nov 15th 1890 W. C. Snyder Recorder

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In the early years of the Village the Fire Department was a part of the Village structure. On October 28, 1892 the Village Council borrowed $690.00 at 6% interest, to buy the first Fire Engine from the Howe Corporation.

On November 5, 1892 Mayor Snypp moved from town and the Council appointed John G. Bils as the new Mayor.

On November 7, 1892 it was agreed by the Council to rent a room from Jacob Ranly for the purpose of housing the new Fire Engine. A fee of $12.00 per year was paid.

On April 4, 1893, elections were held and the following were elected: MAYOR, John Fleck; CLERK, John Lechleiter; TREASURER, Chas. Kappel; MARSHAL, Engelbert Droesch; COUNCILMEN: August Dabbelt, John Hagadorn, and Ferdinand Gast. J. M. Schlosser was hired as Village Solicitor for a fee of $30.00 per year and $5.00 for each visit to Chickasaw.

On July 19, 1893, John C. Fleck resigned as Mayor and Henry S. Schaefer was appointed to fill out the remainder of his term.

The Village Council voted to dig two water wells for fire protection. The work was completed on these two wells in November of 1893. Labor was paid at the rate of $1.50 a day for the digging.

The elections of 1894 saw these men elected to the Council: Gerhard Schroeder, Joseph Dues and Henry Weber.

Council deliberated a long time but finally voted in a Village Tax. The tax was to take effect on May 1, 1894. The ledger does not state the amount.

The elections of April 2, 1895 saw Joseph Mayor added to the Council.

At the Council meeting of October 7, 1895, John Lechleiter submitted his resignation as Village Clerk, because he was moving from the Village. At the same meeting Mr. John G. Vocke was appointed, and sworn in. He at once proceeded to do the clerk duties.

A sample of bills being paid at that time by the Village follows:

John Raugaback (Surveying and leveling streets)	$7.00
August Seitz (Lamps, Coal Oil and can)	2.85
August Seitz (Plans and Specifications)	7.50
H. S. Schaefer (Labor, Paper and stamps)	2.15
Herman Wabler (Labor)	1.25
TOTAL	$20.75

It was voted by the Council to accept a bid of $208.61 from Engelbert Droesch, to construct an addition to the Town Hall for the purpose of housing the Village fire equipment. The work on this addition was completed on February 4, 1896.

The March 3, 1896 elections took place with the following results: VILLAGE CLERK, G. Vocke; COUNCILMEN: Gerhard Schroeder, J. G. Bils and Jon Kroeger.

The curb stones as we see them along Franklin Street were purchased from Covington, Ohio at the rate of 18¢ per foot. They were purchased from the C. P. Hoover Co.

Election time was again at hand and the ballots cast on April 3, 1897 resulted in the following office holders:

MAYOR, Henry G. Rawers
MARSHAL, Albert Anderson
TREASURER, John Will
STREET COMMISSIONER, Fred Heyne
COUNCILMEN: Frank Olges, John Wint and Henry Weber

Interest rates on loans were going up at this time. Records show that the Village Council paid 8% on a $100.00 loan at the New Bremen Bank.

It seems the Village Council was quite aggressive at that time and surely looking to the future. On August 6, 1897 they voted to construct a 10' x 12' cistern at the corner of Main and Link Sts. and also one 8' x 12' at State and Walnut Sts. These cisterns were bricked and cement lined with an arched top covered with a cast iron lid. The reason for the cisterns was for fire protection, of course.

In the April 5, 1898 elections the results were:

CLERK, J. C. Vocke
STREET COMMISSIONER, Mike Heyne
COUNCILMEN: Henry Froning, C. F. Miller, Bernard Linneman

At the August 15, 1898 meeting the Village Council adopted a resolution to permit the New Bremen Telephone Company to build a telephone line through the Village.

Henry Rawers found it not to be in his interest to remain in office as Mayor and so on October 21, 1898 resigned the office. Henry S. Schaefer was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Henry Weber, having moved from town, resigned from the Village Council on February 7, 1899. The Council continued to operate with one member missing until the April 4, 1899 elections, with the results being:

MAYOR, Henry S. Schaefer
MARSHAL, Albert Anderson
COUNCILMEN: J. J. Meinerding, Fred Heyne and Bernard Hanfelder.

Also on April 4, 1899 the Village Council agreed to donate a payment of $300.00 to a firm from Bluffton, Ohio to locate a factory in Chickasaw. The firm's name was, Althaus & Palmer.

In July of 1899 the Council agreed to buy 200 feet of fire hose and two fire extinguishers from the Sutphen Fire Equipment Co. of Columbus, Ohio for the sum of $39.20.

It seems the Village Council was very forward looking and worked hard to improve the Village in any manner they could. Their next step was to extend a bonus of $1,000.00 to Mr. D. C. Dunn of Minster, Ohio to build a factory in Chickasaw. They were to manufacture Slack Barrel Staves. The contract was drawn up and signed on August 17, 1899. The factory was proposed to employ about twenty-five people of the area.

Also on November 7, 1899 a Board of Health was established, because of a recent State law. The same Village Council was to act as its officers.

On December 5, 1899 John G. Vocke resigned as Village Clerk and Mr. John G. Bils was appointed to fill out the remainder of his term.

No other business of importance was transacted until April 3, 1900 when the elections were held with the following results:

CLERK, John G. Bils
COUNCILMEN: Henry Froning, F. C. Miller and B. Linneman

The Village tax that had been in effect for a number of years was raised, at this time, by 2 mills, to fund the Health Department.

Somehow, at this time, the Village acquired a new Clerk, Gerhard Schroeder. There is no record stating what happened to John G. Bils.

At the November 8, 1900 meeting the Council granted the Celina Telephone Company permission to set poles for telephone service to the village.

The elections held April 2, 1901 showed these results:

MAYOR, H. S. Schaefer
MARSHAL, William Cron
CLERK, Gerhard Schroeder

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Town of Chickasaw in 1890

TREASURER, Bernard Hanfelder
COUNCILMEN, P. W. Seeds, Joseph Hanfelder, Fred Heyne and Engelbert Hanfelder.

On June 6, 1901, the Village Council approved by vote to extend a (bonus) to Mr. W. Vining to enlarge his Broom Factory so he could employ twelve additional men. This agreement was granted if Vining would post bond for five years, which he did.

For some unknown reason Engelbert Droesch was removed from the Council and Henry H. Droesch was appointed in his place.

We found an interesting item in the records for November, 1901. It was considered and deemed necessary to light the entire town with streetlights. In so doing the Council ordered fourteen gas (Arc) lights of 1000 Candlepower each for the price of $12.00 per light. At the same time the Council awarded a contract to Mr. William Cron to supply twenty-eight poles, twenty-five feet in length and not less than five inches in diameter, at the top. These poles were to be supplied and set in the ground, four feet deep, at a cost of $3.45 each.

A contract was also awarded to H. H. Plas to light and service all the streetlights in town for a sum of $105.00 a year.

This Village Council, being very aggressive and active now turned its attention to purchasing a different fire engine. They then purchased a used engine from the Chicago Fire Hose Company. This second-hand engine had a nine foot cylinder, five hundred feet of two and half inch hose, two reducers from two and a half inch to two inches and two nozzles. The puchase price was $1,100.00. A trade-in of $350.00 on the old engine was allowed and so the total cost was $750.00. The contract was signed on November 14, 1901. The payments were to be $150.00 down and six equal payments at 5% interest.

The same year they also purchased a new Hose Cart from St. Marys, Ohio for the sum of $60.00

April 7, 1902 elections came with the following members elected:

CLERK, Gerhard Schroeder
COUNCILMEN: Joseph Dorsten, John Giere and Henry Droesch

Spring Elections, April 6, 1903 showed the following results:

MAYOR, H. S. Schaefer
CLERK, Gerhard Schroeder
MARSHAL, William Cron
TREASURER, Barney Hanfelder
COUNCILMEN (2 yrs.): Joseph Dorsten, Henry J. Droesch, and John Will.
COUNCILMEN: (1 yr.): Henry Froning, Philip Feidt and Henry Stelzer.

A point of interest in the May, 1903 meeting records: The Clerk was authorized to order two dozen large and two dozen small Lamp Globes together with two dozen Mantels for our streetlights. Wm. Cron was hired for the lighting of the lamps.

Minutes of the June 15, 1903 Council Meeting show that the Committee on Street Work stated that it was not right to have one man out to work on the streets and let the other ones go and they decided to stop and drop the matter all together.

The matter was discussed by the Council and they then instructed their Street Commissioner to notify all able men to perform their two days labor on public highways as required by law. They were to work on Maple Street in the Village of Chickasaw, Ohio.

In the November 3, 1903 meeting the minutes show Council agreed to pay one seasons rent of $6.00 on Henry Gast's lot occupied by the Buckey Handle Co. This payment was as a donation to the Buckey Co.

The minutes of the April 5, 1904 meeting had Mr. Barney Dorsten appear before the Council. He complained that "them" saloons were kept open too long in the evenings and

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he asked the Council to see to it that "them" be closed at the proper time. The Mayor made it his duty to notify "them" Saloon Keepers to have "them" saloons closed at the proper time as laid down by the Ordinance in effect on these matters.

Also at the April 5, 1904 meeting a resolution was adopted declaring it necessary to extend the time of Froning, Feidt, and Stelzer to serve as members of the Council of the Village to January 1, 1905 on account of the change made by the State of Ohio on elections.

September 6, 1904 meeting minutes showed that Ordinance #63 was voted on by all present and it was ordered that the Clerk post them up according to law. The ordinance was as follows: ". . for the cleaning of window shades and curtains from windows in saloons and wine rooms on Sunday."

Fall Elections held November 8, 1904 were as follows:

COUNCILMEN: Joseph Wint, Bernard Froning and Henry Everman.

At the January 3, 1905 meeting Mr. Joseph Wint sent word that "on account of his business it was impossible for him to serve as a member of the Council". Mr. Phil Feidt was appointed to fill out the term of Mr. Wint.

At the February 7, 1905 meeting Mr. Anthony Niekamp was appointed by the Mayor, and approved by the Council, to fill the vacancy of unexpired term as member of the Council in place of Mr. John Will.

The November 7, 1905 elections were won by:

MAYOR, Henry J. Schaefer
CLERK, Joseph Dorsten
MARSHAL, William Cron
TREASURER, Joseph Hanfelder
COUNCILMEN: Anthony Niekamp, Joseph Brockman and Julius Gast.

At the February 1, 1906 meeting Julius Gast resigned as a member of the Council and Jon P. Hartings was appointed as his replacement. The object of this meeting was to discuss the building of a new Town Hall. After discussion it was moved by Hartings, and seconded by Froning, to build a new Town Hall. All members voted in favor.

At Council meeting April 6, 1906, it was voted on by Council that members of said Council would receive, as salary, $1.00 per every 'regular' meeting where Council member was present.

November 9, 1906 Meeting.

There being a vacancy of one member for Council J. Seitz was appointed and voted into office by all members present to fulfill the vacancy of Councilman, Phil Feidt, for the unexpired term.

An interesting item in the minutes of the March 5, 1907 Council meeting read as follows: "The Council enforced the ten o'clock ordinance by paying the Marshal an extra salary of $48.00 per year to ring the town bell at 10 o'clock Standard time and to see to it that every business place is closed according to Ordinance and that this shall go into effect on March 6, A.D., 1907.

New elected officials as of November 7, 1907:

MAYOR, J. Kroeger
CLERK, Joe Dorsten
TREASURER, J.J. Meinerding
MARSHAL, H. J. Droesch
6 COUNCILMEN: Lawrence Wint, Jos. Seitz, Jos. Hanfelder, Frank Grieshop, Jm. Boeckman and H. Rawers.

These men were sworn in on January 7, 1908. As the newly elected Marshal, Henry J. Droesch was deceased



John Kroeger, Mayor 11 yrs.
(Nov. 7, 1907-Oct. 16, 1919)

(killed in auto-train accident), Mr. Jos. Everman was duly appointed by the Council, and was sworn in also, as Marshal of the Village. At this same meeting, it was noted that the Marshal (Everman) had no gun. Councilman Rawers was appointed to see that the Marshal receive a good gun, which the Council deemed necessary.

In the minutes of the February 4, 1908 meeting we see that Councilmen Seitz and Grieshop reported seeing a good Road Scraper for sale and thought it a good thing for the town to have. They considered it a bargain at $20.00. All members present were in favor and the Clerk was authorized to purchase the said Scraper. It was purchased from the Marion Township Trustees.

Results of the election November, 1909 were:

MAYOR, J. Kroeger
CLERK, J. P. Hartings
TREASURER, J. J. Meinerding
MARSHAL, J. Everman
COUNCILMEN: J. Wint, J. Seitz, J. Boeckman, H. Froning, Sr., Joe Hanfelder and Henry Niekamp.

In the December 7, 1909 minutes it was reported that the Union Handle Co. promised to furnish eight lights of 32 candle power each and it was decided to see that they be put on the most convenient (needed) places for the town and the street crossings. The lights were to be "lit" during the week six nights "till"10:00 P.M., except on Saturdays "till" 12 o'clock and no lights on Sundays. The town was to pay $1.00 per month for each light.

January 4, 1910. This being the first meeting of the year the new officers presented their bonds. There being a vacancy of one Councilman it was moved by Froning, seconded by Boeckman, to appoint Wm. Niekamp to fill the vacancy. All members voted "yea".

April 5, 1910. J. P. Hartings, Clerk of the Village and desiring to leave Chickasaw for an unknown length of time, suggested that John P. Lieser so act as Clerk in his absence. It was voted upon and motion carried.

Council meeting, June 28, 1910. Chickasaw Village hired a Solicitor — Mr. Ford from Celina, Ohio. He agreed to do all the legal work for the Village for a fee of $100.00 per year, payable quarterly—law suits not included.

An ordinance was passed in the December 6, 1910 meeting prohibiting spitting on the sidewalks and the dumping of

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rubbish in the streets. The same ordinance prohibited the washing of spittoons in the gutters of the Village.

It was decided by Council at the October 19, 1910 meeting to have the entire Village vote on whether or not to have electric streetlights. The results of the election—of 54 votes cast 49 were in favor of lights—4 against and 1 doubtful.

January 2, 1912. Bonds of the following elected officials are as follows:

MAYOR, John Kroeger
CLERK, Henry Niekamp
MARSHAL, Henry Frenzer
COUNCILMEN: Jos. Hanfelder, G. Wint, Wm. Niekamp, J. Hierholzer, J.J. Meinerding. Julius Gast was elected but refused.

February 12, 1912. There being a vacancy in the Council, John Seitz was appointed and took the oath of office.

May 7, 1912. There being a vacancy of one Councilman occurring through the death of Jos. Hierholzer, it was suggested by Jos. Hanfelder, to appoint Jos. Mestemaker to fill the vacancy. Vote was taken and motion carried.

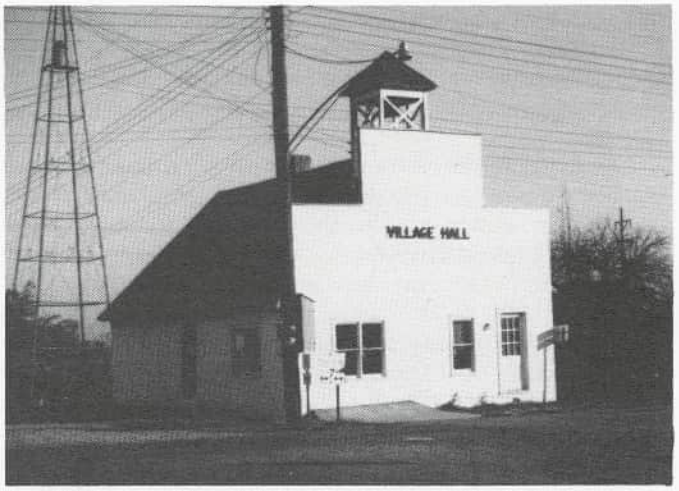
September 4, 1912. A vacancy in the Council was created by Mr. Seitz's moving away. It was suggested by the Council at large to appoint a new Councilman. Two candidates were voted on—Jos. Brockman and Franck Vonderhaar. Vonderhaar received the most votes and was then duly appointed and took the oath of office to fill the vacancy.

November 4, 1912. Since Jos. Mestemaker handed in his resignation as Councilman, because he was moving out of town, Ed Niekamp was appointed to fill the vacancy as Councilman.

In the minutes of a special meeting held on December 12, 1912, a resolution was passed declaring it necessary to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting a public hall and public offices in and for the Village of Chickasaw, Ohio. Be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Chickasaw, Mercer County, and State of Ohio, two-thirds of all the members elected there concurring that it is necessary to issue and sell bonds in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1913 for the purpose of erecting a public hall and public offices in and for the Village of Chickasaw in an amount greater than one percent of the total value of all property in said Village as listed and assessed for taxation, to wit, in the sum of $3,800.00 and that the question of issuing and selling the bonds of said Village, in excess of one percent, that is, in the sum aforesaid, be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of said Village at a special election to be held in said Village of Chickasaw, Ohio, for that purpose on the 18th day of January, 1913. That the Mayor be, and he is hereby directed, to give public notice of the time and place of holding said elections, in the manner provided by law.

In the minutes of the February 11, 1913 meeting the results of the election were as follows: FOR the issue of bonds - 28 votes. AGAINST the issue of bonds - 22 votes. There being a vacancy in the Council it was moved by Vonderhaar and seconded by Meinerding, to appoint Ben Froning as a Councilman. The motion carried. The president of the Council having resigned, J. J. Meinerding was elected to fill in as President of the Council.

At the May 6, 1913 meeting of the Council it was moved by Meinerding and seconded by Wint to put up sign boards -one on each road leading into town, with speed limit shown thereon. The motion passed and it was left up to the Commissioner of Streets to have the sign boards put up at once. So it was in May of 1913 that the Village of Chickasaw, Ohio received its first official "Sign Boards".



Past Chickasaw Village Hall built in 1913 for $3800.00. The library now stands where this building used to stand.

The results of the Village elections of November 5, 1913 give us:

MAYOR, J. J. Meinerding
CLERK, J. P. Hartings
MARSHAL, Wm. Meyer
TREASURER, Henry Heitkamp
COUNCILMEN: L. Wint, Jos. Hanfelder, Ed Niekamp, L. B. Froning, F. Vonderhaar, and Jos. Brockman

January 6, 1914, J. J. Meinerding refused to accept the office of Mayor so John P. Kroeger accepted for another term. There being a vacancy on the Council John Bomholt accepted to fill in as a Councilman.

In the minutes of the February 3, 1914 meeting we see that a motion by Councilman Hanfelder and seconded by Froning, to buy a desk and some chairs for the new Town Hall. The motion carried. Eleven chairs were bought from Frank Vonderhaar at 75¢ each and a desk from Mrs. Mary Hierholzer for $12.00. The Clerk was ordered to put a new cloth on the table.

On February 6, 1914 F. B. Froning handed in his resignation as Councilman.

March 3, 1914, John Brunswick handed in his resignation as Marshal.

July 7, 1914 Albert Anderson was appointed as Marshal. His bond was approved and accepted by Council.

Elections in 1915 resulted as follows:

MAYOR, J. P. Kroeger
CLERK, J. P. Hartings
TREASURER, Henry Niekamp
MARSHAL, C. D. Dabbelt
COUNCILMEN: L. Wint, H. Froning, F. Vonderhaar, E. Niekamp, J. Hanfelder

January 1, 1918 the following new and re-elected officers presented their bonds and took the oath of office:

MAYOR, J. P. Kroeger
CLERK, J. P. Hartings
MARSHAL, Aug. Dabbelt
COUNCILMEN: N. Froning, Jos. Hanfelder L. Wint, F. Vonderhaar and John Bomholt

April 6, 1918. Council voted on, and passed, the motion to hire Frank Olger for $1.00 per month for six months from date to take care of "dumping ground parties" that throw junk on streets to be reported to the Council or to the Mayor.

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The man sitting is Andrew Gast, former mayor of Chickasaw (1920-1922). Standing is Joe Fredricks.

October 16, 1919. The members of the Council of the Incorporated Village of Chickasaw, Ohio met in called session to consider the question of the appointment of a member to the Council caused by the elevation of Frank Vonderhaar to the position of Mayor of said Village. John P. Kroeger moved from Mercer County and Frank Vonderhaar became Mayor because of that vacancy.

January 6, 1920. The following new officers gave bond and took the oath of office:

MAYOR, Andrew Gast
CLERK, Leo Vonderhaar
TREASURER, Henry Frenzer
MARSHAL, Henry Froning
COUNCILMEN: Frank Rosengarten, Fred Woeste, Barney Linneman, Jos. Hanfelder, L. Wint and Frank Vonderhaar.

Council and Mayor then appointed J. P. Hartings as Clerk and Henry Niekamp as Treasurer because Vonderhaar and Frenzer refused to serve.

Council met in regular session on January 3, 1922 with the following new officers filing bond and taking office:

MAYOR, B. H. Kramer *See Beda Kramer's picture with Railroad History - Chickasaw Depot
CLERK, A. J. Birkmeyer
TREASURER, C. J. Desch
MARSHAL, A. Anderson
COUNCILMEN: Fred Woeste, Henry Rengers, Joseph Hein, A. L. Stelzer, Julius Niekamp and Joseph Frenzer.

It was at this session when Councilmen offered their services for fifty cents per month, payable inactively. Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk to serve for one dollar a month payable inactively and Marshal to receive two dollars per month payable quarterly. Motion made by J. Niekamp and seconded by H. A. Rengers.

At the March 7, 1922 Council meeting Marshal Anderson reported that the Belfry on "Corporation House" was in bad condition and dangerous. On motion made by Rengers and seconded by Woeste, Council authorized Marshal Anderson to secure the necessary lumber and repair same at his earliest convenience.

February 5, 1924. The following newly elected officials filed bonds and took the oath of office.

MAYOR, Henry A. Rengers *See picture of Henry Rengers in Anthony Rengers Family History
CLERK, Albert J. Birkmeyer
TREASURER, C. J. Desch
MARSHAL, Albert Anderson
COUNCILMEN: Joseph Hein, A. L. Stelzer, Julius Niekamp, Frank Grieshop, Wm. Grieshop, and P. H. Frenzer.

On June 6, 1925 the Village Council found it necessary to put a fence around the Village dump and also to have it pad-locked.

At the January 12, 1926 meeting the oath of office was taken by the following members:

MAYOR, Leo Vonderhaar *See picture of Leo Vonderhaar in the Chickasaw Village School History.
CLERK, Albert Birkmeyer
TREASURER, Clem Desch
MARSHAL, Frank Grieshop
COUNCILMEN: Joseph Hein, Julius Niekamp, Alfred Wint, Philip Frenzer, Henry Rengers and John P. Lieser.

At that time the Village electric bill was only $10.00 for the month. The electric current came from the Ansonia Electric Co.

In June, 1926 an Ordinance was passed requiring a permit to transport any building across any Village street, with a fee of $100.00 attached. The first building to be moved was the Fred Woeste house. It was moved by Mr. Metzger.

The election in November 1927 saw the following elected:

MAYOR, Edmund Grieshop
CLERK, Albert Birkmeyer
TREASURER, Clem Desch
MARSHAL, John Wenning
COUNCILMEN: Philip Frenzer, Joe Hein, J. J. Meinerding, Julius Niekamp, Alfred Wint, and William Niekamp.

J. J. Meinerding resigned before taking office and Joseph Mestemaker was appointed to take his place.

On May 1, 1928 the Village Council endorsed a movement by the Village residents to form a Community Fire Company. The Council saw fit to issue bonds for $1,000.00 to be used to buy fire equipment. The note was purchased by the Farmer's Bank of Chickasaw at a rate of 5% interest.

As the new Community Fire Company was formed Joe Mestemaker was appointed the first Fire Chief and Charles Huelsman was Assistant Chief.

Elections were again held and the oath of office taken by the following:

MAYOR, Ed Grieshop
CLERK, Albert Birkmeyer
TREASURER, Clem Desch
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn
COUNCILMEN: Joseph Mestemaker, Alfred Wint, William Niekamp, Joseph Hein, Joe Dues and Julius Niekamp.

On July 3, 1931, Charles Huber was sworn in as Council member to take the vacated seat of Joe Dues.

Elections having been held the Oath of Office was taken on January 15, 1932 by the following:

MAYOR, Ed Grieshop
CLERK, Albert Birkmeyer
TREASURER, Anthony Rengers
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn

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COUNCILMEN: Charles Huelsman, William Niekamp, Julius Niekamp, Joe Hein, Joe Mestemaker, and Charles Huber.

The Ohio Electric Power Co. was permitted to enter the Village on March 1, 1932 and erect poles and lines to, not only, light the streets but also to supply power to the residents.

With elections having been held the Oath of Office was taken on January 2, 1934 by the following:

MAYOR, Louis Eyink
CLERK, Albert Birkmeyer
TREASURER, A. J. Rengers
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn
COUNCILMEN: William Niekamp, Charles Huelsman, Julius Niekamp, Leo Vonderhaar, John Rawers and Joe Mestemaker

On September 24, 1935 Albert Birkmeyer resigned as Clerk and Joe Mestemaker was appointed to take his place. Ed Rindler was then appointed to a seat on the Council to fill the term.

The following election held in November, 1935 brought the following members to office:

MAYOR, Louis Eyink
CLERK, Joe Mestemaker
TREASURER, A. J. Rengers
MARSHAL, Leander Tangeman
COUNCILMEN: Roman Rentz, Joe Wint, William Niekamp, Charles Huber, John Eyink, and Ed Rindler

Charles Huelsman took the position of Fire Chief at that time.

A note of interest: Vernon Eyink was paid by the Village to work on the streets in July, 1936 - 52 years ago.

Charles Huber resigned from Council on January 5, 1937 and Anthony Lechleiter was appointed to fill his position.

Urban Zahn then entered the picture in March, 1937 and was hired to fire the stove.

The elections of 1938 brought the following to office:

MAYOR, Ted Rengers
CLERK, Sylvan Mestemaker
TREASURER, A. J. Rengers
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn
COUNCILMEN: Roman Rentz, Julius Niekamp, Ed Rindler, John Grieshop, Anthony Lechleiter and William Niekamp.

Christmas lights were installed in the Village in 1938.

The labor being paid for street work was raised from 25¢ an hour to 35¢ on February 9, 1939.

For unknown reasons the Marion Reserve Power Co. started to supply power to the Village on January 3, 1939.

The Village at this time started the practice of oiling the gravel streets to hold down the dust. This was prior to any paved back streets.

Ray Dobmeyer and Joe Hein were elected to the Council in 1940.

In February, 1940 the salary schedule was changed to the following: Council members $6.00 to $12.00; Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer, $12.00 to $24.00.

On August 6, 1940 a contract was signed with the Marion Reserve Power Co. for electric service for the Village. The Village paid $22.00 per month for streetlights.

The following men were sworn into office on January 6, 1942:

MAYOR, Louis Eyink
CLERK, Ivo Grieshop
TREASURER, A. J. Rengers
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn
COUNCILMEN: Joe Hein, Alfred Wint, Anthony Heitkamp, Ed Rindler, Vernon Eyink, and A. J. Lechleiter.

April 1942 - A contract was signed with the Marion Reserve Power Co. to supply power to the Village of Chickasaw. They were using 100 watt streetlights at $24.00 each per year.

Clem Desch was ordered by Council to quit dumping rubbish on streets, also to clean up the same.

October 6, 1942, John Rawers was appointed to Council to replace A. J. Lechleiter who resigned.

An ordinance was passed by Council to vacate Washington Street between Walnut and Maple Streets. This took place on December 7, 1943.

The Oath of Office was taken January 4, 1944 by the following members:

MAYOR, Louis Eyink
CLERK, Leo Vonderhaar
TREASURER, A. J. Rengers
MARSHAL, Ed Zahn
COUNCILMEN: Will Niekamp, Vernon Eyink, Al Wint, Joe Hein and John Rawers

December 5, 1944 an ordinance was passed making it unlawful to shoot any kind of firearm within the Corporation limits.

The Village Council agreed to rent the Town Hall for club meetings at $12.00 per year, also for private parties at $1.00 each if they were from town and $2.00 each if from out of town.

On December 4, 1945 it was ordained by the Village Council that a building permit was needed to erect a permanent structure in the corporation.

An ordinance was also passed at that time making it unlawful to operate an auto wrecking yard within the Village.

George Young and Ivo Grieshop were elected to Council January 6, 1946.

It was decided by Council to install Christmas lights within the Village.

January 6, 1948 Joe Rengers was elected Treasurer and Julius Bruns elected to the Council, also Ivo Grieshop as Clerk.

April 6, 1948 Ed Zahn resigned as Marshal and Vic Garman was appointed to take his place.

On July 6, 1948 a permit was given to Roman Elking to build a new house.

In July, 1948 Louis Eyink died. Alfred Wint served as Mayor pro-tem until January 4, 1949 when he was officially elected Mayor and Charles Huelsman to the Council.

The Chickasaw Community Fire Co. was dissolved in May, 1949 and at that time the Chickasaw Community Mutual Fire Co. was formed.

September 6, 1949 Roman Elking was appointed as Clerk due to the resignation of Ivo Grieshop.

Keeping up with the times, the Village Council approved to purchase a new fuel oil stove to heat the Town Hall.

Urban Zahn was sworn in as a new Council member January 3, 1950.

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Urban Zahn, Mayor (27 years) (Dec. 27, 1951-Dec. 31, 1979)



Present Clerk, Norb Tangeman elected Nov. 1955.

A Ford Tractor was purchased from Hull Brothers to be used for street mowing at a cost of $490.00. This took place on April 11, 1950.

On December 27, 1951, Urban Zahn was sworn in as Mayor, as Al Wint had resigned.

On January 8, 1952 Ernest Heitkamp was appointed as Clerk and Eugene Rosenbeck was appointed Marshal. Also Ben Droesch was elected to the Council together with Cy Puthoff.

On January 18, 1952 Tom Heitbrink was sworn in as Treasurer.

Fonn Decker was sworn in as a Councilman to replace Charles Huelsman who resigned on July 1, 1952.

On October 7, 1952 Andrew Kramer was sworn in to replace Ed Rindler, who resigned, as Councilman.

On November 12, 1952 the Village Council voted to purchase a grader to be used on the Village streets.

A motion was made by Council to enclose the Village dump with a wire fence and a gate.

Charles Huelsman was sworn in as Marshal to replace Eugene Rosenbeck, who resigned, on July 5, 1953.

On August 11, 1953 an ordinance was passed to vacate 16 feet off Catholic Street to make up for an error at the Corporation Line on Exchange Street.

Albert Puthoff and Tom Heitbrink were sworn in as Council members on January 5, 1954. Also Julius Bruns were sworn in as Treasurer.

An ordinance was passed by Council on April 6, 1954 requiring that all bicycles be properly lighted at night and abide by all traffic rules. Bicycles would be impounded for one week on first violation.

The Village Council approved to purchase a new 1954 Ford Tractor from Bowan Eichar for the sum of $536.00.

On January 3, 1956 Norb Tangeman was sworn in as Clerk, replacing Ernest Heitkamp. Also, at the same time, Robert Wolters was sworn in as a Councilman, replacing Cy Puthoff.

On February 7, 1956 Harold Koesters was sworn in as Marshal.

The Village Council approved to purchase a fire hydrant to be used for fire protection and this practice is still in use. There are many in town at this time.

On October 2, 1956 thirty-four members of the Village filed a petition with the Village Council to have a dump yard closed within the Village limits. An agreement was made with Ted Jutte to pick up junk and garbage at each house. This cost each property owner $1.25 per week.

On October 25, 1956 an agreement was reached between the Village Council and Ralph Liette to transfer four lots to help dispose of the junk yard and also to save the creek from washing out Mulberry Street.

On March 9, 1957 the moving of the junk yard and the rerouting of the creek was completed.

On January 7, 1958 the following members were sworn into office:

CLERK, Norb Tangeman
TREASURER, Julius Bruns
MARSHAL, Harold Koesters
COUNCILMEN: Tom Heitbrink, Bernard Droesch, Andrew Kramer, Vernon Eyink, Robert Wolters, and Edwin Puthoff.

On June 3, 1958 Harold Koesters resigned as Marshal and George Bruns was sworn in to take his place.

On February 3, 1959 Lester Wynk was sworn in as Councilman to replace Bernard Droesch, who resigned.

On July 7, 1959, it was voted by Council to change all the streetlights on Franklin Street (Rt. 274) from 2500 L. lamps to 4000 L. lamps. The additional light should be a pleasant addition.

The bridge on Rt. 274 and the approach to the Village was reconstructed with a cost to the Village of $400.00.

On January 5, 1960 the following took the Oath of Office:

MAYOR, Urban Zahn
CLERK, Norb Tangeman
MARSHAL, Paul Huelsman
COUNCILMEN: Ed Puthoff, Thomas Heitbrink, Lester Wynk, Andrew Kramer, Roman Elking and Vernon Eyink.

On September 6, 1960 Gene Ballweg was sworn in as a Councilman to replace Ed Puthoff who resigned.

In the spring of 1961 a move was made to improve all the streets in the southern section of the Village.

On January 2, 1962 following were elected to office:

MAYOR, Urban Zahn
COUNCILMEN: Clarence Lengerich, Roman Elking, Andrew Kramer, Vernon Eyink, Eugene Ballweg and Lester Wynk.

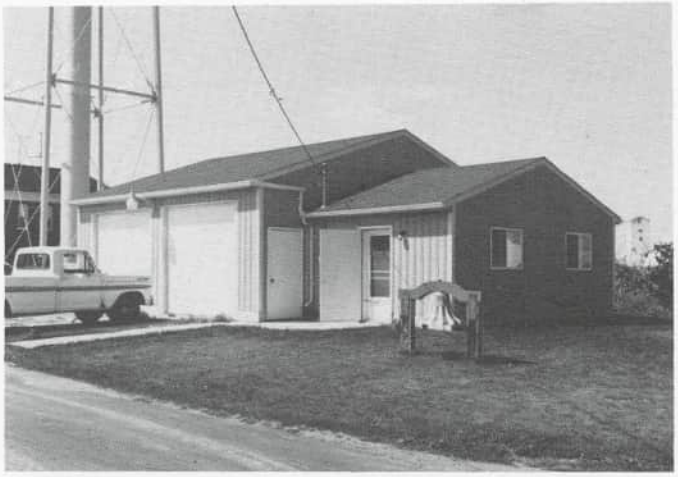
On December 1, 1962 Ed Puthoff was appointed to replace Lester Wynk, who resigned.

On April 2, 1963 it was agreed by Council to have the fire siren removed from the steel tower next to the Town Hall and also have the tower torn down. The siren was installed on top of the fire house at that time.

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Oct. 2, 1956 Chickasaw Village Dump Yard closed. March 9, 1957, the moving of junk yard and the rerouting of the creek was completed. This was done to save Mulberry St. from washing away.



Present Village Hall

On May 8, 1963, the old road grader was sold to St. Marys Iron and Steel for a sum of $25.00 per ton.

On July 2, 1963 Luke Clune was sworn in as a Councilman to replace Clarence Lengerich who resigned.

During the summer of 1963 residents of the Village met with Council to complain about the outdoor toilets at school. They felt it was unsafe and very unsanitary.

Roger Knapke was sworn in to Council on July 15, 1964 to replace Tony Droesch who resigned.

It was voted by Council at the March, 1965 meeting not to allow house trailers to be brought into town as a residence.

In January, 1967 Council purchased a 1947 1-Ton Truck from Urban Zahn to be used for plowing snow in the Village.

On June 6, 1967 Ralph Liette was sworn in as a Councilman to replace Ed Puthoff who resigned.

January 9, 1968 Norb Garman was appointed Marshal. Also Paul Huelsman was elected to Council.

First free junk pick-up was September, 1968.

With improvements costing what they were, Council found it necessary to ask the voters to approve a 5 mill tax levy for the Village. The levy passed.

On February, 1969 a motion was made by Council to change Catholic Street from 66' to 50' so as to facilitate the error on Exchange Street.

On January 7, 1970 Vernon Eyink resigned and was replaced by Edwin Puthoff.

On January 4, 1972 the Fire House office was leased to be used as Council Chambers until better arrangements could be made.

On May 1, 1973 Harold Rentz was sworn in to Council to replace Ed Puthoff who had resigned.

On August 6, 1973 Larry Eyink was sworn in to Council to replace Roman Elking who had passed away.

On October 1, 1974 the present Town Hall was purchased from the Water Co. for $9,500.00.

Through combined effort of a number of people the Citizens Commercial Bank of Celina has decided to open a branch in the Village of Chickasaw. A new building is being built. This will surely be a major asset to all the local people.

October 5, 1976, the Village Council agreed to contract with the Chickasaw Fire Co. that they would provide fire protection to the Village residents.

On November 3, 1976 Don Niekamp was sworn in to Council to replace Larry Eyink who had resigned.

In November, 1977 the Chickasaw Corporation bought the Chickasaw school building and eight lots from the Marion Local School District.

At the June 6, 1978 meeting the Council agreed to purchase a new snow plow to fit the 1-Ton Truck that was recently purchased. A better and more efficient job of snow removal should be the outcome.

On August 10, 1978 Virg Puthoff was sworn in as a Councilman to replace Luke Clune.

On March 21, 1978 the Village agreed to lease the Chickasaw school building to the Chickasaw V.F.W. for a Club House.

On April 3, 1979 the Village Council appropriated money to build a Shelter House on the school grounds. The Shelter House to cost $6585.43. This was the start of a very fine park system.

On October 2, 1979 it was agreed by Council to accept the resignation of Norb Garman as Marshal and then to discontinue that office in the Village.

November 6, 1979 the weekly trash pick-up was changed to the bag system.

December 31, 1979 Urban Zahn stepped down as Mayor and turned the reins over to Ralph Liette who was elected at the November General Elections. Zahn had served for twenty-eight years as Mayor and four as a Council member—32 years.



Present Mayor: Ralph Liette Elected Nov. 1979

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April 1, 1980 Phil Rengers was sworn in as Councilman to replace Ralph Liette because of his election to Mayor.

December 15, 1980, a used John Deere Tractor and loader were purchased for use by the Village.

April 22, 1981 first move was made to start arrangements to acquire a Library in the Village.

July 7, 1981 it was agreed by Council to purchase the ball diamond from the Athletic Association for the use of Park facilities for $1.00.

On November 2, 1982 the Council contracted with Mahargs' Trash Service to pick up the Village trash using the bag system.

The opening of Catholic Street was voted on by Council and passed unanimously on August 8, 1983.

On November 3, 1983 the Village purchased a parcel of land from Lavern and Sharon Heitkamp for the purpose of building a library.

In December, 1983 Don Niekamp resigned from Council and was replaced by James Beyke who was appointed to fill out the remaining two years.

On October 2, 1984 it was agreed by Council to work with the V.F.W. in opening a new street (LIBERTY) in the addition the V.F.W. was proposing to develop. Also it was agreed by Council to purchase a parcel of ground from Paul Rosenbeck for the purpose of opening a street connecting Liberty Street and Virginia Street at the north end. The Plot was accepted from the V.F.W. on April 2, 1985.

On January 7, 1986 Tom Huelsman was sworn in as Councilman to replace Phil Rengers who had resigned.

On May 6, 1986 the Village Council approved the purchase, and installation, of Caution Lights for the cross-walk at the library.

On the third day of June, 1986 an ordinance was passed by Council requiring a building permit for any new construction or altering of present structures.

On December 2, 1986 Village Council approved a permit to Norseman Cablevision to install lines and service to the residents of the Village.

At the July meeting, 1987 Council authorized an easement to allow the Neighbor's Water Co. a permit to drill a new water well.



Present Town Council: Top Row, Virgil Puthoff, Norb Garman, Paul Huelsman, Tom Huelsman, Jay Beyke, Harold Rentz. Bottom Row, Andy Droesch, Norb Tangeman, clerk, Ralph Liette, Mayor.

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THE RAILROAD

By Mrs. Andy (Rosemary) Droesch

The railroad was organized in 1879 and schedules were put out in 1881 and this was two years before the train came through our area. When the schedule was first put out it was in the name of Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad Co. NOTE: all the names of the small towns which no longer exist today. They can be found on early 1900 maps of Ohio.

Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad
Dayton Division
Stillwater Valley, formerly D.C. & T.R.R.
Local Time Card in effect April 30, 1881

South		Mileage	Stations	North	
Mail & Exp.	Passr.			Mail & Exp.	Passr.
P.M.	A.M.		Arr. Leav.	A.M.	P.M.
3:30	8:45	0	Dayton	9:15	4:00
3:25	8:40	1.0	C.H.&D. Junction	9:20	4:05
....	8:21	2.5	Home Avenue	9:25	....
3:00	8:13	5.1	Stillwater Junction	9:33	4:18
*2:48	*8:01	9.2	Haines	9:45	+4:30
....	*7:57	10.2	Salem Pike	....	....
2:43	7:50	10.6	Kinseys	9:50	4:35
2:35	7:50	12.7	Harrisburg	9:57	4:41
2:30	7:45	14.2	Union	10:02	4:46
*2:25	*7:40	15.5	Becker's	*10:07	....
*2:23	*7:37	16.0	County Line	*10:10	+4:51
*2:15	*7:30	16.5	West Branch	*10:17	+4:58
2:13	7:28	19.1	West Milton	10:20	5:05
*2:05	*7:20	21.7	Ludlow	10:37	+5:12
2:02	7:18	22.1	Elleman's	....	....
*1:58	*7:13	24.1	Horseshoe Bend	*10:33	+5:18
1:52	7:07	25.4	Pleasant Hill	10:40	5:23
*1:48	*7:03	26.6	Sugar Grove	*10:43	....
	6:50	30.4	Covington	10:55	5:40
	6:15	41.0	Bloomer	11:45	6:20
			Versailles		
			Strakers - Yorkshire - Osgood - Maria Stein - Chickasaw - Montezuma - Egypt - Celina - Earley - Mercer - Mendon - Monticello - Conant - Landeck - Delphos		
Leav.	Leav.			Arriv.	Arriv.

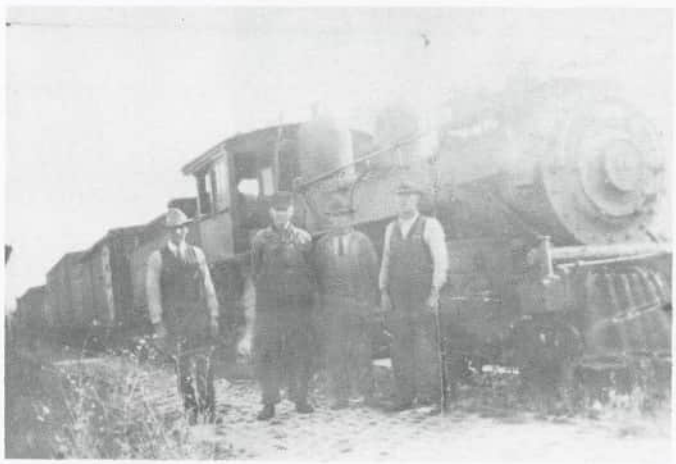
In addition to these trains, a freight train leaves Dayton going north, at 12:30 p.m., Covington 5:40 p.m., arriving at Versailles at 6:45 p.m. Leaves Versailles going south at 6:30 a.m., Covington at 7:24, arriving at Dayton at noon.

All trains daily, Sunday excepted. *+ Stop on signal. Trains leave Union Depot at Dayton.

Connections

Dayton, diverging roads East, West, North, South
Stillwater Junction, P.C. & St. L. and D. & U.
Covington, P.C. & St. L. East 5:22-7:34 a.m., 3:50 p.m. West 1:10-4:11, 9:20 p.m.

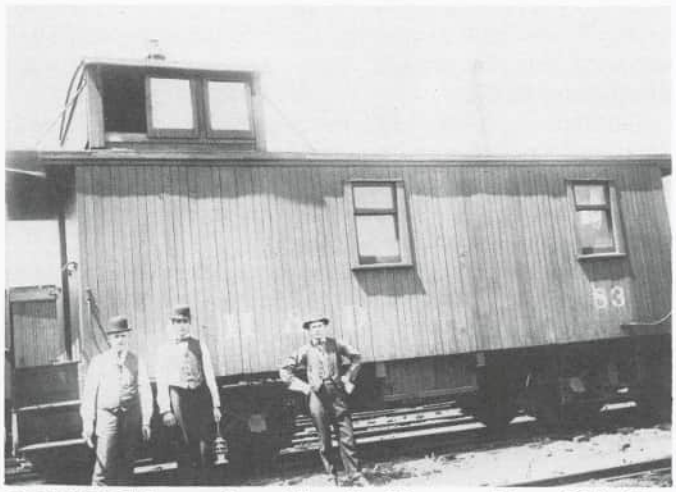
G. G. GRUND
Gen'l. Passenger Agent



C.H. & D. steam engine and train. The names of the crew are unknown.



Pot belly stove used in a caboose with coffee pot on top and a coal bucket on the floor beside the stove. Allen Co. Museum, Lima, O.



C.H. & D. Caboose, from Allen Co. Museum, Lima, Ohio. The crew men are unknown.

The railroads provided a link between small towns and the outside world and brought an end to the isolation that had plagued American villages so long. They brought more than contact and economic health—they brought excitement! Train arrivals were the highlight of the rural villager's day.

TOLEDO, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R.R.
Time Table in Effect Feb. 1884

TOLEDO DIVISION A.

SOUTH	LVE.		ARR.	NORTH
A.M.	A.M.		P.M.	P.M.
6:30	5:00	Toledo	7:50	9:30
11:06	4:30	Delphos	3:15	10:15

DAYTON DIVISION

A.M.	A.M.	ARR.	LVE.	P.M.	P.M.
11:05	6:30	Delphos		3:15	10:15
11:13	5:00	Spencerville		2:44	9:42
12:12	5:27	Mendon		2:13	9:12
12:22	5:38	Mercer		2:00	9:00
12:35	5:47	Oregan		1:50	8:50
12:43	6:03	Celina		1:35	8:35
12:50	6:20	Montezuma		1:28	8:20
1:10	6:35	Chickasaw		1:10	8:04
1:15	6:41	St. John		1:04	7:57
1:37	7:00	Osgood		12:45	7:37
1:40	7:05	Yorkshire		12:48	7:35
2:00	7:26	Versailles		12:15	7:15
4:20	9:45	Dayton		9:45	4:47

In 1883 the Toledo, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, (which was a narrow gauge train track), was acquired by the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Co. (Note: a narrow gauge means there were 36 inches between the rails.) And they immediately made it into a standard gauge which is 4 feet, 8½ inches.

On July 13, 1891 the first standard train began to service this area which included from Cincinnati to Toledo. They could switch cars on the track in Celina and go to all points East and West. The trains that came through this area could go to Delphos and turn the engine around on the Turn Table there and go forward in the same direction from

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which they had just traveled. They used a Turn Table to turn the engine and tender or coal car around as they could not back up at night because the train only had one large head light in the front of the train.

In the early days of steam engines there were four front "truck" wheels and four drive wheels. The wheel assemblies in the engine were called "trucks". As railroad traffic became heavier and more diverse, locomotives were modified to handle the changing requirements. Size and power were increased and more drive wheels, of generally smaller diameter, proved best for hauling the ever increasing freight loads. On the other hand fast passenger trains operated better with fewer, but larger, drivers.

To keep all these developments straight a new identification system was worked out, and engines were identified by 3-digit numbers: the first digit referred to the number of small wheels under the front "truck", the second to the large drive wheels, and the third to the small trailing or idler wheels under the cab. For example 2-6-2 or 4-8-4 or 4-6-6-4 or 2-10-0. If they put two engines together to pull the train it was called a "double-header" and three engines pulling the train was a "triple-header". Double headers were used in this area to haul coal and other very heavy loads. Only once in awhile did you see a triple header in this locality as they were used mostly in the mountains.

Steam engines required great quantities of water with some tenders having up to a 4,000 gal. tank. The fireman would take on more water every 20 miles. The amount used depended on the grade and speed. A steam pressure gauge measures a boiler's pressure. Early steam locomotives could withstand only 50 pounds of pressure per square inch; by 1860 the permissible pressure had doubled, greatly increasing power and efficiency.

Since there was much water required it was common to see large water tanks in the country along the railway to enable the train to take on water as needed.

The public's fascination with railroading in the 19th century elevated the engineer to the status of folk hero. In the hands of an experienced engineer a steam whistle was a thing of beauty. It was the individual's personal style of working the whistle cord and varying the steam pressure that marked an engineer's whistle "signature". A real artist could even take the standard whistle and make them distinctively his. There were whistle posts made of cement with a big "W" on it. When the engine passed this post the engineer blew the train whistle so everyone knew a train was coming and would get out of the way. Also along the train tracks there were "call boxes". The conductor would call to find out instructions and if the train tracks were clear. In the early days it was telegraph and later it was telephone.

Various types of trains were: passenger, freight, work train and local trains. The first two being self explanatory; the work train did just that, it carried all the tools needed to work on the tracks and help clean up a train wreck when there was an accident. The local train only moved train cars in the local area. Passenger and mail trains had first priority, then express freight, followed by slow freight or heavy equipment and last was the local train. There were switches in the main line which when turned would route the train into the side track so another train could pass. And the dispatcher was the one who determined which train had the right of way. This is where the call boxes were important to get all the correct instructions. There were express trains that only stopped in large cities, they never stopped at every small town along the route.

Over the years freight cars have evolved from about five basic styles: the box car, the hopper car, the gondola car, the flat car and the tank car, modifications of these basics have produced cars for specialized purposes.

The box car with open sides for cattle or poultry; insulated for refrigeration and the flat car fitted with side and end stakes for lumber, etc. The chief difference between hopper and gondola cars is the floor. The gondola's is flat; the hopper's sloping with doors at the bottom to empty the load. The bearings on the cars were made of babbitt (a metal alloy) that were lubricated by waste oil soaked rags and if they burnt out, the train had to pull those cars over to the side and leave them cool.

Perhaps the most significant development in railroad history, from the passenger's viewpoint was the pullman sleeping car which had an "upper berth". Previously there had been rigid bunks, there was no bedding; the passengers slept in their clothes and at the end of the car there was a washbowl and one towel. The pullman's berth was a solid box that swung up into the ceiling when not in use. The storage compartment held bunk, mattress and linens. There was a baggage compartment, barber shop, a buffet and a bathroom.

(It is interesting to note that, even at their best, steam locomotives were not particularly efficient, putting to use only about 10% of the energy produced!)

In the engine was the engineer and the fireman and in the caboose was the conductor and the brakeman. The conductor was the captain of the ship. He had full responsibility for the operation of the train. The engineer took his orders from the conductor who signaled the engineer when to "roll" the train. The engineer drove the train. The fireman scooped the wood or coal into the firebox while his left foot was on the treadle that opened the firebox doors. The firebox was cavernous often as big as 40-50 sq. feet! The coal was carefully placed to insure maximum heat; perhaps, one scoop at the left rear corner another at the right then along the back wall, and a couple to the front. This continued until the run was finished.

The brakeman did his best with the early hand brakes but it was very difficult until air brakes were invented to stop the train. The brakeman and the conductor usually rode in the caboose watching for shifting loads and mechanical problems.

The last car on every freight train was the caboose. It was the train crew's home away from home. It had a kitchen, a dormitory, spare parts repository, and a lookout point from which the conductor of the train was watching and, before air brakes, a vital part of the braking system.



One man hand car used by the railroad trackmen. Allen Co. Museum, Lima, O.



An early motorized hand car.

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When railroading was new there were many problems, one of them being hooking the cars together with a link and pin coupler. This required the brakeman to stand between the cars to insert the pin. If he did not make the couple at the right split second he might lose a few fingers or even be crushed between the cars.

There was also excessive sway when the cars were in motion with the link and pin coupler. The answer came when a "knuckle" coupler was developed that hooked up upon impact, with the brakeman controlling the couple from a safe distance.

Trackmen were known as "gandy-dancers" in the early days because as they were spiking the tracks to the ties they did this with two men and if the spike maul glanced off the spike the other man had to get out of the way fast so he would not get hurt, thus the name "gandy-dancer".

In the beginning rails were simple strips of iron fastened to wooden stringers. One disadvantage of the early strip-rails was their tendency to break at the joints and curl upwards. When hit by the wheels of a train these curled-up ends, called "snake heads", were ripped loose and often tore through the floor of cars. Early crossties were granite blocks. These heaved and cracked with weather changes. Gradually, rails took on a "T" form. Ties were wood, and crushed rock ballast formed the base. Generally these steel rails are rolled in 39 foot sections, today some are thousands of feet long. Weight varies from about 70 to 152 lbs. per yard. Railroad ties were put into stacks to season and wait a preservation treatment of creosote. The basic materials of track construction are wooden creosote treated ties, heavy steel spikes and T-shaped rails.

Railroads must contend with severe weather. Ground heaved by deep frost increases the demand for track maintenance. There was no automation in early track-laying. It was just bone-wearying, back-breaking hand labor. In the summer time the rails expand and they will warp sideways so the joints have a space to allow for this expansion. In cooler weather or in the cold of winter these joints open up even farther thus giving a "clicking" sound as the train rolls along the tracks.

Cincinnati, Toledo and St. Louis trains made two trips North and South each day. While the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton train made three trips North and South each day, except Sunday it made four trips North and South.

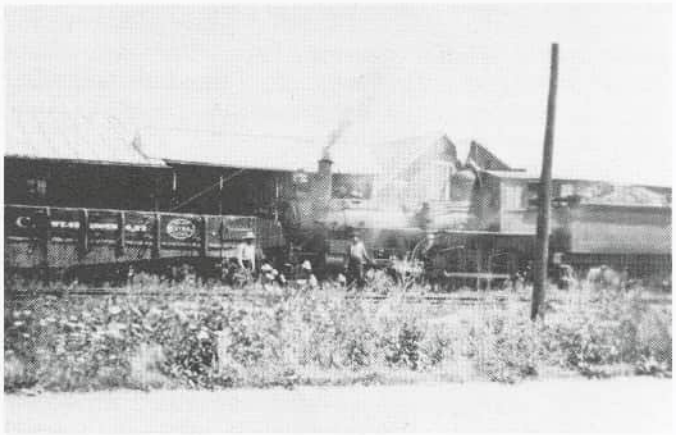


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A.M.	P.M.	LVE.	ARR.	P.M.	A.M.
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11:05	4:30	Delphos		3:15	10:15

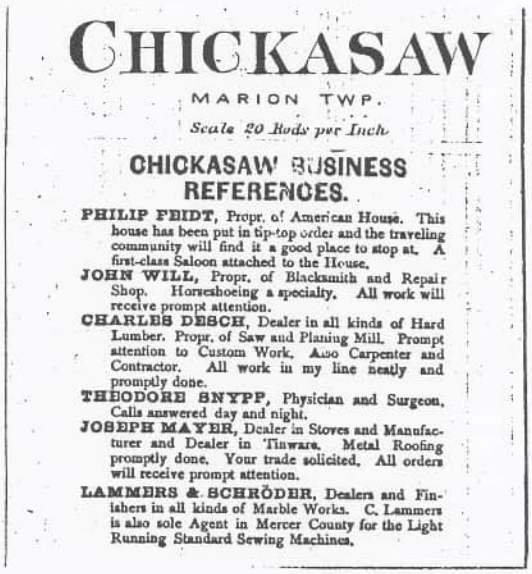
DAYTON DIVISION

A.M.	A.M.		P.M.	P.M.
11:05	4:30	Delphos	3:15	10:15
11:43	5:00	Spencerville	2:44	9:42
12:12	5:27	Mendon	2:12	9:12
12:22	5:38	Mercer	2:00	9:00
12:35	5:47	Oregon	1:50	8:40
12:48	6:08	Celina	1:55	8:35
12:59	6:20	Montezuma	1:28	8:20
1:10	6:35	Chickasaw	1:10	8:04
1:15	6:41	St. John	1:04	7:50
1:37	7:00	Osgood	12:45	7:37
1:40	7:05	Yorkshire	12:43	7:30
2:00	7:26	Versailles	12:15	7:15
4:20	4:45	Dayton	9:43	4:47

The railroad had the most business at Maria Stein Station and Mendon than at any other place in Mercer Co. At Maria Stein it had John Kleinhenz Stockyards, The Moeller Lumber Yard, New Idea, Henry Kramer Machine Shop and many other machine shops. In Chickasaw it had the Blue Ribbon Flour Mill, Excelser Washing Machine and Butter Churn Factory, Handle Factory, and many saw mills shipping lumber. Twice a week cream was sent to Cincinnati Tri-State Butter Co. in 5 gallon cans and the empty cans were returned the third day. Livestock, mostly hogs, were shipped along with grain and other goods from the area.



Early 1900's In the background is New Idea when it was located in Maria Stein, O.



CHICKASAW

MARION TWP.

Scale 20 Rods per Inch

CHICKASAW BUSINESS REFERENCES.

PHILIP FEIDT, Propr. of American House. This house has been put in tip-top order and the traveling community will find it a good place to stop at. A first-class Saloon attached to the House.

JOHN WILL, Propr. of Blacksmith and Repair Shop. Horseshoeing a specialty. All work will receive prompt attention.

CHARLES DESCH, Dealer in all kinds of Hard Lumber. Propr. of Saw and Planing Mill. Prompt attention to Custom Work. Also Carpenter and Contractor. All work in my line neatly and promptly done.

THEODORE SNYPP, Physician and Surgeon. Calls answered day and night.

JOSEPH MAYER, Dealer in Stoves and Manufacturer and Dealer in Tinware. Metal Roofing promptly done. Your trade solicited. All orders will receive prompt attention.

LAMMERS & SCHRÖDER, Dealers and Finishers in all kinds of Marble Works. C. Lammers is also sole Agent in Mercer County for the Light Running Standard Sewing Machines.

Taken from the 1888-1890 Township book in the Celina, O. Library.

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The train was used frequently to travel to Dayton and Cincinnati to visit relatives. Many people went out west to Texas using the C.H. & D. Railroad. They went to Celina by train to the doctor, dentist and to do business. They also took the train to Delphos to work and stayed there all week and returned on the weekend. This also held true for those who worked in Dayton.

Many people used the excursions to travel to all points West as the train was the only means of travel in the early days other than by horse and buggy. Railroads brought a huge change to the rural area as it gave the people a chance to get out of the local area to travel and it gave an outlet for the goods they produced. This was dry land travel as opposed to rivers and canals.

C. H. & D. Excursions.

Special Home Seekers tickets via C H & D to Ft Worth, Brady, Waco, San Antonio, Houston and almost all points in Texas at rate of $31.50 Nov 24 1903.

National Live Stock Association, Portland, Ore. Jan 12-15. 1904. $70.80 round trip. Date of sale Jan 6, 7 and 8. limit to return to Jan 31, 1904.

Thanksgiving rates Nov 25 and 26, one and one third fare round trip, returning Nov. 30, 1903.

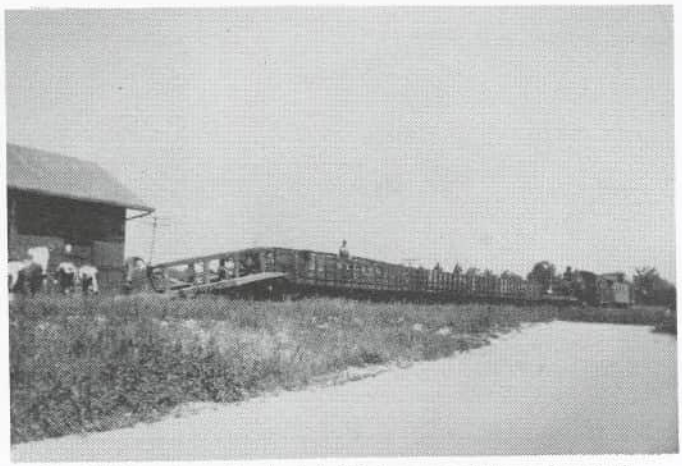
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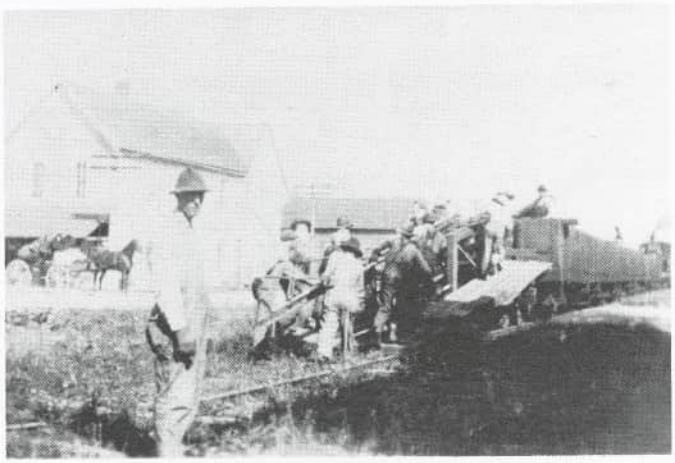


The train and horse and buggy being the only mode of travel meant that even the money came to town in this manner to supply the bank located in Chickasaw. The building supplies for the school house were mis-sent to Chicksol, Oklahoma, and then were transferred back to Chickasaw, Ohio.

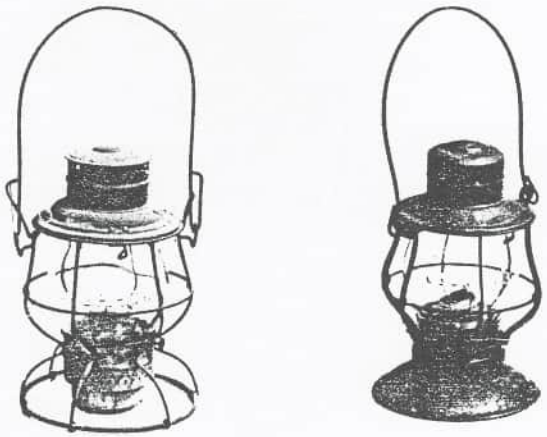
In 1916 the C.H. & D. was abandoned and was taken over by the Dayton, Toledo & Chicago Railroad. The railway ceased operating around the year 1923. The reason being, all the woodlands were cleared and the industries that were wood oriented simply went out of business while other businesses moved to other communities. There is about 1 mile of the C.H. & D. track still in use in Celina today and the right of way is still open all across the town of Celina, O.



Oct. 1923, tearing up the track in Chickasaw and proceeding north. To the left is the Horse Harness shop which is now the Terry Thobe home.



Tearing up the track in Maria Stein. Gust Budde in the foreground of the picture.



Lanterns used by the C.H. & D. Railroad

There was a lantern with window lights of each color; red, green, yellow, blue, and clear which were used by the rail-

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road men to signal what was happening along the railroad line. Lanterns were used by the men on the train as well as the trackmen. The trackmen also used flares or fuses with spikes in the end of them which stuck into the wood railroad ties when they were finished using them. There were switch lights that had a piece of metal around the light which was painted the same color as the light so it could be easily identified. These big lights were attached to the switch and turned with the switch to indicate what was to be done. This is why it is so important for the switches to be swept clear of snow and ice in the winter time to enable the switch to work well at all times. This task was one of the many duties of the trackman.

The railroad men had their own language of signals. It is important to remember that different railroads have different signals and those signals have different meanings with each individual railroad. The basics were red is stop and green is go.



Signalman's hand lantern C.H. & D. Railway.



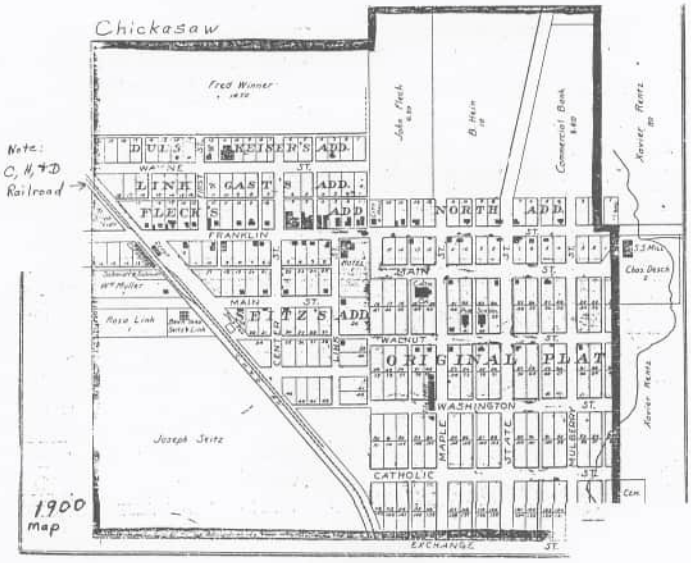
Various hand lanterns used by Railroad men in the early history of railroads.



These lanterns are all on display at the Allen Co. Museum, Lima, O.

Chickasaw, O. 1888





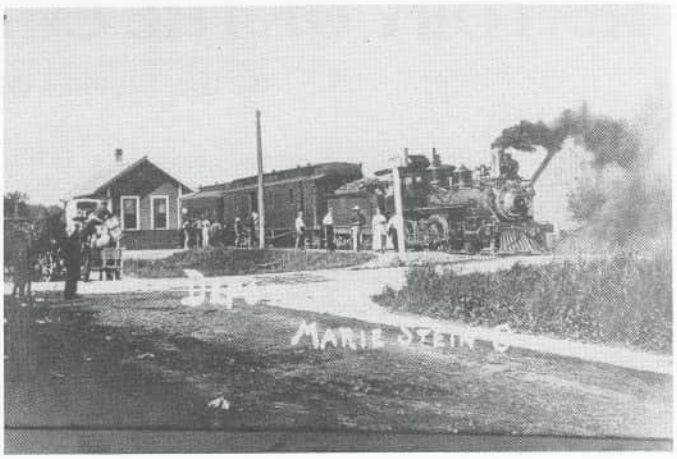


The Chickasaw Depot in the early 1900's.

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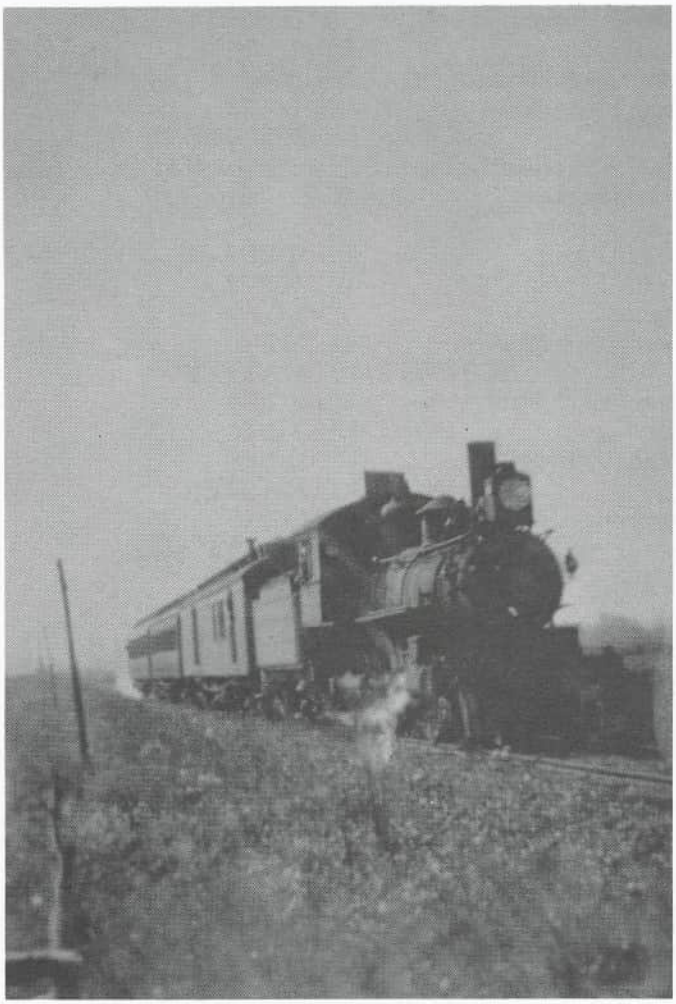
The Maria Stein Depot in the early 1900's.



Maria Stein Depot; note the wagon being loaded at the left of the picture.

The agent in the depot was in charge of selling tickets to passengers keeping customers' accounts and tagging baggage. He would take messages and see that they were delivered. He also sent messages. For the express mail, the agent in the depot would put the mail in a bag and put it on a mail post (which was the correct height of the train). The man on the train would grab the mail bag off the arm holding the bag as the train did not stop or slow its speed. They also put messages on a "Y" shaped arm something like a bow and arrow, with the message in the cord and twisted in a particular fashion so the man on the train could grab it as the train was traveling along. Some of these message arms were shaped in the form of a "P". For the bulk mail the train stopped to pick it up.

The mail was sorted on the train in a special postal car and was sent to its destination North, South, East or West. The railway postal service took intense pride in its speed and efficiency, and it is doubtful if mail delivery service was ever as good as it was during the heyday of the railroad post offices.



C.H. & D. Passenger and Mail train

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HISTORY OF THE CHICKASAW POST OFFICE

By Mrs. Stephen (Marie Heitkamp) McClurg

The Chickasaw Post Office dates back to the year 1840 as the records obtained from Washington D. C. list the following postmasters and their dates of appointment.

CHICKASAW POST OFFICE
MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
POSTMASTERS

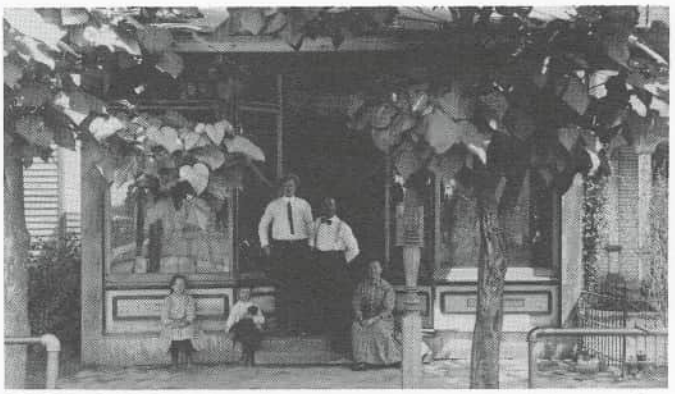
Name	Date Appointed
Thomas A. Redmon	12/30/1840
Samuel W. Ripley	10/24/1843
Thornton J. Young	03/18/1845
Jefferson G. Brandon	03/07/1848
John Kearns	09/05/1848
Discontinued January 27, 1849	
Re-established May 27, 1850	
Samuel Patty	05/28/1850
Cyrus Younkin	11/10/1852
David A. Stevens	03/23/1855
John P. Pflaum	10/06/1855
Xavier Rentz	08/21/1856
Matthias Winters	06/10/1858
Andrew Kesling	01/17/1863
Discontinued March 24, 1865	
Re-established September 20, 1881	
John Link	09/20/1881
Charles Kappel	01/21/1887
John G. Bills	01/04/1897
Frank Froebe	01/20/1898
Henry G. Rawers	11/05/1903
Bernard H. Rawers	04/02/1906
ACTING POSTMASTER	
Anthony H. Heitkamp	05/31/1945
POSTMASTER	
Anthony H. Heitkamp	06/06/1946
ACTING POSTMASTER	
Anthony J. Droesch	12/29/1965

Discontinued December 30, 1966; rural branch of Celina

The residents of Chickasaw remember Bernard Rawers as the postmaster. Ben Rawers was postmaster for 39 years in Chickasaw. The post office was located just west of the present home of Vic Garman on St. Rt. 274. Ben also operated a general store in the post office building.



Ben Rawers, Postmaster April 2, 1906 to May 31, 1945. Post Office and general store located just west of Victor Garman house today. Fire destroyed the building. Building later torn down.



CHICKASAW POST OFFICE - This building once housed the post office for the village of Chickasaw. Ben Rawers, postmaster from April 2, 1906, to May 31, 1945, is standing in front of the post office, on the lower step, with his family seated, Elfrieda, Walter and Minnie. Rawers also operated a store in the post office.

Ben was born May 15, 1875, and died July 14, 1951. Ben graduated from Ohio Northern University and taught school at the Liberty Special School which was located at the southeast corner of Clover Four Road and St. John Rd. Ben became postmaster of Chickasaw in 1906. He was married to Wilhelmine (Minnie) Schierholt. They had two children, Elfrieda and Walter and resided in the home which was attached to the post office. *See Walter Rawers family history.

The rural mail carrier at the time Ben Rawers was postmaster was Henry F. Droesch. He was appointed rural carrier on May 5, 1905. The substitute carrier was Barney Froning. Henry Droesch's annual salary at the time of the appointment was $684.00.

The mail was brought to Chickasaw by the C H & D mail and passenger train at approximately 9:45 A.M. *See the C H & D mail and passenger train in the railroad history. The postmaster and carrier (Ben and Henry) would then sort the mail and get it ready for delivery. The first part of Henry's mail route was about 16 miles of rough road, some of it mud road, so he used the horse and mail wagon for that delivery.

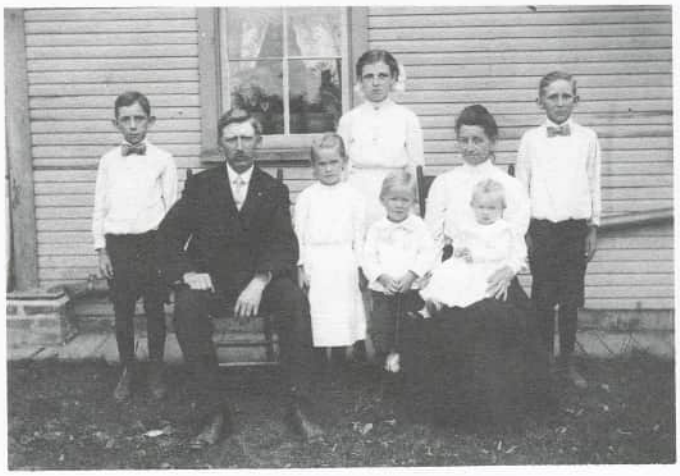


Henry F. Droesch, Rural Mail Carrier 1905-1916 and the horse and buggy he used to deliver the mail.

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Henry came back to Chickasaw about 2 to 4 P.M. for lunch, depending on road conditions and the weather. After lunch he had another stretch of better roads about 6 miles that he used his Model T Ford. It was on this trip that he met his untimely and very sudden death. He was traveling south on Rt. 716, this runs parallel with the railroad track, there he had to turn left on Rolfes Road, which had a slight grade of gravel and not seeing the train, they crashed. Funeral services were held in the Precious Blood Church of Chickasaw on Tuesday, May 9, 1916, and burial in the Precious Blood Cemetery of Chickasaw.

Henry Droesch was born on a farm near Chickasaw on December 2, 1869. He attended St. Joseph College of Rensselaer, Indiana and also a college at Lalparaiso, Maryland. He was married on August 20, 1895, to Elizabeth Hausfeld. Henry taught school for 8 or 9 years, too. His survivors were his widow, Elizabeth, and six children, Victoria, Aloys, Leander, Tharsilla, Norbert, and Marie. Several years after his death the family moved to Cleveland, Ohio. As of this date 8/5/87 two survive, Mrs. Adolph H. Hoying of Minster and Norbert of Cleveland.



Henry and Elizabeth Droesch family
Left to Right: Leander, Henry, Tharsilla, Victoria, Norbert, Elizabeth, Marie, sitting on mother's lap, Aloys.
Picture submitted by Tharsilla Hoying of Minster.

The house in which Henry Droesch and family lived at the time of his death is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Prenger and family.

Alfred Rentz, son of August Rentz of Chickasaw then became the rural mail carrier replacing Henry Droesch.



Alfred Rentz, rural mail carrier for Chickasaw for 44 years, wife Elfrieda (Rawers), and son James. Lived at the present home of Henry Dietz.



Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Heitkamp; Tony was postmaster from 1945-1965.

Alfred was rural mail carrier for 44 years for Chickasaw. On his route he had approximately 100 stops and it was approximately 32 miles in length.

Alfred was born May 29, 1895 and died May 19, 1969. He was married to Elfrieda Rawers, daughter of Ben Rawers. They have one son, James who resides at 802 Sunset Drive in Coldwater and he is married to Judith Klosterman, daughter of Walter and Alvina (Ranly) Klosterman. They have three children, Sheri 17, Doug 16, and Nicholas 9.

The substitute rural mail carrier at this time was Ben Rentz and if he couldn't take the route, James Rentz would deliver the rural route.

The location of the post office was moved to the grocery store when Tony Heitkamp became postmaster in 1945. Tony also ran the grocery store.

Anthony H. Heitkamp, postmaster, wife Rosa (Fullenkamp) Heitkamp lived in the house presently owned by Julius & Mildred Bruns until 1945 at which time they purchased the Henry Rengers Grocery and home presently owned by John and Cindy Stucke.

Mr. Heitkamp was a 1927 Student of Bowling Green State University and taught in the Chickasaw area for 20 years and was School Principal in Chickasaw from 1939 to 1941.

Tony was the sponsor & manager of the Chickasaw Girls softball team in the late 1940's & early 1950's.

He raised a family of 10 children with Eugene still residing at 44 Center St.

After the retirement of Alfred Rentz in 1960, the rural mail carrier, (R. R. #1 Chickasaw) was delivered by Clarence Art of Celina Post Office.

In December, 1965, Tony Heitkamp retired as postmaster and Tony Droesch became acting postmaster. It was discontinued as a post office and became a branch of the Celina Post Office as it is known today during the year 1966.

The first postal clerk under the Celina Post Office was Mrs. Albin (Lucille) Kramer. Albin and Lucille Kramer purchased the grocery store from Tony Heitkamp in 1963 and she ran the grocery store and the post office. In 1972, Albin and Lucille sold the grocery store and the location of the post office was moved to the Spoltman Hardware Store. Bill Spoltman then became clerk until he sold the hardware store to Arnold Homan. The post office today is run by Don Wolters.

Sources of information was gathered from Washington D. C., Mrs. Adolph Hoying, James Rentz, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Droesch.

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History of Precious Blood Church

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Precious Blood Church 1930's



A view of our church 1961

Below:
New Church 1967 to present



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PRECIOUS BLOOD CHURCH

In the early 1830's a Catholic movement began with the building of a log chapel in Minster. Soon six miles west a log church honoring St. John was erected. The March of Christ into southern Mercer County had begun in a "procession" of churches. Within a year or so church building was taken up in St. Rose. Similarly buildings of churches began in nearby Cassella, St. Henry, St. Anthony, Philothea and Egypt.

One day (1852) this "procession of churches" approached the people of the village of Chickasaw. There was stirring for a church in the surrounding area to the northwest. St. Sebastian was still woods and not suited for building. (The village came only after the church was built.) Adam Gerlach, Albert Stammen, John Will, and Herman Schwieterman were sent to confer with the people of Chickasaw. The church was to be built in the neighborhood lying northwest of the present mill some 100 feet west of the line which once was the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad tracks. Albert Stammen offered to donate five acres of land. This offer however, was not welcomed by the Chickasaw people; according to one account they preferred having a hotel. Chickasaw was passed by; the procession of chuch building continued. The church of St. Sebastian was built in the woods. Then came St. Aloysius in Carthagena, St. Francis in Cranberry Prairie, St. Peters, St. Wendelin, Immaculate Conception in Celina, Holy Trinity in Coldwater, St. Paul in Sharpsburg, St. Bernard in Burkettsville, Our Lady Help of Christians in Ft. Recovery.

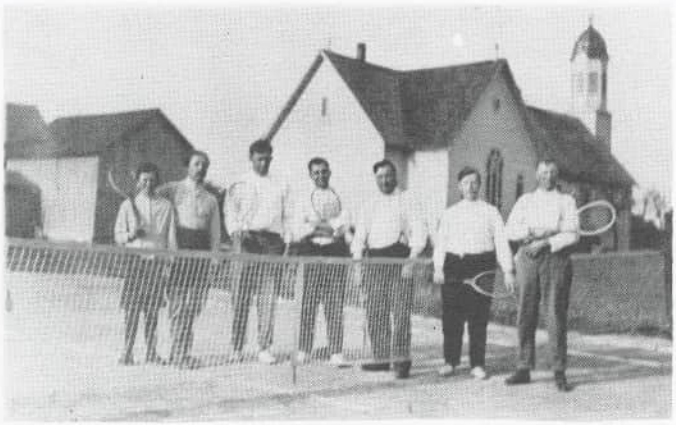
The Chickasaw folk two generations later were of another mind. They were trying to gain a place in the Catholic march. In October, 1894, the people of Chickasaw were busy hauling stones for the foundation of a building 60 x 30 x 16 feet. The building did not achieve clear identity at first. Correspondents in "Der Mercer County Bote" sometimes called it "chapel (hall)." Franz De Curtins and helpers took the job of painting it in March of 1895.



The interior of Precious Blood Church before 1900.

Sometime in the spring of 1895, a petition was made to the Archbishop for a chapel giving as a reason that some old people would like to go to Mass occasionally during the week. Permission was granted, and a "Chapel of Ease" was made of the hall (which became the nave portion of the church at the addition of 1903). Mass was said in it one or two days of the week, but no services were allowed on Sundays and Holy Days. The first Mass was said on Friday, October 11, at 8:00 a.m. The Catholic people attended Sunday Mass at St. Sebastian, or belonged to St. John or St. Rose.

The next year, March 26, 1896, lots 19 and 20 on which the building was standing were deeded to Archbishop Elder by William and Josepha Miller to hold in trust "for the Catholics worshipping at the Chapel at Chickasaw." In June of 1896, Charles Desch had the contract to put a tower on the Chapel. A bell arrived on May 9, 1898.



Tennis players with old church tower in background. Second from left - Ben Rawers and third from right - teacher, Lieser.



Tower of Old Church 1903-1936



Remodeled tower 1936-1967

The increase of Catholics in Chickasaw strengthened the thinking of having their own church. It seems "the having to cross the railroad track every time they wished to attend divine services" was a factor. Often they walked the tracks to the Niekamp farm, cut across it to Sebastian Road. The farmers had their horses for transportation to church, but the town people walked the railroad ties to church services.

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The strong thoughts for their own church formed a divine course of action. On the first Sunday of January, 1903, pew renting day at St. Sebastian, none of the Chickasaw people rented pews and nearly everyone took prayer book, rosary, etc. out of the pew. On the following Sunday, January 11, only two families came from Chickasaw. The others gathered in the Chapel of Ease to begin the rosary when the bells at St. Sebastian rang for High Mass. To make matters more critical, at 3:00 a.m. on the 12th of January, heartbreaking flames destroyed St. Sebastian Church and contents. The question of a church at Chickasaw was then compounded with the question of rebuilding the burnt out church.

The Precious Blood Parish record books begin at this time. The baptism listed is dated January 14, 1903, was Rose Elizabeth Falke, daughter of John and Bernachine Falke, just two days after the fire. Other baptismal records are noted "at Chickasaw" by Father Antonius Dick, C.PP.S. pastor of St. Sebastian at the time, who became first pastor of Precious Blood Church of Chickasaw. The first marriage was that of Matilda Dorsten to Bernard Borgert in October, 1903. The first Holy Communions were received April 10, 1904.

It's not certain that parish functions were started immediately after the fire. On Friday after the fire, word was sent that no Mass would be held at St. Sebastian and the people were to go to a church convenient to each.



Interior of Old Church after the new altar was installed in 1905.



Many Parishioners will carry in memory this Portrait of Our Savior and the Shedding of His Precious Blood, which Adorned the Old Church's Ceiling just above the Communion Rail.

Divided opinions about the rebuilding of St. Sebastian Church enlivened desires for their own parish in the people of Chickasaw and in the folks around Montezuma as well. On January 21, a stormy meeting of the three groups was held in the chapel at Chickasaw. This meeting achieved no conclusion. As no news was coming around, the people at St. Sebastian chose Ignatz Dabblet and Henry Mestemaker to see the Archbishop on February 4, 1903. The Archbishop was under the impression an agreement had been reached at the earlier Jan. 21 meeting, that the church would be built at Chickasaw. Learning of no such agreement, the Archbishop directed them to the dean, Father Frank Quatman of Sidney. Father Quatman studied the matter and approved the rebuilding of St. Sebastian Church which was signed for final approval by the Archbishop on Feb. 14, 1903.

What went on at this point is uncertain. However, according to the correspondent in "Der Bote", the decision of Archbishop Elder that Chickasaw "ist Selbstanding" and his permission to enlarge the church were announced to the people at the first solemn High Mass in Chickasaw on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1903.

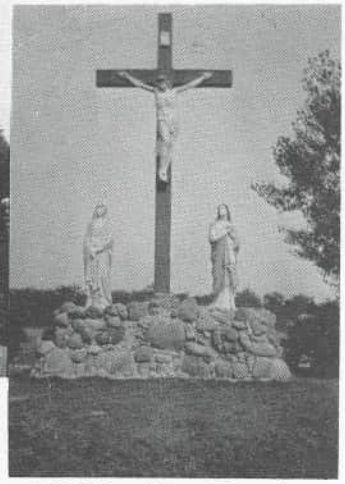
There was no dallying. From among the 58 families Father Antonius Dick, C.PP.S. named the first wardens: Joseph Seitz, Heinrich Niekamp, John Will and Gerhard Schroder. Trees were felled and sawed and sufficient wood was on the property by the Saturday after Easter.

Father Paulinus Trost, C.PP.S. second pastor (May, 1903) is said to have painted the church. The windows were in place by the beginning of July. The first funeral from the church took place July 24, 1903, "Friederich Runnebaum", who was interred at St. Sebastian Cemetery.

The third pastor, Father Anthony Tabke, diocesan priest came in early October, 1903. At the time several acres of land north of the village were bought for a cemetery. The first burial in it was the thirteen year old Elizabeth Hartings on October 27, 1903.



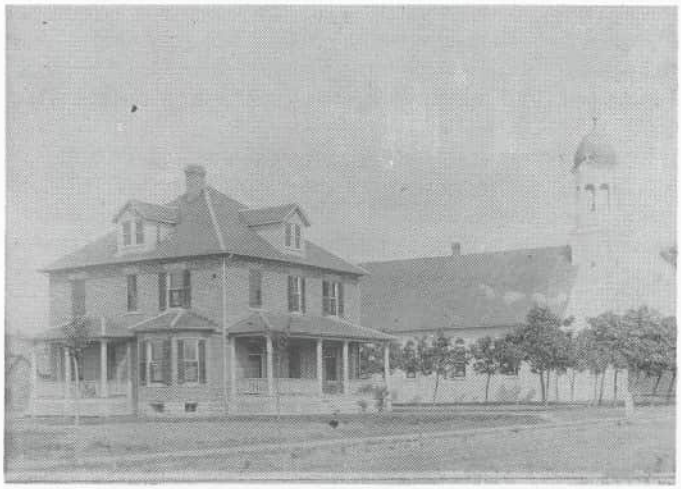
Precious Blood Cemetery entrance, the early years.



1945 Precious Blood Cemetery statues.

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On November 3, 1903 William and Josepha Miller deeded the rest of the present parish property to the Archbishop, "In trust, however, for the congregation of Chickasaw, Mercer County, Ohio, for a residence, a school house, church, or house of worship and religious services, or other religious education or charitable purposes under the faith, rules, usages and government of the Roman Catholic Church." This property is lot numbers 16, 17, 18, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47. This completed the church block as we know it today.



Precious Blood Church and Parish house in the early years.

Fr. Uecker remodeled the kitchen and bathrooms.

Fr. Naber had the interior painted and put drapes over the entire house.

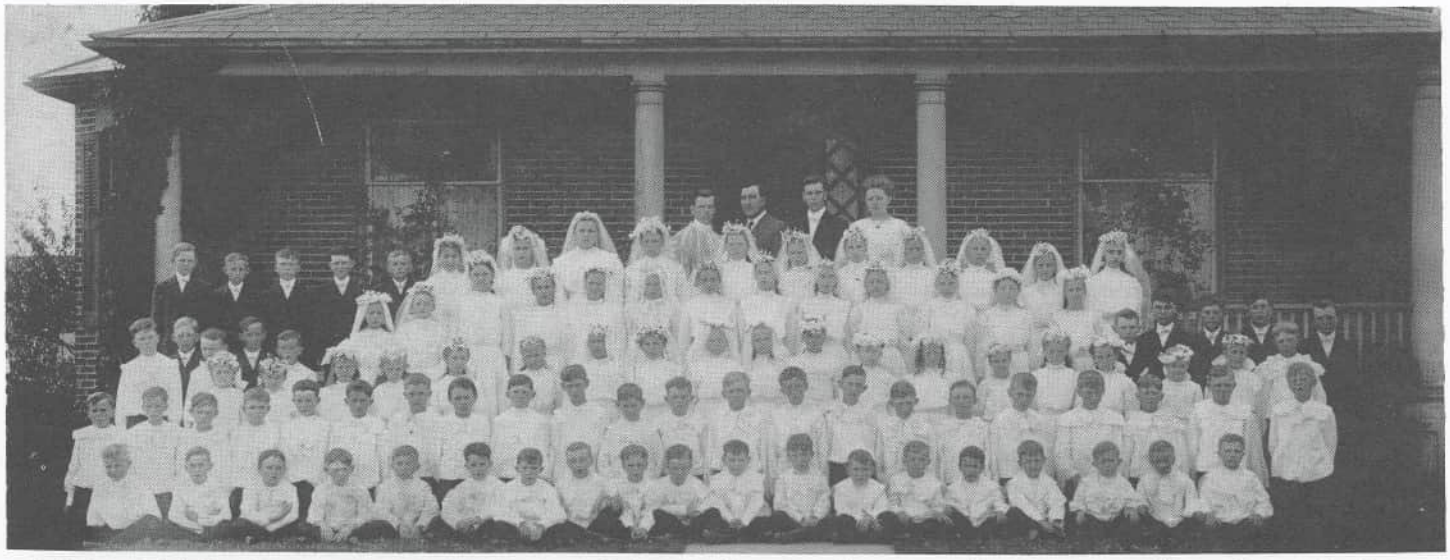
Fr. Schetter had replacement windows put over the entire house, lowered the ceilings upstairs and insulated, painted and wallpapered upstairs. Also a new roof was put on the house.



Precious Blood Parish house today.

The parish grew and dwindled with the population. From around twenty baptisms at first the number fell to ten or so in the years after 1916. From 1932-1946 the baptisms were consistently below ten.

First Communion Class May 28, 1911



Left to right: front row: , , , Sylvester Froning, Lawrence Rentz, , Albert Seitz, Anthony Bomholt, , , , , Marcus Hierhotzer, John Franzer, , , Tony Rentz, , August Dorsten. 2nd row: George Hein, Tony Hartings, , Louis Eyink, Niemeyer, Tony Franzer, Linneman, , Rawers, Dominic Kroger, Leander Droesch, , Norbert Droesch, Werner Roeckner, Xavier Hein, , Cletus Froning, Dorsten, Elmer Kremer, Fetzer, Roman Kuess, . 3rd row: Albert Winner, Helena Wint, Tharsilla Droesch, , , Vonderhovel, , , Hein, , Rengers, Grieshop, Bertilla Froning, , , Rosengarden, Hartings, Haundewffeler, Hartings, (boy in white shirt) Harry Niekamp. 4th row: Aloys Droesch, Arthur Froning, , Verlius Froning, (girls) , , Rengers, Mox, Woester, , , Luella Meinerding, Franzer, Hein, Florentine Rentz, Hilda Droesch, Elking, (small boys) , Homan, Rentz, Rentz, Meinerding. 5th row: Flip Dorsten, Grieshop, Clune, Hugo Schreder, Clem Franzer, (girls) , , Elfrieda Rawers, Minnie Clune, , Ronnebaum, Regina Winner, Rosie Winner, Rengers, , Vonderhovel.

Father Joseph Mueller, Teachers Leiser, Bernard, & Olivia Laufenswieler.

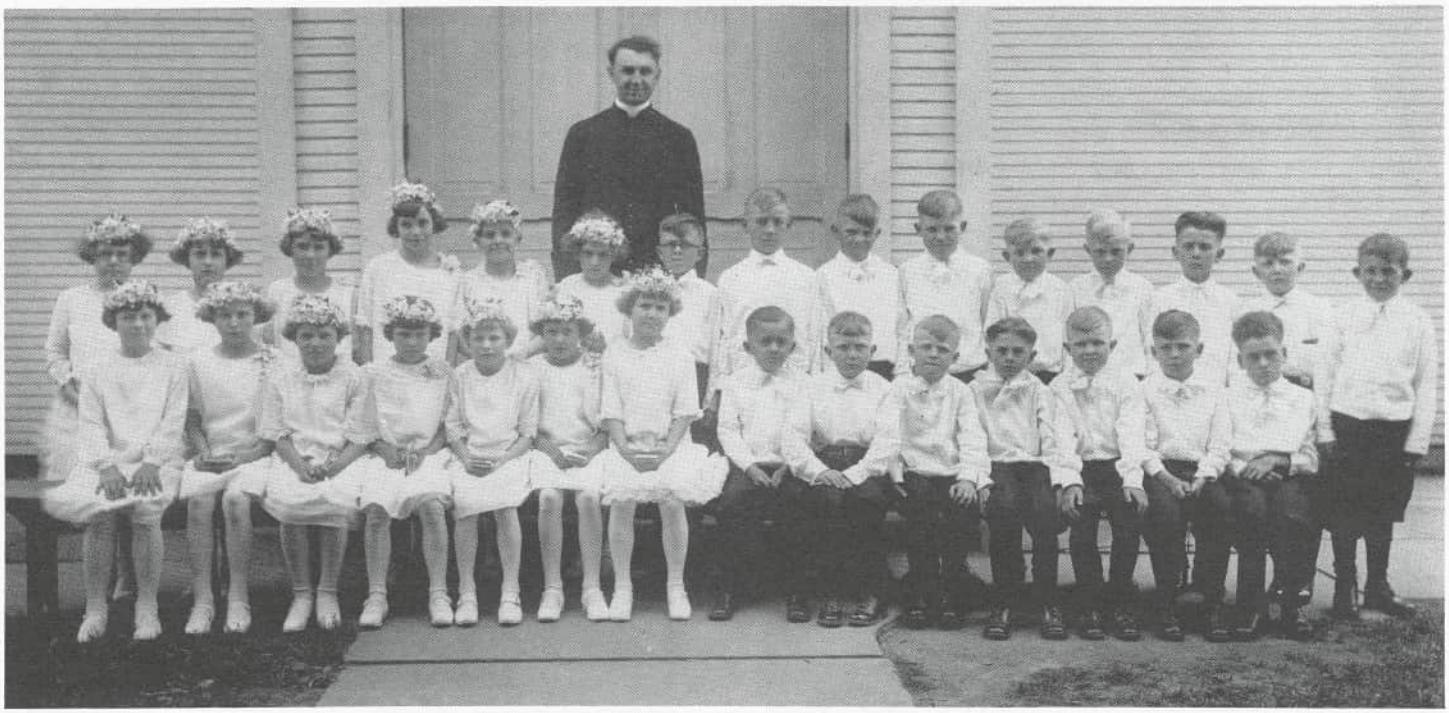
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First Communion 1907



Top Row - John Ronnebaum, Joe Eyink, Leo Gast, John Schaeffer, Herb Albers, Tekamp, Father Tabke, Laura Grieshop, Regina Eyink, Agatha Roeckner, Armella Roeckner, Regina & Rosie Winner. Bottom Row - Ed Rentz, Hugo Kroeger, , Alfred Rentz, Hugo , , Leander Rawers, Ida Dorsten, Anna Hartings, , Victoria Droesch.

First Communion 1927



Left to right; front row: Lucille Clune, Beulah Niekamp, Marcella Beckman, Agnes Rengers, Dirksen, Shorty Niekamp, Agnes Knapke, Carol Birkmeyer, Tony Meinerding, Louis Elking, Maurice Rentz, Leon Kramer, Wilfred Leiser, and Leonard Gast. Back row: Marina Kremer, Ruth Mestemaker, Viola Hartings, Lucille Rengers, Georgina Grieshop, Ruth Gast, Albin Kramer, Gerald Niekamp, Ernest Hein, Vernon Eyink, Earl Desch, Leon Hein, Leon Treon, Andy Meinerding, Arthur Wenning and Father Michael Hinssen.

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1911. 2nd from right: Walter Rawers; 3rd from left Elfrieda (Rawers) Rentz. This picture was taken in front of the present home of Lavern Heitkamp.



Precious Blood Church before 1954.



Elfrieda (Rawers) Rentz and Walter Rawers.

The rise came and 22 were baptized in 1951. After this the number has remained in the neighborhood of twenty.

The growing town population overburdened the old structure. Father Joseph Dick began to look toward the possibility of a new church and strove to set aside some reserve funds for this purpose. However, the condition of his health prevented his spearheading a full effort.

When Father Dick retired in 1962, Father Francis Uecker, C.PP.S. took on this project. With the help of a Building Committee and all the parishioners the project was in full swing. The Building Committee for the new church: Gerhard Bruns, Victor Garman, Henry Hein, Ernest Heitkamp, Oscar Heitkamp, Silverius Homan, Elmer Kremer, Bernard Rentz, John Ronnebaum and William Spoltman. The plans of the new church were developed by Robert Holtmeier, architect. In September of 1965 Archbishop Karl J. Alter gave approval to the project.



Picture taken in 1950 at Christmas.



Father Joseph Dick with our crib.
Note: the crib is the same one we use today.

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First Communion 1965



Left to right — front row: Laura Puthoff, Theresa Puthoff, Karen Niekamp, Deborah Garman, Thelma Droesch, Marjorie Rosenbeck, Dona Droesch, Juliann Dicke, Bill Elking. Second row: Ronald Garman, Patrick Homan, Terry Liette, Roy Kramer, Gene Dirksen, Kenneth Bruggeman, Kurt Huelsman, Michael Droesch. Third row: Norbert Homan, Timothy Moeller, Larry Homan, Daniel Bruns, Douglas Fleck, and Patrick Elking, with Fr. Uecker in the old church.

Groundbreaking November 28, 1965

Groundbreaking was held on the First Sunday of Advent with Monsignor Henry Ausdenmore, Dean of the St. Marys' Deanery officiating, assisted by Father Francis Uecker, C.PP.S. and Father Anselm Boeke.

No further building progress was made during the winter, until the middle of March, 1966 when the excavation began. Construction work then continued steadily.



View of groundbreaking Nov. 28, 1965.



This was the scene after groundbreaking until the excavating started the next spring.

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Groundbreaking Fr. Anselm Boeke, pastor Msgr. Henry T. Ausdenmore and Fr. Francis Uecker, former pastor.



Parishioners at groundbreaking.



Mary Catherine Wolters with shovel, Pres. of Rosary-Altar Sodality, and Jean Bruns Treasurer.



Wilma Thobe, organist at groundbreaking.



Sewage system being installed the spring of 1966.



Foundation cribbing for the new church.



The foundation being poured.

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Laying of the floor.



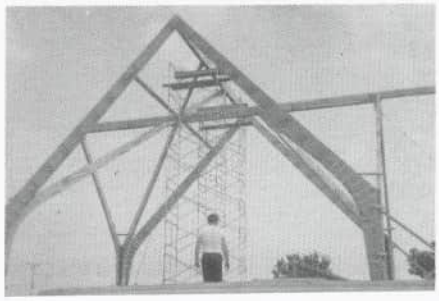
Scaffolding in place.



The beginning of the wood beams going into place.



The side beams which hold the main center beam in place.



View looking north as church was being built.



The center section of the new church.



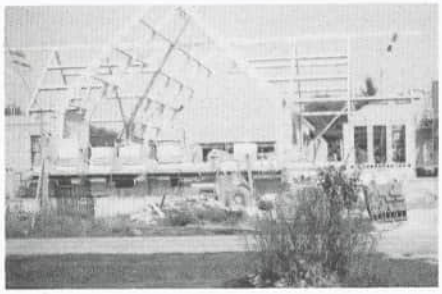
The construction of the new church continues.



Scene in August of 1966.



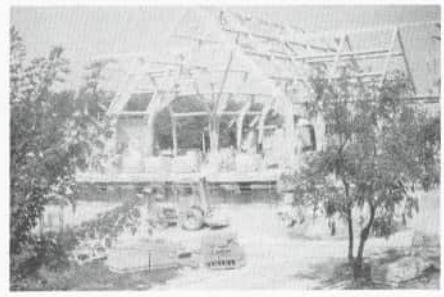
Note: the construction of the new church in the background.



Wood beams going in place.

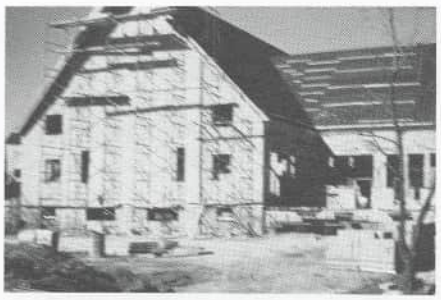


The construction progresses.



The beams for the side wings are in place.

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South side of church. Note: confessional doors and side altar section.



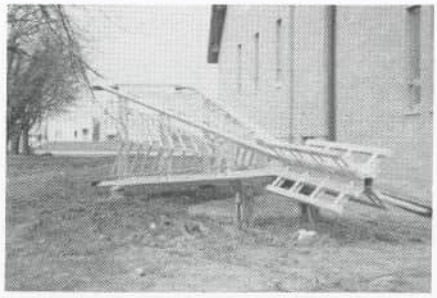
The sacristy, vestibule and restrooms are still to be built.



The church is ready for the shingles on the roof.



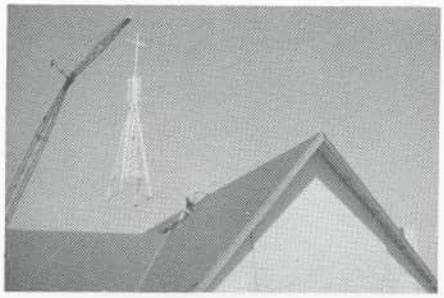
Front of church as the canopy is being constructed.



Steeple before it was placed on the church.



The steeple being raised to the roof of the church.



The steeple was set on the church April 14, 1967.



Rear view of new church before landscaping. Note: the bell which came out of the old church. It was put into place April 10, 1967.



Front view of new church before landscaping.

The cornerstone was laid and blessed on Thursday, February 23, 1967, by Auxiliary Bishop Most Rev. Edward A. McCarthy of Cincinnati that followed a Mass which was held at 12:00 noon in the old church. Also in attendance was Monsignor Clarence Liebold of Coldwater, Dean of the St. Marys Deanery.

The all brick church is built on church property west of the old church, directly behind the rectory and is facing to the north. It seats 426 persons.

The ceiling of the new church is of wood decking with exposed beams. It has an usher and cry room and the choir is located behind the altar. The church is designed in a cross form with seating on three sides. It also has a full basement for various church activities.

Other people assisting Father Boeke and the building committee were the officers of the Holy Name Society and the Rosary-Altar Sodality. Officers of the Holy Name Society were: president, Paul Huelsman; vice president, Norbert Garman; treasurer, Ivo Bruns, and secretary, Cyril Thobe. Rosary-Altar officers were: president, Mrs. Andrew (Rosemary) Droesch; vice president, Mrs. Ivo (Jean) Bruns; treasurer, Mrs. Robert (Esther) Fleck and secretary, Mrs. Paul (Alice) Huelsman.

Officials of the village who helped in the building project were Mayor, Urban Zahn; clerk, Norbert Tangeman and councilmen, Roman Elking, Luke Clune, Vernon Eyink, Eugene Ballweg, Edwin Puthoff and Roger Knapke.

General contractor for the building was the Harold Dorsten Construction Company of Minster, Ohio. Frank Plumbing & Heating of St. Henry, Ohio, had the plumbing and heating contract; Schoch's Inc., of Coldwater, Ohio, the interior decorating. Freytag did the brick work and Hecklers Corp. of Celina, Ohio, the electrical work.

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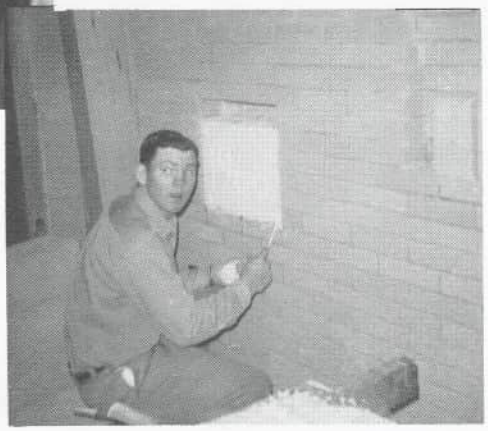


Knights of St. John and servers at the cornerstone laying.



Bishop McCarthy and Fr. Will laying the cornerstone.

Workman putting the stone in its permanent place.



To allow for the dismantling of the old structure and completion of the driveway and grounds work, use of the new church began May 19, 1967. With school children and some adults in attendance, the first Mass was offered on this date, a Friday (as was the day of the very first Mass in Chickasaw).



Parish house, new church in background with old church in foreground.



Tearing down the old church May 22, 1967.



Old church just about dismantled.



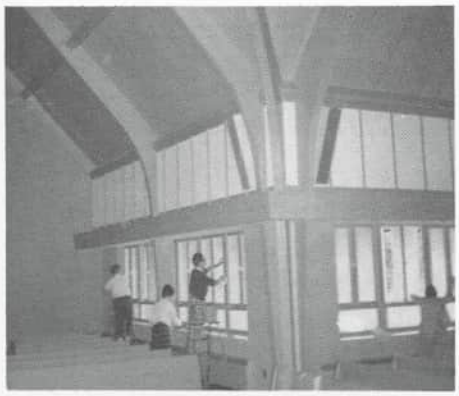
Tearing down of old church, north view.

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Meanwhile in the new church.







These are scenes of the ladies of our parish cleaning the new church in May 1967. Also in the spring of 1967 the ladies got together for the first time in the new church basement and gave a kitchen shower which gave us the articles we needed in our new kitchen.



The interior of the new church. Fr. Stang started the fund for the crucifix and Fr. Naber added the statues on either side of it, Mary and St. John. Fr. Schetter had the statues from the old church of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph painted and placed them on either side of the sanctuary.



The baptistery is at the center of the north entrance of the church.



The tabernacle was donated by Sarah Jane Cohen (Fr. Dick's housekeeper) in Fr. Joseph Dick's memory.

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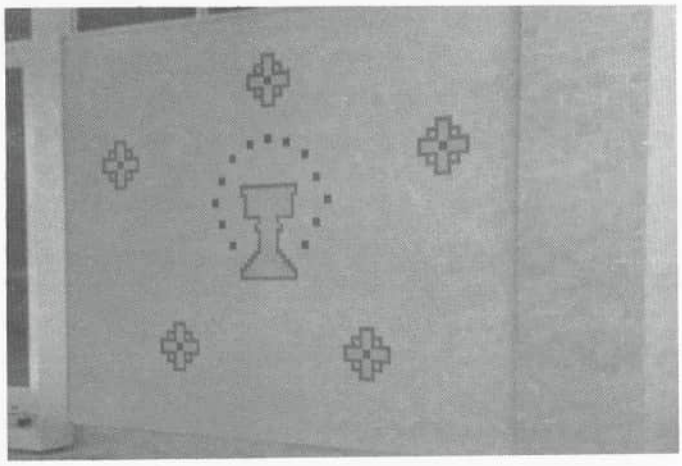
Some of the decorative designs of the new church have the theme of the Precious Blood as their inspiration. The cross on the front face of the church accompanied by windows with red glass was thought of as drops from the cross of Calvary. From inside you see the red—as Precious Blood flowing downwards or as flames of love going upwards.

The ceramic tile beside the main door continues the thought of the Blood of our redemption. The five crosses with red spot expresses the five wounds. The chalice with a crown of drops of Christ's Blood refers to the present. Now in the Mass, the chalice, the Blood of Christ's sacrifice flows out to each soul prepared.

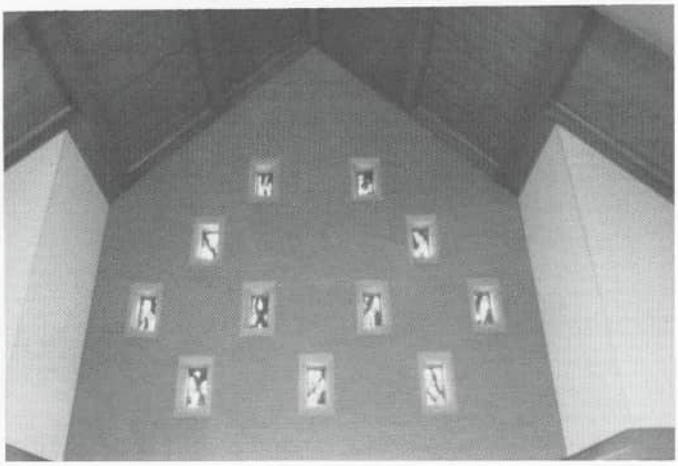
By baptism we enter the fold of Christ, the family of God. The Baptismal Font stands prominently at the entry as a reminder to us of our birth into the life of God and that we are sharers in Christ. The design on the glass of the baptistery is the Holy Trinity; The Father Who sent the Son (recall the voice from heaven at the baptism of Christ—three lives from above) and the Dove hovering over Christ (the cross). The Holy Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son and from them the Holy Spirit is sent upon the baptised (the lines continuing downward from the Trinity). The scattered stars can remind us of the angels and saints who constantly are in attendance at these great mysteries of Faith happening in our earthly lives.

The room around the altar expresses the sacredness and importance of what is done at the altar. The openness brings us to understand we are united with the action. The open area can also show that it is a place of action, where we carry out a sacred work as a community.

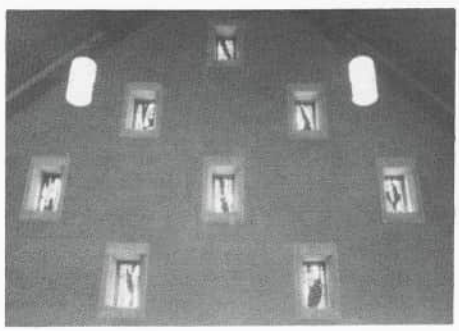
The central altar is for offering sacrifice. It is a place of action. The tabernacle, where the Real Presence of Christ is reserved; is in a chapel. The continued Presence of Christ, living body and soul in our midst, draws us to Him for meditation, for personal private prayer and visits at times other than Mass. The chapel reflects and invites you to visit, meditate, pray. (The tabernacle design speaks of the Precious Blood. The Greek letters "X" and to which is attached the "P" are the first two letters for "Christ" in Greek. An open wound is shown from which a drop falls into the chalice.)



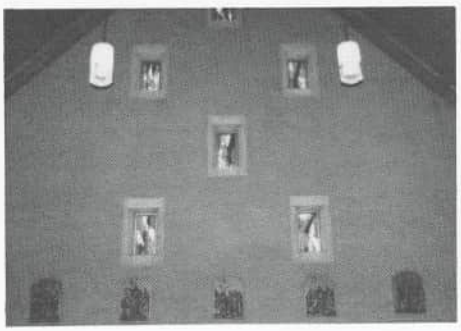
The ceramic tile on either side of the main entrance. The chalice with a crown of drops of Christ's blood and the five crosses with red spot expresses the five wounds.



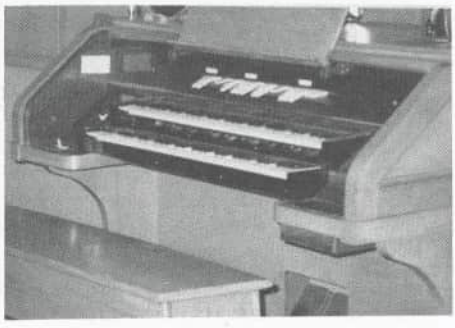
The colored windows on the north wall with red glass represent the drops of blood from the Cross of Calvary.



East wing colored windows. The red in the windows represents the Precious Blood flowing downwards or as flames of love going upwards.



West wing colored windows. Note: the stations came out of the old church, were bronzed, and are in the new church.



The organ came out of the old church and was installed in the new church.

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On June 18, 1967, at 9:30 a.m. the altar was consecrated by Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati.

Dedication July 2, 1967

Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati blessed the new Precious Blood Church Sunday, July 2, 1967, with a sung low Mass at 3:00 p.m. A number of area priests were present for the dedication including Msgr. Clarence Leibold, pastor of Holy Trinity parish, Coldwater and Dean of the St. Marys Deanery.

The new church will serve 125 families of the parish. Its estimated cost will be $300,000 which includes furniture and fixtures.



Procession to church on the day of Dedication. Note: no curbing and no grass.



Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati at Dedication July 2, 1967.



The Archbishop's throne in center behind the altar. Note: no crucifix or statues on the wall.



Dedication dinner was catered since we did not have the facilities at this time for a dinner this size.



Paul Huelsman, parish council pres., Urban Zahn, mayor of Chickasaw, Fr. Anselm Boeke, pastor at the microphone and Fr. Francis Uecker seated at the right at Dedication ceremony.

Dedication dinner was catered in since we did not have the facilities to accommodate a crowd of its size. We had to bring in tables and chairs because we did not have our own at this time. The Precious Blood theme was carried out with red flowers, red wine and strawberry pie. The young ladies of our parish, the graduates of 1967 and the 10th and 11th grades were the girls who helped the caterer serve the dinner. The caterer furnished white table cloths, china, silverware and candelabra.

On Saturday, July 22, and Sunday, July 23, 1967 a homecoming and picnic was held to give everyone the opportunity to see the new church. It was the first homecoming and picnic to be held in the village of Chickasaw in nearly 20 years. And it was a tremendous success. It was estimated that the overall attendance for the two days was more than 20,000.

A great number of these people viewed the new church and the register book was signed by people from at least seven states.

There were kiddy rides, games, booths, refreshments and chicken dinners by the Retreat Fryers. A good time was had by all who attended.

In charge of the homecoming was Paul Huelsman, chairman and Stanley Homan, assistant chairman. Other committee members were Ralph Liette, Harold Koesters, Art Prenger and Rosemary Droesch.

HOMECOMING and FESTIVAL

Precious Blood Parish
CHICKASAW, OHIO
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NEW CHURCH OPEN HOUSE

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Ticket stub from the homecoming festival.

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First Communion 1969

Left to right, front row: Tim Droesch, Joe Moeller, Bob Homan, Don Droesch, Dan Niekamp, Randy Liette, Don Homan, Jerry Schulte, and Rolly Roeckner. Second row: Rick Bruns, Bonnie Droesch, Marilyn Voskuhl, Pam Fleck, Agnes Brown, Doris Homan, Elaine Prenger, Dan Rosenbeck. Third row: Sue Elking, teacher's helper; Fr. Boeke, pastor; Lucille Droesch, teacher.



First Communion May, 1975.

Front row: left to right, Jim Kramer, Mark McClurg, Jerry Ronnebaum, Mike Voskuhl, Tim Hut and Dan Kramer. 2nd row: Tana Homan, Lucy Brown, Zita Droesch, Marlene Homan, Susan Lochtefeld, Sandy Prenger, and Jamie Puthoff. Pastor, Fr. Henry Naber and teacher, Deb Garman.



First Communion May, 1976.

Front row: left to right, Glenn Prenger, Dave Rengers, Lisa Rentz, Becky Moeller, Stan McClurg and Charles Homan. 2nd row: Andrew Kunk, Kevin Ronnebaum, Ernie Dicke, Russ Puthoff, Chris Dresher, and Jeff Rindler. Back row: Assistant teacher, Rose Brown, Pastor Fr. Henry Naber, and teacher Margie Ronnebaum.

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First Communion May 1979. Front row: left to right, Joe Osterholt, Stacey Kremer, Allan Brown, Elaine Dicke, Jerry Schmidt and Sheryl McClurg. 2nd row: Ed Homan, Amy Rengers, Kevin Knapke, Meredith Klosterman, Shannon Homan, and Scott Stachler. Pastor, Fr. Cletus Stang and teacher, Margie Ronnebaum.



First Communion May 4, 1980. Front row: left to right, server, Glenn Prenger, Tom Osterholt, Cindy Eyink, Julie Prenger, Marsha Niekamp, Kristi Heitkamp, Michael McClurg, and server Stan McClurg. 2nd row: teacher, Margie Ronnebaum, Dan Homan, Michelle Bohman, Pastor, Fr. Albert Schetter, Renee Eyink, Bob Kuess, and server Mark McClurg. Back row: servers, Steve Prenger and Joe Prenger.



Feb. 22, 1981, Confirmation Class, front row, left to right: Dave Rengers, Glenn Prenger, Charlie Homan, Stan McClurg, Chris Dresher, Ernie Dicke, Mark McClurg and Dan Kramer. Second row: Lisa Rentz, Becky Moeller, Zita Droesch, Fr. Albert Schetter, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardine, Susan Lochtefeld, Lucy Brown, Jamie Puthoff, Tana Homan, and Thomas Eyink. Third row: Jerry Ronnebaum, Sandy Prenger, Marlene Homan, Jeff Rindler, Roger Kuess, Kevin Ronnebaum, Russ Puthoff, Jim Kramer and Mike Voskuhl.

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Nov. 23, 1986, Confirmation Class, front row, left to right: Mary Droesch, Alma Puthoff, Fr. Albert Schetter, Most Rev. James H. Garland, Lucy Brown, and Margie Ronnebaum. Second row: Ron Osterholt, Beth Eyink, Sherri Grillot, Gail Mueller, Jason Beyke, Mark Ronnebaum, Eric Eyink and Joe Meyer. Third row, Jenny Beyke, Stacey Thobe, Michelle Bohman, Marsha Niekamp, Julie Prenger, Cindy Eyink, Renee Eyink, Kristi Heitkamp, Andy Hoying and Dana Steinbrunner. Fourth row: Kathy Homan, Carl Schulze, Tom Osterholt, Michael McClurg, Dave Rengers, Bob Kuess, Dan Homan and Brad Knapke.



Nov. 23, 1986, combined Confirmation classes of Precious Blood, Chickasaw, St. Rose, St. Sebastian, and The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cassella.

Front row, left to right: Oscar Eifert, Alma Puthoff, Mary Droesch, Fr. Herbert Eilerman C.PP.S., Fr. Albert Schetter, Most Rev. James H. Garland, Fr. Louis Barga C.PP.S., Fr. Joseph Pax C.PP.S., Fr. John Wilson C.PP.S., Lucy Brown, Janice Piekenbrock, Margie Ronnebaum, and Dale Schwieterman.

Confirmation class members in alphabetical order: Keith Albers, Jason Beyke, Jennifer Beyke, Michelle Bohman, Andrew Bruns, Jeffery Bruns, Stephanie Bruns, Chris Clune, Kelly Dirksen, Kevin Dippold, Kurt Dippold, Scott Dippold, Elizabeth (Beth) Eyink, Cynthia Eyink, Eric Eyink, Renee Eyink, Kelly Fleck, Matthew Fleck, Renee Fullenkamp, Kelly Goettemoeller, Kurt Goettemoeller, Karla Griesdorn, Sheri Grillot, Joy Hagens, Kenneth Hartings, Kristina Heitkamp, Eric Hemmelgarn, Jeremy Hess, Daniel Homan, Debra Homan, Julie Homan, Kathryn Homan, Kevin Homan, Tara Homan, Andrew Hoying, Bradley Knapke, Benji Kremer, Randall Kuess, Robert Kuess, Joseph McClurg, Michael McClurg, Kelly Meier, Joseph Meyer, Jane Moeller, Deborah Mueller, Jenny Mueller, Jason Muhlenkamp, Teresa Nagel, Marsha Niekamp, Ronald Osterholt, Thomas Osterholt, Todd Pleiman, Julie Prenger, Jason Ranly, Douglas Rengers, Mark Ronnebaum, Jason Schmackers, Carl Schulze, Randy Schulze, Jason Schwieterman, Chett Siefring, Angie Siegrist, Dana Steinbrunner, Randy Stucke, and Stacie Thobe.

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HISTORICAL DATES

1894—October, stones were hauled for foundation of hall (chapel) to be 60 x 30 x 16 feet.
1895—March, Franz DeCurtins undertook the painting of the chapel.
October 11, Friday, the first Mass was read "in our hall (chapel)."
October, C.K. of A. #795 formed.
1896—March 26, lots 19 and 20 were deeded to the Archbishop by William and Josepha Miller.
June, Charles Desch had the contract to build a tower on the chapel.
1898—May 9, bell arrived.
1903—January 12, St. Sebastian Church burned.
April 12, Easter Sunday, Archbishop Elder's decision to make a parish in Chickasaw and the permission to enlarge the church was announced. Easter Sunday also was the occasion of the first Solemn High Mass, Father Antonius Dick, C.PP.S., Celebrant, Father Paulinus Trost, C.PP.S., Deacon, and Seminarian Vitus Schuette, Subdeacon. Father Trost gave the feast day sermon. Also at this time, the first wardens were named by Father Antonius Dick, C.PP.S., the first pastor.
April 18, by this date trees had been felled, sawed and enough lumber was at the church for enlargement which was to be 48 feet wide and 35 feet long and have room for 300 persons and a roomy sanctuary and two sacristies.
April 26, First Communion of children was to take place.
May, Father Paulinus Trost, C.PP.S., has charge of the parish. Sunday afternoon on May 10, the Mothers' Society and the Altar Society were united into one. Forty-seven members.
July 12, Ice Cream Social was held at the church. Even though it rained in the morning and at noon, $908.65 was taken in, with $188.13 expenses, $720.52 was made as profit toward the church.
July 24, First funeral in Precious Blood Church, Friederich Runnebaum.
October, Father Anthony Tabke comes as pastor. Priest house rented.
October 10-17 this week 3 acres of land bought for cemetery.
October 21, Wednesday, first wedding, Bernard Borgert and Matilda Dorsten.
October 27, first burial in the new cemetery, Elizabeth Hartings.
November 3, lots 17, 18, 43 to 46 and east part of lots 16 and 47 were deeded to the Archbishop by William and Josepha Miller.
November 8-10 the first Forty Hours Devotion.
December, over $2,200.00 was gathered for the priest house to be built.
December 19, wardens elected, Peter Niekamp, Clemens Eyink, Anton Rentz, Joseph Dorsten.
December 27, pews rented; 143 seats were sold for a "schoene Summe" of $1,145.65. There was a shortage of benches and the wardens were to get four more.
1904—January, bricks were being readied for the priest house, which was built in this year.
1905—New altar was put into the church.
1910—October 26, Father Joseph Mueller begins as pastor.
1911—May 28, ninety-nine made their first Communion.
1912—Some sad funerals in the fall.
September 25, the death of twin children of William Niekamp and Louisa Goeke.
September 30, death of Louisa Niekamp, age 37.
November 18, the death of Caroline Hartings at 21 years and Anna Hartings at 16 years, daughters of John Hartings and Catherine Piekenbrock, were both "killed by train at Delphos, Ohio."
1913—September 11, Father Charles Kuenle, pastor.
1916—October 8, Father Menge becomes pastor.
1926—August 20, the parish was cared for as a mission from St. Sebastian where Father Michael Hinssen was pastor.

RECEIPTS

Balance, January 1, 1926	$1096.69	
Pew Rent	2201.45	
Collections (Sunday and Holyday)	235.72	
Easter	16.10	
Christmas	80.35	
Diocesan Collections	186.25	
Charity (Brothers and Sisters)	24.00	
Certificate of Deposit	800.00	
Interest	248.61	
Votive Stand and Candles	25.39	
Miscellaneous	17.79	
Total Receipts		$4932.35

SUMMARY

Financial Standing of the Congregation Jan. 1, 1927

Reserve Fund	$4970.00	
Societies	1338.09	
Balance on hand	1288.38	
Total		$7596.47

REV. M. H. HINSSEN, PASTOR

A. J. BIRKMEYER, SEC'Y-TREAS.

Board of Wardens

CHARLES SCHULTE JULIUS NIEKAMP

LEO HOMAN

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EXPENDITURES

Salary, Pastor	$1500.00	
Salary, Sexton	385.00	
Salary, Organist	196.00	
Secretary and Treasurer	10.00	
Cleaning Altar-Linens	25.00	
Pumping Organ	12.00	
Insurance	108.24	
Certificate of Deposit	500.00	
Sacristy Articles	25.88	
Altar Bread and Wine	61.90	
Taxes	60.14	
Electric Light	22.90	
Coal (incl. kerosene 15.00)	269.40	
General Repairs	33.85	
Merchandise	22.32	
Hardware	17.95	
Electric Supplies	41.04	
Candles	30.00	
Vacuum Cleaner	15.00	
Telephone	9.10	
N. C. C. M.	10.00	
Diocesan:		
Archbishop's Residence	30.00	
Missions	20.00	
Seminary	85.00	
Deaf Mutes	17.25	
Orphans	15.00	
Holy Father	45.00	
Palestine	4.00	
Diocesan Assessment	48.00	
Brothers of St. Francis	12.00	
Poor Claire Nuns	12.00	
Total Expenditures		$3643.97

Total Receipts	$4932.35
Total Expenditures	3643.97
Balance, January 1, 1927	$1288.38

Offering to Maryknoll Missions ..... $ 100.00

1927—September 25, Father Simon Kuhnmuench, C.PP.S. is named pastor.
1928—New roof put on the church and painting done.

EXPENDITURES

Pastor's Salary		$1500.00
Janitor & Sexton		404.40
Organist's Salary		204.00
Secretary-Treasurer		10.00
Pumping Organ		12.00
Cleaning of Altar Linens		25.00
Mass Wine		23.80
Altar Breads		14.52
Choir Music		11.73
Sacristy Supplies		45.27
Candles & Votive Lights		169.66
Fuel		190.30
Electric Light — Church & Residence		42.76
Telephone		18.30
Taxes		64.84
Insurance		106.31
Hardware — Electric Washmachine etc.		132.65
Merchandise		16.30
Printing of Financial Report		4.50
General Repairs		110.28
Improvements:		
Plumbing in House	$462.19	
New Roof on Church	900.00	
Painting of Church & Int. & Ext. of Residence	573.21	
Crushed Rock for Parking Place Near the Church	87.27	
Other minor Improvements	53.34	2076.01
Miscellaneous		40.29
Diocesan:		
Assessment	$50.00	
Indian & Negro Missions	6.80	
Holy Land	6.25	
Seminary	57.65	
Deaf — Mutes	14.50	
Sufferers of Devastated Area	10.25	
Missions, Home & Foreign	15.25	
Holy Father	45.25	
Tax for Socials	9.75	215.70
Propagation of Faith		46.00
Total Expenditures		$5484.62
Balance on hand January 1, 1929		$1141.17
		$6625.79

1929—In the fall the basement excavated and a new heating system installed.

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RECEIPTS

Pew Rent		$2708.85
Sunday & Holyday Collections		274.74
Special Collections: (Easter, Coal XL Hours, & Christmas)		263.70
Diocesan Collections:		
Holy Father	$43.75	
Holy Land	9.80	
Seminary	72.25	
Orphans	19.00	
Catholic University	5.50	
Deaf-Mutes	7.85	
Centenary Burse	63.50	221.65
For Propagation of Faith		11.50
Candles & Votive Stand		113.10
Interest on Notes		202.42
For Up-keep of Cemetery		2.00
Certificates & Note		2562.00
Miscellaneous (Sale of Stoves & Shed, etc.)		102.50
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1930		1141.17
Total Receipts		**$7603.63**

SUMMARY

Reserve Fund (Notes)	$2500.00
Societies	281.60
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1930	642.01
Amount due on Heating System	450.00

EXPENDITURES

Pastor's Salary		$1500.00
Janitor & Sexton		414.95
Organist's Salary		187.00
Secretary — Treasurer		10.00
Telephone		22.70
Light (Church & Residence) and Wiring		94.75
Fuel		309.21
Insurance		25.31
Taxes		57.40
Printing Financial Report		4.50
Sacristy Supplies (Mass Wine, Altar Breads)		44.11
Washing of Altar Linens		25.00
Candles & Vigil Lights		123.45
Repairing Organ & Installing Blower		343.20
Hardware (Kitchen Stove, etc.)		78.32
Repairs		34.00
Improvements:		
Heating System	$1500.00	
Excavating for Basement	1368.00	
Gravel & Sand	34.53	
Trucking Gravel & Sand	69.55	
Freight & Unloading	80.14	
Digging Ditch & Laying Tile	80.00	3132.22
Miscellaneous (Tiles etc.)		93.28
Diocesan:		
Annual Assessment	$ 75.00	
Holy Father	43.75	
Catholic University	5.50	
Holy Land	9.80	
Deaf-Mutes	7.85	
Orphans	19.00	160.90
Seminary Assessment		100.00
Assessment for Centenary Burse		180.00
Assessment for Bishop-elect Albers		10.00
Propagation of Faith		11.50
Total Expenditures		**$6961.62**
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1930		$ 642.01

1930—The church was frescoed, and new flooring of inlaid linoleum for sanctuary and sacristies.

EXPENDITURES

Pastor's Salary		$1500.00
Organist		170.00
Janitor and Sexton		389.40
Secretary-Treasurer		10.00
		$2069.40
Candles and Votive Lights		$ 111.88
Fuel (Coal and Kerosene)		258.79
Light (Church and Residence)		54.42
Telephone		22.57
Insurance		42.38
Taxes		65.44
Printing Annual Report		4.50
Sacristy Supplies (Mass Wine, Altar Breads, etc.)		34.90
Washing Altar Linen		25.00
Repairs and Labor (Ditch, Tile, etc.)		112.96
Hardware and Mdse.		38.08
Miscellaneous (Fixing Driveway)		13.72
		$ 784.64
Improvements:		
Frescoing Church		$ 850.00
Staining and Varnishing Woodwork		173.00
Painting Altars, Stations, etc.		120.00
		$1143.00
Flooring of Altar Platforms and Lumber		$ 53.92
Sanding Sanctuary and Sacristies		27.75
Inlaid Linoleum for Sanct. and Sacristies		197.78
Runners for Sanctuary and Rugs		175.89
Benches for Altar Boys and PrieDieu		53.00
Electric Wiring and Fixtures		116.00
Repairing of Windows		43.50
Refinishing Candlesticks		65.81
		$ 733.65
Balance on Heating System		486.00
Building of Walk		137.80
		$ 623.80

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Diocesan Collections:

Holy Father	$ 33.10	
Holy Land	7.00	
Deaf Mutes	7.50	
Home and Foreign Missions	33.60	
Indian and Negro Missions	5.25	
Catholic University	3.25	
Orphans	7.50	
Teachers College	3.40	
		$ 100.60
Propagation of Faith	19.00	
Holy Childhood Association	10.00	
		$ 29.00

Assessments:

Diocesan Assessment	$ 71.00	
Seminary	90.00	
Archbishop's Homecoming	15.00	
		$ 176.00
		$5660.09

SUMMARY

Financial Standing of Parish, January 1, 1931

Reserve Fund (Note)	$ 500.00	
Societies	412.37	
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1931	3410.75	
Total		**$4323.12**

1933—January 2, Solemn Funeral for Mary Niekamp, Father Menge's housekeeper for 15 years.
1934—September 9, Solemn Funeral for Fredinand Gast, who "was janitor of the church for 30 years."
1936—In October the tower of the church was repaired with Joseph Melcher as the contractor.
1938—September 21, Father Remigius Monnin, C.PP.S. was named in charge of the parish until Father Ralph H. Moormann came as pastor October 8.
1939—December 8, new organ installed.

EXPENSES

Salaries: Pastor	$1500.00	
Organist	180.00	
Janitor	330.00	2010.00
Altar Breads and Mass Wine		42.95
Washing Altar Linens		20.00
Taxes		28.44
Insurance		24.58
Electricity (Church and Rectory)		75.42
Repairs		
Miscellaneous	54.95	
Electrical Work on Church	79.22	
Cleaning, Painting and Papering Rectory	114.55	
Plumbing Repairs	43.54	
New Gutters — Rectory	46.80	
Painting — Exterior of Church	198.00	
Heating Repairs	52.07	
Painting — Exterior of Rectory	97.04	686.17
Fuel (Coal and Gas)		222.64
Telephone		25.20
Household Furnishings		120.50
General Supplies		234.58
Vestments, Cassocks and Surplices		82.17
Miscellaneous		3.30 $3575.95
Diocesan Collections		110.04
Diocesan Seminary Assessment		50.00
Diocesan Assessment		64.00
Subscriptions to Catholic Telegraph		37.05
Catholic University Drive		30.00 291.09
Total Ordinary Expenses		**$3867.04**

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES

New Organ	1610.00	
Radiator Shields (Church)	80.00	
Cleaning — Interior of Church	195.00	
Painting Altars, Sacristies, Vestibule, etc.	80.00	
Diocesan Tax (Summer Social)	25.00	
Electrical Work on Altar	13.81	**2003.81**
Total Expenses		**$5870.85**
Balance on hand, January 1, 1940		1719.54
		$7590.39

1940—The garage was built.

EXPENSES

Salaries: Pastor	$1500.00	
Organist	200.00	
Janitor	360.00	2060.00
Altar Supplies		89.64
Washing Altar Linens		25.00
Insurance		31.64
Vestments, Cassocks and Surplices		58.08
Fuel (Coal and Gas)		260.10
Electricity (Church and Residence)		81.99
Repairs.		
Electrical Work	34.85	
Old Sidwalks	25.93	
New Sidewalks	55.22	
Painting — Hall of Rectory and Statues	47.00	
Miscellaneous	35.25	198.25
Printing 1939 Report and Stationery		13.70
Telephone		29.10
Dishes, Curtains, Towels and Linens (Married Ladies)		80.00
Household Furnishings		125.43
Screens for Residence		56.62
Automatic Water Heater		43.00
General Supplies		62.23

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Taxes	33.00	
Cemetery Association	100.00	
Miscellaneous	70.46	**$3418.24**
Diocesan Collections	120.40	
Seminary Assessment	50.00	
Diocesan Assessment	64.00	
Subscriptions to Catholic Telegraph	33.80	
Holy Childhood Association	10.86	**279.06**
Total Ordinary Expenses		**$3697.30**

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES

New Garage		
Cement Work — Labor and Material	$ 126.57	
Brick Work — Labor and Material	280.00	
Lumber, Carpentering, Roofing and Painting (Including Overhead Doors)	355.00	
Spouting	14.40	
Electrical Work	28.29	
Gravel for Driveway	8.03	**812.29**
Outside Toilet		
Labor	37.00	
Lumber	73.65	**110.65**
Total Expenses		**$4620.24**
Balance on Hand, January 1, 1941		1636.46
		$6256.70

1942—September 15, Father Joseph Dick named pastor.
1950—The church was redecorated.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1950	$5,081.49	
Pew Rent	4,749.00	
Sunday & Holyday Collections	937.00	
Easter Collection	187.00	
Coal Collection	157.00	
Xmas & Donations	370.00	
Candles	107.00	
Married Men's Society	50.00	
Married Ladies Society	25.00	
Young Ladies Sodality	25.00	
Young Men's Sodality	20.00	
Catholic Telegraph-Register	58.00	
Interest	100.00	
Holy Childhood	14.00	
Sisters of Sick Poor	142.10	
Negro Apostolate	50.00	
Ordinary Donations	25.00	
Sale of Church Goods	24.00	
		$12,121.59

Diocesan Collections:

Mission Collection	$ 63.00	
Seminary Collection	125.00	
Holy Father & War Relief	176.00	
Other Diocesan	76.40	
		$ 440.40
Grand Total		**$12,561.99**

EXPENSES

Salaries & Maintenance	$2,970.00	
Altar & Sanctuary Supplies	526.00	
Insurance	130.51	
Fuel (Coal & Gas)	601.02	
Electricity (Church & House)	124.67	
Taxes (Residence)	27.68	
Printing & Stationery	30.28	
Repairs	769.63	
Phone	31.24	
Catholic Telegraph-Register	58.00	
Retreat	25.00	
Holy Childhood	14.00	
Negro Apostolate	50.00	
Sisters of Sick Poor	142.10	
		$ 5,500.13

Extraordinary Expenses:

Redecorating Church	$1,800.00	
Painting Exterior Church & House	580.00	
		$ 2,380.00

Diocesan Collections:

Mission Collection	63.00	
Holy Father & War Relief	176.00	
Other Diocesan Collections	76.40	
Diocesan Assessments & Cathed.	70.00	
Seminary Assessment	125.00	
Bishop Alter	10.00	
		$ 520.40
Grand Total		**$ 8,400.53**
Balance on hand		4,161.46
		$12,561.99

Reserve Fund — $10,000.00

1951—The furnace was converted to burn oil.
1957—The exterior of the church was painted.
1962—August 29, Father Francis Uecker, C.PP.S. became pastor as Father Dick retired due to illness.
1963—Plans begin to move toward building a new church. Some donations toward the building fund came in November and December. The momentum picked up the next year as meetings were held and visits made to Cincinnati.
Also new heating, plumbing, rewiring, painting and remodeling of residence kitchen.
1964—Architect, Robert L. Holtmeier drew up plans.
1965—In spring the plans were sent out for bids.
August 25, Father Anselm F. Boeke became pastor.
September 24, the Archbishop's approval came.
November 28, ground-breaking was held.
1966—In March the garage was removed and excavation begun. By the end of this year 161 thousand dollars had been obtained.

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1967—February 23, Auxiliary Bishop Edward A. McCarthy laid the cornerstone.
April 4, the tower was set on the church.
April 10, the bell was put into place.
April 21, James Kramer - the last baptism in the old church.
May 19, Friday, at 7:55 a.m. the first Mass was offered in the new church with Larry Homan and Pat Elking serving Mass.
May 22, Monday, the dismantling of the old church building began.
May 28, Zita K. Droesch - first baptism in the new church.
June 17, Alfreida Huelsman and Walter Schwieterman were the first couple married in the new church.
June 18, at 9:30 a.m., the altar was consecrated by Most Reverend Edward A. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati.
July 2 - Dedication Day of the new church by Archbishop Karl J. Alter, Archbishop of Cincinnati.
July 23, Ernest Charles Dicke - first baptism in the new marble font.
October, the first Halloween Party was held in the new church basement.
November, men and young boys were asked to begin reading the Epistle at Mass.
December, tables and chairs arrive for basement.
1968—January, Offertory procession was started with the parish council representatives taking turns along with the Ladies and Mens Sodalities officers. Also the kitchen cabinets in the basement were finished.
January 11, Anna Hartings - first funeral in the new church.
February, Parish social gathering.
Spring - the landscaping is finished.
June, a tractor is purchased for lawn mowing and snow removal. Parish council elections for different commissions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 1 to JUNE 30, 1970

(7) "Garage":	
Welding & Steel	29.10
Removing Tree Stump	24.00
Lumber, Nails, etc.	1,364.92
Trenching	28.00
Brick-Laying	1,014.00
Cement	362.00
Total (as shown above)	$2,822.82

1971—Renovation and repairs of the rectory and screens are put on the windows of the undercroft.
1973—Bingo was started to help pay off the new church debt.
1976—November, the statues and crucifix carved from linden wood by Bob Koepnich.
1979—Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph statues were put into the church.
1980—May - V.F.W. Memorial Day Mass was started.
June, folding doors for basement are put into place.
1981—September, new roof on parish house, and the TV Mass Channel 2 Datyon.
1985—September, driveway at the front of church was re-surfaced.
1986—September, the canopy in front of church was re-worked.
Our goals in the Annual Archbishops Fund was met in 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988.
1986, 1987 &
1988—April—Passion Play, teen-agers, adults and children participated in the Passion Play on Good Friday.
1987 &
1988—Palm Sunday - World Day of Youth Mass - with 1st thru 6th grades participating.

Financial Report - July 1, 1969, to Jan. 1, 1970
Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, Ohio

The debt now stand at $105,000.00. Interest on this debt will amount to $4,200.00 a year. Divided by 120 families this will amount to $35.00 per family just for the interest this year. Your contributions this year show that you are concerned about paying off this debt as soon as possible. Also improvements have been made. Donations have generously been made for a new crucifix, which has been paid for (including the hanging). Donations have been made for a new garage. The donations plus the amount received from the Card Party amount to $1,000.00. This money is included in the cash on hand at the start of the year, but is earmarked for the garage.

May we express our sincere appreciation for your kind support of the parish. May God reward you for your generosity and cooperation!

In 1969, there were 11 baptisms, 7 marriages and 3 deaths. 17 children made their First Communion.



Betrayal of Jesus.

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High Priest questions Jesus.



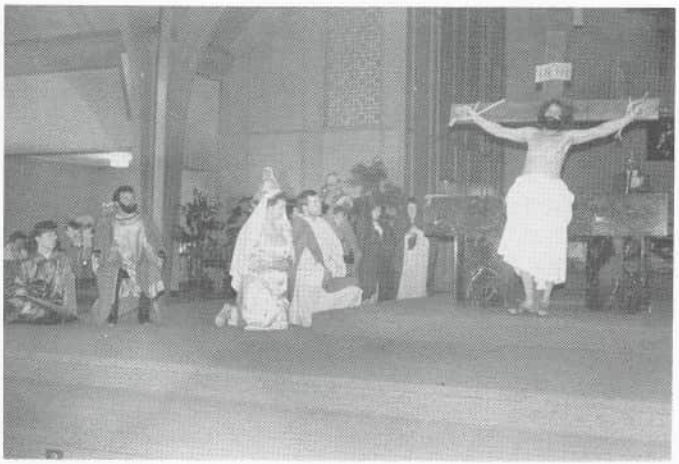
Jesus before Pilate.



Carrying of Cross.



"Woman, there is your son".



Death of Jesus.



The body of Jesus being taken to the tomb.

The Passion Play cast and crew included the following: **Jesus** - Paul Huelsman; **Soldiers** - Tom Huelsman and Dan Bruns; **Malchus the slave** - Jerry Schmidt; **Judas** -Mike Bruns; **Peter** - Nick Thobe; **Disciple** -Terry Gerlach; **Pilate** - Stan Homan; **Annas, the High Priest** -Ott Evers; **John** - Jim Hoying; **Mary** - Alvera Evers; **Women at the foot of the cross** - Jenny Eyink, Maria Kramer, Renee Eyink; **Nicodemus** - Jay Beyke; **Joseph of Arimathea** - Tony Droesch; **Pilate's servant** -Sheryl McClurg; **Servant girls at Peter's denial** - Ann Moeller and Amy Rengers; **High Priest's servants** - Elaine Dicke and Stacy Kremer; **Voice of Jesus** - Father Schetter; **Narrator** - Ralph Liette; **Speakers** - Les Homan and Alice Huelsman; **Costuming** - Magdelina Eyink, Mary Huelsman, Pat and Vic Klosterman, Alvera Evers, Ella Mae Liette, Alice Huelsman, Jean Liesner; **Music** - Rosie Droesch and the choir; **Scenery** - Donna Puthoff; **Lighting** - Alice Kramer; **Co-director and co-producer** - Mary Bruns and Mary Eyink; **Consultant director** - Kevin Samblanet.

Since 1979, there has been a Veterans Day Mass on November 11th in memory of our men who served their country in time of war.

Since 1983, the children (namely the 1st thru 6th grades) have participated in a special 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. Also since 1984, these same students take an active part in the Thanksgiving Day Mass.

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Former parishioners who entered the Religious Life.



Father Barge, in W.W. II was a navy chaplain.

Father Henry Anthony Barge, C.PP.S.

Born 13 June, 1901, Chickasaw, Ohio
Baptized Precious Blood Church
Parents Sebastian Barge and Rose E. (Wissman) Barge
Ordained 10 May, 1936, St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio
First Mass 17 May, 1936, St. Augustine Church, Minster, Ohio
Died 19 May, 1970, Reed, Ohio

Brother Donald Mestemaker

Born Jan. 12, 1926, in Chickasaw, Ohio
Parents Joseph Mestemaker and Josephine (Fleck) Mestemaker
Joined The Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1955
Died Dec. 26, 1984, of a sudden heart attack in Coldwater, Ohio

Brother Donald Mestemaker was a pharmacist in Dayton, Celina and Coldwater before he joined the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1955. At the time of his death he had been at Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, NY for 20 years. He was head of the science department, taught biology and chemistry, and for the last three years was the superior of the community of Brothers in Plattsburgh, NY.

The Mount Assumption Annual of 1971, was dedicated to Brother Donald with the following quote.

"There are few students who have not had contact with Brother Donald in one of his various capacities. These are the few who have not been influenced by him. There are few teachers accorded a more universal admiration and respect.

"Whether in the classroom or after-hours, he projects an image of concern, friendliness, and kindness. As a token of gratitude for all he has done for us, we wish to dedicate this year book to Brother Donald Mestemaker, a truly remarkable individual."

Brother Mestemaker celebrated his Silver Jubilee August 9, 1981, with Bishop James Malone as the celebrant of the Eucharistic Celebration.



Brother Donald Mestemaker

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Precious Blood Pastors

1st Pastor Jan. 1903



Father Antonius Dick C.PP.S.

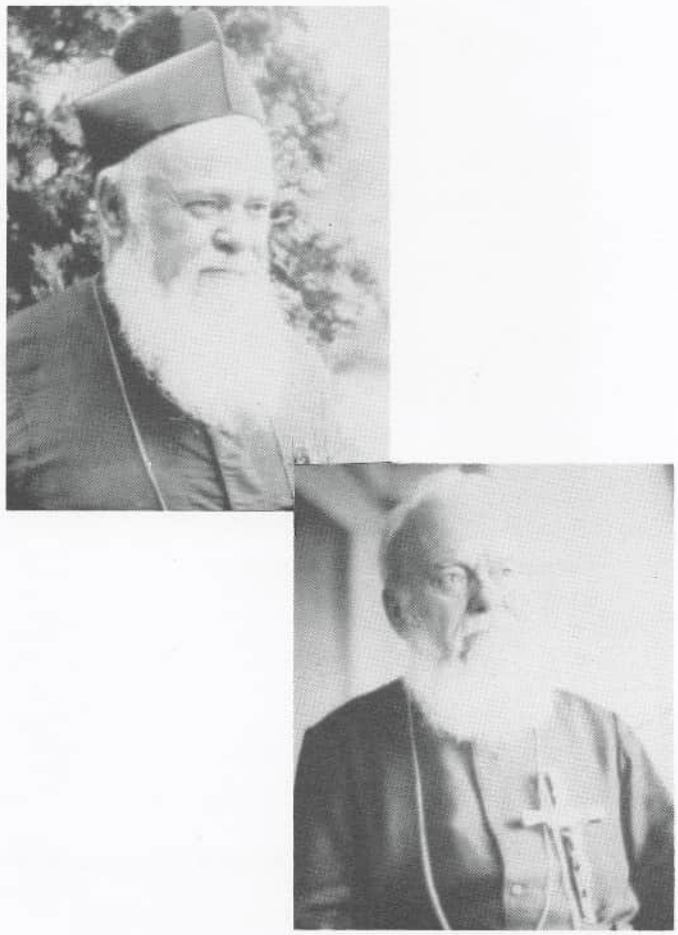
Born 1 Jan. 1852
Professed 1875
Ordained 11 June, 1881
Died 21 July, 1930

Father Anthony Dick served as pastor at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee at St. Joseph Church now called Sacred Heart Church 1881-1884 then he served as pastor in Moniteau, MO at Assumption Church 1884-1886, then in California, MO at Annunciation Church 1886-1888, then in Rensselaer, IN at St. Augustine Church, 1888-1891, (Here he built the first part of the college.)

In 1891-1897, he served as pastor in Ottawa, OH at St. Peter and Paul Church (He built a parsonage and renovated the church.) Next Father Dick went to Montrose, MO at Immaculate Conception Church 1897-1899, then to Marys-Home (Trinity parish) and served as pastor at Trinity Church, Bryant, IN, 1899-1902. In 1902-1903, he served as pastor at St. Sebastian, OH with Chickasaw Precious Blood Church being a mission parish. In 1903 of May to Dec. 1903 he was pastor in Fort Wayne, IN at Precious Blood Church. Then Dec. 1903-Sept. 1905, he was pastor at Palaski, IN at St. Joseph Church.

Next he served as chaplain in Sept. 1905-Jan. 1912, in New Ulm, MN at St. Alexander Chapel and Jan. 1912-June 1917, in New Riegel as chaplain then June 1917, he was appointed to the Steig, Pilgrimage Shrine, Frank, OH as chaplain. In Aug. 1918, Father Dick was appointed chaplain of the Convent, Frank, OH and in May 1922, he was appointed chaplain of New Riegel, OH (Convent) and July 10, 1923, he was transferred to Carthagena, OH because of ill health.

2nd Pastor May 1903



Father Paulinus Trost C.PP.S.

Born May 12, 1856
Entered C.PP.S. Oct. 12, 1876
Professed Feb., 1878
Ordained May 30, 1885
Died Nov. 2, 1939
Buried Nov. 6, 1939 in Carthagena, OH

Following his ordination May 30, 1885—Aug. 15, 1887 Father Trost was assigned as pastor at Coldwater, OH, stayed at Celina, OH. He built an addition to the old "Holy Trinity" Church in 1886, and decorated the interior. Aug. 15, 1887-May 1, 1889, he was an assistant and a missionary in Nashville, TN. May 1, 1889-Aug. 15, 1892 he attended the Academy of Arts at Munich, Bavaria. (At Schellenberg Nov. 7, 1889-May 7, 1890.) Aug. 15, 1892-April 1, 1897 he was Professor at Collegeville, IN. April 1, 1897-Aug. 1899 he gave missions. Sept. 8, 1899-Aug. 1904, he was at Carthagena, OH as a professor (Note: In May 1903 Father Paulinus Trost had charge of Precious Blood Church until July, 1903). Aug. 1904-July 7, 1917, he was Rector of the Seminary, Carthagena, OH. July 7, 1917, he was Chaplain of St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN, and spiritual director of the Poor Handmaids. In the fall of 1923, he was Chaplain at Maria Stein and in Nov. 1931, he retired at Carthagena, OH.

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Pastor July 1903-Oct., 1910



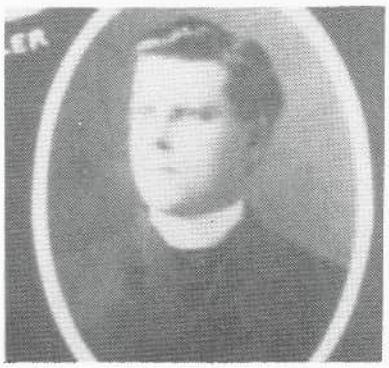
Father Anthony C. Tabke

Born Feb. 24, 1873, in Oldenburg, Germany
Studied philosophy and theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cinti.
Ordained June 16, 1899, by Archbishop Elder in Cincinnati, OH
Died Thursday, Feb. 12, 1920

At this time in our history the priests house was rented.

Father Tabke served as assistant at Holy Trinity, Dayton, Oct. 1899. Then in March 1, 1900 he served as assistant at St. Augustine, Cincinnati. On July 7, 1903, Father Tabke became pastor of Precious Blood, Chickasaw, and Oct. 11, 1910, he was assigned as pastor at St. Peter's, Hamilton and Sept. 1, 1913, he became pastor at St. Boniface, Piqua.

Pastor Oct. 1910-Oct. 1913



Father Joseph Bernard Mueller

Born August 3, 1879, in Cincinnati, OH
Baptized at Holy Trinity Parish, Cincinnati, OH
Parents Joseph and Elizabeth Mueller
Studied Philosophy at St. Xavier College, Cincinnati, and Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West, Cincinnati
Ordained June 15, 1904 at St. Peters in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati by Most Rev. Henry Moeller, then Coadjutor Archbishop of Cincinnati
Died January 7, 1939 at 2:45 a.m. at St. Marys Hospital
Funeral January 10, 1939 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church

Father Mueller was appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary Church, Urbana, OH in July, 1904 and on Dec. 28, 1905 he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Henry Church, Cincinnati. On Oct. 11, 1910 he was made pastor of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw and Sept. 1, 1913 he became pastor of St. Louis Church, Cincinnati, and on Aug. 15, 1916 he became pastor of St. Teresa, Cincinnati.

Pastor Sept. 11, 1913-Oct., 1916



Rt. Rev. Monsignor Charles W. Kuenle

Born May 7, 1883, in Dayton, OH
Baptized at Emmanuel Church, Dayton, OH
Parents Jacob and Theresa Kuenle. At time of ordination, a member of St. Mary's Church, Dayton, OH
Ordained June 22, 1906, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Died at 10:20 p.m. May 1, 1967, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Cincinnati, OH
Funeral at St. Monica, Cincinnati on Friday, May 5, 1967
Buried at Calvary Cemetery, Dayton, OH

Father Kuenle became assistant pastor in June, 1906 of St. Boniface, Cincinnati and on Sept. 11, 1913 he became pastor of Precious Blood, Chickasaw. On Oct. 9, 1916 he was assigned as pastor of St. Rose Church, Cincinnati and then he became pastor of St. Monica Church, Cincinnati on Feb. 19, 1917. Msgr. Kuenle remained pastor of St. Monica Church until his death.

He was invested as Papal Chamberlain, Jan. 27, 1939. He was Dean of the Cathedral Deanery, Nov. 6, 1943. And he was raised to Domestic Prelate, Jan. 1949.



Father Kuenle with his pet dog.

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Pastor Oct., 1916-June, 1926



Father Goswin Bernard Menge

Born Feb. 3, 1883, in Cincinnati, OH
Baptized at Immaculate Conception Parish, (Mt. Adams, Cincinnati, OH)
Parents Francis and Christina Menge
Ordained June 21, 1907, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH
Died Thursday, Aug. 6, 1964, at 2:30 a.m. in St. Vincent Hospital, St. Louis, MO

Father Menge was appointed assistant pastor at St. Boniface, Cincinnati on July 1, 1907, and on March 29, 1910, he became assistant pastor at St. Bernard, Springfield. Then he was assistant pastor at Emmanuel Church, Clayton on Oct. 1, 1911, and in June, 1913, he was assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church, Cincinnati. Father Menge became pastor on Sept. 1, 1913, of St. Patrick Church, Shelby Co. and on Oct. 9, 1916, he became pastor of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw. Then on June 17, 1926, he was appointed Chaplain at Holy Name Monastery, Cincinnati and on Nov. 18, 1926, he became pastor of All Saints Church, Cincinnati. He was appointed pastor on June 19, 1932, of Holy Rosary Church, St. Mary's, Auglaize Co. and then on July 21, 1941 he became pastor of St. Denis, Versailles, OH until 1960.

Pastor June, 1926-Sept., 1927



Father Michael Herman Hinssen

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Born Oct. 6, 1890, at Wien, Chariton County, MO
Parents Louis and Mary Hinssen
Home parish St. Pius, Cincinnati, OH
Studied Philosophy and Theology at Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary, Cincinnati
Ordained May 29, 1915, by Archbishop Moeller, at the Cathedral, Cincinnati
Died Dec. 23, 1963, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, OH
Funeral Dec. 27, 1963 at West Milton, OH

After ordination Fr. Hinssen was made assistant pastor of St. Henry Church, Cincinnati on July 4, 1915, and in Sept., 1918, he was a Chaplain in the United States Army. In June, 1919, he was named assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Camp Washington, Cincinnati and on Sept. 12, 1924, he became pastor of St. Sebastian Church, Mercer County and on June 19, 1926, he was named Administrator of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, OH. Fr. Hinssen was appointed pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Sedamsville, Cincinnati on Sept. 29, 1928, and on Sept. 22, 1938, he became pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Cincinnati. He became Chaplain of Soldiers Home, Dayton, OH Nov. 14, 1940 and on Sept. 5, 1952, he was pastor at Transfiguration, West Milton, OH and also Administrator of St. Theresa, the Little Flower, Covington, OH. He was relieved of Covington, OH Mission Aug. 31, 1960.

Pastor Sept., 1927-Sept., 1938



Father Simon W. Kuhnmuench C.PP.S.

Born 28 May, 1875, at Werbach, Baden, Ger.
Entered the Society of the Precious Blood at Carthagena 20, Sept., 1889; made his religious profession, 21 Feb., 1899.
Ordained 17 Dec., 1902
Died 14 April, 1941, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN
Buried 18 April, 1941, at Carthagena, OH

Father Simon Kuhnmuench in Jan., 1903, went to Fort Wayne, IN as assistant pastor at Precious Blood Church and preparing for a missionary. In Sept., 1903 he was a professor at St. Joseph College, Collegeville, IN. In July, 1919, he was appointed to Fort Recovery, OH as a missionary with residence in Fort Recovery. Then in February, 1924, Father Kuhnmuench was again a professor at St. Joseph College, Collegeville, IN. In Sept., 1925, he was a missionary at St. Mary's Prep. Sem. and lived there. In Sept., 1927, Father Kuhnmuench became pastor of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, OH and in Sept., 1938 he was appointed a missionary with residence at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland, OH.

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Pastor Sept., 1938 - Oct., 1938



Father Remigius Henry Monnin C.PP.S.
Born April 12, 1881
Entered C.PP.S. Sept. 26, 1895
Professed Jan. 1, 1906
Ordained April 5, 1908
Died March 8, 1951
Buried March 12, 1951 at Carthagena, OH

After ordination Father Monnin was at Carthagena, OH, Seminary doing supply work. Then in Aug., 1908, he went to Sedalia, MO in charge of missions. Aug., 1918, he was made pastor in Saxton, MO Assumption mission. Sept., 1918, Father Monnin was appointed chaplain of St. Francis College, St. Joseph, MO and filled the office of assistant of St. Francis Xavier Church. July 6, 1920, he was pastor at Alvada, OH St. Peter Church. Sept. 29, 1926, he was pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, McQuady, KY. July 19-Oct. 21, 1931, he was at Kneipp Springs, Rome City, IN. Nov., 1931, he was a chaplin at Maria-Joseph Home, Dayton, OH. Sept. 10, 1932, pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Pulaski, IN. Sept. 21, 1938, he became pastor of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, OH. (Note: this is when our parish was taken over by the Archdiocese). Oct., 1938 he was pastor P.T. at St. Louis Church, Ovensville, OH. Jan., 1939, pastor at St. Stephens Church, St. Stephens, OH with St. Peter and Paul Church as a mission. Father Monnin died suddenly at St. Stephens, OH.

Father Moormann in 1938.



Father Raphael Henry Moormann
Born July 3, 1893, in Cincinnati, OH
Studied at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary
Ordained May 7, 1922, by Archbishop Moeller in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary Chapel.
Died Jan. 18, 1967, at St. Elizabeth Hospital at 10:30 a.m.
Funeral Jan. 21, 1967, at Holy Trinity Church, Dayton, OH

Father Moormann became assistant pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Cincinnati on Aug. 20, 1922, and on July 1, 1923, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Lawrence Church, Cincinnati. On Sept. 1, 1927, he was assistant pastor at St. Joseph Church, Dayton and in Aug. 1929 he became assistant pastor at St. Augustine Church, Cincinnati. He was appointed administrator of St. Augustine Church, Cincinnati on Oct. 15, 1930, and Sept. 1, 1931, he became assistant pastor at St. Anthony Church, Dayton. Father Moormann was made assistant pastor of Emmanuel Church, Dayton on Aug. 26, 1932, and on July 19, 1937, he became Chaplain and Director of St. Joseph Mission, Dayton.

On Sept. 27, 1938, he was appointed pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Chickasaw, on Sept. 11, 1942, he became pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Cincinnati, and Jan. 6, 1948, he was made pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Dayton, OH.

Pastor Sept., 1938-Sept., 1942



Father Raphael Henry Moormann

Pastor 1942-1962



Father Joseph Dick

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Father Joseph Dick

Born 12 July, 1886, in Kenton, OH
Parents John B. and Magdelena (Geihaus) Dick
Ordained 29 May, 1920
First Mass 30 May, 1920, at Immaculate Conception Church in Kenton, OH
Died 5 Sept., 1964, (Note: Father Joseph Dick was a nephew of our first pastor, Fr. Antonius Dick C.PP.S.)

Prior to becoming pastor of Precious Blood, Chickasaw, Father Dick had served as assistant pastor of St. Henry Church, Cincinnati, and as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Otway. He had also served the mission parish of Holy Trinity Church in Pondcreek.

He was educated at St. Anthony Elementary School in Kenton, the St. Marys Institute in Dayton (now the University of Dayton) and St. Gregory and Mt. St. Marys Seminaries in Cincinnati.

Father Joseph Dick celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood at Precious Blood on June 3, 1945.



Father Dick's 25th anniversary celebration Louis Eyink (Mayor of Chickasaw) standing beside Father Dick. Viola Bandford, Mary Ellen Grieshop, center front, David Grieshop, James Grieshop, Tom Niekamp, Bernard Harting, Paul Bills, Lester Bruns, Bob Huelsman, Don Bruns, Elmer Kuess, John Ronnebaum, Othmar Kuess, Butch Garman, Jack Mestemaker, Maurice Homan, Ott Grieshop.

And through gardens filled with roses
Down the sunset trail you'll stray;
When your hair has turned to SILVER,
We will love you as TODAY.

There are smiles that make us happy,
There are smiles that make us blue;
There are smiles that steal away the teardrops,
As the sunbeams steal away the dew;
There are smiles that have a tender meaning,
That the eyes of FAITH alone can see;
But the smiles that fill your life with SILVER,
Are the smiles that we give to you.

When priestly eyes are smiling
Sure it's like a morn in spring;
In the lilt of priestly laughter
You can hear the angels sing;
When priestly hearts are happy
All the world seems bright and gay;
And when PRIESTLY eyes are smiling —
Sure they steal your heart away.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind;
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And days of Auld Lang Syne.
for Auld Lang Syne, dear Joe,
For Auld Lang Syne;
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
For Auld Lang Syne.

The bells of the Priesthood
I hear they are calling,
A priest's love, the true love
That comes from above;
And so, beloved Father,
When red leaves are falling,
Life's joy-bells shall ring out, ring out
For YOU — For YOU.

1920 1945

Silver Jubilee Dinner

Honoring

The Reverend Joseph Dick

SUNDAY

JUNE 3, 1945

SCHOOL HALL

CHICKASAW, OHIO

Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Rev. Joseph Dick

Deacon: Rev. Albert Gerhardstein, C.PP.S.

Subdeacon: Rev. Joseph Williams

Master of Ceremonies: Rev. Warren Hook

Speaker: Rev. Edward Summe

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Menu

Tomato Cocktail *a la* Mercer

Roast Beef *a la* Chickasaw — Mashed Potatoes

Gravy

Muskogean Chicken Noodles — Peas *a la* Sarah

Relishes — Indian Slaw — Pickles

Victory Dressing

Melchizedekian Bread and Wine

Peaches *a la* Kenton

Cakes — Coffee

TOASTMASTER: Rev. John Brinker

TABLE SONGS

How do you do, Father Dick, how are you?
Is there anything that we can do for you?
We will do it if we can
And stand by you to a man
How do you do, Father Dick, how do you do?

How do you do, Father Gerhardstein, how are you?
How do you do, Father Williams, how are you?
Aren't you proud of your cousin?
He's one in a dozen —
How do you do, Father Gerhardstein and Williams, how do you do?

How do you do, Father Summe, how are you?
How do you do, Father Summe, how do you do?
You praised "Joe" well today
We agree with all you say —
How do you do, Father Summe, how do you do?

Put on your SILVER bonnet
With the red ribbon on it,
While we hitch old Dobbin to the shay,
And through the fields of clover,
We will look things over.
On your Silver Jubilee Day.

O dem SILVER slippers, O dem SILVER slippers,
SILVER slippers I'se gwine to wear
Bekase they look so gay.
O dem SILVER slippers, O dem SILVER slippers,
SILVER slippers I'se gwine to wear
On your Jubilee Day.

When your hair has turned to SILVER
We will love you just the same;
We will always call you FATHER,
That will always be your name.



Father Dick also celebrated his 40th anniversary in Chickasaw. The procession to church in June 1960. Sarah Jane Cohen his housekeeper in the lower right-hand side of the picture.



Father Dick and guests at the Maria Stein American Legion Hall.



Father entering the hall with his guests ready to greet him.

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Pastor 1962-1965



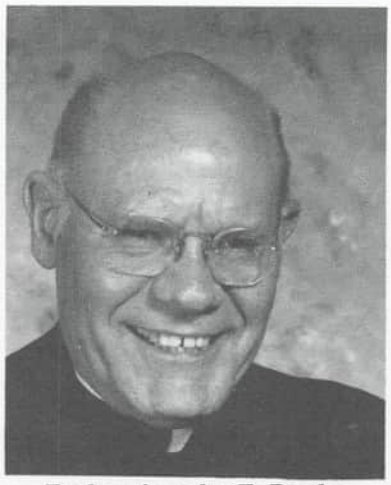
Father Francis J. Uecker, C.PP.S.

Born 29 November, 1904, at Ft. Wayne, IN
Entered the Society of the Precious Blood in September 1921.
Professed 2 December, 1925
Ordained 4 December, 1935
Died 12 February, 1972, at St. Charles Seminary.
Buried 16 February, 1972, on Ash Wednesday at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, OH

Following his ordination he had several assignments outside this area until 1952 when he became pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Bryant, IN. In 1962, he became Pastor of Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw and in 1965, was assigned to St. Charles Seminary, where he assisted in various parishes in this vicinity.

One year later he became pastor of St. Patricks' Parish, Glynwood, where he stayed until 1970, when he became pastor of Nativity Church, Cassella.

Pastor 1965-1969



Father Anselm F. Boeke

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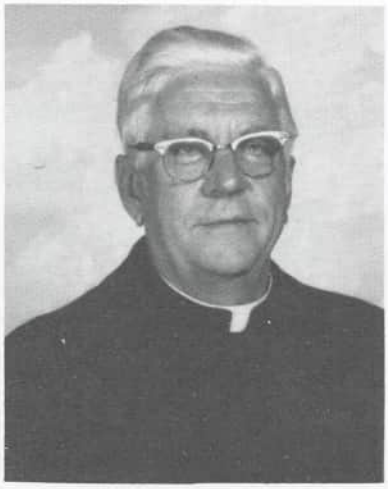
Born in Cassella, Ohio
Parents Joseph Francis Boeke and Mary Bernadina (Dahlinghaus) Boeke
Ordained 18 December, 1943

Father Boeke attended Cassella Elementary School and St. Henry High School before entering St. Gregory Seminary. Father Boeke was a member of the seminary class of 1944, and because of a shortage of priests in World War II, the members of the 1944 class were ordained in 1943.

Following his ordination, he became an assistant at St. Martin parish, Cheviot. He also served as an assistant at St. Anthony, Dayton; St. Marys, Piqua; Resurrection, Dayton; Sacred Heart, Dayton and St. Thomas More, Withamsville. He became pastor of St. Nicholas parish, Osgood in 1963, and became pastor of Precious Blood in 1965, and was our pastor when the new church was built.

Father Boeke did the research and wrote the "Precious Blood Church dedication booklet". This dedication booklet is the source for the information used here of the early history of our church. In 1969, Father Boeke left Chickasaw to serve at Holy Rosary in St. Marys, where a new church was planned and the foundation put down. He was transferred in 1977 to help out at Holy Trinity, Coldwater. In 1979 he was assigned to St. Lawrence, Rhine, his present post where a new rectory was completed.

Pastor 1969 - 1970
1977 - 1979



Father Cletus C. Stang

Born in Fort Loramie, Ohio
Parents Bernard Stang and Catherine (Hoying) Stang
Ordained 28 February, 1948

Father Stang attended Fort Loramie Elementary School, in 1936, entered St. Gregory Seminary, and in 1944, entered St. Marys Seminary, Cincinnati.

Following his ordination, Father Stang's first assignment was St. Raphael, Springfield, OH; 1951, St. Anns, Hamilton, OH; 1955, St. Marys, Dayton, OH; 1961, St. Veronica, Hamilton, OH and for three years Father Stang taught at Hamilton High School. Then in 1965, Father Stang was assigned to St. Xavier, Cincinnati; 1969, he was pastor of Precious Blood, Chickasaw; 1970, pastor of Holy Family parish, Frenchtown; and in 1977, Father Stang came back to Precious Blood and was pastor again until in 1979, he retired due to ill health. Today Father Stang lives in retirement at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena.

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Pastor 1970 - 1977



Father Henry D. Naber

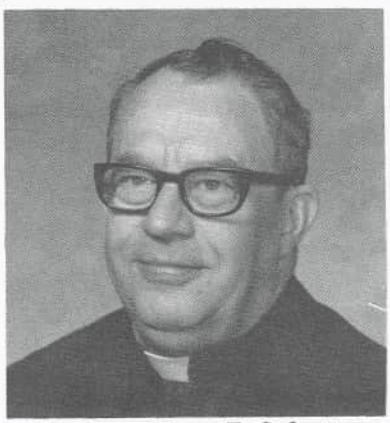
Born 5 March, 1909
Ordained 6 June, 1936, by Archbishop McNicholas at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH
Died 4 February, 1983, in Cincinnati, OH

Father Naber was appointed to St. Louis Church, Cincinnati, **pro-tem** until he began studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland in Oct. of 1936. Upon returning he was assigned as Associate at St. Francis de Sales, Cincinnati, on July 12, 1940, and as a teacher at Purcell High School on Oct. 20th of that same year. In Sept., 1941, he again undertook studies, this time at Catholic University of America. On June 18, 1942, he was again appointed Associate at St. Francis de Sales, while at the same time studying at the University of Cincinnati. On June 5, 1943, he was assigned to teach at the old Latin School, and then on Sept. 14th of that year he began serving as an Instructor at St. Gregory Seminary.

He was appointed Director of the Winton Terrace Mission, Cincinnati, in Jan., 1946. Then on March 2, 1949, he was named Administrator of St. Mary, Bethel, and Mother of Good Counsel, Felicity. He became pastor of St. Mary, Oxford, on July 7, 1952, then pastor of St. John, Deer Park, on Jan. 16, 1962, and then finally, pastor of Precious Blood, until his retirement on Oct. 5, 1977. He was then named "Pastor Emeritus" of our parish. He lived at his home at 2516 Mustang Drive, Cincinnati, until his sudden death in the early morning hours, Feb. 4, 1983.

Father Naber celebrated his 40th anniversary in the priesthood in June, 1976, at Precious Blood.

Pastor 1979



Father Albert E. Schetter

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Born 1 September, 1922
Parents Albert and Margaret (Weber) Schetter
Ordained May 28, 1955 by Archbishop Karl J. Alter
First Mass at Holy Rosary, St. Marys, OH

Father Schetter was pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Middletown, and earlier was assigned to Holy Angels Church, Sidney, Holy Family Church, Dayton; Our Lady of Lourdes, Cincinnati; Annunciation Paris, Cincinnati; St. Peter in Chains Church, Hamilton; and St. Edward-St. Ann Parish, Cincinnati.

Father Schetter entered St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati in 1946, after having graduated from Memorial High School, St. Marys in 1940, and serving a term in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Father Schetter our present pastor celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood May 18, 1980 at Precious Blood, Chickasaw.



Loretta Schetter, Fr. Schetter's sister, secretary and housekeeper.

The Family History of Father E. and Loretta M. Schetter

Our Paternal Grandfather, Matthew Schetter, was born somewhere in Germany in February, 1841. At the age of seventeen he came to the United States and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio where he worked in a foundry as a core maker. He married Louise Cresot. He died October 8, 1909 in Covington, Kentucky.

Louisa Cresot was born in Alsace Lorraine France on December 1, 1851. She came to the United States with her parents at the age of five and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. She died on August 2, 1931. Both she and her husband, Matthew Schetter, are buried in Saint John Cemetery in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

Matthew and Louisa had seven children; Albert, Veronica, Charlotte, Carolyn, Nicholas, Harry and Hilda.

Our maternal grandfather, Hubert Weber, was born somewhere in Germany on December 3, 1836. He was a tailor and managed his own tailor shop in Newport, Kentucky until his death. He married Margareth Greenwalt. He died on March 12, 1892.

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Margareth Greenwalt was born in Nurnburg, Germany on February 2, 1845. She died in Newport, Kentucky on October 19, 1919. Both she and her husband, Hubert Weber, are buried in Saint Stephan Cemetery, Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

Hubert and Margareth had seven children; Anna, Margaret, Joseph and Edward plus three boys who died at a young age.

Our Father, Albert Schetter, son of Matthew and Louisa married Margareth Weber, daughter of Hubert and Margareth on February 18, 1903. Albert was born on February 9, 1875 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died on September 1, 1968, in Saint Marys, Ohio. Margareth was born on June 12, 1880, in Newport, Kentucky. She died on April 16, 1941, in Saint Marys, Ohio. They are both buried in Gethsemani Cemetery in Saint Marys, Ohio.

Albert and Margareth had ten children; Loretta, Charlotte, Anna Louise, Robert and Albert. Five boys died in infancy. Charlotte died at the age of three. Anna Louise joined the Sisters of the Precious Blood. She died on January 16, 1928, and is buried at their Mother House Salem Heights, Ohio.

Our Parents, Albert and Margareth, settled in Aurora, Indiana where we were all born. Our Father was a wheelmaker. We moved to Saint Marys, Ohio in 1923, when he accepted a supervisory position in a new wheel division of Crane and McMahon. Later he was appointed as final inspector in their furniture division, a position he held until his retirement.

Robert worked at Crane and McMahon in Saint Marys. He served four years in the Army of the United States during World War II, three years of it in the European Theatre of Operations. He married Dolores Kill and they live in Saint Marys, Ohio. They have four children, two boys and two girls.

Loretta worked in offices. Three years in Cincinnati, Ohio before coming to Saint Marys, Ohio when the family moved there. She worked sixteen years for Crane and McMahon and thirty years for Parker-Hannifin Corporation until her retirement in 1969. She also took care of the home and family after our mother's death in 1941. In 1972, she joined Father Albert at the Holy Trinity Parish in Middletown, Ohio as secretary and housekeeper. She moved with him in this capacity when he came to Precious Blood Parish in Chickasaw, Ohio as Pastor.

Besides other work, Albert worked at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in the laboratory as a "Batch Tester". He served three years in the Army Air Force during World War II, two years of it in the European Theatre of Operations.

After his discharge from the Service, he entered Saint Gregory and then Mount Saint Mary Seminaries in Cincinnati, Ohio to study for the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. On May 28, 1955, he was ordained into the Priesthood in Saint Monica Church, which at that time served as the Cathedral of the Archdiocese, in Cincinnati by Archbishop Karl J. Altar. He offered his first Solemn Mass at Holy Rosary Parish, Saint Marys, Ohio on May 29, 1955. He served as Assistant Pastor in three parishes in Cincinnati and also in Hamilton, Springfield and Sidney, Ohio. He taught religion at Springfield Catholic High School, Mercy High School in Westwood, Cincinnati and Holy Angels (later Lehman) High School in Sidney, Ohio.

In June, 1972, he was appointed as Administrator and a year later as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Middletown, Ohio. In August, 1979, he was transferred and appointed as Pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Chickasaw, Ohio. A position he holds at the present time.



Father Schetter's 25th Anniversary celebrated May 18, 1980.

Help from St. Charles Seminary



Father John A. Wilson, C.PP.S.
Ordained May 3, 1930, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio

Father Wilson was assigned to parishes in the dioceses of Ft. Wayne, IN, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, OH and Wichita, KS. On April 23, 1937, he entered the Reserve Corps of the United States Army. Father Wilson was called to active duty, Sept. 1, 1940, and reported to Ft. Snelling, St. Paul, MN. Then to Ft. Frances E. Warren, Cheyenne, WY.

Father Wilson was sent to the Phillipines May 1, 1941. The second World War broke out Dec. 7, 1941, and Father Wilson was **taken prisoner by the Japanese** on April 5, 1942. He was interned for 3½ years, the last year in Japan itself until the end of the war.

Father Wilson arrived back in the United States in Oct., 1945, and was discharged from the Army June 16, 1946. He was sent to the foreign Missions in South America-Chile for 11 years. He spent 5 years in the diocese of Oklahoma City; 6 years in the diocese of Lafayette, IN and 3 years in the diocese of Toledo, OH.

Father Wilson retired at St. Charles Seminary in March, 1977. Since then he helps out at various parishes in the area. He has helped at Precious Blood for the last 10 years.

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Cemetery

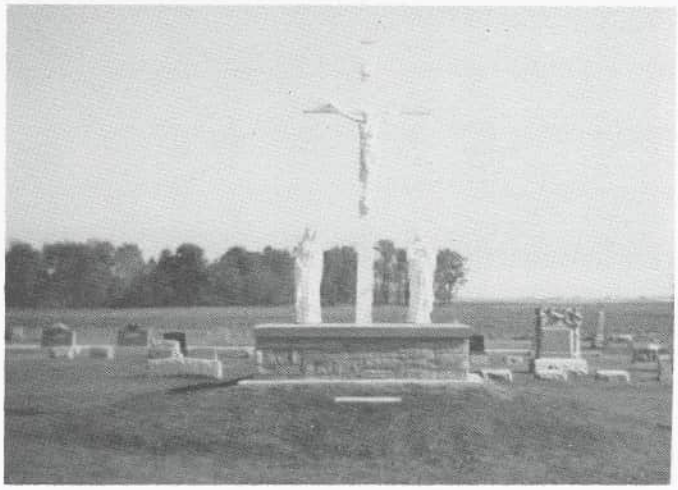
On October 19, 1903 several acres of land were bought from Henry and Anna Bernard Grieshop Sr. for a cemetery which was located north of the village of Chickasaw. On July 30, 1912, one fourth acre of land was conveyed for a grave yard from William and Elizabeth Grieshop.

In the early years everyone mowed and kept their cemetery lots individually. The cemetery board was started in the 1940's. The first cemetery board members, were: Pres. - Anthony J. Rengers; Sec. - Bernard F. Rentz; Trea. - Raymond J. Eyink and Superintendent - Edmund Knapke.

The grave diggers were: Bill Niekamp, Ed Knapke, Herb Clune, Herb Knapke, and Jerry Schultze.

The first old stone entrance was built by one of the first pastors in 1903. The new entrance and the driveway around the cemetery was put in, in memory of the August Rentz family in 1986. And the marble plaques in the cemetery entrance came from the old church altar.

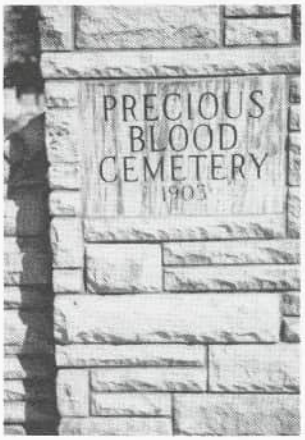
The cross and the statues in the center of the cemetery came from Italy.



Today this is the view since the most recent work has been completed at the cemetery in 1986.



An early view of the crucifix and statues at the cemetery.





Cemetery Entrance



As the years went on this was the view in the center of our cemetery.



The new cemetery entrance 1986.

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Cemetery Committee
Left to right, Anthony Rengers, Pres.; Marvin Schulte, Treas.; Luke Homan, Sec.; and Jerry Schulte, Superintendent.

Choir

We had a choir at Precious Blood from the beginning of the church being established. The children, when in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades along with the high school students were invited to sing in the choir during the week at High Mass and the girls had to lead the rosary when the Low Mass was read. All the boys were servers, no exceptions. This was especially true during the time Father Simon Kuhnmuench was at Precious Blood. (Note: remember all the Mass prayers were in Latin at this time.)

In 1930, Louise Dambach was organist and the girls in the Glee Club were Eleanore Eyink, Viola Mestemaker, Alma Rengers, Elizabeth Rengers, Pauline Rengers and Mary Ann Rentz. (Note: the Girls Glee Club only performed at social gatherings.) Only men sang in the choir in church as women were not allowed to sing in church at this time.

In 1933 choir members were: Albert Winner, Alfred Rentz, Roman Rentz, Werner Roeckner, Camillus Droesch, Louis Eyink, Ivo Grieshop, Anthony Rengers, Ray Dobmeyer, Vernon Eyink, Joe Mestemaker, Tony Cron, Marcellus Rentz, and Henry Rengers; Frank Huber was organist.

During the years Luke Knapke was organist, the choir sang "O Salutaris Hostia" and "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum" (the Benediction songs) which were written by John Albers (our 1st organist) who was at Immaculate Conception, Celina, OH at this time. At Christmas time they sang "Gesu Bambino" (Baby Jesus) in 4 voices. Choir practice was every Thursday evening. For the last 30 years choir practice has been on Monday evenings.

When Gladis Anderson was organist, women and girls joined the mens choir in the singing and this gave a six voice choir. On Monday evenings the 1st Tenors had practice; on Tuesday evenings the 2nd Tenors had practice; on Wednesday evenings the 1st and 2nd Bass had practice and on Thursday evening was choir practice for everyone. The girls had practice in school singing Alto and Soprano as Gladis Anderson was a teacher in school so it made it easy to include this in their schooling. After about two weeks of intensive practice she would gradually add the voices all together. This intensive practice took place during the winter months. Summer was much easier. At this time the choir had 2 six voice Masses and 12 to 16 four voice Masses they would sing. And at Christmas time they sang "Gesu Bambino" in 6 voices.

Wilma Thobe used these Masses also when she was organist.

Since this Precious Blood has had a mixed choir with many parishioners taking part in the choir. Ed Rindler was a choir member for 50 years. The entire community was saddened bv his death Dec. 5, 1985.

Organists in Chickasaw Precious Blood; John Albers, William Gross, Mr. Weis - 1909, John Leiser, Louise Dambach 1930, Frank Huber 1933, Leo VonderHaar, Luke Knapke 1938-1941, Gladis Anderson 1941-1943, Wilma Thobe 1943-1978, Jane Ballweg 1978-1986, assistants: Cheryl Homan, June 1979-Aug. 1981, Nancy Morrissey, 1977-1981, Rosemary Droesch 1980-1986. And in 1986 when Jane Ballweg retired Rosemary Droesch became organist with assistants: David Bohman, Mary Eyink, Marion Heitbrink, Chris Schulte, and guitarists, Janice and Roger Hartke.



Main Choir
Left to right, front row: Mary Eyink, Shirley Tangeman, Joyce Kremer, Ella Mae Liette, Rosemary Droesch, organist, Jeanette Meyer, Marie McClurg, Esther Eyink, Alvera Evers. Back row: Lester Homan, John Ronnebaum, Anthony Rengers, Fred Topp, Paul Huelsman, Al Lochtefeld, Willis Dicke, and Ralph Liette. Choir members absent when picture was taken, Betty Garman, Mary Roeckner, Arnold Homan and Roman Steinbrunner.

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CCD Teachers



Ed Rindler, a choir member for 50 years.

In 1962 Father Francis Uecker asked Lucille Droesch to assist him with the teaching of religion. This was the beginning of the CCD program as we know it today.

In September, 1963, Alice Kramer began teaching and in 1964, Alma Puthoff received her certificate to teach and Alma started to teach in 1965. During these early years religion classes were conducted in the town hall along with some being taught in the church and in the sacristies after Mass was finished. The New Bremen students came on Saturday mornings for their religion classes with Helen Dicke and Audrey Grieshop helping teach them.

Through the years there have been many individuals who have taught for a few years, others who have been teachers assistants and others who have been substitutes. Our parish is grateful to all these individuals for helping our young people with their religious education.

Some of our teachers and the years they have taught. Lucy Brown - 2 years; Ruth Brown - 9 years; Rose Brown; Marilyn Bruns - 12 years; Mary Bruns - 3 years; Michael Bruns - 3 years; Lucille Droesch - 24 years; Mary Droesch - 10 years; Mary Eyink - 3 years; Alice Kramer - 23 years; Jean Leisner - 9 years; Ella Mae Liette - 5 years; Alma Puthoff - 16 years; Margie Ronnebaum - 15 years; Martha Rosenbeck; Marvin Schulte - 13 years; and Karen Schulze - 6 years.



Resurrection Choir
Left to right, front row: Mary Roeckner, Shirley Tangeman, Alma Puthoff, Alvera Evers, Ruth Brown, Lucille Droesch, Margie Ronnebaum. Back row: Ellen Kramer, Mary Eyink, Tony Rengers, Fred Topp, Willis Dicke, Karen Schulze, and Marie Wendel. Absent when picture was taken were: Mary Catherine Wolters and Arnold Homan.



Left to right, front row: Mary Bruns, Mary Droesch, Fr. Schetter, Lucille Droesch, Margie Ronnebaum. Back row: Michael Bruns, Ruth Brown, Alma Puthoff, Alice Kramer, Jean Leisner and Mary Eyink. CCD Teachers absent when picture was taken, Lucy Brown, Marilyn Bruns and Karen Schulze.



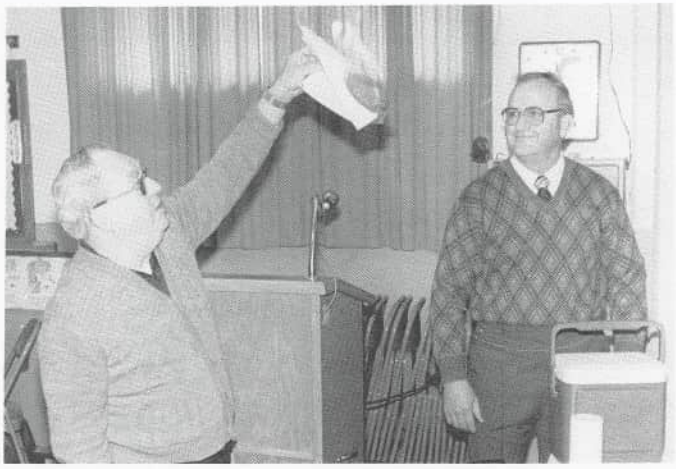
Assistant organists and guitarists
Left to right: Roger Hartke, Marian Heitbrink, David Bohman, Mary Eyink and Janice Hartke. Absent when picture was taken, Chris Schulte assistant organist.

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Parish Council

The first parish council was formed and became active in Jan. 1966, those parishioners serving were: Paul Huelsman, President; Rosemary Droesch, Secretary; representatives, Gerhard Bruns, Helen Dicke, Fred Hein, Roman Elking, Stanley Homan, Arnold Homan, Alex Bruggeman, Art Moeller, Gerald Roeckner, Eugene Ballweg, Bernard Droesch and Norbert Kramer.

It is the purpose of the Parish Council and the pastor to work closely together in matters concerning the parish and at the time our parish council was formed we were in the process of building our new church. At this time we had a meeting once a month and this practice continued for a few years. Through the years many people have served on the parish council as representatives.



Father Albert Schetter burning the mortgage as Alvin Brown watches.



Our parish council representatives are: left to right, front row: President - Madonna Puthoff; Financial Commission - Ella Mae Liette; Pastor - Fr. Albert Schetter; second row: Family Life and Youth Commission-Deanery Representative - Gerald Schulte; Ecumenical Commission and Secretary - Ruth Kremer; back row: Educational Commission and Vice President - Ron Dwenger; and Liturgical Commission - David Homan.



Bingo Committee
Left to right seated, Marie Wendel, Minnie Stachler, Alice Huelsman, Ruth Brown, Alvera Evers; standing, Ott Evers, back row: Bill Wendel, Mike Bruns, Alvin Brown and Paul Huelsman.

Bingo

Bingo was started in 1973. The first officers were: Charles Huelsman, Richard Kuess, Alvin Lochtefeld and Anthony Rengers. The primary purpose of having bingo was to pay off our church debt. Through the years bingo has helped with other things around the church which needed repair or things which would be an improvement and help for church functions. In 1978, we did not have bingo due to the loss of our license. But in 1979, we got our license back and bingo has continued through the years. To date is has contributed one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars ($115,000.00) to our church. This was made possible by the continued help and cooperation and support of our parish people. They have worked together very well to accomplish our goal of paying off our church debt.

The mortgage burning took place at our February 22, 1987, Parish Appreciation Party.

Societies

The Men's Sodality was known as the St. Joseph's Married Men's Sodality in the early years of our parish. Each sodality had a communion Sunday once a month. On the Sunday of the sodalities' communion there were big banners they placed in the front of church. Each sodality had its own banner, the married men, the young men, the married ladies and the young ladies; with the fifth Sunday of the month being a communion Sunday for everyone.

The married men and the young men carried their banners every year in the Holy Name Rally which was held in October. It was hosted in a different community in the Sidney Deanery and in the St. Marys Deanery. In 1965 the married men's sodality and the young men's sodality joined into one sodality and was named the Holy Name Society.

Through the years the men's society donated toward the Halloween party, they put heat in the basement kitchen and screens on the basement windows. They purchased the chair caddies and helped refinish the tops of the church pews in 1974 and put the step on the south side of the church all along the parking lot. They helped repair the

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church spouting in 1975. In 1981 they paid for half of the total price of the new stove needed in the kitchen and they purchased the projector screen for the basement. In 1982 they purchased three new tables for the basement and also helped with the repair work on the cemetery that same year. The men helped Father Schetter update the armed forces plaque which hangs in the north entrance in church. They contributed toward the Marion Local High School after-prom party and the men helped paint the basement in 1985.



Left to right: Ron Dwenger, Pres.; Don Droesch, Vice Pres.; Roger Hartke, Treas.; and Mick Osterholt, Sec.

Altar-Rosary Sodality

The Married Ladies' Sodality was known as the St. Elizabeth of Hungery Christian Mothers' Society. There are records going back to 1921 with dues being $1.00 per year. According to the historical notes the ladies' sodality began May 10, 1903. Meetings were held following afternoon services which consisted of rosary and benediction. Medals of the society were blessed and members were enrolled. After church services the members went to the school where the meeting was held. In 1945 they began to have an Anniversary Mass at 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, with meeting following the Mass. This practice continued until 1954, when they went to Sunday afternoon meetings which continued to 1959.

Through all these early years there was only one meeting per year. In February of 1960 the meetings were held at 7:30 p.m. and they had quarterly meetings, then they went back to one meeting per year. In February, 1965, the Young Ladies' and the Married Ladies' Sodalities were combined and the organization was named, "The Rosary-Altar Sodality" and by-laws were approved by the membership. There were two meetings a year until 1969, when they went back to four meetings per year.

The Rosary-Altar Sodality contributes toward flowers for the altar at Christmas and Easter time. They say the rosary before Mass when a member dies and they have a Mass read for that member. They have the lunch stand at a public auction when there is a sale within the parish. They work in the kitchen at Bingo every week. They contribute to the fund to put the rosary on the radio and they spring house-clean the church every year. There is an annual Christmas party. A few of the ladies helped paint the church basement in 1985.

They also help with the Bingo Brunch, and the Appreciation Party. The ladies prepare and serve the Forty Hours Dinner. They also help with the Halloween Party and the officers contact the women of the community to donate cakes and fancy items for the stand at the Community Picnic.

The Ladies' Sodality also helps when an extraordinary situation needs attention.



Left to right: Linda Schwieterman, Pres.; Mary Homan, Sec.; Helen Kremer, Treas.; and Ann Beyke, Vice Pres.

C.Y.O.

The Precious Blood Catholic Youth Organization was started the school year of Sept. 1969 - May 1970. The first officers were Pres., Sandy Niekamp; Vice Pres., Rick Niekamp; Sec., unknown; and Treas., Marilyn Eyink. The first advisors were: Marvin Schulte and Jeanette Homan.

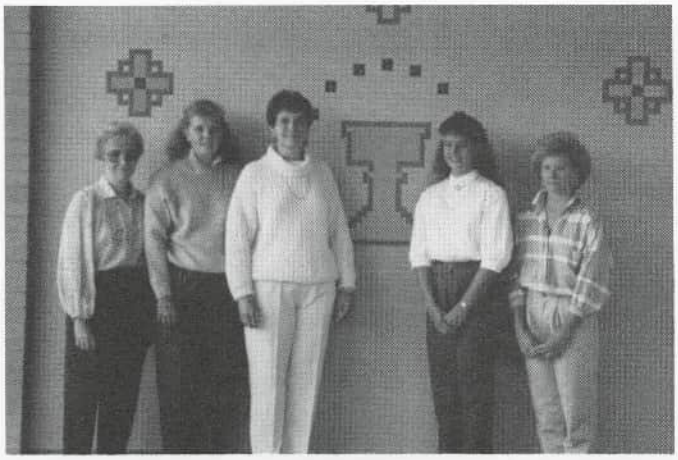
Activities of the C.Y.O. in the past were: hayride and party at St. Charles Seminary, northern area field day held at Coldwater park. They also served at the appreciation party and at the mother-daughter banquet. The Mass before the Prom and the Mass for graduates of Chickasaw was started in the early years of the C.Y.O. and also they sponsored a teen dance, helped in the cake stand at the Chickasaw Picnic and two years the C.Y.O. had a float in the parade. They delivered fruit baskets to Senior Citizens, conducted pizza sales and sponsored a card party. They went to Kings Island and Cedar Point. They had a Seder meal before Easter, took part in special Masses (Christmas, Good Friday and Dec. 8th). The boys basketball teams won one year and went to state.

Present day activities of the C.Y.O. are: praying the rosary during the month of October before Sunday Mass. They conduct apple sales, have bake sales and popcorn sales. There is a boys and a girls basketball team, they have a hayride with St. Sebastian C.Y.O. which is combined with a cookout.

They serve at the Bingo Brunch and the Parish Appreciation Party. They go to Kings Island and take part in the World Food Banquet with the Cluster Parishes. They take part in the Thanksgiving Mass, say special prayers during Forty Hours, participate in singing in the C.Y.O. choir and several students went to the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.

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Harvest



Left to right: Marie McClurg, Advisor; Jenny Eyink, Pres.; Mary Eyink, Advisor; Michelle Bohman, Sec.; and Marsha Niekamp, Treas.

The Harvest program began in December, 1985, and was established to enable our parish to work together when we will either be without a full time resident pastor or in the event we will be sharing a pastor with another parish. The Harvest program has opened our eyes and minds to all the problems we will face in the future.

The Harvest Facilitators are Mary Bruns and Alice Huelsman. The Harvest Committee consists of representatives within the church namely: Bingo - William Wendel; C.Y.O. leaders, Mary Eyink and Marie McClurg; C.C.D. coordinators, Lucille Droesch and Margie Ronnebaum; Cemetery, Luke Homan; Choir, Rosie Droesch; Ladies' Sodality, Jeanette Meyer; Men's Society, Lavern Heitkamp; Lay Distributors and Ushers, Marvin Schulte and Lectors and Commentators, Ken Prenger.

Pro-Life

Pro-Life was started in 1976 by Father Naber. He asked Alma Puthoff to be coordinator of the Parish Pro-Life, and she filled this position until 1980. Then Leo and Diane Homan took over from 1980 to 1984. Next Mary and Michael Bruns represented our parish from 1984 to 1985 and now Frank and Jean Liesner have taken the coordinator's position in 1986 to date.

The Pro-Life has a meeting the 4th Thursday of the month. There are videos to show and they update the bulletin boards in church, of activities coming up and try to keep everyone informed thoughout the year of all Pro-Life activities. Through the year Pro-Life sponsors a dance, there are different items they have for sale. The Rose sale in the spring is taken care of by the nurses of Mercer Co. In January, 1987, the trip to Washington, D.C. was taken part in by people from Precious Blood Parish, 2 adult chaperons and 10 high school students.



Harvest Facilitators
Left to right: Mary Bruns, Alice Huelsman and Fr. Schetter, Pastor.

Cluster Program

The cluster consists of all the parishes within the Marion Local School District which includes: the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cassella; St. John, Maria Stein; St. Nicholas, Osgood; St. Rose, St. Sebastian and Precious Blood, Chickasaw. The purpose of the cluster is to coordinate church and school activities to enable events to be scheduled without conflict. For example, the D.R.E.'s work together on the religious instruction and the Baptismal programs are offered at a host parish for the cluster parishes. Although Osgood parish is not in our deanery they are included in the cluster as they have students going to Marion Local School.

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Vernon and Cecilia Eyink
Diane Homan
Joan Homan (Mrs. Maurice)
Alice Huelsman
Mary and Charles Huelsman
Herb and Beulah Knapke
Andy and Ellen Kramer
Jean Liesner
Ralph Liette
Mike Osterholt
Alma Puthoff
Anthony Rengers
Harold Rentz
Mrs. John Rentz
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CHICKASAW VILLAGE SCHOOL

By Mrs. Stephen (Marie Heitkamp) McClurg

It was difficult to find out much on the history of the Chickasaw Village School as we have not been able to locate the board minutes from the time period before 1940. The source of information has been older residents and teachers who lived through that time period. Many pictures have been gathered and some of the names are known and some are not known.

Residents recalled walking to school every morning. Some walked, 2, 3, & 4 miles every morning and every evening. They attended morning mass every day.

Some of the classes were reading, writing, arithmetic, history, geography, Cathechism, Bible History, and German and English. Lots of children in the early 1900's didn't speak English or spoke very little English because their parents and grandparents came from Germany. At home, German was the spoken language. This made reading and spelling very difficult. Some students only spoke English, as Tony Rengers when he went to grade school. The teachers spoke English but taught both English and German. Living around Chickasaw, if you didn't speak German you learned the language quickly as many spoke German.

Mary Ronnebaum went to school in the old brick schoolhouses built before the 1908 building. She remembers after walking 3 miles to school, the country kids never seemed to get near the pot belly stove which heated the one room schoolhouses. The city kids always beat them to the good seats.

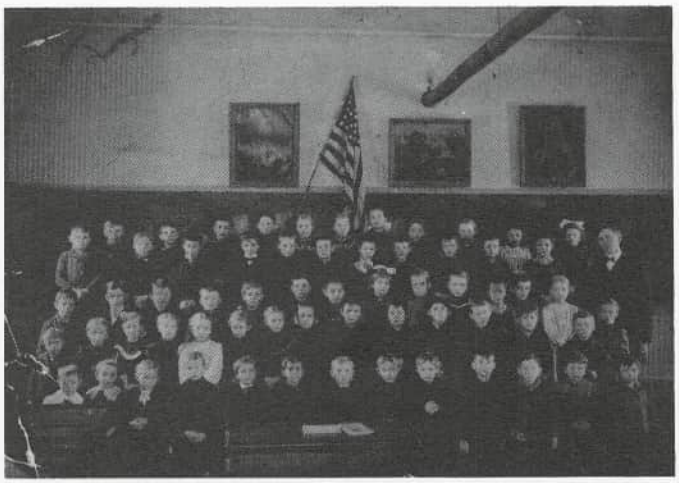
One of the schoolhouses was used for grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. The other schoolhouse was used for grades 5, 6, 7, and 8. They were located just east of the present building, which is now the Chickasaw VFW.

In 1908, the school house which stands today was used. The other two brick buildings were not torn down right away. They were used as a C.K. Of A. Hall for quite some time. Tony Rengers remembers pool tables, & a stage and curtain. Plays were put on in the old schoolhouses by the Home Talent Players. They were used as a dance hall for weddings, and parties etc.

When the buildings were torn down, the kids helped clean the mortar off the bricks. He remembered getting paid a $1.00 for cleaning off the mortar.



Chickasaw Schools before 1908
One school was for grades 1, 2, 3, & 4 and the other building was for grades 5, 6, 7, & 8.
Buildings faced south and were on approximately the same site as the park shelter house today.



Inside of one of the old schoolhouse buildings prior to 1908. Heated by a pot belly stove. 2nd row from bottom, 4th from left is Minnie Gerlach's mother: Catherine Dabbelt.

Tony Rengers recalls his 1st grade teacher as being Loretta Laufensweiler. His 2nd and 3rd grade teacher was Mary Moeder. His 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers were Ves Wellman and Bill Gross. John Lieser taught 7th and 8th grade.

In the early 1920's Walter Rawers and Tony Rengers drove the first Model T Ford school bus to New Bremen and Minster High School from the Village of Chickasaw (about 16 to 18 pupils). The bus was owned and leased to Chickasaw by Andrew Gast of Chickasaw.



Chickasaw School
Chickasaw, Ohio
1908-1977

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Early 1900's
Teacher: Loretta Laufensweiler
Students unknown except for Top Row 3rd from right John Clune

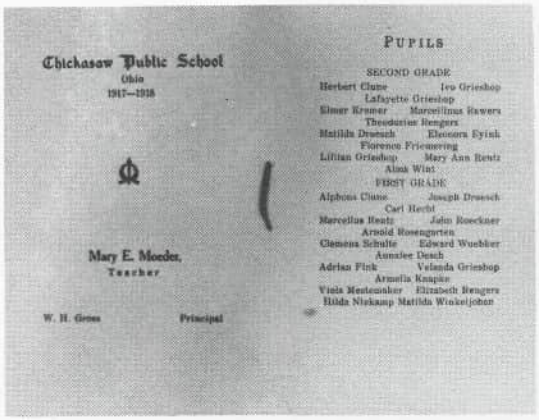


Chickasaw School School Year 1910-1911 Room 3
Teachers: Bernard, Lieser, and Loretta Laufensweiler
Classmates of Mini Gerlach, Luke Clune's half sister



School Year 1910-1911
Bottom Row: Bertilla Froning, unknown Grieshop, unknown, Tharsilla Droesch, Irene Wint, Luella Meindering, unknown, unknown Wint, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown.
2nd Row: unknown, unknown, unknown Bomholt, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown Grieshop, unknown, Elfrieda Rawers, unknown, unknown, unknown.
3rd Row: Albert Seitz, Bernard Rentz, Gustie Dorsten, unknown, unknown, Cletus Froning, unknown, Sylvester Froning, Tony Rentz, unknown, unknown, Marcus Hierholzer, unknown.
4th Row: Teacher Loretta Laufensweiler, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, Rufena Grieshop, Loretta Kuess, Teacher Lieser, unknown Eyink, unknown, Lawrence Rentz, Albert Winner, unknown, Teacher Bernard.

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Chickasaw Public School
Ohio
1917—1918

Mary E. Moeder,
Teacher

W. H. Gross Principal

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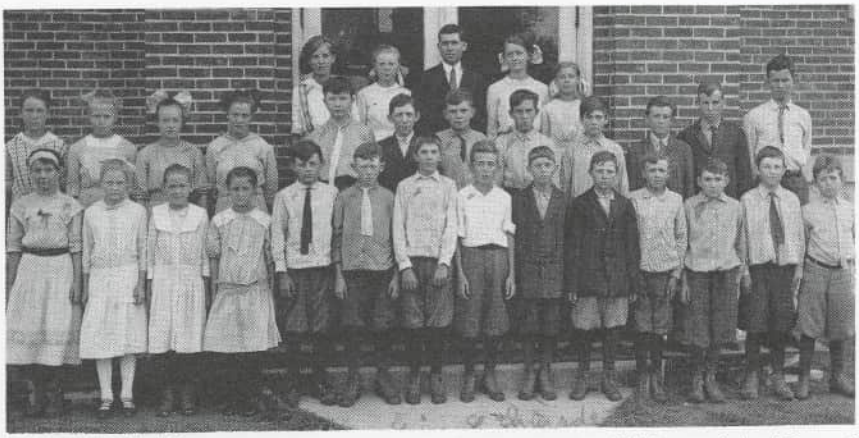
SECOND GRADE

Herbert Clune Ivo Grieshop
Lafayette Grieshop
Elmer Kramer Marcellinus Rawers
Theodosius Rengers
Matilda Droesch Eleonora Eyink
Florence Friemering
Lillian Grieshop Mary Ann Rentz
Alma Wint

FIRST GRADE

Alphons Clune Joseph Droesch
Carl Hecht
Marcellus Rentz John Roeckner
Arnold Rosengarten
Clemens Schulte Edward Wuebker
Annalee Desch
Adrian Fink Velanda Grieshop
Armella Knapke
Viola Mestemaker Elizabeth Rengers
Hilda Niekamp Matilda Winkeljohn

School Booklet (Year 1917-1918)
Teachers and students named



1915-1916 School Year Chickasaw School Room 3

1st Row: Carrie Anderson, Helen Grieshop, Tharsilla Droesch, Irene Wint, unknown Kroger, Sylvester Froning, Albert Seitz, Lawrence Rentz, Bernard Rentz, August Dorsten, Tony Hartings, Marc Heirholzer, Lawrence Wint, Tony Rentz

2nd Row: Josephine Hanfeller, Hilda Droesch, Freda Rawers, Louetta Grieshop, Albert Winner, Leander Droesch, Louis Eyink, George Hein, unknown Kroger, Werner Roeckner, Leo Linneman, Johnny Frenzer

Top Row: Celesta Klaybecker, Olive Bueller, Wm. Gross, teacher, Norma Wint, Carmelita Rawers.



1915-1916 Chickasaw School Room 1

Bottom Row: Mathilda Droesch, Rosella Anderson, Beatrice Mox, Marian Rentz, Marie Droesch, Roma Linneman, unknown, Louella Meinerding, Pauline Rengers, Linus Grieshop, Valerious Dorsten, Valerious Froning, Reinhart Harting, Urban Buehler, Florenz Seitz, Henry Grieshop, Teddy Rengers, Ferdy Grieshop.

Second Row: Lillian Winklejohn, Ida Seitz, Elenor Eyink, Mary Schulte, Ida Schulte, Margret Kroger, Marie Droesch, Evangeline Stelzer, Cecelia Handfelder, Rose Mary Weber, 2 Rawers girls, Benjamin Grieshop, Fabian Winklejohn, Richard Grieshop, Marcie Rawers, Lafayette Grieshop, Herbert Clune.

Top Row: Norbert Roeckner, Camilus Droesch, Mary Moeder, teacher, Cyril Grieshop.



School Year 1916

Top Row: Walter Rawers, Leo Bomholt, Vess Wellman, teacher, Leo Kroger, Aloys Eyink

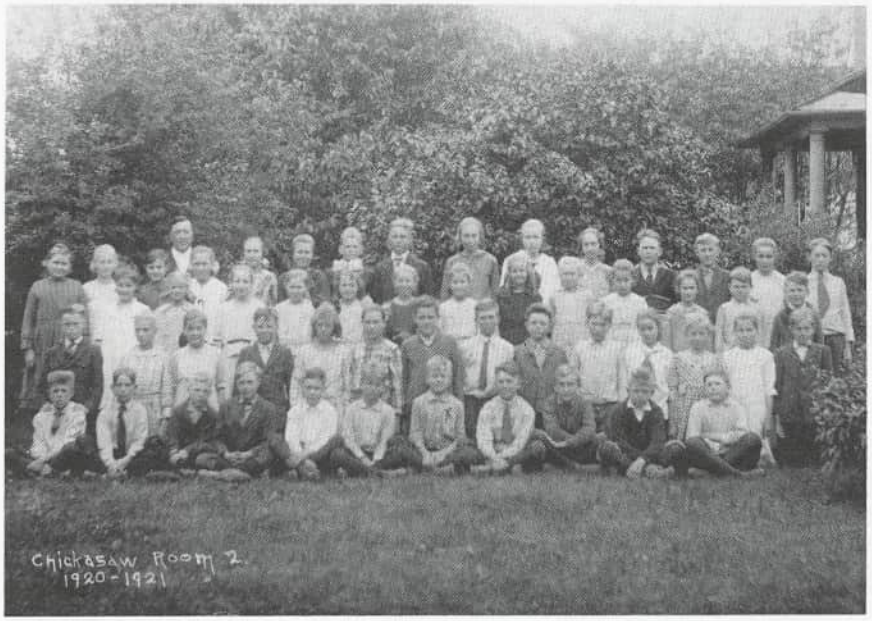
Middle Row: Georgena Rawers, Jeanette Grieshop, Bertilla Froning, Rosemary Roeckner, Ann Grieshop, Hilda Schulte, Christine Rengers, Tony Bomholt, Benj Grieshop, John Grieshop, Jim Anderson, Richard Rentz, Greg Grieshop, Clete Froning, Harry Wint.

Front Row: Armella Rawers, Rosella Dorsten, Olive Winner, Mox, Luella Heirholzer, Eleanor Rentz, Alma Dorsten, Rick Niekamp, Jerome Dorsten, Art Froning, Eugene Stelzer, Isador Droesch, Anthony Rengers, Norb Droesch, Bart Rawers, Ralph Heirholzer.

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School Year 1917-1918 Teachers, Gross and Wellman
Wellman was killed by poison gas in World War I
Notice the school building and the background buildings. Some students names listed on School Booklet. Notice the old school still standing on right of photo.



John Lieser, teacher Chickasaw School Room 2
1920-1921
1st Row: Henry Grieshop, Ted Rengers, Joe Droesch, Benjamin Grieshop, Elmer Kremer, Arnold Rosengarten, Ivo Grieshop, Marce Rentz, Reinhart Hartings, Lafayetta Grieshop, Alphonse Clune.
2nd Row: Valerius Froning, Mathilda Droesch, Rose Anna Lieser, Urban Buehler, Mary Ann Rentz, Ida Schulte, Ferdy Grieshop, Camillus Droesch, Herbert Clune, Addison Dorsten, Lillian Grieshop, Mathilda Winkeljohn, Rosella Anderson, John Roeckner.
3rd Row: Henrietta Lieser, Velanda Grieshop, Alma Rengers, Hilma Bomholt, Viola Mestemaker, Hilda Niekamp, Armella Rawers, Florence Friemering, Marie Droesch, Alma Wint, Elizabeth Rengers, Clem Schulte, unknown.
4th Row: Elenor Eyink, Lillian Winkeljohn, Richard Grieshop, Evangeline Stelzer, Mary Schulte, Olive Grieshop, Linus Grieshop, Cyril Grieshop, Cecelia Hanfeller, Marie Droesch, Viola Franzer, Valerius Dorsten, Fabian Winkeljohn, Pauline Rengers, Norbert Roeckner.

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1920-1921 Leo Vonderhaar, teacher Room 1
Top Row, 2nd left to right: Wilson Grieshop, Walt Dorsten 2nd from far right.
Far right girls (L to R) Elizabeth Rengers and Olive Knapke.
Bottom Row: unknown, unknown, Carl Clune, Homer Niekamp, Hugo Kremer, Tom Mestemaker, unknown, Ray Eyink, Norb Knapke. Behind Ray Eyink is Wilmer Grieshop and Fred Rentz.



Joe Klingshirn, teacher School Year 1925-1926
Back Row: Ted Rengers, unknown, unknown, unknown, John Roeckner, Ivo Grieshop, Alphonse Clune, Lillian Billerman, Alma Schwieterman, unknown, Ann (Dabbelt) Grieshop, unknown, Alma Wint, Mathilda (Winkeljohn).
Front Row: Elmer Kremer, Clem Schulte, Fred Rentz, Cletus Grieshop, Joe Droesch, Leona (Schwieterman) Wildenhaus, unknown, Lieser, Hilda (Niekamp) Weseli, Elizabeth Rengers, Velanda (Grieshop) Palmer, Dale (Anderson) Topp, Armella (Knapke) Rawers.



Class of 1929
Back Row: Norbert Knapke, Fred Rentz, Georgianna (Niekamp) Weber, Ray Schwieterman, Alma (Rengers) Dorsten, Homer Niekamp.
Front Row: Orpha Rose, Hilma Bomholt, Anthony Heitkamp, teacher, Edna (Kremer) Homan, Mabel Grieshop.

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In 1908, the present brick building was used as the school for the Village of Chickasaw. Mr. Ray Dobmeyer, who taught at Chickasaw for nine years (1932-1941) filled in some of the missing information.

Ray Dobmeyer began teaching in Chickasaw in 1932 and taught grades 5-8 in the south room on the first floor. Leo Vonderhaar taught grades 1-4 in the north room. Two years of high school were taught by Anthony Heitkamp in the north room upstairs at this same time. If students wanted to complete four years of high school they attended either St. Henry or Minster. Then in 1935, St. John High School became a four year high school. Students then had a choice of either Minster High School or St. Johns High School.

Ray Dobmeyer came from Miller City near Lima. He attended Bowling Green University. D. B. Spangler, the Mercer County superintendent told him about the opening at the Chickasaw building. Mr. Dobmeyer didn't own a car at the time so he roomed with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winner and later with the widow of Dr. Henry Rawers (Helen).

In 1939, he married Esther Sunderhaus and they lived at 20 E. Walnut St. (present home of Norb Tangeman). Mrs. Dobmeyer recalled that Father Moorman's housekeeper, Thelma Wenzel had the first Bendex automatic washer.

Ray recalls his salary at $100.00 a month. He also fired the furnace and swept the floors. This paid $28.60 a month extra after taxes.

Mrs. Esther Dobmeyer remembers bringing over a big pot of coffee on First Fridays. Every child fasted all night so they could receive Holy Communion on that day. They packed their cold fried egg sandwich and she furnished the coffee for them.

Luke Knapke of Minster has also filled in some of the missing information. Luke started teaching at the age of 19 at Chickasaw Village School. He attended St. Joseph College and Ohio Northern University. He began teaching in Chickasaw in 1938. Ray Dobmeyer was there at the time and also Anthony Heitkamp. Luke taught grades 1, 2, 3, & 4. The next two years he taught Grades 3, 4, & 5. He remembered receiving a salary of $100.00 a month ($96.00 after taxes). The second year his salary was $115.00 a month. He recalls he would not have gotten the job if he did not know how to play the organ at church. He received an extra $200.00 a year for playing the organ. He also got an extra $1.00 if there was a High Mass during the week.

Luke remembers introducing football to the students of Chickasaw. Both teachers recall that it was a relaxed and friendly place to teach. They still recall with great fondness the students and the people of the Chickasaw community.

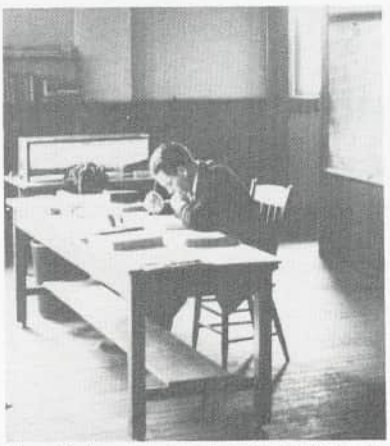
In 1950-1952 Art Brophy began his teaching career. Mr. Brophy graduated from St. Joseph's college. He taught grades 5, 6, 7, & 8. Mrs. Emerita Schulte taught grades 1, 2, 3, & 4.



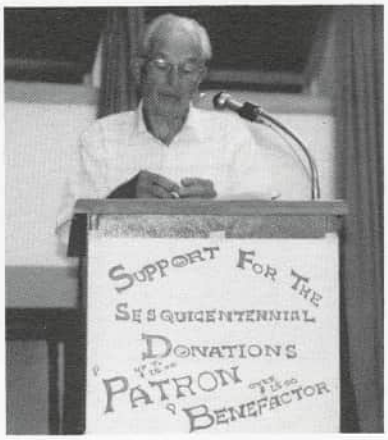
Leo Vonderhaar, teacher Grades 1-4.



Seated Anthony Heitkamp, teacher and Ray Dobmeyer teacher.



Ray Dobmeyer, teacher in Chickasaw 1932-1941.



Ray Dobmeyer, today resides near Coldwater.

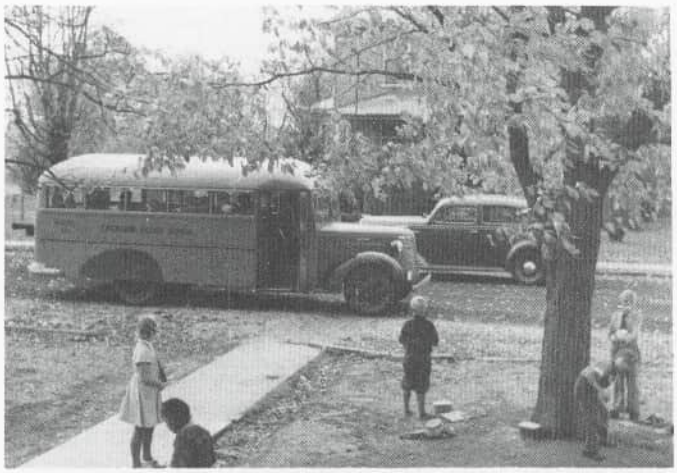


Luke Knapke, teacher in Chickasaw 1938-1941.



Luke Knapke, today resides in Minster.

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Chickasaw Village School Bus used around 1938.



Inside the Chickasaw School approx. 1938.



Children at play at the Chickasaw School approx. 1938.



Children getting drink from water pump. Left to right: Dennis Hein, Ivo Bruns, Unknown, Unknown, Greg Lochtefeld (striped shirt), boy with cap Harry Homan, Stanley Homan, Unknown, Unknown.



Chickasaw High School Diploma of Vernon Eyink dated May 19, 1933.



Left to right: Ray Dobmeyer, teacher, Jean Niekamp, and Flory (Knapke) Moeller.



Chickasaw Village School Outhouse. Notice the design was circular. Pictured Tom Freckman & Mary Lou Desch

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Chickasaw - 1933



Geneva (Hein) Dues



Elvaneta Franzer



Ben Droesch



Louis Hartings



Jane (Mestemaker) Topp



Andy Meinerding



Earl Desch



Arthur Wenning



Othmar Kramer



Earl Grieshop



Buella (Niekamp) Knapke



Tillie (Knapke) Elking



Bernice (Grieshop) Lengerich



Alice (Hein) Eyink



Mary Ann (Hein) Siefring



Morris Niekamp



Hilda (Knapke) Brunswick



Walter Niekamp



Grace Heitkamp



Mary Ann Rengers



Louella Wenning



Helen (Gast) Brown



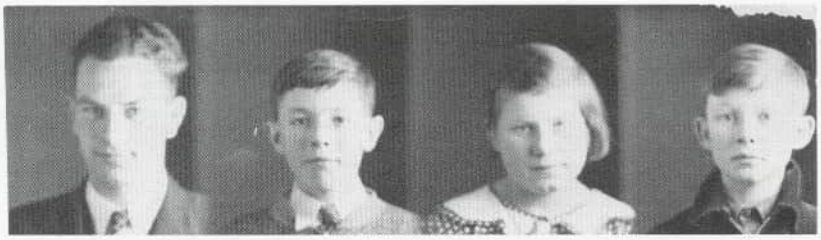
Mary Agnes Clune



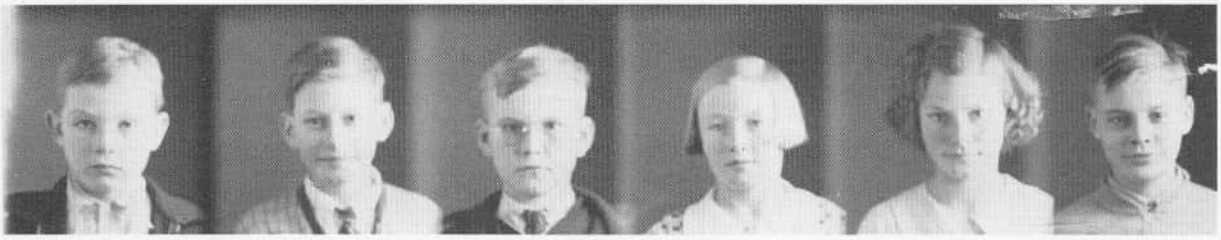
Urban Zahn

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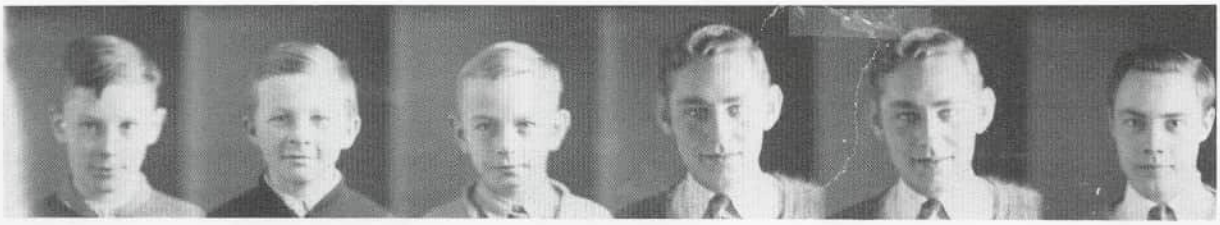
Chickasaw Approximately 1940



Ray Dobmeyer Teacher | Gregor Hartings | Cecelia Droesch | Tony Droesch



Maurice Homan | Fred Hein | Stanley Homan | Esther Hartings | Wilma (Hein) Bergman | Don Grieshop



Don Schmidt | Norb Kramer | Don Mestemaker | Joe Rengers | Joe Rengers | Junior Grieshop



Ellen Wenning | Mary Ann (Hein) Siefring | Mary Ann (Knapke) Klosterman | Alice (Kremer) Bruns | Ralph Wenning | Ralph Wenning



Agnes Kramer | Esther (Clune) Dietz | Mary Jane Mestemaker | Tillie (Knapke) Elking | Alice (Hein) Eyink | Mary Ann Rengers

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Board Minutes Of The Chickasaw Village School

Compiled by Mrs. Victor (Pat Elking) Klosterman

Aug. 30, 1940 Board members (Henry Bills, Roman Kuess, Albert Hartings, Aloys Homan, Werner Roeckner) hired Anthony Heitkamp to teach first and second grades at a salary of $100.00 a month for nine months. Other teachers at the time were R. B. Dobmeyer and Luke Knapke.

Jan. 3, 1941 In reorganizational meeting, board agreed to pay each member $2.00 for each regular meeting attended not to exceed ten meetings a year.

June 5, 1941 The board agreed to purchase a school bus from Advance Auto for $455.00.

Aug. 9, 1941 Board agreed to employ Anthony Heitkamp for Grades 7-8 at $120.00 per month, Gladys Anderson for Grades 4-5-6 at $120.00 per month, Agnes Nowlan for Grades 1-2-3 at $105.00 per month. They also hired Wm. Niekamp for firing and cleaning at $160.00 per year.

Jan. 5, 1942 Reorganizational meeting - two new members took the oath of office - Anthony Bills and John Knapke. Other board members are Roman Kuess, Werner Roeckner, and Albert Hartings.

Board rented garage room for the bus from H.A. Rengers at $5.00 per month.

Ted Rengers resigned as bus driver and Albert Hartings was hired as bus driver for $40.00 per month.

Jan. 30, 1942 Albert Hartings resigned as board member and George Bruns was appointed to fill his term.

May 29, 1942 The board hired teachers for the next school year

Gladys Anderson - Grades 4-5-6 at $130.00
Sr. Mary Virginia Eschle - Grades 7-8 at $120.00
Sr. Mary Stella Armbruster - Grades 1-2-3 at $105.00

Mar. 26, 1943 Albert Hartings resigned as bus driver and the board employed Alfred Rentz to take his place.

July 18, 1943 Board rehired teachers for upcoming school year. Hired Mrs. Wm. Niekamp as janitor for $25.00 per month.

Oct. 29, 1943 Albert Niekamp was hired as bus driver to take Alfred Rentz's place.

Aug. 28, 1944 Board hired Sr. Mary Alfreda to replace Gladys Anderson.

Maurice Elking was hired as bus driver for $50.00 per month.

June 29, 1945 Board employed Delores R. Sutter as teacher and rehired Sr. Mary Stella and Sr. Mary Virgina.

August 30, 1946 Rehired Delores Sutter and Sr. Mary Stella. Also hired Sr. M. Gerarda as new teacher.

Feb. 28, 1947 Board purchased a new 1946 Chevrolet school bus for $3700.00 from Advance Auto Co. of New Bremen. Traded in 1938 school bus for $400.00.

June 27, 1947 The board agreed to hire Ivan A. Sommer as teacher and principal for one year at $2500.00. He is to teach Grades 5-6-7-8.

Substitute teacher will receive $7.00 per day.

Aug. 12, 1947 Emerita Schulte was hired for one year to teach Grades1-2-3-4 for a salary of $1800.00. She also received $100.00 for playground supervision.

Aug. 29, 1947 The board voted to submit to electors of the school district a levy of additional 4 mill tax for a period of five years. "Because of existing conditions in the world today and recognizing the need of more and better education in our school."

Jan. 7, 1948 Board met in special session for the purpose of reorganizing. The clerk gave the oath to the new board members Ed Knapke, Elmer Kremer and Alphonse Clune. Other board members were Anthony Bills, John Knapke and Clerk, Werner Roeckner.

April 20, 1948 Rehired Ivan Sommers at $2750.00 and Emerita Schulte at $1980.00 and $155.00 for playground supervision.

August 27, 1948 Board hired Joe Hein to drive and store the school bus at $75.00 per month.

Jan. 28, 1949 Board appointed Ed Rindler to finish John Knapke's term of office because of his death.

March 1, 1949 Board appointed Nick Zumberge to take Ed Rindler's place on the board. Ed Rindler was a member of the town council and therefore could not serve on the school board.

Oct. 3, 1949 Board members voted to raise board salary to $3.00 per meeting for twelve regular meetings a year.

Jan. 3, 1950 Board members reorganized. Alphonse Clune, Elmer Kremer, Ed Knapke, Nick Zumberge, Werner Roeckner, Clerk gave oath of office to new board member, Silverius Homan.

Mar. 24, 1950 Board met in special session to accept the resignation of Ivan Sommer.

July 3, 1950 Werner Roeckner resigned as clerk. The board appointed Vernon Eyink to take his place.

Aug. 28, 1950 The board rehired Emerita Schulte at a salary of $2300.00 and hired Arthur Brophy as principal at $2300.00 per year. State and county authorized the board to purchase a locking legal file cabinet to file and store school records and invoices.

Art Brophy lived in Chickasaw for 5 years. He stayed with Mrs. Lauretta Budde and later with Joe Rengers. One thing he remembers clearly was that there was running water in the basement but no indoor restrooms.

Sept. 5, 1950 Board voted to replace roof and spouting on belfry, repair wiring and worn out switches, repair and install new locks in front and rear doors and replace leaky fire extinguisher on school bus.

Oct. 2, 1950 Board approved painting of classrooms.

Dec. 29, 1950 Board hired Joe Schwartz to repair shutters in belfry.

Mar. 5, 1951 Emerita Schulte decide to return to college next year so she handed in her written resignation commencing at end of present school year.

Mar. 15, 1951 Special meeting called to decide how to take care of badly leaking roof. It was decided to ask local lumber companies to quote prices.

July 2, 1951 Board hired Leander Rawers as janitor at $60.00 per month.

Board also hired Teresa Wilkens to teach Grades 1-2-3-4

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at $2600.00 per year and rehired Art Brophy at $2700.00 per year.



Teresa Wilkens, primary teacher at Chickasaw Elementary for 15 years (1951-1966)

Oct. 1, 1951 Board agreed to purchase oil to oil floors in the classrooms.

Dec. 29, 1951 Vernon Eyink resigned as clerk and board appointed Roman Elking as clerk.

Mar. 3, 1952 Board agreed to repair furnace and have a load of lump coal put into school basement.

May 5, 1952 Board agreed to contact Roy Armstrong to clean toilets at end of May.

Aug. 4, 1952 Board hired Eugene Moorman as principal.

Feb. 2, 1953 Due to fact that fire bell didn't ring, board agreed to have it repaired.

Board also agreed on teachers' salaries for the next year. Mr. Moorman at $3250.00 per year and Mrs. Wilkens at $3150.00 a year.

May 4, 1953 Teacher requested and the board agreed to put bulletin board above the chalk board and add six extra seats in the first room.

Sept. 9, 1953 Board hired a third teacher for school, Jeanne D. Frankart and increased janitor pay from $60 to $75 per month because of additional classrooms.

April 5, 1954 Board accepted the resignation of Eugene Moorman.

Board discussed the possibility of purchasing a new school bus.

Aug. 2, 1954 Board hired Eleanor Bornhorst to teach the upper grades and Paul Amann to teach intermediate grades and rehired Teresa Wilkens to teach lower grades.

Dec. 6, 1954 Board agreed to install pipe frame to hang curtains for children's Christmas play and acquire chairs from N.J. Hogenkamp for same.

April 4, 1955 Board agreed to set up playground equipment which was purchased by children through their athletic fund.

May 2, 1955 Board decided to have a special meeting with all member of the school district to discuss consolidation.

Sept. 6, 1955 Board appointed Stanley Homan as our member to the new Marion Local School District. Elmer Kremer as our representative to building committee and Alphonse Clune as our representative to the site committee.

Sept. 20, 1955 Final Meeting - Board agreed to turn all records over to the new clerk of the newly organized district - Marion Local.

Board Members - Alphonse Clune
Edmund Knapke
Silverius Homan
Roman Elking
Elmer Kremer



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Marion Local School Minutes

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and some update by Mrs. Richard (Diane Langenkamp) Thobe

Editor's note: Even though we consolidated, the Chickasaw building was still in use until the new elementary building was built. We tried to include any part of the minutes that dealt with the Chickasaw building or the people of Chickasaw.

Nov. 6, 1956 Joseph Hein resigned as bus driver and Anthony Rengers took over his job.

Dec. 19, 1956 Leander Rawers resigned as janitor of Chickasaw building and Joseph Hein was hired at $80.00 per month.

March 18, 1957 Board approved salary for next school year -

Eleanor Bornhorst - Principal and teacher $4225.00
Blanche Harbaugh - Teacher $3750.00
Joyce Kalal - Teacher $3075.00
Teresa Wilkens - Teacher $3850.00

Aug. 8, 1957 Board hired James A. Arnold as Chickasaw principal and teacher at $4500.00.

May 19, 1958 With the beginning of the 1958-59 school year the first six grades of Sebastian school will attend Chickasaw School. All 7th and 8th Grade students of Marion district will be transferred to the high school building.

June 9, 1958 Board hired August Heitkamp as janitor of St. John's building at $2700.00.

July 24, 1958 Hired Mrs. Isabelle Heuker as head cook at $120.00 per month and Mrs. Irma (Zahn) Heitkamp as assistant cook at the new Marion High School at $110.00 per month.

July 25, 1958 Board engaged Wm. Bernard of St. Henry, Ohio to sound proof one classroom at Chickasaw school for between $300.00 to $330.00.

May 18, 1959 Authorized Sam McCollum of St. Marys, Ohio to clean toilets at Chickasaw for $20.00.

Aug. 17, 1959 Board hired Ralph Plas as principal and teacher at Chickasaw school and junior high basketball coach at salary of $5477.50.

March 31, 1960 Because of "extra burdens and inconveniences resulting from the adverse physical conditions of the Chickasaw school building, each teacher assigned to that school be paid $100.00 above salary schedule."

Sept. 26, 1960 Anthony Heitkamp paid $80.00 per year for bus storage.

Aug. 7, 1961 Anthony Rengers resigned as bus driver and Joseph Hein resigned as janitor.

Aug. 16, 1961 Alfred Wint was hired as janitor of Chickasaw school. Robert Knapke hired as bus driver.

Sept. 25, 1961 Board agreed to pay Phil Rengers for 25 hours of summer work at Chickasaw school at 75¢ per hour.

June 6, 1962 Ralph Plas resigns.

July 17, 1962 Board hired Bob Bowlin as teacher and building head at Chickasaw for $4271.00.

Oct. 16, 1962 Alfred Wint resigned as janitor and the board hired Anthony Droesch for that position.

June 11, 1963 Richard Kuess was hired as part time janitor at high school and given a contract as bus driver.

Feb. 18, 1964 Bernard Droesch was hired as bus driver and to store bus.

Mar. 17, 1964 Adella Zumberge was hired as a cafeteria worker.

Aug. 11, 1964 Board accepted a bid for installing a new fireproof basement stairway and a new basement egress in Chickasaw school for $2067.00 and for installing the sanitation project for $2883.00.

June 8, 1965 Sharon Heitkamp was hired as high school secretary.

June 24, 1965 Board decided to transport Chickasaw 4th Grade to St. John building for 1965-66 school year.

July 20, 1965 Matilda Elking was hired as a full time cafeteria worker.

Jan. 5, 1966 Vernon Eyink given a contract as janitor of Chickasaw school.

May 10, 1966 Board accepted the resignation of Teresa Wilkens.

Sept. 1, 1966 Board authorized the purchase of 40 desks and chairs to replace some of the present desks at the Chickasaw school.

April 11, 1967 Board hired Greg Gast for next school year.

May 28, 1968 Resignation of Blanche Harbaugh approved and accepted by board.

Mar. 11, 1969 Paul Huelsman was seated as an official board member to fill vacancy created by death of Mr. Alphonse Kremer.

April 8, 1969 One year contract to teach 3rd Grade at Chickasaw building to Marie McClurg.

May 13, 1969 Donald Niekamp was hired as part time janitor at Chickasaw school.

July 8, 1969 Board approved the installation of a furnace stoker from Cassella Church into the Chickasaw building.

March 30, 1970 Purchase of needed equipment for hot meals at Chickasaw building.

April 14, 1970 Eleanor Elking was hired as full time cook at high school.
Mrs. Donald Niekamp was hired as part time cafeteria help at Chickasaw school.

July 14, 1970 Richard Kuess was hired as a full time janitor at Junior High.

Sept. 8, 1970 Board agreed to pay half of the cost of blacktopping the basketball court at Chickasaw.

Jan. 12, 1971 Ella Mae Liette received contract for cafeteria worker at St. Johns building.

Feb. 22, 1971 Marcella Koesters was hired as a cafeteria worker.

Mar. 9, 1971 Gerhard Bruns was hired as high school janitor.

May 11, 1971 Pat Klosterman was hired as a teacher at Osgood school.

Aug. 10, 1971 Imelda Puthoff was hired as a full time cook at the high school.

Mar. 14, 1972 Alumni purchased a copy machine for Chickasaw school.

May 22, 1972 Board accepted a bid for two rooms of Chickasaw school building to have floor covering installed.

April 10, 1973 Mark Klosterman resigned as Kindergarten

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bus driver.

May 8, 1973 Marcella Koesters was hired as part time custodian of Chickasaw.

Oct. 9, 1973 Renovation of the heating system at Chickasaw building at a cost of not more than $1000.00.

April 8, 1975 Board accepted the resignation of Greg Gast as principal and teacher of Chickasaw and offered a substitute teacher's contract to William Meyer to take Gast's place.

June 10, 1975 Windows and eaves of Chickasaw building are badly in need of paint, board instructed the superintendent to have work done.

April 13, 1976 Two contracts were renewed for the following Chickasaw school employees:

Sally Koesters - Custodian
Rita Flaute - aide

May 12, 1977 The board agreed to sell Chickasaw school property at 25% of its appraised value.

June 28, 1977 The board adopted the following resolution "The Marion Board of Education hereby resolves that the Chickasaw Marion Elementary, Osgood, and St. John's buildings will become one administrative and attendence unit known as the Marion Elementary School with grades Kindergarten through Eighth."

Nov. 8, 1977 Board designated Nov. 17, 1977, 8:00 P.M. as special meeting for acceptance of bids from the municipalities for real estate at the sites of the Chickasaw and Osgood schools.

Nov. 17, 1977 Chickasaw building and grounds were appraised at $20,000. The board accepted the offer from the Village of Chickasaw to purchase the property for $5,600.00.

June 27, 1978 Bus #5 blew an engine - cost of a new engine from Chickasaw Garage would be $2050.00.

Oct. 10, 1978 The following real estate situated in the Village of Chickasaw, Lots numbered 21, 22, 23, 24, 39, 40, 41 and 42 shall be sold and conveyed by the Board of Education to the Village of Chickasaw.

Aug., 1987 Sally Markley was hired as half time learning disabilities teacher.

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LIBERTY SPECIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Mrs. Stephen (Marie Heitkamp) McClurg

Liberty Special School was located in Franklin Township on the southeast corner of Clover Four Rd. and St. John Rd. It closed in 1940. Shortly after the school closed, the building was bought and moved to the village of Chickasaw. It was located on the present site of the Citizens Commercial Branch Bank Of Chickasaw.

The school was bought by Chickasaw Village Booster Club around 1945. The building was used for small parties, dances, and weddings. Later it became the Bavarian Distributing Co. owned by Joe Rengers and Shorty Fecher. Later Huelsman Automotive bought it for storage. In 1973, Charles Huelsman sold the building to the Citizens Commercial Bank of Celina and a branch was built. The bank stands there today. The Liberty Special School was then torn down.

The following teachers taught at the Liberty Special School:

Prior to 1906 - Ben Rawers
1907-1908 Otto Doenges
1908-1913 Electra Ballinger
1914-1921 Edna Wierth
1922-1923 Rosa Boltz
1923-1924 Virgle Young
1924-1925 Edna Komman
1926-1927 E. C. Linker
1927-1933 Norma Stienecker
1933-1934 Ruth Joan Hoel
1934-1936 Selma Katterheinrich
1936-1938 Rema Barber
1939-1940 Dorothy (Geib) Harlamert

Teacher: Miss Selma Katterheinrich
224 N. Main St.
New Knoxville, Ohio 45871

Born in 1912 in this community, Selma started her teaching career in 1932, until her retirement in 1972. She was a teacher at Liberty Special for two years 1934/1935 and 1935/1936. She taught 1st through 8th grade at Liberty Special Elementary School.

In 1987 she was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the New Knoxville Civic Association.

Teacher: Mrs. Bruce (Rema) Barber
1129 Princeton Ave.
Celina, Ohio 45822

Born in 1910 in Rockford, Ohio, Rema started her teaching career in 1928 until her retirement in 1974. Rema completed 38 years of teaching. She was teacher at Liberty Special for 2½ years, (1936/1937) (1937/1938) until end of December 1938.

Rema Barber and her husband are the parents of three daughters. Bruce Barber was Mercer County Sheriff for 12 years. Died in 1975.

Teacher: Dorothy Harlamert
State Rt. 274
New Bremen, Ohio 45869

Dorothy Harlamert attended Bowling Green University with Rema Barber. Dorothy began her teaching career in 1930 at Kettlersville, teaching there for 7 years. Then she went to Liberty Special for 1½ years. She also taught at Huenke School on Old Rt. 66 for 2 years. The remainder of her career was spent at New Bremen Elementary (28 years). She has a total of 37 teaching years.

Dorothy and her husband Alton have two children. Mrs. Gary (Emily) Wiedeman of New Bremen and Dean Harlamert of Urbana.



Ben Rawers and class at the Liberty Special School, teacher prior to 1906. Ben Rawers taught there prior to 1906, then he became the postmaster at Chickasaw for 35 years.



Certificate of Promotion to the High School

Department of Public Instruction

State of Ohio

This Certifies that

Helena Dicke has completed the Course of Study of the elementary schools of Liberty Special school district, Mercer County, and is hereby given this certificate of promotion to any high school in the State. The holder of this certificate of promotion is entitled to free tuition under the restrictions which are prescribed by law.

Issued by the County Superintendent of Mercer County this Seventh day of June 1915

H. E. Stonger Superintendent of Schools

S. Cottingham County Superintendent

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Students of Electra Ballinger
Teacher 1907-1913



Teacher, Electra Ballinger, Aurela Heil, Minnie Klosterman, Hilda Tiekamp, Marie Tiekamp, Gladys Hirschfeld, Helen Dicke, Rola Dammeyer, Ada Hirschfeld, and Loraine Klosterman. 1907-1913



1st Row (Kneeling) Richard Tiekamp,
(Standing) Wilbur Dammeyer and piggyback, Louis Dicke
2nd Row (Standing) Edwin Hirschfeld, piggyback, unknown.
(Standing) Victor Hirschfeld, piggyback, unknown.
(Standing) Leroy Hirschfeld, piggyback, unknown. 1907-1913

Percentage and Recapitulation

For School Month Ending Sept. 26 19 13

"Let us cherish our Public Schools as the home, and our Teachers as the warners, who weave the wondrous destiny for the Nation."—John Fiske

PERCENTAGE IN VARIOUS BRANCHES

Reading,	93	Book-Keeping,	
Spelling,	92	Algebra,	
Writing,	92	Geometry,	
Drawing,	92	Physics,	
Language or Gram.,	95	Physical Geography,	
Phys. and Hygiene,		Chemistry,	
Arithmetic,	90	Botany,	
Geography,		Geology,	
Mental Arithmetic,		Zoology,	
Composition,		Rhetoric,	
History,	95	Literature and Classics,	
Music,	75	History,	
Civics,		Latin,	
Agriculture,		German,	10

RECAPITULATION

Monthly Average,		Term Average,	
Application,		Care of Books,	
Behavior,	75	Days Absent,	0
Punctuality,		Times Tardy,	0

Name of Parent

Percentage and Recapitulation

For School Month Ending Oct. 24 19 13

"Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."
—Jefferson

PERCENTAGE IN VARIOUS BRANCHES

Reading,	98	Book-Keeping,	
Spelling,	95	Algebra,	
Writing,	96	Geometry,	
Drawing,	94	Physics,	
Language or Gram.,	98	Physical Geography,	
Phys. and Hygiene,		Chemistry,	
Arithmetic,	97	Botany,	
Geography,		Geology,	
Mental Arithmetic,		Zoology,	
Composition,		Rhetoric,	
History,		Literature and Classics,	
Music,	96	History,	
Civics,		Latin,	
Agriculture,		German,	98

RECAPITULATION

Monthly Average,		Term Average,	
Application,		Care of Books,	
Behavior,	94	Days Absent,	2
Punctuality,		Times Tardy,	0

Name of Parent

Liberty Special School Grade Card, Year 1913.

MOTTO—" NOTHING WITHOUT LABOR."

CLASS COLORS—PINK AND BLUE.

The Second Annual

Patterson Commencement

of the

Liberty Special District,

Franklin Township,

at the Liberty School Building

Friday Evening, June sixth

nineteen hundred and thirteen

seven-thirty,

standard time.

Board of Education

John Dicke—President

Gustav Dammeyer—Clerk

Amil Waterman

Ed Hirschfeld

Frank Schierholt

Program

Music ....Song—America

Invocation .... Rev Heinlin

Down Where The Daisies Are Blooming .....Quartette

The World We Live In ..... ALMA DAMMEYER

Duet ....Frieda Dammeyer and Frieda Uetrecht

Liberty, or Death .... Edwin Hirschfeld

A Boys' Rights .... Wilbert Dammeyer

The Contented Bird ....Trio

Little Breeches ....Bertha Gilmore

Solo ....Ethel Wills

Address ....Supt. J. W. Pogue

Muffs; or a Husband's Mistake .... Quartette

Benediction .... Rev Heinlin

Class of '13
ALMA DAMMEYER

Electra Ballinger, Teacher.

Commencement Book, Year 1913.

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Students of Edna Wierth
Teacher 1914-1921



Top Row: Louis Dicke, Lester Bertke, Teacher Edna Wierth, Helen Dicke, Ada Hirschfeld, Rola Dammeyer.
Bottom Row: Walter King, Gilbert Hirschfeld, Albert Dicke, Frieda Hirschfeld, Edna Schierholt, Milda Waterman, and Carmine Schierholt.



Back Row: Ada Hirschfeld, Gladys Hirschfeld, Marie Tiekamp, Hilda Tiekamp, Minnie Klosterman, Rola Dammeyer, Helen Dicke, Lorena Klosterman, Teacher, Edna Wierth
Front Row: Richard Tiekamp, Wulber Dammeyer, Leroy Hirschfeld, Louis Dicke, and Albert Dicke.

Students of Rosa Boltz
Teacher 1922-1923



1922 Liberty Special School, Franklin Twp. Mercer County, Ohio.
1st Row: Paul Dicke, Mervin Niekamp, Paul Schwepe, Frederick Dicke, Arnold Niekamp, Franklin Dicke, Henry Dicke. 2nd Row: Leona Niekamp, Naomi King, Ralph Dicke, Woodrow Dicke, Wilhelmina Dicke, James King. 3rd Row: Frieda Hirschfeld, Albert Dicke, Eleanor Dicke, Gilbert Hirschfeld, Walter King, Miss Rose Boltz-teacher and Lulu Geib.

Students of Norma Stienecker
Teacher 1927-1933



Norma Stienecker, teacher, standing near the Liberty Special Schools



Students of Liberty Special School Franklin Township, Bottom row from left Julia Dammeyer, Vernon Roettger, Frederick Dammeyer, Wilton Dicke, John Dicke, Melba Scheirholt; middle row Willis Dicke, Richard King, Robert Dicke, Dennis Schierholt, Ruth Dicke; top row Leola Dicke, Ralph Dicke, Franklin Dicke, Richard Dicke, Willis Schierholt, Woodrow Dicke, James King, and Wilhelmina Dicke.

Students of Selma Katterheinrich
Teacher 1934-1935



Bottom Row: Robert Hirschfeld, Laurie Dicke, Helen Brockman, Verneda Dammeyer, Dorothy Dicke, Rita Tobin, Gladys Brockman, Nathan Hirschfeld, Paul Brockman, Marita Bruns
Top Row: Donald Griewe, Warren Brockman, Virgil Horn, Frederick Dammeyer, Joe Tobin, Delbert Greiwe, Paul Tobin, Ivo Bruns.

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Students of Dorothy (Geib) Harlamert Teacher 1939-1940



1938-1939 6th Grade
Bottom Row: Frederick Hirschfeld, Donald Bruns, Don Dammeyer, Jean Dicke, and Jean Greiwe.
2nd Row: Ralph Bruns, James Hirschfeld, LaVerne Hirschfeld, Vernita Brockman, Gene Rentz, Lyle Dammeyer, Dale Dicke
3rd Row: Helen Brockman, Paul Brockman, Laurie Dicke, Kenneth Eckhart, Marita Bruns, Nathan Hirschfeld, and Dorothy Wenning.
Top Row: Charles Geise, Ivo Bruns, Verneda Dammeyer, Ralph Wenning, Martha Geise, Delbert Greiwe, Dorothy Dicke, Paul Tobin, Nathan Hirschfeld.



Teacher: Mrs. Alton (Dorothy Geib) Harlamert.

Board Minutes from 1912-1934

Compiled by Mrs. Victor (Pat Elking) Klosterman
1912-1934 Liberty School District
(Franklin Township - Mercer County)

Sept. 2, 1912 Board member Gustav Dammeyer, John Dicke, Emil Waterman, Frank Schierholt and Edward Hirschfeld hired Edward Dicke as treasurer for one year. They paid Frank Rosengarten $9.00 for building the chimney.

Oct. 7, 1912 Paid Electra Ballinger $48.00 a month for teaching and $2.00 per month for janitor work.

June 2, 1913 Motion to have "properties belonging to Brockman and others situated in Chickasaw School District to be transferred to Liberty Special School District."

July 6, 1914 Hired Miss Edna Wierth of New Bremen as teacher for a term of eight months at $48.00 per month.

June 23, 1915 Board bought new Victor Furnace for school from Wyen and Grieshop for $120.00.

Jan. 3, 1916 Cornelius Geib became clerk of board at $25.00 a year.

Apr. 16, 1916 Paid bill for three gallons of ice cream from White Moutain Creamery Co. for $2.25.

Jan. 19, 1919 No meeting because of outbreak of influenza.

Aug. 11, 1919 Miss Edna Wierth salary was increased to $85.00 per month.

Dec. 5, 1921 Alvin Dicke took Edward Dicke's place as president of the board and Henry Dorsten took Frank Schierholt's place on the board.

Aug. 28, 1922 Decided to enter a contract with Rosa Boltz to teach eight months at a salary of $100.00 per month.

Oct. 2, 1922 Alfred Roettger took Emil Waterman's place on the board.

June 5, 1923 Board hired Miss Virgle Young to teach for the 1923-24 school term.

Mar. 3, 1924 Voted that the board would purchase new wire fence for between school yard and Ed Dicke farm. Ed Dicke will be furnishing the posts.

July 24, 1924 Decided to paint school buildings - purchase red paint at $1.45 per gallon and white paint at $2.15 per gallon, enough paint for two coats. Also purchased oil for floors at $1.25 per gallon and coal from the Chickasaw Cement Product Co. at $6.50 per ton. Hired Miss Edna Komman to teach 1924-25 and also employed Fred Bertke to do painting at $2.50 per day.

Nov. 3, 1924 Board decided to pay transportation for Gilbert and Freda Hirshfeld, Edna and Carmine Schierholt and Ruth Vivian Botkin, at a rate of 5¢ per mile.

Aug. 10, 1925 Board purchased some secondhand smaller seats from Cridersville District for $64.00. Also decided to paper the school room.
Leonard Dammeyer was appointed to the school board.

Mar. 1, 1926 Purchased broom from Laura Dicke for $.50.

July 12, 1926 Hired E.C. Linker to teach next school term at $115.00 per month and $4.00 per month for janitor work.

Aug. 22, 1927 Hired Norma Stienecker as teacher for the 1927-28 term.

Nov. 7, 1927 Purchased a piano for $75.00 from Herb Holl.

Jan. 7, 1930 Two new board members took oath - Homer Greiwe and Irwin Dammeyer joined old members: Alvin Dicke, Leonard Dammeyer and Alfred Roettger.

June 6, 1930 Paid tuition to St. Marys Township for two Temple children and tuition to New Bremen School for Ralph Dicke and Willis Schierholt.

Nov. 4, 1930 Board authorized the teacher Norma Stienecker to purchase library books but not to exceed $12.00.

May 4, 1931 Norma Stienecker was given a salary of $115.00 per month and $5.00 per month for janitor work for 1931-32 school term.

Jan. 4, 1932 Held a reorganizational meeting - present were: Alfred Roettger, Leonard Dammeyer, Homer Greiwe, Irwin Dammeyer and new member, Benjamin Brockman.

May 2, 1932 Paid bill of $2.12 for four Beacon Readers.

Oct. 3, 1932 Authorized purchase of new blinds for windows for $7.50 from Home Furniture Co.

Mar. 6, 1933 George Bruns was appointed to the board to fill vacancy left by resignation of Alfred Roettger.

June 26, 1933 Board hired Ruth Joan Hoel to teach 1933-34 at a salary $100.00 per month to take Norma Stienecker's place since her resignation.

Dec. 4, 1933 Motion that "transportation be paid to high school pupils up to 16 years of age for school term 1933-34 at a rate of 4¢ per mile one way".

June 4, 1934 Board paid tuition to New Bremen School District for Wilton Dicke and Richard King. Tuition to Klosterman School District for Lorena and Elmer Wynk. Also paid transportation for Ruth Dicke, Wilton Dicke, Leon Hein to high school.

Aug. 6, 1934 Board hired Selma Katterheinrich for 1934-35 school term at $800.00.
Voted to buy necessary material for decorating the interior of school and secure labor to do so.

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History Of Chickasaw Community Mutual Fire Co.

by Mrs. Robert (Marian Schwieterman) Heitbrink

On June 15, 1896, the Citizens of Chickasaw met at the corporation building to reorganize the Fire Company. The meeting was called to order by August Dabbelt and the new Chief elected was P. W. Seeds.

The Fire Company at this time owned four pieces of equipment. The first piece was a horse or man-powered drawn pumper which was powered with a single cylinder engine. When the pumper was powered by man, it took six to eight men with a teeter-totter arrangement from the sides of the pump. This pumper was stuck tight after someone accidentally filled the engine with varnish by mistake. In those days they bought the oil in bulk and kept it in a varnish can. The wrong can was mistakenly used.



Horse or man-powered drawn pumper used by Chickasaw Fire Company. Late 1800 - early 1900.

The second piece of equipment was a two-wheel cart with two 20 or 25 gallon tanks that were filled with water and charged with soda and acid to create a pressure to force the water into the hoses. The hoses were 3/4 inch.

The other two pieces of equipment were hose carts. In 1896 Jno Kroeger was put in charge of the hose cart. He had four men to assist him. The four members selected were Ellis Graves, G. Clune, Fred Mox, and Jno Sherman. One of these hose carts is on display at the Allen Co. Museum, Lima, Ohio.

The fire department was located in the Village Hall directly across the street from its present location. The Village Hall at that time had a garage on the rear west side adjacent to the building. Ed Zahn, the local blacksmith fired the potbelly stove every day in the winter to keep the pumps from freezing.

In 1928, the Village Council traded the pumper and the chemical cart for a used Reo Speed Wagon Fire Truck. This truck had solid tires and its speed was about 20 to 25 M.P.H. This truck was delivered to Chickasaw on Good Friday. Upon the arrival of the truck, the Village Council decided at once that this truck would not serve the purpose of the community. The Howe Fire Apparatus Company agreed to give the village full refund for the truck if they would buy a new truck from them within six months. They went to work at once and sold membership subscriptions to the rural property owners and farmers. They agreed to give the rural members protection for the lifetime of the truck at $25.00 a member. This then, began the organization of the Fire Company known as the Chickasaw Community Fire Company.

The active volunteer firemen at this time were: Joseph Mestemaker, Joseph Hein, William Niekamp, Julius Niekamp, Edmund Grieshop, Alfred Wint, Alfred Rentz, Roman Rentz, Philip (Tulip) Frenzer, Linus Grieshop, A. J. Rengers, Ike Anderson, and Charles Huelsman as Chief.

In August, 1928, The Howe Fire Apparatus Company delivered a GMC truck with a 350 gal. per minute pump and a 200 gallon water tank.



Honorary Membership Certificate

Chickasaw Community Fire Company

This is to Certify that George Brune

is hereby granted Honorary Membership

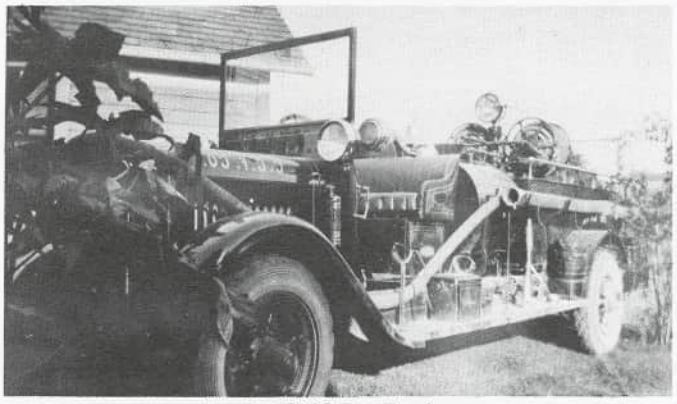
in the Chickasaw Community Fire Company

and is entitled to full protection against fire by said company without further charge during the life of the fire apparatus purchased by said company.

The receipt of Twenty-five Dollars ($ 25.00) is hereby acknowledged as complete payment for honorary membership and all benefits accruing therefrom.

In Witness Whereof the duly authorized officers of this Company have hereunto subscribed their names this First day of August A. D. 19 28.

Certificate of Membership to the Chickasaw Community Fire Company 1928.



1928 GMC Fire Truck



1928 GMC Fire Truck

Standing: Ed Zahn, Albert Winners, Alfred Rentz. On Truck: Charles Huelsman and son, Jim. On Rear Step: Elfrieda Rentz.

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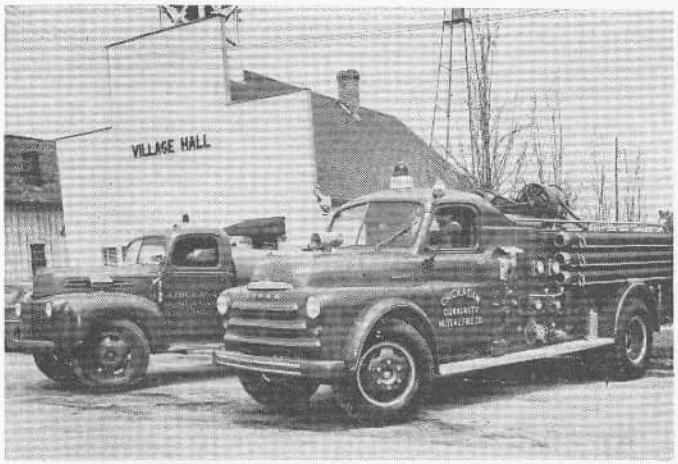
In April, 1949, the Fire Company was reorganized and named The Chickasaw Community Mutual Fire Company. The present fire house was erected at a cost of $4500.00. On December 23, 1949, the Company purchased a 1949 Howe Pumper at a cost of $7800.00. This was a piston pump, 500 gal. per mintue with a 500 gallon tank capacity.



1949 Dodge Howe Pumper.

Later to support the pumper, the volunteers attested to their ingenuity by converting a 1945 oil truck into a 900 gallon tanker. Urban Zahn built the rear compartment on this truck. He permanently mounted a 250 gallon per minute pump which was capable of drafting and discharging water. The make-over tanker cost was $2,200.

Fire calls were wired into four different homes - those of the company's officers - where they were transferred in turn to sound an alarm by simply pressing a button to start the siren. The siren was on top of an old tower behind the town hall, which also had been used as a hose dryer. After the present firehouse was erected the siren was placed on its roof.



1949 Dodge Howe Pumper and the 1945 converted tanker. In background Old Village Hall with tower where siren was mounted on.

On June 1, 1953, Tom Heitbrink accepted the position as the new Chief. Roman Elking continued his services as Assistant Chief until June, 1974. Maurice Elking then accepted the job as Assistant Chief. On July 20, 1953, the Mutual Company and the Volunteer Firemen separated. They now have two separate organizations, The Chickasaw Mutual Fire Company and The Chickasaw Volunteer Firemen.

In 1959, the Fire Department became a participant in the Civilian Defense Program. Under the C. D. setup, which has its headquarters in Columbus, the Company had a mobile radio in the 1949 pumper and a monitor in the station.

Active members were: Norb Tangeman, Charles Huelsman, Julius Bruns, Luke Clune, Dennis Hein, Roman Elking, Robert Huelsman, Joe Schwartz, Joe Tobin, John Fiely, Jr., Ken Heitkamp, Henry Dietz, Paul Huelsman, Bernard Droesch, Fred Rentz, Andy Kramer, Paul Rosenbeck, Chas. Garman, Alfonse Clune, Greg Schaeffer, Joe Rengers, Alfred Wint, Ed Knapke, Rob. Bettinger, Maurice Homan, and Tom Heitbrink, Chief.



1949 Dodge Truck: L-R Roman Elking, Ass't Chief, Tom Heitbrink, Chief, Chas. Huelsman, Luke Clune, Gerhard Bruns, Maurice Elking, Julius Bruns, Harold Koesters, Maurice Homan, Joe Schwartz, Gene Rosenbeck, Gerald Huber. Picture taken in 1962.

The Mutual Company purchased another truck in 1966 which arrived on May 5, 1967, at the purchase price of $12,000.00. This 1967, Howe truck had a centrifugal pump able to pump 500 gal. per minute with a tank capacity of 1200 gallons.

The firehouse was remodeled in 1970. One new bay was added along with a meeting room. The firehouse roof, which had been flat, was replaced by an A-roof. The interior of the meeting room was finished by the Volunteers in 1971.

May 3, 1975, the Mutual Fire Company received a 1975 Howe truck at a price of $35,000. It has a centrifugal pump able to pump 1,000 gal. per minute with a tank capacity of 1,000 gallons.



1975 Chevrolet Fire Truck: L-R Gerald Rentz, Arnold Homan, Phil Rengers, Harold Rentz, Maurice Homan, Jim Rengers, LaVern Heitkamp, Adrian Grillot, Jr., Romie Steinbrunner, Diane Steinbrunner, Maurice Elking-Chief, Minnie Stachler, Myron Stachler, Dan Bruns, and Stephen McClurg.

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Fire phones were still used, but the Mutual Comany had purchased 20 pagers in May of 1978 at a cost of $2,000. These pagers were set off by the Central Dispatch from Celina. In 1979 the fire phones were discontinued.

After 25 years of service, Tom Heitbrink retired and Maurice Elking accepted the job as Chief on June 1, 1978. Roman Steinbrunner was the Assistant Chief.

Active volunteer members were: Jim Rengers, Arnold Homan, Norb Tangeman, Larry Eyink, Jim Hoying, Dick Thobe, Norb Kramer, Dan Bruns, Adrian Grillot, Harold Rentz, Luke Clune, Richard Rindler, Gerald Rentz, Maurice Homan, Bob Heitbrink, LaVern Heitkamp, Mark Klosterman, Ralph Liette, Myron Stachler, Minnie Stachler, and Diane Steinbrunner.

On June 1, 1983, Robert Heitbrink, son of past chief Tom Heitbrink, accepted the position of Chief. Assistant Chief at this time is Jack Heuker. At the present time the active members are: Tom Berning, Byron (Bub) Bomholt, Dan Bruns, Larry Eyink, Terry Gerlach, Adrian Grillot, Gary Hartings, Roger Hartke, Larry Homan, Scott Huelsman, Doug Huelsman, Tom Huelsman, John Huelsman, Allan Kremer, Phil Rengers, Randy Roeckner, Rick Roeckner, Rolland Roeckner, Mark Seitz, Dick Thobe, Nick Thobe, and Paul Dahlinghaus.

May of 1984, the fire ratings in the Village of Chickasaw were lowered from a Class 9 to a Class 7. The rural areas were lowered from a Class 10 to a Class 9.

A 1985 FMC Fire Truck was delivered in October of 1985 to replace the 1949 Howe at the price of $60,000. The truck has a centrifugal pump with a 1000 gal. per minute and a 1000 gallon water capacity.

New state laws requiring NFPA regulation gear has required the Mutual Company to purchase NOMAX gear for the volunteers.



Charles Huelsman, Chief 1928-1953.



Thomas Heitbrink, Chief 1953-1978.



Maurice Elking, Chief 1978-1983.



Robert Heitbrink, Chief 1983.



1967 Howe Fire Truck, 500 gal. per min. with a tank capacity of 1200 gallons.



1975 Howe Fire Truck, 1000 gal. per min. with a tank capacity of 1000 gallons.



1985 FMC Fire Truck, 1000 gal. per min. with a tank capacity of 1000 gallons.

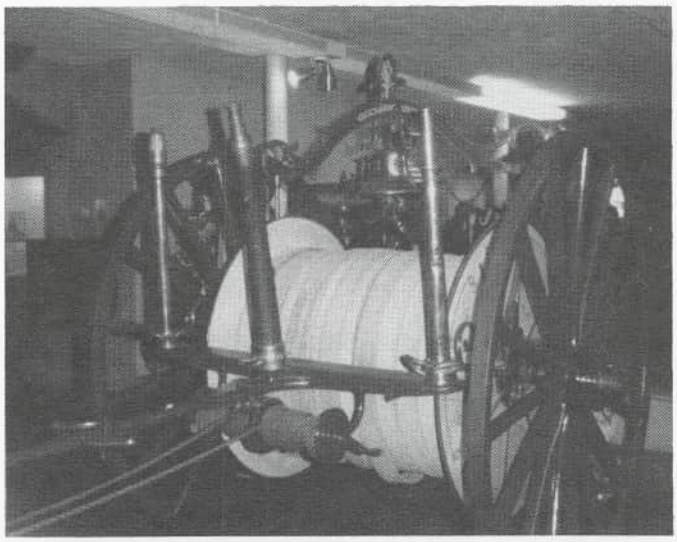
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Meeting Work Night 1987
L-R Front: Jack Heuker, Rolland Roeckner, Allan Kremer, Dan Bruns, Larry Homan, Terry Gerlach. Back: Doug Huelsman, Tom Huelsman, Nick Thobe, Bob Heitbrink, Rick Roeckner, Tom Berning, John Huelsman.



Present Firemen
Front L-R: Byron (Bub) Bomholt; Dan Bruns, Capt.; Bob Heitbrink, Chief; Jack Heuker, Ass't Chief; Rick Roeckner, Lt.; Terry Gerlach. Back L-R: John Huelsman, Phil Rengers, Dick Thobe, Larry Homan, Mark Sietz, Paul Dahlinghaus, Tom Huelsman, Tom Berning, Rolland Roeckner, Allan Kremer. Absent: Gary Hartings, Roger Hartke, Doug Huelsman, Scott Huelsman, Randy Roeckner, Nick Thobe.



Chickasaw Fire Hose Apparatus displayed in the Lima Museum.



Old Fire Dept. Badge. Property of Vernon Eyink.

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NEIGHBOR'S WATER CO.

By Mr. and Mrs. Stephen McClurg

Chickasaw is proud of their privately owned water system. In the 1940's, it was believed to have the smallest community waterworks in the country. In those days just about every home in Chickasaw had a dug well. For one reason or another they found that dug wells were unsatisfactory. For each to drill his own well would have entailed considerable personal expense and besides, each home would then have had more water than was required.

The idea began to jell in 1946. Relatives and neighbors were visiting one Sunday on the lawn of Charles Huelsman and discussion of a well (a joint well) came about. At this time only three homes had indoor toilets; the parish house, Louis Grieshop's on the west end of Chickasaw, and Urban Zahn's. He had just remodeled a home in Chickasaw. More water would be needed by the people if others would install indoor plumbing. Their gravel wells would not provide enough water for indoor toilets.

The following residents of Chickasaw met on August 21, 1946, in the Town Hall for the purpose of organizing and forming a mutual company, to drill a water well and install a distribution system: Urban Zahn, Ed Zahn, Julius Bruns, John Wenning, Mrs. H. G. Rawers, Charles Huelsman, and Chickasaw Garage represented by Charles Huelsman. The mutual company was to be known as Neighbor's Water Company.

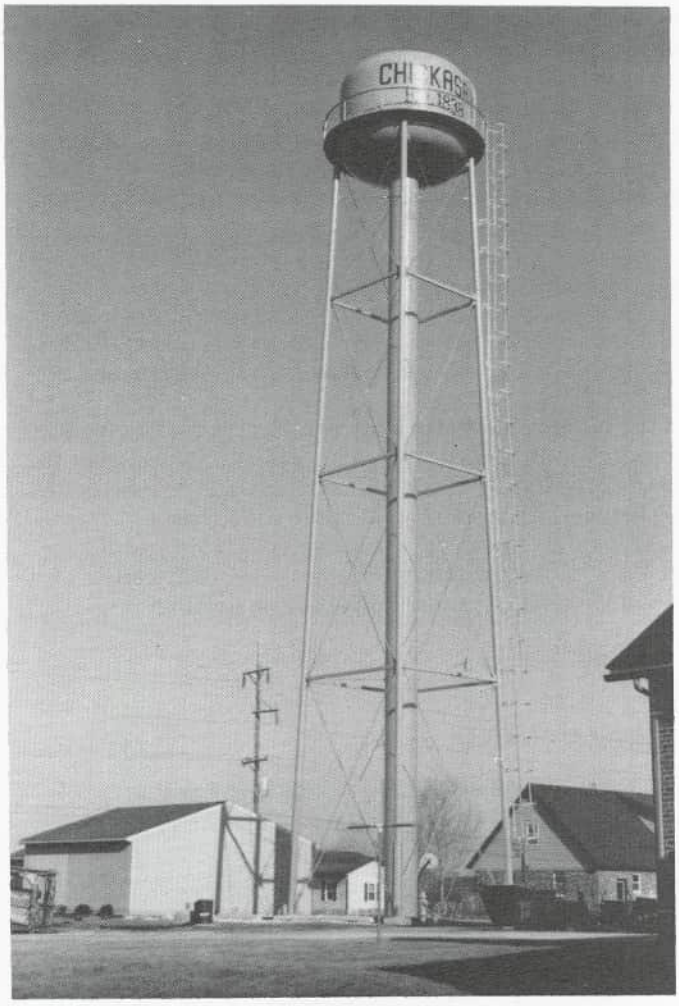
The following properties were supplied with water by the Neighbor's Water Co.: Ed Zahn, Urban Zahn, John Wenning, Julius Bruns, Charles Huelsman, Mrs. H. G. Rawers, Ed Zahn (Blacksmith shop), A. J. Rengers, residence, (Leo Vonderhaar, but he withdrew from Co.), and Chickasaw Garage.

A six inch well was drilled in the northeast corner of lot #12 (North Addition) owned by Charles Huelsman. The price of the ground was a $1.00 plus the expense of the deed and the transfer. The well was drilled by G. W. Jackson of Celina. The estimated cost of the entire system was $2397.00 and to be shared equally by the initial subscribers. Each subscriber paid an initial payment of $150.00. The actual cost of drilling the well was $833.58. The well was put near the center of the village as possible because there would be less trenching and less pipe. Pipe was hard to come by then. It had to be purchased from many different places and it took a lot of time to find.

The well went down 236 feet where they found a supply of 2000 gallons of water an hour. Out of their combined funds, the men bought concrete blocks and in the spring built a small building (Pump House). On April 21, 1947, each subscriber made a second payment of $125.00. On January 26, 1948, each subscriber paid in an additional $75.00 to cover the outstanding bills.

The subscribers bought a three horsepower motor and a pump, a 525 gallon storage tank and as much two and one half inch pipe as they could lay their hands on. Then they hired a trenching machine and laid their two and a half inch main, taking the water off from there into the houses. The building and the laying of the pipe mains and pipeline were done by the initial subscribers after regular working days.

As the project progressed, other joined the Neighbor's Water Co. The individual assessment was $2.00 a month for all subscribers. It cost $1.00 for the electricity to operate the pump during the month.



Chickasaw Water Tower

On June 2,1948, all members moved to charge new subscribers within a reasonable distance from the main pipe lines $375.00. This hook up charge is the same today.

In May of 1956, a new well was drilled. It was drilled behind the fire house. It was drilled by Quinter Drilling. The cost of drilling this well was $1727.35. This is our number one well today.

The water system continued to serve the village of Chickasaw until August of 1975 when the Pump House exploded. The cause is unknown. The Neighbor's Water Co. went to work on other means of getting water to the town's people. They decided on a water tower. The tower is 110 feet high and has a capacity of 25,000 gallons in the tank and additional 9,000 in the riser pipe. Cost of the project (tower $28,000) and the base etc. an additional ($12,000) for a total of $40,000. The water company took out a loan for $45,000.00 to cover the cost of the tower.

Bruns Building Supply of St. Henry put in the base for the tower and the Security Tank and Tower Co. of Henderson, Kentucky, supplied the tower. On the Neighbor Water Co. Board at the time of the building of the tower were Charles Huelsman, Paul Huelsman, Urban Zahn, mayor, Tony Rengers, Ralph Liette, Harold Koesters, Dick Rindler, Andrew Droesch, and Roman Steinbrunner.

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Charles Huelsman was clerk from the beginning of the Neighbor's Water Co. until 1955. Roman Elking was clerk from 1955 to 1959. In February of 1959, Harold Koesters became clerk and remained clerk for twenty-one years until his retirement in 1980. Stephen McClurg assumed the job of clerk at that time.

The Neighbor's Water Co. dug a new well in the summer of 1987. This well replaces the very first well which the original subscribers had dug in 1946. Quinter dug the well at a cost of $9792.00. The well is at the west end of the village behind the baseball diamond. The new well should be in operation in 1988 or 1989.

Today the Neighbor's Water Co. has 121 water hook ups and the assessment is $10.00 per month.

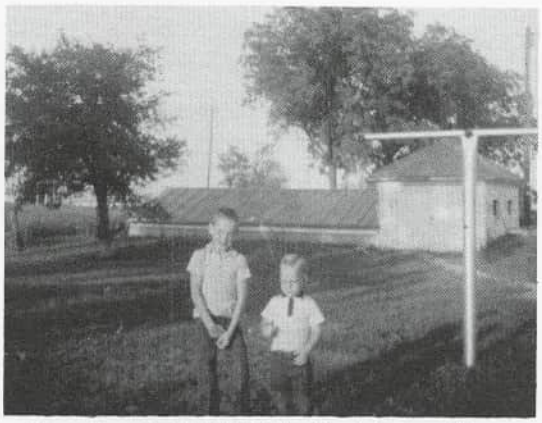
The trustees of the water company are Andy Droesch, Paul Huelsman, Norbert Garman, Romie Steinbrunner, Lavern Heitkamp, Adrian Grillot, Tom Huelsman, and Stephen McClurg.

The Neighbor's Water Co. has to deal with a lot of regulations today. Monthly water tests are run on the water for the people's safety. Chlorination of the water is one of the regulations of the E.P.A. that had to be followed.

New water lines and the replacement of old worn out lines are done by the trustees and some of the townspeople on a volunteer basis. A community working together.



Ground Breaking for the Chickasaw Water Tower. Left to Right: Charles Huelsman, Paul Huelsman, Contractor Robert Bruns, Mayor Urban Zahn, Tony Rengers, Ralph Liette, Harold Koesters and Dick Rindler. Absent from the picture were Andrew Droesch and Roman Steinbrunner.



Pump House built in 1947. Standing in front are Doug and Scott Huelsman.



Pump House exploded in August, 1975.

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HISTORY OF V.F.W.

By Dan Bruns and Luke Clune



Present home of VFW Post 9019

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



Post 9019 U.S. Flag

Post 9019
Charter Members

John H. Rosenbeck
Walter F. Bruns
Bernard A. Droesch
Victor Garman
Richard Heckman
Albin Kramer
Lavern Moeller
*Joseph Rengers
Louis Tangeman
*Louis Elking
Harold Staugler
Dennis Link
Norbert Kramer
James Nerderman
Paul Rosenbeck
David Voskuhl
Walter E. Homan
James Rohr
Werner Heckman
Ralph Liette
Ivo G. Bruns
Andrew A. Droesch
Ralph Fortkamp
Ernest Heitkamp



Post 9019 VFW Flag

James Muhlenkamp
Alex J. Bruggeman
Luke C. Clune
*Roman J. Elking
Thomas Zumberge

Harold Koesters
*Clarence Lengerich
Gerald Puthoff
Leo Staugler
Valerious Homan

Tom Dabbelt
Byron Bomholt
Michael Puthoff
Roman Hausfeld
Mark Niekamp

*Deceased Members

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VFW Post 9019 was formed on April 30, 1970. The first meetings took place in the Village Hall. After this, they were held in the Community Fire Department. The first officers were:

Luke Clune	Commander
Norb Kramer	Sr. Vice Commander
Richard Heckman	Jr. Vice Commander
Paul Rosenbeck	Post Quartermaster
Harold Staugler	Adjutant
Al Kramer	Advocate
Walter Bruns	Chaplain
Victor Garman	Surgeon
Leo Staugler	Three Year Trustee
Andrew Droesch	Two Year Trustee
Joe Rengers	One Year Trustee

Members of the St. Marys VFW Post 9289 helped organize and start Marion Memorial Post 9019 along with our post officers. These members were: Vic Overman, Jim Taylor, Jim Lyech, and Clif Fetters.

The VFW Post 9019 had its first flag donated to them by the Spencerville VFW Post 6772.

After the post installation, the next thing to do was to find a post home. The officers agreed on the club room to be above Kremer's Market. They then had some remodeling to do upstairs.

The first regular monthly meeting was held on August 24, 1970 in the club room.



Front Row: Jerry Puthoff, Luke Clune, Leonard Clune, Barney Puthoff. Back Row: Left to Right Bernard Droesch, Charlie Heinl, Richard Heckman, Stanley Fiely, Greg Grevenkamp.

On January 10, 1971, Open House was held for the club room of VFW Post 9019. Guest speaker for these ceremonies was Dean Hinkel, District II Commander.

The next thing for VFW members to do was purchase land for future site of post home.

On June 14, 1974 the next big step was taken by the post. They started a picnic and parade. The first two picnics were held on the school land in town. After this the picnics were held on VFW grounds. Many organizations helped run stands at the first picnics. The profit was shared 50-50 with each organization that ran a stand.

In 1979 the picnic was turned over to the Park Board.



Marion Local Band performing at first picnic.



Chickasaw Little League of 1979



Chickasaw Machine & Tool float in the 1979 parade. Riding the float, Lisa Rentz, Ruth Rentz, Marie McClurg and her children Michael, Stan, Sheryl & Mark.

The post also has hospital equipment. The first bed was donated by Luke Clune. They also have walkers, wheel chairs and crutches.

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The VFW Post purchased American flags to be displayed on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veterans Day.



Back Row: Greg Grevenkamp, Barney Puthoff, Daniel Bruns, Ralph Wenning, Jerry Puthoff; Front Row: Bernard Droesch, Lavern Kuess, Leonard Clune, Werner Heckman, Norbert Kramer, Father Schetter; Row 2: Don Wolters, Earl Thieman, Norm Bohman, Luke Clune, Richard Heckman, Stanley Fiely, Charlie Heinl.

The next thing the members did was to lease the school house from the village. It has since been remodeled for our post home.



Leo Y. Gast Pvt. Co. D 16 Infantry. He was killed in action during World War I, 1918 in Germany.

VFW post was given a flag of Leo Y. Gast Pvt. Co. D 16 Infantry. He was killed in action during World War I 1918 in Germany. The flag is from his grave in Germany. Mrs. Elizabeth Gast, his mother went to Germany to visit his grave and brought the flag back home. Henry and Elizabeth Gast donated it to the VFW in his honor.

Some of the Post activities are:

Card Parties
Fish Fries
Chicken Fries
Golf outings
Voice of Democracy for School
Softball Team
Feather Parties
Donation to Band Boosters
Donated Flags to School
Poppy Drives
Lite a Bike
Bowling Team
Color Guard
Memorial Services
Veterans Day Services
Shooting Matches
Athletic Boosters

Past Commanders:

1970-1971 Luke Clune
1971-1972 Norbert Kramer
1972-1973 Dennis Link
1973-1974 Victor Garman
1974-1975 Virgil Voskuhl
1975-1978 Richard Heckman
1978-1979 Tom Bost
1979-1982 Bernard Droesch
1982-1984 Gerald Puthoff
1984-1985 James Beyke
1985-1986 Ralph Wenning
1986-1987 Daniel J. Bruns
1987-1988 Leonard Clune

Jerome Hartings of Chickasaw was killed in action during World War II. Jerome was born September 27, 1923. He was killed at age 20, on the daylight raid made over Berlin, Germany. On March 6, 1944, 68 planes left the base in England. Only four made it back. The plane Jerome was on was called the "Flying Jenny" named after the co-pilot's wife. He had gotten married shortly before he was shipped to England. The plane went down in the Baltic Sea near Zurich. Jerome was the radio operator. They were all listed as missing and later presumed dead. A Chaplain on one of the planes that made it back to the base said he saw their plane go down. They returned the bodies (supposedly) of the crew to the United States on April 20, 1950. Funeral services were held at Chickasaw Precious Blood Church and burial at St. Marys Cemetery in Philothea, Ohio.



Jerome Hartings, son of Anthony and Margaret (Gast) Hartings. Killed on March 6, 1944, during the daylight raid over Berlin, Germany.



Crew of the "Flying Jenny"
Top Row: Tierney, McVey, Hartings, Vaughan, French & Maddox.
Bottom Row: Kunch, Whalen, McPeake, Crawley, CoPilot.

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Chickasaw V.F.W. 9019 Auxiliary

by Mrs. Victor (Betty) Garman

Our V.F.W. Auxiliary had its installation on September 8, 1974. Its goal is to assist the men in promoting patriotism and provide service to the community. We had twenty-five charter members: Lucy Bruns, Marjorie Dabbelt, Lucille Droesch, Alvina Franzer, Betty Garman, Cynthia Garman, Marjorie Grevenkamp, Janice Hartke, Kathy Hinkle, Mildred Hausfeld, Jean Liesner, Rita Kessen, Betty Kremer, Ruth Kremer, Bernadette Lengerich, Mary Link, Marilyn Meyer, Barbara Rohr, Angela Rosenbeck, Deborah Puthoff, Mildred Staugler, Patricia Topp, Betty Voskuhl, Clara Voskuhl and Anita Wuebker. At present there are eight of the original members still active, two are deceased, three transferred to other posts and the rest are non-members. There are now forty-eight members with Cindy Wenning as president. During the past thirteen years, there have been eight presidents with Jean Liesner as our first one.

Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the post home on S. Maple St. Originally the V.F.W. rented the hall above Kremer's store since January 6, 1972, until they leased and renovated the former school building in 1979.

We started monthly pancake and sausage breakfasts on September 16, 1979, and at Christmas, Santa was there to hand out candy canes and oranges to the children.

For Americanism, a bicentennial flag was donated to Marion Local High School in 1976 and a set of flags to Brownie Troop #566 in 1980.

We have sponsored spaghetti suppers, one of which was held during open house on October 12, 1980, so the public could see the remodeled hall. That same year we began the combined dinner-meetings for both men and ladies. It's at these gatherings that we honor the Voice of Democracy winners with awards.

We make poppy plates to sell and poppies are sold door to door to help veterans. For several years we also sold roses on Mother's Day to benefit Nurses Concerned for Life.

For Veteran's Day we show the film "Old Glory" to third grade students and give them flag coloring books or miniature flags. In the evening the V.F.W. and Auxiliary march to church in a body to attend Mass and the high school band furnishes appropriate music. Each Memorial Day there is a similarly scheduled Mass and march to the cemetery.

In an effort to help the men we have purchased the outside entrance sign, kitchen appliances, cupboards, dishes, roasters and silverware as well as giving them monetary assistance.

For the past five years we have provided C.P.R. classes for members and the public as well as donating to the St. Henry E.M.S.

During our thirteen year history we have sponsored bake sales to benefit the Cancer fund, gave money to the after-prom party, cystic fibrosis bike-a-thon and Special Olympics. We have supported the Marion Local High School Athletic and Band Boosters by purchasing ads from them.

This is in addition to all the donations our organization makes to the National Children's Home and all the other committees.

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BUCKEYE 88 4-H CLUB

By Paul & Rita Tobin

The boys 4-H Club was started April 14, 1961 known as Chickasaw Go Getters. The Advisor, Don Niekamp, Assistant Advisor Larry Dicke and Ralph Plas. The members were: William Kramer, Pres.; Dennis Rosenbeck, Vice Pres.; Thomas Zumberge, Secy.-Treas.; John Rosenbeck, Recreation; Tom Rengers, News Reporter; William Wolters, Health-Safety. Other members were: Vernon Rosenbeck, David Kramer, Ronald Puthoff, John Bruns, Paul Fleck, Stanley Schwieterman, Kenneth Kramer, Daniel Bills, Dale Schwieterman, Richard Rosenbeck, James Puthoff, Larry Eyink, and Jack Kramer.

In March, 1963 the name was changed to the Buckeye Eighty-eight. The name was chosen because Ohio is known as the Buckeye State with Eighty-eight counties.

The club has had four boys to receive the Outstanding 4-H Boy's Award in the county. Gary Koesters - 1968, Mike Koesters - 1972, Wayne Hein - 1977 and Ernie Dicke - 1985. One member, Merle Hein served on the 4-H committee. The following boys were on the Junior Fair Board, Merle Hein, Wayne Hein, and Ernie Dicke. Ernie Dicke was President of the Junior Fair Board in 1986. Merle Hein and Ernie Dicke had the honor of being Fair King.

Wayne Hein went to the Ohio State Fair in 1976 with his Ayrshire heifer. He had the honor of placing second in the Junior Ayrshire Show and fifth in the open Ayrshire Show.

Some of the other members that have shown their projects at the State Fair were Dean and Jay Hein, their Ayrshire heifers; Mike Koesters and his bugs and insects; and Eric Eyink, his gun safety display. There may be other members that we have forgotten. Also the Club has had several girl members.

The following people have served as 4-H Advisors to the Club: Don Niekamp, Larry Dicke, Paul Tobin, William Mescher, Myron Stachler, Mike Koesters, Mike Bruns, Tom Huelsman, Ted Bertke, James Hoying, Edna Dicke and Earl Dicke.

CHICKASAW SEWERS & GROWERS 4-H CLUB

By Mrs. Audrey Niekamp

The Sewers & Growers 4-H Club is now in their 31st year. It was started in May of 1957. The advisors were Mrs. Charles Huelsman Jr. (Helen Jean) and Mrs. Bernard Droesch (Lou). The club was started so the girls would have something, since the boys had Boy Scouts. Some boys however preferred 4-H, so the 1st. club had 9 girls taking sewing & 6 boys taking gardening projects. This is how the name Sewers & Growers came about.

Members of the first club were: Alfreida Huelsman (Schwieterman) - President, Genita Lengerich (Abbott) - Vice President, Le Roy Schwieterman - Secretary-Treasurer, Vernon Schwieterman - Recreation, Irene Schwartz (Osterholt) - News Reporter, Roseann Bruns (Ruetschilling) - Health-Safety, Helen Ann Droesch (Uhlenhake), Mary Ellen Droesch (Osterholt), Esther Reier, Irene Bruns, Patricia Lengerich (Johnson), Joe Puthoff, Lavern Bruns, Dennis Bruns, Tommy Zumberge.

In 1960, Don Niekamp and Larry Dicke started a boys club and called it the "Go-Getters." Thus the Sewers & Growers became a girls club with 12 members. They have since averaged from 15 to 30 members each year. Projects have changed over the years. Where there used to be around a dozen projects, there are now around 200 to choose from. Categories include things like sewing, crocheting, cooking, microwave, Home environment, Home Management, Family Life, Child Care, First Aid, Outdoors, Gardening, Flowers, Genealogy, Photography, Animals (big & little), Bicycles, Creative Arts, and writing. We have a variety of projects each year. Each year we have our share of Outstanding projects, including Best-In-Class, and State Fair Participants. We have also had many winning demonstrations, Safety Speeches, and Best Models. We have had Outstanding Girls, Junior Leaders, and Jr. Fair Queens.

The Club has won ribbons and trophies for floats in Parades and Fair Booths. Each year we go on tours of all kinds, entertain at Nursing Homes, and send cards to the sick. The girls enjoy doing community work, which has included painting the shelter house, and equipment when it was first put up. Also picking up litter in the Township, and working at the Park Picnic each year. One of the biggest honors is being the only club in the county to be an Honor Club ever since it was begun in 1961.

This year our club has 43 members, 13 of which are mini members (6, 7, & 8 yr. olds). We are on the ground floor for starting the new Mini project. 1987 4-H members are: Stacie Thobe - President, Renee Fullenkamp - Vice President, Jenny Beyke - Secretary, Sheri Grillot - Treasurer, Tonya Thobe - News Reporter, Kim Brown - Health, Amy Stucke -Safety, Peggy Klosterman - Recreation, Shelly Fullenkamp -Energy, Jill Fleck & Kelly Meyer - Historians, Kim Bertke, Kelly Beyke, Kelly Brown, Barbara Bruns, Shelly Bruns, Jill Bruns, Stacy Bruns, Theresa Bruns, Vikki Clune, Elaine Dicke, Jody Fleck, Michelle Hagen, Brenda Hartke, Laura Markley, Abby Puthoff, Sara Puthoff, Diana Rengers, Amy Schwieterman, Carla Stucke. Junior Leaders were - Elaine Dicke, Jenny Beyke, Debbie Mueller, Stacie Thobe. C.I.T.'s were Elaine Dicke and Debbie Mueller. Elaine Dicke is on the Jr. Fairboard, and Renee Fullenkamp is on the Food and Fashion Board. Advisors were Auddi Niekamp, Ann Beyke, Jane Grillot, and Betty Heitkamp. Mini members are: Brenda Bruns, Bridget Bruns, Kiley Hess, Leslie Homan, Lynn Homan, Lisa Homan, Wendy Hoying, Jodi Kremer, Chris Liesner, Kerri Meyer, Katy Puthoff, Kim Thobe, and Mindy Thobe.

Advisors who have helped members and gathered memories down through the 31 years for the Sewers & Growers have been: Mrs. Charles Huelsman Jr. - 1 yr.; Lou Droesch - 5 yrs.; Martha Rosenbeck - 2 yrs.; Alma Puthoff -4 yrs.; Auddi Niekamp - 25 yrs.; Sally Koesters - 6 yrs.; Vi Clingman - 2 yrs.; Diane Boeckman - 1 yr.; Jane Ballweg - 1 yr.; Margie Ronnebaum - 10 yrs.; Bertie Bruns - 6 yrs.; Rita Rengers - 2 yrs.; Minnie Stachler - 3 yrs.; Karen Hess - 6 yrs.; Connie Klenke - 3 yrs.; Mary Ann Bruns - 1 yr.; Ann Beyke -4 yrs.; Jane Grillot - 2 yrs.; Betty Heitkamp - 2 yrs.

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CHICKASAW ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HISTORY

By Marvin Schulte

Baseball is America's favorite pastime. The men, women, boys, and girls from the Chickasaw area would certainly agree with this statement. There have been many games played in the barnyards, pasture fields, and school yards of the community. The fields were rough and games could only be played during daylight. With this in mind, an idea was born. This was to have a place in Chickasaw, just for the purpose of playing ball and to have the field lighted for night games.

The Chickasaw Community Athletic Association was incorporated on March 14, 1952. The purpose of this corporation was to acquire real estate to improve and hold it for the accommodation, convenience, and entertainment of its members. The main entertainment was the playing and watching of ball games.

The Association purchased 2.25 acres of land from William and Rosa Niekamp. The land is just south of the Landmark Elevator in Chickasaw. The deed was recorded March 4, 1952. Lights used for playing night games were erected, bleachers for spectators were built, and a concession stand was built during the year 1952. The cost for all of this amounted to $3272.38.

To raise this money, donations were taken up from people of Chickasaw, St. Sebastian, and St. Rose area. There were 119 people who donated a total of $2886.00. These people became members of the Association. A picnic was held July 13, 1952, for raising money for the Association. $3414.31 was made at this picnic. From the money made at the picnic all donations were returned to the members except for $1.00 per member.

The first board of trustees consisted of the following: Art Brophy - President; Leon Hein - Vice-President; Marcellus Rentz - Secretary-Treasurer; Roman Elking, Fred Rentz; Elmer Kremer; and Joseph Homan.

The Association rented the ball diamond to area teams. The income from these rentals was used to pay for electric, and upkeep of the diamond. There was also a lot of time donated by members of the Association and ball players from local teams to maintain the ball diamonds. To cover some major improvements (new fence, new lights) the Assocation held benefit dances and raffles.

In 1980 the Association sold a strip of land 20 ft. wide north to south and 265 ft. long west to east adjacent to the elevator to Landmark. This land was used by Landmark to put in their scale. In 1980 it was decided to check into leasing or selling the ball park to the Village of Chickasaw. The main reason being that the profits from the community picnic could be used on the ball park. At a meeting held on June 8, 1981, it was decided by the Association to sell the ball park to the Village of Chickasaw effective at the end of the 1981 ball season. With this sale the Chickasaw Athletic Association was dissolved.

The ball diamond is now taken care of by the park board. They have since purchased additional land from Leo and Diana Homan and Mary Niekamp. Both of these parcels were adjacent to the ball field. With these purchases they were able to enlarge the outfield of the diamond, to install a kids' diamond and to have room for future expansion of the park.

This ball field has been a community project for the ones that played on the field, the spectators that watched the games, and the people that took care of the diamond.

There has been a lot of pop, popcorn, and candy sold from the concession stand that has been located behind home plate since game No. 1 played on this field in 1952. If this building could only talk, it would have a lot of stories to tell.

Some of the local teams who played and are playing on this ball field are: Chickasaw Indians (baseball, and fast pitch softball), Chickasaw Chicks (fast pitch girls' softball), Chickasaw Little League, Chickasaw Jets (men's fast pitch), and the following men's slow pitch: Arts, Chickasaw VFW, Chickasaw Garage, Town Tavern, and Ohio Recycling. There has been some very good ball played by these teams which is evident with the many trophies won by these teams.

This community project of providing a place for entertainment has certainly accomplished its goal in the past and has the possibilities to do it in the future.

The information for this article was taken from the minutes and financial reports of the Chickasaw Community Athletic Association.

Chickasaw Little League

By Marie McClurg

Interest begins in the sport of baseball with the Little League team. Many of our present day ball players started on the Little League team. Our Little League has priority when scheduling games and no charge is made for them to use the ball diamond. Every Thursday at 6:30 you will find the boys from Chickasaw and St. Sebastian playing their scheduled games. The Chickasaw Little League team is known as the Chickasaw Chiefs. They belong to the Maria Stein League which consists of teams from Maria Stein, Chickasaw, Carthagena, Montezuma, New Bremen, Osgood, St. Rose, and North Star. The age of the Little League players is 9 to 13.

With interest in baseball expanding, Chickasaw started a Pee Wee team for the younger children ages 7-9. It was started when Stephen McClurg was Little League coach. Then after a year or two it died out. It was brought back by longtime coach and our present coach Barry Niekamp with the help of other fathers of the players, such as Ed McClurg, Jim Hoying, Jay Beyke, and Don Eyink. With the population expanding and Little League roster allowing only 20 players on the team, a minor league was also started for the boys who didn't make the Little League team. The present coach for the Pee Wee team is Charlie Riethman with the help of Terry Gerlach and other fathers. The present coach of the minor league team is Ron Dwenger. Head coach of the Little League is Barry Niekamp of St. Sebastian. He has coached the Chickasaw Little League for 13 years. His present assistant is Jerry Bohman. Other coaches have been Marty Topp, Greg Garman, Stephen McClurg, Ralph Liette and many others over the years.

Our little league teams have been very skilled, winning many league tournaments and tournament trophies.

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1986 League Co-Champs and Tournament Co-Champs
Bottom: Eric Eyink, Mike Bohman, Andy Hoying, Matt Bruns, Jesse Rose, Mark Rindler, Matt Hoying, Jason Beyke, Dave Bohman, Jeff Bruns.
Top: Kevin Dippold, Jason Schwieterman, Joe McClurg, Jason Schmackers, Ron Osterholt, Brian Kremer, Brad Knapke, Matt Fleck, Mark Ronnebaum.
Coaches: Jerry Bohman, Barry Niekamp, Ed McClurg



August, 1979-Chickasaw wins Maria Stein Little League Tournament and League Champs.
Bottom: Glen Prenger, Jeff Rindler, Jay Huber, Steve Rosenbeck, Russ Puthoff, Brad Schwieterman
Middle: Ernie Dicke, Sandy Prenger, Jim Kramer, Mark Niekamp, Doug Niekamp, Dave Rengers, Chris Dresher.
Top: Carl Moeller, John Wolters, Stan McClurg, Mark McClurg, Kevin Ronnebaum, Dan Kramer
Coaches: Barry Niekamp and Marty Topp

The Chickasaw Chicks

By Marie McClurg

Chickasaw had one of the early girls fast pitch softball teams. They played one and two times a week. They played other area teams as Minster, Celina, Spencerville, Coldwater, St. Henry and others. Some of the really good pitchers were Esther Bills, daughter of Henry Bills and Joan Homan, daughter of Leo Homan. Well known for their catching ability were Delores Huelsman and later her sister Frieda Huelsman. The Chickasaw Chicks over the years have won many league championships and they won many trophies to show their skill in softball.

Some of the managers for the girls team over the years were Fred Rentz, Art Brophy, Vic Garman, Joe Rengers, Herb Knapke, Ray Eyink, Charlie Voskuhl, Mel Kremer, Marvin Schulte, Earl Dicke, Bill Puthoff.



This team won the Auglaize-Mercer League Title
From left to right, front row: Joe Rengers, coach; Josephine Voskuhl, Alice Eyink, Wilma Homan, Helen Rindler, Viola Eyink, Fred Rentz, manager.
Back row: Vic Garman, coach; Mary Voskuhl, Virginia Schwieterman, Joan Reitz, Mary Ruth Homan, Esther Bills, Mary Heitkamp. Esther Bills was a very good pitcher. In a championship game she hurled a no hitter against Celina, allowing only three bases on balls and fanning nine. She averaged 12 strikeouts per game to pace the Chicks to 16 victories in 21 starts during the season.



Top Row: Charlie Voskuhl, coach, Sharon Chivington, Joan Kremer, Margie Howell, Donna Brunswick, Melvin Kremer, coach.
Bottom Row: Judy Homan, Frieda Huelsman, Lois Knapke, Shirley Eyink, Margie Kremer, Diane Hein, and Diane Homan *Note the trophies.



1st Row L-R: Shirley Eyink, Julianne Clune, Rose Ann Bills, Donald Eyink, bat boy, Janice Clune, Joyce Niekamp, Maggie Voskuhl.
2nd Row L-R: Herbert Knapke, Mgr., Dorothy Bruns, Lois Knapke, Joan Homan, Joan Kremer, most valuable player award, Shelba Niekamp, Bernice Kremer, Pat Fowler and Raymond Eyink, Mgr.

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THE CHICKASAW INDIANS

By Marie McClurg

The Chickasaw Indians were a baseball team as well as a fast pitch softball team. Many area men as well as the men from Chickasaw played on these teams. They played two and three nights a week and on Sundays. On Sundays, they played baseball in the afternoon and then in the evening they played softball. Some of the best pitchers were Victor Garman, a resident of Chickasaw and Gerald (Smokey) Huber from St. Sebastian. Some of the initial men who played ball were: Fred Hein, Maurice Elking, Marce Rentz, Fred Rentz, John Kleinhenz, Victor Garman, John Fiely, Leon Hein, Art Brophy, Roger Schwieterman, John Ronnebaum, Roman Elking, Everett Dorsten, and Ronnie Spoltman. Jim Rentz was bat boy during the early years. Bob Hein was also a bat boy for the Chickasaw Indians. A lot of these men were responsible for getting the first lighted ball diamond in the area in the year 1952.



Former Chickasaw Indians
Front row: Art Brophy, Roger Schwieterman, Bob Hein, bat boy: John Ronnebaum, and Roman Elking
Back Row: Fred Hein, Maurice Elking, Marce Rentz, John Kleinhenz, Victor Garman, John Fiely, Leon Hein.

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ZAHN-MARION TOWNSHIP BRANCH LIBRARY HISTORY

by Mrs. Jerry (Janet Schwieterman) Schmackers

The Marion Township Branch Library began from an idea conceived in the mind of the mayor of Chickasaw, Ralph Liette. In 1978, because of consolidation, the Chickasaw Elementary School was closed and the building sold to the village. Seeking a way to best utilize the school building, the thought occurred of using part of it for a branch library, since at that time the only library service available to the area was the once a month stop of the bookmobile.

He started with a series of discussions with the Chickasaw Town Council and representatives from all the villages in Marion Township to investigate ways and means by which the area could secure a branch library. The following time-table documents the occurrences that took place, according to the minutes of the Marion Township Friends of the Library, that brought the Zahn-Marion Township Branch Library into existence.

May 2, 1981 . . . A special meeting was held in council chambers at the Chickasaw Town Hall to instigate a movement for the betterment of library service in Marion Township. Previously the village council had met with Mercer County Commissioners and Trustees, and Ralph Liette met with the Mercer County Library Board to enlist their support. A board of directors representing all the areas of Marion Township was set up. This board consisted of: James Kohlrieser - Carthagena; Victor Klosterman -Chickasaw; Diane Pohlman - Cassella; Anthony Prenger and Marilyn Schwieterman - Maria Stein. Officers were: Chairman of the Board - Ralph Liette, Assistant chairman -Marie McClurg; Secretary - Bonnie Heckman; and Treasurer Chris Prenger.

June 17, 1981 . . . Marie McClurg resigned as assistant chairman of the library promoters and was replaced by Alice Huelsman.

June 24, 1981 . . . The Chickasaw Village Council granted permission to use the Village Hall as the building for the new branch library serving Marion Township since the Chickasaw Elementary School building was deemed unsuitable. A budget was proposed.

July 21, 1981 . . . Petitions were drawn up to support Marie McClurg as a representative of Marion Township on the Mercer County Library Board. These will be presented to the county commissioners.

September 16, 1981 . . . The Mercer County Library Board passed a resolution to recognize us as a branch library. Funds will be made available to operate. The amount is still uncertain at this time.

October 28, 1981 . . . Anthony Prenger replaced Chris Prenger as treasurer. Penny Drexler was added to the board of directors to represent St. Sebastian and Dick Mueller for the St. Rose area.

November 18, 1981 . . . A public meeting was held in the Chickasaw Church basement. Ralph Liette conducted the meeting. The present members of the Library Promoters were introduced. The following items were decided. The budget for 1982 is $5000.00. The library will operate on a twelve hour week. Hours of operation will be: Tuesday 3:00 to 5:00 pm.; Wednesday 10:00 to 12:00 noon and 6:30 - 8:30 pm.; Thursday 6:30 to 9:00 pm. and Saturday 10:00 to 12:00 noon. It will be furnished with encyclopedias, a copy machine and will borrow approximately four thousand books from the Dwyer-Mercer County District Library. A branch librarian will be hired at the December meeting of the County Library Board.

December 15, 1981 . . . Janet Schmackers was hired as branch librarian. She starts training on December 29, 1981.

January 20, 1982 . . . The Marion Township Branch Library officially opened for business at 10:00 am. In addition to the branch librarian, Janet Schmackers, Connie Bourelle from the county library's staff was present to serve the patrons. Diana Steinbrunner of Chickasaw was the first patron to use the new facility. Approximately twenty-five patrons visited the library and fifty-nine items were circulated the first day.



Outside view of library in the Chickasaw Town Hall.

January 27, 1982 . . . Sharon Heitkamp was added to the staff as assistant librarian.

January 31, 1982 . . . This date was set for dedication. Due to a winter storm it had to be postponed.

March 3, 1982 . . . The first preschool Story Hour was held at the library. Jean Liesner was a volunteer reader at that first story hour. Two others who have offered to help are Auddi Niekamp and Alice Huelsman.



Story hour - Christmas 1982.

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May 1, 1982. . . New hours were approved for the library. It is now open fourteen hours per week - Monday 3:00 to 8:00 pm; Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 noon and 3:00 to 8:00 pm; and Saturday 10:00 to 12:00 noon. It was felt these would be more uniform and easier to remember. Story hours are now being held on Thursday and Saturday mornings. On Saturdays the area 4-H clubs conduct the story hour.

June 13, 1982 . . . Dedication and open house was held. The mayor of Chickasaw, Ralph Liette welcomed everyone and then recognized the members of the Dwyer-Mercer County District Library Board; Austin Schneider, county librarian; Bob Cron, president library board; Margareta Snyder, Eileen Bernard, Ardyth Shaffer, Marie McClurg, Ralph Ording and Harley Jones.



Ribbon cutting on June 13, 1982. L-R Ralph Liette, Mayor of Chickasaw and President of the Friends of the Marion Twp. Library, Dick Mueller, Austin Schneider, Director, Dwyer-Mercer County District Library, Alice Huelsman, Janet Schmackers, branch librarian, Diane Pohlman, Sharon Heitkamp, asst. branch librarian, Jim Kohlrieser, Marie McClurg, Ardyth Shaffer, and Ralph Ording - County Library Board members.

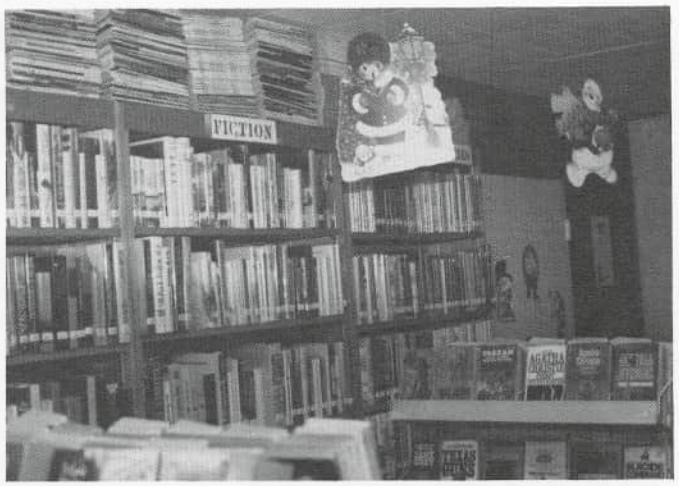
June 1 thru July 15, 1982 . . . The first Summer Reading Program "Reading is Rewarding" was held at the library. There were a total of 125 participants who collectively read over 1500 books during the six week period. The top five readers were: 1st-Dave Bohman, 65 books; 2nd-Jill Fleck, 55 books; 3rd-John Rentz, 40 books; and Jenny Beyke and Sheri Grillot tieing for 4th place with 35 books each. The program ended with a film party held at the Marion Local Elementary School. Refreshments for the party were donated and served by Alice Huelsman, Elaine Puthoff, Jean Liesner, Diane Thobe, Mary Ann Homan and Auddi Niekamp. Kentucky Fried Chicken in Celina, Ohio provided coupons for free children's meals for all the children who completed the program that first year and continues to do so.

December 31, 1982 . . . The first year's circulation was 11,019 items.

May 23, 1983 . . . The library promoters were informed that funds were available from the State Library through the Library Service Construction Act for the construction of new buildings. As we are rapidly outgrowing the Town Hall it was agreed to take a poll of the people of Marion Township to see if they would support a new building.

June 13, 1983 . . . Survey results were 105 yeas and 82 nos. It was decided to apply for LSCA funds. The grant request was turned down. A decision was made to try to raise the necessary funds locally with the help of the Dwyer-Mercer County District Library.

June 27, 1983 . . . The location for the new library building was decided. Two possible choices were the village of



Picture of the library in the Town Hall showing books stacked to the ceiling.

Chickasaw or beside the school at Maria Stein. Property owners adjacent to the school were contacted and they were not interested in selling any land at this time. The village of Chickasaw was willing to donate a lot, the water hookup, snow removal, street lighting and sidewalks which would mean a savings of twelve to fifteen thousand dollars. The decision was made to build in Chickasaw.

July 8, 1983 . . . A building committee was formed. It was comprised of Ralph Liette, Alice Huelsman, Dick Mueller and Vic Klosterman. Marie McClurg, Ralph Ording and Tom Watts represented the country library board. A two thousand square foot building was decided upon. Ron Anderson of Anderson Group, Inc., of Defiance, Ohio was commissioned to design the building.

November 2, 1983 . . . Fundraising was begun in earnest. Pamphlets were drawn up and mailed to all area residents. Businesses were contacted personally by the library promoters.

November 13, 1983 . . . Groundbreaking ceremonies were held at 2:00 pm. It was jointly sponsored by the Marion Township Friends of the Library and the Dwyer-Mercer County Library Board. The ceremony will also initiate a fund-raising campaign. A memorial for $10,000.00 from Urban and Irene Zahn has been pledged. Funding for the building will come from a variety of sources including the Mercer County Commissioners, the Dwyer-Mercer County Library Board and the Marion Township Friends organization. Totally local funding of the project became necessary when the State Library Association denied a grant request for LSCA funds. Recognition of major contributors will be provided in the form of a dedication plaque at the library.



Groundbreaking for new library building. L-R Dick Mueller, Jim Kohlrieser, Bonnie Heckman, Janet Schmackers, Austin Schneider, Alice Huelsman, Vic Klosterman, Marilyn Schwieterman, Sharon Heitkamp & Ralph Liette.

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Check presentation - Mr. & Mrs. Urban Zahn presented a check to kick off the construction in the amount of $10,000. L-R Ralph Liette, Alice Huelsman, Urban Zahn, Irene Zahn and Bonnie Heckman.

Late summer 1984 . . .



The Marion Township branch library in Chickasaw is nearing completion, with occupancy expected around the first of next year. According to Dwyer-Mercer County Library Director Austin Schneider, the 2,000 square foot (plus full basement) building will feature "the latest in super-insulation construction," with 16-inch thick walls and a ceiling containing 20 inches of insulation. The custom-built brick structure includes several arches and a large circular window at the front facing south. Projected cost is $100,000, Schneider said, with Marion Friends of the Library having raised around $20,000 and the bulk fo the remainder drawn from county revenue sharing, general, fund and building and repair monies. Project architect is the Anderson Group, Defiance, with Myron Stachler, Chickasaw, handling most of the actual construction. Contributions still are being sought and may be mailed to Marion Friends of the Library, Box 67, Chickasaw, Ohio 45826.

April 26, 1985 . . . In anticipation of increased hours of operation at the new building, Karen Hoying of Chickasaw was added to the library's staff as clerical assistant.

April 27, 1985 . . . With the help of Austin Schneider, Joe and Janet Miller, Karen Hoying, Sharon and LaVern Heitkamp, Marie McClurg, Janet Schmackers and other volunteers, the library was moved, book by book, from the Town Hall into the new building. We started moving at 10:00 am and by 4:00 that afternoon we felt we were ready to open to the public.

Monday, April 29, 1985 . . . The library opened to the public at 1:00 pm. Hours of operation are now Monday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Wednesday 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 noon with preschool story hour at 10:30, and 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Friday - closed and Saturday 10:00 to 1:00 pm. A total of 33 hours per week. Quite an increase from our original 12 hours. Circulation of materials has increased dramatically also. The first month's circulation in the new building was 2127 compared to the 219 items we circulated the first month of operation back in 1982. With the opening of the new building the name was officially changed to the Zahn-Marion Township Branch Library.

May 15, 1985 . . . James Hoying of Chickasaw was added to the library's staff as groundskeeper.

May 19, 1985 . . . Library dedication and open house was held.

In appreciation of your support

you are cordially invited

to attend

the dedication ceremony

of the new

ZAHN-MARION TOWNSHIP

BRANCH LIBRARY

5 E. Franklin Street

Chickasaw, Ohio

Sunday, May 19, 1985

Dedication 1:30 p.m.

Open House until 3:30 p.m.

DEDICATION PROGRAM

1:30 p.m., May 19, 1985

Fanfare . . . . . Marion Local High School Band
(Paul Mizer, Director)

Welcome . . . . . Ralph Liette (promoter President)

Flag raising and the National Anthem
(Boy Scout Troop #97 and the Band)

Invocation . . . . . Father Albert Schetter

Community Education Representative . . . Robert Huelsman
(Marion Local School Superintendent)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker . . . . . Austin R. Schneider
(Mercer County District Librarian)

Dedication Speaker . . . . . John S. Wallach
(Director, Dayton and Montgomery Co. Library)
"Your Accomplishment - A Commitment To The Future"

Presentation of Library to the Community . . Ralph Ording
(President of the Mercer County District Library Board)

Conclusion . . . . . Alice Huelsman
(Marion Library Promoter Vice President)

Finale . . . . . Marion Local High School Band

Tour of Library and Refreshments

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Father Albert Schetter gave the invocation.



Welcome - Ralph Liette, President Marion Township Friends of the Library.



The Marion Local High School Band played the Fanfare & Finale.



Austin R. Schneider - Director Dwyer-Mercer County District Library.



Alice Huelsman, Marion Friends of the Library, vice-president made the closing remarks.



Guest speaker for the dedication was John S. Wallach, Director of the Dayton & Montgomery County Library.



Library staff - L-R Sharon Heitkamp, Karen Hoying and Janet Schmackers, serving refreshments.



Ralph Ording, President of the Dwyer-Mercer County District Library Board presents the key to the Library to Janet Schmackers.



Members of Boy Scout Troop #97 raising the flag.



Area residents attended the dedication of the Zahn-Marion Twp. Branch Library on Sunday afternoon, May 19th.



After the dedication, those attending toured the new library facility.

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Thursday Morning Story Hour at the new library.



Carnival held at the library to celebrate the successful completion of the Summer Reading Program.



Saturday Morning Story Hour in the new library's basement conducted by the Chickasaw Sewers & Growers 4-H Club under the direction of advisor Auddi Niekamp.



Children at the Summer Reading Program Carnival.

The library has grown to a multi-service institution. Twenty-two services are now offered: book deposit, books, cassette player, children's books/cassettes, computer with printer, copy machine, high school yearbooks, IBM typewriter for public use, inter-library loans, large print books, magazines, microfilm/microfiche reader, newspapers, Notary Public service, Summer Reading Program, tax forms, video tapes, video tape player for public use, and voter registration. Because of the wide selection of materials available, the library's circulation for 1987 has grown to 39,505 items.

As we go into the information age, the library intends to continue to increase the level of service it provides to its patrons. We hope that everyone will take the time to come visit the library and experience all that the library has to offer.

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CHICKASAW PARK BOARD

by Mrs. Marian Heitbrink and Virgil Puthoff



Present Park Board Members: Back row - Virgil Puthoff, Marian Heitbrink, treas., Bill Minton, Doug Huelsman, V. Pres., Don Eyink. Bottom row - Ron Lochtefeld, Nick Thobe, trustee, Wayne Hein, Pres.

The Chickasaw Park was started in the fall of 1978 by Don Niekamp and Virgil Puthoff. The park got started because the old grade school was closed by the Marion School district due to growth and necessity. It was offered back to the Chickasaw Village for a small price at which they purchased it. Then two councilmen, Don Niekamp and Virgil Puthoff suggested at the village council meeting that the ground be used for a community park. Permission to organize and start the park was granted by the Chickasaw Village Council. At that meeting the ideas were discussed for the use of the school building. The suggestions were: possible library, sell for building sites, sell for a place of business, or for use as a community building. Also at this time the council was approached by the VFW Post 9019 to use it for their home post. It was decided they could and a lease was drawn up and it's now housing the VFW post.

The first park board members were:

Don Niekamp - Co-President
Virgil Puthoff - Co-President
William Dresher - Treasurer
David Brunswick - Secretary
John Stucke
Frank Liesner
James Hoying

The first years were a real struggle for the new park board because of lack of funds, but their accomplishments were many. The volleyball courts were built, the basketball court was resealed, and new poles and nets were erected. A shelter house was constructed. From there they set in motion future growth plans.

The shelter house was built in the early spring of 1979 by park board members and volunteers from the community. The material for the shelter house was donated by the village. It was completed before our first annual picnic held on June 9th and 10th of 1979. All proceeds went to the park. Since that time we have had an annual park picnic with this year being our tenth picnic. The park was dedicated on October 14, 1979.

On November 1, 1981, the Ball Association members agreed to go on the Park Board to form one board that would govern the ball diamond and the park. Since this time, a new fence and back stop have been put up. More bleachers have been added, along with a flag pole. A playground has also been constructed at the ball field. The lights have been updated and new landscaping has been done.

In April, 1983, a 100' x 316' tract of ground was purchased from Leo Homan to add to the west side of the ball field. With this added ground a pee wee diamond was constructed on the south-west corner of the ball field.

At the park, the kiddieland playground was started and a tree house was constructed in 1983. New playground equipment is added each year. In 1988, a park sign along with a flag pole and landscaping is being put in. A dedication of this sign and of opening ceremonies for the town's sesquincentennial will take place in June, 1988.

The Park Board has had many members over the past ten years. We've continued to have the Community Picnic, in which all the proceeds go back into improvements to our parks. The Board members along with many community volunteers have put forth their time and energy to make our parks as beautiful and successful as they are.

All information has been taken from Chickasaw Park Board minutes.

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PROPERTY HISTORY

At the turn of the century, the 1888 Atlas tells of buildings on these lots in the Old Plat Addition:

In 1888, owned by:	Today, owned by:
Lot #5 Meyer, Hy & Josephine	Cy Thobe
Lot #6 Everman, Henry & Rosa	Harold Koesters
Lot #7 Lechleiter, Anna	Harold Koesters
Lot #8 Carson, Henry	Urban Zahn
Lot #10 Vohl, Philip	Andy Kramer
Lot #11 Cowen or Jupie	Andy Kramer
Lot #13 Knapke, Joseph & Eliz.	Mary Ronnebaum
Lot #19 & 20 Catholic Church	Church Property
Lot #20 Konig, Elizabeth	Park
Lot #24 Haslinger or Plaspohl	Park
Lot #25 Eberlin, J. or Thobe, Henry	Ed Puthoff
Lot #27 Rose, Christina	Ron Brunswick
Lot #40 School	Village of Chickasaw
Lot #41 School	Village of Chickasaw
Lot #42 Enyart, Elbridge	Village of Chickasaw
Lot #51 Froning, Henry	Andy Droesch
Lot #52 Koenig, Elizabeth	Norbert Tangeman
Lot #53 Depweg, Charles	Vernon Eyink
Lot #55 Dorsten, August	Don Niekamp
Lot #57 Linneman, B.	Virgil Garman
Lot #61 Alges, Henry	Eyink, Don
Lot #75 & Washington St. is where a Tile Mill Stood	Norb Tangeman
Lot #84 Baker, Charles	Norb Tangeman

History Of Old Plat
Platted July 27, 1838

In the course of gathering information for the history of Chickasaw, Ellen Kramer spent hours looking up the various property owners of the land in Chickasaw and the surrounding community. Bernie Lengerich helped her with this. We've decided to include this information because this really gives the history of the village and the people.

The Old Plat was laid out and surveyed on July 27, 1838, and acknowledged by John Nutter and James Brooks. As you read this, the top name is the present owner and the year the property was purchased.

Lots #1 & #2 - Old Plat

1968 - Fred Topp
1951 - Paul Rosenbeck
1945 - Chas. & Mary Huelsman
1879 - Desch, Chas. et al
1838 - Dwenger, H.F. et al
Nutter & Brooks

Lots #4 & #5 - Old Plat
Residence of Howard Heitkamp

1978 - Thobe, Cyril
1950 - Spoltman, Mary Ann et al
1945 - Bruns, Julius & Mildred
1940 - Heitkamp, Anthony & Rosa
1936 - Grieshop, Edmund & Helen
1933 - Treon, Loretta
1924 - Gast, Fred
1912 - Heirholzer, Mary, Clark, Fred
1900 - Cron, Wm. & Lena
1879 - Meyer, Hy. & Josephine
1878 - Heckman, Hy. & Cath
1868 - Grieshop, Hy.
1863 - Bockemohle, Hy. et al
1839 - Meyer, John
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #7 - Old Plat

1954 - Koesters, Harold & Marcella
1952 - Hartings, Andrew & Cathrine
1950 - Hartings, Margaret - Andrew
1939 - Kolp, Tom & Dorothy
1890 - Lechleiter, Anna
1886 - Lechleiter, John & Kate et al
1872 - Gast, Hy. et al
1850 - Buhler, A.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #8 - Old Plat

1953 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1952 - Wenning, Francis & Valanda
1946 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1944 - Auditor of Mercer Cnty.
1904 - Dorsten, Catherine
1896 - Carson, Hy.
1877 - Desch, Chas. & Josephine
1871 - Desch, Ferd & Catherine
1867 - Yokel, Chas.
1863 - Eickman, John & Catherine
1863 - Goin, John (QCD)
1860 - Kaasen, Hy. (QCD)
1850 - Obringer, B. (Aud. Deed)
1850 - Aud. of Mercer Cnty.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #9 - Old Plat

1986 - Pohlman, Kevin
1965 - Bruns, George & Anna et al
1957 - Bruns, Gerhard & Rosemary
1951 - Sherman, Richard & Martha
1948 - Byrne, James & Ida et al
1904 - Dorsten, Fred, John
1875 - Desch, Chas. & Josephine
1874 - Vohl, Philip
1839 - Hill, Dennis et al
1838 - Redman, Thom.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #10 - Old Plat

1979 - Kramer, Andy & Ellen
1952 - Anderson, Adelia
1952 - Anderson, Richard et al
1864 - Vohl, Philip
1858 - Vagedes, A. et al
1854 - Buhler, Aug.
1838 - Wise, Thomas
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #11 - Old Plat

1979 - Kramer, Andy & Ellen
1954 - Wassum, Helen Grieshop
1954 - Grieshop, John
1912 - Schwieterman, Catherine
1905 - Jupie, Caroline
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1858 - Vagedes, Cath., Anton et al 1964 Vagedes
1854 - Buhler, Aug.
1844 - Helm, Hy. (Aud. Deed)
1839 - Fields, S.
1838 - Sprague, Stephen
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #12 - Old Plat

1954 - Rentz, Henrietta
1953 - Ronnebaum, Mary
1947 - Wenning, John & Antoinette
1936 - Pour, Celestine (Adm. Deed)
1913 - Schwieterman, H. et ux
1894 - Knapke, Jos. & Eliz.
1889 - Dabbelt, Ignatz
1879 - Wiemeyer, Cath.
1838 - Wiemeyer, J.
Nutter & Brooks



Residence of Mary Ronnebaum and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hein.

Lots #13 & #14 - Old Plat

1986 - Hein, Fred and Bergman, Wilma
1953 - Ronnebaum, Mary
1947 - Wenning, John & A.
1936 - Pour, Celestine
1913 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1894 - Knapke, Eliz. & Jos.
1889 - Dabbelt, Ignatz
1879 - Wiemeyer, Cath.
1869 - Cowan, C.W.
1838 - Wiemeyer, J.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #15 - Fire House

1956 - Neighbors Water Co. (part plus vacated street)
1949 - Chickasaw Com. Mut. Fire Co.
1947 - Wenning, Antoinette
1936 - Pour, Celestine
1913 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1894 - Knapke, Eliz. & Jos.
1886 - Dabbelt, Ignatz (Sheriff Sale)
1881 - Wabler, Jos.
1853 - Enyart, W.B.
1840 - Johnson, H.L.
Nutter & Brooks

Lots #16, #47, #48, #79, #80, #111, #112, #143
Discontinued
Became Rt. 716 in 1903

Lots #17, #18, #19, #20, #43, #44, #45, #46
This is now the Church & Rectory

1903 - Elder, Wm. (Archbishop of Cincinnati)
1894 - Miller, Wm.
1876 - Hamfelder, Wm.
1873 - Grote, Wm.
1872 - Miller, Andrew
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1856 - Carsen, Hy.
1844 - Miller, Milton
1841 - Stadler, Jos.
Brunegraf, Gerhard

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The Board of Education purchased the following lots in their respective years.

Lot #21 in 1907	Lot #39 in 1885
Lot #22 in 1894	Lot #40 in 1885
Lot #23	Lot #41 in 1885
Lot #24 in 1939	Lot #42 in 1907

These were transferred to the Village of Chickasaw on October 25, 1978.



Residence of Ed and Alma Puthoff.

Lot #25 - Old Plat

1948 - Puthoff, Ed & Alma
1940 - Rawers, Harold, Walter, Viola
1937 - McCormick, Colson
1937 - Bernard, A.
1936 - St. Henry B & L Assn.
1929 - Wenning, John & Mary
1924 - St. Henry B & L. Assn.
1915 - Hanfelder, Jos.
1904 - Dabbelt, M. & Dorsten
1861 - Eberlin, Jos.
1861 - Thobe, Hy. & Barbara
1854 - Decurtins, Jos. (Local Church Architect)
1852 - Bernard, Leon
1852 - Miller, Abraham
1850 - Buhler, A.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #26 - Old Plat

Same as Lot #25 to 1864
1864 - Gast, Ferd & Jos.
1854 - Redman, John
1850 - Buhler, A.
1838 - Redman, L.A.
Nutter & Brooks

Lots #27 & #28 - Old Plat

1983 - Brunswick, Ron & Deb
1956 - Eyink, Frank et al
1945 - Betzner, Desmond
1945 - Dues, Rudy
1940 - Ayers, Ed (Aud. Deed)
1925 - Wenning, John
1903 - Hartings, Cath. & John
1885 - Rose, Christina
1879 - Gast, Hy. & Mary
1867 - Holtman, Jos.
1868 - Grieshop, Hy. & Maria
1866 - Holtman, Jos.
1865 - Thaman, Eliz.
1849 - Buhler, A.
1849 - Gray, Sam
Nutter & Brooks

Lots #29 & #30 - Old Plat

1981 - Weber, Georgiana
1962 - Niekamp, Rosa
1945 - Betzmer, Henrietta
1945 - Dues, Rudy
1940 - Ayers, Ed (Aud. Deed)
1925 - Wenning, John
1903 - Hartings, J.P. & Cath.
1885 - Rose, Christina
1879 - Gast, Hy. & Mary
1876 - Gast, Aug.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1850 - Buhler, Pat
1838 - Meyer, Adam
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #33 - Old Plat

1959 - Kramer, Norb & Alice
1959 - Kremer, Edgar & C.J.
1952 - Droesch, Bernard & Lucille
1943 - Young, Nina White
1940 - Rentz, Roman
1939 - Schunck, Woodrow (Aud. Deed)
1919 - Will, Frank
1880 - Olges, Hy. & Frank
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1843 - Sellers, G.W.
1843 - Robbison, Jos.
1842 - Liverpool, J.W.
1842 - Watterman, Hy.
Rollman (Rewlmann), Francis
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #35 - Old Plat

1978 - Grilliot, Adrian & Jane
1974 - Droesch, Andy & Rosemary
1967 - Riehl, Florence
1943 - Young, Nina White
1940 - Rentz, Roman
1903 - Hartings, Cath.
1885 - Rose, Christina
1879 - Gast, Hy. & Mary
1867 - Holthaus, Jos.
1866 - Thammon, Eliz.
1865 - Buhler, A.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #38 - Old Plat

1986 - Puthoff, Ned & Leslie
1948 - Puthoff, Ed & Alma
1940 - Rawers, Harold
1937 - McCormick, C.
1937 - Bernard, A.W. & R.
1936 - St. Hy. B & L Assn.
1929 - Wenning, J. & M.
1924 - St. Hy. B & L Assn.
1924 - Hanfelder, Jos.
1898 - Hanfelder, B.
1879 - Weimeyer, C.
1879 - Kettler, S. et al
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1838 - Wiemeyer, J.W.
Nutter & Brooks



Residence of Andy & Rosemary Droesch.

Lot #51 - Old Plat

1960 - Droesch, Andy & Rosemary
1956 - Droesch, Barbara et al
1945 - Pond rights turned over to Chickasaw Fire Co. for fire protection.
1943 - Young, Nina White
1928 - Dambach, Clara
1920 - Elking, Hy.
1920 - Schulenbert, Herb
1913 - Minster L. & S. Co.
1911 - Delzeith, John
1894 - Froning, Hy.
1881 - Plaspohl, John
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm.
1873 - Grote, Wm.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1860 - Muller, Andreas (Sheriff deed)
1853 - Berter, Jos.
1853 - Muckley, Jacob
1838 - Elking, Fred
Nutter & Brooks



Residence of Norb and Shirley Tangeman.

Lot #52 - Old Plat

1978 - Tangeman, Norb & Shirley
1941 - Tangeman, Leander & Mary
1917 - Lochtefeld, John (Sheriff deed)
1903 - Froning, Ben
1900 - Vining, Jos.
1895 - Koenig, Eliz.
1892 - Plaspohl, Herman
1886 - Meyer, Jos.
1881 - Plaspohl, John
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm.
1873 - Grote, Wm.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1859 - Buhler, Pat (Aud. Deed)
1838 - Davis, John
Nutter & Brooks



Residence of Vernon and Cecilia Eyink.

Lots #53 & #54 - Old Plat

1940 - Eyink, Vernon & Cecilia
1935 - Eyink, John
1905 - Niekamp, Anton & Mary
1904 - Niekamp, Hy. & Cath.
1897 - Depweg, Chas.
1896 - Mueller, Wm. (Sheriff sale)
1881 - Jansen, Wm.
1879 - Gast, Aug.
1879 - Steltzer, Mat.
1873 - Stubeman, Fred
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1847 - Hein, Jos.
1838 - Davis, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Lots #55 & #56 - Old Plat

1958 - Niekamp, Don & Audrey
1958 - Palmer, Velanda et al
1944 - Grieshop, Hy.
1909 - Frenzer, Hy. et al
1909 - Fetzer, Nick
1908 - Dalk, John
1900 - Piekenbrock, Bernard
1897 - Dorsten, August
1879 - Wiemeyer, Cath.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1838 - Wiemeyer, J.W.
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Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Garman.

Lots #57 & #58 - Old Plat

1975 - Garman, Virgil
1953 - Garman, August
1946 - Garman, Rita, Veronica
1878 - Linneman, Barney & Mary
1878 - Schmidtlein, John
1875 - Steltzer, Leon, Mat.
1873 - Muller, Adam & Andrew
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1854 - Buhler, A.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #59 - Old Plat

1956 - Ballweg, Eugene
1945 - Young, Nina White
1940 - Rentz, Alfred
1939 - Staugler, Eugene (Aud. Deed)
1919 - Will, Frank (QCD)
1878 - Olgers, Frank
1858 - Younkens, Sam'l
1860 - Ruffin, John
1848 - Buhler, Aug.
1839 - Bowen, Dan
1839 - McCrocken, Solomen

Lot #60 - Same as #59, exception:

1854 - Buhler
1850 - Rice, Ellen
1841 - Davis, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Old Plat (Extension L) Platted Oct. 13, 1838

Lots #64, #65, #66 - Old Plat

1968 - Eyink, Don & Mary
1966 - Rosenbeck, Paul
1941 - Tangeman, Leander & Mary
1923 - Lochtefeld, John
1910 - Froning, F.B. & Philomena
1910 - Meiring & Froning
1904 - Dabbelt, Mary et al
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.

Lot #75 and part of Washington St. was a Tile Mill.

Lot #80 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1969 - Zumberge, Nick & Adelle
1903 - Star Brewing Co. et al
1900 - Meyer, John
1894 - Star Brewing Co.
1894 - Gast, Hy.
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1862 - Enyart, Wm.
1844 - Ruckman, Sam
1838 - White, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #85 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1972 - Pour, Emma
1962 - Kramer, Hy.
1961 - Tangeman, Norb
1929 - Huber, Chas. & A.
1904 - Niekamp, Hy. & M. et al
1897 - Depweg, Chas.
1896 - Mueller, Wm. (Sheriff deed)
1881 - Janssen, Wm.
1879 - Gast, Aug.
1878 - Steltzer, Mat.
1873 - Stubbeman, M.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1864 - Muller, A.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
1840 - Cordier, Chris.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #88 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1966 - Moeller, Arthur & Florentine
1964 - Garman, Virg
1946 - Garman, Aug. et al
1878 - Linneman, Barney & M.
1876 - Niekamp, J. G.
1876 - Steltzer, Mathias
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1867 - Dorsten, Aug.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #89 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1950 - Rosenbeck, E. & Martha
1948 - Puthoff, Ed
1946 - Rawers, Harold
1937 - McCormick, Colston
1937 - Bernard, A. W.
1936 - St. Hy. B & L. Assn.
1929 - Wenning, J. & M.
1876 - Hanfelder, Jos. et al
1876 - Grote, Wm.
1862 - Gast, Ferd, Peter
1844 - Helm, Hy.
1838 - Heckler, Lewis
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #92 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1972 - Liesner, Frank & Jean
1969 - Puthoff & Rosenbeck
1950 - Rosenbeck, Eugene
1948 - Puthoff, Ed & Alma
1940 - Rawers, Harold
1937 - McCormick, C.
1937 - Bernard, A.W.
1936 - St. Hy. Bld. & L. Assn.
1929 - Wenning, John & Mary
1924 - St. Hy. B. & L. Assn.
1904 - Hanfelder, J.B.
1904 - Dabbelt, Mary et al
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm.
1872 - Grote, Wm.
1862 - Gast, Ferd, Peter, & Jos.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #93 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1966 - Huelsman, Paul & Alice
1908 - Village of Chickasaw
1904 - Hanfelder, Jos.
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm.
1875 - Grote, Wm. (Aud. Deed)
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1845 - Anderson, J.B.
1838 - Taylor, Isaac
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #98 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1974 - Hoying, James & Karen
1968 - Puthoff, Wm.
1956 - Liette, Ralph & Ella Mae
1945 - Bettinger, Jerome & Leona
1915 - Rawers, Helen
1906 - Droesch, Hy. (QCD)
1899 - Will, John, (QCD)
1897 - Meyer, Hy. (Aud. Deed)
1888 - McElwain, Geo.
1878 - Linneman, Barney
1876 - Schmidtlein, John
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1838 - Taylor, Isaac
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #99 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1970 - Eyink, Ray & Mag.
1969 - Puthoff, Cy.
1950 - Rosenbeck, Eug. & Martha
1948 - Puthoff, Edwin
1940 - Rawers, Harold
1937 - McCormick, C.
1937 - Bernard, A.W.
1936 - St. Hy. B. & L. Assn.
1929 - Wenning, J. & M.
1875 - Hanfelder, Jos. & Wm. et al
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1864 - Grote, Wm.
1862 - Gast, Ferd, Peter & Jos.
1846 - Brooks, J.
1839 - Miller, A.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #103 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1965 - Bruns, Laverne & Marilyn
1964 - Rosenbeck, P. & Puthoff, C.
1961 - Tangeman, Norb
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna
1904 - Niekamp, Hy. Anton & Mary
1897 - Depweg, Chas.
1896 - Muller, Wm. (Sheriff deed)
1881 - Janssen, Wm.
1879 - Gast, Aug.
1874 - Stubeman - Steltzer et al
1867 - Muller, Andrew
1850 - Curtins, C. Anthony
1841 - Enyart, W.B.
1839 - Tharp, Ezekial
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #106 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1976 - Schwieterman, Robert & Linda
1971 - Homan, Ivo
1967 - Clune, Alphonse
1965 - Clune, Richard
1961 - Tangeman, Norb
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna
1904 - Niekamp, Hy. et al
1897 - Depweg, Chas.
1896 - Muller, Wm. (Sheriff deed)
1881 - Janssen, Wm.
1879 - Gast, Aug.
1874 - Stubeman & Steltzer
1865 - Muller, A. (Aud. Deed)
1838 - White, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #107 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1979 - Hein, Wayne
1946 - Zumberge, A.
1944 - Star Brewing Co. et al
1926 - Vonderhaar, Fr.
1910 - Seitz, Jos. & M.
1880 - Willson, A.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1843 - Davidson, Jos.
1838 - White, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #115 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1980 - Schulze, Fred & Karen
1972 - Meyer, Larry & J.
1970 - Liette, R. & E.M.
1946 - Zumberge, N. & A.
1944 - Fogarty, C. et al (Star Brewing Co.)
1926 - Vonderhaar, F. & H.
1910 - Seitz, Jos. & Mary
1888 - McElwain, Geo.
1853 - Patterson, John
1839 - White, Wm.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #120 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension

1982 - Niekamp, Don & Audrey (Hess, Tom & Karen)
1966 - Bellert, Jos. et al
1952 - Heitkamp, Ernest & Rose
1943 - White, Nina
1941 - Rentz, Roman, et al
1939 - Baucher, W.W.
1912 - Meiring, T. & J. & A.
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm. et al
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1838 - Rothhaas, J.P. & G.T.
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Lot #121 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension
1963 - Stucke, Louis & Fred
1961 - Heckman, A. & R.
1960 - Puthoff, C. & Rosenbeck, P.
1956 - Liette, R. & E.M.
1944 - Bettinger, Jerome & Leona
1925 - Dues, J. & C.
1905 - Droesch, Henry
1900 - Commercial Bank
1899 - Weber, Hy.
1899 - Riley, C.E. et al
1882 - Weber, Hy.
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
1839 - Harman, A.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #124 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension
1974 - Puthoff, Wm. & Dorothy
1970 - Wendel, Wm. & M.
1956 - Liette, R. & E.M.
1944 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1925 - Dues, John et al
1905 - Droesch, Hy. et al
1900 - Commercial Bank
1899 - Riley, C.E. et al
1882 - Weber, Hy.
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1844 - Helm, Hy.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #125 - Old Plat - Brooks Extension
1983 - Schwieterman, Jerome & Diana
1978 - Moeller, Terry
1971 - Moeller, Arthur & Florie
1956 - Liette, Ralph & Ella Mae
1945 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1915 - Rawers, Helen
1906 - Droesch, Hy.
1899 - Will, John
1894 - Meyer, Hy.
1888 - McElwain
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1872 - Enyart, Wm.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1844 - Ruckman, Sam'l

Nutter & Brooks Extension Platted Feb. 22, 1839

Lot #135 - Old Plat Ext.
1960 - Garman, Norb & Priscilla
1956 - Liette, Ralph & E.M.
1944 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1929 - Dues, J. & C.
1925 - Wooley, F.R.
1925 - Evans, Ira
1924 - Ritchard, H. & Ward, M.
1917 - The Wagoner Loan Co. (Sheriff deed)
1912 - Froning, B. et al
1876 - Hanfelder, Wm. et al
1872 - Grote, Wm.
1839 - Miller, Anton

Lot #134 - Old Plat Ext.
1962 - Wendel, Wm. & Marie
1962 - Schlarman, Lawrence
1956 - Liette, R. & E.M.
1944 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1925 - Dues, J.
1905 - Droesch, Hy.
1882 - Weber, Hy.
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1881 - Enyart, Wm.
1845 - Phelps, Ed.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Prenger.

Lot #139 - Old Plat Ext.
1980 - Prenger, Ken & Joan
1972 - Meyer, Larry & Jeanette
1956 - Liette, R. & E.M.
1944 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1931 - Dues, J. & C.
1925 - Dues, John
1916 - Droesch, Eliz.
1901 - Droesch, Hy.
1881 - Wabbler, Jos.
1872 - Enyart, Wm.
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1845 - Phelps, Edward
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #141 - Old Plat Ext.
1983 - Evers, Constance & A. (Dave Walterbusch)
1983 - Wynk, Elmer
1946 - Zumberge, Nick & A.
1944 - Fogarty et al (Star Brewing Co.)
1926 - Vonderharr, H.
1910 - Seitz, J. & M. et al
1869 - Cowen, C.W.
1845 - Green, S.
1839 - Strome, Geo.
Nutter & Brooks

Lot #148 - Old Plat Ext.
1956 - Liette, Ralph & Ella Mae
1944 - Bettinger, J. & L.
1931 - Dues, Cath.
1931 - Dues, Jos.
1925 - Dues, John & C.
1901 - Droesch, Hy.
1881 - Droesch, Franziska
1881 - Wabbler, Jos. et al
1845 - Green, Shadrach,
Phelps, E. & L.
Nutter & Brooks

North Addition Platted October 20, 1838

In the 1988 Atlas, the following lots show buildings in the North Addition.

In 1888, owned by	Today, owned by
Lot #4 Greve, B.W.	Virgil Schmidt
Lot #7 Steltzer, et. al.	Stephen McClurg
Lot #8 Steltzer, et. al. (3 Story Hotel)	Val Homan
Lot #10 Gast, et. al.	Julius Bruns
Lot #13 Ranly, Jacob	Charles Huelsman
Lot #14 Dr. Henry Rawers	LaVern Heitkamp
Lot #16 City Hall	Library

Lot #1 - North Addition
1984 - Huelsman, Scott
1940 - Rentz Bros.
1903 - Rentz, Xavier & Barbara



Schmidt home before they built their present home in 1978. House was torn down.

Lots #4 & #5 - North Addition
1968 - Schmidt, Virgil & Velma
1964 - Grilliot, Fred & M.
1956 - Wynk, Lester & W.
1945 - Zahn, Ed
1940 - Rawers, Walter
1914 - Rawers et al
1907 - Froebe et al
1897 - Dabbelt et al
1897 - Eyink, John
1884 - Greve, B.W.
1882 - Kappel, Chas.
1874 - Holtman, C.
1865 - Everman, F.
1863 - Steltzer, Leon
1847 - Buhler, Aug.



Residence of Stephen and Marie McClurg.

Lot #7 - North Addition
1970 - McClurg, Stephen & Marie
1946 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1945 - Huelsman, Chas. & Mary
1883 - Steltzer, Mat. et al
1874 - Gast, et al
1863 - Steltzer, Leon
1847 - Buhler, Aug.
1840 - Brandon
1839 - Davis, J.



Residence of Val and Celine Homan.

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Lot #8 - North Addition
1949 - Homan, Val & Celine
1945 - Wenning, John
1917 - Gast et al - "Old Trusty Cigars" were made here.
1900 - Everman, Jos.
1878 - Steltzer, Leon et al. Chas. Steltzer owned a hotel. This house was originally a three story hotel.
1862 - Ranly, Chas., Carl
1859 - Dodson, Jonas
1841 - Brandon, J.



Early picture of Julius Bruns Home.



Residence of Julius and Mildred Bruns.

Lot #10 - North Addition
1945 - Bruns, Julius & Mildred
1940 - Heitkamp, Anthy
1936 - Grieshop, Ed & Helen
1933 - Treon, Loretta
1904 - Gast, Ferd
1881 - Gast, et al
1877 - Holtman, Clem
1864 - Steltzer, Leon
1856 - Winter, Mat.
1854 - Vagedes, Jacob
1851 - Gast, Mat
1849 - Obringer, Bo
Shubb, S.



Residence of Charles and Mary Huelsman.

Lot #13 - North Addition
1932 - Huelsman, Char. & Mary
1908 - Droesch, Jos. & Eliz.
1906 - Droesch, Hy.
1893 - Seitz, A.
1890 - Rentz, X.
1882 - Ranly, Jacob
1881 - Frilling, Fred
1865 - Steltzer, L. & G.
1852 - Ranly, Chas.
Lange, H.



Residence of LaVern and Sharon Heitkamp.

Lot #14 - North Addition
1964 - Heitkamp, Lavern & Sharon
1958 - Heitkamp, Aug. & Irma
1950 - Rawers, Leander et al
1894 - Rawers, Hy., Dw.
1893 - Seitz, Aug.
1890 - Ranly, J.
1882 - Frilling, Fred
1865 - Steltzer, Leon et al
1852 - Lange, H.

North Addition
1976 - Drescher, Wm. & Patricia
1964 - Heitkamp, Lavern & Sharon
1958 - Heitkamp, Aug. & Irma
1950 - Rawers, Leander, et al
1894 - Rawers, Henry
1893 - Seitz, Aug.
1890 - Ranly, J.
1882 - Frilling, Fred
1865 - Stelzer, Leon
1852 - Lange, H.

Seitz Addition Platted June 3, 1881

In the 1888 Atlas, the following lots show buildings on them in the Seitz Addition.

In 1888, owned by	Today, owned by
Lot #1 American Hotel	Huelsman's Automotive
Lot #2 Jacob Ranly	Pat Bruggeman
Lot #3 Meinerding Hardware	Spoltman Hardware
Lot #4 J.J. Meinerding; later bank	Margaret's Beauty Shop
Lot #5 Claybaker, et. al.	Maurice Grieshop
Lot #6 Gast, George & Henry	Sam Hartke
Lot #9 August Seitz	Kremer's Market
Lot #10 Mayer, J. (Stoves, tinware, metal roofs)	John Stucke
Lot #12 Dr. Snypp (Physician & surgeon)	Terry Thobe
Lot #19 August Droesch	Luke Clune
Lot #21 Gerhard Shroder (Monuments)	Henry Dietz
Lot #31 John Sherman	Lawrence Klosterman
Lot #33 John Everman	D. Voskuhl



Residence of Patricia Bruggeman.



Residence of Sam & Sandra Hartke.

Lot #2 - Seitz Addition
1975 - Bruggeman, Patricia
1957 - Spoltman, Wm.
1916 - Meinerding, et al
1916 - Kaiser & Winner, et al
1901 - Froning, Jacob (Barber)
1901 - Ranly, Jacob
1881 - Seitz, Jos.

Lot #4 - Seitz Addition
1986 - Grieshop, Maurice
1939 - Rindler, Elizabeth & Ed
1919 - Seeds, Mary
1906 - Claybaker, et al
1882 - Claybaker, et al
1881 - Seitz, Jos.

Lot #7 - Seitz Addition
1987 - Hartke, Sam & Sandra
1972 - Mueller, Ed & Mary
1968 - Eyink, David & Dianna
1964 - Puthoff, C. & Rosenbeck, P.
1949 - Fiely, John & Gertrude
1941 - Grieshop, Ivo
1907 - Bomholt, John - Shoe Repair
1881 - Gast, Geo. & Hy.
Seitz, Jos.

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Residence of John and Cindy Stucke.

Lot #10 - Seitz Addition

1974 - Stucke, John
1965 - Heitkamp, Arnold
1945 - Heitkamp, Anthony
1919 - Rengers, Hy.
1912 - Brockman, Jos.
1909 - Wyen, Fred
1906 - Deming, Chauncey
1888 - Mayer, Jos. - Dealer in stoves, tinware & metal roofs
Seitz, Jos.

Lot #18 - Seitz Addition

1959 - Knapke, Roger & Cath.
1958 - Puthoff, C. & Rosenbeck, P.
1945 - Heitkamp, Anthony
1912 - Rengers, Hy.
1904 - Link, Jacob
1886 - Seitz, Aug.
1881 - Seitz, Jos.



Residence of Terry and Susan Thobe.

Lot #12 - Seitz Addition

1979 - Thobe, Terry & Susan
1929 - Wint, Alfred
1904 - Wint, Lorenz
1898 - Clune, Gerhard
1895 - Clune, Jos., Clune Harness Shop
1890 - Fleck, John Jr. & Anna
1885 - Snypp, Rachel & Dr. Theo (Physician & Surgeon)
1881 - Lange, Hy.
Seitz, Jos.

Note: Anna Bruns remembers attending school in this house while the better of the two school houses was torn down to make room for the new two story brick school house which was erected in 1908.

Lot #19 - Seitz Addition

1955 - Clune, Luke
1953 - Dietz, Hy. & Esther
1943 - Clune, Anna
1929 - Rentz, Alfred
1898 - Kroger, J. & Katie
1890 - Miller, Wm. & Aug.
1881 - Droesch, Aug.
Seitz, Jos.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dietz.

Lot #21 - Seitz Addition

1953 - Dietz, Hy. & Esther (deceased)
1943 - Clune, Anna
1921 - Rentz, Alfred
1910 - Seitz, John
1888 - Schroder, Gerhard, et al (Dealer in monuments)
Seitz, Jos.



Residence of Robert and Marian Heitbrink.

Lot #22 - Seitz Addition

1980 - Heitbrink, Robert & Marion
1951 - Kramer, Andy & Ellen
1915 - Niekamp, Julius
1914 - Minster L. & S. Co. (Sheriff deed)
1909 - Winkeljohn, G.J.
1903 - Rose, Hy. (Sheriff deed)
1895 - Gerlach, John
1892 - Ross, E.
Seitz, Jos.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolters.

Lot #25 - Seitz Addition

1960 - Wolters, Mary Catherine & Robt.
1932 - Eyink, Louis
1928 - Topp, Ernest
1920 - Depweg, Frank
1902 - Boeckman, John
Seitz, Jos.



Residence of Anthony and Mary Droesch

Lot #30 - Seitz Addition

1959 - Droesch, Anthony and Mary
1921 - Desch, Clem
1912 - Niekamp, Edward
1911 - Geiseke, Wm.
1909 - Brockman, Jos.
1907 - Gast, Eliz.
1906 - Dalk, John
1890 - Everman, John et al

Note: It is said Chickasaw's Depot agent lived here. His name was Beda Kramer.

Lot #31 - Seitz Addition

1981 - Klosterman, Lawrence
1979 - Rosenbeck, Paul
1977 - Tangeman, Norb
1969 - Desch, Earl
1943 - Desch, Clem
1939 - Desch, Aug.
1909 - Desch, Chas.
1889 - Sherman, John
Seitz, Jos.



Residence of David Voskuhl

Residence of David Voskuhl
Lot #33 - Seitz Addition

1961 - Voskuhl, Joan (deceased) & David
1935 - Rosenbeck, Ben & Rosina
1921 - Niekamp, Peter et al
1911 - Rosengarten, Frank (owner of Chickasaw Cement Co.)
1889 - Schaffer, Hy. (sold building supplies)
1888 - Everman, John
Seitz, Jos. & Eliz.

Lot #34 - Seitz Addition

1948 - Puthoff, Cy & Rosella
1935 - Niekamp, Leo & Mary
1921 - Niekamp, Peter et al
1919 - Chickasaw Cement Prod. Co.
1911 - Rosengarten, Frank-owner of Cement Prod. Co.
1900 - Shaeffer, Hy.
1900 - Linneman, B.
1892 - Dayton Natural Gas Co.
J. Seitz

Lot #35 - Seitz Addition

1977 - Heitkamp, Eugene
1963 - Heitkamp, Anthony & Rose
1959 - Droesch, Anthony & M.
1921 - Desch, Clem
1912 - Niekamp, Ed & D.
1912 - Seitz, Anton
1902 - Rotthof, Hy.
1892 - Seitz, Jos.



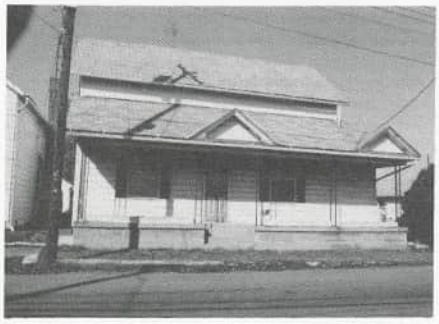
Residence of Mrs. Mary Niekamp

Residence of Mrs. Mary Niekamp

1959 - Niekamp, Mary (Thom. Niekamp)
1956 - Knapke, Roger
1956 - Niekamp, Georgiana et al
1924 - Niekamp, Wm.
1919 - Fink, Geo.
1911 - Tekamp, Theo.
1906 - Niekamp, Wm.
1883 - Mueller, Wm.
1881 - Seitz, Jos.

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Fleck's Addition Platted March 17, 1881



Residence of Cletus and Virgil Voskuhl

Lot #1 - Fleck Addition

1971 - Voskuhl, Virgil
1928 - Zahn, Ed & Helen (Blacksmith)
1903 - Dorsten, Jos. (Blacksmith)
1884 - Will, John (Blacksmith, repair & horseshoeing)
1881 - Gast, Gregor
Fleck, John & Mary



Residence of Anthony and Mary Rengers

Lot #3 - Fleck Addition

1949 - Rengers, Anthony & Mary
1940 - Rengers, Mary Dorsten
1935 - Dorsten, Mrs. Anna
1931 - Anderson, I.G.
1926 - Dorsten, Frank & A.
1913 - Froning, Hy.
1910 - Miller, C.F.
1910 - Froning, Hy.
Fleck, J.



Home of Art and Rosemary Prenger

Lot #8 - Fleck Addition

1965 - Prenger, Arthur & Rosemary
1963 - Girton, Virgil
1949 - Homan, Stanley & Lucille
1911 - Mestemaker, Jos.
1909 - Wissman, C.F.
1883 - Link, John
1881 - Gast, Hy.
Fleck, J. & M.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lochtefeld

Lot #14 - Fleck Addition

1985 - Puthoff, Joe & Norma
1977 - Osterholt, Leo & Sue
1965 - Dresher, Bill & Pat
1922 - Hein, Joe & Eleanora
1903 - Meinerding, Joe & F.
1891 - Dorsten, Jos. & M.
1890 - Snypp, Dr. Theo & Rachel
Fleck



Residence of Vic and Betty Garman

Lot #15 - Fleck Addition

1957 - Garman, Vic & Betty
1910 - Rawers, Ben et al
1906 - Tekamp, Theo & G.*
1903 - Rawers, H.G. & Helen
1892 - Frobe, Frank & Regina
1889 - Snypp, Dr. Theo & R.
*A Tekamp owned a general store at this date.
Fleck, John & Mary



Residence of Virgil & Elaine Puthoff

Lot #16 - Fleck Addition

1975 - Puthoff, Virgil & Elaine
1955 - Puthoff, Albert & Mary Agnes
1953 - Clune, A & A
1948 - Schoenherr, M. & C.
1945 - Clune, Carl & B.
1938 - Rentz, Elfrieda & Alfred
1924 - Rawers, Bernard*
1914 - Everman, Mary
1881 - Everman, D & J
Fleck, J & M
*Mr. Rawers ran the post office on his lot.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Minton

1981 - Kremer, Donald & Edna (Wm. Minton)
1942 - Winner, Albert
1885 - Winner, Fred
1884 - Ranly, Jacob & M (acreage sold to John Fleck's Addition)
1877 - Feidt, Phillip & Cath. (80 acres)
1847 - Feidt, Geo.
1833 - Young, John bought from St. of Ohio @ 1.00 (80 acres)

Link and Gast Addition Platted May 1, 1891

Lot #1 - Link & Gast Addition

1948 - Elking, Roman & Matilda
1900 - Gast, Lizzie & Hy.
1898 - Link, John & Rosa
1897 - Boesel, J. & A.
Link & Gast

Lot #3 - Link & Gast Addition

1978 - Puthoff, Mark & Donna
1948 - Elking, Roman & M.
1898 - Gast, Lizzie & Hy.
1897 - Boesel, J. & A.
Link & Gast

Lots #8 & #9 - Link & Gast Addition

1964 - Steinbrunner, Roman & Dianna
1958 - Rentz, Fred
1950 - Producers Livestock, Inc.
1947 - Post, Wm.
1936 - Pour, Celestine et al
1919 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1909 - Grieshop, Frank et al
1909 - Union Handle Co.
1898 - Link, Rosa & John
1897 - Boesel, J. & A.
Link & Rosa

Lots #10 & #11 - Link & Gast Addition

1966 - Knapke, Gilbert
1958 - Rentz, Fred
1950 - Producers Livestock, Inc.
1947 - Post, Wm.
1936 - Pour, Celestine et al
1919 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1909 - Grieshop, Frank et al
1909 - Union Handle Co.
1898 - Link, Rosa & John
1897 - Boesel, J. & A.
Link & Rosa

Lots #1 thru 5 and ½ of Lot #6 was the location of the Gast and Link Brickyard.

Dues and Keiser Addition Platted May 1, 1891

Lot #1 - Dues and Keiser Addition

1957 - Heitbrink, Thomas & Betty
1948 - Decker, Fonn Wayne & Rosalie
1933 - Treon, Leon & Grace & L.
1893 - Gast, Ferdinand
1891 - Lammers, Chas. & Mary
1891 - Dues & Keiser

Lot #3 - Dues and Keiser Addition

1966 - Rohr, James & Barb
1964 - Puthoff, Thomas & Ann
1963 - Puthoff, Cy et al
1920 - Vonderhaar, Leo et al

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1908 - Grieshop, Louis & Mary
1906 - Dorsten, H. & B.
1892 - Everman, Rosa
1891 - Snypp, Dr. Theo & R.
Dues, Keiser & Schroeder



Present home of James Rohr as it appeared in the early 1900's. Pictured are Mrs. Louis (Mary) Grieshop, Linus, Greg, Cy, & Olive



Residence of James and Barb Rohr

Lot #8 - Dues & Keiser Addition
1953 - Elking, Maurice & Elenora
1952 - Gast, Julius & Hy.
1898 - Gast, Hy. & Lizzie
1891 - Keiser, Schroeder & Dues

Lot #11 - Dues and Keiser Addition
1968 - Stachler, Myron & Minnie
1953 - Elking, Maurice & Elenora
1947 - Wenning, John & Antonette
1936 - Pour, Celestine
1919 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1909 - Grieshop, Frank & K., L., & M.
1904 - Union Handle Co.
1903 - Buckey H. & L. Co.
1899 - Althaus & Belmer Co.
1899 - Kramer, John & Caroline
1898 - Rawers, Dr. H. G.
1898 - Dues, J. J. & Anna
1897 - Weber, K. & Peter
1891 - Dues, Schroder & Keiser

Lot #15 - Dues and Keiser Addition
1953 - Lengerich, Clarence & Bernadette
1939 - Reier, Andrew
1919 - Vonderhaar, Frank & Helen
1917 - Wint, Esther
1912 - Vonderhaar, Frank & Lena
1912 - Schwieterman, Catherine et al
1906 - Dorsten, Peter, Hy. et al
1891 - Dues, Schroeder & Keiser

Rosenbeck Addition Platted August 8, 1972

Lot #1 - Rosenbeck Addition
1979 - Heuker, John & Angela
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #2 - Rosenbeck Addition
1973 - Rengers, Phillip & Joan
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #3 - Rosenbeck Addition
1972 - Eyink, Lawrence & Mary
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #4 - Rosenbeck Addition
1981 - Thobe, Richard & Diane
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #5 - Rosenbeck Addition
1984 - Markley, Sally & Dr. Larry
1973 - Schwartz, Joseph & Luella
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #6 - Rosenbeck Addition
1979 - Buehler, Urban & Eliz.
1973 - Hartke, Roger & Janice
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #7 - Rosenbeck Addition
1974 - Rentz, Gerald
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #8 - Rosenbeck Addition
1974 - Bruns, Dan & Mary
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #9 - Rosenbeck Addition
1985 - Hartings, Gary & Carol
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #10 - Rosenbeck Addition
1985 - Eyink, Esther
1979 - Eyink, Aloys & Cecelia
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #11 - Rosenbeck Addition
1977 - Huelsman, Tom & Kathy
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #12 - Rosenbeck Addition
1977 - Kremer, Hugo & Hilda
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #13 - Rosenbeck Addition
1977 - Evers, Othmar & Alvira
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #14 - Rosenbeck Addition
1974 - Rindler, Richard & Virginia
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #15 - Rosenbeck Addition
1973 - Puthoff, Ron & Ann
1972 - Rosenbeck, P. & V.
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

Lot #16 - Rosenbeck Addition
1977 - Bohman, Ron & Nancy
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1972 - Monger, Frank & Patricia
1972 - Monger, Harry & Mrs.
Grieshop, John Jr. et al
Grieshop, John

1976 - Klosterman, Mark & Margaret
1972 - Rosenbeck, Paul & Virginia
1964 - Bruns, Gerhard & Rosie
1949 - Palmer, Howard & Verlanda (Grieshop) et al
1917 - Grieshop, Aug.
1912 - Grieshop, Wm. & Bernard
1882 - Grieshop, Hy. & Bernard
1864 - Gast, Peter

V.F.W. Subdivision Platted April 25, 1985

Lot #1 - V.F.W. Subdivision
1985 - Schlater, Richard
1972 - Marion Memorial V.F.W. Post 9019
1964 - Heitkamp, LaVern
1958 - Heitkamp, Aug. et al
1951 - Rawers, Leander
1949 - Wenning, Antoinette
1934 - Everman, Aug.
1930 - Schwieterman, H.A.
Fleck, John

Lot #3 - V.F.W. Subdivision
1985 - Berning, Peggy & Thomas
1972 - Marion Memorial V.F.W. Post 9019
1964 - Heitkamp, LaVern
1958 - Heitkamp, August & Irma
1951 - Rawers, Leander
1949 - Wenning, Antoinette
1934 - Everman, August
1930 - Schwieterman, H. A.
Fleck, John

Zahn Addition Platted Sept. 9, 1969

Lot #1 - Zahn Addition
1978 - Gerlach, Terrence & Theresa
1961 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna



Homes of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rentz, Chickasaw Rd.

Lot #2 - Zahn Addition
1969 - Rentz, Harold & Ruth
1961 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna
Niekamp, Henry

Lot #3 - Zahn Addition
1988 - Bergman, Vernon
1981 - Gehret, James & Susan
1975 - Brunswick, David & Elaine
1961 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna

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Lot #4 - Zahn Addition
1978 - Beyke, James & Ann
1961 - Zahn, Urban & Irene
1929 - Huber, Chas. & Anna

Chickasaw Farming Community

S½ W½ Sec. 15
1986 - Bruns, Leo. & Lucy
1958 - Bruns, Richard & Alice
1934 - Bruns, Chas.
1923 - Kramer, Hy.
1916 - Droesch, Hy. & Eliz.
1910 - Seitz, Bernard
1898 - Miller, Wm.
Meyer, Jos.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Droesch, 7931 Droesch Rd.

SE4 X SE4 Sec. 15
1986 - Droesch, Don
1950 - Droesch, Bernard
1915 - Droesch, Lorenz et al
1892 - Droesch, Eliz.
1863 - Droesch, Aug.

E2 SW4 Sec. 10
1975 - Niekamp, Tom & Mary
1932 - Niekamp, Leo
1894 - Niekamp, Peter
Clune, Casper



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan and Caroline Homan, 8204 Dead End Rd.

N2 SW4 Sec. 15
1985 - Homan, Stan & Caroline
1931 - Homan, Aloys & Emma
1915 - Homan, Jos. & Mary
1905 - Niemeyer, Geo.
1854 - Thorman, D.
1953 - De Curtins, B.R.



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Thobe.

1980 - Thobe, Nicholas & Rebecca
1946 - Zumberge, Adella
1944 - Forgarty, I. Catherine, et al
1926 - Vonderhaar, Helena & Frank for $1800.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Homan, St. Rt. 274.

W2 NE4 Sec. 15
1964 - Homan, Leo Jr. & Dianna
1922 - Homan, Leo Sr. & Clara
1914 - Mestemaker, F.H.
1904 - Mestemaker, Bernard
1901 - Kock, Jos.

W2 SE4 Sec. 10
1981 - Clune, Randy & Edgar
1942 - Clune, Alphonse & Agnes
1894 - Clune, Casper
Clune, Arnold
1848 - Clune, John
Rayner, John



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lochtefeld, 7837 St. Rt. 274.

SE 4 Sec. 10
1967 - Lochtefeld, Alvin & Marceil
1950 - Grieshop, Linus
1948 - Grieshop, Greg, et al
1925 - Grieshop, Mary
Link, John



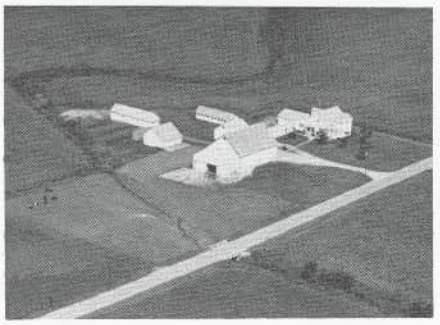
Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller.

1987 - Rentz, Maurice
1937 - Knapke, Edmond & Angela & A. Miller
1934 - Knapke, Jos.
1897 - Eyink, John
1868 - Eyink, Anton
1868 - Desch, Casper
1856 - Desch, John
1852 - Buhler, Pat & Aug.
1833 - Stillwell, Geo. from St/Oh.



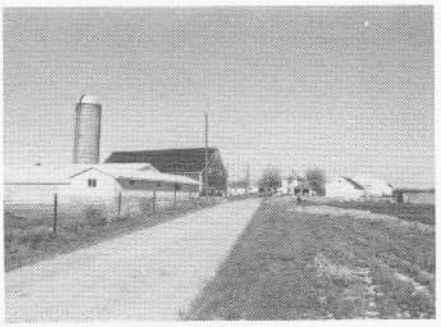
Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Moeller.

1940 - Rentz, Maurice
1921 - Rentz, August
1892 - Hein, Jacob, 80 acres
1890 - Hein, Blazius, 40 acres
1858 - Hein, Blazius, 40 acres



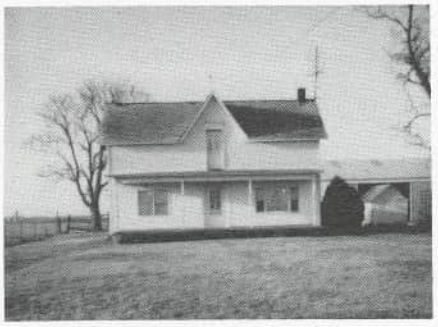
Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kremer, Chickasaw Rd.

EX NE¼ Sec. 3
1950 - Kremer, Elmer
1945 - Ronnebaum, Mathew & M.
1918 - Ronnebaum, Jos.
Ronnebaum, John



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hein, 8109 Clover Four Rd.

SE¼ Sec. 35
1979 - Hein, Fred & Kathleen
1941 - Hein, Hy. & Clara
1911 - Ronnebaum, J. H. & Anna
1868 - Ronnebaum, Hy.
1866 - Temple, Newton
1839 - Temple, Zepher, et al



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schmitmeyer.

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1987 - Schmitmeyer, Ken, Paul & Carol
1966 - Schmitmeyer, Mildred
1940 - Dorsten, Alfred & Emma
1925 - Dorsten, Bernadina, et al
1884 - Dorsten, August, 120 acres
1872 - Dorsten, Hy., 40 acres added
1867 - Buxton, Geo., 80 acres
1834 - Buxton, Greenberry, 80 acres



Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bruns.

1979 - Wendeln, Charles & Irma
1931 - Eyink, Aloys
1886 - Eyink, Clem
1876 - Eyink, Anton

E½ SE¼ Sec. 3

1937 - Knapke, Herb
1930 - Knapke, Jos.
1929 - Eyink, Jos.
1923 - Eyink, John
1920 - Niekamp, Louis
1900 - Niekamp, Hy.
1879 - Niekamp
1876 - Benke, John
1875 - Benke, Anton
1864 - Gast, Ferd
1863 - Potter, Wm.
1854 - Potter, Thomas

S½ SE¼ Sec. 2

1973 - Kuess, Laverne & Esther
1936 - Kuess, Roman
1893 - Kuess, Hy.
1864 - Schroder, Fred
1854 - Shipman, Herman



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Clune, 7868 Brockman Rd.

N2 NE4 Sec. 10

Clune, Ed, et al
1957 - Niekamp, August
1913 - Niekamp, Gerhart
1909 - Nickamp, Frank
1898 - Kaiser



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kuess, Chickasaw Rd.

E½ NW¼ Sec. 2

1975 - Kuess, Virgil & Rita
1936 - Kuess, Richard & A.
1934 - Kuess, Hy.
1924 - Brunswick, Fred
1923 - Brunswick, Hy.
1920 - Eyink, Frank
1902 - Eyink, Clem
1901 - Heyne, John
1894 - Dorsten, Ed
1863 - Dorsten, Hy.
1849 - Brown, Thomas
1834 - Harris, Sr., Isreal,
Stephenson, James

W2 SW4 Sec. 10

1964 - Bruns, Gerhard & Rosie
1949 - Grieshop, Velanda Palmer, et al
1917 - Grieshop, August
1912 - Grieshop, Wm.
1882 - Grieshop, Hy. & Bernard*
1864 - Gries, Wm. & Bernard
Gast, Peter

*A dance hall called "Grieshop's Grove" was in this wooded area. Many a good time had been spent there for weddings and reunions and dances. The infamous John Dillinger and Makley from St. Marys held up in the dance hall between bank robberies.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Homan, 8346 Brockman Rd.

N2 NE4 Sec. 11

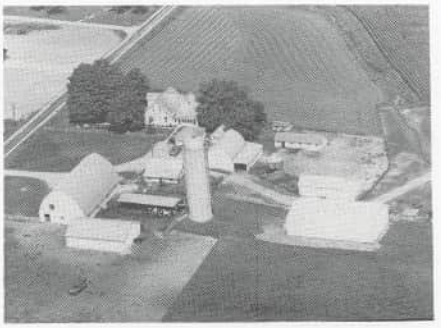
1987 - Homan, Ted
1963 - Homan, Stanley & Lucille
Niekamp, Louis
Rentz, Anton
King, Jacob



Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ronnebaum, 3881 Chickasaw Rd.

Sec. 3

1959 - Ronnebaum, John
1950 - Ronnebaum, Mathias
1945 - Ronnebaum, Philomena
1918 - Ronnebaum, Jos.
1883 - Ronnebaum, John
1875 - Ronnebaum, Hy. & Clara
1849 - Brown, Thom.
1832 - Harris, Israel
1827 - Watkins, Eliz.



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Ivo Bruns, 3688 St. Johns Rd.

N½ SW¼ Sec. 12

1968 - Bruns, Ivo & Jean
1934 - Bruns, George & Anna
1925 - Bruns, John, Jr.
1907 - Geiseki, F.C.
1902 - Blase, John H.
Blase, Wilhemena
18-- - Kittler, L.F.



Home of Rentz Brothers, State Route 274.

S2 SW4 NE4 E2 Sec. 11

1948 - Rentz Bros.
1921 - Rentz, August
Rentz, Xavier
Miller, Wm.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kremer, St. Rt. 274.

W2 W2 SW4 Sec. 12

1978 - Kremer, Don & Edna
1947 - Kremer, Hugo
1915 - Kremer, Frank
1908 - Grieshop, Anna
1890 - Kremer, Frank
1888 - Frericks, Hy.
* Miller, Wm.

*The 40 acres lying west across the St. Johns Rd. belonging to the Kremer family, was sold by John Roeckner to The Society of the Most Precious Blood in 1886. This was transferred to The Female Society of the Most PBS in 1889. This was lost in 1903 and bought by Sheriff sale by New Bremen Lumber Co. in 1903. Frank Kremer bought this in 1904.

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Home of Greg Lochtefeld, 8339 State Rt. 274.

W2 SE4 Sec. 11

1972 - Lochtefeld, Greg
1919 - Lochtefeld, Lorenz
1914 - Lochtefeld, John
1907 - Prenger, Cathrine
1905 - Holtheide, Anton
1898 - Roeckner, Wm. & John
1850 - Wiemeyer, John, et al



Home of Viola Kemper, 8739 State Route 274.

E2 SW4

1971 - Kemper, Werner & Viola
1944 - Kemper, Jos., et al
1911 - Grieshop, Aug.
1884 - Grieshop, Hy.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fleck, 8767 State Route 274.

SE¼ Sec. 12

1957 - Fleck, Robt. & Esther
1953 - Fleck, George
1938 - Grieshop, Julius, et al
1918 - Grieshop, Bernard
1864 - Greshoff, Hy & John
1847 - Greshoff, John
1837 - Darold, Gustavious
Mann, Geo.



Home of Paul and Rita Tobin, State Rte. 274.

W2 NE4 Sec. 14

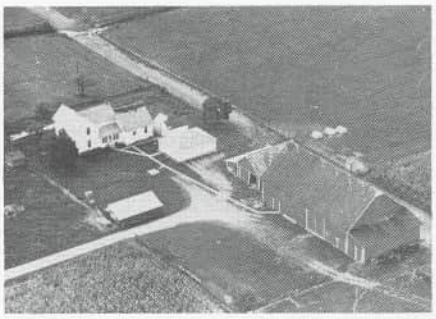
1983 - Tobin, Paul
1945 - Tobin, Armella
1894 - Desch, Bernard
1886 - Gast, Cathrine

Sec. 11

1980 - Riethman, Chas. & Deb
1958 - Riethman, Clarence & Alvina
1940 - Rentz, Henrietta
1937 - Rentz, John
1911 - Rentz, Anton
1902 - Gieseke, Hy.
1885 - Gieseke, Wm. (add 80 acres)
1869 - Shroeder, Cath. (20 acres)

W2 NW4 Sec. 13

1965 - Roeckner, Jerry & Mary
1934 - Roeckner, Werner & Mary
1889 - Roeckner, John
1846 - Rockener, Wm.



Home of Agnes Schulte, 2869 Mercer-Auglaize Cty. Line Rd.

E2 NE4 Sec. 13

1946 - Schulte, Clem & Agnes
1913 - Schulte, Chas.
1903 - Beuhler, Aug.
1885 - Hess, Mary, et al



Home of Lester Bills, Auglaize-Mercer Co. Rd.

1961 - Bills, Lester
1919 - Bills, Anthony
1912 - Bruns, Bernard, et al
1888 - Grieshop, Hy.
1879 - Wilker, John
1869 - Wilker, Jos.
1859 - Depweg, John



Homes of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Grieshop and Mary Grieshop, St. Rt. 274.

1986 - Grieshop, Francis & M.
1935 - Grieshop, Otto & Mary
1915 - Bertke, Lawrence
1900 - Vondenhoevel, Bernard
1897 - Boesel, Julius
1894 - Otte, John, & C.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. David Homan, Lock Two Rd.

1980 - Homan, David & M.
1956 - Homan, Arnold & Lillian
1953 - Homan, Leo
1925 - Ellerman, John
1889 - Ellerman, C.F.
1864 - Ellerman, C.F.
1861 - Hone, David



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Homan, Clover-four Rd.

1978 - Homan, Michael
1954 - Homan, Harold & Rose Mary
1950 - Homan, Leo & Clara
1936 - Rairdon, Lillian, et al
1930 - Dierker, Louis, et al
1919 - Kettler, Raymond
1914 - Kettler, Louis, Jr.
1870 - Rump, Herman
1839 - Rump, John
from Rump, Herman

1950 - Dircksen, Albert
1949 - Dosek, Chas.
1945 - Sheer, Wm.
1917 - Moeller, Oscar
1902 - Kamman, Louis
1881 - Thieman, H.H.



Home of Mrs. Anna Homan, Wilker Road.

1935 - Homan, Si & Anna
1924 - Bertke, Lawrence
Grieshop, Frank, et al
1888 - Brunswick, A., et al
1879 - Wilker, John & Eliz.
1861 - Wilker, Jos. & H.
1845 - Grukenmeyer, H.H.
1837 - Vonderhere, J.W., et al
Logan, Robt. & wife

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Early picture of Ernest Kremer home.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kremer, St. Rt. 274.

1964 - Kremer, Ernest & M.
1959 - Wente, Leo
1957 - Vondenhuevel, Vernon
1944 - Schoenlein, Herb
1907 - Oberwitte, Hy.
1873 - Oberwitte, H.H., et al
1853 - Farch, B.H.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brown, St. Rt. 364.

1959 - Brown, Alvin & Ruth
1915 - Nieter, Ed & Clara
1914 - Nieter, H.C.
1914 - Rump, Wilhemena
1870 - Rump, Herman
1839 - Rump, John
Rump, Herman



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bruggeman, St. Rt. 274.

1966 - Bruggeman, Alex
1959 - Bruggeman, Elizabeth
1935 - Bruggeman, Aloys
1925 - Shelpner, Eliz.
1889 - Ellerman, G.W.
1881 - Ellerman, John



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Homan, St. Rt. 274.

1957 - Homan, Maurice & Joan
1943 - Homan, Leo
1919 - Grieshop, Hy.
1870 - Kuhlhorst, H.C., et al
1865 - Tottgenhorst, C.F.
1865 - Heine (Hein) Hy.
1858 - Heine, Jos. & Hy.
1852 - Hein, Jos.
Storck, Peter

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BUSINESSES OF THE PAST

Compiled by Marie McClurg

The earliest record of business in Chickasaw came from the Elizabeth Boeke, Pioneer book. She refers to the year 1841 where a **Bernard Wabbler** of Chickasaw built a grape press and pressed grapes for making wine.

Elizabeth Boeke also refers to a cane press at Chickasaw. Sugar cane was a new food bonus for the people of those days. It is ripe in August. Then they strip off the leaves and press the stalks at Chickasaw. The plant sap comes out of the stems. Afterwards they cooked this plant sap in copper cook pans bigger than a man. When it is cooked off and cooled down, it is skimmed off and is now molasses, a dark, sweet spread for bread and pancakes. This an English syrup we pour into shiny pails with lids which we buy from Dayton who deals through here. This new food is worth the work and is wholesome for the stomach. This sweet cane has come here from southern America, Mrs. Boeke writes.

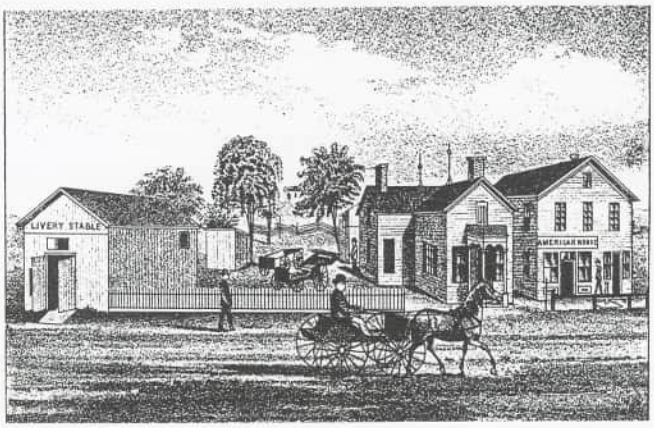
Ben Froning and **Joe Miering** operated a cane mill in the fall of the year making sorghum molasses. They also operated the Clay Tile Plant. This was located just south of the Norb Tangeman home today. The cane pressing done at the time of Elizabeth Boeke was done probably by Bernard Wabbler of Chickasaw also. The time element doesn't match.

Barney and Henry Grieshop operated a brickyard in Chickasaw. They are the sons of John Henry Grieshop and Helena, who came to Marion Township in 1846.

J. J. Meinerding built the Hardware Store in 1897 and used the present site of Kremer's Market parking lot for storage of wire fence and fence post. Also he used the present hardware for storage and across the road, now the Chickasaw Garage, was the Meinerding Hardware. His partner in the hardware was **August Grieshop,** grandson of John Grieshop.

Charles Stelzer had a hotel in the 1880's. It was originally a three story hotel. Today this is the site of the Val Homan home. John Wenning later took the top part of the house off when he lived there with his family.

John Link also operated a hotel in the 1880's. John Link (B. 6-24-1855) was engaged in the sawmill business according to the 1890 Atlas. He was born in Baden, Germany. He married Rose Koch. They had nine children Anna, Katy, Francis, Elenora, Rosa, Mary, Julius, John, and Ottile.



John Link owned Lot #8 in the Fleck Addition, the hotel was probably at this location; present site of Huelsmans Automotive.

Fred Mox was the owner of the Barrel Stave Mill where they made barrel staves for wooden barrels for whiskey, molasses, and vinegar. They also made smaller staves for wash tubs. His son, Carl lost an arm in the mill by accident with a machine belt. This was on the west edge of town outside the corporation limits.

Charles Meinerding owned a saloon just outside of the corporation limits on Rt. 274 on the west edge of Chickasaw. The reason the saloon was built outside the corporation limits was there were already too many saloons in the village. Also in this saloon Xavier Rentz, Charles Meinerding's brother-in-law had a barber shop and did his barbering.

B. A. Spoltman sold harnesses.

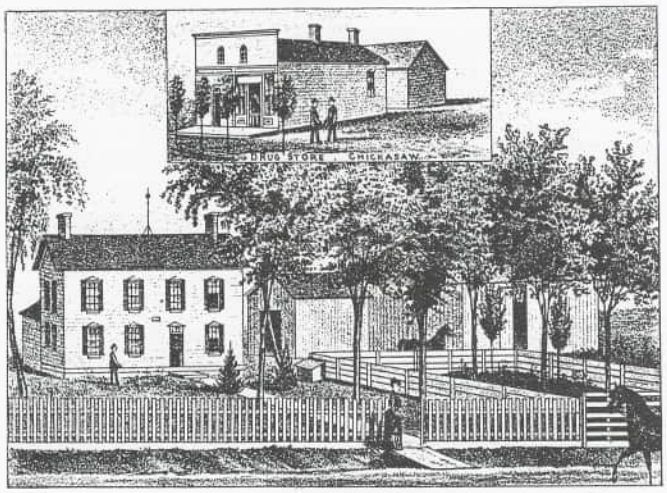
Gerhard Schroder sold monuments.

William Cron operated a Wagon Factory where wagons were made.

Frank Grieshop and **Al Schwieterman** owned the Union Handle Company. In December of 1911, the Union Handle Company supplied electric current for a limited number of hours each night, replacing the dimmer gas lights. *See Union Handle Co. History

Frederick Mox ran a sawmill.

George Ferner was the town druggist.



Note the drug store at the top of the picture. Farm Res. of Joseph Wobeler.

Dr. Theodore Snypp was the early town physician and surgeon. He answered calls day or night.

Dr. Henry G. Rawers was the town's later physician. Today his office would be located between the LaVern Heitkamp home and the library. His residence was the present LaVern Heitkamp home.

Mathias Gast, a descendent of the founding family started a mercantile business that prospered through many a generation.

Peter Gast, from Germany and father of Henry Gast helped build the Grand Reservoir Dam.

Joseph Mayer was a dealer in stoves, tinware, and metal roofs in 1888. In 1909, **Fred Wyen** operated a tin shop at this location, the present location of John Stucke residence. *See front edge of store in the Kremer Market business history.

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Dr. Henry Rawers and his family, wife Helen.

Joseph Brockman operated a plumbing business and shop out of his home in 1912, also this same location.

Jacob Link owned and operated the general store in 1904. **Henry Rengers** came from St. Joe with his family and purchased the general store from Jacob Link.

Henry Gast learned the shoemaker trade. He worked in a brickyard, ran a sawmill, and started a livery stable. He also managed a grain elevator. In 1881, he erected a two story brick structure used as a hotel and general store. *See Gast Hotel.

J. J. Dues ran a machine shop manufacturing engines and boilers. He also sold threshing machines, clover hullers, and repaired all kinds of machinery. Later he moved the business to Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd., then it was sold and the operation moved to what is now known as Minster Machine.

John Hagedorn ran a successful hotel in the 1890's after failing in the sawmill and grain businesses. The hotel burned in 1918. A. J. Rengers remembers ringing the fire bell when it burned. Attached to the hotel was a millinery store for ladies. Today this would be the bank's parking lot.

Bernard Mestemaker, in the early 1880's engaged in work on the canal, earning and saving enough money to purchase a tract of 80 acres of woodland in Marion Township. By much hard work he cleared and converted the land into a fine farm. His son, Bernard added another 80 acres of land to the Mestemaker farm. This is the Leo Homan Jr. farm today.

Fred Woeste ran a butcher shop in the late 1910's and early 1920's. Attached to his house was the slaughter shop; also a small barn where he kept a cow and horse and wagon. This would have been what is the yard on the east of Sam Hartke's house.

A **Dr. Albers** lived above the Farmers Bank. He also had his office there for a short time. A. J. Rengers remembers him because as a child he had hurt his head and infection had set into the cut and Dr. Albers put a wick in it to drain out the poison and infection.

Jacob Froning was a barber and lived in the present home of Pat Bruggeman. His barber shop was across the street in the building which is now part of the Chickasaw Garage.

Phil and Sarah Feidt ran a hotel in 1884. It was known as the Feidt's Hotel or the American Inn Hotel under the ownership of John Link. It had 16 or 18 rooms. Later it was used for a dance hall. Next to the hotel was a livery stable which housed buggies and horses for rent. This is at the present site of Huelsman's Automotive. In the 1888 Atlas it explains "This house has been put in tip top order and the traveling community will find it a good place to stop at. A first class saloon is attached to the house."

Peter Niekamp became a partner in the Chickasaw Grain and Milling Co. that milled Blue Ribbon Flour. **Louis Grieshop** bought into the mill also.

Fred Heirholzer owned a broom shop in 1912. This was at the present site of Howard and Sue Heitkamp's residence. Before it was a broom shop, it was a saloon. The building has long since gone.

John Everman operated a shoe repair shop. This was at the present home of Virgil Puthoff.

Ben Rawers ran a general store as well as the Post Office for many years. It was just west of the Vic Garman home.

Julius Gast operated the Town Tavern when the saloon was owned by the Star Beverage Co. *See Town Tavern history.

Joe Wint, Sr. owned a saloon across the street from the Town Tavern. This is now the horseshoe pitching court.

Andy Reier also ran a saloon. This was just east of the Gast Hotel. This same saloon was later a meat shop (Busse Meat Shop).

John Bomholt had a shoe repair business. This business took over the Froning Barber shop, the same building.

William Meyer was the undertaker in the village. In those days when people died, the undertaker came to the house. Viewing was in the homes. In the summer the bodies were packed in ice.

Joe Winkeljohn was a barber. A. J. Rengers remembers getting his first hair cut by Joe at the age of six. The hair cut cost 25¢.

Joseph Dorsten was the town blacksmith in 1903.

Ed Zahn was the blacksmith when he bought the Dorsten Blacksmith Shop in 1928.

Ferdinand Gast had a grocery store. He had the store and his home at the present home of Julius Bruns home. He was also the janitor at the school and he mowed the cemetery. This was in 1904 to 1933.

Andy Gast was in the business of making cigars. They were called "Gast Old Trustees." Today this is the Val Homan home.

Iva Gast ran a beauty shop at one time. This was at the same place the cigars were made, about the 1920's.

A **Butter Churn Factory** was also in Chickasaw at one time. It was a one story building at the present site of the Mary Niekamp home.

Joe and Frank Mestemaker started the Excelsior Manufacturing Co. They were to manufacture wood tubs and wooden wheelbarrows, also ironing boards. This business was replacing the Old Butter Churn Factory. The Excelsior Co. never got started because it was being sued by another company by the same name from Cincinnati.

Fred Moeller Stockyards was just east of the Butter Churn Factory across the C. H. & D Railroad tracks.

The Chickasaw Tile Cement Coal Gravel Co. was located south of Moeller Stockyards. It made cement blocks, tiles of different sizes, flower urns, and burial vaults. This business was owned by **Frank Rosengarten.**

Clem Desch was also a barber on the one part of the Town Tavern at one time.

Joe Hanfelder, in 1915 was an undertaker. They lived in the present home of Ed Puthoff. This was Mary Renger's uncle.

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John Hartings was a carpenter. He lived on the present lot of the Ron Brunswick home. There was a spring there and when the house was vacant whiskey was made there.

Loretta Treon had a beauty shop in the present Julius Bruns home around 1927-1932.

Charles Desch was a dealer in all kinds of hard lumber according to the 1888 Atlas. He owned the Saw and Planing Mill. Proper attention to custom work was advertised. He was also a carpenter and contractor. This saw mill was at the site of the Fred Topp home today.

H. & S. Shaffer (B. 11-1865) of Chickasaw was engaged in monumental and tombstone work and was the notary public. He married Christina Heyne. They had four children, Elizabeth, Anna, John, and Stephen.

Blacksmiths

On Lot #1 in the Fleck Addition, which is the northwest corner of State Route 274 and 716 was the location of a Blacksmith Shop. First owned by John Will in 1884. In 1903, he sold the business to Joseph Dorsten. Joseph Dorsten had others working for him, as Edward Niekamp.

Another was Frank Linneman, who later became the blacksmith in Montezuma.

A blacksmith in those days went to the farmers to shoe the work horses. They made regular rounds every week.

In 1928, Joseph Dorsten sold the property and business to Ed Zahn. With the invention of the automobile, Ed took to sharpening plow shares. He had a very good business for many years.

ED. ZAHN

General Blacksmithing

Agent For Oliver Plows

MARIA STEIN, O.

An ad for Zahn's Blacksmithing



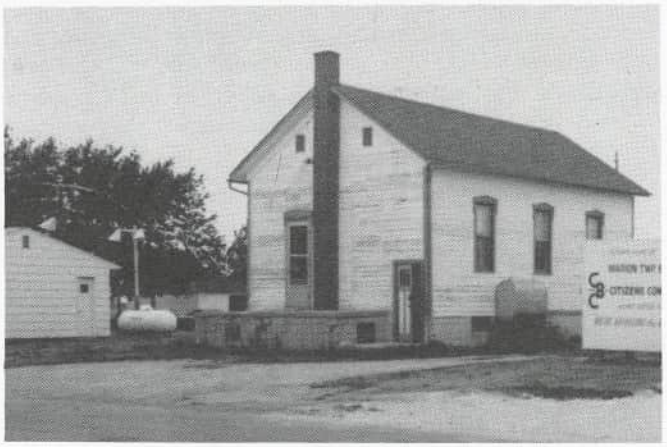
Blacksmith Shop in the background
Left to Right: Ed and Helen Zahn; others unknown



Ed Zahn, local blacksmith from 1928 to the late 1960's.

Chickadee Beauty Shop

Chickadee Beauty Shop opened for business in October, 1961, in the building which is now used by the Don Niekamp family as a garage. The shop sat on the corner of the lot with the original house 20 yards to the west of it. The present home, which is attached to the garage, was built in 1965. The Beauty Shop was equipped with 2 setting stations. It was co-owned by Audrey Niekamp and her sister Kathy (Garman) Feltz who commuted each day from Celina. Audrey and Kathy were graduates of Bryd's Beauty School in Dayton and Ohio State Cosmetology School in Columbus respectively. Popular hair styles at the time were permanent waved with no teasing. Average costs ranged from $.50 for a rinse, $1.50 for a cut and style, and $5.00, $7.50, or $10.00 for a permanent.



Bavarian Distributing Co.; owned by Joe Rengers and Shorty Fecher.

Chickasaw Distributing Co.

This building was used for many purposes. At one time from the late 1800's to 1945, it was the Liberty Special School. It was located at that time at the southeast corner of Clover Four Rd. and St. Johns Rd. It was moved to that location from just north of that on the St. John Rd. about at the present location of the Paul Dahlinghaus home.

After the school closed, the Chickasaw Village Booster Club purchased the school and moved it to the Village of Chickasaw. Today, the location would be just east of Art's Barber Shop.

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Chickasaw Distributing Co. cont.

As the Booster Club hall for nine years, many parties, weddings, and other celebrations were held there.

In 1954, it was sold to Joe Rengers and Shorty Fecher and was used as a beer distributing company known as the Bavarian Distributing Co.

In 1965, Charles Huelsman purchased the building and used it to store auto parts for the parts department.

In 1974, this building was torn down to make way for the branch of the Citizens Commercial Bank in Chickasaw.



Formerly the Farmers Bank, now Margaret's Beauty Shop; Robbed once by John Dillinger and his gang. Building now owned by Jack Heuker.

Farmers Bank

The first bank to come to Chickasaw was the Chickasaw Bank in 1907. In 1909, it became known as the Farmers Bank. The major stockholders of this bank were August Rentz, Frank Schwieterman, and Albert Birkmeyer. The bank closed in 1933. The cashiers were Albert Birkmeyer and his wife. Part time cashier was Albert Seitz. Below is an ad taken from the 1920 Marion Telephone Company Book.

The Farmers Bank

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Capital Stock $10,000.00

4 per cent. Interest Paid on Time Deposits.

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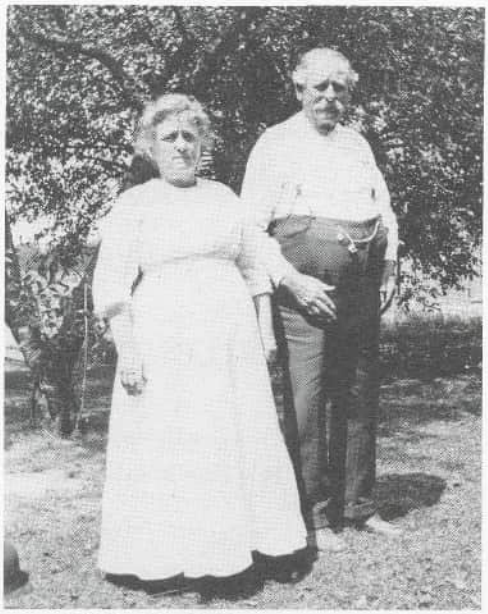
Security -- Service -- Efficiency

PHONE NO. 51-5

Previous owners of this property were:
1987 - Heuker, Jack - still houses Margaret's Beauty Shop
1973 - Klosterman, Margaret - Beauty Shop
1946 - Schwartz, Jos. & Luella - Tin Shop Spouting
1944 - Clune, Carl
1914 to 1938 was in Aug. Rentz, Frank & Chas. Schwieterman and Hy. Rawers name.
1933 - The bank closed.
1909 - The Farmer's Bank
1907 - Chickasaw Bank
1904 - J J. Meinerding - Bank pd. J.J. $5.00



Gast Hotel and Store and Millinery Shop; owners Henry and Elizabeth Gast (1940's) Built in 1881.



Late Henry & Elizabeth Gast, owner of Gast Building, Hotel and Store.

Gast Hotel

The Gast Hotel was built in the year 1881. Henry Gast, at age 23 in 1878 married Mary Schwieterman of Sebastian, by whom he had seven children. At an early age Henry had learned the trade of shoemaker. He also worked in a brickyard, ran a sawmill, and started a livery stable. Later he managed a grain elevator. He was a successful man.

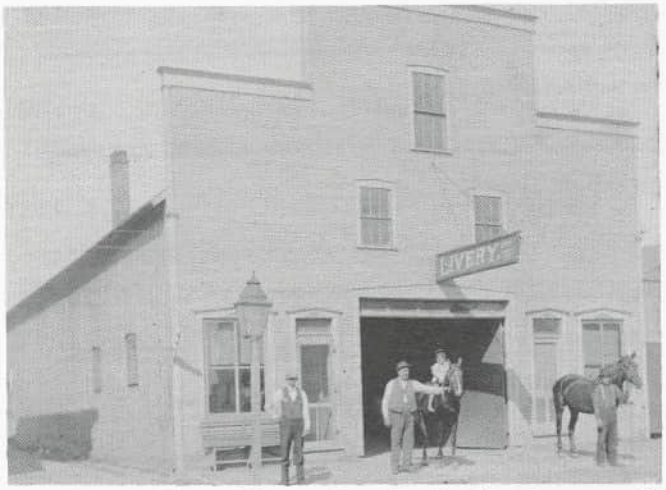
After the death of his first wife, Henry married Elizabeth Stelzer (whose husband Matt Stelzer had died in October, 1884). They had one child, Leo, born May 1, 1895, who was killed in World War I in Germany.

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Gast Hotel, cont.

Mrs. Elizabeth Gast lived to be 101 years of age. She was born in Oldenburg, Germany and was brought to Ohio by her widowed mother. Her childhood was spent in Minster, and she lived in Cincinnati for seven years before her first marriage to Matthew Stelzer. The rest of her life was spent in Chickasaw. Mrs. Gast raised five children of her own and seven stepchildren. After the death of her first husband, she married Henry Gast. Her children include Mrs. John Knapke, Anthony and Oscar, Mrs. Dora Hust and a son Leo, who was killed in World War I.

Her stepchildren include Frank and Mrs. Rosie McGill, Julius and Henry, Mrs. Mary Hendricks and Louis and Regina.

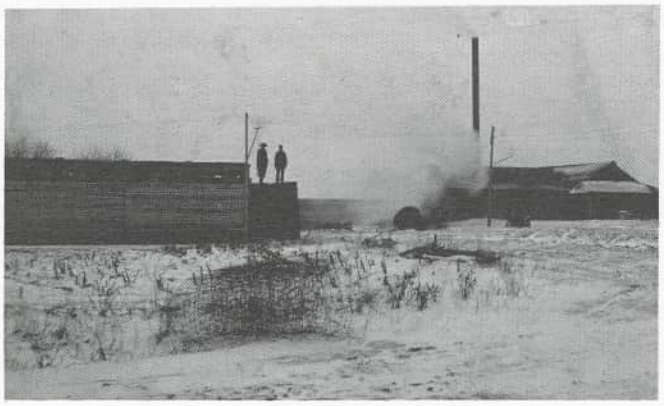


Gast Livery Barn: Henry Gast Sr. holding horse with his son (Leo Gast) on the horse, Henry Gast Jr. standing by gas street light; Julius Gast holding the other horse; Winkeljohn Barber Shop on right.

Gast Livery Barn

This livery barn was owned by Henry Gast Sr. It housed eight horses, a sample of carriages, used by salesmen in those days.

You could rent a horse and carriage at $1.50 per Sunday. Many people would rent a carriage and travel to Coldwater, Celina, New Bremen, Minster, and other communities. Travelers going through Chickasaw used to stop and have their horses fed at the livery barn for the sum of twenty-five cents.



View of Union Handle Company



Believed to be the Union Handle Co. Note the wood cut to length.

Union Handle Company

There were two sawmills in Chickasaw at one time. One was located in the Old Plat, Lot #L, present home of Fred Topp. This mill burned.

The other sawmill was part of the Union Handle Co. This was owned by Frank Grieshop and Al Schwieterman. It was located at the northwest corner of the village. It had a thriving business making such products as butterchurns, wheelbarrows, ironing board, broom handles, axe handles and hammer handles and boat oars.



Pictured is the interior of one of the seven saloons that Chickasaw had in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Leaning on the bar left to right: Louis Grieshop, Frank Mestemaker, Bill Meyer (undertaker), unknown, Joe Mestemaker, Others unknown. Believed to be Joe Wint Saloon.

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6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 7 lbs. No. 5144. Each .....$ 3.08



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6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 9 lbs. No. 5304. Each .....$ 3.08



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6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 4 lbs. No. 3804. Each .....$ 1.38



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6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 2 lbs. No. 2514. Each .....$ 1.16

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6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 3 lbs. No. 2534. Each .....$ 1.16

16" MACHINIST HAMMER HANDLE
6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 4 lbs. No. 2554. Each .....$ 1.19

18" MACHINIST HAMMER HANDLE
6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 5 lbs. No. 2564. Each .....$ 1.22



14" BLACKSMITH HAMMER HANDLE
6 pack. Flame treated. Wt. 3 lbs. No. 2754. Each .....$ 1.16



48" BENT MANURE FORK HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 12 lbs. No. MB14. Each .....$ 3.65



48" BENT HAYFORK HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 12 lbs. No. HF14. Each .....$ 3.59



60" GARDEN HOE HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 11 lbs. No. H15. Each .....$ 2.71



60" RAKE HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 11 lbs. No. RF15. Each .....$ 2.71



60" HEAVY HOE HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 12 lbs. No. CF15. Each .....$ 2.92



48" SQUARE POST HOLE DIGGER HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 12 lbs. No. SHD14. Each .....$ 2.93



48" RAZORBACK SHOVEL HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 11 lbs. No. RB14. Each .....$ 3.32



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48" HOLLOWBACK SHOVEL HANDLE
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30" HOLLOWBACK SHOVEL HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 11 lbs. No. SDHB130. Each .....$ 3.60



48" SOLID SHANK SHOVEL HANDLE
6 pack. No. 1 grade. Wt. 11 lbs. No. SSB14. Each .....$ 2.92



24" SHARPSHOOTER HANDLE
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Miller's Butcher Shop

Miller's Butcher Shop owned by Butch Miller. Located next to the Gast Livery Barn: Butch Miller near door, others known on the picture are Julie Gast and Nick Fetzer.



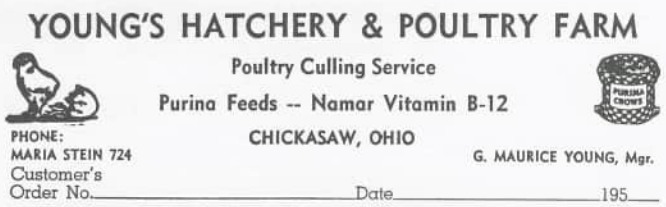
Henry Meyer, Henry Clune, Gerard Clune, Casper Clune, & Herman Wabler.

Saddle & Harness Shop

The Saddle & Harness Shop was owned by the Clunes. This building is the present home of Terry and Sue Thobe, located across the street from the Town Tavern. Lot #12 Seitz Addition.



George and Nina Young





Home of Young's Hatchery; now used as home, owned by Andy Droesch.

Young's Hatchery & Poultry Farm

On April 7, 1943, George and Nina (White) Young bought numerous lots in Chickasaw from Mrs. Roman (Mary Louise Dambach) Rentz and started their poultry business. They hatched chickens, sold them and had a culling service. This business flourished during the mid 1940's and early 1950's.

In 1956, George Young had a stroke and died August 22, 1959. Nina Young died Nov. 30, 1980, in a rest home in Columbus, Ohio. George and Nina Young made living quarters out of the hatchery building in the summer of 1956 which is now 8 East Walnut Street.

Many years ago the pond was an acre in size. It ran from Washington Street (Vacated) to Walnut St. and to the west along 716 and to the east taking in lots No. 48, 49, 50, 77, 78, 79. The pond was made by the Star Beverage Co., Minster, Ohio. In the winter they cut ice off it in 50 lb. blocks and put it in a barn which was located on the south end of the pond. The barn had walls 10 inches thick filled with sawdust for insulation. They placed the ice in the barn in layers with a great amount of sawdust between each layer of ice. This sawdust insulation made the ice last all summer. This was to enable the beer wagons to come through Chickasaw where they re-iced the beer to keep it cold all the time. They continued this until prohibition, then it was stopped. It also took much employment away from the community. On July 26, 1928, when Louise Dambach bought the pond it still ran up to the road which is Walnut St. Later she married Roman Rentz and they filled part of the pond in and built the laying house for chickens and named the pond "Lake Immaculata".

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PRESENT DAY BUSINESSES

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The location of All Creatures Veterinary Clinic: formerly the Gast Hotel and Grocery Store.

All Creatures Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Larry D. Markley is a 1980 graduate of Ohio State University where he received his degree in Veterinary Medicine. Larry and his wife Sally are originally from Orrville, Ohio. They have four children, Laura 10, Lyndsay and Lavonne 7 and Lu-Ann 2. They reside at 43 Virginia St. in Chickasaw. Dr. Markley and his family moved into the area in 1980 and began working for a Veterinary clinic.

In December of 1984 he started his own Veterinary practice. At that time he hired Karen Heitkamp as a receptionist and Office Manager. He ran his business out of his home. The practice at that time was basically large animal.

In April of 1985 he moved his business uptown where he rented an apartment in the old Gast building. With this move, the business began to grow in both large and small animal.

In April of 1986 Dr. Markley brought an associate into his practice, Dr. William C. Minton. Dr. Minton and his wife Theresa are originally from Tipp City, Ohio. They have one son David who is 9 months old.

In the Fall of 1986 the name All Creatures Veterinary Clinic was adopted. Today the Veterinarians now serve a 25-30 mile radius. They are on call 24 hours a day and take small animals by appointment. The clinic is located on St. Rt. 274 in downtown Chickasaw.

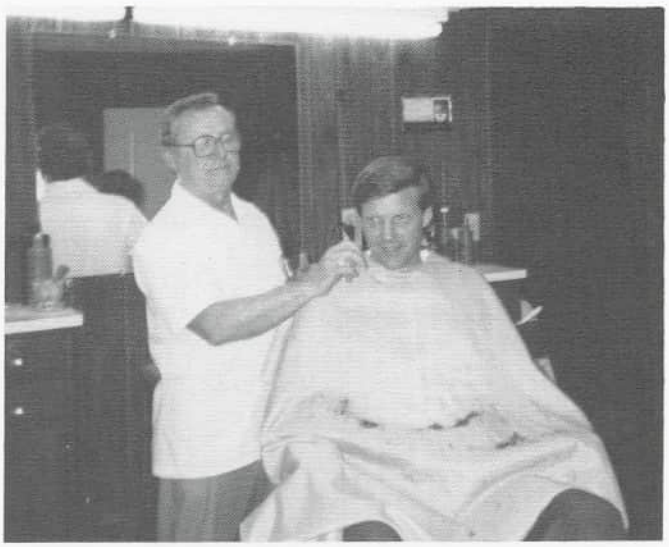
Arnold Homan purchased the Henry Gast property in October, 1973. The large brick building was built by Henry Gast, Sr., in 1881. It was the town hotel with family living quarters on the east side of the bottom floor. The center of the building had been a grocery store and the west side a barber shop. At the time it was sold to Mr. Homan, Henry Gast, the last of the family to live there, had been taken to a nursing home. The hotel rooms had not been used for many years. There was no longer a grocery store in it, and the room on the west end was rented as a workshop to Puthoff and Rosenbeck Construction.

A brick summer kitchen stood on the north end of the building. It was partially attached to the old Rindler house which was partially attached to the back of Chickasaw Garage. This summer kitchen was taken down and is now the driveway that leads to the back of the apartment house. The upstairs was made into two apartments and the downstairs is now the All Creatures Veterinarian Office operated by Dr. Larry Markley and Dr. Bill Minton.

The center and west rooms are used for storage for the Chickasaw Garage. The basement was also reworked and is also used for storage. A new porch and a new front on the storage rooms was added in 1981.

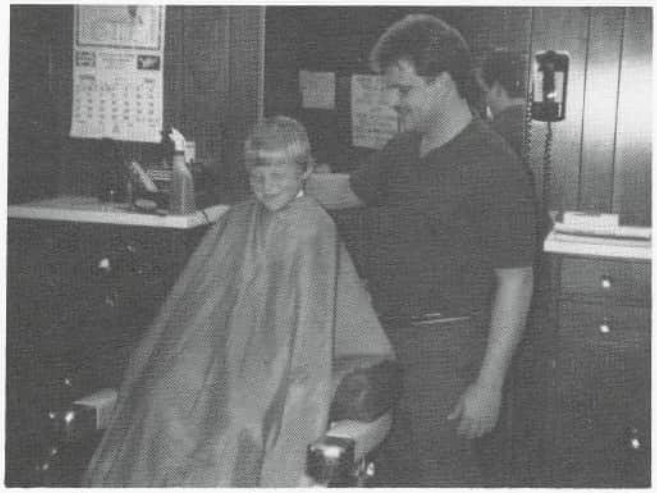


Art's Barber Shop owned and operated by Art Prenger since Oct. 14, 1963.



Art Prenger, owner, cutting Larry Eyink's hair.

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Steve Prenger, son of Art Prenger cutting Greg Eyink's hair.



Tony Droesch, Owner and operator of Chickasaw Engine Sales and Service.

Art's Barber Shop
Arthur Prenger, Owner

April, 1963, Art Prenger purchased Lot #12 & West half of Lot #11 in the Fleck Addition of Chickasaw from Fred Rentz. People most influential in having the Barber Shop built in Chickasaw were Anthony Rengers, William Spoltman, and the Rentz Bros. On May 30, 1963, the foundation was poured and construction of Art's Barber Shop began. The entire structure (a 20 X 20 building) was built by family and relatives.

The shop was opened for business on Oct. 14, 1963. The first haircut was given to Anthony Rengers. Haircut prices at that time were $1.25.

During the late 60's and early 70's business was very poor, because of the long hair styles. During those years Art worked at the Town Tavern four mornings a week, as a bartender. In the Fall of 1975, he went to Styling School in Columbus for four weeks to update the modern hairstyles. By the Summer of 1976, the barbering business began to pick up, so he went back to full time barbering.

Art's son Steve graduated from the Dayton Barber College in June of 1985. The barber shop was remodeled and another chair put in. Steve started working part-time in 1985.

Previous Owners of Lot #11, the site of Art's Barber Shop are:

1963 - Art's Barber Shop
1958 - Rentz, Fred
1950 - Producers Livestock Coop Assn.
1938 - Wm. Post
1904 - Vonderhaar, Frank
1897 - Giere, Frances & John
1895 - Dues, Jos.
1884 - Hagedorn, Cath.

The Chickasaw Engine Sales And Service

In 1962, Tony Droesch built a 20' X 30' garage southeast of his house, residing and rewiring the house and garage himself with the help of family. In 1967, he purchased the lawn mower sales and service of engines of the estate of Fred Schaffer. He built a width of 8 ft. shelving to the ceiling of the garage, also an extra table aside from his work bench to repair lawn mowers on, rather than working on the cement floor of his garage.

In 1968, he contracted to sell John Deere Lawn and Garden tractors. This he gave up in April of 1969 due to competition from the big implement dealers in the 10 mile radius in the surrounding area. He was doing more repair of all makes of lawn mowers and sharpening hay sickles (17-20 a year) for five years. The repairs of mowers was heavy for 3-4 months of the year and so his two cars stood outside to leave room for repair mowers to be locked up and dry in season.

With the release of the John Deere contract we had many good country neighbors come to us and purchase lawn tractors and riding mowers, (5-8 horsepower) from the Dayton Hardware and Supply Catalog. He also purchased whole goods from Lynn Koehlinger and Company from Indiana. The goods arrived by truck once or twice a year.

From 1969-1975, Tony sold 19 to 24 new push mowers, self-propelled mowers, riding mowers, or tractors or garden tillers a year. Then in 1975, the trend of selling changed. The salesmen representing the Lawn and Garden Companies were selling to chain stores at a greater discount than to a smaller lawn and garden center.

Working closely with ten other small businessmen in a 20 mile radius, he realized that inflation was going "to hit us hard if we continued to stock a lot of new items". So he discontinued sale of whole goods in 1975 and continued to repair mowers and sharpen less and less sickles and more circle chain and hand saws and tools on a Belsaw sharpener that he purchased in 1969. In 1973, he updated his service manuals with the purchase of a Micro-Fiche and added a 16' X 30' addition onto the back of his garage. In 1974 a Quick Lift and a chain hoist were added to better service and overhaul tractor engines of 8 to 16 horsepower. He also improved and widened the driveway in 1976. In 1978, he added a carport to the east of the garage to store the mowers and tractors to be repaired and still be able to put his cars in the garage the year around.

For a time he sought to improve his sharpening business and was aided by Louis Hoying of Hoying and Westerheide Hardware of Minster and Paul Ranly of Ranly Cabinets. They took in items to sharpen which we picked up once a week. It was suggested by Mr. Ranly that Tony invest in a carbide tip saw sharpener "for a cleaner cut of the soft wood that carpenters had to work with". So in 1979 and 1980 he invested in a Carbide Blade Sharpener, Saw Polisher, Repair Kit for retipping carbide blades, chain sharpener,

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and automatic hand saw sharpener and setter. Quite an investment that has paid off in the next ten years. While service of small mowers only has decreased, the repair of tractors and mowers the year round increased - no longer being a 3-4 month business. He also serviced all kinds of gasoline engines from trowels, elevators, sump pumps, and farm equipment operated by gasoline engines for area farmers. Also the sharpening of chains for saws and carbide saw for contractors, pinking shears, scissors, and meat saws, 24" buzz saw blades, and hand cross cut saws, was a year around business. Tony sharpens saw blades for as many as 10 contractors and a number of area people doing their own building and remodeling.

Price of mowers ranged from $50 to $89.95 for push or self-propelled mower in 1967 and 1968 to $699.95 for a 10 HP John Deere Tractor and in 1974, $820.00 for a 10 HP "A.M.F." Tractor. Garden Tillers ranged from $120.00 in 1967, to $287.95 in 1977. Self-Propelled Mowers in 1970, were $135.95 and in 1977, were $250.95.



Chickasaw Garage, first owners were Ed Rindler and Charles Huelsman as partners. Actually Charles Huelsman started business in 1927. In 1933, Ed Rindler became a partner and in 1947, Ed Rindler owned garage as Charles Huelsman started Huelsman's Garage.



East side of the Chickasaw Garage when it was purchased by Arnold Homan in 1973.

Chickasaw Garage

Ed Rindler sold the business to his son, Don, in 1968.

Arnold Homan purchased the Chickasaw Garage from Don Rindler in August, 1973. The building was in need of repair. The east half of the building belonged to Bill Spoltman and was used for storage. It had once been used as the hardware store by its former owner Joe Meindering. The west half was used for the garage business. At the back of the building was located an old house attached by the porch to the northwest corner of the garage building. This house was once the home of Edward and Elizabeth Rindler and their four children. At this time, the house was used for storage. It was in very bad shape.

In October, 1974, the Spoltman Hardware was offered for sale. Mr. Homan purchased it from Craig Spoltman and Rentz Brothers. He was then able to remodel and enlarge the facilities because he now owned both halves of the building. The entire top story of the double building was taken down and a complete new second story was added. It was made into two large apartments.

The work was done by Puthoff and Rosenbeck Construction. The old house behind the garage was taken down and junk hauled away. A new 30 X 50 ft. addition was added to the north end which allowed for more working area, an office, and restrooms. The entire building is now the Chickasaw Garage.

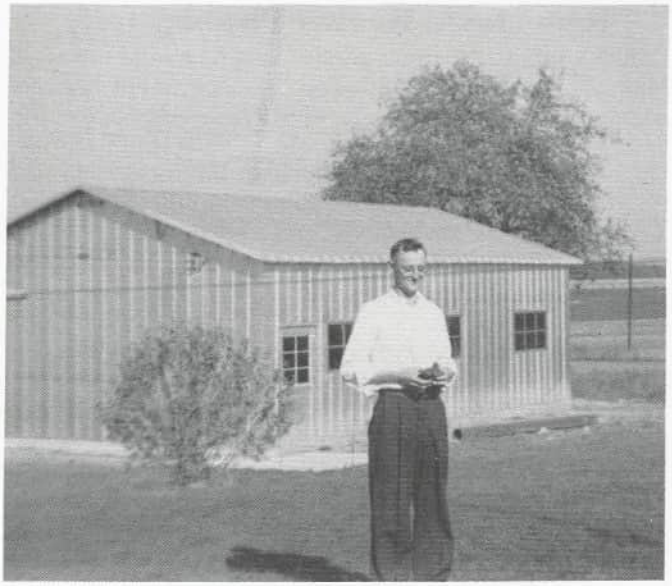
*Also see Huelsman's Automotive History in the Business Section.

Previous owners of this property were:
1973 - Homan, A. & L.
1968 - Rindler, Don
1935 - Rindler, Edwin
1933 - Rengers, Anthony
1919 - Star Brewing Co. (Sheriff sale)
1916 - Reier, Andy
1912 - Wissman, Hy.
1909 - Heirholzer, A. J.
1903 - Brockman, Jos.
1902 - Wint, Helena
1899 - J. J. Meinerding
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1883 - Gast, Hy.
1881 - Kappel, Chas.
Fleck, J.

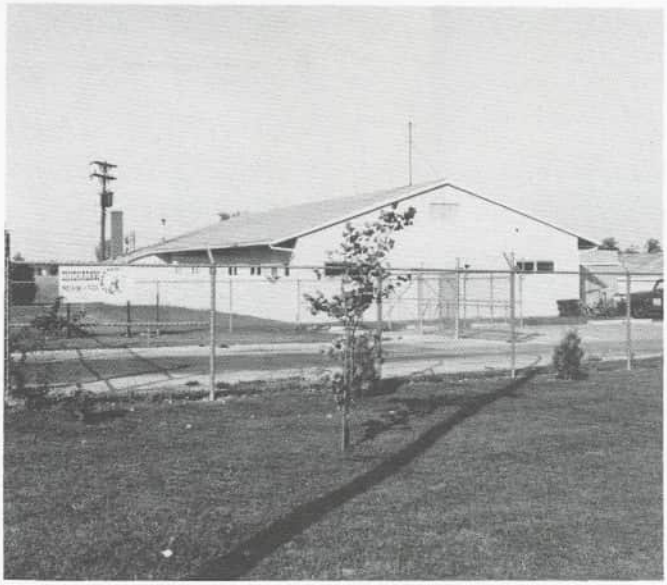


Urban Zahn starting his machine shop as a hobby.

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Urban Zahn in front of the small metal building in which he started his business.



Present site of Chickasaw Machine & Tool Inc.

Chickasaw Machine & Tool Inc.

Chickasaw Machine & Tool was started by Urban Zahn and Ralph Schwaberow. Urban Zahn grew up in the village of Chickasaw and worked in machine shops in St. Marys, Dayton, etc. His goal in life was to have his own machine shop.

After returning from service in 1945, he began working at Goodyear, St. Marys, Ohio, as a machinist. In the late 1950's, Urban went to work for a new plant in New Bremen, Ohio, known as Excello Corp., and there he became a foreman.

While working at Excello in New Bremen, Urban met Ralph Schwaberow, a fellow employee, who also wanted to start a machine shop. In late 1959, Excello moved out of New Bremen. At this time Urban and Ralph bought a small machine shop in Piqua, Ohio. They moved all the machines to Chickasaw and set up business in a small metal building on the corner of Rt. 274 and Chickasaw Road. Here Urban was doing work in the evenings and in his spare time.

Urban and Ralph started officially doing business in April, 1961, as Zahn Machine & Engineering Co. In a very short time more room was needed. Extra room was added by using part of Ed Zahn's Blacksmith's Shop on Rt. 274 north of Huelsman Automotive.

In 1962, the name was changed to Chickasaw Machine & Tool Inc. The operation grew out of the small metal building and the Blacksmith Shop and moved to the new building on Chickasaw Road at the same time the name was changed. The site was the old Charles and Anna Huber property. After several years in the new building they outgrew it and needed more space again. In July, 1969, the second building was added (50' X 100') to the operation.

In 1975, Ralph Schwaberow sold his interest to Urban Zahn and he semi-retired.

Chickasaw Machine & Tool Inc. makes all kinds of machine parts, special gear; they specialize in gear work. The employment is steady at about 15 or 16 employees.

Urban Zahn sold his interest to the present owners, LaVern Heitkamp, Dan Bruns, and Norb Tangeman in August, 1987, on his full retirement.



Chickasaw Stockyard owned by Nick Zumberge; located on Rt. 716. Nick Thobe's home on right.

Chickasaw Stockyards

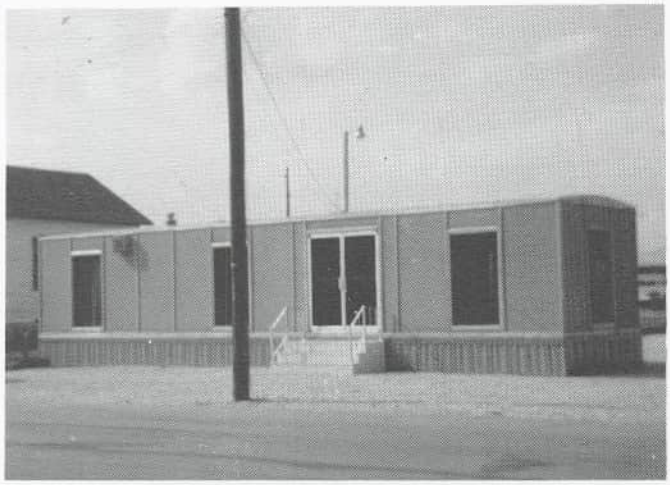
Nick Zumberge started buying cattle and hogs in 1937. He moved the operation to Chickasaw at its present location on Rt. 716 in 1947, and it became known as the Chickasaw Stockyard.

Years ago he attended sales almost every evening. Today, he attends sales in Wapakoneta, Geneva, Indiana, and Greenville, Ohio. He used to do a lot of buying from local farmers. Now he buys mostly from auctions.

He sells to local packers and butchers. Some of the packers he has sold to are Buchy Packing Company of Greenville, Deckers of Piqua, and Browns of Troy.

Over the years he has seven stock trucks and is now on the eighth stock truck.

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Temporary branch bank



Citizens Commercial Bank & Trust Co. - Chickasaw Branch

Citizens Commercial Bank

In 1974, Citizens Commercial Bank of Celina purchased Lot #10 in the Fleck Addition from Charles and Mary Huelsman, the purpose to establish a branch bank in Chickasaw. A temporary building was put in operation until the branch bank was built. It now operates with three employees, Keith Heisterman, Jane Luthman, and Rosemary Prenger. A former employee was Marian Heitbrink. The history of the property is as follows:

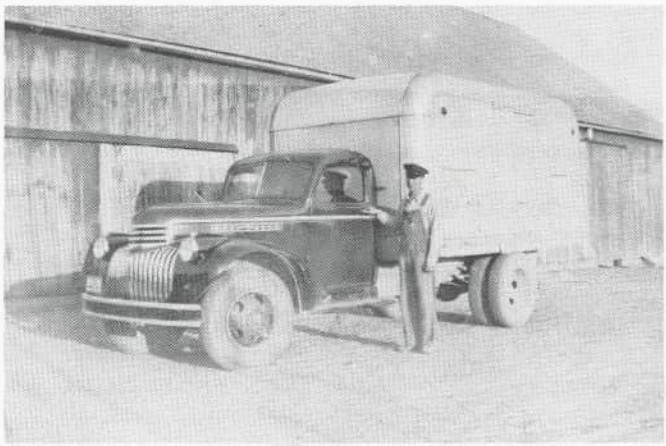
1974 - Citizens Commercial Bank
1965 - Huelsman, Chas. & Mary
1954 - Chickasaw Distributing Co.
1945 - Village Booster Club
1936 - Pour, Frank & C.
1926 - Schwieterman, Hy.
1921 - Schwieterman, Hugo.
1884 - Haggedorn, John & Cath.
Fleck, John & Mary

John (Jack) Heuker Photography

Jack's interest in photography began as a freshman at Marion Local High School. The art department had just added a dark room in the year 1968 and his instructor, Mr. Jones, let Jack have free rein of the dark room and the camera. With this opportunity Jack's hobby began. He was then encouraged to work in the summer for the Townhouse Studios in Celina. He helped shoot weddings and all other work related to photography. He shot his first wedding as a sophomore in high school while working for Townhouse Studios.

The first wedding he shot as Heuker Photography was John Ranly and Jan Rosenbeck's wedding. He now averages 25 to 30 weddings and 6 to 7 First Communions a year. He does numerous family portraits and golden weddings. He presently works out of his house as he works full time for Francis Furniture in Celina. On January 16, 1988, he shot his 500th wedding. It was the wedding of Steve Wenning and Kim Brown. With the advent of videos, his wife now uses the camera to make VHS tapes at weddings.

In the future, he plans to put a studio in the back of Margaret's Beauty Shop. He purchased the building in 1987. This will allow him to do indoor portraits. Family portraits are presently taken outside at the Maria Stein Retreat House.



Val Homan in 1947 and his open bed milk truck.



Val Homan and his fleet of trucks. He owned two trucks, leased to Hayes and later McLean Trucking.

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Today's fleet of five trucks.

Homan Trucking Co.

Val Homan started driving truck in 1947. He hauled cans of milk in an open bed truck to Meadow Gold Dairy in New Bremen.

After he quit hauling milk he began to haul stone and gravel for about two years. Then he began hauling fertilizer. He hauled grain and fertilizer from elevators and farmers in the general area. He hauled from Seymour, Indiana, and Berne, Indiana, and in Ohio, from Columbus, Cincinnati, Cairo, and Marion.

In 1953, he leased his truck to Hayes Freight Line and began hauling steel. His travels took him from the Pittsburgh area as far as Memphis, St. Louis, Iowa, Chicago, and Detroit. During this time, he added another truck. Hayes sold out to McLean Trucking and his trucks were leased to them at this time.

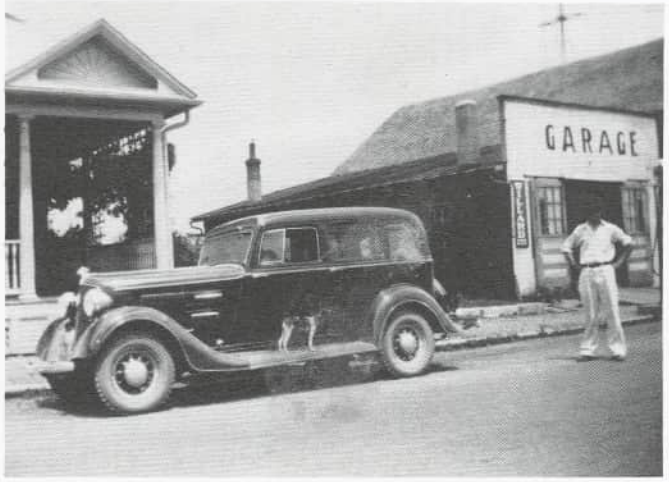
In 1968, Homan Trucking started hauling for Flavor Best Food of Ft. Recovery. He hauled poultry to Portland, Maine, and Miami, Florida. He hauled fish out of Boston and Cambridge, Maryland, into this area. Flavor Best went out of business in 1983.

Val now has a fleet of 5 trucks with five drivers. The most trucks he ever had was seven.

Homan Trucking continues to haul perishable food, seafood, eggs, radishes, etc., and brings back seafood to this area.

In 1981, Val discontinued driving truck as his health prevented it. His son, Larry takes care of the fleet doing the diesel work and body work.

Homan Trucking Co. donates the use of one of their trucks every year to the Community picnic to store the baked goods.



The first garage started by Charles Huelsman, October 19, 1927. Located west of the Blacksmith Shop; now Clete Voskuhl's garage is on this site.

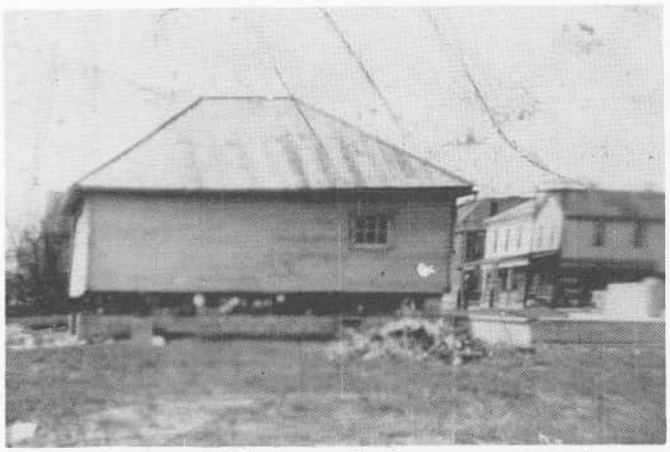


Chickasaw Garage owned by Charles Huelsman and Ed Rindler; late 1930's. Still known today as Chickasaw Garage.



Charles Huelsman and Ed Rindler, owners of Chickasaw Garage; late 1930's.

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The beginning of Huelsman's Garage as it is known today; January, 1947.



Wholesale and retail parts store.



Present owner, Robert Huelsman, left and brother Fred Huelsman.



Huelsman's Automotive, present owner Robert Huelsman, son of former owner Charles Huelsman; since June 1, 1947.

Huelsman's Automotive

On October 19, 1927, Charles H. Huelsman from Cranberry Prairie, St. Henry, Ohio, purchased from Louis George, Jr. from North Star, Ohio, the garage equipment and parts for $612.00. The equipment was housed in the west lean-to of the Joseph Dorsten Blacksmith Shop which Charles rented for $15.00 a month. The Blacksmith Shop was later sold to Ed H. Zahn, the local blacksmith. Charles continued business in this section of the building as a general garage at that time, repairing mostly Model T Fords and Fordson tractors.

On November 1, 1933, Mr. Ed J. Rindler bought half interest in the business and it was operated as Chickasaw Garage until May, 1934, when the business was moved to the present location of Chickasaw Garage on Franklin Street.

On January 1, 1947, Ed Rindler bought the half interest that Charles Huelsman owned and Ed Rindler continued to operate his business as Chickasaw Garage.

Sometime in the month of January, 1947, Charles Huelsman then bought the lot on the corner of St. Rt. 716. He also bought a two car garage from A. J. Lechliter. This building was then moved from the present Harold Rentz property to the corner lot on St. Rt. 716. An extra stall and office were added to the two car garage. The building was opened for business June 1, 1947, as Huelsman's Garage. In 1952, the first twin post hoist was installed. In 1959, two extra stalls were added on the southeast corner of the building and another two post hoist was installed.

In 1967, a sixty foot addition was added to the west of the building including three more hoists and a hot water heating system.

In 1965, Charles bought the building formerly owned by the Village Booster Club. This building was used to warehouse tires, oil, and exhaust system parts until 1973 when it was sold to the Citizens Commercial Bank for their new bank building.

On January 1, 1969, Charles Huelsman sold the business to his son, Robert V. Huelsman and he then changed the name to Huelsman Automotive. It was not incorporated until 1978.

In 1973, the lot south of the business was bought from the Rentz brothers. On this lot there stood the old church barn. The parishioners would unhitch their horses and tie them in the barn during church services. The building was torn down and in 1974 a 50' X 80' steel building was erected. This

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building is operated as a wholesale and retail parts store. In 1982, a 25' addition was added to the west end of the building and two more hoists were added. It is used as an addition to the Service Department.

Today the business employs seventeen people, and includes a parts store in St. Henry and a warehouse between Cassella and Montezuma.

Previous Owners of Lot #1 Seitz Addition now the site of Huelsman Automotive:

1968 - Huelsman, Robt. & Marlene
1947 - Huelsman, Chas. & Mary
1927 - Rentz, Aug.
1916 - Droesch, Lorenz
Roeckner, John
Rentz, Anthony
1912 - Gast, Eliz.
1905 - Minster L. & S. Co. (Sheriff Deed)
1897 - Froebe, Phil et al (Sheriff sale)
1884 - Feidt, Phil & Sarah (Owned all of Lot #1-Purchased $4500 which was the American Inn Hotel)
1882 - Link, John - Paid $4000. Mercer County History Book says John Link owned hotel.



Rengers Store; 1912-1945
Owned by Henry Rengers, residence upstairs, with eleven children.



A closer view of Rengers Store with Henry Rengers and his family in front.



Kremer's Market, owned and operated by Joyce and Gerald Kremer.

Kremer's Market

The grocery store has been around since the early 1900's. Presently it is owned and operated by Gerald and Joyce Kremer. They purchased the store from Albin and Lucille Kramer in 1972. Al and Lucille had bought the store from Anthony Heitkamp, a local school teacher in the community before running the store. After his teaching career, he ran the store and the local Post Office for 20 years. Tony Heitkamp bought the business from Henry Rengers in the early 1940's. Henry Rengers and his family of 11 children made their residence above the store. Henry Rengers bought the store from Jacob Link.

A. J. Rengers, son of Henry Rengers remembers the days when he drove the Huckster Wagon. This was a wagon pulled by horse at first. Later it was a truck. On Mondays, the route took him down Carthagena Rd. to Rt. 118 and St. Sebastian and then Chickasaw Rd. On Tuesdays, he went down St. Johns Rd. and into St. John and circled over to St. Rt. 364. He visited a lot of the Heitkamps on this day. On Wednesdays, he went to Maria Stein, Cassella, Ft. Recovery-Minster Rd., and would come back Clune-Stucke Rd. On Thursdays, he went toward Guadalupe and Montezuma. A lot of his customers on this day were Schwietermans and Klostermans.

In those days, the farmers would sell and trade for their supplies. The farmers sold animal hides in the winter months to Rengers Huckster Wagon and he stored them, cured them with salt, fur side down and then they were shipped to Dayton, Piqua, Cincinnati area. He picked up eggs and other farm products and sold them in the store or shipped them.

On his route, he ate with many of the farmers and their families. At John Heitkamp's home on Amsterdam Rd., he remembers the days she made homemade bread in the old-fashioned stoves. He got many a loaf of bread from that family. In those days Post Toasties, the cereal, was ten cents a box. At this same stop Mrs. Heitkamp bought 7 boxes of the cereal for the seven boys each week.

Another popular item on the route was chewing tobacco.

*For pictures of the Henry Rengers Family see A. J. Rengers family history.

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Kremer's Market, cont.

The previous owners of this property were:
1982 - Kremer, Gerald & Joyce
1981 - Runnion, Dana
1972 - Kremer, G. & J.
1963 - Kramer, Albin & Lucille
1945 - Heitkamp, Anthony, Post Office
1912 - Rengers, Hy.
1904 - Link, Jacob
1886 - Seitz, Aug.



George Fink, driver of the Blue Ribbon Flour Delivery Wagon.

Landmark Inc. Of Chickasaw

Chickasaw flour mill burned down in 1909, but it quickly was rebuilt and continued making "Blue Ribbon Flour."

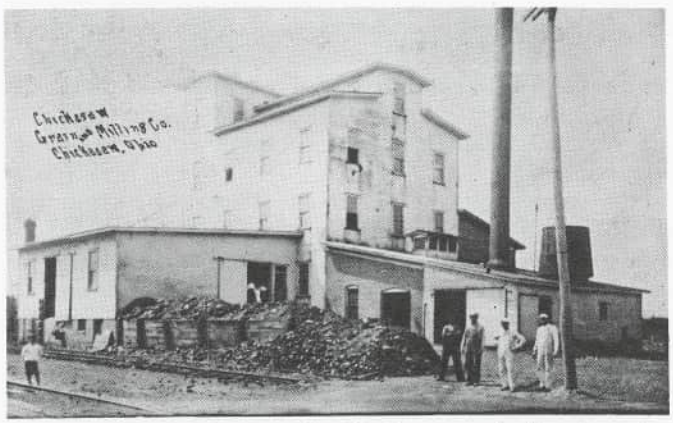
THE CHICKASAW MILLING CO.
Manufacturers of
BLUE CHICKASAW RIBBON
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In 1909, Peter Niekamp became a partner in the Chickasaw Grain and Milling Co.

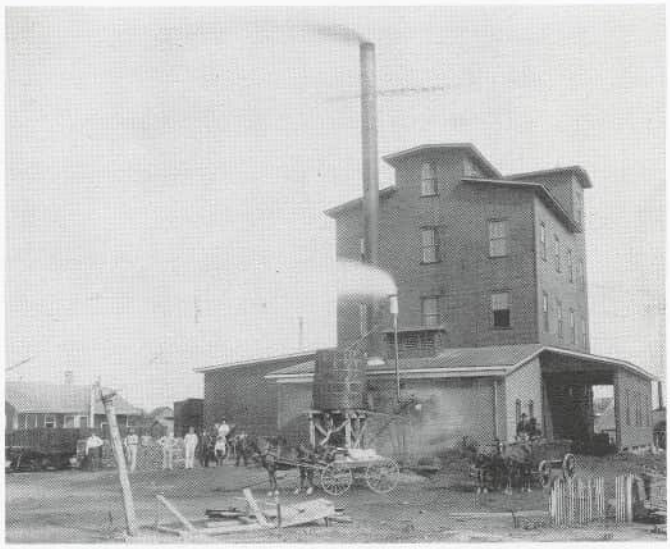
In 1940, Chickasaw Milling Co. was destroyed by fire and while it was rebuilt, it no longer milled flour. Its owner, the late Louis A. Grieshop, devoted the entire operation of the mill to the general elevator and feed business. Today's grain elevator is operated by Landmark, Inc.



Early mill which burned in 1909; note the railroad track.



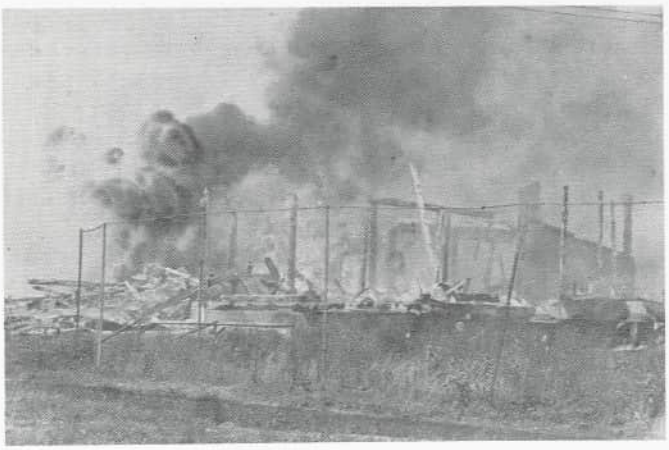
Another view of the mill which was rebuilt after the 1909 fire; this mill burned in 1940.



The mill in the early 1900's; note the railroad depot on the left of the picture. This mill burned in 1940.

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$40,000 Loss In Chickasaw Fire



CHICKASAW, July 6, 1940—Shown above are the remains of the Chickasaw Milling Co., which was destroyed by fire shortly before noon here Saturday. The blaze, believed to have started in the engine room, spread rapidly over the entire structure and within an hour the building was a mass of ruins.

The loss, estimated at $40,000, included the building and machinery, 1000 bushel of wheat, 1000 bushel of corn, 150 barrel of flour and an unknown quantity of feed. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

The Chickasaw fire department saved nearby houses, many of which were badly damaged by the intense heat.

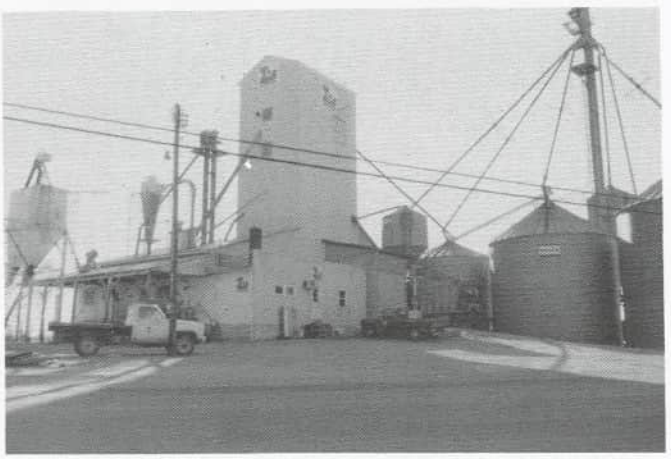
L. A. Grieshop, owner of the mill, said that only a south wind saved other buildings in the town. The mill was located at the west side of town and a west wind would have blown the flames toward the village.



Scene after the fire at the mill.

The previous owners of this property were:
1971 - Landmark, Inc.
1950 - Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Corp.
1916 - Chickasaw Milling Co.
1916 - Grieshop, Louis
1906 - Albers, J. B. et al
1901 - DeWeese, J. M.
1900 - Wissman, C. F.
1896 - Schmidt, Henry G.
1888 - Schmidt, Henry G. & Wm. C.
1887 - Sietz, August
1884 - Hagedorn, John
1881 - LeBlond, Davis & Co.
1881 - Gast, Henry
1881 - Gast, August
Seitz, Joseph & Elizabeth





Landmark Inc. of Chickasaw today; formerly the location of the "Blue Ribbon Flour" Mill.

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MaDonna's Flowers & Gifts

MaDonna's Flowers and Gifts was established in her home on 28 W. Wayne Street in 1980. She has a background in design, going to Floral Art School in Chicago and also Dean Call School of Design in Columbus. After working for many florists and furniture stores, she decided to start her own business in Chickasaw.

The store specializes in silk and dry arrangements of many different styles, offering wedding and funeral work and many arrangments for the home.

Margaret's Beauty Salon

The salon was established in August of 1969, in the old Chickasaw bank building, then owned by Joe and Louella Schwartz.

Mark and Margaret Klosterman purchased the building from Joe and Louella in 1973.

People working in the salon throughout the years were: Linda (Kahlig) Darr, Jean (Knapke) Puthoff, Thelma (Braun) Mueller, Carol (Albers) Rentz, Carol Puthoff, Karen (Tuente) Scott, Joyce (Overman) Rose, Diane (Pohl) Schwieterman, Barb (Rosenbeck) Hein, Lynn (Thobe) Homan, Diane (Dabbelt) Imwalle, Jackie (Post) Hein and Margaret Klosterman.

Those currently working are Margaret Klosterman, Ellen Dicke, Diane (Dabbelt) Imwalle, and Jackie Hein.



Moeller, Schmiesing, & Kramer Milk Hauling, milk hauler Andy Kramer.

Moeller, Schmiesing & Kramer Milk Hauling

Andy Kramer started hauling milk occasionally as a sub driver at age 16. Then at age 18, he bought the Ray Gilmore Milk Route, hauling can milk.

In January, 1964, he bought into the Moeller and Schmiesing Bulk Route, taking into that route the majority of his can route customers.

They now have four bulk tank milk trucks and haul to Meadow Gold Dairy in New Bremen.

The route has changed over the years. The work is much easier now. The old route of hauling milk cans was heavy, hard work. Each can held 10 gallons of milk and weighed approximately 100 pounds when full. The truck when fully loaded held 132 cans of milk. At each stop the average pick up was two to four cans. Today an average customer's pick up would fill approximately 60 ten gallon cans.

When he started hauling bulk milk in 1964, their smallest bulk truck held 16,000 pounds and now the smallest truck holds 35,000 pounds. Also, pick ups were a lot smaller as then he had over 20 stops on one truck to get 30,000 pounds of milk and now five or six stops will fill a load.

Also changes are constantly made in the milk product itself, always striving to get the milk to the market in the cleanest and coolest possible way. Everything is now sterilized and cooled in stainless steel.

Through the years there have been some problems with the weather elements. On November 2, 1966, he broke a truck axle in Chickasaw on Rt. 274 trying to get through the snow. In 1978, he went through snow passages that were high as the truck. With the help of the farmers, the milk would always get through as soon as possible.



Moeller Trucking Inc.

Moeller Trucking

Moeller Trucking can trace its roots back to 1946, when at the age of eighteen, Art Moeller began driving a can milk route for Ferd Rosenbeck of Coldwater, Ohio.

During the 1950's farmers began to change from can milk to bulk milk hauling. In 1957, Art and his brother Rich formed a partnership and bought their first tank truck. During the early days of the partnership they had one farmer whose milk they picked up every other day. The milk was hauled to the Meadow Gold plant in Lima, Ohio. Art drove for a number of years and in 1964 he sold his share of the partnership to his brother-in-law, Andy Kramer.

A National Farmers Organization (NFO) milk route was purchased in 1970. Eventually a partnership was formed with Art Hess called H & M Trucking and 2 years later Melvin Schmiesing joined the partnership to form HMS Trucking. H & M Trucking picked up bulk milk from farmers and HMS Trucking transported it to Dayton, Ohio and other destinations as the need called for. It was during this time that Art's sons began to drive for the partnership.

The Moeller brothers (Larry, Gary, Terry, and Tim) drove for the partnership for a number of years and in 1977 they formed their own partnership. They called their partnership Moeller Brothers.

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In 1978, Larry and Gary bought interest in the milk route from their dad, Art. They, along with their brother, Tim, drove milk route and transport for HMS Trucking.

In 1980, when Art Moeller died, his wife, Florentine, sold her interest in HMS Trucking.

In 1981, she combined the milk routes with Moeller Brothers to form Moeller Trucking.

In 1983, Larry Moeller sold his interest to his brother, Art (Joe), Moeller.

In 1985, Florentine sold her interest to her son, Mike, and her son-in-law, Charlie Muhlenkamp. Moeller Trucking became a contract and common carrier in 1986.

The owners of Moeller Trucking Inc., which is located at 2460 Cassella-Montezuma Road, Maria Stein, are Gary, Terry, Tim, Art, Mike Moeller, and Charlie Muhlenkamp.



Ohio Recycling.

Origin Of Ohio Recycling Chickasaw, Ohio

Part of the business began early in 1981, at Ohio Recycling, just west of Chickasaw on State Rt. 274.

The company name of Ohio Recycling was registered in the state of Ohio already on October 26, 1977, by Al Lochtefeld, to prevent other companies from carrying out business under the name of Ohio Recycling. The company of Ohio Recycling was registered as a company to recycle glass, non-ferrous metals and papers. The intention was to begin in the recycling of beverage cans to create a true recycling image and to begin with the least financial exposure.

Between the time of October 26, 1977, and the start of the business in 1981, certain preparation and market studies were carried out to assure sufficient long term volume could be available to the area of Chickasaw. In addition, we closely monitored the trend of the bi-metal (steel) can to the all aluminum can. Even in the beginning of 1981, over 60 percent of the beverage cans were bi-metal. For practical purposes, the bi-metal can was non-recyclable causing many problems.

Ohio Recycling's prime target was to provide an outlet for recyclable items for private individuals and small business, rather than placing the emphasis on large industries.

In May of 1981, after graduation from school, Ron Lochtefeld took an active full time role to work and manage the Ohio Recycling Co.

Through the balance of 1981 and 1982, when a high percentage of steel cans remained on the market, it placed certain concerns to further invest in capital equipment and expansions.

In approximately mid 1983, Strohs, who was the area's largest seller of beer, and who indirectly had close ties with the steel industry, made the decision to change from steel to aluminum. This resulted in a great improvement in Ohio Recycling's efforts toward recycling.

Shortly thereafter, Ohio Recycling began to install balers in various grocery stores and plants for the expansion of recycling of cardboard. Further strides were made to increase the volume of glass, copper, brass, lead, and all grades of aluminum.

In addition to various part time employees, Ohio Recycling then employed two additional full time employees, namely Alan Brackman and Joe Voskuhl.

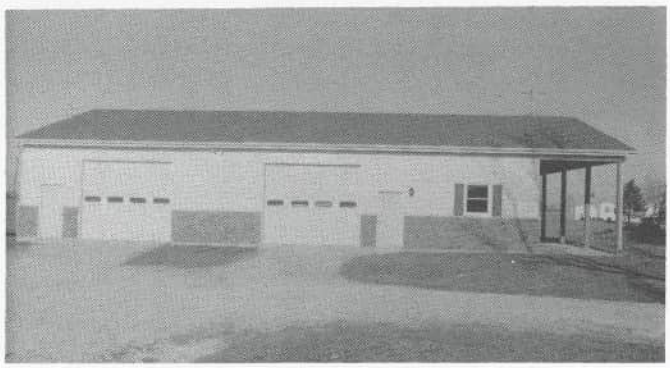
Due to the expansion of Ohio Recycling, it was decided for long term protection to change the structure of Ohio Recycling, to Ohio Recycling, Inc., which became official July 1, 1986.

As of 1987, Ohio Recycling Inc. maintains a fleet of four (4) semi-trailers, together with smaller trucks, balers, and various processing equipment and has one of the first and largest aluminum can biscuit presses in the United States, which processes up to 3600 lbs. of cans per hour.

Our goal is to continue to be a first class recycling center for commodities of beverage cans, glass, baled cardboard, copper, and all grades of aluminum.

Regarding other commodities of which we do not recycle, such as various grades of plastics, rubber tires etc., requires further study before it will be financially feasible. If it's later decided to consider such commodities, it would require another site.

In summary, Ohio Recycling Inc., would like to thank the residents of Chickasaw and all its neighboring communities for their past, present and future support in our mutual efforts of planned recycling.



Virgil Puthoff Construction.

Virgil Puthoff Construction

Virgil H. Puthoff started his business in the year of 1978, at 121 W. Franklin St. Being inspired by his father at an early age he always had the ambition to become a carpenter. His father was a carpenter from 1945 until his death in 1959, at the age of 41 years, when Virgil was twelve years old. Having had a chance to accompany his father a few times on the job, he decided to pursue his ambition.

His business consists of any general remodeling work or any new construction jobs. He does any small repairs and also some barn work. He employs three to five employees depending on the work load.

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Puthoff Plumbing

Puthoff Plumbing is owned and operated by Merinus Puthoff. He started the business in April of 1980. Previously he had owned the Town Tavern for approximately six years. Prior to that time he worked for many years for Gagel's Hardware of Maria Stein doing plumbing and heating work.

He now works out of the Spoltman Hardware building. He does all types of plumbing as well as furnace and heating repairs.



Son Gary Spoltman, Bill Spoltman, owner of Spoltman Hardware 1945 - 1974 and other son, Ron Spoltman.



Spoltman Hardware, owned by Arnold Homan.

Spoltman Hardware

In October, 1974, the Spoltman Hardware was offered for sale. Arnold Homan purchased it from Craig Spoltman and the Rentz Brothers. A 12 x 30 ft. addition was added to the south end for storage. A portion of the building is used to house the U. S. Post Office. Don Wolters is an employee of Spoltman Hardware and runs the post office. Following is the history of the property owners:

1974 - Homan, Arnold & Lillian
1945 - Spoltman, Wm.
1904 - Meinerding, J. J. - paid $929.29 - built hardware store
1904 - Plas, H. H. - owned all of Lot #3
1904 - Ranly, Mary - paid $300.00

Stachler Construction

Myron Stachler started his involvement in the construction business when he was 16 years old, working part time for his father, Ray Stachler, who owned his own construction business. In April of 1972, Ray retired from the business and turned the company over to three of his sons, Myron, Roger, and Homer. At that time the company held the name Stachler Brothers Construction. In January of 1980, the corporation involving the three brothers was dissolved and Myron began his own company centered in the Chickasaw area and employing 6 full time employees. As of July, 1987, Myron employs Edward Moorman, Michael Bruns, Kenneth Everman, Scott Stachler, Tom Eifert, Mark McClurg, Doug Mangen, Doug Steinbrunner, Rodney Bertke, and Randy Giere. Throughout his career Myron has worked for many people in and around the Chickasaw area.



Back bar bought in 1913 from Charles Meinerding for $1000.00.



Town Tavern as it looked in 1928 when it was operated by A. J. Rengers.

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Inside view of Town Tavern as it looked in 1960.



Town Tavern owned and operated for 43 years by A. J. Rengers. Present owners are Joe & Norma Jean Puthoff.

Town Tavern

In the pre-prohibition days of the 1920's eight saloons did a good business in Chickasaw. One tavern known as the Town Tavern still remains from the early 1900's. Joseph Hein owned the tavern prior to 1928 when he sold it to Fred Hilgefort. Fred owned the tavern for 2 weeks when he resold the business to Anthony J. Rengers who bought the stock and fixtures. The building belonged to the Wooden Shoe Brewing Company or Star Brewing Co. in Minster. In 1932, the law changed and breweries were no longer permitted to run a retail part of the beverage business. At that time A. J. Rengers bought the building. He operated the Town Tavern for 43 years until he sold the tavern to Richard Puthoff in April, 1972, who later took in Merinus Puthoff as a partner. Several years after Rich Puthoff sold his share to Merinus Puthoff. Joseph Puthoff and Lavern (Mels) Moeller bought the tavern in 1978. In 1984, Joe Puthoff bought and now owns the entire tavern.

The top and back bar are the original bars bought in 1913 by Charles Meinerding for $1000.00. Also, over the years A. J. Rengers had a very large beer can collection which he stored over the top of the back bar.

The history of the previous owners of this property are as follows:

1984 - Joseph & Norma Jean Puthoff
1978 - Lavern Moeller & Joseph Puthoff
1974 - Merinus & Alice Puthoff
1972 - Richard & Helen Puthoff
Merinus & Alice Puthoff
1933 - A. J. Rengers
1903 - Star Brewing Co.
1902 - Bils, Jacob J. & Frances
1902 - Bils, Catharine
1901 - Schroeder, Gerhard
1901 - Bils, John G.
1891 - Dues, Joseph & Anna
1890 - Fleck, John Sr. & Mary

Wallpapering - by Minnie Stachler

Wallpapering by Minnie Stachler was started in June, 1976. There are two ladies involved in the business. They are Diana Steinbrunner, who began working with Minnie in September of 1979, and Dot Krieg of Wapakoneta who began working in July of 1985. Minnie and her girls install all types of wallcoverings and have done many jobs in the Chickasaw area, one of which was the installation of the wallcoverings in the Zahn-Marion Township Branch Library located in Chickasaw.

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PAST FAMILY HISTORIES



Henry and Loretta (Winner) Bills 1927.



Ferdinand and Mary Elizabeth (Schroeder) Gast

HENRY BILLS FAMILY HISTORY

Henry Bills married Loretta Winner in Oct. 1927. They had five children, Norma, Walter, Esther, Paul and Barbara.

Norma married Edward Swink and they have six children, Gary, Mike, Connie, Kathy, Pam and Tom. Walter married Vera Gehl, their six children are; Jeffery, Michael, Tina, Vickey, Steve and David. Esther married Robert Elking, their three children are; David, Robert, and Laura. Paul married Rita Fisher; they have two children, Terry and Alan. Barbara married David Smith; they had three children, David, Jill and Andy.

Henry Bills' parents were Bernard Bills and Anna Homa who were married Jan. 16, 1893. His maternal grandparents were Bernard Homan and Mary Evers. Bernard Homan came from Germany when he was 18 years old.

Henry's paternal grandparents were Henry Bills and Anna Koenig married Feb. 22, 1848. Henry Bills came to America from Germany in about 1847 or 1848.

Henry's paternal great-grandparents were Henry Bills and Gertrude Wesler. This couple did not come to America, they remained in Germany.



Anthony and Margaret (Gast) Hartings; July 5, 1915



Left to right: Ferdinand, Joseph, and Bernard Desch with their Belgium stallions about 1900. Bernard was state representative from 1935-1938.

GAST FAMILY HISTORY

Peter (b. 1818 - d. 12-10-1886) came from Germany. His first wife was Gertrude Eilerman and his second wife was Mrs. Mary Enneking Fortman (b. 1822 - d. 4-22-1875). Frederick and Bernadine (Wissman) Schroeder were our great grandparents. Our grandparents were Mary Elizabeth Schroeder (b. 10-31-1861 - d. 2-18-1932) and Ferdinand Peter Gast (b. 11-1-1859 - d. 9-9-1934). Ferdinand and Mary had five children, Clem, Andrew, Margaret, Loretta, and Joseph, died in infancy. Their home was where Julius Bruns lives now. They were caretakers of the church. Grandma Mary Gast was a seamstress, making many area wedding dresses, confirmation dresses, and anniversary dresses. At one time they ran a store in the front room of their home. Later it was used as a barber shop and beauty parlor operated by Loretta Gast. Grandpa worked at the brick factory in Chickasaw.

Clem married Pauline (Pearl) Sauer. They lived in Dayton. They had two daughters Aurelia and Marcella and both married Valiquette's (cousins) Robert and Leonard. They visited Chickasaw often and have fond memories of the town. Playing ball on the school lot and Fr. Dick would come over and umpire. No one argued with his calls. Playing ice hockey with old tree limbs and an old tin can on the pond behind the hatchery. Girls made fudge or popcorn and played jacks, chinese checkers and listened to the radio. Outside games were "Annie, Annie Over" or "Red Rover" or Hide and Seek. In the wintertime, after a big snow we would sled down the street (now 274) to Rentz Brothers bridge or down Indian Hill.

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My sisters remember the dances they used to attend in the woods, "Grieshop's Grove." Aunt Iva and Aunt Loretta worked in the kitchen and they would take my sisters along to the dances. They had large crowds and all had lots of fun. The dances were for all ages, not just the young crowd.

My sister remembers Fr. Menge telling us about the "electric chair" he had seen at a Columbus prison.

Andrew Gast married Iva Gear and they lived where Val Homan lives today. It was a three story home. They lived in Arlington, Virginia for a while. He owned a restaurant and offices in Washington D. C. He had show dogs that he traveled with to dog shows all over the U. S. Leonard, their son lived with his father. Iva and daughter, Ruth and Helen moved back to Chickasaw and later to Lima. Iva married Allen Pontius of Coldwater, both deceased now. Ruth married Gene Wildermuth and lives in Wapakoneta. Helen (deceased) married Werner Braun of Coldwater and they live in Lima area.

Loretta (deceased) married Leonard Treon. They had one son Leon. They lived in a house trailer on the property of the Tom Heitbrink home today. Leon was the Imperial Potentate in the Shrine in Naples, Florida. Now he is working with a crippled childrens hospital in Mexico and lives there six months and six months in Florida.

Margaret Gast married Anthony Hartings. They had seven children and lived in the house where Charles Huelsman lives now. Anthony died in 1950. Uncle Herb and our brother Andrew built a two story house in Chickasaw, the Harold Koester's home. She lived there till she died in 1954.

Rosalie (Sally) married Fonn Decker. Her father and brother Andy built their house and garage (the Tom Heitbrink residence). They now live in St. Marys. John and wife Deloris, Jim, Marlene, Sharon and Frank Thomas all live in St. Marys. Mary and Jim Stein in Celina, and Cheryl and Scott Newsbery in Wapakoneta.

Viola married Walter (Walkie) Davis (deceased). Two sons Gerald of Celina and Ed of Montezuma are their children.

Julia married Richard Beck (deceased-1968). Julie married Robert Maxwell (deceased-1982) and is presently married to Cletus (Dutch) Heyne in 1986. They live in Dayton. Julia and Richard had five children; Sandra and Martin Cummins of Dayton, Linda and Bill Begoon of Greenville, Patty Caron of Minn., Debbie and Gary Parks, Dresden, Ohio, Larry and Sue Beck, New Lebanon, Ohio.

Jerome was killed in action in World War II in Berlin, Germany. *See VFW History (Ed. Note).

Andrew married Cathy Brosmer of Jasper, Indiana. He served in the army during the Korean War. They have seven children, all married living in the Jasper area, Carol Jordon, Andrew and Dee (Seitz) Hartings Jr., Betty and Ed Schum, Debbie and Joe Sanders, Tony and Vicky Hartings, Margery and Steve Werner, and Tammy and Mark Pfaff.

Donald Hartings married Pearl Moore of Weatherford, Texas while in the army. They have three daughters, Vicky and Stan Narramore, Donna and George Bond, and Pam and Joe Ramsey, all of Texas.

Martha married Richard Sherman of Sidney. They built the present home of Kevin Pohlman in Chickasaw. Susan, Thomas and wife Robin live in Columbus. Tim and Rose (Wyen) live in New Knoxville. Therese and Rick Uppenkamp live in Maria Stein. Martha and Dick now live in New Bremen.

Martha and Richard Sherman



Grieshops Log Cabin, south side of Grand Lake, Celina; known as Bay View Lodge since 1943. Building before the fire.



Grieshop Saloon owned by Louis Grieshop located in Cassella.

GRIESHOP FAMILY HISTORY

John Henry and Helena (Sheper) Grieshop moved to Chickasaw in 1846 to the present farm of Bob Fleck. In 1848, his fourth child Bernard was born, the other three being born in Germany. Bernard married Mary Rutschilling and they stayed on the farm. Their eight children were born there: Henry, Anna, Helen, Elizabeth, Catherine, Louise, Julius, and Dorthea.

Henry married Philomena Morthorst and moved to St. Henry. Anna married Jacob Froning. Helen married Dr. Henry G. Rawer. Elizabeth married John Dorsten. Catherine married Samuel Hart. Louise and Juluis never married. Dorthea married Juluis Buehler.

Henry and Philomena later moved back to the present farm of Maurice Homan with their five children. Leo who married Audrey Mangen. Otto who married Mary Barga. Helen who never married. Elmer who married Alma Lichty and Elaine who died after living a few days.

In 1946, Leo and Audrey got married and moved to the Maurice Homan farm. Their five children were born there. Thomas who married Olene Buschor now live at Mendon. William who married Susan Steinke is now deceased. Marilyn married Arthur Fiely now lives at Cranberry. Carol married Thomas Hemmelgarn lives at Maria Stein. Edward married Teresa Winner lives at Osgood.



The Louis Grieshop Family; Left to Right Gregory, Linus, Cyril, Ivo; Georgiana Alexander, Mary Catherine the mother, Evelyn Puthoff, Louis the father and Bernadette Lengerich.

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Louis Grieshop home, today the home of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Lochtefeld



L to R: Alice, Dennis, Eleanor-Mother, Joseph-Dad, Ernest, Geneva.

LOUIS GRIESHOP FAMILY HISTORY

Louis Grieshop (b. 2-1877 - d. 12-1946) was the son of Henry (b. 10-12-1840 - d. 11-2-1911) and Mary Ann (Hinders) Grieshop. Henry and Mary had eleven children. They were Louis, John, August, Frank, Bernard, William, Mrs. Roman (Adeline) Gast, Mrs. Henry (Katherine) Schwieterman, Mrs. Joe (Rosa) Meinerding, Mrs. Frank (Helena) Vonderhaar and Mrs. Fred (Clara) Wyen.

Louis Grieshop married Mary Elizabeth Link (d. 11-1947) on January 28, 1904. They were married for 42 years and had ten children. Their children were Eugene, died at childbirth; Gregory who married Mary Yager and they had five children, Dr. Joseph, Louis, Gregory, Alfred, and Therese; Cyril who married Mary Johnsman; Linus who married Anne Dabbelt; Ivo who married Aurelia Coughlin and they had four children, Col. David, Mary Ellen, James, and Anne; Olive died in an auto accident at age 19 in 1932; Arnold was killed by a car in 1921 at the age of six on his way home from school; Evelyn who married Henry Puthoff and they have eight children, Nicholas, Donna, Janet, Gary, John, Anthony, Marcia and Louise; Georgiane who married Chalmer Alexander and they have five children, Barbara, Jane, William, Joyce, and James (deceased in a freak accident when a semi-truck lost control and demolished Georgiana's home in April of 1987); and Bernadette married Clarence Lengerich and they had five children, Genita, Patricia, Elizabeth, C. Paul, and Joseph (deceased).

Louis Grieshop was born on a farm east of Chickasaw. At the age of 21, his right arm was amputated due to a corn picker accident. He then left the farm and bought a saloon in Cassella. In 1914, Louis and his father-in-law, John Link, bought an elevator and called it the Chickasaw Milling Company and later began to mill Blue Ribbon Flour.

He also owned and operated a landing on the south side of Grand Lake. It was called the Grieshop's Log Cabin. It consisted of a large log cabin clubhouse and restaurant plus individual cabins built by the family. In 1943, the Grieshop Log Cabin was sold and is now known as Bay View Lodge.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN LOUIS GRIESHOP'S FAMILY

Louis Grieshop and Joseph Mestemaker were the first car dealers in the area. They sold Ford and the Detroiter. At that time, there was a speed limit sign that read 8 mph. in Chickasaw. Louis met Joseph Kennedy (father of the late President John Kennedy). They met in regard to the railroad, which ran through Chickasaw, as the Chickasaw Depot was on the property of the elevator. Louis met and knew Buffalo Bill, husband of Annie Oakley. Kenny Subler hauled his first load of flour out of Chickasaw, from the Chickasaw Milling Company. He delivered it to Chicago and that was the start of the Subler Trucking Company which is located in Versailles.

The elevator burned in 1940 and was rebuilt. At this time, the elevator discontinued the flour business and became strictly a feed and grain elevator.

Louis Grieshop also managed three oil wells east of Chickasaw. They were located on, as known then, the Buehler farm, one on the Henry Grieshop farm, and one on the August Grieshop farm.

Bernadette Lengerich was on her way home from grade school at noon for lunch and surprisingly came upon the scene of the robbery of the Chickasaw Bank by the noted gangster, John Dillinger and as Bernie said, Dillinger took my $19.00 I had on deposit. "Such luck!"

Bernadetta Lengerich

JOSEPH F. HEIN FAMILY HISTORY

Joe was born on a farm in Chickasaw on October 17, 1916. He married Elenore Clune also of Chickasaw. He ran the Chickasaw Tavern from 1922 to 1928 and lived in the house next door. He also had a milk route for the Pet for 25 years. They had four children, all born in Chickasaw.

Ernest living at Coldwater Beach, married to Clarina Buschor. One son, Darrell married to Judy Rentz. They have one son, Joey.

Geneva living in St. Henry, married to William H. Dues, Jr. He is deceased. They have no children.

Alice living in St. Henry, married to Dennis Eyink. Dennis is deceased. They have three children: Phyllis married to Robert Lewis, one child, Karen. Ronald married to Pamela Huelsman, two children: Chris and Lynn. Michael married to Molinda Frysinger, two sons, Erik and Anthony.

Dennis living in Cincinnati, married to Alice Wietzel. They have two children. Pamela married to Thomas Meyer, three children: Cassandra, Anna Victoria, and Jorden. Douglas married to Donna Morgan, one son, Christopher, two step-daughters, Machell and Tamie.



Frank Linneman, learned his blacksmith trade from Joe Dorsten.

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Bernard and Mary (Koch) Linneman. He was a foreman on the C. H. & D. railroad. This home still stands in Chickasaw and is the home of Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Garman.



Bernard Linneman Family; Front Row, L to R - Cecelia, Rosemary; 2nd Row, L to R - Katherine, Father Bernard Linneman, Anna, Mother Mary Koch Linneman, William, Louisa Hartings Linneman (wife of John); 3rd Row, L to R - Ferdinand, Caroline, Frank, Henry, John. Joseph died in infancy. Leo had not been born at time picture was taken.

BERNARD LINNEMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Bernard Linneman came to the United States from Baden, Germany with his parents, Bernard and Maria Linneman, when he was about nine years old (approx. 1863). They first settled at Price Hill, Cincinnati, then came north to Cranberry Prairie. Bernard Linneman had one brother, Henry, who lived at Sidney and one sister, Mary Linneman Dieters, who lived at Minster. Maria Linneman, Bernard Linneman's mother is buried at Minster. Bernard Linneman's father who was also named Bernard, was buried at St. Rose.

Bernard Linneman, son of Bernard and Maria Linneman, married Mary Koch, daughter of Ferdinand Koch and Maria Buehler Koch and granddaughter of Wendeln and Theresa Koch and of August and Catherine Buehler. He lived with his mother near St. Sebastian and farmed. When he married Mary Koch of Chickasaw he settled in Chickasaw in a home which is presently at 60 State St. and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Garman. They had twelve children, John, Henry, Frank, Katherine, Caroline, William, Ferdinand, Anna, Cecelia, Leo, Joseph, and Rosemary.

Bernard was a foreman on the C. H. & D. railroad. Bernard went to Ottawa for a while to make more money by working on the railroad there, but his wife (Mary) refused to leave Chickasaw. After six months Bernard came back to Chickasaw and rejoined his family.

Mary Koch Linneman's sister Rosa was married to John Link of Chickasaw. John Link was in partnership with Henry Gast in the hardware and bar business which was housed in the huge brick Gast building on Franklin St., Route 274 of Chickasaw.

Henry, Caroline, William, and Bernard and Mary Linneman are all buried in the Precious Blood Cemetery of Chickasaw.

Mary Koch Linneman was a very hard worker, not only did she raise twelve children, two of which died in infancy, but she also helped her father farm between time.

Bernard and Mary's daughter, Katherine stayed with Grandpa and Grandma Koch on the farm and helped them. When she was 15 years old and her mother had just given birth to Leo, she came home to help her mother. Katherine worked for John Kroeger and later worked for Dr. Rawers and at the store for Ben Rawers for five years. Katherine married John Fischer of Minster and much of this information comes from her. Katherine and John Fischer had one daughter, Marie and she married Ray Schneider and they reside at West Lake Village in Minster. Katherine passed away in 1980 and she was the last of the Bernard Linneman family.

Ferd and Henry both worked on the railroad as their father Bernard did at Chickasaw. Bernard made $49.00 a month. Ferd never liked the railroad work. He said you got hurt too often. Bill worked for Hagedorns. Frank learned his trade as a blacksmith from Joseph Dorsten, the blacksmith in Chickasaw at that time. He even wrote a poem as a young child on his ambition to be a blacksmith. The poem went like this:

A blacksmith I will be
I'll shoe the horses neat and tight
And trot them around the square
To see if they are right.

Frank married Mary Klosterman, the daughter of Rudolph Klosterman and Mary Niekamp. Frank and Mary moved to Montezuma, at the present home of Bernice (Linneman) Reichert. Frank started the F. H. Linneman Blacksmith Shop in Montezuma which was located next to the present Arnies Corner Restaurant.

Frank and Mary had four children, Vernon (deceased) of Montezuma, Lewis of Bryan, Ohio, Marcella (Toddy) Eilerman of Coldwater, and Bernice Reichert of Montezuma.

Marcella remembers going with her father (Frank) to the area farms to shoe horses. He often went to Chickasaw then to visit his mother on his many horseshoeing trips. She remembers Frank giving his mother a little money now and then on his many trips. Later the farmers brought their horses into the blacksmith shop for shoeing. When horses went out, he sharpened plowshares.

Frank's children were Vernon, who married Violet Birt and they had one daughter; Connie Linneman married to Stella Weber and they had no children. Marcella married Mark Eilerman and they have nine children. They are Mark Jr., Robert, Patricia, Pamela, Mary, Michael, Deborah, David and Charles. Bernice married Arnold (Barney) Reichert and they have three sons, Steve, Chris, and Michael. Bernice still lives on the home place of Frank and Mary (Klosterman) Linneman in Montezuma.

Submitted by Bernice Reichert and Marcella Eilerman.

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CHICKASAW, FAMILY HISTORY



Eugene & Clara Jane Ballweg

EUGENE AND CLARA JANE (WILL) BALLWEG FAMILY HISTORY

Eugene and C. Jane Ballweg were married on May 30, 1956. They built their home at 68 E. Walnut St. and moved their in May of 1957. Their home was the first home built in the Mulberry St. addition.

Eugene and Jane have three children; Kenneth Joseph, born March 22, 1959; Lisa Ann born March 22, 1962; and Linda Suzanne, born October 31, 1965.

Kenneth, a graduate of Marion Local High School and several Tri Star education programs, lives with his parents.

Lisa attended the University of Cincinnati for four years majoring in mechanical engineering and is now married to Rick Bishop of Hubbard, Ohio, a mechanical engineer and now lives in Macon, Georgia.

Linda attends Ohio State and will receive her B.S. in nursing in the summer of 1988.

Eugene is employed as a machinist at General Dynamics in Lima. Jane is a receptionist and business assistant for Richard R. Ramsey D.D.S.; also having served as organist and choir director at the Precious Blood Church of Chickasaw from 1978-1986.

Eugene, born August 1, 1928, is the son of Edward P. Ballweg (b. 6-8-1896 - d. 12-28-1981) and Minnie V. Townsend (b. 9-23-1891 - d. 6-22-1967). They had five other children: Treva Pietrzak (deceased), Dayton; LaHoma Egbert, Kettlersville; Melba Tangeman, Beavercreek; Cletus, St. Marys; and Robert, Botkins.

Eugene's grandparents were Marian Ballweg (b. 1858 - d. 1930) and in 1885 he married Elizabeth Leininger (b. 1862 - d.1942). Grandparents on his mother's side were Elmer S. Townsend (b. 6-1-1868 - d. 1954) and he married on (9-4-1890) Ada Shields (b. 11-14-1872 - d. 2-28-1945).

Great grandparents of Eugene were Korona Ballweg (b. 1825 - d. 1899). He was married to Magnus (last name unknown) b. 1822 - d. 3-16-1860). Great grandparents on the Townsend side were William (b. 12-24-1830 - d. 6-12-1892) and he married Elizabeth Hartzell (b. 2-9-1934 - d. 2-19-1925). His great grandfather Shields was Patrick (b. 1831) and he was married to Mary Jane Brown (birth & death unknown).

Korona Ballweg, great grandfather, came to the United State from Germany, (Prussia), and settled near Fryburg, as farmers.

The Townsends came via South Carolina and eventually settling in Abbottsville, near Greenville, Ohio.

The Hartzell family came to Darke Co. via Pennsylvania.

Most of these ancestors were farmers.

C. Jane (Will) Ballweg's parents were Lawrence A. Will (b. 9-27-1891). He married Theresia C. Jacobs (b. 1-29-1893 - d. 9-18-1972) on June 1, 1915.

Grandparents of Jane were Henry Will (b. 10-26-1862 - d. 7-10-1950) who married Veronica Buehler (b. 9-26-1865 - d. 1-31-1950) in 1889. Veronica Buehler's parents were Raymond Buehler, who was married to a Koch. Henry lived on a farm in St. Sebastian where they raised a family of ten children (3 daughters and 7 sons) until 1928, when they moved to Coldwater. Grandparents on her mother's side were Frank Jacobs (b. 5-7-1850 - d. 7-8-1931) and Anna Post (b. 2-22-1855 - d. 6-8-1936). It was at St. Peter that Frank and Anna, daughter of Bernard Post married and settled. Frank was a shoemaker and also the postmaster. They had 11 children, 4 sons and 7 daughters, one being Theresia who married Lawrence Will.

Great grandparents of Jane were Henry Will (b. 11-9-1934 - d. 3-11-1912) and Caroline Kremer (b. 5-24-1839 - d. 6-17-1925). Henry was born in Wheeling, West Virginia and died in St. Sebastian at the age of 77. They had nine children, 5 daughters and 4 sons. Great grandparents on the Jacob's side were John Jacobs and Anna (Lurcher) Jacobs. Great grandparents on the Post side were Bernard Herman Post (b. 7-16-1831 - d. 1-31-1897) at Rose Garden (St. Rose). In 1865, Bernard moved his family to a farm near St. Peter.

Great great grandparents of Jane were John Will (b. 4-25-1808) and he married Eva Schwanzer who died on 6-13-1883. He was born in Hesse, Prussia and received his citizenship on 7-27-1842 in Celina. They came to Lillyville in 1874. They had nine children (5 daughters and 4 sons). After his wife Eva's death, John married Margaret Elizabeth Meyer and had two children, a son and a daughter. Great grandparents on the Post side were John Bernard Post (b. 1784 - d. 5-29-1862). He was married to Anna Maria Theresia Reithaus on 8-15-1830. John and Anna immigrated to America from Westphalia, Germany, and arrived on January 1, 1836. They settled in the St. Rose area.

Lawrence, Jane's father was one of 10 children, grew up on the family farm in St. Sebastian working as a farm hand before he married Theresia and then moved to St. Peter where they raised their 10 children; Anna Maria Diller, Ft. Recovery; Dorothy Sliemers, Lima; Sr. Ruth Will C.PP.S, Minster; Viro Will, Ft. Recovery; Rita Boeckman, Coldwater; Luke Will, St. Peter; Rosella Broering, Cassella; Sr. Laura Will, C.PP.S, Celina; Sr. Patricia Will, C.PP.S, Dayton, and Jane. Lawrence farmed and had an apple orchard. Another hobby was raising bees and selling honey. Late he became an insurance agent. He now lives at the Maria Joseph Living Care Center on Salem Ave., in Dayton.

Lawrence remembers as a young man helping build the first gravel road between Chickasaw and New Bremen. This was done by shoveling the gravel from the train cars by hand.

VERNON BERGMAN HISTORY

The Vernon Bergman family lives at 56 E. Wayne St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Donna Wenning on July 31, 1982. Vernon, born on August 16, 1960, works at Crown Control. His wife, born September 20, 1960, is employed at Marwil Products.

Mr. Bergman's parents are Joseph and Alma Bergman and his grandparents are Fred and Katharine Bergman and Peter and Regina Rawh. Mrs. Bergman's parents are Ralph and Mary Ann Wenning and her grandparents are John and Mary Wenning and August and Elizabeth Riethman.



Wilma and Elmer Bergman



Frederick Hein and Wilma (Hein) Bergman

WILMA BERGMAN HISTORY

Wilma Bergman was the daughter of the late Henry and Clara (Ronnebaum) Hein. Her grandparents were Joseph Hein and Mary Wolters. Joseph Hein was born in Chickasaw on Dec. 13, 1859 and died Dec. 2, 1943. Mary (Wolters) Hein was born July 10, 1863 in Baden, Germany and died August 27, 1963. Her grandfather's dad was Blassaus Hein and married Theresa Ruf, who was born in 1837 and died Dec. 7, 1901 in Baden, Germany.

Wilma's father and mother had 5 children. Her oldest brother is Leon of St. Sebastian, who married Rosie Liette. Her oldest sister, Leona, lives at St. Henry and is married to Wilfred Steinlage. Her other sister, Marian married Julius Siefring and lives at New Weston. Her younger brother is Frederick (Fritz) and he married Kay Schenking and they live on the home place.

Wilma married Elmer Bergman of Maria Stein on Nov. 10, 1945. They had three children, Vernon, Marilyn, and Leon. Vernon, born June 24, 1947 and is married to Evelyn Meyer, born Feb. 28, 1948. Vernon has 4 children, Tina, Aaron, Jon, and Ryan. Vernon lives at Yorkshire.

Marilyn, born Oct. 8, 1948 is married to Roger Seger, born Dec. 28, 1945. They live at Piqua, Ohio and have 4 children, Mark, Melinda, Dean and Denise.

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Wilma Bergman cont.

Leon, born May 7, 1953 is married to Cheryl Hierholzer, born Oct. 30, 1955. They have 4 children, Kurt, Jennifer, Darren and Allen. They live on the home farm.

Elmer, her husband, died May 1, 1978 after having heart surgery on Jan. 2, 1978. Wilma lived with Leon Bergman, their son and wife who stayed on the Bergman home place. This is located two miles south of Maria Stein on Huwer Rd.

In July , 1984, Wilma moved to 4 Franklin St. in Chickasaw in a double house. Wilma's Aunt Mary Ronnebaum lives on one side of the apartment house which they shared together. In 1987, Mary sold half the home to Wilma and the other half to her brother Fred (Fritz) Hein.

Wilma went all eight years at Chickasaw school to the brick building which still stands. Leo Vonderhaar and Ray Dobmeyer were her two teachers. She walked to school every day from Sept. to May and went to Mass every morning. She left home before 7:00 A.M. to get there on time. She went to school from 1930 to 1946. They had a coal furnace and outside restrooms and outside water. Years ago when there were teacher's meetings, Mr. Vonderhaar would never go. They always had to go to school.

She walked with a whole string of kids. Wilma's 2 brothers and sisters, Edgar Eyink, Kuess's, Niekamp's and Brunswick's were the ones she walked with every day to school.

School was seldom closed. One time they couldn't get home for two days. They stayed at Joe Hein's in Chickasaw.

They walked past Grieshop's Grove on their way to school. On Mondays, they would leave home early so they could walk the grove to find things. They found a bracelet one time. Wilma and her friends never went in the dance hall, only the grounds.



Tom and Peggy Berning, children: Jay and Adam.

TOM BERNING FAMILY HISTORY

The Tom Berning family lives at 33 Liberty St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Peg Severt on September 25, 1982. Tom, born on March 7, 1958, works at Regal Plumbing & Heating. His wife, born January 10, 1959, is employed as a Bank Teller. They have two children, Jay, born September 7, 1984 and Adam, born April 17, 1986.

Mr. Berning's parents are Raymond (deceased) and Lucille (Schlater) Berning and his grandparents are Leo and Ann (Placke) Berning and Joseph and Ursula Schlater. Mrs. Berning's parents are Alvin and Mary Ann (Gross) Severt and her grandparents are Adam and Catherine (Braun) Gross and Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt.



Left to Right, standing - Kelly, Jenny, Jason. Sitting - Ann, Jeff, Jay.

JAMES BEYKE FAMILY HISTORY

Jay was born Nov. 14, 1948 in Greenville to Mary Goubeaux and Jacob Beyke, who live in Cranberry Prairie. His family consists of John, Mary Jo Jansen, Betty Garke, Jerry, Jay, Tom, Jane, Dan and Mark. Jay's grandparents were Tresa Lachet and John Goubeaux of Frenchtown and Walberga Rohr and Henry Beyke of Burkettsville. His great grandparents were Mary Subler and Frank Goubeaux of Frenchtown and Mary Tresa Baumer and Ben Beyke of Ferdinad, Indiana.

Ann was born July 6, 1950 in Troy, Ohio to Vdunta Steineman and Aloysius Thobe, who lived in Troy. Her family consists of Aloysius Jr, Bob, Mike, Ann, Dennis, Margaret, Mary Shock, Carolyn Wilson, Cindy Wright, Patricia (deceased), Joan Gibson, Tom, Joe, Nancy and Julie. Ann's grandparents were Anna Stockheuter and Frank Steineman of Minster and Helena Eilerman and Joseph Thobe of Willowdell. Her great grandparents were Mary Vonderheide and Herman Steineman of Minster.

Ann and Jay were married in St. Patrick's Church, Troy, Ohio on Sept. 16, 1972. They lived in Minster from 1972 until 1979. During that time, they became the parents of 4 children, Jennifer Ann, born June 23, 1973, Jason Alan, born July 29, 1974, Kelli Marie, born May 31, 1977 and Jeffrey Jon, born Oct. 6, 1978. In May, 1979, the Beyke family moved to their present home at 70 E. Wayne St., Chickasaw, which they built on land purchased from Irene and Urban Zahn.

Ann is an R.N. and is employed as an Occupational Health Nurse at Crown Controls in New Bremen. Jay is also employed at Crown Controls as a Test Engineer. Their four children attend Marion Local Schools in Maria Stein, Ohio.

LESTER BILLS FAMILY HISTORY

Lester Bills' parents are Anthony Bills, born February 19, 1896, and Leona (Boeke) Bills, born February 6, 1901. They lived on Auglaize-Mercer County Line Rd., New Bremen, Ohio and had five children.

Their daughter, Verena, born Feb. 17, 1927, married Richard Langenkamp on May 14, 1949 and they have five children. Rita married Ronald Kremer on May 29, 1971 and they have three children, Gregory, Brenda, and Susan. Irene married Robert Kuenning and they have two children, Jeffrey and Lisa. Agnes married Thomas Wermert on Aug. 9, 1975 and they have two children, Stephanie and Abbie. Henry married Pat Zumwald on Aug. 2, 1985 and they have one child, Brent. James married Susan Steines on Oct. 15, 1983 and they have one child, Adam.

Their daughter, Armella Ann, born April 5, 1929, married Charles Leo Steinke on Oct. 27, 1951 and they have six children. Robert married Anna Deloye on May 22, 1976 and they have three children, Renee, Tracy, and Brett. Roger Lee married Mary Wagner on Oct. 30, 1976 and they have three children, Jennifer, Christopher, and Jonathan. Michael married Annette Steinke and they have two children, Kelli and Aaron. Thomas born on Feb. 22, 1959. Mark born Aug. 20, 1960 has three children, Todd, Eric, and Kimberly. Brian born May 17, 1974.

Their daughter, Joan, born April 29, 1932, married Ben Post on Jan. 3, 1953 and they have fourteen children. Daniel married Georgene Homan on July 21, 1979 and they have four children, Susan, Gina, Laura, and Jeremy. Donald born Nov. 9, 1955. Diane married Daniel Wellman on Oct. 4, 1980 and they have two children, Kristie and Michael. Debra married Steve Otting on May 2, 1981 and they have two children, Julie and David. Shirley married Richard Boeckman on April 16, 1983 and they have one child, Adam. Gary married Pat Fortkamp on Sept. 9, 1983 and they have one child, Lisa. Marie married Christopher McGee on April 4, 1988. Herbert was born Sept. 22, 1962. Luke was born Sept. 23, 1963. Linda was born Oct. 15, 1964. Leon was born Feb. 23, 1966. Alfred was born Aug. 26, 1968. Jane was born Jan. 30, 1970. Douglas was born July 23, 1971.

Their son Lester was born Dec. 17, 1935.

Their son Cyril, born Jan. 11, 1938, married Joanne Albers and they have seven children. Anthony was born Oct. 25, 1969. Eugene was born June 29, 1971. Christopher was born Aug. 29, 1972. Kenneth was born Sept. 8, 1973. Martin was born April 15, 1975. Joseph was born April 5, 1980. Jim was born June 20, 1982.

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Jerry and Eileen Bohman, Michelle, David, Michael, Ryan.

JEROME BOHMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Jerry (5-27-46) and Eileen (1-20-47) were married November 21, 1970 at St. Wendelin Catholic Church, St. Wendelin, Ohio. Jerry & Eileen reside with their 4 children (Michelle 3-6-72, David 9-8-74, Michael 9-4-75, Ryan 9-9-83) in the home they built in 1973 on Chickasaw Road.

Eileen is the daughter of Joseph (3-19-08—1-22-80) and Cleopha (Eckstein) (b. 9-30-19) Brunswick. Joseph & Cleopha were married 9-6-1941 and raised 9 children: Leon, Anna Marie (Schlamb), Kenneth, EILEEN (BOHMAN), Eugene, Roger, Cyril, Lester (deceased 1966) and Virginia (Fortkamp).

Maternal Grandparents of Eileen are Clem and Teresa (Rammel) Eckstein. They were married 5-1-1917 and had 11 children (Leopold, CLEOPHA (BRUNSWICK), Herman, Margaret (Benanzer), Clarence, Hilda (Niekamp), Imelda (Keller), Eugene, Irene (Mowen), Clem Jr., and Teresa (Bowersock).

Maternal Great-Grandparents are Leopold and Frances (Schuh) Eckstein. They came to America from Baden, Germany and were married on 9-28-1869. They raised 12 children: Charles, Sister Melentine, Sister Barbara, Joseph, John, Ferdinand, Louis, William, Henry, Nicholas, Teresa, and CLEM.

Maternal Great-Grandparents of Eileen are Peter Rammel and Margaret (Lieser) Rammel. Peter and Margaret were married 9-6-1892 and had 14 children: Barbara (Braun), TERESA (ECKSTEIN), Aloys, Frances (Timmerman), Lawrence, Adolph, Loretta (Heuker), Marie (Broeker), Othmar, Paul, Fred, Henry, and twin daughters who died as infants.

Maternal Great-Great-Grandparents are Joseph Rammel and Anna Mary (Erlbeck) Rammel. Joseph Rammel came from a family of 7 children—he was the only one to Come to America. He was born in one of the small provinces of Germany. On the same vessel that he crossed the Atlantic Ocean was Anna Mary Erlbeck. They became acquainted and were married at St. Wendelin and had 9 children: Joseph, Mary, George, John I, John II, Frank, Leonard, PETER, and Catherine.

Paternal Grandparents of Eileen are Henry Brunswick and Mary (Boeke) Brunswick. Henry and Mary were married in St. Rose, Ohio on 11-19-1895. They were the parents of 9 children: Olivia (Bergman), John, Lawrence, Ferdinand, Aloys, August, JOSEPH, Norbert and Linus. (John died at birth and August died at age 9 months.) Mary died March 1, 1923. On July 16, 1924, Henry married Margaret Brinkman—they had no children.

Paternal Great-Grandparents of Eileen are Bernard and Bernadine (Grevenkamp) Brunswick. They had 6 children: Andrew, Ben, John, Frank, HENRY, and Mary. Bernard died leaving Bernadine to raise the family. Bernadine sold 90 acres of her land to her son Henry in 1896. They cleared the land and built the barn in 1896. The four-room house was moved from a nearby farm. Later 4 more rooms were added. This house and farm were later sold to Joseph and his future wife (Cleopha Eckstein) on 2-19-1940. Eileen was born and raised on that farm.

The other set of Paternal Great-Grandparents of Eileen are Henry I Boeke and Mary Kleinhenz. Henry and Mary Boeke had 2 children: Katherine (Post) and MARY (BRUNSWICK). Henry Boeke died and Mary (Kleinhenz-Boeke) married Henry Polkamp. They had 4 daughters: Bernadine, Clara, Minnie, Frances.

Paternal Great-Great-Grandparents are Bernard Boeke and Elizabeth (Knapke) Boeke. Bernard Boeke has the earliest mark of Boeke ancestors in the book of original entries for land from the U.S.A. in Mercer County as dated 8-19-1835. Title for 80 acres are recorded 3-15-1837. He was one of the early pioneers in the beginning of St. John Catholic Church. Bernard and Elisabeth (Knapke) Boeke had 3 children: Bernard II (married Elisabeth Hagendon); HENRY I BOEKE (married Mary Kleinhenz); and Herman (married Catherine Elking).

Jerome Bohman is the son of Robert and Stella (Hoying) Bohman and was born and raised on a farm near Osgood, Ohio. Robert was born 12-29-10 in Osgood. Stella (Hoying) was born 1-22-11 in St. Patricks, Ohio and married Robert 6-1-1935. They are the parents of 5 children: Marilyn (Ahrns), Suzie (Hegemann), Martha (Albers), JEROME, and Bro. Thomas, C.PP.S.

Maternal Grandparents of Jerry are Frederick Hoying and Anna Puthoff Hoying. Frederick was born in Egypt, Ohio. Anna was born in St. Patricks, Ohio. They were married 9-27-1893 at St. Patricks and had 8 children: Clement, Julius, Anthony, Alice (Baumer), Mary (Neff), Pauline (Schultz), STELLA (BOHMAN), and Bernadine (Francks).

Maternal Great-Grandparents of Jerry are Bernard Kleine Puthoff and Elizabeth Goeke. Bernard Kleine Puthoff was born at Osterfine, Germany, in the office of Damme, near the city of Oldenburg. He came to the United States between 1828 and 1838. His name appears on the census of 1850 in Mercer County with the Henry Puthoff family. In 1857, he became a citizen of the United States and moved to St. Patricks. He married Elizabeth Goeke and had 9 children: John, Mary (Wuebker), Elizabeth (Hoying), Rosa (Hoying), Frank, ANNA (HOYING), Joseph, Catherine, and Henry.

Maternal Great-Great-Grandparents of Jerry are Maria Angela Kleine Puthoff and John Bernhard Winterman Puthoff. (John took his wife's name of Puthoff when they married). They both were born and raised in Germany.

Paternal Grandparents of Jerry are William Bohman and Irene Carol Smith. Irene Smith was born in Cunel, Wyandot County, Ohio. When Irene was 3 years of age, her Mother died. Left with 9 children to raise, Lewis Smith (Irene's Father) was unable to care for them and put them in 9 different homes. Irene was raised as an only child by Joseph and Mary Alexander near Osgood, Ohio. Irene and William had 3 children: ROBERT, Marjorie (Mayo) and Wilbur. William was a farmer at Osgood and died at age 42.

Paternal Great-Grandparents of Jerry are Lewis Smith and Mary Elizabeth Finkbone. They had 10 children: Charles, William, Lewis, Josephine, Henry, Mary, Maggie, Thomas, IRENE, and Leo.

Paternal Great-Great-Grandparents of Jerry are Joseph and Mary Eugena (Pequignot) Smith of Darke County. They were the parents of 5 children: Josephine, Joseph, Mary, LEWIS, and Jane. Joseph Smith helped build Holy Family Catholic Church at Frenchtown, Ohio.

Paternal Great-Great-Great-Grandparents of Jerry are August Schmitt and Mary Monnear. August Schmitt was born in France in 1810. Mary Monnear was also born in France. They came to America around the year 1834 and were married 2-10-1835 in Loramie Township. The Schmitt family changed their name from Schmitt to the current spelling of Smith. August and Mary (Monnear) Schmitt were the parents of 11 children: JOSEPH, Zelling, Jane, Adolph, Henry, Justena, Edward, Lucion, Eugene, Peter, and Mary.

Paternal Great-Grandparents of Jerry are John Bohman of Osgood, Ohio and Mary (Maria Wendeln) of Maria Stein, Ohio. Mary and John Bohmann had 7 children: Fred, WILLIAM, John, Joseph, Anna, Rose, and George. Mary died at the age of 34 and is buried in St. John Catholic Church Cemetery in Maria Stein, Ohio. John Bohmann married Catherine Synck and together they had 7 more children: Marie, Irma, Eleanor, Amelia, Ed, Henry, and Vince. John Bohmann lived in the big square house on the southeast corner of the State Rte. 716 and Indian Trail Road intersection. John formed a partnership with his brother-in-law (John Henry Wendeln) and started a sawmill at this location. The C.H. & D. R.R. (Cincinnati, Hamilton, & Dayton Railroad) ran past his home and sawmill. This is the same railroad that came thru Chickasaw at that time.

Great-Great-Grandparents of Jerry are Fred Wendeln and Mary Bryankamp. Fred was born in Germany. Fred was married twice. He was the father of 2 children by his first wife: William and Louisa. His second marriage was with Mary Bryankamp, who was a native of Germany. Seven children were born to Fred and Mary: Christopher, Anna, MARY (BOHMANN), John, Henry, Elizabeth, Dina, and Anthony.

Jerry's ancestry can be traced back to his Great-Great-Great-Grandparents! Henry Wendeln was a native of Germany and settled at Minster, Ohio, as one of the earliest pioneers. According to an old history book, there was only one house in the town when he first located there. He was the father of 6 children: Engel, Mary, Henry, Anthony, William and FRED.

The Bohman ancestry dates back to a Joseph Bohmann as being Jerry's Great-Great-Grandfather. Joseph's father was Gerhart Bohmann and resided in Germany. Somewhere thru the years, the spelling was changed from Bohmann to the current spelling of Bohman.

Much of this information was taken from the Mercer, Auglaize and Shelby County history books found in the Mercer County Library. More detailed histories of these ancestors can be found in those books.

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Ron and Nancy Bohman, Dan, Katie, Brian

RON BOHMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Ron Bohman family lives at 104 Virginia St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Nancy "Dicke" Bohman on January 30, 1977. Ron, born on July 22, 1955, works at Crown Control. His wife, born March 8, 1956, is employed at Meadow Gold Dairy. They have three children, Daniel, born June 21, 1977, Katy (Kathryn), born Oct. 8, 1982, and Brian born Aug. 27, 1984.

Mr. Bohman's parents are Norman and Lorena Bohman and his grandparents are Joseph (deceased) and Mary Bohman and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Prenger (deceased). Mrs. Bohman's parents are Willis and Helen Dicke and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holtzhauer (deceased) and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dicke (deceased).



Left to Right: Scott, Leroy, Rose, Alan, Linda, Alvin, Deb - Lou, Ruth, Angie, Marty, Agnes, Lucy, Steve.

ALVIN BROWN FAMILY HISTORY

I, Alvin Brown was born July 27, 1934 to Roy and Alodia Fisher Brown. I was the fifth oldest in a family of thirteen children. My brothers are Anthony, Francis, Fr. Harold, C.PP.S., Paul, Brother Joseph, C.PP.S., John, David, Dr. Virgil Brown D.V.M.

My sisters are Mary, Ann, Agnes, and Theresa. We lived most of our lives on a farm at Glynnwood, Ohio. We attended St. Marys and Wapakoneta Schools.

On April 27, 1957 I married Ruth Homan, daughter of Leo and Clara Kaiser Homan from Chickasaw, Ohio. Her ancestors were originally from Herbein, Germany. Her great, great grandfather was Bernard Heinrich Homan who was born Feb. 28, 1782. At the age of 37 he married Maria Walterbusch. He died Dec. 16, 1841 at the age of 59 years.

Ruth's great grandfather was Bernard Homan, born Dec. 13, 1825. He came to America with his two brothers Joseph and Gerhard. According to his passport he sailed in March of 1855 from Bremen, Germany. He was supposed to be on the sea for thirty-five days before reaching America. He found work in a sawmill at Cassella, Ohio. He bought land with lots of woods and brush on it. This farm is located on Homan Road near St. Sebastian, Ohio.

On March 2, 1859, at the age of thirty-three, he married Mary Evers of St. Rose, Ohio. He farmed there until he died July 27, 1921 at the age of ninety-five. He is buried at St. Sebastian, Ohio.

In 1889, at the age of 23 Ruth's grandfather Franciskus Homan, born Sept. 2, 1866, married Mary Pohlman, born in 1870, from Maria Stein, Ohio. They farmed on St. Rte. 274 at St. Sebastian, Ohio, where Ruth's father Leo J. Homan was born on April 30, 1895. He was one of eight children. At the age of twenty-nine he married Clara Kaiser (1901-1969) daughter of John and Elizabeth Nagel Kaiser from Minster, Ohio, on Nov. 26, 1924. He purchased the Joseph Mestemaker farm two farms east of his home place.

From Chickasaw the farm is the first farm west of town on the south side of the road. It was here that Ruth was born along with her five brothers and four sisters. Namely Maurice, Harold, Donald, Dorothy, Arnold, Velma, Joan, Leo C and Mary who was stillborn. Ruth's five brothers all farm and belong to Precious Blood Parish. Her brother Harold died of a heart attack on May 20, 1975. He was 48 yrs. old. Her father died of a heart attack on Mar. 25, 1962 at the age of 66. Her mother died on Dec. 13, 1969, at the age of 67 years, in an auto accident.

Leo served on the School Board of Education at Chickasaw Public School and sat on the polls for election day.

Clara was a member of the retreat league of Maria Stein, and a past president of St. Rochus Aux. Knights of St. John. Clara's ancestors came from Hersbrock, Germany and more recently Minster, Ohio.

Alvin and Ruth lived for two years at Glynnwood, O; and then purchased a farm on St. Rt. 364, from Edward and Clara Nieter, where we presently live and farm with our three sons raising and milking registered Holstein dairy cattle.

We are the parents of seven children. Linda born on May 16, 1958 married Scott Kuenning, son of Stanley and Donna Mae Kuenning from New Bremen, O., on Oct. 21, 1978. They manage the Western Ohio Hardware store in Minster, O. They have three sons Gregory born Jan. 24, 1980, Lee born Sept. 9, 1982 and Andrew born Feb. 10, 1984. Linda was co-salutatorian of the class of 1976 from New Bremen High School.

Louis, born May 6, 1959, married Deborah Winner, daughter of John and Norma Reithman Winner, of Yorkshire, Ohio on June 29, 1985. They own a farm on Clover-Four Road and farm with us. They have one son Justin born July 11, 1986. Louis received a state farmer degree in FFA.

Rose Marie, born May 14, 1960, married Leroy Meyer, son of Hugo and Thelma Watercutter Meyer from Ft. Loramie, on Oct. 5, 1985. She works as a dispatcher for the St. Marys Police Dept. and has a silk flower business out of her home. Her husband farms with his father with his father Hugo and brothers. They live on Rangeline Road, Russia, Ohio. Rose has a pilot's license and was valedictorian of the class of 1978 from New Bremen High School. She has an associated degree from Wright State University.

Agnes, born July 17, 1961, married Steven Poeppelman, son of John and Joan Dirksen Poeppelman from Osgood, Ohio. They have one daughter, Laura, born July 5, 1984. She is our only granddaughter. Agnes was selected to attend FHA Hero Leadership camp in 1978.

Martin, born Jan. 6, 1963, married Angela Pleiman, daughter of Neal and Mary Jean Drees Pleiman from Osgood, Ohio, on Mar. 3, 1984. They own and farm on Rt. 219 St. Marys, Ohio. They have three sons, Matthew, born Dec. 17, 1984, Jason, Nov. 13, 1985 and Benjamin Jan. 23, 1987. He was President of the FFA 1980-1981.

Our daughter, Lucy, born Oct. 7, 1966 works for the Human Services Dept. in Wapakoneta, Ohio. She has taught CCD at Precious Blood for two years. She was President of the FHA Hero 1984-85.

Alan is a junior at New Bremen High School and is president of the FFA.

Alvin is an active hunter and fisherman. He is presently serving on the Auglaize County ASCS Committee for 10 years and served nine years on the Soil and Water Board of Supervision.

Ruth has played the piano for the St. Rochus auxiliary for 18 years and taught CCD at Precious Blood Church for nine years. She was valedictorian of the class of 1953 from St. John High School.

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Lou and Deb Brown & Justin

LOU BROWN FAMILY HISTORY

I, Lou Brown, live at R. #1 Lock Two Road, New Bremen. I own a farm on Clover Four Road. On June 29, 1985 I married Deb Winner and we have one son, Justin, born July 11, 1986.

In 1938 Deb's grandparents on her mother's side Dorothy (Stienemann) and Edwin Riethman were married. They had five children: Mary, Harold, Robert, Carol, and her mother Norma. Dorothy and Edwin live in Minster and own a beef farm.

In 1929 Deb's grandparents on her father's side Edith (Turner) and Alfred Winner were married. They had seven children: Lois, Paul, Betty, Jim, Bill, Judy, and her father John (they called him Jack).

Deb's parents Jack and Norma were married November 11, 1961 in Minster. They had five children: Randy, Scott, Dale, Bryan, and Deb, of whom I married. They all live at 14171 Willowdell Road in Yorkshire. They operate a dairy farm. On July 8, 1986, Deb's father died.

My grandparents on my mother's side are Leo and Clara (Kaiser) Homan. My mother's name is Ruth.

My grandparents on my father's side are Roy and Alodia (Fisher) Brown. My father's name is Alvin.

On April 27, 1957 my parents Ruth and Alvin were married. My brothers and sisters are Linda, Rose, Agnes, Marty, Lucy, and Alan.

A more complete family history on my side can be read under Alvin and Ruth Brown.

ALEX BRUGGEMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Alex Bruggeman family lives at RR 1, New Bremen, Ohio. He was married to Doretta Link. Alex, born on February 22, 1932, is a farmer. His wife was born February 12, 1934, and died July 19, 1968. They had seven children. Diana Woodford, born Oct. 30, 1955, has two children Jessica and Faron. Ken Bruggeman, born April 20, 1957, married Joyce Jutte on June 23, 1979, and they have one child, Ryan. Lucy Wynk, born May 29, 1959, married David Wynk on Nov. 13, 1982 and they have one child, Kyle. Janice Uhlenhake, born June 20, 1960, married Jerry Uhlenhake on March 28, 1981 and they have three children, Kimberly, Sarah, and Jodi. Donna Frilling, born August 13, 1962, married Jeff Frilling on Oct. 16, 1982 and they have one child, Amber. Lori Dubois, born Dec. 8, 1964, married Chris Dubois on April 18, 1984 and they have two children, Jamie and Nathan. Cindy was born Dec. 7, 1965.

Mr. Bruggeman's parents are Aloys and Elizabeth Bruggeman and Mrs. Bruggeman's parents are Ray and Lidwina Link.



Pat, Adam, and Aaron Bruggeman

PAT BRUGGEMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Patricia (Staugler) Bruggeman family lives at 32 W. Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio. She was born on Aug. 9, 1955 and is a Computer Operator at Huffy's in Celina, Ohio. Ms. Bruggeman has two children Adam, born Oct. 14, 1977 and Aaron, born March 25, 1981.

Her parents are Leo and Mildred (Brinegar) Staugler and her Grandparents are Henry and Florentine (Feltz) Staugler.



Left to right, Mary, Mandy, Dan. Standing, Michele Bruns.

DANIEL J. BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Daniel is the son of Julius and Mildred Fiely Bruns. They were married on June 22, 1943. They had six children: Daniel, born June 26, 1944, Walter, born August 5, 1945, Rosanne, born March 9, 1947, Irene born Dec. 16, 1948, Joseph, born August 30, 1950, died Sept. 26, 1966, Kenneth, born Dec. 26, 1952.

Daniel married Mary Agnes Wendel on Nov. 2, 1974. She is the daughter of Rochus and Mildred Beyke Wendel.

Daniel works at Chickasaw Machine and Tool as Foreman and is part-owner in the company. Mary isn't employed outside the home.

Daniel and Mary have 2 daughters, Michele Renee (Shelly) born Sept. 29, 1976 and Mandy Jo, born Sept. 6, 1984.

We built a home in Chickasaw and have lived there on 73 Virginia St. since our marriage.

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Left to right. Standing Jane, Trina, Daniel. Standing in front Matthew and Rachel.

DANIEL R. BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Dan and Jane Bruns were united in marriage on April 19, 1980, in Saint Henry, Ohio, by the Reverend Raymond Bauer. They have since resided at 7808 Clover-Four Road. Dan is the son of Ivo and Jean (Muhlenkamp) Bruns of Chickasaw. He is the oldest of four children and was born January 16, 1957. Jane is the daughter of Oscar and Edna (Dorsten) Borgerding of Saint Henry. She is the third child in a family of four and was born April 5, 1959.

Dan is employed in the assembly department at Crown Controls Corporation in New Bremen. He also helps do the farming on his father's farm. Jane is a hair stylist in Celina. They are the parents of three children: Matthew, born Janury 30, 1981; Rachel, born February 19, 1983; and Trina, born April 8, 1986.



Standing left to right Rick, Rosemary, Gerhard. Sitting Carol and Cheryl.

GERHARD (GEORGE) BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Grandparents are Herman Bruns (1860-1902) and Mary Tangeman Bruns (1867-1953) and Gerhard H. Buening (1854-1940) and Agnes (Leugers) Buening (1869-1940). Gerhard H. Buening emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1876. He was 22 years old and started to farm 80 acres which was held for three generations in the Buening name.

Gerhard (George) Bruns was born on January 1, 1936. He is the son of August Bruns (Nov. 7, 1894-Nov. 10, 1950) and Agnes (Buening) Bruns. (May 20, 1910-July 15, 1947).

In Oct., 1957, he married Rosemary (Braun) Bruns, born on November 12, 1936, the daughter of Urban Braun (Sept. 16, 1910-March 14, 1980) and Eleanor (Sutter) Braun. (Sept. 16, 1913).

They have three children.

Carol, born on July 23, 1958. She married Dave Schwieterman on Sept. 24, 1982. They have one son, Brent, born on March 22, 1985.

Rick, born on April 16, 1961.

Cheryl, who was born on August 17, 1963. She married Dave Schaefer on February 2, 1985.



Mr. and Mrs. George Bruns



BRUNS FAMILY - Standing, Mary Ann. Left to right, Jean & Ivo.

IVO BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

John and Philomena (Vehorn) Bruns were my grandparents. They were married November 28, 1900. John was born May 5, 1873, and died October 26, 1948. Philomena was born October 13, 1878, and died August 5, 1954. They had seven children—George, who was my father; Cecilia (Mrs. Aloys Eyink); Emma (Mrs. Victor Unrast); Elmer; Odelia (Mrs. Edwin Overman); Alvina, who died at age 13; and Clarence. George, Cecilia, and Odelia are also now deceased. John and Philomena lived on a farm on Kremer Road near Maria Stein where Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bruns (a grandson) now reside.

My father George was born December 10, 1902, and married Anna Eyink (born January 18, 1899) on June 16, 1926. Anna was the daughter of Clemens and Sophia (Brockman) Eyink. They resided on a farm northwest of Chickasaw. George died January 8, 1978, and Anna died January 8, 1987. They had six children—Ivo, Marita (Mrs. Edwin Elking), Ralph, Donald, Lester, and Dorothy (Mrs. Dennis Bills). They lived on a farm on Saint John Road northeast of Chickasaw until they retired in 1965 and sold the farm to Ivo. Then they moved to Chickasaw on Franklin Street where they lived until they died.

I was born May 10, 1927, and married Jean Muhlenkamp (born February 16, 1927) from St. Anthony on April 14, 1956. She is the daughter of Alfons and Alvina (Krieg) Muhlenkamp. Her father is still living at age 86, and her mother died June 18, 1984. We have four children—Daniel, Michael, Timothy, and Mary Ann.

Daniel was born January 16, 1957, and married Jane Borgerding, daughter of Oscar and Edna Borgerding of St. Henry, on April 19, 1980. They have three children—Matt, born January 30, 1981; Rachel, born February 19, 1983; and Trina, born April 8, 1986. They live northwest of Chickasaw on Clover Four Road (the original homestead of Anna (Eyink) Bruns). Daniel is a factory worker and part-time farmer, and Jane is a beautician.

Timothy was born December 4, 1961, and married Lisa Heitkamp, daughter of Ivo and Millie Heitkamp of St. Henry on April 26, 1985. They have two children—Kyle, born December 30, 1986, and Kendra, born January 15, 1987. They live on Gaudalupe Road north of Chickasaw. Timothy works on the farm with his father, and Lisa is a homemaker.

Michael, a carpenter, was born February 3, 1959, and Mary Ann, a secretary, was born September 25, 1966. They reside at home with their parents on Saint John Road.

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Standing, Irene. Left to right, Mildred and Julius Bruns.

JULIUS BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Joseph Bruns and Rosa (Heitkamp) Bruns lived on a farm near Maria Stein.

Four children were born to them, Julius, Linus, Frank, and Raymond. Frank and Raymond are deceased, Linus still resides on the farm.

Julius was born on March 15, 1912 and on June 22, 1943 married Mildred Fiely, daughter of John and Gertrude (Hagadorn) Fiely of St. Rosa. Mildred's birthday is July 27, 1914.

Six children were born. Daniel born June 26, 1944. Married Mary Agnes Wendel who was born Nov. 12, 1947. They have two daughters, Michele and Mandy Jo. Dan is a Foreman at Chickasaw Machine & Tool and lives in Chickasaw.

Walter was born on Aug. 5, 1945 and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska and works at the University of Nebraska.

Roseanne (Rosie) born on March 9, 1947 and married Thomas Ruetschilling. They live in Minster and both work at Dannon Yogurt. They have two daughters, Linda and Christa. Tom and Rosie were married on July 15, 1967.

Irene was born Dec. 16, 1948. She lives at home and works at Crown Control.

Joseph was born Aug. 30, 1950 and died in an auto accident on Sept. 26, 1966.

Kenneth was born on Dec. 26, 1952. He married Patricia Schwartz. Her birthday is July 20, 1956. They were married May 15, 1976 and they have four children, Joel, Amy, Kimberly, and Todd. Ken works at Crown Control and they live in New Bremen.

We have lived here at 35 East Franklin St. for 42 years-Oct. 25, 1987.

LAVERN A. BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Lavern's paternal grandparents were John and Bernadine Wendeln Bruns. They were married in the late 1800's, were farmers and lived on Amsterdam Road between Minster and New Bremen. They had seven children: Bernadine (William Nieberding), Fred (Louise Bertke), Catherine (Ben Timmerman), Marie (Edward Schemmel), Justine (Ado Bertke), and Edward (Cecelia Albers). Lavern's maternal grandparents were Henry and Gertrude Rohler Albers. They were married in the late 1800's, were farmers and lived near McCartyville, Ohio. They had eight children: Herman, Ben, Joseph, Anthony, John (Caroline Kuether), Mary (Fred Schroeder), Anne (Elmer Schmitmeyer), and Cecelia (Edward Bruns).

Marilyn's paternal grandparents, Henry and Agnes Heitkamp Baumer were married in the late 1800's, were farmers and lived near Minster, Ohio. They had six children: Pauline (Albert Busse), Julius (Emma Meyer), Leander (Viola Tebbe), Corinne (Herman Mangen), Lawrence and Viola. Marilyn's maternal grandparents were Joseph and Katherine Hoehne Meyer. They were married in the late 1800's, were farmers and lived south of Egypt, Ohio. They had seven children: Rose, Edward, Lawrence (Elsie Bensman), Justine (Edward Schmitmeyer), Alvina (Raymond Thieman), Emma (Julius Baumer), and Matilda (Anthony Fortman).

Lavern's parents: Edward Bruns (born 3-17-04 died 1-10-60) and Cecelia Albers (born 11-15-03 died 10-11-70) were married at McCartyville, Ohio on October 10, 1926. They lived on Amsterdam Road and were farmers. Lavern has five living brothers: Alvin (Alice Berger), Norbert (Elaine Mesarvey), Leonard (Irene Weitzel), Wilfred (Helena Grilliot), and Edward (Irene Frey). Three brothers died as infants: Sylvester, Hubert, and Joseph.

Marilyn's parents: Julius Baumer (born 4-9-08 died 6-12-80) and Emma Meyer (born 12-31-16) were married in Egypt, Ohio on January 24, 1940. They lived on Tri-Township Road near Minster and were farmers. Marilyn has two brothers, Nicholas and Roger, and three sisters, Linda (George Reier), Judy (Mike Monnier) and Susan (James Jacobs).

Lavern A. Bruns (born 2-16-38) and Marilyn Baumer (born 10-26-40) were married at St. Augustine Church, Minster, Ohio, on May 5, 1962. The first three years they lived in Newport, Ohio and Lavern worked for the Stolle Corporation. In September of 1965 they moved to Chickasaw and Lavern started working for Beatrice Foods. For the last ten years, Lavern has been disabled with Polycystic kidney disease. He was on Hemodialysis for twelve weeks before he received a kidney transplant at University Hospital, Columbus on June 24, 1987. Marilyn teaches CCD classes at Precious Blood and is a cashier at the weekly bingo games. They have one son, Thomas (born 2-12-63) who graduated from Miami University in December of 1984 and then moved to Baltimore, Maryland where he worked as a manager.



Front sitting, left to right - Lucy, Doug, Leonard; standing - Jill, Stacy, Todd.

LEONARD BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Leonard Bruns (b. October 9, 1951) on August 18, 1973 married Lucille (Weitzel) Bruns (b. May 29, 1953). They have four children: Stacy (5-7-75), Jill (5-23-78), Todd (4-2-81) and Doug (1-17-83).

Leonard Bruns' parents were Richard Bruns (b. 4-30-18, d. 9-8-77) and Alice (Kremer) Bruns (b. 9-30-24). They were married on May 8, 1946.

Grandparents were: Charles Bruns (b. 3-22-1890, d. 1-8-68) and Anna (Meyer) Bruns (b. 5-17-1893, d. 2-21-60). They were married June 1, 1916. Also Frank Kremer (b. 3-21-1886, d. 12-10-55) and Regina (Bertke) Kremer (b. 7-21-1889, d. 4-2-63). They were married April 28, 1909.

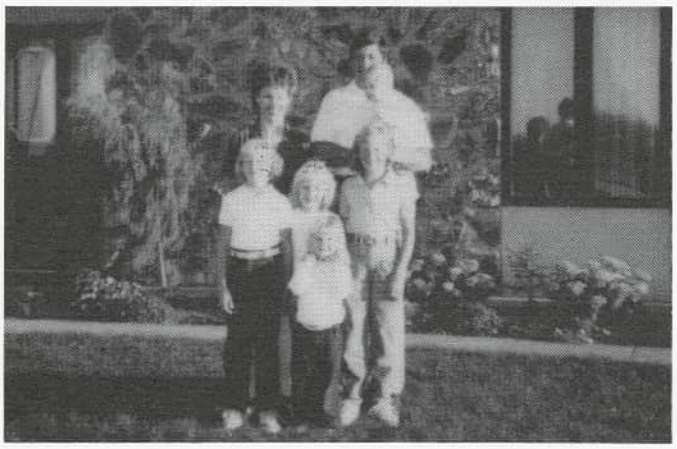
Lucille (Weitzel) Bruns' parents were Cletus Weitzel (b. 6-19-19) and Mary Ann (Rammel) Weitzel (b. 9-8-28). They were married June 15, 1948.

Grandparents were: John Weitzel (b. 1-3-1888, d. 7-31-66) and Elizabeth (Wilker) Weitzel (b. 3-16-1890, d. 5-25-62). They were married April 23, 1912. Also Leo Rammel (b. 1-4-1892, d. 2-1-74) and Elizabeth (Wendel) Rammel (b. 12-11-1892, d. 12-7-63). They married on November 7, 1916.

Leonard Bruns' brother and sister are Vernon, born April 23, 1947 and Janice (Bruns) Hartke, born March 20, 1954.

Lucille (Weitzel) Bruns' brothers and sisters are Alice (Weitzel) Howard, born July 1, 1949; Lavern, born August 13, 1951; Paul, born November 14, 1954; Charles, born August 24, 1956; Ruth (Weitzel) Jutte, born January 12, 1960; and Rita (Weitzel) Tobe, born September 1, 1961.

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Third row: Mary, Mike, Annette. Second row: Bridget, Brenda, Barbra. First row: Marie.

MICHAEL BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Michael David was born 10-30-51 to Robert E. and Florence Richard Bruns (commercial general contractors) of Cranberry Prairie.

Michael's grandparents are Alvina and the late Ernest Bruns (farming) of Cranberry Prairie and also the late Leo and Josephine Richard (farming) of Russia.

Mary Agatha was born on 10-21-53 to Luke and Mildred Lange Schmitmeyer (farming) of Coldwater.

Mary's grandparents are Ben and Agatha Schmitmeyer of St. Sebastian (farming) and also Philomena and the late Albert Lange (farming) of St. Henry.

Michael and Mary (commercial general contractors) were married September 6, 1975 and have five children: Barbra Ann (1-14-77), Bridget Marie (10-28-78), Brenda Lynn (1-9-81), Marie Lynn (8-8-84) and Annette Marie (1-30-87).

Michael and Mary reside at 7764 Brockman Road.



Richard Bruns



BRUNS FAMILY - Vernon, Janice Hartke, Alice, Leonard.

RICHARD BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Richard Bruns (b. 4-30-18, d. 9-8-77) on May 8, 1946 married Alice (Kremer) Bruns (b. 9-30-24).

Their children include: Vernon Bruns (4-23-47) married Maxine Rindler, Burkettsville on April 29, 1972. They have five children: Greg (9-30-73), Jason (12-15-77), Kevin (6-20-79), Sarah (3-3-82) and Kelly (1-28-83).

Leonard Bruns (10-9-51) married Lucille Weitzel, Ft. Recovery on August 18, 1973. They have four children: Stacy (5-7-75), Jill (5-23-78), Todd (4-2-81) and Doug (1-17-83).

Janice (Bruns) Hartke (3-20-54) married Roger Hartke, Carthagena on April 27, 1974. They have two children: Brenda (8-23-75) and Stan (3-3-78).

Richard Bruns' parents are Charles Bruns (b. 3-22-1890, d. 1-8-68) and Anna (Meyer) Bruns (b. 5-17-1893, d. 2-21-60). They were married June 1, 1916.

Alice (Kremer) Bruns' parents are Frank Kremer (b. 3-21-1886, d. 12-10-55) and Regina (Bertke) Kremer (b. 7-21-1889, d. 4-2-63). They were married April 28, 1909.



Tim, Kyle, Lisa, Kendra Bruns.

TIMOTHY BRUNS FAMILY HISTORY

Tim is a farmer and was born December 4, 1961. Lisa was born February 21, 1963. They were married on April 26, 1985 and have two children: Kyle, born December 30, 1985 and Kendra, born January 15, 1987.

Tim's parents are Ivo and Jean (Muhlenkamp) Bruns. His grandparents are George and Anna (Eyink) Bruns and Alfons and Alvina (Krieg) Muhlenkamp.

Lisa's parents are Ivo and Mildred (Koesters) Heitkamp. Her grandparents are Ray and Hilda (Schulte) Heitkamp and Edmend and Mary (Reichert) Koesters.

RONALD LEE BRUNSWICK FAMILY HISTORY

Ronald (born August 9, 1958) was married on September 25, 1982 to Deborah Klosterman (born September 12, 1958). They have two children: Michelle and John.

Ron's parents are: Paul and Shirley (Gardner) Brunswick. His brothers and sisters are Rick, Linda, Jay and Lisa. Ron's maternal grandparents are Albert (deceased) and Elfreida (Friemering) Gardner. His paternal grandparents were Lawrence and Stella (Reichert) Brunswick.

Deb's parents are Gerald (deceased July 19, 1978) and Marcella (Marshal) Klosterman. Her brother and sister are Bill and Pam. Deb's maternal grandparents were Leonard and Marie (Gigandet) Marshal and her paternal grandparents were Richard and Ruth (Hinders) Klosterman.

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LOUIS EYINK AND LAURETTA (BAUMER) (EYINK) BUDDE FAMILY HISTORY

Lauretta (Baumer) (Eyink) Budde lives at W. Main St., Chickasaw, Ohio.

Lauretta Baumer (b. 8-15-04) was married on May 20, 1931 to Louis Charles Eyink (b. 2-14-02, d. 8-7-48). After his death Lauretta was married on November 17, 1951 to Lawrence Budde (b. 6-7-1894, d. 1-27-60).

Louis and Lauretta had one child, Mary Catherine, born June 8, 1933. She married Robert Wolters on November 22, 1951. They had three children: Robert Jr., Delilah and Mitchell.

Louis' parents were John and Catherine (Ankenbauer) Eyink.

Lauretta's parents were John and Katherine (Liesner) Baumer.

Louis Eyink was Mayor of Chickasaw at the time of his death. His birth and baptism records were lost in the St. Sebastian Church fire on January 3, 1903.



Urban and Elizabeth Buehler

URBAN BUEHLER FAMILY HISTORY

Elizabeth (Rammel) Buehler lives at 53 Virginia St., Chickasaw. Urban and Elizabeth (Rammel) Buehler were married May 5, 1945.

Urban was born January 1, 1908 and died August 8, 1985. Elizabeth was born July 17, 1915.

Urban's parents were Dietrich (d. 12-23-35) and Mary (d. 2-56) Buehler.

His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ashman, deceased and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Buehler.

Elizabeth's parents were Leonard (b. 5-25-1868, d. 12-16-47) and Mary (b. 7-4-1876, d. 10-15-56) Rammel.

Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rohlor, deceased and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rammel, deceased.

Elizabeth's brothers and sisters include: Ben Rammel who married Martha Heitkamp, both deceased.

Ella Kunkler (b. 10-20-1898, d. 3-8-84) married John Kunkler (b. 11-7-1888, d. 2-26-67).

Joseph Rammel (b. 8-31-01) married Clara Platfoot (b. 9-21-07, d. 7-18-85). They had one child, Ernest of Canada.

Frank Rammel (b. 11-28-12, d. 11-6-85).

Alberta Mertz (b. 2-18-20) married Joseph Mertz (b. 10-30-10).

Urban's brothers and sisters include: Julius Buehler who married Dorothy Grieshop, deceased; Louis Buehler - wife deceased; Albert Buehler; Mrs. Olive Schwieterman and Cecilia Buehler, deceased.

Mary Buehler's brothers and sisters are John, Elizabeth, Anna, Joseph, Agnes, Anthony, Catherine and Henry.

Julius Buehler and wife Dorothy of Coldwater, deceased have four children: Doug Buehler and wife of St. Henry, one son; Deborah Roberts of Union City, IN, two sons; Darlene Homan of Coldwater, OH, one son and Deanna Buehler of Coldwater, OH.

DENNIS CATTELL FAMILY HISTORY

The Dennis Cattell family live at 3311 St. Johns Road, Box 42A, New Bremen, Ohio. Mr. Cattell was born March 2, 1942 and is employed as a sales engineer. He has two children, Tammi born in 1970 and Sarah born in 1973. His parents are Alfred and Doris Cattell of England.

The Cattell family immigrated to Chickasaw, Ohio in September of 1979 from London, England and then moved to St. Johns Rd. in April of 1980. He built his own house on 5 acres of woodland. He obtained U.S. Citizenship in May of 1986.



AGNES CLUNE FAMILY - Standing, left to right, Randy, Dick, John, Lavern, Arnold and Ed. Seated, left to right, Mary Kay, Deb, Agnes, Janice, Juliana

ALPHONSE CLUNE FAMILY HISTORY

Arnold Clune came from Hanover, Germany to this country and settled in Mercer County, where he bought land from the government. He was one of the first settlers of Mercer County, when his family settled in Section 13 of Marion Township in 1828. Years later his three children followed him to America, their mother having died some years previously. The children were: Gerhard, Maximilian, and Bernadina.

Bernadina Clune married William Roeckner, who bought the farm from Arnold Clune.

Gerhard Clune (1827-1875) and his wife Bernadina Wabler (1838-1904) were both natives of Germany. He came to America when a young man and settled in Mercer County, purchasing a small farm of 40 acres in Marion Township, Section 10, in 1859. He was engaged in working on the canal in Auglaize County for a time, as well as managing the farm, to which he kept adding until at the time of his death at the age of 48 years, he owned 200 acres. They had 11 children: Frank, Mary, Barney, Bernadina, Joseph, Josephine, Casper, Henry, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Gerhard.

Casper Clune was born on this farm January 28, 1867. He was raised on his father's farm and assisted with the work until the time of his marriage at the age of 26 years. He bought the farm from his mother in 1893. The first house built on the Clune farm was a log cabin in which Casper was born, and the six room house which they occupied was built in 1871 by his father, who made his own brick and hewed his own timber. Mr. Clune remembered the time when the turnpike on which he lived was a plank road, and also when his father was obliged to carry his grain on his back through the woods and brush, to the mill at Piqua, Ohio. In the spring of 1906, Mr. Clune bought a partnership in the Chickasaw Grain & Milling Company.

Mr. Clune was married three times (first) to Catherine Dabbelt (who had four children) Nora, Rose, Minnie, and John. He was married (second) to Josephine Schroeder, who died April 24, 1906. One child was born to this union, Joseph (died as an infant). Mr. Clune was married (third) to Anna Ashman (1879-1953). A daughter of Henry Ashman and Agnes Heitkamp, who resided at Cassella, Mercer County. They had ten children: Loretta (1907) who lived a few months, Herbert (1908-1967) married Martha Broerman, Alphonse (1910-1978) married Agnes Prenger, Louis (Oct. 1912-Jan. 1913), Carl (1914-1971) married Bernadine Segar, Matilda (1916-1920) died in a barn fire, Lucille (1918) married Urban Dwenger, Mary Agnes (1920) married Albert Puthoff, who died in 1959, remarried to Urban Nerderman, Esther (1923-1985) married Henry Dietz, and Luke (1926) married Irene Stammen.

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Alphonse Clune Cont.

Alphonse Clune (June 28, 1910 - Nov. 22, 1978) was raised on his father's farm, which has been in the Clune name since 1859. He left the farm for about six years when he married Agnes Prenger, daughter of Bernard and Mary (Berning) Prenger, who was born Sept. 11, 1916. He moved to a farm located in Shelby County, Section 19, which was owned by her father Bernard Prenger who was unable to farm because of ill health. When Casper's wife Anna decided to sell the Clune farm, Alphonse moved back to Chickasaw and purchased the farm from her in 1942. The farm where Alphonse now lives has been in the Clune family name for 128 years. He was active in the community by serving on the school board for nine years. In 1955, he also purchased 132 acres in Shelby County in Section 19, which was previously owned by Bernard Prenger. This farm was turned over to his son Arnold Clune in 1963. More land was purchased by Alphonse Clune in 1957 which is located in Section 10 of Marion Township in the amount of 60 acres. This farm was turned over to John Clune, till he bought his present farm in Shelby County, he then turned this farm over to Ed Clune.

He was also the father of eleven children.

Mary Ann, who died as an infant Sept. 19, 1937, Juliana (Nov. 8, 1938), Janice (April 27, 1940), Lavern (Aug. 23, 1941), Arnold (Dec. 29, 1942), John (Aug. 9, 1944), Richard (Dec. 19, 1945), Mary Kay (Oct. 7, 1948), Edgar (Nov. 18, 1951), Randolph (Oct. 8, 1954), Deborah (Oct. 4, 1955).

Juliana married Charles Pax, son of Jake and Antoinette (Nordenbrock) Pax, both deceased. They have three children, Christina, who married Tom Moore, son of Carl (deceased) and Irene (Kopt) Moore, Nancy, and Joe. Janice married LeRoy Piekenbrock, son of Edward and Stella (Prenger) Piekenbrock. They have four children, Karen, who married Mark Cordonnier, son of LeRoy and Shirley (Berger) Cordonnier, Mark, Dennis, and Brenda. Dr. Lavern Clune married Jane Rinderle, daughter of Clarence (deceased) and Loretta (Stein) Rinderle. They have four children, Susan, who married Jim Grace, son of Robert and Diana (Dorsel) Grace, Thomas, Linda, and Andrew. Arnold married Patricia Bergman, daughter of Albert (deceased) and Lidwina (Stelzer) Bergman. They have six children. Ronald, who married Michelle Dicke, daughter of Larry and Dianne (Schmiesing) Dicke, Alan, who married Theresa Prenger, daughter of Alvin and Mary (Stephenson) Prenger, Angie, Jeremy, Beverly, and Carrie. John married Marilyn Ontrop, daughter of Vincent and Viola (Moeller) Ontrop. They have four children, Annette, who married Steve Feathers, son of Aaron Leroy and Saundra (Meyers) Feathers. They have one son Shawn. Michelle, Terry, and Cindy. They had one more daughter, Denise, who died at three months. Richard Clune, who married Kathy Laux, daughter of John and Bernadetta (Berger) Laux. They have five children, Pamela, Jill, Jeff, Diana, and Keven. Mary Kay who married Roger Hoying, son of Lawrence (deceased) and Agnes (Mescher) Hoying. They have six children, Rhonda, Eric, Ryan, Renee, Roger, and Robyn. Edgar married Patricia Kahlig, daughter of George and Evelyn (Heitkamp) Kahlig. They have four children, Vikki, James, Michael, and Rebecca. Randolph, who is presently farming the home place with his brother Ed. He is not married and lives with his mother on the farm. Deborah married Charles Riethman, son of Clarence and Alvina (Brandewie) Riethman. They have four surviving children, Keith, Craig, Kimberly, and Karla. They also had triplet daughters who are deceased (Jacqueline, Jessica, and Jennifer.)



Left to right, standing - James, Vikki. Seated - Patricia, Rebecca, Edgar, and Michael.

EDGAR CLUNE FAMILY HISTORY

The Edgar Clune family lives at 7868 Brockman Road, Celina, Ohio 45822. He married Patricia Kahlig on November 23, 1972. Edgar, born November 18, 1951, is self-employed as a farmer. Patricia, born June 29, 1953, is employed as an accounting supervisor.

They have four children, Vikki, April 4, 1975, James, April 9, 1976, Michael, July 28, 1982, and Rebecca, November 27, 1983. Mr. Clune's parents are Agnes and Alphonse Clune and grandparents are Casper and Anna Clune and Bernard and Mary Prenger. Mrs. Clune's parents are Evelyn and George Kahlig and her grandparents are Bernadine and Charles Kahlig and Leo and Clara Heitkamp.



Left to right, Irene, Barb, and Luke Clune.

LUKE CLUNE FAMILY HISTORY

The Luke Clune family lives at 79 Main St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Irene Stammen on July 24, 1965. Luke, born February 20, 1926, has been employed at Minster Machine for the past 37 years. Irene was born January 30, 1932.

The Clune's have one child, Barb, born April 27, 1969, and one grandchild, David, born January 9, 1987. Mr. Clune's parents are Casper and Anna (Ashman) Clune and grandparents are Gerhard & Bernadine (Wabler) Clune and Henry Ashman. Mrs. Clune's parents are George and Loretta (Heitman) Stammen and grandparents are Aloys and Elizabeth (Hartke) Stammen and Anthony and Mary Heitman.

*See Alphonse Clune's family history.



Left to right, Donna, Jenna Lyn, Paul, Renee.

PAUL DAHLINGHAUS FAMILY HISTORY

Paul and Donna Dahlinghaus live at 4080 St. Johns Rd., New Bremen, Ohio. Paul is engaged in farming and Donna is a homemaker. They were married on September 15, 1984 and have two children, Renee Katherine born on November 5, 1985 and Jenna Lynn born on July 24, 1987.

Their parents are Don Dahlinghaus of Carthagena and the late Marita (Homan) Dahlinghaus and also Norman and Hilda (Heuker) Alig of St. Anthony.

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Standing, left to right, Elaine, Ellen, Eric, Edna. Seated, left to right, Ernest, Emma, Earl.

EARL DICKE FAMILY HISTORY

My great-great-grandfather was born in Heemsche, Germany in 1817. His name was Friedrich Johann Dicke. His wife was Wilhelmine Dorthea Meyer. They moved to New Bremen, Ohio in 1853. It took them fourteen weeks to get there. He bought ground five miles northwest of New Bremen. He divided it up into four sets of buildings. This is known as the Clover Four farms. They had eight children.

My great-grandfather was born in 1841, his name was Henry Herman Dicke. He was twelve years old when they moved here from Germany. He married Wilhelmine Kuenning and they had eleven children. He bought a farm in 1888 a half mile west of the Clover Hour farms which was three miles northwest of Chickasaw.

My grandfather was born in 1869. His name was Edward Frederick Herman Dicke. He married Amelia Wilhelmine Pohlman. They had one son which was my father. They took over my great-grandfather's farm eventually.

My father's name was Louis Henry Dicke. He was born December 3, 1905. He was married on June 14, 1947 to Viola Sophia Wilhelmine Fricke. They had four children: Dorothy Amelia Myrtle (Dicke) Koeper, Beverly Ann Lillie Dicke who died in infancy, Earl Louis Emil Dicke, Edward Fredrick Howard Dicke. My father bought the farm from his father, where he had lived for sixty-eight years.

I bought a house a half mile east of my father's farm, so I have lived in the Chickasaw area all of my life.

I was born April 18, 1938. I was married on June 29, 1963 to Emma Alvina Francis. She was born on February 21, 1941. We have six children: Elmer Earl Dicke born April 18, 1964, died November 15, 1965 (he is buried at Precious Blood Cemetery); Edna Marie Dicke was born April 3, 1965, Ellen Dorothy Dicke was born March 9, 1966, Ernest Charles Dicke was born July 18, 1967, Eric Louis Dicke was born February 18, 1970, Elaine Louise Dicke was born March 9, 1971.

I worked as a hired hand for three years after school. Then I started to work for Paul Hoffman as a decorator painter. I have been there over twenty-eight years. Also I am an insurance agent adjuster for German Farmers Mutual Insurance Company for eighteen years.



Willis and Helen Dicke

WILLIS J. DICKE FAMILY HISTORY

Willis J. Dicke was born June 11, 1917, in RR New Bremen, St. Marys Twp., Auglaize County, Ohio at the home of his parents William F. Dicke and Bertha K. Poppe Dicke. The home is known as Clover Four and has been in the Dicke name well over one hundred years, as of 1987. Helen K. Holtzhauer was born December 14, 1920, at the home of her parents on Spruce Street, St. Marys, Auglaize County, Ohio. Helen's father was Fred Holtzhauer of St. Marys and Annie Laurie O'Neill Holtzhauer of Wapakoneta, Ohio her birthplace.

Willis and Helen (aka Mickey) were married April 22, 1944, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Marys by Father John Brinker. They live in Clover Four and joined the parish of Precious Blood Chickasaw at the time of their marriage of April 1944.

Willis and Helen are farmers. They are the parents of twelve children all being baptised by Father Joseph Dick of the Chickasaw parish. They are: William F. Dicke, March 1, 1945; Constance A. (Applegate), November 12, 1946; Mary K. (Mueller), October 10, 1947; George T. Dicke, October 2, 1948; Cynthia J. (Bohman), October 10, 1949; Nicholas C. Dicke, December 10, 1950; John A. Dicke, November 29, 1952; Curtis J. Dicke, December 30, 1953; Darby A. Dicke, January 2, 1955; Nancy C. (Bohman), March 8, 1956; Juliann C. (Winner), May 15, 1957; Patricia F. (Hoying), August 18, 1958.

All twelve children were delivered by the same doctor, Dr. Harry Geisler of St. Marys, Ohio formerly of Germany. Dr. Geisler's son Dr. Hans Geisler assisted him at the birth of Tricia. William to John were born at Gibbons Hospital Celina, Ohio, and Curtis to Tricia were born at Joint Twp. Hospital at St. Marys. Ohio. The Dicke family, living in St. Marys Twp. in Auglaize County, belonged to the New Bremen School District, so the children all graduated from the New Bremen Local School.

As of March 28, 1987, the Dickes have thirty-two grandchildren. They are: Patrick A. Applegate, Brian T. Dicke, Douglas C. Applegate, Andrea C. Dicke, Lawrence A. Mueller, Chris W. Dicke, Michele Dicke, Gail M. Mueller, Jeff N. Dicke, Angela M. Dicke, Stephen L. Bohman, Jeffrey T. Applegate, Michael V. Bohman, Emily M. Dicke, Deborah J. Mueller, Kevin J. Dicke, Janice C. Bohman, Kristina L. Dicke, Daniel M. Bohman, Shawn M. Applegate, Eric C. Dicke, James Curtis Dicke, Jason John Dicke, Deric J. Dicke, Kathryn J. Bohman, Lisa Marie Dicke, Alex D. Hoying, Brian W. Bohman, Keisha R. Winner, Megan Hoying, Lucas W. Dicke, Lindsey A. Winner.

HENRY DIETZ FAMILY HISTORY

The Henry Dietz family live at 21 S. Center St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Esther M. Clune on September 30, 1950. She died on March 8, 1985. He then married Ruby A. Clausing on July 15, 1986. Henry, born July 15, 1928 is a laborer. Ruby, born December 23, 1923, is a housewife.

They have two children. Gary, born April 13, 1955, was married to Edna Fullenkamp on November 26, 1976. They have one child, Brian, born February 3, 1983. Ann, born October 6, 1957, is married to Mike Ruwald. They have two children, Jason, December 15, 1984, and Kevin, June 4, 1986.

Henry says he has had a very good time in Chickasaw, especially in 1950's. He has good memories of the people of Chickasaw.

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Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dircksen, Anthony, Paul, Marilyn, Eugene, James and Linda.

ALBERT DIRCKSEN FAMILY HISTORY

The Albert Dircksen family live at R #1, Box 30, New Bremen, Ohio 45869. He married Margaret Schulze on April 11, 1951. Albert, born March 13, 1981 is a farmer. Margaret, born December 19, 1926 is a homemaker.

They have six children. They are: Anthony, born November 30, 1951; Paul, born July 20, 1954; Marilyn, born November 3, 1955, has two children, Jeremiah, December 1984, and Jedidiah, April 1978; Eugene, born February 21, 1957, married to Debra Otting on February 11, 1984 has one child, Cheryl, born April 86; James, born October 17, 1958; Linda, born September 29, 1960, married to Anthony Bruggeman on November 15, 1986 has two children, Amanda December 11, 1979 and Dustin August 15, 1987.

Mr. Dircksen's parents are John and Mary (Meyer) Dircksen and grandparents are Bernard and Mary (Horstman) Dircksen and Henry and Anna (Wente) Meyer. Mrs. Dircksen's parents are John and Agatha (Streacker) Schulze and grandparents are Bernard and Mary (Leugars) Streaker and Bernard and Mary (Poeppleman) Schulze.



Pat and Bill Dresher



Standing - Karen.
Seated - Linda, Christopher

WILLIAM DRESHER FAMILY HISTORY

William Victor Dresher and Patricia Ann Puthoff were married on February 17, 1962 at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw.

One of eight children, Bill was born to Edwin and Dorothy (Quinter) Dresher on January 6, 1939 in Sharpsburg, Ohio. At the present time Bill is a welder at Crown Control in New Bremen, Ohio.

Pat, also one of eight children, was born to Cyril and Rosella (Rosenbeck) Puthoff on July 26, 1943 in Coldwater, Ohio. Pat is employed at the Town Tavern in Chickasaw.

Bill and Pat are the parents of three children, Linda, Karen and Christopher. Born in March 3, 1963, in St. Marys Ohio, Linda is a graduate of Hocking Technical College and is attending Lima Technical College part-time. She is presently employed at Wapak Products in Botkins, Ohio.

Karen, born in September 29, 1964, in St. Marys, Ohio, is a graduate of Southeastern Academy in Florida and presently is in the Army. She is stationed at Washington D.C. and is working in the Pentagon.

Christopher, born on November 9, 1967 in Coldwater, Ohio is a full time student at Lima Technical College and working for a degree in Flexable Manufacturing.



Henry Melchior and Bernadine (Greshoff) Lochtefeld, great-grandparents to Andrew, Anthony and Bernard Droesch. Also great-grandparents to Gregory Lochtefeld and great-great-grandparents to Alvin Lochtefeld.



Henry Schnippel and Florentine (Reineke), great-great-grandparents to Rosemary (Limbert) Droesch. This is a later picture of the first couple married in the Fryburg Church.



August Droesch and Elizabeth (Lochtefeld) Droesch grandparents to Andrew, Anthony and Bernard Droesch.

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L to R: Andy, Rosemary, Dolores, Michael, Maureen Lemke, and Tim.

ANDREW A. DROESCH FAMILY HISTORY

Andrew Aloys Droesch married Rosemary Alice (Limbert) Droesch, May 5, 1956. Andrew was born November 29, 1927 in Chickasaw, Ohio. Rosemary was born April 26, 1935 in Botkins, Ohio. They have two sons, Michael Lynn born May 3, 1957 and Timothy Lee born November 6, 1960. Andrew works at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., St. Marys, Ohio and is a member of the village council of Chickasaw. Andrew served in the army during the Korean War from November 9, 1950 to August 7, 1952. He was a corporal in the 765th Transportation Railway Shop Battalion.

Michael is a 1975 graduate of Marion Local High School and graduated in 1977 with an associate degree from ITT Technical School, Dayton, Ohio, in Architecture. He works for Concourse Construction, Inc., Dayton, Ohio, as a project manager. Michael married Dolores Marie Eilerman (born June 1, 1959) on September 24, 1983 at Newport, Ohio, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. Dolores is the daughter of John and Marie Eilerman of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Dolores is a registered Dietition and works at Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, Ohio. Michael and Dolores live in Tipp City, Ohio.

Timothy graduated from Marion Local High School in 1979 and graduated in 1984 from DeVry Institute of Technology, Columbus, Ohio with a bachelors degree in electronics. Timothy was killed in an auto accident December 23, 1984.

Andrew is the youngest son of Lorenz Droesch (born 8/28/1874, died 8/10/1958) and Elizabeth (Bruggeman) Droesch (born 11/26/1984, died 10/13/1952).

Rosemary graduated from St. Joseph High School, Wapakoneta, Ohio; took nurses training in Lima and is an L.P.N. She is the daughter of Alvin M. Limbert (born 12/31/1902, died 10/28/1980) and Mary M. (Brown) Limbert (born 9/16/1904). They live in Botkins, Ohio. Alvin was a B. & O. Railroad man for thirty-seven years. His paternal grandparents were John A. Limbert (born 1/14/1875, died 7/8/1955) and Margaret (Schnieder) Limbert (born 5/31/1880, died 11/18/1962). They were farmers who lived in Fryburg, Ohio. Her great-grandparents were George T. Limbert (born 5/10/1840, died 11/25/1912) and Catherine (Ruppert) Limbert (born 9/19/1839, died 11/15/1912). George was in the army in 1861 and later served the township as Justice of the Peace and Treasurer. Great, great-grandparents John Limbert (born 1795) came from Bavaria, Germany in 1833 (died 1/26/1886) and his wife (died 2/26/1870). Great-grandparents Mathias Schnieder (born 1847, died 1906) and Mary (Schnippel) Schneider (born 1855, died 1930). Great, great-grandparents Gedogius Schnieder (born 5/10/1808, died 8/17/1888) and Helena (Caslden) Schneider (died 2/24/1902) and Henry Schnippel and Florantinna (Reinke) Schnippel (born 11/12/1831, died 5/26/1910) who came from Germany.

Rosemary's maternal grandparents were Ferinand O. Brown Sr. (born 10/8/1877, died 7/27/1957) and Philomenia (Metzger) Brown (born 5/30/1877, died 12/27/1945). They lived three miles east of Wapakoneta, Ohio. Ferd was a potato and Poland China hog farmer. Great-grandparents were John Brown (born 11/21/1843, died 6/8/1908) and Otilda (Meier) Brown (born 5/25/1844, died 5/9/1910) and Charles Metzger (born 1848, died 1914) and Barbara (Kirstein) Metzger (born 1851, died 1911) who came from Germany. Great, great-grandparents were George Brown Sr. (born 3/13/1806) came from Seebagh, Germany, (died 10/31/1880), and his wife Maria Barbara (Hinskey) Brown (born 6/11/1814), who came from Isungheim, Grohsherzogthum, Baden, Germany; (died 9/25/1884). Anton Meier (born 11/3/1828, died 8/28/1890) and his wife Barbara (Roth) Meier (born 2/6/1811, died 7/10/1889). Jacob Fredrick Metzger (born 9/18/1807, died 6/22/1888) and his wife Susan (Bobb) Metzger (died 4/8/1902).

Andrew is a brother to Anthony and Bernard of Chickasaw.

*For Andrew Droesch Family History see Bernard Droesch History.



Lorenz Droesch Family, Back Row: Monica Schoen, Camillus, Ben, Andy, Joseph, Anthony, Matilda Rutschilling. Front Row: Lorenz Droesch, Rose Ann Mox, Barbara DeBrosse Heitz, Cecelia Gerdeman, and Elizabeth Droesch.



ANTHONY DROESCH FAMILY - Left to right, back row - Zita (20), Bonnie (26), Cinda (29), Dona (30). Front, Kevin (12), Mary (52), Tony (61) and Larry (23). Photo taken April 1987.

ANTHONY DROESCH FAMILY HISTORY

Anthony John Droesch was born October 30, 1925, to Lorenz (b. 8-28-1874 - d. 8-10-1958) and Elizabeth Bruggeman (b. 11-26-1894 - d. 10-13-1952) Droesch.

Anthony attended Chickasaw Elementary School and Minster High School till 1941. He helped his father on the farm till he was called to serve in the U.S. Army (1948-1949). He was called back as a reserve soldier at the time of the Korean Conflict (1950-1951). Serving in Kentucky as a P.F.C. and taking Diesel Mechanic School in Kansas City, Mo. during this time.

On August 25, 1956, Anthony J. (10-30-25) and Mary B. Behr (11-15-34) were married at Holy Angels Church, Sidney (Shelby Co.), Ohio. Mary was the only daughter of Mathias G. (b. 10-19-1898 - d. 8-18-1976) and Emma B. Schwartz Behr (b.8-27-1901) of Franklin Twp. Shelby Co. Mary's six brothers were: Marcel (6-20-26); Jerome (b. 2-2-30 - d. 11-25-83); Cyril

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Anthony Droesch cont.

(b. 11-27-31 - d. 10-10-84); David (2-23-36); Wilfred (W. R. TED) (10-31-40); and Joseph (6-7-42). Mary was born in 1934.

Mathias earned his living as a farmer and reared his family on the former Baker farm on Sidney-Fryburg Road, for more than 30 years, passing away at the age of 78. He was the fifth of nine children of Albert (b. 9-29-1864 - d. 6-16-1941) and Christine Gariety Behr (b. 12-14-1868 - d. 7-23-1940) from McClain Twp. Shelby Co.

Emma Schwartz Behr was the daughter of Henry (b. 9-29-1868 - d. 10-19-1934) and Cecelia Leisner Schwartz (b. 10-9-1879 - d. 1-28-1947). She was the eldest of six children; three daughters and three sons. She was reared in Franklin Twp., Shelby Co. and a granddaughter of Herman (b. 1844) and Bernadine Danials Leisner (b. 4-11-1840 - d. 7-9-1941), Minster, Ohio. Herman married Bernadine in 1870. She was 101 years old at her death, having made her home at the same farm, three miles east of Minster on St. Rt. 119. Her son Frank and his family lived with her. Emma B. Behr lives on Baker farm since November, 1945.

Two years after their marriage Anthony and Mary purchased Lots 29 and 30 of the Seitz Addition, Chickasaw. In 1900-1922 their home was occupied by Bada Kramer, station master of the C. H. & D. Railroad.

In 1966, Anthony took a one year leave of absence from Goodyear (employed for 15 years) to assume the position of Postmaster of the village for one year. In June, 1967, Tony became postal clerk and mail carrier in Celina for three years. Also in 1967, Tony became proprietor of a small engine sales and service business; complete with a sharpening service. This was purchased from Fred Shaffer from Goettemoeller Road who owned and operated it from a wheelchair for 28 years. In 1971, Tony and his wife, Mary, were employed at Crown Controls Corp., in New Bremen for over 15 years and continued to maintain their repair business on a part-time basis.

Their marriage was blessed with four daughters and two sons. Dona Marie (8-4-57); Cinda Barbara (9-16-58); Bonnie Rose (2-3-61); Larry John (6-20-64); Zita Kay (5-23-67) and Kevin Joseph (3-20-75).

Dona has graduated from Marion Local School in 1975 and started at Sinclair College, Dayton, Ohio in 1976. Graduating as a Commercial Artist in 1978, Dona has established her career in Dayton. She is employed by the Carlson Marketing Group at the E. F. MacDonald Branch in Production Services.

Cinda, a 1977 Marion Local graduate pursued a secretarial and bookkeeping career with Crown Control. She married Dave Helmstetter in October 27, 1979, established residence in the St. Marys-Wapak area and has three sons, Nathan (12-16-81), Dominic (12-8-83), and Matthew (10-6-85).

Bonnie graduated from Marion Local in 1979 and worked at Crown Control for five years. She married Marvin Fortkamp on February 25, 1984 and has established residence in the Ft. Recovery area about a mile from the Indiana line; with their three children, Christopher (7-13-84), Angela (2-13-86) and Brad (B.J.) (9-25-87).

Larry graduated from Marion Local in June, 1983 and enrolled at Wilmington College that fall. A real sports enthusiast, he majored in Sports Medicine. He graduated from Wilmington in May of 1987. He plans to go to a graduate school and obtain a Masters Degree, after a few years experience in a small college or a larger high school.

Zita graduated from Marion Local in 1985 and after a year of work, enrolled at Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio. She is hoping to graduate in 1988 with a major in Executive Secretarial field.

Kevin is presently attending Marion Local Elementary anxiously looking ahead to graduating in 1994.

*For Anthony Droesch Family History see Bernard Droesch History.



House was built in 1903. Picture must have been taken shortly after it as completed. Back row - August Jr., John, Frances, Lorenz Droesch. Mrs. August Sr. (Elizabeth - their mother) and Kunigunda (unmarried aunt who lived here).



Mrs. August (Elizabeth) Droesch Sr. family. Left to right, back row - Frances, Henry, Engelbert, Lorenz, August. Front row, Philomena, Elizabeth (mother), Carolyn, John.



BERNARD DROESCH FAMILY - Back row, left to right - Lucille, Helen, Ben. Front row - Thelma, Jane, Don, Mary.

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BERNARD DROESCH FAMILY HISTORY

Bernard Droesch (b. July 3, 1922) and Lucille Ranly (b. August 6, 1923) were married October 9, 1946 at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Cassella, Ohio. While living in Chickasaw, Bernard (Ben) was associated with Young's Poultry and Hatchery until 1950. Then he was employed by the General Telephone Co. of Ohio out of Celina.

In the fall of 1952 they built a new home on Mulberry Street (now the Norbert Kramer residence) where they lived until December, 1958. They then moved to the Droesch homestead (Ben's home place), one mile south of Chickasaw on State Route 716 to 7931 Droesch Road. The Droesch's lived there until June 20, 1986 when they moved to 7897 Droesch Road.

They are the parents of six children: Helen Ann (b. July 27, 1947) married Robert E. Uhlenhake (b. May 13, 1945) on May 11, 1968 of St. Rt. 118, St. Henry, Ohio. They reside there with their three children, Diane (b. November 14, 1970), Beverly (b. July 14, 1972) and Greg (b. February 14, 1974).

Mary Ellen (b. July 19, 1948) married Michael Osterholt (b. September 1, 1946) on April 12, 1969. They live at 7796 Droesch Road with their four sons, Joseph (b. June 13, 1970), Thomas (b. October 16, 1971), Ronald (b. August 31, 1974), and Michael (b. April 12, 1982).

Bernice Lucille was born on July 25, 1954 and died July 27, 1954.

Thelma Elizabeth (b. February 23, 1957) married Martin Topp (b. August 16, 1955) of Chickasaw on October 22, 1977. They now live in New Bremen with their four children: Adam (b. April 20, 1978), Craig (b. March 1, 1980), Wayne (b. November 19, 1981) and Carla (b. May 3, 1984).

Jane Rita (b. December 21, 1958) is employed as a Loan Closing Officer for Ryan Financial Services, Inc. in Columbus, Ohio and married Bruce Weide on September 12, 1987. They live in Columbus.

When Ben retired from farming his son, Donald (b. June 13, 1961) took over the farming operations and now resides on the home place with his wife Rosann Schulze (b. September 14, 1960). They were married October 17, 1986 and their son, Paul Donald was born August 5, 1987.

Ben was the son of Lorenz (b. August 28, 1874 - d. August 10, 1958) and Elizabeth Bruggeman Droesch (b. November 26, 1894 - d. October 13, 1952). Lorenz tilled the ground that was settled by his grandfather, Xavier Droesch who came to the United States from Germany in 1846. Xavier was born in Fischbach, Germany in 1807 came with his mother, his wife Judith (Haas) (b. 1809 - d. April 13, 1884) and their six children. They left Frieburg in the Grand Duchy of Baden on May 27, 1846 to travel to the North American state of Ohio to settle with his family (as quoted from the copy of the original passport in the possession of the family). The youngest of the six children died enroute and was buried at sea.

Xavier's first forty acres were transferred to him on February 8, 1847 from Wm. Leigh, Administrator of the John Randolph Estate of Halifax County, Virginia. Mr. Randolph bought 2000 acres in this area so his slaves could come here to live a life of freedom. Because they were "black" they were not allowed to get off the Canal Boats at Minster and New Bremen so they never reached their destination, and in time the land was sold to the mostly German immigrants arriving in this country.

Xavier died February 27, 1867 and his son August (b. August 26, 1840 - d. November 26, 1892) and his wife Elizabeth Lochtefeld Droesch (b. August 4, 1844 - d. December 10, 1916) took over the farming operations.

Lorenz was one of eleven children of August and Elizabeth. He married Agnes Reichert on November 8, 1905. She died September 20, 1914. They had four children.

Lorenz was remarried on February 12, 1919 to Elizabeth Bruggeman (b. November 26, 1894 - d. October 13, 1952). She was the daughter of Henry (b. September 28 - d. November 24, 1924) and Bernadine Broerman (b. September 15, 1853 - d. December 5, 1932). Both were born in Germany. Henry came to the U.S. in 1833.

Lorenz did the farming until he reached a good age. Ben was the oldest of the six children of Lorenz and Elizabeth.

In 1950 Droesch Bros. (Bernard, Anthony and Andrew) farmed until after the death of Lorenz in 1958. At that time Ben took sole possession of the farm until he passed the working of the land on to his son, Donald, who is farming it now. Don owns the portion of the farm that contains the old home and buildings.

Ben has been driving a school bus for Marion Local School since 1963 and is also Bus Maintenance Supervisor of the fleet of eleven buses.

He is a World War II veteran where he served in the U.S. Signal Corps spending eighteen months in India where he served with the 3105th Signal Service Battalion. He is a Charter Member and former Commander of the Chickasaw Post 9019 V.F.W. as well as an American Legion member of Post 571 Maria Stein. During his years in Chickasaw, Ben served as a member of the Village Council for eight years.

Lucille was the daughter of Peter (b. July 3, 1888 - d. October 14, 1960) and Sophia (Speck) Ranly (b. May 11, 1894 - d. September 5, 1972). They were married May 1, 1912 at Cassella. Peter was always an active member of the community where his father Christoph (b. January 14, 1837 - d. October 11, 1921) came to America with his parents Johannes (b. June 20, 1796) and his wife Elizabeth Gilsdorf (b. March 22, 1800) two sisters and one brother left Weinsheim, Germany on April 14, 1857 (there is a copy of the original passport in the family to confirm this). They arrived in Cassella, Ohio on June 11, 1857. Elizabeth died that summer (August 18, 1857) and the following year (September 14, 1858) Johannes followed her in death.

The parents of Johannes were Philip (d. February 18, 1814) and Margaretha Ranly (same surname). Philip's father was Peter (d. June 7, 1784) married to Elizabetha Gruber (d. December 27, 1776). All of these lived in the German village of Weinsheim very near the city of Bad Kreuznach, Germany.

Lucille's maternal grandparents from St. Henry were John Speck (b. February 14, 1860 - d. June 7, 1932) and Magdalena Lamm Speck (b. October 25, 1857 - d. March 21, 1930).

The Ben Droesch family has always been very active in the community, especially in the church where Lucille was the first Lay Catechist beginning to teach the children in the fall of 1962. She actively taught for over twenty years and is still co-ordinator of the Religious Education Program and has also been teaching part-time in the Catechetical Center in St. Henry for the past seven years.



DONALD DROESCH FAMILY - Left to right, Rosann, Paul, Don.

DONALD DROESCH FAMILY HISTORY

Donald and Rosann (Schulze) Droesch live at 7931 Droesch Road, Maria Stein.

Donald was born June 13, 1961 and is a farmer/mechanic. Rosann was born September 14, 1960 and is a Certified Public Accountant. They have one son, Paul Donald, born August 5, 1987.

Donald's parents are Bernard and Lucille Droesch. His grandparents were: Lorenz and Elizabeth Droesch and Peter and Sophia Ranly.

Rosann's parents are Walter and Dolores Schulze. Her grandparents are John and Agatha Schulze and Lawrence and Leona Hartings.

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RON DWENGER FAMILY - Left to right, back - Ron, Deanna, Bernice. Front - Eric and Brad.

RON DWENGER FAMILY HISTORY

Ron Dwenger, son of Urban and Lucille (Clune) Dwenger, Osgood and Bernice Bruggeman, daughter of Leo (deceased) and Armella (Everman) Bruggeman, St. Henry were married June 15, 1974 at St. Henry Catholic Church.

They lived in St. Henry for 5 years and then built a house on Brockman Road, Chickasaw. They moved to Chickasaw November, 1979. They have 3 children: Eric, 11, born May 6, 1976; Brad, 8, born January 9, 1979; and Deanna, 2, born October 5, 1985.

Ron's grandparents were Bernard and Anna (Wildenhaus) Dwenger and Casper and Anna (Ashman) Clune. Bernice's grandparents were Herman and Philomena (Gerlach) Bruggeman and August and Anna (Miller) Everman.

Ron is employed at Minster Machine, Minster as a Stock Chaser and Bernice is employed at New Idea, Coldwater as a Production Typist.



Front Row: Jennifer Knapke, Maurice Elking, Jody Knapke, Eleanor Elking, Tracy Knapke. Second Row: Kathleen Knapke, Cynthia Elking. Back Row: David Knapke, Pat Elking, Janet Elking, Brittany Elking, Dan Elking.

MAURICE ELKING FAMILY HISTORY

Fritz "Squire" Elking was born in Nienkerken, Westphalia circa 1820. As a boy he was apprenticed to a tailor but in his late teens he decided to emigrate to America and entered this country by way of New Orleans. For a time he remained in Arkansas where he learned to speak, read, and write English. He then came to the new and small Low German settlement of Mercer County, Ohio. This settlement later was named Maria Stein. Some families from his hometown in Germany had settled there. He acquired land adjacent to the Convent of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. He cleared the land and engaged in farming. Because of his facility in the English language he was chosen the first Township Clerk and the first Justice of the Peace in Marion Township. He was generally known as "Squire" Elking, by virtue of his language facility and he also became a land agent and journeyed on foot to the U.S. Public Land Office, then located in Chillicothe, Ohio, and purchased tracts of public land in Marion Township on behalf of the newly arrived German immigrants from Westphalia. Apparently, "Squire" Elking was not overly fond of flour made in the Indian fashion, for from time to time, with a sack of grain or corn on his shoulder, he would walk to the mill in Piqua, Ohio, and procure from the mill real flour.

Fritz "Squire" Elking and Elisabetha (Born Kramer) were married in St. John Church in 1845. Fritz Elking died in Maria Stein in 1859. (His year of death is established by word of mouth from statements by his daughter to the writer of this history; however, there is a tombstone in Maria Stein Cemetery "In Memory of Friedrich Elking who died on March 6, 1869, at the age of 55 years, 10 months, and 17 days." This may be a different Elking.

Elisabetha Elking (Kramer) died in Maria Stein on May 14, 1881 at the age of 59 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

To Fritz "Squire" Elking and Elisabetha Elking (Kramer) were born three children: Katherine Maria, Margaret, and Henry.

Henry L. Elking was born May 26, 1853. He inherited the Elking homestead. He was married to Catherina Meiring Niemeyer who died quite young. To them were born four sons: Joseph, Fred, Henry and Frank. The Elking homestead was sold to a Budde family in 1921.

Frank Elking was born in Maria Stein on September 14, 1890. He married Frances Bruggeman on May 2, 1916. They were engaged in farming. They first lived on a farm south of Chickasaw - the former Al Homan farm. They later moved to a farm east of Chickasaw in Auglaize County. They had six children:

Edna who married Leonard Heitkamp and they had eleven children. Edna died on December 13, 1982 at the age of 65.

Louis who married Rita Wendel and they had six children. Louis died on October 24, 1981 at the age of 62.

Roman who married Matilda Knapke and they had five children. Roman died on June 16, 1974 at the age of 53.

Maurice who married Eleanor Abels and they had four children.

Marie who married Bernard Riethman and they had seven children.

Edwin who married Marita Bruns and they had eight children - one who died in childhood.

Frances died on June 24, 1926 at the age of 29 years.

In November of 1931 Frank married Ceclia Miller in Wendelin. They had one son, Charles. She died on December 24, 1932. She was 29 years old. Frank died on June 29, 1953 at the age of 63. Charles was married to Mildred Frantz and they had four children.

Maurice A. Elking was born on October 11, 1922 at Chickasaw, Ohio in Auglaize County. He was a milk hauler for fifteen years for Fishers Cheese at Wapakoneta, Ohio. He is now working at Superior Silos in Coldwater, Ohio. Eleanor is a cook at Marion Elementary School in Maria Stein. She was born November 25, 1922. They were married on September 25, 1948 and their four children are:

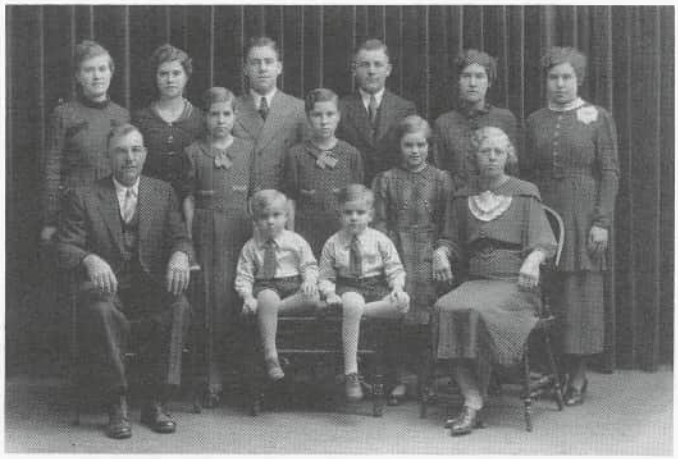
Kathleen M. Elking (born December 8, 1949) married David C. Knapke on October 3, 1975. They have three children: Jennifer C., Tracy C. and Jody L. Kathleen is a teacher at Marion Elementary School in Maria Stein.

Cynthia F. was born June 1, 1952. She is presently employed as an R.N. in the ICU unit at Greene County Hospital in Xenia, Ohio. She is also employed full time at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio in the Research Laboratory as a cell culture analysis technician.

Dan was born June 2, 1955 and is presently living at home. He is employed part time in building maintenance at Mary's Help of Christian Church in Ft. Recovery, Ohio. He also goes part time to the Neurological Center at St. Peter, Ohio.

Patrick was born May 8, 1957 and married Janet Voskuhl on December 27, 1984. They have one daughter, Brittany. Pat is employed by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department as a detective.

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Back Row: Agnes, Hilda, Norbert, Leo, Armella, Olive. Middle Row: Mary Ann, Matilda, Florentine. Front Row: John, Robert, Paul, and Anna Knapke.



Standing (l to r): Bill, Susan, Teresa, Jerry, Pat. Seated: Matilda & Roman Elking.

ROMAN ELKING FAMILY HISTORY

Matilda Knapke (b. 10-30-1922) married Roman Elking son of Frank and Frances (Bruggeman) Elking from New Bremen, Ohio on June 7, 1947 at Precious Blood Church. Romie was working at the New Bremen Rubber Company. They built a new home in Chickasaw, Ohio in 1948. It was one of the first new homes built here for quite a number of years. They sent their home from Sears, Roebuck and Company from a catalog and was delivered by truck. The price was $2,625.21, this included the roof, furnace, insulation, wallboard, wiring and fixtures, and all plumbing and sinks, and complete bath. They did add on to the house in 1959 and Matilda is presently still living there.

Roman and Matilda Elking were parents of five children: Patricia, Gerald, Teresa, Susan and William. Roman died on June 16, 1974 at the age of 53.

Patricia Ann was born on August 6, 1948 and is a teacher and has taught at Marion Local Schools for seven years. She married Victor Klosterman on August 7, 1971, and lives on Chickasaw Road, Chickasaw, Ohio. They have one daughter, Joy Renee, and one son, Nathan Lee. Vic is a foreman at Minster Machine Company.

Gerald John was born on November 21, 1949. He is a Major in the U.S. Air Force and is presently residing in Kokomo, Indiana. He married Sandy Sebesta from Denver, Colorado on May 12, 1978 and they are the parents of two sons, Roman and Isaac. Sandy is a business manager.

Teresa was born on September 18, 1951. She is also a teacher and married Ronald Hoying on June 29, 1974. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio and Ron works for Great American Insurance Company as a Personal Lines Manager. They have two daughters, Julie and Jill, and two sons, Daniel and David.

Susan was born on April 8, 1953 and is a nurse. She married J. Wayne Richmond from Nashville, Tennessee on July 26, 1975 and they live in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Wayne is a Director of Promotion of Adidas U.S.A. They are the parents of two daughters, Lynsey and Laura.

William was born on January 7, 1955 and he also is a teacher at Marion Local Schools at Maria Stein, Ohio. He is also a coach in baseball, basketball and football. He married Donna Dahlinghaus on November 15, 1986 and lives at 1952 St. Rt. 716 in Maria Stein, Ohio. Donna is a Certified Dental Assistant at Drs. Young and Forsthoefel at Celina, Ohio. They are the parents of a daughter, Jackie.

*See Art Moeller Family History for Matilda Knapke's history.



Matthew Evers



Nick, Pam, Ryan & Jenna Evers

NICK EVERS FAMILY HISTORY

Nick Evers and Pam (Fleck) Evers were married on October 31, 1980. They are the parents of three children. Ryan was born on March 6, 1982, Jenna was born on February 9, 1984, and Matthew was born on December 30, 1987. Nick bought the business known as Mike's Sanitation Service in 1981 and also is engaged in farming.

Pam is the daughter of Robert and Esther (Severt) Fleck. She has two brothers, Mike and Dale and one sister, Julie (Fleck) Kremer. One sister, Cynthia Kay died on April 13, 1954 and one brother, Doug died on April 13, 1980. They are engaged in farming at their home east of Chickasaw.

Nick is the son of Mildred and the late Roman Evers who died on December 1, 1978. He has seven brothers: Ron, Ken, Bill, Sam, Mike, Frank and Randy; and four sisters: Pat Koesters, Sharon Uhlenhake, Joyce Johnsman, and Diann Hoying. The Evers are from St. Henry and are engaged in farming.

Pam's paternal grandparents were the late George and Salome (Rose) Fleck from St. Sebastian. Her maternal grandparents were the late Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt from Coldwater.

Nick's paternal grandparents were the late Frank and Catherine Evers from St. Henry. His maternal grandparents were the late Frank and Anna Arling from Osgood.

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Alvira & Othmar Evers

OTHMAR EVERS FAMILY HISTORY

Ott's grandparents were Theodore Evers and Elizabeth (Hageman) Evers from his dad's side. They always lived in St. Rose and were farmers. Their parents came from Germany. From his mother's side, they were Joseph Meier and Katherine (Koenig) Meier. They lived in Chickasaw when they were first married and later moved to St. Rose.

His parents were Bernard Evers and Mary (Meier) Evers. He was born May 28, 1881 and died September 20, 1978. He was ninety-seven years old. Mary was born August 11, 1889 and died August 29, 1980. She was ninety-one when she died. They were farmers and always lived on their farm in St. Rose. They had six children: Victor, Ray, Rita (who is deceased), Othmar and Olivia (who are twins) and Zita.

Alvira's grandparents were John Prenger and Katherine (Winner) Prenger on dad's side. They were farmers and always lived in Minster. My mother's side was Bernard Wehrman and Elizabeth (Heitbrink) Wehrman. They always lived in Egypt and farmed all their life. Their parents came from Germany.

My parents were William Prenger and Clara (Wehrman) Prenger. He was born November 7, 1897 and died May 22, 1969. He was seventy-one years old. Clara was born January 16, 1902 and died October 1, 1966. She was sixty-four years old and died from an auto accident. They were farmers and always lived in Egypt. There were two children and one deceased: Alvira and Viona Prenger.

Ott and I were married June 25, 1949 and lived in St. Rose on his parent's farm till 1977 when our son married and moved on the farm. We then moved to Chickasaw. Ott was born January 1, 1922 and I was born March 16, 1927. We had four children: Marlene was born November 4, 1951 and married John Schmitmeyer February 24, 1973. Donald was born April 8, 1954 and married Jane Henry November 28, 1977. Two children are deceased, David born February 28, 1962 and died March 1, 1962. Doris Jean was born September 7, 1964 and died September 7, 1964.

Marlene and John have four children: Douglas born September 21, 1974, Kevin born February 12, 1975, Sarah Jane born October 22, 1979, and John born February 12, 1985.

Donald and Jane have two children. Robert was born March 13, 1980 and Thomas was born January 17, 1983.



Don & Mary (Dues) Eyink family: Jenny, Renee, Eric, Nicole, Cory

DON EYINK FAMILY HISTORY

Donald Raymond Eyink was born on May 29, 1947, in Chickasaw, Ohio. He is the son of Raymond and Magdelina (Benanzer) Eyink. He graduated from Marion Local High School in 1965. From there he found employment at Crown Controls in New Bremen. In April of 1974, he bought half of Bock Office Supplies in Celina from his brother-in-law, Charles Dues. In July of 1984 he bought Charles' part and is now sole owner. On November 28, 1968, Don married a Coldwater girl, Mary Kathryn Dues, who was born on June 18, 1948. She is the daughter of Clarence and Hilda (Cron) Dues. She is a homemaker and they are the parents of five children: Jennifer Sue, born on August 29, 1969, Renee Marie, born on December 20, 1971, Eric Donald, born on September 7, 1973, Nicole Lynn, born on March 10, 1976, and Cory Alan, born on May 15, 1982.



Front: Cecilia, Mary Ann, Alice, Aloys. Back: Esther, Edgar, Kenneth, Ernest, Viola, Thomas.

ESTHER EYINK FAMILY HISTORY

I was born May 18, 1944. My parents were Aloys & Cecilia (Bruns) Eyink. My maternal grandparents were John & Philomena (Vehorn) Bruns. My paternal grandparents were Clem & Philomena (Brockman) Eyink. I lived on the home place on Clover Four Road until my family moved into Chickasaw in December of 1979.

I have three sisters; Alice, Viola, and Mary Ann. Alice married Don (Red) Feltz and they live in Coldwater. Viola married Wilbert (Bill) Homan and they live at St. Rose. Mary Ann married Vincent (Bud) Gruss and they live in Coldwater.

I have three brothers; Edgar, Ernest, and Kenneth. Edgar married Rita Gruss and they live in Coldwater. Ernest married Mary Evelyn Cron and they live at New Bremen. Kenneth married Kathy Streacker and they live in Coldwater.

My brother Thomas attended the Cheryl Ann Facility in Celina, Ohio (which he enjoyed very much) and worked in the workshop there until he died in 1983.

I attended the Chickasaw Elementary School and graduated from Marion Local High School in 1962. Now I am employed as a secretary at The Minster Machine Company in Minster, Ohio.

RAYMOND EYINK FAMILY HISTORY

Raymond was born January 1, 1913 at Chickasaw, Ohio to John Eyink and Katherine Ankenbauer.

Magdelina was born April 29, 1917 at Montezuma, Ohio to John Benanzer and Josephine Watercutter.

They were married at Guadalupe Church on April 12, 1939. Parents of three children: Shirley Thobe born October 17, 1940; Donald born May 29, 1947; and Bonnie Ramshaw born January 12, 1953.

Shirley married Roland Thobe on September 30, 1961. Roland is President of the Osgood State Bank and Shirley is employed part-time at Lazarus at Lima, Ohio. They have two children: Jed born April 9, 1968 and Tara born January 2, 1971. They live at Maria Stein, Ohio.

Donald married Mary Dues on November 28, 1968. Donald and Mary own Bock Office Supplies at Celina, Ohio. They have five children: Jennifer born August 29, 1969; Renee born December 20, 1971; Eric born September 7, 1973; Nicole born March 10, 1976; and Cory born May 15, 1982. They live at Chickasaw, Ohio.

Bonnie married John Ramshaw on October 26, 1974. They are parents of two sons: Joel born February 27, 1978 and Joshua born December 26, 1980. John is employed at Cambridge Schools as Treasurer and Auditor. Bonnie is employed part-time at Bank One at Cambridge, Ohio.

Raymond was employed at Midmark for 37 years. He passed away March 19, 1982. They built their present home in 1970 at 91 Mulberry Street, Chickasaw, Ohio.

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John & Katherine Ankenbauer Eyink



Anton & Elizabeth Menkhaus Eyink



Vernon & Cecilia Eyink



Larry Eyink Family. Larry, Mary, Cindy (15), Greg (8), & Beth (14).

VERNON & LAWRENCE EYINK FAMILY HISTORY

Anton Eyink, son of Englbert Eyink, was born on January 6, 1814 in Darfeld (West Fallia) Germany. He was a healer by trade. He learned his healing and surgical knowledge in Germany. In 1835, he came to the United States and made his home in New Jersey for a short time. He then came to live in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the early 1840's he came to Minster, Ohio to practice his medical skills. Katherine Ankenbauer Eyink, his daughter-in-law was Anton's assistant for about 8 years at Chickasaw. Anton made many incisions on legs, arms, backs, without anesthesia. People would say they never felt the pain. On Sundays the C. H. & D. would bring many people in from Cincinnati and Dayton for his services. They would rent horses and carriages in Chickasaw to bring them to the farm for Anton's healing services. Anton was also well known for his services in the Ft. Loramie and Newport areas. He was a great friend of Dr. Fledderjohann in New Knoxville and New Bremen. In addition to his medical practice he farmed a 40 acre farm. He also contracted a mile of the Erie Canal. He hired some men to help with this adventure. Anton and his men buried the people who died from the dreaded disease of malaria and cholera. Anton and his men never contacted the disease. Their secret for not contacting the disease was to boil all their water and drink whiskey, and he made a concoction of tree bark tea and other medicine made from wild plants.

On September 6, 1853, Anton married Elizabeth Menkhaus in Minster. Elizabeth, born November 24, 1835, was the daughter of Mathias and Elizabeth Neiderwarber Menkhaus.

Anton and Elizabeth had seven children; Frank, Elizabeth (died in infancy), Clement, Caroline, Charles, Elizabeth (all born in Minster). John and Henry (born in Chickasaw as he moved to Chickasaw in 1867 on section 12, an 80 acre farm, presently the home of Albert and Angela Miller. John and Clement both stayed their entire life in Chickasaw.

Anton Eyink died March 12, 1904 and his wife Elizabeth died April 25, 1913 and are buried in the Chickasaw Precious Blood Cemetery.

John Eyink, son of Anton and Elizabeth Menkhaus Eyink was born October 18, 1870. He married Katherine Ankenbauer (born May 28, 1875) on October 26, 1892. Katherine is the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Puthoff) Ankenbauer from around Osgood. They had 9 children: Rose, Joseph, Mary, Louisa, Louis, Matilda, Elenor, Raymond, and Vernon.

When John was first married he lived in Chickasaw in the present home of Stephen and Marie McClurg. While he lived in Chickasaw he did odd jobs and worked for the undertaker in Chickasaw, Bill Meyer. Later he moved back to the homeplace with his father and mother and farmed.

John helped with the reburying of some deceased from the St. Sebastian Cemetery over to the Chickasaw Precious Blood Cemetery.

During the depression, John lost the farm and moved to Chickasaw in 1934 at the present home of his son, Vernon Eyink. John died October 3, 1956 and Katherine died May 14, 1940. Both are buried in the Precious Blood Cemetery of Chickasaw.

John's sons Louis, Ray, and Vernon have lived in Chickasaw all their lives.

Vernon F. Eyink was born November 25, 1916 and he married Cecilia J. Riethman (born June 18, 1916) on July 20, 1940. Cecilia is the daughter of Joseph and Agnes Prenger Riethman of McCartyville. Vernon and Cecilia have always lived at 30 East Walnut St. in Chickasaw.

Vernon was a factory worker at Monarch, New Idea, and Chickasaw Machine & Tool and he also did carpentry work. Cecilia worked at Goodyear for 21 years.

Vernon and Cecilia have four children. Kathleen, David, Lawrence, and Marilyn. Kathleen (born July 5, 1941) is married to John Pleiman and lives on a farm near Ft. Loramie. They have five children; Anthony, Sandra, Joyce, Lynn, and Mark. David (born July 10, 1943) and is married to Diana Joan Linton and lives near Celina. They have two children; Douglas and Jeanelle. Marilyn (born May 24, 1952) is married to Edwin Schwartz and live in New Bremen. They have three children; Melissa, Christopher, and Neal.

Lawrence (born June 10, 1950) and resides at 28 E. Wayne St. in Chickasaw. Larry married Mary Louise McClurg of North Star, October 2, 1971. Mary (born September 12, 1951) is the daughter of Paul and Marlene Barga McClurg of Versailles. Mary's fraternal grandparents are Warren and Margaret (Young) McClurg of North Star. Mary's maternal grandparents are Clarence and Irene (Groff) Barga of North Star also.

Lawrence (Larry) and Mary have three children: Cynthia (born March 29, 1972), Elizabeth (born August 8, 1973), and Gregory (born July 10, 1979).

Larry works at Minster Machine and Mary is employed at Celina Financial Corporation.

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JOHN FLECK FAMILY HISTORY

John was born on March 5, 1960 the son of John and Lillian (Homan) who live on Harrison Road, St. Sebastian.

His grandparents were George and Salome (Rose) Fleck and Bernard and Margaret (Keller) Homan. John has 8 brothers and sisters and their spouses and children.

They are Jim and Carolyn (Fleck-Link) Kohlrieser, Marcia, Brenda, Tonya Link, Carthagena. Raphael and Irene (Fleck) Borgerding, Sandy, Becky, Ronnie, Burkettsville. Paul and Shirley (Magoteaux) Fleck, Matt, Jill, Jody, Jenny, Ryan, Brad, St. Sebastian. Hank and Alice (Fleck) Kaiser, Nicole, Richard, Ashley, St. Sebastian. Mark and Jane (Siefring) Fleck, Todd, Kevin, Rene, Jackie, Katie, St. Sebastian. Dan and Wilm (Fleck) Timmerman, Chad, Jesse, Ft. Recovery. George and Mary Lynn (Fowler) Fleck, Toledo, and Jim and Pam (Bruns) Fleck, Maria Stein. John is a farmer with the Fleck Corporation.

Linda was born on August 22, 1961 the daughter of Paul and Shirley (Gardner) Brunswick who live on St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein. Her grandparents were Albert and Elfrieda (Friemering) Gardner ;and Lawrence and Stella (Reichert) Brunswick. Elfrieda Gardner resides on Myers Road, Celina. Paul is employed at Minster Machine Co., Minster and Shirley is employed at Riggs Food Express, New Bremen. Linda has 3 brothers and 1 sister and their spouses and children. They are Rick and Marlene (Homan) Brunswick, Matt, Ryan, Findlay. Ron and Deb (Klosterman) Brunswick, Michelle (Debbie), and John, Chickasaw. Jay and Lori (Kramer) Brunswick and Nathan, Arcanum. Nick and Lisa (Brunswick) Link, St. Henry.

John and Linda were married on March 6, 1982 and live on Clover Four Road, Box 87, New Bremen. They have two sons, Kyle born on November 29, 1984 and Keith born on May 8, 1986.



MICHAEL FLECK FAMILY - Pat, Brent, Mike and Amy Fleck.

MICHAEL FLECK FAMILY HISTORY

Mike is the son of Robert and Esther (Severt) Fleck of Chickasaw. He was born March 9, 1956 in Columbiana, South Carolina. Mike's paternal grandparents are George and Saloma (Rose) Fleck and his maternal grandparents are Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt. Mike has one brother, Dale, and two sisters, Pam Evers and Julie Kremer, all living in the Chickasaw area. Mike had a sister, Cynthia, who died April 13, 1954 and a brother Douglas, who died April 13, 1980. Mike is engaged in farming with his dad and his mom is a homemaker and helps with the records and bookkeeping for the farm.

Mike married Patricia Linn on September 17, 1982. Pat is the daughter of Leon and Mary Ellen (Kemper) Linn of St. Henry. She was born January 15, 1957 in Coldwater, Ohio. Her paternal grandparents are Andrew and Velma (Douglas) Linn and her maternal grandparents are Anthony and Elizabeth (Ungruh) Kemper. Pat has four brothers, Daniel, St. Henry; Gary, Inverness, Florida; Mark, Coldwater; David, Piqua, and one sister, Paula, St. Henry. Pat's dad works at New Idea, Coldwater as a welder and her mom is a full-time homemaker. Pat works at Celina Financial Corporation as a Brokerage Underwriting Assistant for the inhouse agency.

Mike and Pat have two children: Amy Marie who was born December 11, 1982 and Brent Michael who was born August 15, 1985. They are currently living at 3698 Chickasaw Road.



ROBERT FLECK FAMILY - Front, left to right - Amy Fleck, Jenna Evers, Ryan Evers and Brad Kremer. Middle - Pat Fleck holding Brent Fleck, Pam Evers and Julie Kremer. Back - Mike Fleck, Nick Evers, Linda and Dale Fleck, Esther and Bob Fleck, Tom Kremer holding Karla.

ROBERT FLECK FAMILY HISTORY

Robert Fleck, son of the late George and Saloma (Rose) Fleck and Esther Severt, daughter of Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt were married on May 30, 1953. They had six children: Cynthia Kay born on February 25, 1954 and died on April 13, 1954; Michael George born on March 9, 1956; Douglas Edward born March 7, 1957 and died April 13, 1980; Dale Robert, born on February 1, 1959; Pamela Sue born on April 6, 1961; and Julie Ann born on October 21, 1962.

Michael married Patricia Linn on September 17, 1982 and they have two children, Amy and Brent. Patricia is the daughter of Leon and Mary Ellen Linn from St. Henry.

Dale married Linda Heitkamp on February 14, 1987. Linda is the daughter of Jerome and Mary Ann Heitkamp of Versailles.

Pamela married Nick Evers on October 31, 1980 and they have two children: Ryan and Jenna. Nick is the son of Mildred and the late Roman Evers of St. Henry.

Julie married Tom Kremer on October 30, 1982 and they have two children: Brad and Karla. Tom is the son of Edgar and Clara Jean Kremer of Coldwater.

Robert and Esther have lived at their present farm home east of Chickasaw for thirty-four years. Robert is engaged in farming and Esther is a homemaker.

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Norbert, Priscilla Garman and Becky.

NORBERT GARMAN FAMILY HISTORY

August Garman and Frances (Voskuhl) Garman were the parents of Norbert Garman.

Aloys Hein and Josephine (Wolters) Hein were the parents of Priscilla Garman.

Norbert and Priscilla have 6 children.

Stephen (Steve) Garman is married to Robin (Boir) Garman and they have a son, Scott. They live in Greenville.

Deborah (Deb) Garman Hufford is married to Daniel Hufford. They have two children, Chris and Abby. They live in Ansonia.

Susan (Garman) Wehrman is married to John Wehrman. They have two children, Brad and Stephanie. They live at Piqua.

William (Bill) Garman is married to Jean (Franzer) Garman. They have two children Kevin and Beth. They live at Maria Stein.

Robert (Bob) Garman is married to Debbie (Bigham) Garman. They live at Rockford.

Rebecca (Becky) Garman lives at home with her parents.



Betty and Vic Garman

VICTOR GARMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Victor and Betty Lou (Link) Garman reside at 115 W. Franklin St. after moving there from East Franklin St. in 1956.

Victor was born March 28, 1925 and is the grandson of Emil Garman who immigrated from Westfallen, Germany to Cincinnati, Oh. He then moved to Maria Stein, Ohio and married Mary Mescher where they became parents of fourteen children. The oldest son was August Bernard born in 1892 (died 1962) and was married to Frances Catherine Voskuhl (1900-1955) on April 20, 1920 in an unusual quadruple wedding ceremony with his brothers Aloys and Edward and sister Mary. August and Frances settled in rural Maria Stein before moving to Chickasaw in 1943. In addition to Victor there were five brothers, Norbert (Butch) and Virgil, both of Chickasaw, Charles of New Bremen, Richard and Marvin of Celina, Oh. There were seven sisters, Mrs. Veronica (Arthur) Schmitz of New Weston, Oh., Mrs. Alvera (Jack) Clark of Beloit, Wisc., Mrs. Margaret (William) Weaver, Kettering, Oh. and Mrs. Patricia (Donald) Stachler of Philothea, Oh. Mathilda died in infancy in 1926, Mrs. Barbara (Charles) Rammel died in April 1986 and Mrs. Rita (George) Green died in June 1987.

Vic has been an employee of the Minster Machine Co. since 1946 after his discharge from the army. Betty was born October 28, 1929 to the late Alfred William and Mary Eleanora (Sudhoff) Link from R.R.#6, Celina, Oh. A graduate of St. Elizabeth Hospital School of Nursing, Dayton, Oh. in 1950, she began working part time in the maternity department of Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Coldwater, Oh. in 1957 and will be observing her 30th year of employment in September. They are the parents of seven children, the eldest being Michael August born Feburary 1, 1951. He married Kathy Lou Miller from Sidney on May 12, 1973. They live in St. Marys, Oh. and Mike is employed at Huffy's Mfg. in Celina, Oh. Their children are Jeremy Michael born November 7, 1974 and Vicki Elizabeth born August 5, 1976.

Cynthia Louise was born July 31, 1952 and was an employee of General Telephone until their offices moved to Brookville, Oh. She married Curtis Wenning from Coldwater on November 26, 1977. They now reside in New Bremen, Oh. with son Scott Francis who was born December 22, 1979.

Randy Joseph, aka Rudy, was born October 26, 1953 and he married Ann E. Bergman from Maria Stein, Oh. on April 21, 1978. Rudy also works at Huffy's and lives in St. Henry, Oh. with their four offspring—Jason Thomas, who was born January 26, 1979, Juliana Marie born August 8, 1981, Jacquilene Ann born July 22, 1982 and Jeffrey Michael who was born November 23, 1984.

Gerald Leo, aka Gary, was born February 25, 1955 and was married to Deborah Jean Ratliff of Mojave, Calif. at Edwards Air Force Base on April 30, 1977. Gary joined the Air Force after graduation in 1973 and is presently stationed in Washington D.C. attending school for O.S.I. They have two daughters, Felicia Mae who was born June 24, 1979 and Sabrina Lynn born July 16, 1980.

Ronald Virgil was born December 10, 1956 and after graduation in 1974 he enlisted in the Air Force for four years. Upon discharge he started working at Crown Controls Corp. in New Bremen, Oh. He was married to Pamela K. Schaefer from Maria Stein, Oh. on November 7, 1981. They live in Wapakoneta, Oh. with son Daniel Jacob born March 4, 1983. Their stillborn daughter Andrea Lynn was born May 18, 1987.

David Richard was born September 8, 1958 and was married to Dorothy Beumer from Portland, Ind. on May 24, 1986. He graduated from Ft. Wayne Business College and is an accountant at Tranco Sales and Services, New Bremen, Oh. They live at R.R. #1 Portland, Ind. and are the parents of Sarah Jean born on September 5, 1986 three months prematurely and weighing 1 lb. 15 oz.

Gregory Daniel was born August 26, 1963 and is currently a senior at Bowling Green State University (Ohio) majoring in aero-technology. At the present time he has a private pilot's license and when he graduates he will have a degree in aviation administration and can be a corporate jet pilot.



Mary Ann and Virgil Garman

VIRGIL GARMAN FAMILY HISTORY

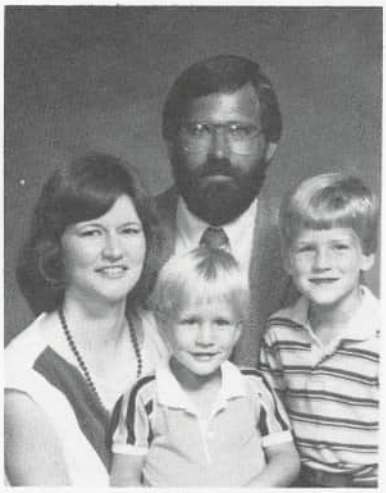
Virgil and Mary Ann Garman reside at 60 State St., Chickasaw.

Virgil, a factory laborer, born October 23, 1935 and Mary Ann Long, a factory laborer, born on January 10, 1937 were married on May 22, 1982.

Virgil's parents are August and Frances Garman. His grandparents are Emil and Mary Garman and Henry and Josephine Voskuhl.

Mary Ann's parents are Carl and Alena Long. Her grandparents are Andrew and Ida Borges and Albert and Louise Long.

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TERRY GERLACH FAMILY - Left to right, Teresa, Terry, Brad, Doug

TERRY GERLACH FAMILY HISTORY

Terry Gerlach was born on October 21, 1954. He works at the Minster Machine Company. On November 19, 1977, he married Teresa Puthoff. She is the daughter of Edwin and Alma Puthoff. Teresa was born on August 16, 1957. She works at Robert Winner Sons, Inc. They reside at 53 East Wayne Street in Chickasaw. They have two sons: Douglas Arthur, born on August 13, 1980 and Bradley David, born December 15, 1982.

Terry's father is Arthur Gerlach. Art was born on July 19, 1927. On November 8, 1952 he married Della Stammen. Della was born on September 25, 1929. They have four children: Randy, Terry, Sandy, and Cindy. Art works at the Minster Machine Co. and Della is employed with the St. Henry Schools. They live in St. Henry.

Art's father was Benard Gerlach. He was born November 18, 1883 and died on March 25, 1962. Benard married Katherine Bruggeman. Katherine was born on February 27, 1885 and died on November 28, 1960. Their children are: Alvina, Rita (Schindler), Othmar, Edwin, Norbert, and Arthur. A daughter, Dorothy, died at 4½ years. Ben was engaged in farming. They lived on a farm on Watkins Road near Burkettsville.

Della's parents were Alfred and Viola (Zahn) Stammen. Alfred was born on July 30, 1900 and died on June 28, 1983. Viola was born on June 26, 1909. Alfred and Viola were married on November 17, 1928. They had eleven children: Della Mae (Gerlach), Walter, Patricia (Dorsten), Barbara (Sherman), Margaret (Moorman), Shirley (Kelch), Orville, James, Judith (Hayes), Charles and Mary (she was stillborn). Alfred was a farmer until the Depression, then worked in several factories. Viola also worked in several factories in the area. Viola now resides in Coldwater.

See Edwin Puthoff family history for information on Teresa's family.

JEFF GOTTSCHALK FAMILY HISTORY

Jeff and Janet (Heckman) Gottschalk were married June 30, 1984. Jeff is the Director of Operations for truck leasing and was born on April 11, 1956. Janet is a factory worker at Crown and was born June 24, 1960. They have one child, Lindsay born January 22, 1985.

Jeff's parents are Eugene and Maxine Gottschalk. His grandparents are William and Mary Gottschalk and Charles and Mellie Howell.

Janet's parents are Richard and Imelda Heckman. Her grandparents are Aloys and Cleopha Schoenherr and Henry and Hilda Heckman.



Francis, Donna and Jenni.

FRANCIS GRIESHOP FAMILY HISTORY

Francis Eugene Grieshop and Madonna Lea Lefeld were married on Saturday - Oct. 29, 1977, in the St. Wendelin Catholic Church at Wendelin, Ohio.

Francis, the youngest son of Otto C. and Mary V. (Barga) Grieshop, was born May 29, 1953 at Coldwater Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio. Madonna, the fifth child of Edward A. and Viola A. (Heuing) Lefeld, was born April 11, 1954, also at Coldwater Hospital.

Francis graduated from Marion Local High School in 1971 and Madonna graduated in 1972 from St. Henry High School.

At an early age Francis started farming with his father and brothers. After high school he worked at Minster I. E. for a couple years, then went back to full time farming. In the fall of 1986, Francis started to work for Woehrmyer Construction, which he is still doing plus some farming.

Before Madonna married Francis she worked at the Celina Mutual Ins. Group. After they were married she was a farmer's wife until she began work in January of 1979 at the Heritage Manor Nursing Center in Minster, Ohio, where she is still presently employed as a nurses aide.

They moved a mobilehome on Francis's father's place, six months before they were married. The farm is located three miles east of Chickasaw, on State Route 274.

On July 23, 1982, Jennifer Lea was born at Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys, Ohio.

For Francis side: see Otto Grieshop Family History.

Edward Jr., Patricia (deceased June 3, 1975), (Dale Winner), Alberta (Larry Behr), Phyllis (John Krieg) and Allen Lefeld are Madonna's brothers and sisters.

Her grandparents were George (7-17-1885 to 12-31-1976) and Bernadine (12-12-1886 to 3-29-1964) (Schmackers) Lefeld. They had ten children. Joseph (Sally Hemmelgarn); Alvina (William Stammen); Dorothy (Harold Seger, dec., Joseph Buening, dec., Richard Kuess); Seraphim (Clarina Bettinger); Edward (Viola Heuning); Agnes (Otto Pohlman, dec.); Bernadina (Al Homan); Bernard (Agnes Weitzel); Henry (Trudy Heckler); and Martin (Mary Ann Prenger).

Great-grandparents were Bernard (8-20-1853 to 9-8-1919) and Antoinette (8-26-1860 to 10-12-1951) (Kessen) Lefeld. They had nine children: Andrew, George, Herman, Henry, Mary (Roessner), Elizabeth (Frey), Michael, Martin, and Anna (H. Schmackers).

On Madonna's mother's side, her grandparents were Henry J. (6-5-1891 to 6-15-1978) and Odilia (10-2-1892 to 9-6-1981) (Roeckner) Heuing. They had three children, Betty, Viola and Irene (Alfred Fullenkamp).

Odilia was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hinders) Roeckner of Chickasaw. Her brothers and sisters were John, Norbert, William, Otto, Werner, Leona (August Knapke), Agnes (Alfred Dexter) and Rosemary (Brandt).

Henry J. Heuing was born in Cranberry Prairie, Ohio to George W. and Mary (Rengers) Heuing. George also had five other children; Anthony, William, Ferdinand and two sisters that died at infancy.

Francis and Madonna attend Chickasaw's Precious Blood Church. They hope they can give their child a great place to live and be happy and healthy.

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MAURICE GRIESHOP FAMILY HISTORY

Maurice Grieshop lives at 46 Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He is employed as a factory worker.

His parents are John and Alice (Fiely) Grieshop and grandparents are Fred and Katherine (Bergman) Grieshop and Herbert and Florentine (Jutte) Fiely.



Left to right, Joe, James, Otto, Mary, Francis, Donna, Charlotte (Grieshop) Bruggeman, and Mike Grieshop.

OTTO GRIESHOP FAMILY HISTORY

Mary V. and Otto C. Grieshop were married May 1, 1943. They had five children: Charlotte (February 15, 1944) married Art Bruggeman (January 1, 1935) on July 14, 1965. Their children are: Eric (May 12, 1966), Michael (October 22, 1967), Ann (October 10, 1968), Carrie (June 21, 1970), Amy (November 30, 1973), Mary Beth (July 8, 1975), Sean (September 15, 1977), and Teresa (July 3, 1984).

Michael (June 30, 1945) married Barbara Wolfgang (April 14, 1947) on August 16, 1969. Their children are: Christopher (December 1, 1971) and Jonathan (March 11, 1981).

Joseph (June 22, 1946) married Margie Langenkamp (February 1, 1948) on August 5, 1972. Their children are: Tara (August 24, 1975), Brian (April 2, 1979), Allison (October 26, 1983) and Andrew (September 26, 1986).

James (January 7, 1949) married Kay Stienlage (November 26, 1953) on June 28, 1975. Their children are: Mark (August 8, 1976), Eveyln (July 17, 1978), and Janelle (August 3, 1979).

Francis (May 29, 1953) married Madonna Lefeld (April 11, 1954) on October 29, 1977. They have a daughter Jennifer (July 23, 1982).

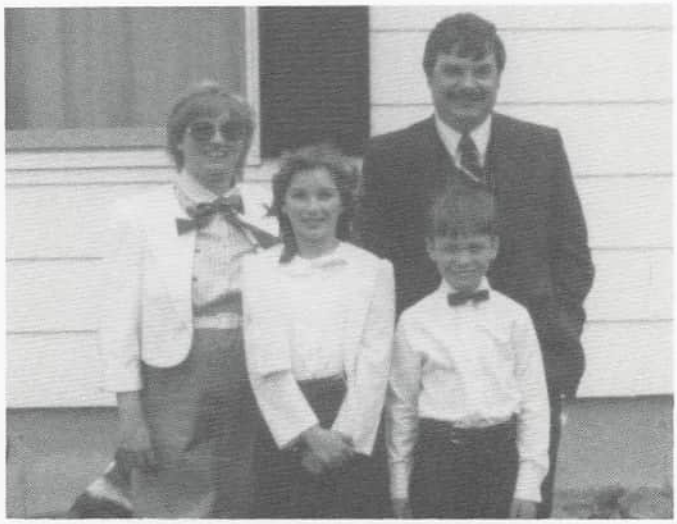
Mary (Barga) Grieshop was born on July 4, 1915. Her parents are Anna Mangen (b. June 6, 1886 - d. September 7, 1972) and Victory Barga (b. January 26, 1884 - d. March 18, 1961).

Mary's brothers and sisters are: Dorothy Goubeaux (Dec.), Luella Echemann, Thelma Welch, Vatolis (Dec.) Vernon, Ivan, Br. Adrian, Eugene, Fr. Louis, Othor and Duane.

Grandparents: Mary Ann Schieltz (b. September 19, 1859 - d. July 1, 1942) and Louis J. Mangen (b. January 3, 1857 - d. July 3, 1941) and Mary V. Alexander (b. January 1, 1862 - d. May 30, 1931) and Jacob F. Barga (May 29, 1861 - July 11, 1943).

Otto Grieshop (b. January 28, 1908 - d. November 14, 1984). His parents were: Philomena Morthorst (b. May 21, 1883 - d. September 29, 1941) and Henry Grieshop (b. December 28, 1875 - d. June 13, 1954).

Otto's brothers and sisters are: Leo (Dec.), Elmer (Dec.) and Helen (Dec.).



Jane, Adrian, Jr., Sheri and Chad Grillot Family.

ADRIAN GRILLOT FAMILY HISTORY

On June 9, 1949 at Greenville Memorial Hospital, Adrian C. and Barbara Grillot were born. Their parents were Adrian C. Grillot Sr. and Blanche C. Holtman from Newport, Ohio.

On Jan. 3, 1951 at Piqua Memorial Hospital, Jane and Jean Huelsman were born. Their parents were Charles H. & Mary C. (Zahn). Grandparents were John & Mary (Meiering) Huelsman from Cranberry, Edward and Helen (Schoen) Zahn, Chickasaw.

Adrian and Jane were married on October 26, 1973. They have two children Sheri Lynn born 7-28-74, and Chad Charles born 1-14-76. They reside at 39 S. Mulberry St.

Adrian works at Minster Mach. as a Supervisor. He is a member of the Men's Sodality, Water Dept. and Volunteer Fire Dept.

Jane works at Huffy Corp. as a Accts. Pay. Computer Operator. She is a member of the Ladies Sodality, Tuesday night Bingo, and a 4-H Sewer and Grower advisor.



Left to right Carol, Brad, Gary

GARY HARTINGS FAMILY HISTORY

The Gary Hartings family lives at 3150 Co. Rd. 716-A, Celina, Ohio. He married the former Carol Huwer. Gary, born on November 17, 1960, is a designer. His wife, born February 5, 1960, is a secretary.

Mr. Hartings' parents are Ernest and Freda Hartings and his grandparents are Joe and Mary Hartings and Henry and Monica Wuebker. Mrs. Hartings' parents are Harold and Thelma Huwer and her grandparents are Al and Olive Huwer and Frank and Helen Balster.

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Roger, Janice, Stan, Brenda

ROGER HARTKE FAMILY HISTORY

The Roger Hartke family lives at 30 E. Exchange St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Janice Bruns on April 27, 1974. Roger, born on July 21, 1952, works at Crown Control. His wife, born March 20, 1954, is a factory worker and housewife. They have two children, Brenda, born August 23, 1975, and Stan, born March 3, 1978.

Mr. Hartke's parents are Victor and Florence (Puthoff) Hartke and stepfather Ray Weeks. His grandparents are Joseph and Anna (Buehler) Hartke and Andrew and Josephine (Bosken) Puthoff. Mrs. Hartke's parents are Richard and Alice (Kremer) Bruns. Her grandparents are Charles and Anna (Meyer) Bruns and Frank and Regina (Bertke) Kremer. Her great-grandparents are Frank and Mary (Seitz) Kremer and Henry and Agnes (Goecke) Bertke.



Sandy and Sam Hartke

SAM HARTKE FAMILY HISTORY

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hartke live at 68 W. Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Sandy Prenger on July 11, 1987. Sam, born February 21, 1967, works at Precision Strip in Minster, Ohio. His wife, born October 9, 1966, is a bookkeeper.

Mr. Hartke's parents are Richard and Velma Hartke and his grandparents are Aloys and Rosa Meier and Bernard and Lena Hartke. Mrs. Hartke's parents are Arthur and Rosemary Prenger and her grandparents are Lawrence and Elizabeth Bruggeman and Frank and Regina Prenger.



Dale and Jane Hein, Jesse, Gina, Aaron

DALE HEIN FAMILY HISTORY

Dale Hein, son of Fred and Kathleen Hein of Chickasaw was born July 9, 1956 at Coldwater Community Hospital. In 1978 he married Jane Schwieterman, daughter of Mark and Rose Mary Schwieterman. She was born April 18, 1959 at Coldwater Community Hospital. She was from St. Sebastian, Ohio.

Their home is in Chickasaw on one acre of land they purchased from Fred Hein in 1982. Dale's occupation is truck driver, Jane's is hair stylist.

They have three children: Jesse Dale Hein born September 7, 1981, Gina Marie Hein born September 17, 1984, Aaron Hein born June 8, 1987.

Dale's parents are Fred Hein, born November 13, 1925 and Kathleen Schenking, born August 20, 1929. They were married April 18, 1951.

His grandparents are Henry Hein, born April 22, 1884, died October 22, 1982. His grandmother was Clara Ronnebaum, born April 19, 1890, died April 15, 1986. Leo Schenking, born April 11, 1900, died August 25, 1983 married Mathilda Wendel, born July 2, 1905, died January 22, 1984.

Jane's parents are Mark Schwieterman, born December 18, 1925 and Rose Mary Steinbrunner, born September 16, 1922. They were married April 23, 1949.

Her grandparents are Arthur Schwieterman, born 1898, died 1930, and Mary Dorsten, born 1902. After the death of Arthur Schwieterman, Mary Dorsten Schwieterman was married to Ted E. Jutte, born 1902, died 1979.

Great grandparents are Frank Schwieterman, born 1870, died 1936 and Agnes Maria Stammen, born 1872, died 1944.

Aloys Steinbrunner, born November 16, 1865 married Elizabeth Brockman, born April 10, 1892, died 1941. They were married on February 19, 1919.

Great grandparents are John Brockman and Christina Heyne.



Clara and Henry Hein.

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Standing, left to right, Frederick, Leona, Wilma, Marian, Leon Hein. Seated, Henry and Clara Hein.



Standing left to right, Merle, Wayne, Kay, Dale, Dean, Jay. Seated Fred "Fritz".

FREDERICK HEIN FAMILY HISTORY

On February 4, 1868 Newton Temple sold 160 acre farm to John Henry Ronnebaum.

Later on May 28, 1911, Henry Ronnebaum (father of Fred Ronnebaum) sold the farm to Anna Ronnebaum (Homan), wife of Fred Ronnebaum. Fred died in June, 1903, leaving Anna with four children to raise. He was the first funeral in Precious Blood Church. They at that time had no graveyard so he was buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery and still lies there today.

Clara the oldest and Mary the youngest stayed on the farm with their mother and John moved to Wisconsin (married) and Fred went to Carthagena, Ohio.

Later Henry Hein, Son of Joseph Hein and Mary Wolters of Baden, Germany married Clara on June 6, 1917. They made their home on the Ronnebaum farm. Later they bought 35 acres across the road from the home place. They bought it from August Dorsten for a sum of $3500.00.

Henry and Clara had five children:

Leon born March 25, 1918 married Rosa Liette (daughter of Frank Liette). They had four daughters and one son.

Leona born January 2, 1920 married Wilfred Steinlage (son of Fred Steinlage). They had two sons and one daughter.

Marianna born December 24, 1922 married Julius Siefring. They had one son and one daughter.

Wilma born July 4, 1924 married Elmer Bergman (son of George Bergman). They had two sons and one daughter.

Fred born November 13, 1925 married Kathleen Schenking, (daughter of Leo and Mathilda (Wendel) Schenking). They had five sons.

Fred and Kathleen (Schenking) were married April 18, 1951 at St. Joseph Church, St. Joe, Ohio. After they were married, they stayed on the home place and lived and cared for Fred's parents.

Later in life Henry and Clara sold the home farm to Fred and Kathleen August 21, 1979 which they still live on at this time.

Children of Fred and Kathleen:

Merle, the oldest son, was born September 20, 1953. He married Connie Hemmelgarn, daughter of Andy and Velma Hemmelgarn on November 22, 1978 at St. Henry Church, St. Henry, Ohio. They live on Briarwood Drive in Coldwater, Ohio. They have two children: Jill born April 14, 1981 and Rob born April 27, 1982.

Dale was born July 8, 1956. He married Jane Schwieterman, daughter of Mark and Rosemary Schwieterman on October 6, 1978 and live on an acre lot which he built a home. He bought the land from his parents in 1982. They have three children: Jessie born September 6, 1981, Gina born September 17, 1984 and Aaron born June 8, 1987.

Wayne was born November 23, 1958. He married Barbra Rosenbeck, daughter of Paul and Virginia Rosenbeck on March 8, 1980 and lives in Chickasaw, Ohio and they have one daughter, Sarah Jo born April 2, 1986.

Dean was born January 30, 1962. He married Jackie Post, daughter of Leo and Maggie Post of St. Anthony. They now live at Coldwater, Ohio. They were married March 25, 1983 and have two children: John born July 27, 1983 and Angela born August 2, 1984.

Jay born December 29, 1966, lives with his parents and helps farm the home place at 8109 Clover Four Road, Celina, Ohio and is operating a dairy farm with his parents.

On October 22, 1982 Henry Hein passed away at the age of 98 and Clara passed away April 15, 1986 at the age of 96. They are buried in Precious Blood Cemetery, Chickasaw, Ohio. They were married 63 years, June 6, 1917.



Left to right, Barb, Sarah Jo and Wayne Hein.

WAYNE HEIN FAMILY HISTORY

Barb Rosenbeck-Hein and Wayne Hein both came from families who lived in Chickasaw. They went together all through high school. Barb went to Ohio State Beauty Academy in Lima after high school. Barb's parents are Paul and Virginia (Boecker) Rosenbeck. Her grandparents were Ben and Rosina Rosenbeck and Louise and Ben Boecker. There are ten children in her family.

Dick (5-26-50) was the oldest, he lives in Kentucky. He married Nancy Gaw from Michigan. They have one son, Paul (after his grandpa).

Next is Jan (9-21-51), she married John Ranly from Cassella. Lucky them, they have four sons and one daughter (who acts like a son). Their names are: Jared, Jesse, Jordon, Justin and Jamie.

Chris (6-11-53) is the third oldest. She married Tony Prenger of Maria Stein. They have four children: Mandy, Todd, Becky and Matt.

Ang (9-30-54) is next, married to Jack Heuker, the photographer. He came from Maria Stein also. Their three children are: Jenny, Julie and Neil.

Joyce (10-9-55) is the only girl who married out of Marion Local School District. Mark Fritz is from Coldwater. They reside there with two boys: Brad and Rob.

Marge (8-13-57) married Joe Giere from Maria Stein. They have three boys: Jim, Doug and Greg.

Barb (2-4-60) is next. She married Wayne Hein of Chickasaw. They have a beautiful little girl named Sarah Jo.

Dan (7-25-61) (best known as Ninners) married Beth Hoying from Coldwater. They have one girl and one boy: Melissa and Nicholas.

Ron (11-18-62) married another out of stater, Diane Muhlenkamp from Indiana. They have one boy, Adam.

Steve (9-11-66) (also known as Beaver) is the youngest. He married Mary Beth Poling on September 12, 1987.

Barb's family grew up in Chickasaw and that's where she and Wayne have made their home.

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Wayne Hein cont.

Wayne's parents are Fred (Fritz) and Kay (Schenking) Hein. Fred's parents were Henry and Clara Hein. Kay's parents were Leo and Mathilda Schenking.

Fred and Kay raised five boys on the home place which they purchased from Henry Hein.

Merle (9-20-53) married Connie Hemmelgarn from St. Henry. They have two children: Jill and Rob.

Dale (7-8-56) married Jane Schwieterman who is pregnant at the time I'm writing this. They have two children: Jesse and Gina.

Wayne (11-23-58) is the middle boy. We all know who he married and how many children he has.

Dean (1-30-62) is next. He married Jackie Post. She lived close to the Indiana border. They also have two children: John and Angie.

Last but not least, there is Jay (12-29-66). He helps on the farm.

Wayne worked for Bruns Construction when he got out of High School. In the fall he got in at Minster Machine. He has been laid off two times, but he keeps getting back.



Bob, Marian, Ted, Jim, Joe and Kelly Heitbrink.

ROBERT HEITBRINK FAMILY HISTORY

Robert and Marian Heitbrink were married on February 10, 1979 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Montezuma.

Robert is the son of Thomas and Betty Meiring Heitbrink of Chickasaw. His grandparents were Tony and Josephine Dahlinghaus Heitbrink of Eygpt and Frank and Rose Jacob Meiring of Minster. His great-grandparents were John and Josephine Heitbrink of Eygpt and Joseph and Mary Dwenger Meiring of St. Rose.

Robert was born on April 18, 1953 at Coldwater Hospital, Coldwater, Ohio. He was Christian at Precious Blood Parish in Chickasaw.

Marian is the daughter of Harold and Mary Tobe Schwieterman of Montezuma. Her father passed away on April 10, 1974. Her grandparents were Ferdenand and Rose Clune Schwieterman of Montezuma and Otto and Philomene Schmitz Tobe of St. Henry. Her great-grandparents were Joseph and Elizabeth Ronnebaum Schwieterman of St. Sebastian and Bernard and Bernadine Dahlinghause Tobe of St. Henry.

Marian was born on November 11, 1954 at Coldwater Community Hospital and Christian at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Montezuma, Ohio.

We have four children, Theodore, (Ted) Robert born on 11-22-79 and Christian 12-16-79 at St. Henry Parish. James (Jim) Louis, born 2-1-82 and Christian 2-27-82 at Precious Blood, Chickasaw, Joseph (Joe) Michael was born 11-26-83 and Christian 1-7-84 at Precious Blood Church, Kelly Sue was born 12-31-85 and was Christian on 1-18-86 at Precious Blood Church. All of our children were born at Coldwater Community Hospital.

We moved into our home on the corner of Main and Center St., Chickasaw, Ohio in Oct. 1980.

Marian worked outside the home in banking until Jan. of 1985 and now is a full time housewife. She is Treas. of the Local Park Board and also is a part-time organist for the parish.

Bob has worked at the Chickasaw Garage since his early teen years. He also is the Fire Chief of the Chickasaw Vol. Fire Dept. which he took on June 1, 1983.



Tom and Betty Heitbrink

THOMAS HEITBRINK FAMILY HISTORY

The Tom Heitbrink family lives at 5 W. Wayne St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Betty Meiring on Sept. 4, 1948. Tom, born on December 21, 1924, is an Auto Mechanic. His wife was born August 26, 1925. They have two children. Janet, born Aug. 20, 1949, married Michael J. Nelson on July 17, 1971. Robert, born on April 18, 1953 married Marian Schwieterman on Feb. 10, 1979

Mr. Heitbrink's parents are Anthony and Josephine (Dahlinghaus) Heitbrink and his grandparents are John and Josephine (Albers) Heitbrink and Joseph and Mary (Heitkamp) Dahlinghaus. Mrs. Heitbrink's parents are Frank and Rose (Jacob) Meiring and her grandparents are Martin and Josephine (Budde) Jacob and Joseph and Mary (Dwenger) Meiring.



Sitting, left to right - Anthony, Rosemary, Gilbert, Rosa. Standing, 1st row, Eugene, Celeste, Arnold. Back row - Valanda, Kenneth, Ernest, Antoinette, Mary

EUGENE B. HEITKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

Eugene B. Heitkamp lives at 44 Center St., Box 53, Chickasaw, Ohio. He was born on June 3, 1935 and his occupation is a toolmaker.

Eugene's brothers and sisters include: Antoinette who married Russell Haley; Valanda who married Francis Wenning; Mary who married Paul Sudhoff; Celeste who married Harold Staugler; Rosemary who married Eugene Lehman; Ernest who married Rose Prenger; Kenneth who married Louella Hartzel; Arnold who married Nancy Quellhorst; and Gilbert who married Marilyn Kelch.

Eugene's parents were Anthony and Rosa (Fullenkamp) Heitkamp. His grandparents were Anton and Elizabeth (Wente) Heitkamp.

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HOWARD HEITKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

Howard and Sue (Schlater) Heitkamp live at 68 E. Franklin St. They were married July 13, 1985. Howard was born on June 8, 1961 and is a test engineer at Crown. Sue is a bankteller at Osgood Bank and was born January 30, 1962.

Howard's parents are Leonard and Edna (Elking) Heitkamp.

Howard's grandparents are John and Rosa (Bruns) Heitkamp and Frank and Frances (Bruggeman) Elking.

Sue's parents are Urban Schlater and Mrs. Cyril (Martha) Thobe.

Sue's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schlater and Leander and Elsie Schmitmeyer.



LAVERN HEITKAMP FAMILY - Standing, left to right - Kristi and Eric. Seated - Sharon and LaVern Heitkamp.

LAVERN HEITKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

LaVern was born December 14, 1940 in Jay County Hospital in Portland, Ind. Sharon was born May 29, 1943 in Lima Memorial Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

LaVern's parents were August and Irma (Zahn) Heitkamp. August was born in Maria Stein, Ohio on December 8, 1904 and Irma was born in Cranberry Prairie, Oh. on April 4, 1906. August was a farmer and a custodian at St. John's Elementary School. Irma was a homemaker and a cook at the Marion Local High School. August died August 18, 1960 and Irma died March 19, 1964.

August's parents were John and Rosa (Bruns) Heitkamp. They lived in Maria Stein and John was a farmer. They had 10 children. Irma's parents were Ed and Helen (Schoen) Zahn. They lived in Maria Stein and Chickasaw, Ohio. Ed was a farmer and a blacksmith. They had 7 children.

Sharon's parents were Aloys and Helen (Rutledge) Hinton. Aloys was born on a farm near Rockford on July 22, 1912. Helen was born August 29, 1911 on a farm near Rockford also. Aloys was a factory worker and a salesman. Helen was a homemaker and worked at Mersman Furniture Factory. Aloys died May 8, 1965 and Helen died December 10, 1983.

Aloys' parents were Thomas and Agnes (Axe) Hinton. They lived in the Rockford and Celina area all of their lives. Thomas was a painter and a farmer. They had 2 children.

Helen's parents were Joseph and Emma (Smitley) Rutledge. They lived in the Rockford (Liberty Twp.) area also. Joseph was a farmer. They had 5 children.

LaVern and Sharon were married in St. Teresa Catholic Church in Rockford, Ohio on January 18, 1964. They have 2 children, Kristina Kay, born on March 6, 1972 and Eric Mark who was born on August 14, 1975. Kristina and Eric both attend Marion Local Schools in Maria Stein, Ohio.

LaVern and Sharon have lived at 11 East Franklin Street here in Chickasaw for 23 years. LaVern is Foreman and part-owner of Chickasaw Machine and Tool, Inc. Sharon is an Assistant Librarian at Zahn Marion Twp. Branch Library.

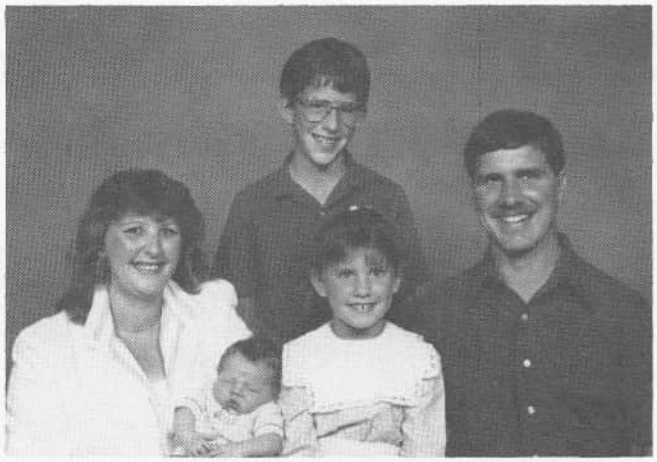
MARK HEITKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

Mark and Joann (Alig) Heitkamp live at 5491 St. Rt. 364 and were married June 24, 1978.

Mark and Joann have three children: Randy Joseph (b. May 18, 1980); Cynthia Ann (b. April 19, 1983) and Kevin John (February 13, 1987).

Mark's parents are Cletus and Marcella (Stucke) Heitkamp.

Joanne's parents are Jerome W. and Evelyn (Barga) Alig.



TOM HESS FAMILY - Standing - Chad. Sitting - Karen, Tyler, Kiley and Tom

TOM HESS FAMILY HISTORY

Thomas and Karen (Niekamp) Hess live at 111 South State Street, Chickasaw.

Tom works at Landmark in Chickasaw and was born July 10, 1952. Karen is a cook at the Red Carpet in Coldwater and was born February 6, 1957.

The couple had four children: Chad (b. June 17, 1976); Casey (b. March 7, 1978, d. March 8, 1978); Kiley (b. January 30, 1979) and Tyler (b. September 2, 1987).

Tom's parents are Robert and Eileen (Rose) Hess. His grandparents are Micheil and Mary (Ronnebaum) Hess and Edwin and Mitilda (Evers) Rose.

Karen's parents are Donald and Audrey (Garman) Niekamp. Her grandparents are Alfred and Martha Niekamp and Cletus and Ena (Haslinger) Garman.

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JACK HEUKER FAMILY - Top row - Neil and Jenny. Bottom row - Angie, Julie and Jack

JOHN (JACK) HEUKER FAMILY HISTORY

Jack was born September 10, 1953 at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, the son of Linus and Isabelle (Issy) Heuker.

Linus was employed at Frigidaire, Dayton as a Senior Clerk until his sudden death of gall bladder surgery on April 10, 1954.

Linus was born in Wendeln, Ohio on December 29, 1911, the son of Henry and Mary (Massing) Heuker. He was later buried in St. John's Cemetery, Maria Stein, Ohio.

After Linus' death, Issy along with their four children: Judy, Jane, Joe and Jack moved to their newly built home in Maria Stein, Ohio where Issy resides at the present. Jack was only seven months old when they moved.

Issy became employed as a cafeteria cook at Marion Local School for thirteen years until she left to work at Mersman Tables and finally Stamco, New Bremen, Ohio until her retirement on June 28, 1987.

Issy was the daughter of Anthony and Josephine (Dahlinghaus) Heitbrink. She was born in Egypt, Ohio on May 15, 1915.

Jack went twelve years of schooling at Marion Local Schools. While in high school, Jack was introduced to photography and became the Yearbook Photographer for three years. He also worked part time for Townhouse Studio, Celina, Ohio shooting wedding pictures and The Daily Standard, Celina shooting sports pictures. After graduation he started shooting weddings on his own, John and Jan Ranly's wedding being the first on December 18, 1971. Since then he has shot nearly 500 weddings. His full time jobs included working at Mersman Tables and Francis Furniture, Celina where he is employed at the present as a salesman.

Angie was born on September 30, 1954 at Coldwater Community Hospital, the daughter of Paul and Virginia (Ginny) Rosenbeck.

Paul's years of employment included New Idea, Coldwater, A. J. Westerheide, Sidney as a carpenter for nine years, a self-employed carpenter for nearly twenty-five years and finally Wint's Restaurant, New Bremen.

Paul was the son of Bernard and Rosina (Huber) Rosenbeck, born on October 9, 1926 at North Star, Ohio.

Ginny spent all her early years raising their ten children: Dick, Jan, Chris, Angie, Joyce, Marge, Barb, Dan, Ron, and Steve.

Later she helped work in Wint's when they became owners.

Ginny was the daughter of Bernard and Louise (Hoff) Boecker born at Minster, Ohio on February 1, 1929.

Angie lived her entire life in Chickasaw and went twelve years of schooling at Marion Local Schools. After graduation she worked at Huffy's and then later the Mercer Co. Chronicle, Coldwater.

She married Jack on October 10, 1975 at Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw. She continued to work at the Chronicle until the birth of their first child, Jenny on June 27, 1978. In addition they had two more children, Julie born on December 1, 1980 and Neil born on November 22, 1983.

In March of 1979 they built a new home in Chickasaw, built by her father, which is where they live at the present time.



ARNOLD HOMAN FAMILY - First row - Mike Geier, Brian Geier, Tom Homan, Ron Homan, Lori Homan, Linda Homan and Greg Homan. Second row - Kelly Geier, Marlene Homan, Mary Geier holding Wendy, Diane Homan, Lillian Homan, Annette Holthaus (bride), Marge Homan holding Gary, Karen Broering holding Craig and Teresa Bertke. Back row - Marvin Geier holding Amy, Mark Homan, Arnold Homan, Donald Holthaus, David Homan, Ken Broering, Dan Homan and Roger Bertke holding Gwen.

ARNOLD HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Arnold Homan, born November 1, 1932 is the son of Leo Sr. and Clara (Kaiser) Homan. He was born and raised on a farm just west of Chickasaw, Ohio on St. Rt. 274, now owned by his youngest brother, Leo, Jr.

Arnold attended Chickasaw Grade School and Minster and St. John High Schools. He graduated in 1950 from St. John High School and helped his father farm.

For Arnold's History, see Alvin Brown-Family History.

On November 21, 1953 Arnold married Lillian Meier (born August 13, 1932) at St. Rose Catholic Church, St. Rose, Ohio. She is the daughter of Aloys Meier and Rosa (Bruns) Meier. Her father died in Germany while on a tour in 1974. Her mother lives in Osgood, Ohio. Her grandparents were Bernard Meier and Elizabeth (Heitkamp) Meier and Henry Bruns and Agnes (Luebke) Bruns. As a child, she grew up on a farm south of St. Rose, now owned by her youngest brother, Nick Meier. She attended Dwenger School (a one-room schoolhouse) south of St. Rose for three years and then went to St. Rose Grade School. She graduated from St. John High School in 1950. She has nine sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. Bernard (Julitta) Overman, Mrs. Bernard (Eileen) Pleiman, Mrs. Richard (Velma) Hartke, Mrs. Ernest (Marilyn) Uhlenhake, Mrs. Lavern (Edna) Reichert, Mrs. Donald (Joan) Hummel, Mrs. Lester (Anita) Homan, Mrs. Donald (Diana) Albers, Larry, Dale, Nick and Mrs. Richard (Mary Lou) Broerman.

After graduation from high school, Lillian worked as a secretary at New Idea in Coldwater, Ohio until 1954 when their first child was born.

Arnold and Lillian have been members of Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw for thirty-four years. Arnold is a member of the church choir. They are parents of nine children, namely, Mary Ellen, born October 2, 1954, who married Marvin Geier October 17, 1975. They have five children: Kelly, Brian, Michael, Amy and Wendy.

Mark born January 2, 1956, married Diane Wendeln September 11, 1978. They have two sons, namely, Ronald and Thomas.

Patrick born March 22, 1957 was killed in a farm accident December 15, 1973.

David born March 22, 1957 married Margaret Timmerman March 15, 1980. They have four children: Greg, Lori, Linda and Gary.

Karen born September 24, 1960 married Kenneth Broering October 4, 1980. They have one son, Craig.

Teresa born March 23, 1962 married Roger Bertke, September 17, 1983. They have a daughter, Gwen.

Annette married Donald Holthaus April 25, 1987. Annette, the bride in the picture died suddenly of a massive brain hemorrhage on September 20, 1987 less than five months after her wedding.

Marlene is a student of Wright State University-Lake Campus and a part-time employee of Schwieterman's Drug Store.

Daniel is a freshman at New Bremen High School.

When they were married in 1953, Arnold and Lillian moved to a farm on Lock Two Road approximately 3½ miles west of New Bremen, Ohio in Auglaize County. He farmed with his father and brothers. In 1956 he bought the farm from his father who had purchased the farm in 1953 from John and Mary Ellerman. In 1980 when their son, David was married, they built a new home on the corner of the farm and continued farming, while

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David and Margaret moved into the farm house.

In the fall of 1973, Arnold and Lillian purchased Chickasaw Garage and Spoltman Hardware in Chickasaw. A year later they purchased the Henry Gast property (Hotel Building) and converted it into an apartment house and storage for the garage business. At present, part of it is an office for All Creatures Veterinary Clinic. The Chickasaw Garage is presently managed by Tom and Bob Heitbrink and Spoltman Hardware by Don Wolters. Arnold and Lillian are still engaged in farming and help out part time in the businesses.



DAVID HOMAN FAMILY - Standing, left to right - Margaret, Gary and David. Standing, front - Linda, Lori and Gregory.

DAVID HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Dave Homan was born May 10, 1959. On March 15, 1980, Dave married Margaret Timmerman at St. Joseph Church, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. She was born August 9, 1958. They now have four children: Gregory, born December 21, 1980; Lori, born March 14, 1982; Linda, born June 15, 1984, and Gary, born September 14, 1986. Dave and Marge live at Lock Two Road, New Bremen, Ohio on the farm where Dave grew up.

Dave is the son of Arnold and Lillian (Meier) Homan. Arnold was born November 1, 1932 and Lillian was born August 13, 1932. Arnold and Lillian were married November 21, 1953. They live at Lock Two Road, New Bremen, Ohio. When their son, Dave married, they built a home on the east edge of the farm.

Arnold and Lillian have nine children: Mrs. (Marvin) Mary Ellen Geier, Coldwater, Ohio; Mark Homan, Maria Stein, Ohio; Patrick Homan, killed in a tractor accident; David Homan, New Bremen, Ohio; Mrs. (Ken) Karen Broering, Maria Stein, Ohio; Mrs. (Roger) Teresa Bertke, St. Marys, Ohio; Mrs. (Don) Annette Holthaus, died September 20, 1987 and Marlene and Dan Homan at home, New Bremen, Ohio.

Arnold Homan is the son of Leo and Clara (Kaiser) Homan.

Lillian Homan is the daughter of Aloys and Rosa (Bruns) Meier. Rosa Meier lives at Water Street, Osgood, Ohio.

Dave's wife, Marge, is the daughter of Melvin and Pauline (Homan) Timmerman. Melvin was born September 29, 1924. Pauline was born January 7, 1926. They were married October 8, 1949. Melvin died March 24, 1983. Pauline lives at 3180 Erastus Durbin Road, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Melvin is the son of Ben and Catherine (Bruns) Timmerman. Pauline is the daughter of John and Eleanora (Schmitmeyer) Homan. Eleanora lives at Olding Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Melvin and Pauline Timmerman have nine children: Henry Timmerman, Coldwater, Ohio; Mrs. (John) Joann Roessner, Portland, Indiana; Mike Timmerman, Ridgeville, Indiana; Mrs. (Dave) Marge Homan, New Bremen, Ohio; Mrs. (Steve) Mary Boettger, Hamden, Ohio; Joe Timmerman, at home, Ft. Recovery, Ohio; Mrs. (Frank) Emily Miller, Osgood, Ohio; Lucy and Cathy Timmerman, at home, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.



Donald Homan

DONALD HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

I, Donald Homan was born May 10, 1929. I am the third son of Leo and Clara Homan. I have four brothers and five sisters, namely: Maurice, Harold, Arnold, Leo C., Dorothy, Ruth, Velma, Joan and Mary (who was stillborn).

I graduated from Minster High School Class of 1947. I am single and live on a farm on Rt. 364.

*See Alvin Brown Family History.

DON HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Don and Kay (Bertke) Homan live at 908 State Route 274. They were married on March 15, 1986.

Don is a factory worker and was born on October 18, 1960. Kay (Bertke) Homan is a sales clerk, secretary and was born on November 23, 1963.

They have one child, Kylie E. born July 24, 1987.

Don's parents are Stanley and Lucille (Mescher) Homan. His grandparents are Aloys and Emma (Fortkamp) Homan and Louis and Rosa (Spoltman) Mescher.

Kay's parents are Dennis and Ruth (Huecker) Bertke. Her grandparents are Rudolph and Lena (Wint) Bertke and Martin and Anna (Daniel) Huecker.



HAROLD HOMAN FAMILY - Back row, Anita (Homan) Sextro, Mike Homan, Donna (Homan) Haley, Ken Homan, Jan (Homan) Puthoff. Front row - Rosemary, Doris and Harold.

HAROLD HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Harold Homan and Rose Mary (Abels) Homan were united in marriage on April 25, 1951, in St. Marys Church, Philothea, Ohio. They resided on a farm on Clover Four Road, New Bremen, Ohio. Rose Mary still resides there at the present time. Harold died on May 20, 1975.

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Harold Homan cont.

Harold was the second child of nine born to Leo and Clara (Kaiser) Homan of St. Rt. 274, Chickasaw. See Alvin Brown Family History.

Rose Mary was the 11th child born to Joseph and Kathryn (Dues) Abels. Joseph Abels was born on July 13, 1871. Kathryn was born on May 5, 1884. Both Joseph and Kathryn were born in Philothea, Ohio. Joseph died on August 8, 1941 and Kathryn died on March 30, 1980.

Six children were born unto Harold and Rose Mary (Abels) Homan. They are: Michael, Anita, MaDonna, Janice, Kenneth and Doris.

Michael and Elaine (Dardio) Homan were married on September 7, 1974. Michael was born April 19, 1952. They have four children. John born January 8, 1976; Mathew born June 27, 1978; Laura born December 6, 1982 and Beth born January 1, 1987. They reside on Clover Four Road on which Mike was born.

Anita, born October 6, 1953, and Edward Sextro were married on October 6, 1973. They reside also on Clover Four Road, New Bremen. They have three children. Christopher born September 26, 1974; Scott born January 15, 1977 and Ashley born May 17, 1981.

MaDonna, born June 23, 1955, and Russell Haley were married on February 13, 1976. They reside in Tipp City, Ohio. They have two children. Jennifer born February 25, 1982 and Christina born December 15, 1986.

Janice, born May 29, 1956, and Robert Puthoff were married on January 3, 1976. They reside in Minster, Ohio. They have two children. Angela born August 15, 1983 and Lindsey born March 25, 1987.

Kenneth, born February 10, 1958, never married and resides with his mother.

Doris, born February 23, 1961, and Robert Goubeaux were married on September 13, 1980. They reside on a farm at Versailles, Ohio. They have three children. Curt born January 25, 1981; Emily born July 6, 1983 and Katie born April 15, 1987. They also had twin daughters, Sarah and Julie, who died a day after birth.



LEO C. HOMAN FAMILY - Bart, Shannon, Lisa, Todd, Diana, Chandee and Leo.

LEO C. HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Leo Clemens Homan was born on March 28, 1943. Diana Louise Hein was born on December 10, 1944. They were married on April 1, 1964.

Their children are: Todd Brian was born on September 24, 1964 and married Lisa Langenkamp on August 8, 1987. Lisa was born on July 2, 1966. They have one child, Jeremy Mark; Tana Marie was born on October 7, 1966. Tana died on March 3, 1981; Shannon Lee was born on October 19, 1970; Joseph born on August 9, 1975 died in infancy; Bart Jason was born on May 18, 1977; Chandee Lynn was born on October 25, 1979.

Leo's parents were Leo John Homan, born on April 30, 1895 and Clara Mary Kaiser, born on December 24, 1901. They were married on November 26, 1924.

Leo died at the age of 66 on March 25, 1962 and Clara died at the age of 67 on December 13, 1969.

Their children were: Maurice who was born on August 24, 1925 married Joanne Wesbecker on June 9, 1956. They had 12 children.

Harold was born on May 8, 1927 and married Rosemary Abels on April 25, 1951. They had 6 children.

Donald was born on May 8, 1929.

Dorothy was born on January 24, 1931, and married Anthony Brown on August 20, 1955. They had 9 children.

Arnold was born on November 1, 1932 and married Lillian Meier on November 21, 1953. They had 9 children.

Ruth was born on March 30, 1935 and married Alvin Brown on April 27, 1957. They had 7 children.

Velma was born on April 13, 1937 and married Sylvester Berning on May 25, 1957. They had 7 children.

Joan was born on July 28, 1939.

Leo Jr. was born on March 28, 1943 and married Diana Hein on April 1, 1964. They had 6 children.

Mary died in infancy in 1947.

Leo John Homan's parents were Franciskus Homan who married Mary Pohlman. They had 8 children: Louis married Josephine Brandewie; Clara married Clem Brandewie; Leo married Clara Kaiser; Cecilia married Roman Pohl; Edward married Justina Steinlage; Philomena married Aloys Nieberding; Frank married Edna Kremer; and Anna married Sylvester Nieberding.

Clara Mary Kaiser's parents were John Kaiser who married Elizabeth Nagel. They had 5 children: Clara married Leo J. Homan; Hilda married Mark Goettemoeller; Matilda married Adolf Tebbe; Henrietta married Clarence Meyer and Richard married Emma Borchers.

Diana's parents were Leon Joseph Hein, born on March 25, 1918 and Rosa Ellen Liette, born on August 1, 1922. They were married on February 20, 1943.

Their children were: Diana who was born on December 10, 1944 and married Leo Homan Jr. on April 1, 1964. They had 6 children.

Robert who was born on January 7, 1947 and married Paula Staugler on February 14, 1968.

Sandra was born on November 8, 1949 and married Jerry Braun on September 29, 1979. They had 3 children.

Gale was born on May 27, 1957 and married Steve Brookhart on May 22, 1977, and they had 2 children.

Tammy was born on October 2, 1961 and was married to Dean Klosterman on April 17, 1982. They had 2 children.

Leon Joseph Hein's parents were Henry Hein who married Clara Ronnebaum on June 5, 1917. They had 5 children: Leon married Rosa Liette; Leona married Wilfred Steinlage; Marianne married Julius Siefring; Wilma married Elmer Bergman and Fred married Kathleen Schenking.

Rosa Ellen Liette's parents were Franklin Liette who married Lydia Borchers on January 28, 1913. They had 10 children: Emerita married Andrew Greer; Dorothy married Lawrence Schafer; Clarence married Clarence Buehler; Wilfred married Ruth Fannon; Norbert married Marcella Borgert; Hubert married Mary Siefring; Rosa married Leon Hein; Catherine married Cyril Dues; Loretta married Robert Stammen and Marjorie married L. Joseph Schmidt.

Leo J. Homan purchased the farm on February 14, 1922 from Joseph Mestemaker. Upon Leo's death, Mrs. Leo (Clara) Homan inherited the farm on January 14, 1963. Leo Homan Jr. purchased the farm from his mother on March 30, 1964.

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LESTER HOMAN FAMILY - Back row, Jane, Lester and Ted. Front, Leslie, Lynn and Tony.

LESTER HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

*For Lester's History: See Silverius Homan.

Mary Jane's great grandfather, John A. Bensman was born in Minster on March 11, 1860 and is the fourth born of six sons of Wilhelm and Katherina (Danzing) Bensman. Both Wilhelm Bensman and his wife were born in Germany. John A. Bensman married Katherine Michael and had nine children.

Mary Jane's grandparents were August and Marie (Heitbrink) Bensman. August died May 4, 1986 and Marie died July 26, 1958. Marie Bensman's parents were John and Josephine (Albers) Heitbrink. Both were from Egypt. August and Marie Bensman had seven children. Their son Virgil married Mildred Gehret on August 21, 1948. She is the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Mueller) Gehret. Joseph died March 4, 1972. Joseph's parents were Andrew and Mary (Platfoot) Gehret. Andrew died March 11, 1933 and Mary died March 26, 1962. Mary's grandparents lived in Glamestruke, a small village in the Providence of Utrecht, Holland. They left Holland for America June 3, 1847.

Anna Gehret's parents were Anton and Elizabeth (Meyer) Mueller. Anton died March 9, 1967 and Elizabeth died January 9, 1957. Anton's parents were Carl and Amelia (Heileg) Mueller. They were from Baden, Germany.

Joseph and Anna Gehret had thirteen children. Their first child, Mildred married Virgil Bensman. They live near Versailles and had ten children. They are as follows: Shirley married Walter Broering; Jerome married Marilyn DeMange; Irene married John Bruns; John married Marian Holthaus; Michael married Teresa Meyer (Michael died November 5, 1980); Stephen married Deborah Rutschilling; Theresa married Philip Heitkamp; Marlene married Steve Puthoff; Carl is single. Their fourth child, Mary Jane was born April 29, 1953.

Lester Homan, was born July 3, 1950, married Mary Jane Bensman on October 26, 1974. They have four children. They are as follows: Theodore (Ted) born November 17, 1977; Lynn born December 27, 1978; Leslie born December 31, 1980; and Anthony (Tony) born May 18, 1983.

Lester and Mary Jane Homan family reside in their home located on the northern end of Anna Homan's farm, which is approximately midway between Chickasaw and New Bremen.

Lester is employed as a machinist at Minster Machine Corporation. He, along with his brother, Luke, also farm their mother's farm.



LUKE HOMAN FAMILY - Standing, left to right, back - Luke, Nick, Mary Ann. Front - Greg, Jeff and Lisa.

LUKE HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

For Luke's History: See Silverius Homan.

Mary Ann's great grandparents were Theodor Homan born in Germany in 1847. He came to America and lived with Luke's great grandfather, Joseph, until he found a job and bought a farm in Philothea. They were first cousins. His job was helping to dig Celina's Grand Lake. They used horses and buckets. His pay was 50¢ a day and a jigger of whiskey. He married Mary Pleiman, born in 1851, in 1875. They had 13 children. Theodor died in 1924 and Mary died in 1936.

Mary Ann's great grandparents from her mother's side were Bernard Dues and Elizabeth Windker. Bernard was born in Cincinnati in 1853. He was the son of George and Elizabeth Dues who came to America from Germany. Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry and Gertrude (Lennartz). Elizabeth was born in Germany. They lived on a farm in Philothea.

Mary Ann's grandparents were Joseph, born in 1886, and Mary (Osterholt), born in 1883, Homan. They were married in 1913. They lived on a farm in Philothea where they raised six children: Paul, Anna (Evers), Julletta (Huelskamp), Cletus, Arnold and Cleopha (Link). Joseph died in 1969 and Mary died in 1959.

August Dues, born in 1895, married Ethel Entrup, born in 1896, in 1916. Ethel was the adopted daughter of Henry and Anna Entrup. They had three children: Irene (Homan), August Jr. and Clara (Hemmelgarn). Ethel died in 1925. August then married Cecelia Eyink and they had one daughter, Lou Ann (Timmerman). August was a farmer in Philothea and died in 1984. Cecelia died in 1984 also.

Mary Ann's father, Paul, was born in 1914. He married Irene Dues, born in 1917, on May 10, 1939. They also farmed a farm in Philothea. They had six children: Donald married MaDonna Moorman; Rita married Gene Shrack; Kenneth married Esther Lochtefeld; Mary Ann married Luke Homan; Daniel married Cathy Atkinson; and Timothy married Diane Schwartz.

Luke Homan, born in 1947 married Mary Ann Homan, born in 1949, on April 8, 1972. They live on Wilker Road. They built a new house on his father's farm and moved in January, 1975. Before this they lived in Cassella. It was here that their son, Douglas, was born in 1973. He had a heart defect and died after open-heart surgery in January, 1974. He is buried in Cassella. After moving to Chickasaw, they had four other children. They are: Nick born in December 1975; Greg born in November 1977; Jeff born in January 1979; Lisa born in 1981. Luke works at Minster Machine as an Expiditor. He also rents and farms his mother's farm with his brother Lester.

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MAURICE HOMAN FAMILY - Back row - Jim Homan, Robert Homan, Charlie Homan, Kathryn Homan, Karrie Homan, Edwin Homan, Neal Homan and Norbert Homan. Front row -Martha Borchers, Cheryl Reynolds, Joann Homan, Maurice Homan, Rita Prenger and Evelyn Homan.

MAURICE HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Maurice Homan, born August 24, 1925, he was the son of Leo and Clara (Kaiser) Homan. He married Joann Wesbecher, June 9, 1956. He lived on the first farm west of Chickasaw on south side of the road. Maurice was the oldest of nine children. *See Alvin Brown Family History.

Maurice and Joann live two miles east of Chickasaw all their married life. They are the parents of twelve children: Norbert J. born June 6, 1957 married Joan Speelman March 30, 1977. They have three sons: Jeremy, Chad, Justin.

James H. born November 28, 1958 married Debra Topp September 23, 1978. They have two sons, Craig and Sean.

Rita M. born December 20, 1960 married Joseph Prenger on March 5, 1983.

Robert E. born October 30, 1961 married Lisa Monnin November 26, 1982. They have three sons: Douglas, Christopher and Robert E., Jr.

Cheryl A. born March 21, 1963 married Billy Reynolds December 20, 1986.

Martha M. born April 17, 1964 married Dale Borchers. They have two sons Adam and Jeffery.

Neal born March 1, 1966; Charlie born November 12, 1967; Evelyn born February 25, 1970; Edwin born July 9, 1971; Kathryn born April 30, 1973; and Karrie born February 28, 1977.

MICHAEL HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Michael and Elaine (Dardio) Homan live on Clover Four Road, Celina, Ohio. They were married September 7, 1974.

Michael is a farmer and was born on April 19, 1952. Elaine was born on October 9, 1951.

The couple has four children: John, born January 8, 1976; Laura, born December 6, 1982; Matthew, born June 27, 1978 and Beth, born January 1, 1987.

Michael's parents are Harold and Rosemary (Abels) Homan.



SILVERIUS HOMAN FAMILY - Back, left to right - Mary Ann Stucke, Si, Anna, Velma Wolters and Jeannette Brown. Front - Paul, Lester and Luke.

SILVERIUS HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Si's grandfather, Joseph Homan, was born in Germany in 1828. He came to America and settled in St. Rose where he worked as a farm hand. In 1857 he married Mary Wertmoeller. She was born in 1841. She was an only child so he moved in with her parents and farmed their farm. Andy Homan lives on that farm today. They had ten children. Mary died in 1876 and Joseph married twice more. He died in 1907.

Joseph, first child, was born in 1870 died 1954. He married Mary Niemeyer, (d. 1944) daughter of Henry and Catherine (Meiring) Niemeyer in 1898. They had nine children. They are: Aloys, Victor, Celia (Kremer), Marie (Kremer), Silverius, Anthony, Stella, Agnes (Schulte), and Andy.

Si married Anna Siefring on August 19, 1936.

Anna's grandparents were Henry and Bernadine (Entrop) Siefring. Their son William, born in 1883, married Caroline Miller, daughter of August and Philomena (Siegrist) Miller, born in 1884. They had eight children. They are: Florence, Anna (Homan), Leo, Mark, Norbert, Julius, Henrietta (Will), and Maurice. William died in 1954 and Caroline died in 1974. They lived on a farm around New Weston.

Si (b. 1910) and Anna (b. 1909) had six children.

Mary Ann born in 1937 married Melvin Stucke on August 19, 1959. They live in Frenchtown. They have six children: Steve born in 1960, died in 1979; Mark born in 1961 married Mary Ann Pleiman in August, 1987; Sharon born 1963 married Luke Osterloh July 20, 1985; Brenda born in 1967; Jason born in 1981, died in 1981; Julie born 1983. They also have two grandchildren.

Velma married Paul Wolters on June 18, 1966. They live in Maria Stein and have five children: Joyce born 1967, Ken born 1969, Jill born 1973, Brad born 1977, and Randy born 1981.

Paul married Joan Prenger on October 8, 1966. They live in Minster and have two children: Krista born 1974 and Brian born 1980.

Jeannette married Dave Brown on August 14, 1971. They lived in Glenwood and have four children: Diane born 1972; Jerry born 1975; Brian born 1977; and Angela born 1980.

Luke married Mary Ann Homan on April 8, 1972. They live in Chickasaw and have five children: Doug born 1973, died 1974; Nick born 1975; Greg born 1977; Jeff born 1979; and Lisa born 1981.

Lester married Mary Jane Bensman on October 26, 1974. They live in Chickasaw and have four children: Ted born 1977; Lynn born 1978; Leslie born 1980 and Tony born 1983.

Si and Anna farmed an eighty acre farm on Wilker Road since they were married in 1936. Si died on December 22, 1977. Anna still lives on that farm today.

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STANLEY HOMAN FAMILY - Standing, left to right - Travis and Stacey. Sitting - Carolyn, Lee, Melissa and Stan.

STANLEY HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Stanley and Carolyn (Thobe) Homan live at 8204 Dead End Rd., Maria Stein, Ohio. They were married on December 9, 1978. Stanley is a farmer and was born October 29, 1953. Carolyn is a housewife and was born August 15, 1958.

The couple has four children: Stacey born November 17, 1979; Travis born August 24, 1981; Melissa born April 22, 1983 and Lee born June 27, 1987.

Stanley's parents are Andrew and Virginia (Murphy) Homan. His grandparents are Martin and Alice Murphy and Gerhard and Elizabeth Homan.

Carolyn's parents are Cyril and Wilma (Homan) Thobe. Her grandparents are Aloys and Emma Homan and Frank and Rosalia Thobe.



STANLEY J. HOMAN FAMILY - Left to right - Ted, Pat, Tom, Don, Lucille, Stan, Nancee, Janet, Jim and Linda. Front -Kris. Photo taken at Stan and Lucille's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

STANLEY J. HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Stanley J. and Lucille E. (Mescher) Homan live at 8278 Brockman Rd., Celina, Ohio. They were married on August 10, 1949.

Born on April 21, 1926, Stanley is now retired. His wife, a housewife was born January 27, 1923.

The couple had nine children including:

Thomas, born May 22, 1950 married Ann Mary Sanaghan on August 2, 1973. They have one child, Rebeca.

Patricia, born June 30, 1951 married Jerry Staugler on January 19, 1974. They have four children, Kendra, Doug, Curt and Nick.

James, born December 19, 1953 married Linda Hemmelgarn on September 15, 1974. They have two children, Nicole and Brian.

Nancee, born April 1, 1955.

Linda, born September 25, 1956 married Tony Broering on September 15. They have five children, Sue, Jenny, Angela, Brenda and Sara.

Ted, born October 18, 1958 married Nancee Thobe on November 21, 1981. They have two children, Keith and Matt.

Don, born October 18, 1960 married Kay Bertke on March 15, 1985. They have one child, Kylie.

Janet, born August 16, 1962 married Ted Heitkamp on September 27, 1984. They have one child, Lee.

Kris, born April 2, 1966.

Stanley's parents are Aloys and Emma (Fortkamp) Homan. His grandparents are Joseph and Mary (Niemeyer) Homan and John and Catherine (Hartings) Fortkamp.

Lucille's parents are Louis and Rosa (Spoltman) Mescher. Her grandparents are Anton and Mary (Fischer) Mescher and John and Catherine (Fiely) Spoltman.



TED HOMAN FAMILY - Left to right, back - Ted and Nancee. Front - Keith and Matthew.

TED HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Ted and Nancee (Thobe) Homan live at 8346 Brockman Road, Celina. They were married November 14, 1981.

Born on October 18, 1958, Ted is a machinist and farmer. Nancee is an accountant at St. Henry Bank and was born December 28, 1959.

They have two children: Keith born August 28, 1984 and Mathew born May 3, 1986.

Ted's parents are Stanley and Lucille (Mescher) Homan. His grandparents are Aloys and Emma (Fortkamp) Homan and Louis and Rosa (Spoltman) Mescher.

Nancee's parents are Virgil and Mary E. (Wenning) Thobe. Her grandparents are Henry and Matilda (Heitkamp) Thobe and Martin and Mary (Kaiser) Wenning.

VAL HOMAN FAMILY HISTORY

My grandfather, Bernard Homan was born December 13, 1825 in Herbern, Germany, came to America 1855, settled and bought land in St. Sebastian, Ohio, was married to Mary Evers 1859 in St. Rose, Ohio. She was born Sept. 1841, died January 23, 1907. Bernard died July 27, 1921. They had 6 children: Frank, Clem, Catherine, Anna, Joseph and Bernard.

My father, Joseph was born October 31, 1877, died March 21, 1941. He was married to Anna Keller from Cassella, Ohio October 19, 1900. She was born July 12, 1882, died September 21, 1945. They lived on the home place with grandpa and grandma. They had 10 children.

Francis and Henry died in infancy.

Mary born December 8, 1901, died May 18, 1979, married Henry Fortkamp, born 1902.

Catherine born 1906, died 1972, married Edward Prenger, born July 9, 1900, died January 1981.

Anthony born November 1, 1909, married Ida Schulte, born February 10, 1909.

Clem born October 11, 1911, died January 11, 1987, married Irene Bergman, born 1917, died November 1974. Married Eleanora Huelskamp, born 1913.

Aloys born June 9, 1915, died June 18, 1974, married Eleanora Schulte born January 30, 1914, died March 19, 1954. Married Laura Helberg born June 9, 1917, died August 5, 1972.

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Val Homan cont.

Joseph born March 13, 1918, married Viola Kremer born March 24, 1922.

Hilda born Feb. 23, 1920, married Aloys Siefring born April 15, 1917, died May 6, 1982.

Val born May 17, 1925, married Celine Siegrist at St. Peter, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1949. She was born November 13, 1925. Moved to 45 E. Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio. Have a son, Larry born November 27, 1956.



JAMES HOYING FAMILY - Left to right, front - Matthew, Wendy and Andrew. Back - Karen and Jim.

JAMES HOYING FAMILY HISTORY

James Leonard Hoying and Karen Marie Franck Hoying reside at 90 South Mulberry St. Jim was born on April 15, 1949 in Celina, Ohio. He is the third child of nine children born to George and Neoma Schmiesing Hoying of St. Henry, Ohio. Karen was born on April 25, 1951 in Coldwater, Ohio. She is the fifth child of seven children born to Malcolm and Rita Tobe Franck of Burkettsville, Ohio.

Jim's grandparents were Herman and Catherine Albers Hoying and John and Rose Sommer Schmiesing. Karen's grandparents were Lawrence and Mary Gelhaus Franck and Bernard and Bertha Muhlenkamp Tobe.

Jim and Karen were married on May 6, 1972. They are the parents of three children: Andrew-born June 22, 1973 in Kettering, Ohio, Matthew-born April 9, 1976 in Coldwater, Ohio, and Wendy-born January 12, 1979 in Coldwater, Ohio.

They have resided in Chickasaw since August of 1974 when they purchased their home from Bill and Dorothy Puthoff. Jim is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen as a design engineer. Karen is presently employed as a librarian assistant at the Zahn Marion Township Library in Chickasaw.



CHARLES HUELSMAN FAMILY - Top row, Helen Schwieterman, Charles, Robert, Paul and Delores Bohman. Front, Mary, Fred, Jane Grillot, Jean Stachler, Freda and Charles.

CHARLES H. HUELSMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Charles H. Huelsman was born March 23, 1904 at Cranberry Prairie, Ohio. The son of John and Mary (Meiering) Huelsman.

Mary C. Zahn was born June 20, 1911 at North Star, Ohio, the daughter of Edward and Helen (Schoen) Zahn. Grandparents were Adam and Mary (Meyer) Zahn and Peter and Theresa (Westrick) Schoen.

Charles Huelsman married Mary C. Zahn on Wednesday, July 10, 1929, at Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw, Ohio. They are the parents of nine children, 4 sons and 5 daughters. They have 30 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Charles E. Huelsman was born December 11, 1930 and died December 27, 1974. He married Helen Jean Vogel on February 19, 1954. They had three children. Michael was born on October 27, 1954 and married Janis Marie Smith. Their children include Mathew, Samatha, Luke and Sarah. Robert Patrick was born March 22, 1956 and married Stacy Lynn Adams. They had two children, Jeremy and Heather. Gregory was born June 11, 1957 and married Nancy Inez Walton.

Robert V. Huelsman was born March 18, 1932. He married Marlene Vondrell on November 6, 1954. Marlene was born on January 1, 1933. They had four children. Thomas was born on July 12, 1956. He married Kathy Thobe on July 10, 1982. Kathy was born on August 23, 1958. They had two children, Kyle John (b. 3-30-83) and Megan Elizabeth (b. 7-18-85). Judy was born March 13, 1958 and on June 30, 1979 married Dale Huelskamp who was born on September 2, 1955. They had three children, Scott Robert (b. 12-20-82), Eric Michael (b. 5-24-84) and Bethany Christine (b. 12-19-85). John was born on October 4, 1960 and on October 5, 1985 married Linda Schulze who was born on December 5, 1963. They have one son, Brian Thomas (b. 1-7-87). Teresa was born May 22, 1962 and on September 10, 1983 married Don Mescher who was born December 26, 1960. They had two children, Sarah Margaret (b. 12-27-84, d. 12-27-84) and Katelyn Sarah (b. 6-4-87).

Paul W. Huelsman was born December 30, 1933. He married Alice Grillot on November 12, 1955. She was born December 20, 1936. They had four children. Kurt was born December 22, 1956 and on November 26, 1983 married Kandy Waybright who was born 1-27-58. Douglas was born June 11, 1959 and on May 10, 1985 married Susan Muhlenkamp who was born on May 28, 1956. They have one son, Christopher (b. 5-28-87). Scott was born November 4, 1962 and on August 17, 1985 married Elizabeth Bergman who was born July 30, 1962. Beth Ann was born April 16, 1965 and on August 29, 1987 married Brian Winner.

Mary Helen Huelsman was born November 1, 1935 and on July 23, 1955 married Edgar Schwieterman who was born December 17, 1935. They had four children. Pamela was born May 15, 1956 and on September 5, 1975 married Duane Place who was born May 8, 1953. They have a daughter, Rachel (b. 2-14-76). Diana was born October 30, 1957 and on November 28, 1980 married Rick Miller who was born June 26, 1956. They have a daughter, Erica McKanize (b. 1-5-86). Kathleen was born November 27, 1959 and on June 7, 1978 married Doug Kunz. On May 4, 1985 Kathleen then married Paul Feathers Jr. They have two children, Krista Kunz (b. 8-31-80) and Nicholas Feathers (b. 10-6-86). Jeff was born on December 8, 1966 and on August 22, 1987 married Jennifer Wittler who was born January 11, 1968. They have a son, Ryan Scot (b. 5-5-87).

Delores Huelsman was born November 21, 1937 and on August 27, 1960 married Lowell Bohman who was born December 20, 1935. They had three children. Deborah was born September 12, 1961 and on December 22, 1984 married Douglas Buehler who was born June 22, 1956. They have a son, Tyler (b. 1-22-87). Daniel was born November 8, 1962 and on July 13, 1985 married Kathy Homan who was born November 28, 1962. They have a son, Andy (b. 8-11-86). Don was born October 1, 1964 and remains single.

Alfreda Huelsman was born November 28, 1945 and on June 17, 1967 married Walter Schwieterman. They have seven children. Dennis born 5-10-68, Brenda born 7-19-69, Lisa born 11-6-70, Carolyn born 11-21-71, Cynthia born 6-2-73, William, Dale born 6-26-77.

Frederick Huelsman was born November 28, 1945 and died October 6, 1970. He never married.

Jane Huelsman was born on January 3, 1951 and on October 26, 1973 married Adrian C. Grillot Jr. who was born June 9, 1949. They have two children, Sheri Lynn born 7-28-74 and Chad Charles born 1-14-76.

Jean Huelsman was born January 3, 1951 and on February 1, 1975 married Ralph Stachler who was born December 22, 1949. They have three children. James Richard born 5-18-77, Lorraine born 5-2-79 and Robert Charles born 6-11-80.

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DOUG HUELSMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Douglas Huelsman family live at 2559 Clune Stucke Road. He married Susan Muhlenkamp on May 10, 1985. Doug is a carpenter and was born June 11, 1959. His wife is a secretary at NFO and was born May 28, 1956. They have one son, Christopher Douglas born May 28, 1987.



PAUL HUELSMAN FAMILY - Left to right, Scott, Sue holding Christopher, Doug, Paul, Beth Winner, Brian Winner, Alice, Kurt, Candace and Elizabeth.

PAUL HUELSMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Paul William Huelsman born December 30, 1933 the third son of Mary (Zahn) and Charles H. Huelsman. Graduated from Minster High School 1951. On November 12, 1955 married Alice Marie Grillot, born December 20, 1936 second daughter of Blanche A. (Holtman) and Adrian C. Grillot. Graduated from Ft. Loramie High School in 1954. Have four children.

Kurt William born December 22, 1956. Graduated from Marion Local High School 1975. Graduated from University of Cincinnati 1980, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, graduated from Ohio State University 1982, with a Masters in Business Administration. Married on November 26, 1983 to Kandace Waybright of Canal Fulton, Ohio, born January 27, 1958.

Douglas Allen born June 11, 1959. Graduated from Marion Local High School 1977. Attended Bowling Green State University for 2 years, majoring in Mathematics. On May 10, 1985 married Susan Muhlenkamp, Sharpsburg, Ohio, born May 28, 1956. They are the parents of one child, Christopher Douglas born May 28, 1987.

Scott Paul born November 4, 1962. Graduated from Marion Local High School 1981. Affiliated with Rentz Brothers Farms since 1974. On August 17, 1985 married Elizabeth Bergman, Ft. Recovery, Ohio. Born July 30, 1962. The parents of one child, Janelle Diane, born January 21, 1988.

Beth Ann born April 16, 1965. Graduated from Marion Local High School 1983. Graduated from Kettering College of Medical Arts 1986 as a Registered Nurse. Married Brian Winner August 29, 1987 of Osgood, Ohio, born December 15, 1963.

Paul served in the United States Army 1956-1958. Is employed at Monarch-Stamco Division of New Bremen, Ohio 1955 to present, as Product Manager and Foreign Sales Position. Has been very active in local civic and church activities. Member of Chickasaw Village Council and past Village Constable 1959 thru present. Served as Volunteer Fireman and held several offices with the fire department. Member of the Marion Local School Board 1969-1981. Neighbors Water Company Trustee 1960 thru present. Served on Precious Blood Parish Council 1966-1968, Mens Society 1966-1967, Bingo Chairman 1980 thru present and Chairman of the Sesquicentennial Committee for the 1988 celebration.

Alice also has been active in civic and local affairs serving as a volunteer helper with the Marion Local Schools. Vice President of the Zahn Marion Township Library Promoters 1982 thru present. Secretary Rosary Altar Sodality 1967-1968. President of the Precious Blood Parish Council 1984-1986. Facilitator "For The Harvest" 1986 thru present. Worked at Parish Bingo since the game was started in our parish. Became third week Bingo Manager 1985 thru present. Serving as Secretary for the Sesquicentennial Committee.

SCOTT HUELSMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Scott and Betsy (Bergman) Huelsman live at 7869 St. Rt. 274, Chickasaw. They were married August 17, 1985.

Scott is a farmer and is affiliated with Rentz Bros. He was born November 4, 1962 and Betsy was born July 30, 1962 and is an accountant. They have one child, Janelle Diane born January 21, 1988.

Scott's parents are Paul and Alice (Grillot) Huelsman. His grandparents are Adrian and Blanche Grillot and Charles and Mary (Zahn) Huelsman.

Betsy's parents are Floyd and Joan (Knapke) Bergman. Her grandparents are Harry and Pauline (Albers) Bergman who are both deceased and Bill and Edna (Moeller) Knapke. Bill Knapke is also deceased.



THOMAS HUELSMAN FAMILY - Left to right, Kyle, Kathleen holding Megan and Thomas.

THOMAS HUELSMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Thomas and Kathleen (Thobe) Huelsman live at 74 Virginia Street, Chickasaw. They were married July 10, 1982. Born July 12, 1956, Tom is an auto mechanic. Kathy is a secretary and was born August 23, 1958. They have two children, Kyle born March 30, 1983 and Megan born July 18, 1985.

Tom's parents are Robert and Marlene (Vondrell) Huelsman. His grandparents are Charles and Mary (Zahn) Huelsman and August and Margaret (Grillot) Vondrell.

Kathy's parents are Virgil and Mary E. (Wenning) Thobe. Her grandparents are Henry and Mathilda (Heitkamp) Thobe and Martin and Mary (Kaiser) Wenning.

RANDALL JUTTE FAMILY HISTORY

Randall and Lori (Fisher) Jutte live at 41 W. Franklin Street, Chickasaw. They were married August 6, 1983. Randy is a teacher and was born December 11, 1960. Lori is a housewife and was born April 18, 1960.

Randy's parents are Luke and Betty (Bernholt) Jutte. His grandparents are August and Mary (Moeder) Jutte and Joseph and Bernadina (Rutschilling) Bernholt.

Lori's parents are Larry and Vada (Scherer) Fisher. Her grandparents are Robert and Nellie (Byram) Fisher and Orville and Treva (Schaffer) Sherer.

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VIOLA KEMPER FAMILY HISTORY

Viola (Reier) Kemper lives at 8739 St. Rt. 274, New Bremen. Viola Reier and Werner Kemper were married November 23, 1950. Werner Kemper was born July 10, 1923 and died January 2, 1986. Viola is a farmer and was born November 3, 1930. They had seven children.

Betty was born September 30, 1951 and on April 29, 1972 married Norbert Weitzel. They have six children, Brian, Steven, Karen, Julie, Jennifer and Eric.

Ronald was born June 12, 1954 and died September 27, 1957.

Donald was born June 12, 1954 and died November 6, 1966.

Janet was born April 20, 1958 and on January 8, 1977 married William Stachler. They have four children, Stacy, Angela, Matthew and Ryan.

Thomas was born August 9, 1960.

James was born August 5, 1962 and on September 6, 1986 married Debra Eyink.

Paul was born August 11, 1964.

Werner's parents were Joseph and Catherine (Dahlinghaus) Kemper. His grandparents were Anthony and Katherine (Thobe) Kemper and Joseph and Mary (Heitkamp) Dahlinghaus.

Viola's parents were Charles and Anna (Rindler) Reier. Her grandparents were George and Mary (Heirholzer) Reier and Jacob and Mary (Guggenbiller) Rindler.

LAWRENCE KLOSTERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Lawrence Klosterman lives at 20 S. Center St., Chickasaw. Lawrence and Florentina Kramer were married May 4, 1926.

Lawrence is a retired farmer and was born May 24, 1900. A housewife, Florentina was born December 26, 1901 and died December 18, 1979. The couple had six children.

Elmer H. Klosterman was born September 30, 1929 and was married to Eulalia Stammen on October 16, 1954. They had four children.

Mary Klosterman was born October 6, 1927 and was married to Edwin Siegrist on August 28, 1948. They had six children.

Esther Klosterman was born July 14, 1932 and was married to Melvin Borger on April 30, 1955. They had three children.

Norman W. Klosterman was born September 7, 1934 and was married to Rita Marie Pax on April 23, 1960. They had four children.

Irma C. Klosterman was born December 4, 1936 and was married to Ken Eiting on November 16, 1957. They had four children.

Vernon L. Klosterman was born June 4, 1939 and was married to Margie Geise on April 28, 1962. They had three children.

Lawrence's parents were Henry and Anna (Wilker) Klosterman. His grandparents are Rudolph and Elizabeth (Niekamp) Klosterman and John and Elizabeth (Schmitmeyer) Wilker.

Florentina's parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Wente) Kramer. Her grandparents were Joseph and Philamena (Kremer) Kramer.



MARK KLOSTERMAN FAMILY - Front row, left to right - Peggy Jean and Meredith. Standing - David, Margaret, Mark and Steve. Photo taken at Mark and Margaret's 25th Anniversary.

MARK KLOSTERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

They were married on May 12, 1962. They have four children: Steve born on September 5, 1963, David born on September 10, 1965, Meredith born on August 31, 1971 and Peggy Jean born on July 9, 1975.

In August of 1969, they moved from Minster to a farmhouse one mile south of Chickasaw on St. Rt. 716. They then moved to their present home in the village of Chickasaw in November of 1976.

Margaret's parents are Charles and Bernadine (Post) Kahlig. Her grandparents are Ben and Catherine (Boecke) Post and Joe and Mary (Loshe) Kahlig.

Margaret has five brothers and three sisters: Ray, Ralph, George, Gregor and Ed, Mrs. Howard (Irene) Huwer, Mrs. Leroy (Catherine) Bruggeman and Mrs. Bernard (Mary) Siefring, Jr.

Mark's parents are Walter and Alvina (Ranly) Klosterman. His grandparents are Pete and Sophia (Speck) Ranly and Henry and Anna (Wilker) Klosterman.

Mark has six brothers and three sisters: Earl, Tom, Vic, Bob, Luke, Gary, Sister Maria F.S.P., Mrs. Jim (Judy) Rentz, and Mrs. John (Connie) Muhlenkamp.



VICTOR KLOSTERMAN FAMILY - Victor, Joy Renee, Patricia and Nathan.

VICTOR KLOSTERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Victor Walter Klosterman was born on August 10, 1945. He was the sixth of ten children born to Walter Klosterman (Dec. 22, 1910) and Alvina Ranly Klosterman (Feb. 22, 1913) who reside on a farm near Montezuma, Ohio. His paternal grandparents were Henry Klosterman (Sept. 6, 1872-March 13, 1966) and Anna Wilker Klosterman (May 20, 1879-Nov. 10, 1955) of near Montezuma, Ohio. His maternal grandparents were Peter Ranly (July 3, 1888-Oct. 14, 1960) and Sophia Speck Ranly (May 11, 1894-Sept. 5, 1972) of a farm near Cassella, Ohio.

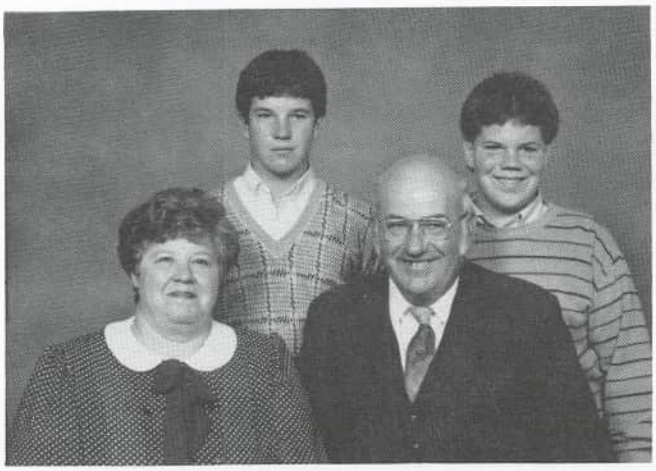
Vic attended Franklin Elementary School and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1965. He then served three years in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Wasp. He is presently employed as an assembly supervisor with the Minster Machine Company.

On August 7, 1971, he married Patricia Ann Elking. She is the daughter of Roman Elking (Jan. 24, 1921-June 16, 1974) and Matilda Knapke Elking (Oct. 30, 1922). Her paternal grandparents were Frank Elking (Sept. 14, 1889-June 28, 1953) and Frances Bruggeman Elking (Oct. 6, 1896-June 24, 1926). Her maternal grandparents were John Knapke (April 9, 1883-Jan. 1, 1949) and Anna Bruns Knapke (Feb. 25, 1889-July 18, 1968).

Patricia attended Marion Local Schools and graduated in 1966. She continued her education at Wright State University and received her B.A. in elementary education in 1971. She taught at Southwest Local Schools and then seven years at Marion Local teaching second grade.

Vic and Pat built a home just outside the town of Chickasaw at 3141 Chickasaw Road. They are the parents of two children. Joy Renee Klosterman was born on July 27, 1978 and she is now in fourth grade at Marion Local Elementary School. Their son, Nathan Lee Klosterman was born May 4, 1982.

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GILBERT KNAPKE FAMILY - Standing, Brad and Kevin. Seated, Judy and Gilbert.

GILBERT KNAPKE FAMILY HISTORY

Gilbert Knapke and the former Judy Wilker together with their two sons, Kevin 16, and Brad 14, reside at 94 West Wayne Street. This lot was previously owned by Fred Rentz, and prior to his ownership, it belonged to Link and Gast with stockyards thereon; which were owned by Post and Whitey Thobe.

Gilbert's parents are the late Frank and Regina Knapke of Maria Stein. Gilbert's paternal grandparents were Bernard Knapke and Mary Bertke Knapke. His maternal grandparents were Clem Eyink and Sophia Brockman Eyink.

The Clem Eyink farm is located on Clover Four Road outside Chickasaw. After Clem died the son, Aloys, occupied the farm until around 1980 when he moved to Chickasaw. It is now owned by Charles Wendelin of Maria Stein.

Judy's parents are the late Raymond Wilker of Guadulupe and Juliana Selhorst Wilker, who presently resides in Coldwater. Her paternal grandparents were the late Joseph Wilker and Philomena (Wolk) Wilker. Her maternal grandparents were the late Ferdinand Selhorst and Theresa Hemmelgarn Selhorst.

Gilbert is employed at Borden's in New Bremen and Judy is self-employed working as an independent contractor for Home Interior's and Gifts.



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Knapke

HERBERT KNAPKE FAMILY HISTORY

My grandparents, Benard and Mary (Bertke) Knapke lived on a farm just a quarter of a mile south of my parent's home in St. John. Benard, whose first wife was also Mary (Bertke) had two children (by this first marriage), they were Ben (of Celina) and Henry (of California). After Mary (his first wife) passed away, he married his second wife, Mary (Bertke) and they had eight children: John (of Coldwater), Joseph (of St. John), Herman (of St. Henry), Catherine Lammers (of St. Henry), Victoria Klenke (of St. Henry), Francis Hein (of Coldwater), Frank (of St. John), and Rose (August Everman's first wife of St. John).

Joseph, my father, who died September 1, 1943 at the age of 66, married my mother, Catherine Bruns. She died May 26, 1952 at the age of 69. She was the daughter of August Bruns and Mary (Kohl) Bruns.

My parents lived on a farm and had seven children. The eldest was Alfred, who lived at home and died March 17, 1984 at the age of 77. Edmund, who married Angela Benanzer, lived on a farm north of Chickasaw. He died June 30, 1960 at the age of 52. Clara, who married Lawrence Hartings, resides in Coldwater. Herbert born August 30, 1911. Leander, who married Eleanor Hartings, resides on the Joseph Knapke's farm in St. John. Mary, who married Anthony Homan, resides on a farm in St. Rose. Christine, who married Mark Siefring, resided on a farm in New Weston but now lives in St. Henry.

I moved from my home place around the year 1934 and took up farming in Chickasaw, just a mile north and a quarter mile west of the town (7927 Brockman Road is now the current address). I married Beulah Niekamp (born July 8, 1917), daughter of August and Mathilda (Rentz) Niekamp on October 24, 1936. Beulah's parents were also long time residents of Chickasaw. August died March 14, 1966 at the age of 78 and Mathilda died March 28, 1975 at the age of 83. They had four children. The eldest was Homer (married Marie Seger) Coldwater, he died May 3, 1987 at the age of 73. Beulah, Charlotte (married Leo Rutschilling who died and she then married Clarence Borchers) Minster, and Morris (married Grace Byrnes) Minster.

We have four children and twelve grandchildren. The eldest Donald born January 20, 1939 married Marjorie Plieman on January 20, 1968. They have four children: Cathy, Sandy, Brian and Michael. They reside in Dayton, Ohio. Lois Ann born January 26, 1941 who resides at home. Mary Helen born September 21, 1948 married Orval Homan on June 24, 1972. They have six children: Aaron, Jennifer, Jessica, Adam, Angela and Jana. They reside in Minster. Wilma born September 25, 1953 married Jack Broering on August 23, 1975. They have two children: Julie and Amy. They reside in Granville, Ohio.

ROGER KNAPKE FAMILY HISTORY

Roger and Cathryn (May) Knapke have two daughters, Dorothy and Marlene.



HAROLD KOESTERS FAMILY - Harold, Marcella, Sharon, Gary, Michael, Debra and Mary Ann.

HAROLD KOESTERS FAMILY HISTORY

Harold and Marcella were married on May 29, 1949. We were married in Our Lady of Mercy Church in Dayton. Harold was born on September 25, 1923, and Marcella was born on February 16, 1928. Harold was in W.W. II and served in the Navy in the South Pacific. He worked at Avco New Idea for 40 years and retired in October of 1985. Marcella works at Marion Local

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Schools as a cook for the past 17 years, and is also a housewife, homemaker. We have lived in Chickasaw the past 34 years at 54 E. Franklin St. We have 5 children. They are Sharon, Gary, Michael, Debra, and Mary Ann. We also have 12 grandchildren. They are Scott, Shawn, Shane, and Stacy Osterholt, Ryan, Brad, and Nathan Koesters, Nicholas and Natalie Koesters, and Jason, Jared, and Jodi Homan.

Sharon Koesters was born February 13, 1951 and on April 4, 1970 married Steve Osterholt. They have 4 children - Scott, Shawn, Shane, and Stacy. Steve is a registered nurse at Lima Memorial Hospital and Sharon is a housewife-homemaker. They live at 732 W. Ewing in Lima.

Gary Koesters was born July 17, 1952 and on August 31, 1974 married Jane. They have 3 children - Ryan, Brad, and Nathan. Gary is President of Huffy's Union, and an employee (groupleader) at Huffy's. Jane works in the office at Reynolds and Reynolds, and is also a housewife-homemaker. They live at 610 Eden Avenue in Coldwater.

Michael Koesters was born October 4, 1954 and on August 15, 1981 married Emily. They have 2 children - Nicholas and Natalie. Mike is Parts Manager at Huelsman Automotive Inc. in St. Henry. Emily is a receptionist at Dr. Schwieterman's Office in Maria Stein, and also is a housewife-homemaker. They live at 114 S. Franklin St. in New Bremen, but are planning to build a new home near Maria Stein.

Debra Koesters was born October 23, 1957 and married Robert Homan on September 17, 1977. They have 3 children - Jason, Jared, and Jodi. Bob is a farmer, and Deb is a housewife-homemaker. They live at 7447 St. Rt. 119 in St. Rose.

Mary Ann Koesters was born February 3, 1964 and works at Pet Milk in Coldwater as a boxer-labeler.

Harold has 6 sisters and 1 brother. They are Francella, Ruth, Marie, Kathryn, Frank Jr., Virginia and Shirley.

Marcella has 5 sisters and 2 brothers. They are Laurine, Arnold, Maryann, Helen, Philomena, Melvin and Betty.

Harold's parents are Frank and Christine (Braun) Koesters. Frank was born July 23, 1895, and died October 19, 1963. He was 68 years old and was a farmer. Christine was born May 29, 1900, in St. Peter and died December 2, 1976, in Coldwater. She was 76 years old, and was a housewife-homemaker. They were married February 12, 1916. Harold's grandparents were Theodore Koesters and Annie Post. Also, Peter Braun and Philomena Jacobs.

Marcella's parents are Bernard and Mary (Fullenkamp) Brockman. Ben was born January 27, 1888, and died July 29, 1932. He was 44 years old and was a farmer. Mary was born April 9, 1891, and died May 17, 1978. She was 87 years old, and was a housewife-homemaker. They were married November 1912. Marcella's grandparents are Henry Brockman and Anna (Brockman) Keller. They were both born in Germany. Also, Ben Fullenkamp and Minnie (Ranly) Fullenkamp. Ben Fullenkamp was born in St. Joe, Ohio May 10, 1860 and died November 5, 1938 at Celina, Ohio. Minnie Fullenkamp was born in Galveston, Texas on July 31, 1863 and died at Celina, Ohio May 6, 1940.



ANDY KRAMER FAMILY - Front, Ruth Kramer and Donna Kunk. 2nd row - Andy, Ellen, Carol Wenning, Jean Bender and Anita Stachler. Back - John and Jim. Photo taken Christmas 1986.

ANDREW KRAMER FAMILY HISTORY

Andrew (Andy) Kramer was born Feb. 4, 1928, on a farm south of Chickasaw, Oh. which was purchased by his parents, Henry and Rosa Kramer (nee Holdheide). To them were born 11 children: Albin, married to Lucille Knapke; Leon, married to Lucille Siefring; Othmar (deceased in 1980), married to Rose Niekamp; Alfrieda (died at age 20 in 1942); Agnes, married to Elmer Knapke; Norbert, married to Alice Steinke; Andrew, married to Ellen Moeller; Mary Ann, married to Roman Severt; Helen, married to Charles Connolly; Hilda (died in infancy) and Werner, married to Marilyn Quinter.

When Andy was to enter the sixth grade, they moved to a farm immediately east of St. Sebastian. He attended St. Johns High School until age 16. At that time he quit school and began hauling can milk for his father. At the same time Andy worked nights at the New Idea Co. In the summer and fall he helped farm with his father. At age 18 or 19 he purchased the milk route from his father.

On September 20, 1949, Andy and I were married in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Montezuma, Oh. We lived in Minster, for two years.

In the summer of 1951, we purchased the Julius Niekamp residence.

In 1952 and 1953, Andy took a course in radio and television repair. In 1953, he started a small repair business in the coop near the house. In 1961 he studied for and received his second class FCC License in Detroit, Mich. and his First Class FCC License in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Also in 1961 and 1962, he took a home high school course through the Marion Local High School and graduated in May of 1962. At this time he was serving a couple terms on town council until his move to Cincinnati.

In November of 1962, we moved to Cincinnati, Oh. Andy was employed by AVCO as an electronic technician. AVCO lost its government contract the end of 1963.

We sold our home in Cincinnati and moved back to Chickasaw to our former home.

Milk hauling is still Andy's business.

In 1980, we sold our home to Robert and Marian Heitbrink and built our current home on E. Franklin St.

Andy's forefathers on his father's side are:

Great-great grandfather, Heinrich Kramer, was born at Nienkerken near Vorden, Germany on 6-24-1750. He married Anna Maria Renneker.

Great grandfather, Joseph Kramer, b. 12-13-1835 in Cincinnati, Oh. married to Philomena Kremer. To them were born three children, one of them being Henry Kramer. On the death of his wife he married Josephine Zink. She died of childbirth. He then married Elizabeth Wendel. They are buried in the St. John's Cemetery, Maria Stein, Oh.

Grandfather, Henry Sr. b. 1-22-1866, married to Elizabeth Wente, b. 2-13-1866. To them were born eight children: Henry Jr. (Andy's father) married to Rosa Holdheide, Frank, Mary Goettemoeller, Rosa Siefring, Florentine Klosterman, John, Catherine Dirksen and Lawrence. His grandparents are buried at Cassella.

Andy's forefathers on his mother's side:

Great grandfather Bernard Holdheide was born at Oldenberg, Germany, 1815. He married Anna Maria Hagedorn and they came to Cincinnati, and settled on a farm in St. Rose. This farm has been in the Holdheide family for 151 years.

Grandfather Anton Holdheide married Elizabeth Goettemoeller. He was born 1855. Buried in St. Rose Cemetery. To them were born the following: Anna Evers, Josephine Broering, Frank, Cecelia Broering, Rosa Kramer (Andy's mother), Clara Luttmer, Stella Clune, and Ray.

Andy's father, Henry was born 5-1-1892 and was married 5-2-1916, to Rosa Holdheide b. 11-16-1894 - d. 11-12-1971. He died 5-5-1964. Buried in Chickasaw, Oh.

I, Ellen Moeller, was born Nov. 21, 1928, on a farm three miles north of Chickasaw on Guadalupe Rd. to Henry Moeller, b. 4-4-1893 - d. 11-21-1967, and Eleanora (Wilker) Moeller, b. 5-9-1893 - d. 12-24-1929. The eight living children born to this marriage were Alvira, married to Richard Boeckman; Viola, married to Vince Ontrop; Wilbur, married to Rita Cron (died 10-2-83); Dorothy, married to Eugene Schoenlein; Verena, married to Cletus Tobe (died 9-3-85); Richard, married to Doris Muhlenkamp; Arthur (died 7-16-80), married to Florentine Knapke; and Ellen, married to Andy Kramer.

Henry Moeller then married Mary Huber. They were married 11 years when Mary died of cancer. Five years later, Henry married Agnes (Kramer) Depweg. She is presently a resident at Briarwood Nursing Home.

I attended a one room school known as Franklin School for seven years. I graduated from Coldwater High School in 1946. After high school, I worked a short time at the Autokraft Box Factory in Minster, Ohio and then worked in New Idea in Coldwater, Oh.

We have seven children and 12 living grandchildren.

John, b. 9-16-50, married to Kathi Wuebbenhorst. He is owner-operator of an 18 wheeler; lives at Wapakoneta, Oh. Four children: Jennifer, b. 4-27-74; Jessica, b. 10-17-79; Stephanie, b. 3-23-81; Ryan Andrew, b. 7-21-83.

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Carol Ann, b. 7-29-52, married to Charles Wenning. She is a nurse (LPN) in Briarwood Nursing Home, Coldwater, Oh. Lives in Coldwater. Children: Kelly, b. 5-15-77; Mathew, b. 12-5-78 - d. 3-5-79.

Ruth, b. 1-31-54 is an executive secretary in Eagle Picher in Cincinnati, Oh. where she lives.

Donna Lynn, b. 11-17-55, married Clem Kunk. She is a housewife. Lives in Tucson, Arizona. Three children: Amanda, b. 6-6-77; Brian, b. 3-20-81; Leann, b. 12-19-84.

Jean, b. 12-16-58, married to Joe Bender. She is a mapper computer programmer in Crown Control in New Bremen, Oh. Lives in Chapel Hill, Maria Stein. Two children: Doug, b. 10-23-83; Nicole, b. 12-18-86.

Anita, b. 12-9-61, married to Ed Stachler. She is an assembler in Crown Control, New Bremen, Oh. Lives in St. Henry, Oh. Children: Craig, b. 11-10-81; Lee Michael, b. 9-5-85.

James Andrew, b. 4-8-67. He works at Precision Strip, Minster, Oh. He lives at home.

My great grandparents on my father's side were born at Holgenhaus, Germany. Great grandfather, Adam Moeller (b. 4-3-1845 - d. 4-4-1921) married Mary Ritter. He is buried at Guadalupe, she in Germany.

My grandparents were Fred (Fritz) Moeller, b. 10-14-1867 - d. 6-22-1965, married to Theresa Brockman, b. 3-15-1866 - d. 6-4-40. He was a hog buyer. I remember him saying he paid 3¢ to a nickel a pound and that he chased them sometimes to the stockpen in Chickasaw next to the C. H. & D. Railroad and shipped them from there. They are buried in St. Sebastian.

My uncle, Al Schwieterman, in partnership with Frank Grieshop, owned and operated the Union Handle Factory until the depletion of timber here in Chickasaw. He lived in Mary Ronnebaum's house.

Fred and Theresa had seven children: Henry (my father), Mary Schwieterman, Dan, Frank, Richard (killed in WWI), Gerhard and Lawrence.

My grandparents on my mother's side are John Wilker (1854-1933) married to Elizabeth Schmitmeyer. Their children are: Anna Klosterman, Ben, Louis, Elizabeth Weitzel, Rosa Nerderman, Joseph, Henry, Catherine Boehmer, Louise Schweller, Julius, and Eleanora Moeller (my mother). Four died in their youth: Joseph, Maria, John and Lawrence. She is buried at St. Sebastian; he in Guadalupe since he had a farm on Harrison Rd.

My great grandparents are Fred Schmitmeyer (1833-1901) married to Lisetta (Eliazabeth) Lamping (1837-1892).

My great, great grandparents are John Henry Schmitmeyer (1779-1862) married to Godretta (Gertrude) Rickter (1789-1869). They were born in Shepsdorf, Germany.

My great grandparents on grandfather's side were Joseph Wilker (1820-1876), born in Hanover, Germany. He married Elizabeth Wohrmeyer also of Hanover (b. 11-27-1827). They lived on a farm near Amsterdam, Oh. which is still called Wilker Rd. They are buried in St. John's Cemetery.



Left to right, Bill, Dave, Ken, Dan, Sue, Maria, Alice, Norb, Cindy Kramer.

NORBERT KRAMER FAMILY HISTORY

The first Henry Kramer was born in 1750 in Oldenburg Germany and had five children: Henry (2), Bernard, Joseph, Katherine, and Elizabeth.

The second Henry Kramer was born in Vorden Germany in 1826 and had three children: Henry, John, Mary.

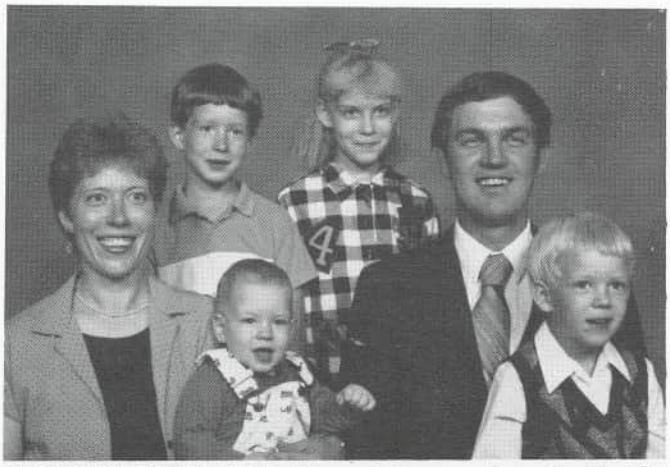
The third Henry Kramer was born in Maria Stein in 1863 and had five children: Henry, Stella, Beda, Viola, and Virginia.

The fourth Henry Kramer was born in Maria Stein in 1866 and married Elizabeth Wente on May 10, 1891. They had eight children including my father who was born May 1, 1892 and married Rosa Holdheide on November 9, 1921 in St. Rose. They had eleven children Albin, Leon, Othmor, Agnes, Alfrieda, Hilda, Norbert, Andrew, Mary Ann, Helen, Werner.

My father purchased a 90 acre farm in 1924 just south of Chickasaw where we lived until 1939 when we moved on a 165 acre farm just east of Sebastian. In 1949 my father then purchased an 80 acre farm on Clover Four Rd. where he lived until 1960 when he built a new home in Chickasaw when he retired. He died in 1964.

I married Alice Steinke in 1949, daughter of Isadore and Bertha Tumbusch Steinke.

I went to work for Tuente Livestock at St. Sebastian yards where I am in my 41st year and plan to retire in the near future. We bought our present home in Chickasaw in 1959. We have seven children: William Kramer born January 28, 1950. He married Nancy Yates in 1983 and they have one son, Jonas. David Kramer was born March 11, 1951. He married Colleen Ginter in July 1972 and they have three children: Hannah, Libby, and Ben. Kenneth Kramer was born March 31, 1952. He married Linda Miller in 1986 and they have one son, Andrew. Susan Kramer was born March 15, 1956. She married Terry Thobe and they have two children: Kimberly and Matthew. Cindy Richter our foster daughter was born May 16, 1955. She married John Stucke in 1975 and they have three children: Amy, Carla, and Bradley. Daniel Kramer was born May 28, 1967 and still lives at home. Maria Kramer was born November 24, 1969 and is also still living at home.



DON KREMER FAMILY, left to right, standing, Curtis, Trisha. Seated, Edna, Ryan, Don and Keith.

DON KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

The Don Kremer family live on St. Rt. 274. He married Edna Schmiesing on September 28, 1978. Don was born on April 20, 1954 and Edna on March 30, 1957.

They have four children including, Trisha Marie, born November 15, 1979, Curtis Donald, August 14, 1981, Keith Michael, March 8, 1984, and Ryan David, August 10, 1986.

Don's parents are Hugo and Hilda (Heitkamp) Kremer and grandparents are Frank and Regina (Bertke) Kremer and Joseph and Ida (Kuess) Heitkamp. His great-grandparents are Maria and Frank (Seitz) Kremer, Agnes and Henry (Goecke) Bertke, Henry and Mary Ann (Wehrman) Heitkamp and Charles and Anna (Giere) Kuess. Edna's parents are Melvin and Pauline (Bender) Schmiesing and grandparents are Clemens and Emma (Seger) Bender and Louis and Elizabeth (Timmerman) Schmiesing.

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Left to right, Roger, Denis, Gary, Melvin, Roy, Edgar, Joan, Bernice, Hilda, Margie Kremer.

ELMER KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

Elmer born on September 22, 1910, died February 4, 1982, son of Frank H. and Regina (Bertke) Kremer. Frank H. born on March 21, 1886, Maria Stein, Ohio, died December 10, 1955, son of Frank and Mary (Sietz) Kremer, died July 22, 1916. Regina (Bertke) Kremer born July 21, 1889, Maria Stein, Ohio, died April 2, 1963, daughter of Henry and Agnes (Goecke) Bertke. Henry born in Maria Stein. Agnes Goecke Bertke born November 22, 1861, Maria Stein, Ohio, died August 29, 1941, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Hilda (Bohman) Kremer born July 10, 1914, daughter of Fred and Mary (Synck) Bohman. Fred born on August 29, 1882, Minster, Ohio, died December 3, 1961, Coldwater, Ohio, son of John and Mary (Wendeln) Bohman born in Indiana.

Mary (Synck) Bohman born August 10, 1881 in Philothea, Ohio, died November 6, 1965, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Felkamp), born May 10, 1852, Germany.

Elmer and Hilda (Bohman) Kremer married on October 4, 1933. They have six sons and three daughters.

Edgar born April 17, 1935 married Clara Jean (Bruggeman) on September 1, 1956. They live in Coldwater, Ohio. They have four sons: Larry born May 24, 1957, who has two sons, Cory and Steve (by a former marriage). Tom born August 29, 1958 married Julie (Fleck). They have a son, Brad and a daughter, Carla. Dan born July 24, 1961 married to Nancy Muhlenkamp. Rick born May 7, 1971.

Joan born December 28, 1936 married Jerry Brandewie born June 21, 1935. They live in North Star. They have four daughters, Jayne born February 21, 1961, Joyce born August 11, 1962, June born January 24, 1967, and Jill born October 9, 1972.

Melvin born March 11, 1939, married October 14, 1961 to Ann (Kuether) born May 27, 1940. They have four sons, one daughter. Terry born September 29, 1965, Tim born February 5, 1969, Todd born July 10, 1969, Tricia born September 25, 1971, and Tony born April 9, 1981.

Bernice born July 4, 1940 married to Robert Goettemoeller born January 19, 1939. They have a son, Barry born November 23, 1964 married Christine Peirolo July 4, 1987 and a daughter, Brenda born October 16, 1966.

Roger born October 30, 1941 married August 22, 1964 to Barbara Bruey born August 10, 1942. They have three sons, Rodney born February 15, 1967, Randy born August 13, 1968, and Rex born June 3, 1970.

Margie born April 15, 1942 married July 8, 1964 to Stan Lefeld born on April 21, 1941. They have two daughters, Cindy born May 13, 1969 and Amy born March 4, 1974.

Denis born October 16, 1948 married December 27, 1969 to Jean Wenning born September 18, 1949. They have two sons and two daughters; Douglas born July 8, 1975, Lisa born August 9, 1976, Lynn born August 9, 1976 (deceased), Kurt born May 10, 1980, and Cheri born December 5, 1982.

Gary born April 20, 1953 married May 24, 1974 to Helen Post born June 22, 1954. They have three daughters and one son. Kelly, Kendra, Kristy born November 20, 1977 and Scott born May 2, 1981.

Roy born December 28, 1956 married on April 14, 1984 to Jane Bruns born October 10, 1960. They have one son, Ryn born May 2, 1986.

We lived on a farm 1¼ miles north of Chickasaw on Chickasaw Road for 49 years then Elmer passed away and two years later Hilda moved to a house on Brockman and Chickasaw Road where she still resides.

ERNEST KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

Ernest Kremer, son of Alphonse and Pauline (Budde) Kremer, Maria Stein, and Marlene Hemmelgarn, daughter of Herman and Leona (Bertke) Hemmelgarn, St. Henry, were married June 22, 1963.

They are the parents of three children, Sandra, born March 10, 1964, Jeffrey, born May 7, 1965, and David, born September 14, 1966. On June 9, 1984, Sandra married Jeffrey Heitkamp, Maria Stein and they live on St. Rt. 119, Maria Stein. Jeff is living at home, and David in Dayton.

Ernest works at Huffy Corp., Celina, as a group leader and Marlene works at Post Printing, Minster, as a proofreader. They live on a farm three miles east of Chickasaw on St. Rt. 274 where they have a poultry layer operation.

Grandparents of Ernest are August and Catherine (Bertke) Kremer, and Henry and Caroline (Wente) Budde. Marlene's grandparents are John and Mary (Kothman) Hemmelgarn, and Joseph and Catherine (Bruns) Bertke.



GARY KREMER FAMILY - Gary, Kelly, Kendra, Kristy, Scott, Helen.

GARY KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

Gary was born April 20, 1953, the eighth of nine children of Elmer and Hilda (Bohman) Kremer who were married on October 4, 1933. Gary was born on a farm outside of Chickasaw on Chickasaw Road. The other eight children in the family being Edgar, Joan, Melvin, Bernice, Roger, Margie, Dennis and Roy.

Gary's father was born on September 22, 1910 and died on February 4, 1982. Elmer was the son of Frank and Regina (Bertke) Kremer. Frank Kremer was born March 21, 1885 and died December 10, 1955. Regina Bertke was born July 21, 1889 and died April 2, 1963.

Gary's mother was born July 10, 1914 the daughter of Fred and Mary (Synck) Bohman. Fred was born on Ausust 29, 1882 and died December 3, 1961. Mary Synch was born August 10, 1881 and died November 6, 1965. Gary's parents and grandparents were all farmers.

On May 24, 1974 Gary married Helen Post, the daughter of Gregor and Esther (Bruggeman) Post. Helen was born June 22, 1954, one of fifteen children. Gary and Helen are the parents of four children. Triplet daughters Kelly, Kendra, and Kristy were born on November 20, 1977. A son Scott was born on May 12, 1981.

Gary is the manager of Lefeld Supplies and Rental in Greenville. Helen is a secretary at Lefeld Welding Supplies in Coldwater. Gary and Helen and their four children live at 8007 Brockman Road north of Chickasaw.

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GERALD KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

The Gerald Kremer family live on Main St., Chickasaw, Ohio 45826. He married Joyce Roberts on June 20, 1964 at Burkettsville, Ohio. Gerald, born May 30, 1944, is a truck driver for Pax Steel, Coldwater, Ohio. Joyce, born December 3, 1945, is self-employed.

They have three children, Thomas Henry, born March 13, 1965, married Annette Mary (Otte) Kremer, born December 29, 1964; Barbara Ann born November 15, 1969; and Stacy Linn born August 21, 1971.

Gerald's parents are Frank F. and Rose A. (Depweg) Kremer, grandparents are Henry and Catherine (Stegman) Kremer and Charles and Louise (Piekenbrock) Depweg and great-grandparents are August and Louise Piekenbrock. Joyce's parents are Amos Marshall and Ethel Neva (Denny) Roberts, grandparents are Alexander and Anna (Pruitt) Denney and Hiram C. and Lanora Lawhun Roberts. Her great-grandparents are Troy and Amanda (Hamm) Roberts and her great-grandmother is Prudie Lawhun, Virginia, a full blooded Cherokee Indian. Deceased are a sister-in-law Shirley Kremer and brother-in-law Elmer Abels.



Front row, left to right, Elizabeth (Kremer) Kleinhenz, Franz Kremer (Hugo's grandpa), Annie (Kremer) Miering, Mrs. Frank Evers (Katie Kremer). Back row, Gus Kremer, John Kremer, Fr. Sebastian Kremer, Anthony Kremer, Frank Kremer.



Left to right, Virgil, Doris, Hilda, Hugo, Lester, Don Kremer.

HUGO KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

The Hugo Kremer family live at 64 Virginia St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Hilda Heitkamp on May 8, 1946. Hugo was born on August 12, 1912 and Hilda was born on August 2, 1920 and died April 18, 1980.

They have four children. Doris Ann, born June 14, 1947, married Richard Kramer on July 4, 1975; Lester, born May 28, 1950, married Betty Wenning on June 1, 1974 and they have five children, Jenny, February 3, 1977, Jeff, October 21, 1978, Kim, September 12, 1979, Jason, December 17, 1981, and Jesse, February 11, 1984; Virgil, born October 1, 1951, married Ruth Buening on September 14, 1974 and they have five children, Brian, June 18, 1975, Jodi, June 28, 1979, Corey, April 8, 1981, Brent, August 10, 1982, and Kyle, April 20, 1984; Donald, born April 20, 1954, married Edna Schmiesing on September 23, 1978 and they have four children, Trisha, November 15, 1979, Curt, August 14, 1981, Keith, March 8, 1984 and Ryan, August 10, 1986.

Hugo's parents are Frank Kremer, born March 21, 1886, died December 10, 1955 married April 28, 1909 to Regina (Bertke) Kremer, born July 21, 1889, died April 2, 1963. Hilda's parents are Joseph Heitkamp, born May 16, 1881, died September 19, 1961 married October 1, 1918 to Ida (Kuess) Heitkamp, born July 11, 1890, died December 20, 1949.



Tom, Julie, Brad (4), Karla (2), Jason (1 week) Kremer.

TOM KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

Tom Kremer and Julie (Fleck) Kremer were married on October 30, 1982. We are the parents of three children, Bradley born 11-4-83, Karla born 9-25-85 and Jason. Tom works at Huffy Corp. in Celina and also is engaged in farming. We live at 3697 Chickasaw Road, Celina.

Julie is the daughter of Robert and Esther (Severt) Fleck. I have two brothers, Mike and Dale and a sister, Pam (Fleck) Evers. One sister, Cynthia Kay died on April 13, 1954 and one brother, Doug died on April 13, 1980. My parents are engaged in farming at their home east of Chickasaw.

My paternal grandparents were the late George and Salone (Rose) Fleck. They lived and operated their farm in St. Sebastian with seven children. My maternal grandparents were the late Fred and Josephine (Uhlenhake) Severt. They were from Coldwater and had eight children. They were engaged in farming.

Tom is the son of Edgar and Clara Jean (Bruggeman) Kremer. He has three brothers, Larry, Dan and Rick. The Kremer's live on Fleetfoot Road, Coldwater. Tom's dad is working at Reynolds and also engaged in farming.

Tom's paternal grandparents are Hilda (Bohman) Kremer and the late Elmer Kremer who died 2-14-82. Hilda lives on Brockman Road, Celina. They had nine children, six boys and three girls. His maternal grandparents are Raymond, and Hilda (Brunswick) Bruggeman of Carthagena. They had six children, three boys and three girls. Tom's grandpa is engaged in farming.

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Left to right, back row, Brian, Virgil, Kyle, Ruth. Front row, Brent, Jodi, Carey Kremer.

VIRGIL KREMER FAMILY HISTORY

The Virgil Kremer family live at 8680 St. Rt. 274, New Bremen, Ohio. He married Ruth Buening on September 14, 1974. Virgil, born October 1, 1951, is a lathe operator at Crown Control. Ruth, born September 15, 1953, is a housewife.

They have six children, Brian, born June 18, 1975, Julie, born December 26, 1977, died December 26, 1977, Jodi, born June 28, 1979, Carey, born April 8, 1981, Brent, born August 10, 1982, Kyle, born April 20, 1984.

Virgil's parents are Hugo and Hilda Kremer and grandparents are Frank and Regina (Bertke) Kremer and Joseph Heitkamp. Ruth's parents are Roman and Norma (Puthoff) Buening and grandparents are Ben and Julianna (Bruggeman) Buening and Joseph and Regina Puthoff.

They built their house the year they were married in 1974.

LIONEL KRIEG FAMILY HISTORY

The Lionel Krieg family live at R.R. 1, Box 56, New Bremen, Ohio. He married Ruth Hummel on January 31, 1948. Lionel is a farmer and Ruth is a homemaker.

They have nine children, including: Harold, who married Doris Bornhorst, has five children, Susan, Seb, Matthew, Benjamin and Jeremy; Patricia, married Joseph Wilson, has two children, Matthew and Christine; Jean, married Ron Olberding, has four children, Marcee, Ryan, Adam and Alyce; Don, who married Dorthea Meiring, has two children, Rebecca and Stacey; Larry, married Susan Leugers, has six children, Trisha, James, Jason, Mary, Lori and David; Cynthia; Marlene, married John Long, has one child Nathan; Marvin; Karl.

Mr. Krieg's parents are Sebastian and Mary Krieg and his grandparents are Sebastian and Appolonia Krieg and Joseph and Margaret Laux. His wife's parents are Bernard and Marie Hummel and her grandparents are Joseph and Rose Hummel and Bernard and Mary Uhlenhake.

Lionel, Ruth, Harold and Patricia were members of Immaculate Conception Church of Celina, Ohio before they joined Precious Blood Church August 19th, 1951.

Lionel was born in Jay Co., Indiana and a member of St. Anthony Church, St. Anthony, Ohio. Ruth was born in Mercer Co. and a member of St. Henry Church.



Sitting, left to right, Mike, Esther, Lavern. Standing, Bob and Roger Kuess.

LAVERN KUESS FAMILY HISTORY

Lavern was born on November 13, 1933 at Chickasaw, Ohio. He married on October 28, 1961 St. John Church, Maria Stein, Ohio to Esther (Walterbusch) Kuess born September 23, 1940 at Maria Stein, Ohio. They have three children, Michael (Mike) born May 20, 1964, Roger born December 27, 1965, Robert (Bob) born November 12, 1971.

Esther is a housewife and works at Celina Manor as a Food Service Worker.

Lavern's parents are Roman Kuess (farmer) born February 26, 1899 at Chickasaw, Ohio. He married on June 2, 1926 at St. Rose, Ohio to Justina (Evers) Kuess born January 31, 1900 at Chickasaw, Ohio. Roman died January 2, 1963 at Chickasaw, Ohio and Justina died July 27, 1971 at Chickasaw. They had seven children: Mildred, Dorothy, Ernest, Elmer, Lavern, Delores, and Irene.

Lavern's paternal grandparents are Henry Kuess (farmer) born July 1, 1865 at Egypt, Ohio. He married on January 21, 1894 at St. John Church, Maria Stein, Ohio to Catherine (Boeke) Kuess born August 14, 1871 at Maria Stein, Ohio. Henry died on May 21, 1949 at Chickasaw, Ohio and Catherine died on December 8, 1942 at Chickasaw, Ohio. They had five children: Aloysius, Roman, Laurette, Anton, and Richard. On July 5, 1893, Henry bought a 110 acre farm.

Lavern's maternal grandparents are Henry Evers born November 14, 1872 at St. Rose, Ohio. He married on February 12, 1896 at St. Rose, Ohio to Elizabeth (Homan) Evers born October 16, 1874 at St. Rose, Ohio. Henry died on April 26, 1960 at St. Rose, Ohio and Elizabeth died on January 15, 1954 at St. Rose, Ohio. They had eight children: Albert, Justina, Josephine, Alvina, Philomina, Regina, Rose and Gregor.

Lavern's great-grandparents are Herman Kuess born September 8, 1822 at Oldenburg, Germany. He married Maria Adell Reis born March 2, 1830 at Oldenburg, Germany at Cincinnati, Ohio. Herman died October 18, 1890 at Egypt, Ohio and Maria died April 12, 1894 at Egypt, Ohio. They had four children: Elizabeth, Mary Christina, Charles and Henry.

Lavern's maternal great-grandparents are Theodor Evers born October 22, 1845 at St. Rose. He married on June 2, 1868 at St. Rose to Elizabeth (Hoegeman) Evers born June 10, 1851 at Minster, Ohio. Theodor died on July 29, 1912 at St. Rose, Ohio and Elizabeth died on October 27, 1885 at St. Rose. They had six children: Mary, Henry, Elizabeth Mary, Bernadine, Bernard, Anna.

Esther's parents are Leo Walterbusch (farmer) born January 4, 1902 at Maria Stein, Ohio. He married on November 12, 1924 at St. Rose, Ohio to Frances (Tuente) Walterbush (housewife) born April 8, 1904 St. Rose, Ohio. Frances died on February 14, 1982, Coldwater, Ohio. They had four children: Wilbert, Alvina, Ivo, and Esther.

Esther's grandparents are Wilhelm Walterbusch (farmer) born April 2, 1843 of Herbern, Germany. He married on January 15, 1895 Maria Stein, Ohio to Anna Fennen (housewife) born November 27, 1865 of Oldenburg, Germany. Wilhelm died November 18, 1923, Maria Stein, Ohio and Anna died January 3, 1944 at Maria Stein, Ohio. They had four children: Helen, Aloys, Katherine and Leo.

Esther's maternal grandparents are Bernard Tuente (farmer) born on July 4, 1858 at Freckenhorst, Germany. He married on November 7, 1888 at Ft. Loramie, Ohio to Anna (Buddendick) Tuente (housewife) born on March 28, 1868 at Westfalen, Germany. Bernard died on March 22, 1930 at St. Rose, Ohio and Anna died on April 17, 1958 at St. Rose, Ohio. They had twelve children.

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VIRGIL KUESS FAMILY HISTORY

The Virgil Kuess family live on Chickasaw Rd., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Rita Marshal on September 15, 1962. Virgil, born January 11, 1940, is a parts manager at Huelsman's Automotive. His wife, born September 28, 1940, is a cook at Community Hospital, Coldwater, Ohio.

They have five children, Ronald, born August, 28, 1963, Carolyn, born March 31, 1965, Angela, born April 4, 1969, Randall, born July 1, 1972, and Daniel, born September 26, 1978.

Mr. Kuess's parents are Richard and Alveria (Niekamp) Kuess and Mrs. Kuess's parents are Wilmer and Lucille M. (George) Marshal.



Left to right, Terry Johnson (husband), Patricia (Lengerich) Johnson (wife, daughter), David Abbot (husband), Genita (Lengerich) Abbot (wife, daughter), Clarence Lengerich (father), Bernadette (Grieshop) Lengerich (mother), Paul Lengerich (son), Elizabeth (Betty) Lengerich (daughter), children - Aaron, Julie and Brian Johnson (grandchildren), Karen Abbot (granddaughter).

CLARENCE LENGERICH FAMILY HISTORY

The Clarence Lengerich family live at 119 W. Wayne, Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Bernadette Grieshop on June 21, 1941. Clarence was born on March 4, 1920 and died on June 23, 1983. Bernadette was born on May 12, 1921.

They have five children, Genita, born September 28, 1946, married Dave Abbot on June 4, 1977 and have one child named Karen; Patricia, born May 15, 1948 married Jerry Johnson on August 4, 1969 and have three children, Aaron, Brian, Julie Anne; Elizabeth, born August 19, 1950; C. Paul, born December 6, 1953; Joseph, born May 1956, died stillborn.

Clarence's parents were Bernard and Elizabeth Lengerich and grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Arnett and John and Elizabeth (Brokamp) Lengerich. Bernadette's parents were Louis and Mary (Link) Grieshop and grandparents were Henry and Mary Ann (Hinders) Grieshop and John and Christine (Drexler) Link.



Frank, Michael, Kris and Jean Liesner.

FRANK LIESNER FAMILY HISTORY

Frank was born in Celina, Ohio December 2, 1948, to Albert and Lenore (McDonough) Liesner. He grew up on a farm near Minster, Ohio. He graduated from Minster High School in 1967. He served two years in the United States Army.

Jean was born in Celina, Ohio to Richard and Imelda (Schoenherr) Heckman. They live in St. Sebastian, Ohio. Jean graduated from Marion Local High School in 1968.

Frank and Jean were married October 14, 1972 in St. Sebastian, Ohio. They moved to 81 South Mulberry Street, in Chickasaw.

They have two children Kristina Marie, born September 13, 1978, and Michael Francis, born August 7, 1982.

Frank is employed at Crown Control in New Bremen. Jean teaches first grade CCD at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw.

Their home was build in 1972 by Paul Rosenbeck Construction.

Jean's great-grandfather, Joe Hein was born in Chickasaw, December 13, 1859. He was married to Mary Wolters. Mary was born in Baden, Germany, July 10, 1863. Mary and Joe had ten children, Matilda, Jake, Joe, Henry, John, Ferd, Kate, Mary, Ed, Aloys. Mary (Wolters) Hein died August 27, 1963. She was 100 years old. Matilda was Jean's grandmother. She was married to Henry Heckman. They had seven children. Hilda, Leander, Solome, Sylvester (Killed in WW 2), Juliana, Werner and Richard. Jean's grandmother was killed when a tornado went through St. Henry, Ohio September 1, 1947. She was visiting her son Leander. Jean's father was married to Imelda Schoenherr November 29, 1947. Imelda is the daughter of Aloys and Cleophia (Boeke) Schoenherr. Jean has three brothers, Werner, Tom, and Paul, and three sisters Mary (Bohman), Karen (Evers) and Janet (Gottschalk).

Frank's great-grandmother was Bernadine Liesner. She was married to Herman Liesner. They had eight children. Bernadine came to the United States at the age of 18, from Handorf, Germany. She achieved the honor of living to the oldest age of any Minster resident over the past 150 years. Bernadine lived 101 years. Frank's grandfather, John Francis Liesner, was married to Wilhelmena Daniel.They had six children. Harry, Albert, Emil, Larence, Leonard, and Vera (Koesters). Albert is Frank's father, he married Lenore McDonough April 15, 1941. Frank has three sisters. Jeannie (Fristalher), Mary (Jackson) and Peg (Henry).



RALPH LIETTE FAMILY - Left to right, Gerard, Carol, Randall, Ralph, Ella Mae, David and Terry.

RALPH H. LIETTE FAMILY HISTORY

The history of "the Liettes" in the United States began in the State of Pennsylvania in 1848 when Francis Liette (born 1820) emigrated from Alsace, France to Pennsylvania, with his family. In 1868 he and his family moved to Russia, Ohio and he became a Shelby County Farmer. He married Therese Buicere (born October 4, 1832). One of Francis' sons, Constant A. Liette (born March 16, 1865 married Louisa Bulcher (born April 8, 1866) and he, following in his father's footsteps, took up farming and settled on a farm in Darke County near North Star, Ohio. Out of this union, Raymond, one of fifteen children, was born on June 30, 1903. He also took up farming plus road construction work. He later married Elizabeth Couchot (born Sept. 1, 1901). Of this union Ralph was one of the nine children, seven girls and two boys.

Ralph H. Liette was born on March 18, 1934. He was raised on a small farm just outside New Weston, Ohio. Ralph received his elementary

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education in the school of New Weston and then on to graduate from St. Henry High School. After high school he found employment at the New Idea Farm Equipment Company in Coldwater, Ohio. He entered the service in 1953. He served with the 24th Infantry Division in Korea and Japan. He was discharged from the army on his birthday in 1955. He then took a position with the Schockman Lumber Company in St. Henry, Ohio, as Assistant Manager in the kitchen remodeling department.

On July 13, 1955 Ralph and and Ella Mae Ranly (born May 30, 1933) were united in marriage in the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Cassella, Ohio. Ella Mae was the sixth daughter and fifteenth child of Peter and Sophia (Speck) Ranly. Peter was born on July 3, 1888 the son of Christoph and Anna (Dietrich) Ranly. Christoph's family, as well as all of Peter's family were born in the same log house just North of the village of Cassella, Ohio. Sophia Speck was born on May 11, 1894, daughter of John and Magdelena (Lamn) Speck of St. Henry, Ohio. Ella Mae attended elementary school in Cassella and went on to graduate from St. John's (now Marion Local) High School, Maria Stein, Ohio, after which she took a position as a secretary at the New Idea plant in Coldwater, Ohio. She worked there until her marriage to Ralph in 1955.

In September of 1956 Ralph and Ella Mae purchased, as their first home, the Jerome Bettinger house in Chickasaw. Later they built a new house just across the street, where they live today. In the late 1960s Ralph was elected to the town council and served on the council until his election as Mayor in November of 1980. This position he still holds.

Ella Mae has been employed as a cafeteria cook these past eighteen years at the Marion Local Elementary School.

The first of five children born to Ralph and Ella Mae is Terrance Raymond Liette, born on January 5, 1957. Terry has an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by Fanning and Howey Architectural Firm in Celina, Ohio. In November of 1978 Terry married Cynthia (Cindy) Arling of Minster, Ohio. Cindy is a Registered Nurse and is employed in the Intensive Care Unit at the Coldwater Community Hospital. Terry and Cindy make their home in Coldwater, Ohio where they live with their three children; Jennifer 7, Adam 4 and Jared 1½ years old.

Carol Lynn Liette was born on November 26, 1957. After graduation from high school Carol worked in the insurance department of the Avco New Idea Co. in Coldwater, Ohio. She held this position until her marriage to Ronald Siefring (born November 9, 1952) a dairy farmer from Coldwater, Ohio on November 25, 1977. Carol and Ron live on a farm West of Celina, Ohio with their children; Aaron 8, Matthew 6, Luke 3 and Julia Mae who was born in March 1987.

David Ralph Liette was born on January 22, 1959. After graduation from high school Dave went on to earn a degree in Accounting from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. He is a Certified Public Accountant also. He is employed with the Dayton Development Corporation. David married Cheryl Gaier (born September 2, 1963) in July 1983. Dave and Cheryl make their home in Vandalia, Ohio with their son Brady, born in January 1987. Dave and Cheryl are also busy in their own business working out of their home.

Randall Peter Liette was born on April 7, 1961. Randy went on to graduate from Ohio State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is employed by the Stamco Corporation in New Bremen, Ohio as a Project Engineer. On October 4, 1986 he and Joann Wenning (born September 29, 1964) were married. Joann still holds her position as a state egg inspector at Hemmelgarn & Sons Egg Processing Plant in Philothea, Ohio. They are presently living in St. Henry, Ohio.

Gerard Joseph Liette was born August 14, 1962. After graduation from high school Gerry went on to receive an Associate Degree in Computer Science. He and Nancy Eltzroth (born May 19, 1962) were married May 24, 1987. Nancy graduated from Edison State College. Gerry and Nancy make their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

ALVIN LOCHTEFELD FAMILY HISTORY

Two sets of Lochtefeld families now live in Chickasaw, namely Greg Lochtefeld and Alvin Lochtefeld, both from the same family origin, being Heinrich Melchior Lochtefeld, who came to the U.S.A. in 1835.

Heinrich Melchior Lochtefeld and his wife, Elizabeth (Havert) came to America in 1835 from Altenberge, Germany, near Munster, the capitol city of Westphalia, a province of what was then named Prussia, Germany.

They came over with one son, named Henry Melchoir, who was then 18 years of age. They landed in New York on Oct. 22, 1835 and came to Mercer County, where they bought some land about one mile North of St. Rose (originally named Rosengarten).

In addition to the immediate families in Chickasaw, the Lochtefeld family, stemming all from the original Heinrich Melchior Lochtefeld has blossomed to various areas in the U.S.A.

Alvin Lochtefeld was born February 3, 1940 and Marceil (Guggenbiller) Lochtefeld was born October 23, 1941. They were married on January 13, 1962. They reside west of Chickasaw, at the site of Ohio Recycling Inc. His father is the late Victor Lochtefeld and his mother, Anna (Dues) resides in Coldwater, Ohio.

Alvin Lochtefeld and his wife, Marceil had five children, namely Ron, Linda, Robert, Sue and David.

Ron Lochtefeld was born March 3, 1963 and on September 20, 1986 married Rosann (Homan) Lochtefeld who was born October 24, 1964. They reside on Franklin Street in Chickasaw. Linda Lochtefeld was born February 27, 1964 and Sue Lochtefeld was born April 26, 1967. Linda and Sue reside in Dayton, Ohio. Robert passed away at the age of one. David Lochtefeld was born September 9, 1969 and lives at home in Chickasaw.



LOCHTEFELD FAMILY - Standing: Greg, Omer, Mary Ann. Seated: Elizabeth, Lawrence and Hugo.

GREG LOCHTEFELD FAMILY HISTORY

*See Alvin Lochtefeld Family History.

Greg Lochtefeld was born Dec. 7, 1927. He resides east of Chickasaw on the homestead of his late parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth (Luebke) Lochtefeld. Greg Lochtefeld has never married.

Greg Lochtefeld's father, Lawrence was first married to Agnes (Hausfeld) and they had three children, namely Jullitta, Omer and Cletus. Omer survives and lives in St. Henry. Jullitta and Cletus have passed on.

After the death of Lawrence's first wife Agnes, Lawrence remarried to Elizabeth (Luebke) and they had three children, namely Greg (b. December 7, 1927), Mary Ann and Hugo.

Mary Ann is married to Paul Kremer and they reside in Maria Stein. Hugo has passed on.

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Rosann and Ron Lochtefeld

RONALD LOCHTEFELD FAMILY HISTORY

Ronald and Rosann (Homan) Lochtefeld live at 109 W. Franklin St. They married on September 20, 1986.

Born on March 3, 1963, Ron is the manager of Ohio Recycling and Rosann is an office bookkeeper and was born October 24, 1964.

Ron's parents are Alvin and Marceil (Guggenbiller) Lochtefeld. His grandparents are Henry and Leona (Kunkler) Guggenbiller. Victor and Anna (Dues) Lochtefeld.

Rosann's parents are Wilbert and Viola (Eyink) Homan. Her grandparents are Aloys and Cecilia (Bruns) Eyink and Victor and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Homan.



August and Irma Heitkamp, former residents of Chickasaw and the parents of Marie McClurg.



STEPHEN McCLURG FAMILY - Left to right, Mark, Steve, Marie, Mike, Sheryl and Stan.

STEPHEN McCLURG FAMILY HISTORY

On August 13, 1966, Stephen McClurg (born Oct. 19, 1941) of North Star married Marie Heitkamp (born September 16, 1944) of Chickasaw. Stephen works at Chickasaw Machine & Tool and continues to work there today. Steve and Marie lived in St. Henry in the Ben Romer Apartment. Marie taught the fourth grade at the St. Henry Elementary School in the years 1964 through 1967.

In June of 1969, Steve and Marie and their two sons, Mark (born June 27, 1967) and Stan (born June 25, 1968) moved to Chickasaw.

While living in Chickasaw, two more children were born to the McClurg family, Sheryl (born Oct. 4, 1970) and Michael (born August 21, 1971).

Steve is the oldest of thirteen children born to Paul David (born May 20, 1914) and Marlene Mary (Barga) (born Dec. 10, 1919) of North Star. They presently live on E. Wood St. in Versailles, Ohio. Steve's brothers and sisters are Patrick (married to Virginia Muhlenkamp) of Versailles, Thomas (married to Marilyn Borgert) of Tipp City, Mrs. Harold Hemmelgarn (Susie) of Versailles, Kentucky, Mrs. William Mangen (Anne) of Beavercreek, Edward (married to Rosella Nieport) of St. Sebastian, David (married to Wendy Schaffer) of Wadsworth, Illinois, Dean (married to Darlene Marshal) of Tipp City, Mrs. Lawrence Eyink (Mary) of Chickasaw, Mark Anthony (married to Judy Kremer) of Foster City, California, Mrs. James Wente (Teresa) of New Bremen, Donna Cook of Greenville, and Mrs. John Schemmel (Rita) of Versailles.

Steve's fraternal grandparents were Warren Benton McClurg (born June 28, 1876 - died April 17, 1963) and Lydia Margaret Young (born Sept. 15, 1975 - died May 19, 1968). Warren's parents were James McClurg (born 1833 - died 1880) and Melinda Poling (born 1837 - died 1904). Lydia's parents were George Young (born 1847 - died 1910) and Mary Slack (born 1854 - died 1935).

Steve's maternal grandparents were Clarence Guy Barga (born Jan. 30, 1891 - died June 20, 1961) and Irene Agnes (Groff) Barga (born April 28, 1894 - died Jan. 24, 1982) of North Star. Clarence's parents were Jacob Barga (born May 29, 1861 - died July 11, 1943) and Mary (Alexander) Barga (born Jan. 1, 1862 - died May 30, 1931). Irene's parents were Frank Groff (born Nov. 10, 1958 - died May 30, 1941) and Mary (Couchot) Groff (born Aug. 5, 1855 - died July 26, 1918).

Marie is the daughter of Augustine Heitkamp (born December 8, 1904 -died August 18, 1960) and Irma Mary Zahn (born April 4, 1906 - died March 19, 1964). Marie is the fourth child. The oldest in the family is Mrs. Louis Keiser (Doris) of North Star, George Heitkamp of New Bremen is married to Evelyn Winner, LaVern Heitkamp of Chickasaw is married to Sharon Hinton, and Mrs. William Groff (Ruth) of Troy.

August was a farmer his entire life until 1958 when they moved to Chickasaw. At that time he became janitor at the St. John building and Irma became the first cafeteria cook at the new Marion Local High School.

August Heitkamp is the son of John J. Heitkamp (born Oct. 26, 1873 - died April 19, 1955) and Rosa J. Bruns (born Dec. 19, 1881 -died July 4, 1965) of Amsterdam Rd. in Auglaize Co. near St. John. John J. Heitkamp is the son of Joseph Heitkamp (born. Oct. 1, 1839 - died March 29, 1910) and Maria Elizabeth Goecke (born Feb. 2, 1844 - died Mar. 18, 1881). Joseph Heitkamp's parents were John Henry Heitkamp (born Dec. 21, 1805 - died Dec. 18, 1887) and Maria Catharina Trimpe (born Mar. 30, 1805 - died Sept. 21, 1870). Both came from Damme, Germany and are buried in Egypt Cemetery. Maria Elizabeth Goecke is the daughter of Gerhard Heinrich Goecke (died April 14, 1850) and Maria Bookman (born April 11, 1824 - died Jan. 6, 1891). Both are buried at St. John Cemetery.

John Henry Heitkamp's parents were John Henry Heitkamp (born Dec. 20, 1781 - died April 12, 1853) and Catharina Maria Konig (born May 26, 1782 - died June 19, 1838), both of Damme, Germany. John Henry Heitkamp was the son of John Henry Heitkamp (born Sept. 11, 1745 - died Nov. 2, 1788) and Anna Maria Rottinghaus (born Jan. 9, 1753 - died Jan. 8, 1795) also of Damme, Germany. Catharina Marie Konig was the daughter of John Bernard Konig (born Oct. 9, 1745 - died Oct. 4, 1809) and Maria Angelo Meier (born Jan. 4, 1751 - died Feb. 7, 1813) also of Damme, Germany.

Marie's grandmother, Rosa J. Bruns is the daughter of Bernard Bruns (born Oct. 21, 1850 - died Jan. 13, 1929) and Mary Hageman (born Dec. 16, 1856 - died April 6, 1935). Bernard Bruns was the son of John Bruns and Elizabeth Frilling. Mary Hageman was the daughter of J. H. Hageman and Anna (last name unknown).

Marie's maternal grandparents were Edward and Helen (Schoen) Zahn of Chickasaw and great grandparents were Adam and Mary (Meyer) Zahn and Peter and Theresa (Westerick) Schoen.

Steve has worked at Chickasaw Machine and Tool as a machinist for 23 years. Marie is a graduate of Ohio Northern University and teaches at the New Bremen Elementary School. Marie has worked in the New Bremen School system for 16 years. Prior to New Bremen she taught at St. Henry and one year at the Chickasaw building.

Their oldest son Mark is employed at Stamco in New Bremen as a draftsman and continues to attend Wright State University Lake Campus in Celina. Stan began second shift at Minster Machine in January of 1988. Sheryl is a junior and Michael is a sophomore at Marion Local High School.

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LARRY MARKLEY FAMILY - Left to right, Lyndsay, LaVonne, Sally, LuAnn. Back - Laura and Larry.

LARRY MARKLEY FAMILY HISTORY

Larry and Sally (Lorson) Markley live at 43 Virginia St., Chickasaw. They were married in 1977.

Larry is a veterinarian and was born November 13, 1953. Sally was born February 4, 1955 and is a special education teacher.

They have four children: Laura A. born September 16, 1977; Lyndsay A. born April 29, 1980; LaVonne A. born April 29, 1980 and LuAnn A. born October 11, 1985.

Larry's parents are Melvin and Lucille (Cunningham) Markley. His grandparents are Frank Markley and Clayton and Ines Cunningham.

Sally's parents are Charles and Bunny (Bishop) Lorson. Her grandparents are Albert and Luella Lorson and Theodore and Lelah Bishop.



LARRY MEYER FAMILY - Sitting, left to right - Jeanette, Kerri and Larry. Standing - Kelly, Joe and Ted.

LARRY MEYER FAMILY HISTORY

Larry Henry Meyer was born April 27, 1948, the son of Lawrence and Elsie (Bensman) Meyer in Egypt. He had six brothers and one sister. They lived on the old Precious Blood Convent Farm, west of Egypt. Larry's dad was a farmer and drove school bus for Egypt and Minster School District. He died May 20, 1982. His mother still resides in the home they built in 1968, north of the church.

Larry attended Egypt school for six years. In 1961 the school was closed, he then went to Minster and graduated in 1967.

Shortly after graduating he was hired by Minster Machine. Six months later he was called to serve his country. Larry served two years in the Army, eighteen months of it in Germany during the Vietnam War.

On August 5, 1972 he married Jeanette Marie (Fullenkamp) Meyer. They have four children; two boys and two girls.

Larry's wife, Jeanette was born August 5, 1947. She is the daughter of Herman and Mary (Hess) Fullenkamp. As a child, they lived northeast of St. Joe, Ohio on Erastus-Durbin Road. Jeanette's dad was a farmer all his life till he retired in 1971. They then moved to St. Henry. Jeanette's grandfather, John Hess had worked at Chickasaw Elevator before he was married.

Jeanette attended St. Joe School for six years until the school was closed, then went to St. Peter for two years. She later graduated from Our Lady of Bethlehem in Columbus, a Prep School. After graduation she attended Linotype School in Logan, Ohio. After passing this, she started work at The Daily Standard in Celina, Ohio. She worked there for eight years until their first child was born.

Larry and Jeanette's children: Joe, born February 22, 1974 is involved in 4-H, basketball and is a server at Precious Blood Parish. Kelly, born March 21, 1975 is also a 4-H member, belongs to the band and plays volleyball. Ted, born December 29, 1978 plays ball for Chickasaw Chiefs Pee-Wee League and Kerri, born October 2, 1980 is a Mini 4-H member. They all attend Marion Local School.

Jeanette and Larry lived in Chickasaw for eight years and then moved west of St. Sebastian. They are members of the Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw. Jeanette is a choir member and belongs to the Rosary Altar Sodality. Larry is a Lay-Distributor and a member of the Men's Sodality.



Albert and Angela Miller.

ALBERT MILLER FAMILY HISTORY

Ed Knapke was born December 9, 1907. His parents were Joseph and Catherine Bruns Knapke. They were both born at Maria Stein, Ohio. His grandparents were Bernard and Mary Bertke Knapke.

Angela Benanzer was born August 28, 1911. Her parents were John and Josephine Watercutter Benanzer. John was born in Ft. Loramie and Josephine in McCartyville.

Ed Knapke married Angela Benanzer on May 12, 1936. He was a farmer and Angela was a housewife. They had three daughters. Dorothy married Charles Siefring, Delores to Edward Kahlig, and Norma Jean to Harold Bohman.

Ed Knapke died on June 30, 1960.

Dorothy and Charles Siefring have four children. Brenda who is married to Roger Albers, Linda, Glenda, and Daryl.

Delores and Ed Kahlig have five children. Donna, Fred, Dennis deceased Oct. 12, 1982, Chris deceased Nov. 25, 1975 and Tonya.

Norma Jean and Harold Bohman have four children. Brian, Scott, Karen, and Stacy.

Angela Knapke married Albert Miller February 4, 1967. He was born September 29, 1906. They lived in Dayton for three years until he retired May 5, 1970. Then they moved to Chickasaw where they now reside. Albert has four children. Charlene Schweller, Marvin Miller, Phyllis Johnson, and Orville Miller.

BILL MINTON FAMILY HISTORY

Bill and Theresa (McDonald) Minton live at 101 Roosevelt Street, Chickasaw. They were married September 10, 1982.

Born March 20, 1959, Bill is a veterinarian while Theresa is a commercial underwriter born on August 30, 1958. They have one son, David Michael born April 26, 1987.

Bill's parents are William C. and Carol Minton. His grandparents are William and Ann Whitmore and John and Mossie Minton.

Theresa's parents are Edward and Martha McDonald. Her grandparents are Milton and Cordella Barnhart and Harvey and Edith McDonald.

We moved to Chickasaw in April of 1986. Bill joined an existing veterinarian practice.

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ART MOELLER FAMILY - Back row, left to right - Gary, Pat, Terry, Art, Mike, Larry Moeller. Second row - Jerry Moeller, Nancy Homan, Deb Kremer, Lisa Moeller, Linda Muhlenkamp and Tim Moeller. Front - Becky and Ann Moeller.

ART MOELLER FAMILY HISTORY

Bernard Henry Knapke was born September 16, 1813 at Neuenkuchen, Oldenburg. Bernard Henry, along with his mother Gertrude and Catherine, who was six years older than he, arrived in Baltimore from Bremen, Germany, October 10, 1842. Bernard Henry married Catharina Kramer January 18, 1849 at St. John, Ohio. They had three children, Henry, John Bernard, and Elisabeth. Henry was born December 2, 1850 at St. John, Ohio. He married Theresa Seitz on November 22, 1877 at St. Johns. Henry was a farmer. Henry and Theresa had 8 children. Henry (Bernard), Frank (Joseph), John, August, Mary Catharine (Eyink), Mary Elisabeth (Braun), Mary Agatha (Sister Delphina), Mary Rose (Sister Eugenia).

John Knapke was born in Maria Stein on April 9, 1883, son of Henry and Theresa (Seitz) Knapke. John bought a farm a mile south of Chickasaw. He married Anna Bruns on October 12, 1909. Anna was the daughter of August and Mary (Kohl) Bruns. John and Anna had 11 children. Armella (Rawers) of New Bremen (born October 1, 1910 and died May 25, 1987), was married to Walter (died July 25, 1987) on April 25, 1936. They had three children, Ann Margaret, Donald, and David.

Olive (Miller) of Coldwater, was born September 7, 1912, married to Clem on November 28, 1940. They had three children, Melvin, Ruth Ann, and John.

Norbert of Fort Wayne was born July 20, 1914. He married Katherine Leist on September 7, 1940. They have two children, Norine and Philip.

Leo of Celina was born July 22, 1916. He married Rita Reineke on November 26, 1949. They have three children Tim, Nick and Thomas.

Agnes (Hemmelgarn) of St. Henry was born March 18, 1918. She married Cletus on May 18, 1946. They have six children, Tom, Marlene, Kenneth, Judy, Jane, and Dan.

Hilda (Brunswick) of Sharpsburg was born July 15, 1920. She married Linus on October 25, 1945. They have four children, Lois, Dianne, Jeanette, and James.

Matilda (Elking) of Chickasaw was born October 30, 1922. She married Roman on June 7, 1947. Roman died June 16, 1974 at the age of 53. They have five children Patricia, Gerald, Teresa, Susan, and William.

Mary Ann (Klosterman) of Montezuma was born November 10, 1924. She married Paul Klosterman on October 25, 1947. He died December 2, 1980 at the age of 60. They have two sons, Ronald and Mike.

Paul was born October 27, 1929 and died March 13, 1958 at the age of 28.

Robert of Minster was born December 25, 1931. He married Virginia Koesters on August 10, 1957. They have four children, Christine, Douglas, Angela and Mark.

Florentine was born July 17, 1927 in Chickasaw. On September 7, 1949 she married Arthur Gerhard Moeller of Montezuma, Ohio. He was born May 14, 1927, the son of Henry and Eleanor (Wilker) Moeller. He died on July 16, 1980 at the age of 53.

Art had a milk hauling business. During the first 5 years of marriage, they lived in St. Marys, Ohio. In 1955, they moved to Chickasaw. For 11 years they lived in the first house west of Chickasaw (the Louis Grieshop's home). In 1967, they bought four lots from the August Garman Family, and built a new home at 83 South State Street, Chickasaw, Ohio. They moved in on April 21, 1968 and Florentine still resides there. Arthur and Florentine have 14 children:

Nancy was born on June 24, 1950. She graduated from the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, Dayton, Ohio in May of 1971. She married Tom Homan on June 19, 1971. He is the son of Othmar and Rita (Reinhart) Homan of Coldwater. Tom and Nancy are the parents of four children: Jennifer born 8-17-74; Theresa born 1-19-77 died in infancy; Jeffrey born 11-24-83 and Elizabeth born 11-24-83. Nancy is a R.N. at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio. They live at 1315 College Street, S.E. North Canton, Ohio.

Larry was born on July 29, 1951. He married Trudy Feltz on February 14, 1972. She is the daughter of Frank and Hilda (Link) Feltz. Larry and Trudy are the parents of two children: James born 3-18-78 and Christa born 8-20-80. Larry is co-owner of T.J's Carry-Out in Maria Stein, Ohio. They live at 6422 State Route 119, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Garry was born March 11, 1953. He married Donna Evers on August 31, 1974. She is the daughter of Gregor and Marian (Schmitmeyer) Evers. Garry and Donna are the parents of seven children: Michelle born 5-17-75; Rick born 3-26-76; Nick born 3-7-79; Ben born 4-29-81; Philip born 7-24-82; Kevin born 4-19-85 and Kyle born 9-3-86. Garry is part-owner of Moeller Trucking, Inc. They live at 2460 Cassella-Montezuma Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Linda was born April 21, 1952. She married Charlie Muhlenkamp on February 21, 1973. He is the son of Urban and Irma (Hess) Muhlenkamp. Charlie and Linda are the parents of four children: Jason born 7-18-73; Scott born 6-16-75; Amanda born 7-9-79 and Eric born 1-18-82. Linda is employed at Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina, Ohio. They live at 2114 Cassella-Montezuma Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Terry was born August 27, 1955. He married Lisa Ranly on August 6, 1983. She is the daughter of Art and Eileen (Link) Ranly. Terry and Lisa are the parents of three children: Margo born 11-12-84; Russell born 12-11-85 and Jacob born 2-4-87. Terry is part owner of Moeller Trucking, Inc. They live at 2450 Cassella-Montezuma Road, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Tim was born November 6, 1956. He married Joyce Nagel on April 15, 1978. She is the daughter of Louis and Dorothy (Kremer) Nagel. Tim and Joyce are the parents of three children: Karla born 7-16-80; Gail born 11-5-81 and Stacy born 7-24-84. Tim is part owner of Moeller Trucking, Inc. They live at 00324 Heitkamp Road, Minster, Ohio.

Jerry was born October 23, 1958. He married Karen Otte on June 14, 1980. She is the daughter of Louis and Irene (Prenger) Otte. Jerry and Karen are the parents of three children: Ryan born 4-21-81; Elizabeth born 12-27-82 and Sara born 5-31-86. Jerry is employed by Rentz Brothers of Chickasaw, Ohio. They live at 3385 Chickasaw Road, Celina, Ohio.

Debra was born December 29, 1959. She married Allan Kremer on May 27, 1983. He is the son of Mark and Bernice (Niekamp) Kremer. Allan and Deb are the parents of two children: Mitch born 2-25-84 and Matt born 1-20-86. Deb is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen, Ohio. They live at 3038 Hartke Road, Celina, Ohio.

Arthur was born February 20, 1961. He married Joyce Mescher on July 17, 1982. She is the daughter of Dennis and Viola (Homan) Mescher. They are the parents of two children: Angela born 1-29-83 and Greg born 9-23-84. Art works for National Farmers Organization in McCartyville, Ohio and is part owner of Moeller Trucking, Inc. They live at 8343 State Route 119, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Lisa was born May 10, 1962. She graduated from the Western Ohio Branch Campus - Wright State in 1983. She is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen, Ohio and is also a part-time secretary for Moeller Trucking, Inc. in Maria Stein, Ohio. She resides at 83 South State Street, Chickasaw, Ohio.

Michael was born November 13, 1963. He married Missy Arling on May 3, 1986. She is the daughter of Frank and Mary Ann (Dapore) Arling. They live at 14705 State Route 716, Yorkshire, Ohio. Mike is part owner of Moeller Trucking, Inc.

Patrick was born December 27, 1965. He married June Wendel on May 16, 1987. She is the daughter of Hubert Magoteaux and the late Rosalee (Langenkamp) Magoteaux and the late Ralph Wendel. Pat is employed at Precision Strip of Minster, Ohio. They live at Apartment 2, State Route 119, Maria Stein, Ohio.

Becky was born October 18, 1967. She is employed at Pet, Inc. of Coldwater, Ohio. She resides at 83 South State Street, Chickasaw, Ohio.

Ann was born October 17, 1969. She is a senior at Marion Local High School, Maria Stein, Ohio. She resides at 83 South State Street, Chickasaw, Ohio.

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GERALD MOELLER FAMILY - Left to right, back - Karen, Ryan and Gerald. Front - Sara and Beth.

GERALD MOELLER FAMILY HISTORY

Gerald and Karen (Otte) Moeller live at 3385 Chickasaw Road, Celina. They were married June 14, 1980.

Born October 23, 1958, Gerald is a farm hand and Karen, a housewife was born October 9, 1958. They have three children: Ryan born April 21, 1981; Beth born December 27, 1982 and Sara born May 31, 1986.

Gerald's parents are Arthur and Florentine (Knapke) Moeller. His grandparents are Henry and Eleanor (Wilker) Moeller and John and Anna (Bruns) Knapke.

Karen's parents are Louis and Irene (Prenger) Otte. Her grandparents are August and Veronica (Langenkamp) Otte and Joseph and Cecelia (Wehrman) Prenger.

EDWARD MUELLER FAMILY HISTORY

Edward and Mary Kathleen (Dicke) live at 68 W. Franklin St., Chickasaw. They were married April 17, 1968.

Edward works at Crown Control/Kinston Neuse Corp. and was born April 2, 1944. Mary is a store clerk and housewife and was born October 10, 1947.

They have three children: Lawrence Albert born September 16, 1968; Gail Marie born August 16, 1970 and Deborah Julianne born December 30, 1973.

Edward's parents are Albert and Bernadine Mueller of St. Rose. Mary's parents are Willis and Helen Dicke of New Bremen.

Ed and Mary moved to Grifton, North Carolina in June, 1987. Larry joined the army and was stationed at Ft. Bliss Army Base, El Paso, Texas in June, 1987.



Don Niekamp Family (l to r): Pam - married to Jim Riethman, Hampton, Virginia, 1 son; Karen - married to Tom Hess, Chickasaw, 2 sons, 1 daughter; Don & Audrey (Auddi) - 1 son, 4 daughters, 17 grandchildren; Sandi - married to Steve Rammel, St. Marys, 3 sons, 1 daughter; Diane - married to Marv Boeckman, Wapakoneta, 3 sons, 2 daughters; Rick - married to Jan Homan, Coldwater, 2 sons, 2 daughters.

DON NIEKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

The great grandfather of Donald Niekamp, Johan Geard Friedrick Niekamp was born on April 9, 1811 in Essen, Germany to Johan Henrich and Catharina Margarethe Mormann. He migrated to America in 1833 and for the standard pay of 30¢ a day. On March 3, 1840 Johan married Catherine Niehauss in Dayton, Ohio. The couple had 4 children; John, Joseph, Clemmons, and Mary. In 1848 they moved to Mercer County where they purchased some land located at the eastern end of St. Sebastian Road. On this land they built a log cabin and on Sept. 26, 1852, Catherine died. Johan married Anna Stammen on April 19, 1853 in St. John Catholic Church. They had 10 children; Henry, Philomena, Gerhard, Peter, Frank, Elizabeth, Catherine, Julia, Theadore, and a babe that died in infancy. In 1887, Johan deeded the 120 acre farm to his son Peter and his wife Francis Bertke. Johan & Anna continued to live on the farm till their deaths; Anna on May 19, 1894 and Johan on Aug. 18, 1894.

The youngest child of Johan and Anna to reach maturity was Frank, born on Feb. 28, 1864. At the age of 32 Frank married Elizabeth Klosterman, daughter of Henry and Mary (Mestemaker). Frank built a frame residence on the south side of St. Sebastian Road where he and Elizabeth raised 9 children on this farm; Alfred, Gregor, Charles, Josephine, Roman, Olive, Albert, Florian, and Johanna. In 1923 Frank bought 1/3 interest in the New Bremen Cement, Tile, and Block Co. On Aug. 16, 1927 Elizabeth died at the age of 54. Frank deeded his farm to his oldest son, Alfred, in 1934 but continued to farm and served as janitor for school. He also served as clerk and on the St. Sebastian School Board. Frank died in his bed on the farm on May 30, 1946.

Alfred Niekamp was born June 20, 1899. On Feb. 6, 1926 Alfred married Martha Deppen in Coldwater, Ohio. Martha was born in Sharpsburg to Frank and Rose (Kuether) on Jan. 28, 1905. Alfred bought a home in New Bremen and lived there while he worked in his father's Tile Co. Their first 3 children, Bernice, Doris, and Donald were born here. They moved to the farm with Frank and his younger children in 1931. Martha's next 3 children, the twins, Kenneth and Cecilia, and Martha died at birth. Eight more children were born; Ruth, Juanita, Cyril, Janet, Maurice, Larry, Dale, and Mike. Alfred served as janitor after his father at the St. Sebastian School. He continued farming until he died of a heart attack in his home on Dec. 18, 1957. Martha died in her home on March 15, 1987.

Donald J. Niekamp was born on Nov. 17, 1929, attended grade school in St. Sebastian and high school at St. John's school in Maria Stein. Don married Audrey Garman on July 8, 1950. After working at New Idea for a short time, Don started a career as a mechanic, first with Celina Auto Co., till it burned down in Nov. of 1952. He then worked in St. Marys, first for Brandon, then for Potbury Auto Sales. Don was co-owner of The Niekamp Brothers' Radiator Repair Shop until he started working at Goodyear in 1963. As an active member of the community, Don has been a Little League coach, a volunteer fireman, and served on the Town Council for 6 years. He was also involved in the formation of the Park Board, the Marion Athletic Booster Club, and the P.T.O., serving as its first Vice President. Don and Audrey both served in the 4-H program as advisers. Don helped organize the Go-Getters and Audrey is currently in her 26th year as an adviser with the Sewers and Growers. Audrey J. Garman, the daughter of Cletus and Ena (Haslinger) Garman, was born on Aug. 14, 1930 in Celina and attended Immaculate Conception School for 12 years. After high school she graduated from Byrd's Beauty School in Dayton in 1949. Audrey was a telephone operator and part owner of Madeline's Beauty Shop before she married. In Oct. of 1961 she and her sister Kathy Garman, opened the Chickadee Beauty Shop in Chickasaw. Audrey's father, Cletus (Chalk), was the son of William and Bertha (Schlosser) Garman of Celina and the grandson of George Garman and Jane Lincoln. William owned the Garman Creamery. Cletus (born Feb. 22, 1908) worked as a meat cutter, delivered milk for the Garman Dairy, and worked as a mechanic and retired in 1980 as a machine repairman. Ena Garman's (born June 16, 1907) parents were John Bernard (J.B.) and Catherine Saalman. Ena attended grade school in Coldwater where her father owned the Haslinger General Store, located where the City Hall now stands. J.B. became Clerk of Court for Mercer County in 1914 and died in the flu epidemic of 1918. Chalk and Ena were married on April 16, 1929. They had 3 daughters; Audrey, Janet, and Kathy.

Don and Audrey lived in St. Henry when they were first married and their first child, Diane, was born there. Diane is married to Marv Boeckman and lives in Wapakoneta. Their children are Josh, Zachary, Danielle, Gabe, Erika, and Nichole, who died at 5½ months. The Niekamp family then moved to Celina where Sandi, Rick, and Karen were born. Sandi is married to Steve Rammel, lives in St. Marys, and has 4 children; Cory, Kimberly, Nick, and Kurt. Rick married Janice Homan. They live in Coldwater with their children Mindy, Brad, Ryan and Sheri. Tom and Karen Hess live in Chickasaw. Their children are Chad, Kiley, Tyler and Casey who died at 19 hours of age. In 1957 Don and Audrey moved their family to Chickasaw and 5 years later Pam, their youngest was born. Pam is now

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Don Niekamp cont.

living in Hampton, Virginia where her husband, Jim Riethman, is stationed with the Air Force. Jim and Pam have a son, Michale. Don and Audrey are active members of the Tri-Squares Western Square Dancing Club, and the Twirlaways Western Round Dancing Club. Don is currently a foreman for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and Audrey volunteers at the Chickasaw Public Library helping with their Story-Telling program.

LEO NIEKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

John Fred Niekamp was the son of John Henry and Catherine (nee Mormann) Niekamp born April 9, 1811 in Essen Oldenburg, Germany. In 1833 he migrated to the United States of America. He first located in Cincinnati, where he worked for a short time as a laborer. After a short time he moved to what is now known as Tipp City.

On March 3, 1840, he married Catherine Niehauss of Dayton in Emmanuel Catholic Church. They had three sons while living in Tipp City, John, Joseph and Clemens. Then as the children were getting to school age and there was no Catholic Church in Tipp City, they decided to move to Mercer County. They bought the farm bounded on the south by Route 274, on the north by the John Fleck farm, on the west by Harrison Road and on the east by the Clune farm.

John Fred Niekamp's great grandson, Thomas Ralph Niekamp and Mary Rose Long Niekamp and their youngest daughter, Marsha, presently live on the farm. Their two oldest children are married; Angela to Thomas Raterman and Dan to Carol Schulze.

When Fred and Catherine first moved to Mercer County the nearest church was at St. John in Maria Stein. But then in 1853 a church was built in St. Sebastian and then they joined that church. They also had one daughter, Mary, after they lived on the farm. On September 26, 1852 Catherine died.

On April 19, 1853, Fred married Anna Catherine Stammen and they had ten children but four died while young. When their second youngest son, Peter, married Frances Bertke, they deeded the farm to him and his wife. But they lived with them till they died. Then when Peter and Frances's second youngest son, Leo, got married to Mary Huber, the daughter of Fred Huber and Elizabeth Mescher of Carthagena on May 11, 1927; they stayed with them.

Peter and Frances's oldest children attended St. Sebastian School but Leo and Richard attended Chickasaw School as the School Board said they belonged there. In the meantime, Precious Blood became a Parish and Leo's father said if they should go to school there then they should join the church there also.



Tom & Mary Niekamp, Marsha

THOMAS NIEKAMP FAMILY HISTORY

Great-grandfather, Johan Gerd Frederick Niekamp, born in Essen Oldenburg, Germany on April 9, 1811, came to the United States and located in Cincinnati, then in Tipp City. He married Catherine Niehauss from Dayton. He helped work on the Miami and Erie Canal and got paid 30¢ per day. He moved down the canal and on February 19, 1848 he purchased 80 acres for $600.00 and on May 27, 1848 he purchased 40 acres for $300.00 in Marion Township Section 10. Only seven acres had been cleared!

Grandfather, Peter Niekamp born February 10, 1859 and died August 30, 1942. Grandmother, Frances Bertke Niekamp born September 25, 1866 and died March 1960.

Peter and Frances inherited the farm from Frederick on May 6, 1887. Peter bought 40 acres from Casper Clune on June 13, 1894. On February 7, 1923, Peter sold the north half 80 acres to Aloys Stammen. Pete Niekamp also owned half interest in Chickasaw Milling Co. with Louis Grieshop.

Father, Leo Niekamp born August 4, 1898 and died January 24, 1975. Mother, Mary Huber Niekamp born October 14, 1899.

Leo purchased the remaining 80 acres from Pete Niekamp.

Thomas R. Niekamp born September 30, 1938 married Mary Long Niekamp born March 3, 1942. Thomas and Mary purchased 80 acres from Leo and Mary and built their new home on the farm in 1965 and are still farming this land today. They have three children: Daniel J. born June 28, 1961; Angela M. born January 12, 1964; and Marsha L. born February 3, 1972. Daniel married Carol Schulze from New Weston, Ohio. Angela married Tom Raterman from Fort Loramie. They have a grandchild, Brian Raterman, age 4.



Michael Osterholt Family. Joseph, Mary, Ronald, Michael Sr., Thomas & Michael Jr.

MICHAEL L. OSTERHOLT FAMILY HISTORY

Michael Leo Osterholt, Sr. was born on September 1, 1946 in Celina to Leo Joseph Sr. and Natalia (Barnhart) Osterholt. Leo born April 17, 1922 is the son of Ben and Johanna Osterholt, who lived their lives in Philothea. Natalia was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 17, 1922, daughter of Samuel and Anna Barnhart.

Michael married Mary Ellen Droesch, born July 19, 1948, on April 12, 1969 in Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw. She is the daughter of Bernard and Lucille Droesch. Michael and Mary have four sons: Joseph born June 13, 1970; Thomas born October 16, 1971; Ronald born August 31, 1974 and Michael Jr. born April 12, 1982. The Osterholt family lives on a portion of the old Droesch farm at 7796 Droesch Road.

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KEVIN POHLMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Kevin and Sherri (Boeckman) Pohlman of 40 E. Franklin St. were married on October 17, 1987. He is employed as a machinist at Bendco. Sherri is a cosmetologist.

Kevin was born on October 13, 1966, the son of Edward and Darlene (Ehlers) Pohlman. His paternal grandparents are Leo J. and Armella (Walterbusch) Pohlman. His maternal grandparents are Walter and Alma (Davis) Ehlers.

Sherri was born January 30, 1967, the daughter of Eugene and Barbara (Feltz) Boeckman. Her paternal grandparents are Anthony and Clara (Nieberding) Boeckman. Her maternal grandparents are Oscar and Anna (Heinrichs) Feltz.



Emma Pour

EMMA POUR FAMILY HISTORY

Emma Pour of 80 South Maple St. was born on November 7, 1904, the daughter of Frank and Celestine (Roublet) Pour. She is retired from Delco in Dayton.

ARTHUR PRENGER FAMILY HISTORY

Arthur Prenger was born March 26, 1937 at Maria Stein, Ohio to Frank & Regina (Mescher) Prenger. His paternal grandparents are Herman & Katherine (Dahlinghaus) Prenger. His maternal grandparents are Bernard & Katherine (Borgess) Mescher. He attended St. John Grade School and graduated from St. John High School in 1955. He attended U.D. for 1½ years; graduated from Cincinnati Barber College in August, 1959. Worked in Dayton from August 1959 to January 1961.

Rosemary (Bruggeman) Prenger was born July 22, 1938 at Maria Stein, Ohio to Lawrence and Elizabeth (Heitkamp) Bruggeman. Her paternal grandparents are Henry & Bernadine (Broerman) Bruggeman and her maternal grandparents are Bernard & Catherine (Gehle) Heitkamp. Rosemary attended Coldwater Grade School and graduated from Coldwater High School in 1956. She graduated from Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in August 1959 and worked at Good Sam from August 1959 to August 1960.

Arthur and Rosemary were married in Coldwater, Ohio on September 26, 1959. They lived in Dayton from September 1959, till January 1961; then moved to Celina and lived there from January 1961 till November 1963. Art worked at the Jay's Barber Shop and Rosemary worked at the Otis Hospital. They moved to Chickasaw in November 1963 and now reside at 59 W. Franklin St. They are the parents of 10 children, 6 girls and 4 boys and 7 granddaughters.

Linda, born August 12, 1960 in Dayton. Ohio, married Ben Welsch on September 18, 1982. They have two daughters, Beth born March 11, 1984 and Amy born September 6, 1985. They live at Coldwater. Ben works for Thermogas Co.

Elaine, born August 13, 1961 in Celina, Ohio, married Leon Heitkamp on May 9, 1981. They have three daughters, Marie born July 1, 1982, Gail born July 8, 1983 and Jenny born February 9, 1985. They live at New Bremen and their occupation is farming.

Joseph, born September 9, 1962, married Rita Bruggeman on December 4, 1982 and they have two daughters, Renee born April 27, 1983 and Dana born June 27, 1985. They live at Maria Stein. Joe works at Precision Strip, Minster and Rita works at Crown Control, New Bremen.

Steve, born October 2, 1963, married Lisa Bergman. They live at St. Henry and both work at Wapak Products in Botkins.

Teresa, born November 18, 1964 works at Wapak Products.

Sandra, born October 9, 1966, married Sam Hartke July 11, 1987. Sam works at Precision Strip, Minster and Sandra works at the Chickasaw Garage.

Glenn, born February 19, 1968 works at Francis Manufacturing, Russia.

Julie, born May 1, 1972 and Becky born July 30, 1976 are students. Nick was born January 20, 1985.



Joan holding Kimberly Rita, Brian, Eric, Ken Prenger.

KENNETH PRENGER FAMILY HISTORY

Kenneth's grandparents are Henry Prenger, born August 15, 1890 and died November 2, 1966, and Clara (Schlarman) Prenger, born March 16, 1896 and died November 4, 1980. They were married April 29, 1914 living in Egypt, Ohio, where they are buried to rest. Also, Roman Kuess, born February 26, 1899 and died January 2, 1963, and Justine (Evers) Kuess, born January 31, 1900 and died July 27, 1971. They were married June 2, 1926 living in Chickasaw, Ohio where they are buried to rest.

Ken's parents are Edwin Prenger, born May 11, 1924 and Mildred (Kuess) Prenger, born July 27, 1927. They were married on May 3, 1952 living in Coldwater, Ohio. Kenneth comes from a family of two brothers and one sister.

Joan's grandparents are John Flaute, born July 26, 1892 and died October 8, 1973, and Loretta (Koverman) Flaute, born August 1, 1897 and died April 20, 1941. They were married September 23, 1914 living in McCartyville, Ohio, where they are buried to rest. Also, Peter Ranly, born July 3, 1888 and died October 14, 1960 and Sophia (Speck) Ranly, born May 11, 1894 and died September 5, 1972. They married May 1, 1912 living in Cassella, Ohio where they are buried to rest.

Joan's parents are Raymond Flaute, born January 18, 1920 and Rita (Ranly) Flaute, born June 3, 1928. They were married July 2, 1949, where they presently live on the Ranly home place. Joan comes from a family of four sisters, three brothers living, and two brothers deceased.

Kenneth Prenger, born October 5, 1955 and Joan (Flaute) Prenger, born February 15, 1958, were married August 1, 1980 in Cassella, Ohio and presently live in the village of Chickasaw with their family of three sons and one daughter. Brian born August 3, 1981; Eric born October 21, 1983; Christopher born and died January 6, 1986; and Kimberly Rita born July 14, 1987. The children were all born at St. Marys Hospital, St. Marys, Ohio. The Prengers live at 23 Exchange Street, Chickasaw, Ohio. Ken is employed as a factory laborer at Crown Controls Co., New Bremen, Ohio. Joan is employed part-time as an institutional cook at Maria Stein Retreat Center, Maria Stein, Ohio. The family enjoys hobbies of walking, biking and gardening.

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(L to r) Timothy, Mary, Thomas, Cyril, Rosella, Michael, Patricia, William, Deborah

CYRIL PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Cyril Puthoff was born May 3, 1916 to Ben and Coletta Puthoff. He married Rosella Rosenbeck, daughter of Rose & Ben Rosenbeck on July 11, 1936. Her paternal grandparents are Lawrence and Elizabeth Rosenbeck and her maternal grandparents are Fred and Elizabeth Huber. Cyril was a carpenter (cabinet maker) and Rosella a housewife. Cyril died on August 19, 1987.

Cyril and Rosella are the parents of eight children. Thomas, born August 14, 1937 married Ann Sanders June 1, 1963 and they have three children, Rick, Randy, Ben. William, born September 17, 1941 married Dorothy Froning on February 23, 1963. They had four children, Don, Denise, Jamie and Russ. Patricia, born July 26, 1943 married William Dresher February 17, 1962. They had three children, Linda, Karen, Chris. Michael was born August 24, 1945. He is the father of three children, Jim, Bill, David. Mary, born October 2, 1946 married Larry Hensley on June 26, 1971 and they had three children, Bob, Aaron and Nicole. James was born December 13, 1949 and died September 26, 1966. Deborah was born October 6, 1957, married Tim Ontrop on June 11, 1977. They have two children, Amanda and Holly. Timothy, born May 18, 1963 married Lynn Albers June 2, 1984.



Alma and Edwin Puthoff

EDWIN PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Edwin Anthony Puthoff, born March 8, 1923, Maria Stein, Ohio, married Alma Marie Osterloh, born April 13, 1926, Egypt, Ohio, on June 24, 1947 at St. Joseph's Church, Egypt, Ohio, by Rev. Henry J. Friedel.

In April of 1948, Edwin Puthoff bought a house in Chickasaw at an auction sale. This house on 54 East Main Street had been owned by Harold W. and Viola E. Rawers.

On June 24, 1948, Edwin, Alma, and their first child, Joseph, born May 3, 1948, moved into their home in Chickasaw.

Edwin and Alma Puthoff are the parents of seven children; namely, Joseph, Virginia Louise born September 28, 1949, Ronald Jerome born February 19, 1951, Mark Lawrence born November 25, 1952, Laura Marie born June 11, 1955, Teresa Kay born August 16, 1957 and Ned Linus born November 11, 1961.

All seven children are married now. Joseph married Jean Knapke, daughter of Mildred and Urban Knapke of Maria Stein on February 9, 1974. They have two daughters, Nicole Marie born January 7, 1977 and Melissa Marie born August 30, 1979.

Virginia married David Kuck, son of Mabel and Lester Kuck of Wapakoneta on January 6, 1973. They have two children, Andrew Jonathan born May 19, 1977 and Megan Kathryn born March 5, 1979.

Ronald married Ann Bernard, daughter of Alvina and Cyril Bernard of Maria Stein on March 10, 1973. They have four children, Sara Jane born June 18, 1976, Matthew Ronald born July 9, 1980, Christopher Michael born February 28, 1984 (he died the same day) and Erin Ann born July 31, 1985.

Mark married MaDonna Clifford, daughter of Dorothy and Charles Clifford of St. Marys on December 14, 1974. They have four children, Abigail Marie born October 19, 1976, Ted Clifford born February 2, 1978, Katherine Ann born November 30, 1979 and Elizabeth Lee born September 18, 1981.

Laura married Tom Brandewie, son of Dorothy and Clarence Brandewie of Ft. Loramie on March 8, 1975. They have three children, Brian Thomas born June 13, 1977, Pamela Marie born January 9, 1980 and Jaclyn Renee born August 8, 1983.

Teresa married Terrence Gerlach, son of Della and Arthur Gerlach, of St. Henry on November 19, 1977. They have two sons, Douglas Arthur born August 13, 1980 and Bradley David born December 15, 1983.

Ned married Leslie Moden, daughter of Rosalie and Richard Moden of Montezuma on January 25, 1986. They have one son, Lee Tyler born September 9, 1987.

Edwin is still working as a sheet metal worker for Wyen and Sons in Minster, where he started in 1946. Alma is a homemaker and has served as a CCD teacher for the Precious Blood Parish religion classes for about seventeen years.

Edwin Anthony is the son of Regina (Rolfes), born February 2, 1897, died September 16, 1972, and Joseph Bernard Puthoff, born February 19, 1891, died February 21, 1950, of Maria Stein. Joseph Puthoff was a farmer and carpenter. They were married at Maria Stein on November 21, 1916 by Father Otto Missler C.PP.S.

Edwin's paternal grandparents are Maria (Mescher), born June 17, 1856, died April 14, 1920, and Diedrich Puthoff, farmer, born December 26, 1848, died October 4, 1907. They were married in 1874 at Maria Stein.

Edwin's maternal grandparents are Elizabeth (Vehorn), born August 1, 1864, died October 6, 1909, and Henry Rolfes, a farmer from Maria Stein, born January 17, 1866, died March 6, 1946. They were married on October 10, 1888 at Maria Stein.

Edwin's paternal great-grandparents are Mary Lang-Goecke, born 1814 in Hanover, Germany, died November 5, 1860 in Maria Stein, and John Henry Puthoff, born November 21, 1814 in Osterfeine, Saxe-Altenburg, Germany, died December 8, 1872 in Maria Stein. They were married on February 20, 1841 at Minster, Ohio.

Edwin's paternal great-grandparents are Kathryn Tangeman, born February 17, 1833, died April 27, 1901, and Bernhard Mescher, born 1816, died January 30, 1883. She was born in Wuenkirchen, Germany. Bernhard Mescher came to America in 1834, to work on the construction of the Miami-Erie Canal. He eventually bought land for farming southeast of Maria Stein in Marion Township. They were married in 1857.

Edwin's maternal great-grandparents are Magdalena Bernard, born July 15, 1856, died September 22, 1922, and Joseph Rolfes, born 1885 or 1888, a farmer. Both were born and died at Maria Stein.

Edwin's maternal great-grandparents were Elizabeth Bertke, born February 15, 1844, died May 5, 1920, and Bernard Vehorn, born April 28, 1839, died January 22, 1915, a farmer. Elizabeth and Bernard were married by Fr. Bernard Austermann at Maria Stein in 1863.

Edwin's wife, Alma Maria Osterloh is the oldest child of Blanche Mary Meier, born September 5, 1901, died May 16, 1984, and Aloys Bernard Osterloh, born November 29, 1896, died May 29, 1952, a farmer. They were married at Maria Stein in St. John Church on June 9, 1925. Father Otto Missler C.PP.S. officiated.

Alma's paternal grandparents are Elizabeth Bornhorst, born January 23, 1864, died December 17, 1938, and Anton J. Osterloh, born February 18, 1854, died May 16, 1944, a farmer. They were married on November 8, 1882 at Egypt.

Alma's maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Heitkamp, born June 27, 1879, died February 10, 1961, and Bernard Meier, born October 3, 1866, died June 25, 1944, a farmer. They were married on November 20, 1900 at St. John Church, Maria Stein.

Alma's paternal great-grandparents are Josephine Wehrman, born Jan-

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uary 21, 1820 in Oldenburg, Germany, died November 17, 1894 in Egypt, and John Albert Osterloh, born 1814 in Oldenburg, Germany, died August 10, 1901 at Egypt, a farmer.

Alma's other paternal great-grandparents are Catherine Brandewie and Joseph Bornhorst. Catherine was born in 1824 in Nicklisen, Germany, and died at Egypt on May 10, 1884 or 1885. Joseph Bornhorst was born April 16, 1817 or 1820 in Dinklage, Oldenburg, Germany and died at Egypt on January 14, 1900. He came to America in 1836 and found employment on the Miami-Erie Canal, until he saved enough money to buy farm land.

Alma's maternal great-grandparents are Martha Stucke, born August 5, 1835 in Baden, Germany, died August 18, 1913 in Maria Stein and Michael Meier, born October 16, 1829, died March 2, 1911, a tailor and farmer.

Alma's maternal grandparents are Maria Elizabeth Goecke, born February 18, 1844, died March 18, 1881, and Joseph Heitkamp, born January 27, 1839, died March 29, 1910, a farmer in Maria Stein. They were married July 1, 1862 at Egypt, Ohio.



Lawrence (Barney) and Imelda (Sis) Puthoff

LAWRENCE PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Lawrence Puthoff was born April 30, 1918 the son of Joseph B. Puthoff and Regina A. (Rolfes) of Maria Stein, Ohio. Joseph was born February 19, 1891 and died February 21, 1950. Regina was born February 2, 1897 and died September 16, 1972.

Imelda (Stelzer) was born February 21, 1928 the daughter of John R. Stelzer and Bernadina J. (Wuebker) of Carthagena, Ohio. John was born January 9, 1884 and died August 1, 1947. Bernadina was born February 28, 1887 and died March 16, 1971.

Lawrence and Imelda were married May 28, 1949 in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater, Ohio by the Rev. Louis Yauss.

Barney and Sis are the parents of two sons. Roger Lawrence was born December 27, 1954 in Quebec City, Canada. He married Karen (Otting) September 29, 1984 in St. Augustine Catholic Church, Minster, Ohio. They are the parents of a daughter, Jamie Marie, born July 19, 1987. Roger and Karen make their home in Minster, Ohio.

Jerome Leander was born February 21, 1961 in Quebec City, Canada. Married Diane (Heitkamp) September 6, 1980 in St. Henry Catholic Church, St. Henry, Ohio. Jerry and Diane are the parents of two children. Kelly Jo was born June 16, 1982. Justin Lee was born January 20, 1987. Jerry and Diane and family make their home in St. Henry, Ohio.

Barney and Sis have spent all of their married life in Mercer County. Barney retired from the Avco New Idea May 1, 1980. Sis has been a cafeteria cook in the Marion Local School District since 1969.

Since April 1, 1986, they moved into a duplex home at 25 Liberty St., Chickasaw, Ohio.



(L to r) Standing: Ted and Abby. Sitting: MaDonna, Elizabeth, Katie, Mark.

MARK PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Mark Puthoff was born November 25, 1952, the son of Ed and Alma Puthoff. His grandparents are Joseph and Regina (Rolfes) Puthoff and Aloys and Blanche (Meier) Osterloh. See Edwin Puthoff.

He married MaDonna Clifford on December 14, 1974. She was born December 27, 1952, the daughter of Charles and Dorothy (Wieman) Clifford. Her grandparents are Charles and Anna (Johnson) Clifford and Joseph and Amelia (Fortman) Wieman.

Mark graduated from Marion Local High School and I.T.T. of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. He is employed as an electrical engineer.

MaDonna graduated from Memorial High School, Chicago Floral Art School and Dean Call School of Design in Columbus, Ohio. She is a florist, owner of "MaDonna's Flowers & Gifts" in Chickasaw.

They moved to an apartment in Chickasaw in the spring of 1978 after living in St. Marys for 4 years. Also that year they started to build and design their home they are now living in.

Mark and MaDonna are the parents of four children, Abby born October 19, 1976; Ted born February 2, 1978; Katie born November 30, 1979; Elizabeth born September 18, 1981.

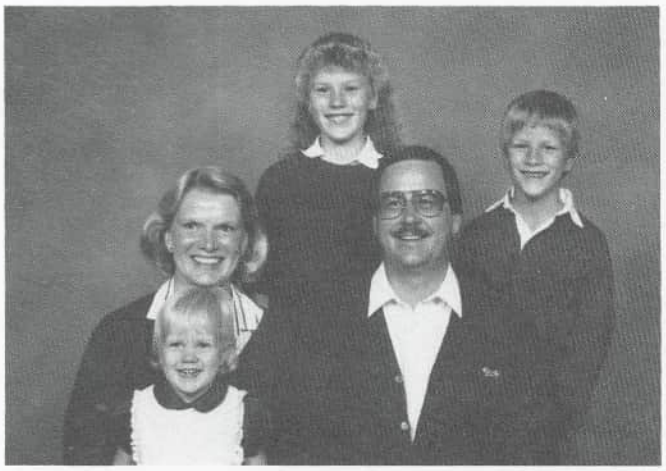
NED PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Ned Puthoff was born November 11, 1961 to Edwin and Alma (Osterloh) Puthoff. He is employed at Wyen & Sons. On January 25, 1986 he married the former Leslie Moden. Leslie, born March 14, 1965, is employed at Wapakoneta Products. Her parents are Richard, born October 28, 1940, and Rosalie (Muter), born August 2, 1945, Moden. Ned and Leslie live at 40 South State Street, Chickasaw. They have one child, a son Lee Tyler, born September 9, 1987.

Ned's family history can be seen by reading the Edwin Puthoff Family History.

Leslie's grandparents are Henry, born October, 12, 1909 and Dorothy (Ebight), born April 7, 1908, Moden. Also Paul, born March 18, 1917, died August 22, 1983, and Leah (Grossnickle), born June 11, 1922, Muter. Her great-grandparents were Robert, born October 22, 1882, died June 18, 1970, and Linnie (Powell) Moden, born April 16, 1883, died July 28, 1959. They were married December 23, 1901. John, born April 16, 1875, died October 1, 1953, and Nevada (Yaney) Ebright, born October 28, 1880, died October 23, 1959. Robert, born April 19, 1876, died December 12, 1955, and Luella (Spillers), born August 15, 1883, died December 3, 1958, Muter. They were married November 19, 1901. Gerald, born July 27, 1893, died February 20, 1978 and Edith (Sopher), born June 26, 1902, died April 1, 1971, Grossnickle.

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(L to R) Erin Ann, Ann, Sara, Ron and Matt.

RONALD PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Ronald and Ann Puthoff of 34 Virginia St. were married on March 10, 1973. Ron, born February 19, 1951 is a Mercer County Commissioner. His wife, the former Ann Bernard was born March 3, 1951 and is a teacher.

They are the parents of four children, Sara Jane born June 18, 1976; Matthew Ronald, born July 9, 1980; Christopher Michael born and died February 28, 1984; Erin Ann, born July 31, 1985.

Ron's parents are Edwin and Alma Puthoff. His grandparents are Joseph and Regina Puthoff and Aloys and Blanche Osterloh.

Ann's parents are Cyril and Alvina Bernard. Her grandparents are Joseph and Agatha Bernard and Herman and Leona Leugers.

See: Edwin Puthoff



Elaine and Virgil Puthoff

VIRGIL PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

Virgil and Elaine (Moeller) Puthoff were married in St. Sebastian on May 25, 1968. They have since resided at 121 W. Franklin St., Chickasaw, where Virgil had lived from 1948 till 1964.

Elaine is the daughter of John G. (born October 31, 1912) and Bertha (Gels) Moeller (born October 7, 1912) of 3859 Cassella-Montezuma Rd., St. Sebastian. She was born on May 12, 1947 and grew up on the farm where her parents live now and also where her grandparents, Daniel (born April 3, 1881) and Anna (born April 11, 1881) (Severt) Moeller once lived. This farm had belonged to her great grandparents who were Joseph and Elizabeth Severt.

Adam Moeller (Elaine's great grandfather) was born in Halgenhaus, Germany near Frankfurt on April 3, 1845. He married Mary Ritter and in 1860 they emigrated to America and joined several of Mary's brothers and sisters in Auglaize County. Adam became a shoemaker in New Bremen. They had a son Frederick and a son John (died as an infant). In the early 1870's Adam and Mary returned to Germany. There four more children were born: Sophie, Elizabeth, Daniel, and August.

As a youngster Fred joined his father Adam working for the German railroad. When he was 14 years old he returned to America. In the 1890's he helped Daniel and Elizabeth to reach America. Daniel later married Anna Severt and had four children: Frederick (died in infancy), Marian, John, Monica. John married Bertha Gels on June 14, 1939 and they had five children: John J. Jr., Marvin, Elaine, Lavern, Luke. After Adam's wife Mary died, Dan's brother Fred brought their father back to America. Adam later died on April 4, 1921 and is buried at Guadalupe Cemetery. Daniel (died September 25, 1954) and Anna (died November 22, 1971) are buried at the St. Sebastian Cemetery.

Elaine's maternal grandparents were Frank and Mary (Macke) Gels. Her great grandparents were Joseph and Teresa (Drahman) Macke and Henry and Mary (Koenig) Gels who were all from the St. Henry area.

Virgil is the son of Urban (born August 28, 1922) and Mary Agnes (Clune) Nerderman (born August 5, 1920) and the late Albert Puthoff (born October 27, 1918-died December 19, 1959). He was born May 23, 1947 when his parents were living just east of Chickasaw at the current Maurice Homan farm. Prior to moving to this farm they had lived on top of the beauty shop (the bank at that time). In 1948 they moved to 121 W. Franklin St. and lived there until 1964 when they moved to the farm on Depweg Rd. owned by his stepfather. The home was rented out until 1968 when Virgil purchased it from his mother. His mother married Urban Nerderman on July 3, 1963. Urban has two sons, James and Donald.

Virgil's grandparents were Jacob Puthoff, born January 24, 1879 in Celina and Magdaline (Buehler) Puthoff, born September 15, 1881 in Carthagena. They were married February 7, 1906 in Celina. They had six children: Margaret, Lorena, Mildred, Harold, Mary Kay, and Albert. Jacob died November 8, 1954 in Coldwater and Magdaline died February 27, 1937 in Celina.

Albert married Mary Agnes Clune on June 26, 1943 in Chickasaw. They lived with Albert's parents at first while he helped with the farming. Then he started working at the Wooden Shoe Brewery in Minster and after a year he started carpentering. He worked for A.J. Westerheide in Sidney until his death in 1959. They had eight children: Richard (died at birth), Gerald, Virgil, Frederick, Roger, Carol, Donna, Terese. Frederick passed away on April 12, 1982 and Carol died on February 19, 1986.

*See further the history of Alphonse Clune.



(L to R) Jamie, Russ, Dorothy, Bill, Don, Denise Puthoff

WILLIAM PUTHOFF FAMILY HISTORY

William L. and Dorothy A. (Froning) Puthoff reside at 111 Mulberry Street. William, the son of Cyril and Rosella (Rosenbeck) Puthoff, is a carpenter and Dorothy works at Coldwater Hospital in the office.

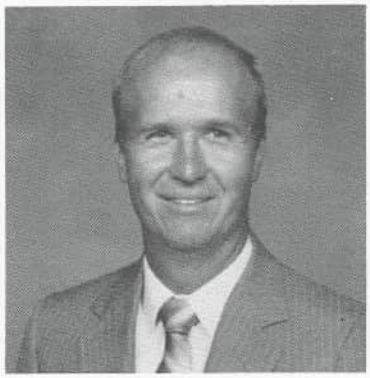
They are the parents of four children: Donald born August 28, 1963 and married to Deanna Mills on May 10, 1986, with one son, Dean William; Denise born August 24, 1964 and married to Donald Hartings on November 2, 1984, with one daughter, Dana Marie; Jamie born January 11, 1967 and Russell born December 29, 1967.

The Puthoff's home was built in 1974 by William and Dorothy in the evening hours.

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Walter and Armella Rawers



Dave Rawers

DAVID RAWERS FAMILY HISTORY

Bernard Rawers and Gertrude, who was born in Westphalen, Germany on Dec. 24, 1840, were married in Germany. Gertrude died in Chickasaw on Feb. 9, 1930. They had four children, all born in Germany. They were Henry G., John B., Gertrude and Bernard.

Henry was born Feb. 11, 1867 and died April 4, 1924. He lived and worked in Chickasaw as a family doctor. His residence was one block north of church and he had six children from his first wife and two from his second wife.

John was born Feb. 11, 1870 and died September 7, 1969. He worked at the Chickasaw Mill as a stationary engineer and then moved to Dayton. They had twelve children.

Their only daughter Gertrude, married Theodore Tekamp. He was a farmer in the Chickasaw area and then moved to Dayton. They had six children.

Their youngest son Bernard was born May 15, 1875 and died July 14, 1951. Bernard graduated from Ohio Northern University and then taught at a school located at the intersection of Clover Four and St. John Rd. Later he had a grocery store and Post Office for thirty-five years located N.E. of Landmark Inc. in Chickasaw. Bernard married Wilhelmine Schierholt around 1900. Wilhelmine was the daughter of John and Louise Schierholt. John was born in 1840 and died August 17, 1923. He was a farmer in the Chickasaw area. Louis, Daniel, Frank John, Augusta who married a Fricke, and Anna who married a Neuman were Wilhelmine's brothers and sisters. Wilhelmine was born August 28, 1874 and died April 7, 1938 in Chickasaw. Bernard and Wilhelmine had two children, Elfrieda and Walter.

Elfrieda was born May 27, 1903 and died March 8, 1966. On Feb. 8, 1922 she married Alfred X. Rentz, eldest son of August Rentz of Chickasaw. Alfred was born May 29, 1895 and died May 19, 1969. Their son James lives in Coldwater with his family.

Walter was born March 22, 1905, died July 25, 1987. He attended Chickasaw grade school. He then went to New Bremen High School and graduated from Minster High School in 1923. In 1925 he started working for Western Union in Dayton and retired forty-two years later.

Walter married Armella Knapke on April 25, 1936. Armella (died May 25, 1987) was the daughter of John and Anna (Bruns) Knapke. John was born April 9, 1883 and died January 1, 1949. He was the son of Henry and Teresia (Seitz) Knapke. Anna was born February 25, 1889 and died July 18, 1968. She was the daughter of August and Mary (Kohl) Bruns. John and Anna were married October 12, 1909 and their farm was located one mile south of Chickasaw on 716.

Armella's brothers and sisters are Olive, who married Clem Miller of Coldwater, Norbert married Katherine Leist who now live in Fort Wayne, Ind., Leo married Rita Reineke presently of Celina, Agnes married Cletus Hemmelgarn currently of St. Henry, Hilda married Linus Brunswick retired in Fort Recovery area, Matilda married Roman Elking residing in Chickasaw, Mary Ann married Paul Klosterman living in Montezuma area, Florentine married Arthur Moeller, residence in Chickasaw, Paul born October 27, 1929 and died March 13, 1958 and Robert married Virginia Koesters farming in the Minster area.

Walter and Armella had three children, Ann born July 9, 1939, Donald born March 6, 1943 and David born November 26, 1949.

Ann married Paul McEnroe on August 27, 1960. Their oldest daughter Maureen was born February 21, 1966, Paul Jr. was born June 19, 1968 and died January 9, 1983, and Mark was born November 28, 1969. They now live in Los Gatos, Calif. and Paul works for D.E.C. Don works for Western Union in Columbus, Ohio. Dave is presently a dairy farmer in the Chickasaw area.



Top Row: L-R Pauline, Christine, Charles, Ted, Anthony, Lucille, Alma, Betty. Bottom Row: L-R Henry, Mary Ann, Joe, Agnes, Dorothea.



Left to Right: Viola Banford, Tony, Mary, Dorothy Ann, Frank Koenig, Janeen Adams, James Adams.



Tony and Mary Rengers

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ANTHONY RENGERS FAMILY HISTORY

Anthony's paternal grandparents were Anton and Christine (Hilmes) Rengers. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Elizabeth (Bauman) Hemmelgarn.

Anthony's parents were Henry A. Rengers and Dorothea (Hemmelgarn) Rengers. Henry Rengers and his family moved to Chickasaw in 1912. Tony was five years old. Henry had a store in St. Joe (then known as Victoria, Ohio). Henry bought the store from Jake Link of Chickasaw and began the general store in Chickasaw. He also operated a huckster wagon (a store on wheels) that served farmers in the vicinity traveling all directions from Chickasaw. He traded groceries etc. for eggs, chickens, hides, etc.

Henry and Dorothea had eleven children, seven daughters: Christine Rengers, Pauline Fecher, Elizabeth Laut, Alma Dorsten, Lucille VanDyke, Agnes Warick, Mary Ann Simon; and four sons, Anthony, Ted, Charles, and Joseph.

Mary's grandparents were Henry and Catherine Dorsten. Her parents were Frank and Anna (Stammen) Dorsten.

Frank and Anna Dorsten lived on Guadalupe Road, now known as Mercer County Disposal System - south of Montezuma. Frank and Anna had the following children: Theodore, Matt, Henry, Rudolph, Veronica Depweg, Rosa Hein, Mary Rengers, Leona Banford (deceased) and a young sister deceased and two others died in infancy.

They moved to Chickasaw in 1924. The house that A. J. Rengers now lives in was once a harness shop and later made into a home adding a kitchen and later the first garage built onto the house in Chickasaw in 1910. These were the Model T Ford days.

Tony Rengers worked in Dayton at Rikes as a shipping clerk for the Rug and Drapery Department and later at N.C.R. for three to four years. Then the depression came along and he moved back home. In 1928 he bought the tavern from the Wooden Shoe Brewery of Minster. He operated the tavern for 44 years until he retired in 1972 when he sold the tavern to Richard and Merinus Puthoff.

Anthony (born May 30, 1906) and Mary (born April 21, 1905) were married on October 28, 1933. They have two daughters, Dorothy Ann (born March 16, 1937) married to Frank Koenig (October 10, 1959). Their children are Tom, Mark, Janet and Diane (deceased). The other daughter is Janeen (born October 30, 1942) married to James Adams (May 26, 1967). Their children are Kerry, Chris, and Ryan.



Philip Frenzer



Left to right, Doug, Joan, Andy, Diane, Amy, Phil, and Dave Rengers.

PHILIP RENGERS FAMILY HISTORY

The Philip H. Rengers family live at 38 W. Wayne St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Joan Reichert on October 7, 1967. Philip, born September 5, 1946, is a factory worker. Joan, born July 20, 1946, is a housewife.

They have five children, David, born July 9, 1968, Amy, born June 30, 1971, Doug, born June 11, 1973, Andy, born April 16, 1976, and Diana, born March 7, 1978.

Philip's parents are Joe and Elvanita (Frenzer) Rengers and grandparents are Philip and Theresa Frenzer and Henry and Dorothy Rengers. Joan's parents are Joe and Loretta (Spoltman) Reichert and grandparents are Ben and Anna Spoltman and Joseph and Elizabeth Reichert.



AUGUST RENTZ FAMILY - left to right, Roman, Bernard, (Dad-August), Marce, Mary Ann, (Mother-Anna), holding Fred, Richard, Florentine, Norbert, Alfred, Maurice not shown.



AUGUST RENTZ FAMILY - left to right, Marce, Mother Anna holding Fred, Richard, Roman, (Dad-August), Alfred, Norbert, Bernard, Mary Ann, Florentine, Maurice not on picture.



Alfred, Maurice, Marce, Richard, Ben and Fred Rentz

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RENTZ BROS. FAMILY HISTORY

Xavier Rentz, the son of Anthony and Agnes (Baumgartner) Rentz was born in Germany on December 2, 1830. When he was a little more than one year old, his parents embarked on a sailing vessel to America. Even though the vessel proved to be unseaworthy, it landed safely in Charleston, South Carolina after floundering shipwrecked for one-and-a-half days. Anthony was a tailor by trade and he moved his family to Greenville, in Darke County, Ohio. Later, in 1847, he settled in Chickasaw, Mercer County, Ohio.

At the age of 17, Xavier Rentz began farming in Marion Township in Mercer County, where he subsequently acquired a farm of 235 acres.

Xavier married German born Barbara Fecher, and 12 children were born as issue of that marriage. Six of these children died at early ages: Joseph, August (the first of the name), Xavier, Mary, Frank, and Joseph (the second of the name).

Their son John became a teacher in St. Paul, Minnesota and married Mary Rosenberger and had four children. Theresa married Barney Mestermaker and had four children. Anthony married Mary Heyne and had 13 children. Anna married Andrew Stammen and lived in New Weston, Darke County. August married Anna Rose and had 11 children. Henry married Elizabeth Pleiman and had 13 children.

Xavier was a leading member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Philothea where he filled the Office of Treasurer and served as church warden for many years. He was also interested in the educational programs in the community and served as a member of the Marion Township School Board for 25 years.

In his later years, Xavier sold his Marion Township land to his two sons, August and Anthony, and he spent the rest of his life on his farm in Philothea.

AUGUST RENTZ

August Rentz had been born to Xavier and Barbara on May 29, 1873 on the family farm in Chickasaw. He was educated locally and then devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He later bought the farm where he was born from his father Xavier, which had been passed down from his grandfather, Anthony.

On April 26, 1893, August married Anna Rose, the daughter of Henry and Barnardina (Knoeber) Rose. They had 11 children: Alfred, who married Freida Rawers and had one child; Roman, who married Louise Damback from Columbus, Ohio; Norbert; Florentine, who married Urban Brinkman and moved to Dayton, Ohio, where they had nine children; Maryann, who married William Spoltman and had two children; Bernard; Richard; Lillian, who died very young; Marcellus; Fred; Maurice.

August was a member of the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church in Chickasaw and a prominent member of the St. Joseph Society for years. He also served many years as a member of the school board and as one of the representative men of Marion Township.

August was accounted as one of Marion Township's best farmers and prominent businessman. He is attributed for many substantial improvements in the community.

Upon the death of August, five of his sons continued farming in the Rentz tradition. Bernard, Richard, Marcellus, Fred and Maurice remained in the family home, maintaining the farm in outstanding tradition, while adding up-to-date improvements that enhance the tradition begun by their grandfather.

The surviving sons, Marcellus, Fred and Maurice, continue to nurture the growth of the family farm, the Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, and Chickasaw in the 140-year-old family tradition.



Eugene Rentz of Houston, Texas.



The Mrs. John Rentz Family, left to right, Harold, Henrietta, Gerald.

JOHN RENTZ FAMILY HISTORY

Mrs. John (Henrietta Zahn) Rentz lives at 11 S. Maple St., Chickasaw, Ohio. Her husband died in 1943. She has four children, Eugene E. of Houston, Texas, Harold, of Chickasaw, Ohio, a twin to Harold who is deceased, and Gerald of Chickasaw, Ohio.

Mrs. Rentz's parents were: Edward H. Zahn, born August 23, 1881, Cranberry, Ohio, died May 11, 1971; Helen (Schoen) Zahn, born January 20, 1882, Cranberry, Ohio, died July 22, 1961. Children of Edward and Helen are Irma, Henrietta, Iola, Viola, Mary, Paul, Urban and three are deceased. Her grandparents were: Adam Zahn, born December 13, 1846, Frankfort-On-The-Main Germany, died January 21, 1926; Mary (Meyers) Zahn, born January 13, 1846, Mercer Co, Died August 14, 1933; Peter Schoen, born June 16, 1844, Germany, died October 13, 1937; Theresia (Westrick) Schoen, born October 31, 1843, Tomson, Ohio, died August 27, 1923.



Man with fiddle and bow in left hand is John Rentz.



Jerry Rentz, Carol and John.

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GERALD RENTZ FAMILY HISTORY

My great-grandfather, Xavier Rentz was born in Badin, Gemany, December 2, 1830 and somewhere between 1830 and 1833 was brought to the United Stated by his parents. They landed in Charleston, S.C. and on arriving were involved in a shipwreck. From Charleston, S.C., they went to Greenville, Ohio and later located in Chickasaw.

Xavier's parents were Anthony Rentz and Agnes Baumgatner, both from Germany and were farmers. Xavier worked as a tailor at Chickasaw until he was about 17. At that time, he took up farming with his father until he was able to buy his own farm of 120 acres and later bought another 30 acres. Later when his father died, he got his 80 acres which made him 230 acres of excellent farm land. .

In 1855, he married Barbara Fecher who was born August 17, 1831 in Germany; by whom they had 12 children: Joseph, John, Mary, Theresa, Anton, Joseph, August, Xavier, Frank, Annie, August, and Henry. Xavier eventually moved to Philothea, Ohio.

Xavier died on February 27, 1913, and his wife, Barbara died on July 23, 1903. They are both buried at our cemetery here at Chickasaw.

Anton Rentz was my grandfather, son of Xavier. He was born on May 12, 1863 and died on December 26, 1937. He married Mary Heyn, the daughter of Pete and Mary Heyn. She was born November 8, 1864 and died on July 16, 1907. Anton was a farmer near Chickasaw. Anton and Mary had 13 children; John, Minnie, Frank, Rosa, Tillie, Juluis, Regina, Edward, Louis, Mary, Lorenz, Tony, and Elanor.

John Rentz, my father, was the son of Anton and Mary Rentz. John was born September 18, 1886 and died on April 28, 1943. John married Henrietta Zahn, who was born July 19, 1907, the daughter of Edward and Helen Zahn, and is still living in Chickasaw. She had three sons: Eugene of Houston, Texas, and Harold and Gerald of Chickasaw and one daughter Mary Kathryn, who died December 28, 1938 at 6 months of age. John was a farmer. His farm lay northeast of Chickasaw.

Gerald, son of John and Henrietta (Zahn) Rentz is the youngest, he was born on March 7, 1940. Gerald married Carol Albers from Minster, Ohio on April 5, 1975. Carol, was born September 23, 1949, is the daughter of Clarence and Anna (Kremer) Albers, who now live on State Route 119, Minster, Ohio. Gerald and Carol have one son, John, born June 9, 1976, and he resides with his parents at 63 Virginia St. Chickasaw, Ohio.

Gerald is a part-owner of Rentz's Barber Shop, in St. Mary's, Ohio. Carol is a beautician, and is owner-operator of Carol's Beauty Salon, in Minster, Ohio. John is a student at Marion Elementary School at Maria Stein, Ohio.



Left to right, Joe Hausfeld, Brenda Hausfeld, Harold Rentz, Terri Mesarvey, Joe Miesarvey. Seated, Ruth Rentz, Lisa Rentz.

HAROLD RENTZ FAMILY HISTORY

Harold, son of John and Henriette (Zahn) Rentz is the second oldest and a twin of Mary Kathryn (deceased) was born on June 21, 1938. Harold married Ruth Grillot from Newport, Ohio on September 5, 1960. Ruth, born April 6, 1942, is the daughter of Adrian and Blanche (Holtman) Grillot who now live on Rt. 197, Celina, Ohio. Harold and Ruth have three daughters, Terri born April 23, 1962, Brenda born October 26, 1964, and Lisa born January 2, 1968. Terri married Joe Mesarvey on June 2, 1984. Joe Mesarvey was born on February 21, 1956. He is the son of Leona (Hart) and the late Edward Mesarvey of Celina, Ohio. Terri and Joe now live in Coldwater, Ohio. Brenda married Joe Hausfeld on May 23, 1986. Joe Hausfeld was born January 10, 1961. He is the son of Roman and Mildred (Davis) Hausfeld of Maria Stein. Brenda and Joe live in West Carrollton, Ohio. Lisa lives at home with her parents in Chickasaw.

Harold is part-owner of Rentz's Barber Shop in St. Marys, Ohio, and Ruth is employed at K-Mart also in St. Marys, Ohio.

*See Gerald Rentz Family History.



CHARLES RIETHMAN FAMILY - Sitting, Deborah, Karla, Charles, Kimberly. Standing, Craig, Keith.

CHARLES RIETHMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Charles Riethman family live at 3733 St. Johns Rd., Celina, Ohio. He married Deborah Clune on June 7, 1975. Charles, born January 4, 1951, is employed as a teacher at Coldwater School District. Deborah works at Poeples Bank, Coldwater, Ohio.

They had seven children, Keith C. born February 10, 1977, Craig L. born December 20, 1978, Jennifer L. born July 30, 1980 died July 31, 1980, Jacqueline A. born July 30, 1980 died July 30, 1980, Jessica S. born July 30, 1980 died November 4, 1984, Kimberly A. born April 11, 1983, and Karla M. March 15, 1985.

Charles' parents are Clarence and Alvina (Brandewie) Riethman and grandparents are Joseph and Agnes (Prenger) Riethman and Clem and Clara (Homan) Brandewie. Deborah's parents are Alphonse and Agnes (Prenger) Clune and grandparents are Casper and Anna (Ashman) Clune and Bernard and Mary (Berning) Prenger.



Ed and Liz Rindler

EDMUND RINDLER FAMILY HISTORY

Mrs. Edmund (Elizabeth Pour) Rindler lives at Briarwood Manor, Coldwater, Ohio. Mrs. Rindler was born on May 19, 1908 and her husband, Edmund, was born on May 22, 1904 and died on December 5, 1985.

They have four children. Helen, born November 11, 1932, married Paul Magato on November 27, 1953 and they have four children, Linda, Steve, Nick and Karen. Donald, born August 28, 1934, married Martha Gast on April 17, 1978 and they have four children, David, Mike, Ann, and Robbie. Gerald, born May 17, 1940 has three children, Randy, Daniel, and Janell. Richard, born June 12, 1943, married Virginia Moeller on September 11, 1965 and they have three children, Jeff, Angela, and Mark.

Her husband's parents were Jacob and Mary (Guggenbiller) Rindler. Mrs. Rindler's parents were Frank and Celestine (Roublet) Pour.

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Jeff, Mark, Virginia, Angie, Richard Rindler.

RICHARD RINDLER FAMILY HISTORY

Konstantine Rinderle (1828-1875) came to the United States from Germany and settled in Mercer County at Cranberry, Ohio. He married Christine Heine (1836-1912) and had several children and among them was Jacob Rindler (1862-1945) who also made his home in Cranberry, Ohio. He married Mary Guggenbiller (1863-1938) and they had nine children: Ferdinard (1890-1962), Francis (1891-1925), Sebastian (1894-1979), John (1896-1958), Joseph (1898-1965), William (1900-), Anna (1901-1985), Edmund (1904-1985), and Sylvester (1906-1968).

Edmund married Elizabeth Pour on June 6, 1931 and a few years later settled in Chickasaw, Ohio. In 1933 he bought half interest in the Chickasaw Garage with Charles Huelsman. They operated the Chickasaw Garage together until 1947 when Mr. Huelsman started his own garage at another location. Ed J. Rindler continued to own and operate till he retired in 1966. Ed and Elizabeth had four children: Helen, Donald, Gerald and Richard.

Richard married Virginia Moeller, daughter of Wilbert and Rita (Cron) Moeller on September 11, 1965. Richard and Virginia moved to Chickasaw in 1975 and reside at 44 Virginia Street. They have three children: Jeffrey, Angela, and Mark, all living at home.

GERALD ROECKNER FAMILY HISTORY

The history of the Roeckner family originated in Hanover, Germany. William Roeckner and one of his brothers came to the United States. He was from a large family. William first settled in Cincinnati. Later he moved to Berlin, Ohio, where he helped complete the canal. A year or so later he moved to Mercer County and married Bernadine Clune. Her father, Arnold Clune, two sons and Bernadine came from Hanover, Germany. Arnold Clune bought land from the United States in Mercer County in 1828. William Roeckner and Bernadine Clune were married and on July 22, 1846, they purchased this land from Arnold Clune. William and Bernadine had ten children. They were Mary, who married Casper Desch; Joseph, Catherine, who died at the age of 18; John, Elizabeth, who married Joe Knapke; Frances, who married John Beuhler; Margaret, died an infant; William, who first married Philomena Desch and second Catherine Gerlach; and Fred, who died an infant. William Roeckner died in 1876. The land then belonged to Bernadine Roeckner. John Roeckner, a son, purchased this land on May 23, 1891. Bernadine died in 1901.

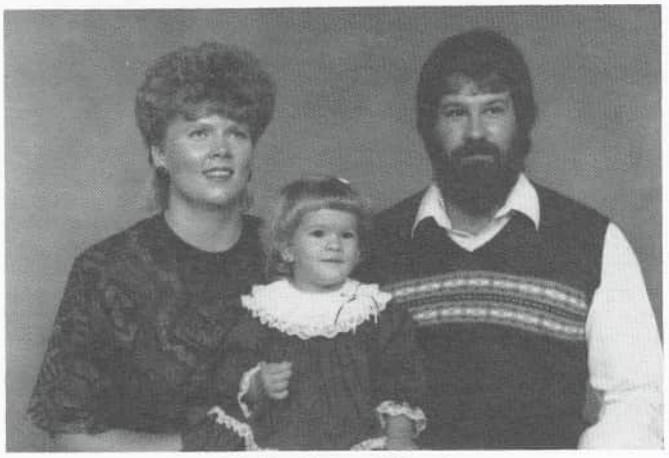
John Roeckner was born February 29, 1860. On January 29, 1890, he married Elizabeth Hinders. She was born on July 1, 1866. They had a family of nine children. They were Leona, born December 15, 1891 married August Knapke on May 25, 1910. He was born on January 24, 1885. They are both deceased. Adelia born October 2, 1892 married Henry Heuing on May 24, 1921. He was born on June 5, 1891. They are both deceased. Agnes born February 5, 1895, married Alfred Dexter on December 29, 1951. He was born December 18, 1893. They are both deceased. William born February 26, 1897 married Marie Bosch on October 5, 1920. She was born February 25, 1896. They are both deceased. Werner born August 15, 1899 married Mary Wendel on October 6, 1934. She was born January 10, 1907. He is deceased. Otto born April 22, 1902 married Winnifred Kennington on December 30, 1932. She was born December 31, 1903. He is deceased. Rosemary born November 7, 1904 married Ralph Brandt on November 14, 1936. He was born May 27, 1907. They are both deceased. Norbert born April 8, 1908 married Carolina Streaker on March 4, 1930. She was born on March 20, 1910. She is deceased. John born May 14, 1911 married Marion Froehle on January 17, 1948. She was born January 17, 1913. She is deceased. Werner Roeckner purchased the land from his father on September 13, 1934. John died April 20, 1939. Elizabeth died November 28, 1950.

Werner Roecker and Mary Wendel who married on October 6, 1934, had one son, Gerald. Gerald was born on July 10, 1935. He married Mary O. Klosterman on August 10, 1957. She was born January 28, 1937. Gerald and Mary purchased the land from Werner and Mary on April 17, 1965. Werner died on March 22, 1977. Mary is living at the same residence.

Gerald and Mary have a family of four children. Richard born June 29, 1958 married Susan Wynk on October 8, 1984. She was born December 30, 1960. They have one daughter, Molly Sue born December 15, 1986. Tamara born April 2, 1959 married John Langenkamp on June 7, 1980. He was born October 27, 1958. They have one daughter, Tara Ann born December 5, 1981. Roland born August 7, 1960 married Sharon Will on February 5, 1983. They have one son, Matthew Roland born June 7, 1983 and one daughter, Rachel Ann born June 12, 1986. Randel was born March 30, 1962.

Gerald is employed at Midmark, Inc.; Mary, housewife; Richard at Bomholts, Inc.; Susan at Reynolds & Reynolds; Tamara, housewife; John at Minster Machine, Inc.; Roland at Reynolds & Reynolds, Sharon at Precision Strip, Inc.; Randal at Reynolds & Reynolds.

The land now owned by Gerald and Mary O. Roeckner has been in the Roeckner name for the past 141 years.



Sue, Molly, Richard Roeckner

RICHARD ROECKNER FAMILY HISTORY

The Richard Roeckner family live at 8425 Brockman Road, Celina, Ohio. He married Susan Wynk on October 8, 1984. Richard, born June 29, 1958, is a mechanic. Susan, born December 30, 1960, is a secretary.

They have one daughter, Molly Sue, born December 15, 1986. Richard's parents are Gerald and Mary (Klosterman) Roeckner and grandparents are Werner and Mary (Wendel) Roeckner and Albert and Martha (Schwieterman) Klosterman. Susan's parents are Elmer and Jean (Fleck) Wynk and grandparents are John and Catherine (Stueve) Wink and George and Salome (Rose) Fleck.

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Sharon, Rachael, Rolly and Matt Roeckner.

ROLAND ROECKNER FAMILY HISTORY

The Roland Roeckner family live at 6379 Sebastian Rd., Celina, Ohio. He married Sharon Will on February 5, 1983 at St. Wendelin. Roland, born August 7, 1960, is a factory worker. Sharon, born March 2, 1963, is a computer programmer.

They have two children, Mathew, born June 7, 1983 and Rachael, born June 12, 1986. Roland's parents are Mary and Gerald Reockner and grandparents are Werner and Mary Roeckner and Albert and Martha Klosterman. Sharon's parents are Charles and Roberta Will and grandparents are George and Hilda Will and Ray and Alvina Thobe.

JIM ROHR FAMILY HISTORY

The Jim Rohr family live at 21 W. Wayne St., Chickasaw, Ohio. Jim married Barb Reineke on August 29, 1962. Jim, born October 5, 1940, is a lathe operator. Barb, born December 17, 1944, is a housewife.

They have five children: Richard, born February 20, 1963, married Julie Wilson on June 7, 1986; James Jr., born April 22, 1964, married Linda Magato on December 8, 1985 and have two children Vince and Garrett; Paula Jo, born August 1, 1965 married Jerry Brandts March 9, 1986 and have two children Brittany and Kristin; William, born June 7, 1971; and Brian, born March 24, 1979.

Jim's parents are Elmer and Genevieve Rohr. Barb's parents are Joseph and Margaret Reinke and grandparents are Joseph and Elizabeth Heckler and John and Mary Reineke.



Left to right, Mathias Ronnebaum, Joseph Ronnebaum, Philomena Ronnebaum, Ruth Ronnebaum.



Karen, Mark, John, Margie, Kevin, Gerry, and Laura.

JOHN RONNEBAUM FAMILY HISTORY

My great-grandfather Heinrich Johann Ronnebaum was born 1-28-1828 in Damme, Oldenburg, Germany. Many of the Ronnebaums in Germany were large land owners and farmers. They belonged to St. Victors' Parish in Damme. He married Clara Frilling in 1850 in Cincinnati, Ohio. They had three sons, John, Henry, Frederic, and five daughters, Elizabeth, Clara, Anna, Bernadine, Catherine. On February 11, 1875 he bought 144 acres of land located in Franklin Twp. in Mercer County, from Benjamin and Casander Preston and William and Ella Preston. My grandfather John B. Ronnebaum bought the land from his father on June 4, 1883.

John married Philomenia Niekamp at St. Sebastian. They had three sons Mathias, born 2-29-1884, died 11-27-1958 on Thanksgiving Day, Joseph, born 1-20-1881 died 7-3-1945 of a heart condition. Henry, born, 1879, died 1910 of typhoid fever and one daughter, Philomenia, born 1889, died 1949. I remember seeing my grandfather often wear a red handkerchief around his neck and walk with a cane. He had a long white beard. He died in January of 1939.

My father married Ruth Zahn on June 25, 1930 in St. Francis Catholic Church at Cranberry Prairie. Ruth was the daughter of John Zahn, born 3-19-1877 died 9-28-1948 and Margaret (Huwer) Zahn. They had six children. Two daughters and two sons died as infants leaving a son John, born 10-20-1934 and a daughter Rose Mary, born 5-23-1931. Joseph and Philomenia had remained single and lived at home. My mother died on 12-12-1938 of pneumonia.

On April 18, 1952 Rose Mary, married Bernard Ahrns of Fort Loramie at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw. They had four daughters Ruth Ann, born 2-21-1955, Barbara, born 12-23-1956, Irene, born 8-6-1959, Linda, born 4-4-1957 and three sons Herman, born 3-11-1958, William, born 4-22-1961, died 3-19-1981 in a car accident and Robert, born 11-30-1963. They reside near Sidney.

I continued to live on the farm after my father died. Several acres of the farm had been sold leaving about 90 acres left. I married Margie Muhlenkamp born 3-9-1941 on May 6, 1961 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, near Bryant, Ind. Father Francis Uecker was the celebrant. Margie is the daughter of Ralph Muhlenkamp who was born 8-2-1912, died 9-6-1974 and Juletta (Wenning) Muhlenkamp born 9-17-1917, died 1-10-1987. They were married on 11-26-1938 at St. Marys Church in Philothea. They were farmers and lived most of their life at Trinity. Her paternal grandparents were Henry Muhlenkamp, born 9-22-1875, died 10-19-1962 and Frances (Hess) Muhlenkamp, born 8-24-1882, died 3-6-1943. They married 7-2-1901. After Frances died, Henry remarried to Leona Hess, born 5-21-1890 died, 12-23-1979. They married 1-29-1944. Henry was a farmer.

The maternal grandparents of Margie are Joseph G. Wenning born 2-6-1884 died 6-28-1974 and Mary (Post) Wenning, born 1893, died 3-20-1925. After her death he maried Josephine (Depweg) Moeller on 7-17-1928. She was born 10-2-1900 died 8-24-1971. Joseph was a carpenter. Her great-grandparents were Bernard Muhlenkamp born in Billibak, Westphalen, Germany, 3-21-1838, died 3-20-1918 and Marie Wessing, born, 11-25-1836, died 2-2-1901, and Jacob Hess, born 11-5-1850, died 7-15-1933 and Catherine Fortman Hess, born 2-5-1855 died 2-6-1940. The maternal great-grandparents were George J. Wenning born 4-23-1863, died 7-27-1914 and Benadine Tecklote Wenning born 4-27-1859 in Germany, died 10-8-1943 and Bernard Post, born 8-24-1866, died 8-9-1957 and Catherine Boeke Post, born, 10-9-1869, died 5-4-1943.

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John Ronnebaum cont.

John and Margie had seven children, Michael, born 7-26-1962, died 9-29-1962 of a crib death, Karen, born 8-22-1964, Laura, born 11-1-1965, Gerald, born 12-20-1966, Kevin, born 4-15-1968, Patrick, born 10-20-1971, died 10-23-1971 of a congenital heart defect, and Mark, born 6-22-1974. John works as a welder for Thieman Stamping near New Bremen and Margie is a homemaker and a CCD Teacher, teaching Religion at both Precious Blood and at St. Henry Catechetical Center.

Their two daughters are married. Karen married Kenneth Mescher, son of Eugene and Eileen (Reithman) Mescher of North Star Parish on Dec. 12, 1986 at Precious Blood with Fr. Schetter and Fr. Boeke officiating. They reside on a farm near Yorkshire. Laura married Thomas Bruns, son of Kenneth and Ruth (Piekenbrock) Bruns of St. Sebastian on Aug. 9, 1986 at Precious Blood with Fr. Schetter and Fr. Barga officiating. They live at St. Sebastian.



Mary Ronnebaum

MARY RONNEBAUM FAMILY HISTORY

Mary Ronnebaum, the daughter of Fred and Anna (Homan) Ronnebaum was born January 31, 1897 on the home place, which is two miles north of Chickasaw at the end of Chickasaw Road and where Clover Four meets.

My grandfather was Henry Ronnebaum and he married Clara Frilling, born 1832. My older sister, Clara married Henry Hein and lived with my mother, Anna, as I did, until my mother died in 1951. My father died earlier in June, 1903 when I was six years old and the first funeral in Chickasaw Church. As there was no cemetery in Chickasaw, he is buried at St. Sebastian. My brother, Ferd married Regina Dahlinghaus and moved to Carthagena. Fred died in 1951 as did his wife. They had one child, Maria, that died in infancy. My brother, John married Hattie McGaver and they had seven children and lived in Cudahy, Wisconsin. John died in 1968.

I lived at the home place until 1962 when I moved to my present home in Chickasaw, 14 E. Franklin Street.

I walked to school every day, 5 days a week from September to middle of April. In Franklin Twp. the one mile to school was a mud road. That was a mess! The other mile was graveled. I wore aprons to school. I tore my pretty pink apron on the board fence and got a dose of heck when I got home. My hands were so cold I could hardly open the door.

My first teacher was Teacher Plas, an uncle of Henry Hein. I had to learn High German and English. I couldn't talk English. My dad and mom spoke Low German.

My second teacher was Mr. Mader. He was nice.

There was one stove in the school. They burned wood. Those who sat close, usually town kids, were warm. The country kids were more bashful and sat back and were cold. We had to go outside to get water, usually having to break the ice out of tin cup before we could get water. We had two outhouses, one for boys and one for girls.

In 1909 I stayed at Minster Convent during the school year, Mom didn't like to see me walk to school so I stayed there for three school years. Mom would visit me once in a while. Dad had already died.

Father Tabke even came to visit me with his horse and buggy. There were two buildings that was used for school in Chickasaw. One building was for Grades 1-4 and the other was for Grades 5-8. There were 45-50 kids in a room. There were lots of kids and one teacher to a schoolroom.

I liked it at Minster Convent. It cost my mom $10.00 a month to board there. The nuns were very particular.

I made my First Communion in 1910 when I was 13. I made it at Minster Convent.

We had public examinations at the end of school at Minster and relatives could attend. My mom came to one. The nuns would quiz us in front of all these people so we could show how much we learned.

I went to school with Mary Yager who became a nun, Sister Frieburger. She was the nun who helped with the building of the new Retreat House. She was originally from Germany.

I went to school until I was 14 years old, then I had to quit and work on the farm.

EUGENE ROSENBECK FAMILY HISTORY

Eugene Rosenbeck, born July 20, 1920, married Martha Horstman, born December 22, 1923, on November 7, 1942. Eugene is a welder and Martha is a Nurse's Aide.

They have ten children, Martha Jean, born June 27, 1944, died March 28, 1960, Eugene, born October 17, 1946, John H., born October 5, 1947, Joan F., born February 9, 1949, Dennis P., born May 27, 1950, Vernon C., born July 11, 1951, Rose M., born July 12, 1952, Patrick L., born February 28, 1955, Jeffrey A., born May 28, 1959, and Ann M., born July 18, 1962.

Eugene's parents are Bernard and Rosena Huber and Martha's parents are John and Alvina Berning.

PAUL ROSENBECK FAMILY HISTORY

The life of Paul and Ginny (Boecker) Rosenbeck. Paul's grandparents were Elizabeth and Fred Huber on Rosina's side. Fred ran for State Rep. of Ohio. They found out he couldn't be sworn in because he wasn't a Citizen of the USA. He was also a teacher. He came from Germany at the age of 13. Elizabeth came from Holland.

Paul's parents were Ben and Rosina Rosenbeck. Ben worked at New Idea and Minster Machine.

Paul came from a family of eight: Lawrence, Earnie, Sally, Gene, Bernita, Paul, Joann, and Charlene. Paul was in the Navy in WWII. He traveled all over the Pacific. The name of his ship was LST972. When he got out of the Navy, he worked in Dayton for awhile. Then he moved back to Chickasaw and worked as a carpenter for thirty years. He started out working for Al Westerheide for ten years. Then he went into buisness with Cy Puthoff, his brother-in-law, for another ten years. Cy then retired and Paul went on his own. He built thirty-five homes just in Chickasaw area. The first home he built on his own was where Fred Topp lives now on St. Rt. 274. Paul and Ginny lived there before the Topp's. Kathryn and Roger Knapke's house was the first he built and sold. It was ironic that it was the last home they worked on before Paul quit the buisness. He then decided to go into the restaurant business. They bought Wint's Restaurant in New Bremen. They also run Bolly's in New Bremen. Oh yes, he also worked at New Idea in Coldwater for a while.

Ginny and Paul got married on July 2, 1945. First, they lived on top of Kemper's. Then Paul built the Topp house. As the family got larger, they decided to build again. That's where Mark Klosterman now lives. Finally, they built one last home, where they live now.

Ginny's mother's parents were Leo Hoff and Theresa Abler. Her father's parents were Henry Boecker and Caroline Heckman. Her parents were Bernard Boecker and Louise Hoff. Ben served in WWI over in France. He almost died overseas from the flu. He worked with the Postal Service until he became a farmer. He and some friends formed a Minstrel Show and performed in the Minster area. He was Secretary of Minster Farmers Co-Op Exchange for thirty some years and never missed a meeting.

Louise came from Cincinnati. She married Ben on June 10, 1925. They had eight children: Ben, Mary, Ginny, Pat, Rita, Marcy, Dottie, and Betty Jane.

Before Ginny got married she worked as a secreary at the Wagner Manufacturing in Sidney.

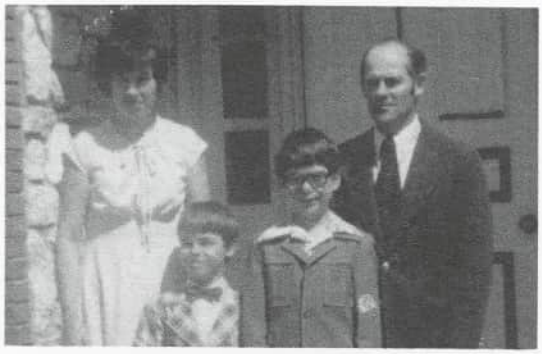
Paul and Ginny had ten children: Dick (born 5-26-50) married Nancy Gaw from Michigan on 6-19-82. They have one son, Paul. Jan (born 9-20-51) married John Ranly. They have five kids: Jared, Jesse, Jordan, Justin, and Jamie. Chris (born 6-11-53) married Tony Prenger 5-18-73. Their kids are Mandy, Todd, Becky, and Matt. Ang (born 9-30-54) married Jack Heuker 10-10-75. They have three kids: Jenny, Julie, and Neil. Joyce (born 10-9-55) married Mark Fritz 8-6-77. Their boys are Brad and Rob. Marg (born 8-13-57) married Joe Giere. Their boys are Jim, Doug, and Greg. Barb (born 2-4-60) married Wayne Hein. They have one child, Sarah Jo. Dan (born 7-25-61) married Beth Hoying 7-2-83. Their children are: Melissa and Nicholas. Ron (born 11-18-62) married Diane Muhlenkamp 4-30-83. They have one child, Adam. Steve (born 9-11-66) married Mary Beth Poling 9-12-87.

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RICK SCHLATER FAMILY HISTORY

The Rick Schlater family lives at 27 Liberty St., P.O. Box 159, Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Vicki Kuess on Jan. 4, 1986. Rick, born on September 29, 1958, is an Engineer. His wife, born July 14, 1963, is a Sales Correspondent.

Mr. Schlater's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schlater (Marilyn) and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clem Schlater (Plenora) and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Winner. Mrs. Schlater's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Othmar Kuess (Nancy Jean) and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kuess (Alvira) and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Broerman (Ruth).



L to R Velma, Jerry, Victor & Virgil Schmidt.

VIRGIL SCHMIDT FAMILY HISTORY

The Virgil Schmidt family lives at 71 Franklin St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Velma Weitzel on July 4, 1966. Virgil, born on January 11, 1938, is employed at Stolle Corp. Sidney, Ohio. His wife was born September 20, 1946. They have two children, Victor, born Jan. 13, 1968 and Jerry, born Feb. 24, 1970.

Mr. Schmidt's parents are Henry and Leona Schmidt and his grandparents are Tony and Rose Siegrist. Mrs. Schmidt's parents are Albert and Alberta Weitzel and her grandparents are Henry and Mary Nieport and Phil Weitzel.

Virgil and Velma Schmidt lived on a rented farm on Clover Four Rd. for 2 years after they were married. The farm was owned by Arthur Eyink. They moved to Chickasaw in 1969 and built their new house in 1978 behind the old house.

KENNETH SCHMITMEYER FAMILY HISTORY

The Ken Schmitmeyer family lives at 7915 Clover Four Rd., Celina, Ohio. He married Carol (Kahlig) on Sept. 30, 1983. Ken, born Feb. 3, 1962, is a dairy farmer. His wife, born Jan. 22, 1963 is a homemaker. They have one child, Kyle born Aug. 30, 1986.

Mr. Schmitmeyer's parents are Luke and Mildred (Lange) Schmitmeyer and his grandparents are Ben and Agatha (Albers) Schmitmeyer and Albert and Philomena (Homan) Lange. Mrs. Schmitmeyer's parents are Ralph and Dorothy (Schwartz) Kahlig and her grandparents are Charles and Bernidine (Post) Kahlig and Adam and Josephine (Schultze) Schwartz.



Charles Schulte Family. Seated in front Elenora; Alvina and Hilda. Standing Clem, Agnes the Mother, Charles the Dad, Ida and Mary.



Clem Schulte Family. Standing: Rita, Marvin, Ken, Jerry, Mary and Jane. Seated Agnes and Clem.

CLEM SCHULTE FAMILY HISTORY

Charles and Agnes (Meier) Schulte came to the Chickasaw area when they purchased a farm at 2869 Mercer Auglaize County Line Road. This farm was bought in 1914 from August Buehler. This is the farm where their daughter-in-law, Agnes (Homan) Schulte and grandson, Marvin Schulte, now live. Another grandson, Gerald Schulte and his wife, Christa (Schwieterman) built another house on this farm in 1982.

Charles Schulte (May 24, 1873 - September 17, 1946) was born west of Minster, Ohio. His parents were Henry Schulte (April 4, 1843-July 23, 1906) and Elizabeth (Wente) Schulte (January 14, 1842-October 24, 1915). Charles married Agnes Meier on October 15, 1902. Agnes (August 15, 1877-January 30, 1958) was born southwest of Maria Stein. Her parents were Michael Meier (October 4, 1829-March 2, 1911) and Martha (Stucke) Meier (August 5, 1835-August 18, 1913). Charles and Agnes first lived on Charles's home place west of Minster, before they bought their own farm.

Charles and Agnes had seven children. Hilda (March 31, 1906) married Ray Heitkamp, live at St. Henry, Ohio. Mary (September 12, 1907) married Lawrence Homan, live at Maria Stein, Ohio. Ida (February 10, 1909) married Anthony Homan, live at Sharpsburg, Ohio. Clem (March 5, 1911-August 4, 1983) married Agnes Homan, live on home place. Eleanor (January 30, 1914-March 19, 1954) married Aloys Homan, lived at Sharpsburg, Ohio. Norbert (October 18, 1915-October 13, 1916). Alvina (October 28, 1916) married Paul Rammel, live at Sharpsburg, Ohio.

Clem married Agnes Homan (January 9, 1917) on June 11, 1941. They lived with Clem's parents on the home farm which they purchased when Clem's father died. Agnes's parents were Joseph Homan II (March 14, 1870-September 28, 1954) and Mary Niemeyer (October 20, 1877-January 26, 1944) from St. Rose, Ohio.

Agnes's great grandparents from her mother's side, Johann Gerhard Niemeyer (May 19, 1815-February 6, 1905) and his wife Marie (May 6, 1818-January 15, 1909) came from Germany. They first lived in Cincinnati, Ohio and then purchased land that is now the Stanley and Carolyn Homan farm. This farm is just south of Chickasaw. Johann and Marie had a son Henry (August 10, 1852-September 27, 1878) who married Katharina Meiring (1852-1892). Henry and Katharina had two children, William and Mary. Henry died when he was 26 years old, and Katharina then married Henry Elking. Mary, daughter of Henry and Katharina married Joseph Homan. They are Agnes Schulte's parents.

Clem and Agnes are the parents of six children: Rita (October 9, 1942), Marvin (December 11, 1944), Mary Agnes (October 4, 1947), Jane (April 10, 1952), Kenneth (February 22, 1956) and Gerald (March 4, 1961).

Rita married Walter Heitkamp, live at R.R. #1, Minster, Ohio. Children: Karen (August 29, 1965), Ronald (November 10, 1966), Chris (February 18, 1968), Teresa (August 20, 1971), Ryan (December 12, 1979) and Craig (June 22, 1981).

Marvin is single, lives on home place.

Mary Agnes married Pat Cogan, live at Glynwood, Ohio. Children: Kelly (November 22, 1970), Kim (January 14, 1972), and Holly (September 18, 1975).

Jane married William Moore, live at New Bremen, Ohio. Children: Jennifer (October 28, 1975) and Jon (September 17, 1976).

Kenneth married Sharon Phlipot, live at St. Sebastian, Ohio. Children: Gregory (October 7, 1983) and Jessica (December 30, 1984).

Gerald married Christa Schwieterman, live on home place. Children: Jason (November 27, 1984) and Abby (January 24, 1987).

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GERALD SCHULTE FAMILY HISTORY

Gerald Paul Schulte was born to Clem and Agnes Schulte on March 4, 1961. On April 23, 1983, he married Christa Mary Schwieterman at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Coldwater. Chris was born on November 7, 1959, to Matt and Coletta Schwieterman, Coldwater. Matt was the son of Eleanor and Edward Schwieterman, Burkettsville, and Coletta was the daughter of John and Rosa Luthman, Ft. Loramie. Chris was the youngest of ten children, of whom from oldest to youngest are:

Jean, wed to Bob Neumeister, who reside in Dayton, Ohio, with three children; Joan, wed to Bill Geise, who reside in Coldwater with four children; Ken, wed to Marilyn Evers, who reside in Coldwater, with three children; Matt, wed to Joyce Hierholzer, who reside in Coldwater with five children: Phyllis, wed to Tom Rose, who reside in New Bremen with six children; Trish, wed to Ken Wrightsman, who reside in Eagan, Minnesota; Ralph, wed to Jane Gast, who reside in Coldwater with three children; Romie, wed to Cindy Wellman, who reside in Coldwater with two children; and Christopher, who died in infancy. On September 16, 1981, Matt Schwieterman, Sr. died of heart and kidney failure.

On August 4, 1983, Clem Schulte died of cancer.

Jerry and Chris now have two children. Jason Clemens was born November 27, 1984 and Abby Marie was born January 24, 1987. Jerry is a self-employed farmer, working his mother's farm, and Chris is employed by the Cheryl Ann School as Supportive Home Services Specialist. The Schulte family resides at 2879 Mercer Auglaize County Line Rd., New Bremen, in a newly constructed house that was built on the home place and moved into after the couple married.

FRED SCHULZE FAMILY HISTORY

The Fred Schulze family live at 81 S. Maple St., Chickasaw, Ohio. He married Karen Bertke on September 25, 1971. Fred, born November 16, 1948, is a factory worker. Karen, born November 30, 1949, is a housewife.

They have two children, Carl born April 7, 1973 and David born October 10, 1977. Fred's parents are Fred and Mary Schulze and grandparents are Mary and J. B. Schulze and Bernard and Mary Streacker. Fred's parents are Ralph and Ellen Ann Bertke and grandparents are Rudy and Lena Bertke and John and Mary Wenning.



JEROME SCHWIETERMAN FAMILY - First row, Lee, Jay. Second row, Diane, Jennifer, Jerome.

JEROME SCHWIETERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

On August 18, 1908 Ferdinand Schwieterman married Rosa Clune. They settled on a farm three miles northwest of Chickasaw, which is still in the Schwieterman family. They were the parents of eight children: Agnes -deceased, Leona - deceased, Lawrence, Julina, Martha, Rita, Harold -deceased, and Mary Jane. Ferdinand passed away July 31, 1944 at the age of 57, and Rosa passed away December 20, 1975 at the age of 88. Of these eight children, Harold married Mary Tobe. She was the daughter of Otto and Philomena (Schmitz) Tobe who were married June 1, 1920 and settled on a farm in the St. Henry area. Otto and Philomena had seven children: Cletus - deceased, Bernadine, Mary, Camila, Otto Jr. - deceased, Joseph and Donna Jean. Otto passed away May 10, 1959 at the age of 63.

Harold and Mary (Tobe) Schwieterman were married September 6, 1947 and lived with Harold's family. They had three children: Marian (Schwieterman) Heitbrink born November 11, 1954, Jerome born October 9, 1957 and Louis born November 23, 1958. Harold was born April 10, 1924 and passed away April 10, 1974 at the age of 50. Mary (Tobe) Schwieterman was born July 21, 1924 and is presently living on the Schwieterman home place outside of Chickasaw. Harold and Mary were farmers their entire life.

On September 1, 1925 Leo Pohl married Pauline Rammel who settled on a farm in the Burkettsville area. Leo also did construction work. They had eight children: Lavern, Roger, Eileen, Carl, Leroy, Denis, Larry and Nancy. Leo passed away April 25, 1971 at the age of 69. Of these eight children Lavern married Rita Dapore. She was the daughter of George and Celena (Magoto) Dapore who were married February 10, 1931 and settled on a farm in the Newport area. They had four children: Rita, Paul, Michael and Mary Ann. George passed away February 25, 1983 at the age of 79.

Lavern and Rita (Dapore) Pohl were married November 27, 1952. They had four children: David born June 11, 1954, Michael born September 22, 1956, Diane (Pohl) Schwieterman born October 31, 1958 and Jeffrey born January 1, 1961. Lavern was born May 8, 1932. Lavern and Rita are presently living in Osgood. At the present Lavern is a construction worker and Rita is employed at Crown Controls in New Bremen.

Jerome Schwieterman, son of Harold, deceased, and Mary (Tobe) Schwieterman married Diane Pohl, daughter of Lavern and Rita (Dapore) Pohl on May 30, 1981 at St. Nicholas Church in Osgood, Ohio. After their marriage, Jerome and Diane lived on a farm 3½ miles northwest of Chickasaw before moving to their present home at 110 S. Mulberry Street, Chickasaw, Ohio on July 22, 1984. They are the parents of three children: Jennifer Lynn born October 6, 1982 at Coldwater Community Hospital and baptized October 31, 1982 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, Jay Michael born December 23, 1984 at Coldwater Community Hospital and baptized January 12, 1985 at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw, and Lee Matthew born January 1, 1987 at Coldwater Community Hospital and baptized January 25, 1987 at Precious Blood Church in Chickasaw. Jerome is presently working for the Landmark co-op as a salesman and is also engaged in farming. His wife, Diane is a licensed hairdresser and housewife.



Nicholas, Robert, Kara, Amy and Linda Schwieterman.

ROBERT SCHWIETERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

The Schwieterman household at 90 S. Maple, represents the sixth and seventh generations of our family to live in Mercer County.

The seventh child of John H. Janning and Mary Adeltfeid Schwieterman immigrated to the United States in 1837 from Hanover, Germany with his wife and infant son, Gerhard. John Herman Arnold Schwieterman and Mary Catherine (Buschor) Schwieterman originally homesteaded on what is now the Gerald Huber farm.

There they raised ten children, the fifth of whom was Frank H. Schwieterman. Frank married Agnes V. (Stammen) and they also reared ten children. Their third child was Arthur H. Schwieterman (1898-1930). He married Mary Dorsten (1902-) and raised three sons before his death in 1930. Their names were Mark, Orville and Roger. Consequently, Mary (Dorsten) Schwieteman remarried Theodore Jutte, (died in 1979) who had a son Donald from a previous marriage and they had three children of their own, Madonna (Jutte) Brunswick, Fr. Edgar Jutte, and Thomas Jutte.

Roger A. Schwieterman (1929-), the third son of Arthur and Mary Schwieterman married Dorothy Clune (1930-1974) on September 30, 1950. They had five children, Sandy, Robert, Jeff, Curt, and Laura of whom I am the second child.

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Robert Schwieterman cont.

My mother, Dorothy died at the young age of 43 on March 24, 1974 of cancer.

On August 2, 1975, Roger A. Schwieterman remarried Delores (Mescher) Quinter (1929-). Delores has 2 children of her own, Debra Albers and Diane Otting.

On April 25, 1975, I married Linda K. Uhlenhake (1952-) from Celina, the daughter of Herman and Paula Bernice (Sudhoff) Uhlenhake.

On January 21, 1977, we moved from Maria Stein to our present address in Chickasaw. We have three children - Amy Marie, born June 22, 1977, Kara Elizabeth, born September 16, 1981 and Nicholas Robert, born September 19, 1985.



Sharon, Lisa, Cory, Gerald, Tammie Siegrist

GERALD SIEGRIST FAMILY HISTORY

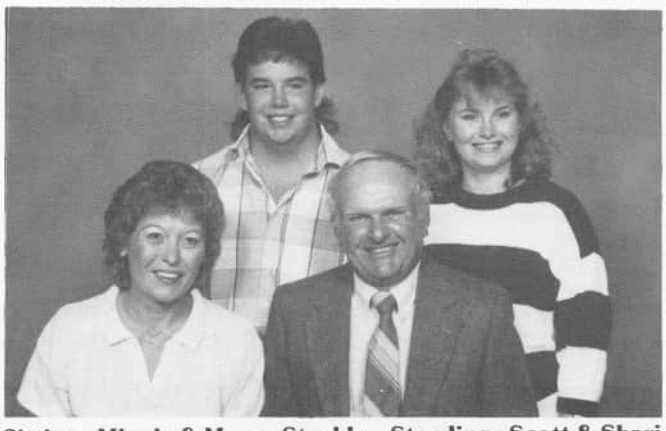
Gerald Siegrist was married to Sharon Zumberge on Nov. 11, 1978.

Gerald is the son of Ivo and Dolores (Grilliot) Siegrist of St. Peter parish. Sharon is the daughter of Nick and Adella (Poeppelman) Zumberge of Chickasaw.

They reside at 8017 Brockman Rd., Celina, Ohio.

They have three children. Cory, who was born on Jan. 18, 1983, Tammie was born on March 19, 1985 and Lisa who was born on June 10, 1987.

Gerald is a machinist at Goodyear Tire and Rubber, St. Marys and Sharon is a housewife.

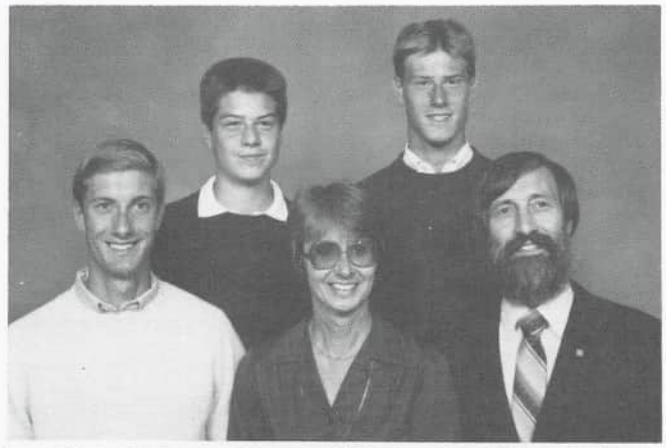


Sitting - Minnie & Myron Stachler. Standing - Scott & Shari.

MYRON STACHLER FAMILY HISTORY

Myron Stachler is the son of Ray and Frances Brunswick Stachler. He was born on October 16, 1938 and is one of eleven children. Myron was born on a farm west of Cassella and in 1940 his parents purchased the Schmalstick farm located west of Cranberry Prairie where they still reside today. Myron has been involved in the construction business since he was 16 years old, first employed by his father and later the owner of his own construction business. On November 14, 1964, Myron wed Minnie Meiring in Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in New Bremen. Minnie is the daughter of Frank and Dorotha Kueterman Meiring. Minnie was born on August 16, 1942 and is one of nine children. She resided for 10 years in Celina and in the fall of 1952 moved with her parents to Auglaize County where they settled on a farm west of New Bremen. Minnie graduated from New Bremen High School in 1960. Following high school Minnie was employed by the Goodyear Co. of St. Marys and is now involved in her own wallpapering business. After their marriage Myron and Minnie rented an apartment in Minster for 6 months and in March of 1965 they began renting Mary Agnes Puthoff's home across from the mill in Chickasaw. In March of 1968 Myron began the construction of their present home which stands at 93 W. Wayne St. in Chickasaw. The house was completed in November of 1968.

Myron and Minnie are the parents of two children, Shari Stachler McGowan who was born on September 5, 1965 and Scott Stachler who was born on February 1, 1971. Shari is a graduate of Marion Local High School and has attended Miami University and Wright State University. Shari married John McGowan on May 2, 1987 in Precious Blood Catholic Church. John is the son of James and Luella McGowan of Ft. Loramie. John and Shari currently reside in Ft. Loramie with their daughter Alison Marie, who was born on January 6, 1987. Scott is a junior at Marion Local High School and is employed by his father part time doing construction work.



Front L to R. Doug, Diana and Roman. Back L to R. Dana, Ryan Steinbrunner.

ROMAN STEINBRUNNER FAMILY HISTORY

Roman and Diana Steinbrunner were married on June 26, 1965 and moved into their new home located at 72 West Wayne Street.

Roman is the son of Vincent and Olive Steinbrunner. He was born April 10, 1941 on a farm north of Burkettsville, Ohio.

Diana is the daughter of Alfedor and Helen Doenges. She was born on January 28, 1943 east of Neptune, Ohio.

They have three sons, Douglas born February 20, 1966, Ryan born April 10, 1969, and Dana born March 8, 1974.

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John and Cindy Stucke. Children - Amy, Carla, Bradley.

JOHN STUCKE FAMILY HISTORY

John is the seventh of ten children born to Werner and Alvera (Vehorn) Stucke. He was born on May 8th, 1954. John has two sisters and seven brothers, Patricia, Richard, Ronald, Delbert, Susan, Nicholas, Lavern, Dale and James.

On July 25th, 1975 John married Cecilia (Cindy) Marie Richter. Cindy was born in Cincinnati on May 16th, 1955. She came to live in Chickasaw as the foster daughter of Norb and Alice (Steinke) Kramer in 1966 at the age of 11. Norb and Alice have six other children, Bill, Dave, Ken, Susan, Dan and Maria. Cindy also has family in Cincinnati, two brothers and a sister: Michael, James and Juanita (McDonald).

John and Cindy have 3 children, Amy Sue born May 7th, 1976, Carla Ann born June 28th, 1978, Bradley James born May 11th, 1982. They also lost a son at birth, Christopher John born and died Sept. 11th, 1980.

John and Cindy purchased their home April 24th, 1974 from Arnold and Nancy Heitkamp.

LOUIS STUCKE FAMILY HISTORY

Louis Aloys Stucke, born September 13, 1925, lives at 110 S. State St., Chickasaw, Ohio 45826. He was employed at Minster Farmers Coop until he retired in February of 1988.

Louis's parents were John M. and Mary (Luebke) Stucke and grandparents were John and Maria (Schrage) Stucke and Fred J. and Elizabeth (Kohrs) Luebke.



Ruth, David, Theresa, Shirley, Norb Tangeman.

NORBERT TANGEMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Norbert and Shirley Tangeman were married April 8, 1961 in Coldwater, Ohio. Norbert was born June 11, 1933 in Maria Stein, Ohio to Leander and Mary (Lechlieter) Tangeman; one sister. His grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Koenig) Lechlieter and Bernard and Justina (Goecke) Tangeman. He is employed at Mercer Landmark in St. Henry, Ohio. He is also associated with Chickasaw Machine Shop and is Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Chickasaw, Ohio.

Shirley was born on May 22, 1937 in Burkettsville, Ohio to Frank and Christina (Braun) Koesters; three sisters and two brothers. Her grandparents were Peter and Philomena (Jacobs) Braun and Theodore and Anna (Post) Koesters. We have lived at 20 E. Walnut St. since 1961 and we have three children.

Ruth was born on January 22, 1962 at Coldwater, Ohio. She married Fred Bergman on February 15, 1986. They live at 400 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. Ruth is employed at Huffy's in Celina, Ohio and Fred is employed at Minster Machine in Minster, Ohio.

Dave was born on April 20, 1963 at Coldwater, Ohio. He lives at home 20 E. Walnut St., Chickasaw, Ohio and is employed at Chickasaw Machine Shop in Chickasaw, Ohio.

Theresa was born August 29, 1964 at Coldwater, Ohio. She married Neal Staugler on September 6, 1986. They live at 5130 Karafit Rd., Celina, Ohio. They are both employed at Wapak Products in Botkins, Ohio.



Dena, Beck, Nick and Katy Thobe.

NICK THOBE FAMILY HISTORY

Both of us have a strong German heritage. Our ancestors came to America during the German imigration in the early to mid 1800's. Nick's family hales from the Hanover area in Mid Germany and Beck's family comes from the Alsace-Lorraine area near Strasburg in southern Germany.

Nick's family was one of the first settlers in St. John in 1835. His grandfather, Henry Thobe, grew up just east of St. John on a farm. He married Mathilda Heitkamp in 1921. His father, Donald Thobe, grew up on the same farm. He married Patty Schwieterman, daughter of Ernest and Regina (Evers) Schwieterman, of St. Sebastian in 1955. They had nine children: Sam, Nick, Steve, Carol Stucke, Roy, Barry (deceased), Amy, Gail, and Melissa.

Beck's family originally settled in northern Ohio in 1840 but moved to Cassella in southern Mercer County around 1860. Her grandfather Frank J. Feltz was a blacksmith in the area in the early years and later her uncle, Martin Feltz, carried on the tradition. Frank J. married Philamona Cron in 1895. Her father, Frank H. Feltz (Pat), had many interesting careers, one of these being building and later owning and operating the Starlight Drive-In. He married Hilda C. Link, daughter of Urban and Augusta (Muhlenkamp) Link, from the Cranberry Prairie in 1949. They had six children: Trudy Moeller, Chuck, Dave, Alan (deceased), Beck, and Lucy Siefring.

Nick has led an active role in the community since we moved to Chickasaw in 1980 after our wedding. He has been a member of the Park Board since 1981 and served as president in 1986 and 1987. He is also an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department since 1982. He is employed at Crown Control in New Bremen as an electronics engineer. Beck also works outside the home. She is a computer operator and technician at Schwieterman Pharmacy, New Bremen. Both are members of the Precious Blood Catholic Church.

We have two daughters: Dena Jo born August 12, 1983 and Katy Lynn born November 7, 1985. We presently reside at 79 S. Roosevelt St., R.R. #2, Celina, Ohio 45822.

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Dick, Diane, Mindy, Tonya and Stacie Thobe.

RICHARD THOBE FAMILY HISTORY

On May 11, 1973, Dick and Diane bought the house at 33 Virginia Street. At that time, Dick was a self-employed truck driver who worked at B & S Trucking, Maria Stein. From 1979 to present he is employed at Precision Strip, Inc., Minster as a truck driver. Diane worked at Avco New Idea for nine years until she had a family.

Dick's great-grandfather was John (born August 29, 1873 - died March 26, 1962) and Rose (Vehorn) Thobe (born Oct. 28, 1874 - died March 1, 1961). John Thobe was the only son of Joseph (born November 9, 1838 -died June 14, 1906) and Elizabeth (Wehrman) Thobe (born October 6, 1839 - died May 8, 1927). John and Rose had eleven children: Ray, Ivo, Jerry, Frank, Henry, Joe, Victoria, Hilda, Alfreda, Alvina, and Elizabeth.

Henry Thobe (Dick's grandfather) (born August 25, 1900) married Matilda Heitkamp (born January 26, 1904) on July 6, 1921. Matilda was the daughter of Henry (born March 18, 1867 - died October 31, 1954) and Caroline (Mescher) Heitkamp (born May 25, 1872 - died July 19, 1946). Henry and Matilda had fifteen children: Virgil, Werner, Alice, Harold, Elton, Delbert, Mary Catherine, Martha, Marilyn, Donald, Roland, Marjery, David, Lois, Larry (all born in Minster). Henry was a farmer all his life.

Virgil Thobe was born on May 21, 1921 and he married Mary Elizabeth Wenning (born February 7, 1923) on May 1, 1946. Mary was the daughter of Martin (born February 24, 1893 - died January 3, 1967) and Mary (Kaiser) Wenning (born September 9, 1893 - died May 13, 1956) of North Star. Virgil and Mary always lived in Maria Stein. Virgil was a self-employed milk hauler for 42 years. They had twelve children: Richard, James, Jean, Joan, Ann, Lynn, Kristine, Kathleen, Nancee, Jack, Kevin and Beth.

Dick (born July 8, 1947) married Diane Langenkamp of North Star on October 16, 1971. Diane (born March 31, 1948) is the daughter of Ado (born June 15, 1921) and Marie (Stammen) Langenkamp (born October 21, 1924) of North Star. Diane's paternal grandparents are Leo (born April 2, 1889 - died May 21, 1968) and Justine (Bruggeman) Langenkamp (born May 15, 1889 - died May 12, 1970) of North Star. Diane's maternal grandparents are Joseph (born October 15, 1890 - died May 8, 1966) and Josephine (Weis) Stammen (born September 13, 1891 - died January 10, 1972) of New Weston. Diane has four brothers and two sisters: Gary, Dale, Neal, Steve, Darlene and Karen.

Dick and Diane have three children: Stacie born June 16, 1973, Tonya born December 21, 1974, and Mindy born March 15, 1979.



Terry, Matthew, Kimberly and Susan Thobe.

TERRY THOBE FAMILY HISTORY

Terry's grandparents are Henry and Matilda (Heitkamp) Thobe and Al F. and Hilda (Albers) Winner. Henry and Matilda were married in Maria Stein on July 6, 1921. Henry was born on August 25, 1900 and Matilda was born on January 26, 1904. They had 15 children. They are still residing in Maria Stein. Al and Hilda Winner were married in Egypt on October 29, 1929, the day the stock market crashed. Al was born February 17, 1903 and died in 1981 and Hilda was born March 11, 1908 and died in 1982. They were farmers by trade, and raised seven children.

Terry's parents are Harold and Virginia (Winner) Thobe. They were married on June 1, 1950. Harold was born March 22, 1926 and Virginia August 9, 1930. Harold and Virginia had nine children. Vivian, Cindy, Mike (deceased), Terry, Pat, Joyce, Glen, Gregg, and Chris. They are residing in Maria Stein.

On September 23, 1977 Terry married Susan Kramer daughter of Norbert and Alice (Steinke) Kramer of Chickasaw. Her brothers and sisters are Bill, Dave, Ken, Cindy, Dan and Maria. Susan's grandparents are Henry and Rose (Holdheide) Kramer and Isadore and Bertha (Tumbusch) Steinke.

Terry and Susan have two children, Kimberly born July 19, 1980 and Matthew born November 1, 1985.

Sue is a homemaker and Terry works for Reynolds & Reynolds in Celina.



RAY AND KAREN TIMMERMAN FAMILY - Eric, Dan (front), Gary, Lisa, Matthew.

RAYMOND TIMMERMAN FAMILY HISTORY

Raymond and Karen Timmerman live on St. Rte. 364, also R. 1, New Bremen. They have 5 children, Gary, Eric, Daniel, Lisa and Matthew.

Ray is the son of Wilfred and the late Rita (Wagner) Timmerman of Ft. Loramie, Ohio. He was born November 9, 1953 at Decatur, Indiana. He works at Crown Control in New Bremen in the machine shop and does car repair and painting in his spare time.

Karen is the daughter of the late Louis Lennartz and Ruth (Bey) Lennartz of Ft. Recovery, Ohio. She was born October 1, 1955 at Coldwater, Ohio. She also works at Crown Control doing office cleaning.

Gary was born May 19, 1976. Eric was born May 28, 1978. Daniel was born July 24, 1980. Lisa was born January 17, 1983, and Matthew was born October 2, 1986. They were all born at Community Hospital in Coldwater, Ohio. The oldest attends New Bremen Elementary school in New Bremen, Ohio.

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Rita and Paul Tobin

PAUL AND RITA TOBIN FAMILY HISTORY

William Tobin, grandfather of Paul and Rita, was born in Ireland and came to America during the potato famine in Ireland. He married Sabrina Edwards. They have nine children. George Tobin, father, was the youngest child born November 13, 1879. He married Armella Roeckner on January 27, 1921. He died on October 19, 1961. George Tobin was a farmer.

William Roeckner, grandfather, was the son of William and Bernardina (Clune) Roeckner and he married Philomina Desch. He died in March of 1901. Philomina (Desch) Roeckner was the daughter of Ferdinand and Margaret Desch. She died on January 14, 1895. They had one daughter, Armella Roeckner, born on January 4, 1895 and she died on March 24, 1982.

George and Armella Tobin had three children: Joseph, Paul, and Rita. Joseph Tobin married Claira Huwer and they have four children.



FRONT: L-R Martin, Fred, Hilda, Kathy, Sue. Back: L-R Joe, Dinah, Larry Topp.

FREDERICK JOHN TOPP FAMILY HISTORY

Fred's paternal grandparents were Johann Wilhelm Topp and Ann Marie Elizabeth Klute. He was a farmer and live around the New Bremen area. They had thirteen children. Fred's father was the twelfth child of Johann and Ann Topp. Fred's father was John Frederick Topp. John married Clara Sophia Wiehie and lived one mile east of New Bremen. Fred's maternal parents were William Wiehie and Elizabeth Schwetter. When William Wiehie died, Fred's parents lived on the home place, where Fred was born. Fred has six brothers and sisters: Louis, Irma married to Sherman Shroyer, Wilhelmine, married to Rufus Settlage, Carl, Erline married to Charlie Garman, Louise married to Wilbur Barga.

Hilda's paternal grandparents were Bernard Lefeld and Antoinetta Kessen. He lived in the Carthagena area and believed to be in construction work. They had nine children. Hilda's father was Michael Martin Lefeld and he was married to Kathryn Mescher (Hilda's mother.) Kathryn is the daughter of Anton Mescher and Mary M. Fisher. Kathryn died in 1925 and Michael then married Rose Steinke. Rose had already five children from a previous marriage. Michael had previously lost his first wife, Mary Rosengarten in 1917. She was the mother of Sister Mary Francetta, half sister of Hilda Topp. Michael was a farmer in the Sharpsburg area and later worked about 30 years at the New Idea plant in Coldwater. Hilda grew up in the Coldwater area. Hilda has ten brothers and sisters: Isodore Steinke, Marie married to Paul Bryon, Sister Francetta, Luella married to Hank Collens, Elizabeth married to Gerald Hess, Rita married to Ralph Siegrist, John Steinke, Ann married to Richard Hohle, Vera marrried to Wilbur Bollheimer, Kathleen married to James Figel.

Fred Topp (born Oct. 24, 1922) and Hilda Topp (born July 1, 1922) were married in the Guadalupe parish house on September 5, 1942. They are the parents of six children. Dinah Jean who is married to Ron Reigelsperger and they reside in Huber Heights and have six children (Teresa, Denise, Richard, Bradley, Matthew, and Neal) and one grandchild, Savannah Rose. Joseph John, the oldest son is married to Mary Lou Pettajean and they have four children (Todd, Kent, Lynn, and Amy) and reside on St. Rt. 127 near North Star. Kathyrn Clara, second daughter is married to David Reigelsperger and resides near New Carlisle. Kathryn has two boys (Kevin and Brian). The third daughter is Susan Rose and she is married to John Hibbitts. They reside near Medway and have two girls (Jessica and Emily). The second son is Martin Michael Topp and he resides in New Bremen with his wife Thelma Droesch of Chickasaw and they have four children (Adam, Craig, Wayne, and Carla). The third son Larry is married to Nancy Bettinger and resides near Chickasaw on Clover Four Rd. They have three children (Chad, Heather, and Brook).

Fred and Hilda live at 84 E. Franklin St. and have lived there since 1968. They purchased the home from Paul Rosenbeck. Fred has been a factory worker and is retired from Minster Machine after being employed there for approx. 32 years.



Standing-Chad. Seated-Nancy, Brooks, Larry and Heather.

LARRY TOPP FAMILY HISTORY

Larry and Nancy (Bettinger) Topp were married August 30, 1980. They reside at 8601 Clover Four Rd., New Bremen, Ohio.

Larry, an industrial arts teacher at Minster Local Schools, was born November 4, 1956. His parents are Fred and Hilda (Lefeld) Topp. His grandparents are Michael and Kathryn (Mescher) Topp and John and Clara (Wiehe) Topp.

Nancy, a housewife, was born June 3, 1955. Her parents are Herman and Rita (Schlueter) Bettinger. Her grandparents are Joseph and Theresa (Bensman) Schlueter and Arthur and Regina (Hemmelgarn) Bettinger.

Larry and Nancy are the parents of three children: Chad Joseph, born March 17, 1982; Heather Christa, born August 18, 1983; and Brooks Michael, born November 17, 1986.

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CLETUS VOSKUHL FAMILY HISTORY

Cletus Voskuhl of 17 W. Franklin St. was born October 15, 1910, the son of Henry and Josephine (Kuether) Voskuhl. He is retired from Goodyear.

Clete was married to Clara Hartings, the daughter of Matt and Mary (Otte) Hartings. She was born September 3, 1907 and died September 26, 1984.

They are the parents of nine children: Mary, married to Melvin Evers, parents of nine children; Josephine, married to Charlie Bornhorst, parents of six children; Charles married to Sharon Bruggeman, parents of four children; Magdline, married to Leo Post, parents of four children; Ralph, married to Dianne Frederick; Ivo, married to Mary Paulus, parents of two children; Maurice, married to Joan Remaklus, parents of four children; Luke, married to Mary, parents of two children; and Virgil.

DAVID VOSKUHL FAMILY HISTORY

David Voskuhl of 70 W. Main St. was born April 9, 1930, to Herman and Sophia (Duwel) Voskuhl. His grandparents are Anthony and Elizabeth (Ashman) Voskuhl and Joseph and Mary (Drees) Duwel. David is a factory worker.

On May 22, 1954 he married the former Joan Rosenbeck. She was born July 24, 1932 and died May 11, 1972. She was the daughter of Bernard and Rose (Huber) Rosenbeck. Her grandparents are Lawrence and Elizabeth (Frietsel) Rosenbeck and Fred and Elizabeth (Mescher) Huber.

David and Joan are the parents of five children: Therese, born June 15, 1955; Elizabeth, born December 31, 1957, married to John Mertz September 3, 1983; Marilyn, born February 1, 1961; Joseph, born September 20, 1963, married to Pam Cotton October 4, 1986; Michael, born November 1, 1966.

DAVID WALTERBUSCH FAMILY HISTORY

David Walterbusch was born July 10, 1960 to William and Katherine (Kohler) Walterbusch. He works in the factory at Crown. His wife, the former Connie Evers, was born December 25, 1953 to Walter and Esther (Siefring) Evers. Connie is a housewife.

David and Connie reside at 11 Exchange St., with their two children, Michelle born January 24, 1985 and Stacy born July 29, 1986.

David's grandparents are Leonard and Mary (Elliot) Kohler and Aloysius and Catherine (Luebke) Walterbusch.

Connie's grandparents are Henry and Agnes (Reier) Siefring and Clem and Theresa (Lange) Evers.

GEORGIANA WEBER FAMILY HISTORY

My great-grandfather, Johan Gerd Frederick Niekamp was born at Essen in Oldenberg, Germany, April 9, 1811. He immigrated to the United States in 1833. He married Catherine Maria Niehauss, on March 3, 1840, in Emmanuel Catholic Church, Dayton, Ohio. After their marriage they lived in or near Tipp City, Miami County. Three sons John Henry, Joseph and Clemmens, were born there. In the spring of 1848, the family moved to Mercer County, where Frederick bought 120 acres of land northwest of Chickasaw, it was nearly all wilderness, only a few acres had been cleared. With diligence and hard work they cleared the land and turned it into a fine productive farm, and to this day it remains in the Niekamp family. In July 1849 their daughter Mary was born. The wife and mother, Catherine Marie, died September 26, 1852, and is buried in St. John Cemetery, Maria Stein.

After the death of his first wife, Frederick married Anna Catherine Stammen on April 19, 1853, in St. John Church, Maria Stein. To this marriage were born ten children, Henry A., Philomena, Gerhard, Peter, Frank and five children who died young.

Anna Catherine was born October 1824, her parents were Albert Stammen, born September 12, 1794, died December 13, 1873, and Wilhelmina Lucia Aengenheister, born August 3, 1790, died February 9, 1870, both are buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery. The Stammen family came from Rhineland, Germany to the United States in 1850.

Frederick Niekamp died August 18, 1894, his wife Anna Catherine died May 19, 1894, they are buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery.

My grandfather was Henry A. Niekamp, he was born May 25, 1854, he married Catherine Koch on November 5, 1878, in St. Sebastian Church. To this marriage were born seven children John Anthony June 20, 1880, William F. February 4, 1882, Louis July 4, 1884, Edward Joseph October 3, 1886, Mary Ann January 7, 1889, Gustave February 6, 1894, and Hugo June 11, 1896.

Catherine Koch was born September 10, 1855, her parents were Ferdinand Koch born May 30, 1815, died June 25, 1892, and Maria Anna Buehler born November 24, 1822, died July 5, 1894, both are buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery. The Buehler and Koch families came from Gamshurst, Baden, Germany to the United States in 1830.

Wife and mother Catherine died June 24, 1897, she is buried in St. Sebastian Cemetery. After her death Henry married Katherine Benke Plasenthal of Maria Stein. She was a widow with three children. Of this marriage there were no children.

Henry was a farmer all his life and farmed 80 acres one mile north of Chickasaw, in Franklin Township. (Today the Herbert Knapke farm.)

My father was Louis Niekamp born July 4, 1884, he married Rose Frances Rentz October 26, 1910, in Precious Blood Church, Chickasaw. To this marriage were born five children, Hilda Marie born September 6, 1911, Georgiana Matilda born June 17, 1913, Elvin born October 18, 1914, Gerald Albert born July 19, 1916, and Edna Lucille born May 22, 1921.

My mother Rose Frances Rentz was born May 15, 1890, her parents were Anthony Rentz born May 12, 1863, died December 26, 1937, and Maria Heyne born November 8, 1864, died July 16, 1907. (More on the Rentz family elsewhere in this book.)

Hilda Marie born September 6, 1911, died August 6, 1964. Married Fenton Weseli (Shorty) Piqua, Ohio on August 9, 1933. He was born January 19, 1903 and died November 1, 1968. They are buried on Precious Blood Cemetery, Chickasaw, Ohio. Of this marriage there were two children Douglas John (Jack), Columbus, Miss. and Shiela Marie Dalton, Atlanta, Ga.

Elvin Niekamp born October 18, 1914, died March 12, 1981. He married Magdalen Henry, North Star, Ohio on November 26, 1946. He is buried on St. Louis Catholic Cemetery, North Star. Magdalen resides in North Star. Of this marriage there was one child, Reed Allen, Celina, Ohio.

Gerald A. Niekamp born July 19, 1916. He married Rosella Kitzmiller, Minster, Ohio on June 15, 1942. She died December 10, 1984 and is buried on St. Augustine Cemetery, Minster, Ohio. Gerald resides in Minster. Of this marriage there was one son Gerald (Jerry), Columbus, Ohio.

Edna Lucille born May 22, 1921, died May 28, 1973. She married William Farno, Minster, Ohio on November 21, 1940. She is buried on Precious Blood Cemetery, Chickasaw, Ohio. There were three children William Jr., Dayton, Ohio, Rebecca Cron, Minster, Ohio, and Robert, St. Marys. William Sr. resides in Minster.

Georgiana M. born June 17, 1913. Married Roy A. Weber, Celina, Ohio on June 6, 1974. He was born April 17, 1911 in Celina, son of George F. and Estelle Weber. He died May 12, 1975. Dr. Weber was a prominent optometrist in Celina for approximately 40 years, he retired in 1974. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Celina and is buried on the church cemetery. There are two stepchildren, Mrs. Mark (Diane) Klosterman, Celina, Ohio and Shiela Weber, Baltimore, Md.

My father was a farmer all of his life. After their marriage my parents lived on the Henry Niekamp farm, my father's birthplace, until 1923. After this they moved to the Anton Rentz farm, my mother's birthplace, and lived there until my father's death on January 11, 1962. (Today the Stanley Homan farm.)

After the death of my father, Mother and I built a home on Mulberry St. in Chickasaw. She resided there until her death December 2, 1980.

After my husband's death I returned to Chickasaw, where I now live.

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Bill and Marie Wendel

WILLIAM WENDEL FAMILY HISTORY

William's grandparents were William Wendel, born June 11, 1867, and Gertrude Kramer, born November 19, 1870. They were married the year of 1891. William was a farmer and a timber buyer. Gertrude's occupation was a housewife. William died in 1937 and Gertrude died in 1948.

Henry Beyke's date of birth was May 8, 1883, and Walburga Rohre's date of birth was June 28, 1890. They were married in January the year of 1910. Henry was a farmer and Walburga was a housewife. Henry died in 1946 and Walburga died in 1955.

Marie (Schlarman) Wendel's grandparents were Henry Schlarman, born June 30, 1843, and Mary Heuker, born September 14, 1861. They were married November 27, 1884. Henry was a farmer. Mary was a housewife. Henry died September 25, 1924, and Mary died July 12, 1933.

Mathias Harting's date of birth was July 26, 1871, and Mary Otte's date of birth was October 15, 1871. They were married June 14, 1893. Mathias's occupation was a farmer and Mary was a housewife. Mathias died January 13, 1933, and Mary died October 12, 1964.

William is the son of Rochus and Mildred (Beyke) Wendel. Rochus was born October 2, 1909, and Mildred was born October 28, 1915. They were married November 29, 1934. They had thirteen children: Delores, William, Rita, Rosann, Robert, Ronald, Donald, Kathleen, Janet, Mary, David, Margie, and Ernie. They have 38 grandchildren living and 2 grandchildren deceased. They also have 2 great-grandchildren. Rochus's occupations were farmer and also worked at New Idea in Coldwater. Mildred was a housewife. Rochus died on March 5, 1975.

Marie is the daughter of Lawrence and Philomina (Hartings) Schlarman. Lawrence's date of birth was August 8, 1892. Philomina's date of birth was October 6, 1900. Lawrence and Philomina were married November 16, 1932. They had three children: Elmer, Andrew, and Marie. They presently have 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Lawrence was a farmer and Philomina was a housewife. Lawrence died July 9, 1966. Philomina died March 6, 1963.

William Wendel was born December 19, 1937, in St. Peter, Ohio. Marie Schlarman's date of birth is September 29, 1939. William and Marie were married in St. Rose Church on September 29, 1962. We moved to Chickasaw in October of 1962. William is a bricklayer for Albert Freytag Inc. and Marie is a housewife.

ROBERT WOLTERS FAMILY HISTORY

Robert and Mary Catherine (Eyink) Wolters Sr. of W. Main St. were married November 22, 1951. Robert, the son of Gregor and Mary (Rosenbeck) Wolters was born October 13, 1932. Mary Catherine, the daughter of Louis and Lauretta (Baumer) Eyink was born June 8, 1933.

They are the parents of three children: Robert, born April 6, 1952, married to Donna Collins; Delilah, born February 22, 1953, married to John Core; and Mitchell, born January 17, 1956, married to Sheila Stuckenborg.



Lucy, Kyle, Dave Wynk

DAVE WYNK FAMILY HISTORY

Dave Wynk and Lucy Bruggeman were married on November 13, 1982. Dave is a carpenter with E.J. Wynk Construction and Lucy is employed at Huffy Corporation. They live at 8039 Brockman Rd., Celina, Ohio.

Dave was born March 4, 1956 to Elmer and Jean Wynk. His grandparents are George and Salome Fleck and John and Catherine Wynk.

Lucy was born May 29, 1959 to Alex and Doretta Bruggeman. Her grandparents are Ray and Lidwina Link and Aloys and Elizabeth Bruggeman.

Dave and Lucy are the parents of one son, Kyle, born December 11, 1985 and are expecting their second child in early May.



The Ed Zahn Family
L to R (Top) Irma Heitkamp, Viola Stammen, Henrietta Rentz, Iola Brunswick, Mary Huelsman. Bottom: Paul, Helen, Edward, Urban.

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Irene and Urban Zahn, holding plaque given to him by the town and a letter from the Ohio House of Representatives, honoring Urban for his many years (32 years) of service to the community of Chickasaw upon his retirement as mayor of Chickasaw in 1979.

URBAN ZAHN FAMILY HISTORY

Urban's grandfather was Adam Zahn. He was born in Frankfort, Germany on December 13, 1846. He came to the United States at the age of twenty-three. He arrived in Cincinnati and came to Mercer County with several immigrants that settled in Mercer County.

He married Mary Meyer (B. 1-13-1846 - D. 8-14-1933) in 1869 and settled on the present farm of Hugo Zahn in Granville Township on Rt. 127, five miles north of North Star. They had five children: John, Edward (Urban's father), Frank, Nora, and Tillie.

Urban's mother was Helen (Schoen) Zahn (B. 1-20-1882 - D. 4-22-1965), daughter of Peter Schoen, born June 16, 1844 in Germany. He also immigrated to the United States. He died October 13, 1937. Peter married Theresia (Westrick) Schoen (B. 10-31-1843 - D. 8-27-1923). She was from Tomson, Ohio.

Both Ed (B. 8-23-1881 - D. 5-11-1971) and Helen (Schoen) Zahn were born in Cranberry Prairie. They had ten children, three deceased. The children were: Irma Heitkamp, Henrietta Rentz, Iola Brunswick, Viola Stammen, Mary Huelsman, Paul, and Urban. Urban was born April 10, 1919.

In 1928, Ed Zahn bought the blacksmith shop from Joseph Dorsten in Chickasaw. Urban was nine years old at the time. The family moved from Maria Stein at the time where Ed was also a blacksmith.

Irene (B. April 18, 1922) is the daughter of Henry and Kunagunda (Klingshirn) Link. Her grandparents were Joseph Klingshirn and Mary (Bysick). After the death of Mary Bysick he married Catherine Link. Her other grandparents were Leopold and Mary (Delzeith) Link. Irene worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 36 plus years.

Urban and Irene were married on October 12, 1943 and served in the Armed Air Force in Orlando, Florida. After his discharge in 1946, they settled in Chickasaw at the present home of Steve McClurg (55 E. Franklin St.). Before they could move into the home they needed to remodel it. At that time there were only two homes in town that had indoor toilets, (parish house and Louis Grieshop, west of town). The wells in town were gravel wells and would not supply enough water for indoor toilets. Urban then got his father, Ed Zahn and his brother-in-law Charles Huelsman interested in digging a well that the neighbors could share and thus supply enough water for indoor toilets for others in the town. Thus was the initial start of the Neighbor Water Co.

He remembers when they were remodeling the house on Franklin St., the rats in Chickasaw were so bad that after setting a half a dozen traps, in half an hour would have every trap full. They built their present home in 1958 at 44 E. Franklin Street.

Urban first worked at Goodyear for about 12 years and then went to Excello in New Bremen. In the late 1950's he built a Butler building to pursue his hobby during the evening hours. Later this became the Zahn's Machine Shop and later yet became known as the Chickasaw Machine and Tool Co. (See Business History - Chickasaw Machine and Tool)

Urban was mayor of Chickasaw for 28 years and prior to mayor he served on the Town Council for a couple of years. Urban was the main supporter of the Zahn-Marion Township Library contributing the first and largest donation.



L to R (Top Row) Dorothy, Mary Jean, Tom, Ron, Rita and Marlene. (Bottom) Karen, Adella, Nick, Sharon.

NICK ZUMBERGE FAMILY HISTORY

Nick Zumberge was born September 15, 1915, in St. Patrick, Ohio. He is the son of the late Joseph and Anna (Kuck) Zumberge, St. Patrick, Ohio. He has one sister living and one sister deceased.

Adella (Poeppelman) Zumberge was born on August 17, 1914, in Ft. Loramie, Ohio. Her grandparents originated from Germany, and her parents were the late Joseph and Mary (Gerling) Poeppelman from Ft. Loramie. Adella has four sisters and three brothers. Three other brothers and one sister are deceased.

Nick and Adella were married July 10, 1934, in St. Patrick, Ohio. They lived two years in Minster, Ohio, and then moved to St. Sebastian for nine years working as a stock buyer. They then moved to Chickasaw and started their own stockyard business located at its present location on St. Rte. 716, Chickasaw.

They lived in the house beside the stockyard from 1946-1980. In 1980 they built a new house across the road from the old one where they are presently living.

They have nine children. Dorothy lives at home. Mary Jean married Charles Wilker on August 4, 1956. They live in St. Marys and have six children and 2 grandchildren. Rita married Tom McEldowney on October 21, 1961. They live in Greenville, Ohio, and have four children and 2 grandchildren. Marlene married Howard Bruggeman on June 30, 1962. They live in Maria Stein and have three children. James lives in Tiffin, Ohio. Tom married Rita (Noll) on November 23, 1970. They live in Toledo, Ohio, and have two children. Ron lives in Arlington, Texas. Karen lives at home and works at the Cheryl Ann workshop. Sharon married Jerry Siegrist on November 11, 1978, and have three children. They live in Chickasaw.

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