JOHN CARL'S WRITINGS

In the 1880 U. S. Census, there is an asterisk after John Carl's name — * sunstruck. His grandchildren remember that for years he carried an umbrella, not so much for the usual reason, as for shade from the sun. We don't know when this illness occurred, but he mentions being sick in July 1870, and that a "hired man got 100\$ for the first year". It seems he was never able to work very hard after that. No wonder he had time to read and to write.

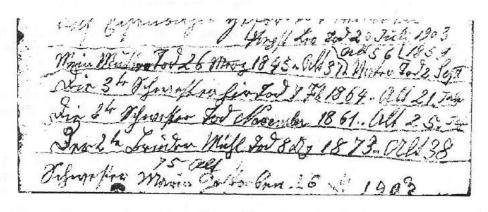
This entire chapter is from his writings, which Margaret Pint discovered in three of his favorite books. My mother, Rose Bodensteiner, spent many days translating. Many pages were very difficult to decipher, especially when his pencil was dull, or when he didn't write the letters clearly. Mom did a very good job, making it easy to understand, and yet preserving his style.

The earliest entries were in "Das Goldene Familienbuch", a large book of home remedies, or recipes. (See illustration on page 7.) He had "Received this book on August 4, 1877".

The greatest number of notations, from 1903 to 1905, were found in margins and on blank pages at the front and back of a novel, "Die Schwestern", by Georg Ebers, 1879. At the "Ende", he summed up - in just three words - his opinion of the book: "Hellisch. (Heathen.) Empty talk."

His feelings on the third book, a "massbook", were much more favorable: "Dieses buch kann mann so den Wahren Himmelschlisell heisen." (This book can be called the key to heaven.) It was published in Cologne on August 19, 1902, when John Carl was already 71 years of age, and it contains his last words of advice to all of us.

I sorted his notes by subject and date. My comments are in parenthesis. All the other information is from John Carl's own hand.



Pope Leo died 20 July 1903.

My mother died March 26, 1845, age 37 years.

My father died September 2, 1859, age 56 years.

Third sister died February 7, 1864, age 21 years.

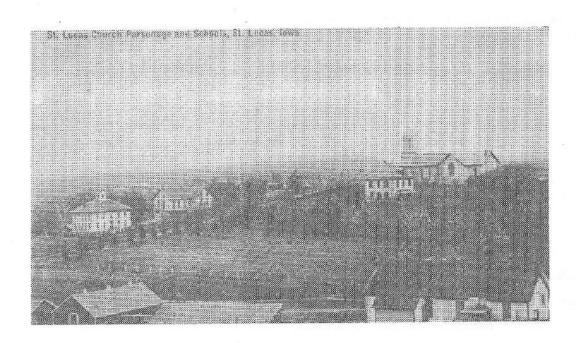
Second sister died November, 1861, age 25 years.

Second brother Mike died December 8, 1873, age 38 years.

Sister Mary died October 26, 1903, age 75 years.

From The WRITINGS OF JOHN CARL

CHURCH NOTES



St. Luke's Church Property, early 1900's

1867 - For priest house "bazalt"	10.00
1870 - For church, first built	75.00
1876 - For school	90.00
1883 - For church, second part	50.00
1889 - For church and school collect	30.00
1892 - Last priest house	20.00
1894 - Last school built, cost 1500	20.00

Church's new addition in 1883 cost about 12000\$. 1870 built cost 6000\$. Anton Zwack builder. Stacyville church built in 1904 cost 30,000.

1893 - Old bell cost 160 melted over.

1894 - Small bell cost 68 325 lbs.

1905 - Another small bell 450 lbs.

18 Mar 1894 - Lightning struck our church tower for the second time. There was no fire.

1 Sep 1904 - 4:00 P.M., the cross was knocked off the church.

1905 - In January it will be 50 years Jubilee that the first mass was here in 1855. (The first mass was celebrated in 1855, in the little log church the settlers built where later the Public School stood.)

From the WRITINGS OF JOHN CARL

PERSONAL NOTES

(About his life in Germany, he wrote only three paragraphs: one, about his military experience, found at the top of page 19, and the following:)

- 1854 The wheat in our measure was 3 dollars a bushel and the rye about the same and the bread slices got smaller. It was the worst year in my life. The year 1817 was worse.
- 1856 May 31 in Germany, there was at our place a hail storm from the southeastthe worst in Europe. It took the thickest trees just like straw. Worth millions. They made them into posts, but they were no good. They were coal black. The people said it was a Hexenstorm.

1868 - First railroad to Ossian.

1869 - First railroad to Fort Atkinson.

25 Feb 1882 - Bought a clock 500.

22 Sep 1882 - Our priest came. (Father Boeding)

4 Apr 1884 - Barbara Dakota. (Daughter Barbara?)

1886 - Barn 940.

Oct 1889 - Went to Carroll.

1889 - Bought stove in autumn from N. Croatt cost 19 dollars.

1891 - Bishop here.

18 Jan 1892 - Bought a "pferd" (horse), 165 dollars.
July 99 - traded 73.

24 Jun 1893 - Pump drilled, cost 20 dollars.

24 Apr 1895 - Wind pump 55 dollars.

15 Aug 1896 - At 8 o'clock in the morning, we had a terrible thunderstorm with hail on the northern side. It downed 8 or 10 windmills - Nick Kiener's and Old Kruse's. Ours, it damaged the wheel, cost 5.00 to fix it.

25 Apr 1897 - John Carl insured.

13 Jun 1899 - A little fire in the house.

17 Jun 1899 - In St. Lucas, the worst high water in 40 years.

22 Jun 1899 - Storm with large hail.

22 May 1900 - Kunen Haus up. (John H. Kuennen house was built.)

11 Oct 1900 - Mother Catherine came, married her November 3, 1900.

Mother Kunigunda "krank" (sick) 5 months, September 24 to February 22, 1899. 60 years old. Here 15 years. Married her October 2, 1883. Two times married.

1900 - Mission from December 23 to January 2. Last mission was January 5 to 12, 1896.

11 Aug 1901 - Our Margaret born. Ida born November 20, 1902. (Granddaughters.)

1 Aug 1901 - Razor knife bought for 1.50.

- Nov 1901 Window frame cost 3.15.
- Mar 1902 Joe Kappes to Minnesota.
- 2 Apr 1902 Our "Lise" went to Minnesota. (His daughter, Elizabeth Kappes and children moved to Buckman, MN, where her husband Joe had found a new job and new home a few weeks earlier.)
 - 1902 Last binder bought, cost 110.00. Bought stove, 24 dollars. Small cupboard 7.25, table 1.40.
- 23 Oct 1902 Clock, 4 dollars.
 - 1902 Talked with a man from Rockford, Illinois.
 - 1903 Emele and Kathe Buffalo (His wife's daughter and granddaughter.)
 Buffalo is 800 miles from here.
- 25 Jan 1904 "Mutter Mihm" was in Pittsburg, when there was an explosion in a coal mine where they brought out 150 bodies.
- 9 Feb 1904 Ugorek died, 84 years old. Ugoreck, Casimer. St. Lucas has 850, Dubuque 2500, it's good. (Casimer Ugoreck was a friend of John Carl, built a small cottage on great-grandfather's land. See also the statistical notes for 12 Feb 1904 on page 30. Ugoreck was the donor of our cemetery chapel.)
 - Apr 1904 Our Johan would have been 44 years old, born April 22, 1860. The oldest two children died in 1862.
 - May 1904 Old Axman died. (Achsman names found in our parish records.)
- 31 May 1904 Talked with Rosenbaum in St. Lucas.
- 18 Jun 1904 Oil cloth 15.
 - Twenty-five is paid for one month. In 1904, a hired man got 200 for 5 months. July 1870 sick, 100\$ cost for first year.
 - Jul 1904 A sapling tree bloomed, and again on August 10.
- 24 Aug 1904 We thrashed. There was a dust storm, so they stopped from 2:00 till 5:00 o'clock, because of wind and dirt. Barley was good 175, oats pretty good 630. Wheat not 3 acres.
- 7 Nov 1904 Our Concert Organ sold at 15.00. 50 pieces. (Mirra? See page 23. Or a phonograph? 50 records?)
- 14 Nov 1904 East-northeast storm.
- 25 Nov 1904 John Wurzer died, 80 years old. Mike (?) died December 24, 1903, at 82.
- 27 Dec 1904 A storm left 6 inches of snow, piled 16 feet high. Probably the most ever.
 - 1905 In January it will be 50 years Jubilee that the first mass was here in 1855. (In 1980, it will be 125 years.)
- 9 Jan 1905 Again a storm. A mean Dakota storm.
- 25 Jan 1905 A sow sold weight 470, @ 4.25 alive.
 - 1905 Addition to house, 600 dollars.

From the WRITINGS OF JOHN CARL

STATISTICS AND COMMENTS ON WORLD EVENTS

- Dec 1885 Father Aschenbrenner said the sun stands still and is like an ocean of fire. And it is 80 million German miles from the earth, yet still so hot here. The sun is large 1 million 300 times 1000 of the world. The globe can be put in and it is not yet filled.
 - 1886 The St. Stephen's Tower in Vienna is 432 feet high. In 1886, a man went up to set up a flag. (World Book agrees.)
- l Jan 1892 Newspaper from Stuttgard: Minnesota is 380 miles long and 240 miles wide. Has 51 million acres of land.

London is the largest city in England 4 000 000. Chicago the largest city in America, is 27 miles from north to south; 17 miles from east to west.

1903 - More than one million came from Europe to America.

America has 48 warships 50,000,000.

America has more than 10,000,000 Catholics.

America has 137,000,000 pensions to pay.

Americans tell us the "Affen" (monkeys) in Africa warm themselves by the fire, but do not understand that wood must be added to the fire. So you can see they have no sense like people. So then so good.

- Jun 1903 A priest, George Hauck was ordained priest in Petersburg.
 - 1903 75,000 Jews came to America.
- 6 Feb 1904 And 7 Feb 1904 Baltimore burned 50 million damage. (World Book: "The Great Baltimore Fire burned 2 days, spread over 140 acres. It destroyed every major downtown building. Although no homes or lives were lost, damage totaled over 100 million.")
- 12 Feb 1904 The Old Folks' Home in Dubuque will cost 70,000. Casimer Ugorek gave the first 2000, and 500 to the Orphanage. 3 stories high, 124 brick long, 140 rooms, 120 with hot water and electric lights.
- 25 Mar 1904 In Indiana, a big tornado, houses blown over, much rain, high water. There were only 3 cold days in the month of March.
- 30 Apr 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. 30,000 railroad carloads brought in.
- 7 May 1904 The Bishop from Regensburg was confirmed again at 87 years of age.

 Professor from Cologne in Washington. The professor building will cost 200,000,000.

The Jew Lewi left for Australia.

There is a Russian man in the West who is believed to be 171 years old.

There are about 11 million Jews in the world, paper says in 1904. America has 100,000 soldiers in 1904.

15 Jun 1904 - In New York, there was a steamship explosion. It was a fun trip.

There were 2000 persons on the ship, mostly women and children.

One-half died, they burned or drowned. They buried 245 in one
day. It took 8 hours to take them all across the Brooklyn Bridge.

(World Book: "The 'General Slocum' burned in the East River,
New York City - 1,030 dead.")

JOHN CARL'S STATISTICS AND COMMENTS ON WORLD EVENTS, Continued

- 1904 The German Kaiser Wilhelm has 650,000 soldiers. Russia's Czar has about 80 million military. Russia has 80 million farmers, big and small.
 - In Chicago lived a Vanderbilt, he had 300 million, he was the richest man in America. That was in 1899. 900 million Mark. Dead.
- 10 Mar 1905 It says in the farm paper: The Czar in Russia has more than 100 Palaces and Castles, where 32000 people are employed. They earn 20 million Franks. In the stables, are 5000 to 8000 horses for use in keeping everything up, and 50 000 head of cattle. And most places are not too nice.

Moscow has the largest bell 4.73 700 lbs.

- 20 Mar 1905 During the night, a flood hit Buffalo, the worst in history. The Cartage and Niagara Rivers and Caysenova Lake caused the greatest damage. 75,000 persons had to leave their homes when the water reached 5 feet deep. No one was killed. A steel bridge was washed away, the ice must have done it.
- 25 Mar 1905 The paper says there are 264 million Catholics.

 The Heidelberg Castle Barrel in Baden holds 75,000 gallons.
 - 1905 Ermer Anzerith sat in jail 1 year, in 1905, cost 900 Mark. One-half year in the hole. Right so.
- 19 Apr 1905 Radium discovered.
 - May 1905 Father Herr, Dubuque, is 56 years old.
 - Jun 1905 There is a Russian priest named Houdini. Chicago.
 - Sep 1905 Italy had an earthquake. Many died.
 - Oct 1905 For "Kristkindl" (Christmas) Chicago spent 22 million, and that already in October!
 - Nov 1905 All Haile. November 6 months old. The Mother of God helped for six months. (? A grandson was 6 months old in November, perhaps he had been sick . .)
 - 1905 92,000 Socialists formed a "Bund" (a union or pact).
 - I read in the paper that a son from America came to visit his parents when they were eating supper. The father knew him right away. He had just taken a bite of bread, and he choked on it in his excitement. It happened in Alsess. No joke!
 - Sep 1901 President McKinley was shot in Buffalo on September 6, died on September 14. (World Book: . . "in Buffalo at Pan-American Exposition". .) Roosevelt is president. McKinley was president for 4 years on January 2, 1901.

Paris is 7 hours long, and 3 hours wide.

- A church will be built in Chicago costing 100,000, of steel and stone.
- 17 May 1896 At St. Louis, 600 persons were swept into the Missouri River.
 - 1897 In Japan, a storm at sea, waves 80 feet high, swept 4000 people and the city into the sea.
 - In Pennsylvania, at one time, more than 300 people died when a dam broke.
 - 1875 In Alsass, a train derailed on a broken bridge and 375 persons lost their lives. Bonerat.

JOHN CARL'S STATISTICS AND COMMENTS ON WORLD EVENTS, Continued

- 28 Jun 1904 A Danish steamship sank at sea with 700 persons on board, mostly Russian and Polish people.
 - Read in the newspaper, Chicago will build the world's biggest hotel at a cost of 10,000,000. 22 stories high. 400 x 171 feet. That's good.
 - 1880 About 323 persons drowned when their ship sank at high sea, among them were 3 sisters.
 - 7 May 1901 On the island of Martinique, 3000 people died in a fire. Volcano erupted unexpectedly.
 - 1881 In Minnesota, a theater burned, 1000 people died.
- 30 Dec 1903 In Chicago, a theater burned, 600 people died. (World Book: The Iriquois Theater.)

Vanderbilt had 300 million.

RECIPES, or REMEDIES

Linden Tea (Basswood) is good for Yellow Jaundice.

- One-half teaspoon salt, dissolved in a little water drink, and it will stop heartburn and other stomach trouble. It is also good to gargle for throat trouble. So says the recipe in the paper.
- For good health: Have fresh air every day; exercise with work and walking, and rest. Eat simple, have fruit, drink water and milk; stay away from alcoholic drinks. Wash off with cold water every day, take a cold bath. Do not wear too heavy clothes, live in a spacious house. The night is for sleep.
- If one has taken poison, you should take 2 to 4 spoons of honey. Honey does not agree with poison. 2 spoons full of honey are very nourishing, boiled in milk for little children.

If one is overheated in hot weather, you should take bitter salt right away. For new bleeding, the best remedy is warm cows' milk.

For poison fly stings, soda.

During lightning and thunderstorms, it is better to lie down than to stand.

The best remedy for a sick horse, is to boil an ant nest and give the water to the horse.

For a sick hog, smear turpentine on its back.

- To get rid of rats, take a shingle or thin board and smear molasses on it and add lime, and the rats will all run away. Baltimore 1906.
- One spoonful of alcohol taken in the morning is good for the heart and circulates the blood. For the lungs it is good to take horseradish and water. For diptheria it is good to gargle with kerosine oil. From paper July 12, 1879.
- Building wood should be cut in the waning moon and no worm holes will appear. Between November 18 and December 13 is the best time.

About WARS

- The Civil War from 1861 to 1865 took 600,000 lives. It was the worst war in the history of the world. The North called over 2 000 000 men to take arms, and lost more than 200,000 soldiers. It cost over "funf million" (five million).
- The American war with Spain was almost as bad. It started April 23, lasted 13 months in 1898, cost 26 000 000. The Philippine war in 1900 cost 125 million, lasted 3 years.
- There was a "Tuschen" (not sure of the spelling) War in Olisa, Perciviel County, Minnesota. Many butchered. Later Henry Kuennen had 80 acres there. It scared all of the north. (?)
 - 1866 From June to August, Bavaria had war with Prussia. (World Book: "Seven Weeks' War also called Austro-Prussian War. Prussia fought against Austria and other German states.") Prussia won. Then Russia with France for one-half year in 1871. ("Franco-Prussian War.")
- The Thirty Year War was from 1618 to 1648. (This was the last of the great religious wars of Europe. It began between Protestants and Catholics in the German states. There was much suffering, and it took almost 200 years for Germany to recover. From World Book.)
 - 8 Feb 1904 In the war in East Asia, Russia lost the first battle at night.

 They were the losers most of the time.
 - Port Arthur reinforced. (World Book: "Port Arthur, a Chinese port leased by Russia, was attacked without warning by Japan in February of 1904, to start the Russo-Japanese War. Russia declared war the following day, February 9.")
- 7 Sep 1904 In the world's biggest battle, the Russians lost 25,000 men, the Japanese 17,000. War is hell.
- 15 Oct 1904 Another big battle took place, many losses on both sides. The Japanese won mostly. The Russians won for the first time in 8 months.
 - The Dubuque paper says the Russian war can go on for two years. Russia had war with Turkey in 1879. It made the Turkish Sultan small in size. In 1904, Russia had 4,50 000 men. (?)
- 2 Jan 1905 Japan lost 80,000 men. (So far?)
- 10 Mar 1905 The biggest battle was at Mindgen. The war cost Russia 150,000 men, the Japanese 90,000 men.
- 13 Mar 1905 The Czar had a meeting in Petersburg to try to get an end to the war soon.
- 15 Mar 1905 The Russians lost again. We look for an early end, but Nickl (Czar Nicholas II) may burst open with anger, and go on. . .
- 7 May 1905 Port Arthur, Japan, a fleet of 9 ships sank from storm and ice in the port of entrance.
 - May 1905 The battle the end of May was the second largest sea battle in history. In 16 months the Russians lost 32 ships.
- 29 and 30 Jun 1905 A revolution in the Russian city of Odessa took the lives of 1400 persons, 300 burned.
- 26 Aug 1905 It is 192 (?) years since the great Turkish war. We were saved.

 Through prayer. 33

From The WRITINGS OF JOHN CARL

About RELIGION

- In 1846, "Mutter Gottes" (Mother of God) appeared in Lasalette. Blessed Mother appeared in Lourdes in 1858.
- In 1854, Mary Immaculate was declared a feast with a holy year and prayer. (World Book: "The doctrine of Immaculate Conception was defined on December 8, 1854.")
- 1882 Chicago has 100 churches, 48 priests, 1 archbishop.
 - Rome has 400 churches, thankfully Catholic. There are 8500 Missionaries in the world.
 - St. Paul said, if you find something good, hold on to it. Will be continued.
- 1903 July 20, Pope Leo died.
- 1904 Is a Jubilee Year with special prayers.

For this Jubilee Year, the Pope has granted an indulgence of 300 days when we say a prayer to the Immaculate Conception of Mary for the unhappy world. We call to her for help. The prayer:

Most blessed Virgin Mary, chosen by the Lord to be His mother, Immaculate in body and soul. In the faith and knowledge in this jubilee of the scripture that told the world that you conceived without sin, watch mercifully the unhappy world, which asks for your protection. The Turkish snake, against which the first battle was lost, tries to fight against the youth without interruption.

Oh, you blessed Mother, our queen, our advocate, who from the first moment after conception has crushed the head of the enemy, we implore you, that you may hear our prayers and take them to God's throne, also that we will never fall into sin, and thus will reach the gates of Heaven, and can praise the church and christian society, after having overcome so many dangers.

- Statistics show that at this time Rome has a population of about 280,000 persons, with 13550 buildings.
- Rome has 347 Catholic churches, 8 archdioceses, chapels and 4 synagogues. There are 46 parish schools, attended by 8308 boys, and 7049 girls, besides 94 private schools, 77 church, 56 government. 5 children asylums, 16 seminaries, 4 parish hospices for 1000 persons, 4 hospitals where 3500 sick people can find help. 3840 guest houses where food and drinks can be had, according to the newspaper.
- 28 Feb 1904 Forty Hours' Devotion.
- 12 Apr 1904 On the feast of St. Gregorius the Great, 40,000 people attended mass in St. Peter's Church. It measures 5 acres. The Pope's beautiful home has 500 rooms. There have been 258 popes, officially. Found out in 1904, from statistics of September 8, 1903, that there were only 258 popes, instead of 264. Six less.
 - May 1904 Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul will build a new luxurious cathedral to cost 300 million, reports the paper, "The Wanderer".
- Jun 1904 The Turks in Armenia killed 6000 Christians. The Turks are heathens. In Regensburg, a Catholic convention.
- Chicago has 951 churches, Buffalo 194. There are 7 heavens and 7 earths.
- Martin Luther died in 1515, 46 years old. In 1904, they found evidence that he died peacefully and quietly from a stroke.

JOHN CARL'S RELIGIOUS NOTES, Continued

England fell away in 1532. 1904, for 50 years, England was all Protestant.

Since 1893, Dubuque is an archdiocese.

In the whole world, they count 1539 million people, one-half pagan.

An old mother in France, went to mass every morning. One day there was ice all over and she fell and broke an arm. She went to mass, then to the doctor. She said it was all right. She can carry the arm in a sling. If it was the leg, she could not go to Mass. I am thankful.

St. Hedwig was born in Potsdam. She was only 12 years old when she was married. She had 3 sons and 3 daughters.

1905 - There are two Ida's in the Legend of the Saints: one's feast-day is November 3, the other on December 11.

25 Mar 1905 - The paper says there are 264 million Catholics.

24 Dec 1905 - Is a nice story about St. Eugenia, or St. Eufrosina.

Since Easter, 1905, Russia gave freedom to all religions.

St. Alphonse Church in Baltimore has an organ with 3000 posts (pipes?) - the first built in America.

Zurich, Switzerland, all is Lutheran in a former convent.

1905 - Our Union has a variety of religions: 30 million belong to a church, over 40 million belong to no church.

2 Jun 1906 - Pope Pius is 71 years old.

4 Jun 1906 - Baltimore Primer - 50¢ is the price of the book. The call is to pray, pray, pray.

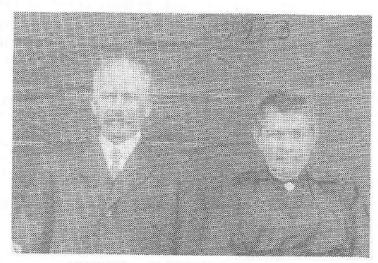
16 Aug 1906 - The Bishop of Regensburg died, 88 years old. For 4 years he was the spiritual leader of 900,000 souls.

At the consecration, everyone should look at the host. There is an indulgence with it.

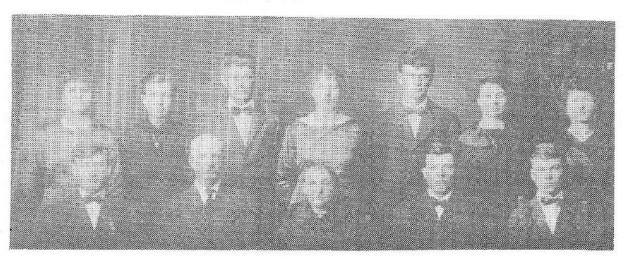
(About his new mass book:) This book can be called the key to heaven.

(After a paragraph where the author says: I pray to the Lord that he may soften the hearts of those that read this book, so they will hear the mass with greater devotion and remember me in their prayers, great-grandfather comments:)

I agree with this. Amen. I will say this book is worth very much for Catholics to read during mass. Unless you read it, you will not believe what it says: leave everything and follow me. Scripture tells the pain in this world is nothing compared to the suffering in Purgatory. No one has experienced it and they go on their same way. So we should give a good example, and let not an hour pass without penance. Or best of all, we should attend mass to save us from eternal fire. Thanks be to God. The best test would be the fire test for stubborn unbelievers.



GERHARD and THERESIA HACKMAN



Minnie, Katherine, Carl, Barbara, Henry, Mary, Anna Ed, Gerhard, Theresia, Joseph, Will 1919

GERHARD and THERESIA HACKMAN FAMILY

Theresia Bodensteiner

b 4 Dec 1862

pb St. Lucas, Iowa

d 8 Dec 1927

pd New Hampton, Iowa

Gerhard Hackman

b 14 Feb 1861

pb Decatur, Indiana

d 8 May 1942

pd New Hampton, Iowa

Married 30 Jan 1883 at St. Lucas.

Gerhard and Theresia farmed $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of St. Lucas. He was a long-time secretary for the St. Lucas Farmers Creamery, and an assessor for Auburn Township. Their children:

- I. Katherine Hackman b 6 Jan 1885 St. Lucas; d 7 Jun 1973 New Hampton m 25 Nov 1903 Nick Kuehner b 21 Feb 1876 St. Lucas; d 12 Dec 1958 Rochester Farmed $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi N of St. Lucas, retired in St. Lucas.
 - 1. Rose <u>Kuehner</u> b 31 May 1905 St. Lucas
 Sister M. Nicolette; entered St. Rose Convent at LaCrosse, WI on
 l Aug 1924. Teaching at Harper, IA.
 - 2. Theresa Kuehner b 17 Jul 1907 St. Lucas

 m 3 Feb 1931 Joe M. Winter b 22 Aug 1907 St. Lucas
 Farmed near Lawler, now retired rural Lawler.
 - 3. William Kuehner b 5 Oct 1909 St. Lucas m 24 Oct 1933 Minnie Kuennen b 27 Oct 1912 St. Lucas Farm ½ mi S of St. Lucas.
 - 4. Elizabeth Kuehner b 7 Dec 1911 St. Lucas
 m 6 Feb 1934 Leo Kuennen b 4 Jan 1910 St. Lucas
 Farmed near New Hampton, now retired in New Hampton.
 - 5. Mary Kuehner b 18 Dec 1914 St. Lucas
 Sister M. Rose Catherine; entered St. Rose Convent at LaCrosse, WI on 13 Aug 1937, works at the Villa.
 - 6. Anna Kuehner b 3 Feb 1916 St. Lucas m 14 Feb 1939 Ray Kuennen b 27 Jan 1917 St. Lucas Farm 2 mi S of Lawler.
 - 7. <u>Barbara Kuehner</u> b 26 Jan 1918 St. Lucas; d 8 Jan 1975 LaCrosse WI Sister M. Cyrene; entered St. Rose Convent at LaCrosse, WI on 21 Aug 1939.
 - 8. Carl Kuehner b 4 Feb 1920 St. Lucas m 24 Jun 1941 Theresa Wurzer b 10 Feb 1920 St. Lucas Farm 1 mi S of Lawler.
 - 9. Josephine Kuehner b 22 Dec 1922 St. Lucas; d 22 Dec 1922 St. Lucas
 - 10. Leonard Kuehner b 20 May 1925 St. Lucas m 4 May 1948 Rita Schwade b 26 Jan 1930 Spillville Farm home place $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi N of St. Lucas.

- II. <u>Henry Hackman</u> b 18 Jun 1886 St. Lucas; d 8 Feb 1958 St. Lucas m 7 Jun 1910 Clara Rausch b 11 May 1887 Fort Atkinson; d 17 Mar 1968 Ossian Farmed 3 mi N of St. Lucas; Henry was a carpenter.
 - 1. <u>Hilda Hackman</u> b 31 Aug 1911 St. Lucas m 9 Feb 1953 Carl Brandsmeier b 9 Sep 1910 Waukon Farm near Waukon.
 - 2. Rose <u>Hackman</u> b 15 Nov 1912 St. Lucas
 Was housekeeper for brother Carl until his death; lives in Waucoma.
 - 3. <u>Hugo Hackman</u> b 7 Jan 1915 St. Lucas
 m 28 Sep 1937 Mildred Wieling b 18 Aug 1918 Festina Farmed 2½ mi E of Waucoma; retired to Fort Atkinson.
 - 4. Carl Hackman b 24 Apr 1917 St. Lucas; d 29 Nov 1972 Farmed SE of Waucoma.
 - 5. Adolph Hackman b 11 Apr 1920 St. Lucas
 Lives in Decorah; farms home place 3 mi N of St. Lucas.
 - 6. <u>Hilaria Hackman</u> b 9 Feb 1923 St. Lucas
 m 16 Sep 1941 Edwin Kipp b 29 Oct 1917 Festina
 Live on farm S of Festina; Edwin works at Paul Kuhn Co. Ft. Atkinson.
 - 7. Leona Hackman b 9 May 1926 St. Lucas m 19 Jun 1946 Clarence Winter b 8 Dec 1921 St. Lucas Farm $5\frac{1}{2}$ mi SW of St. Lucas.
 - 8. <u>Dolora Hackman</u> b 16 May 1929 St. Lucas m 8 Oct 1953 Julian Sabelka b 18 Apr 1927 Reilly Ridge Farm ½ mi from Reilly Ridge.
- III. Joseph Hackman b 16 Nov 1887 St. Lucas; d 23 Apr 1977 Ossian
 m 25 Nov 1913 Theresia Schmitt b 20 Mar 1892 St. Lucas; d 29 Dec 1968
 Farmed 3 mi N of St. Lucas before retiring St. Lucas. New Hampton
 - 1. Margaret Hackman b 5 Aug 1915 St. Lucas; d 28 Nov 1958 Decorah m 16 Nov 1937 Felix Wenthold b 10 Oct 1907 Festina Felix farms 7 mi NE of Ossian.
 - 2. Leo Hackman b 25 Apr 1918 St. Lucas m 10 Sep 1940 Rita Leibold b 24 May 1919 Fort Atkinson Farm 5 mi SW of Fort Atkinson.
 - 3. Anselm Hackman b 11 Jan 1920 St. Lucas m 21 Sep 1943 Leonore Franzen b 21 Sep 1922 St. Lucas Farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of Waucoma.
 - 4. Alfonse <u>Hackman</u> b l Nov 1921 St. Lucas; d 13 Aug 1958 Des Moines m 1942 Betty Stripe b 27 Dec 1922 Des Moines Betty lives in California.
 - 5. Florian Hackman b 27 Apr 1923 St. Lucas m 11 Oct 1949 Lorraine Loesch b 5 Mar 1931 Spillville Farm 5½ mi NW of St. Lucas,
 - 6. <u>Joseph Hackman</u> b 15 Aug 1925 St. Lucas m 28 Oct 1952 Agnes Elsbernd b 20 Jan 1931 Festina Farm home place 3 mi N of St. Lucas.

- 7. Jerome Hackman b 28 Feb 1928 St. Lucas

 m 26 Sep 1950 Darlyne Rilling b 11 Jul 1931 Fort Atkinson
 Farm 3 mi N of St. Lucas.
- 8. <u>Dorothy Hackman</u> b 13 Oct 1932 St. Lucas m 20 May 1952 William Bohach b 21 Oct 1930 Fort Atkinson Farm 3½ mi NW of Fort Atkinson.
- IV. Mary Hackman b 7 Apr 1889 St. Lucas; d 13 Jan 1926 Festina

 m 4 May 1909 Hieronymus Korzendorfer b 4 May 1880 St. Lucas; d 2 Apr 1915
 Farmed 3 mi SE of St. Lucas.

 St. Lucas
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 m 9 Jun 1931 Paul Herold b 12 Apr 1894 Fort Atkinson
 Farmed 3 mi W of Fort Atkinson, retired to Fort Atkinson in 1963.
 - 2. <u>Katherine Korzendorfer</u> b 29 Jun 1911 St. Lucas m 3 May 1938 Alois Nolte b 19 May 1914 St. Lucas; d 20 Jul 1974 Katie farms 1½ mi S of Waucoma. Waucoma
 - 3. Nic Korzendorfer b 19 Dec 1913 St. Lucas m 28 Nov 1947 Edythe White b 26 Sep 1920 Ceres, CA Live in Modesto, CA; retired.
 - 4. John Korzendorfer b 15 Jul 1914 St. Lucas
 m 15 Feb 1938 Loretta Schmitt b 28 May 1919 St. Lucas
 Farm 3½ mi NE of Waucoma.

Mary m 16 Apr 1917 Joe Dietzenbach b 20 Sep 1874; d 25 Sep 1949 New Hampton They farmed 3 mi NE of St. Lucas. Went to Festina church before changing to St. Lucas after 1930.

- 1. <u>Hugo Dietzenbach</u> b 15 Feb 1918 Festina m 4 Jun 1940 Irene Meyer b 19 Mar 1921 St. Lucas Farm 3½ mi SE of Waucoma.
- 2. <u>Herbert Dietzenbach</u> b 15 Feb 1918 Festina m 11 Jun 1940 Mildred Croatt b 10 Oct 1920 St. Lucas Farm 4 mi SE of St. Lucas.
- 3. Joseph Dietzenbach b 15 Apr 1919 Festina Lives in St. Lucas; works at Sara Lee in New Hampton.
- 4. Edward Dietzenbach b 31 Jan 1921 Festina
 m 11 Jun 1947 Louise Croatt b 25 Aug 1927 St. Lucas
 Farm 3 mi SW of St. Lucas.
- 5. <u>Urban Dietzenbach</u> b 28 Feb 1922 Festina

 m 3 Oct 1944 Lucy Schmitt b 21 Feb 1926 St. Lucas
 Farm 3½ mi W of Cresco.
- 6. Marie Dietzenbach b 30 Apr 1923 Festina
 m 25 May 1948 John Huber b 1 Oct 1919 Spillville
 Farm 10 mi N of New Hampton.
- 7. Francis Dietzenbach b 1 Oct 1924 Festina m 30 Aug 1948 Helen Hageman b 13 Sep 1927 Festina Farm home place 3 mi NE of St. Lucas.
- 8. Minnie Dietzenbach b 13 Jan 1926 Festina; d 13 Jan 1926 Festina

- V. Ed Hackman b 8 Jan 1892 St. Lucas; d 5 Sep 1941 New Hampton m 6 Jun 1916 Anna Schmitt b 16 Mar 1898 St. Lucas; d 22 Aug 1954 LaCrosse WI Farmed 3½ mi S of Festina.
 - 1. Othmar Hackman b 30 Apr 1918 Festina
 m 5 Aug 1941 Florence Luzum b 6 Feb 1921 Calmar
 Farmed 1 mi S of Cresco; now live in Cresco.
 - 2. Irene Hackman b 26 Mar 1921 Festina m 29 May 1945 Wesley Shatek b 11 Jul 1920 Lourdes Farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi S of Lourdes.
 - 3. Agatha Hackman b 2 Apr 1923 Festina
 Sister Phyllis Ann; entered St. Rose Convent in LaCrosse, WI on
 21 Jan 1946. Sister is a dietician, presently in LaCrosse.
 - 4. Marcella Hackman b 8 Apr 1925 Festina
 Sister Marcella; entered St. Rose Convent in LaCrosse, WI on 3 Sep 1943. Now an elementary teacher at St. Pius, Cedar Rapids.
 - 5. Rita Hackman b 17 Mar 1927 Festina m 13 Apr 1948 Joe Shatek b 1 Apr 1926 Lourdes Farm ½ mi E of Fort Atkinson.
 - Lucille Hackman b 17 Aug 1929 Festina
 m 22 Aug 1950 Arthur Kruse b 24 Sep 1926 St. Lucas Farm 3½ mi N of Calmar.
 - 7. Paul Hackman b 29 Jun 1931 Festina m 21 Oct 1952 Betty Jane Junk b 5 Jul 1935 St. Lucas Farm 1 mi N of Calmar.
 - 8. Norbert Hackman b 28 Apr 1934 Festina

 m 29 Jun 1959 Elnore Schaufenbuel b 13 Jan 1936

 Farm home place 3½ mi S of Festina; Elnore works part-time at the bank in St. Lucas.
 - 9. Phyllis Hackman b 28 Sep 1939 Festina
 m 9 Jul 1966 Duane Einwalter b 15 Mar 1936 Fort Atkinson Farm 4½ mi W of Fort Atkinson.
- VI. Barbara Hackman b 30 May 1895 St. Lucas
 - m 4 May 1915 Hugo Rausch b 22 Mar 1889 Fort Atkinson; d 28 May 1953 St. Lucas Farmed $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi N of St. Lucas. Barbara lives in Fort Atkinson.
 - 1. Carl Rausch b 30 Mar 1916 St. Lucas m 14 Sep 1946 Helen Martin b 15 May 1920 Los Angeles CA Live in Ontario, CA; own and operate Carl's Mobile Homes Sales and Service.
 - 2. <u>Herbert Rausch</u> b 5 May 1917 St. Lucas

 m 27 Dec 1945 Christine Kuboushek b 5 Aug 1924 Spillville
 Live in Fort Atkinson; Herbert has an excavating business.
 - 3. Alex Rausch b 4 Jun 1918 St. Lucas m 13 Sep 1939 Loretta Riha b 30 Sep 1920 St. Lucas Farm 3 mi SW of Fort Atkinson.

- 4. Hermina Rausch b 19 Jul 1919 St. Lucas

 m 22 Nov 1938 Arnold Boeding b 22 May 1910 St. Lucas
 Farm 3½ mi SW of St. Lucas.
- 5. <u>Verena Rausch</u> b 29 Jun 1922 St. Lucas m 7 May 1940 James Croatt b 15 Jul 1915 St. Lucas Farm near Gouldsburg Park 4½ mi SW of St. Lucas.
- 6. <u>Laura Rausch</u> b 2 May 1925 St. <u>Lucas</u>
 m 27 Nov 1948 Robert Kuboushek b 26 May 1927 Spillville
 Farm 4½ mi NE of Spillville.
- 7. <u>Donald Rausch</u> b 12 Oct 1933 St. Lucas

 m 30 Jun 1953 Darlys Nienhaus b 14 Sep 1935 Fort Atkinson
 Live on the home farm; are in the construction business.
- VII. Carl Hackman b 17 Apr 1897 St. Lucas

m 28 Apr 1925 Matilda Schmitt b 28 Apr 1905 St. Lucas Farmed $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi SE of St. Lucas, now retired on the farm.

- 1. Ann Hackman b 30 Apr 1926 St. Lucas; d 6 Jan 1958 St. Lucas
- 2. Arlene Hackman b 30 Apr 1928 St. Lucas
 m 28 Apr 1948 Clifford Bouska b 30 Aug 1924 Waucoma
 Farm 3 mi S of Waucoma.
- 3. Alberta Hackman b 24 Nov 1930 St. Lucas m 17 Oct 1953 Lavern Bouska b 25 Aug 1929 Waucoma Farm 5 mi SE of Lawler.
- 4. George Hackman b 29 Jul 1934 St. Lucas
 m 14 Jun 1956 Mary Ann Sabelka b 17 Aug 1936 Reilly Ridge
 Farm home place 2½ mi SE of St. Lucas.
- 5. Clarabelle Hackman b 7 May 1937 St. Lucas m 31 May 1955 Howard Taylor b 26 Mar 1933 Fort Atkinson Farm $4\frac{1}{2}$ mi W of Fort Atkinson.
- 6. <u>Jeanette Hackman</u> b 19 Jan 1940 St. Lucas m 2 May 1963 Elmer Bucheit b 26 May 1938 Festina Farm $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi E of Festina.
- VIII. Anna Hackman b 20 Dec 1899 St. Lucas

m 10 Feb 1920 Frank X. Schmitt b 5 Feb 1896 St. Lucas Farmed 2 mi W of Fort Atkinson, retired and living with Leonard.

- 1. <u>Leonard Schmitt</u> b 2 Feb 1921 Fort Atkinson Farms 3 mi SW of Fort Atkinson.
- 2. Mildred Schmitt b 25 Jan 1923 Fort Atkinson m 26 Sep 1945 Cletus Uhlenhake b 28 Nov 1926 Ossian Farm 1 mi E of Ossian.
- 3. Clarence Schmitt b 11 Mar 1924 St. Lucas m 29 Aug 1944 Evelyn Winter b 9 Sep 1924 St. Lucas Live in Marion.
- 4. <u>Luella Schmitt</u> b 14 Dec 1927 Fort Atkinson m 13 Jun 1949 Jerome Elsbernd b 20 Jul 1925 Festina Farm 2½ mi N of Spillville.

- 5. Elaine Schmitt b 24 Mar 1930 Fort Atkinson m 5 Nov 1951 Luke Kuennen b 2 Apr 1931 St. Lucas Farm 2 mi SE of Festina.
- 6. Elmer Schmitt b 20 Feb 1935 Fort Atkinson
 m 16 Aug 1955 Dorothy Hageman b 24 Mar 1935 Calmar
 Farm the home place 2 mi W of Fort Atkinson.
- 7. Francis Schmitt b 7 Mar 1938 Fort Atkinson; d 7 Mar 1938 Ft. Atkinson
- IX. Minnie Hackman b 12 Feb 1902 St. Lucas

m 21 Aug 1923 John T. Winter b 24 Nov 1897 St. Lucas; d 18 Feb 1978 New Hampton Farmed NW of St. Lucas, moved to Waucoma in 1961. Minnie lives in Waucoma.

1. Irma Winter b 4 Jul 1924 St. Lucas

m 18 Apr 1944 Virgil Thuente b 7 Apr 1922 Festina Farmed NW of Festina, now live in Festina; Irma is a cook at Phil's Cafe in Calmar; Virgil is a bus driver and custodian at South Winneshiek School in Calmar.

- 2. Leona Winter b 6 Feb 1927 St. Lucas m 11 Jun 1946 Vincent Bullerman b 19 Sep 1920 Calmar Farm 1½ mi S of Calmar.
- 3. Melvin Winter b 25 Jan 1929 St. Lucas

 m 14 Apr 1953 Mary Lou Sabelka b 21 May 1934 Reilly Ridge
 Live in Lawler. Melvin drives a gas truck for the Co-on
- Live in Lawler; Melvin drives a gas truck for the Co-op.

 4. <u>Delbert Winter</u> b 21 Nov 1931 St. Lucas

m 14 Oct 1957 Ruby Kalishek b 24 May 1933 Protivin Farm the home place 5 mi NW of St. Lucas; Delbert is a bus driver for Turkey Valley School in Jackson Junction.

5. Alma Winter b 14 Dec 1934 St. Lucas
m 5 May 1954 Irvin Ameling b 27 Sep 1932 St. Lucas
Farm 2 mi E of St. Lucas.

X. Will Hackman b 6 Jun 1904 St. Lucas; d 7 Apr 1972 St. Lucas

m 11 Jun 1929 Clara Lusson b 25 Nov 1906 St. Lucas; d 1 Jan 1964 St. Lucas Farmed the home place 3 mi SW of St. Lucas.

- 1. Alvin Hackman b 13 Nov 1930 St. Lucas
 - m 30 Jun 1952 Bernice Hageman b 16 May 1931 Calmar Farm the home place 3 mi SW of St. Lucas.
- 2. Edna Hackman b 29 Sep 1934 New Hampton

m 17 May 1954 James Lechtenberg b 18 Jul 1932 Festina Farm 2 mi $\rm E$ of Postville.



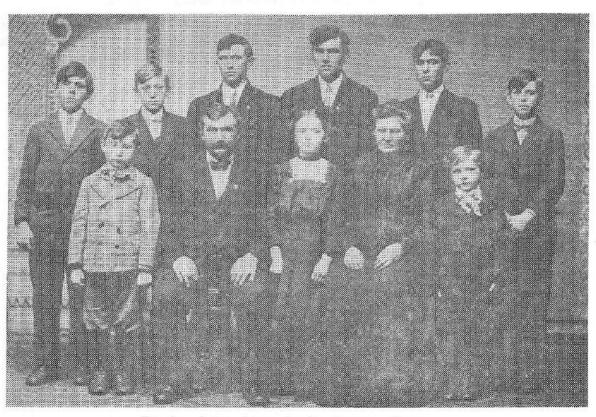
A gathering of family, friends, and neighbors at the Gerd Hackman home in 1914.

Back row: Henry Bodensteiner, Vince Kappes, Nick Kuehner, Theodore Schmitt,
Katie Hackman Kuehner and Mary, Gerd Hackman, Joe Hackman, Math Blong,
Theresa Schmitt Hackman, Herman Hackman, Christ Schmitt, John Rausch,
John Schwamman, Clara Rausch Hackman, Henry Hackman.

Front row: Helena Kuennen Bodensteiner, Margaret Freise Schmitt, Theresa Bodensteiner Hackman, Philomena Bodensteiner Blong, Johanna Bodensteiner Hackman, Anna Hackman Schmitt, Elizabeth Rausch, Anna Schwamman.



HENRY and HELENA BODENSTEINER



Frank, John, Ben, Carl, Henry, Clem Luke, Henry, Caroline, Helena, Ed 44

HENRY and HELENA BODENSTEINER FAMILY

Helena Kuennen

b 12 May 1864

pb St. Lucas, Iowa

d 25 Feb 1946

pd St. Lucas, Iowa

Father - J. Barney Kuennen Mother - Catharina Meyer

Henry Bodensteiner

b 20 Jan 1864

pb St. Lucas, Iowa

d 13 Apr 1920

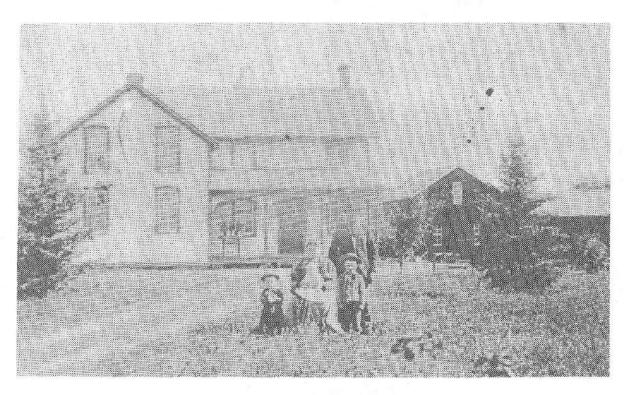
pd near Auburn

Married 13 Feb 1888 at St. Lucas.

My grandparents, Henry and Helena, farmed for several years on what is now the Earl Drilling farm; then, a few years "on the prairie" - the farm later owned by Katherine Schmitt. Dad was only about four years old when they moved from this farm, but he still remembered the scolding he and Carl got for running away, up the long lane at the "house on the prairie", and getting all muddy.

On January 1, 1895, Henry and Helena bought the farm two miles southeast of St. Lucas, that later became my parents' farm. The house had been built in the 1870's, and consisted of only the west part - two rooms downstairs, and several bedrooms upstairs. They had an addition - the east part - built on before they moved.

Dad also remembered when the barn was built on the new farm. He and his brothers had the measles, and were supposed to stay in bed. But with all the goings-on out in the yard, they spent most of the day by the upstairs windows, watching and listening, as the carpenter, Jake Thiel, would holler each time another rafter was ready to raise: "Hee-o, up! Hee-o, up!"



Helena, Henry and family after 1895

When my parents were going to get married, Henry and Helena and the younger children moved to the present Kilian Bodensteiner farm. This is where they were living when grandfather died, on April 13, 1920, at the age of 56.

There had been a meeting the night before, and that morning he was out getting signatures for some project. Dad thought it might have been something to do with The McNary-Haugen Bill, so I asked my cousin, and fellow-genealogist, Clair Blong, to check the Congressional Record for that period of time. We discovered that the McNary-Haugen Bill was talked about, in many different versions, for many years, as a solution to the serious problems faced by the farmers in those years. Uncle Luke thought his dad might have been selling Liberty Bonds - Victory Series - that morning.

He was in the buggy, ready to leave the Clair Shepard place south of Auburn, when he died suddenly of a heart attack. People still remember how the whole community was shocked. He had been such an active man . . .

Most of his grandchildren never knew him, but from all reports, grandfather was a great man. A real go-getter. Always working "for the good of the people". Whenever volunteers were needed, or wherever new ideas were being discussed, he was there. Dad wondered if his father would have lived longer had he been able to say 'no' occasionally.

He was on the committee that started the County Agent Association in July, 1917. He worked to get the Fayette County Farm Bureau organized, also in 1917. He surely sat at many meetings alongside former governor of Iowa, William Larrabee of Clermont, as both were on the first boards of directors of both these organizations.



Henry and Helena Frank, Henry, Carl Ben

Grandfather was also active in various offices of the Farmers Creamery after its organization in early 1893. At the "first annual" meeting in December, when the first routes were let, "H. Bodensteiner received Route # 7, @ 12 cts per cwt milk". At the next annual meeting, he was voted to the board of directors, and re-elected in each of the following years.

In 1906, he declined the presidency, as did his brother-in-law, Gerd Hackman, in 1907. There was a lot of dissension those first years, over the hiring of buttermakers, and "the topic of taking in milk and cream, either or both, but came to no conclusion." Henry served as president from 1913 to 1917, and was a director at the time of his death. His son, Ed, became secretary for the Creamery in 1933, and served until his death in 1957.

Many folks told me that Grandfather Henry was "one of the main singers" on the church choir. He had a good voice, and loved to sing. Several of his sons, and many grandchildren have followed in his footsteps - on the choir.

Uncle Luke shared some of his memories with me, pertaining to the years before his father's death:

"... At that time, I was Dad's right-hand man. Henry had started farming on the prairie farm (later the John Bruess farm), John the Pete Schmitt farm, Frank was helping at Carl's. That left Clem for the heavy work, and me. Caroline was getting ready to marry John Bruess, and so Ed became mother's helper. So I worked with Dad and enjoyed every minute. He had everything a good boss could have - a good leader-understanding, etc. If he just could have lived a few more years . . . "

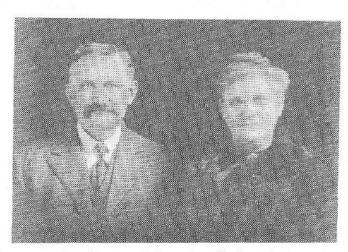
"I remember he had a corn cob pipe in every building and every tool box. When things got a little "sticky", he would fill the bowl full of good old Summertime tobacco. On a windy day, he would chew it."

"I've said many times, that if 'Kaiser Bill' had had Henry Bodensteiner for a drill sargent, he would have won the war. He was by far the most efficient worker I've ever encountered."

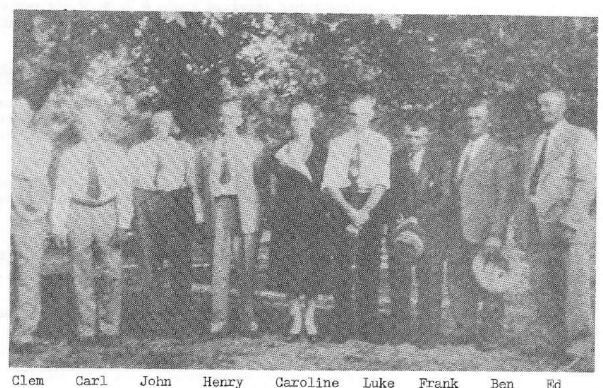
"A truly great man. Mother had the vision, and the ambition, and Dad had the strength. What a pair they were . . . After his death, things changed somewhat . . "

Then, Henry came home, rented the prairie farm to Martin's. And when he got married, Grandmother, Frank, Luke and Ed moved to town - to the house across from the church, and just east of the school. She was pleased when Luke and Ed went to high school at Campion in Prairie du Chien, and then on to college.

Eventually, Ed came back home to be with his mother. When he had to be out-of-town, there were lots of very willing granddaughters to help Helena with the housework. We loved to stay with her, and it was so handy for us with the school just next door . . . Grandmother Helena died in her home on the morning of February 25, 1948.



Grandpa and Grandma Bodensteiner



Carl John Henry Caroline Luke Frank Ben Ed The daughter, and eight sons, of Henry and Helena Bodensteiner.

1.	Carl John		b '	7 Jun	1889	d	28	Jul	1961	married Johanna Rausch
2.	Ben Henry		b 1	3 Jan	1891	d	26	Jul	1978	married Rose Mary Rausch
3.	Henry Gerhard		0 28	3 Mar	1893	d	3	May	1961	married Julia Winter
4.	Frank Joseph		0 29	Aug	1895	d	27	Sep	1963	12.
5.	John Sebastian		0 20) Jan	1898	d	16	Jun	1965	married Rena Meinert
6.	Clem Edward	- State	0 12	2 Oct	1899	d	11	Jun	1975	married Florence Lusson
7.	Caroline Helen		o 24	Dec	1901	d	4	Jul	1976	married John Bruess
8.	Luke Henry		0 13	Oct	1903					married Ruth Love
9.	Edward Vincent	1	5 6	Nov	1905	ď	29	Nov	1957	



FOUR GENERATIONS OF BODENSTEINER'S
Helena Albert Carl
Ronald

1940

Approximate ages: 75, 50, 25 and 1



Carl and Johanna Bodensteiner



Leo, Albert, Ray Richard, Frieda, Alma, Irvin Irene, Carl, Irma, Johanna, Helen