

THE HISTORY OF THE GERHARDT FAMILY



Pictured above, the Joseph Gerhardt family in 1920.

Back Row: Louise, Henry, Fritz, William, Katie and Albert.

Front Row: August, Father Joseph, Mother Katharina Krum, Herman and Emil.

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(First Generation)

Martin Gerhard , in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	Before 1633
	Died	1688
	Married	1650
Anna Maria Rottenbach, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	1628
	Died	04-01-1688

Martin and Anna Maria had the following children:

(Second Generation)

i. Gerhard GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	02-24-1652
ii. Andreas GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	03-28-1655
Died 02-21-1708		
unknown person Married 01-22-1683		
*iii. George GERHARD , in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	03-27-1657
iv. Anna Maria GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	03-02-1659
v. Hans Jacob GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	12-05-1661
vi. Henricus GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. Germany	Born	07-16-1665

iii. Georg GERHARD in Dinglingen, Lahr, Baden-W. GERMANY	Born	03-27-1657
	Died	11-13-1699
	Married	11-14-1681
Anna MULLER (MILLER) in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Born	1663
Anna was the daughter of Jacob MULLER (MILLER).	Died	06-17-1700

Georg GERHARD and Anna MULLER (MILLER) had the following children:

(Third Generation)

i. Johann Martin GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Born	06-20-1683
ii. Anna Maria GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Born	05-09-1686
iii. Johann Jacob GERHARD, in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Born	02-03-1689
iv. Susanna GERHARD in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Born	12-09-1693
in Broggingen, Baden-W. GERMANY at 58 years of age	Died	03-10-1752
in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W. GERMANY	Married	07-29-1710
Andreas Hafele.		
*v. Georg GERHARD in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W GERMANY	Born	08-26-1696
vi. Anna Barbara GERHARD in Dinglingen, Lahr, Ba-W GERMANY	Born	03-13-1700
	Died	06-13-1700

Anna Barbara was born after the death of her father.

The above information was learned during June, 1999, by Laura Gail Schler and Kitty Kenney from Earl Alvin Gerhardt of Jonesborough, Tenn. also a descendant of Johann Georg GERHARD and Anna Maria Marggraf. Until 1700 the children were all born in Dinglingen. The parents, George and Anna Muller Gerhard, died within 7 months of each other when the children were 17, 14, 11, 6, almost 4 years of age.

Our ancestor, George, of the Third Generation, was the almost 4 year old, when his mother died. He was married in **Tutschfelden**, where his wife had been born. What happened to the rest of these children is not known at this time, but from that time the family came from Tutschfelden

(In 1933, the village of Dinglingen was incorporated into Lahr. Dinglingen is mentioned in documents as early as 961 A.D. <http://www.websters.net/blackforest/ortenau2.html#L>)

GEORG GERHARD in Dinglingen	Born	08-26-1696
	Died	12-06-1727
	Married	02-02-1717
MAGDALENA RECK (also spelled Rokk)	Born	07-16-1693
Born 07-16-1693		
	Died	08-22-1755

Her parents were Mathias Reck from **Tutschfelden** and Katharina Trautwein Reckin (fem. of Reck)
(Alvin's records say she was Katherine Kanel)

(Fourth Generation)

1770	1. Mathias Gerhard	Born	03-05-1718
		Died	11-22-1763
	Christine Weiser	Married	01-27-1756
		Born	01-20-1736
		Died	11-11-
1776	a. Magdalena	Married	02-20-
1753	Johann Jacob Kehnel	Born	05-13-
1820		Died	10-04-
1719	2. Catharina Gerhard	Born	12-26-
1719		Died	12-26-
1722	3. Anna Maria Gerhard	Born	02-27-
1760	in Broggingen	Died	10-11-
1747		Married	01-24-
1726	Joseph Schnaiter	Born	02-21-
1785		Died	08-18-

Josef was the son of Josef Schnaiter and Anna Maria Katharina Steinhauser.

4.	Johan Georg Gerhard + *	Born	01-06-1725
		Died	11-05-1777
	Anna Maria Marggraf	Married	02-10-1749
		Born	09-25-1730
		Died	11-19- 1783

Her parents were Johan Georg Marggraf and Catharina Jenne

(Fifth Generation)

1.	Johan Georg Gerhard +	Born	11-13-1753
	(His information found after Maria Salomea, youngest sister of	Died	06-03-1797
	Simon, Josef, and Henry)	(1st) Married	03-05-1776
	Maria Catharina Reck	Born	03-20-1755
		Died	02-14-1793
	Daughter of Johann Michael Reck and Catharina Oesterle		
2.	Johann Jakob Gerhard *	Born	05-23-1757
		Died	11-26-1801
	Regina Oesterle	Married	01-14-1783
		Born	03-08-1763
		Died	01-25-1797
3.	Maria Catharina Gerhard	Born	01-13-1761
		Died	06-23-1761
4.	Anna Maria Gerhard	Born	04-11-1762
		Died	06-25-1793
	Johan Jacob Jundt	Married	02-24-1784
		Born	05-04-1760
		Died	03-13-1839
5.	Unknown Gerhard	Born	01-23-1766

6. Michael Gerhard
Information is found on page 61, 62.

Regina Kubl

Died	01-23-1766
Born	09-30-1767
Died	08-18-1822
Married	05-15-1792
Born	08-03-1773
Died	02-21-1843

All of the children in this family were born in **Tutschfelden**.

The above information is from Elke Roesch, a relative of Ferne Buehler, of Eugene, Oregon. given to Marilyn Baab in 1982. Ms. Roesch had done research from the records at the church and village of Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany in 1981. **Johan Georg + is an ancestor of Ferne Beuhler, George Gerhardt Jr. and E. Alvin Gerhardt. Johan Jacob * is our ancestor**, according to those records, and also according to **Laura Gail Schler**, whom we thank for supplying much of the rest of this information. We appreciate the work of E. Alvin also, providing us with an earlier record of ancestors, and siblings of others we did not know.

In checking out these early records we also learned Josef, Christina, and Heinrich were not the first Gerhardts to come to the United States from Tutschfelden. According to information from Anita Schmidt Schnaiter, December 1994, to Marilyn Baab. She noticed another "Gerhard" family from Tutschfelden, who went abroad in 1876 with 5 children. (See Page 60, 61 identified in 1999)

A 1994 visit with Mrs. George (Jerry) Gerhardt Jr, in her home in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and correspondence from her, informed Marilyn that her late husband's father was George Sr., Born in 1853 in Tutschfelden and that George Sr.'s father was named Christian Gerhard, and his wife was Mary Magdalena, Born in 1826. After Christian's death Mary Magdalena came to the United States alone. She died in 1893 and is buried in a cemetery at Circleville, Ohio. On her tombstone is engraved "Age 67 years, 2 months and 15 days", and also "MOTHER" George Jr., and Jerry had visited this grave long ago, but Jerry found it again in June 1994 and sent the information from the tombstone . There are other Gerhardt relatives in the Circleville area.

George Sr. came to the United States alone, in approximately 1869. He stayed in Pennsylvania with relatives, and then later settled in Ohio, near Circleville. He married Elizabeth Trump, also from Germany, but whose parents lived in Joplin, Missouri, at the time of her marriage. When their children were older George and Elizabeth moved to Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

George Jr., and Jerry had three children: Carole, Kay and Dan. Carole, her husband, George Jr., and Jerry, visited Tutschfelden in 1977 and 1978 and were led to the home of Katherine (Gerhardt) Kummerle. Jerry sent us a copy of accounts paid to Blacksmith Jakob Gerhard in the year 1866 for repair service to the Schoolhouse (Schulhaus), and repair service to the City Hall (Rathaus). George Jr. died in 1980.

The bulk of this document was researched and hand-written by **Laura Gail Schler** in the late 1950's. She examined court house, cemeteries and church records, but she had also questioned her husband, Henry Schler's Uncles Henry, Bill and Herman Gerhardt, as well as their cousin, Clarence Gerhardt. This was a huge task for her and we are all grateful.

Later, Norma Jean Demmler typed the information during the early 1980's, which was also a huge task, and she had it copied and collated into books for various family members. During 1995 Marilyn Demmler Baab figured out how to use the computer, and transferred the previous information to the computer. Later is was put on discs and distributed to various cousins, including Carl F. Gerhardt who printed it for others. Marilyn has kept this history up to date as much as possible, with information she is given, but now it is time for someone else to take over this task.

*Please note: The numbering system beginning on the next page, with **1. Simon**, continues through Maria Salomea Hornecker's descendents as far as we have been informed.*

1 is for Simon, the eldest child in that family. His only child to have descendants was **1.3 Christina**. Her fourth child was **Walter Schmidt, 1.134. Anita Schnaiter** is his second child- **1.1342**

By finding your name, if you are a Johann Jakob and then Christian Friedrich Gerhardt descendant, you will be able to identify your ancestors and see how the others are related to you.

Johann Jakob Gerhard	Born	05-23-1757
	Died	11-26-1801
	Married	01-14-1783
Regina Oesterle	Born	03-08-1763
	Died	01-25-1797

1. Johann Georg Gerhard (occupation: farmer)	Born	07-28-1793
	Died	04-09-1866
	Married	06-16-1816
Maria Magdalena Mukdeler (Mutschler)	Born	01-09-1795
	Died	01-26-1859

Her parents were Jakob Mukdeler and Catharina Grasmuller of Tutschfelden.

Their Children

1. Son	Born and Died	1817
2. Christian Friedrich Gerhardt*	Born	12-18-1818
	Died	09-12-1883
3. Johan George Gerhardt	Born	05-22-1821
	Died	10-17-1873
4. Michael Gerhardt	Born	09-28-1823
	Died	10-21-1841
5. Johann Jakob Gerhardt	Born	03-25-1826
	Died	10-29-1842
6. Matthias Gerhardt	Born	05-31-1829
	Died	12-18-1895
7. George Friedrich Gerhardt	Born	08-19-1832
	Died	02-10-1863
8. Johannes Gerhardt	Born	06-12-1836
	Died	07-03-1836

Christian Friedrich Gerhardt *	Born	12-18-1818
	Died	09-12-1883
	Married	10-12-1851
Magdalena Schlenker	Born	01-19-1828
	Died	04-01-1886

Christian Friedrich	Born	10-18-1852
	Died	02-23-1861
1. <u>Simon</u>	Born	10-16-1854
	Died	03-08-1939
2. <u>Josef</u>	Born	01-09-1857
	Died	02-21-1922
George Friedrich	Born	12-22-1858
	Died	05-05-1859
Maria Magdalena	Born	07-16-1860
	Died	03-29-1861
3. <u>Christina</u>	Born	06-27-1863
	Died	05-08-1934
4. <u>Heinrich</u>	Born	10-13-1865
	Died	03-06-1948
5. <u>Maria Salomea</u>	Born	10-15-1867
	Died	05-05-1930

* Christian Friedrich Gerhardt (Chris) was born in Tutschfelden, Germany on December 18, 1818. He was married on October 12, 1851 to Magdalena Schlenker who was born on January 19, 1828, also in Tutschfelden. The couple lived and died in the town of their birth. They were the parents of eight children. Three children died young. Three children came to

the United States. The eldest, Simon, and youngest, Maria Salomea, remained in Germany. Chris died on September 12, 1883 at the age of 64 years. Lena Gerhardt died April 1, 1886, at the age of 58 years.

From "The history of the Gerhardt family", by Wolfgang and Anita Schnaiter, written in the "**Heckenrose**", a journal made by members of a historical society in Tutschfelden in January 2001..

"Early one morning in the late fall of 1881 Joseph Gerhardt, the young son of a resident of Tutschfelden, left his parents' home at 76 Biehnestrasse. His father, Christian Friedrich Gerhardt, aged 62, and his mother, Magdalena, nee Schlenker, aged 53, wanted to save their 24-year old son from being drafted to the army.

"But, of course, that wasn't the only reason why Joseph had left his home for good. For decades masses of European emigrants had already been looking for their fortune in the land of milk and honey, as distress was so great at the time.

"Not much later, Joseph's 18-year-old sister, Christina, and his 16-year-old brother Heinrich, also made their way across the ocean. There was such confusion when they left that they even forgot to take with them the enormous quantity of wafers, which their mother had baked for them as provisions for the long journey."

1.Simon Gerhardt

	Born	10-16-1854
	Died	03-08-1939
Christine Kuemmerle	Married	01-20-1887
	Born	09-26-1851
	Died	12-24-1917
1.1 Frieda	Born	10-28-1887
	Died	1904
1.2 Herman	Born	04-20 1890
	W.W.1	Died 1916
1.3 Christina	Born	10-18-1891
	Died	02-12-1968
1.4 Karl	Born	03-28-1894
	W.W.1	Died 1916
1.5 Wilhelm	Born	1916
	Died	1916

1.3 Christina Gerhardt

	Born	10-18-1891
	Died	02-12-1968
	Married	04-08-1919
Karl Schmidt	Born	01-19-1889
	Died	06-08-1977
1.31 Berta Schmidt	Born	05-06-1911
	Died	03-22-1993
	Married	07-13-1943
	Born	09-15-1913
Herman Zimmerman		
Died	08-01-1980	
1.311 Doris Zimmerman	Born	09-16-1947
Clemens Keldermann	Married	
1.32 Elsa Schmidt	Born	04-01-1920
	Died	10-26-1999
1.33 Karl Schmidt	Born	12-25-1922
	Died	12-14-1984
1.34 Walter Schmidt	Born	07-20-1929
	Married	03-07-1957
Klara Scheerer	Born	12-20-1929
	Died	11-16-2011
1.341 Heinz Schmidt	Born	02-23-1958
	Married	09-02-1989
Beatrix Herr	Born	03-22-1954
1.342 Anita Schmidt	Born	03-12-1962

Wolfgang Schnaiter	Married	08-07-1982
1.3421 Miriam Schnaiter	Born	04-17-1955
1.3422 Julia Schnaiter	Born	04-22-1990
1.343 Sibylle Schmidt	Born	03-24-1992
	Born	02-03-1967
	Married	07-07-2007
Martin Hilfinger		
1.3431 Dennis Hilfinger	Born	06-18-2006
1.3432 Selina Hilfinger	Born	01-31-2012

Simon Gerhardt in Tutschfelden, Germany



Simon Gerhardt 1.0

Simon Gerhardt #1, was the oldest living child of Chris and Lena Gerhardt. He was born on October 16, 1854 in Tutschfelden, Germany. On January 20, 1887 he married Christina Kuemmerle. They made their home in Tutschfelden in the home of his parents which was in turn the home of their daughter, Christina Schmidt, #1.3, and her family. During the 1970's Walter Schmidt, his wife Klara, and their family and his sister, Elsa, lived in a new home built next to the former home of his parents and previous generations. Tutschfelden is about 30 miles from the city of Freiburg in southwestern Germany in the mountains near the Swiss and French borders.

Simon Gerhardt and his wife were the parents of five children. Two children died young and two sons lost their lives in the First World War. Daughter, Christina, was the only one to marry and have children.

Christina, the wife of Simon, died on December 24, 1917, at the age of 66 years. Simon died on March 8, 1939, at the age of 85.

The Simon Gerhardt Family

By Anita Schmidt Schnaiter, #1.342, in 2008, for the 75th anniversary edition of "The Gerhardt History"

Simon was the eldest of 5 children. In his younger years he made an apprenticeship and even got a master's degree as a tailor.

In 1887 he married Christina (born Kümmerle) and they had 5 children, but only their daughter Christina, #1.3, did not die young.

Their first child, Frieda, died at the age of 17. Two sons fell in WW I (Hermann at the age of 26, Karl at the age of 22). The news of their death reached the parents on the same day and ever since then the mother had become ill and died about a year later. Their fifth child, Wilhelm, died at the age of 3.

Besides his work as a tailor, Simon always did some farming to make a living for his family.

In 1919 Simon's daughter Christina married Karl Schmidt, who also was a tailor and a farmer.

They lived together with Simon and made their living by farming, as well as some tailoring by Karl.

Christina and Karl Schmidt had 4 children:

1. Berta, born 1911, 05,06 died 1993,03,22
2. Elsa, born 1920, 04,01 died 1999,10,26
3. Karl, born 1922,12,25 died 1984, 12,14
4. Walter, born 1929,07,20

Berta married Hermann Zimmermann. They had one daughter. Doris (Zimmermann) married Klemens Keldermann. They have no children and live in Freiburg.

Elsa never married (her fiancé fell in WW II). She always lived with the family of Walter and his wife Klara and became like a second mother for their 3 children.

Karl was drafted into the army in WW II. After some injury he couldn't serve as a soldier anymore, so he worked in a railway office. There he was bombed and entombed under a building and became mentally ill hereafter. He also lived with the Walter Schmidt family for several years but then needed help of a nursing home.

Walter married Klara (Scheerer) in 1957. An addition to a part of the old Gerhardt home, he added a new home for his parents, his sister Elsa and his wife and 3 children Heinz, Anita and Sibylle. Walter, Klara and Elsa were farmers. They grew crops, potatoes, vegetables and fruit.

Since the 1970's Walter specialized in growing wine. Besides that he worked in a furniture factory. Walter and Klara still live in their home with part of the old Gerhardt home next to it.

Heinz married Beatrix Herr. They have no children (Beatrix has a son from her first marriage). Heinz is a service manager for a car company, Beatrix works as an accountant. Heinz is a hobby wine maker and Heinz and Beatrix are working most of the vineyards of Walter and Klara. They live on the same street as Walter and Klara, only a few houses up the street.

Anita married Wolfgang Schnaiter. They have 2 daughters, Miriam and Julia. From summer 2007 to summer 2008 Julia stayed as a high school student in Austin, Texas.

Wolfgang is a police officer in the detective branch, Anita a civil servant in the youth department. They live in Broggingen, the next little village, about 1 mile from Tutschfelden.

Sibylle married Martin Hilfinger. They have a son called Dennis. They live on the same street as Walter and Klara, only a few houses away from the original Gerhardt home.

<u>2. Joseph Gerhardt</u> in Tutschfelden, Germany	Born	01-09 1857
buried at St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, Mo. Cooper County	Died	02-21-1922
	Married	03-07-1882
Catherine (Katrina) Krumm	Born	02-16-1858
in Bahlingin, Cummingin, Baden, Germany		
buried at St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville	Died	02-21-1943
2.1 Henry Gerhardt in Circleville, Ohio	Born	05-18-1883
buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, MO.	Died	12-03-1972
2.2 Chris Frederic (Fritz) Gerhardt in Circleville, Ohio	Born	02-06-1885
buried at St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO	Died	02-22-1952
2.3 Katherina Barbara Gerhardt in the Dakota Territory	Born	01-31-1887
buried at St. John's Cemetery	Died	05-12-1947
2.4 Albert Gerhardt near Pilot Grove	Born	07-25-1889
buried at St. John's Cemetery	Died	12-30-1949
2.5 William Gerhardt near Pilot Grove	Born	10-20-1891
.....buried at St. John's Cemetery	Died	03-06-1973
2.6. August Gerhardt near Pilot Grove	Born	02-27-1894

.....buried at St. John's Cemetery
2.7. Louise Pauline Gerhardt in the Pisgah Community
buried at the Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO
2.8. Emil Gerhardt in the Pisgah Community
buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville,
2.9 Herman Frank Joseph Gerhardt in Pisgah Community
 buried at St. John's Cemetery

Died 01-02-1927
 Born 07-06-1896
 Died 10-25-1965
 Born 10-06-1898
 Died 07-31-1957
 Born 03-26-1901
 Died 04-10-1973



Joseph Gerhardt

Joseph Gerhardt 2.0

This is to certify that Joseph Gerhardt #2, was married to Catherine Groom (Krumm) on the 7th day of March 1882 in Pickaway County., Ohio by J. H. Schneider, minister of the Lutheran Church.
 Copy by Guy C. Cline, Probate Judge. April 16, 1960
 Marriage Record Book 8, page 340 Pickaway County, Circleville, Ohio

Joseph Gerhardt, son of Christian Friedrich and Magdalina Schlenker Gerhardt was born in Tutschfelden, Germany on January 9, 1857. In 1881, his father sent him to the United States to escape being drafted into the German army. Soon afterward his brother, Henry, and sister, Christina; also Katrina Krumm (Catherine Groom) and her mother, Rosiene Krumm (Groom), and some members of the Ries and Sexhauer families made the journey to the United States.

Joseph Gerhardt made his way to Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio "with little of this world's goods". There on March 7, 1882, he was married to Catherine Groom, by J.H. Schneider, minister of the Lutheran Church. Catherine was born in Bahlingen, Germany on February 16, 1858. The couple lived in Ohio almost five years. Their sons, Henry and "Fritz" were born there in 1883 and 1885.

On August 9, 1884, Joseph Gerhardt filed a Declaration of Intention to become a citizen of the United States (book 7, page 480). The Naturalization Record was filed on January 30, 1886 (Book 16, page 183) in the courts of Pickaway County, Ohio.

Henry Gerhardt, #4, went to the Dakota territory to investigate the homesteading prospects there, but advised Joseph not to move his family to that area. However, from Ohio the family did move to the Dakota Territory in the fall of 1886, for a short time. They lived in a sod house and nearly froze and starved to death during the severe winter there. Katharine was born in the Dakota Territory on January 31, 1887 and was six months old when financial reverses forced the family to move again .

They arrived in Cooper County, Missouri, at the MKT railroad town of Pilot Grove in July 1887. Here they were

assisted by their old friends, the Ries and Sexhauer families. Joseph Gerhardt worked as a farm laborer one year, then for seven years rented land to farm near Pilot Grove. They lived on a farm owned by Judge Jim Davis and rented a farm known as the "Sombart Place". They finally prospered enough to make a payment of \$1500 to \$2000 on "the Lowe Place" near St. Martin's church, but lost this farm. While living in the Pilot Grove area, sons: Albert, William and August were born in 1889, 1891 and 1894 respectively. Magdalena Ries was the sponsor at Albert's baptism at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in the Clear Creek community.

From Pilot Grove, the family moved east to the Pisgah community of Cooper County where they rented the 400 acre "Penn Place" for nine years. It was here that Louise was born in 1896, Emil in 1898 and Herman in 1901.

On September 3, 1904, Joseph Gerhardt purchased his first farm of 192.82 acres from O.N. and Hattie Dills for \$8010, (near Speed). Later 25 acres were added and then 160 acres were purchased. In 1919, Joseph and his wife purchased a home in the village of Speed, Missouri and retired there. Emil and Herman remained on the farm. After Emil's marriage, the parents moved back to the farm home where Joseph died on February 21, 1922, at the age of 65 years. Catherine continued to make her home with her son, Herman, and his family until her death 21 years later on February 21, 1943. She was 85 years of age. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery of the St. John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville.

Rosiene (Zimmerman-maiden name) Krumm (Grom-Groom) was born on July 19, 1833 and died on July 27, 1900. She is buried in a grave marked Rosiene Krumm Zimmerman in the old part of the St. Paul's cemetery in Clear Creek. She lived with her daughter and the rest of the Joseph Gerhardt family and died at the farm home near Pisgah, MO. Additional note from Laura Gail Schler: "When the Schlers had a reunion in 1993 to celebrate the Centennial of the farm, a caravan visited several cemeteries. One was old St. Paul's in Clear Creek where a lot of the family saw this grave marker, so now know where it is."

2.1 Henry Gerhardt, in Darbyville, near Circleville, Ohio
buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville

Born 05-18-1883
Died 12-03-1972
Married 01-23-1906
Born 08-08-1885

Minna Catherine Kotterman

Died 03-18-1965

buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery

2.11 Clara Minnie Marie Gerhardt

Born 01-15-1907

buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery

Died 02-18-1932

2.12 Corrine Bertha Christina Gerhardt (Twin)

Born 11-02-1909

buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery

Died 09-24-1958

2.13 Lorine Betta Matilda Gerhardt (Twin)

Born 11-02-1909

buried at River View Cemetery, Jefferson City

Died 05-07-1991

2.14 Edward Joseph Gerhardt

Born 07-05-1911

buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery

Died 12-02-1953

2.15 Edna Anna Ophellia Gerhardt

Born 02-12-1917

Died 08-28-2010

2.16 Eugene Henry Chris Gerhardt

Born 11-01-1921

buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery

Died 09-23-1988

2.17 Gilbert Monroe Gerhardt

Born 11-28-1925

In Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Died 09-30-1997

2.11 Clara Minnie Marie Gerhardt

Born 01-15-1907

buried Walnut Grove Cemetery

Died 02-18-1932

Married 11-14-1928

Floyd Hampton Manning

Born 10-18-1895

buried River View Cemetery, Jefferson City

Died 05-22-1945

2.111 Dorothy Jean Manning

Born 07-07-1929

2.112 Earl Lee Manning

Born 09-19-1930

2.113 Willard Warren Manning

Born 12-31-1931

Died 1994

Floyd Manning continued

(2nd)

Married 04-10-1933

Anna Bell Tubbesing

Born 09-05-1892

		Died	05-09-1983
2.111	Dorothy Jean Manning	Born	07-07-1929
		Married	05-17-1947
	Henry George Grettlein Jr.	Born	09-15-1922
2.1111	Henry George Grettlein III	Born	09-29-1947
2.1112	Richard Daniel Grettlein	Born	05-17-1949
	Married 06-13-1970		
	Shirley Marie Rackers	Born	01-30-1950
	2.11121 Angela Rene Grettlein	Born	03-16-1971
	2.11122 Tanya Lynn Grettlein	Born	07-06-1974
2.1113	Patsy Carol Grettlein	Born	01-19-1952
	(1st) Married 08-29-1970		
	Stephen Lee Griggs	Born	08-31-1948
	2.11131 Chad Douglas Griggs	Born	05-26-1972
	Thomas Hoeflerlin	(2nd) Married	05-17-1980
2.1114	David Joel Grettlein	Born	09-14-1954
		Married	04-26-1975
	Debbie Kay Fox	Born	07-23-1956
	2.11141 Ryan Joel Grettlein	Born	11-24-1975
	2.11142 Cory Lee Grettlein	Born	03-10-1978
2.112	Earl Lee Manning	Born	09-19-1930
		(1st) Married	10-07-1951
	Margie Ann Bates (divorced 1967)	Born	08-14-1934
	2.1121 Becky Lynn Manning	Born	09-21-1956
	Married 05-19-1980		
	Homer John Kay		
	2.1122 Randy Lee Manning	Born	11-02-1959
	Married 01-30-1981		
	Beverly Faith Frazier		
	2.11221 Neal Manning	Born	08-20-1981
2.112	Earl Lee Manning, continued	(2nd) Married	02-26-1971
	Marjorie Messerli Bratton	Born	06-10-1929
2.113	Willard Warren Manning	Born	12-31-1931
		Died	1994
		Married	09-12-1953
	Lenora Ellen Scott	Born	06-18-1931
	2.1131 Elizabeth Ann Manning	Born	09-21-1954
	(1st) Married 05-26-1974		
	Pinky Newall		
	2.11311 Erica Elizabeth Newall	Born	10-11-1976
		(2nd) Married	05-23-1981
	Barrett Glascock	Born	12-03-1946
2.1132	Patty Jean Manning	Born	03-11-1956
		Married	08-13-1977
	James W. Uffmann	Born	10-20-1954
2.1133	Dianne Sue Manning	Born	08-07-1958
		Married	12-23-1978
	Bernard L. Luebbering	Born	08-06-1958
	2.11331 Samatha Luebbering	Born	09-25-1981
2.1134	Christy Lee Manning	Born	10-28-1961

David B. Swan	Married Born	01-09-1982 11-06-1959
2.12 Corrine Bertha Christina Gerhardt (Twin) buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville	Born Died	11-02-1909 09-24-1958
Ernest Muster (Divorced)	(1st) Married	1938
Clayton P. Bussy buried Maple Hill Cemetery-Kansas City, KS	(2nd) Married Born Died	1957 1908 1979
2.13 Lorine Betta Matilda Gerhardt (Twin) buried River View Cemetery, Jefferson City, MO	Born Died	11-02-1909 05-07-1991
Paul John Hahn buried River View Cemetery, Jefferson City,	(1st) Married Born Died	04-21-1935 04-02-1915 08-24-1939
2.131 Jo Ann Hahn	Born Married	01-05-1937 11-17-1956
Robert Lee Burchett buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Born Died	12-23-1934 04-27-1993
2.1311 Charles Dean Burchett	Born Married	07-13-1957 04-14-1978
Debra Lynn Kempf 2.13111 Deana Lynn Burchett	Born	1982
2.1312 Belinda Corine Burchett	Born Married	09-13-1958 04-07-1979
Larry Gene Humphrey 2.13121 Kimberly Ann Humphrey 2.13122 Robert Glenn Humphrey	Born Born	03-21-1982 08-20-1984
2.13 Lorine-continued Oscar William Goldammer	(2nd) Married Born Died	04-28-1942 04-02-1913 07-06-2004
2.132 Beverly Jean Goldammer (adopted)	Born Married	10-03-1949 04-19-1969
Darrell Dennis Brown 2.1321 Wade Dennis Brown	Born Born Married	10-31-1946 09-06-1969 06-19-1993
Anna Jones 2.1322 Kristofer King Brown 2.1323 Tia Luann Brown	Born Born	04-21-1974 11-11-1975
2.14 Edward Joseph Gerhardt buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery	Born Died	07-05-1911 12-02-1953
2.15 Edna Anna Ophelia Gerhardt	Born Died Married	02-12-1917 08-28-2010 08-10-1940
Albert William Schepker	Born Died	02-18-1913 09-28-1997
buried Resurrection Cemetery, Jefferson City, MO		
2.151 Barbara Frances Schepker	Born Married	09-17-1942 08-13-1961
Gerald Lee Lute 2.1511 Lisa Mae Lute 2.1512 James Lee Lute Karen	Born Born Born Married	11-27-1940 09-04-1963 09-30-1964 08-25-1985

2.15121	Bryan James Lute	Born	03-25-1987
2.15122	Ashley Marie Lute	Born	02-27-1989
2.15123	Rebecca Lee Lute	Born	11-11-1992
2.1513	Christopher Dean Lute	Born	01-24-1970
	Jodie Belt	(1st) Married	06-01-1990
		Divorced	10- - 1992
2.15131	Lora Lynn Lute	Born	10-01-1990
2.1513	Christopher Dean Lute	(2nd) Married	02-25-1994
	Kathy Belt		
2.152	Roger William Schepker	Born	04-27-1946
		Married	12-27-1969
	Patricia Ann Pogue (divorced)	Born	10-12-1952
2.1521	Nora Ann Schepker	Born	01-30-1974
2.1522	John William Schepker	Born	09-30-1976
2.1523	Mark Garrett Schepker	Born	07-20-1979
2.16	Eugene Henry Chris Gerhardt	Born	11-01-1921
	buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	09-23-1988
		Married	08-18-1944
	Lillian Jean Foster	Born	06-27-1927
	Lillian Jean (Gerhardt) Schoennoehl	Died	09-24-2005
2.161	Mary Corine Gerhardt	Born	04-20-1945
		Married	06-14-1964
	John Edward Derendinger	Born	08-05-1941
		Died	12-31-2012
2.1611	Penny Kay Derendinger	Born	09-02-1966
		(1st) Married	11-18-1983
	Brian Jay Waibel (divorced 1992)	Born	04-28-1966
2.16111	Megan Kay Waibel	Born	06-01-1984
		Married	05-06-2006
	Ryan Keith Stock (divorced)		
2.16112	Shain Jay Waibel	Born	07-19-1985
		Married	05-26-2007
	Sandra Nicole Huth		
2.161121	Logan Waibel	Born	07-28-2011
2.161122	Kenzie Waibel	Born	09-06-2013
2.16113	Cody Nicholas Waibel	Born	10-19-1988
	Miranda Schuster	Married	12-31-2016
	Nathan Alpers	Married	07-30-2011
2.16114	Paige Alpers	Born	07-31-2012
2.15115	Ethan Alpers	Born	10-21-2014
2.1611	Penny Kay Derendinger	(2nd) Married	03-05-1994
	Gordon Dean Cain	Born	04-06-1974
2.1612	Tammy Sue Derendinger	Born	07-27-1977
		Married	05-03-1997
	John Clinton Poulsen	Born	05-31-1977
2.16121	Kayla Marie Poulsen	Born	10-06-1997
2.16122	Jacob Clinton Poulsen	Born	08-14-2000
		Died	09-17-2004
2.16123	Lucas Isaiah Poulsen	Born	08-01-2005
2.16124	Brooks Carter Poulsen	Born	06-26-2007
2.16125	Grace Adria Poulsen	Born	08-15-2008
2.162	Catherine Christine Gerhardt	Born	03-05-1947
		(1st) Married	08-22-1965
	Kenneth William Derendinger (divorced)	Born	08-11-1942

2.1621	Kenneth William Derendinger Jr.	Born	10-01-1966
		Married	09-05-1985
	Debra Diane Johnson (divorced)	Born	01-09-1966
	2.16211 Michael C. Derendinger	Stillborn	06-21-1986
	2.1622 Timothy Wayne Derendinger	Born	12-19-1967
		Married	02-02-1985
	Wanda Jean Brown	Born	05-20-1969
	2.16221 Amber Dawn Derendinger	Born	05-05-1985
	2.162211 Alexis Nicole Sayer	Born	01-27-2006
	father Donnie Sayer (divorced)		
	2.162212 Sean Michael Sayer	Born	12-16-2009
	2.162213 Landon Sayers	Born	03-06-2011
	Matt Scott	Married	08-10-2014
	2.162214 Emma Grace Scott	Born	01-01-2014
	2.16222 Katie Marie Derendinger	Born	10-10-1987
	Rusty Grissum	Married	08-12-2010
	2.16223 Kelly Leann Derendinger	Born	05-04-1990
	2.16224 Timothy Wayne Derendinger Jr.	Born	06-11-1992
	Samantha Anbuchon	Married	06-28-2014
	2.16225 Joshua William Derendinger	Born	04-23-2002
2.162	Catherine Gerhardt Derendinger-cont'd.	(2nd) Married	01-02-1972
	Paul Lloyd Crouch	Born	10-13-1942
	2.1623 Melissa Deana Crouch	Born	09-16-1977
		Married	10-11-2003
	Robert Joseph Wolf	Born	10-24-1970
	2.16231 Olivia Rose Wolf	Born	06-03-2005
	2.16232 Nicklaus Kristopher Wolf	Born	07-13-2007
	2.1624 Amanda Christine Crouch	Born	09-30-1981
2.163	Patsy Carol Gerhardt	Born	11-03-1948
		Married	06-29-1974
		Died	08-28-1999
	Richard Gilbert Gramlich (divorced 1990)	Born	11-08-1947
	2.1631 Barbara Jean Gramlich	Born	04-19-1976
	Jeremy Lampson	Married	
	2.16311 Courtney Ann Lampson	Born	12-12-1994
	Ryan Eberhart	Married	04-29-2017
	2.163111 Isaac Scott	Born	10-18-2014
	2.16312 Evan Michael Lampson	Born	05-03-1996
	Sarah George	?	
	2.163121 McKenzi Ann Lampson	Born	04-26-2017
	2.16313 Zachery Lampson	Born	03-16-2001
	2.1632 Christina Marie Gramlich	Born	08-03-1983
	Roy Stemmons	Married	05-01-2010
	2.16321 Kynli Stemmons	Born	12-20-2014
2.164	Geannie Carolyn Gerhardt	Born	12-05-1949
		Married	04-03-1970
	Jimmy Dale Shay	Born	04-14-1947
		Died	10-20-2016
	2.1641 Rebecca Jean Shay	Born	06-06-1972
	2.1642 Matthew Wayne Shay	Born	02-28-1974
		Married	06-21-1997
	Stacey Moore (Divorced)		
	2.16421 Caleb Matthew Shay	Born	07-19-2000

	2.16422 Wyatt Edward Shay	Born	07-26-2002
	2.1643 Aaron Eugene Shay	Born	12-06-1975
		Married	01-03-1998
	Jessica Leslie Barnes		
	2.16431 Aarica Leslie Shay	Born	08-24-2000
	2.16432 Cole Brenden Shay	Born	08-29-2001
..	2.1644 David Edward Shay	Born	06-05-1977
		Married	10-20-2007
	Heather Schreck		
	2.16441 Braydon Jacob McFarland (Heather's son)	Born	10-19-2002
	2.16442 Brennan Edward Shay	Born	09-04-2008
	2.16443 Abrianna Elizabeth Shay	Born	07-04-2010
	2.16444 Alexander James Shay. ("Little Guy")	Born	10-27-2011
	2.16445 Tora Jeane Shay	Born	05-29-2013
2.1645	Rachel Catherine Wilhelmina Shay	Born	02-06-1990
	Jonathan Douglas Peck	Married	09-01-2012
	2.16451 Westlyn Maria Peck	Born	03-25-2013
	2.16452 Annabell Lee Shay Peck	Born	08-13-2014
2.165	Denise Cheryl Gerhardt	Born	09-01-1953
		Married	08-16-1980
	Barry Michael Meyers	Born	12-03-1946
		Died	07-21-1998
	Terry Orr	Married	06-21-2014
2.1651	Shannon Renee Meyers	Born	06-12-1981
	Andrew Robinette	Married	07-28-2012
	2.16511 Gage Andrew Robinette	Born	05-13-2015
2.1652	Benjamin Travis Meyers	Born	05-19-1983
	Katie Deelo	Married	06-28-2008
	2.15621 Aiden Meyers	Born	10-30-2007
	2.15622 Lainey May Meyers	Born	05-06-2015
2.1653	Lauren Ashley Meyers	Born	01-15-1985
	Josh Kayser	Married	12-07-2011
	2.16531 Stella Kayser	Born	12-07-2014
2.1654	Michael Brandon Meyers	Born	06-09-1986
2.166	Michael Randy Gerhardt	Born	10-29-1957
	car accident, buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	07-24-1986
		(1st)	Married 02-03-1978
	Brenda Kay Carroll (divorced)	Born	12-23-1959
2.1661	Jennifer Teresa Gerhardt	Born	09-05-1978
		(2nd)	Married 11-21-1980
	Lynda Fay Taylor (divorced)	Born	10-27-1956
2.1662	Angela Marie Gerhardt	Born	08-16-1981
	David Bishop	Married	09-27-2003
2.167	Glenda Leona Gerhardt	Born	08-09-1960
2.168	Jimmy Wayne Gerhardt	Born	05-01-1962
		Married	05-29-1982
	Elvina Mai Schoennoehl	Born	11-19-1964
2.1681	Elizabeth Ann Gerhardt	Born	10-23-1983
		Married	11-29-2007
	Jeremiah Stoneman	Born	06-06-1979
	2.16811 Malachi Odell Stoneman	Born	05-16-2008
	2.16812 Sienna Reece Stoneman	Born	09-16-2010
2.1682	Cassandra Maei Gerhardt	Born	08-21-1985
		Married	03-14-2008
	Ryan Nicholas Weimholt.	Born	04-27-1986
	2.16821 Isabella Maei Weimholt	Born	06-07-2012

2.16822	Jace Ryhlan Wiemholt	Born	05-17-2017
2.16823	Drake Wayne Wiemholt	Born	05-17-2017
2.1683	Emily Jean Gerhardt	Born	12-28-1994
Lillian Jean Foster Gerhardt, widow of Eugene Gerhardt (2.16) continued			
Lillian Jean (Gerhardt) Schoennoehl		Died	09-24-2005
		(2 nd) Married	12-31-1993
Aloys George Schoennoehl, (Elvina's father)		Born	11-15-1937
		Died	01-22-1999
2.17	Gilbert Monroe Gerhardt	Born	11-28-1925
		Died	09-30-1997
in Wheat Ridge, Colorado			
		(1st) Married	01-20-1949
		Divorced	06-09-1954
Frances Marie Smith (divorced 1954)		Born	07-08-1930
remarried to Leonard L. Dallen		Died	10-31-1998
2.171	Donna Marie Gerhardt	Born	10-28-1951
		Married	07-15-1967
Charles Edward Peoples		Born	10-31-1947
2.1711	Brenda Lee Peoples	Born	05-26-1968
2.1712	Danny Joe Peoples	Born	10-14-1969
2.172	Junior Monroe Gerhardt	Born	09-25-1952
		Married	07-18-1971
Carol Hammon		Born	05-04-1956
2.1721	Bradley Dale Gerhardt	Born	02-10-1972
2.173	Danny Clay Gerhardt	Born	02-14-1954
2.17	Gilbert Gerhardt, continued	(2nd) Married	06-19-1954
Mildred Lois Becker Carey		Born	04-19-1921
		Died	02-26-1991
in Wheat Ridge, CO.			
2.174	Linda Mae Gerhardt	Born	12-22-1958
		Married	11-20-1980
Larry Gerlock			
2.175	Kathy Sue Gerhardt	Born	07-31-1961
2.176	Timothy Monroe Gerhardt	Born	10-14-1964
		Married	10-20-1985
Michelle Womack			
		Divorced	1993
2.1761	Jeremy Monroe Gerhardt	Born	04-02-1990

2.1 Henry Gerhardt

Henry Gerhardt, oldest of the nine children of Joseph and Catharine Krumm Gerhardt, was born on May 8, 1883 at Darbyville, about eight miles from Circleville, in Pickaway County, Ohio. His parents had been married in March 1882, about a year after Joseph had arrived in the United States from Tutscheffden, Germany. Henry Gerhardt was baptized in the farm home of his parents by Rev. Ivainig, with his uncle, Heinrich Gerhardt, as his sponsor. The uncle was known as Henry "Sr." and the nephew as Henry "Jr". The Gerhardts lived in Ohio about five years then moved to the Dakota territory in the fall of 1886. After a severe winter there, the family moved by train to Cooper County, Missouri in July 1887 where they settled near Pilot Grove and lived for seven years until 1894. Henry Gerhardt attended the East Oakland District School, east of Pilot Grove. The family attended St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Clear Creek community west of Pilot Grove. In 1894 the Gerhardt family, including Rosiene Krumm, mother of Catharine Gerhardt, moved to the Pisgah community in the southeastern area of Cooper County. Henry Gerhardt "Jr" was eleven years old and attended the Lee District

School and farmed with his father and brothers. On March 29, 1899 he was confirmed in Zion Lutheran Church of Lone Elm by the Rev. Schaefer.

In September 1904 Joseph Gerhardt purchased a farm located between Speed and Billingsville and Henry moved there with the family. On January 23, 1906 Henry Gerhardt was married to Minna Catherine Kotterman. She was born August 8, 1885, a daughter of Mary Hein and Frederick Kotterman. They first met in the home of neighbors in the Pisgah community. They were married in the Friedrich Kotterman home by Rev. Henry Schaefer, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church. Attendants were Henry English and Mrs. Schaefer, the minister's wife.

The couple made their home on the Henry Festler place for some years where their four oldest children were born. From 1914 to 1918 the family lived in Jefferson City, MO., where Henry Gerhardt was employed as a guard at the state penitentiary for four years. Their daughter, Edna, was born in Jefferson city in 1917. In 1918 Henry moved his family back to Cooper County to a farm he purchased near Speed. The two youngest sons were born and the seven children grew up in that home

In July 1957 Minna Gerhardt suffered a stroke and was hospitalized until August 30. She was then cared for in the home of her daughter, Edna, in Jefferson City until the following spring- April 1958- when she became homesick for the farm. Henry moved her home and hired a nurse-housekeeper. In October 1961 they sold the farm and moved to Boonville. Minna died on March 18, 1965 after being an invalid for almost eight years. She was 80 years old. Funeral services were conducted at the Thatcher Funeral Home by Rev. Frederick Waltmann, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church with burial in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Pall bearers were Harry Hein, Elmer and John Gerhardt, Henry Schler and Edgar Hein. She was preceded in death by three children: Clara, of a stomach disease; Corinne of Cancer and Edward of a heart ailment.

Henry Gerhardt continued to live in his home in Boonville. He enjoyed reasonably good health in spite of several serious illnesses. When his health did fail, his son, Gene, and family moved into his home to care for him. He died on Sunday, December 3, 1972, at the age of 89 years. Funeral services were conducted at the Thatcher Funeral Home by the Rev. Ralph Bringewatt on Wednesday, December 6. Special music was provided by Mrs. Lois Shaw with Mrs. Adella Smith at the organ. Pall bearers were nephews: Elmer, Edgar, Rudy and Walter Gerhardt and Joe and Charles Schler. He was buried in Walnut Grove Cemetery, where his wife and three children were also buried.

2.2 Chris Frederic (Fritz) Gerhardt, in Pickaway County, OH
buried St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO

Born	02-06-1885
Died	02-22-1952
Married	06-21-1908
Born	09-19-1880
Died	06-04-1944
Born	01-02-1911
Died	01-06-1911
Born	11-13-1911
Died	09-24-2003
Born	03-08-1914
Died	12-02-1990
Born	08-07-1915
Died	07-11-2001
Born	02-20-1918
Died	08-15-2011
Born	11-19-1919
Died	12-12-1991

Minnie Elnora Born
buried St. John's Cemetery

2.21 Mary Rowena
buried St. John's Cemetery

2.22 Harold Frederic
buried in St. John's Cemetery

2.23 Roy Born
buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville

2.24 Charles Joseph
buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville

2.25 Ada Elnora

2.26 Walter Franklin
Buried St. John's Cemetery

2.22 Harold Frederic Gerhardt
Buried St. Johns Cemetery

Frances Moore

2.221 William Frederic Gerhardt

Barbara Lynn Stollings
2.2211 Deborah Lynn Gerhardt

Robert Andrew Mitchum

Born	11-13-1911
Died	09-24-2003
Married	07-11-1937
Born	10-09-1913
Died	07-22-2015
Born	02-13-1940
Married	06-22-1963
Born	03-24-1941
Born	10-20-1964
Married	05-27-1989

2.2211	Emily Rebecca Mitchum	Born	07-08-1998
2.2212	Stephen Frederic Gerhardt	Born	01-13-1969
2.222	Sondra Lou Vennie Gerhardt	Born	04-17-1945
		Married	05-30-1981
	Robert Libmann	Born	02-18-1942
	his children :1. Andrew	Born	09-29-1970
	2. Aaron	Born	09-16-1972
	3. Rachel	Born	07-29-1974
	4. Rebecca	Born	05-09-1977
2.23	Roy Born Gerhardt	Born	03-08-1914
	buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	12-02-1990
		Married	08-18-1938
	Myrtle Virginia Bryan	Born	01-03-1914
		Died	09-20-2009
2.231	Bonnie Jane Gerhardt	Born	12-19-1941
		Married	05-20-1967
	William Lee Marshall	Born	11-11-1933
		Died	07-30-2010
2.2311	Brian William Marshall	Born	05-29-1970
		Married	04-09-1994
	Melissa Brown		
	2.23111 Nathaneal Boaz Marshall	Born	11-15-1995
	2.23112 Cyrus Everett Marshall	Born	09-29-1998
	2.23113 Gabriel Bryan Marshall	Born	11-06-2000
	2.23114 Sarah Jane Marshall	Born	07-06-2000
2.232	Donald Carl Gerhardt	Born	02-13-1946
		Married	08-22-1970
	Deborah Pfitzinger	Born	03-30-1949
2.2321	Lisa Noel Gerhardt	Born	08-31-1973
		Married	06-12-1999
	William Travis Faulds	Born	10-27-1970
	2.23211 Julia Noel Faulds	Born	08-05-2001
	2.23212 Emma Liese Faulds	Born	05-23-2003
	2.23213 Margaret Anne Wilis Faulds	Born	03-31-2009
2.2322	Laura Elaine Gerhardt	Born	12-01-1976
		Married	10-06-2001
	Jonathan David Fairman	Born	04-26-1977
	2.23221 Ruby Elaine Fairman	Born	11-12-2005
	2.23222 Frances Marjorie Fairman	Born	11-18-2008
2.2323	Gretchen Ann (Gigi) Gerhardt (Twin)	Born	05-07-1980
2.2324	Emily Rose Gerhardt (Twin)	Born	05-07-1980
	buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	07-10-1980
2.24	Charles Joseph Gerhardt	Born	08-07-1915
	Married 12-31-1939		
	Buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, MO	Died	07-11-2001
	Dollie Childs	Born	10-15-1916
		Died	09-08-1999
	Buried at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville, MO.		
2.241	Gary C. Gerhardt	Born	02-05-1945
		Married	01-17-1970
	Patricia Ann Bella	Born	08-09-1949

2.2411	Scott Matthew Gerhardt		Born	02-26-1972
	Jill Colleen Eyermann		Married	09-06-1997
2.2412	Amanda Renee Gerhardt		Born	10-18-1971
			Born	03-13-1977
2.25	Ada Elnora Gerhardt		Born	02-20-1918
			Died	06-26-2014
	Haywood Thomas		Married	03-07-1946
			Born	10-02-1918
			Died	01-29-1999
2.251	James Raymond Thomas		Born	01-22-1947
	Brenda Kay West (divorced)	(1st)	Married	05-30-1970
2.2511	Ronald James Thomas		Born	02-04-1952
			Born	11-06-1970
	Shareen Jordan		Married	04-30-1994
2.2512	Wendy Gale Thomas		Born	12-06-1973
			Married	06-18-1994
	Michael Williams			
2.251	James Raymond Thomas	(2nd)	Married	11-25-1981
	Mary Ann Dewey (divorced)			
	her children:			
	Teresa		Born	05-26-1971
	Phillip		Born	09-18-1973
2.251	James Raymond Thomas	(3rd)	Married	03-23-1991
	Linda Jones			
	her daughters			
	Kelly Jones		Married	09-27-1993
	Dr. Jay Workman			
	Logan William Workman		Born	03-03-1996
	Robin Mardis Jones		Born	07-25-1973
			Married	08-27-1995
	Stephen Greer Nini		Born	11-09-1970
2.252	Bobby Jack Thomas		Born	12-17-1947
	buried St. John's Cemetery		Died	05-30-1954
2.253	Mary Diane Thomas		Born	03-09-1950
			Married	08-01-1970
	Gary Lynn Wilson		Born	09-17-1949
2.2531	Courtney Lynn Wilson		Born	07-20-1977
2.2532	Clayton Dwayne Wilson		Born	09-18-1979
2.254	Donna Sue Thomas		Born	08-29-1951
		(1st)	Married	09-24-1971
	Joel Thomas Davidson (divorced)		Born	09-29-1945
		(2nd)	Married	05-25-1978
	Everett Lloyd Hymn (divorced)			
		(3rd)	Married	01-02-1987
	R. Clayton Lee			
2.26	Walter Franklin Gerhardt		Born	11-19-1919
	buried St. John's Cemetery		Died	12-12-1991
			Married	09-14-1941
	Thelma Beatrice Hagemeyer		Born	02-25-1921
			Died	07-15-2003
2.261	Harry Wayne Gerhardt		Born	06-07-1945

Janice Susan Hunter	Married	08-30-1970
2.2611 David Wayne Gerhardt	Born	08-14-1947
	Born	09-28-1978
2.262 Wanda Joyce Gerhardt	Born	09-16-1947
	Married	07-12-1969
	Died	04-12-2014
William Lowell Haley Jr.	Born	01-24-1948
2.2621 Michelle Leigh Haley	Born	10-01-1972
	Married	06-09-2001
Michael Eugene Rice, Jr.		
2.26211 Skyler Melinda Rice	Born	01-09-2002
2.2622 Heather Nicole Haley	Born	11-15-1976

2.2 Chris Frederic (Fritz) Gerhardt

Chris Frederic "Fritz" Gerhardt was the second child in the family of nine children of Joseph Gerhardt and Catherine Krumm, natives of Germany. Fritz was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on February 6, 1885. He was probably baptized there, but that information is not known. He was about eighteen months old when the family moved to the Dakota Territory in the fall of 1886. In July 1887 the family moved again after a severe winter in Dakota. They arrived by train in Pilot Grove in Cooper County, Missouri, where they were assisted by friends who had made the journey from Germany with the Gerhardts.

Fritz Gerhardt probably attended East Oakland District School, east of Pilot Grove, as did his older brother, Henry, and possibly their sister, Katie, for a year or two. Fritz was ten years old, about 1895, when the family moved to a large rented farm called the "Penn Place" near Pisgah in southeastern Cooper County. The family lived there until September 1904. The children attended Lee District School and attended Sunday School in the Pisgah Baptist Church. When possible the family attended services at the Moniteau Advent Evangelical Church in California, Missouri. While living on the "Penn Place" his maternal grandmother, who lived with the family, died.

After many years as a farm laborer, tenant farmer and failed land owner, Joseph Gerhardt purchased a 192 acre farm located between Speed and Billingsville in September 1904. Henry, Fritz and their sister, Katie, moved that fall to plant the fall crop. The remainder of the family moved during the winter - mostly by sled- over deep snow. The school-aged children attended Independence District School and all became active in St. John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville.

Fritz Gerhardt farmed with his father and younger brothers until his marriage. His older brother, Henry, had married in 1906. Fritz was married at age 23 on June 21, 1908 to Minnie Elnora Born. They were married at Bunceton, Missouri by Rev. W.D. Kelley. Their attendants were Albert Gerhardt and Lulu Born. Minnie Born was the only child of Washington Franklin (Frank) Born and Caroline (Carrie) Mc Cammet. She was born at Warrensburg, MO on September 19, 1880. Frank Born was a carpenter. He was born in Coshocton, Ohio on January 30, 1851. He came to Pisgah in 1879.

Fritz and Minnie made their home on a farm 3/4 mile northeast of Speed where Harold, Roy and Charles were born. They sold the farm in 1916 to his brother, August Gerhardt and that was his home at the time of August's death.

In 1916 Fritz Gerhardt purchased the hardware store and blacksmith shop in Speed from John M. Schubert. He took over the business in October 1917 and hired John Knipner as blacksmith. Fritz also became a skilled blacksmith. In the back of the store was a wood-working shop. In 1920 a filling station and auto repair shop were added to the business. Fritz, Minnie and three sons moved from the farm to the Salzman property in Speed in 1917 by horse and wagon. Two children, Elnora and Walter, were added to the family. Their first child, Mary Rowena, had lived only four days.

The children all attended Palestine District School in Speed where Harold graduated in 1923; Charles and Roy in 1927; Elnora in 1932; and Walter in 1934. Later all graduated from high school in Bunceton.

Fritz Gerhardt moved his hardware store and shop business to Bunceton in 1937 and added International Farm Machinery. The business was located on Main Street. His son, Harold, worked with him for two years. He operated the business in Bunceton for thirteen years.

Minnie Born Gerhardt died at their home in Bunceton on June 4, 1944 at the age of 64 years. She died of cancer which was inoperable. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church at Billingsville with Rev. E.F. Abele officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Minnie was a member of the Disciples of Christ (Christian) Church before her

marriage, then she joined St. John's Church and the church women's group. The children were all baptized and confirmed at St. John's and they continued to be active after the move to Bunceton.

Fritz died of a massive stroke at Ravensway Hospital in Boonville on February 22, 1952. He had suffered a minor seizure in 1946, but no more until he had several more in 1952. He was 67 years old. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. E.F. Abele and Rev. A.E. Limper at St. John's Evangelical Church with burial in St. John's Cemetery. Pall bearers were nephews: John, Elmer, Eugene, Joseph and Leonard Gerhardt and Henry Schler. He had served on the board of directors of the Bank of Speed and was its president for two years. He also served on the school board - one term as president. He achieved remarkable success for a man with only four years of elementary education.

2.3	Katharina Barbara Gerhardt "Katie"	Born	01-31-1887
	Buried St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO	Died	05-12-1947
		Married	03-29-1910
	Anton Henry Schler "Tony"	Born	05-30-1865
	Buried St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO	Died	01-14-1948
2.31	Henry Herman	Born	05-07-1911
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	09-25-1982
2.32	Margaret Pauline	Born	08-24-1912
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	06-25-2012
2.33	Katharine Elizabeth	Born	03-07-1914
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	10-11-2005
2.34	Joseph	Born	01-02-1916
	Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, MO	Died	02-17-1988
2.35	Lizzie Rosina	Born	07-16-1917
	Ashes scattered	Died	06-29-2008
2.36	George	Born	02-22-1919
2.37	John Louis	Born	01-06-1921
	In Europe World War II, buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	11-18-1944
2.38	Anna Marie	Born	11-13-1922
	Ashes buried Byron Cemetery, Byron, MN	Died	12-08-2011
2.39	Paul Anton	Born	07-11-1924
	Accident at oil pumping well, buried Marshall, OK	Died	06-19-1985
2.3(10)	Charles Edward	Born	08-28-1926
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	03-10-2009
2.3(11)	Daniel Jacob	Born	07-09-1928
2.31	Henry Herman Schler	Born	05-07-1911
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	09-25-1982
		Married	12-29-1940
	Laura Gail Stegner	Born	06-25-1916
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	01-09-2014
2.311	Carolyn Marie Schler	Born	06-09-1941
		(1 st) Married	02-14-1965
	Duane Leroy Frisk (divorced 1986)	Born	07-01-1934
2.3111	Crystal Michelle Frisk	Born	11-11-1969
		(1 st) Married	12-16-1989
	Kealoha Gerrit Bosque (divorced 2001)	Born	10-18-1967
		(2 nd) Married	11-07-2003
	Lawrence Dale Cooper "Larry"	Born	11-03-1955
2.311	Carolyn Marie Schler	(2 nd) Married	06-04-1988
	Duncan Douglas Snell	Born	11-28-1931
	Ashes scattered	Died	10-12-2010
2.312	Warner Henry Schler	Born	05-27-1944

	Donna Alice Williams	Married	11-07-1964
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Born	08-17-1944
	2.3121 Lyndel Gail Schler	Died	03-30-2008
		Born	05-03-1965
		Married	07-07-1984
	James Sheldon Colwell	Born	12-12-1962
	2.31211 Heather Lynn Colwell	Born	03-23-1987
		Married	08-31-2007
	Adriano Araujo Bezerra	Born	10-07-1976
	2.312111 Julian Christian Bezerra	Born	08-21-2014
	2.312112 Ellie Grace Bezerra	Born	09-12-2016
	2.31212 Sarah Rose Colwell	Born	07-04-1993
		Married	10-25-2013
	<u>William Christopher Pawliryzn (divorced 2016)</u>	Born	05-04-1985
	2.312121 Iskra Svetlana Pawliryzn "Izzy"	Born	05-05-2014
	2.3122 Joseph <u>Bradley</u> Schler	Born	10-24-1969
		Married	06-28-1997
	Amy Helene Adams	Born	06-12-1959
	2.31221 Sophie Marie Schler (adopted China)	Born	02-28-2001
	2.31222 Austin Bradley Schler	Born	02-10-2003
	2.313 Rosamond Virginia Schler	Born	11-07-1945
2.32	Margaret Pauline Schler	Born	08-24-1912
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	06-25-2012
		Married	09-11-1950
	Dan Bowmar Jesse III	Born	11-17-1924
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	01-04-2002
	2.321 Paula Lynne Jesse	Born	01-01-1952
		Married	06-07-1974
	Douglas Alan Darling	Born	07-12-1952
	2.3211 John Abram Darling	Born	12-08-1979
		Married	01-17-2009
		(1 st)	
	Melissa Paige Renfro (divorced 2013)	Born	11-26-1977
	Her child: Sean Patrick McCoy	Born	04-26-1997
		Married	06-12-2016
		(2 nd)	
	Jade Danielle DeGood	Born	02-22-1988
	2.3212 Dan Jesse Darling	Born	06-16-1983
	2.3213 Mark Alan Darling	Born	01-28-1986
		Married	05-27-2014
	Megan Cascindria Bancroft (divorced 2017)	Born	06-18-1988
2.33	Katharine Elizabeth Schler	Born	03-07-1914
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	10-11-2005
		Married	01-12-1963
	Maurice Clarence File "Maury"	Born	09-06-1913
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	07-15-1969
2.34	Joseph Schler	Born	01-02-1916
	Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	02-17-1988
		Married	12-04-1945
	Wilma Caroline Meyer	Born	01-20-1909

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery	Died	03-15-1996
2.341 Sandra Lee Schler	Born	10-24-1946
	Married	06-15-1968
Jon Alan Benson	Born	11-06-1943
2.3411 Chad Blaine Benson	Born	12-29-1975
	Married	10-25-2003
Elizabeth Anne Shannon	Born	11-29-1979
2.34111 Juniper Lynn Benson	Born	05-30-2008
2.34112 Ashby Lucille Benson	Born	08-02-2011
2.3412 Tracy Lynn Benson	Born	10-03-1978
Buried New Hope Cemetery Liberty, MO (choked on a balloon 04-01-1983)	Died	04-07-1983
2.3413 Todd Alan Benson	Born	09-22-1980
	Married	04-23-2005
Monica Ann Weidenbenner	Born	07-18-1981
2.34131 Joseph Isaac Benson	Born	02-16-2011
2.34132 Luke Austin Benson	Born	05-14-2016
2.342 Larry Joseph Schler	Born	01-23-1950
	Married	02-16-1991
Nancy Elizabeth Price Zoeller	Born	06-09-1951
Her children:		
Tamatha Lynn Zoeller	Born	12-12-1973
	Married	03-11-1995
Frank Lee Griesbach	Born	02-02-1971
Frankie Lee Griesbach	Born	07-30-1995
Katherine Elizabeth Griesbach	Born	02-15-1998
Lori Ann Zoeller	Born	04-01-1979
Daisha Denise Ganaway	Born	11-28-1995
2.3421 Jordan Caroline Schler (Twin)	Born	01-11-1999
2.3422 Gabrielle Hope Schler (Twin)	Born	01-11-1999
2.35 Lizzie Rosina Schler	Born	07-16-1917
Ashes scattered	Died	06-29-2008
	Married	11-06-1965
Robert Frank Schmitz	Born	04-18-1914
	Died	06-13-1990
2.36 George Schler	Born	02-22-1919
	Married	06-08-1944
Elsie Martha Saeuberlich	Born	01-06-1920
Ashes buried St. Johns Cemetery	Died	05-06-2005
2.361 Barbara Lee Schler	Born	07-05-1945
	Married	09-07-1968
Ray T Rodriquez	Born	04-04-1935
2.3611 Shelley Rene Rodriquez	Born	10-26-1972
2.362 Judith Kay Schler	Born	09-10-1946
Buried Visalia District Cemetery, Visalia, CA	Died	12-29-2008
	Married	09-16-1972
Douglas John Pingel	Born	12-27-1946
2.3621 Sarah Kay Pingel	Born	11-22-1973

	2.36211 Taylor Douglas McCurry	Born	12-21-2010
		(1 st) Married	12-27-2002
	Mark Nicholas Garland	Born	02-05-1963
		(divorced 2011) Married	04-22-2017
		(2 nd) Born	03-08-1974
	Travis Christopher McCurry		
2.3622	Nathan Douglas Pingel	Born	04-21-1976
		Married	08-03-2002
	Michelle Anne Treinen	Born	03-14-1976
2.36221	Kayla Anne Pingel	Born	05-06-2007
2.36222	Tyler Douglas Pingel	Born	05-23-2009
2.36223	Amanda Kay Pingel	Born	06-16-2013
2.3623	James Michael Pingel	Born	08-05-1978
		Married	08-14-2010
	Hui-wen (<u>Vera</u>) Lee	Born	06-14-1980
2.36231	Anton Kingsley Pingel	Born	03-02-2014
2.36232	Anja Lee Pingel	Born	05-31-2016
2.3624	John Douglas Pingel	Born	08-12-1981
		Married	01-30-2016
	<u>Niloufar</u> Yahyavi-Khonsari	Born	12-25-1983
2.363	George <u>David</u> Schler	Born	03-15-1951
		Married	08-22-2009
	Beverly Joy Jacobson	Born	11-13-1954
2.37	John Louis Schler	Born	01-06-1921
	In Europe, during World War II	Died	11-18-1944
	Buried St. John's Cemetery		
2.38	Anna Marie Schler	Born	11-13-1922
	Ashes buried Byron Cemetery, Byron, MN	Died	12-08-2011
		Married	09-01-1946
	Thomas Allen Whitcomb	Born	03-21-1923
	Ashes buried Byron Cemetery, Byron, MN	Died	07-13-2009
2.381	Mark Allen Whitcomb	Born	03-24-1950
		Married	05-25-1980
	Stephanie Bundy Sharp	Born	04-06-1946
2.3811	Anna Bridget Whitcomb	Born	11-14-1980
		Married	10-06-2012
	<u>Robert</u> Adatto Metnick	Born	03-30-1982
	2.38111 Charles Kuma Metnick	Born	02-28-2014
	2.38112 Austin Adatto Metnick	Born	02-02-2016
2.382	Joyce Ann Whitcomb (adopted)	Born	12-06-1951
		(1 st) Married	08-22-1970
	Terrence Eugene Hunter (divorced 1980)	Born	07-26-1950
	Auto accident, buried Austin, TX	Died	06-30-1983
		(2 nd) Married	01-01-1985
	Brian Kludt	Born	12-08-1956
2.39	Paul Anton Schler	Born	07-11-1924
	Buried Marshall Lions North Cemetery, Marshall, OK	Died	06-19-1985
		Married	05-07-1950
	Noreen Georgia Weber	Born	04-19-1923

Buried Marshall Lions North Cemetery, Marshall, OK	Died	05-23-2005
2.391 Paul Anton Schler Jr. "Tony"	Born	02-22-1953
	Married	07-14-1973
Sherry Lynn Shores	Born	06-20-1954
2.3911 Jeremy Paul Schler	Born	01-12-1974
	Married	04-19-2008
Lana Lynn Harper	Born	06-05-1964
Her child: Jessica Lynn Parsons	Born	05-07-1996
2.3912 Lori Rachelle Schler	Born	03-12-1977
	Married	05-20-2000
Nicholas Milton Cook	Born	04-01-1979
2.39121 Laney Rachelle Cook	Born	07-29-1999
2.39122 Kymber Lynn Cook	Born	02-07-2008
2.39123 Jaxon Paul Cook	Born	07-10-2013
2.3913 Joshua Jack Schler	Born	10-15-1980
2.3(10) Charles Edward Schler	Born	08-28-1926
Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	03-10-2009
	Married	09-03-1950
Leola Marie Pethan	Born	08-04-1931
2.3(10)1 Charles Edward Schler Jr.	Born	10-09-1952
	Married	03-02-1974
Lynndora McCoy	Born	01-25-1952
2.3(10)11 Cindy Lou Schler (Twin)	Born	05-08-1979
	Married	08-31-2014
Jason Jon Vogel	Born	06-01-1981
2.3(10)12 Mindy Lea Schler (Twin)	Born	05-08-1979
	Married	11-29-2014
Martin Joseph Becker	Born	10-13-1977
2.3(10)121 Edgar Reed Becker	Born	02-17-2017
2.3(10)2 Michael Dean Schler "Mike"	Born	03-02-1955
	Married	09-01-1984
Peggy Dawn James	Born	03-03-1956
2.3(10)21 Derek James Schler	Born	12-03-1986
	Married	01-08-2011
Stephany Rae Rich	Born	04-07-1988
2.3(10)211 Carter James Schler	Born	09-22-2013
2.3(10)22 Kendall Dawn Schler	Born	02-17-1989
2.3(10)3 Linda Carol Schler	Born	03-11-1957
	Married	06-28-1975
Robert Dale Simmons	Born	06-26-1951
Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	02-23-2006
2.3(10)31 Jamie Marie Simmons	Born	12-26-1977
	Married	04-03-2004
Shawn Patrick Swalwell	Born	06-27-1974
2.3(10)311 Brooklyn Rae Swalwell	Born	05-12-2010
2.3(10)32 Kevin Dale Simmons	Born	12-04-1981
	Married	09-22-2007
Heather Lynne Tray	Born	04-24-1983
2.3(10)321 Macsen Dray Simmons	Born	05-04-2014

2.3(10)33	Lisa Carol Simmons	Born	09-12-1988
2.3(10)4	Terry Lynn Schler	Born	01-12-1961
	Linda Dee Davis	Married	10-08-1983
2.3(10)41	Cayley LeAnn Schler	Born	07-07-1963
		Born	10-10-1988
2.3(10)42	Noel Katharine Schler	Born	12-16-1992
2.3(10)5	Donna Sue Schler	Born	07-22-1962
	Kent Michael Kammerich	Married	10-06-1984
2.3(10)51	Megan Marie Kammerich (adopted)	Born	09-16-1961
		Born	05-22-2000
2.3(11)	Daniel Jacob Schler	Born	07-09-1928
		Married	09-07-1952
	Mary Minette Lefman	Born	04-04-1930
2.3(11)1	Jon Nathan Schler	Born	08-03-1953
		Married	06-19-1976
	Thelma Catherine Hoff "Tammy"	Born	11-05-1955
2.3(11)11	Audrey Lynn Schler	Born	03-08-1977
		Married	05-03-2003
	Travis Justin Gill	Born	02-11-1979
2.3(11)12	Sara Gail Schler	Born	05-12-1979
		Married	09-18-2004
	Aaron James	Born	02-08-1974
2.3(11)121	Daniel Jonathan James	Born	08-27-2005
2.3(11)122	Lily Caroline James	Born	03-20-2009
2.3(11)13	Nathan Christopher Schler	Born	10-11-1982
		Married	09-19-2009
	Mikka Lynn Stewart	Born	09-12-1983
2.3(11)14	Jon-Paul Allen Schler	Born	09-26-1986
2.3(11)2	Matt Daniel Schler	Born	01-01-1956
		Married	09-10-1977
	Pamela Ann Hodapp	Born	07-04-1956
2.3(11)21	Nicole Elise Schler	Born	08-11-1981
		Married	01-17-2004
	Ryan Christopher Ralston	Born	05-01-1981
2.3(11)211	Connor Matthew Ralston	Born	08-01-2004
2.3(11)212	Ava Grace Ralston	Born	11-21-2006
2.3(11)22	Jennifer Jeanette Schler	Born	08-04-1983
		Married	02-18-2009
	<u>Christopher Holt Boone</u>	Born	04-07-1980
2.3(11)221	Aubrey Minette Boone	Born	12-10-2010
2.3(11)222	Evan Holt Boone	Born	11-28-2012
2.3(11)23	Kimberly Ann Schler	Born	01-31-1987
2.3(11)3	Phil Jacob Schler	Born	06-05-1957
		Married	09-15-1984
	Kimberly Ann Phillips	Born	08-07-1958
2.3(11)31	Daniel Francis Schler	Born	10-12-1986

2.3(11)32	Mary-Jo Emma Schler	Born	10-11-1990
2.3(11)4	Stan Timothy Schler	Born	01-07-1959
	Paula Jean Orsborn	Married	09-01-1979
2.3(11)41	Christina Louise Schler	Born	03-29-1957
		Born	11-13-1980
2.3(11)42	Benjamin Garrett Schler	Born	05-19-1983
	Emily Anne Burns (divorced)	(1st) Married	07-12-2008
		Born	01-26-1984
	Chuan (CiCi) Cheng	(2nd) Married	09-21-2013
		Born	10-28-1987
2.3(11)43	Elizabeth Dianne Schler	Born	03-01-1985
	Daniel David Ralph Arensmeier	Married	09-17-2016
		Born	12-28-1983

2.3 Katharina Barbara Gerhardt

Katherina Barbara ("Katie") Gerhardt was the oldest of the two daughters of Joseph and Catherine Krum Gerhardt and was their third child. She was born on January 31, 1887 in the Dakota Territory. (The Territory was divided into two states on November 2, 1889.) Joseph Gerhardt, his family, and brother had homesteaded there in the fall of 1886. Katie was about six months old when the family left Dakota after suffering through the severe winter there. They traveled by rail in July 1887 to Missouri where the climate was milder. Katherina Barbara Gerhardt was baptized in St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Clear Creek Community, west of Pilot Grove by Pastor C. Kautz, on October 16, 1887. Her uncle, Heinrich (Henry) Gerhardt was her sponsor. While the family lived near Pilot Grove, Katie probably attended East Oakland School. When the family moved to the "Penn Place" in the Pisgah Community the children attended Lee District School. The children attended Sunday School in the Pisgah Baptist Church. When possible the family attended the services in the Moniteau Advent Evangelical Church near Jamestown or the California Evangelical Church. The Gerhardts lived at Pisgah nine years.

After many years as a farm laborer, renter and failed land owner, Joseph Gerhardt purchased 192 acres of land located between Speed and Billingsville in September 1904. This became the Gerhardt home place. At this time, Katie, age 17, and her older brothers, Henry and Fritz, moved to the new home where the boys planted the fall crop. The remainder of the family which was now complete, (Herman was three years old,) moved during the winter. The move was made mostly by sled over snow that was two feet deep on the level. When the snow melted the creek flooded the valley below the house and great chunks of ice were piled in the fields. Large trees were scarred by the ice breaking up. The ice house was filled with ice one to two feet thick.

The Gerhardts became active members of St. John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville. Katie attended confirmation instruction classes during the winter of 1904-1905 and was confirmed in St. John's Church by Pastor D. Behrens on April 16, 1905. She was a faithful member there the remainder of her life.

Katie lived at home with her parents until her marriage at age 23 to Anton Schler on March 29, 1910. They were married in St. John's Church by Rev. Karl Mueller, pastor. Their attendants were Anton's niece, Mary Schler (Johnmeyer) and Katie's brother, William Gerhardt. Anton "Tony" Schler was born May 30, 1865 in Clear Creek Community, a son of Louis and Margaret Troester Schler. He was 45 years old at the time of their marriage.

The couple lived for a few months in an apartment in Boonville, Missouri then moved to the country. They lived in the large original house on the farm with his mother. This house was later replaced by a modern residence and is the home of the Charles Schwartz family. Anton Schler and his brother, Peter, farmed this 400 acre place together from 1893 to 1915 when it was divided and Tony and Katie had a large eight room house erected on their part. They lived there the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of four daughters and seven sons. One son, John, lost his life in Europe's "Battle of the Bulge" in World War II.

Katie's health began to fail in the spring of 1947. She entered St. Joseph's Hospital in Boonville on Saturday, April 5. Lizzie, Ann, Charles and Dan were at home for Easter. They phoned Marge in Chicago and Katherine in St. Louis to come home. They arrived the following day, Sunday at noon. George and Paul were also called from Oklahoma. They

arrived on Monday and found their mother somewhat improved though her problem had not been diagnosed as yet. Marge, Dan and Ann returned to Chicago Saturday, April 12. Henry, Joe and Paul had their blood typed and Paul gave a transfusion on April 14. Paul and George returned to Oklahoma on April 17. Their mother returned home from the hospital on Friday, April 18, though not greatly improved. She became worse and re-entered the hospital about noon on Thursday, April 24. She became progressively more ill though transfusions of blood gave her temporary strength. Tony suffered a slight attack and was hospitalized in a room near his wife. Katharine Gerhardt Schler died of Leukemia at 3:29 a.m., Monday, May 12, 1947. All of her children were at her bedside.

Funeral arrangements were directed by Stegner Funeral Home. Her body was taken from the funeral home to the Schler home late Monday afternoon. Services were held at St. John's Church at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 12, 1947. Pastor Henry Rieder conducted the service with the sermon delivered by Rev. N.C. Schultz. Songs by the church choir, with Mrs. Ben Stegner at the organ, were "What A Friend We Have in Jesus", "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and "Thy Will Be Done". Burial was in the church cemetery. She was 60 years old.

Anton Schler continued to live in the farm home with son, Charles, and daughter, Lizzie. He died at home at 12:45 a.m. January 14, 1948 of a heart attack at the age of 83 years. He also was buried in St. John's cemetery.

2.4 Albert Gerhardt

	Born	07-25-1889
Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	12-30-1949
	Married	09-22-1910
Bertha Katharine Stegner	Born	09-15-1890
buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	08-17-1960
2.41 Louise Katharine	Born	09-10-1911
	Died	12-16-2000
2.42 Ruth Elizabeth	Born	08-24-1913
	Died	12-21-2009
2.43 Joseph Feodor	Born	12-17-1915
buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	08-23-1985
2.44 Frances Albertha	Born	04-14-1918
	Died	03-05-1998
2.45 Edwin Albert	Born	10-01-1920
buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	11-04-1920
2.46 Esther Edna	Born	10-28-1922
	Died	10-16-2006
2.47 Mildred Stegner	Born	03-02-1925
	Died	03-19-1998
2.48 Frieda Hazel	Born	09-20-1927
	Died	07-17-1998
2.41 Louise Katharine Gerhardt	Born	09-10-1911
	Married	06-23-1936
	Died	12-16-2000
Cremains buried at St. John's Billingsville, after Gerhardt Reunion		05-13-2001
Walter Herbert Meyer	Born	01-26-1909
Body donated to science	Died	09-05-1975
2.411 Doris Louise Meyer	Born	05-14-1939
	Married	07-23-1960
Richard Lee Oitzman	Born	06-11-1940
2.4111 Michael Lee Oitzman	Born	12-10-1963
	(1st) Married	05-04-1991
	Born	05-27-1965
2.4111 Diane Renee Krahora		
2.4111 Michael Lee Oitzman	Divorced	1994
	(2nd) Married	04-13-1996
	Born	05-01-1963
2.41111 Sharon (Shari) Rose Bergthold	Born	05-27-1997
2.41111 Hannah Michelle Oitzman	Born	05-31-2000
2.41112 Nolan Christopher Oitzman	Born	05-31-2000
2.412 Donald Walter Meyer	Born	08-12-1940

		Married	08-15-1970
	Barbara Belew	Born	11-01-1940
	2.4121 Jeffrey David Meyer	Born	12-27-1971
		Married	04-05-2003
	Candice Cadwell		
	2.41211 Alexis Jeanine Meyer	Born	12-28-2005
	2.41212 Ryan David Meyer	Born	03-15-2008
	2.4122 Jeanine Marie Meyer	Born	06-07-1974
		Died	03-18-1994
2.413	Beverly Esther Meyer	Born	09-08-1943
2.42	Ruth Elizabeth Gerhardt	Born	08-24-1913
		Died	12-21-2009
		(1st) Married	07-18-1937
	Charles Vernon Leslie (divorced)	Born	06-24-1910
		(2nd) Married	12-20-1942
	Howard Russell Winn (divorced)	Born	12-23-1911
	2.421 James Joseph Winn	Born	04-30-1945
	auto-train collision, buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	02-14-1965
2.42	Ruth Elizabeth Gerhardt	(3rd) Married	04-14-1950
	Albert Henry Erdman	Born	11-23-1924
	buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	04-29-1989
	2.422 Albert Henry Erdman, Jr.	Born	07-16-1953
		Married	08-08-1981
	Theresa Elizabeth Vest (divorced)	Born	04-14-1960
	2.4221 Erin Elizabeth Erdman	Born	02-03-1982
	Albert and Theresa	Remarried	08-08-1992
	2.4222 Emma Marie Erdman	Born	12-17-1997
	2.42211 Maeve Eliabeth McMurtrey	Born	05-30-2008
	2.42212 Rowen Henry McMurtrey	Born	01-04-2011
	Albert and Bea Hunter of Dallas, Texas	Married	2010
2.42	Ruth Elizabeth Gerhardt	(4th) Married	05-26-1991
	Henry Schrader	Born	11-01-1909
		Died	03-01-1996
2.43	Joseph Feodor Gerhardt	Born	12-17-1915
	buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	08-23-1985
		Married	03-28-1937
	Wyama Fern Kamp	Born	12-11-1914
	buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	10-21-1988
	2.431 Frank Albert Gerhardt	Born	02-20-1942
		Married	08-21-1965
		Died	06-20-2017
	Marjorie Maxson	Born	12-23-1942
	2.4311 Mark Joseph Gerhardt	Born	08-09-1973
		Married	10-12-1996
	Erin Louise Carr	Born	03-14-1974
	2.43111 Ryan Louise Gerhardt	Born	02-11-2003
	2.43112 Kylie Maxson Gerhardt	Born	10-14-2005
	2.4312 Jeffrey Paul Gerhardt	Born	12-28-1974
		Married	09-23-2006
	Shea Alexandra Purdy	Born	07-24-1976
	2.43121 Emmett Alexander Gerhardt	Born	08-04-2009
	2.43122 Finley Elliott Gerhardt (Twins)	Born	05-21-2012
	2.43123 Harrison Shea Gerhardt	Born	05-21-2012

2.432	Venita Fern Gerhardt	Born	11-23-1946
		Married	03-02-1965
	Ronald Harlan Foos	Born	02-06-1941
		Died	10-11-2016
2.4321	Seth Gerhardt Foos	Born	02-18-1971
		Married	08-03-2002
	Maxine Loretta Harder at Beaverlodge, Alberta, Canada		
2.4322	Aaron Foos	Born	08-18-1973
		Married	08-22-1998
	Rebecca Lynn Brennan	Born	03-30-1976
2.4323	Infant	Born & Died	12-24-1975
2.44	Frances Albertha Gerhardt	Born	04-14-1918
		Died	03-05-1998
		(1st) Married	11-28-1937
	William Ernest Wren	Born	04-28-1915
	buried Memorial Park Cemetery, Columbia, MO	Died	11-24-1960
2.441	Judy Louise Wren	Born & Died	10-25-1938
	Buried Broadway Cemetery, Columbia, MO		
2.442	Karen Mildred Wren	Born	03-26-1951
		Married	11-22-1968
	Richard Louis Stock (divorced)	Born	04-12-1948
2.4421	Jennifer Lynn Stock	Born	10-21-1969
	Zach Vaudrie	Married	
	2.44211 Sierra Marie Vaudrie	Born	09-18-2007
	2.4422 Heather Ann Stock	Born	03-06-1975
	Gary Jones		
	2.44221 Collin Blaine Jones	Born	01-29-1999
	2.44222 Hannah Noel Jones	Born	11-28-2000
	2.44223 Jena Allison Jones	Born	06-02-2005
2.44	Frances Albertha Gerhardt	(2nd) Married	08-16-1963
		Died	03-05-1998
	John Raymond Mallman (divorced)	Born	11-08-1911
2.45	Edwin Albert Gerhardt	Born	10-01-1920
		Died	11-04-1920
2.46	Esther Edna Gerhardt	Born	10-28-1922
		Married	05-30-1943
		Died	10-16-2006
	Leo Vessenmeier Jr.	Born	05-26-1921
	buried Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas	Died	10-28-1984
2.461	Sharon Lynn Vessenmeier	Born	02-06-1950
		(1st) Married	04-17-1976
	Richard Nolan Green	Divorced	11-23-1977
		(2nd) Married	02-16-1980
	Richard Aubry		
2.4611	Aimee Lynn Aubry	Born	05-12-1983
2.4612	Andrew Richard Aubry	Born	03-04-1986
2.462	Eloise Kay Vessenmeier	Born	04-08-1952
		(1st) Married	08-01-1972
	Robert Bewley	Divorced	11-21-1974

		(2nd)	Married	05-13-1977
	Boyce Frank Morgan		Born	08-05-1944
	2.4621 Craig Boyce Morgan (Twin)		Born	09-24-1982
	2.4622 Kyle Leo Morgan (Twin)		Born	09-24-1982
2.47	Mildred Stegner Gerhardt		Born	03-02-1925
	Cremains buried at St. John's Cemetery Billingsville, MO		Died	03-18-1998
			Married	08-27-1944
	Rudolph Theo Gruebbel		Born	06-22-1924
			Died	09-10-2007
2.471	Rudolph Theo (Ted) Gruebbel		Born	02-07-1949
		(1st)	Married	06-30-1973
	Ann Montgomery		Divorced	1975
2.471	Rudolph Theo (Ted) Gruebbel	(2nd)	Married	04-11-1975
	Donna Stewart (divorced)		Born	10-07-1950
	2.4711 Ashley Carol Gruebbel		Born	06-16-1976
	2.47111 Taylor Savannah Gruebbel		Born	06-07-1995
2.471	Rudolph Theo (Ted) Gruebbel	(3rd)	Married	06-18-1983
	Catherine Elaine Phillips			
	2.4712 Kimberly Nichole Gruebbel		Born	11-13-1984
2.472	Barry Lester Gruebbel		Born	12-22-1954
		(1st)	Married	02-11-1978
	Kathy Ann Mathis (divorced)		Born	09-10-1955
		(2nd)	Married	09-13-1986
	Kathy Diane Kendrick (divorced)		Born	04-26-1951
		(3rd)	Married	11-18-1989
	Janet Morphew (divorced)		Born	03-1953
		(4th)	Married	04-01-1993
	Tammy Willis		Born	09-03-1960
2.48	Frieda Hazel Gerhardt		Born	09-20-1927
			Died	07-17-1998
			Married	03-31-1946
	Lester Herman Haas		Born	09-24-1916
	buried at St. John's Cemetery		Died	08-12-1985
	2.481 Hazel Ann Haas		Born & Died	11-22-1948
	Buried at St. John's Cemetery			
	2.482 Steven Michael Haas (Mike)		Born	02-10-1950
			Married	12-06-1974
	Nancy Sue Thurman (divorced)		Born	03-02-1956
	2.4821 Bradley Michael Haas		Born	11-20-1976
2.483	Katharine Johanna Haas		Born	09-06-1953
	buried at St. John's Cemetery		Died	12-22-1953
2.484	Gregory Lester Haas		Born	08-05-1955
			Married	04-27-1975
	Linda Gail Quint		Born	05-16-1955
	2.4841 Tia Suzanne Haas		Born	05-14-1978
	2.48411 Cameron Elizabeth		Born	02-04-1997
	Father-Joe Gerhke			
	2.4842 Travis Alan Haas		Born	09-03-1981
			Married	03-20-2004
	Hannah Jean Schatzer			

2.4 Albert Gerhardt

Albert Gerhardt was born on July 25, 1889, the third son and fourth child of Joseph Gerhardt and Catherine Krumm

Gerhardt. He was born while the family was living in the Pilot Grove Community. He was baptized September 10, 1889 in St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Clear Creek. His sponsors were his uncle, Henry Gerhardt, "Sr.", and Magdalena Ries.

Albert was six years old when about 1895 Joseph Gerhardt moved his family to a large farm called the "Penn Place" near Pisgah, in eastern Cooper County. The family lived there for nine years and the children attended Lee District School. It is thought that four or five years in this school provided all the formal education Albert received. They attended Sunday School in the Pisgah Baptist Church and when possible attended worship services in the Moniteau Advent Evangelical Church near Jamestown or in the California Evangelical Church. Albert was con-firmed in the Moniteau Advent Church. It is said that the minister almost persuaded Albert to enter the ministry. Albert was fifteen years old when, in September 1904, his father purchased a 192 acre farm located between Speed and Billingsville. After many years as a farm laborer, tenant farmer and failed landowner, Joseph Gerhardt owned a farm home. The older sons and daughter, Katie, moved in the fall to plant the fall crop. The rest of the family moved during the winter, mostly by sled over deep snow.

The younger children attended Independence District School and the family became active in St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville. Albert Gerhardt farmed with his father until his marriage at the age of 21. He was married on September 22, 1910 to Bertha Stegner, a daughter of Feodor Stegner and Louisa Back. They were married in St. John's Church by Pastor Karl Mueller.

Bertha Katharine Stegner was born in the Billingsville Community on September 15, 1890. Albert and Bertha purchased the farm adjoining the Feodor Stegner place. (This farm is now the home of Charles and Cora Geiger.) They lived there for several years. Daughters Louise and Ruth were born in this first home. They sold their place and then moved to an "old" Stegner farm into a log house along with Bertha's brother, Dan Stegner. Their son, Joseph was born there in 1915.

While living with Dan Stegner, Albert, his brother August and John Cary loaded his steam engine, threshing machine and cook car onto a railroad flat car and went to central Kansas for the wheat harvest about 1916. Albert Gerhardt purchased a house in Speed and moved his family there in the summer of 1917. This house burned to the ground in the spring of 1918 about six weeks before Frances was born. Their furniture was saved and they lived in a rented house while their home was rebuilt. Albert is said to have sawed lumber for this house on his own saw mill. The house still stands. Edwin, their son who died at one month, and daughters Esther, Mildred, and Frieda, as well as Frances, were born in Speed.

Louise entered Palestine District School in Speed in 1917 and graduated in 1925. (She then attended an extra year.) Ruth graduated in 1927 and Joe in 1929. Louise attended Bunceton High School for three years, and Ruth attended two years. All the children graduated from Boonville High School.

In the 1920s Albert Gerhardt was selling Autman Taylor Tractors and engaging in custom farming and running his threshing rigs and hay baling operations. He took over as overseer of the Speed Special Road District and with his own heavy equipment did much to widen the dirt roads and improve the road beds. He also operated the saw mill during those years.

In October 1929, the Albert Gerhardt family moved to a house on Seventh Street in Boonville. In the fall of 1930 he became the International Harvester Farm Equipment Dealer and also had the dealership for Maytag laundry equipment until 1936. After graduating from high school, Joe was his father's bookkeeper for several years. Frances also worked in the office for several years.

In 1931 Bertha's father, Feodor Stegner, sold the home farm at Billingsville to his son, Herman. He purchased a nice brick home at 722 Locust Street in Boonville where he and his daughter's family lived together. Albert operated his farm machinery business for 16 or 17 years then sold it to J. J. Maddix. Then he operated "Albert's Tavern" for several years.

While the family lived in Speed they were active in St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville and all the children were baptized there. Louise and Ruth were confirmed there. Albert served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years and was a member of the Church Council. After the move to Boonville, the other children were confirmed in the Evangelical Church in town. Albert, Bertha and Ruth transferred their membership to Boonville in 1931. Bertha attended Sunday School and Church regularly. She was a member of the Women's organization at St. John's Church and later at the Boonville Church. She quilted with the group, served on the Altar Committee and worked in the kitchen whenever congregational meals were served. She had only a fourth grade education as her mother died when she was fifteen years old so Bertha was needed at home to help keep house and care for the younger children. Louis, who was born when his mother died, was reared by his mother's sisters, Lizzie and Katie Back.

Albert Gerhardt died on December 30, 1949 at the Alex Van Ravensway Hospital in Boonville at the age of 60 years. He had had several surgeries and died of cirrhosis of the liver. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, January 1, 1950 in the Boonville Evangelical Church with Rev. E. F. Abele officiating. Arrangements were directed by Goodman-Boller Funeral Home. Burial was in the cemetery of St. John's Church at Billingsville. Pall bearers were nephews: Elmer, Edward, John, Charles and Herman Edward Gerhardt and Henry Schler.

Bertha Stegner Gerhardt continued to live in her home with her father, Feodor Stegner until he died in 1952. Then Bertha bought a home at 822 E. High St. Boonville, and lived there until her last illness. Bertha died August 17, 1960 at the home of her daughter, Frieda Haas, following a long illness. She died of Ovarian Cancer following surgery. She was 70 years old. Funeral services were conducted in the Boonville Evangelical Church by Rev. E. F. Abele. Pall bearers were nephews: Walter, John, Hillard and Herman Edward Gerhardt, Henry Schler and Dan Stegner, Jr. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery at Billingsville.

#2.41 LOUISE KATHERINE GERHARDT

Note from Doris Meyer Oitzman: Most of the following was taken from Mom's own notes that she left, so I think the history is very correct and extremely interesting. I only added a few comments. Most notes regarded her early life that would be more interesting to the Gerhardt family, so I left out most of her later life. Sent October 28, 2008

Louise Katherine Gerhardt was born on September 10, 1911. She was the oldest of 7 living children born to Alberta and Bertha Katherine (Stegner) Gerhardt who were always called papa and Mama. As her mother's "right hand" even as early as 4 years old when her brother Joe was born, she was pinning diapers on him. She learned to make bread by kneading it in a pan on the chair. She remembered Papa owning a steam engine and a Model %-Ford with curtains to protect the family during winter weather.

Her Grandmother Gerhard's birthday on Feb. 16 was always celebrated by the entire Gerhardt family. There were 49 Gerhardt grandchildren and 2 died in infancy. Her early memories of Grandpa Gerhardt were of being a big man who wore a beard and liked beer. One Easter they went to their home to look for Easter eggs that had been colored by onion skins and coffee grounds.

In 1917, the family moved to Speed where she began first grade. In the spring of 1918, the home burned but her father had a new home built on the same location with lumber he saved. Only later did they get electric lights. He dad did get a gas engine for the washing machine. Fruit trees, a garden jersey cow, hogs and chickens provided the food. Bathing was done in a galvanized tub-all using the same water.

At about 9 or 10, her love of flowers began as she planted her own flower garden. She would beg plants, bulbs and slips from neighbors. In grad school, a seed company sold a package of seed for a penny so she tried many varieties. Her green thumb stayed green her entire life. In retirement, she furnished fresh flowers just about every Sunday for her church altar.

When she was 11, she had planned to ask for her last doll for Christmas. Instead her sister, Esther, was born the previous October and she was old enough to help take care of her so she was her living doll. Louise always cut all of her siblings' hair as well as all of Aunt Flora's children's hair.

Like their home, their school had no running water. Older boys would bring in fresh water each day. Each student had their own tin cup. She made good grades and neither she nor her siblings got into trouble at school.

Since they lived close to Aunt Flora, she and Ruth were often sent to help Aunt Flora and entertain the children. When a storm was brewing, they were sent again as Aunt Flora was so frightened of storms. Louise did not know how they could help but Aunt Flora was always relieved when she saw them coming over the hill, often soaking wet. Again, Louise was Aunt Flora's "right hand".

She attended high school in Bunceton and would have been valedictorian of that class had they not moved to Boonville in 1929. At last, they had running water, a bathroom, bathtub and furnace but her mother still used a wood cook stove. She wanted to go to college to enter Christian Education work but with 7 children, her parents were not able to send her to college. After graduation, she passed the teachers' exam but never received an answer to her applications. Instead, in 1930 she and Aunt Edna were accepted to work at the Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. At first, she just cleaned and was soon made into a nurse's aide. Eventually, she entered the nursing class. After three months of probation, she was proud to wear her nursing cap. By 1932, she began dating Walter Meyer. By 1933, she was not satisfied with the idea of being a Deaconess and thoughts of institutional life. She resigned and returned to Boonville to finish a full year of school so she

could take the state board exam. Those three years in St. Louis were her most wonderful carefree years of all her life while a student nurse. It was full of joys, a few sorrows, some home sickness and lots and lots of good time.

Back in Boonville, she graduated and did lots of special duty nursing. By 1936, she was busy planning her wedding to Walter Meyer. Her wedding dress cost \$12.95 and her shoes \$3.00. She sewed her own veil and bought \$5.00 bridesmaid dresses. The wedding was at Billingsville Evangelical Church, the same church in which her parents were married. Potted plants from the Reformatory green house cost \$1, a pot and wild flowers were gathered from the nearby ravine. For the reception, cake and lemonade were served, but unbeknown to Louise, her dad had beer behind the garage for some guests. Papa also supplied a band and some singing for the guests.

Walter's first church was in harmony, Illinois, while he was still in seminary. Walter had saved no money but Louise had saved approximately \$1,000.00 from nursing to buy furniture. They took classes at the Seminary at EUB in Naperville, Illinois. They both went to classes Tuesday through Friday but would return to Harmony for three day weekend for church work. Louise took classes to be a better minister's wife. Walter received \$15.00 for each church service and the special offering for communion. He graduated and was ordained; she earned her Christian Worker certificate in 1937. They accepted a call to a church in Creve Coeur, Illinois. In 1938, they moved to Faribault, Minnesota, to the same church where Walter's dad have been a pastor. By now, their salary was \$100.00 a month plus a parsonage.

All three of their children, Doris Louise, Donald Walter, and Beverly Esther, were born in Faribault. Later churches were in Dolton, Illinois; Inman, Kansas; Lewiston, Minnesota and Wellington, Missouri. Whenever possible, they did a lot of traveling. Walter died in 1975. Louise decided to buy a home in Boonville where she spent the rest of her life near family and friends. She enjoyed her church family at the Boonville church where she was active in the choir, adult Sunday school, Sunshine group and wherever she was needed. She lived the Christian life and was the perfect example of one of God's servants. She lived to be almost 90 and was preceded in death by most of her siblings.

#2.43 JOSEPH FEODOR GERHARDT, (1915-1985)

Written Frank Albert Gerhardt and Venita Fern Gerhardt Foes

December 16, 2008

Our father, Joseph Feodor Gerhardt, was a fun loving man who was ready to play jokes and keep the group entertained. He also was a strong family man. He liked nothing better than to have a group of relatives together and enjoy an evening filled with laughter. He said he had to be quick-witted as he was the only boy and had six sisters to deal with!

Christmas was his favorite time – he wrapped everyone's present with newspapers and baling twine. He liked to send back the previous year's Christmas cards to the family with the old name crossed out and his name written in! He and his sisters kept one present going back and forth between them for about twenty years to the delight of all of them. The highlight was when everyone would get together at his parents' home in Boonville and "Santa" would come to give presents to all the children.

Joe was born December 17, 1915 in the house on the hill that was close to the Stegner home place in the Billingsville area. When he was a young child, the family lived with Dan & Kathleen Stegner for a time, and this family really "adopted" Dad for the rest of their lives, and vice versa. He was glad to have the boys to play with. He also spent a lot of time with his "double cousins," the sons of August and Flora, whom he regarded as his brothers too. They all enjoyed their childhood in Speed, swimming and fishing in the creek and going back and forth among the families. He also spent much time with his father, Albert Gerhardt, during his custom threshing years; he had a large number of steam engine tractors along with several threshers. Albert also had a sawmill operation in Speed.

When Joe was about 8 years old, he and his sister Ruth were playing around one of the loaded moving hay wagons when he slipped underneath the large wheels. He broke both his legs and also suffered a concussion. He was taken by wagon to Booneville to the hospital where they treated him, but they did not even clean him up that night as they thought he would not make it. He was in the hospital until he was stabilized enough to go home. He told us that it was hard to be laid up for so long before he could walk well, but he had no long range complications. It was a miracle.

Joe attended school in Speed, and the whole family attended church at St. John's Evangelical in Billingsville. He said when he started school he could not speak English as German was the home language. He had fond memories of their six room home with a full basement that his father built in 1918. They had a drilled well outside, but never had inside

plumbing. There were always wood and water chores, as well as chores with the milk cow and pigs and chickens.

Joe graduated from Booneville High School where the family had moved in 1929. His bedroom was above the garage when the family moved to 722 Locust Street, which he said was so much better than living in the house with all his sisters! He worked for his father at Gerhardt Implement Store on Chestnut Street in Booneville during the years from 1933 to 1942. His father had one of the first International Harvester (IH) dealerships in the nation. Except for the war years of 1942 – 1944 when Joe worked measuring water levels on Missouri River, he spent most of his work life in association with IH Company.

Joe and Wyama (Kamp) were married on Easter Sunday at the Booneville Evangelical Church in 1937, with Jim and Madeline Painter as their attendants (life long friend of Dad's from Speed). They bought a small brick home in Booneville. Frank Albert was born there in 1942. They moved to Denver in 1944 working for International Harvester Company, where Venita Fern was born in 1946. They were transferred to Chicago and then Los Angeles with the company from 1947 to 1952. He bought an IH dealership in Keenesburg, Colorado in 1952 - Keene Power and Equipment Company - with Wyama working full time in the business as his right hand assistant.

Joe and his family also enjoyed raising livestock on their small acreage. They stayed in Keenesburg for both of their children to finish 12 years of school in the small town setting.

In 1964, Joe realized his long held dream to own a cattle/sheep ranch high in the Colorado mountains when they purchased a ranch in the Yampa Valley. Moving in December was quite an experience as the snow was very deep. The stairs to the second floor were very narrow, so they took out a window, ramped up the snow, and carried the furniture up the ramp and in the window! He purchased stock in the fall, but the young came in March which was still very much winter in Yampa and caused them a lot of difficulty for their first season. The porch and kitchen were full of bum lambs that needed to be bottled every few hours. Life on the ranch proved to be very hard for both of them, and it was difficult for them to get the hired help they needed. However, it was their delight to fish from their own lake and creeks and enjoy beautiful mountain scenery and much wildlife. In 1968, they sold the ranch and made the radical change from high-mountain living to the desert - Palm Springs, California. One of Wyama's comments was that she never wanted to see another snowflake!

They lived there until Joe began working for Lincoln Property Management Company in Dallas and then Arlington, Texas during the years of 1970 to 1973. In 1974, they moved to Brighton, Colorado, where he did accounting work part time. They enjoyed traveling in their motor home to visit Frank and his family in Pennsylvania and Venita and her family in Canada.

In 1979, they moved to Stuart, Florida, where Joe then retired completely. He continued to love to fish as he could. Joe passed on in August of 1985, and Wyama lived in Stuart until 1988 when she passed on.

No matter where they lived, Joe and Wyama always had an open heart and an open door for family and friends.

2.5 William Gerhardt

buried St. John's Cemetery

Born 10-20-1891
 Died 03-06-1973
 (1st) Married 02-04-1914

Emma Elizabeth Wolfrum
 buried St. John's Cemetery

Born 09-15-1888
 Died 03-17-1935

2.51 John William
 buried Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO

Born 07-01-1916
 Died 08-07-1995

2.52 Leonard Nicholas
 buried Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO

Born 01-21-1919
 Died 05-03-2000

2.53 Elizabeth Marie (Betty)
 Buried St. John's Cemetery

Born 03-21-1923
 Died 04-16-1972

2.5 William Gerhardt

(2nd) Married 10-27-1940
 Born 09-05-1890
 Died 11-06-1974

Ella Louise Wolfrum
 buried St. John's Cemetery

2.51 John William Gerhardt

(1st) Born 07-01-1916
 Married 10-13-1940
 Died 08-07-1995
 Born 01-14-1917

buried Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO
 Agnes Lucille Bettridge

buried	Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO		Died	07-15-1988
2.511	Barbara Ann Gerhardt		Born	08-08-1944
			Married	08-20-1966
	Gerald Lyle Dicus		Born	06-20-1943
2.5111	Christa Jill Dicus		Born	07-12-1971
			Married	07-10-1999
	Travis Wayne Burnett			
	2.51111 Taylor Lane Burnett		Born	05-29-2001
	2.51112 Jason Russ Burnett		Born	12-06-2002
2.5112	Brett Eric Dicus		Born	09-28-1975
			Married	03-20-2010
	Michelle Denise Porter			
2.512	Deborah Lucille Gerhardt		Born	08-09-1956
			Married	07-31-1976
	Gregory Alan Woods		Died	05-15-2013
2.5121	Zachary Taggart Woods		Born	06-19-1981
2.51	John William Gerhardt (cont'd)	(2nd)	Married	09-20-1990
	Mary Lenhardt		Born	02-15-1915
2.52	Leonard Nicholas Gerhardt		Born	01-21-1919
	buried at Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO		Died	05-03-2000
			Married	08-25-1940
	Mary Lee Salzman		Born	05-12-1921
	buried at Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, MO		Died	09-15-2008
2.521	Stephen William Gerhardt		Born	09-03-1946
		(1st)	Married	12-17-1966
	Carol Elaine Black (divorced)		Born	10-03-1945
		(2nd)	Married	01-16-1982
	Tamara Lee Hudnell		Born	04-25-1955
2.5211	Alivia (Libby) Gerhardt		Born	02-27-1978
			Married	1996
	Blane Kable (divorced)			
	2.52111 Allison Ashley Kable		Born	11-30-1997
	2.52112 Cameron Heath Ellingsworth		Born	06-21-2000
2.5212	Justin William Gerhardt		Born	05-22-1983
			Married	10-11-2008
	Angela Kelly			
2.522	Janet Lynn Gerhardt		Born	10-09-1947
			Married	03-16-1968
	James Owen Hickam		Born	02-01-1946
2.5221	Amy Leigh Hickam		Born	11-09-1968
			Married	09-09-1995
	Chad Timothy Van Buren		Born	03-08-1970
	2.52211 Nicholas James Van Buren		Born	12-31-1998
	2.52212 Delaney Leigh Van Buren		Born	09-26-2002
2.5222	Chad Owen Hickam		Born	04-22-1975
	Divorced	(1st)	Married	02-08-2002
	Erin Mitchell		Born	05-25-1978
	2.52221 Riley Owen Hickam		Born	04-18-2002
2.53	Elizabeth Marie Gerhardt "Betty"		Born	03-21-1923
	buried St. John's Cemetery		Died	04-16-1972
			Married	04-05-1942

	Robert Hillard Brandes (divorced) buried Pisgah Cemetery	Born Died	01-01-1923 11-25-1968
2.531	Betty Jean Brandes	Born	12-21-1943
2.532	Robert Hillard Brandes, Jr.	Born	08-09-1945
	Jammy Sue Bywater	Married Born	06-14-1969 03-25-1949
2.5321	Matthew Robert Brandes	Born	09-02-1970
	Stacy Christine Marcum	Married Born	04-08-1995 09-06-1972
2.53211	Megan Renae Brandes	Born	02-17-2002
2.53212	Kaitlyn Marie Brandes	Born	06-22-2007
2.5322	Timothy Carl Brandes	Born	09-24-1973
	Rebecca Ann Borgmann	Married	06-16-2001
2.53221	Deryn Maddlyn Brandes	Born	02-02-2003
2.53222	Hayden Eugene Brandes	Born	08-15-2005
2.533	Jerry Allen Brandes	Born	05-22-1950
	Kendra Ann North	Married Born	05-08-1971 11-06-1951
2.5331	Joshua Allen Brandes	Born	09-29-1987
2.5332	Jeffrey Allen Brandes	Born	02-12-1989
2.534	Janey Marie Brandes	Born	09-29-1956
	Richard Mark Humphries	Married Born	03-01-1975 09-29-1953
2.5341	Karlean Marie Humphries	Born	09-06-1975
	David Kramer	Married	06-01-1996
2.5342	Kyli Marlean Humphries	Born	09-26-1977
	Dan Larson	Married	02-10-2001
2.53421	Jerrod Robert Larson	Born	05-15-1999
2.53422	Katherine Elizabeth Larson	Born	07-14-2001
2.53423	Kaylee Marie Larson	Born	07-13-2005
2.5343	Richard Marshall Humphries	Born	01-22-1980
	Nicole Lynne Ross	Married	11-15-2000
2.53431	Anissa Nicole Humphries	Born	07-16-2001
2.5344	Kelly Megan Humphries	Born	01-18-1984

2.5 William Gerhardt

William Gerhardt, fifth child and fourth son of Joseph and Katharine Krumm Gerhardt, was born on October 20, 1891 at the farm home where the family lived about 1 1/2 miles east of Pilot Grove, Cooper County, Missouri. He was baptized in St Paul's Evangelical Church in Clear Creek Community by Rev. Kitterer.

William was about three years old when in 1894 his parents moved from the Pilot Grove community to near Pisgah in the eastern part of the county. The family lived there until he was about twelve years old. He attended the Lee Rural Elementary School. While living there the family attended Sunday School in the Pisgah Baptist Church and also attended church at the Moniteau Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Church at California, Missouri.

In September 1904 Joseph Gerhardt purchased a 192 acre farm between Speed and Billingsville. The children attended Independence Rural School. William did not graduate from the eighth grade. The Joseph Gerhardt family attended St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville and William was confirmed there on April 19, 1908 by Rev. K. Mueller. William lived at home and farmed with his father until his marriage.

William Gerhardt met his first wife, Emma Elizabeth Wolfrum, at a Mission Feast at the Billingsville Church several

years before they were married. They were united in marriage at her parents' home, east of Bunceton on February 4, 1914, by Rev. C. Gabler. Attendants at their wedding were his brother, August, and her sister, Ella.

Emma Wolfrum was born on September 15, 1888 near California, Missouri, a daughter of John G. Wolfrum and Elizabeth Herendeben, natives of Moniteau County. She was baptized on November 4, 1888 at the Evangelical Church in California, Missouri by Rev. F. A. Umbeck. She was confirmed on April 21, 1905 at the Moniteau Evangelical Church by Rev. C. Gabler.

The only home of William and Emma Gerhardt was located on the farm east of Bunceton where their son, Leonard now lives. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Emma Wolfrum Gerhardt died on March 17, 1935 at the home after an extended illness of heart trouble and complications. She was 47 years of age. Funeral services were held at the St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville with arrangements made by L. G. Parker, funeral director at Bunceton. Services were conducted by the church pastor, Rev. G. Kruezenstien and burial was in the church cemetery. Casket bearers were nephews: Henry Schler, Joe, Edward, Elmer, Roy and Charles Gerhardt. Emma Gerhardt was a faithful and active member of her church, member of the Ladies Aid for many years and served as its president.

The second wife of William Gerhardt was Ella Louise Wolfrum, younger sister to Emma. She was born near Bunceton, Missouri on September 5, 1890. She was baptized in the Evangelical Church at California, Missouri on November 2, 1890 by Rev. F. Umbeck and confirmed in the Moniteau Evangelical Church near Jamestown, Missouri on April 21, 1905 by Rev. C. Gabler. Her sister was also a member of this confirmation class. Ella Wolfrum Gerhardt attended Lone Grove School at Lone Elm for seven years. She also attended Bunceton School where she graduated in April 1911. William Gerhardt and Ella Wolfrum were married on October 27, 1940 at the Moniteau Evangelical Church by Rev. Austin Schults. Attendants were his children: John, Leonard and Betty. They made their home on her parents' farm a mile east of Bunceton and cared for her mother until her death in 1947. Her father had died in 1936. They built a modern home there in 1952 and where they lived the remainder of their lives. Ella was a faithful member of the church, church school and Women's Guild at St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville for many years and was president of the Women's Guild for six years.

William Gerhardt was active in community affairs all his adult life. He served as judge of the eastern district of the Cooper County Court for two terms from 1944 to 1952; served on the church council for twelve years; Sunday School teacher from 1930 and superintendent of the Sunday School for four years; member of the cemetery board for three years, and member of the church building committee for six years. He served as a director in the Bunceton R 4 School District for twelve years and road commission for three years. He was active in the organization of the R.E.A. in his area in 1938. He was community leader when the Bunceton 4 H Club was organized in 1942 with fifteen members. He was county chairman of 4 H clubs for one year. He was active in CROP, on the state board of community appeals for Church World Service. He was publicity chairman of the committee for the School of Religion at the University of Missouri for this community and a member of the "1000 Club" committee of the United Church of Christ. As long as health and strength permitted, he continued to be interested in all civic and church affairs.

William Gerhardt died on March 6, 1973 at the age of 82 years in Boone County Hospital, Columbia, Missouri, after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church by Pastor Rev. Otto Schroedel. Arrangements were made by Thacker-Wood Funeral Home. Pall bearers were nephews: Charles, Rudolph, Edgar, Herman Edward and Gene Gerhardt and Charles Schler. These men were also pall bearers for Ella Gerhardt, who died on November 6, 1974, at the age of 84. Both were laid to rest in the St. John's Church Cemetery.

#2.52 LEONARD AND MARY GERHARDT

Written September, 2009 by Janet Gerhardt Hickam

My dad, Leonard Gerhardt, was the middle child of William and Emma Gerhardt. He was born on the home place on Route J near Bunceton. He met Mary L. Salzman when she was 17. They were married on August 25, 1940 in Boonville, by Rev. E. F. Abele. They made their home on my dad's home place. My dad had been born there and lived there his entire life.

When they first married my dad farmed approximately 100 acres. They raised cattle, pigs and chickens. In 1947 they adopted my brother, Steve and me, Janet. I remember living on the farm as a child. My parents always had a huge garden and shared produce with many of the town people and relatives. My mom always had a lovely garden of flowers. I remember hay baling, planting and harvest time.

In the late fifties and early sixties my dad bought the old movie theatre and several other buildings in Bunceton. The theatre was renovated and made into three apartments, a laundromat and a chapel. He did all of the work himself and many of the materials came from a Columbia motel that was being torn down. At the same time he owned and operated an APCO service station in Bunceton. My mother was a housewife and also kept all the books for the businesses. After

closing his service station business in the late sixties, he worked in Columbia for a trucking company making local deliveries. He retired in 1980. He had open heart surgery in 1980 after retirement to replace a mitro valve.

Both mom and dad were very active in the community and their church. My dad served as a deacon and held offices on the church board for many years. He also always kept the church maintained by checking and fixing anything needed, such as air conditioning, furnace and plumbing. For many years he would get up early on Sunday morning and go to the church to make sure that the heat was on and comfortable for those who attended. He was a member of the Lions Club, the ambulance board at the Cooper County Hospital in Boonville, member of the rural fire department in Bunceton, and the Masonic Lodge.

My mother taught Sunday school for many years, taught 4-H classes, member of the church women's society, Lions Club and rural fire department. She was always involved with our school activities and 4-H projects. She was always involved with Cooper County Youth fair. She loved to sew and made most of my clothes even after I was married. She enjoyed cooking and was considered a great cook. People loved her German Chocolate Cake, broccoli casserole, and her chicken and noodles. She usually took all of these dishes to the Gerhardt reunion. Her German Chocolate Cakes were well known at the Federated Church's Lord Acre Sale every fall. She was always amazed at the price they brought.

Both mom and dad were dedicated and loving parents. Steve and I feel very fortunate to have them as our parents. They gave us a strong foundation in the church as well as everyday life experiences. We enjoyed many vacations seeing relatives and loved going to Ohio and Colorado. During their years of retirement they enjoyed visiting with friends and relatives. They also enjoyed fishing in their lake on the farm.

Dad passed away in May of 2000. My mother passed away September 15, 2008. I am retired and live in Osage Beach with my husband, Jim , of 40 years. Our two children and our three grandchildren live in the area. Steve and his wife, Tammy, live in Brownsville, Texas. They have three children and five grandchildren.

2.6 August Gerhardt

buried St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO

Born 02-27-1894

Died 01-02-1927

Married 07-11-1915

Flora Elizabeth Stegner

Born 11-09-1893

buried St. John's Cemetery

Died 05-30-1988

2.61 Elmer August

Born 02-07-1916

buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville

Died 12-27-1972

2.62 Helen Kathryn

Born 01-01-1918

Died 02-14-2003

2.63 Daniel Hubert

Born 02-24-1920

buried St. John's Cemetery (after hunting accident)

Died 01-27-1936

2.64 Edgar Herman

Born 04-07-1922

Died 05-20-2011

2.65 Rudolph Feodor

Born 02-06-1924

2.66 Hillard Frederick

Born 07-27-1926

Died 03-25-2009

2.61 Elmer August Gerhardt

Born 02-07-1916

buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville

Died 12-27-1972

Married 08-18-1940

Mildred Mae Burton

Born 05-14-1919

Died 12-31-2000

2.611 Penelope June Gerhardt (Penny)

Born 05-29-1942

Married 08-18-1963

Joe Louis Lee Walcott

Born 07-26-1939

2.6111 Kimberly Anne Walcott

Born 12-27-1967

2.61111 Cassandra Ann Walcott

Born 03-20-1989

2.6112 Suzanne Dawn Walcott

Born 04-28-1970

1st

Married 07-22-1989

Michael Scott Rieder

2.61121 Anthony James Rieder

Born 06-11-1987

	2.611211	Mason James Roberts	Born	03-08-2011
		Mother Rachel Roberts		
	2.61122	Calli Rachelle Rieder	Born	04-18-1992
2.6112		Suzanne Dawn Walcott	Born	04-28-1970
		Michael Koepke	2 nd Married	03-22-2005
2.62		Helen Kathryn Gerhardt	Born	01-01-1918
			Married	07-21-1938
			Died	02-14-2003
		Clinton Wilbur McClary	Born	12-22-1913
		Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	03-15-1993
2.621		Judith Kathryn McClary	Born	07-31-1940
			(1st) Married	09-20-1958
		Clifford Hirst (divorced)		
			(2nd) Married	12-17-1960
		Robert Norman Jackson (divorced)		
2.6211		Jennifer Lee Jackson	Born	05-17-1963
			(1st) Married	06-25-1988
		Carl Dean Martin	Born	08-08-1962
	2.62111	Lacey Elizabeth Gebhard	Born	12-10-1991
2.6211		Jennifer Lee Jackson	(2nd) Married	01-07-2005
		Richard Mannon		
	2.62112	Judith Helene Mannon	Born	06-02-2006
2.6212		Robert Norman Jackson, Jr.	Born	10-30-1967
2.6213		Justin James Jackson	Born	02-27-1970
		Michelle Perkins		
	2.62131	Zachary Andrew Jackson	Born	10-20-1989
2.6213		Justin James Jackson	Married	06-10-1994
		Andrea Lynn Baker		
	2.62132	Dillon Zane Jackson	Born	07-02-1994
	2.62133	Madison Zoe Jackson	Born	04-25-2001
	2.62134	Kennedy Alaina Jackson	Born	09-15-2004
2.621		Judith Kathryn McClary	(3rd) Married	04-16-1976
		John Jacob Sears	Born	02-25-1951
2.622		Hubert Clinton McClary	Born	08-19-1943
			Married	07-31-1965
		Mary Beth Davis	Born	07-27-1944
2.6221		Nancy Anne McClary	Born	09-07-1966
			(1st) Married	05-22-1993
		Michael Robin Cannon	Divorced	
2.6221		Nancy Anne McClary	(2nd) Married	04-20-2002
		Allan Callan		
	2.62211	Clinton (Clint) Matthew Callan	Born	06-26-2003
	2.62212	Davis Clayton Callan	Born	04-23-2006
2.6222		John Kevin McClary	Born	09-25-1967
			Married	11-16-1999
		Lisa Marie Day	Born	02-08-1970
	2.62221	Steven Coltrane McClary Day	Born	07-04-2000
	2.62222	Mark Twain McClary	Born	12-07-2005
2.623		Mary Linda McClary	Born	03-27-1945
			Married	01-01-1983
		Bruce K. Hagan	Born	07-31-1938
		His children:		

1. Heidi
2. Holly
3. Guy

2.624	Kathy Merlene McClary		Born	02-08-1952
			Married	07-25-1983
			Died	06-30-2006
2.625	Jane Elizabeth McClary		Born	08-04-1955
			Married	10-20-1979
	Peter Duane Rodman		Born	03-01-1952
	His daughter, Tina			
2.6251	Elizabeth Rose Rodman		Born	12-19-1992
2.6252	Kathryn Marlene Rodman		Born	12-31-1994
2.63	Daniel Hubert Gerhardt		Born	02-24-1920
	buried St. John's Cemetery (after hunting accident)		Died	01-27-1936
2.64	Edgar Herman Gerhardt		Born	04-07-1922
			Married	09-24-1950
			Died	05-20-2011
	Dotty Janice Kosfeld		Born	03-23-1932
			Died	
2.641	Janice Kathleen Gerhardt		Born	04-17-1956
		(1st)	Married	10-17-1975
	James Patrick Oswald (divorced)			
2.641	Janice Kathleen Gerhardt	(2nd)	Married	12-31-1977
	Thomas Rambeaut Million (divorced)		Born	10-30-1946
2.6411	Stacey Lynn Million		Born	03-11-1979
	2.64111 Jaden Michael Keller		Born	02-20-2002
	Father: Michael Keller			
2.6411	Stacey Lynn Million		Married	11-04-2006
	Ryan Reuter			
2.6412	Adam Thomas Million		Born	10-11-1981
2.6413	Samuel Guy Million		Born	09-04-1984
2.641	Janice Kathleen Gerhardt	(3rd)	Married	05-03-1992
	Charles Steven Cooper		Born	1957
2.6414	Steven Alex Cooper		Born	09-10-1996
2.642	Jerry Wayne Gerhardt		Born	03-03-1959
		(1st)	Married	11-17-1979
	Deborah Ellen See (divorced)		Born	08-06-1959
2.6421	Jason Wayne Gerhardt		Born	12-03-1980
			Married	06-05-2004
	Samie Swires		Born	08-28-1982
	Samie's daughter, Haileigh Sutphen			
	2.64211 Cody Wayne Gerhardt		Born	12-11-2007
	2.6422 Melanie Sue Gerhardt		Born	01-30-1984
	2.64221 Toby Lee Nash		Born	05-21-2006
	Father: Jason Nash			
2..642	Jerry Wayne Gerhardt	(2nd)	Married	08-26-2000
	Samantha Buchanan			
2.65	Rudolph Feodor Gerhardt "Rudy"		Born	02-06-1924
			Married	09-12-1946
	Virginia Margaret Gerke		Born	11-06-1923
			Died	01-21-2007

2.651	Patricia Louise Gerhardt	Born	10-06-1948
		Married	09-06-1969
		Died	06-19-2015
	David George Fulks	Born	07-26-1947
2.6511	Christopher Scott Fulks	Born	03-12-1971
		Married	08-13-1994
	Tammy Yarbrough	Born	12-21-1967
2.65111	Samantha Fulks	Born	04-25-1994
2.65112	Sydney Rose Fulks	Born	09-06-1996
2.65113	Logan Scott Fulks	Born	12-07-2002
2.652	Kenneth Rudolph Gerhardt	Born	06-19-1951
		Married	09-04-1976
	Linda Fay Zambs	Born	03-03-1953
2.6521	Jeffery Scott Gerhardt	Born	05-14-1978
		Married	07-06-2002
	Erin Elizabeth Simkins	Born	05-30-1980
2.65211	Mia Gerhardt	Born	06-18-2003
2.65212	Miles Rudolph Gerhardt	Born	12-11-2007
2.65213	Eleanor Gerhardt	Born	08-15-2011
2.66	Hillard Frederick Gerhardt	Born	07-27-1926
		Died	03-25-2009
		Married	06-26-1949
	Anna Louise Stone	Born	08-10-1930
		Died	02-21-2014
2.661	Larry Gene Gerhardt	Born	09-25-1956
		Died	07-13-2003
		Married	02-12-1977
	Cynthia May Allen		
2.6611	Johnathan Frederick Gerhardt	Born	01-12-1978
		Married	06-03-2000
	Magdalena Teresa Maria Sanchez		
2.66111	Aliya Danielle Gerhardt	Born	08-24-2004
2.66112	Kaelan Johnathan Gerhardt	Born	03-02-2006
2.66113	Christian Matthew Gerhardt	Born	06-29-2008
2.662	Shirley Jane Gerhardt	Born	01-28-1959
		Married	05-13-1978
		Died	07-13-1996
	William Patrick Straba		
2.6621	Hillary Louise Straba	Born	12-01-1985
2.6622	Elizabeth Maria Straba	Born	12-15-1989

2.6 August Gerhardt

August Gerhardt, sixth child and fifth son in the family of nine children of Joseph Gerhardt and Catherine Krumm, was born on February 27, 1894 while the family lived in the Pilot Grove area. He was baptized on May 6, 1894, in St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Clear Creek.

August was just an infant when the family moved to a large rented farm known as the "Penn Place" in the Pisgah Community of southeastern Cooper County. The family lived there for nine years. The children attended Lee District School and Sunday School at the Pisgah Baptist Church. When possible, the family attended services in the Moniteau Advent Evangelical Church or the Evangelical Church in California, Missouri. In September 1904, Joseph Gerhardt purchased a 192 acre farm located between Billingsville and Speed and moved his family there. The school-aged children attended Independence Rural School. The Gerhardt family became active in St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville and August was confirmed there in 1909 by Pastor Karl Mueller.

August Gerhardt lived at home and farmed with his father until his marriage at age 21. His older brothers had married and only Emil and Herman were at home after August's marriage. He was married on July 11, 1915 to Flora Stegner. They were married at the Feodor Stegner residence by Rev. E. W. Berlekamp.

Flora Elizabeth Stegner was born on November 9, 1893, a daughter of Feodor Stegner and Louisa Back. The Stegner home was in the Billingsville community and had been the home of Feodor's father, John Peter Stegner and family since their arrival in the United States in May 1853. August Gerhardt was a farmer. He and Flora lived on rented land two miles south of Speed from 1915 to 1918. Elmer and Helen were born there. In 1918 they purchased 120 acres of land one mile east of Speed. There, Hubert, Edgar, Rudolph and Hillard were born.

August Gerhardt died on January 2, 1927 of burns. He was 33 years old. Early on Sunday morning he was starting a fire in the kitchen range, using corn cobs soaked in kerosene. There was an explosion, burning him over most of his body. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Boonville, where he died early in the afternoon. The home was damaged, but not destroyed. Funeral services were conducted at 2 P. M., Tuesday, January 4, 1927 by Rev. Paul Niedermeyer in St. John's Evangelical Church. Burial was at the church cemetery.

Flora Gerhardt raised her children alone with the help of her Stegner family and the Gerhardts. They remained on the farm until 1932. Then they moved to the Atkinson farm between Speed and Billingsville, owned by Albert Gerhardt. While living in the Speed area the children attended Palestine District School in Speed where Elmer graduated in 1929 and Helen graduated in 1932. When the family moved nearer Billingsville the younger children attended Independence District School. Transportation to high school in Boonville was difficult as there were no school buses. However, all the children graduated from high school. They were baptized and confirmed in St. John's Church and were active, faithful members until some were scattered by marriage and careers.

In March 1944 Flora and the three younger sons moved to the Winters Martin farm two miles northwest of Billingsville (Prairie Lick). Her second son, Hubert, had died in 1936 at age 16 as the result of gun shot injuries. He had been hunting rabbits alone and accidentally shot himself. Helen had married in 1938 and Elmer in 1940. Rudy and Hillard were in the military service.

Edgar was the last to marry, in 1950. Flora lived for several years in a Boonville apartment, then for about 30 years in a house on Leroy Street. She then moved into a basement apartment in the home of her daughter, Helen. She lived for about two years in Colonial Gardens Care Center before her death.

Flora Stegner Gerhardt died May 30, 1988, at the age of 94 years. Funeral services were conducted in the Boonville Evangelical United Church of Christ with Pastor Ed Wulfekuehler, officiating. Music was provided by the church choir. Arrangements were made by Thatcher-Wood Funeral Directors. Pallbearers were Kenneth, Jerry and Leonard Gerhardt, Hubert McClary, John Sears and Kenneth Stegner. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery at Billingsville. Flora had transferred her membership to the Boonville United Church of Christ, but retained her membership in the Women's Guild of St. John's at Billingsville

#2.61 ELMER AUGUST GERHARDT (FEBRUARY 7, 1916 - DECEMBER 27, 1972)

By Penny Gerhardt Walcott, January 11, 2009

Elmer, the first of 6 children of August and Flora Gerhardt, grew up on the family farm near Speed, Mo. Like others in the family, he spoke only German when he started to school. At age 11 his dad died and together he and his mother ran the farm and raised the rest of the family until they could take over.

Because Elmer wanted to become a builder, he knew he would need an HS education. To accomplish this it was necessary for him to live with relatives in Boonville..

Elmer married Mildred Burton from Boonville on August 18, 1940. I was born May 29, 1942, while he was building barracks at Fort Leonard Wood. Because of the severe housing shortage, we lived in a new brooder house! It was just "us chickens."

After the war, Daddy became a building contractor and eventually established Gerhardt Construction Company, Builders of Better Homes. (His brother Rudy did his painting.) But I knew him "when!" On display in my kitchen is an early project: a little red wagon with "Penny June" painted on its side. The wheels were unevenly hand-cut making for a bumpy ride. But he went a long way from there developing several sub-divisions and building some of the most beautiful homes in Boonville.

Daddy was a life-long member of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, first in Billingsville and then in Boonville. He had the gift of giving, whether financially or of himself. Even though Daddy never taught an actual Sunday school class, life as

he lived it, was a lesson to be observed.

He also served his community as a city councilman and as an active member of Rotary International.

Daddy loved nature, God's world as He had created it. He hunted in Wyoming and fished in Minnesota and Canada. He loved to travel, his camera close at hand.

To showcase his beautiful photography, Daddy developed a slide show set to music. By using 3 screens and 4 projectors, he did by hand, what computers do today. During his presentations he ministered to thousands of people, many of whom never darkened the door of a church. His show AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL gave glory to God and His magnificent creation. His honorariums were always donated to CROP, a favorite missionary effort.

Joe Walcott from Fayette and I were married in 1963 on Mother and Daddy's 23rd anniversary. The high-lights of Daddy's life (after me, of course!) were his granddaughters Kimberly (12/27/67) and Suzy (4/28/70.) He was disappointed that Joe's career always kept us so far away that he couldn't spend more time with them.

In December 1972 he and Mother came to Clovis, NM, for what would be his last visit. We had spent a wonderful Christmas together and were preparing for Kim's 5th Birthday party later that day. Daddy was watching Sesame Street with the girls when he suffered a massive heart attack and died a few hours later.

Interestingly, before leaving for Clovis, Daddy had made a special stop at church to tell his pastor goodbye, just in case he didn't see him again.

Fifty-six seemed premature for the Homegoing of a son, husband, dad and granddad, but God doesn't make mistakes when He calls an honorable servant Home.

The following is excerpted from a devotional I wrote.

The Promise of the Rainbow

As a child I loved rainbows, and I attribute my feeling for them to the many rainbows I shared with my daddy. I can still see him walking through the last drops of a spring shower, camera swinging from his shoulder. But so often poles and wires marred the perfection of his rainbow.

So it is no great surprise that the Lord came to speak to me through rainbows.

The day after my dad's death we were driving through Kansas on the way home to Missouri. It had rained most of the day and the clouds hung low and heavy. Even without the great sadness of our hearts, it would have been a depressing drive.

I was deep in thought with all the "whys" and "what ifs" running through my mind even though the Lord had worked in my life to prepare me for this heartache. For the last several months I had begun to experience a more personal relationship with him.

I kept thinking of how Daddy had lived for his Lord every day of the week and of the thousands of people to whom he had witnessed through his slide show. It was hard to understand why he would be called Home after a mere 56 years on this earth.

Somewhere amid all my jumbled thoughts, Joe called my attention to a rainbow that was beginning to form. Amazed that there was even any sunlight, I looked behind to see what appeared to be an inch of bright red sun glowing between the black clouds and the dark earth.

When I again looked forward to the rainbow, it had not only completed itself, but another rainbow was forming. As we watched, the second rainbow made a perfect arch and wide pillars of rainbow colors appeared to vibrate on either side.

This time there were no poles nor wires to mar this heavenly display as it stretched from end to end of the vast prairie.

"and instantly, I was, in spirit there in heaven and
saw - oh, the glory of it! - a throne and someone sitting on it!

Great bursts of light flashed forth from Him as from a glittering diamond,
from a shining ruby, a rainbow glowing like an emerald encircled his throne."
Revelation 4:2-4

How I praise the Lord for His concern for me and for the majestic way in which He spoke to me, healing my broken spirit and bringing peace to my troubled mind. No better way could He have shone me that He is still in control of His universe and that not one sparrow falls without His consent. The "whys" and "what ifs" were no longer to be stumbling blocks to me.

Fittingly, the sunset was behind - and the rainbow of promise lay ahead.

"I have placed my rainbow in the clouds as a sign of my promise
until the end of time, to you and all the earth"
Genesis 9:13

#2.62 HELEN KATHRYN GERHARDT written by Bert McClary September 18, 2008

Helen Kathryn Gerhardt was born January 1, 1918, the only daughter and second of five children of August and Flora Stegner Gerhardt. The family lived two miles south of Speed, and shortly after Helen was born they moved to 120 acres they purchased one mile east of Speed. She lived there with her parents, older brother Elmer and younger brothers Hubert, Edgar, Rudy and Hillard. They attended St. John's Evangelical Church in Billingsville.

The children attended the Palestine District school in Speed, and Helen still spoke German when she started school. Helen's arm was broken when she was thrown from a horse spooked by a train when being picked up from school. She enjoyed playing with her doll and playing cars with her brothers as a young girl.

Helen's father died when she was nine years old of burns suffered when starting a fire in a wood cook stove. The house was damaged by the fire and Flora was left with five children, the eldest eleven years old and the youngest only six months. The family received support from the Stegner and Gerhardt families, especially Albert and Bertha Gerhardt, who were August's brother and Flora's sister. They moved to a farm owned by Albert just outside of Joe Town in 1932. Elmer assumed many responsibilities of head of the family. Helen helped her mother with household and farm chores. She was especially close to her next younger brother Hubert. Helen walked to Billingsville to ride to Boonville High School with Corinne Grathwohl, and graduated in 1936. She lived with the Katie Huber family in Boonville and worked at the Cooper County ASC office until she was married in 1938.

Clinton Wilbur McClary was born December 22, 1913 in a log house south of Blackwater, the second son of two children of John Raymond and Stella Brownfield McClary. The McClary and Brownfield families had been residents of Cooper County since about 1850. He met Helen when his family lived on the McArthur farm not far from Helen's family. Clinton and his mother visited the family when Hubert was killed in a hunting accident in January, 1936. Leonard Gerhardt arranged Helen and Clinton's first date, and they were married on July 21, 1938 at St. John's Evangelical Church in Billingsville.

They had a wonderful marriage of 55 years. They raised five children in their small home on LeRoy Street in Boonville, where they moved in 1942. Judy, Hubert, Linda, Kathy and Jane attended Boonville schools and went on to careers as a medical transcriptionist, two nurses and two pharmacists. They purchased a larger home on McRoberts Street in 1963. Helen didn't want to leave the house on LeRoy, but was glad that she did, and later refused to move again even though she could hardly walk up the porch steps. They were faithful members of the Evangelical Church in Boonville where Helen was a long time active member of the Sunshine Society and Clinton taught Sunday School for approximately 15 years. Their tithe for church and charities was the first priority from each paycheck.

Helen's home employment was washing, stretching and ironing curtains for Boonville ladies. She also did ironing for others, and later operated the first licensed child care center in Boonville in her home. She was an excellent cook and

seamstress and began making all her own clothes and some for her mother while in high school, and continued to make clothes for herself and her children after marriage. She learned to drive at age 38 and cared for her mother and her mother-in-law in her home for several years each prior to their deaths. She enjoyed simple pleasures later in life, such as having her hair done, a freezer on the back porch and air conditioning in the house and car. Her greatest pleasure in life after Clinton died was the frequent visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Clinton worked for several Boonville employers and retired after twenty years with the City of Boonville, as a foreman in the Water Department. He was a gardener; a Sunday school teacher; an active member of the IOOF, serving multiple terms as Noble Grand and many years as secretary; and a Red Cross first aid and CPR instructor. He had many friends and acquaintances, served as pallbearer for more than 100, and there were almost 400 persons at his visitation and funeral when he died 1993.

Helen's granddaughter Jennifer and great-granddaughter Lacey lived with her during the year prior to her death. Helen suffered a fall with fractures, and died at age 85 after surgery on February 14, 2003. Her grandson Kevin said she went to see her Valentine. She and Clinton are buried in St. John's Cemetery in Billingsville.

#2.63 HUBERT GERHARDT

written by Bert McClary September 18, 2008

Daniel Hubert Gerhardt was born February 24, 1920, the second son of five children of August and Flora Stegner Gerhardt. The family lived on 120 acres they owned one mile east of Speed and attended St. John's Evangelical Church in Billingsville. The children attended the Palestine District school in Speed. Hubert had an older brother Elmer, an older sister Helen, and three younger brothers Edgar, Rudy and Hillard.

When Hubert was seven years old his father died of burns suffered when starting a fire in a wood cook stove. The house was damaged by the fire and Flora was left with five children, the eldest eleven years old and the youngest only six months. The family received support from the Stegner and Gerhardt families, especially Albert and Bertha Gerhardt, who were August's brother and Flora's sister.

The family moved to a farm owned by Albert just outside of Joe Town in 1932. Elmer assumed many responsibilities of head of the family. Hubert helped with farm chores and was especially close to his sister Helen. He rode to Boonville High School with the Thomas McDonough children, where he was active in vocational agriculture projects and was treasurer of the high school Future Farmers Association.

Hubert died in a hunting accident on January 27, 1936. He stayed home from school that day when the McDonough car would not start. He walked to his Uncle Herman Gerhardt's home, about a mile away, in the afternoon and borrowed a shotgun to go rabbit hunting. When he did not return home in the evening to do his chores his mother called neighbors to begin searching for him. He was found about halfway between the two homes at the edge of a brush pile where he had evidently been trying to drive out a rabbit. Evidence indicated that he died instantly.

Hubert is buried near his parents at St. John's Cemetery in Billingsville.

#2.64 RUDOLPH FEODOR GERHARDT

Born on February 6, 1924

By Kenneth Gerhardt and Patty Fulks

Our wonderful father, Rudolph Feodor Gerhardt, is a very energetic person who loves to be with his family and friends. Dad is very active and is involved in many activities from the Knights of Columbus (Grand Knight), VFW, Red Cross Blood Drives, City Council, Meals on Wheels to mention a few. He also loves to play cards; especially pitch.

Dad ran his own business painting the exteriors and wallpapering/painting the interiors of homes and businesses around Boonville. He has painted and wallpapered most of the homes in Boonville. He always signed his name and dated the wall before wallpapering. Rudy had one sister and four brothers. He married Virginia Marie Gerke on September 12, 1946 at SS Peter and Paul Church in Boonville where they settled to raise their family. Rudy and Virginia are the proud parents of two children, Kenneth Rudolph Gerhardt of St. Peters, Missouri and Patricia Louise Fulks of Goodrich, Michigan. On week-ends the family went to the Lake of the Ozark for swimming, boating and water skiing. Rudy and Virginia were also blessed with two grandchildren Christopher Scott Fulks and Jeffery Scott Gerhardt who have produced five great grandchildren; Samantha Louise Fulks, Sydney Rose Fulks, Logan Scott Fulks, Mia Gerhardt and Miles Rudolph Gerhardt.

Rudy is what most friends call Dad. The grandkids know him as Grandpa Buddy. Dad always has time for his family and friends and enjoys life with love and kindness.

HILLARD GERHARDT #2.66
July 27 1926 to February 23, 2009
(Written by Hillard shortly before his death)

The late 1920's and 1930's were some trying times with the Great Depression and the fact that my father had died on January 2, 1927, made it a really difficult time for our family. His death was the result of an explosion that occurred while he was starting a fire in the cook stove early in the morning. He only lived a few hours. My father's death, with no help from the Great Depression, was what caused us to lose the farm. Uncle Albert, Pop's brother, was able to buy a farm a couple miles away and moved us onto it. We have a very close relationship with Uncle Albert and Aunt Bertha, along with their family. Our fathers were brothers and our mothers were sisters. This made us kids double cousins which is the closest relation after brother and sister.

We all had to work hard on the farm before and after school. Being the youngest, my older siblings thought I got off easier when it came to work. When I got home from school I had to haul wood onto the porch for the wood burning stoves (that was our only means of keeping warm). This, along with chickens to feed and eggs to gather, took most of the evening. As I grew older, I had to help take care of the cows. This meant cleaning out their bedding, getting hay out of the hay loft and milking them. As you can tell, there really wasn't much time for play. We boys were always looking for a chance to work for one of the neighbors to get a little cash. At threshing time, I would take my horse and two one gallon jugs and carry water to the men in the field. I got 75 cents a day. Boy, I was rich!

Sunday School and Church were always very important to our family. In our early years, we went to the Speed Union church, but the older folks all held membership at St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville. I remember one Sunday we went there when I was quite small. They had the roll up doors and curtains to separate the different classes. I didn't know anyone in my class and I was scared to death. After we moved, we went to that church all the time. I still have my Sunday School pin with the bars that stand for four years of perfect attendance. That was something when you have to get up and milk the cows, then walk two miles to church. The church picnic was the highlight of the summer. I was confirmed there when I was in eighth grade. Church has always meant a lot to me, especially later when I was in the Navy over in the Pacific. There is an old saying, "There are no atheists on board when you are in a bad storm", and we were in some terrible storms.

School was a lot different then. We went to a one room school with one teacher and eight grades. We were one of the smallest schools with only 12 or 14 students. I was the only one in my class for four of the eight years. This may have had something to do with me being valedictorian for four years. We had a Four H club and the boys did woodwork. The first year, they said I was too little and wouldn't let me in the woodwork so Mom and Helen got me into sewing with the girls. I embroidered circles around those big girls! We had to walk about two miles to school through the valley, across the creek and up to the school. When it rained, the creek would flood over the bridge and we couldn't get to school. Sometimes, Uncle Herman would be there, wearing his rubber boots and would carry us little ones across. This was mighty nice of him but we were looking forward to not going to school. High School was a lot different. Can you imagine this bashful little country boy going from a one-room school house to a big three story building with approximately eighty students in the Freshman class? When a girl looked my way I was ready to crawl under the desk. I soon got over that though.

I liked math, science and shop the best. I thought history was a waste of time. Who cared about what happened hundreds of years ago? WWII was in full swing at this time. At first, I thought I wouldn't have to go, but that soon changed. We had all kinds of drives, war bonds and bond stamps at 25 cents. We did scrap metal drives where people put their scrap metal on the curb and we boys would throw it onto trucks and haul it in. We had everything from pots and pans to car fenders, engines and even a pair of brass knuckles. One fall, they took all the kids over to the Missouri River bottom corn fields to gather milk weed pods. They used the fuzzy insides for life jackets for the Navy. I guess the teachers didn't trust us boys with all those girls down by the tall corn, so they segregated the boys on one bus and the girls on another and dropped us off in different fields. We

had just gotten to the field when here came a bus load of girls from Pilot Grove High. They dropped them off right next to us. It didn't take long to get acquainted and we even got some milkweed pods picked.

I was drafted out of my senior year in high school right after Christmas vacation. I had enough credits to graduate so my mother walked across the stage and received my diploma for me, because I was somewhere in the Pacific around Okinawa

My experiences in World War II and the U.S. Navy perhaps would be better off buried, forgotten and never dug up. After 64 years it still flashes back at night and keeps me awake.

I went through boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, just north of Chicago, in January 1945. It was cold and miserable. Originally, the training was a 16-week course but given the circumstances it was cut back to six weeks. We were shipped to Norfolk, Virginia, to go to Machinist School, or so they said. When we arrived, the orders read that three of us would go on board ship- the USS Enright APD 66. It was a converted destroyer escort and was one of the smallest fully seagoing ships of the Navy. Originally, it was designed for convoy escort work in the Atlantic. After they knocked out all the German submarines, six of them were converted to APD. When we went aboard, they pulled up the gang plank behind us and we were under way within minutes. I asked if we were going out for a little cruise. They laughed and said, "Mack (all sailors were called Mack back then), you just kissed the good ol' USA goodbye. We are headed for the Pacific."

APD stood for Amphibious Personnel Destroyer. We carried four landing craft on top and had a flat deck fantail where they tied down Jeeps and light artillery. The idea was that we were much faster than the clumsy cargo ships and drew less water so could go in closer to shore to launch our landing craft. The bad part was we were closer so made a better target for the Enemy. We sailed from Norfolk around Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, {this is considered to be some of the roughest water in the Atlantic, seasick wow, I think I heaved up every thing including my socks} on down to Miami, took some supplies to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, then through the Panama Canal up to San-Diego and over to Hawaii.

While in the Hawaiian Islands for training, they decided they needed another gun crew. When asked if I had ever shot a gun before I said, "Sure, we hunted rabbits, squirrels and quail all the time with a shotgun." They replied, "You shot them on the move? Great! You are the gunner." I had never seen a 20MM anti-aircraft gun before. After only a couple days, we were on our way to the Battle of Okinawa. Since we had the latest in radar and sonar equipment, we were sent straight on to the Picket Line (that was the first line of defense between here and Japan). Our normal day was four hours on and eight off. However, there were constant air raids and we were often at our guns for 16 to 20 hours, and we seldom got more than two or three hours of sleep at a time. We had six single 20mm and five twin 40mm. plus a five inch closed turret gun. A lot of fire power for our size, There was a turret of twin 40 MM just aft of ours. When they swung forward and low they fired right over our heads---less than two feet, and we were only ten feet in front of their muzzle. When they fired it would plaster our clothes against our body and knock our ears out. They would holler over to us -- you better duck the next round is going to part your hair It took 60 years for the VA to accept the facts and give me hearing aids.

It was very crowded on board. Our bunks were four high, with only room to walk between. Sometimes when it would get too crowded, I would go up to the bow and hang over the life line and listen to the water swish by. Occasionally, the water was perfectly calm, like a sheet of glass with the sun setting and leaving a path of gold stretching from the ship to the horizon and on to eternity. As I stood there, I wondered, "Will we be here to see it rise in the morning?"

We were Flag Ship of our division with five other APD's under us. Of the six, we were the only one not to get hit, but we had some close calls. One morning, there was a light fog and a Japanese bomber came in right on the water, under our radar and was being chased by one of our P-38 Fighters. He was looking for a place to unload his bombs and we were it. He dropped five 300 pound bombs at us. They were supposed to hit us in the side, but the water was choppy so they dug in and exploded, leaving us in the clear. If the pilot had hit the bomb release a fraction of a second sooner or later, one would have hit right where I was on the deck. Another close call was when a torpedo was headed right for us. The captain called for a full starboard rudder and flank speed on the port screw and full reverse on the starboard screw. This laid the ship on its side and the

torpedo missed with just inches to spare. Yes, the good Lord was watching over us.

When we weren't on the Picket Line we were escorting convoys. We went through so many typhoons I lost count. Once, we were out at sea for sixteen days and were caught in two typhoons. The worst was off the coast of Okinawa. The wind blew a steady 120 mph with gusts around 140 mph. They said the most we could roll and expect to come up was 40 degrees. We thought, "This is it." Those were some of the longest minutes of my life. When we came in, the stripes on the flag were worn all the way to the blue, along with the first row of stars and half of the second. In war time, you never lower the flag when at sea.

When the war was over, we were with the main flotilla off the coast of Japan ready to escort them into Tokyo bay when we got orders to go back to Manila in the Philippines to escort a hospital ship up to Japan as fast as possible. We topped off our fuel tanks and headed for Manila. We pulled into Manila Bay on VJ Day, September 2, 1945. (*1)

That night every ship in the bay let loose with all their flares and fireworks. We even had a couple cans of beer on board. The next morning we re-fueled and headed back to Japan. We got into Tokyo Bay a few days later. We were there for six days, which was the longest we were anchored in one place for as long as we were gone.

Keeping any kind of diary or log of where you were or had been was strictly forbidden and punishable by court-martial. Most of the time we didn't know where we were, or where we were going. We had a job to do and that was all that mattered. We didn't have a calendar or map, --those were kept up on the "bridge". On our journey, we had covered areas from around the north islands of Japan, south through the Philippines to Borneo and west to Shanghai, China.

We were sent to Shanghai to evacuate the last of the American personnel. We were there over Thanksgiving 1945. While there, we were given orders to return to the U.S. Oh, what a happy day! We had to head back by way of Manila, then across the Pacific. Boy, there is a lot of water between there and the United States! We came back through the Panama Canal to the East Coast. I was discharged in St. Louis, May 21 1946. We had traveled from Jacksonville, Florida by troop train--- that is the ultimate in luxury! They were old box cars with a row of bunks three high down each side. no windows just roll the doors back for light and air. There was a chain to hang across the door so no one would accidentally walk out when the train was moving. I had a relative short time in service. We had logged up enough engine miles to circle the globe three times at the equator. I was discharged nearly a year sooner than some. In the time that we were gone, we traveled farther, did more and saw more than most sailors who made a career of the Navy.

Home and a civilian. Yes, I am now an Ex-Sailor Combat Veteran of Foreign Wars, and I was still just a teenager. My brother Elmer wanted me to go to work for him and learn the building trade. I wanted to go to college but I knew I would have trouble sitting in a classroom. I would have flashbacks of being trapped in the engine room with a ruptured steam line and less than sixty seconds for eight men to climb twenty five feet of ladder, unscrew the hatch and escape. Some nights were long as we fought the war all over again. I couldn't talk to anyone-- they would think I was crazy. I stayed on and worked with Elmer for over twelve years. He was good to me and taught me a lot. We did all kinds of building: houses, room additions, remodeled kitchens and baths. In the fall of 1956, we remodeled the Sanctuary of St. John's Church at Billingsville. I worked at the site at first, getting it lined out and then went to the shop and built the altar, pulpit and lectern. It was a challenge for me then but I loved every minute of it. It still gives me great pleasure to see it when I go back to Missouri.

For a few years, I just ran wild, not being able to settle down and adjust to things around me. A group of young people would get together and have dances over at West Wood School House on Saturday nights. One Saturday, Anna Louise Stone was playing the piano. I had known her all my life but she was always just a little kid to me, but this time I thought, "She sure has grown up." I took her home that night and the rest is history. We married a year later, June 26, 1949. We lived upstairs in a two-room apartment for nearly two years. We were both farm kids and were getting itchy to get a place of our own. I was drawing plans of a house with a big double garage that we could live in. We didn't have any money so we had to meet with a loan company to get enough money to pay for the lot and build the garage. We built it, moved in and were snug as a bug in a rug.

*1(On September 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri, Japan officially surrendered. At the ceremony, Japanese General Yishijiro presented his sword to US General Douglas MacArthur. US President Harry Truman declared September 2, as the official V-J Day. But it is usually observed on the date of its first announcement August 14. From www. calendarmine.com American Holidays)

It wasn't long until the doctors informed us that we could never have children of our own. We then started working on adopting. That is a book in and of itself because it took nearly five years. In this time, we built our house which the adoption agency required us to do. In October of 1956, we got the call to come pick up our baby boy, Larry. He was a big boy, four weeks old and weighed over ten pounds. He kept us on the go. He had so much energy, he never stopped from morning until night.

We were young parents and, as with most new parents, it was on-the-job training. It took nine months to complete the adoption agencies final inspections and court for the final adoption papers. We were then eligible to start all over for our second child. The first time we said either was fine, but this time it had to be a girl. It didn't take as long the second time around. Larry was just two and a half years old when we got the call for our daughter, Shirley. They were the pride and joy of our lives.

It was about this time that I was getting itchy to get my own business. I know Elmer didn't like it when I quit, but I felt like I had gone as far as I could there. At first, I worked by myself and then later I hired two other men. Things went quite well for some time, and then an old problem of asthma hit hard. After fighting it for a year, a doctor over in Columbia told us it was time to look for a high dry climate, for I was going down too fast for my age. We came home, talked it over and decided he was right. That was 1961.

I wrote to every Chamber of Commerce in the state of Arizona and New Mexico. They all gave me the same answer: "don't come unless you can afford to be without work for a least six months". I guess I had a lot of faith, because I needed to go to work as soon as I got there. We stored our furniture out on the farm, rented our house and I took off. Annie and the kids stayed with her folks out on the farm while I re-located. I didn't know what to expect, but I decided to start in Albuquerque. I knew a man there and he put me in touch with some builders he knew. I went to work the next day at noon. It is amazing what you can do when you're back is to the wall. I worked for two weeks and bought a mobile home, then came back to Missouri and got Annie and the kids. We had said we would go and try it for a year and if it didn't pan out we could come back to Missouri. That was forty-eight years ago this February and we are still here and love it.

In Missouri I could only work for a few hours at a time. Here, we were working ten-hour days. After a couple years working for several contractors, I decided it was time to get back in the boat and got my contractor's license. I did a lot of remodeling: room additions, kitchens and baths along with high-end custom homes. Annie and the kids kept the things going at home while I ran myself out keeping the business going. I had my office and shop at home or they would never have seen me. The kids grew up fast and were soon in school, Brownies, Scouts and all that goes along with growing up.

We purchased several rental houses along with some apartments that I had built. Keeping these rented and repaired, along with our business, kept us very busy.

Larry went into the Army when he was only sixteen. He wasn't in a year when they found out his real age and discharged him. He worked for me for a while but didn't like it, so he went to work as a mechanic's helper and learned to be a diesel mechanic. He got married young and had a little boy, Johnathan.

Shirley finished high school and later met a boy in the Air Force, who was about to re-enlist. She talked me into hiring him so he wouldn't go to Germany. He didn't know a thing about building, but really took to it and in a few years was running things. They had two little girls, Hillary and Elizabeth.

About this time, we decided to retire and turn the business over to Shirley and Bill. We had land up

in the mountains where we had always intended to build. We sold our house in Albuquerque and came up here and built. It wasn't long before Shirley and Bill decided to come, too. We gave them a couple acres to build on and just as they were getting ready to start building, Shirley was diagnosed with cancer of the liver. We had a big motor home in which we had intended to do a lot of traveling. Instead, we stayed here and took care of Shirley for the next four and a half years. She was a very strong and determined woman not to give up, but in the end the cancer won. She passed away on July 13, 1996. The girls were only five and nine.

We did all we could to take care of the girls. Hillary lived with us until she finished high school. Now she works in publishing and is getting ready to attend the University of New Mexico to study English Literature. Elizabeth is working hard and trying to figure out what she wants to do.

Larry had gone over into Texas and learned to be a high line electrician but was having some problems. He came back to Albuquerque and was under VA care when he was diagnosed with cancer of the throat. It was a fast growing tumor. He was scheduled for surgery on July 15 but passed away on July 13, 2003. This left us with no living children but we have three wonderful grandchildren.

Johnathan graduated from the University of New Mexico and is an ordained minister in his church. He also holds a full time job with the Environmental Department for the state of New Mexico. He has a wonderful wife, Magdalena, and three children: Aliya, 4, Kealan, 3 and Christian who is seven months old. Grandchildren are great but Great-Grandchildren are even greater!

We have always been active in our church. When we came to Albuquerque, we first went to a large Methodist church. It was as cold as it was unfriendly. Middie Gruebbel (Mildred Gerhardt Gruebbel #2.47) over in Dallas, wrote and told us about a United Church of Christ, a new mission church, meeting in a new dance studio until the new building was finished. We went and checked it out one Sunday. They were so friendly that we joined in September of 1961, at the dedication of the new building.

It was quite an undertaking starting at a new church. Originally, it was on a gravel road but as the city grew it developed into a major boulevard. In 1982 we decided it was too busy and too valuable so we sold out and built a much bigger building in a new location. I was very involved in the locating and planning stage. I was hired to be construction manager for the new building. We moved into the new church building on April 15, 1985. We are now one of the fastest growing churches in the Southwest Conference of the UCC church.

The Scroll Saw. When Shirley was so sick and only had a very limited time left, I was about to go off the deep end for we had always been very close. From the time she was a tiny baby, I would put her to bed and do for her. I had turned all my wood working equipment over to Bill and Shirley. Annie gave me a scroll saw to get me thinking of something else. I started making little cutouts. One thing led to another and soon I had a full shop of equipment again. I got interested in wood turning, making segmented and inlaid wooden bowls. I am a member of the Albuquerque Wood Turners Association and the American Association of Wood Turners. The State Fair is a big showing of the Albuquerque Wood Turners. I hold the records for the largest and most complicated piece ever shown at the State Fair. I have pieces scattered from Ireland to Tasmania-the island state of Australia, and twenty four states in the U.S. I have had Parkinson's disease for the past thirteen years. Yes, I shake and rattle like an old Model-T Ford. I am too stubborn to give in so I just keep on going. I can work in the shop when I am alone so there's no one to distract me. I can do some very intricate work.

Just because you have a little problem like this, "don't ever give up". We have had a lot of ups and downs but now live a very quiet life in the area we always dreamed of. We have an unobstructed view of the mountains that are nearly one hundred miles away. I can only work a couple of hours at a time but am happiest when I'm making sawdust.

2.7 Louise Pauline Gerhardt

Buried Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, Missouri

Paul John Vieth

Buried Masonic Cemetery, Bunceton, Missouri

Born	07-06-1896
Died	10-25-1965
Married	12-12-1916
Born	05-14-1888
Died	03-03-1972

Louise Pauline Gerhardt was the second daughter and seventh child in the family of nine children of Joseph Gerhardt and Catherine Krumm. She was born in the Pisgah community in southeastern Cooper County on the large farm rented by her father. Information concerning her baptism is not available.

Louise may have begun her education in the Lee District School. The children attended Sunday School at the Pisgah Baptist Church and the family attended worship services, when possible, at the Moniteau Advent Evangelical Church near Jamestown or at the Evangelical Church in California, Missouri.

When Joseph Gerhardt moved his family to the farm near Speed and Billingsville which he purchased in September 1904, Louise was about eight years old. She continued her education in the Independence District School. The Gerhardt family became active in St. John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville, where Louise was confirmed.

She grew up on the farm and lived at home until her marriage at the age of twenty. Louise Gerhardt was married to John Vieth on December 12, 1916 at St. John's Church by Pastor E. W. Berlekamp. They had no children. The couple worked very hard on their farm north of Bunceton, living in a very simple home without modern conveniences.

John Vieth was born on May 14, 1888, a son of Jacob and Cecilia Englebrect Vieth, who were residents of the Clarks Fork Community of Cooper County. He was baptized in Trinity Zion Lutheran Church (Lone Elm) where he was a member the rest of his life. He grew up on the farm and became a farmer.

Louise Gerhardt Vieth died at 3:30 P.M. on October 25, 1965 in a Jefferson City Hospital after a three month illness. She was 69 years old. Funeral services were conducted at the Federated Church in Bunceton, Missouri, with Rev. Frederick Woltmann officiating. Funeral arrangements were by B. W. Thatcher Funeral Home. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery at Bunceton. Pallbearers were John and Leonard Gerhardt, Edgar and Walter Hein, Henry Schler and Alvin Smith. Louise was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Bunceton and the Ladies' Aid Society.

John Vieth continued to live in the spartan home on the farm until his death in Cooper County Hospital on March 3, 1972. He was 84 years old. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, March 5, at Zion Lutheran Church, Lone Elm, with Rev. Walter Gieselman officiating. Arrangements were by Thatcher Funeral Home. Pallbearers were John and Leonard Gerhardt, Edgar and Arthur Hein, Arthur Pelran and Alvin Smith. Burial was beside his wife in the Masonic Cemetery in Bunceton, Missouri.

2.8 Emil Gerhardt

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Boonville, Missouri

Nora Katherine Caroline Hein

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery

2.81 Virginia Katherine Gerhardt

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery

2.82 Irene Gertrude Gerhardt

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery

Charles Edward Miller

Buried Walnut Grove Cemetery

2.821 Daniel Charles Miller

Tekla Stefany Dennison (divorced)

2.821 Daniel Charles Miller

Joy Lynn Allwardt

2.8211 Joel Edward Miller

2.8212 David Paul Miller

2.8213 Jonathan Brent Miller

Born	10-06-1898
Died	07-31-1957
Married	02-16-1919
Born	09-25-1898
Died	02-06-1994
Born	09-25-1921
Died	05-09-1925
Born	01-27-1924
Died	04-24-1993
Married	06-06-1943
Born	10-15-1921
Died	12-29-1991
Born	09-17-1944
(1st) Married	09-27-1969
Born	08-09-1943
(2nd) Married	09-03-1977
Born	03-05-1979
Born	07-08-1981
Born	05-28-1983

2.822	Patricia Louise Miller "Patti"		Born	05-30-1951
		(1st)	Married	07-31-1971
	Glen David Kolander (divorced)		Born	11-25-1950
2.822	Patricia Louise Miller	(2nd)	Married	05-26-1979
	James Lee Pfeiffer		Born	01-16-1951
2.8221	Christina Joy Pfeiffer		Born	09-20-1980
			Married	08-05-2006
			Separated	08-24-2013
	David Charles Meecey		Born	
	2.82211 Allison Irene Meecey		Born	08-23-2007
	2.58212 Charles James Meecey		Born	06-05-2009
2.8222	Clinton James Pfeiffer		Born	02-27-1983

This biographical sketch was updated by **Emil and Nora Gerhardt's** grandchildren, Dan Miller and Patti Pfeiffer during the winter of 2009. *Some of the information from previous Gerhardt histories, has been incorporated in italics with their story.*

2.8 Emil Gerhardt was the sixth son and next youngest of the nine children of Joseph Gerhardt and his wife Catherine Krumm. He was born on October 6, 1898 while the family was living on the large rented farm in the Pisgah Community of Cooper County.

He was six years old when his father purchased the 192 acre farm located between Speed and Billingsville and moved the family there. Emil and the other younger Gerhardt children attended Independence District School. Emil lived at home and farmed with his father and brothers. His brothers were all married by 1915, except Herman.

He was 21 years old when he and Nora Hein were married on February 16, 1919. They were married by Rev. E. W. Berlekamp, pastor of St. John's Church in his residence. Nora Katherine Caroline Hein was born on September 25, 1898, one of three children of Peter Marcus Hein and Sophia Christine Fricke.

Emil was raised on the farm like his siblings, and he did farm for a while after marrying Nora Hein and having two daughters, Virginia and Irene (mom). *Emil farmed near Bunceton, and Boonville for a few years after their marriage. They also lived in New Franklin for a time.* Along with the farming, he was a pretty good hand at carpentry work. He made, by hand, all the pickets for a picket fence around the house. He made lawn chairs and quite a few other things out of wood. We still have two bookcases that Emil (grandpa) made.

However, at some point in time, he decided that going to the city and getting a job was more appropriate for him and he moved to St. Louis. *In 1937 Emil and his family moved to St. Louis* For a period, he owned and operated a sandwich shop on Gravois and his work day consisted partly in filling orders for hamburgers and coffee. Once the restaurant business was in the past, I remember seeing him sitting at the kitchen table at home drinking coffee from one of those thick, heavy, light brown coffee mugs from the shop. When I was around, he used to pour in the sugar and milk and stir it up real good making sure to spill a good bit into the saucer. Then he'd let me slurp it out of the saucer because I wasn't old enough to really drink coffee yet. At least that's what Nora would say when she would get on his case for making such a mess and taking his grandson down the "wrong path."

Emil (Grandpa) always had time to play catch with me in the backyard of the two-story flat on Hartford Street. And he would make me feel pretty cool when he would tell Nora (Grandma) how sore his hand was after catching those baseballs that I would throw so hard. He used to boost me up in the maple sapling to a branch that was too high for me to reach from the ground, and then tell me to climb up as high as I could. After saying "hang on tight," he'd push on the slender tree trunk until the tree started swaying back and forth. The top, where I was, would bend and whip around a bit. I hung on for dear life, scared but loving it, until Grandma would come out on the back porch and yell, "Emil, stop that right now! You're going to kill that boy!"

He began working at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft as a Security Guard during World War II.

When it would snow, he would give Patti sled rides. There was no sled; just an old shovel. She would sit on the scoop and he would grab the handle and take off across the snow. She didn't have much to hold on to, but she was always ready to go. Patti and I both remember spending the night at Grandpa and Grandma's house many times. They only lived upstairs in the two-story, flat-roofed house on Hartford Street, and we lived downstairs, but it was still like going to a different place altogether. No TV back then. They taught us to play canasta, and to count the stars from that back porch, and to rip a

newspaper the long way, seeing who could get the longest, narrowest piece. How amazing, whenever Patti played canasta against them, she always won. When the evening's festivities were over, we would go to bed after a bottle of Nu-Grape soda pop, or perhaps Suncrest orange. Grandpa liked Royal Crown cola. We usually drank while Grandpa listened to Gabriel Heater on the radio.

Then since the upstairs bedroom was right above mom and dad's (Charlie and Irene's) downstairs bedroom, I still remember Charlie complaining how he couldn't get to sleep. That was because he could hear grandpa sit down on the bed and take his shoe off and drop it on the floor. Then Charlie waited for the second shoe to hit the floor. And he waited and waited and waited, but it never did.

Grandpa died of "hardening of the arteries" in Deaconess Hospital in St. Louis. Uncle Herman, Emil's brother, came to St. Louis and rode back to Boonville in the hearse with the casket for the funeral there.

Emil Gerhardt died on July 31, 1957 after a two year illness. He was 59 years old. Funeral arrangements were directed by B.W. Thatcher Funeral Home with services at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Boonville with Rev. Foelber of St. Louis officiating. Pallbearers were Robert Bail, Wilbur Hein, Elmer, John, Joseph and Herman Edward Gerhardt. Burial was in Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville.

Nora Gerhardt (Nora Katherine Caroline Hein) wife of Emil Gerhardt

Nora had beautiful blue eyes. Her great grandchildren told her how pretty they were. And for many years during the latter half of her life she had that beautiful white hair. When younger, she was a blonde with blue eyes.

Nora (grandma) was a hard working woman with a very pleasant personality that people liked to have around. She wasn't afraid to get down on her hands and knees and scrub the floors to keep her house clean or to work the same way in the garden. Often she would go to stay with a sick relative or friend to help them through a tough time. In her 50's and 60's she worked as a cook at the local public grade school. They didn't want her to quit.

Nora and Emil had two children, daughters: Virginia, who died before her 4th birthday, and Irene, who married Charlie Miller and had 2 children of their own. Irene was never separated from her mother, Nora, for any great distance, nor any great time. Nora outlived Irene also, much to her own dismay.

Nora loved her family and was good to them. She visited Dan (grandson) and his family in the Detroit area (Troy) and would stay there for several months to the delight of Dan's family. As the young boys would lie on the floor watching some TV show, Grandma would throw a pillow from the couch at Joel, and then say, "David! Now why did you do that?" The boys would look at each other in puzzlement for a brief time, then they'd run to Grandma (G.G.) and throw their arms around her neck and hug her. Later in the day, she would be out on the driveway with her walker. She'd tell one of the boys to get her the basketball and she would shoot it (underhand) at the basket. Usually missing, she would tell one of the boys to go get it for her again. They would run and do it gladly and would play basketball with her until the sun went down if she wanted to.

But she always longed to be back in the "country" for her permanent living quarters. After Emil's death, and while able to live alone, she returned to the Boonville area and rented an apartment on the outskirts of town. Nora loved it when the "guys" would go froggin' and bring her some frog legs to cook up. She knew just what to do with them, and when she fried them up, they didn't taste like chicken; they were much better! She always had many visitors and celebrated her 80th birthday there at the apartment clubhouse with many relatives and friends and lots of good food, all coordinated by Irene.

As she progressed in age, and life became more difficult to negotiate on her own, she chose to live with her granddaughter, Patti, and husband, Jim, who welcomed her with open arms. They live in Labadie, MO, high up in the woods, and when sitting on their deck, you can see the cattle in the fields, and for miles beyond. Nora felt at home there. And Patti knew just how to keep Grandma busy with her cooking skills, cracking green beans or peeling potatoes, and Grandma loved it. Children at that time, Christy and Clint, loved having G.G. (Great Grandma) around and it was a blessing to all.

Her 90th birthday was celebrated at Robert and Pat Bail's house on Route B at Boonville, MO. Again, it was with a great many relatives and loved ones. Nora died in 1994.

After Emil died, Nora continued to live in St. Louis until she retired as a cook in a nearby elementary school cafeteria. She moved back to Boonville in 1968. In 1986 she moved to Webster Groves with her daughter and son-in-law, Irene and Charlie Miller, until Charlie became ill in 1988. Nora then made her home with her grand-daughter, Patti Pfeiffer and family, near Labadie, Missouri. Patti was a wonderful nurse to her grandma, as well as doing as much as she could for her mother. Patti was with Irene, at the time of her death on April 24, 1993, at the age of 69. Nora died at Patti and Jim's

home on February 6, 1994, at the age of 95.

#2.82 IRENE GERTRUDE GERHARDT (wife of Charles E. Miller)

Written by Dan Miller and Patti Pfeiffer February 13, 2009

Irene was born and raised on the farm near Boonville, Missouri. She graduated from Boonville High School in 1942. Soon after, she relocated to St. Louis with her parents, Emil and Nora, and got a job at Kroger grocery's home office as an executive secretary. Irene was a very bright and attractive young lady, but she was also very humble and modest, even to the extent that she would not wear bright red because she didn't want to draw attention to herself. At Kroger, she met Charles Miller, who worked in accounting. Charlie couldn't take his eyes off her and soon proposed. They were married June, 1943.

Charlie had been raised Roman Catholic and Irene was Lutheran. Before the marriage took place, Charlie agreed to become Lutheran. This was very important to Irene because, among other reasons, if they were wed in a Catholic church, they would need to agree that the firstborn would be raised Catholic. She would not agree to that. They had two children, Daniel, born in September, 1944, and Patricia (Patti) born in May, 1951. Both were schooled in Lutheran schools through high school and beyond - Dan at Valparaiso University, and Patti at Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing.

Irene's days at Kroger were past, but when the kids were older, she went back to work. This time it was as Office Manager for Campbell Chemicals in Crestwood, MO, where she excelled. Irene enjoyed that good job for many years. Later, she became the church secretary at the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens, and finally, secretary for a few years at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Headquarters.

Throughout her life Irene never lost sight of her roots. There were many weekend trips back to visit friends and relatives on the farm. The trips to Boonville were always referred to as going "to the country," and we all loved those times. The grown-ups would play cards 'til all hours of the night, kids would play with their cousins, or go fishing or even hunting when they got older. The farm chores we got to help with were simply unique things to do for us, so they were fun. Gathering eggs, shucking' corn for pop corn, milking cows or getting water from the well.

We went different places at different times. Irene was always a good will ambassador no matter where we went. If we popped in unexpectedly, it was always with a bag of groceries and maybe a ham so we wouldn't be a burden to anyone. I can't ever remember a time when we weren't welcomed with open arms. Folks always seemed genuinely happy to see us and always invited us back when we were leaving. Irene treated people in such a way that they always seemed glad to have her and her family around.

As we kids grew older and got married, mom always wanted us home as often as possible with our families. She made it clear that it simply would not do to be away from 'home' at Christmas time. And she was always so generous to everyone. I'll never forget when she gave my boys "pop-guns" and sirens for Christmas. It was fun for the first few minutes. Then it dawned on me that in a day we would be gone and she would have peace and quiet, but all 10 hours on the way home in the car, I would still be hearing those toys. She just giggled when I scolded her about that. It wasn't the first time she had thought about it. When Nora was unable to live alone any longer, Irene and Charlie moved her into their home in Webster Groves. Family was very important to Irene and she modeled the belief that "family takes care of family." After several heart attacks, Irene went to heaven in 1993.

Charles E. Miller (husband to Irene Gertrude Gerhardt/Miller)

Charlie was born October 15, 1921 one of 8 children, to Henry and Gertrude Miller of St. Louis, Missouri. Henry immigrated to the United States from Germany. He was a baker, first owning his own shop, and later baking for the Sears store on Grand and Gravois in St. Louis.

Charlie chose accounting for his profession, starting out as a bookkeeper at Kroger Grocery's headquarters. There he met Irene Gerhardt and stole her heart while losing his own to her. They married on June 6, 1943 and within a year and a half had a baby boy, Daniel, and six and a half years later, a baby girl, Patricia. Charlie worked hard to provide for his family, going to night school while still working his regular job at Kroger. He purchased a used car to get to and from work, and seemed to spend a lot of time under the hood to keep it running. But he was good at that and once said if he hadn't gone into accounting, he would have been a mechanic. However, one morning, Dan woke up late. Irene was gone to be with cousin Frances, who had a new baby. Charlie was supposed to get Dan up and take him to Kindergarten. Dan ran around the house looking for somebody but nobody answered. Finally, entering the bathroom, Dan found Charlie, lying in a tub of cold water, snoring. He'd worked so late on the car, that he came in, took a bath, and just fell asleep. We never did let dad live that down; why start now?

Many weekend trips to Boonville found Charlie loving to be with his country in-laws. He liked playing cards, hunting rabbits, and even hauling hay with them. And they seemed to like having him around, a city slicker who wasn't afraid to work hard and have

some good clean fun.

Charlie changed jobs a couple of times and began working at Davies Supply & Mfg as the Controller. He always worked hard with the utmost integrity, and held the respect of his boss, the owner, Dave Davies. Things went well, a company car, good pay, a move from St. Louis to Webster Groves. Then a lot on a small lake in southeast Missouri was purchased where Charlie built a 2 bedroom cabin for the family. Dan helped some with the build, and Charlie always let him go fishing early in the morning before work. Charlie also built the screened in back porch addition to the house. Charlie would tackle most anything.

Patti had one of those special relationships with her father. She could help, or be around, while Charlie worked and would ask questions and learn about what he was doing. Charlie cherished her company and Patti became a very practical and self sufficient person, in part, because of time spent with Charlie.

The good days at Davies came to an end when the company was sold to a larger firm out of Cleveland. Charlie and Irene turned down an offer to move there, so Charlie found himself in the job market at middle age. He took a job as controller at a car dealership winning awards from General Motors for being an exemplary dealership accountant. Charlie worked for several different car dealerships as he sought one where he could feel comfortable. He won the awards wherever he worked, but ultimately decided that dealership accounting wasn't for him.

In the end, Charlie's smoking led to several heart attacks. However, a brain tumor was the ultimate cause of death one Christmas time. Charlie died at the end of December, 1991.

2.9 Herman Frank Joseph Gerhardt

Buried St. John's Cemetery

Born 03-26-1901

Died 04-10-1973

Married 08-11-1926

Lelia Ida Bail

Born 06-06-1903

Buried St. John's Cemetery

Died 04-05-2004

2.91 Herman Edward

Born 11-04-1928

2.92 Wilma Georgia

Born 07-18-1930

Buried St. John's Cemetery

Died 11-06-1986

2.93 Katherine Marie

Born 01-16-1932

2.94 Albert Joseph

Born 03-03-1933

2.95 Roberta Ida

Born 02-15-1939

2.96 Carl Frederick

Born 09-18-1943

2.91 Herman Edward Gerhardt "Bud"

Born 11-04-1928

Died 05-07-2007

(1st)

Married 09-16-1956

Ruby La Vona Hurt (divorced)

Born 02-08-1937

2.911 William Herman Gerhardt

Born 03-05-1957

Buried St. John's Cemetery, (Car Collision)

Died 10-04-1974

2.912 James Robert Gerhardt

Born 05-07-1959

2.913 Barry Lee Gerhardt

Born 01-14-1963

Married 02-13-1993

Stacy Dannel Kelley

2.9131 Alicia Sue Gerhardt

Born 05-22-1992

2.9132 Jeremy Robert Gerhardt

Born 12-17-1997

2.91 Herman Edward Gerhardt

(2nd)

Married 10-23-1982

Marie June Williams Scott (divorced)

Born 09-20-1933

2.92 Wilma Georgia Gerhardt

Born 07-18-1930

Buried St. John's Cemetery

Died 11-06-1986

Married 01-20-1952

Rimey Smith Cary, Jr.

Born 04-12-1924

Died 09-24-1998

2.921 Susan Ida Cary

Born 06-07-1955

Married 06-07-1986

Michael Alan Hayes

Born 12-30-1949

2.93	Katherine Marie Gerhardt "Kitty"	Born	01-16-1932
		Married	01-20-1952
	Forrest Edsel Kenney	Born	08-17-1927
		Died	11-30, 2015
2.931	Sharon Kay Kenney	Born	08-18-1956
		Married	04-07-1979
	Steven Albert Smith	Born	02-10-1955
2.9311	Sarah Deane Smith	Born	06-03-1980
		Married	08-13-2005
	Kris Auer	Born	01-28-1980
	2.93111 Jacob Nelson Auer	Born	01-15-2009
	2.93112 Samantha Jane Auer	Born	05-10-2011
2.9312	Ryan Samuel Smith	Born	05-21-1983
		Married	08-08-2009
	Katie Payne	Born	11-18-1983
2.9313	Andrea Christine Smith	Born	03-08-1988
2.932	Barbara Ann Kenney	Born	02-20-1960
		(1st) Married	09-13-1980
	Donald Wayne Neckermann (divorced)	Born	10-08-1957
2.9321	Grant Thomas Kenney Neckermann	Born	12-29-1983
	Kathryn Danielle Wheeler	Born	03/06/1987
2.93211	Ford Clarence Neckerman	Born	09/19/2016
2.932	Barbara Ann Kenney	(2nd) Married	02-10-1990
	Douglas William Ayers	Born	03-30-1955
2.9322	Kathleen Nicole Ayers	Born	08-25-1990
2.9323	Hannah Elizabeth Ayers	Born	08-14-1997
2.94	Albert Joseph Gerhardt "Jody"	Born	03-03-1933
		Married	12-28-1963
	Iris Helene Cannon	Born	03-13-1942
2.95	Roberta Ida Gerhardt "Birdie"	Born	02-15-1939
		Married	06-19-1960
	Raymond Lee Kueckelhan "Buster"	Born	08-08-1932
2.951	Teresa Diane Kueckelhan	Born	02-28-1961
		(1st) Married	05-29-1988
	John William Cauthorn	Born	12-11-1946
2.9511	Kaitlyn Frances Cauthorn	Born	10-09-1989
		Married	10-22-2011
	Brent Thomas	Born	04-20-1982
2.9512	Andrew John Cauthorn	Born	11-17-1992
		Married	08-22-2015
	Clarissa Brown	Born	10-15-1992
2.951	Teresa Diane Kueckelhan	Born	02-28-1961
	(2nd)	Married	10-06-2007
	Paul Carlson		
2.952	Timothy Joseph Kueckelhan	Born	04-21-1962
		Married	07-16-1988
	Julie Ann Miller	Born	09-16-1967
2.9521	Morgan Elizabeth Kueckelhan	Born	08-27-1989

		Christopher Anderson Hawley	Married	08-04-2012
	2.9522	Jared Timothy Kueckelhan	Born	06-08-1992
	2.9523	Justin Lee Kueckelhan	Born	10-03-1997
2.953		Angela Roberta Kueckelhan	Born	03-07-1976
			Married	11-01-2008
		Jason Hackman	Born	07-05-2008
	2.9531	William Kelly Hackman	Born	05-18-2012
2.96		Carl Frederick Gerhardt	Born	09-18-1943
			Married	10-08-1972
		Judith Ann Beck	Born	06-13-1947
	2.961	Brenda Ann Gerhardt	Born	02-10-1974
			Married	06-03-2000
		Tony Colaprete		
	2.9611	Sophia Faith Colaprete	Born	05-08-2004
	2.9612	Nicholas Anthony Colaprete	Born	12-04-2006.

#2.9 Herman Frank Joseph Gerhardt

Herman was the youngest of the nine children of Joseph Gerhardt and Catherine Krumm. Herman was born on March 26, 1901, while the family lived in the Pisgah community in the southeastern part of Cooper County on a large rented farm. The date and place of his baptism has not been determined. He was about 3 1/2 years old when in September 1904, his father purchased a farm of 192 acres located between Speed and Billingsville. The family moved there during the fall and winter of 1904 and 1905 and Herman grew up on this farm. He attended Independence District School where he graduated from the Eighth Grade.

The Gerhardts became active and faithful members of St. John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville, although some moved away later. Herman Gerhardt was confirmed in St. John's Church on April 8, 1917 by Rev. E. W. Berlekamp. Herman farmed with his father after his older brothers married and left home. He was always a farmer.

Herman Gerhardt was married August 11, 1926 to Lelia Ida Bail.. They were married at her parents' home near Pilot Grove by Rev. Paul Niedermeyer. Their attendants were her sister, Iva Bail Frieling and Rudolph Stegner whose two older sisters had married Herman's brothers, Albert and August Gerhardt.

Ida Bail was born on June 6, 1903 at the farm home of her parents, Edward B. Bail and Lelia Georgia Smith near Pilot Grove. Ida was one of their seven children, two of whom died in infancy. Ida grew up on the farm and attended East Oakland Rural School, where she graduated from the Eighth Grade. She then attended Pilot Grove High School, where she graduated in May 1923. She attended the summer school at the Teachers' College in Warrensburg, Missouri, where she received a Teaching Certificate. She taught at East Oakland two terms before her marriage and at Independence two terms after her marriage. She met Herman Gerhardt in 1925 at a dance-party in the Otto Vieth home in Speed.

Herman's parents retired to a home in Speed in 1919 leaving sons Emil and Herman on the farm. After Emil's marriage in February 1919, their parents moved back to the farm with Herman. After Joseph Gerhardt's death in February 1922, Herman and his mother continued to share the home. She died there in 1943. After their marriage in 1926, Herman and Ida made their home with his mother. They were the parents of six children, all of whom were baptized and confirmed in St. John's Church. Herman purchased the home place in 1943. He sold that farm to Roy Stevens and in 1949 moved his family to the Dan McArthur, which he had managed for several years. Herman, Ida and the three younger children, "Jody", Roberta and Carl moved to a home on Fourth Street in Boonville which they purchased in 1955. In 1957 they moved back to the country to a farm near Speed which they rented from the Lloyd Painters. They lived there for fifteen years. Herman Gerhardt was in poor health for several years before his death in Cooper County Hospital in Boonville on April 10, 1973 He was 71 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church with Pastor Otto Schroedel officiating. Arrangements were made by B. W. Thatcher Funeral Home. Special music was provided by Mrs. Charles Geiger with Mrs. Don Bail, organist. Pallbearers were good friends. Burial was in the cemetery of St. John's Church where Herman had been a faithful and active member since childhood. He had served on the Church Council for many years, on the Cemetery Board and on the District School Board of Directors.

The Edward Bail family attended the Christian Church in Pilot Grove but after her marriage Ida became an active and faithful member of St. John's Church. After Herman's death, Ida had a home built at Billingsville, across the road from the church, next door to her eldest daughter, Wilma, and her husband, Rimey Cary. After Wilma's death on November 6, 1986, Ida and Rimey continued to make their homes there until Rimey's death on September 23, 1998. Then Ida's eldest son, "Bud", bought the home and lived beside his mother.

Ida was a faithful child of God for over 100 years, being a beloved wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, aunt, and friend to so many. Over 200 relatives and friends celebrated her 100th birthday on June 6, 2003, at the worship service at St. John's. Her grandchildren took part in this service to praise God for the gift of family life. Ida lived in her home until her passing on April 5, 2004. Bud continued to live next door until his passing on May 7, 2007.

2.91 HERMAN E. (BUD) GERHARDT

Bud Gerhardt was the eldest of the six children of Herman and Ida Gerhardt. Bud grew up on the Gerhardt home place, attended Palestine and Speed schools and later graduated from Boonville High School. He was drafted into the army in the late 40's and served his country in Europe. During his time in Europe he was the first of the American cousins to visit his German Gerhardt cousins since most of the family immigrated to America in the late 1800's. He visited #5.2 Freida and #5.21 Elfriede Mattmuller, and #5.4 Emilie Hornecker in Frieburg and they took him to visit the Gerhardt home place in Tutschfelden, Germany.

Bud farmed with his father for several years. He then left the farm and worked in several careers including his own business as a DX fuel distributor, a sales person for Pamco in Iowa and Georgia and manager of a John Deere dealership in Boonville. Bud was a natural salesman and had much success building business for these companies. During his retirement years he drove buses commercially for the Boonville Schools and a bus company in Columbia.

Bud was married and had three children Bob, Barry and Billy. Billy was tragically killed in a car accident as a teenager. One of his great enjoyments was being grandfather to Barry's children during his final years.

In his later years Bud purchased a home first owned by his sister and brother-in-law, Wilma and Rimey Cary, which was located next to his Mother's home in Billingsville. After Wilma and Rimey's passing Bud moved to this place to be closer to his mother whom he cared for during her final years. He was a faithful son, father and grandfather until his passing in 2007.

2.92 WILMA AND ROWDY CARY

Wilma Georgia Gerhardt, the second child of Herman and Ida Gerhardt, was born July 18, 1930 on the Gerhardt farm near Speed. She grew up on the farm and was often found helping with the farm chores. She attended Independence and Speed Schools and graduated from Boonville High School in 1948. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ in Billingsville, where she was very active in the work of the church.

Wilma married Rimey Tate Cary in January 1951 at St. John's UCC in a double ceremony with her sister, Katherine (Kitty) and Forrest Kenney. The Cary's were blessed with one daughter, Susan Ida, born June 7, 1955. She would be the joy of their life. Susan was also the first grandchild of Herman and Ida Gerhardt.

Wilma and Rimey (known to everyone as Rowdy) would build a home in Billingsville. After the passing of Herman Gerhardt, Ida made a home next to them. They would all spend many happy years living side by side. Wilma often went by her nickname, Sitter Bill. When Wilma and Rowdy were around, there was sure to be some fun. It was very common for Wilma to instigate a water fight at family dinners and run for the house telling everyone,, "Oh, I just had my hair done, so you can't get me wet!

In November of 1986, Wilma lost her life to cancer. In 1998, Rowdy died of cancer as well. They are both buried in St John's UCC Cemetery.

By Susan Cary Hayes Written during the winter of 2008-2009

They loved me so much. They were always there to help me. When I got a new car and apartments, they helped so much.

All the years Dad worked with trucking career, Cary's and Bob Case, a friend, hauling lime and fertilizer for Bert Hilden. Mom worked hard at home. She worked at Dog n Suds and the nursing home, and hospital.

All the trips we took, going to the State fair, fishing time, and our garden times were great-- tomatoes, potatoes and turnip. That's how Dad got his nickname "Tater".

They loved Angie like she was their granddaughter. All the times they went to eat out, they brought her a lot.

They always helped Grandma and Grandpa, farming and gardens.

They loved all the family and Brenda was close, also.

When it was bad snowing Dad would take Mom and me to work and work on the drive.

They helped everyone.

#2.93 KATHERINE (KITTY) AND FORREST KENNEY

Katherine Marie ("Kitty") Gerhardt Kenney is the third child of Herman Frank Joseph Gerhardt and Leila Ida Bail Gerhardt. She was born January 16, 1932. Kitty was baptized and confirmed at St. John United Church of Christ, where she remains an active member. She attended schools in the Cooper County area and graduated from Boonville High School in 1949. On January 20, 1952, she was united in marriage to Forrest Edsel Kenney in a double wedding ceremony with her sister, Wilma, and Rimey Cary. Kitty and Forrest are life-long residents of the Boonville area, where Kitty was employed at Hirlinger's Book Store and Cooper County Abstract Company following high school and during the early years of their marriage. After the birth of their daughters, Sharon, in 1956, and Barbara in 1960, she was a devoted homemaker. When the girls were older, she again worked part-time at the abstract company, and later accepted a position as church secretary for the First Christian Church in Boonville.

Forrest was born to Clarence and Lena (Potter) Kenney on August 17, 1927 near Wooldridge, Missouri. He is the youngest of four children. He, too, attended schools in Cooper County, and graduated from Boonville High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was employed at Shryack Givens Grocery Company for many years.

Kitty and Forrest continue to make their home on Maple Street in Boonville, where they have resided since 1956. They have been faithful servants of St. John's church during their 57 years of marriage, serving in various leadership capacities. They provided a caring, secure and fun-filled home for their daughters. Their loyalty and devotion to their family, friends and church continue to serve as an inspiration to their daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"GROWING UP ON THE GERHARDT HOME PLACE"

By Kitty Gerhardt Kenney, March 23, 2009

There were 5 children and Grandma Gerhardt living in a 5 room house with our parents. The youngest child, Carl "Fritz" was born after Grandma Gerhardt died.

We had no electricity or inside plumbing. We all had our chores to do each day. Our dad had dairy cows and we four older children: Bud, Wilma, Kitty and Jody, each had to help with the milking twice a day. In the winter, wood had to be carried in on the back porch for heating stoves. Birdie remembers doing this, too. When I think of winter time I remember when it was so very cold that the dipper in the water bucket froze sitting on the wash stand in the kitchen. The winter season allowed us to have fun times sledding down the hill. We had one sled so we all learned to share. I remember after sledding we returned to the house covered with snow and very cold. We sat behind the stove in the living room eating 'snow cream' that our mother had made for us.

When Fritz was born the girls helped in caring for him. I personally remember watching him very carefully because I was afraid he would get out of the yard and get lost.

Saturday, for the girls, was a day helping our mother prepare for Sunday. The house was cleaned and clothes were made ready for church on Sunday. Everyone's shoes had to be polished. I can still see all the shoes lined up for polishing. Mom usually cooked something special for Sunday dinner. She never knew how many would be at the dinner table on Sunday as our dad would usually invite someone from church to come home with him for dinner.

We walked to the "one room" school house, rain or snow falling. This was the Independence School District across the creek between Speed and Billingsville. When the three school districts were consolidated we went to the Speed school. Transportation was provided at that time.

Our home at the "Gerhardt home place" was always a gathering place for relatives. In January, on Grandma Gerhardt's birthday, all the Gerhardts gathered to celebrate her birthday. A photo of this gathering is included in the Gerhardt history. We children always looked forward to these gatherings. However, I am not sure our mother felt that way because of all the work she had to do. She never complained. Caring for Grandma Gerhardt and 5 children with no modern conveniences and with all the work on the farm, I look back and wonder how she ever did it. Surely, she has a special place in heaven.

During the 1930's (Depression years) times were very difficult for my parents and others. We were poor when it came to material possessions but so very rich in family life. We had the best parents anyone could ask for.

In the summertime when the boys were helping our dad, Wilma and I had to round up the cows for milking. I remember being so afraid of the "bull" that I always stayed close to the fence in case he came toward me.

We played in the water in the branch near the house which only had about 12 inches of water. That was our swimming hole. After the milking was completed, someone would usually throw a bucket of water on one of us and then the fun began, "a water fight"! Our dad was always included in it and we would all go to the house laughing with our clothes soaking wet, a result of a fun time. Our dad had as much fun as we kids did. Mom had all the wet clothes to take care of.

Also in the summertime we looked forward to the Demmlers coming for a visit. Marilyn always stayed with us. One time I asked her why she wanted to stay with us because we had no electricity or indoor plumbing and she replied, "There were kids there."

CHRISTMAS EVE MEMORY;
Christmas Eve was always centered around the program at church. I remember one Christmas Eve that was very special for me. At church the young people usually presented a pageant. When I was around 4 or 5 years old, I remember a pageant that I was in. Johnny Gerhardt was the father, Rosa Torbeck, the mother and I was their little girl. I was supposed to hold a doll as I sat on the little "green" chair on the stage between Johnny and Rosa. Since Santa usually came during the night on Christmas Eve and he always brought a doll, my parents wanted me to have a new doll to hold during the pageant at church. They had a plan. That afternoon, my mother gave me a broom and told me to go out and sweep off the front porch, which I did. There on the corner of the porch laid the most beautiful little doll dressed in a pretty pink dress. I remember seeing my dad standing in the sheep lot near the house so I am sure he was watching as I picked up the doll. They made sure I had a new doll to hold during the pageant.

Another Christmas Eve memory that made lasting memories for me was during the Depression years when there wasn't much money. As we were leaving the church on a beautiful Christmas Eve with snow coming down, Joe and Wyama Gerhardt came to our car and said "Merry Christmas, Uncle Herman," and handed my dad a large box. In the box was a gift for each one in our family. I shared this remembrance with Joe and Wyama one time and they did not remember it, but I most certainly did. I always remembered how thoughtful Joe and Wyama had been in helping to make our Christmas special.

I was 17 years old when we left the "home place" and moved to the McArthur farm. The memories of growing up on the "home pace" will always be very dear to my heart.

#2.94 ALBERT (JODY) AND IRIS GERHARDT

Albert Joseph "Jody" Gerhardt, the fourth child of Herman and Ida Gerhardt, was born on the family farm near Speed on March 3, 1933. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Johns UCC in Billingsville. Jody attended Independence and Speed schools and graduated from Boonville High School in 1950.

After graduation, he continued to farm with his father, Herman, and brother, Bud, on the Gerhardt home place and McArthur Farm. Jody was drafted into the army in 1954. He was a member of the Honor Guard in Washington, D.C., where he guarded the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Next he was stationed in Germany. During his station, he was able to visit his German Gerhardt cousins, Elfriede, her mother, and her Aunt Emilie.

After being discharged from the army, he attended college at Warrensburg and became a teacher. He would then teach Science and eventually become a school counselor in Independence, MO. Jody married Iris Canon in Sedalia on December 28, 1963. They are both retired from the Independence School District and continue to live in Independence.

By Susan Cary Hayes Written during the winter of 2008-2009

Jody and Iris were always there for Grandpa and Grandma (Herman and Ida Gerhardt). When Iris' Mom passed away they gave Grandma a lot of furniture.

Jody was in the Army several years. They both taught school in Independence, MO until they retired.

At Christmas time they always bought presents for the nephews and nieces. Later on they gave money for everyone.

Back when they were first married, we would go up for great meals. We all went swimming. We had so much fun.

Jody and Iris have always been close to me. She taught me how to crochet. Several years I went up to stay and go shopping. I will always remember all the times.

#2. 95 ROBERTA (BIRDIE) AND RAYMOND KUECKELHAN

Roberta (Birdie as she is known by her nickname) was the fifth child of Herman and Ida Gerhardt. Birdie was the true farmer of the family and was always very attached to farming and the land. She was born on the Gerhardt home place, grew up on the Gerhardt home place and the McArthur farm. She would become the "land baroness" of the family and purchased the farm that Herman and Ida spent the later years of their life farming. She and husband, Raymond (Buster) Kuckelhan, would also purchase the farms formerly owned by Clarence Gerhardt and the Haller family. Son, Tim, would also purchase the farm owned by Edgar and Dottie Gerhardt and farm with his Mother and father. Birdie was often quoted as saying "I don't want to own all of the land in the county, just the ones that are next to and join my farms".

Birdie attended Speed and Billingsville elementary school and graduated from Boonville High School. She worked for Burkle Motor Company after high school, before marrying Buster. They then became very successful farmers. They had three children. Teresa, Timothy, and Angela all of whom are married and, at this writing, blessed their parents with six grandchildren. Birdie has always loved everything to do with family and is totally devoted to her grandchildren.

Birdie has been lifelong member and loyal servant of St. John's United Church of Christ at Billingsville. She was an early hard worker for the church and has continued that effort all of her life.

In addition to her work on the farm and doing for her family she also has been a part-time employee of Wal Mart in Boonville for many years.

#2.96 CARL ("FRITZIE") AND JUDY GERHARDT

Carl (Fritzie a nickname by which he was known to the family) was the youngest of the six children of Herman and Ida Gerhardt. Herman was the youngest of nine children. As a result, Carl was one generation removed and his first cousins children were closer to his age. He was the last of the children born on the original Joseph Gerhardt home place. The family moved to the McArthur farm when Carl was six years old. Thus, his early years growing up were on this farm. Since his brothers and sisters were older than Carl he was often "parented" and spoiled by his siblings. His early memories of growing up on this farm and the associations with his Gerhardt extended family would be important in shaping his life. Gerhardt family reunions were held on this farm in the 1950s and many cousins from near and far would visit and become dear friends of Carl during those years. This included Dan Miller from the "big city" of St. Louis, Frank and Venita Gerhardt from Colorado (a place that Carl longed to visit and live), and Demmler's Storar's and Baker's from Ohio. Often these cousins would stay

at the Gerhardt home and Carl would enjoy fishing, hunting and playing with them prior to the big day of the annual reunion. The Annual visit from Demmler's from Ohio was always a highlight of the summer. One of the most difficult but fond memories of Carl was playing cards (Pitch) with his dad, Uncle Freddie, and Uncle Bill. During his last visit Uncle Freddie passed away sitting across the card table from Carl playing Pitch.

Carl attended Billingsville school (a one room school house with eight grades and one teacher) until the eighth grade when the family left the McArthur farm and move to Boonville. He graduated from Boonville High School and the University of Missouri completed a B.S. degree. His business career included two years as a County Extension Agent in Southwest Missouri, ten years with Ralston Purina Co. in St. Louis, MO as a marketing executive where he met Judith Beck to whom he was married in 1972. They were transferred to Atlanta, GA where their only child Brenda was born. The next eight years were with DeLaval, Inc. first in New York and later in Kansas City where he was Senior V.P. and General Manager for the U.S. company . Carl and Judy had always longed to own their own business and live in Colorado. In 1985 they moved to Colorado Springs and opened a franchise of American Speedy Printing. During the next 18 years Carl would begin working for and become an investor in the parent franchise company Allegra Network. During those years Judy completed a B.S. degree in Nursing at University of Colorado which had been a lifelong dream of hers. Brenda would also graduate from CU only a few years after her Mother. She was married to another CU graduate Dr. Anthony Colaprete and they would locate in California and bring two children Sophia and Nicholas into the Gerhardt/Colaprete family. After contemplating retirement (unsuccessfully) Carl and Judy instead decided to move to Michigan in 2004 for Carl to take over as President and CEO of Allegra Network the franchise company they had been a part of for 18 years. At this writing they are living in and enjoying Michigan and traveling often to California to visit the grandchildren. They are active members of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton, Michigan and value the Gerhardt families relationship with Jesus Christ.

Another important chapter in Carl's life includes visits to and from his relatives from Germany. Carl's two brothers, Bud and Jody, had visited the Gerhardt home place and relatives during their stint in the army in the 1950's. The first opportunity for Carl to visit was in 1979. Carl, Judy and Brenda were on a tour of Europe that year and managed to visit Theo and Elfriede Rinklin in Freiburg, Germany. Theo and Elfriede took them to Tutschfelden to visit the Gerhardt home place occupied by Walter and Klara Schmidt, Heinz, Anita and Sibylle. Over the years other members of the George Schler family, John and Marilyn Baab family, Bonnie Gerhardt Marshall, Donald Gerhardt family and others would visit their German cousins. These visits would begin what was to become a very special relationship with the "German Cousins". Carl and Judy would visit again on several other occasions and Anita and her husband Wolfgang and daughters Julia and Miriam and Heinz and his wife Beatrix would later visit America. With much encouragement Heinz and Anita's parents Walter and Klara Schmidt would also visit America and attend the annual Gerhardt reunion. This was a very special occasion and brought the families from America and Germany together again in a lasting relationship.

Carl has worked over the years with Marilyn Demmler Baab to help preserve the wonderful legacy of the Gerhardt family. Marilyn has worked countless hours recording the family history in a document that is priceless to members of the Gerhardt family. Carl as a printer has provided printed copies of this history to many family members so they can preserve this wonderful legacy for their descendents.

3. <u>Christine Gerhardt</u> in Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany	Born	06-27-1863
Buried Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio	Died	05-08-1934
in Circleville, Ohio	Married	1882
George Martin Demmler in Bahlingen, Germany	Born	08-18-1858
Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery	Died	03-16-1923
3.1 George Henry	Born	1883
Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery	Died	08-19-1937
3.2 Christine Louise	Born	1885
Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery	Died	1943
3.3 George Michael	Born	03-21-1887
Buried in Williams Cemetery, Ashland, KY	Died	02-03-1939
3.4 Wilhelmine Sophia "Minnie"	Born	04-14-1888
Buried at Carrollton, Ohio	Died	01-28-1937
3.5 Mary Magdalena "Lena"	Born	02-13-1890
Buried at Canton, Ohio	Died	1968
3.6 Frederick William , in Columbus, Ohio "Fred"	Born	09-03-1894
Buried in Glen Haven Cemetery, Donnelsville, Ohio	Died	05-24-1958

3.7	George Herbert Buried in Ferncliff Cemetery, (died of blood poisoning)	Born Died	1900 1909
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Christine Gerhardt

Christine Gerhardt 3.0

Christine Gerhardt, second daughter and sixth child of Christian and Magdalina (Lena) Schlenker Gerhardt, was born in Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany, on June 27, 1863. She came to the United States in 1882 with her younger brother, Henry, about a year after their older brother, Joseph, had emigrated. Also in the party making the journey were Catherine Krumm, who married Joseph Gerhardt, and her mother.

Christine Gerhardt was married about a year after arrival in this country to George Martin Demmler, whom she knew in Germany. George and Catherine Krumm were from the same village of Bahlingen. They were married in Circleville, Ohio and made their home in Columbus, Ohio and Pike County, Ohio before settling in Springfield, Ohio. They were the parents of seven children.

George Demmler was a farmer in the earlier years and then janitor of an elementary school in Springfield. He never went to Missouri to visit, but Christine made two trips to see her brothers. Her first trip was in 1909 when she took her son, Fred, and grandson, Edward Wunderly with her. She again made the trip in 1924, after her husband's death, to visit their son, Henry, who was living there at that time, and also her widowed sister-in-law, Catherine Krumm Gerhardt.

George Demmler was born on August 18, 1858 and died March 16, 1923 at the age of 65 years. It is not known at this time which year he emigrated to the United States. Christine Gerhardt Demmler died on May 8, 1934 at the age of 71. Both were buried in Ferncliff Cemetery at Springfield, Ohio.

3.1	George Henry Demmler Buried Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio	Born Died	1883 08-19-1937
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3.2	Christine Louise Demmler (Louise) Buried Ferncliff Cemetery	Born Died	1885 1943
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Fred Wunderly	Born Died	1945
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3.21 Edward Wunderly	Born Died	1905
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3.22 Pauline Wunderly	Born Died	1958
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Eugene Kniesley	Born	1930
3.221 Jeannie Kniesley	Born	1930

- 3.23 Frederick George Wunderly 3 children
 - 3.24 James Wunderly 3 children
 - 3.25 Robert Wunderly 2 children
 - 3.26 Louise Wunderly 2 children Married 12-26-1939
Henry Sheets
- All six of the Wunderly children had died by 1984.

- 3.3 George Michael Demmler** "Mike" Columbus, Ohio Born 03-21-1887
Buried Williams Cemetery, Ashland, Kentucky Died 02-03-1939
Married 10-12-1914
- Elizabeth Lee Neal "Bessie" Born 09-13-1891
Buried Williams Cemetery, Ashland, Kentucky Died 1962
- 3.31 Emma Lucille Demmler Born 07-17-1915
Buried Williams Cemetery Died 1984
(1st) Married 02-06-1936
- Lewis Amos Davis (divorced) (2nd) Married
- Herbert Samuel King, Jr (divorced)
- 3.32 Helen Mae Demmler Born 01-16-1918
Died 01-03-1993
Married 07-13-1936
- Matthew Peter Brennan Born 06-29-1911
Died 1978
- 3.321 Roger Michael Brennan Born 10-02-1940
- 3.33 William Frederick Demmler Born 03-16-1924
Died 03-27-1998
Married 02-03-1947
- Clara Ann Burner Born 02-15-1924
Died 1981
- 3.331 William Frederick Demmler Jr. Born 01-20-1948
Married 06-18-1970
- Deborah Susan Maynor Born 12-11-1947
- 3.3311 Derek Justin Demmler Born 04-25-1977
- 3.3312 Megan Elizabeth Demmler Born 08-28-1980
- 3.332 Karen Ann Demmler Born 03-27-1952
(1st) Married 08-09-1969
- Graham Frank Bactram (divorced)
- 3.3321 Lori Ann Bactram Born 05-19-1971
- 3.332 Karen Ann Demmler (2nd) Married 01-06-1975
David Allen Iams (divorced)
- 3.3322 Christine Dawn Iams Born 03-21-1975
- 3.332 Karen Ann Demmler (3rd) Married 06-27-1981
Walter Leo Krumm Jr.
- 3.4 Wilhelmine Sophia Demmler** "Minnie" in Columbus, OH Born 04-14-1888
Buried Carrollton, Ohio Died 01-28-1937
In Cordell, Oklahoma Married 1908
John Kaly Ober in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Born 09-16-188?

Buried Carrollton, Ohio Died 10-10-1957

3.5 Mary Magdalena Demmler -"Lena"

Born 02-13-1890
Died 1968
Married 05-1912
George Huthmacher Born 12-25-1875
Buried West Lawn Cemetery,Canton, OH Died 11-19-1951
3.51 Carolina Christine (Demmler) Huthmacher Born 12-29-1905
Died 08-26-1984
3.52 Minnie Mary Huthmacher Born 05-12-1913
Buried West Lawn Cemetery, Canton, OH Died 10-06-1925
3.53 Albert Huthmacher Born 11-14-1915
Buried North Lawn Cemetery, Canton, OH Died 06-1972

3.51 Carolina Christine Demmler Huthmacher Born 12-29-1905
Died 08-26-1984
Married 04-09-1923
John Myers Bosler Born 03-19-1902
Died 02-28-1986
3.511 Marjorie C. Bosler Born 02-18-1924
Buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, OH Died 07-31-1995
Married
Harvey Lewis (1st) Born 12-04-1923
Died 1980
Married
Robert Brooks (2nd)

3.512 Josiah A. Bosler Born 02-06-1926
Married 01-14-1949
Died 11-22-1999
Jutta Keese (Judi) (in Bremen, Germany) Born 07-10-1925
3.5121 Barbara Ann Bosler Born 03-27-1953
(1st) Married
Ron Secret (divorced)
3.51211 Stephanie Ann (Secret) Murphy Born 05-05-1975
Married 12-18-1993
Frederick F. Beers IV (divorced)
3.512111 Frederick F. Beers V Born 06-03-1994
3.5121 Barbara Ann Bosler (2nd) Married 06-18-1982
Steven Murphy Born 12-11-1956
3.51212 Stacy Christine Murphy Born 08-01-1984
3.51213 Steven Gregrey Murphy Born 03-18-1987

3.513 Glenn Howard Bosler Born 07-25-1928
Married 10-19-1950
Norma June Poulton Born 09-26-1926
3.5131 Alan Howard Bosler Born 11-26-1951
Married 03-01-1975
Rebecca Jean Carlisle Born 11-20-1951
3.51311 Jason Alan Bosler Born 12-04-1976
3.51312 Andria Jean Bosler Born 110-7-1978
3.51313 Nathan Alan Bosler Born 05-20-1981

3.5132	Alice Christine Bosler	Born	05-27-1953
		Married	
	Robert James Hillhouse (divorced)	Born	03-03-1952
3.51321	Andrew James Hillhouse	Born	01-09-1981
3.51322	Adam Hillhouse	Born/ Died	07-10-1984
3.51323	Mathew Glenn Hillhouse	Born	10-13-1986
3.5133	Kevin Glenn Bosler	Born	11-01-1956
3.53	Albert Huthmacher	Born	11-14-1915
	Buried North Lawn Cemetery, Canton, OH	Died	06-1972
	Betty Hornbeck	Married	11-12-1938
	Born		
3.531	Rodney Huthmacher	Born	1948
3.6	Frederick William Demmler in Columbus, OH	Born	09-03-1894
	Buried Glen Haven Cemetery, Donnelsville, OH	Died	05-24-1958
		Married	09-08-1915
	Agnes Kathryn Fehr	Born	10-31-1894
	Buried Glen Haven Cemetery	Died	06-18-1966
3.61	Mary Arline Demmler	Born	12-18-1916
	Buried Glenn Haven Cemetery	Died	10-31-2000
3.62	Martha Louise Demmler	Born	12-07-1918
		Died	06-01-2007
3.63	Norma Jean Demmler	Born	07-05-1923
3.64	Kathryn Marilyn Demmler "Marilyn"	Born	01-23-1932
3.61	Mary Arline Demmler	Born	12-18-1916
		Married	05-15-1943
	Buried Glen Haven Cemetery, Donnelsville, OH	Died	10-31-2000
	Paul Emerson Baker	Born	04-03-1913
	Buried Glen Haven Cemetery, Donnelsville, OH	Died	05-20-1993
3.611	William Paul Baker	Born	06-06-1945
		Died	02-20-2005
	Buried Glen Haven Cemetery, Donnelsville, OH		
		Married	06-11-1971
	Sharon Rose Pfeiffer (divorced)	Born	03-26-1947
3.6111	Heather Ann Baker	Born	10-03-1972
		Married	05-27-2000
	James Craig Neff		
	3.61111 Hayden Neff	Born	04-2002
	3.61112 Sophia Neff	Born	04-2002
3.6112.	Angela Marie Baker	Born	05-11-1976
		Married	10-2004
	Greg Knapke		
3.612	Linda Arline Baker	Born	08-14-1947
		Married	06-03-1972
	Ronald Frank Kovacic	Born	01-10-1948
3.6121	Kathleen Ann Kovacic-"Kathy"	Born	06-11-1973
3.6122	Karen Darlene Kovacic	Born	01-29-1978
		Married	02-16-2002
	Alex Javier Torres	Born	12-31-1972
	3.61221 Dominique Siena Torres	Born	12-29-2001

	3.61222	Adriana Lauren Torres	Born	06-08-2009
3.62		Martha Louise Demmler	Born	12-07-1918
			Married	11-02-1940
			Died	06-01-2007
		George Howard Storar Jr.	Born	04-14-1919
			Died	06-09-1999
3.621		Roberta Mary Storar	Born	10-21-1941
			Married	08-18-1962
		C.B. Taulbee	Born	07-23-1938
	3.6211	Deborah Jean Taulbee	Born	09-13-1964
			Married	05-30-1998
		Jeff Davis	Born	08-15-1959
	3.62111	Jeffrey Joe Davis Jr. ("J.J.")	Born	01-09-2003
	3.62112	Zoe Joelle Davis (Zoey)	Born	05-18-2005
	3.6212	Timothy Dale Taulbee	Born	01-14-1967
			Married	11-12-1993
		Tanya Sue Johns	Born	03-30-1970
3.622		Frederick George Storar	Born	12-02-1942
			Married	07-22-1967
		Linda Lou Yarger	Born	03-25-1948
	3.6221	Frederick George Storar II	Born	09-11-1973
	3.6222	Kevin James Storar	Born	12-31-1976
3.623		Robert Cunningham Storar	Born	01-23-1945
			Married	03-23-1968
		Nancy Cristina Thompson "Cris"	Born	03-20-1948
	3.6231	Jeffery David Storar	Born	06-16-1969
			(1st) Married	08-31-1991
		Shannon Leigh Dyer (divorced)	Born	12-20-1970
	3.62311	Savannah Leigh Storar	Born	01-29-1993
	3.6231	Jeffery David Storar	(2nd) Married	10-10-1998
		Lynne Marie Gregory	Born	04-20-1972
	3.62312	Gabrielle Marie Storar	Born	03-27-1999
	3.62313	Alexandria Nicole Storar	Born	08-20-2001
	3.6232	Amy Cristine Storar	Born	03-09-1975
			Married	02-15-1997
		Richard Andrew LeVeck	Born	01-18-1975
	3.62321	Robert Andrew LeVeck	Born	10-07-1998
	3.62322	Faith Cristine LeVeck	Born	09-14-2000
	3.62323	Ireland Rose LeVeck	Born	02-22-2008
3.624		George Howard Storar III	Born	05-25-1946
			Married	05-14-2004
			Died	01-26-2012
		Ginny Hanner	Born	10-09-1947
3.625		Martha Ann Storar	Born	03-02-1951
			Married	07-06-1969
		Robert Samuel Gwinn	Born	05-16-1950
	3.6251	Robert Samuel Gwinn	Born	02-11-1970
			Married	02-27-1993
		Dawn Case (divorced)	(1st) Born	09-01-1969
	3.6251	Robert Samuel Gwinn	(2nd) Married	03-14-1998

	Christi Anne Tenore	Born	12-23-1972
	3.62511 Samuel Connor Gwinn	Born	12-22-2004
3.6252	Elizabeth Suzanne Gwinn (divorced)	Born Married	10-27-1972 11-06-1993
	Robert Skupien	Born	02-01-1962
	3.62521 Ryan Andrew Skupien	Born	12-07-1998
	3.62522 Dylan Michael Skupien	Born	11-18-2000
3.6252	Elizabeth Suzanne Gwin n	(2 nd) Married	05-09-2009
	Chadwick Jason Taylor	Born	04-11-1969
3.6253	Caroline Anne Gwinn	Born	02-13-1976
	(1st)	Married	05-20-1995
	Bradley James Kuhen (divorced)	Born	09-30-1975
		Died	07- 1999
	3.62531 Ashley Nicole Kuhen	Born	08-31-1995
3.6253	Caroline Anne Gwinn	(2 nd) Born	02-13-1976
		Married	06-08-2002
	Kenneth Troy Hastings	Born	07-01-1975
	3.62532 Rhett Mason Hastings	Born	07-09-2004
3.626	Andrew Charles Storar	Born	08-11-1952
		Married	06-30-1973
	Pamela Ann Thomas	Born	05-31-1954
3.6261	Caitlin Drew Storar	Born	11-05-1983
		Married	06-30-2007
	Brian Walker Stewart		
	3.62611 Andrew Walker Stewart	Born	05-26-2011
3.6262	Mitchell Thomas Storar	Born	01-28-1987
		Married	05-30-2009
	Sarah Elizabeth Tarbell		
	3.62621 Morgan Storar	Born	06-20-2013
3.6263	Hannah Elizabeth Storar	Born	11-18-1991
3.627	James Ralph Storar	Born	12-20-1955
	(divorced)	(1st) Married	11-25-1983
	Tammy Roach	Born	12-06-1960
3.6271	Matthew James Storar	Born	10-28-1985
3.6272	Wesley Winston Storar	Born	03-18-1987
3.6273	Brandon Carl Storar	Born	12-11-1989
		Married	12-28-2013
	Christine Russell		
3.6274	Evan Michael Storar	Born	08-17-1994
3.627	James Ralph Storar	(2 nd) Married	04-21 2007
	Rose		
3.63	Norma Jean Demmler	Born	07-05-1923
		Died	12-11-2013
3.64	Kathryn Marilyn Demmler	Born	01-23-1932
		Married	06-04-1955
	John Robert Baab	Born	12-07-1927
3.641	David John Baab	Born	03-24-1956
		Married	07-12-1980

	Katherine Wright Mackey	Born	06-03-1956
	3.6411 Christopher Robert Baab	Born	01-03-1997
3.642	Benjamin Fred Baab	Born	01-30-1958
		Married	01-10-1981
	Martha Louise Battelle	Born	09-24-1958
	3.6421 Caroline Grace Baab	Born	12-07-1986
	3.6422 William Benjamin Baab	Born	05-30-1988

Frederick William Demmler was born in Columbus, Ohio, on September 3, 1894. He was the sixth child, third son of Christine Gerhardt Demmler and George Martin Demmler. He was baptized in an Evangelical Church in Columbus shortly before the family moved to the rural area of Pike County in southern Ohio. His birth had been recorded by the county assessor in the spring of 1895 and filed in the Pike County Courthouse at Waverly, Ohio. This courthouse burned to the ground and all records were destroyed. This accident presented somewhat of a problem for Fred during World War II when all defense workers were required to file a copy of their birth certificates at their places of employment. Fortunately, two elderly gentlemen, who had been friends of his parents, were still living in the Columbus area and signed the necessary legal papers for him

He started to school in Pike County, but then the family moved to Springfield, Ohio. At the end of the sixth grade Fred went to work and his formal education stopped, but he never stopped learning new things. He attended Sunday School, Church services and Young People's activities at St. John's Evangelical Church. This is where he met his future wife, Agnes Kathryn Fehr. Shortly before he was to have been confirmed in 1909, in the same class with Kathryn, his mother, Christine Gerhardt, took him and his nephew, Edward Wunderly, to visit with her brothers and families in Cooper County, Missouri. This trip was one of the great highlights of his life and although he did not return to Missouri for twenty-five years, that trip was always a happy memory for him when he had met his cousins, the children of Joseph and Henry Gerhardt.

On September 8, 1915 he and Kathryn Fehr were united in marriage in the parsonage of the minister of St. John's. They were the parents of four daughters. Arline, Martha, and Norma Jean were born in Springfield and baptized at St. John's. At the time Norma Jean was born in 1923, work was scarce in Springfield and Fred was only working two or three days a week. Several of his friends had secured work in Dayton and were even working overtime, so he did the same. He worked in Dayton for six weeks before the family moved. Although Springfield and Dayton are only twenty-five miles apart, this move was very traumatic for Kathryn, who had never been more than 150 miles from Springfield. Soon her two brothers and a sister also moved to Dayton and she was also reunited with other friends that she had known all of her life. In 1932 Marilyn was born.

The family attended St. Luke's Evangelical Church. Marilyn was baptized at home by Rev. George Sonneborn on a Sunday afternoon. Arline and Martha were her sponsors. All four girls were confirmed and Arline, Martha and Marilyn were married at St. Luke's. Fred and Kathryn were members of this church the rest of their lives. Fred served as Sunday School Superintendent, held most of the offices on the Church Council and was a tireless worker to support his church. He served on various committees in his community and was active in several of the Masonic Orders.

He was a toolmaker, by trade, and for many years worked at Kurz-Kasch, Inc. which was a pioneer in Plastics. He was foreman in the toolroom for several years. In 1949 he founded Demmler Mold, Inc., which was his pride and joy the remainder of his life. The company ran successfully under the direction of his son-in-law, George Storar, for about twenty years after Fred's death.

When his mother died in May of 1934 Fred wrote the sad news to his uncle, Henry Gerhardt, who urged him to bring his wife and family to Missouri for a visit. This visit was made over Labor Day weekend-Fred's 40th birthday-and started forging the chain of love and friendship that continues among younger members of the family even many years later. Many summer vacations were spent in Missouri, and many relatives from there, visited Ohio. Fred was supposed to write a note to his Uncle Henry to send with his 80th birthday card in October 1945. Instead Fred, Kathryn, Norma Jean and Marilyn went to Missouri for that weekend - and it wasn't even summer! Other fun fall Missouri weekends occurred so Kathryn could get "fresh" eggs from Missouri chickens for the Christmas cookies!

In May 1958, Fred, Kathryn, and Norma Jean (Jeannie) drove again to Missouri for a happy visit. This visit was made early in that year so that Fred could have fresh homegrown strawberries, following stomach problems earlier in the Spring. Rheumatic Fever, when he was a child, caused heart enlargement. On May 24, Kathryn, Fred, Ella and William Gerhardt were the guests of Herman, Ida and Carl Gerhardt for an evening of good food, fellowship and lots of love. The four men

played "Pitch" a real favorite card game, "High, Low, Jack and the game!" While they then watched "Gunsmoke" Fred was stricken with a heart attack and died instantly. His doctor in Dayton felt that his heart grew so big it just burst. (Probably overfilled with joy of being with loved ones in Missouri! A wonderful sendoff to eternity. - Marilyn's comments) Arrangements were made by the Thatcher-Wood Funeral Home in Boonville to return his body to Dayton. The following day, which was to have been a day of feasting and reunion, the relatives gathered at the funeral home to pay their respects. Leonard, Mary, Rudy and Virginia Gerhardt drove Kathryn and Norma Jean to the airport in St. Louis for their sad journey home. The next day William, Ella, Mary, Leonard and Roberta Gerhardt drove to Dayton. Fred was laid to rest on May 27, 1958, in Glen Haven Cemetery at Donnelsville, Ohio, which is mid-way between Springfield and Dayton. He and Kathryn had chosen the lot previously. While the shock was great and he was missed very much, his family rejoiced that he had not had to suffer, he was with people that he loved, in a place that he loved and engaged in an activity that he enjoyed when Our Savior called him home.

Agnes **Kathryn** Fehr Demmler was born October 31, 1894, in Springfield, Ohio. She was the third child and daughter of Phillip and Henrietta Fehr. Several of their children died at birth, but five lived. She was educated through her freshman year in high school in the Springfield schools. She was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Evangelical Church, where her father was an active member. Her mother died when Kathryn was nine years old. She was sixteen when her father died suddenly of a heart attack shortly after her oldest sister was married. The family had to be broken then with the two younger boys being raised in an orphanage. Kathryn went to live with a loving family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ihrig, until her marriage to Fred in 1915. She helped with the cooking and the housework in the home as Mrs. Ihrig's health was not good.

She was a good wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and friend. Her husband and family came first with her. She, too, was very active in the community. She was a loyal member of St. Luke's Evangelical Church and many times when dinners were served she could be found in the kitchen. She purchased many of the supplies to prepare those dinners. Baking Christmas cookies to share with many loved ones was one of her favorite hobbies. She also enjoyed writing letters and was the one who kept up the contact with Missouri cousins through many years, and also with the Mattmueller family in Germany after World War II.

Kathryn, too, loved to visit in Missouri and could be counted on to relate many humorous accounts of these visits. She never fully recovered from the shock of her beloved husband's death and soon poor health followed. She died in Dayton on June 18, 1966, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Glen Haven Cemetery near Donnelsville, Ohio.

3.61 ARLINE DEMMLER AND PAUL BAKER

Arline was the first child born to Fred and Kathryn Demmler on December 18, 1916, in Springfield, Ohio. When she was nearly seven years old they moved to Dayton, Ohio, where she spent the rest of her life and in the vicinity. The family attended St. Luke's Evangelical Church, where Arline was a member for over 68 years. She graduated from high school and attended one year of business school. She worked as a secretary before and after she was married.

She met Paul Emerson Baker, born April 3, 1913, near Dayton, Ohio, at a dance before he went to North Africa during World War II, while in the U.S. Army. Upon his separation from the military, they married on May 15, 1943, in Arline's church. He graduated from high school and attended one year of college, playing school football during his high school and college years. They had two children: Bill born, June 6, 1945 and Linda born August 14, 1947.

Arline was a past president of a large Parent/Teacher Association when her children were in elementary school. She held various offices in her church. She initiated a monthly get-together of senior citizens for a potluck dinner, which was enjoyed by many seniors for numerous years. Arline retired from the University of Dayton as a secretary/office manager. Paul was a good bowler and played on various leagues. He also enjoyed playing baseball on a church league as well as ballgames with the Gerhardt family during the reunions in Missouri. Paul retired from Demmler Mold Co., owned by Arline's father and later by George Storar, Arline's brother-in-law.

One highlight of the family was the trips to see our Gerhardt cousins in Missouri. We city folks learned more about farming life than we ever would if we hadn't visit there. It was always so much fun.

Bill had two married daughters and two grandchildren. Linda and her husband, Ron, have two daughters, one son-in-law, and one granddaughter.

Paul passed away on May 20, 1993. Arline spent many years at Trinity Retirement Community, where she passed away on October 31, 2000. Bill passed away on February 20, 2005. All are buried in Glen Haven Cemetery in Springfield, Ohio.

This was written by Arline to Marilyn, probably in 1994 when Marilyn was writing the story of our Dad's life, commemorating 100 years after his birth.

Trip to Missouri in 1934

"My first recollection of Missouri relatives was when we received the wedding picture of Ida and Herman Gerhardt. It sat (on the buffet) in our dining room.

When we made our first trip to Missouri we stayed in a motel, which was a first time for us. Our parents had taken us to Northern Ohio to visit Dad's sisters, and to his brother's home in Ashland, Kentucky. We had never traveled further away than that, so I really didn't know what to expect. I stayed at the home of the Schlers. Being 17 years old, I enjoyed meeting so many people who were my age. For several years I corresponded with some of them. I remember we visited in quite a few homes. The Schlers took good care of us. I well remember the good food and hospitality everywhere we went. I made quite a few trips to Missouri with my parents. Then the time came when I could bring my family. They liked to go to Missouri, too. It was nice to attend church there and see so many relatives. It was nice to have had the Missouri relatives visit us when they could. I appreciate the joy of having known the Missouri relatives, Arline (Demmler)Baker"

#3.62 MARTHA LOUISE DEMMLER AND GEORGE HOWARD STORAR, JR..

Martha was born in Springfield, Ohio December 7, 1918 to Kathryn Fehr Demmler and Fred Demmler; second of four daughters. (*Because of the great influenza epidemic of 1918*) She was born at home and Fred rocked her immediately although the midwife advised against it. He replied that he was going to rock her because Arline had colic even though he wasn't permitted to rock her.

They lived in Springfield until after her sister Norma Jean was born in 1923 and then they moved to Dayton. She attended Whittier Elementary and graduated from Steele High School. She worked at Winters Bank after graduation. She was introduced to George by a friend at St Luke's youth group gathering.

George was born April 14, 1919 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to Roberta Cunningham Storar and George Howard Storar Sr. He was an only child and lived some of his elementary years in Dallas, Texas, later moving to Dayton . He graduated also from Steele High School the year after Martha although he was only 4 months younger.

He was thrilled with the Demmler girls and treated Marilyn, particularly, as a little sister. He proposed to Martha at Easter time in April 1940 with her ring in a paper mache Easter Egg. He had gone to Missouri the previous summer and Roberta (Birdie) Gerhardt Kueckelhan was the first baby he ever held.

They were married November 2, 1940 at St. Luke's Church with Norma Jean Demmler as Maid of Honor and had a reception at the bride's parents' home on Detzen Ave.

George got a job at Lear Aviation in Piqua Ohio where their first four children were born: Roberta, Fred, Bob and George III.

During the summer of 1943 Martha, George, Roberta, nearly two years old, Jeannie and Marilyn took the train to Tipton, Missouri, for the Gerhardt Reunion. While gathering belongings for our arrival, I (Roberta) managed to chew on the front of my white pinafore and had train soot all over it, so I was told! When we returned, we boarded the train at California, Missouri. George was carrying a very special package with a handle like suitcase. It contained the country smoked ham that Uncle Bill had sent home with us. This was during World War II, and meat was rationed, so this was a most important part of our "luggage". Each direction from Dayton, Ohio, to mid-Missouri, we changed trains in St. Louis at the very same huge train station where my Grandpa Demmler had changed trains in 1909 on his first trip to Cooper Country to meet the only cousins he ever knew .

After the war they briefly lived on Detzen Avenue, down the hill from Fred and Kathryn Demmler. Then they moved to Nordale Avenue in the Belmont area of Dayton and lived with George's parents and maternal aunt and uncle. There the next two children were born, Martha Ann and Andy. George was employed in various positions at Kurz Kasch . In 1953 they built a house directly across the street from George's parents.

In the summer of 1955 we all traveled to Missouri in a green Ford station wagon and stayed with the Herman Gerhardts at the MacArthur place. We went on though the South and I can remember being in Memphis in that hot summer. Martha was very sick (pregnant with last son Jim) and we stopped at a motel and the lady brought us a tray of COLD Cokes. It was my second experience with Southern Hospitality as we had just left Missouri where we experienced such a great food, times with relatives, and being exposed to Aunt Ida's Fried chicken and cheeseburgers for breakfast!!!!

George bought Demmler Mold from Kathryn Demmler in 1958 after Fred died. Martha did the payroll and miscellaneous office work until the company was dissolved 1978.

There were many trips to Missouri where us city kids were exposed to such country delights as strawberry picking, watermelon seed spitting contests, playing in the chicken coop; tractor , wagon and horse rides, fishing (Brother George remembers Steve Gerhardt showing him how to get a fish off the hook) and the WONDERFUL food .

Their first granddaughter was born in 1964 and at Martha's death in 2007 they had 10 grandsons and 6 granddaughters. The count now includes 7 great granddaughters and 6 great grandsons.

They both were avid readers. We kids would pile into their bed on Saturday mornings and hear tales of King Arthur etc. Many years later I visited the library to read those stories that he told and discovered that he was making up additional tales not in the original version. The grandkids would also pile into their bed with them when visiting. The grandkids tell that when 3 arrived Grandma got up!!! She loved mysteries and the Nora Roberts trilogies and couldn't wait for each new

book.

George had a love of Christmas decorating in particular huge train displays .The project would begin in early November and continued through the Christmas season. He cast and painted soldiers, knights, Santas, snowmen and entire chess sets. Martha produced endless cookies and wonderful meals that we seven children enjoyed; she also knitted slippers and made each of her first grandchildren embroidered quilts They both enjoyed traveling, card and game playing and were very active in various churches.

George and Martha bought a house in rural area of Xenia on Hussey Road where they lived until 1978. They had bought Florida homes in Fort Lauderdale, Plantation, and then in Lady Lake, returning to Ohio in 1996 when their health required being nearer family. They lived in an apartment in Franklin until George's death in June, 1999. They had been married 58 years.

Martha subsequently lived in Pompano, Florida with Martha Ann and then in Buena, New Jersey with Jim and then returned to the Dayton area in 2005 to Trinity Care Center where she died in May of 2007.

Both Martha and George donated their bodies to Wright State Medical School and were subsequently cremated and the remains buried in Miami Valley Memory Gardens south of Centerville, OH.

#3.63 NORMA JEAN DEMMLER,

I am sure that it was a hot day July 5, 1923 in Springfield, Ohio when Kathryn Demmler brought her third daughter into the world. She and her husband Fred had two older daughters Arline and Martha by that time. They named her Norma Jean Demmler or known as Jeannie to most of her family and friends. She once said that when someone on the telephone ask for Norma or Norma Jean she knew it was a business call. The Demmler family moved to Dayton when Jeannie was 3 months old. Her sister Marilyn arrive 8 years later.

They lived on the West side of Dayton near Kurz Kasch (where Fred worked), before moving to the Kettering area of Dayton on Berkley Road, in 1952, after Fred had begun his own company, Demmler Mold.

I have seen pictures of cats dressed like dolls and riding in doll buggies. Jeannie was usually clutching one. She attended Whittier Elementary skipping a grade and then graduated from Steele High School in 1940. It was the last class before it became the Board of Education for Dayton. She says that they condemned the school when they got that class out! They have never had a class reunion as so many of those graduates died or were injured during World War Two.

She went to work in the Payroll department at Reynolds and Reynolds and remained in their employment even through a move to California in 1965. She lived in several locations in Southern California. For a time **#2.531** Betty Jean Brandes lived with her, the dates are uncertain. I know that she was living there 1968 as she had returned to Ohio, via Missouri, when we moved into our present house. Our 1-1/2 year old son, **#3.622** Tim, and 4 year old daughter, **#3.621** Debbie, listened to her read to them while she was sitting on the floor resting her back on the linen closet so she could visit with me unpacking in the kitchen. Several months later I requested that she send a picture of her by her California apartment as Tim thought every airplane had Aunt Jeannie in it! She moved from California back to the Dayton area in 1971.

She had worked as a bookkeeper for Demmler Mold (the molding company her father, Fred Demmler. founded) as well as numerous other companies in the Dayton Area. She retired in 1979 from Science Electronics and started bookkeeping for the Senior Citizen Center in Franklin; volunteering at Sherman School; and worked at the Franklin Public Library. She has always been very active in whatever church she attended as well as transportation for numerous friends and relatives when needed. She still participates in her Prayer Chain and has done special projects for their Second Time Around Shop.

Jeannie has crocheted hundreds of Christmas Trees as well as many novelty items like a rabbit and carrot slippers, whole families of bear feet, and numerous other animals, church dollies, and lavender dress for **#3.421** Caroline Baab, a pink dress with pinafore for **#3.6212** Zoey Davis and sewed, without a pattern, a Ben Franklin outfit for the 1776 celebration for Tim.

She has been a springerlie maker and had many Saturday Morning Springerlie parties so her friends and relatives could partake of the fresh out of the oven springerlies! She also had a cow cookie jar with a little cat for a handle. She kept it on her kitchen table in most of her apartments. One day while cooling chocolate chip cookies on table a friend dropped in and said that it looked like the cow make a lot of cow patties.

She has been the ultimate description of the perfect aunt. She definitely fits any Hallmark card. I have always teased her that she was my normal aunt as she was available for an 11th hour visit, last minute lunch or breakfast, an out of town trip as usually her schedule was flexible and not over booked.

Jeannie celebrated her 85th birthday in July, 2008, with Birdie Kuechelhan, John and Marilyn Baab, and we managed to surprise her with Fritz Gerhardt's visit . She had relatives from Missouri, Michigan, California, Georgia and Ohio to celebrate with her.

Being 85 has slowed her down a bit; but she still has her own apartment in a Senior complex, drives occasionally, still grocery shops, a busy e-mailer, plays cards several times a week, active in her Church and Prayer chain, an avid baseball fan via TV, and manages to read magazines and books each week.

She has always loved her numerous trips to Missouri, trips with her sorority sisters and travel to California to visit Marilyn and John's family. The next story is her own account of her visit to Missouri the summer of 1939.

#3.63 Norma Jean Demmler wrote these memories to Marilyn in the winter of 2000.

Marilyn has asked me to put down on paper some of my memories of the summer that I spent in Missouri 60 ½ years ago. Gee, that sounds like a long time, but the time goes so fast.

It was in June 1939, the summer between my junior and senior years in high school that Uncle Fritz, Aunt Minnie, Charles and Elnora Gerhardt stopped to visit with us on their way to Washington D. C. to visit their son, Harold, and his wife, Frankie. Since I didn't have anything to do they invited me to go to Washington with them. Since Harold and Frankie lived in a small apartment and that would be six of their family to be together, I declined that invitation. Charles worked in St. Louis and would go back to Bunceton for the weekend. Dollie, his future wife lived in Speed. Elnora was a nurse in the hospital. I thanked them for the invitation and told them I would rather go back to Missouri with them. I think I was joking, but they told me they would take me back with them.

After they left Mom and Dad asked me if I truly wanted to do that and I thought it would be fun to be with Betty. I can remember them both being so serious and saying "Now your have to remember we are not going to Missouri until September for Uncle Henry and Aunt Matt's 50th Wedding Anniversary and if you go now you **MUST** stay". I assured them that I would. From earlier experience they knew that when it was time to go to bed and none of my family was there, I wanted to go home, but now I was a big girl, almost ready for my 16th birthday and maybe I could do it. Dad and I both wrote to Uncle Bill to see what he would say about it. I think he must have sat down as soon as he got the letter and taken his to the post office because the answer came so quickly that he would be delighted to have me keep Betty company as he knew it was lonesome for her to be there in the house by herself while he and the boys worked in the fields. I had a letter from Betty telling me how delighted she was that I was coming. Again Mom and Dad cautioned me that I would have to stay. When the folks came from Washington, I think my suitcase was packed. I think I stayed with them the rest of the week and then went to Uncle Bill's for a delightful summer. There were times that I was homesick, especially when I got a letter from Dad, but I was not unhappy and kind people saw to it that I got something else on my mind.

I have always felt that I learned many things that summer. At first Uncle Bill and I would gather the eggs, but it soon became my job. I could reach under the hen and get the egg she was hiding. The wheat had to be ground for the chickens and I was usually there beside Uncle Bill. He would smear my face, arm or leg with the ground grain and I would do the same to him. We had a lot of fried chicken that summer. Chickens only sold for 10 cents a pound and nothing else was that cheap. Betty taught me to hold the feet and dip them into the boiling water and pull the feathers off. I could do that pretty quickly, but I think it took me most of the summer to get the insides out and to cut them up. Aunt Ella and her mother (Grandma Wolfrum) lived on the farm where Aunt Ella and Uncle Bill lived after they were married and where granddaughter Barbara Ann Dicus lives now. Uncle Bill and the boys farmed their land and did all the man chores there, too. Aunt Ella baked bread and other goodies once a week and shared them with us. Uncle Bill and his children lived where Leonard and Mary have made their home. New houses were built on both farms in later years.

Aunt Ella had two brothers. Uncle Will and Aunt Eliza lived on Route J before B turns off to go to Boonville, and Uncle Nick and Aunt Lola lived on a farm north of J., but I would not know how to get there now. Neither couple had children. Uncle Bill's children were the only grandchildren on that side of the family. I guess there were enough Gerhardt cousins to make up for that.

When threshing time came they all worked together. The women would get together early in the morning. Betty and I were included. The chickens had to be killed and dressed. Aunt Ella did the killing then, potatoes got peeled, pies were made, etc. I seem to remember roast beef also. In addition to the large dinner there was lunch taken to the field about 5 and they worked until dark. I think they all went home for supper. They always had hired help for that and at that time if they had any black help they were seated at another table. In later years that was not done. The women saw that the bowls were always filled. We ate when the men were finished and Betty and I were very good doing dishes.

I don't remember the inside of Uncle Will and Aunt Eliza's house, but Aunt Lola and Uncle Nick had a very beautiful two story home. It had been built before the Civil War. Missouri was one of the divided states in the Civil War and battles were fought around there. Johnny delighted in telling me that one soldier was shot upstairs and bled all the way down the stairs and the bloodstains were still there, but he never offered to show them to me. In addition to threshing, we were there when we picked blackberries on their property down by the creek and to pick grapes for grape jelly.

Uncle Bill had a huge garden. Aunt Ella had a small one, but his produce went for them, too. When it was time to can, Aunt Ella would come over. I washed jars, hulled peas, broke up beans, skinned tomatoes after they had been in hot water and shucked corn. We canned fruits, too, and made jelly. Betty did the cooking for us and I did what she asked me to do. Uncle Bill did the laundry. He would build a fire outside and had a big wash kettle to heat the water. They had a gasoline operated washer in the wash house and he would wash the clothes. Betty and I would hang them on the line. I did my ironing and the flat pieces, but Betty ironed the shirts. Sometimes Leonard ironed the shirts because Johnny said that he did a better job than Betty did. We ironed with the old sadirons heated on the cook stove. (from M. Baab's computer dictionary "iron pointed at both ends: a heavy iron that curves to a point at both ends, has a removable handle, is heated on an external source, and is used for pressing clothes and linens") [Mid-18th century. "sad" in the obsolete sense "solid, heavy"]

They all worked very hard from dawn to dusk and after supper was over and the kitchen cleaned up it was time for bed. I think Betty and I frequently had a nap in the afternoon. Roy worked for Uncle Fritz in the summer and taught school the rest of the year. He bought books and had a library of sorts in the store. He and Myrtle were married and lived across the street from Uncle Fritz, Aunt Minnie and Walter. Myrtle was a nurse at the hospital in Boonville. I have no idea how that library was funded, but Roy would always call Betty and me when he got new books in, so we read a lot during the daytime.

On Saturday Johnny and Leonard were allowed to quit working about 5:00. We would always have the water hot on the cook stove for them to get their baths and shave. They only shaved once a week because their whiskers protected their face from the chaff. They both had dates and I don't think either of them bothered with supper. Milking was Leonard's duty, but Uncle Bill always did it on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Sunday was the day of rest. We went to Sunday School and Church in Billingsville and then were invited to one of the relative's homes. I don't think this was just because I was there, but was because Uncle Bill was a widower. Johnny had his own car and always drove too, because he didn't always want to stay as long as Uncle Bill did. Leonard drove Uncle Bill's car so had to stay. I think Uncle Bill was always considerate and got home so that Mary did not have to wait. Uncle Bill would play Chinese checkers with us then. I really don't know when that man had time for himself. He got up early and went to bed late. We were at Uncle Herman's several times and on Sundays that we were not there we always stopped in so Uncle Bill could see his mother.

One day during Fair Week, Johnny had the day off so he could take Lucille to the Fair. Another day was Leonard's turn, but in addition to Mary, he took Betty and me. That was fun. We packed dinner and supper. I can't remember what all we had besides friend chicken, but it was just too expensive to buy things and we had better tasting things with us. I think Mary brought part of the lunch, too. Betty and I were good and didn't stay with them all day, but met them at the car at the appointed time. We stayed for the evening's entertainment and sat in the grandstand. We read so much now days about food poisoning it is a wonder we didn't get sick and the same was true for the Reunion dinners. The women used to pack their baskets before they went to Sunday School and left them in the car.

Remember they didn't have electricity at this time and no running water or any of the other things that we take for granted. Bunceton did have electricity though. (just the town).

When school started it was still a week or two before Mom and Dad came. Uncle Bill did not want me to stay at the house by myself so I went to school on the school bus, too. Roy very wisely had Betty on one side of the room and me on the other.

One day there was a fire in the field on the farm where the Brandes family lived later. The call for help went out in the area. Uncle Bill and the boys saw it from where they were working. They came hurrying back to get burlap sacks to beat the fire and buckets for the water. Uncle Bill told Betty she should stay at home and take messages on the phone as there would be calls about where the fire was, but I should go with them. I could carry water. I learned very quickly that I couldn't carry a full bucket, but I could get two half buckets there fast. One haystack was already burning and another caught fire. They had to stop the fire before it reached the woods.

One the day the folks were to come from Ohio, Uncle Bill went out and chopped weeds. It had not dawned on me that they should have been there by that time, but Uncle Bill was worried and didn't want to frighten me. This was the trip that was George Storar's first time. They rode at night (which happened often) and had one flat tire, but didn't want to stop to have it fixed. Springfield, IL was 60 miles away and George said "60 miles, 60 minutes", but before they got there they had another flat and Dad had to hitch hike a ride into Springfield. I don't remember how many hours it took them to get there.

We all had a wonderful time and perhaps if I would think harder I would remember more things, but I think this is enough for this time. I think I left part of my heart in Missouri that summer of 1939.

Why Do Relationships Last For More Than 75 years?

By Marilyn Demmler Baab, #3.64, March 16, 2009

When my parents first took us to visit our Gerhardt/Schler/Vieth relatives, that Labor Day weekend of 1934, I barely remember "shooing the 'shickies' down the lane", (or was told that I said that so many times, that I only *think* I remember it, since I was only two and half years old.) My Grandmother, #3Christina Gerhardt Demmler, had taken Dad on the train to visit with her brothers and families in Cooper County, Missouri, in the Spring of 1909, when he was 14 years old. This journey was one of the great highlights of his life. Although he did not return to Missouri for twenty-five years, that trip was always a happy memory for him when he had met his only first cousins born in the United States-- the children of #2Joseph and #4Henry Gerhardt. It was after Dad wrote to Henry that Christina died in May of 1934, that Henry answered that letter requesting that Dad bring his family to visit him and meet more of his relatives in Missouri.) #3.6 Dad, Mom, #3.63 Norma Jean, ("Jeannie"), and I had stayed with #4.1 Clarence, and Mary, at their farm on the road between route 5 and Speed, . Our older sisters, #3.61 Arline, and #3.62 Martha, had stayed with the #2.3 Schler family. Mom and Arline took many snapshots on the Kodak camera. These group pictures helped us learn the names of these many relatives. (This was prior to the written genealogy making this information available to us, thanks to Laura Gail Schler.) My Dad's family had lived on a farm in south central Ohio until he was about 10, when they moved to Springfield, Ohio.

His sisters lived on farms after they were married, in northeastern Ohio, and that was the destination of weekend adventures for my parents when my sisters were younger. When I was a child only one of his sister's, #3.5 "Lena", still had a "truck garden" on which she and her husband grew vegetables near the city of Canton. After we had made the journey to Cooper County, MO, in 1934, that became the destination of choice for many more vacations for us city kinfolk from Dayton, Ohio.

It was there in Cooper County that I learned that kerosene lamps had chimneys that needed to be cleaned if they were to reflect the light, cows needed to be milked regularly (no matter how interesting the game of "Pitch" might be between the male cousins), farms had many kittens, mules pulled the plows, chickens laid eggs, straw stacks felt "stickery", telephones on the wall had a crank on them, which could be rung a certain way to contact one's neighbor, or that it was possible to listen in on conversations of others, and that outhouses could have more than one hole.

I also learned that chickens, squirrels, pigs and cattle had to be killed to supply meat. I learned that the gardens and crops in the fields provided food for these families and many others. One day I also experienced attending a one room school with many of the students being my relatives! Sunday school and church in Billingsville seemed to have most of the congregation being my "cousins". It nearly seemed possible to hear groans from the tables holding the overflowing baskets of scrumptious food for the reunions. #4 Great Uncle Henry and Aunt Matt really seemed old when they were married 50 years in 1939! (He was nearly 74, she was 76) At that celebration were more cakes than I ever remember seeing in one home! (Since then at least 30 more "Gerhardt" descendants and their mates have reached that milestone by 2009!)

Prior to the "fish fries" the men would go into the Petite Saline Creek, in their old clothes, (I think!) with seines and caught many, many fish which the women then fried so they melted in one's mouth. Many of the relatives participated in this work and fellowship. Then once when we were at Great Uncle Henry's October birthday party, it rained and the children couldn't go outside. That's when we discovered that some of our Gerhardt cousins liked to play cards as much as we did! The big family reunions were held after church on the Sunday we were visiting, usually at one of the farms, but sometimes in a Boonville Park. When it was time for us to return home, #2.5 Uncle Bill Gerhardt sometimes had a gathering of relatives at his home the previous night with huge containers of ice cream for cones, and tubs of "soda pop". So the fun times of being with our loved ones brought many happy memories for the long trip back to Dayton, and have continued for many years. Letters were written, and when very important events occurred, long distance phone calls were made. Now we email frequently, even across the Atlantic Ocean!

We enjoyed the warm hospitality of all of Dad's cousins and their families. Now I realize what a privilege that was to get acquainted with each of his cousins in their homes to really help us sort out to which family all those 49 grandchildren of Joseph and Katrina belonged! It was later in the 1930's and early 1940's that many of those young adults were married and became the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents of those who may be reading this in 2009.

When I was old enough to stay overnight away from my parents, I thoroughly enjoyed being with #2.9 Uncle Herman and Aunt Ida's family. Being around a family of six children about my age and younger was so much fun. This was where I learned so much not taught in books, and with whom I got to visit that one room school near Speed! Jeannie and I referred to Dad's cousins as "Uncle" and "Aunt" because we heard so many of their nieces and nephews doing that. Over the years many of our Missouri cousins also visited us in Ohio, as a destination, or on their way toward the East Coast to visit members of their family "stationed" there in the military or working in the Washington D.C. area. In January 1937 #2.52 Leonard intended to visit us for just two weeks. But the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio Rivers had great floods, and he could not get home by bus, so he spent additional time with us. My sisters were in school or working, Leonard played games with me, which I thoroughly appreciated. His 21st birthday was on Jan. 21st, my 5th was on the 23rd, and I recall celebrating with him. Then that Jan. 28, my Dad's sister, "Minnie", died in northeastern Ohio and Leonard helped Dad drive to that funeral and back to Dayton that same day. We also drove to Eden Park, which was on a hill overlooking the Ohio River, in Cincinnati. The flood had caused much damage to the homes across the river on the Kentucky side. The mattresses were being dried on the roofs of the front porches made a lasting impression on this five year old.

On one of their visits to Dayton, Leonard and Mary brought # 2.93 Kitty and #2.92 Wilma with them. I think Kitty and I were about to enter 4th grade, which would have been late summer of 1940. We all went to Coney Island, which was an amusement park on the Ohio River, 10 miles upstream from Cincinnati. We rode on the large paddleboat, "The Island Queen", which took twice as long to go upstream as it did to return. That was a very special treat! That next winter that ship was destroyed in a fire, and was not replaced. Eventually the amusement park was moved farther north and became "King's Island".

Another memorable visit of Missouri cousins was when #2.66 Hillard and Annie came to see us over Labor Day in 1954. Dad was taking them to sight-see in Dayton, and they took me to the school where I had previously taught for one year, and was preparing my room for the next group of First Graders. We had a faculty meeting that day. While Dad was showing Hillard and Annie through that school he also introduced them to my principal. The principal then introduced them to a new teacher who would be teaching a 7th and 8th grade combination class. His name was John Baab. So Hillard and Annie met John, who would become my husband, before I did!

We were married the day after school was out that year, on June 4, 1955. #2.95 Birdie Gerhardt came to our wedding, making the train trip alone, at the tender age of 16! After we had been married one whole month, over the July 4th

weekend, we went to the Gerhardt Reunion to introduce John. We stayed with Forrest and Kitty Kenney, who learned John was not really a "city slicker", but had enjoyed life at the farm of his grandparents near Dayton, as a child. He also liked to fish and garden. We visited #2.93 Wilma who was still in the hospital with her tiny baby, #2.931 Susan, born June 7. Rowdy, the proud Dad, was also there. My parents, my sisters, two brothers-in-law, and all of my nieces and nephews, born by then, also went to that reunion which was the only time Dad was able to have all 16 of us there with him.

Five years later, on June 19, 1960, we took our two little boys to join my Mom, Jeannie and our other sisters, and their families at St. John's E & R church in Billingsville, when Birdie and Buster were married. The only other wedding I recall attending there was Susan Cary and Mike Hayes on June 7, 1986.

School teachers could easily get jobs so we moved to California several times in the 1960's. The experiences were "interesting", but we were always drawn back to Ohio, passing through Missouri frequently, and visiting with our beloved cousins every opportunity we had.

During the school year 1965-1966, we lived in Pico Rivera, California. Jeannie moved to the San Fernando Valley in the fall. #2.532 Bob Brandes was in the Navy stationed at San Diego. He came to visit us when he had leave some weekends. He was surprised that our 4th and 2nd grader sons could play Pinochle with him. He also took us on a tour of the Navy ship on which he was living in San Diego Bay. Some time after that #2.531 Betty Jean, Bob's sister, also moved to California and lived with Jeannie in an apartment in Van Nuys, until the winter of 1970 when Betty Jean was transferred to Orange County.

During the school year 1969-1970, John was principal of a school in a small rural town of Niland, in the Imperial Valley. We visited with Jeannie and Betty Jean frequently on weekends. For Thanksgiving we were at their apartment, when #2.533 Jerry Brandes, got an unexpected leave from his Marine duties at Camp Pendleton and joined us. Jerry also came with Jeannie and Betty Jean to visit us one weekend, and they learned how the big "feed lots" could help you determine by their fragrance, even after dark, that you were on the right route to our home, on the approach from the south! On Palm Sunday that year, our son, David, was confirmed in the only Lutheran church in the vicinity (about 20 miles south in Brawley,). It was a Missouri Lutheran Church founded by the early settlers from Missouri, who came to that fertile valley in the early 1900's. My sister, Martha, and her youngest son, #3.627 Jim, flew to Los Angeles from Ohio for Easter vacation, and came with Jeannie and Betty Jean for David's confirmation. #2.43 Joe, and Wyama Gerhardt drove from their home in Palms Springs to spend the afternoon visiting with us, making it a mini-Gerhardt reunion.

Our sons were then in the 6th and 8th grades and at the end of the school year, we decided to return to Ohio for their high school education. We promised to stay there at least until they graduated from high school.

We stayed for ten years, until John retired, and both sons were then living in California, so we joined them. Many, many vacation trips have been made back to Ohio, via Missouri. The latest was John and I in the summer of 2008. He drove, I navigated. We were able to have one last visit with "Leonard's Mary" in Osage Beach, and also visited "Johnny's Mary" in Sedalia before spending five days on the Kueckelhan farm where John especially enjoyed being able to fish, again, and Marilyn appreciated catching up on conversations with her cousins. It was our pleasure to attend the 74th reunion, and see so many cousins, including Anita, Wolfgang and Julia Schnaiter, from Broggingen, Germany. Plans for doing this publication, and possible website, were initiated during that Missouri visit. The following weekend we were at Jeannie's to celebrate her 85th birthday, #2.96 Carl Gerhardt came from Michigan., #2.95 Birdie had ridden with us from Missouri, and we had another mini-reunion with many of my nieces and nephews, too.

In 1984 we joined our sons and daughters-in-law, for a tour of Germany. After that tour was completed, we left the group and our son, David, guided us to Frieburg, via the train, where we were met by #5.41 Elfriede and Theo Rinklin. Elfriede and I had written to each other in the early 1950's. David had first visited the Rinklins, Elfriede's Mother -Frieda, and "Tante Emilie", when he and a friend were back-packing through Europe in 1977. Later while touring with a group of friends they again were welcomed by the Rinklins. So on this trip in 1984 we finally got to meet them, too. Theo and Elfriede introduced us to Elfriede's cousin's family in Eichstetten. On the way we ate in the same restaurant, even at the same table, in a village where they had taken #2.22 Harold and Frankie Gerhardt on one of the journeys. #1.34 Walter Schmidt and #1.342 Anita Schmidt Schnaiter met us at the cathedral in Frieburg, and took us to Tutschfelden for the day and late into the evening. Walter and Wolfgang returned us to the Guest House in Frieburg, where we were staying in Frieburg, very early that next morning. We had seen the church in Tutschfelden where my grandmother was baptized and confirmed, walked into the vineyards, and sampled the delicious wine from those grapes, as well as scrumptious food. Our sons, their wives and our three grandchildren have all enjoyed visits since then with these delightful "cousins", too. Anita, Wolfgang and their daughters visited us on their first journey to the American West in 1999. In July of 2008 Anita, Wolfgang, John and I visited the cemetery in Springfield where my grandparents were buried. Anita's grandmother, #1.3 "Christina Gerhardt" was the niece of my grandmother, #3 Christina Gerhardt".

Who would have dreamed in 1934 of being able to email old pictures and even old letters to be shared in 2009 between the descendants of !Simon, the eldest of the five Gerhardt siblings who remained in Germany when his younger siblings - #2 Joseph and then #3 Christina and #4 Heinrich, emigrated to the United States,- and their descendants? In February 2009, the great-granddaughter of #1 Simon Gerhardt, Anita Schmidt Schnaiter, and her parents, Walter and Klara Schmidt, visited the granddaughter of the youngest of the five siblings, #5 Salome, who is Elfriede Mattmuller Rinklin. To envision how significant this would be, imagine a great-grandchild of Charlie and Leola Schler visiting Donald and Debbie

Gerhardt, to learn more about their family, and share news of their other relatives half way around the world! (Charlie and Don's Dads were first cousins, as were Walter's and Elfriede's Mothers) While preparing to move into an Assisted Living facility on April 1, 2009, Elfriede had found very old photographs from America, which she showed to the Schmidts and Anita, but neither of them knew the people in them. Anita scanned them to me, and I recognized Clarence and Mary Gerhardt's wedding picture, and the first pictures of my Dad's father that I ever saw. There was also one of my Demmler grandparents with their married children and first eight grandchildren, soon after my parents were married. It was probably taken in the summer of 1916.

I am so grateful to God for putting me into this wonderful family of "Gerhardts", and blessing me with the relationships that have blossomed over the past 75 years! Looking back over the early letters from Uncle Henry to his oldest brother, Simon, and later to Simon's daughter, Christina, which Anita has shared, and translated for us, has made me realize God's love and protection for this group of people all these years, and has given us this opportunity to know our connection with each other through HIM. **It is because of the love that God planted in our hearts for our relatives all those years ago, which continues to grow in 2009 through communications, that these relationships have blossomed and grown, and I praise and thank Him for that.**

4. <u>Heinrich (Henry) Gerhardt</u> in Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany		Born	10-13-1865
Buried St. John's Cemetery, Billingsville, MO		Died	03-06-1948
		Married	09-10-1889
Meta (Mattie) Otten		Born	03-02-1863
Buried St. John's Cemetery		Died	06-30-1941
4.1	Clarence William Gerhardt	Born	03-07-1893
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	11-02-1984
		Married	02-24-1918
	Mary Christine Bosau	Born	08-07-1894
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	01-03-1976
4.2	Clara Elizabeth (Lizzie) Gerhardt	Born	02-26-1899
	Buried St. John's Cemetery	Died	06-11-1975



Heinrich Gerhardt

Heinrich (Henry) Gerhardt 4.0

Henry Gerhardt, youngest son of Christian Friedrich and Magdalina Schlenker Gerhardt, was born in Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany on October 13, 1865. He was confirmed on March 14, 1880 by C.E. Hagenmeyer, pastor in the Evangelical Church of Tutschfelden. He and his older sister, Christine, came to the United States shortly after their older brother, Joseph, arrived in 1881. Henry Gerhardt was then 16 years old and his sister was 18. He lived in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio for several years, then preceded Joseph Gerhardt and his family to North Dakota where they homesteaded for a short time. The family moved again in 1887, arriving by train at Pilot Grove, Cooper County, Missouri where their old friends, the Ries and Sexhauer families had settled.

On September 10, 1889 Henry Gerhardt was united in marriage to Meta (Mattie) Otten at Pilot Grove, by Carl Kantz, Evangelical pastor. Mattie Otten was born on March 12, 1863 near Florence, in Morgan county, Missouri.

The couple were the parents of two children. They lived all their married years on a farm near Speed, Missouri. Their first property was purchased from John W. and Anna Day on August 8, 1891. It was 20 acres of land laid out in lots in the original town of Palestine and cost \$1200. The original town of Palestine was located near where Clarence

Gerhardt later lived. When the railroad was built, the town was moved to the valley, to the present site of Speed, Missouri. Henry Gerhardt added several tracks of land to his original purchase, all of which were later sold to his son, Clarence, and much later sold to Raymond and Birdie Kueckelhan.

Mattie Otten Gerhardt died on June 30, 1941 at the age of 78 years at the Evangelical Emmaus home at St. Charles, Missouri. Burial was in the cemetery of St John's Evangelical Church of Billingsville with service conducted by Pastor Ferdil Paul.

Henry Gerhardt died at the Alex Van Ravensway Hospital in Boonville, Missouri on March 6, 1948 at the age of 83 years. Burial was beside his wife with service by Henry Rieder, pastor.

Clarence Gerhardt, the only son of Heinrich (Henry Sr.) Gerhardt and Mattie Otten Gerhardt, was born March 7, 1893 at the farm home near Speed, Missouri. Meta "Mattie" Otten was a daughter of Heinrich Otten and Gesche Batnenburg of the Pymont community of Morgan County. According to Pymont church records Mattie was one of eight children. Three of her sisters married and lived in Cooper County.

Clarence Gerhardt was baptized on June 18, 1893 at St. John's Evangelical Church at Billingsville, MO, by Pastor Rev. B. Leesman. He was confirmed there on Easter Sunday in 1907 by Pastor D. Bahrens.

Clarence grew up on the farm and became a farmer. He purchased land from his father in 1916 and made his home there for many years. On February 24, 1918 Clarence was married at Lone Elm to Mary Bosau. They were married by J.H. Mueller, Lutheran pastor, in a double ceremony with her brother, Fred J. Bosau and Emilie Marie Frieling.

Mary Christine Bosau was born near Lone Elm, a community in Cooper County, Missouri. She was a daughter of Carl Bosau of Holstein, Germany and Anna Catherine Roehrs. She was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church of Clarks Fork on December 16, 1894 by Pastor August Rehwaldt. She was confirmed on April 12, 1908 in Zion Lutheran Church of Lone Elm by Henry Schaefer, pastor. Mary was born August 7, 1894. Clarence and Mary had no children. They made their home on his farm near Speed. After the death of his mother, Clarence purchased the remaining land from his father and they moved back to the home of his birth with his father and sister.

Mary Bosau Gerhardt became a faithful member of St. John's Church and its women's organization. She died Saturday evening January 3, 1976 at Cooper County Memorial Hospital following a long illness. Funeral services were conducted in St. John's Church, Tuesday, January 6, at 2 p.m. with Rev. Otto Schroedel officiating. Arrangements were directed by Thatcher-Wood Funeral Home. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery. Pallbearers were Edgar and Herman Edward Gerhardt, Raymond Kueckelhan, George Bosau, Herbert Nauman and Marvin Brandes. She was 82 years old.

Clarence Gerhardt died on Friday, November 2, 1984, at the Still Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri, at the age of 91. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church with Pastor Walter Price officiating. Pallbearers were George Bosau, Ted Hazlett, Edgar Gerhardt, Herman Edward Gerhardt, Timothy Kueckelhan and Herbert Nauman. Burial was in the cemetery of the church where he had been a lifelong, faithful member. He had lived at Colonial Gardens Care Home in Boonville, Missouri during his last nine years.

"Lizzie" Gerhardt, the only daughter of Henry and Mattie Otten Gerhardt, was born on the family farm near Speed, Missouri on February 26, 1899. She was christened Clara Elizabeth on May 7, 1899 in St. John's church by Pastor D. Bahrens. On April 5, 1914, she was confirmed by Pastor Carl A. Staebler.

She never married and lived at home with her parents and later with her brother and his wife. Lizzie died in Cooper County Memorial Hospital on June 11, 1975 at the age of 76. Funeral services were conducted at St. John's Church with Pastor Otto Schroedel, officiating. Music was provided by the church choir with Mrs. Don Bail at the organ. Arrangements were made by Thatcher-Wood Funeral directors. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery. Pallbearers were Raymond Kueckelhan, Marvin Brandes, John Gerhardt, George Bosau, Charles Schler and Herbert Nauman. Lizzie Gerhardt was a faithful member of St. John's Church and the Women's Guild.

5. Maria Salomea Gerhardt in Tutschfelden, Germany
buried at Eichstetten, Germany

Born	10-15-1867
Died	05-05-1930
Married	07-24-1894
Born	08-22-1868

August Wilhelm Hornecker

5.1	Maria Hornecker	Died	07-23-1928
		Born	01-05-1895
5.2	Frieda Hornecker	Died	07-02-1978
5.3	Emma Hornecker	Died	06-05-1985
		Born	09-05-1900
5.4	Emilie Hornecker	Died	02-18-1975
		Born	06-21-1906
		Died	11-22-1996
5.1	Marie Hornecker	Born	01-05-1895
		Died	07-02-1978
		Married	02-02-1922
	August Koebelin	Born	01-08-1891
	Died 02-12-1967		
5.11	Lina Koebelin	Born	09-24-1923
		Married	02-15-1945
	Karl Jenne	Born	03-09-1921
		Died	04-16-1994
5.111	Karl-Heinz Jenne	Born	08-12-1945
		Married	02-27-1969
	Frieda Hilda Schmidt	Born	03-08-1948
	5.1111 Martina Franziska Jenne	Born	01-19-1973
	5.1112 Katharina Jenne	Born	01-09-1980
	5.1113 Annette Jenne	Born	10-22-1981
5.112	Christa Maria Jenne	Born	12-24-1947
		Married	03-11-1967
	Karl-Heinz Hiss	Born	04-07-1943
	5.1121 Silvia Johanna Hiss	Born	06-24-1967
		Married	06-12-1993
	Wilfried Hiss	Born	07-15-1964
	5.11211 Sandro Fabian Hiss	Born	06-19-1995
	5.11212 Elena Hiss	Born	04-14-1998
	5.11213 Mario Simon Hiss	Born	08-27-2000
	5.1122 Andreas Karl Hiss	Born	04-13-1973
	5.1123 Susanne Hiss	Born	05-12-1977
5.2	Frieda Hornecker	Born	12-15-1895
		Died	06-05-1985
		Married	08-24-1920
	Gustav Mattmueller	Born	03-11-1893
		Died	07-30-1949
5.21	Elfriede Mattmueller	Born	02-02-1932
		Married	12-19-1959
	Theo H. Rinklin	Born	04-25-1924
		Died	12-12-1987
5.3	Emma Hornecker	Born	09-05-1900
		Died	02-18-1975
		Married	02-05-1925
	Christian Mueller	Born	11-10-1898
		Died	12-10-1986
5.4	Emilie Hornecker	Born	06-21-1906
		Died	11-22-1996



Maria Salomea Gerhardt

Maria Salomea Gerhardt 5.0

Maria Salomea Gerhardt, youngest child of Christian and Magdalena Schlenker Gerhardt, was born on October 15, 1867 at Tutschfelden, Baden, Germany. She grew up there and in Eichstetten and was married at the age of 27 on July 24, 1894 to William Hornecker, who was born on August 22, 1868.

They were the parents of four daughters and made their home at Eichstetten am Kaiserstuhl about 12 miles from Freiburg. William Hornecker farmed a small place and raised grapes. Their oldest daughter, Marie Koebelin and her family made their home there in later years. Marie's daughter, Lina, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren still live in Eichstetten.

Marie's grandson, Karl-Heinz Jenne, raises salad vegetables which he sells at the Farmers' market in Freiburg. Elfriede told Marilyn that their grandmothers, Christine and Salomea Gerhardt, carried eggs in baskets on their heads from Eichstetten to Freiburg, to sell at that market, around the cathedral. Marie's grandson-in-law, Karl-Heinz Hiss, with his family, works in the winery that has been in his family for several centuries, in Eichstetten.

Frieda, the second daughter, married Gustav Mattmueller and had one daughter, Elfriede. Elfriede was a tax consultant along with her husband and operated an office in their home. She is the source of most of this information concerning the relatives in Germany. Gustav Mattmueller died in 1949 as the result of a fall from a tree. Frieda made her home in Freiburg on the first floor of the structure where Elfriede and Theo had their office on the second floor, and their living quarters on the third floor. After Freda's death in 1985, and Theo's death in 1987 Elfriede moved to an apartment in a suburb of Freiburg.

Emma was the third daughter of Maria Salomea and married Christian Mueller who farmed at Eichstetten. They had no children.

The fourth daughter, Emilie, was a nurse and worked at a Deaconess Hospital in Freiburg. She never married. Emilie was a deaconess in the Evangelische Kirche. She suffered a stroke in June 1994, and fell and broke three ribs. Her left hand was paralyzed. She was moved from the hospital to the nursing home for deaconesses, and is in bed most of the time. (12-1994 from Elfriede) Update: Emilie died in the early morning of Nov. 22, 1996, and was buried on Nov. 26, 1996 in the Freiburg Cemetery.

William Hornecker died on July 23, 1928 at the age of 60 years. Maria Salomea Gerhardt Hornecker died on May 5, 1930 at the age of 63.

ADDENDUM from E. Alvin Gerhardt, June 1999

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| <p>1. †Johan Georg Gerhard , was a farmer. (page 3)
in Tutschfelden, rural area of Emmingdingen</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Maria Catharina Reck</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Daughter of Johann Michael Reck and Catharina Oesterle</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Maria Magdalen Moesner</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Daughter of Andreas Moesner and Anna Maria Haas.
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| Died | 01-07-1811 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Johan Georg and Maria Reck Gerhard had the following children:

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| <p>i. Anna Maria Gerhard
in Tutschfelden</p> <p>ii. Catharina Gerhard
in Tutschfelden</p> <p>iii. Johann Georg Gerhard</p> <p>iv. Christina Gerhard
in Broggingen</p> <p>v. Johann Jacob Gerhard
in Tutschfelden</p> <p>vi. Regina Gerhard
in Tutschfelden</p> <p>vii. Johann Jacob Gerhard
information found on p. 60</p> <p>viii. Matthias Gerhard
in Tutschfelden</p> | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Born</td><td>03-10-1776</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>03-02-1850</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>11-06-1778</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>03-04-1863</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>03-10-1781</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>01-29-1783</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>02-19-1862</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>02-07-1785</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>04-08-1786</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>02-12-1787</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>07-20-1791</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>03-25-1789</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>03-18-1856</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>03-02-1792</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>06-09-1808</td></tr> </table> | Born | 03-10-1776 | Died | 03-02-1850 | Born | 11-06-1778 | Died | 03-04-1863 | Born | 03-10-1781 | Born | 01-29-1783 | Died | 02-19-1862 | Born | 02-07-1785 | Died | 04-08-1786 | Born | 02-12-1787 | Died | 07-20-1791 | Born | 03-25-1789 | Died | 03-18-1856 | Born | 03-02-1792 | Died | 06-09-1808 |
| Born | 03-10-1776 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 03-02-1850 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 11-06-1778 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 03-04-1863 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 03-10-1781 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 01-29-1783 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 02-19-1862 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 02-07-1785 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 04-08-1786 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 02-12-1787 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 07-20-1791 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 03-25-1789 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 03-18-1856 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 03-02-1792 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 06-09-1808 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Johan Georg Gerhard and Maria Magdalen Moesner's daughter,
Maria Magdalena Blattern

Born	02-25-1796
Died	08-16-1799

All of these children were born in Tutschfelden.

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| <p>iii. Johann Georg Gerhard
in Friesenheim, Ortenaukreis, W.Germany</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Anna Maria Buhler (Bieler) in Friesenheim
daughter of Michael Buhler and Barbara Erb
in Friesenheim</p> <p>iii. Johann Georg Gerhard
Anna Maria "Mary" Gabelmann in Hugsweier, Ortenaukreis
daughter of Christian Gabelmann and Katharina Wehrle
in Friesenheim</p> | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Born</td><td>03-10-1781</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>02-21-1868</td></tr> <tr><td>(1st) Married</td><td>03-03-1802</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>04-01-1781</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>02-22-1820</td></tr> <tr><td>(2nd) Married</td><td>04-11-1822</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>01-03-1799</td></tr> <tr><td>Died</td><td>02-15-1883</td></tr> </table> | Born | 03-10-1781 | Died | 02-21-1868 | (1 st) Married | 03-03-1802 | Born | 04-01-1781 | Died | 02-22-1820 | (2 nd) Married | 04-11-1822 | Born | 01-03-1799 | Died | 02-15-1883 |
| Born | 03-10-1781 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 02-21-1868 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (1 st) Married | 03-03-1802 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 04-01-1781 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 02-22-1820 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2 nd) Married | 04-11-1822 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Born | 01-03-1799 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Died | 02-15-1883 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

iii. Johann Georg and Anna Maria Buhler (Bieler) Gerhard were the parents of:

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|--|---|------|------------|------|------|-------------|------|
| <p>1. Georg Gerhard
Father of Alfred Gerhard in Karlsruhe, Baden</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Left a wife and 12 year old son.</p> | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Born</td><td>11-12-1802</td></tr> <tr><td>Born</td><td>1835</td></tr> <tr><td>Died before</td><td>1886</td></tr> </table> | Born | 11-12-1802 | Born | 1835 | Died before | 1886 |
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| Born | 1835 | | | | | | |
| Died before | 1886 | | | | | | |

2. Michael Gerhard	Born	02-21-1805
	Died	04-15-1807
3. Christian Gerhard	Born	11-30-1806
	Died	11-30-1806
4. Andreas Gerhard	Born	11-30-1806
	Died	11-30-1806
5. Michael Gerhard (occupation: baker in Germany)	Born	11-23-1807
	Died	03-12-1864
in Vitrac KR. Wallis	Married	
Genovefa Dorsatz		
6. Anna Maria Gerhard	Born	12-08-1809
	Died	12-13-1809
7. Anna Maria Gerhard	Born	03-15-1811
	Died	03-15-1811
8. Anna Maria Gerhard	Born	01-02-1812
	Died	01-12-1812
9. Christian Gerhard	Born	03-13-1813
	Died	03-14-1813
10. Katharina Gerhard	Born	01-07-1814
	Born	01-07-1814
11. Anna Maria Gerhard	Died	09-23-1814
	Died	09-23-1814
12. Christian Gerhard	Born	07-30-1815
	Died	08-10-1833
13. Andreas Gerhard	Born	02-20-1819
	Born	02-20-1820

All of these children were born in Friesenheim, Ortenaukreis, Baden

Johann Georg Gerhard and Karolin Bieler were the parents of:

1. Georg Jacob Gerhard	Born	05-01-1807
	Died	03-28-1812

Johann Georg and Anna Maria "Mary" Gabelmann Gerhard were the parents of the following children:

1. Anna Maria Gerhardt	Born	12-26-1822
	Died	after 1888
	Married	12-28-1845
Ludwig Wilhelm August Zanger in Friesenheim	Born	08-24-1819
	Died	11-11-1882
Occupation: Stone Cutter, Master Stone Mason		
1. Ludwig Zanger	Born	11-21-1846
Emigrated to America, maybe St. Louis, MO		
2. Wilhelmine (Mina) Zanger	Born	02-04-1848
	Died	07-02-1876
	Married	05-02-1867
Karl Ludwig Braun	Born	05-02-1840
	Died	05-22-1901
Occupation: Farmer and meat inspector		
3. Anna Maria Zanger	Born	12-29-1858
	Died	05-31-1881
2. Friedrich Gerhardt	Died	08-24-1827
3. Karolina Gerhardt	Born	02-28-1828
	Died	12-01-1856
#4. John Gerhardt	Born	05-23-1830
	Died	1906
5. Josef Gerhardt	Born	03-24-1832
Emigrated June 16, 1852 to New York and then Massachusetts, where he died.		
6. Frederick Gerhardt	Born	11-11-1835

in Las Truchas Valley, De Baca County N. M.
(Gerhardt Cemetery)

Died 10-21-1914

#4. John Gerhardt

Born 05-23-1830
Died 1906

Emigrated in 1851 to New York and Died in Cedar Springs, DeBaca County, New Mexico

Married about 1867

Saffrona Gerhardt in Texas
in Cedar Springs, DeBaca County, New Mexico

Born 05-1848

Died

Their children were:

1. Alice Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born about 1867

Married 1895

Bill Potter in Clayton, Union County, New Mexico
In Hillsboro, Sierra County, New Mexico

Born before 1878

Died

His brother, Jack Potter, was a trail driver and writer of Western stories and N.M. legislator.

2. Nancy Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born around 1868

Died before 1977

Married

Green Maxey in Cedar Springs

They had two sons.

3. Mary Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born 11-05-1869

Died 04-03-1955

in Puerto de Luna, Guadalupe County, N.M.

Married in 1886

Bill Hunter Born in California, was a rancher

Born around 1870

Daughter, Iva Hunter,

Granddaughter, **Ferne Buehler**

Died in late 1980's

in Eugene, Oregon

4. Henry Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born 01-1870

Died before 1910

In Puerto de Luna, Guadalupe County, N.M.

Married in 1894

Doloritas Padilla in New Mexico

Born 05 1878

5. Joseph Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born 01 1874

6. George Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born 1876

Died 1960

7. Frederics Gerhardt in Cedar Springs

Born 02-1877

Died before 1971

8. Kate Gerhardt

Born around 1882

Died 09-1959

in Cedar Springs

Married 02-10-1900

Hilario Valdes

Born 1873

Died 02-18-1960

9. Helen Gerhardt

Born 11-1886

Died 1977

Married

John Ballentine

10. Johnny Gerhardt

Born 02-1889

Died before 1971

11. Willie Gerhardt

Born 06-1890

Died before 1971

Married

Mattie Cox in New Mexico

Born

6. Frederick Gerhardt

in Las Truchas Valley, N. M. (Gerhardt Cemetery)

Born 11-11-1835

in San Antonio, Texas

Died 10-21-1914

Sophie Louise Duelm in Hagen, Prymont, Waldeck Germany

Married 03-04-1865

Born 08-18-1845

Sophie was the daughter of Heinrich Friedrich Duelm and Sophie Louise Nibelsick

Died 10-01-1921

Sophie emigrated to Indianola and New Braunfels, Texas. She was confirmed in New Braunfels, on 1859 on Judica Sunday.

Frederick emigrated June 16, 1852. On shiplist Joseph Gerhardt, 20 year old male, and Frederick Gerhardt, 16 year old male. Both from Prussia.

Frederick became a U.S. citizen in Guadalupe County, Texas, in 1866. His name appeared as head of the family on the 1870, and 1880 U.S. Census rolls.

Frederick and Sophie Louise Duelm were parents of the following children:

1. Anna Gerhardt in San Antonio, Texas ?
Born 04-07-1866
in Tucumcari, N.M. Died 07-31-1947
in Las Vegas, N. M. or Puerto de Luna, N.M. Married 07-23-1887
John Deoliviera in Sao George, Azore Island, Portugal Born 06-04-1832
in Frio Draw, N.M. Died 04-26-1906
John emigrated around 1862, destination New Mexico. He was an early sheep rancher in N.M.
2. Herman Gerhardt in San Antonio, Texas Born 08-15-1867
in Tucumcari, N.M. Died 06-15-1895
Emma Rose Whitmore, in Gallinas Springs, N.M. Born 05-23-1878
Emma was the daughter if James Elias Whitmore and Barbarita Marquez
Herman was confirmed on Palm Sunday, 1881, in New Braunfels, Texas.
(Herman's son, Earl, is the father of E. Alvin Gerhardt)
Earl Alvin Gerhardt Born 10-15-1930
Married 09-10-1955
Sally Tazewell Flournoy Born 05-06-1933
Elizabeth Morton Gerhardt (Beth)
Earl Frederick Gerhardt (Fritz) Born 09-25-1961
Married 07-21-2001
Amy Acker
Thomas Flournoy Gerhardt (Tom) Born 10-15-1963
Elizabeth Anne Lodge (Liz)
Roxanna Madalina Lodge (adopted from Romania) 11-1999
Anna Carrington Gerhart Born 04-16-1966
Sarah Allyson (born in St. Louis) Born 05-07-2004
3. Paulina Louise Gerhardt in San Antonio, Texas Born 07-11-1869
in New Mexico Died 11-08-1924
Paulina was baptized in New Braunfels, religion Protestant She was a school teacher who taught younger siblings, according to "Aunt Lillie".
4. Wilhelmina Gerhardt in San Antonio, Texas Born 10-20-1871
in New Mexico Died 01-24-1933
in Las Vegas, N. M Married 11-12-1898
Lon Reed in Waco, Texas Born 1860
Died 06-08-1940
5. Carl John Gerhardt in New Braunfels, Texas Born 09-05-1873
Christened in New Braunfels, 07-07-1874
in Hartley County, Texas Died 09-17-1944
in Tucumcari, N.M. Married 06-14-1917
Netta Catherine Brown in Missouri Born 07-08-1887
in Fort Sumner, N.M. Died 05-18-1918
6. Heinrich Gerhardt (Henry) in New Braunfels, Texas Born 08-24-1875
in New Braunfels, Died 11-24-1876
Henry was Christened in New Braunfels August 6, 1876
7. Sophie Louise Gerhardt in New Braunfels, Texas Born 04-05-1877
in Santa Rosa, N.M. Died 04-02-1963

in Fort Sumner, N.M.	Married	01-20-1898
James Alfred Arthur "Red" Irwin in Rayado, N.M.	Born	06-20-1870
in Tucumcari, N.M.	Died	03-24-1955
Sophie was Christened in New Braunfels		December 26, 1877
8. Alfred Gerhardt in New Braunfels,	Born	12-17-1879
in Pecos River, N.M.	Died	10-15-1883
Alfred was Christened in New Braunfels.		
9. Clara Gerhardt in Puerto de Luna, N.M.	Born	06-25-1882
Taiban, N.M.	Died	01-25-1943
Clara was a school teacher for 25 years.		
10. Lillie Gerhardt in Las Truchas Valley, N.M.	Born	04-25-1885
in Tucumcari, N.M.	Died	12-30-1974
in Tucumcari, N.M.	Married	06-02-1914
Lorin Anderson in Waco, Texas	Born	01-05-1882
in Tucumcari, N.M.	Died	12-27-1956
11. Caroline Gerhardt in Las Truchas Valley, N.M.	Born	10-01-1888
in Las Truchas Valley, N.M.	Died	01-03-1903

vii. Johann Jacob Gerhard

	Born	03-25-1789
	Died	03-18-1856
(1st)	Married	11-16-1816
Anna Maria Mattmuller	Born	11-06-1820
^Their child was Christian Gerhard	Born	11-13-1818
(2nd)	Married	04-23-1821
Anna Katharina Mattmuller	Born	05-26-1802
	Died	05-05-1863
Their child was Rosina Gerhard	Born	08-19-1840
She emigrated January 1858 from Tutschfelden		

^ Christian Gerhard in Tutschfelden

Christian emigrated to America in 1876. ? Occupation: farmer	Born	11-13-1818
(a letter from his granddaughter-in-law, says he died	Died	after 1876?
in Tutschfelden, she thought)		
Maria Magdalena Huber in Tutschfelden	Married	01-16-1849
Emigrated to America	Born	10-01-1825
in Circleville, OH	Died	1893

Christian and Maria Magdalena Huber were parents of the following children:

1. Maria Magdalena Gerhard
in Tutschfelden
Born 02-09-1850
Died 09-30-1852
2. Christian Gerhard
in Tutschfelden
Born 02-24-1851
Died 10-06-1852

***3. Johann Georg Gerhardt**

Emigrated to America in 1869

	Born	07-18-1853
	Died	
4. Christian Gerhardt	Born	01-10-1856
Emigrated to America in 1876		
5. Karl Gerhardt	Born	02-07-1858
Emigrated to America in 1876		
6. Friederike Gerhardt	Born	03-16-1860
Emigrated to America in 1876		
7. Maria Magdalena Gerhardt	Born	08-21-1862
Emigrated to America in 1876		
8. Wilhelm Gerhardt	Born	12-18-1866
Emigrated to America in 1876.		

All of these children were born in Tutschfelden.

***3. Johann Georg Gerhardt, Sr. Born 07-18-1853**

Emigrated to America in 1869 and "stayed with relatives in Pennsylvania, before going on to Ohio, around

Circleville. They moved to Mt. Sterling when their children were older" from letter from Jerry Gerhardt, widow of George Jr., postmarked June 29, 1994.

Elizabeth Trump in Germany
Emigrated to Joplin, MO where she lived with her parents
Their child:
George Gerhardt Jr.

Married
Born

Born
Died 04-1980
Married

Jerry in Mt. Sterling, Ohio
Their children are:
Carole
Kay
Dan, whose son, Benjamin Frederick, is an attorney in Circleville, OH

Michael Gerhard, son of Johan George and Ann Maria Marggraf Gerhard, and youngest brother of Johan George, and Johann Jacob. (page 3 and 4) Born 09-30-1767 in Tutschfelden

Died 08-18-1822
Married 05-15-1792
Born 08-03-1773
Died 02-21-1843

Regina Kubl
in Tutschfelden
Both were born in Tutschfelden, a rural area near Emmingdingen, Baden.
Their children were:

i. Jacob Gerhard Born 07-18-1800
Died 05-31-1863
Married 12-27-1825
Maria Mattmuller Born 03-28-1804
Died 03-09-1858

Both were born in Tutschfelden.
Jacob and Maria Mattmuller had the following children:

1. Johann Michael Gerhardt Born 10-12-1826
emigrated to America
2. Anna Maria Gerhard Born 06-23-1829
Died 11-02-1905
Married
Christian Mattmuller
3. Jacob Gerhard Born 06-23-1829
Died 09-09-1891
4. Johann Georg Gerhard Born 03-08-1834
Died 05-27-1861
5. Johann Georg Gerhardt Born 12-24-1835
Married after 1856
Christina Marggraf Born 08-18-1835
They emigrated to America where they were married.
6. Catharina Gerhard Born 05-22-1839
Died 09-24-1842

All of these children were born in Tutschfelden

ii. Michael Gerhard Born 10-27-1805
Died 12-26-1888
Married 06-17-1832
Anna Maria Grafried Born before 1815
Died 09-24-1851

Michael and Anna Maria Grafried Gerhard were the parents of:

1.	Michael Gerhard	Born	11-06-1832
		Died	06-17-1914
2.	Johann Georg Gerhard	Born	12-07-1835
		Died	12-26-1865
3.	Johannes Friedrich Gerhardt	Born	04-13-1838
	Emigrated in 1858 from Tutschfelden		
4.	Anna Marie Gerhard	Born	12-19-1840
		Died	12-06-1898
5.	Marie Magdalena Gerhard	Born	07-14-1844
		Died	07-21-1907

All of these children were born in Tutschfelden