

Alma Lindstrom

Lest we forget Our Heritage

1880--1980

INTRODUCTION

This is the Centennial Year of the coming to Phelps County, Nebraska by the Gustaf Lindstrom Family.

This account is not a Genealogy as such, it is more or less a comparison of the life style, the Social and economic conditions with those of today's Jet Age and the tremendous changes that have taken place during the past one hundred years.

The Family Register of the Gustaf Lindstrom Family and their Grand Children appears on the final pages.

When this Nation celebrated its Bicentennial 1776--1976, my mother Alma Spongberg Lindstrom, also celebrated her Centennial Year by singing a Swedish song "Children of The Heavenly Father", in its entirety, with out music and from memory for the Phelps County Celebration.

I realize that to be a Child of the Heavenly Father is determined by ones personal commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ, never the less I feel that the song was a fitting tribute to the Lindstrom Family because it was only by the Grace of God that they survived those early years.

Roy A. Lindstrom

PS; To my knowledge the incidents related here in are true, if they have been embellished when retold to me, I take no responsibility what ever.

R.A.L.

Gustaf and Johanna Lindstrom

This is more or less a translation of the preceding page, containing the Swedish Record of the Gustaf Lindstrom Family, I do not have any information during the time they lived in Sweden, except what was included in the family BIBLE.

I waited too long before I became interested in my family history, as I have lost nearly all my sources of information, and have to depend too much on my own memory.

Gustaf was born the 10th. of October, 1843 in what was called TABY FORSAMLING, (translated Taby Congregation) in Stockholm Lan near Stockholm, Sweden.

He was married to Johanna Christina Carlsdotter Dec. 26, 1867 in Fleseryd, Kalmar Lan Socken Sweden, the area mentioned I think represent places corresponding to our Counties or Parishes.

Their first son CARL GUSTAV was born January 25th, 1868 in Wada Socken, Stockholm, indicating that they had moved to another area.

Their second son AUGUST JULIUS, was born February 3rd, 1871 in Wallenstuna Socken Stockholm Lan indicating another move.

Their third son JOHN ROBERT (my father) was born September 11th, 1872 in this same area.

Their first and only daughter ANNA CHRISTINA was born November 8th, 1874, in Doderhult Socken, Kalmar Lan indicating another move.

Their fourth son OSCAR LEANORD was born September 28th, 1877, in the same area, he was the last of the children born in the old Country.

When the Gustaf Lindstrom Family embarked on their journey to America they literally "set sail" because the Ship they came on was a combination Steam and Sail boat, if they became becalmed or ran in to head winds, it was easier to stay on course, even so it took six weeks to make the trip.

There was not much mention of being Sea Sick, my mother Alma Spongberg Lindstrom, who came across two years later said, that she and her older brother were the only two out of a Family of six, not sick, the rest were so sea sick they didn't care whether they survived the trip or not.

Gustaf spent many hours in the "hold" of the ship peeling potatoes for the crew and passengers as part payment of his fare for himself and family.

After they landed, the travel weary Family had another 1500 miles by train to Kearney, Nebraska.

How long they stayed in Kearney, I have no way of knowing, Gustaf had only 90 cents in his "poke" when he arrived, so no doubt the first thing on the agenda was to find some work.

Kearney was a fast growing town, it was a Rail Center and had a "Round-ouse" the Burlington that went thru Phelps County connected there, Cattle Drives from Texas and Oklahoma, shipped out of there to the East, it had a population in 1876, of about 500 and had a reputation of being a wild town, Cowboys with the Cattle drives, Railroad workers and Soldiers across the river at Fort Kearny.

Their fifth son OTTO RUDOLF was born in Phelps County April 8th, 1881, ROBERT my FATHER said that they crossed the Platte River on a cable Ferry because the ice had taken out the Bridge during the early Spring run-off.

Their sixth son EMIL WILLJAM was born May 19th, 1884, then two years later,

Their seventh son AUGUST EDVALL was born OCTOBER 5th, 1886 that completed the size of the Gustaf Lindstrom Family starting a new life in a new Land, adjusting to a new life style and learning a new language.

*** SLAGT REGISTER ***

*** AKTENSKAP ***

* GUSTAF LINDSTROM och JOHANNA CHRISTINA CARLSDOTTER, Forenada i Aktenskap den 26, Dec. 1867, i Stockholms, Lan, Sverige.

Gustaf Lindstrom Fodd den 10 October or 1843, i Taby Forsamling Stockholms Lan Sverige.
 Dod den 08 September or 1896, i Phelps County, Nebraska, USA.

* Johanna Christina Carlsdotter
 Fodd den 29, June or 1841, i Fleseryd Socken, Kalmar Lan.
 Dod den 06, November or 1916, i Phelps County, Nebr.

---- FODELSE REGISTER ----

** Barn Fodd i SVERGE **

** CARL GUSTAF Fodd den 21, January or 1868, i Wada Socken, Stockholm Lan.
 Dod den 12, February, or 1924, i Phelps County, Nebraska.

** AUGUST JULIJUS Fodd den 03, February, or 1871, i Wallentuna, Socken, Stockholm Lan.
 Dod den 07, October, or 1884, i Phelps County, Nebr.

** JOHAN ROBERT Fodd den 11, SEPTEMBER, or 1872, i Wallentina Socken Stockholm Lan.
 Dod den 09, October, or 1952, i PHELPS County Nebraska.

** ANNA CHRISTINNA CARLSDOTTER Fodd den 08, November, or 1874, i Doderhult Socken Kalmar Lan.
 Dod den 26, JANUARY, or 1955, i Minnedosa, Manitoba Canada
 ** SCAR LEANORD Fodd den 28, September, or 1877, i Doderhult Socken Kalmar Lan.
 Dod den 03, December, or 1955, i Wichita, Kansas.

*** BARN FODD I AMERIKA ***

** OTTO RUDOLF Fodd den 08, April, or 1881, i Phelps County, Nebr.
 Dod den 19, November, or 1954, i Kearney, Nebraska.

** EMIL WILLJAM Fodd den 19, May, or 1884, i Phelps County, Nebr.
 Dod den 24, November, or 1960, i Phelps County, Nebr.

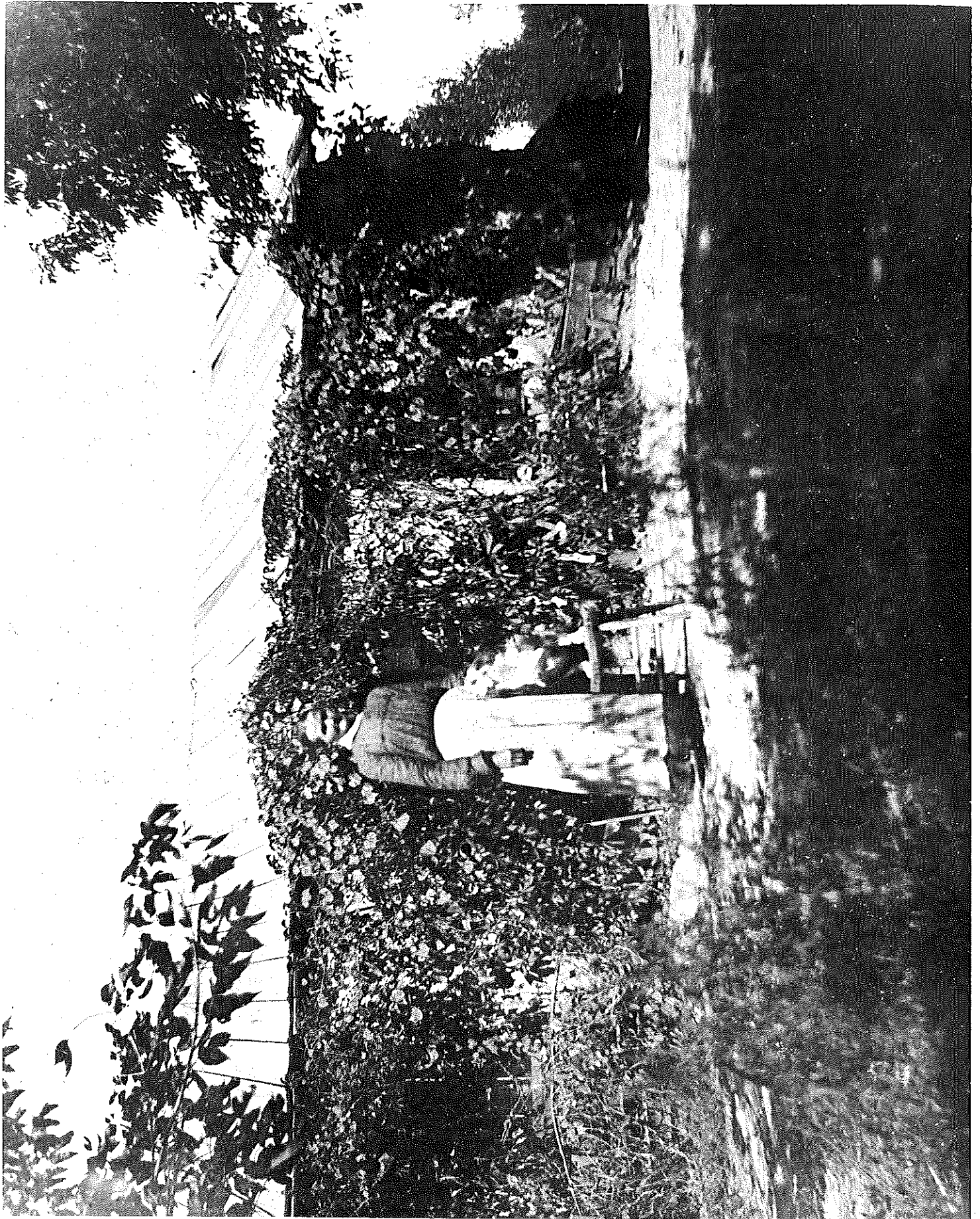
** AUGUST EDVALL Fodd den 05, October, or 1886, i Phelps County, Nebr.
 Dod den 05, November, or 1955, i Phelps County, Nebr.

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This family record of the of the GUSTAF LINDSTROM Family was copied by ALMA SPONGBERG LINDSTROM from the Lindstrom Family Bible in 1936.

JOHANNA CHRISTINA LINDSTROM and "TOOTLES"

In front of her Vine Covered "SOD HOUSE". Picture taken about 1906



3 I have not been able to learn much about the Lindstrom Family prior to their leaving Sweden, the only records that I have were the ones he recorded in his Family BIBLE when he got married and started his family.

They arrived in Kearney, Nebraska in the fall of 1880, my father ROBERT said that he was nine years old when they came to Phelps County and GUSTAF's fifth son OTTO RUDOLPH was born in Phelps County April 8th 1881.

During the last few years they were living in Sweden they were receiving letters from relatives who had emmigrated to America and were receiving such glowing accounts of all the free land that could be obtained for just living on it.

There were two brothers, Frank and Oscar Bogey who later changed their name to Carlson who were cousins of my grandmother JOHANNA and another couple by the name of Rosenquist that were Aunt and Uncle of grandma's, who had two daughters and a son that were about the same age as the Lindstrom children, so they would not be completely alone.

Now is a good time to bring a little History of the Country they were going to, The UNITED STATES was 100 years old in 1876, and was growing very fast, Gold had been discovered in the Colorado Mountains and California, Two RAIL Roads were being built across the praries, The Oregon Trail was busy with Caravans of mule teams, Ox teams, horseback riders and some walking.

When you speak of the Oregon Trail, people think of a few wagon ruts worn, in the sod, a lady who traveled the Trail when she was a child said it was about 100 feet wide in places and like driving in a plowed field when it was dry, with dust enough to choke you and like going thru a mud hole when it was raining.

During the year, 1850, 42000 people, 9000 wagons and 67000 animals moved over the trail.

When the UNITED STATES aquired the INDIAN TERRITORY in the LOUSIANA PURCHASE of 1803, they did not get ownership of the land, only the right to rule and levey taxes, title still remained with the INDIANS, just like it was under FRANCE, and was ruled by a Military Governor.

With the influx of Settlers, Squatters and Buffalo Hunters, the Government made treaties and forced the various INDIAN TRIBES to sell their Hunting Grounds, some of which they got as little as .015 cents ,per Acre.

The resistance of the Indians had been broken, their Hunting grounds were almost devoid of game, the Buffalo had been slaughtered almost to extinction by the Buffalo Hunters who took only the hides, with no resistance to the diseases brought by the white people and starvation, many had died, their numbers had been redused by one half.

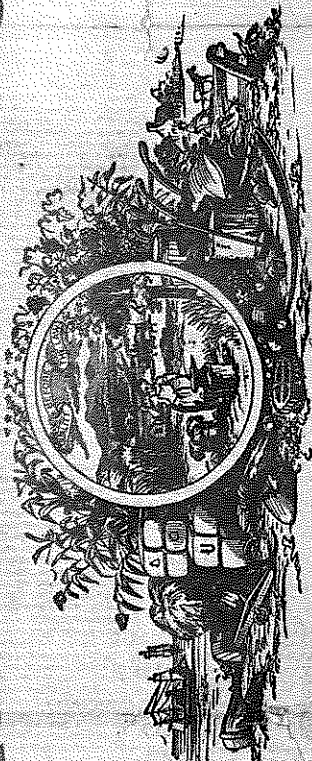
When Phelps County was opened for settelmen by the passing of the HOME-STEAD ACT, there were several means of obtaining land, the GOVERNMENT had granted the Railroads tracts of land to help pay for construction and to incourage settlement, the railroads became land agents, as they inturn hired Preachers to go back to their former parishes and promote resettlement in this new land of oportunity.

The most popular was Homesteading, where you regestered your claim and agreed to live on it for five years, then brought your proof of residence to the land office, then there was Timber Culture, planting trees, by combining these two methods one could get control of a half section.

Another method was by Preemption, you lived on it six months and then paid the Government 1.25 per acre.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Certificate of Citizenship.



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NEBRASKA.

→ County of ←

Phelps

We it Remembered,

That on the Second day of March

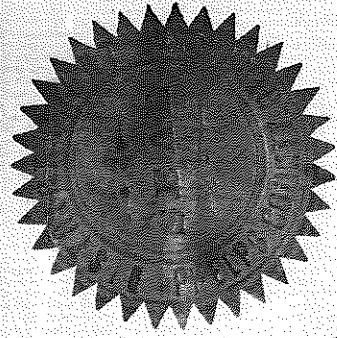
in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Six

Guotaf Lindstrom

appeared in the District Court, (the said Court being a Court of Record, having common law jurisdiction, and a Clerk and Seal), and applied to the said Court to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States of America, pursuant to the provisions of the general acts of the Congress of the United States of America for that purpose made and provided; and the said applicant having thereupon produced to the Court such evidence, made such declaration and renunciation, and taken such oaths as are by the said acts required;

Thereupon, It was ordered by the said Court, that the said applicant be admitted, and he was accordingly admitted by the said Court to be a

Citizen of the United States of America.



In Testimony Whereof, The Seal of said Court is hereunto affixed, at

Holdrege

Nebraska on this *Second* day of *March* 1886

J. Dallard Deputy

Clerk.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

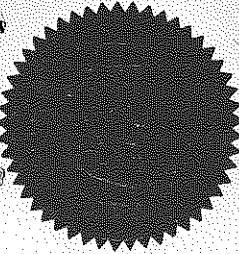
Homestead Certificate No. 0164 }
APPLICATION 10282 }

Whereas There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Boonville, Mo., whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of John D. Lindstrom has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the Northwest Quarter of section six the township of Northwest Range 7 of Northwest Meridian in Nebraska containing one hundred and fifty one acres

according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That these is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said John D. Lindstrom the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John D. Lindstrom heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.



Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and seventy eighth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Grover Cleveland By Geo. M. Hanna, Secretary.

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Application # 10282 Land Office - Boonington, Nebraska.
Applicant - Gustaf Lindstrom has been duly recommended for the --
Northwest Quarter of Section 6 of Township 7 of range 18 West of the Principal Meridian in Nebraska the right of tendency of One Hundred fifty one acres, increased by, ninety nine, one hundredths of an acre. In testimony where of, I, GROVER CLEVELAND, President of the United States of America, have given under my hand in the City of Washington the eighteenth day of February in the year of our LORD, One thousand eight hundred and eighty eight. The faded Ink on the Document was almost invisible.

4 When the Lindstrom family came to Phelps County they may have come to either the Oscar Bogey Carlson family or the Rosenquist familie who were related to grandma Johanna, but it is hard to believe that either of them would have room for a family of seven, never the less they were living in Phelps County when their fifth son OTTO RUDOLPH was born April 08th, 1881.

Which gives rise to a story that, I have not been able to find definite proof of, It seems that Gustaf was out hunting rabbits one Sunday afternoon, and ran on to a Swede who was builing a Soddy, a bachelor who was very homesick for Sweden, in the course of the conversation they made a deal, Grandpa GUSTAF traded his shot gun for the Swedes Homestead application, the Swede sholdered Grandpa's shot gun, took off across the hills for Kearney and Sweden, and Gustaf went to work on the Soddy.

Their sixth son EMIL WILLJAM was born on the 19th of May 1884, possibly the first son to be born in this Soddy.

Tragedy struck the Gustaf Lindstrom family OCT. 07, 1884, when their second son AUGUST JULIUS died, and it is said that he was buried on this same Quarter Section, some say that he died of Pneumonia.

Their seventh son AUGUST EDVALL was born Oct. 05th, 1886, completing the size of the of the Gustaf Lindstrom Family.

Grandpa Gustaf was granted his Homestead Oct. 14, 1888, Signed by PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND'S SECRETARY.

GUSTAF had received his Citizenship March 02, 1886.

In building their Sod Houses they would plow the ground with a plow that had a special mulboard that would turn the sod over with the grass down, then the sod would be cut with a spade in two foot lengths, makeing a 24/14/05 inch building block, when they laid up the walls, they became about two feet thick and quite strong, they were fit tight around the windows and door, they would go to the river and cut slender trees to support the roof.

These were then covered with willow brush, these in turn were then covered with a layer of sod.

The house was quite warm in the winter time also quite cool in summer, fuel for cooking and heating was also a problem, but the Settlers made do with what they had, with the slaughter of the buffalo by the Buffalo Hunters, the prairie was litterly covered with thousands of bleached bones,

Grandpa Gustaf would go out with his wagon and pick up bones in one end of the wagon and Buffalo Chips in the other, the bones were later hauled to Kearney, where he got a few dollars a ton, later they were shipped back East for processing, The Buffalo Chips were used for fuel.

The Summers were a combination of drought, grasshoppers and cinch bugs, the settlers tried to raise broom corn which the cinch bugs really liked, when they cleaned that up they would attack other crops as well,

With the hot winds blowing across the prairias the heat was sometimes almost unbearable and the danger of prairie fires increased.

Small game, prairie-chicken were plentiful and there were a few herds of Antelope, ducks and geese in the fall and spring, if they were handy with a gun, then there was also plenty of fish, so they could live off the land.

The small islands in the river were source of grapes for jams and jellies, there were no Super-markets, no McDonalds, no Sloppy Joe Fast Food Joints to run to when the stomache was empty.

It would be difficult for young people this day and age to even imagine a situation like that.

5 Altho by the time the Gustaf Lindstrom family had arrived in Phelps County the Indian problem had pretty well been taken care of, it was pretty much on the minds of the Settlers and was one of their topics of discussions as they gathered in their homes and it did not take much to create a panic, as was recorded in Rolf Johnson's Diary.

There had been a very bad prairie fire that had blackened the Sandhills almost to the river, the wife of one of the Settlers had a morbid fear of the Indians, generated no doubt by the wild stories told in her hearing.

One morning she came out of her Soddy, looking North she saw a large cloud of black smoke, in her imagination she assumed that it was Settlers Homes burning and thought she saw riders racing across the Prairie.

She hitched up a horse to the buggy and fled to the neighbors spreading the alarm, other riders spread out to warn other Settlers, they in turn loaded a few belongings and their families in to wagons and fled, some to the Settlement at Phelps Center, others toward Kearney, as fast as their teams would take them.

One family racing across the Prairie, one wheel hit a Badger hole, bouncing out one of the two boys sitting in the back of the wagon, the father never stopped until they reached the Settlement, later that day a dirty, hungry and very angry lad came walking in to the Settlement.

Later that day they sent out scouts, and it was determined that what the lady had seen was a herd of Antelopes racing across the landscape, the black dust behind them made it look like a huge fire and the antelopes with their white rumps made them look like horses and riders.

One Sunday afternoon when the Lindstrom boys were in their teens, not having anything better to do, they and some neighbor boys decided to visit an INDIAN Camp on the river about six miles away.

When they came to the camp, it seemed deserted, not a soul in sight except for some skinny, barking dogs, as they looked around they saw the remains of a pig that had been butchered, one of the boys made a fastidious remark about their method of preparing meat, the rest of the boys joined in with a little nervous laughter, about that time an Indian girl came out to them and in her best Mission Taught English told them, 'If they had come there to make fun they better head to where they came from.'

The boys looked around saw Indian Braves peeking around the Tepees all over the place, did they ever start to apologize profusely, after visiting a while, the Indian Maid invited them in to meet the Chief, by then the boys were too scared to do any thing else.

The Chief was sitting on a blanket before a fire in the center of the Tepee, he motioned for them to sit down too, he asked them questions, and the Indian Maid acting as interpreter.

After a while the Chief took a brand from the fire and lit his long stemmed pipe, and after getting it going good he passed it around, the boys each took a healthy drag, nearly choking on the strong tobacco.

A little later they were only too glad to head back to their homes thinking perhaps they were lucky they still had their scalps.

While we are on Indian stories I will relate one that happened at the Soddy, One day four Indians rode up to the Soddy, when Gustaf opened the door they came in, Gustaf had obtained a small keg of Apple Cider that had turned into vinegar, when the leader saw it he wanted some of it Gustaf shook his head 'no' the Indian insisted, Gustaf again shook his head, the Indian was getting belligerent so finally Gustaf took a small tin cup and filled it half full, still shaking his head 'no' he handed it to him, the Indian took the cup, looked at Gustaf, then handed it to one of the

6 other Indians, who took it and took a 'healthy' swallow, his eyes got big tears came into his eyes, tipping his head back, he squirted a thin stream up into the cloth ceiling, the leader took the cup, handed it to Gustaf, then they left, satisfied that it was 'nt Whiskey.

Gustaf and Johanna were of Baptist persuasion, it was not unusual for the Settlers to go to Phelps Center or Holdrege to Mission Meetings and leave the children at home alone, especially when they would go in to Holdrege they would stay with friends two or three days.

On one such occasion a band of Indians rode up to the 'Soddy', UNCLE CHARLIE, who was the oldest went to the door, one of the Indians using sign language seemed to be trying to get some information, Uncle Charlie had seen some Antelope that morning South East in the hills, so he made a sign like Antelope running and pointed in that direction, they got on their horses and took off in that direction, much to the relief of the children in the 'Soddy', evidently they were out looking for game.

In between the special meetings the Settlers would meet in the homes for Bible study and prayer meetings, on one of those meetings at the Lindstrom 'Soddy' every thing was going smoothly until their neighbor Mr. Berglund knelt for prayer, Uncle Emil and Uncle Otto were sitting on the floor by the stove. Otto had gotten a Bow and suction tipped arrows for Christmas, Mr. Berglund's bald head proved too tempting a target for Uncle Otto, he playfully took aim, Uncle Emil to warn him, shoved his elbow in Otto's ribs, who impulsively let loose the arrow, there was a loud 'plop' as it centered on Berglund's bald spot, and there was an even louder 'plop' when Gustaf jerked the arrow off Berglund's head, from there the arrow and bow went into the stove, that was the only time, according to Otto that he ever made a Bullseye with his bow and arrow.

Some time later Gustaf relented and got Otto a single shot Air Rifle, I have a suspicion that Grandpa had many a chuckle over the bow and arrow incident, altho he pretended to be very outraged at the time.

Uncle Oscar told me of an incident that happened in those early days Gustaf, Oscar and Otto had been to Phelps Center and were returning home, when their neighbor Charley Carlson caught up with them, he was driving a new team of horses that he was very proud of, he challenged Gustaf to a race, Gustaf was driving a team of mules, Gustaf excepted the challenge and they took off across the prairie toward their homes.

Otto didn't think the mules were doing their best, as they were losing ground, so he put a pellet in his Air Rifle, (he always carried it with him in case of an Indian attack), He took aim from the bouncing wagon and hit one of the mules in the rear, and they really took off, they caught up with Carlson as he turned in to his place, Gustaf's mules out of control didn't stop until they came home to the Homestead, three quarters of a mile North of Carlsons, Uncle Oscar said that was the wildest ride he ever had.

A near tragedy took place during these early years, about the time of the above related incident.

Gustaf was out mowing alfalfa and Oscar went out to the field, to bring his Dad a drink of water, so he followed behind the mower to the end of the field, as his Dad was taking his drink, Oscar said some thing stuck him on the leg when he was walking behind the mower, Oscar started home, Gustaf had just a little left to mow.

When Gustaf came home, Grandma asked him where Oscar was, he didn't unhitch his mules, but hurried out to the field where he found Oscar lying on the ground semi-conscious, he had been bitten by a Rattlesnake.

7 Some one took off on horseback (no telephones yet) for the Doctor, Holdrege was 13 miles away, CHARLIE CARLSON brought all the whiskey he could find, Charlie took a huge chew of tobacco, so as to give him a good source of saliva as he sucked the blood and poison from the wound, then they forced the boy to swallow as much whiskey as they could until he was so sick he finally vomited, in the mean time the Doctor was on his way, driving two fast ponies on a buggy as fast as they would go.

Fortunately the snake had been cut in two, with about eight inches of body still attached to the head so he may have been unable to inject a full charge of venom, whether it was the home remedies or the Doctor getting there in time, that saved his life we dont know, Oscar was delirious for several days, the Doctor warned Gustaf and Johanna not to let any of the other children near him, if he should bite them, he was so full of poison that it could be as serious as if they had been bitten by the snake.

Although the Lindstrom boys when they grew up were very much involved in farming they were also much involved in machinery, Steam engines, threshing machines, corn shellers and Cars.

Before the advent of steam and oil power to the prairies they used a combination of bevel gears and tumbling rod or shaft that was powered by a team of horses or oxen, walking in a circle, the shaft was belted to what ever type of machine they wished to operate.

The first grain Threshing machines had a straw stacker, like a conveyer, so it was necessary to have some one to stack the straw, which could become a very dirty job, later it was replaced by a blower the output of which could be raised and lowered and moved from side to side a lot more convenient.

There were different ways used by the Settlers in harvesting, with the invention of the grain binder, Wheat, Oats, Barley and Rye were cut, tied into bundles by the machine, it had a bundle carrier, which the operator controlled with his foot, when it was full he would dump the bundles in to rows, these were then placed in piles, eight to twelve bundles per pile called "shocks", by hand, they were left this way for a few weeks to go thru a curing process called "sweat" then they were either threshed or hauled to a central location and restacked, into Cone shaped stacks, to be threshed later, so they could do their fall plowing.

Another method was to use a machine called, "Header", it had a larger cutting platform, but only cut the heads of the grain, it had a slatted canvas like the Grain binder to move the grain, but elevated it into wagons called 'Header barges' the heads were then hauled to a central location, to be threshed later in the fall, if you have never had the pleasure of driving a 'Header barge' or stacked Barley you have missed the "itch" of your life.

Broomcorn and Flax were early crops raised by the Settlers, there was a market for it as there were broom factories in the Cities and Towns further East and some Settlers were adept at making their own brooms.

Flax was a versatile plant, the fiber from the long thin stem was used to make Linen, and the seeds were used to process linseed oil, a wood treatment and oil base for Paint.

Corn is still a very popular crop as feed for livestock and food for man as well as a fuel additive for Gasoline.

There is much that could be added to the changes during the past One Hundred Years, and as I continue the individual Histories as I remember them of the Sons and Daughter of the Gustaf Lindstrom Family perhaps I can come up with a few more.

8 This is the Family Record of the GUSTAF LINDSTROM FAMILY as coupied from the OLD FAMILY BIBLE by Mrs.Alma Spongberg Lindstrom,in 1936,it was copied from the Swedish later.

* GUSTAF LINDSTROM OCT. 10,1843 (SEPT. 08,1896)

MARRIED DEC. 26,1867

SPOUSE JOHANNA CHRISTINA LINDSTROMC JUNE 29,1941 (NOV. 06,1916)

CHILDREN

** SON

CARL GUSTAV LINDSTROM JAN. 21,1868 (FEB. 12,1924)

MARRIED AUG. 08,1895

SPOUSE WILHELMINA (MINNIE) HEDELL FEB. 19,1871 (JULY 23,1955)

** SON

AUGUST JULIJUS LINDSTROM FEB. 03,1871 (OCT. 07,1884)

** SON

JOHAN ROBERT LINDSTROM Sept. 11,1872 (Oct. 09,11952)

MARRIED Dec. 24,1895

SPOUSE ALMA LOUVISA SPONGBERG Feb. 05,1876 (Oct. 13,1977)

** DAUGHTER

ANNA CHRISTINA LINDSTROM Nov. 08,1875 (Jan. 26,1927)

Married Feb, 22,11896

SPOUSE KARL(Charley)ENQUIST Nov. 19.1866 (Nov. 19,1866)

** SON OSCAR LEANORD LINDSTROM SEPT. 28,1887 (SEPT. 28,1887)

Mrrried DEC. 13,1905

SPOUSE ALMA JOHNSON Aug. 25,1887 (April 21,1954)

** SON OTTO RUDOLF LINDSTROM April 08, 1881 (Nov. 19,1954)

Married

SPOUSE ANNA SPONGBERG April 27, 1885 (Mar. 14,1970)

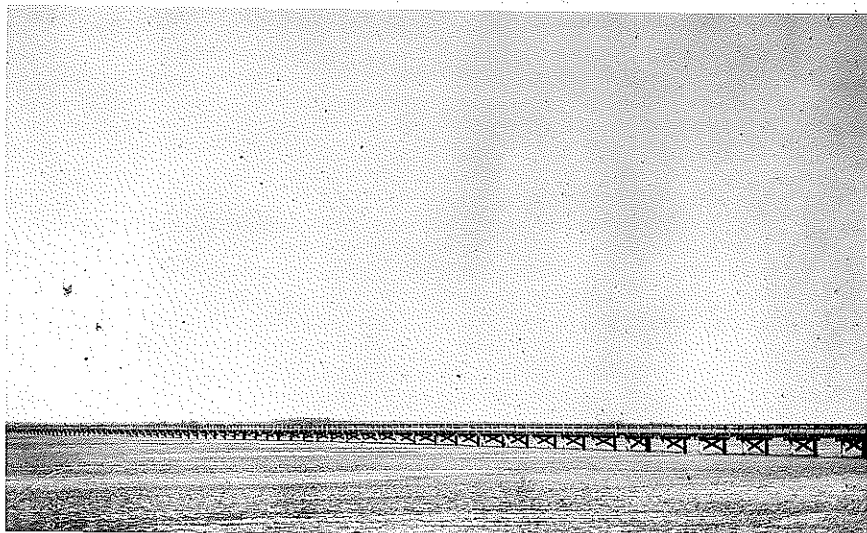
** SON EMIL WILJAM LINDSTROM May 19, 1884 (Nov. 24,1960)

** SON AUGUST EDVALL LINDSTROM OCT. 05, 1886 (NOV. 05,1955)

Married

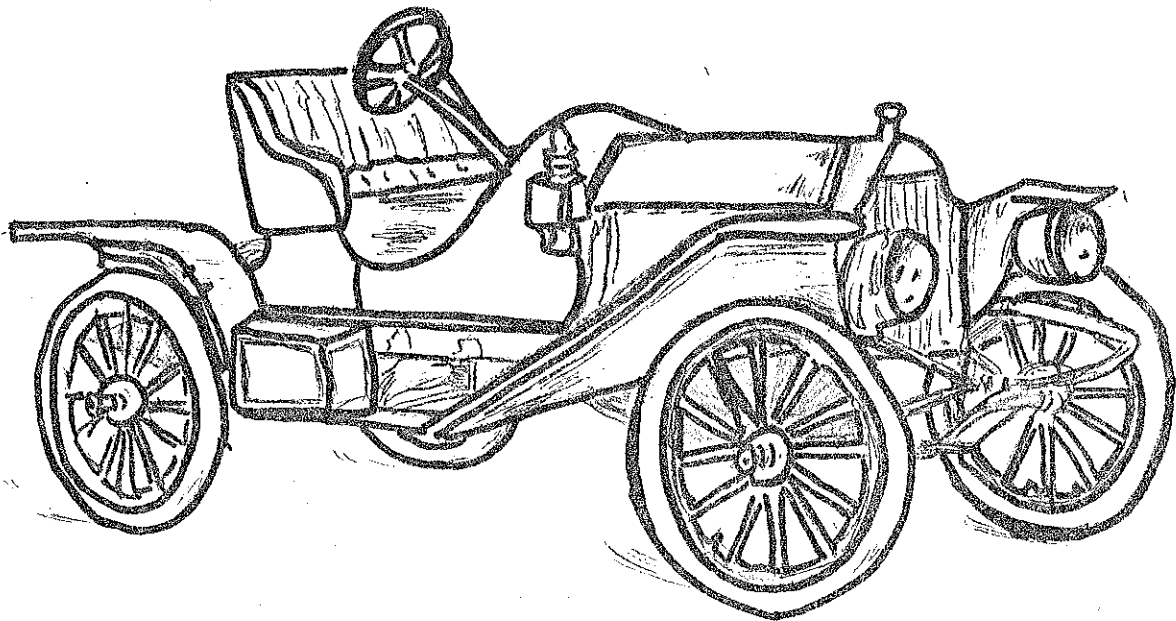
SPOUSE ANNA CARLSON APRIL 15, 18992, (May 01,1982)

(The 'Asterisk'(*) preceding the name denotes the Generation.)



This is the Platte River Bridge at ElmCreek in the early 1900's when it was nearly a mile long,it was only wide enough for one vehicle except half way where it was wide enough for two to meet,there were no trees only a few Small Willow Island

Phelps County, Nebraska



This is the new Home that Uncle Charlie BUILT ON his Homestead when he got married, He married Minnie Hedell, Aug. 08, 1894, I think it was completed before they were married.

The photo was take after their first two children were born,, LULLA and HARRY.



CARL GUSTAV LINDSTROM FAMILY

9 CARL GUSTAV LINDSTROM, the oldest son of Gustaf and JOHANNA was now of age and had acquired a Homestead, the next quarter section, South of the original Homestead, during the time he was fulfilling his residency requirements he had slept in a little shack, but had taken his meals at his parents home, riding between the two places on his poney.

Now that he was planning on getting married it was necessary to build a little more elaborate home.

CHARLIE as he was called was the first of the Lindstrom boys to get married, so on AUGUST 08, 1894, he was married to MINNIE HEDELL.

Phelps County experienced a drought during 1894, followed by a number of lean years, so their early marriage did not get off to a 'rosey' start.

Their first daughter LULA was born September 08, 1895, conditions were improving so, Phelps County was starting to prosper again, their first son HARRY was born on MARCH 06, 1897. Their second son Sidney was born Feb. 28, 1899, their third son George was born June 15, 1906.

THEIR second daughter, Margaret was born MAY 23, 1910.

It turned very warm in Phelps County in the early Spring after Margaret was born, my Cousin Harry told me that during the day they had to move Margarets crib down in to the cellar under the house, he said he spent many hours fanning her so she could sleep, (early Phelps County Air Conditioning).

About this time Uncle Charlie, his family growing, decided to build a new and larger house, not perhaps realizing that the oldest ones were rapidly approaching the time to "fly the nest".

About this time Uncle Charlie purchased his first automobile, a Buick Touring Car, he sometimes had a little difficulty in driving the car, so he was only too happy when Harry learned to drive, he was now about 13.

I remember one time Uncle Charley came to our place by himself we were living on the ranch on the river at the time.

The Buick had a steering post that could be moved ahead by pressing a button on the floorboard there by making it easier to get in and out.

An Automobile was quite a novelty to us kids, and in our climbing in and out of the car we had inadvertently pushed that button and moved the steering wheel ahead, when Uncle Charley was going home he had forgotten how to get the steering wheel back so he could reach it from the seat, I will never forget the sight of Uncle Charley standing up driving his Buick toward home. No doubt he experienced some uncompleatary thoughts concerning some kids, that he didn't wish to claim as relatives.

Some land promoters from Richvale, California, appeared in Phelps County Charlie got interested, so in 1911 they had a sale, and in the first week of January, in below Zero weather they left for "Sunny" California.

Charlie and Toge Ekholm went in the Emmigrant Car, they had loaded the Buick in one end of the car and covered it with feed for the live stock, the Railroad frowned on the taking of luxuries as they gave special rates to immigrants, Aunt Minnie and the rest of the family stayed with us a few days and then left on the Passenger Train.

Fortunately they did not sell their Farm in Phelps County, before the year was out they were ready to come back, very much disappointed with California, they lived in Holdrege a few months until their farm was vacated, then Uncle Charlie was back on his Homestead where he continued to live until he died in 1924.

My Cousin Harry said the trip to California was not a total loss he had a job with the contractor, who was building the Irrigation Canal, as a guard sleeping in a tent full of dynamite, he got six 20 dollar Gold Pieces for six weeks. he said he never made so much money.

10 I remember one time we were at Uncle Charlies, it was on a Sunday, it must have been close to the 4th of July, because Harry and Sidney were shooting firecrackers, my two brothers, Elmer and Clarence were also there George and I, well, we were too little to join in the activities we were more or less "observers".

Sidney was having trouble getting a firecracker lit, either he threw it too soon, or he didnt get it close enough to the "punk", ever hear of a punk, well its some material shaped like a pencil about a 1/4 inch in diameter and 6 inches long, you light one end of it and it slowly smolders, makes a good means of lighting firecrackers, they say that the Camel is responsible for them.

About that time Vern Larson drove up in a flashy new buggy, powered by a high stepping pony, the harness decorated with dozens of many colored celeloid rings, "I wonder what he wants?." Vern tied his pony to a wagon near by, and said to Sidney, give it to me and I will hold it for you, I dont know what happened but it exploded in his hand, fortunately it blew out the end so he only got a few powder burns on his fingers.

Vern decided that it would be much safer to Court Lula, so soon the high stepping poney and the flashy buggy disapeared down the lane.

Some time later Vern and Lula got married, Jan. 16, 1916, and started farming North West of Holdrege, NE., their family was blest with two sons, ROGER DUANE and RAMON LAVERNE.

When they grew up to be young men, Harry and Sidney enjoyed going to dances, on one such occasion, time went by so fast that when they got home the morning sun was just starting to peep over the horizon, they quitely slipped up stairs, and were just ready to crawl into bed when Uncle Charley called, "its time to get up, feed the horses, get the cows milked breakfast will be ready when you are through". It was a short night.

When Harry got married, Uncle Charlie purchased a farm a couple miles South East of their Home, and Harry and his wife Leona lived there, until Sidney got married then Harry moved to his Dad in laws farm South of Holdrege and Sidney and his wife lived there until Sidney passed away in 1956.

George took over the farming after his Father Charley died in 1924, then in 1934 he married Aline Vaughn, and continued to farm and live there until he died in 1981, his wife Aline still lives there.

George and Aline have two sons, DEAN RANDELL and LARRY GEORGE, their youngest son Larry, who lives in the same section farms the land.

Dean, George's oldest son took up Banking as a profession and at the present time lives in Dennison, Iowa. but is still envolved in farming through investments.

I remember Uncle Charlie as a careing person, one who believed in a diversafied approach in his farming operation,, George's youngest son, Larry seems to have inherited this same characteristic, as he also follows his Grandfather in the same type of Cattle and Grain operation.

After serving in the Coast Guard during World War Two, he married DORLA ROTH and they have two sons KEVIN WADE and NATHAN GEORGE.

KEVEN WADE is married to KIM O'CONNER, Wade and Kim have to daughters, BRITTANY ANN and ERIN MARIE and live in the Chicago, area.

NATHAN CHARLES, at home I think will end up a 'farmer' like his Dad.

Harry's two sons were not interested in farming, Domald the oldest went into Journalism and was a Sports Writer, Bernard went into Government Service.

11 Sidney and Alice had two children DOROTHY ALICE and LEWIS LEE, the following is a quote from a letter I received from Lewis and I take the liberty of including it, in this history.

"My childhood years were spent on the family farm located 10 North and 3/4 mile West of Holdrege, Nebraska, I have one Sister Dorothy, born Oct. 16, 1929. Dorothy and I attended School at Dist. #30, a one room country school, then completed four years at Holdrege High School.

My sister Dorothy married, Albert Buttell from Hastings, Nebr. on Feb. 23, 1952, they have three Children, TERESA, ALLEN and JENNIFER. Dorothy and Albert now live in Hanover, Kansas. Albert was employed by the Union Pacific Railroad, and was transferred to Hanover, several years ago from Hastings, NE. Teresa is married and lives in Hanover, Allen is married and is in Law School in Lawrence, Kansas, Jennifer is employed and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Outstanding childhood memories include the drought and dust storms of the 1930's, the occasional hail storms, tornadoes, and other adversities endured by the Nebraska farmers.

There were good times too, like the Lindstrom family gatherings on Christmas Eve, Softball games in Loomis, and the love and labor shared by good neighbors and friends.

I enlisted in the Navy Air Corps Reserve in Dec. of 1944 and was on active duty from Mar. 1945 until Aug. of 1946, after I was discharged I worked on the farm and attended Kearney State College, in 1948 I went to Houston Texas to work for my Uncle Charles Polhemus in an Ice Cream Plant, the business failed in Aug 1949, I returned to Nebraska and went to work for an Ice Cream Plant in Holdrege.

I married Marcia Nyberg June 23, 1951, in Oct. 1951, Marcia and I packed up and moved to Houston, Texas, Marcia and I have two sons JAMES LEE and DAVID CHARLES.

David married KAREN CAMERON on Oct. 04, 1980, David and Karen moved to San Antonio, Texas when they were married so Karen could complete her dental Hygienist education, their daughter ASHLEY NICOLE, was born Aug. 15, 1984 in San Antonio, Texas."end of quote.

When I wrote to Donald, Harry's oldest son for some information about his family, I couldn't resist kidding him about he and his Dad and Bernard's attempt at Boat Building when they were on the Farm.

It turns out that the three of them had sent for a Kit and Plans for a flat bottom Boat. after much measuring, it was decided that the basement would be an ideal place to work, plenty of room, nice and warm, so construction began. piece followed piece, with much discussion, as they neared completion a dilemma had developed, the finished boat, was too large for the entrance to the basement, a fishing boat, doomed to the basement, ? no water? and no fish? what to do?, start over, 'impossible'. don't underestimate the ingenuity of a Lindstrom, 'no problem' they removed the brick from one side of the entrance to the basement and some foundation from the house, after they had removed the Boat, they moved it to the garage and finished it there of course there still was the problem of repairing the house, if there were any more problems Don did not mention them.

Don and his wife Barbara built a new home in the Country in Madison, Wis. and spend their winter months in Northern Florida.

Don and Barbara have one Son, TIMOTHY DANIEL CHARLES and three Daughters CHERI ANN, LINDA JEAN and KRISTAN KAY.

BERNARD and his wife have a son ERIC PAUL and a daughter, ROBYN LEISEL.

12 The oldest son of Harry and Leona, Charles Donald Lindstrom was born Dec. 07, 1924, in Holdrege, NE., he graduated from High School there, he like his brother Bernard were not too interested in farming as such, but when they reached retirement the Country was still in their blood.

After College, Donald went to work for the Holdrege Daily Citizen, and being very much interested in Sports, that was the type of work he followed in Journalism.

Don married Barbara Jean Lindgren, Oct. 18, 1933, they have one son and three daughters. Timothy Daniel and Cheri Ann, Linda Jean, and Kristan Kay.

Don and his wife Barbara built a new home near Madison Wisconsin after his retirement and spend the Cold Winter months in Northern Florida.

Don and Barbara have one Son, TIMOTHY, DANIEL, CHARLES and three Daughters, CHERI ANN, LINDA JEAN and KRISTAN KAY.

Harry and Leona's second son, Harry Bernard Lindstrom was born in holdrege, NE., July 15, 1929, he also graduated from the Holdrege, High School, and after College, he went into Government Service, my cousin Harry told me of an incident that 'Bernie' as he was called, was involved in, a few years before his retirement, it seems that the U.S. Navy was holding maneuvers in French Territorial Waters, an American Navy Bomber accidentally dropped an unarmed Atomic Bomb, the makings of an International Incident, there was a mad scramble by several Countries to retrieve it, including Russia.

'Bernie' was on the American crew that successfully retrieved it.

Bernard married Hildegard Elisabeth Brussler, Mar. 01, 1928, they have one son Eric Paul and one daughter, Robyn Leisel.

Bernard and his wife Hildegard took early retirement and built a home in the Mountains of South West Virginia.

MARGRET TERESA the second daughter of Charlie and Minnie was born May 23, 1910, she was Married to JOSEPH MILTON CARLSON May 07, 1930 they had four children, two sons and two daughters, when Milton and Margaret got Married, Milton purchased the John Dalstrom Farm, it was one of the early Homesteads in Phelps County, in fact Mr. Dahlstrom came to Kearney from Kearney County where he had been living, with a couple of teams and wagons to haul out lumber for his new house on Land that he had obtained by Timber Culture and Preemption in Phelps County, Rolf Johnson and his parents had arrived the evening before, Mar. 07, 1876, Rolf drove one of Dahlstrom's teams to Williamsburg, at that time the Phelps County Seat, He had to walk all the way to keep his feet warm, the next day they went South to where Dahlstrom was building his new Home.

When Margraet and Milton retired and moved to Holdrege Stanley Dale took over the management of the Farm, then after Milton's death, Oct. 25, 1977, He purchased the farm and still lives in the above mentioned House.

Stuart Milton, their oldest son became an Air Line Pilot and lives in Seattle, Washington.

Their oldest daughter, Lois Elaine her husband, Arthur LaGrant (Bud) Exstrom live at York, Nebraska.

Their youngest daughter, Susan Ann and her husband, Ronald Dean Brooks live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

After Margret celebrated her 80'th Birthday she sold her Home in Holdrege and moved to Lincoln NE., soon after she started having Health problems.

13/CARL (CHARLIE) GUSTAV LINDSTROM JAN. 21,1868 (FEB.12,1924)
 MARRIED AUG. 08,1894
 SPOUSE AGUSTA (Minnie) WILHELMENA HEDELL FEB. 19,1871 (JULY 23,1955)
 CHILDREN
 * DAUGHTER
 LULA WILHELMENA LINDSTROM SEPT. 08,1895
 MARRIED JAN. 16,1916
 SPOUSE VERN CONSTANCE LARSON SEPT. 18,1893 (SEPT.25,1957)
 MARRIED AGAIN 1960
 SPOUCE WALTER DANIELSON
 CHILDREN
 ** SON ROGER DUANE LARSON DEC. 04,1917 (MAR.12,1966)
 MARRIED
 SPOUCE ZELMA MARIE HEMMETT MAY 22,1916 (JAN.15,1931)
 GRANDCHILDREN
 *** JAMES RAY LARSON MAY 04,1946 (JULY 29,1982)

 *** NELS THOMAS LARSON JULY 31,1948

 ** SON RAMON LAVERNE LARSON NOV. 21,1920
 MARRIED JULY 04,1943
 SPOUSE LOIS MAY NELSON JUNE 05,1924
 DAUGHTER
 *** DONNA RAE (LARSON) McCORMICK OCT. 26,1949
 MARRIED SEPT. 01,1973
 SPOUSE STANLEY ALLEN McCORMICK MAR. 10,1948
 CHILDREN (ADOPTED)
 **** AMANDA RAE McCORMICK NOV. 05,1977
 **** TRAVIS JON (T.J.) DAVID McCORMICK MAY 05,1982
 DAUGHTER
 *** LOUANN MARIE (LARSON) PRESLEY MAY 15,1953
 MARRIED DEC. 03,1971
 SPOUSE WILLIAM HIRAM WOODS
 DIVORCED NOV. 12,1985
 CHILDREN
 **** BRANDE RAE WOODS OCT. 05,1974
 **** SALLE LOU WOODS FEB. 24,1978

 * SON HARRY FERDINAND LINDSTROM MAR. 06,1897 (NOV.28,1986)
 MARRIED APRIL 15,1922
 SPOUSE LEONA FRANCES SKOOG FEB. 18,1902 (MAY 22,1984)
 CHILDREN
 ** SON CHARLES DONALD LINDSTROM DEC. 07,1924
 MARRIED AUG. 31,1952
 SPOUSE BARBARA JEAN LINDGREN OCT. 18,1933
 CHILDREN
 *** SON TIMOTHY DANIEL CHARLES LINDSTROM
 DAUGHTERS
 *** CHERI ANN LINDSTROM
 *** LINDA JEAN LINDSTROM
 *** KRISTAN KAY LINDSTROM

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****	SON	HARRY BERNARD LINDSTROM	JULY 15, 1929
	MARRIED		JUNE 13, 1959
	SPOUSE	HILDEGARD ELISABETH BRUSSLER	MARCH 01, 1928
****	SON	ERIC PAUL LINDSTROM	
****	DAUGHTER	ROBYN LEISEL LINDSTROM	
***	SON	SIDNEY ALFRED LINDSTROM	FEB. 28, 1899 (NOV.06,1956)
	MARRIED		AUG. 26, 1925
	SPOUSE	ALICE JOSEPHINE POLHEMUS	AUG 26, 1902
****	SON	LEWIS LINDSTROM	OCT. 01, 1926
	MARRIED		JUNE 23, 1951
	SPOUSE	MARCIA NYBERG	FEB. 05, 1933
*****	SONS	JAMES LEE LINDSTROM	MAR. 12, 1952
*****		DAVID CHARLES LINDSTROM	JAN. 13, 1955
****	DAUGHTER	DOROTHY ALICE LINDSTROM	OCT. 16, 1929
	MARRIED		FEB. 23, 1952
	SPOUSE	ALBERT IVAN BUTTELL	MAY 17, 1928
*****	SON	ALLEN JOSEPH BUTTELL	
	DAUGHTERS		
*****		TRESA MARIE BUTTELL	
*****		JENNIFER ANN BUTTELL	
***	SON	GEORGE DELPHIN LINDSTROM	JUNE 15, 1906 (JULY 09, 1981)
	MARRIED		FEB. 14, 1934
	SPOUSE	ALINE KILONE VAUGHN	MAR. 16, 1914
****	DAUGHTER	SHIRLEY ALINE LINDSTROM	APRIL 10, 1936 (APRIL 10, 1936)
****	DEAN RANDELL LINDSTROM		NOV. 06, 1934
	MARRIED		
	SPOUSE	PEGGY	
*****	SON	RANDY LINDSTROM	SEPT. 05, 1954
	MARRIED		AUG. 01, 1976
	SPOUSE	JILL	JAN. 28, 1954
*****	SON	JIM LINDSTROM	JAN. 02, 1981
*****	SON	ERIC LINDSTROM	JULY 12, 1984
*****	SON	BILL LINDSTROM	SEPT. 09, 1956
	MARRIED		OCT. 03, 1981
	SPOUSE	JULIE	MAY 31, 1956
*****	DAUGHTER	JILL	AUG. 28, 1986
*****	SON	ROSS LINDSTROM	JAN. 26, 1989
*****	DAUGHTER	SHIRLEY LINDSTROM	FEB. 05, 1958
	MARRIED		SEPT. 22, 1979
	SPOUSE	DANA MESSERSCHMIDT	JULY 04, 1959
*****	SON	KEITH MESSERSCHMIDT	SEPT. 15, 1983
*****	DAUGHTER	EMILY MESSERSCHMIDT	DEC. 16, 1985
*****	SON	TYLER MESSERSCHMIDT	JUNE 11, 1989
*****	DAUGHTER	CINDY LINDSTROM	JAN. 01, 1960
	MARRIED		SEPT. 27, 1986
	SPOUSE	LEO LASTOVICA	MAR. 16, 1962

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***	DEAN REMARRIED		JAN. 17,1970
	SPOUSE	JANICE MODA	NOV. 26,1931
****	DAUGHTER	TONJA LINDSTROM	MAY 16,1971

The following are Children of JANICE'S from a Previous Marriage.

****	DAUGHTER	CALLIE MODA	MAY 26,1953
	MARRIED		DEC. 01,1973
	SPOUSE	LINN GRONBORG	FEB. 12,1952
*****	Daughter	ANGELA GRONBORG	DEC. 29,1978
*****	Daughter	KRISTINA GRONBORG	OCT. 12,1982
*****	Daughter	SARAH GRONBORG	JAN. 01,1985
****	DAUGHTER	RHONDA MODA	AUG. 03,1956
	SPOUSE	LARRY SCHROEDER	JUNE 13,1967
	MARRIED		NOV. 10,1979
*****	SON	DEREK SCHROEDER	NOV. 06,1980
*****	SON	DUSTIN SCHROEDER	NOV. 13,1982
*****	Daughter	DANIELLE SCHROEDER	JAN. 28,1985
*****	SON	MARK MODA	JULY. 28,1954
*****	SON	MATTHEW MODA	SEPT. 08,1981
****	SON	LARRY GEORGE LINDSTROM	APRIL 12,1937
	MARRIED		NOV. 27,1960
	SPOUSE	DORLA ROTH	FEB. 05,1938
*****	SON	WADE LINDSTROM	AUG. 23,1962
	MARRIED		MAR. 12,1983
	SPOUSE	KIM O'CONNER	NOV. 09,1963
*****	Daughter	BRITTANY ANN LINDSTROM	JAN. 22,1987
*****	Daughter	ERIN MARIE LINDSTROM	MAY 18,1990
*****	SON	NATHAN CHARLES LINDSTROM	JUNE 22,1971
***	DAUGHTER	MARGARET TERESA LINDSTROM	MAY 23,1910 (NOV.11,1992)
	MARRIED		MAY 07,1930
	SPOUSE	JOSEPH MILTON CARLSON	DEC. 16,1906 (OCT.25,1977)
****	SON	STUART MILTON CARLSON	AUG. 31,1931
****	DAUGHTER	LOIS ELAINE CARLSON	DEC. 17,1933
****	SON	STANLEY DALE CARLSON	MAY 26,1937
****	DAUGHTER	SUSAN ANN CARLSON	FEB. 29,1944

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JOHAN ROBERT LINDSTROM, my father had purchased a 'School Section', North of the Homestead, and was starting up farming for himself, this was at the beginning of the 'drought of 94', which lasted for several years. On Dec. 24th, 1895, he was married to ALMA LOUVISA SPONGBERG, and they started their married life on this farm. Elmer Robert their first son was born on this place, Sept. 10, 1896, just two days before Elmer was born grandfather GUSTAF died Sept. 08, 1896.

The drought during that period was destined to take its toll, Robert was unable to meet the mortgage payments, so he lost his farm.

Another 'Soddy' was built on the original Homestead, Robert and his family moved into it, the move was no doubt hastened by the death of GUSTAF.

Robert and Alma's second son CLARENCE JOHN was born in this Soddy Nov. 28, 1897. a few years later a small frame house was moved in, because of the drought it was not possible to find good sod so the one they had built had deteriorated quite rapidly as compared to the photo taken of the original 'Soddy' about 1906 after more than twenty years.

I, ROY ALDIN LINDSTROM, the third and last of the children born to Robert and Alma was born in the Frame house that had been moved in.

As soon as I was able to get around under my own power I think I spent most of my daylight hours at Grandma's Soddy.

I remember one time going down the hill to the Soddy to play with OTTO's little dog "Tootles", I suppose I was between two and three years at the time, I was about half way there when a hen with a brood of newly hatched chicks took after me, I let my predicament known in loud, and no uncertain terms, I remember grandma coming from the soddy and mother coming from the frame house, to my rescue.

Another time I came to the soddy to play with 'Tootles' there was no way that I could his attention he had something else that he was playing with, finally in exasperation I took it away from him, and went to the door and threw it out in the weeds.

After a while "TECKLA", grandma's neice came to me and asked me if I had thrown something out. I told her I had taken a bone away from the dog thrown it out, she took me by the hand and asked me to show her where I had thrown it, which I did, after much searching by grandma and Teckla, that is where they found grand ma's false teeth, how the dog had gotten a hold of them I dont know.

In 1908 Dad made a deal with Chas. Engstrom, who was Burlington Railroad Agent in Holdrege, there had been a division of the large Hawkinson Ranch on the Platte River into four Ranches and Mr. Engstrom had purchased one of them and he and my Dad went into a partnership in its operation.

This partnership with Mr. Engstrom only lasted two years, the Burlington Railroad management found out that Mr. Engstrom had purchased the Ranch, they told him that he either had to sell the Ranch or quit the Railroad, as they would not permit their employe's to have divided interests.

Mr. Engstrom sold the Ranch to Swan Anderson of the Phelps Center community, the same partnership continued with Mr. Anderson, for another 10 years.

I was about five years old when we moved to the Ranch, there were only two buildings there, a square two story house and a large barn with a Hay Loft, they had planted four rows of Cottenwood Trees around the Farmstead, I remember my Dad cultivating them with a walking cultivator and two horses.

I have many pleasant memories of my growing up years on the Ranch, the Platte River was my play ground, I spent days hunting, fishing, swimming and in the winter time ice skateing, but we learned early, to treat it with respect.

17 Before the building of the Dams on the upper reaches of the Platte River, it was not to be trusted with its ever changing Channels, Quick Sand, even the wind could change the depth of water from one side to the other, when we put up Hay in the meadow next to the River we had to cross a small Channel, known now as the 'Sandy Channel', when we crossed it at noon it might be a mere trickle, if the wind came up from the north when we were ready to go home the depth of the water could be up to the Wagon bed.

In the Spring with the Snow melt, the River could be at flood stage for several weeks, some times overflowing its banks, then in the late Fall no water flowing, only a few pools around the small islands.

17 Then we would take advantage of the situation and take a team and wagon and go from pool to pool and catch fish with forks and even with our hands.

The summers were a busy time for us, with 80 acers of Alfalfa and over 200 acres of Meadow Hay to put up, plus the Cattle and the other farming to take care of, it was still the best years of my life.

My oldest broher ELMER ROBERT, was born Sept. 10, 1896, just two days after grandpa Gustaf Lindstrom died, so there were not any of us three boys that had the privilege of geting to know him.

One Room Country School was the extent of Elmer's education and as he grew up he took care of the Horses and the responsibility for the farming and as progress continued, and Farm Power switched from Horse Power to Tractor Power, Elmer was one of the first to change.

Elmer's first farm Tractor was a front wheel drive, two cylinder MOLINE, it had a removable two wheel Cart, that could be removed and the front part mounted on the equipment that you planned to use, plow, lister or grain-binder, you could steer and operate the Tractor from the seat of the equipment tha you were useing, Elmer even rigged up a hitch where by he could pull two grain binders, with my brother Clarence riding the second binder and operating the bundle carrier.

If Elmer had a piece of equipment that did'nt work to suit him, he would made it over, be it Tractor, Cornsheller, or what ever, his second Tractor was a WALLACE, that he used to pull his Cornsheller, this Tractor had a governor that operated from the water pressure from the water pump, it was too slow in its reaction to changes in load conditions, Elmer sent for a small fly-ball type governor like the ones used on Steam Engines, he told the PICKERING COMPANY what he wanted it for, after some problems in mounting it were solved it worked fine, the Pickering Co. sent a man out to see how it was mounted, the following year the Wallace came out with a Pickering Governor with a little more fancy mounting.

Another time Elmer came home with a new and larger Cornsheller, Dad and I went out and chucked a load of corn for the hogs, when we came home, Elmer sugested that we run it through the new Sheller, to try it out, after we had done our chores, I walked over to where Elmer was working on his Sheller, He said it was'nt shelling as fast as his old one, he had the Hopper picked apart and was changing the way it fed the corn into the macchine, problem solved.

Elmer married FLORENCE HARRIS Dec. 24, 1939, in 1940, Mother and Dad moved to Holdrege, Elmer and Florence purchased the farm and they continued to live there untill they died, Elmer on May 25, 1980 and Florence on Mar. 13, 1988.

When CLARENCE JOHN was a young man he was not too interested in the farm, so he went to Kansas City and took training in MECHANICS with the intention of starting his own business, after he had completed his training he started out by working in a garage in Loomis, NE., for SHERMAN BROS.

Along with with the management of the ranch, my Dad, Robert was elected Road Overseer, or Road Boss for Williamsburg Township, they were just beginning to improve the farm to market roads, The Township had purchased a Roadgrader, Clarence and Dad went to Lincoln, Nebr. and purchased a large Tractor, a four cylinder Minneapolis, the rear wheels were so tall, that I could'nt reach the top from the ground, later Elmer acquired a used Threshing Separator and Clarence and Elmer done some custom threshing in the County.

When CLARENCE JOHN, Robert and Alma's second son grew up he was not too interested in Farming so he went to Kansas City, Mo. and took training in Mechanics, with the intention of starting his own business, After he had completed his training he started out by working in a garage in Loomis, NE. for SHERMAN, Bros., which nodoubt had some thing to do with the purchase of the Tractor.

Aug 25, 1925 Clarence got married to AGNES FOX and leased some ground from SAM ANDERSON, and built a Repair Shop, 11 miles North of Holdrege, NE., they were just getting the road ready for gravel, so Clarence sold Gas and Oil and done repairs for the fellows that halled the Gravel.

About this time I purchased 'Minnie' the big Tractor from Clarence and continued to do Road work in Williamsburg, Center and Westmark Townships, we were still suffering from the hard times, following World War One, tax Money was slow coming in, so I had quite a time meeting expenses, Uncle Emil operated the grader for me, I always enjoyed driving 'Minnie' the big Tractor, it had a slow running motor, not as quite as a steam engine by any means and then there were things that happened that really made your day.

I remember one time, Uncle Emil and I were preparing the Road between Loomis and the River for gravel through Westmark Township, it was in the fall, a fellow by the name of Johnson was chucking corn, he had just turned around heading West, he tied the lines to the side of the box and started to work as we were coming by, at that moment the grader blade caught a tree stump, 'Minnie' belched out a cloud of a black smoke, the exhaust got several times louder, the horses took off, Johnson made a flying leap for the wagon, after he got in, he reached over and untied the lines, by that time the horses had reached top speed as he tried to slow them, the pin came out of the ~~beach~~ connecting the front and rear wheels, he lost them, the back end of the wagon dropped to the ground, the skoop end gate came off and the corn started to spill out, it reminded me of a 'Roman Chariot Race', about that time the front wheels pulled out from under the wagon box, Johnson stood in his empty wagon box watching his horses going West.

Another time I had some Roads to grade in Center Township, one of the Board members had talked the other members into hiring his son to run the grader, that was fine with me, except that the guy did'nt know any more about running a grader than sour apples, jobs were scarce, Matson was Roadboss and he also wanted the job, he was already working for the Township.

The next morning, Anderson and I started out, the road had already been surveyed and staked, to make it as easy as possible for the graderman I tried to drive as straight a line as possible, I was hooked to it with a 30ft. cable giving the operator plenty of leway, so only occasionally I looked back. All at once the Tractor started to pull harder, I looked back, the grader was four feet off course and heading for the fence line, I released the clutch Anderson and Matson were wrestling, like a couple of kids, trying to throw each other off the grader, not caring where the grader went, I shut off the Tractor, told the guys when you get this settled let me know, I felt like getting in my pickup and head for home.

19 In the early 30's, the Dealership where Clarence worked closed and he got a Job with the Ford Dealer where I worked when I got out of High School, International Harvester Co. had come out with a Row Crop Tractor called 'Farmall', so when the Dealership closed in Elm Creek, I purchased some Special Tools, that were used to repair this type of Tractor.

Clarence decided to start farming so he leased 80 acers of irrigated land East of Kearney and he and his family moved there, later he purchased an acreage with some good farm building on it and leased some additional ground, and continued to farm and do repair work on the side,

The comming of the 'Dirty Thirties' was some thing to remember, Clarence had stopped to borrow my tools that I had purchased when International harvester had sold out, Mother had just come out and said that Supper was ready, Clarence thought he had better go home as he did'nt like the looks of the cloud in the South West, after he left, we went in to house, we had just set up to the table when the storm hit, it was just like some one was on the roof, shoveling dirt, down past the window, in less than a minute the table and food was covered with dust.

When Clarence got down to the valley road he decided to go straight East to the Kearney Bridge road, because of the poor visibility, he drove as fast as as he dared, when he got with in ten miles of his home the car stopped and refused to restart, either the air cleaner shoked up with dust, or dust got between the points, he pulled the car to the side of the road with the starter, then he started walking.

He said it was an eerie walk, the barbs on the fence lines, tops of weeds and bushes glowed with Static Electricity, his hair felt like it had Ants in it and if you touched it, the hair crackled and popped.

He finally got home, between nine and ten o'clock, more dead than alive, he said that he hoped that would never have to go through anything like that again.

Clarence and his wife continued to live there until they retired and moved to Kearney, they celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary Aug. 25, 1990.

Clarence and Agnes had two daughters FRANCES LOUISE and ETHEL DELORES, Frances married Vern Zimbelman and they had three children Stanley Dean, and twins Roger Vern and Renee Jean.

Delores married Marvin Rose and they had two Children Wayne Marvin and Terry Lee. Delores remarried to Wes Chereda, Delores died from a Brain Tumor Aug. 01, 1984.

I, ROY ALDIN LINDSRROM the third son of Robert and Alma Lindstrom was born July 08, 1903, some of my relative have suggested that I included my History in this narrative, but it has already been pretty well documented as I related some of the things that happened to other relatives and would be more or less repetition.

Going back a few years as I have mentioned befor, I was about five years old when we moved to the Ranch and one of the first things that I missed was Uncle Otto's dog 'Tootles', then one day when Uncle Emil Spongberg, mothers brother came from Loomis to help Dad put up hay, he found a tiny puppy, all alone on the Prairie, miles from any home, a little Water Spaniel, all ears and little else, I named him 'Joe' and he became my constant companion.

He loved water, when it rained he could hardly wait to get in the mud puddles, bury his nose clear up to his eyes, his big ears floating out to the sides and blow bubbles for frogs.

A couple of years after that a stray dog, a tan and white Collie came to our place and adopted us, we called him Shep, he and Joe became fast friends.

The first 2 years of High School I rode Horse Back, then My Dad helped buy a small Saxiom Roadster which I drove The following two years, with the understanding that I keep it out of the garage.

20 Meaning of course that if it required any repair work I would have to do do it myself,so that was the begening of my Mechanics training,not because it required lots of repair,it was a good little car,but it taught me how to take care of things, In those days there were not many Boys that had a car to drive during High School years,and if they over stepped their privileges,they soon got grounded.

Elmer and Claence both had bicycles but I never did own one untill I moved to Loomis when I was 80 years old,but I did learn to ride when I was a kid,I learned on Clarence's,it did not have a coaster brake,I was too little to sit on the seat,I put my leg thru the frame and stood on the pedals,sort of awkward,but it worked,later I could sit on the seat and give the pedals a slight push when they came to the top.

I remember one time Oscar Carlson,he lived with his folks about 1.1/2 miles west and a mile south of the ranch,we went to the same school.anyway he,decided to come over on his bicycle,we had made an H shaped gate out of pipe,the long pipe was about 16 ft long,the bottom half was covered with hog fence and the top half had two barb wires stretched across, one end was supported with three eye bolts,it was normaly always open. the Sun was getting low in the West,a beautiful early Spring evening,our neighbor Jacob Jacogson and our neighbor Aloh Benson were visiting accross the road from our place by the mail boxes,as Oscar came along,he thought to himself,"I'll show those old duffers a burst of speed,"he was traveling at a pretty good clip,as he turnrd into our drive way,he looked over his sholder to see if they saw him,the next instant he sailed between the two barb wires of the gate,landing on the other side,with out a scratch,one barb had caught his Overhalls at the waist and ripped out a 1/2 inch strip clear to the hem.

It was the first time that I have ever seen a bicycle that had the front wheel and back wheel side by side,we had forgotten to open the gate.

Elmer and Clarence pinned Oscars overhalls together with shingle nails, then Elmer loaded the bicycle in the back sest of our 1914 model T and took him home, his mother never could figure out what had hspended to his pants.

After graduation from the Elmcreek,NE.High School,in 1921,I had planned on going to College,and takeing Electical Engineering,but we were still haveing a flat ecconimy after World War One, so I decided to work a year and try to earn some money,

I sold my little Saxon to a couple of school mates that had been rideing with me,but I am sorry to say that it did'nt last them the next school year,I fixed it up once after that,but they did'nt take care of it.

As I have mentioned before I went to work for the Local Ford Dealer, in those days the Model T cars were shipped out to the dealer, in Automobile Rail Road Cars,The completed Chasis were stacked in one end of the car with the front end down and the rear up against the out side walls of the Rail-road car and the bodies in the other end of the car.

When we got in a shipment of Fords,the Boss would tell me to go out on the street and round up a bunch of strong backs and weak minds to help us unload cars.after a chasis was moved to the door way,a body was lifted over the steering wheel and put in place, then the car was pulled to the garage and the body bolted down and the Runing Board and Fenders put on,I spent a lot of time,finishing the assembly of a good number of Model T Fords.

It seemed like money was slow in accumulating,and one year followed another,but I did manage to build my first Radio in 1924, surprising but true it did work.

I took some time off from the garage in the fall of 1925 and went with my Uncle Henery Sponberg to help his brother Albert,havest his wheat crop.

21 In 1920 the Ranch again came up for sale so Dad purchased a farm a mile and a half west and a mile South of the Ranch and Uncle Oscar supervised the building of a bungalow type Home for us there, which brings to mind the last time that I saw my little dog 'Joe', in the fall when we were threshing our Barley he disappeared with out a trace, when we were hauling straw that winter we found his body covered up in the straw pile, evidently he had taken a nap in the shade, so when the pile caved in while we were threshing, he was old and stiff he was unable to get clear, Shep had died of old age the year before.

I went out to Kansas to help Uncle Albert Harvest that fall, the crop was not very good, and the price was down to 1.58 per bu, after harvest and uncle Henry went home, I decided to stay and help Uncle Albert seed 1400 acres of wheat, after we had disked the ground Uncle Albert decided to visit Aunt Anna and my cousins Pauline and Floyd in Colo. Springs, CO.

I learned that Uncle Albert was very, unpredictable, he decided to visit other relatives in Denver and Fort Collins, seven days later when we got back to Kansas it had rained while we were gone the fields were green with weeds and volunteer, so back to disking again, no more rain until the last day, was it ever dirty, I decided that Wheat Farming was not for me.

When I got home that fall, Clarence had married and was planning to build his shop 11 miles North of Holdrege, The next Spring I purchased the Tractor from Clarence and continued to do road work for a number of years, I did go out and help Uncle Albert harvest the wheat that I had help seed the fall before.

I had acquired a Model A Ford Sport Coupe, a demonstrator 'the first one that came to Kearney', so that fall I drove out to Wichita, Kansas, Uncle Oscar's were living there then, Uncle Oscar suggested that I apply for a job at the Air Craft Plant as some one had told him that they were hiring out there, I thought, why not, road work was getting scarce and the Townships were slow in their pay, to my surprise, I was hired on the spot, as a welder.

I demonstrated my skills in one Factory and went to work the next morning in another, my new Forman had been visiting at the first place.

So began my short career, working for what is now Beachcraft, about a month later Everett started working there.

Walter Beach the owner of the Company had Government Type Certificates for 30 planes that he could build so after the market crash of 1929, Curtis Wright back East engineered a Hostile take over, when Walter Beach the owner went back there to take over his Vice presidency, '14th or 15th'? all he had was a name on a door. it was said that he took the next flight back to Wichita, it was only a matter of a short time and the Wichita Plant was closed and we were out of a Job, all that Curtis Wright wanted was control of the type Certificates.

I returned to Phelps County in plenty of time to Welcome the 'Dirty 30's', while I was in Wichita, Charles Lindberg had leased a plane to go and see his girl friend, Ann Morrow in South America, her father was Ambassador there, he and Miss Morrow decided to take a plane ride, because of poor maintenance Service, they lost one of the landing wheels on take off, Lindberg put the plane on automatic pilot, it was a seven passenger plane so he took all the loose cushions he could find and packed them around Miss Morrow, then he returned to the Airport and set the plane down on one wheel and the tail skid when the stub shaft hit the Tarmack, the plane flipped over on its back, they were neither of them injured, one wing, rudder, tail surface and propeller was damaged After the plane was shipped back to Wichita, I had the rather dubious honor of rebuilding the rudder.

During the 30's, the REA came in to Phelps County, so I spent several years doing Home and Farmstead Electric wiring, about three years after I was in Wichita I received e letter from 'Beachcraft' the new Company started by Walter Beach offering me an opportunity to have my old job back with out loss of Seniority and an increase in pay, but I decided not to go back.

When World War Two came along I enlisted in the Signal Corp Reserve and started to take training in Radar, too old for active duty, I was farmed out to COLLINS RADIO CO., Cedar Rapids, IA. for the duration of the War.

In 1946 I returned to Holdrege and worked for City Electric for a while, then in 1950, I opened my Radio Shop and operated it for nearly 10 years.

I sold the Shop in 1959, I purchased a 59 Rambler Station Wagon and, Mother and I made a trip to Canada, the occasion was Cousin Hilbert Enquist's daughter Shirly's Wedding, after a leisurely trip home through Wisconsin, I started to work part time for Ottis Oleson Radio, in the mean time we developed a Security System, I told Mr. Olson that I was planning retirement, but would be interested in building the Equipment in my home Basement as a hobby, I didn't realize what I had let my self in for, it became a full time job, and I didn't get retired until almost 10 years later, by then I was 80 years Old, I am satisfied to say, that the Equipment is still performing well, and the young man, whom I taught the 'ropes' and now owns the business, is also doing quite well.

When I put the Security System into production I suppose I had my experience with the Ford Model T in the back of my mind, the first Model T that I remember was a 1909, the Model T was built for nearly 20 years without any changes in the basic parts, despite changes in Models, it was not until EDSEL, Henry Fords son, insisted on change, that a self starter and Generator was added because he didn't want to crank it by hand any more, Edsel even built his own car but it did not get public acceptance so it was discontinued. The electric start Ford came out in 1917.

While we are on Model T Fords, I might mention a feature that I don't believe any other car ever built had and that was that it was easier to start especially in Cold Weather, if you Jacked-up one rear wheel and put in gear before you cranked it, there also was the danger of getting pinned to the barn wall if it 'jumped' off the Jack.

It is very expensive for a Company to retool for Model changes, that is why Cars are so expensive today, they change Models once or twice a year and make too many models, with the cost of labor that it is today, prices are way out of sight.

Getting back to the Security System, I insisted that it be so designed that, no matter how much the receiving equipment was upgraded and new features added, the old pick-up units would still work into the new, there by avoiding a back room full of obsolete equipment and higher cost to the customer.

The idea worked, The new owner and builder told me in 1989 that he had at that time retired the last piece of equipment that I built in 1968, with a new up to date Model at no cost to the customer as it had paid for its self many times over, by its yearly service contract and lease.

Its a good feeling to know when you do some thing right, although I was not able to carry out my early hopes and plans, I have had a full life and I have no regrets, although I have not been able to gain much of this Worlds goods, there seems to always have been sufficient to get by, on March 06, 1927 I made my decision to serve the Lord, during special Services in the Elm Creek M.E. Church conducted by a United Brethern, Bohemian, Bachelor Preacher Amos Rundus.

He was a fine man, I knew that I would never be able to follow in his foot steps, but I hoped that I would not meet my maker intirely empty handed.

About four years ago I was at the Moses Hill Cemetery for a Memorial Service, a young man in his early 60's, came up to me and after the usual greetings, I have known him since he was a kid, put out his hand and said, "I want to thank you, you are responsible for my becoming a Christian". I was speechless, he didn't add any details a few weeks ago he reminded me of it again, All I dare to say is, " PRAISE THE LORD" Thats my Story.

** JOHAN ROBERT LINDSTROM SEPT. 11, 1872 (OCT. 10, 1852)
 MARRIED DEC. 24, 1895
 SPOUSE ALMA LOUVISA SPONGBERG FEB. 05, 1876 (OCT. 13, 1977)
 CHILDREN
 *** SON
 ELMER ROBERT LINDSTROM SEPT. 10, 1896 (MAY 25, 1980)
 MARRIED DEC. 24, 1939
 SPOUSE FLORENCE J. HARRIS NOV. 03, 1909 (MAR. 13, 1988)
 *** SON
 CLARENCE JOHN LINDSTROM NOV. 28, 1897
 MARRIED AUG. 25, 1925
 SPOUSE AGNES CATHERINE FOX MAY 20, 1905
 **** DAUGHTER
 FRANCES LOUISE LINDSTROM JUNE, 09, 1926
 MARRIED MAY 21, 1946
 SPOUSE VERN ZIMBLEMAN JULY 26, 1926
 CHILDREN
 ***** SON
 STANLEY DEAN ZIMBELMAN MAR. 17, 1947
 MARRIED JULY 21, 1973
 SPOUSE REBECCA ELAINE VERTRES JUNE 14, 1954
 ***** SON
 ROGER VERN ZIMBELMAN SEPT. 28, 1957
 MARRIED JUNE 27, 1976
 SPOUSE LITA DAWN SHELDON MAR. 26, 1956
 ***** DAUGHTER
 RENEE JEAN ZIMBELMAN SEPT. 28, 1957
 MARRIED JUNE 04, 1988
 SPOUSE CURTIS THOMPSON SEPT. 14,
 **** DAUGHTER
 ETHEL DELORES LINDSTROM AUG. 08, 1930 (AUG. 01, 1984)
 MARRIED
 SPOUSE MARVIN ROSE
 REMARRIED NOV. 25, 1959
 SPOUSE
 WESLEY CHEREDA OCT. 28,
 CHILDREN
 ***** SON
 WAYNE MARVIN ROSE NOV. 18, 1948
 MARRIED OCT. 21, 1977
 SPOUSE SHARON KAY BENSON NOV. 28,
 ***** SON
 TERRY LEE ROSE OCT. 30
 MARRIED
 SPOUSE DEANA FEB. 22
 *** SON
 ROY ALDIN LINDSTROM JULY 08, 1903



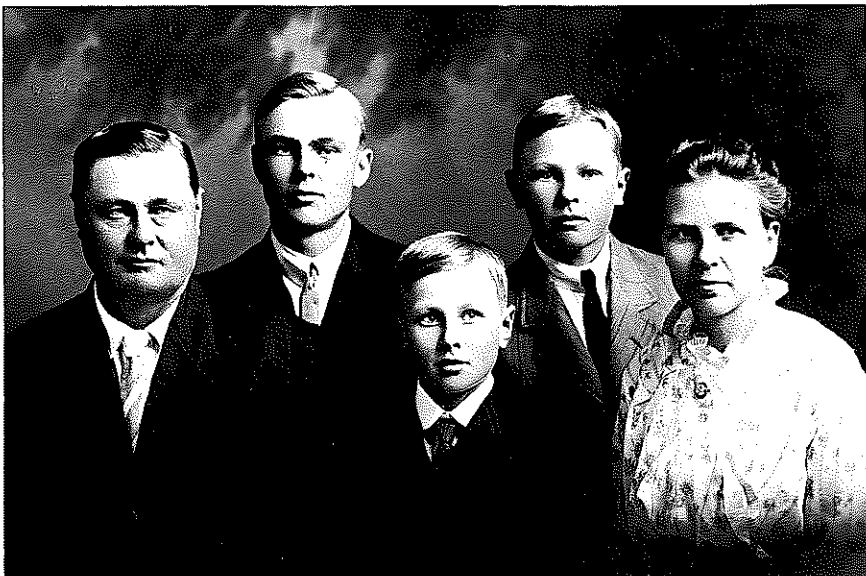
This is the Frame House that had been moved to the Homestead in the early 1900's, I was born here July 08, 1903, there had been a second Sod House built North East of this location but due to the drought they were unable to obtain good Sod for its construction so it did not last very long.

It had been built when Robert my 'Dad' moved back to the Homestead after Grandpa Gustaf died.



Their first Winter in their new Home South of the Platte River, Photo taken about 1908, it was new, no one had live there since it was built.

The only buildings were the House and Barn, mother's father Matt Spongberg built a Hog House for us.



The Robert Lindstrom Family Photo taken some time after they had moved to there new Home. Robert, Elmer, Roy, Clarence and Alma.



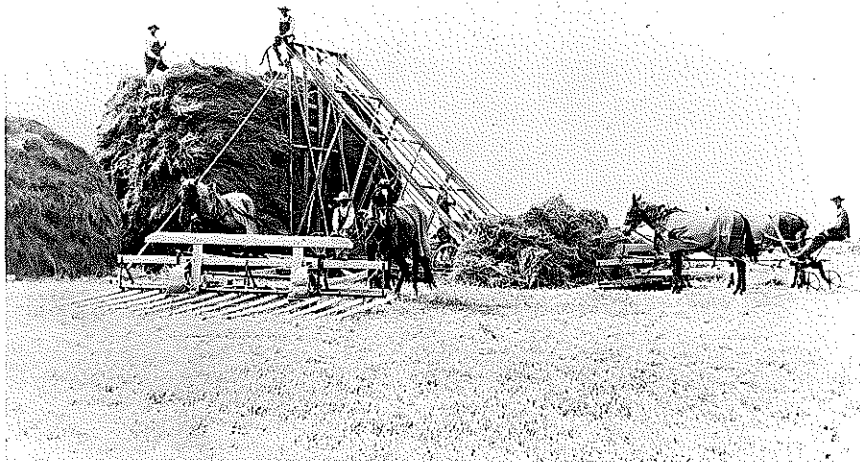
Harvesting Oats with Horse-power, Elmer driving the Binder, Robert on the left and Roy shocking the Oats, my dog Joe in the fore ground.



Elmer and Clarence harvesting Oats, Elmer driving the Wallace Tractor From the 1'st Deering Binder, Clarence operating the Bundel carrier on the 2'nd.



Stacking Oats, Elmer in the stacklaying the Bundels, Robert pitching them to him, I and my cousin Allen Smith clowning at the front of the Hay-rack.



Stacking Alfalfa, the wind blowing a gale from the South the Temperature near 100, Elmer and Clarence driving the two sweeps, Dad in the stack, John Eckholm sitting on the stacker, I am on the other side driving the stacker team.



When the Ranch was sold in 1920 Dad bought a farm 1.1/5 miles West and a mile South of the Ranch, and this became our new home for the next 12 years.

Uncle Oscar supervised the building of it for us, Mother Alma Lindstrom had seen a house near like it, so Uncle Oscar went and looked at the one she had seen and this was the result.

Full Basement, Kitchen, Dining Room, living Room, one bed Room and Bath on the first floor and 3 Bed Rooms on the second floor.

This picture was taken before the glassed-in front porch was finished in the fall of 1920.



Elmer's first Row Crop Tractor a Minneapolis Moline 'Universal' it was a two cylinder Front wheel drive, the rear cart was removable so you could mount the front end on the equipment you planed to use and drive it from the equipment like a team of horses, I remember one time he was going to use it to run his Corn Sheller, it was in the Winter, the wheel lugs were frozen down, so when he let in the clutch he and the cart went up in the air, he released the clutch and came down so hard he nearly broke the seat spring.



This picture shows the finished Porch after it was glassed in, the basement Garage of the old House, the West side of the garage was at ground level, the upper part with the entrance to the East contained my first Radio Shop.

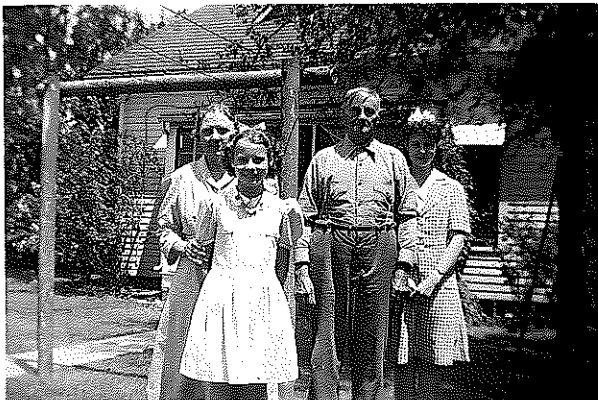


Dad in the farm yard, the barn in the background and the Hog house to his right, Dad enjoyed raising Hogs, althou it some times was not very profitable, one time during the 30's, Dad and Elmer loaded a male hog that weighed about 350lbs, and took it to the Kearney Sale Barn, after paying the Sales Commision, Dad had a Dollar and a half left, then there was the time when he got hog colera and lost the entire herd except one.



Robert and Alma at their retirement Home at 709 West Ave., Holdrege, NE., after Elmer and Florence got married, Dec. 24, 1939, Dad sold the farm to them, and Mother and Dad moved to Holdrege, at first they rented a place, then in 1940, I inlisted in the Signal Corps Reserve not knowing what the fortunes of War might bring, I purchased this Home for them, with the Title made out with Survivor Ownership listing the three of us.

Dad died Oct. 10, 1952 and Mother died Oct. 13, 1977.



Mother and Dad in the back yard of their new Home with their granddaughters Frances and Delores.

When Irrigation came in Dad spent many hours making Lath-boxes for the Farmers, they were used to control the water flow to each Corn row, they were later replaced by Plastic Siphon Tubes.

24 ANNA CHRISTINA LINDSTROM the only daughter of GUSTAF and JOHANNA LINDSTROM was born NOV.08,1895,the three oldest Children were all married within three years,Anna married Charley ENQUIST, Feb.22,1896.

The three oldest,CARL (Charlie),JOHAN (Robert)and ANNA started to raise their families about the same time, so by the time that I came along there was usually quite a gang of kids around,as we would get together quite often.

In those days there was much visiting among relatives and friends,so it was a rare Sunday that there was'nt a family get together some where.

The Sunday dinners were something else,it was the custom that the adults ate at the first table,and they usually took plenty of time,so too full to leave the table,it seemed like hours,while us kids slowly starved to death,waiting for a chance at the 'last peice' of chicken to cross the fence.

I remember one time we were at Aunt Anna and Uncle CHAS.,a short time before they moved to Canada,after dinner us kids, there must have been a dozen,took the tongue out of the Spring wagon,tied a rope to the front axel to stear with, then we pushed it out to the pasture and up a hill, then we would 'load up'and coast down the hill into the'draw',we had a great time.

One time comming down the hill, Harry and Hilbert were steering and lost control,hit a washout and the Spring wagon upset with a load of screaming,yelling kids, after untangling a mess of arms,legs and bodies, we found that no one had as much as a scratch, after a breek examination of the Spring wagon it was decided that,this should be the last ride of the day.

A few days later Uncle Chas.,took the Spring wagon and went to the Blacksmith HELINE to have some plow shares sharpened,the blacksmith told Chas.he better have that rear wheel fixed on his wagon ,because he would not get home with it the way it was, Chas.,looked at the wheel in amasement,'how and when could that have happened'he had to borrow a buggy from the blacksmith to get home,I might note,there were a bunch of kids that had a complete loss of memory as to what happened the preceding Sunday.

After the Chas.Enquist Family moved to Canada,it seemed that we only had infrequent contact with them,except a few lines at Christmas time or when some one got married, ORPHA ELISABETH was the first of the daughters to get married,she married JOSEPK ARTHUR CALEN Mar.24,1920,they were blest with quite a large family,four sons and three daughters.

ELSIE CHRISTINA was married to DAVID ERNEST CALEN Dec.10,1924,a brother to JOSEPH,they had two sons,ERNEST RAMOND and RONALD DAVID.

Ronald David died in a Snow Mobile accident,Nov.22,1974, Ronald was working on a Government Project in Northern Manitoba,He and three of his friends had gone on an outing on two Snow Mobiles,accros the frozen over lake, coming back that evening they took another route,RONALD was driving the lead vehicle, hit either thin ice or open water,his companion jumped clear and was rescued from the water by the other members of the party.Ronald went down with the Snow Mobile,Scuba Divers from the Rescue Service,located the Snow Mobile,but found no trace of Ronalds body,in the Spring,two Indians who were fishing on the lake,found his body,one of them stayed with it,while the other went to notify the authorities,where the Indians found his body was nearly 60 miles down the lake from where Ronald went down.

Elsie and David celebrated their 65'th Wedding Anniversary Dec,10,1989 and at this writing are still living in Minnedosa,Manitoba,Canada.

ELNA ELANOR ENQUIST was the third one to get married, she married HARRY ENKERMAN BENTLY, July 17, 1922, after their marriage they moved to Ontario, Canada where her husband was employed, It was there that their two children, JOYCE ELEANOR and JOHN (Jack) HENRY were born.

After her husband reached retirement, Elna and Harry bought into a Condominium, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, so they became separated from their children, who, by then were also married, by almost the width of the Country.

Joyce came out to our place and stayed with us the most of one summer, after we had moved off the Ranch.

Elna's husband died April 25, 1979, she later remarried to FRED MCKAY on May 18, 1985 and they continue to live in Victoria, B.C.

My informaion about the ENQUIST family after they moved to CANADA is very meager as we did'nt hear from them very often, usually only at Christmas time, and then only a short note, correspondence between the Lindstrom relation never was any thing to brag about.

HILBERT CARL ENQUIST WAS MARRIED TO GLADYS LILLIAN ? , on Dec. 27, 1922 he farmed a few years and later turned to carpenter work.

Which brings to mind a trip I made to California in 1936, I decided to take my Dad Robert and Mother Alma out there to visit some old friends that had moved out there from Phelps County and also see the Rose Parade at Pasadena Cal., I also invited Vinny Carlson ower close neighbor to go along, this was before he was married. we started out just after Christmas.

When we got to the Colorado Mountains we hit Snowy weather, when we finally got to California we stopped to visit Alfred Hedell and family, Dad liked Hogs so we walked to the pen where they had one presumably to butcher, it looked like an Arkansas Raiser Back, Dad said this is the first time that I ever seen a Wine'o Hog, they were feeding it scraps from the Grape Harvest.

Alfred's Son was quite a character, he told me about a trick he pulled on Hilbert while they still lived in Phelps County, "he told Hilbert that when his mother churned Butter he got the left over Butter milk, then he would churn that, then he took the resulting "butter" to town and sold it, spending money was pretty scarce for Hilbert so he thought that was a pretty good idea So the next time his Mother churned, Hilbert begged for the Butter milk and started to work, as time went by and the Sun's temperature climbed, so did Hilbert's, it was'nt safe for his sisters to come near him as he began to realize that he had been taken, anyway the Hedells moved to California and the Enquist's moved to Canada so there were no casualties."

Hilbert and Gladys had four children, EARL STANFORD, KENNETH NORMAN, VINCENT LYLE and SHIRLY LILLIAN, when Mother, Alma Lindstrom and I were to Shirly's Wedding, Earl was operating a Mink Farm, later he and his family moved to Vancouver Island, B.C.

KENNETH NORMAN died July 25, 1966 due to some sort of accident.

A few years after Shirley and Ray Shoemaker were married, they and Vincent and Joan and their families moved to Chilliwak, Canada, close to the West Coast, East of Vancouver, B.C., so it was not long before Hilbert and Gladys followed them, to be near their children. Gladys died there Aug. 22, 1986.

Now David and Elsie and their family are the only ones still living in Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada, the original destination when the ENQUIST Family left the U.S. for Canada.

Martin Ek's who owned the farm that Larry Lindstrom purched, and built his new home were living in Canada when the Enquist Family moved there, and were more or less responsible for the Enquist's making the move.

** ANNA CHRISTINA LINDSTROM ENQUIST NOV. 08,1875 (JAN. 26,1955)

MARRIED FEB. 22,1896

SPOUSE KARL (CHARLEY) ENQUIST NOV. 11,1866 (NOV. 19,1927)

*** DAUGHTER ORPHA ELIZABETH ENQUIST DEC. 31,1896 (JUNE 24,1980)

MARRIED MAR. 24,1920

SPOUSE JOSEPH ARTHUR CALEN AUG. 16,1894 (FEB. 16,1951)

CHILDREN

**** DORIS IOLA NOV. 30,1920 (JULY 12,1952)

**** JOHN ELSWORTH MAR. 03,1922

**** FLOYD WARREN JULY 31,1923

**** HAZEL EVELYN JUNE 01,1925

**** GARNET WALDEN NOV. 19,1927

**** LAWRENCE ARTHUR OCT. 12,1929

**** KIETH LESTER MAR. 05,1932

*** DAUGHTER ELSIE CHRISTINA ENQUIST MAY 04,1898

MARRIED DEC. 10,1924

SPOUSE DAVID ERNEST CALEN MAR. 25,1896

CHILDREN

**** SON ERNEST RAYMOND FEB. 03,1929

**** SON RONALD DAVID JAN. 10,1937 (NOV.22,1974)

*** SON HILBERT CARL ENQUIST JAN. 07,1900

MARRIED DEC. @&,1922

SPOUSE GLADYS LILLIAN MAR. 25,1899 (AUG.27,1986)

CHILDREN

**** EARL STANFORD JULY 22, 1923

**** KENNETH NORMAN JUNE 03, 1925 (JULY 25,1966)

**** VINCENT LYLE MAR. 09, 1927

**** SHIRLY LILLIAN JUNE 30, 1934

*** DAUGHTER ELNA ELANOR ENQUIST AUG. 07, 1901

MARRIED JULY 17, 1922

SPOUSE HARRY ENKERMAN BENTLY SEPT.30, 1895 (APRIL 25,1979)

CHILDREN

**** JOYCE ELEANOR OCT. 08, 1925

**** JOHN (JACK) HENRY NOV. 11, 1930



Karl (Charley) Enquist and
Anna Lindstrom Enquist relaxing in
their Minnedosa, Manitoba, Canada Home,
after their Children were all married
and had families of their own.

OSCAR LEANORD LINDSTROM FAMILY

OSCAR LEANORD LINDSTROM, the fifth and last of the children born in Sweden was born Sept. 28, 1877 and was approximately seven years old when the family came to Phelps County, Nebr. some of his early life is recorded in the Gustaf Lindstrom History and does not need to be repeated here, except to say that his bout with the Rattle Snake left its mark on his health in later life, as he was in and out of the Hospital several times for different ailments.

Oscar married ALMA JOHNSON Dec. 13, 1905, they had the misfortune to lose their first and only daughter ALICE RUTH, Sept. 07, 1907, she was less than a year old, even though I was only four years old I remember it quite vividly, I asked my brother Clarence, who at this writing is over 92 years old if he remembered the funeral, he said, "I will never forget that", he was one of the Pallbearers and as they set the Casket over the open grave, his hat blew off and fell into the open grave, of course it was retrieved after the Service but he was pretty hard to console in the meantime.

Oscar and Alma's first son EVERETT OTTIS was born Dec. 22, 1908 in Phelps County, I don't remember whether they were living in Loomis then or not, about that time he had a job driving a Tank Wagon for Standard Oil Co. delivering Kerosene, Gasoline and Oil, locally and in the Country driving a team of mules. The team and Tank wagon furnished by the Co., I doubt that he made much money.

In 1911 Oscar, Alma and son Everett, moved to Grant, Nebr. in Perkins County their second son HAROLD FLOREN was born there Nov. 28, 1911, Oscar went into partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Clarence Ashwood, in a Livery Business and Stable, they had teams and Buggies for rent to Traveling men, they also had two Automobiles for hire. Uncle Oscar also was doing some carpenter work.

On June 30, 1916 their third son ROBERT EUGENE was born, that completed the Oscar Lindstrom Family. That fall Grandma JOHANNA died Nov. 06, 1916.

That fall, my Dad, Robert was looking for a smaller place to farm as the Ranch was being sold, so Dad decided to see what the Country was like in Perkins and Kimball Counties, so early one morning, Dad, Clarence and I and Cousin Sidney, started out for Grant where Uncle Oscar lived, when we got there, Uncle Oscar had just moved in to the new two story home he had built.

On the day before we arrived, Uncle Oscar had accidentally gotten his hand in a Router, being that he was unable to work it was decided that he would go with us to Kimball, NE. where Dad had a couple of friends who had moved there from Phelps County, I don't think Uncle Oscar enjoyed the trip as he was in considerable pain the whole time.

It was an interesting trip, Cousin Sidney got a chance to have his picture taken at the roadside sign of his namesake Town, SIDNEY, NE.

A few years later misfortune came to the Oscar Lindstrom Family in another way, their Livery Business burned, horses, buggies, cars, everything, it was common knowledge that Arson was the cause, but nothing could be proved.

They had no Insurance, so the resulting debt took his Home as well, Uncle Oscar who was in poor health, from a neglected Gall problem ended up in the Hospital in Omaha, NE.

They later moved to Omaha and Uncle Oscar tried to obtain work as a Carpenter, but we were still suffering from a flat economy following WORLD WAR 1, so jobs were almost impossible to find.

Adversity seemed to follow the Oscar Lindstrom Family, nearly, every where they moved, some time after I visited them in Omaha, in 1926, their two younger sons, Harold and Robert and Clarence Ashwood's two daughters went to Carter Lake Amusement Park for an afternoon of fun.

While they were there they decided to take a ride on the Roler Coaster Robert and the older girl got in the first car and Harold and the yoynger took the second.,

I dont remember how many cars were in the string, as they were being pulled up to the top to begin their ride, the car that Robert (Bob) and the older girl were riding in jumped the track and pulled the second car after it, the first car pulled loose and fell to the ground, landing right side up, Bob and the older girl were uninjured but badly shook up, Harold and the younger girl either jumped or fell from the hanging car, the girl was nearly scalped, possibly hitting some braceing Harold, received a crushed thumb and a concussion, they were in the Hospitol for quite a while, how many other people were injured in the mishap I dont remember.

Oscar and family moved to Wichita, Kansas in 1927 where he contiued to do carpenter work, Everett and I worked for Travel Air Aircraft Co., it is now Beachcraft, Harold went to work for Westinghouse Electric Dist, as a stock boy, he was about 16 years old.

After the Aircraft Plant closed in 1929, Everett went to work for a Car dealer in the wheal alignmnt Dept., Everett showed such aptitude to that type of work, that the Bear Equipment Co., offered to take him to Kansas City and train him and ater he had completed the training they would set him up in his own business in Wichita, they were true to their promise.

Everett had the best equipped and the only place capable of straightening frames and aligning wheels on the big Oil Trucks between Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chicago, Ill., so it looks like the fotunes of the Oscar Lindstrom Family has finally chaanged.

Everett married Alberta Graham, Sept. 07, 1930, Uncle Oscar built Everett a new home in Wichita, and later another business in Wellington, Kan. he and his partner purchased a Chrysler Agency and Alinment place in Winfield, Kan.

Everett and Alberta have three daughters Sue Ann and her husband Duwane Weickman, live in Wichita, Janet and her husband Milton Willis, live in Wyoming, and Sherrie and her husband Richard C. Andersen Jr. live in Wichita.

Everett and his family and Uncle Oscar and Aunt Alma were very active in the Asbery Methodist Church, Everett found time to fill in as Lay Preacher,

When Everett retired he and his partner sold the property in Winfield and Wellington, the operation in Wichita he turned over to his employee's on a profit shareing bases. he built a new home west of Wichita, but it has already been included in the City Limits. Everett died Oct. 20, 1989.

Harold continued to work for Westinghouse Dist., the Manager was an Alcoholic and used Harold as a cover, he was a poor role model, Harold becme practicaly Assistant Manager, as time went on, Harold became more cynical and self centered, his boss knew that his job with the Company depended on Harold. as the pressure's increased, Harold started to use liquor as a crutch.

Harold got married and Uncle Oscar built them a new Home in Wichita, but their marriage was destined to go on the rocks, if they had some disagreement they were unnable to talk things out, Harold was always right, and he would leave in a 'huff' and be gone two or three days, finally, Margret took their son Barry and moved to Denver, Colo.

Westinghous Management knew what was going on, and felt that Harold had great potential, and tried to get Harold to exept a transfer to another location and they would do there best to help him solve his problem. But Harold would never admit that he had a problem, he died May 15, 1975.

29 Robert (Bob) Eugene the youngest son of Oscar and Alma Lindstrom was born when they lived in Perkins County NE., and completed his education after they moved to Wichita, he worked at odd jobs until he took a job with an Insurance Company on Sept. 20, 1941, he was married to Betty Germaine Snyder.

Bob and his wife moved to Forsythe Missouri where Betty's folks had retired and Bob purchased a Bait Station there, it was a retirement community just being developed.

My brother Clarence and I took my boat and we went there for a weeks fishing, it was a great place to spend a vacation.

In fact I went there several times, one time I stopped in Wichita and picked up Everett and his Partner and we spent a few days, another time we went in the early Spring when the White Bass were on their Spawning Run, I caught the largest White Bass that I ever caught then, nearly 4.1/5 lbs.

Bob and Betty had three children, the first one was a young Teenager, Mary, that they adopted while they still lived in Wichita then they had two of their own after they moved to Forsythe, Mo., Marybeth and Sarah Elisabeth.

Bob started having health problems, so he sold his business and went to work for an Insurance company in Springfield Mo., the Doctors told him to hang in there just a little longer as there had been a new By-Pass procedure developed that showed great promise for problems like his and they were scheduling him as soon as possible, Bob died at his home a couple of weeks later of a heart attack., He was buried in the Snyder Lot at the Forsythe, Missouri Cemetery.

Everett and Alberta celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 07, 1980, my brother Clarence and his wife Agnes and I, together with George Lindstrom and his wife Aline, my sister in law Florence and Margaret Carlson went there for the occasion.

Everett and Alberta both started having health problems Everett died Oct. 20, 1989, Alberta has Alzheimois Disease and at this writing is in a special Treatment Unit for that type of ailment.

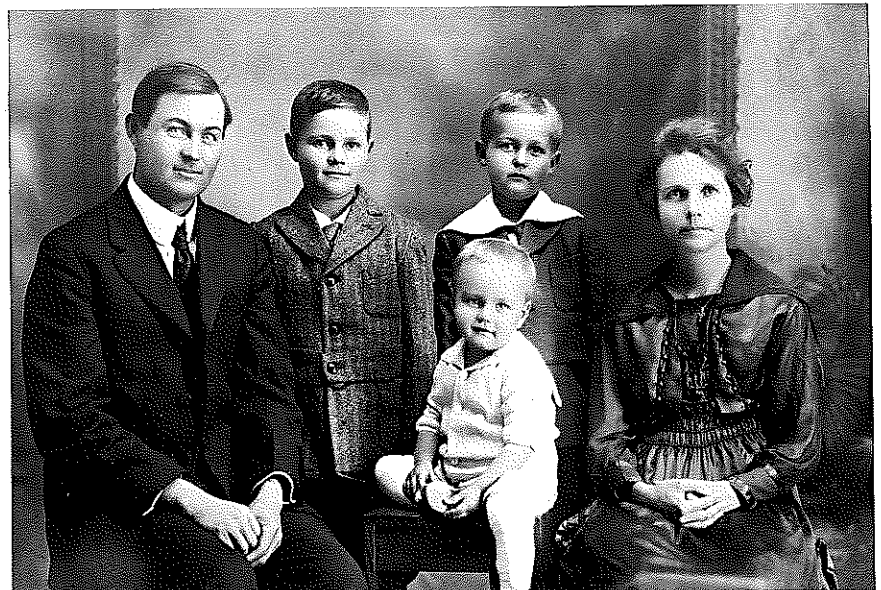
Sue Ann and her husband Duane Weickman have two children, Son, Todd E. and Daughter, Stacie J. Wiekman, Todd is Vice precedent and General Manager of Dillon Tire Co whose home base is in Lincoln, NE., Stacie will graduate this next Summer (1992) with a masters Degree in Physical Therapy from K.U. Medical Center in Kansas City.

Janet and her husband Milton Willis have two children, Son Scott A. and Daughter Sharron K. Willis.

Sheryl and her husband Richard C. Andersen Jr. also have two children, Sons Ryan C. and Drew M. Andersen.

The Oscar Lindstrom Family

Oscar Leanord Lindstrom
Everett Ottis
Harold Floren
Robert Eugene (seated)
Alma Johnson Lindstrom



30	**	OSCAR LEANORD LINDSTROM	SEPT. 28,1877 (SEPT.28,1955)
		MARRIED	DEC. 13,1905
		SPOUSE ALMA JOHNSON	AUG. 25,1887 (APRIL 21,1954)
		DAUGHTER	
	***	ALICE RUTH LINDSTROM	OCT. 29,1906 (SEPT. 07,1907)
	***	SON EVERETT OTTIS LINDSTROM	DEC. 22,1908 (OCT. 20,1989)
		MARRIED	Sept. 07,1930
		SPOUSE ALBERTA GRAHAM	Oct. 02,1909
		DAUGHTER	
	***	SUE ANN LINDSTROM	April 19,1934
		MARRIED	JULY 28,1961
		SPOUSE DUANE WIECHMAN	April 06,1934
		CHILDREN	
	****	Son Todd E.WIECHMAN	Aug. 21,1963
	****	Daughter Stacie J.Wiechman	Aug. 19,1968
	***	DAUGHTER JANET K.LINDSTROM	May 04,1940
		MARRIED	JULY 14,1962
		SPOUSE MILTON WILLIS	Nov. 04,1938
		CHILDREN	
	****	Son Scott A.Willis	Nov. 16,1966
	****	Daughter Sharron K.Willis	June 07,1974
	***	DAUGHTER SHERYL G. LINDSTROM	Jan. 24,1946
		MARRIED	DEC. 19,1970
		SPOUSE RICHARD C. ANDERSEN JR.	Feb. 15,1944
		CHILDREN	
	****	SON Ryan C. Anderson	Jan. 06,1974
	****	SON Drew M. ANDERSEN	Sept.07,1977
	***	SON HAROLD FLOREN LINDSTROM	NOV. 28,1911 (MAY 15,1975)
		MARRIED	
		SPOUSE MARGRET	
		CHILDREN	
	****	BERNARD (BUTCH) LINDSTROM	
	***	SON ROBERT EUGENE LINDSTROM	JUNE 30,1916 (June 08,1968)
		MARRIED	SEPT 20,1941
		SPOUSE BETTY GERMAINE SNYDER	
		CHILDREN	
	****	Daughter MARY LINDSTROM (adopted)	
	****	Daughter MARYBETH LINDSTROM	OCT. 23,1958
	****	Daughter Sara ELIZABETH LINDSTROM	

OTTO RUDOLPH LINDSTROM

31 OTTO RUDOLPH LINDSTROM the fifth son of GUSTAF and JOHANNA LINDSTROM was born in Phelps County, May 08, 1881, shortly after the Lindstroms had moved from Kearney, NE. to Phelps County.

Otto lived on a farm a half mile North and three fourths of a mile West of the home stead after he married ANNA SPONGBERG my mothers sister.

Otto and Anna's first daughter, Gladys was a premature still born, their second daughter Pauline Gladys was born Sept. 1, 1909 in Phelps County.

Otto was very fond of horses and could do most any thing with them.

I remember one time we were putting up hay in the meadow next to the river, Otto had trained his team to operate the Over Shot Dane Haystacker without him holding the reins, by just a word from him, after the sweep had put a load on the stacker fork they would pull up the load and dump it into the stack, then back up and be ready for another load, that way Otto could help Dad in the Hay Stack.

We had a fellow working for us by the name of Swanquist, who got very jealous of Otto and his team, thinking they had it much easier than he and his mules, Dad finally got tired of the griping, so he told Swanquist that if he could train his mules to work like Otto's team they could change places, one decision my Dad regretted.

The mules pulled up a couple of loads with him at the reins then they refused to back up any more.

Swanquist beat, cried and cursed in both Swedish and broken English to no avail, finally the mules took off, pulled the empty fork to the top of the stacker, wrapped the rope around the hay stack and up set the haystacker.

The rest of the day was spent repairing the damage, 'moral, never underestimate the stubbornness of a pair of mules or a Sweed'.

Otto farmed a few years then he had a sale and they moved to Holdrege, it was there that their son FLOYD KENNETH was born.

Otto worked for a Coal Dealer, delivering coal to the residents of HOLDREGE, Otto had developed a liquor problem so their marriage ended in separation, Aunt Anna took Floyd with her and moved to Colorado Springs where she had some relatives, Pauline stayed with us for a couple of years and we went to country school together, then Pauline joined her mother in Colorado.

Otto went to Missouri Valley and was gone for a number of years, before returning to Phelps County, he was never able to solve his liquor problem.

Aunt Anna got a job in the laundry at Stratton Home for Children so Pauline and Floyd grew up at the Home, when Pauline and Floyd finished High School in Colorado Springs, Aunt Anna purchased a home in Colorado Springs and worked as a Hair Stylist in a Salon, one time she was nearly electrocuted from a faulty Hair drier.

Pauline worked in the office of the City Electric Co., Floyd started his career working for a Produce Co., and was still working there trucking produce to and from California when he was called into the Service during World War 2.

Pauline Married WILLIAM H. ROHE Mar. 18, 1945, Her husband operated a Grocery Store for a number of years, then he sold the store and semi retired Pauline and "Bill" enjoyed going to the Gunnison River, fly fishing for Trout, Pauline got quite adept at handling a fly-rod, Bill invested his money in discount mortgages, they had one, a Motel that they had to repossess, so they operated it for a couple of years until they were able to resell it.

32 After her husband died Pauline moved into a High Rise Apartmnt in Colorado Springs, CO. and still lives there, while I was able to travel I would visit her in the fall of nearly every year, we still keep in touch by phone and letter.

Floyd Kenneth was born in Holdrege, NE., June 21, 1912, and moved with his mother to Colo. Springs when he was about two years old, he spent his early years at the Straton Childrens Home where his mother worked as a Matron, Pauline joined them there later, they both went to High School in Colorado, Springs.

After High School Floyd went to work for a produce Co., trucking Fruit and Produce to and from California, and was still doing that when he was called into Military Service in July 1942.

He was sent to North Africa in 1943 as a replacement to Company H of the 7th Infantry, one of the oldest Regiments in the U.S. Army, known as the "Cotton Balers", a name they earned during the Mexican/American Conflict because they used Cotton Bales for Breast works.

His Service to his Country can be characterized as having little regard for his own safety when his fellow soldiers were involved.

He received his first citation from an incident, when their Convoy was being 'strafed' by Fighter Planes and Bombers, they were ordered to take cover, the driver of one of the trucks failed to set the brakes on the truck and it started to roll toward a group of Soldiers who didn't see it coming, in spite of the 'hostile' fire, Floyd ran to the Truck, climbed in and turned it in to the bank, there by not only saving some of his fellow soldiers, but their equipment as well, his trucking experience served him well, he received the Silver Star on Aug. 19, 1943 and the Congressional Medal of Honor, Nov. 11, 1943.

He received the Citation for the Congressional Medal of Honor, after they entered the toe of Italy and were proceeding up the Boot, his Platoon was attempting to take some high ground but were stopped by heavy fire from a Mortar position, the platoon commander ordered a withdrawal, in his Machine gun position, Floyd and his Loader were cut off by a German Machine gun position so they could not retreat. Floyd moved his position several yards forward, then he turned over his Machine gun and told him to cover him, then with only his hand gun he ran forward, the German Machine Gun kicking up dirt at his heels, he 'dispatched' the Germans, pulled the heavy German machine gun to his position, then went back a second time, and got two 50lb boxes of ammunition for it, then he and his loader subjected the Mortar position to such intense fire that they had to leave it, without their Mortar fire the German Riflemen also retreated, Floyd's Platoon Commander realizing what was happening, ordered an advance but before they got in position again the battle for the hill was over, I am sorry that Floyd's loader did not get equal recognition, Floyd could never have done it without him, but that is the fortunes of War.

Floyd could have returned to the States and received his Citation from President Roosevelt personally but elected to stay with his Buddies, and take part in an Amphibious Landing further up the boot. He was killed on the Anzio Beachhead Feb. 03, 1944.

Floyd received two Citations from the Italian Government, the CROSS of WAR and the CROSS of VALLOR.

Floyd was first buried in Italy and later reinterred, his final resting place is beside his mother in Rose Lawn Cemetery, Colorado Springs CO.

Pauline made a shadow box picture of Floyd's Medals and Ribbons and donated it to the Pioneer Museum in Colo. Springs, I am afraid that turned out to be a mistake, as she lost control of them, they promised that they would make them a part of a Military display, after forty some odd years nothing has been done, it is probably lying in some obscure corner collecting dust and cob webs.

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** OTTO RUDOLPH LINDSTROM

APRIL 08,1881 (NOV.19,1954)

MARRIED
SPOUSE
DAUGHTER

ANNA SPONGBERG

APRIL 27,1885 (MAR.14,1970)

PAULINE GLADYS LINDSTROM

SEPT. 01,1909

MARRIED
SPOUSE

WILLIAM H. ROHE

MARCH 18,1945

SON

FLOYD KENNETH LINDSTROM

JUNE 21,1912 (FEB. 03,1944)



Pauline holding the Shadow Box containing the MEDALS and RIBBONS FLOYD received during World War 2 in Italy.

EMIL WILJAM LINDSTROM the sixth son of GUSTAF and JOHANNA was born in Phelps County, presumably the first one to be born in the new Soddy.

Quite by nature, he was very interested in the machine age, I think he had the first Threshing machine in the Lindstrom relation, I am not sure but I think the Steam Engine was an Advance return Flue and the Separator was a Buffalo Pitch, Emil nick named the Engine 'ALICE', I think it was his one and only Love because he never Married.

Emil and his younger brother AUGUST EDVALL took over the farming of the Homestead after we moved to the Ranch, I will continue their story more or less together, Grandma and Emil still lived in the Old Soddy and when August got married to Anna Carlson, Nov. 12, 1912, they moved in to the frame house where we used to live. When Uncle Charlie built the new house where Aline Lindstrom now lives, the built on kitchen of the old house was moved to the Homestead and was placed a little West and North of of the Square Frame House but still a little distance South of the Soddy and became Uncle Emil's home, Grandma, moved in with Uncle August and Aunt Anna, the Old Soddy had finally given up as a home, the West wall was removed and a double door was put in and it was used as a garage for some time.

About this time August and Anna's first Son KENNETH was born Mar. 09, 1914, and was followed by there second Son, MORRIS AUGUST, May 26, 1915.

I will always remember 1915, it was the wettest year that I can remember, on the Ranch we had Alfalfa Stacks that stood in 2 feet of water, the ditch on each side of the road past our place ran full, East to the intersection of what is now Highway 183, then North to the River, There were times that our chickens were not able to get down off the roosts, Clarence had to use a Raft to get across to feed them, on a raised plat form because there was six inches of water on the floor, the rain fall for the year was 40 inches.

The large Steam Threshing rigs were soon on the way out, and were replaced with smaller machines, that were powered by farm tractors, some times two or three neighbors would buy one together, that way they had their own crew and would not have to wait untill late in the fall for their turn.

But progress did not stop there, the next step was the self contained Combine, and with the developement of the Corn head, nearly every Farmer has his own harvesting Machine.

The first Automobile that Emil and August had was a REO TWO Cylinder one seat, it was followed by a TWO Cylinder MAXWELL, followed by a Four Cylinder WHITING, after that I sort, of lost track.

Emil and August had built a machine shed a little North and West of the Old Soddy a frame building covered with sheet iron, with two large doors to the South, to keep the wood Threshing Machine in when it was not in use.

August and Anna's third son CURTIS was born May 04, 1920 and was followed by JOHN, who died in infancy Dec. 11, 1924.

I have mentioned before that there were lean years following World War 1 due to the Economy and Drought. Uncle Emil took a job with the County Road Dept., during the 30's and continued with that until his retirement.

Kenneth followed in his Uncle Emils foot steps and never married, he took over Emils County job when Emil retired and continued to work at that until he was forced to quit because of healt reasons.

Morris served in the Army over Seas, during World War 2, upon his return he married VIRGINIA IRENE JOHNSON, July 30, 1952, he farmed a few years when they were first married.

35 When the Lindstroms moved off the Homestead, Uncle August purchased a Country Gas Station six miles North of Holdrege, Morris assisted him in its operation, Morris had purchased 80 Acres of land across the road from the Station, but rented out the crop land, after Morris and Virginia quit farming Virginia taught School in Elm Creek and later in Holdrege, Morris worked as a Custodian at the Holdrege Post Office and later at the First National Bank until they retired to their remodeled Home on the 80.

Curtis completed his High School Education in Loomis, He married Esther Carlson, Mar. 14, 1942 and they farmed North of Holdrege a number of years, then when they decided to quit farming they moved to Grand Island, NE., and Curtis started working for Sidles Company an Auto Parts Distributor, after working there a few years Curtis was transferred to Norton Kansas another Company Store, his next move was to Loomis, NE. where he became Utilities Manager and Marshal, he held that position a few years then he and Esther moved to Holdrege, NE., he went to work for S&W Auto Parts, Esther and Curtis had one daughter, Julie Marie, Julie married Larry Nyberg and they live in Loomis, NE. Curtis retired shortly after Esther died, May 04, 1983.

I always enjoyed working for or with Uncle Emil, I remember one time, I was, maybe 16 years old, Uncle Emil offered me a job to be "Water Monkey", the job entailed keeping his Steam Engine supplied with Water and Coal, I was in 'Sevent Heaven' partly because I was 'nuts' about Steam Engines and because I was going to be a part of the Threshing Crew, Dad said that I could take the Mules to pull the tank wagon.

Things went fine for a few days, then we had a few days of no wind, the stock tanks were nearly empty, I was barely man enough to lift water out of a Cistern and sometimes I would have only a half a tank when I would hear two short blasts from the whistle, which meant the Engine was getting low on water and I would have to roll up my hose, and drive as fast as the Mules would go to get there in time, and then there were the times when 'irate' farm wives run me off the place because they were not about to share their water with an old Steam Engine, anyway the job soon lost its glamour.

So, later when I started Grading Roads, I was only too glad to have Uncle Emil work for me, and when he worked for the County and had any problems, I was only too glad to help out.

Uncle Emil had a hobby that he really enjoyed and that was Fishing, he and Cousin Kenneth spent nearly every weekend at some Lake or Sand Pit during the Summer, he had several other 'fishing buddies' as well.

Uncle Emil spent his final years at Christian Homes a Senior Care Home, he died Nov. 24, 1960.



Emil Lindstrom's Two Cylinder REO, John E. Carlson at the steering wheel Emil and Carl Olsen ready for a ride

When the Homestead was sold, the Barn in the back-ground was torn down and some of the Lumber became a part of the new Home that Larry Lindstrom built in the same Section.

** EMIL WILLJAM LINDSTROM MAY 19,1884 (NOV. 24,1960)

EMIL never Married, he and his brother August were in partnership in the operation of the Old Homestead and were the last of the Lindstroms to live there.

** AUGUST EDVALL LINDSTROM OCT. 05,1886 (NOV. 05,1955)

MARRIED NOV. 12,1912
SPOUSE ANNA CARLSON APRIL 15,1892 (MAY 01,1882)

*** SON
KENNETH LINDSTROM MAR. 09,1914 (DEC.25,1968)

*** SON
MORRIS AUGUST LINDSTROM MAY 26,1915 (JAN. 21,1989)

MARRIED JULY 30, 1952
SPOUSE VIRGINIA IRENE JOHNSON JAN. 03. 19233

*** SON
CURTIS LINDSTROM MAY 04,1920
MARRIED MAR. 14,1942
SPOUSE ESTHER MARIE CARLSON MAR. 10,1910

**** DAUGHTER
JULIE MARIE LINDSTROM AUG. 18,1944
MARRIED OCT. 24,1964
SPOUSE LARRY NYBERG JAN. 07,1940
DAUGHTER

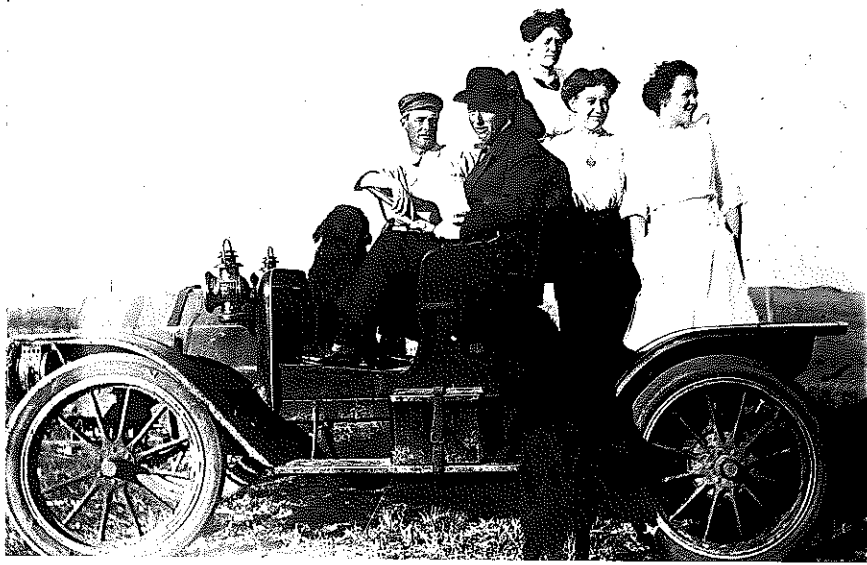
***** MICHELLE ANN NYBERG OCT. 25,1966
MARRIED JULY 18,1987
SPOUSE ROBERT LAUVALLEUR AUG. 10,1965
DAUGHTER

***** KELSEY MARIE LAUVALLEUR MAY 31,1991

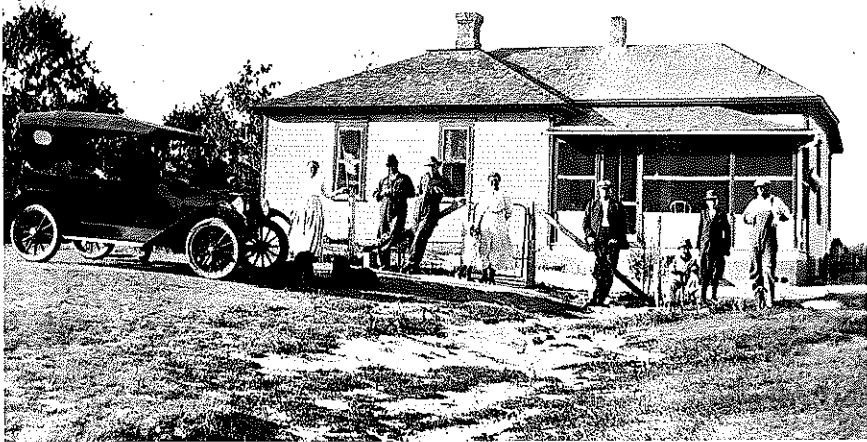
SON
***** MICHAEL BRET NYBERG SEPT. 22,1969

SON
***** KURT RYAN NYBERG SEPT. 05,1973

SON
*** JOHN LINDSTROM DEC. 11,1924 (DEC.11,1924)



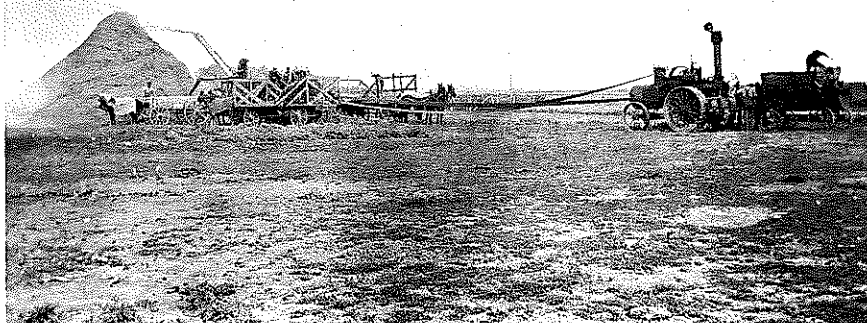
August Lindstrom in his Two cylinder Maxwell Roadster, left to right-August, John E. Carlson, Tekla Rosenquist, Anna Carlson Lindstrom, and Manda Rosenquist. Picture taken after August and Anna were married Nov. 12, 1912.



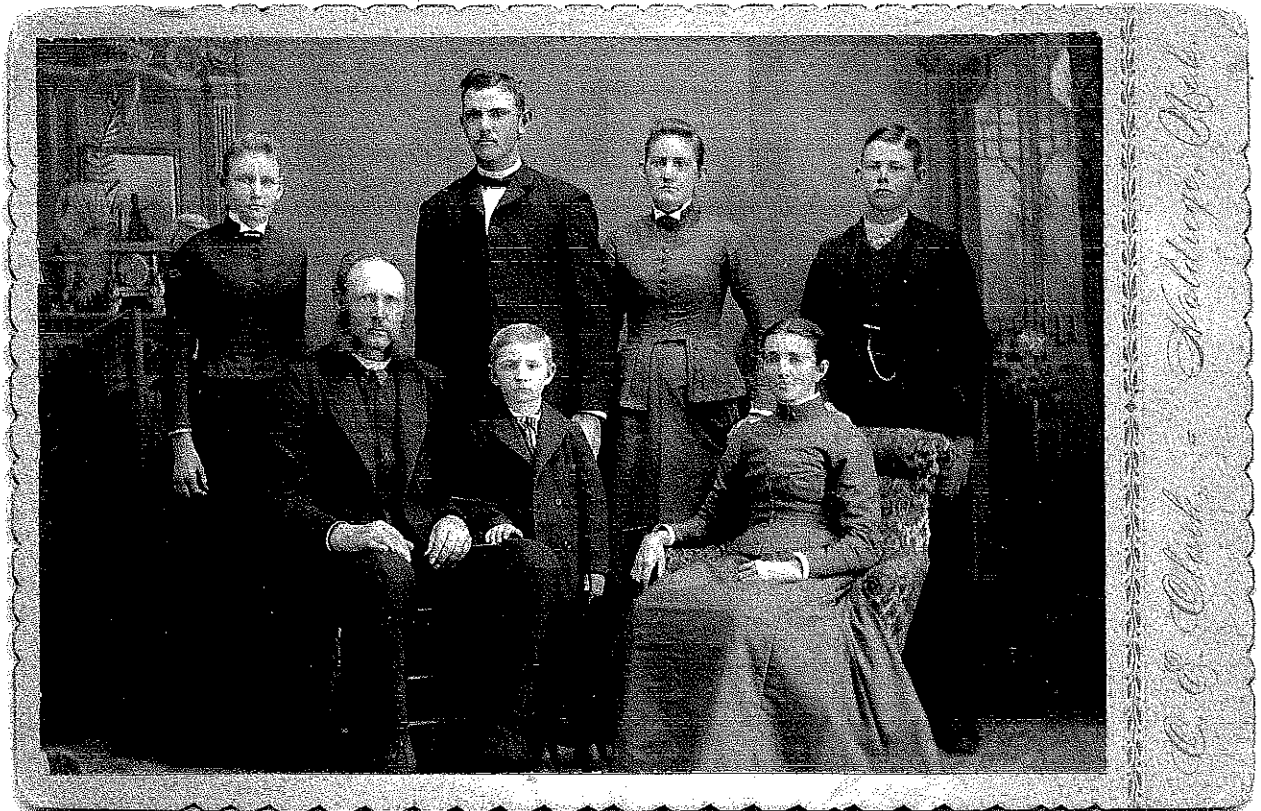
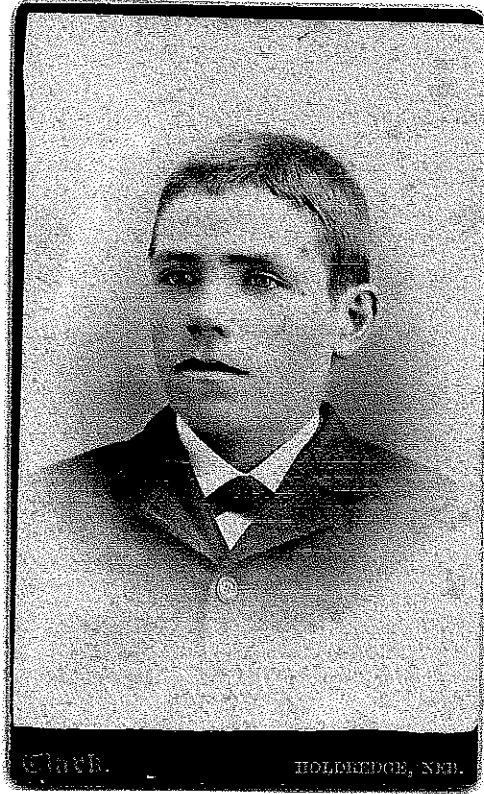
While we lived in this Home the addition had been added to the East, so when we moved to the Ranch South of the Platte River, Uncle August and Grandma Johanna moved into it, then when August got married it became their Home.

Grandma Johanna lived with them until she died, Nov. 06, 1916.

This picture was taken in 1918, left to right, Alma Lindstrom, Emil Lindstrom, Elmer Lindstrom, Morris Lindstrom, Anna Lindstrom, Robert Lindstrom, Kenneth Lindstrom, Roy Lindstrom and August Lindstrom.



Emil Lindstrom threshing Barley for us with his Return Flue Steam Engine and Buffalo Pitch Separator.



Carl
David
Hedel

b. Feb 20, 1868
emigrated to
No. America
4-7-1884