

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Brandes, Henry C. Senator _____

Represented Pottawattamie County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 14 Apr 1852 Brunswick, Germany

2. Marriage (s) date place

Magdaline Miller 11 Mar 1874 La Salle County, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Elk; I.O.O.F.

C. Profession Farmer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 32nd, 33rd General Assemblies 1907, 1909

6. Public Offices

A. Local Pottawattamie County commission 1896-1906; township trustee 1877-1896; County supervisor 1896-1903

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 24 Oct 1925 Council Bluffs, Iowa; buried Silver Valley Cemetery Jones

8. Children George; Walter; Celis (Mrs. Arthur Simon); Ada; Leslie; Hattie; Milton; Raymond

9. Names of parents Henry C. and Dorothy (Katz) Brandes

10. Education Attended public schools in his home in Germany;
he also attended school in La Salle County, Illinois

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

- He was raised in the town of his birth until age 16 when he
came to America settling in La Salle County, Ill.
- For several years he worked as a farm hand and later engaged on
a rented farm.
- In 1874 he moved to Pottawattamie County buying a farm
where he lived until his death located near Hamlet, Iowa.
- He returned to La Salle County, Illinois until 1877 and then returned to
his Pottawattamie County, Iowa farm.
- His land holdings increased until he owned over 500 acres.
- His wife Magdalena, born 1856, died 1937, also buried in
Silver Valley Cemetery, James Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa

HENRY BRANDES PIONEER SETTLER PASSES AWAY

Successful Farmer, County Commissioner And A Member Of The Iowa General Assembly

Henry C. Brandes, one of the best known men in East Pottawattamie county passed away at the Jenny Edmondson hospital at Council Bluffs Saturday after an operation.

Mr. Brandes had been in poor health the past several months but his case was not considered serious by his family, until the past few weeks, when he was taken to the hospital.

The news of his death is a severe blow to his many friends all over the state, as he was a man of large acquaintance all over the state.

Henry C. Brandes was born in Brunswick, Germany, on the 14th day of April, 1852, making him 72 years, seven months and three days old at the time of his death. He was raised in the town of his birth until he was sixteen years old, where he attended the public schools. At the age of sixteen he came to America, taking his abode in LaSelle county, Illinois, where he again attended school and took advantage of the opportunity offered him by his adopted country. For several year he worked as a farm hand and afterwards engaged in farming on his own account on a rented farm.

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readers are familiar with known as the McClean system sanitation, so-called because it developed on some McClean county hog farms. The system has spread far and wide, of course, and the testimonials of hog men as to its merits leaves no doubt of the fact that in many cases it has taken the gamut of hog-raising.

During the progress of the meeting at the Lippold farm, Mr. McDonald said to Mr. Lippold where his old hog pens were. "On so many farms where hogs are raised," said Mr. McDonald, "there are old hog lots which have been used for years and years. I do not know to see any on this farm."

Mr. Lippold explained that he does not have any old hog lots. He farrows his pigs in a central hog house, before farrowing every precaution is taken to see that the young piglets when they are farrowed, will not be exposed to the infection of the many parasites which prey on pigs which may be taken in with the mother's milk. If sanitary precautions are not observed. Lye and kerosene are used in scrubbing the pens and the sows' udders are also

The writer Mr. Lippold stated that about 10 days after the pigs are farrowed he takes the sows and pigs to a clean alfalfa ground. On this ground he has small houses of different types. Some of these houses are about 10 feet in area, and hold one or two sows each. All are moveable, so they can be quickly and easily moved to new places, at any time. The sows are kept out on the new ground practically all day, so that the danger of infection from roundworms and other parasites is passed.

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A Sensational Wild Steer.

Walker occurred one day last week. Mr. Walker had a wild steer, a nasty old fellow, he ran away from home and went to the green pasture at Henry V. Rock farm where he was a trespasser for some time. Mr. Walker had tried to get this old fellow to come home before and put in several hours chasing him over the pasture. He was a wild eyed fellow, said one of the men, who beat the fence by two jumps. He declared that the steer had green eyes and ought to know as he was pretentious.

Walker appeared at Mr. Rock's place with four brave men—all from the neighborhood and noted for getting out of a place in a hurry. They had ropes and halters. They held a council of war to decide who was to be the chase. Six of the cow-punchers succeeded in correlling the steer and driving all into the barn without any serious mishap. A council of war was again held and Mr. Horst was given the most dangerous point—a place in the barn in the barn's better days there was a door. Mr. Walker was to take the rope, and the twirling. In his first attempt he missed everything and fell on the side of the barn. Farmer Horst declared that they place a halter on the beast and then lasso him. Doc Horst brought forth a rope one-half inch thick and eighty feet long, and

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In 1899 Mr. Brandes was elected a member of the county commissioners of this county, a position he held with credit to the county and himself. He served as a member of that body until 1906. He was elected as a member of the state legislature in 1906 and served two terms, where he was recognized as a man of ability, honest and of fine character, a power in his community for the better things of life.

Henry Brandes was a man who was honest in all dealings with his fellow men, he would much rather give the other fellow a little the best of a bargain than to have him think he was trying to beat him.

One of the best compliments we have heard of Mr. Brandes was said by Felix Setz to us Monday. Mr. Setz said he had known Henry Brandes most all his life and never knew of one dishonest act he ever did.

In the death of Henry Brandes our county has lost an influential citizen, the community a true friend and neighbor and the family a good husband and father.

The funeral was held Monday at the Silver Creek church, seven miles southwest of Hancock, where a large number of his friends and neighbors assembled to pay their last respects to one who had made the world better that he had lived and whose life was lived as to be un-reproached.

HISTORY

of

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA

FROM THE EARLIEST HISTORIC TIMES TO 1907

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ALSO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF
SOME PROMINENT CITIZENS
OF THE COUNTY

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city to make her home, near her mother, brothers and sisters, and now resides at No. 22 Benton street. Mr. Craig gained many warm friends during the years of his residence here, because of his genial manner, friendly spirit and cordial disposition, which made him very popular. In his family he was a devoted husband and father, and in all life's relations was worthy the trust and friendship which he won so easily.

HON. HENRY C. BRANDES.

While much is said concerning the dishonesty and unreliability of those in high official positions—and indeed there are too many lapses from the path of rectitude—the great majority of men who are in office are true to the trust and have the best interests of the commonwealth and the country at heart. Abraham Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time." In this lies the safety of our American government with its unlimited franchise, and election to office is the expression of public confidence in the individual. In the case of Henry C. Brandes it is a confidence well merited—so says public opinion—and as representative in the state legislature he is proving an able member of the assembly.

Born in Brunswick, Germany, on the 14th of April, 1852, he is a son of Henry C. and Dorothy (Ketz) Brandes, in whose family were four children but he is the only one that has ever crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Both the father and mother spent their entire lives in Germany. Mr. Brandes was reared at home and obtained his education in the public schools of his native country and of Illinois after he came to the United States. In 1868, when sixteen years of age, he sought a home in the new world and took up his abode in La Salle county, Illinois, where he attained his majority. As opportunity offered he there attended school and not only acquired a knowledge of the branches of learning therein taught but also acquainted himself with the English language. For some years he worked as a farm hand and afterward engaged in farming on his own account on rented land.

In 1874 he made a trip to Pottawattamie county and with the money which he had saved from his earnings as the result of his industry and economy he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of farm land where he now resides. He did not remain in Iowa at that time, however, but returned to La Salle county, Illinois, where he continued to make his home until 1877. He then brought his family to Pottawattamie county, where he has since lived, covering a period of thirty years. In his business affairs he has prospered and has added to his original investment from time to time until his farm now comprises five hundred and twenty acres of rich and productive land. It is, moreover, one of the best improved farms in James township. The land has been divided into fields of convenient size by well kept fences and through the rotation of crops and the careful cultivation

of the fields he annually gathers abundant harvests. The buildings, too, are substantial, modern and in good repair and the latest improved farm machinery is used to facilitate the work of the fields. In fact Mr. Brandes is regarded as one of the most progressive agriculturists of the county and his success is well deserved.

On the 11th of March, 1874, in La Salle county, Illinois, Mr. Brandes was married to Miss Magdalene Miller, a native of Livingston county, Illinois, and unto them have been born eight children: George and Walter, who are farming in James township; Celia, the wife of Arthur Simon, of York township; Ada, who is engaged in teaching school; Leslie, Hattie, Milton and Raymond, all at home.

Mr. Brandes' position is never an equivocal one upon questions of public interest. In politics he is a pronounced republican and a stalwart champion of the party, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. He has served for years as a delegate to the state and county conventions and in 1896 he was elected county supervisor, in which position he served continuously by re-election until the 1st of January, 1903. He was elected to the state legislature in November, 1906. He is now ably serving as a member of the house and is recognized as a working member of the law-making body of the state. He belongs to Valley lodge, No. 439, I. O. O. F., of Hancock; to Council Bluffs lodge, B. P. O. E.; and to the Evangelical Association. His membership relations indicate much of his character, showing the principles which govern his actions and shape his life. He stands today as one of the distinguished residents of Pottawattamie county, a man of great strength of character and breadth of view, who has shaped his own destiny and has arisen to his present position by reason of individual merit.

JOHN P. DAVIS.

John P. Davis, manager of the Pioneer Implement Company, of Council Bluffs, his intense and well directed energy bringing to the enterprise a large measure of success, is numbered among the native sons of Illinois, his birth having occurred in Fulton county, that state, in 1861. He is a son of Joseph S. Davis, a native of New Jersey, who at the time of the Civil war responded to the country's call for aid. He had in the meantime become a resident of Illinois and later enlisted in the regular United States Army and served for several years, doing his full duty as a soldier whose first interest is to his country. His loyalty to the old flag was never questioned and he did valiant aid for the Union cause.

It was in the year 1870 that Joseph S. Davis removed from Illinois to Pottawattamie county, Iowa, settling on the farm where John P. Davis, then a youth of nine years, was reared. He attended the public schools and remained at home until 1879, when he came to Council Bluffs and secured a position as office boy with the Pioneer Implement Company. The story of his fidelity to duty, his trustworthiness and his capacity is shown in the

and has one son Jason.

Maxine has 3 girls, Annie, Susan and Jennifer Martin. Now married to Dave Bryson.

After being a lab worker and a doctors nurse she went back to college in 1974. She was awarded a college scholarship and maintained top grades. Graduated August 21, 1977 with an associate degree in science as registered nurse. Lives in Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston.

William married to Anne Wuest has two girls Michelle and Cynthia. Has degrees of Fine and Master of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science. He was chosen to head the Ceramics design department at Kansas University in Lawrence, Kansas. Taught at Texas Lutheran college and also 6 years at Purdue University in Ind.

Irene works at Saulk Institute as Safety Engineer in southern California. Her husband Kim Winfield teaches at Oceanside. They have Nancy and Charles Bracker Winfield. I was in California and helped care for them when they were born. Both babies coming home with their mother when less than a day old.

Leon married Joanne Gochenour and has one son Troy. They both graduated from Dana and Greeley, Colo. have master degrees in education. She teaches at Midland College as Girls coach and Leon at grade school in Fremont, Nebr.

On Sept. 10th, 1977, Charlie was admitted to Mercy Hospital with heart trouble. On Sept. 12 he suffered a massive coronary. On Sept. 14 he went in to congestive failure. We weren't given any hope but he stabilized and continued to get better. After a month and two days he was allowed to go home and get better.

Neighbors and friends and relations gathered on his first Saturday home to combine beans. The corn was combined the same way before he came home. This was greatly appreciated by Charlie and Grace. A great aid in helping him get well.

This brings us to Thanksgiving time when all 3 boys and their families gathered to be thankful for all their blessings.

JOHAN AND SOPHIA BRACKER

Sofia Manddelko and Johan Bracker. Johan was a General in the German Army, moved to and lived in Chicago. Two children were born to them; Frederick (b. Nov. 28, 1876, d. May 22, 1944), and John (b. May 10, 1878, d. Jan. 20, 1959). Johan died when Frederick was 4 and John was 2.

Sofia Bracker and boys came to Council Bluffs area and she married Peter Rief. They then had four girls: Pauline, (married Joe Laythan), Augusta (married Clea McIntosh), Rose (married Fred Erickson — then when a widow she married James Christiansen), and Margaret (married John Thompson).

Pauline and Joe's children were William, Rose, Albert. Augusta and Clea's children were Laura, Lynell, William, Margaret, Eunith, Robert, Grace, Bernice, Mary Jane, Ellen, Donald. (Robert was killed with a buzz saw in 1935.) Rose's children were Charlie, Freddie, Geraldine Erickson, Jimmy Christiansen. Margaret and John Thompson's children were: Roy, Leonard, William, Freeman, Edna, Carl, Fredda.

John Bracker never married (he is buried in Hazel Dell Cemetery).

Fredrick married Jennie Woodruff, (a 122 school teacher). Their children are Carrie

Margaret Sump and twin who died at birth, George Fredrick (Bud), died, Rose Powell, John Joseph (Joe), Edith (died at age 8, Dec. 1921), Charles Edward (Charlie), Thomas Allen (Tom) died, Sara Elizabeth (Sis) Billesbach, infant died at birth Jan. 23, 1915.

Some of the relatives came over on the Mayflower. Not attempting to go back that far will start at.

Peter Da La Montanye b. 1-25-1757-died in 1828. A Revolutionary soldier married Gertrude Keater whose father was Nicholas Keator. Johannes Longyear b.3-24-1754, died 8-31-1824. A Revolutionary soldier married Annatge Winner b. 1754 died 1843. Then Issaca Da La Montanye b. 3-29-1812 died 10-26-1874. Married Marie Longyear b. 1786. Josiah Turner b. 10-17-1813, died 4-21-1893 married Jan. 1st, 1835 to Jane Da La Montanye b. 3-29-1812 died 10-26-1874. They had 12 children. Only two lived to marry. Also William Woodruff married Katherine Mitchell. Sarah Turner b. 11-30-1851, died 1-23-1917 married Franklin P. Woodruff on 1-2-1880, born 6-16-1852, died 9-9-1893. Buried in Hazel Dell cemetery. Their children were Jane born 11-22-1881 died Oct. 23rd, 1974; May b. 5-8-1883, d. single buried in Hazel Dell Cemetery; Lizzie b. 9-4-1885, d. married George Taylor; Carrie b. 1-26-1887, d. married Warren Harvey b. 10-7-1882; Anna b. 9-6-1889, d. married Harvey Park Nov. 1915; William born 11-4-1892, died 11-4-1896. Buried in Hazel Dell Cemetery.

Then Jane married Fredrick Bracker b. Nov. 28, 1876 d. May 22, 1944. They lived in Hazel Dell and Boomer Township all their lives. Both are buried in Hazel Dell Township Cemetery.

Their children are Carrie Sump and a twin buried in Rief cemetery; George (Bud) died March 19, 1964. Buried in Hazel Dell Cemetery; Rose Powell; John Joseph (Joe); Edith died at age 8, Dec. 1921. Buried in Hazel Dell; Charles born Feb. 22, 1912; Thomas died May 11, 1974; Sara Billesback; Infant died at birth Jan. 23, 1915. Buried at Hazel Dell.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BRADEN

George Washington Braden was born in Missouri 1837. He was married to Allie Adeline Isom, also born in Missouri. They were married in 1856. They were the parents of six children of whom Martha Louisa was one.

He was inducted into the 4th Cavalry Division of the Militia at Bogard, Mo. during the Civil War. He was taken prisoner by the South and was taken to the Libby prison, where he spent some time. He escaped when the Northerners came and got back with his company. He was sent back home in 1865. The family packed two covered wagons and with a team of oxen and a team of horses came to Iowa. They lived for several years on a farm owned by a Mr. Turner of Big Grove, now Oakland.

George Braden also helped to survey the roads etc. in Washington Twp. He passed away in 1974. Martha Louisa married Orrin I. Matthews. The rest of the family moved to Thurman, Iowa where they had relatives.



HENRY BRANDES (Five Generations)

Henry Brandes came to America at the age of 17 years, settling at Streator, Illinois. His boat passage was paid by friends for whom he worked to repay the fare while attending school. He married Magdalene Miller in 1875.

In the spring of 1877, he came to Iowa with his wife and infant son living in a covered wagon until a house was built on 160 acres Henry had purchased in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, a vast wild prairie land.

Henry while plowing a field, with walking plow, spotted a small wolf pack. They paced the border of the field following him each round — he at length — unhitched his team and rode one of the horses home.

Eight children were born to Henry and Magdalene. Five sons acquired farmland in Hancock area of Pottawattamie County. Only survivor of the family is Mrs. Hattie Chapman of Huntington Beach, Calif.

Henry Brandes was a staunch Republican; County Supervisor from 1896 to 1906 and State Representative 1906-1910.

To attend a Republican Rally in Council Bluffs, he and his two oldest sons, George and Walter, drove from Hancock to Council Bluffs with a team and buggy. They stayed overnight in Council Bluffs. Early Sunday morning they drove back as far as Neola to attend church services (Presbyterian). To combat winter time cold, the two boys would leave the buggy and run along beside it to keep warm.

Walter Brandes, born 1877, died 1975. He married Martha Busse who came to America at age 7. Martha's father, Carl Busse, was manager of a brickyard in Magdeburg, Germany. He immigrated to America to join the Busse families already here. He had hoped to continue his work in an industrial field but the language barrier prevented. He came to Pottawattamie County to start farming. It was many years before the standard of living enjoyed by his family in Germany was regained.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Brandes

Walter Brandes purchased a 120 acre farm in 1904. He was a born farmer — loved the soil. He was very fond of black horses. At one time he owned eleven black horses for field work and a driving team. He earned money and gained quite a reputation for harness breaking young horses as a young man. Later when farming his land — his fee was the use of a trained horse for a

number of months agreed upon by the owner of the horse and Walter. Many exciting escapades, as a result of this work, are a part of the family lore.

A Christian man, Walter served as Sunday School Superintendent in the Silver Creek Church and was Church Treasurer for 29 years.

The family home was inherited by his son, Warren. At present, Warren's son, Richard of Oakland, Iowa, has taken possession of the farm.

Walter's daughter, Lucille Leaders, inherited equal property, a part of which was her parents' retirement home.

Lucille's first marriage was to Lloyd Mischler, son of Louis Mischler. The original Mischler family emigrated from Switzerland. Louis Mischler and wife, Louisa Ida Sengelmann Mischler owned a farm south of Minden, Iowa.

Lloyd purchased this farm from the Mischler estate. The farm is now deeded to his only daughter, Mrs. H. J. (Carolyn) Lippke of Council Bluffs, Iowa. Carolyn has three children all of whom live in Pottawattamie County. They will be the fifth generation of the Mischler family if the farm south of Minden is retained for their inheritance.

CHESTER BRANDES

Chester Brandes, son of George and Anna (Stude) Brandes was born November 3, 1905 on his parents' farm in James Township. He attended James Center #5 school across the road from the farm. He completed all eight grades at this school. Chester and his brother and sister had the advantage (or disadvantage) of having the school marm boarding at their home. They didn't have the traditional lunch bucket; they had to run home for their dinner! March 25, 1932, Chester married a schoolteacher, Edna Miller, born in Belknap Township February 1, 1912. Her parents were Benjamin and Alice (Taylor) Miller. Edna was the great granddaughter of Pleasant Taylor who ran the Old Taylor Station in Washington Township.

Chester and Edna started their married life on a farm in James Township. In 1934 they moved to the farm where they are now residing. The original 40 acres of this farm was purchased in 1937 from Henry Nicolai. It was known as the "Molasses Brown Farm". When Molasses Brown, a schoolmaster owned this land, he raised sugar cane and made molasses. In addition to this land, Chester farmed his parents' land until 1974. In 1976 he purchased 100 acres that he farmed. This land had been owned and farmed by both his father, George and his grandfather, Henry.

During their farming years they survived depression and drought. They worked with the neighborhood threshing bees; the women cooking all day and the children carrying water to the fields to the busy thirsty men!

They raised a family of four — Joyce, born June 22, 1933, married to Richard Williams and residing in Oakland with their children Cynthia, Randall, Colette, Bryan and Kerry; Roger born December 6, 1935, married to Linda Hunter and farming at Gowrie, Iowa with their children Nathan, Timothy and Lora; Sherryl born November 25, 1942, married to Philip Bane and farming in Washington, Iowa with her three children, Kirk, Andrew and Tonya; Deanna,

born July 9, 1945, married to John Van Eps, a Navy pilot and living in Virginia with children, Matthew and Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandes have now retired and still reside on their farm west of Hancock.

GEORGE BRANDES

George Brandes, eldest son of Henry C. and Magdelene (Miller) Brandes born February 12, 1876 in La Salle County, Illinois came to Pottawattamie County with his parents at the age of one in a covered wagon.

George married Anna Stude, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Young) Stude. Anna, born May 9, 1881 in Streator, Illinois came to Avoca with her parents at the age of three. She was one of eight children. On their way to Council Bluffs to get their marriage license, Anna purchased her wedding dress in Neola; they were married at Silver Creek Church, February 26, 1899.

They immediately settled on a farm in James Township where they lived their entire married life. They spent their entire lives improving the land and building a complete set of new farm buildings. George purchased his first 40 acres at \$32 an acre. Later, he purchased more land and inherited 40 acres of his father's land to reach a total of 220 acres.



George and Anna Brandes 60th Wedding Anniversary
February 26, 1959

There was an ice pond on this farm that supplied ice for all of the communities ice houses. This pond was also the community ice-skating pond. One young cousin, Glenn Miller fell in the icy pond and had to go home for a quick change!

Mrs. Brandes was a true pioneer lady, who worked outside as well as inside while raising a family.

Their children were Magadelene, 1900-1921; Ronald 1901-1977; Chester 1905-, of Hancock; Edna 1910- of Hancock.

The Brandes'es lived across the road from James Center School which was also the township election site and still is the election site at this time. Mrs. Brandes served the trustees dinner at her home on election day.

Mr. and Mrs. Brandes celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1959 at Silver Creek Church where they were married. George died in 1961 and Anna died in 1974.

After their deaths, their land was sold and due to changing times the building site is now again farmland.

BRANDES FAMILY FARM

Grandpa (Henry C.) Brandes came to this country in 1869, from Germany at the age of 16. A family by the name of Baker paid his fare over here. He worked for the Baker family for a year. He reimbursed the Baker family for his

fare, and came to Iowa with his wife and small son in a covered wagon. All he had to his name, you could tie in a red handkerchief.

He then came to James Township where he had purchased 160 acres of land at \$8 per acre in 1874. They lived in the covered wagon until they built a home.

In 1879 he bought 120 acres at 12.40 per acre and in 1880 added 80 acres at \$15.50 per acre, which with 80 acres at \$15 per acre which he purchased in 1882, gave him 440 acres, which contained good buildings and other improvements.

Their house was replaced by a new home in 1904. Part of their old house, was moved to the 120 acres directly east of them. This is where their son Les Brandes lived when he got married.



Brandes Family Farm

This is an excerpt taken from the "Shelby News" Nov. 3, 1882.

A Damnable Deed

Minden, Iowa Nov. 1. On Monday night of this week, a thief went to the barn belonging to Henry Brandes, in James Township, and took the matched pair of black horses belonging to Brandes, and to cover up his tracks, set fire to the barn. Eight head of horses, one or two colts, a thoroughbred bull, 300 bu. of wheat, and several tons of hay were burned up. At last accounts the thief was still at large.

It was later said, the thief was one of the hired men, who had been drinking. He woke up in an up-stairs bedroom with two east, and two south windows, and saw the barn on fire, and thought he was in hell.

This place used to have carbide lights, and then around 1923, Dad put in a light plant, and we had electric lights.

Shortly before 1900, a creamery was operated on this farm. All the farmers around, hauled their cream here to be separated, and to be made into butter. After Walter was married, they built a creamery in Hancock, and Walter and Martha ran the creamery. Ice Cream was made there also.

There have been three weddings performed in this home. Ada Brandes married a minister Rev. L. B. Pruitt, and Hattie Brandes married Raymond Chapman. They walked down the oak stairway and were married. Wayne's sister Elva Joy and Gerald Haas were married here at home also.

The horse barn or west barn was built in 1885. Grandpa Brandes was a dealer and breeder of Clydesdale and Norman horses.

As the house was real big, Grandpa and Grandma Brandes lived on the west end of the house, and Wayne's folks lived on the east end. The house was remodeled in 1939, and about 30 ft. was taken off the east end of the house.