

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative HAGER, JOHN HENRY Senator Hager, John Henry
Henry - Represented Allamakee and Fayette Counties, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 30 August 1871, on farm in Ludlow Twp, Allamakee Co., Ia

2. Marriage (s) date place

~~Grace Mary Falby (8 May 1877 - 6 June 1949), 14 June 1905 (or 1904)~~

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business Farm implement and auto dealer

B. Civic responsibilities

C. Profession

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 41st & 42d GA, 1925-1929 Allamakee Co. - House of Representatives
43d & 44th GA, 1929-1933 SD 40, Allamakee Co. - Senate

6. Public Offices

A. Local

B. State

C. National Co I, 49th Iowa Vol Inf., in Spanish American War

7. Death 10 June 1952, Veterans Memorial Hospital, Waukon; bur. Oakland Cem

8. Children none

9. Names of parents See #12.

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10. Education Breckenridge Preparatory & Business Institute, Decorah

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Father, (Simon) Friederich (Frederick) Hager was born 16 May 1830 in Ratfeld, Lippe-
 Detmold. He was one of four friends, ~~Helmingsmeier, Ruggenmeier~~ and Krueger, who with
 him came to US to escape military service & because of economic conditions. The person
 who went into military service in jhis place died during servite. All came to Sheboygan,
 Wisconsin, where they worked to accumulate money to support move to Iowa. His employer
 offered him a lot in Chicgo (in what is now the Loop), or wages to work in Waukon. He
 chose latter. All four also obtained stock to peddle across ~~xxxxxx~~ Wisconsin as they moved.
 He also spent three years in Bloomington, Ill., where three siblings lived, to help him
 learn ~~Engkuss~~ English. Several years later Helmingsmeier induced his three sisters to come
 to US, and each married one of the others of the quadrumvirate. His wife was (Karoline)
 Wilhelmine Halmingsmeier (most of her relatives used name Helming), born March or May 24
 1837 in Langenhozehausen, Lippe-Detmold. She married Simon ~~Freiderich~~ in Waukon, 8 July 1858.
 They had 8 dauhgters and 5 sons. He took up a saddier's claim 6x miles west of Waukoon,
 broke prairie, fenced and made many substantial improvements. Replaced original farm dwelling
 with brick house. His farm was one of finest and most valuable in section. He left later
 and moved to Waukon. As his daughters married, he gave each \$10,000 as dowery. Also he
 was one of founders of Azlmona Brasbyterian Church in Ludlow Twp.

John, third son and seventh child, started in farm implement business in Waukon in 1895.
 In Spanish American War he was part of 49th Iowa Infantry. Added Buick dealership in 1908.

Mason, Trustee of church, Kiwanis, involved in construction of ~~Betexas~~ Memorial Hospital.
 Survived by widow and two sisters.

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Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
<u>Waukon Republican Standard, Tuesday, June 10, 1952</u>			
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Stork/Clingan, Legislators		x	sessions served
Iowa Official Register 1929-30		x	bio
Senate Journal 1953		x	memorial resolution
History Allamakee Co. 1989		x	bio of relatives, incl father
Past & Present Allamakee Co. 1913		x	bio of brother
Allamakee Co Burial grounds		x	parents in Zalmona he & wife in Oakland
Krueger, Kruegers and Steffens in Ia 1839-1964		x	ref to him
Abernehy/Helming, Hemmingsmeiers fro Lippe-Detmold			
	1990	x	bio data
Whos Who in Iowa 1940		x	

Last Thursday in Waukon 69 children of Allamakee county took advantage of the crippled children's clinic in Waukon. Staff doctors and technicians from the University of Iowa working with the Crippled Children's Society of Iowa examined and diagnosed ailments of children recommended to them by the local physicians. Records

Second Crippled Children's Clinic Held In Waukon, 69 Are Examined

Last Thursday 69 children of Allamakee county took advantage of the State Services for Crippled Children clinic which was held in Waukon at the high school.

The children, all recommended by their attending physician, had the opportunity of being examined by some of the best doctors available from the University of Iowa medical college.

Each child, accompanied by his parents, was examined and a case record was studied. Results of the examination will be sent to the child's physician together with recommended care and treatment.

There were two pediatricians, Doctors R. R. Rembold and J. W. Berg and two orthopedic surgeons, Doctors I. V. Ponseti and J. C. Mulier at the clinic. Incidentally Dr. Ponseti is a native of Spain but is on the staff at SUI and Dr. Mulier is a Belgian doing some advanced work and is a SUI staff member.

Miss Jo Simonson, a speech and hearing consultant and Mike Freil, a speech student, were in charge of that section of the work. Helen Steele was the physical therapist with the clinic. John Taylor and Richard Low, both psychologists from the state division of child welfare were members of the clinic personnel.

The medical social consultants were Dorothy Ryan and Idella Nicholas. Mary Smith was the nutritionist, Janet Burnham the dental hygienist, and Betty Amelon, Bernadeen Laues, Darlene Crouch and Evelyn Black, her medical secretaries.

Four registered and one practical nurse from the county assisted at the clinic. They included Mrs. Bernice Moore and Mrs. Stacia Hartley, both registered nurses from New Albin; Mrs. C. G. Bray, Mrs. Esther Buntrock, both registered nurses and Mrs. Edna Lippe, practical nurse from Waukon.

In addition to these there were 4 who assisted at the clinic either by helping at the school serving lunches to the children and to the clinic personnel or in driving automobiles. Those children requiring laboratory work or x-ray work were transported to the Waukon Veterans Memorial hospital for that work.

These volunteer workers included: Frances Brophy, Lansing; Mrs. Bernard Houlihan, Mrs. Dorothy Schrupp, both of Harpers Ferry; Mrs. Gil Beeler, New Albin; Mrs. Gordon Lau, and Mrs. Roy Nelson, Waterville; and Mrs. W. W. Owen, Mrs. Louis E. Hull, Darlene Kelley, Shirley Stock, Mrs. B. H. Graeber, Mrs. Jarr, and Mrs. Curtis Strug, and Mrs. Cletus Huffman, of Waukon.

There are 32 of these clinics held throughout the state each year beginning in February and continuing through to November. This is the second straight year that such a clinic has been held in Waukon. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

of each child was completed and will be studied and reports sent back to the child's doctor. Here Dr. R. R. Rembold, pediatrician is examining Kenneth Byrnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Byrnes. Assisting with the examination is Mrs. C. G. Bray, Waukon registered nurse while the boy's mother watches the examination with considerable interest.—Waukon Newspapers photo.

Honeymooners Not Happy on Iowa Roads

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ogeburn, who were on a honeymoon trip after being married in Chicago, have a very poor impression of the highway system in Iowa.

The Ogeburns, who live in Maryland, were going south on Highway 13 from Waukon Sunday when they struck some of the blacktop which had broken up during the recent months after the winter months.

Their car spun around and wound up with a broken rear axle and other damage which slowed their honeymoon trip until they had necessary repairs made in Waukon.

John Hager, Civic Leader of Waukon, Dies Tuesday

John Hager, 79, prominent Waukon resident, died at 11:30 a. m. this Tuesday forenoon at the Veterans Memorial hospital in Waukon following a lingering illness.

Born in Ludlow township Mr. Hager moved to Waukon when he was a young man and engaged in the implement business for many years. He served Allamakee county as both a state senator and a state representative and was active in civic affairs of Waukon taking a great interest in the Veterans Memorial hospital and other civic projects.

He was a member of the Masonic orders, a trustee of the First Presbyterian church, a member of the Kiwanis club and in all took an active part.

Survivors include his widow, the former Grace Falby; two sisters, Mrs. John Opfer of Waukon and Mrs. Edward Opfer of Rochester, Minn. His two brothers, Otto and Paul, both preceded him in death, the latter two weeks ago.

Martin Funeral home has charge of the service but no arrangements have been completed as yet.

OPS Representative Coming To Waukon

On Tuesday, June 17 James L. Ryan, business analyst from the consumer goods section of the Iowa office of Price Stabilization, will be in Waukon. He will call on a number of merchants who have filed pricing charts with the OPS.

If any merchant cares to discuss any matters with Ryan they are asked to contact James Emptying prior to June 17 as he will contact Emptying upon his arrival in Waukon.

Carrier Boys To Des Moines Monday

A special bus started from Waukon early Monday morning bound for Des Moines carrying

creation director, announced Tuesday that registration for all boys and girls wishing to participate in the program will be held Friday morning at 9 a. m. at the swimming pool. Registration for swimming, golf, tennis, midget baseball and any other sports desired will be taken at that time. The boys playing in the Junior Legion baseball team will not have to register. Kolarik said.

Hey kids!

Would you like to learn to swim, play golf, tennis or baseball or softball? Would you like to have a complete recreation program in Waukon under capable and trained supervision?

Undoubtedly the answer is yes but there is a big IF. There is a matter of a few dollars to be raised to carry out such a program. In fact there is a matter of \$300.

At the present time it has been said that some \$500 is needed to carry out to a successful conclusion an eight-week program. To help matters along \$200 has been pledged to help such a program and Al Kolarik, popular high school coach, has agreed to serve as supervisor.

Now listen kids. If you would like to be able to go to the swimming pool three mornings a week to learn or be a better swimmer, then spend a couple mornings a week playing golf and the afternoon hours of each day in learning to play softball or baseball and tennis then ask your mother and dad for \$1.00 or more.

Bring those dollars or mail them to the Waukon Newspapers in care of the recreation fund and be assured of such a program.

Kolarik said the municipal swimming pool is available on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday forenoons from 9 until 11 a. m. He said that he could give lessons to non-swimmers on Tuesdays and Fridays and lessons to those who are just beginners on Mondays and Wednesdays forenoons.

Al added that he would give baseball instruction at the athletic field during the afternoons and is already planning to organize a Junior Legion team composed of high school players.

As for tennis instruction that too will be given if there are enough boys and girls wanting to play tennis. Courts are available at the city park for such play. Kolarik added that basketball standards have been erected on one of the tennis courts and there is a possibility that basketball will be added.

This program is open to all boys and girls in Waukon and surrounding area and would continue until some time in August. But listen kids it is up to you to see that this program is a success.

You must do two things in order to see the program gets rolling along smoothly:

1. You must help us raise \$300. Any donations from \$1.00 up is acceptable. Have checks made payable to the Waukon Recreation Fund and send them to the Waukon Newspapers.

2. Then you must get out and join in the fun, that is important. If you raise the money then you should help enjoy the benefits of it but then you wouldn't be boys in the fun.

Remember if the program gets going it will be to your benefit

Local Girls Will Go To Scout Camp Held At Decorah

Waukon Girl Scouts and Brownies are to attend day camp again this year at Phelps park, Decorah, June 23 through 27 from 10 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. daily.

Mrs. Lynn Morrow, president of the local Girl Scout association, announces that the chartered buses which will take girls to Decorah daily will leave the court house at 9 a. m. each morning and the public school at 9:15. No girls are to remain overnight in Decorah and no out-of-town girls are to come to Waukon to remain overnight during the camp period. Only local girls will be transported back and forth on the buses.

Equipment calls for: Nose bag lunch the first day only, a blanket for rest period, safe jack knife, 35 inches of clothes line rope, three clip clothes pins. All equipment must be labeled with the camper's name.

Girls are to wear comfortable slacks and shirts "that dirt won't hurt" and sturdy shoes and socks. No halters or sundresses are permitted. Rain togs should be taken in case the weather seems threatening.

Mrs. E. Sonnkalb Funeral June 11

POSTVILLE—Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Sonnkalb, 82, will be held Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 o'clock in St. Bridget's Catholic church, the Rev. F. Valaster, officiating. Interment will be made in Grand Meadow cemetery.

Mrs. Sonnkalb, former Postville resident, passed away June 7 at the home of her daughter in Parker, S. D., following a period of failing health. She was born March 14, 1870 at Postville and until 12 years ago this had been her home.

She was married to Charles Sonnkalb who preceded her in death in 1911. Three children were born, all of whom survive. Survivors include one son Paul Sonnkalb of Postville, two daughters, Nellie (Mrs. Flagher) of Parker, S. D., and Elizabeth (Mrs. Buren) of Leland. A twin sister, Anna Leul of Postville, several grandchildren, also great grandchildren.

Women Golfers To Open Play Thursday

Women golfers of Waukon will open their season Thursday morning with a 9 o'clock breakfast followed by a round of golf.

It is hoped that enough women will be present to enable the State Legislators Collection, compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

date for an office. A considerable write-in for Democratic party offices but until the vote, by the board on this Tuesday, the date is not known.

But the eyes of the town are focused on the election which has the potential of changing the supervisor post. There are candidates for the position of the five wards, a 35 percent majority by Iowa law for no more than five candidates.

The five candidates are: Kruger, Morrell, Herman, Roland and Dwight J. Van Brock.

Mrs. E. Downing Rites Are Held

POSTVILLE—Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Downing Castalia were held Tuesday at 10 at United Brethren church, the Rev. Marshallton officiating. Mrs. Downing died at the hospital following a long illness.

She was born June 19, 1884, at Postville. She spent her entire life in Pleasant View near Castalia.

Survivors include Roy Hunter of Des Moines, one sister, Edith



After the Allama Wednesday in Waukon gathered to offer the newest honorary member who has completed his term as a leader in this organization. The leader of the organization is the leader of the organization and in 1946 was elected to the advisory committee held since. During the

Mrs. S. Hans Dies On Tuesday

The death of Mrs. S. Hans occurred Tuesday

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

MEMORIALS

JOHN H. HAGER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable John H. Hager, begs leave to submit the following:

John H. Hager was born in Ludlow Township, Allamakee County, Iowa, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hager, on August 30, 1871, and died at Waukon, Iowa, June 10, 1952. His education was acquired in the rural school and Breckenridge Institute at Decorah.

He served in the Spanish-American War with I Company, 49th Iowa Volunteer Infantry. In 1895 he engaged in the farm implement business in Waukon, which he conducted for several years.

June 14, 1905, Mr. Hager married Grace Falby, formerly of Burlington, Vermont. She survives with his two sisters, Mrs. John Opfer, Waukon, and Mrs. Edward Opfer, Rochester, Minnesota. The Hager family circle numbered twelve children, all of whom, with the exception of the sisters mentioned, preceded him in death.

In 1924 he was elected State Representative from Allamakee County, and from 1929 to 1932 served as state senator from the fortieth senatorial district.

He was active in all civic affairs, especially in securing Waukon's Memorial Hospital. A member of the Masonic fraternity for fifty years, the Shrine and Consistory, charter member of the Golf and Kiwanis Clubs, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church, where he served as trustee until his death.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable John H. Hager, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and one who contributed unselfish service to the State of Iowa.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

WM. LINNEVOLD,
A. J. JOHNSON,
GEORGE L. SCOTT,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

versity Law School in 1920. October 10, 1917, enlisted in Battery C, 339th Field Artillery, and on April 12, 1918, while stationed at Camp Dodge, Iowa, was injured in a motor truck accident which resulted in his being confined to the army hospital until the 4th day of January, 1919. While a patient in the army hospital at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in 1918, he met DeElda Kinson, of Minneapolis, Minn., a Red Cross nurse, whom he married following his graduation from the university in 1920. He has one daughter and two sons. Since 1920 has been engaged in the practice of law in the city of Boone, Iowa, and is a member of the firm of Baker and Doran. Has never held any other political office. Member of the American Legion, A. F. and A. M., B. P. O. E., A. T. O. fraternity, and the Lions club of Boone. Elected to state senate November 6th, 1928. Republican in politics.

JOSEPH R. FRAILEY.—Senator from the first district, composed of Lee county, was born in Ft. Madison, March 2, 1876. Graduated Ft. Madison high school in 1893; State University of Iowa, liberal arts, 1898; law, 1900. Second lieutenant, Company F, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, United States Volunteers, during Spanish-American war, and up to the time this regiment was mustered out of service. City solicitor of Ft. Madison from 1905 up to the time he took his seat in the senate, at which time he resigned. Served as a member of the state senate from Lee county in the thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, forty-second and forty-third general assemblies. Connected with the legal department of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad from 1900 to 1905. Practiced law in Ft. Madison since 1905. Is married. Republican in politics. During the political campaigns of 1920, 1924 and 1928, he spoke for the republican national committee in many states. He is trustee of the Cattermole Memorial Library in Ft. Madison, and was one of the trustees of the \$250,000 gift of Alexander Coleman, Esquire, for the purpose of building a road in Lee and Henry counties, Iowa.

FRED C. GILCHRIST.—Senator from the fiftieth district, was born in Pennsylvania in 1868, removed to Iowa 1871, and has lived here since. Educated in common schools and at state teachers' college. Taught school two years and was county superintendent of Pocahontas county 1890-92. Completed law course at state university of Iowa in 1893 and was admitted to the bar. Married Ellen Hurley in 1896 and has three children. Was a member of the house in the twenty-ninth general assembly. Elected to the senate in 1922 and re-elected in 1926. A republican in politics. Residence, Laurens.

O. E. GUNDERSON.—Senator from the forty-first district, composed of Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties, was born in Worth county, Iowa, February 25, 1875. He was educated in the rural schools, St. Ansgar Seminary and Institute, and the Northern Illinois Normal School. For several years he was engaged in farming, merchandising and teaching. In 1903 was elected county superintendent of Worth county and served nine years. He moved to Forest City in 1913 and has been interested in farming, banking and insurance. The communities in which he has lived have called upon him to serve as town clerk, councilman, member of the county fair board, of the city commercial club and as president of the board of trustees of the city library. In 1897 he married Gurine Finnesgard of Kenyon, Minnesota, and has two children, Esther and Harvey. Another son, Maurice, accidentally drowned at Cleak Lake, August 4, 1924. Elected senator in 1924. Re-elected, 1928. A republican in politics.

J. H. HAGER.—Senator from Allamakee and Fayette counties, was born in Allamakee county, August 30, 1871. Received his education in the rural schools and at the Breckenridge Preparatory and Business Institute of Decorah, Iowa. Was quartermaster sergeant, company I, 49 Iowa Vol. infantry, during the Spanish-American war. In 1895, he engaged in the farm implement business at Waukon, and in 1908 added the Buick line of cars and has since continued in that business. Was married June 14, 1905, to Grace Falby, formerly of Burlington, Vermont. Member of the Presbyterian church, Shrine consistory and K. P. lodge, a charter member of the Kiwanis club. Served three years as president of the chamber of commerce. Elected representative in 1924 and 1926. Elected state senator in 1928. Republican in politics.



Jack and Dellene Hager

Marjorie Eleanor (Kobriger) Hager, named him Ronaldo John... Ronaldo to honor the husband of the aunt/midwife who helped in his delivery and John because they wanted to call him Jack. His mother often teased that she wanted a Tom, Dick, and Harry, but instead got a Bob, Jack, and Jerry. (His wife asks, "Then why did she name them Robert, Gerald, and Ronaldo?") Jack and his two older brothers were born in three consecutive leap years.

He attended elementary school in Castalia, Iowa. He was also an active member of Zion Lutheran Church there. While living in Castalia, he attended Postville High School where he participated in all sports offered, but says his best memories are of football and track. He graduated from Postville High in 1955. He joined the U.S. Army in July of 1955 and served at Iron Curtain Border, Regen Germany while stationed at Landshut, Germany. He completed two years of active duty. Then he attended Greer Shop Training, Inc., in Chicago and completed the certification requirements in refrigeration and air conditioning on March 10, 1958. While attending classes in Chicago, he also worked in the mail department at the LaSalle Street Station.

On June 1, 1958 he married Dellene Elaine Schultz. They lived in Monona, Iowa where Jack hauled milk for Carnation Milk Plant and Dellene taught fifth grade. In 1959 they moved to Postville. Jack continued to haul milk for several years, then started working for Postville Implement Company where he is currently employed. Dellene continued teaching in the Monona and Postville schools.

Dellene (Schultz) Hager was born in Postville, Iowa on May 15, 1937, the daughter of Harvey and Hattie (Vogt) Schultz. She has one sister, Joan (Schultz) Moore. Dellene attended first grade at West Grove School in Allamakee County near Postville, then completed her elementary and high school education in Postville, graduating from Postville High School in 1955. (The Class of 1955 started the Postville Youth Center, and Dellene is proud to have the first membership card.) She completed the two-year teacher education program at Iowa State Teachers' College in 1957 and began her teaching career in Monona, Iowa. She continued her education while teaching and graduated with high honors from the University of Northern Iowa in 1968. She is currently teaching in Postville and continues to take interesting courses for college credit. For thirty years, she has been a member of Club of Four, a community organization whose objectives are study, service, and sociability. She is an active and dedicated member of the Postville Volunteer Fire Department, chairman of the Postville Park Board, and a member of the Masonic Lodge and El Kahir Shrine.

Jack and Dellene are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. They enjoy golfing, boating, traveling, reading, and dinners with relatives and friends. Source: Iowa Territorial and State Legislators Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

JAMES AND DEBORAH (SCHULTZ) HAGER

James N. Hager was born in 1945 to Nathan and Alta Hager of Waukon. He attended Ludlow Country School #2 and Waukon High School. Jim also served with the National Guard. Jim started farming with his father, after graduating from Waukon High School and attended Humboldt Institute in Minneapolis.



James Jason Joshua Deborah Hager

In 1971, he married Deborah L.A. Hager, daughter of Cloy and Lorraine Schultz of Postville. Debbie graduated from Postville High School and attended Mankato State College. And now works as the Allamakee County 4-H Program Assistant. They are the parents of two sons, Jason James Hager and Joshua Jonn Hager. Jason and Joshua attend Allamakee Community Schools. Debbie and Jim belong to Zalmona Presbyterian Church, Farm Bureau and other agricultural and community associations. They farm in Ludlow on the Hager farm, that was purchased in 1854 by Jim's Great-Grandfather Fredrick Hager an immigrant from Germany.

Fredrick Hager was among the early settlers in Iowa and who came to this section of the state in 1849. He came to America between 1846-1848. He was suppose to serve in the German army, but paid a man to take his place. This was customary and permissible in Germany at this time. The man who took his place was killed in battle. Fredrick came to Wisconsin and worked near Sheboygan. After working here for sometime his employer gave him a choice of his wages of a lot of land south of there. The land was situated in what is now the Chicago loop area. He choose wages and traveled to Allamakee County and purchased land from the government by a Original Patent signed by President Franklin Pierce in 1854. This land is situated in Ludlow Township west of Waukon. He then returned to Illinois and worked on a farm for wages and to learn to speak English more fluently. Fredrick also spent each winter in Missouri cutting wood for the river boats for needed cash. Fredrick's two sisters, Mrs. August Simmons, and Mrs. Conrad Sanderman and one brother, Simon Hager also came from Germany to settle in this area. One brother, Henrick Hager stayed on the family farm in Germany.

Fredrick married Miss Wilhelmina Helming in 1858 and after the wedding they made their home in Ludlow on the land he had purchased years earlier. He cleared, broke, fenced the land and made improvements when possible. In 1875 he replaced the original farm dwelling with a brick home that is still being used. Fredrick and Wilhelmina had 12 children. Mary Sophie Hager Opfer, Helen Hager Krampe, Minnie Hager

Martha Hager Kiesau, John Hager, Lydia Hager Ludeking, Paul Hager, Emma Hager Opfer, and Clara Hager Opfer. One child died in infancy.

Their son Paul Hager, after going to school at Lime Springs Normal Training and becoming a teacher returned home and helped with the farm. Paul also taught school in Ludlow Country School Number #2 and #3. Paul married Flora Buettell in 1904. Her father was the Reverend Michael Buettell of Zalmona Presbyterian Church in Ludlow. Flora also taught school in Ludlow Country School #3 only at a different time. They had five children: Robert Hager, retired schoolteacher, Waukon; Esther Hager Yates retired secretary, Seminole Florida; Alice Hager Tobin, retired schoolteacher, Adams Wisconsin; Lois Hager Simmonds, retired schoolteacher, Waukon and Nathan Hager retired farmer, Waukon.

Paul's son Nathan began farming with his father on the family farm after high school. Nathan married Alta Gilbertson daughter of Carl and Hilda Gilbertson of Waterville in 1942. Alta worked for Dr. Bakkum in Waukon. Nathan and Alta have been and still are active in many community organizations in Waukon. They reside in Waukon. Nathan and Alta are the parents of three sons; James N. Hager, Waukon, Steven M. Hager, Waukon and Randall C. Hager, Marshalltown. They also have one granddaughter Shay Hager, Marshalltown and two grandsons, Jason and Joshua Hager Waukon.

JOHN (JACK) AND DENISE (WHITE) HAGER

John (Jack) Jeffry Hager was born 6-16-46 to Donald S. and Alice (Palmer) Hager in Waukon. He grew up on a farm in Ludlow Township with his parents, older sister Donelle and younger brother Alan Dale.



John (Jack) and Denise Hager Michael, Jon, Christina, Andrew March 1988

Donald S. Hager was born 5-3-20 on the home farm in Ludlow to Albert Simon and Anna (Helming) Hager. On 2-7-41, Donald married Alice Palmer (born 11-15-18) who was the daughter of James Raymond and Della (Invick) Palmer. Donald farmed in partnership with his father for eleven years until Albert and Anna moved to town. During these years the two families lived in the farm house and Jack was able to follow both men around the farm.

Denise M. White was born 3-29-47 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to J. Robert (Bob) and Uvonne (Hummel) White. She is the third of nine children, having four brothers and four sisters.

Bob White was born 3-8-21 to James C. and Genevieve (Lambert) White. Bob was a rural mail carrier for 30 years, owned a cattle leasing company and a couple farms. In 1971, Bob was elected Mayor of Waukon and served in that capacity until his death 10-4-72 of a heart attack.

Uvonne D Hummel was born 9-5-21 to Alvin P. and Frieda (Chynka) Hummel in New Hampton, Iowa. Uvonne married Bob White on 9-20-41.

Jack Hager and Denise White, high school

church and the latter is active in church and Sunday school work. A resident of this section for fifty-six years and continuously identified with its growth and development, Mr. Sherman has become widely and favorably known in the locality as a man enterprising in business, progressive in citizenship and faithful to all the ties and obligations of life—one of Allamakee county's most honored pioneers.

O. J. HAGER.

O. J. Hager occupies a notable place in financial circles of Waukon as president of the First National Bank, while his connections with other leading institutions through investment or official service make him also one of the country's most conspicuously successful financiers. He is a native son of Iowa, born in Allamakee county April 7, 1867, a son of Fred Hager, who was among the early settlers in Iowa and who came to this section of the state in 1849. He married here Miss Wilhelmina Helming and after the wedding took up a claim some six miles beyond Waukon which he cleared, broke and fenced and upon which he made many substantial improvements, replacing his original farm dwelling by a good brick residence and making his property one of the finest and most valuable in the section. When he left the farm he moved into Waukon and there spent the last years of his life, passing away November 4, 1909, having survived his wife since 1891.

O. J. Hager was reared upon his father's farm and acquired his primary education in the public schools, supplementing this by a three years' course in Decorah College. After laying aside his books he taught for four years but at the end of that time came to Waukon, where he aided in organizing the First National Bank with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars. Mr. Hager was made cashier and he served in that capacity for five years, advancing afterward to the position of president, an office which he still holds. The bank purchased an old building which they tore down and replaced by the present modern and commodious structure which is complete in furnishings and equipment and a worthy competitor with the finest financial institutions in the state. The capital stock has been increased to one hundred thousand dollars and an extensive and growing patronage has been built up, much of the success of the concern being due to Mr. Hager's able and far-sighted management. He is connected in an important way with various other banks in this vicinity, being president of the Waterville Savings Bank; vice president of the New Albin Savings Bank, and a stockholder and director in the Dorchester Savings Bank. He is connected in a similar way with the Brownsville State Bank of Brownsville, Minnesota, and has come to be known as one of the authorities on finance in this part of the country, his standing being based on twenty years of able work along financial lines.

Extensive and important as are his banking interests, Mr. Hager has yet found time to devote to other lines of activity and during the period of his residence here has been prominently connected with many profitable business enterprises. He is a real-estate dealer on an extensive scale, buying and selling Iowa

and Minnesota lands and specializing in improved and unimproved farm properties, in which he has valuable holdings.

On September 20, 1900, Mr. Hager married Miss Ella Stevens, who was born, reared and educated in Waukon. She is a daughter of Peter Stevens, one of the original settlers in Allamakee county and for a number of years a prosperous farmer. He later moved to Waukon. Mr. and Mrs. Hager are the parents of two daughters, Helen and Anna. The family are members of the Presbyterian church and are well known in religious and social circles. They occupy a modern and beautiful residence in Waukon which Mr. Hager erected and which they have made a center of hospitality for their charming circle of friends. Fraternally Mr. Hager is connected with the Knights of Pythias and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. A man of high worth and sterling integrity, he is widely known throughout Allamakee county, a community which has known him during his entire life.

HON. JOHN F. DAYTON.

There is scarcely a phase of legitimate activity in Allamakee county in which Hon. John F. Dayton is not successful and prominent and to the advancement which he has not by his ability, industry and enterprise made substantial contributions. He is one of the county's political leaders, an able and successful member of the bar, a force in the development of the fruit growing industry and each year of his activity since he came to Waukon in 1873 has witnessed his growing prominence in all of these fields of endeavor.

Mr. Dayton was born in Saratoga county, New York, January 10, 1849, and is a son of Dr. Simon N. and Lydia (Houghton) Dayton, natives of New York. Dr. Dayton spent his youth and early manhood in that state and afterward moved to Illinois, locating in Rockford, where he engaged in the general practice of medicine until 1890, when he returned to New York and located in Corinth, where he spent the last years of his life, dying there in the fall of 1899. His wife survived him only a few months, passing away in February, 1900.

John F. Dayton grew to manhood in Rockford, Illinois, and acquired his education in the public schools, graduating from the Rockford high school with the class of 1867. He was afterward a student in Beloit College for three years and when he left that institution read law in Rockford. In 1873 he came to Iowa and settled in Waukon, where he was admitted to the bar. In the same year he formed a partnership with his uncle, Hon. Henry Dayton, and their association has continued since that time, the firm being today one of the strongest in the county, connected through its patronage with much important litigation. Mr. Dayton served as county attorney for two years and in public life proved as able, far-sighted and progressive as he is in the private practice of his profession.

Aside from his work in the general practice of law Mr. Dayton is also well known in Allamakee county as an extensive fruit grower. In 1878 he planted most forty acres of land in grapes, strawberries and raspberries and later led a nursery, where he specializes in raising apple trees and others bearing

State Bank, Clarrisse Minn; 1924-32 dep clk of dist court of Allamakee Co; 1932-34 ins agt & in newspaper work; 1934-36 clk of dist court of Allamakee Co; AF&AM 54; Norwegian Luth Ch of Amer, Waukon; hobbies: carp work, gardening; res W Main, Waukon.

FREDRICKSON, ADOLPH R: Physician & Surgeon; b Adams, N D Apr 3, 1888; s of Carl F Fredrickson-Anna Augustson; ed Walsh Co N D; State Normal Sch, Mayville N D 1912; U of Minn; grad St Louis U Sch of Med, St Louis Mo, MD 1920; m Alma S Berg June 11, 1924 Coon Valley Wis; s James D, Robert K; 1920-21 interne St Francis Hosp, La Crosse Wis; 1921- prac med, Lansing; 1930- city health ofcr; during World War enl in SATC, St Louis U, disch Dec 20, 1918, St Louis Mo; Amer Legion post 50, Lansing; Allamakee Co & Iowa St Med Socs; Kiwanis, ch mbr, past pres; AF&AM 144, past master; Presby Ch; Rep; off & res Lansing.

GAUNITZ, HAROLD W: Merchant; b Lansing, Iowa Mar 2, 1891; s of Ferdinand F Gaunitz-Anna C Bartheld; ed Lansing HS 1908; m Ethel M Thompson June 8, 1920 Lansing; 1909-12 emp by Oliver Iron Mining Co, Eveleth Minn; 1912-16 emp in RR construction work with H E Carleton & Co, Prince George, B C, Canada, later in Canadian Provincial police force at B C; 1916-18 with father & brother in Gaunitz Market, Lansing, 1919- ptr of brother; mbr sch bd, Lansing, past pres; during World War enl in US army May 17, 1918 Camp Humphrey Va, sgt July 17, 1918, Aug tsfrd to OTS, Camp Taylor Ky, Nov 26, 1918 commd field arty; Amer Legion post 50, past 4th dist comm; Kiwanis; BSA, area committeeman; OES 177, worthy patron; AF&AM 144, past master; Presby Ch; Rep, county chmn Rep Service League; hobbies: hunting, golf; off Gaunitz Market; res Lansing.

GILBERTSON, THOMAS S: Post Office Clerk; b Lansing, Iowa June 3, 1905; s of Henry H Gilbertson-Mary Schafer; ed Lansing HS 1923; m Irma McGee Dec 29, 1933 Decorah; 1923- clk in P O; Kiwanis, pres; past mbr Waukon Golf Club; AF&AM 144, past master; Federated Ch; Rep; hobbies: fishing & golf; off & res Lansing.

GILCHRIST, W T: Optician; b Wheeling, W Va Apr 27, 1853; s of John Gilchrist-Elizabeth Singleton; ed Wheeling W Va; Union City; Lansing HS; U of Iowa 1882; Rush Med Coll, Chicago Ill, MD 1884; m Alice I Nesmith Apr 6, 1875 Lansing; s Dr J M; d Ethel; 1884-1916 opr drug store & prac med, Waukon; 1916- optician & optometrist, Waukon; past dir Waukon schs; past mbr city coun; mbr vol med service corps US army; past mbr Waukon Golf Club; AF&AM 154, 50 years mbr, treas; Meth Ch, past trustee; Rep; hobbies: golf, fishing; off & res Waukon.

GLYNN, SAMUEL: Railroad Station Agent; b Clayton, Iowa July 15, 1884; s of Alfred V Glynn-Lena Lape; ed Lansing HS 1903; m Betsy Kolsrud Feb 26, 1916 Waterville; s Raymond E; d Caila V; 1903-05 oppr in RR station, Lansing; 1905-13 relief man at various stations; 1913-14 emp in brother's cement block plant, Lansing; 1914- station agt for CMStP&P RR, Waterville; past mayor 10 years; past mbr & pres Waterville consolidated sch bd; Brotherhood of RR Telegraphers; PTA; Luth Ch, past trustee; Rep; hobbies: baseball, basketball; off Milwaukee Station; res Waterville.

GORDON, W HOWARD: Secretary & Business Manager Creamery; b Brewster, Minn May 28, 1909; s of Willis S Gordon-Anna A Frenz; ed Brewster Minn HS 1928; Iowa St Coll, short course; m Lorna L Sherman June 20, 1939 Waukon; 1933-40 Dairy Herd Improvement Assn supvr, Waukon; 1940- secy & business mgr Farmers Waukon's Co-op Creamery, Waukon; Al-

lamakee Co Farm Bur; mbr Cow Testing Assn; past active Allamakee Co 4-H Club work; Zion Reform Ch; Rep; hobbies: fishing, hunting; off Co-operative Creamery; res 502 Allamakee, Waukon.

GRAEBER, BOYD HORACE: Superintendent of Schools; b Sheldahl, Iowa Jan 14, 1901; s of Phillip L Graeber-Harriett Allemann; ed Mayfield rural sch; Sheldahl HS 1921; ISTC, BSc 1927; U of Iowa, MA 1932; Kappa Delta Phi; Alpha Delta Alpha; m Mary N Hosking June 16, 1936 St Paul Minn; d Susan M, Gail D; 1923-24 tchr, Meriden, 1924-25 coach & prin; 1925-27 coach & prin, Grand Meadow consolidated sch; 1927-31 supt of schs, Grand Meadow consolidated sch; 1931-38 supt of schs, Guttenberg; 1938- supt of schs, Postville; Allamakee Co Schoolmasters Club, pres; ISTA; NEA; Comm Club; with others organizing Postville Golf Club; AF&AM, Presby Ch; Indep; hobby: reading biographies & history; off School; res Postville.

GRANGAARD, ALEXANDER: Merchant, b Waukon, Iowa Dec 24, 1892; s of Arne Grangaard-Carrie Sandel; ed Waukon; Valders Coll, Decorah; Southern Minn Coll, Austin Minn; m Mable H Johnson June 4, 1918 Waukon; s Walter H; d Arleen, Bernice M, Adeline M; 1928-31 mgr Equity Gen Store; 1931-33 dist agt, Bankers Life Ins Co, Des Moines; 1933- owner & opr groc store, Waterville; past mbr sch bd 18 years; mbr vol fire dept, Waterville; city councilman, Waterville; Luth Ch; Indep; hobbies: fishing & hunting; off & res Waterville.

GRIEBEL, JOHN K: Publisher; b Decorah, Iowa Feb 4, 1886; s of M Griebel-Rachel Helgeson; ed Decorah pub schs; m Alice Daniels July 13, 1916 Decorah; d Shirley, Genevieve, Kathleen, Joan; 1899-1904 emp in job dept of Decorah Posten; 1904-06 with father opr job plant, Decorah; 1906-08 printer, Denver Colo; 1908 homesteaded in Slope Co N D, 1908-13 during winters printer on weekly paper Bowman Co Pioneer, N D, during summers on homestead; 1913 took course on linotype operating, Chicago Ill; 1913-14 emp on Fayette Co Union, 1914-19 Decorah Journal; 1919-21 emp in various firms, Minneapolis Minn; 1921-26 editor & publisher paper, Elkader; 1926-28 owner third int in J F Widman & Sons plant, McGregor; 1928- owner, editor & publisher Waukon Democrat; past mbr sch bd, Elkader; IPA, mbr since 1921; Natl Edit Assn; Iowa St Hist Soc; past mbr Kiwanis; Geographical Soc; past mbr IOOF-AF&AM, Blue Lodge; First Presby Ch; hobby: woodwork; off Waukon Democrat; res 208 W Main, Waukon.

GRIMM, LOIS A: County Superintendent of Schools; b Waukon, Iowa Aug 30, 1907; d of Bert C Grimm-Lela Cummins; ed Waukon HS; Jr Coll, Waukon; U of Iowa, BA 1929, grad work in edn & sociology; Phi Sigma Iota; 1929-39 English & social science tchr, Waukon HS; 1939- Allamakee Co supt of schs, Waukon; ISTA; NEA; Iowa Soc for Crippled Children, secy-treas Allamakee Co unit; Searchlight Club of Waukon; Presby Ch; Rep; hobbies: travel, flowers; off & res Waukon.

GROSSHEIM, A H: Clergyman; b Cincinnati, Ohio Nov 6, 1905; s of Carl Grossheim-Ross Lepple; ed Cincinnati Ohio HS; Hughes Night Sch of Cincinnati; U of Dubuque, BA 1929; Presby Theological Seminary, BD 1932; grad work U of Iowa; m Helen C Gerndt June 28, 1933 Monticello; 1932 pastor First Presby Ch, Malcom, 1936 Williamsburg, 1939- Waukon; Tri-Co Ministerial Assn; OES, past patron; Kiwanis; AF&AM; hobby: woodworking; res 515 W Main, Waukon.

HAGER, JOHN H: Retired; b Waukon, Iowa Aug 30, 1871; s of Fred Hager-Minnie Helming; ed rural schs; Decorah Business Sch; m Grace Falby June 14, 1905 Waukon; 1893-94 asst foreman, The Wau-

kon Lbr Co; 1894- impl dir, Waukon; 1937- ret; 1924-28 mbr House of Rep 41st to 44th gen assemblies & Senate 43rd & 44th; during Sp-Amer War mbr 49th Iowa vol inf, Co I Camp Jacksonville, quartermaster sgt, disch June 1899; USWV, adjt many years; Iowa Impl Assn, ch mbr, past pres & dir; Farm Bur, ch mbr; Kiwanis, ch mbr & past pres; Waukon Golf Club, ch mbr; OES; AF&AM; Scot Rite 32°; York Rite; Shrine; KP, past mbr; Presby Ch, trustee; Rep, past alternate to Rep conv Kansas City 1927, del to Iowa St conv Des Moines 1940; hobbies: travel & sports; res 17 E Liberty, Waukon.

HANSMEIER, BEN T: Farmer & Dairyman; b Waukon Co, Iowa Aug 2, 1892; s of Simmon Hansmeier-Minnie Krumme; ed Waukon HS; Waukon Business Coll; m Elizabeth Stock Feb 28, 1917 Baxter (dec July 22, 1933); s Ralph B, Harvey F, Marvin N; d Ruth A (Mrs Martin Nolting), Leona J; 1916-17 clk B H Beiber Clothing Store, Waukon; 1918-20 owner & opr gen store, Baxter; 1921-26 farmer, near Baxter; 1926- owner & opr dairy farm, near Waukon; Farm Bur, Jefferson twp dir of bd; mbr AAA program; Zion Reform Ch, mbr ch bd; Rep; hobby: outdoors; res Route 3, Waukon.

HARRISON, C C: Veterinarian; b Laverne, Iowa Sept 15, 1898; s of Charles G Harrison-Ida Griffin; ed Armstrong HS; Iowa St Coll, DVM 1921; El Paso; m Althea Opfer Oct 8, 1928 Waukon; d Janet Ruth, Irene Margaret; 1921-27 & 1929- veterinarian, Waukon; 1927-29 veterinarian, Armstrong; past mbr city coun 2 terms; during World War enl Nevada Iowa SATC, disch 1918; Amer Legion post 62; Eastern & Iowa Veterinary Med Assns; ch & past mbr Kiwanis; Iowa St Trapshooting Assn of Amer; AF&AM; Zion Reformed Ch, Waukon; Rep; hobby: trapshooting; off & res Waukon.

HASTINGS, ELMER W: Dentist; b Waukon, Iowa Apr 23, 1890; s of Harvy A Hastings-Laura S Shuffleton; ed Waukon HS 1912; U of Iowa, DDS 1915; m Helen Evelyn Miller Dec 8, 1915 Iowa City; s Wayne E; d Dorothy L, Helen Eleanor; 1915-16 dentist, Urbana; 1906- dentist, Waukon; 1926- mbr sch bd, Waukon; during World War in govt service checking teeth of drafted men; ARC, past pres county ch, county chmn roll call, dir since 1930; past mbr SA; Dubuque Dist Dental Soc, past com mbr; Allamakee Co Dental Soc, pres; NE Iowa Dental Study Club, pres 1934, secy 1937; Iowa St Dental Soc; ADA; Kiwanis, pres 1939; BSA, com mbr; past mbr IOOF; OES; AF&AM; Scot Rite 32°, Clinton; Meth Ch, bd mbr since 1920, past SS supt, past SS tchr; Rep, pct committeeman; hobbies: fishing, hunting, gardening, woodwork; off 24 W Main; res 25 W Liberty, Waukon.

HAUSMAN, FRED L: Merchant; b Allamakee Co, Iowa Feb 12, 1900; s of W F Hausman-Anna Traendle; ed Allamakee Co; Waukon HS 1917; m Bernice Rost Aug 6, 1929 Winona Minn; s John F; d Barbara A; 1914-17 while att HS shoe clk in firm Anderson & Straatte, Waukon; 1917-20 emp with Anderson & Straatte, Waukon; 1920-27 ptr of Mr Anderson in Anderson Shoe Co, Waukon; 1927- ptr of Herman Haehlen in shoe firm Hausman & Haehlen, Waukon; past mbr Iowa Shoe Retailers Assn; ch mbr Kiwanis; past mbr Waukon Golf Club; Waukon Gun Club; AF&AM; Scot Rite 32°; Meth Ch; Rep; hobbies: fishing, hunting; off H & H Shoe Co; res Waukon.

HAXMEIER, G L: Clergyman; b Jackson Co, Iowa Sept 20, 1856; s of Henry Haxmeier-Susan Memmers; ed Jackson Co; St Lawrence Coll, Calvary Station Wis; St Francis Seminary, Milwaukee Wis; Grand Seminary, Montreal Canada; ordained Dec 22, 1879; gave 1st mass Dec 27, 1879, St

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STORY OF THE
KARL KRUEGER FAMILY

Our grandfather, Karl Krueger, was born in the German province of Lippe-Detmold about 1830. Lippe-Detmold was one of the low provinces near the Netherlands border. At that time each of these little German provinces had its own dialect, called Low-German. The official or state language of Germany was that of the Prussian conquerors and was known as High-German. This was the language of the government and of the schools. The dialects spoken in the various provinces differed enough so that people had difficulty in understanding one another. Many learned to speak High-German as well. Our grandparents on both sides of the family spoke a very correct High-German.

Karl was apprenticed to a draper in his early teens and worked at that trade for seven years. He told us of making many swatches for a wealthy landowner's daughter. She was to be married and said that her order would be a big one. Karl took great pains with her project but she ended up with ordering only one tablecloth. The young weaver was disgusted. Among our childhood memories is that of a hand-woven linen tablecloth he had made. Unfortunately this cloth was lost through various loanings and movings. It should have been kept as a family heirloom.

In his later teens Karl spent several summers in The Netherlands, cutting hay and grain with a scythe, to earn a bit of cash. An apprentice received no wages. The skill he developed here served him well in later years.

He had one brother and one sister older than he. Even in his childhood he rebelled at the regimentation of life in Germany. His stories about the arrogant German schoolmasters of that day and about the pompous Prussian drillmasters of the army entertained and fascinated his grandchildren. He was a master storyteller and his tales always packed a good laugh. They never grew old with re-telling.

At 18 he was required to take military training. The years covered the hardships of those army days with a veil of humor that we all loved. A favorite story was that about a minor officer who had stopped to reprimand him for a slight error in his salute when he met him on the parade grounds. As the man turned to go he stepped into a mud puddle and fell flat. The story always ended with "Potz, da lag er" and a twinkle of glee in his eye that made the narrative even more vivid.

Before another year of army life, Karl's innermost being rebelled so completely that he decided to go to America. He had very little money but some friends were going and they were able to help him finance the trip. To evade army service it was necessary for them to cross the border and embark from Holland.

They landed in New York. There were four of them; Karl's companions were Konrad Helmings (meur), Heinrich Rueggermeier, and Frederick Hager. Like many other young immigrants, they found work on the farm lands of New York

state. Karl's first job was to gather wood for the huge fireplace. He told us that the first English word he learned was "backlog" which he pronounced "beklog". At harvest time there was another new word which he learned the hard way, "hurryup". He was the first of several men who were cutting a field of grain with scythes. The men back of him were constantly trying to annoy him by telling the young Dutchman to hurry up. Finally, he realized what they meant and applied the strength and skill he had acquired in Holland and was soon around the field and back of the others where he could tell them to "hurry up".

The four friends were industrious and frugal and were soon able to heed the call of the day "Go West, Young Man". They purchased a small stock of thimbles, needles, pins, etc., and set out....bartering for meals and lodging with their stock of notions which pioneer women everywhere needed. They forged on to the Chicago area. Chicago was then the State's second largest city, located in the damp swampy region along the south end of Lake Michigan. It was not a healthy spot. Without drainage and without pure water, ague, typhoid, and other diseases of damp swampy places were prevalent. Land could have been bought for 1 - 5 dollars per acre in what is now Chicago's loop and lake shore area, but the young Germans wanted none of it. They wanted good farm land with pure water and ample fuel. They had carried wood and water far in the homeland where soil was poor.

Again they headed West. This time with axes and an oxteam and again armed with trinkets and notions like those that had served them so well on their previous trip. Galena, Illinois, the booming lead mining center of the 50's and 60's, in the hill country near the Mississippi River, beckoned. However, the land hungry young compatriots passed through Galena, crossed the Mississippi and pushed on into northeastern Iowa. Here among the unglaciated limestone hills and bluffs of Allamakee County, they found wonderful stands of timber and springs of pure water. This was what they were looking for. Each selected a farm site near present Waukon and began clearing land and building his log cabin.

They were soon able to plant small plots of ground, but needed cash. For this they shouldered their axes and made their way down to the timber lands of Missouri to chop wood for the belching fires of the river boats (We still have an axe Grandfather brought with him from Germany). In the spring they returned to their farms, tilled their small plots and cleared more land.

On these co-operative excursions Karl seems to have been the chief cook for the bachelor establishment. This was before the days of commercial yeast. A starter had to be kept for the next baking. Once the young cook lost this starter through some mishap. He walked ten miles to get a new one....so far because nearer neighbors, largely French and Spanish, made only soda biscuits and he and his friends wanted good old yeast bread. He got his starter and the good woman told him that thereafter, he should save at least a crust of bread. From this, she said, he could make his own starter. He told us he never walked 20 miles for a starter again.

Life was primitive. Beds were made by driving a stake into the dirt

floor, to this they nailed two saplings which reached the wall and rested on logs of the cabin there. They stretched rope or leather thongs over these saplings to serve as springs. There was no storage space, so meat and other supplies were hung high in the trees, suspended by long thongs or ropes to keep them safe from marauding bears. Bread was stored in their one kettle which was used for baking, cooking, and washing as well as for protection from squirrels and other rodents.

After some years of hard labor and frugality Karl was able to help his brother's family, the Henry Kruegers, later of Baxter, Iowa, to come to America. He started them with a 40-acre plot of ground as a home site and, realizing that their small children must have milk, he started toward Dubuque in search of a cow. He finally located one he could buy twenty miles from home. It was the time of spring freshets and, on his return trip with the cow, he found the Turkey River overflowing its banks. A young lad was on hand at the ford with a boat, hoping to collect a small fee for carrying people across the river. They started out with Karl and the boy in the boat and the cow swimming behind. Before they reached midstream, however, the boat capsized. In telling the story to us he used to say, "I couldn't swim but the cow could and we were luckily headed in the right direction, but I never got a chance to pay that boy."

About this time ^{Simon} Konrad Helming persuaded his three sisters to come to America. They had heard of the rigors of Iowa winters and packed good old German feather ticks, made of homespun linen into their large wooden chests strapped with iron and equipped with rope handles (One of these chests is in our attic at the present time and the homespun ticking is also there). They took passage down the Weser River, across the Atlantic to New Orleans and up the Mississippi to McGregor, Iowa. Unfortunately, the river was low and the pilot did not know his channel as well as he should have known it and the boat was marooned on a sand bar. This necessitated the unloading of the boat and our German immigrants had to rustle their own luggage. With such delays the journey took 13 weeks and before they landed at McGregor, all food was spoiled and drinking water was long used up.

The feminine companionship of ^{Simon's} Konrad's sisters was a welcome addition to the somber lives of the young pioneers. In time Carolina, a pretty blonde, decided to accept the modest home offered her by Karl Krueger. One sister married Heinrich Rueggenmeier and the other married Frederick Hager.

Carolina was an ideal complement to the serious and ambitious young Karl. In the homeland she had worked as a maid in the home of a very devout couple. These people belonged to the group that was then known as pietists, followers of Count Zinzendorf and later known as Moravian Brethren. The sincere religious atmosphere of this home made a deep impression on the young girl, which stayed with her through life. There she gained a new spiritual outlook as well as the money for her equipment and passage to America. With this background the home of our grandparents was soon a haven for the Methodist circuit riders who came to the new settlements west of the Mississippi River. These dedicated young men were both a religious and a cultural influence. They followed literally John Wesley's commission to "join knowledge and vital piety". They preached Jesus Christ as Lord of the mind, remembering that the founder of Methodism in his ardent campaign against illiteracy in England once said "Every blockhead is a knave."

Abernathey, Mildred Arlene Convis (Mrs. Donald Ray) [Helming]; ed. Vernon P. Helming, 1990. vi, 320.

Caroline Wilhelmine Henrietta Helmingsmeier, b. 24 Mar (or May) 1837 in Langenholzhäusen. Lippe-Detmold, m. Simon Friederich Hager, 8 July 1858, Waukon, Iowa. had 8 daughters and 4 sons.

Simon Friederich Hager, b. 16 May 1830, in Rafeld, Lippe-Detmold, m. Caroline, d. 5 November 1909 in Waukon.

Simon Friederich was one of founders of Zalmona Presbyterian Church in Ludlow Twp, Allamakee Co. Like his three fellow immigrants in the quadrumvirate, he left Lippe-Detmold partly to escape military service in Germany (also for economic reasons). On his way to Iowa he detoured to Sheboygan, Wis. where his employer offered him a choice between a lot in what is now the Loop in Chicago, and wages for work in Waukon. He chose the wages. Having bought land near Waukon, he took time to become fluent in English by living in Bloomington, Ill., where people did not speak German, but where three of his siblings had settled permanently. (between 1846 and 1849.) After his marriage to Karoline Wilhelmine he "took up a [soldier's] claim some six miles beyond [west of] Waukon which he cleared, broke [with his plow] and fenced and upon which he made many substantial improvements, replacing his original farm dwelling by a good brick residence and making his property one of the finest and most valuable in the section. When he left the farm he moved into Waukon and there spent the last years of his life...."

He was a very wealthy man in those days, and gave each of his eight daughters \$10,000 when she married (as dowry).

John was the seventh child (and third son). He was born 30 August 1871, married Grace Falby 14 June 1905, and died 10 June 1952.

The four who came to Iowa for similar reasons, staying close together, were: Hager, Heinrich Conrad [Adolph] Helming[meier], Heinrich [Christoph] Ruggenmeier, and Karl Krueger. After they started their farming operations, Helming[meier] persuaded his three sisters to come to America--Christine Sophie Charlotte married Krueger, Sophie Kterina Charlotte married Ruggenmeier, and Karoline Wilhelmine Henriette married Hager.