

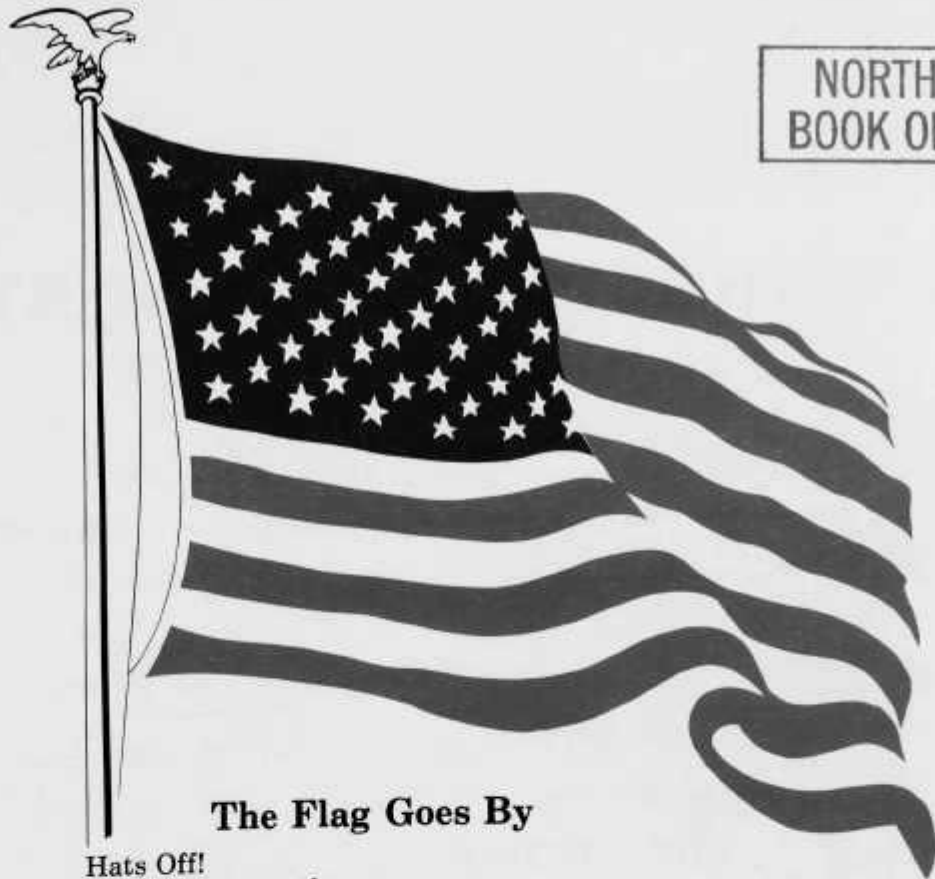
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The Flag Goes By

Hats Off!
Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky;
Hats Off!
The flag is passing by!

Blue and crimson and white it shines
Over the steel-tipped, ordered lines.
Hats off!
The Colors before us fly;
But more than the flag is passing by.

Sea fights and land fights, grim and great,
Fought to make and save the State!
Weary marches and sinking ships;
Cheers of victory on dying lips;

Days of plenty and years of peace;
March of a strong land's swift increase;
Equal justice, right and law,
Stately honor and reverend awe;

Sign of a Nation, great and strong
To ward her people from foreign wrong;
Pride and glory and honor,—all
Live in the Colors to stand or fall.

Hats off!
Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums;
And loyal hearts are beating high;
Hats Off!
The flag is passing by!

—H.H. Bennett

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Dakota

Dakota, how lovely thy valleys and hills,
Gladdened by rivers and watered by rills,
Broad are the plains where the husbandman tills--
His own fertile land in Dakota.

Fruitful Dakota, her fields spreading wide,
Waving with plenty, like flow of the tide;
We rival the world, and carry, with pride,
The banner for grain in Dakota.

Wild let the winter winds bellow and blow;
Rage in their fury the frost and the snow;
My log burning bright shall fill with a glow,
My house and my home in Dakota.

Hail to my brothers far over the sea--
A welcome we give to the land of the free;
Cast off the yoke; come, enjoy liberty--
No tyranny reigns in Dakota.

P. Mitchell
Kensington, D.T., U.S.A.
July 28, 1880



Dedication

To all the fine stalwart pioneer people of the Grandin Community who with a trustful faith in Almighty God braved untold hardships on this prairie frontier to prepare for us a land of peace and plenty, to build homes, churches, schools, and a village, this book is humbly, lovingly, and reverently dedicated



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Foreword

"An explanation of the sources of our information used in this book seems in order. In compiling the histories in this book we have taken information from all available sources. Much comes from records and memories of old timers and their descendants. Some from records in the county court houses, school and personal files. Because of this, some information may not be perfectly accurate and there may be some omissions, for these we apologize and ask your indulgence. There are undoubtedly omissions of some old timers histories and some notable events in the history of the community. These are not purposely omitted but have just never been called to our attention. We are sorry for these errors and omissions and hope you understand this represents the best efforts of amateur journalists.

We would like to express our thanks to all of you who have cooperated in sending in your histories, all of you who have worked so unselfishly and diligently to make this book a reality. Our thanks also go to our many advertisers who have made this book possible.

Last, but with humility, we thank the pioneers who lived this history and whose hardy spirits and hard work made possible our being here to enjoy the writing of this history." (Preceding taken from Foreward of Grandin Diamond Jubilee Book - 1956)

Within this 1980 book marking the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city of Grandin, we have tried to incorporate all of that which was included in the Diamond Jubilee Book. Our thanks must go to the committee of that book for without their efforts, it would have made our work much more difficult. When beginning this book, with the appointment of the committee in June 1980, we were told that we should have started two years ago. Now we feel that statement was very accurate. When writing histories, events seemed to entice us to more research. However, time did not permit that research. The advise of this committee to future committees is to indeed begin two years ahead of time, because as you get involved in the compiling of the book, you will want to know more and will discover additional places to obtain the information.

We can add no more than that to the words of our predecesors, the Diamond Jubilee committee. Thanks.

The Committee

Acknowledgements

This Centennial celebration and History Book would not have been possible without the cooperation of all of the people of the Grandin community.

As chairman of this Centennial celebration, I express the thanks of the Steering committee for a job well done. I personally wish to thank this committee and the people of the community for their support and encouragement.

John Gordon, Chairman



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GRANDIN ORIGINAL TOWNSITE



Key

1. School & school barn
2. Presbyterian Church
3. John Anderson Blacksmith Shop
4. Miller Blacksmith Shop
5. Gust Anderson Feed Mill
6. Duntley Hardware
7. Duntley home & Post Office
8. James Thom Store - Grandin Garage
9. Newspaper Office, Grandin Chronicle published by Charles Sibley - later Woodman Hall
10. Methodist Church
11. O.C. Sarles Lumber Yard
12. Voting Hall & Jail
13. Railroad Section House
14. Indian Joe's house
15. Grandin State Bank
16. Tom Clapp Store
17. Headquarters Hotel
18. Headquarters Hotel Livery Stable
19. Railroad Water Tank
20. Drugstore - Wideman - Eckert Pool Hall
21. Gravel Barber Shop
22. Swartwood Grocery & Meat Shop
23. Billy Clark Clothing Store
24. General Walker Pool Hall, later John Conn
25. Railway Depot
26. First Grain Elevator
27. Minneapolis & Northern, later Farmers Grain Co.
28. Rand & Brown Elevator, now Cargill
29. Peavey Elevator, bought by Farmers Grain Co.
30. Stock Yard
31. Catholic Church
32. Grandin Hotel Weisbeckers
33. Livery Stable
34. Ferguson Store
35. Pratt Store, later Wiggans Millinery
36. Sam Harveys Harness Shop, later Pete Wagner
37. John Johnson Boiler Shop - Duncan Gordon Blacksmith Shop
38. Mr. Blanchard Roller Mill



Grandin Early Days - 1886

History of Grandin



In writing the history of Grandin it is only fitting to give credit to the committee who worked so diligently researching the history of the Grandin community for the seventy-fifth anniversary book of which Jessie Elliott was chairman and Neil MacFarlane, historian. Although most of the members on the 75th book committee have passed on, it is through their dedication that the history for this book is complete. It made the task for us who come twenty-five years later to compile this history a bit easier as we add the changes that have been made in the last twenty-five years and include the information we have gathered from various sources.

The history of Grandin is a colorful one. One can only visualize the excitement and the anxiety of the early settlers as they left their homes and moved westward to settle in Dakota Territory, a land of prairies and rich black soil. They came from Canada, New England, New York, Michigan and Ohio. The German settlement in Bohnsack coming primarily from Wisconsin. Some came from overseas.

Life was not easy for the settlers. They fought the elements of nature, the blizzards, the summer storms, the droughts, prairie fires, and the epidemics without much medical aid, but they persevered. These early homesteaders had one thing in common. They had determination. They were determined to make a home for themselves and build a strong community, which they did. They built a heritage for generations to come.

As we write the history of Grandin for this, the 100-year anniversary, we must go back into time and discover how Grandin came to be situated in the midst of the Red River Valley. The late R.F. Gunkel-

man compiled an early history of the Red River Valley in 1965 and it is from his research the early part of this history is related.

In 1845 the Hudson Bay Company established a fur trading post two miles north of Georgetown, Minnesota on the Red River, or about twenty miles north of Moorhead, Minnesota. Shortly before the Civil War the United States Army established Fort Abercrombie near the Red River in North Dakota, about thirty-five miles south of Fargo. Previous to that some settlers had come into the northeast corner of the state near what is now Pembina. These were the first settlements established by white men in the Red River Valley. Previous to that fur traders had traded with the Indians but were operating out of what is now St. Cloud, Minnesota. They had traded with the Sioux Indians for buffalo and beaver hides.

In the late sixties a cavalry unit left Fort Abercrombie to attack the Sioux Indians and to drive them further west. This campaign was successful in driving the Indians out of the Valley. Shortly after this a few settlers straggled into what are now Richland and Cass Counties, North Dakota.

The Red River Valley, however was not surveyed until later. So these first settlers were squatters and had to file claims when the area opened up for settlement. In the 1870's settlers started to pour in and take up claims. If a settler planted twenty acres of trees he could file on a half-section. Fifty years ago many of these so-called tree claims were in evidence. However, at the present time many of the trees have been taken off and the land is again farmed. (More of Gunkelman's story later.)

The village of Grandin is now located in a section of



Main Street West of R. R. Track - 1895



Main Street - East of R. R. Track - 1895

land granted by the United States Government on July 2, 1864 to the Northern Pacific Railway Company. This section, No. 3, was transferred to the Grandin Brothers, John Livingston Grandin and W.J. Grandin, and A.R. Dalrymple after a number of transfers. The Grandin Brothers were the founders of the large Grandin Farm, located east of Grandin. They also purchased several elevators and the town was practically owned by the brothers. They sold their holdings and the farm was sold into small sections by 1920.

The original townsite of Grandin was purchased and platted by the firm of Comstock and White of Moorhead, Minnesota. The original plat was recorded in the court house at Fargo, Dakota Territory on March 17, 1881 at 5:30 p.m.

The Comstock Company had planned on putting Grandin into Traill County on the south side of the Elm River. However, Mr. MacFarlane, who owned

the land, and Comstock could not agree on a price, so Comstock moved the townsite a half mile south into Cass County. That is where Grandin was founded and named after the Grandin Brothers, who were natives of Pennsylvania.

The first man to lay down lumber on the new townsite of Grandin was John Anderson, who came from Lucknow, Ontario, Canada, on September 27, 1877. He used the lumber to build a blacksmith shop. Later, unable to purchase lumber, Anderson bought an empty store building at Quincy and had it moved into Grandin where he converted it into a house. His wife and two children, Archie and Jean, joined him and later his wife gave birth to a daughter on March 26, 1882. This daughter, Lillie Anderson, was the first child born in Grandin.

In spite of the hard work in those early days the settlers found time for relaxation. Anderson played a bass horn in a band and was also a fiddler who was

much in demand for dances. Anderson and William Jolly made up a bagpipe team.

Anderson was not only a lover of music but showed ingenuity and creativeness. On the Fourth of July he devised a "one-hundred guns at sunrise" salute whereby he produced the sound effect by putting gun powder between two anvils and touching it off with a red hot iron rod.

Next to his blacksmith shop, Anderson had a weaving shop where rags were transformed into beautiful rugs and carpets. Anderson retired in 1910, moving with his family to Payallup, Washington.

R.E. Miller, a native of Scotland, operated a blacksmith shop across the street from Anderson's. It was known as the Northwestern Metal Works. He did general repair work and shod the hundreds of horses from the farms. Miller closed his shop and moved to Canada. Later he went to Washington where he lived until his death.

Railway

During these early years surveys were made with the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company purchasing the right-of-way through the section.

The first survey was about a quarter mile west of the present right-of-way, and the second survey about one quarter mile east of the present right-of-way.

The road bed for the railway was graded from Grand Forks to Fargo in the year 1880. Bridges were built and steel was laid to a point about one mile south of Grandin the same year. The railway was completed from that point to Fargo in 1881. The section house was built in the winter of 1880 and 1881. This building housed the carpenters while building the original depot, which was destroyed by fire in the winter of 1914. The present depot was built the next year. The first station agent in Grandin was Mr. McNab. The first section foreman was Pat Tully.

General Store

The first general store in Grandin was operated by James Thom. The store was located on the site of the now Grandin Bank. The back and upstairs of the store serving as a dwelling for the family. After Thom's retirement, his son William, took over the store. William had been in the hardware business with A.S. Duntley.

The Clement and Johns store, operated by George Clement and Mr. Johns, was destroyed by fire. A new building was erected and later taken over by a new firm, Bill, Van Bergan and Clark, the three coming from New York. Anthony Van Bergan, from New York joined the firm. The store was a general store but hardware was added later. The firm was later dissolved with Clark buying the dry goods store which had been managed by Al Elliott. Anthony Van Bergan returned to Brooklyn. Will Van Bergan was remembered for his genial manner, his wit and general good humor.



The Boiler Shop

As word spread eastward about the rich fertile land in Dakota Territory more settlers came to settle in Grandin. One such couple was Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, who came from England. Johnson was a boiler maker and a blacksmith.

In the days of steam threshing rigs, Johnson's shop was one of the busiest in the area. In the spring, farmers brought in their steamers to have them put into shape for fall threshing. Johnson employed several hands to help with the work load each year, sometimes going out at night to have the steamers ready for threshing the next morning.

As gasoline tractors replaced the steam engine, Johnson operated a straight blacksmithing business before his retirement. He sold his shop and residence to Duncan Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota.



Duncan Gordon

Duncan Gordon

Duncan Gordon was a colorful, cordial man who will long be remembered for the "skirl" of his bagpipes. Duncan, dressed in his kilts, marching in Shrine parades, with "Little Charlie" Canning, his drummer, at his side, was one of the main attractions in social events. He had a host of friends in the area and neighboring communities.

Duncan, who came directly from Scotland to Grandin, was a blacksmith. He worked in the R.E. Miller shop, later buying a blacksmith shop in Gardner, which he managed for some years before buying the



Interior of Duncan Gordon blacksmith shop in Grandin. Gordon met with a serious accident from which he never recovered. He died in 1924.

The Swartwood Grocery Store and Meat Shop

Mr. Swartwood was a Pennsylvania Dutchman who spent his childhood on the banks of the Susquehanna River. He delighted in telling stories of building eel traps to catch eels in the Susquehanna. The Swartwoods lived in Iowa and Minnesota before coming to Dakota.

The store and meat shop run by Swartwood was one of the most interesting shops in Grandin. He handled a full line of groceries and meat. Men gathered at the store on winter nights to play checkers, using herring boxes or apple barrels as seats.

The store carried a wide variety of one, two and five cent candy, a big attraction for the youngsters who liked to listen to the tales of the oldtimers.

When Mr. Swartwood died in 1907, Mrs. Swartwood and her son, Roy, closed the store and moved to Lemmon, South Dakota. The Roy Swartwoods moved to Puget Sound district of Washington. Jessie Swartwood Hawthorne moved to Chicago shortly after her marriage where Mr. Hawthorne was a professor in a Chicago college.

R.J. Pratt General Store

The R.J. Pratt General Store, located on the east side of town, carried a full stock of dry goods, mens and women's clothing and a standard line of groceries. It also housed the post office for a number of years. Pratt closed his store in Grandin and started one at Harvey, North Dakota. Pratt left his son, Harold, in charge of this store while Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Pratt returned to Grandin where they operated their two farms for some time before retiring to Fargo.

Ferguson Store

Doing a tremendous business was the Ferguson Store which originally housed a meat market. This was at the time when farmers had to depend on transient laborers for help. Before the days of power equipment, many more laborers were required to help in the harvest.

The store had many owners, including Thos. Rintoul, Vaaler Brothers, Schmidt Brothers, Mr. Malmberg and Otto L. Ferguson. James Ferguson, who had managed the Northwestern Elevator, joined his son in the store business. James had also been an agent for the Deering Machinery Company for a long time. After the consolidation of the McCormick and Deering Companies, Ferguson took on the International Harvester dealership, which they handled for many years.



Ferguson's Store

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson retired and moved to Fargo where they spent their last years. Otto Ferguson continued on with the business until forced to retire because of age and health. Mr. Ferguson died and Mrs. Ferguson lived in Hillsboro until her death. Their son, Lynn, lived in Hillsboro where he was manager of the Dalrymple Farms until his death.



1914



The Arthur Elliott Family

Elliott Brothers

John and Arthur Elliott owned and operated the Elliott Brother's Store on East Main Street. They carried a full stock of groceries and dry goods. This partnership was dissolved after a number of years. Arthur took a position with McCormack Harvester Company and John as manager of the Rand and Brown Farming Company. Later John farmed the balance of the section in which Grandin is located. Arthur moved to Edmonton, Alberta where he continued to work for the Harvester Company. His son, Leonard, entered the employ of International Harvester of Canada.



Duntley Hardware and Post Office facing North

Duntley's Hardware Store

A.S. Duntley's Hardware Store was quite a large building with a large warehouse on the west side and a machine shed at the back of the building. Over the store was a hall which was leased to the Independent Order of Foresters, who rented it out for various pur-

poses. Many organizations held their meetings there and many of the old day road shows made this a regular stopping place. The building was destroyed by fire in 1906 and was never replaced.

Duntley was an agent for McCormack Machinery for sometime but was postmaster at the time of the fire. He built an addition to his house where he kept the Post Office until his retirement from that office after serving as postmaster for forty years.

Duntley was a blacksmith by trade and for some time after moving from his homestead into Grandin, he was in the blacksmithing business.

Lewis J. Margach

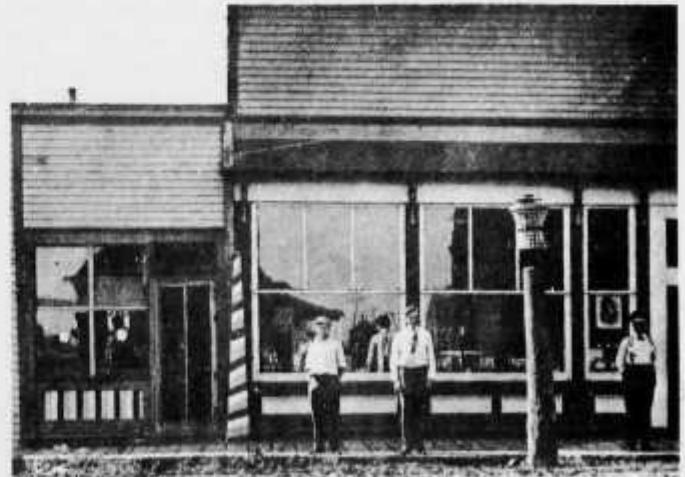
Lewis J. Margach's Carpenter and Carriage Shop was located on the corner of Fourth Street and Clement Avenue. Margach was an expert woodworker and also had a furniture shop. He served his apprenticeship in woodwork in his native Scotland. Repairing wagons, carriages, building grain tanks and water tanks and other woodwork kept Margach busy.

In addition to his woodwork, Margach was Justice of the Peace for many years and was known as Judge Margach. Margach was one of the top checker players in the community.

Gust Anderson

Gust Anderson operated a carpenter and wagon shop for a number of years, later building an addition to the shop and operated a feed grinding mill. As progress moved ahead the mill was run by one of the first gasoline engines in Grandin. This engine had a faculty for storing gas in the muffler and at intervals would pop off with a cannon-like noise, sending some farmer's team of horses off across town.

Anderson was in the process of inventing a milking machine but had not completed it before leaving Grandin for Wisconsin where he purchased a farm. The mill was later bought by John Elliott.



Drug Store

Drug Stores

In the bustling days of long ago, Grandin had two drug stores. The one best remembered is that of Hotson and Fisher. This store had several owners, supposedly, originally owned by Dr. John D. Taylor. Other owners were Dr. J.M. Hotson and Dr. Duncan

Fisher, V.S. Dr. Hotson went to Edmonton, Alberta around 1901, leaving Dr. Fisher, who ran it for many years. Joseph A. Elliott handled it for a number of years, leaving Grandin for Fargo, where he went into the same business. The other drug store was owned by Minor and Wilson. A Mr. Casselman was one of the pharmacists who worked in the store. He later went to Fargo and entered the same business. J.A. Elliott was also associated with Casselman in Fargo.



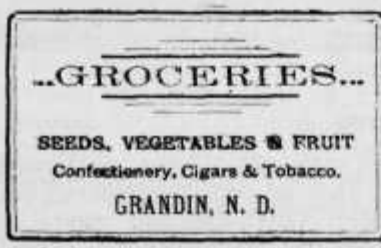
Clapp's Hardware and Grocery Store - 1912

Thomas F. Clapp Store

The Clapps were among the earliest homesteaders in this district, coming from Ohio. They owned and operated a hardware store for a number of years, later adding a full line of groceries. They built themselves a new home in Grandin. The Clapps were music lovers who were self taught. Tom played a cornet while Cora played the big bass fiddle. They played with the J.B. Akeson's orchestra.

The store was taken over by R.E. Metzger upon the Clapp's retirement. Mr. Metzger later sold out to J.C. Vantine, who along with his wife, came to Grandin in 1911, first farming before going into business. They enjoyed a very successful business for many years before leaving Grandin for Bismarck, where Vantine along with his sons, Jack and Glenn, established a paint business. They opened several of these stores in western North Dakota.

The store changed hands several times after the Vantines left. Morris Willert ran it for a few years selling out to Grace and Howard Myers in 1948, who sold it to P.B. Roisum in 1957. Myers moved to Moorhead. Other owners were John Gordon from 1962 until 1965. The Grothmanns were the last ones to operate the store. Allen Nepstad bought the building and later sold the property to Agway and the building was demolished.



Howard Myers Family
Back - Howard and Grace
Front - Mary, Donald, Helen Anne



22 Deerings at work on the Brown Farm - J. Elliott, Foreman

Elevators and Storage

Since Grandin was located in a rich farming community it was only natural that elevators became a booming business. As Grandin has always been one of the largest grain shipping points in North Dakota it had several large elevators at one time. The first grain storage building in Grandin was a shed north of the Main Street crossing. This was built shortly after the railroad was built. The building was changed and rebuilt several times and was used for many purposes. It was used as a coal shed, a cement house and for feed and fertilizers.

One of the Grandin elevators was destroyed by fire in the early days. It was rebuilt as the Northwestern Elevator, and managed by James Ferguson for many years. The largest of the elevators was the Minneapolis and Northern which was purchased by R.F. Gunkelman.

(From the R.F. Gunkelman history)

Early settlers in the Grandin area had to haul their grain to Hunter, then on the N.P. line. In 1882 three elevators were built at Grandin: Minneapolis Northern, National Elevator Company, the Northwestern Elevator Company. All of these opened for business in the fall of 1882. There was enough crop that year to fill these elevators, as all of that area had been settled up and much land broken.

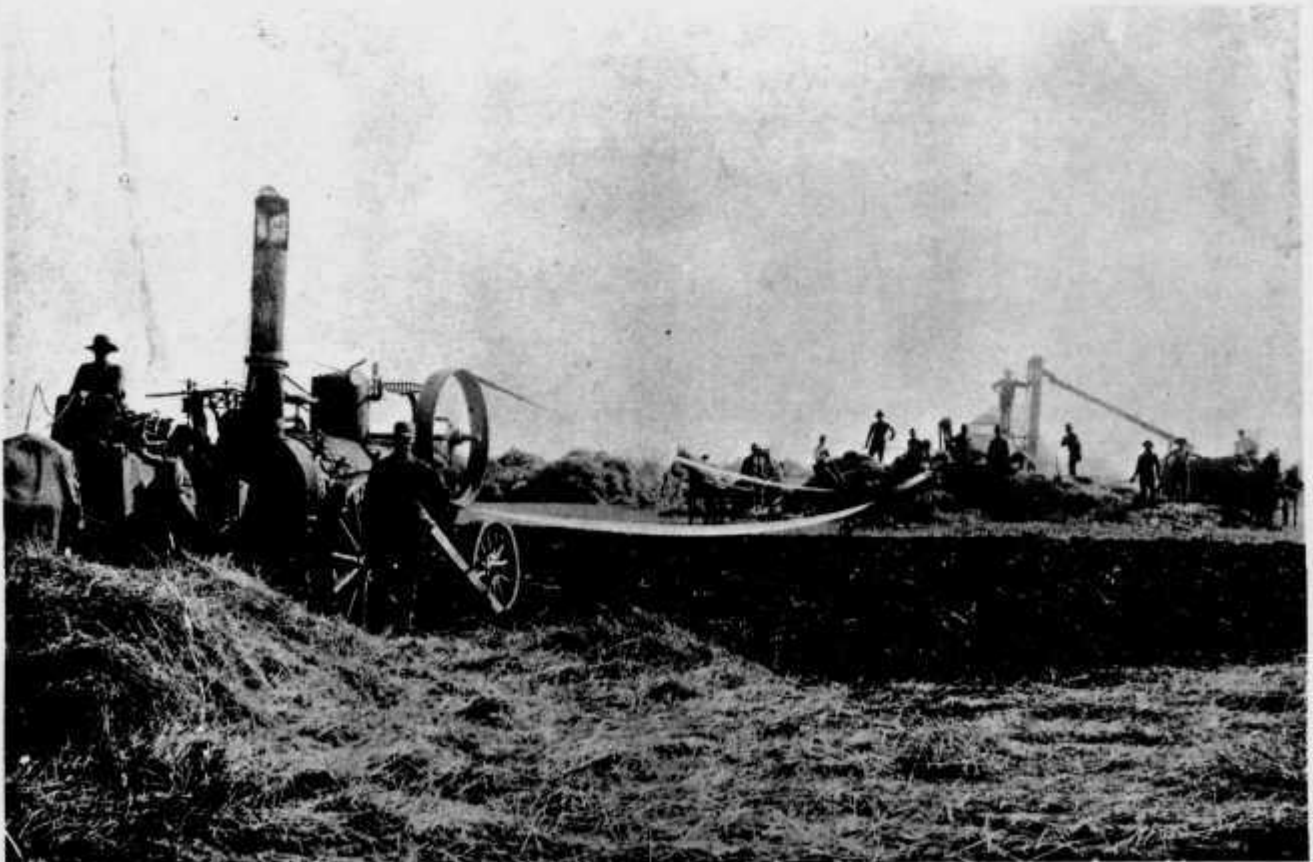
The Gunkelmans eventually bought Minneapolis Northern Elevator, a 100,000 capacity plant. This plant was wrecked and a modern elevator built in its place in 1935. This plant, however, was destroyed by fire in November, 1961, and replaced by the present elevator.

In the years following 1882 the Interstate Elevator built a small 18,000 bushel plant just north of the county line at Grandin. Mr. Stevens from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, built an independent elevator south of the Northwestern Elevator; and the Duluth Elevator Company built a 30,000 bushel plant in the south end of the yard. A flour mill was built just off the right-of-way and operated until 1910. Grandin became a great grain center and has remained a big grain market all of these years. Cargill operates a subterminal in Grandin. The Gunkelman elevator had a large 240,000 bushel plant, also a certified seed cleaning plant off the railroad right-of-way, had additional large capacity steel storage buildings, and used a pole-barn on the J. Paul Gunkelman farm. Diamond "G" Feed Mills, a subsidiary, operated a large feed plant in the southern end of town. The two companies

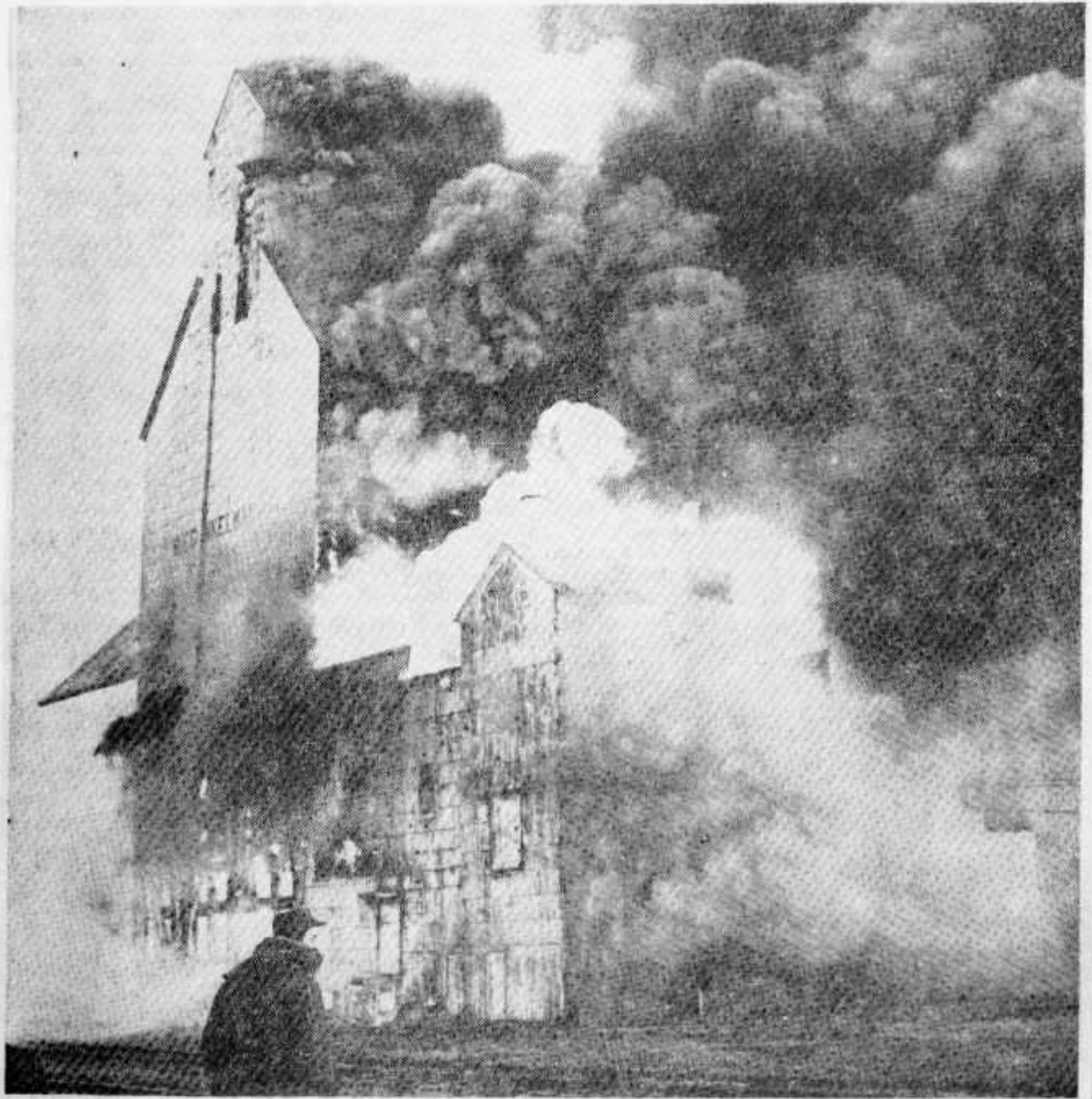
operating in Grandin at that time replaced seven elevators that were operating in 1908.

In 1917, Gunkelman, together with Herman Wilk, organized the Interstate Seed and Grain Company. They hired Frank Cormack to take over the management at Grandin and he managed the company until 1947. In 1915, Gunkelman, Dr. Fisher, Dr. Gowenlock, Harry Reynolds and Wesley Dines organized the Gardner Grain Company at Gardner. This company was later taken over by R.F. Gunkelman and Sons. In 1943 Gunkelman sold his interest in Interstate Seed and Grain Company and opened a brokerage office in the Merchants National Bank Building. In 1945 and 1946 John Gunkelman and Todd Gunkelman came with the company. In 1947 they organized R.F. Gunkelman & Sons and bought the DeSoto Creamery Building. Lloyd came with the company in 1951. Paul succeeded Frank Cormack as manager at Grandin. Some years previous to that they bought the Peavey Elevator at Grandin. The Northwestern Elevator Company, Mr. Stevens, and the Interstate Elevator all had gone out of business. Some years later R.F. Gunkelman & Sons bought the Peavey plant at Hillsboro, and also the Grafton Grain Company at Grafton, North Dakota. They operated at Grandin, Gardner, Hillsboro, Grafton and Fargo. In addition to the grain, seed and chemical business they had developed a birdseed business and shipped birdseed to many states. A new department was organized in the health food area.

Livestock feeding was growing rapidly, and Diamond "G" maintained a large feed lot on the J. Paul



Threshing on John H. Elliott farm in 1900



(Forum Photo By Cal Olson)

Flames And Smoke Billow From Gunkelman Elevator In Grandin, N. D.

Loss Estimated At \$550,000 In Gunkelman Elevator Fire

Loss was estimated at \$500,000 in a fire early Monday that destroyed the R. F. Gunkelman and Sons main elevator at Grandin, N. D.

elevator building but water supplies trucked from Fargo-Moorhead helped in saving other nearby buildings. Grandin is about 30 miles north of Fargo on U. S. 81.

partments and other volunteers worked to prevent the blaze from spreading.

John L. Gunkelman of Fargo, company president, said only broad estimates could be made

ingredients — would amount to about \$300,000, he said.

Loss in buildings and equipment was estimated at about \$250,000. The elevator was fully insured.

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Lewis Thorsrud with corn raised on farm from seed brought from Iowa.



Threshing on the McCradie Farm



1911 - Alfred McAndrew - Big Four Tractor



Early Day Tractor



Big Four Tractor - McAndrew



Hauling Prairie Hay - 1900 - McAndrew



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Threshing with "Waterloo Boy", Rumley Separator and Grain Tank - 1918.



Spring work with the "Waterloo Boy" — one of the first small gasoline tractors used in the valley.

Gunkelman farm. Both cattle and hogs were fed in large numbers. (End)

In 1970 Agway, Inc., took over the facilities in Grandin which were owned by R.F. Gunkelman & Sons. Agway has added additional storage bins and a 54 by 306 foot storage building.

The Rand & Brown Farming Company's elevator was sold to the National Elevator Company at the time the Brown Farm was sold and divided. When the Farmers Coop Elevator was formed, they bought this elevator from the National Elevator Company. They sold it to the Grandin Grain and Seed Company, of which William Hommerding and Fred Wheeler were

the owners. In 1951 the elevator was sold to Cargill, Inc. Cargill, Inc., now has 365,000 bushels of storage and has since built fertilizer storage tanks and a building and deal in fertilizer.

The Peavey Elevator was a building with about 60,000 bushels capacity. This building was bought by the Farmers Grain Company and used for a number of years as a feed mill and elevator. This building was destroyed by fire in 1928 and was replaced with the present feed mill on the same site.

The four original elevators with the exception of the Minneapolis and Northern were run by steam power.

*The Grandin
Farm, Linc and Elevator Co.*

Grandin Roller Mill

The first miller in Grandin was Mr. Blanchard. The Grandin Roller Mill was located on the site where the Tisdale house now stands. (Formerly owned by Paul Gunkelman). The mill was later operated by Walter Miller until the mill was dismantled and moved to Lakota in 1902, where it was destroyed by a cyclone the same year.



Grandin Hotel

The Grandin Hotel

The Grandin Hotel was operated by Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Weisbecker, originally from the state of New York. Part of the building was moved from Quincy in 1881. Several additions were added to the building until it became a three story hotel with many rooms and a large dining room serving food that became famous with the traveling public.

In addition to the hotel business, the Weisbeckers ran a livery and feed barn. They had about a dozen lively teams for hire and country people could put up their horses when they were in town for some time.

Garrett

John Garrett arrived in Grandin in 1878. He was an agent for the Plano Harvester Company. Garrett has been credited with delivering the largest number of harvesters in a single day. The string of binders reached from the west end of town to the east end. Garrett later went into the contracting business, confining his work mostly to the construction of elevators.

Grandin Chronicle

Charles Sibley was editor of the lively newspaper, the Grandin Chronicle, which he established in 1890. In 1908 Sibley left Grandin for a newer town in the

northern part of the state. Charlie loved flowers and his back yard was described as a miniature park.

Doctors

Over the years a number of doctors served Grandin including Dr. McLain, Dr. John D. Taylor, Dr. J.M. Hotson, Dr. R.E. Weible, Dr. Roe, Dr. Breman, Dr. Gosslee, Dr. Duncan Fisher, veterinarian. Later, Dr. McLain located in Hillsboro, then in Minneapolis, but summers found him on his farm between Grandin and Hunter. Doctor Weible moved to Fargo where he gained a reputation as a surgeon and physician. Dr. Fisher enjoyed a large practice. His territory was large and there were few farmers who did not have to call for his services. Dr. Fisher was described as happy, good natured, quiet and congenial.

Headquarters Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. William Pratt built and operated this fine hotel for many years. It was also a three story hotel with a first class dining room. Both the traveling public and local people patronized the hotel. Farm couples came each year to spend the winter in favor of spending the winter in isolation caused by blizzards and no roads. The Pratts also had a first class livery business.



State Bank of Grandin

The Grandin State Bank

E.Y. Sarles of Hillsboro founded the Grandin State Bank. It was later sold to A.L. and O.S. Hanson and was under their management until sold to the First National Bank of Hillsboro. Will Ballock was the first cashier, followed by A.B. Landt, Benjamin Commeron, Joseph Olson and Carl Simonson.

A. L. HANSON, President. O. S. HANSON, Vice President. E. Y. SARLES, Cashier.

STATE - BANK,
Grandin, N. D.

General Banking Business Transacted

Millinery and Womens Apparel Store

This store was under the management of Mrs. Libby Weisbecker Wiggins. The hats were large and sometimes resembled small flower gardens, stuffed birds and feathers galore, but the women liked them and the long hatpins could be a wicked weapon.

In later years there was another millinery and clothing store on Main Street, called the Ballard Store. It contained a large stock of women and children's clothing.

A millinery store was run by Alvina Anderson but after a short time she left for the east making her home at the time at Lowell, Massachusetts. She married Thomas Atkinson and lived later at Bagota, New Jersey. She was the daughter of John Anderson.



M. E. Church - 1912

Churches

The first church in Grandin was a Community church, but was later taken into the Methodist Episcopal Conference. The first regular minister was Rev. C.A. MacNamara. He also served the Centerville Church in Bohnsack Township.

The Presbyterian congregation was organized in 1882. First services were held in the hall over the Clement and John's store. Their church was built in 1899. There is some discrepancy in records as to who was the first minister. Some credit Rev. Zoll, while others records list Rev. Dinen. The congregation has been associated with the congregations of Hendrum, Quincy, and at one time with the Kelso Presbyterian church.

A Catholic church was built in 1911 and dedicated in 1912. Rev. Father Koleman of Hillsboro was the first priest to serve the church. The church building was moved to Argusville in 1951.

The Lutheran church was established in 1930 and first served by R.T. Schuricht of Hillsboro.

Harness Shop

One of the early harness makers in Grandin was Samuel J. Harvey with J.P. Wagner as his assistant. When Harvey quit the business Wagner (Dutch Pete) went into business for himself. The shop was destroyed by fire and rebuilt. Wagner was a very generous man who gave away loads of candy to the youngsters, school and churches. Ill health and finally death took him from the business. William McCoy then took over the shop but when his health failed he was forced to retire.

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Mr. Frank Emery, Manager of Lumber Yard. Alex Deans in Buggy -Taken in 1911

Lumber Yard

O.C. Sarles Lumber Company was the first lumber yard in Grandin, located on the north edge of town east of the tracks, which was later moved on the west side of Clement Avenue. Besides lumber they handled coal and cord wood, which at the time was the main fuel used. It was shipped in carloads from Minnesota. The name of the company was later changed to Valley Lumber Company. Frank Davis was their first manager, leaving Grandin in 1902 for western Canada where he went into the same business. H.T. Tabor took over as manager, a position he held for nearly thirty years. Frank Emery was manager for a number of years, moving to Drummond, Montana and Thomas Elliott took over as manager.

The Valley Lumber Company sold out to the Thompson Yards who operated it until the depression when for economical reasons they closed out their stock. The buildings were later sold and taken down.

W.H. Butler

In the spring of 1927, Mr. and Mrs. William Butler came to Grandin and established an International Harvester agency in the Gordon Blacksmith Shop. Later he built a new building on the site of the Ferguson livery barn which he ran for many years. He had a very good business but failing health and age forced him to sell the business and retire. They moved

to Stephen, Minnesota. Mrs. Butler is remembered for her ability to come up with entertainment for any occasion. They were both active in community affairs.

Roisums Grocery

Palmer and Eva Roisum came to Grandin in 1930 but moved to Philadelphia in 1933. They returned to Grandin in 1941 and bought a grocery store from C.L. Ferguson in March of that year.

They continued to operate the grocery business on Main Street for many years, later buying the grocery store across the street from Grace and Howard Myers in 1957, the store formerly owned by Vantines.

Palmer operated this store until his retirement in 1965, selling the store to John Gordon in January. Palmer passed away and Eva now lives in Hillsboro.

Grandin Garage

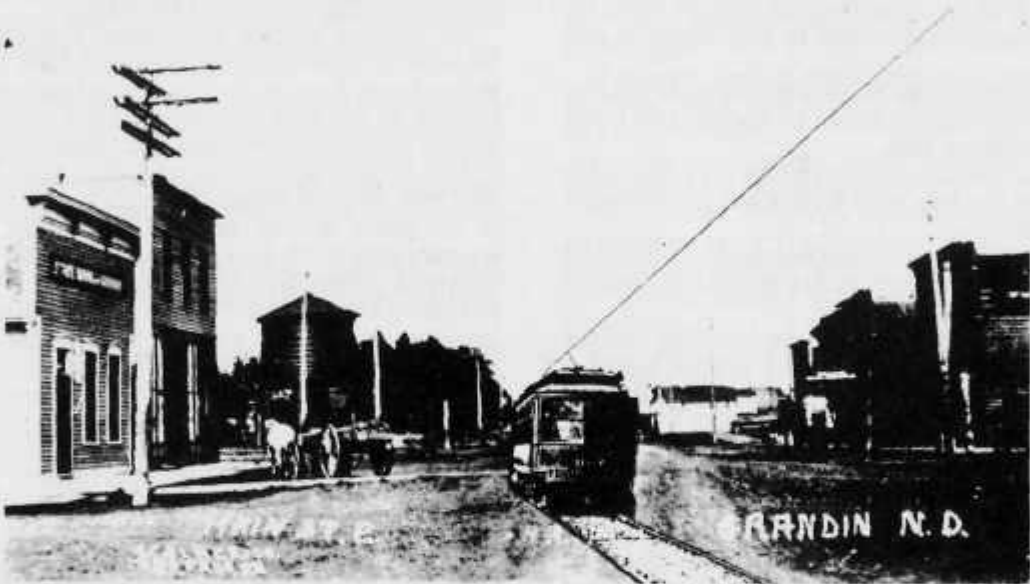
Alvin Peterson purchased the Grandin Garage in 1925. The garage was a busy place with area farmers bringing their field equipment and trucks in for repairs.

On January 1, 1947, Martin (Marty) Johnson bought into partnership with Peterson. When Alvin retired in 1963, Marty became the sole owner, buying out Peterson's share.

Marty retired in 1973 and his son, Tim, bought the business. Tim operated the garage until 1976, when he sold the building to the Grandin Fire Department.



View of Grandin



Main Street, Grandin, N. D.

The Law

Grandin had a town hall which housed the jail. The jail with two cells with iron barred windows and heavy bolted doors, served as an incentive to keep youth and young adults out of trouble.

The Justice of the Peace with the constables help, tried all minor cases, civil and criminal. The general line of cases were for assault and battery, threatening to shoot, brandishing a gun, non-payment of debts, failure of farmer and hired man to agree on wages. There were no labor unions or minimum wage standards. Many complaints were brought but the plaintiff often changed his mind and the case was forgotten.

Some of the Justices of Peace were Frank Emory, 1889; J.E. Maguire, 1890; A.B. Landt, 1893; Charles W. Sibley, 1895; L.J. Margach, 1897; and C.O. Simenson, 1927.

When North Dakota was admitted as a state to the Union in 1889, it came in 'dry', so bootlegging soon was a common practice and 'blind pigs' were an unac-

knowledged part of most pool halls. On complaint of some civic minded citizen or a potential Carry Nation these offenders were brought to justice and sentenced accordingly.

This was the law:

James Publes found guilty of selling intoxicating liquors—sentenced to county jail until he should be legally discharged.

Thomas Close—guilty of using obscene language on the street before a public place of business—fined \$18.75.

A school teacher was accused of assault and battery on the person of one of his students—court found that defendant had punished said student too severely in the exercise of his authority and reprimanded said defendant to that effect, but the teacher kept his job.

One James Whittey—guilty of larceny of a single driving harness and cart—sentenced ten days in jail.

Mr. X—guilty of fraudulently obtaining board and room—fined \$35.00 and fifteen days in jail.

Mr. Y—willfully and feloniously shooting with intent to kill—defendant taken to Fargo District Court.

A leading society lady of the village, with a quick temper and a sharp tongue, accused of crime of assault and striking the defendant over and on top of the head with her umbrella with sufficient force to cause abrasion of the skull—pleaded guilty—paid \$5.00 fine and expenses.

Pool hall manager found guilty of maintaining gambling devices in his establishment—agreed to pay all costs and remove objectionable machinery.

One party arrested for violating the quarantine orders—reprimanded and case dismissed.

Mr. B—accused of unlawfully allowing his bull to run at large—case dismissed.

One defendant refused to pay the plaintiff \$3.75 for labor of building a chimney on defendant's house.

Mr. Y—guilty of non-payment of \$39.30 with interest at 12 percent—sentenced to pay amount and court costs.

Dr.—brought suit for \$9.96 non-payment of professional services—defendant failed to appear and judgment declared against him.

Defendant had promised to give two standing foals in consideration for hay sold him. Case dismissed—insufficient evidence.

Non-payment for merchandise purchased—sold and delivered to said defendant at his special insistence and request—paid bill and costs.

Mr. B—arrested in damage suit for running down a buggy with his automobile without proper lights—the buggy smashed and broken and rendered useless for plaintiff's uses—paid fine and fees \$59.45. 1916.

Mr. A—arrested for allowing his horses to run at large damaging neighbor's fields—settled out of court.

In one case—a change of venue was requested by plaintiff as the judge was a friend of defendant and therefore prejudiced and incapable of giving an unbiased opinion.

These early settlers came and built the town and made the history of Grandin. The town flourished into a busy, prosperous site, but as other settlers moved into Dakota Territory new and bigger towns developed. Many of the Grandin settlers moved on to other locations and over the years many Grandin business places closed their doors. The people who chose to remain and the generations who followed have kept Grandin on the map. In the past few years new businesses have opened and new homes have been built and the town continues to flourish.

Before we leave the history of Grandin, let's look at some interesting side-lines.

Grandin was incorporated as a village in 1926. Alvin Peterson and Sam Hunter were village trustees. The trustees set up the by-laws of the council which met four times a year, with special meetings if necessary.

The office of treasurer and clerk were combined with compensation of \$2 per meeting, not to exceed \$25 a year. This was later amended to read, his salary would be 2% of all monies paid out by him from the

treasury, not to exceed \$10 a year. Amendment dated 1935. The marshal received \$25 per year while the Justice of the Peace and the village trustees shall be paid at a rate as fixed by the state statute.

Some of the early ordinances make good reading and could apply today. Laws are made, amended and repealed every day and we can't help but wonder why some of the early ones were made and how many have been changed. Following are some of the early ordinances: No person or persons shall ride or drive any horse, horses, automobile, truck or other vehicle upon the streets or alleys in the Village of Grandin, North Dakota, at a faster rate or a greater speed than 20 miles per hour.

No person or persons shall deposit or leave any refuse, manure or garbage upon any street or alley or public ground within the Village of Grandin, nor shall any person leave or allow any refuse, manure, filth, garbage or other offensive matter of any kind to accumulate around his or her place of business or in the streets or alleys adjacent thereto.

All privies, drains, cesspools, hogpens and other sources of obnoxious smells or odors shall be considered and hereby declared to be nuisances and the owners of the premises where they exist shall be required to keep them clean and disinfected.

Any person or persons who shall fight or engage in any fray or shall cause or create or aid in any breach of the peace or riot, or shall be present assisting or encouraging such fray, fight, breach of the peace or unlawful assembly, or shall behave improperly in public by using vulgar or obscene language, or act in a vulgar or obscene manner or shall make a noise in the streets or in public, or in any manner by hallooing or in any other manner to the annoyance of the citizens, or who shall make an indecent exposure of his or her person, within the Village of Grandin; the person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

No person shall spit or throw fruit parings or skins upon the sidewalks or crossings of any street, alley or thoroughfare within the Village of Grandin, or in or upon the floors, stairs or hallways within, or sidewalks leading to or from any public building, theatre or public hall or any railway depot or platform.

Since Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden, man has been disregarding the law.

Laws, like the seed planted in good earth, sprout, bloom and have their repute, then fade into time, lost in history.



Main Street Looking East



Main Street Looking West



Street Scene, Grandin, North Dakota

Over the years Grandin has seen many changes. Some of the older women will remember going from house to house to invite guests to a coffee party since there were only a few homes with wall telephones. In 1953, this changed with the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company coming into Grandin and most of the homes had telephones installed. Since that time city officials have worked towards improvements for the city.

The village of Grandin had a Board of Trustees as follows: A.C. Gifford, Chairman, Walt Ahlschwede and A.E. Peterson on the board. Peterson served on the board previously but dates of the board meetings were not recorded at early meetings. Sam Hunter was also an early trustee.

One of the modern changes took place in 1958, when the village was equipped with new mercury vapor type street lights.

A modern water and sewer system was installed in 1965 and who will forget the streets dug up and the terrible muddy mess when it rained. But it was all worth it in the end. A.E. Peterson was named water/sewer maintenance man.

On the complaint of a merchant about peddlers coming into town, the council passed an ordinance in 1967, anyone peddling in town must obtain a peddlers license for \$50.

In 1967, the Village of Grandin became a city with rules governing the ruling board. The chairman of the

board became the mayor and election of aldermen to serve on the city council was formed. The clerk became known as city auditor in 1970. Lil Christian served as city auditor from 1972 until 1980. Alvin Peterson was the first mayor of Grandin. Paul Gunkelman served as clerk for over fifteen years. In 1972, the city council began to have regular monthly meetings.

Garbage pickup was instituted in 1973, under a contract with Mr. Harlin L. Fraedrich of Enderlin, North Dakota.

Zoning ordinances were adopted in 1979 with building permits required.

On April 5, 1979, city residents voted unanimously to contract with Traill County Rural Water Users for their water supply. This water supply is used during the winter months when the Grandin supply is not favorable.

Mayors who have served the city are Alvin Peterson, 1968 to 1976, Darrell Wischer from 1976 to 1978, Elmer Madsen, 1978 to 1980 (Madsen served on the city council for 12 years). JoAnn Radebaugh, the first woman mayor of Grandin, has served since 1980. Present members of the city council are Irv Christian, Dave Blaser, Joyse Rodda and Larry Goldade. Robin Anderson is the city auditor.

The 1980 census showed Grandin has a population of 211.



Early Photo of Grandin - Over 75 Years Ago

Grandin Mayors



A.E. (Alvin) Peterson
May 1967-May 1976
Peterson served on the Grandin governing board for 48 years.



Darrell Wischer
May 1976-June 1978



Elmer Madsen
June 1978-June 1980



JoAnn Radebaugh
June 1980-

Clifford Still

Clifford Still is classed as an Abstract Expressionist artist.

In 1935 he received his masters degree from Washington State University. From 1943 to 1945 he was a professor at Richmond Professional Institute, a division of William and Mary College. From 1946 to 1948 he taught at the California School of Fine Arts. In 1966 he gave 31 paintings to the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. He received an honorary degree in Fine Arts from Maryland Institute in Baltimore. On May 27, 1972, he was awarded the Dr. of Fine Arts Degree honoris causa from NDSU in Fargo.

In 1975, Mr. Still gave 28 paintings to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Arts. He also received the Alumni Achievement Award from Washington State University. In 1978, he was elected to the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

Mr. Still was born at Grandin and revisited here in 1972. He died in Baltimore, Maryland, on June 23, 1980, leaving his wife Patricia, and two daughters, Diane and Sandra.

He will be remembered as one of the outstanding artists of his time.

Dan Rice, Jr.

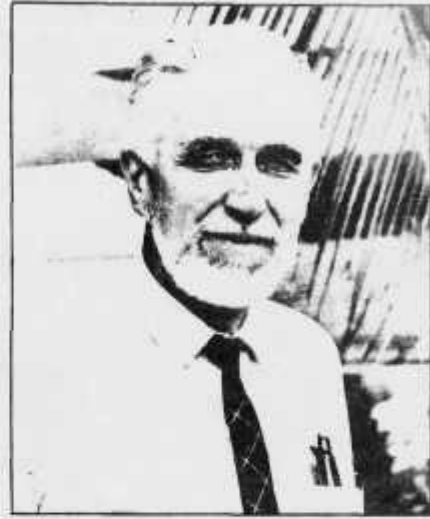
In the year 1863, the noted American sculptor, Leonard W. Volk, carved a marble statue of Dan Rice, the noted circus clown. (It was a bust, not a full length statue). This bust fell into the hands of his son, Dan Rice, Jr., a civil engineer, Girard, Pennsylvania.

In the early days, Dan Rice, Jr., came west and brought the 175-pound statue with him along with the rest of his family's belongings. They settled on the farm of a relative, Thomas Walker, bonanza farmer, one and one-half miles northeast of Grandin.

In 1908, Dan Rice, Jr., and his family went west to New England, North Dakota. Rather than take the statue along, they buried it in the ground on the Walker farm for safekeeping. There it lay for many years, until a tenant of the farm came upon it, probably while plowing. He put it in the farm house.

In 1952, James B. Connolly, assistant secretary of the North Dakota Auto Club in Fargo, who is a great grandson of Dan Rice, went to the Walker farm and brought the bust to his home in Fargo. He kept it for a while, then gave it to the Harry Hertzberg Circus Collection in the public library at San Antonio, Texas, where there are other relics on the famous clown.

Earl C. May, author of the book, "The Circus, from Rome to Ringling" (1932), said "Dan Rice was the greatest drawing card in circus history."



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The Grandin Brothers



John Livingston and William James Grandin were the sons of Samuel Grandin and Mary Ann Henry. The family consisted of a younger brother Elizah Bishop and a sister Maria Jane. A brother Girard was drowned and a beautiful sister, Emma, died in boarding school. Mary Ann died when Elizah was a young boy, leaving him to grow up with his brothers and sister in the care of his father and a kindly woman, Mrs. Jones, for whom he had great respect and affection all his life.

Samuel Grandin established himself in Deerfield, Pennsylvania, in 1840 as a dealer in general merchandise. Soon, however, he built a sawmill and was trading extensively in lumber. In these interests he was soon joined by two of his sons—John Livingston and William James—who upon their father's retirement in 1860 took capable charge of the family's fortunes.

The Grandins leased and subleased farms along the Allegheny, conducted widespread drilling operations, bought and shipped crude oil to the seaboard, built pipelines and iron tanks, and along the way became figures to be reckoned with. J.S. Schenck in his "History of Warren County," writes of them: "Everything undertaken by the Grandins is gone about in the most practical matter of fact way, and about everything they take a hand in turns into money. Their one thousand and one successful oil

ventures is a matter of public information in this region." Perhaps the writer had in mind the dividends paid stockholders of the Tidioute (later name for Deerfield) and Warren Oil Company of which John L. was the manager; in eight years the investors received \$1,200,000 dividends on a total capital of \$10,000.

So extensive had their affairs become that in 1868 John L. and A. Clark Baum established a general banking business in what was now called Tidioute. Two years later William J. purchased Baum's interest and the institution became the Grandin Bros' Bank. The Grandin Bank, founded on oil money, was famed from coast to coast for its solvency: it helped Jay Cooke when he financed the Civil War. When the Cooke firm went broke in 1873, the Grandins obtained the collateral security on their loans: thousands of acres of undeveloped land in North Dakota, Jay Cooke's share of financing western railroads.

In a letter written to Mr. Leonard Sackett of the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies by John L. Grandin, Jr., in 1954 he gives the following account.

Many newspaper articles have been written about the Grandin Farm, including many mis-statements. The following are some of the events recounted to me by my father.

Grandin Brothers Bank in Tidioute, Pennsylvania,

owned by John L. and W.J. Grandin, had used Jay Cooke & Company, Bankers of Philadelphia as one of their depositories, and when they failed in 1873, they owed Grandin Brothers for those times a large amount of money (\$88,600.00). Jay Cooke had sold many of the Civil War securities in England and the Northern Pacific turned to him as the financier of the period and he sold a good many of the Northern Pacific securities to his English clients.

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New Suspenders	1.11	1.50
Four Buttons	2.25	2.50
Men's Arctic	1.75	1.00
High Top	1.00	1.25
Shoes	3.00	1.30
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Men's Suspenders	2.00	4.00
Men's Wool Suspenders	1.00	.75
" " "	1.11	.88
" " "	1.00	1.25

A full line of Stock Goods, Men's, Boys, Hosiery, Clothing, Caps, Hats, Shoes, etc., will be sold at prices in proportion to the above. Lowest prices ever seen.

Thom's Department Store.

Mr. Billings was President of the Northern Pacific and Mr. Villard was Vice-President and as there was an exposition in the country in 1873, Villard suggested that a special train should take English Capitalists over the road so that they might see what they had invested in. Mr. Billings objected to this saying—"they won't see any hansom cabs and all they will see will be prairie dogs thumping their noses at them." Mr. Villard prevailed and it had a serious effect on the stock of the Northern Pacific.

J.L. Grandin went to Philadelphia, tried to persuade the creditors to allow Jay Cooke to be his own receiver but he did not succeed. Mr. Cooke said that they could only pay fifteen cents on the dollar but told all of them that his firm had advanced a large amount of money to the Northern Pacific which was the cause of its failure. He stated that the Northern Pacific had started to sell some of its lands received from the Government at \$6.00 an acre. The original grant of land to the railroad was one of the odd sections twenty miles each side of the railroad for a certain distance westward.

John L. Grandin was a good trader and rather than take fifteen cents on the dollar decided in 1875 when the Preferred Stock had declined to \$22 a share, to go west and inspect the Red River Valley of North Dakota. He found Fargo a mushroomed town of tents with Moorhead, Minnesota, the Department of the Interior, just across the Red River from Fargo.

He was very fortunate in meeting Colonel Henry S. Back of Fargo who was a practical westerner. Mr. Grandin and Colonel Back, in a Westward Ho wagon with a couple of dogs and shotguns, drove from Fargo some fifty miles north in the Red River Valley. They discovered an old Scotchman living in a dug-out under the bank of one of the branches of the Goose

River who said that no one could live in North Dakota because it got to be fifty degrees below zero and the wind blew 110 miles an hour.

My father noted the thick deposit of clay sub-soil, helpful in holding moisture, and two to three feet of dark, rich surface soil, the accumulation of glacier actions hundreds of years ago. They noted a pile of something in the corner of this dug-out and were told it was the only wheat the Scotchman knew of being raised in North Dakota, and when asked how much he got to the acre, he said he didn't know. They spent several hours measuring the wheat with a small tin pail and in the morning, by measuring the stubble that he had in not more than one-quarter of an acre, and allowing for the loss in flailing, they decided he had raised about thirty bushels to the acre.

That seemed so much better to my father than to take fifteen cents on the dollar from Mr. Cooke, that he decided to make a selection of land. They couldn't find any corner stakes and the thought was that the buffalo had rubbed against them and broken them.

On reporting to the Department of the Interior in Moorhead, Minnesota, he was told that they might make their own survey and Colonel Back said that would not be difficult. They found a large size buck-board and had two loads of cedar posts following them. They established a corner of a township and then tied a handkerchief on the rim of a wheel, having computed how many revolutions it would take to a mile, and with a compass they surveyed two townships having the possibility of merely buying the odd sections.

The survey was accepted in Moorhead and that was the start of Grandin acquisition of North Dakota land. Colonel Back told my father that he believed the selection was a wise one but that it was the fall of the year and that possibly in the springtime some of the land might be wet and that better selection should be made in the spring.

In a document dated April 1892 attributed to J.L. Grandin, Senior, this account is given.

The latter part of April and the fore part of May 1, 1875, located 26,000 acres of R.R. land and bought four sections of Government land, which was paid for in Sioux half-breed script at \$2.20 per acre. The R.R. land was listed at \$4.50 per acre. I, however, made a trade with them in which I agreed to open up a large farm, break 2,500 acres and put up buildings at once which would help develop the country; in consideration of which they gave me a rebate of \$1.50 an acre, making the price \$3.00 instead of \$4.50.

This land was located 40 miles north of Fargo on the Red River, and at that time there were no settlers living on the prairie and only an occasional one living along the river in the timber, the prevailing opinion being that we could not live on the unprotected prairie in the winter on account of the severity of the climate. (End)

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Mr. Grandin, anxious to get back to his Banking, Lumber, and Oil business in Pennsylvania, and knowing very little about western farming, was told that there was a man by the name of Oliver Dalrymple in Minnesota who had possibly the only half section of wheat cultivated at that time. He immediately went to see Mr. Dalrymple and when driving into his yard, noted that the barn was considerably larger than the house, that most of the machinery was under cover, and that the plow shares had been red-leaded to prevent rust. He found that Oliver Dalrymple had come from Warren County, Pennsylvania where Mr. Grandin lived, had been a school teacher, and had never heard of him before. He advised him that he had some 26,000 acres of land in the Red River district and made a contract with Oliver Dalrymple and W.F. Dalrymple, his brother, that if Oliver would go to North Dakota for a certain number of years without salary and open up a wheat farm of size, that he, Grandin, would furnish the money for all improvements, the buildings, machinery, livestock, etc. and that he would sell to the Dalrymples one-half interest in same at cost with interest at 6%. This Mr. Oliver Dalrymple accepted in 1875 and that is the way Mr. Dalrymple got into North Dakota.

avenue, ticket seller in the Union Station, Denver, Col., says:
 "You are at liberty to repeat what I first stated through our Denver papers about Doan's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1899, for I have had no reason in the interim to change my opinion of the remedy. I was subject to severe attacks of backache, always aggravated if I sat long at a desk. Doan's Kidney Pills absolutely stopped my backache. I have never had a pain or twinge since."



For many years the work of the farms was supervised by J.L. or Elizabeth Grandin, both of them coming to North Dakota for weeks each fall, to develop and direct. The Mayville and Grandin farms together consisted of 125,000 acres, not all of which was ever cultivated.

In the beginning the Grandin Farm was owned one-quarter by J.L. Grandin, one-quarter by W.J. Grandin, one-quarter by Oliver Dalrymple and one-quarter by W.F. Dalrymple, although the latter did not appear in the transaction. Afterwards J.L. Grandin and W.J. Grandin sold E.B. Grandin an undivided sixth.

John L. Grandin originated what was termed "The Crop Land Plan" in connection with a sale of lands they owned. A party having enough livestock and machinery and a helpful family, would be told as follows:

"We have faith we are selling you very productive land and believe that you are able to make a success. We will sell you the land for so much money but we will not ask you to give us your note secured by a mortgage. You are to farm the land with diligence

and each year you are to put one half of the marketable crop in the nearest elevator to our credit. You are to take the responsibility of selling the same and to advise the Elevator Company to remit to us the proceeds which will be credited to your purchase contract. You will never have to worry about any foreclosure and the rate of interest will be 6%."

By this method which proved most successful, the Grandins sold many thousand acres of land, doubtless receiving a little more per acre than if the purchaser were asked for note and mortgage. They never had to take back more than two quarter sections. This plan was sound and comforting to the purchaser but when land became worth \$40 to \$50 or more per acre, it was decided better to have in connection with this Crop Plan, a down cash payment.

Over the years the Grandin holdings in Traill County, known as the Grandin Farm, were reduced by selling a half section or a section to many parties until finally the Grandin Farm holdings, known as the Grandin Farm, were reduced by 1920 to no more than 3,250 acres and then that land was sold to Murray Brothers Land Company for \$65 an acre and in the same year, they sold all of said land, except Sections 27 and 34, to William H. Leazenby of Mt. Moriah, Missouri, and these two sections were sold to the two Leazenby sons.

Mr. Leazenby's sons refused to move from Missouri to North Dakota to manage this land so he rented same to Aaron H. Holstrom who for years had been the very efficient bookkeeper at Division #1 and more recently the Manager. This called for a sale of all the livestock, machinery and all movable property, with Mr. Holstrom the evident buyer.

In May 1920, John L. Grandin jr. continues, we decided to hold a two day auction and Charles L. Grandin met me at Division #1. The sale was widely advertised and despite a foot of snow, we had not less than 500 people. We had two auctioneers and arranged with the Bank at Halstad to be present, agreeing by a nod to the auctioneer that they would accept notes from the purchasers and give us a New York draft for the total amount of the sales. This worked out very well and Leazenby went back to Missouri. The next few years were unfavorable for Holstrom and he lost out, resulting in Leazenby having to take over, with his sons still refusing to assist.

In short, Mr. Leazenby died in 1923. The Grandins

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"	"	2.50	"	1.60
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"	"	2.50	"	1.35
"	"	3.00	"	1.18
Children's	"	1.00	"	.70
"	"	1.50	"	.50
"	"	2.00	"	.35
Ladies'	"	2.50	"	2.00
"	"	3.00	"	1.88
"	"	3.50	"	1.45

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This entire line must be closed out in 30 days. Sale commences SATURDAY, OCT. 22nd, continuing one month if these great bargains are not disposed of in this time.

had to foreclose their First Mortgage on the land as taxes were unpaid for over two years, the Murray Brothers having the Second Mortgage. From then on the Grandins rented this acreage for a number of years, giving the Leazenby boys the right to redeem the land by paying amount due.

Mr. Allan Sulerud very ably attended to the details, including annually seeing that enough seed wheat was stored on the Farm for the renters' needs.

This rental period from 1923 to 1934 was largely supervised by Charles L. Grandin of Minneapolis, he living at Division #1 during the active farming months. In 1934, because of the many interested parties in the families of J.L.; E.B.; and W.J. Grandin, the land 3,259 acres, was conveyed to The Grandin Land Trust and rented, awaiting a fair sale price.

In 1948 the 3,259 acres were again sold, this time to Mr. D.E. Viker. This sale was a cash transaction and was the final disposition of the Grandin Farm land and John L. and S.B. Grandin had disposed of their Mayville farm property; John L. Grandin had sold the so-called Douglas Farm north of Georgetown, Minnesota, and I had sold my Blanchard Farm.

The morning after the auction sale in 1920, the last of the Grandin Farm land having been considered sold to Leazenby, I sensed my days in North Dakota would be few, if any. I owed much to Traill County for its making my years from College in 1897 to 1923 filled with happy remembrances. There were years of most successful farming and years that were rather lean.

My father and I often, with Mr. Springen and his son Gunder, had spent many hours hunting prairie chickens. I recalled that morning, countless wet days with thousands of acres in shock waiting to be threshed, having to be reshocked to again dry out. I remember that J.L. and E.B. Grandin from their Mayville Farm office, with most efficient Rufus S. Silson in charge, had made many farm loans in Traill and Cass Counties, often paying off borrowers' loans drawing up to 8% interest and loaning money at 6%. They never lost a cent in carefully selected North Dakota mortgages. Then I sensed, as I sat on the steps of the so-called white house, almost emptied by the auction sale, that I was truly sad. I scratched on an envelope the following:



AFTER THE AUCTION

For thirty years I've loved it so
But yet alas! the farm must go.
My heart is heavy - my soul is sad,
No one in the family's glad.

Ever since I can remember,
Always from June until November
In each year out West I went,
Raising wheat was my intent.

I learned to love the acres wide,
Where man and horse could lengthen stride;
Where pure air was freely given,
Likewise water - if well was driven.

Where soil was deep and dark and rich,
Well-drained by generous roadside ditch,
Where when it rained, as 'twast wont to do,
Greedy, clinging mud oft claimed gum-shoe.

Where ploughs have never found a stone,
But now and then a buffalo's bone;
Where if man dropped in May a seed,
And guarded it from the foul weed -
September returned a hundred-fold,
Golden wheat or corn just three months old.

I learned to love this country so,
I planned my children there should go -
Because, for our children we wish the best,
That means to me THE FARM OUT WEST.

Friend Farm the train has whistled -
I grab my bag;
But it is not strange
My legs to lag.

My saddened heart would bid me stay,
And spend with you yet one more day.
As I say goodbye - I hope not for long,
I hear the dismal auction song,
Going—Going—Going—Gone!

The information for the history of the Grandin Brothers was obtained from Florence A. Grandin of Acton, Massachusetts, whose husband is a descendent of Daniel Grandin (1723-1790), who was the son of Daniel Grandin (1694-1742) and his wife Mary Throckmorton (1695-1739). Their offspring also includes Samuel Grandin (1726-1792), whose descenents include the Grandin brothers for whom Grandin, N.D., was named. Three American post offices have been named Grandin. They are located in Florida, Missouri and North Dakota.

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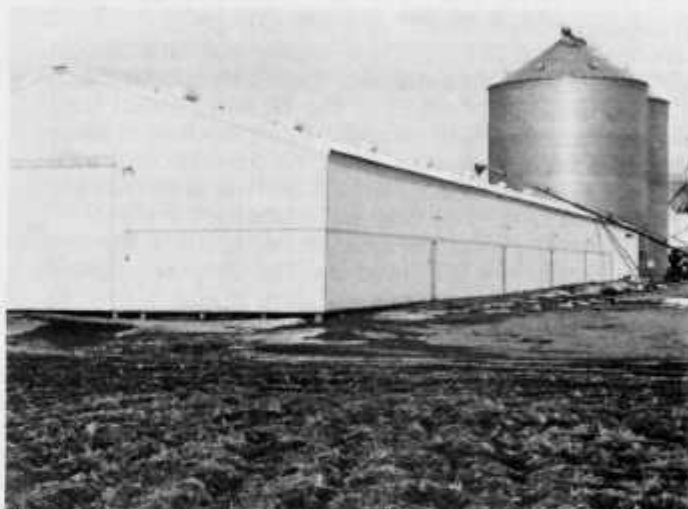
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Grandin Merchants 1981



"Agway, Inc." 1980



Agway, Inc. storage facility built 1980

Agway Inc.

Agway Inc., with its main offices in Syracuse, New York, is the second largest farmer owned cooperative in the United States. Agway's retail system with its stores located throughout the northeastern United States offers a large variety of farm, home and garden products. One of the items Agway sells, birdfood, was purchased prior to 1970 from R.F. Gunkelman and Sons in Grandin. When the facilities of R.F. Gunkelman and Sons were made available for sale in September 1970, Agway purchased the Grandin elevator and seedhouse in order to insure Agway's stores of a dependable supply of birdfood.

Agway also entered the edible sunflower market when it purchased the Grandin facilities. Agway processes sunflower into large inshell sunflower for roasting and salting, and produces sunflower kernel by hulling the whole sunflower seed. Agway purchases large quantities of millet both for birdfood mixtures and for hulling which converts millet into human food. Various other speciality human foods and birdfoods are also processed by Agway.

Agway established a varietal development program for confectionery sunflower in 1971. Initial emphasis was on producing rust resistant varieties of confectionery sunflowers. In 1976 the first hybrid varieties were released. The research program is now concentrating on developing high yielding, high

quality varieties resistant to diseases in our area. Summer breeding nurseries are located in Grandin and Idaho and a winter nursery is located in Florida. Promising lines are yield tested on locations in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Canada.

Agway presently employs 42 full-time employees and employs about eighteen additional people in Grandin on a seasonal basis.

Future plans include the development of new domestic and foreign markets and increased processing and storage capacity to keep pace with the increasing demand of sunflower products. Jim Krogh is manager of Agway.



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Cargill, Inc. 1980

Cargill Inc.

Cargill, Inc., was purchased on October 1, 1951 from Helen Harper Bristol, William and Alma Hommerding. At that time it was known as the Grandin Grain & Seed Company.

At the time Cargill took over the facilities they felt it was important to get acquainted with their customers. Therefore, they had a get-acquainted offer of a Velon Colonial tablecloth.

Manager of the Cargill Company was Joseph Sokness who served until 1953. Willis Nelson took over the management and was in Grandin until 1956. Wallace Wentworth succeeded him and was manager



Grandin Co-op Oil Co. 1980

Grandin Co-op Oil Company

The Grandin Co-op Oil Company was formed and held its first meeting on April 7, 1934. They had previously drawn up the bylaws and had received the charter from Bismarck to operate as a co-operative in the state of North Dakota.

The company started with 154 stockholders. The first board of directors consisted of five members. They were C.H. Radebaugh, R.F. Gunkelman, B.S. Thompson, Andrew McSparron, and A.E. Peterson. C.H. Radebaugh, was elected to be the first chairman of the board of directors, with Frank Cormack as secretary-treasurer. Sam Hunter was hired as the first manager of the company.

The stockholders voted at this meeting to become affiliated with the White Eagle Oil Company and

until 1964. Kenneth Peterson then took over and was there until 1969. Harlen Soholt served until 1970.

Cargill was then sold to Earl Kurtz and in July of 1970, Cargill again took over ownership, with Elmer Madsen as manager. In January of 1971, Johnnie Humphrey took on the job as bookkeeper, positions they hold at the present.

In the last ten years Cargill has made some advancements with the installation of new legs and distributing system, new electronic scale, and built a liquid and dry fertilizer plant.

They are now geared to load at least twenty rail cars a day.

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tary, Lewis Barker, Henry Grothmann, Glenn Porter, Daniel Backstrom and Duane Lemm.

The company first became affiliated with the White Eagle Oil Co., later known as the Socony Vacuum Oil Co., then the Mobil Oil Co. On June 9, 1971, they changed and became a member of Farmland Industries, Inc., a regional co-operative owned and operated by local co-operatives.

In 1973 the Grandin Co-operative Oil Company purchased property and made plans to build on this site. In 1974, a building was built which contained a warehouse, shop, office and sales room. In 1975 gas and diesel pumps were added. The bulk plant was moved from the old location to the present site. Also added to the business was the purchasing of two 30,000 gallon anhydrous fertilizer tanks. Besides petroleum products, fertilizer and chemicals, the company is handling farm and automotive supplies.

Over the past years the company has doubled its members as stockholders. Through faithful patronage of its members, the Grandin Co-operative Oil Company has advanced from less than 300,000 gallons to well over one-million gallons of petroleum products per year, and well over a million dollars in gross sales.



Northwestern State Bank 1980

Grandin State Bank

The Grandin State Bank was founded by E.Y. Sarles of Hillsboro. This bank was later sold to A.L. and O.S. Hanson and was under their management until sold to the First National Bank of Hillsboro on December 31, 1928.

Like Grandin, Hillsboro did not escape the depression. The Hillsboro National Bank developed financial difficulties and its deposit liabilities were assumed by the First National Bank in 1929. The bank reorganized its staff with Earle R. Sarles as president and P.B. Peterson as vice president. The same year the deposit liability of the bank at Grandin

was assumed and that bank was liquidated. The Peoples State Bank of Hillsboro went into receivership.

In 1930 the First National Bank of Hillsboro was purchased by Northwest Bancorporation, along with numerous banks in North Dakota, to strengthen the banking structure of North Dakota. In November of 1977 the Northwestern State Bank of Hillsboro opened a Paying and Receiving Station in Grandin. It is located along Main Street, and is managed by Gaylon W. Anderson, formerly of Halstad, Minnesota and now a resident of Grandin.

The Grandin branch offers checking, savings, certificates of deposit, telephone transfer service, plus many miscellaneous benefits.



Grandin Recreation 1980

Grandin Recreation

Jack McDonald ran the Grandin Recreation on Main Street. In 1949, Art McKinnon, purchased the Grandin Recreation and with his wife Aggie and three small children, settled in Grandin. Art died in January of 1950 and Aggie took over the job of running the business. In 1952, she married Lloyd Hagen and they have managed the business since.

In 1958 fire destroyed the building and all their possessions which were located upstairs above the Recreation Center.

Hagens purchased a house from Roy Satroms and moved it into town. They added a front onto the building for the bar and started the business again in the fall of 1958.

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Grandin HiWay Service and Wheel In Cafe 1980

Grandin Hiway Service and Wheel In Cafe

Grandin Hiway Service opened its doors for business on December 1, 1952, a corporation started by J.P. Gunkelman, Orville Meyer and Marvin Hestbeck. It deals in petroleum products and hardware. The Butler Implement building was moved to the site of the present store and remodeled to form the hardware store and Standard station with Hestbeck using the back portion for a garage. Hestbeck died in 1959 and the garage was closed and is now used for storage. Inez Gunkelman then became the third member of the corporation. Orville Meyer has been manager of the store since it opened.

The Wheel In Cafe opened for business November 1, 1952 with Evelyn Howard and Ingeborg Sather owners. In 1953 Evelyn sold out to Ingeborg. In 1959 Grandin Hiway Service took over the cafe and was run by Martha Grothmann until 1966 when Molly Hestbeck took over as manager. The cafe building was the former Foster service station building. Molly has worked at the cafe since 1959, doing the cooking three days a week and Patsy Holm is cook the rest of the week.



Gold Label Feeds 1980

Gold Label Feeds

The feed mill was bought by the Farmers Grain Company in 1928 by R.F. Gunkelman. This building was partially burned and rebuilt. The original leg and parts of the interior are still in use.

The name was later changed to R.F. Gunkelman & Sons in 1950 and later marketed feed under the name of Diamond "G" Products.

The mill was remodeled in 1959 and made larger. It caught fire again in 1964 with minor damage. It was leased to Ralston Purina in 1965 and operated by them until 1972.

In 1973 Gold Label Feed bought the feed plant and are currently operating it twelve hours a day. A major overhaul and remodeling was done in 1980. David Blaser has been manager of the plant in Grandin since Gold Label Feeds bought it.



Dakota Fertilizer 1981

Dakota Fertilizer and Chemical

Dakota Fertilizer and Chemical was started by Darrell Wischer in October of 1971. Darrell was previously employed by Gunkelman Elevator in Grandin. In 1971 and 1972, Darrell operated from storage tanks located at several area farms and some tanks in Grandin. He worked with Warren Walkinshaw, from Argusville, on application of fertilizer and chemicals, using Warren's two Big-A's. In 1973, Darrell purchased a floater and a semi for hauling

products in and out of storage tanks. The present office and shop were built in 1974. Two tera-gators were added in 1975. Three 125,000 gallon tanks were built in 1976, giving Darrell one-half million gallons of storage. In 1977, two semi's and specially built dry, liquid combination trailers were purchased. At this time Darrell was hauling grain to Nebraska and hauling liquid fertilizer back to Grandin. Allen Barker and Leo Bauer operated the trucks. The Wischer family were all involved in operating the plant.

Dakota Fertilizer and Chemical was purchased in February of 1978, by Darrol and Paul Schroeder, Ken Gerdes, all from Davenport, North Dakota, and Paul Satran of Fargo, North Dakota. The Wischers operated the plant until the spring of 1978. In July of that year the Wischers moved to their new home in Colorado.

Ryan Leinen took over managing the plant on September 1, 1978, coming from Campbell, Minnesota. In December of 1979, Leinen bought shares in the business and is now part owner and manager. Cameron Wischer, Darrell's son, is employed as assistant manager and equipment operator.

Today, Dakota Fertilizer and Chemical Corporation is a full service plant, offering custom spraying with the firms two tera-gators, spra-coupe and airplanes. Other services include soil sampling, granular chemical application and technical advice on fertilizers and ag chemicals.

Forks. The business name was changed to MY PLACE. Bernie Lenz became the manager. Hot lunches were served on Saturday and cribbage tournaments were held.

On November 21, 1980, Bob McKinnon bought the lounge again and renamed it Riddles.

Since Grandin Coop and Riddles were built in Traill County, Grandin became a city divided into two counties, Cass and Traill. But it remains a city united with no problems because of the division.



Grandin Mfg. Co. 1980

Grandin Manufacturing Company

Grandin Manufacturing Company, a corporation, is a job shop fabrication company, specializing in items for the grain, seed, flour and fertilizer industries.

Grandin Manufacturing Company started business in June 1961, with temporary headquarters in what was then known as the R.F. Gunkelman truck garage. Their employees totaled three. In November 1962, lots 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block 11 were purchased at which time a new fabrication shop and office were erected. In August 1967, Lots 9 & 10, Block 11 were purchased from Glenn Howard for additional area needed to erect a larger fabrication shop which was attached to the present building. In 1971, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, Block 11 and Lots 24, 25, & 26, Block 5, were purchased from Paul Gunkelman. This ground is used as a storage area for steel.

Irving Christian is the President of Grandin Manufacturing Company with Jake Hestbeck, Jr., acting as General Manager. They presently have an average of 25 employees with shipments of products distributed to customers throughout the Midwest, eastern and southern parts of the U.S. and Canada. Most of the incoming steel and large fabricated items are hauled by a truck leased to Grandin Manufacturing Company from Ernest Preston Trucking.



Riddles Lounge 1980

Riddles Lounge

The Riddles Lounge, one of the newer business establishments in Grandin, opened on February 2, 1976 by Bob McKinnon, who managed the business under the name of Max. The building contains a band stand and a pool table with seating for about sixty and dancing space. This was Grandin's first liquor store and lounge and was a lively place with live music and lunches served frequently.

In October of 1977, McKinnon sold the business to Peggy Thomas and it was called the TNT Lounge. Thomas operated the TNT until January of 1980, when it was sold to Terry Bjerke, Larry Mishler, of East Grand Forks, and David Bjorkland of Grand

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A Great Combination Offer

Standard Oil Company- Nepstad Oil Company

Standard Oil Company of Indiana leased railroad property in Grandin, North Dakota, for a bulk plant on November 4, 1919. Names of known agents that worked for Standard Oil Company and served the Grandin area are: Bob Pratt in the 1920's, Bill Reinan in the 1930's, Ed Whitehead, Ross Dally, Harold Howard, Roy Howard, Archie Baukol from 1957 to 1962, Ronald Jalbert, 1962 through November 1964. Allen Nepstad took over November 23, 1964 and is the present owner.

On November 23, 1964, Allen Nepstad became Standard Oil Agent, in Grandin. Allen, a native of Hendrum, Minnesota took over the agency from Ron Jalbert, a life time native of Grandin. On April 21, 1976, Allen and his wife Bonnie, purchased the oil business from Standard Oil Company. They continue to sell Standard Oil products. The business is known to everyone as Nepstad Oil Company. The Nepstads live two miles south of Grandin, with their four children, two sons and two daughters.



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Grandin Post Office and Rural Routes



The post office in Grandin came to be on April 21, 1881, when a Mr. John Taylor was hired as the first postmaster. He served at least until 1884. Others who served as postmasters after Mr. Taylor but before 1900 were James Thom, Edward Bell, Robert Pratt, Wm. Bergan and Wm. Van Bergan. These men were all in business in Grandin during that period of time and it is likely the post office was kept in conjunction with their stores as was the custom in fledgling towns.

Alfred Duntley became postmaster about 1900, a position he held for 39 years. At that time he had it in his store which was located on the southwest corner of Clement and Main. When his store burned he built a home in the same area and had the post office there. One of our older ladies recalls how Mr. Duntley used to put his hand through the box and shake his finger at her when she got her mail. This must be where my mail carrier learned the same trick.



August Grothman
First Mail Carrier out of Grandin, N. D.

August Grothmann successfully passed the civil service examination for rural mail carrier and started carrying the first route out of Grandin in May of 1908. Some time after this, but before World War I, Wm. Margach also took 2 civil service exams and was hired to carry the mail east of Grandin. He used his motorcycle to haul the mail. One of the east route patrons can still remember when Bill repaired his machine in his yard. Bill gave up the route to enter the service of his country.

Wm. Follendorf took over the second route and carried mail until the routes were consolidated into one. The Ford farm, north and east of Grandin was where he used to keep the second team of horses that he

used to complete his route. Bill was transferred to Wheatland about 1935.

On March 30, 1974 the Grandin and Gardner routes were consolidated and originated out of Gardner with Grandin becoming a secondary route. Rural carrier John Gordon was transferred to Fertile, Minnesota, and Ralph (Ham) Hildreth served the Gardner-Grandin route patrons. On March 24, 1975 Ham retired and John was recalled to take care of this route.



George Skinner

Mr. Duntley retired about 1939 and George Skinner was appointed postmaster with Elsie, his wife, as clerk. About this time the post office was moved over to the old bank building on the northeast corner of Clement and Main. A Grandin resident remembers how George used to stand in the door of the post office every morning watching for Bo Bo Gisvold to come running by. He always asked the boy where he was going and the answer was always the same. "I'm going over to Grothmann's to pitch "nur." After nine years George had enough of the confinement of the post office so when August decided to retire in

November of 1948, after 40 years of service, George applied for the route and was accepted.



Bo Bo Gisvold

Wm. Margach was appointed as postmaster in 1949 to succeed George, and Alice, his wife, became clerk. Bill passed away in 1953 and Alice was appointed to succeed him. She served the people of Grandin for twenty-one years until she retired in 1974.

She used to tell me (Rhoda Newman) of some of her experiences as postmaster and one I remember in particular was about how she had to go out and sell baby chicks. A farmer had ordered them, then when they came he didn't want them. It was her job to get bids and sell them to the highest bidder. With all the noise they must have made and the fact that they needed to be fed it didn't take Alice long to sell the chickens. Alice's part-time clerks were Ann Rosenau and Lucille Foster.



Alice Margach



Rhoda Newman

George Skinner passed away in 1963, creating a vacancy on the route. This position was filled by Stewart (Toot) McKenzie, the substitute of record until 1965 when John Gordon, the present carrier, was hired.



John Gordon



Grandin Post Office 1980

On November 4, 1972, I became part-time clerk at the Grandin post office, a job I held until November 1, 1974, at which time I was appointed officer-in-charge. On February 1, 1975, I was sworn in as postmaster. My clerk is Margaret Preston of Hillsboro.

In early 1978 it was first decided that Grandin was entitled to a new post office. It took some doing, but

in the fall of 1979 the new building was hauled in and set on its foundation on the southeast corner of Main and Clement. After many delays we were able to move in on May 21, 1980. An open house was held in September with over 200 people inspecting the premises. In spite of appearing small from the outside our new facility has ample room for all of our needs and should be adequate for many years to come.



Aerial View of Grandin - 1953



Grandin Fire Department

On the night of December 8, 1948 a group of men from the community of Grandin met to decide upon the organization of a volunteer fire department in the Village of Grandin. A committee of three was appointed to draw up by-laws which were to be presented to the Village Board for recognition and approval.

The unit was to be called the Volunteer Fire Department of Grandin.

On December 28, 1948 a second meeting was held. The articles and by-laws were accepted and the newly formed department joined the North Dakota Fireman's Association.

The following officers were elected: Martin Johnson, Chief; John Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer. The active members were Carl Grothmann, John Gordon, Jack McDonald, Morris Willert, Henry Grothmann, Alfred Winterquist, Paul Gunkelman, Oscar Sather, and Orville Meyer.

In the early months of 1949 much time was spent soliciting funds to purchase equipment and to build a suitable fire hall. A total of \$6,144.70 was contributed by the communities of Grandin and Gardner and in the month of July the first truck was purchased. Later that fall the building was finished and ready for use almost entirely by volunteer labor.

The next three years were spent adding new equipment to the truck such as gas masks, resuscitator, clothing, extra hose, and nozzles.

In 1953 the fire department became a class B rural fire department. The first in this area for this honor.

A second truck was added to the department in 1954. A used truck was purchased and a 1000 gallon tank was installed. Hose plus a portable pump were also added to the truck making it a complete unit by itself.

The department joined the Traill County fire service in 1955. This is a unit made up of all of the fire departments in Traill County to render service in case of enemy attack, tornado, large fires, floods, etc.

In 1957 a house bill was presented to the Legislature that encouraged the forming of a Fire District. In a Fire District the board has the right to tax up to 5 mills on taxable property. This money to be used for maintenance or to purchase new equipment. There was a problem connected with the bill, any fire department forming a District gave up all property rights to the District. The pro's and con's of this bill came up many times in the next eight years.

The Grandin Fire Department purchased much new equipment in the following years. In 1957 a smoke ejector was purchased, a 2-way radio on matching

funds in 1958, a card system in 1959 along with an addition to the building. In 1965 a used 600 gallon per minute pumper was purchased from the city of Carrington. We had First Aid Classes and Firearm's Safety Instructors who handled classes in firearms safety for several years.

In 1967 we formed a Fire District consisting of the following Townships: Bohnsack, Kelso, Elm River, Kinyon, Noble, Wisner, Gardner, and Bell (Parts of Gardner and Bell are excluded). The village of Gardner and Grandin worked together to form the District.

In 1967 the department purchased a tandem truck and had a 750 gallon per minute pumper mounted on it plus a water capacity of 1500 gallons. This truck also carries a 200 gallon per minute portable pump.

As of 1973, three life time memberships had been issued, namely Sam Hunter, Alvin Peterson and Marty Johnson. One charter member is deceased, he is Jack McDonald.

A 25-year service pin was given to Marty Johnson in February of 1966. Marty served as Fire Chief from 1948-1973, Irving Christian from 1972-74, Walter Ahlschwede from 1974-76, Robert Mettler, and David Blaser is the present chief. It now has 29 active firemen who are: Louis Rosenau, Don Keller, Ted Madsen, Allen Hagen, Walt Ahlschwede, John Gordon, Pete Backlund, Wayne Radebaugh, Clyde Ahlschwede, Larry Goldade, Elmer Madsen, Jon McSparron, Dave Blaser, Allen Nepstad, Robert Mettler, Russ Jalbert, Arvid Terry, Gary Winterquist, Lee Leines, Jim Dueker, Mark Robertsdaahl, Ken Preston, Gaylon Anderson, Doug Tate, Dean Hagemeister, Ryan Leinen, Bernie Lenz, Larry Hanson, and Doug Spry.



Grandin Fire Hall 1980

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Grandin Community Club

George Foster was instrumental in getting the Grandin Community Club organized in 1925.

Serving as its first officers were: President, George Foster; Vice-President, A.V. Darling; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J.M. Elliott.

The school auditorium was used for the meetings which were held monthly. Community talent provided the entertainment which consisted of one and three-act plays, music and whatever local talent was available. Games and dancing followed the program with lunch served. No one was too young or too old to attend.

The club sponsored and contributed to many civic and community projects. Grandin's 75th Jubilee, honoring our pioneers, was initiated by the Community Club.

Years later, as community residents became more involved in other projects and events, the Community Club decided to hold three meetings a year, with the last Saturday in June as Community Day with a kids parade, games, and a picnic.



Grandin Day 1968 Kiddie Parade float

In 1959 the city organized the Grandin Civic Club, with Orville Meyer as its first president and Archie Baukol as secretary. The Civic Club sponsored Independent basketball games, bought the Grandin sign in the park on the east side of town, donated \$200 a year at Christmas time to charities and judged house decorations during the holiday season and awarded cash prizes to the three top winners. This practice was eliminated in 1973 because of the energy crisis.



Grandin sign east of town made by Grandin Mfg. Co. for Grandin Civic Club



Independent Basketball Team sponsored by the Civic Club

Back row: Allen Weitzel, Ron Jalbert, Daryl Jalbert, Terry Olafson, John Knutsvig, Coach Lewie Jalbert. Front row: Dallas Krausch, Russ Jalbert, Marlin Stokke, Lynn Jalbert.

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- Hon. Mark Andrews, U. S. Representative, East District, N. D.
- Mr. John McGinty, Ralston Purina Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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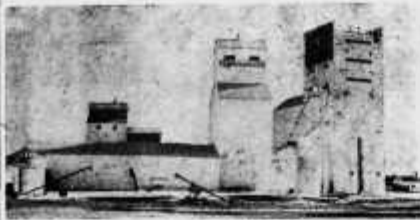
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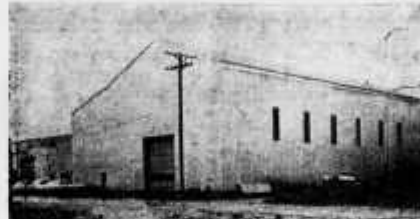
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1968

In later years the Civic Club joined with the Community Club and became known as the Grandin Community Civic Assn., a community betterment organization.

Some of the projects undertaken by this club have been yearly donations to the 4-H Achievement Days, a Halloween party for the first six grades, sponsoring community calendars and organizing the annual Grandin Day and furnishing turkeys for the barbecue turkey dinner and picnic.



Barbequing Turkey Grandin Day
Clyde Ahlschwede and John Gordon

In 1973, the Civic and Community Club started giving Christmas fruit baskets to senior citizens over 70 years of age. In 1974, the age limit was lowered to 65 and over.

In 1974, the club sponsored a Donkey baseball game in which it was the Country Dudes versus the City Dudes. The Country Dudes won by one point.

An annual bingo party was held in October and the club sponsored a Santa at the yearly Christmas program at the school. The first water hose contest was held in Grandin in 1975. The winning team was a no-show team made up of Mark Backstrom, Duane Balsley and Paul Backlund.

Through the efforts of the Civic and Community Club, a white elephant auction sale to raise money for the Bicentennial celebration was held in 1976 and the club sponsored a spring clean up to get ready for the celebration, which was held on July 3 and 4. The festivities included a parade, races, water-barrel fight, supper, an aerial display by Lynn Larson and a street dance. On Sunday, the 4th, a concert, an all faith worship, and a picnic was held, followed by fireworks.

The first snowmobile race, sponsored by the Civic and Community Club was held in 1976. In 1977, the club started sending get well wishes to anyone from the community who was hospitalized.

The fund for the Centennial celebration was started in 1978.

The Park Committee

The Park Committee is a newly formed committee appointed by the city council in January of 1980.

Named to the committee were: Edna Terry, president, Dean Hagemeister, treasurer, Don Keller, Russ Jalbert, Frances Goldade, with Roland MacFarlane as the advisor.

The committee has sponsored a spaghetti dinner and bingo parties and applied for a grant to raise money for park improvements.

Some of their projects have been painting the trash barrels in the park giving them a colorful face lift, painting the new park building, installing a portable toilet, installing a scoreboard, serving lunch at ball games and gathering equipment for the kitchen of the building.

Some of their future plans are to buy picnic tables, fixing the backstop, buy grills and finishing the inside of the building with modern rest rooms.



Park Board Committee, Park concession stand
built 1980

Grandin Improvement Association

On March 15, 1968, at a regular meeting of the Grandin Civic Club, a motion was made by Walter Ahlschwede that the newly formed Grandin Improvement Association send a letter of application to the FHA for the purpose of securing a loan of \$40,500 to finance construction of a 4-plex apartment building to be used for senior citizen housing.

At the first meeting of the Grandin Improvement Association, Walter Ahlschwede was elected chairman and Joel Erickson, secretary. A committee was also appointed consisting of Paul Gunkelman, Marvin Howard, Irving Christian and Elmer Madsen to draw up and submit a proposed set of by-laws.

After approval by the FHA, plans were made with Thompson Construction to build, and it was com-

pleted in May, 1969. An open house was held. Four units, consisting of two 2-bedroom apartments, and two 1-bedroom apartments with full basements are rented to senior citizens when possible.

Meetings of the association are held annually and at other times when needed. Members of the association are locally interested persons. Lillian Christian served as secretary-treasurer until 1972. Pearl Weller was appointed to the position and is presently serving in that capacity.



Grandin Improvement Assn. Apartments 1981



Digging in sewer line, July 4, 1965



I don't care what happens to me now.
!n GRANDIN, N. D.



Grandin School



Grandin School 1897 - 1920

This is our school.
The yard, the trees, the kids playing everywhere.
The snow drifts piled high around the edges of the
yard in winter, the large water puddles in spring
and the wet boys who played in them.
The steps we climbed so many times, class after class, day
after day, year after year.
The red bricks, the windows, the gym. This is our school.
This is where we laughed and studied, played and worked.
Here we have had fun, fought and grew, years of change,
years of building.
Here we came cautiously as first graders, read, spelled,
and met new friends.
We were older now. And saw and played and even talked with
the bigger
kids.
Here we went to High School.
The different classes: English, science, math, history.
The different teams: football, basketball, track.
Here is where we graduate. The diplomas, caps, and gowns.
Soon it will all be gone, the play and work, the give and
take, the good times
and the bad.
Soon it will be only a memory.
But nothing is a waste that creates a memory.
This is our school.

Perry Ecker
Senior, 1968



School - 1914 - George W. Skinner, Miss Alpha Logdon, teachers

Grandin community was settled predominantly by Scotch and Irish families in whom was an inherent love of learning and realization, of the value of education in a free democratic country.

The first school was started by an itinerant school teacher, named Mr. Hennessey who offered to teach the children if the parents would provide books. These were gathered from the different homes and school was held in a temporary room until a small typical country school was built about 1885. This served until 1896 when a fine structure was built. This was a two-story, full basement building with four classrooms and library and principal's office combined.

In those early days, the school master or dominie was held in awe and respect. He had full authority in school matters, the discipline and jurisdiction of the school thus depending on the disposition of the master, stern or lenient. Like the school master in Oliver Goldsmith's "Deserted Village"—"Still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all he knew."

About 1900 a two year high school course was set up, later a three year course and finally about 1918 a full four year course was established.

the school burned. "We didn't think much of it, we always used to have a lot of fire drills so we all fell in order. But just as the teacher, Mrs. George Skinner, walked out of the room the floor fell in behind her."

A modern, fireproof, brick building was erected at the cost of about \$60,000. It contained four large classrooms, besides primary room, kitchen, and large auditorium on the first floor. Full high school was offered and excellent instruction in music given, the influence of which is felt in the community. Its sports excelled and the boy's basketball team was state champion at one time as was also the girl's team. Enrollment has varied, the highest in the high school was fifty-five in 1932.



School Burning - 1920

In 1920, the building burned down. "It was around Christmas when it happened. I had just got done saying my Christmas piece when the superintendent walked in and said we should stand, turn and pass," remembers Martha Grothmann, a first grader when



Grandin School (1920) and New Gym (1954)

The first high school graduate was Alice Rosenau in 1923, the second was Lynn Ferguson, the following year.

A new strictly modern auditorium, at the cost of about \$66,000 was built in 1954, its dimensions were 100 feet by 60 feet. The old auditorium was converted into classrooms and a music room. A fine two-family teacherage was built and the school became the social center of the community.

Some of the early principals were: Mr. Hennessey, A.C. Dean, F.A. Godfrey, A.M. Carlile, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Gross, G.R. Livengood, G. Skinner, Mr. Roderick, Miss Ellen Johnson, Miss Christobork Christenson, Adolph O. Lee, George Melbye. Professors: Cline, Crews, Colinau, Osmon, Holt, Herrwick, Holl, Johnson, F. Skurdall. Later superintendents were Roy Fee and Melvin Hanson.



Teacherage - Built in 1952



In 1961, when Mr. Ahrlin took over the duties of teaching administrator there were four teachers in high school and four in the grades. The school was non-accredited. Activities included basketball, track, girls' chorus, a Jr. and Sr. play, a Jr-Sr. prom, and a yearbook.

In 1962-63 Gardner closed its high school and sent its students to Grandin. The staff was increased to six teachers in high school and the school began a band, mixed chorus and added football to its activities. The school was accredited to 1976 when the school was reorganized.

The boy's basketball team became conference champions, which they repeated in 1967, 1968, 1970 and 1974.

The football teams were conference champs in 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 (shared), 1972, 1973 and 1974.

The boy's track team won the conference title in 1967 and continued to win each year through 1975. They won the Class B State Title in 1969 as well as in 1970.

In 1973 the girls won first place in the eastern division in basketball and the Tall Towers Championship in 1974. The combination of Grandin and Gardner worked well.



Grandin Girls Team 1955

Fern Hunter, Deanna Anderson, Donna Gisvold, Shirley Peterson, Karol Holznagel, Jean Elliott, Beverly Woitzel, Betty Anderson, Judy Anderson, Barbara Gowenlock, Frances Peterson, Elizabeth Jalbert, Coach Roy Fee.

Top awards in the state were won by both the newspaper and the yearbook during these exciting years.

A first class science department and home economics department made the school top notch in all but one respect and the school was beginning to remedy that during the 1974-75 school year when they built a new addition that was to house the modern library, English classroom and a lunch area. This was called the multi-purpose room. It was fully functional in 1976.

That was also the year of reorganization. Grandin, Gardner, and Argusville joined together to become Cass Valley North.

It was the end of an exciting, action packed time in which we saw wonderful things and growth in quality education. It was the end of one era and the beginning of another.

Present school board members are: President, Marvin Bush; Wayne Bjerke, Caroline Barker, Greg Tastad, Leonard Richards, Joyce Johnson, Judy Dally, Wally Westrick and Gene Foster.



CVN Elementary School and Gym 1980



1934 State Champs-Consolidated League

Back row: Bill Hunter, Franklin Johnson, John Elliott, Henry Grothmann, Coach Coleman.

Front: Joe Anderegg, Dean Ecker, Carl Grothmann, Gordon Falconer.



Girls 1936

Back row: Norma Scoville, Ethel Elliott, Harriet Thorsrud, Marion Grothmann, Elizabeth McSparron.

Front row: Lucille Winterquist, Marie Hunter, Ruth Pratt, Ruth Kneisel, Lucille Kneisel, Coach R. Coleman.



Boy's Basketball Team 1946

Back row: left to right: Paul Pratt, Oscar Lindgren, Coach E.N. Herwick, Jack McKenzie, Gene Foster.

Front row: Roy Howard, Jim Johnston, Jim McKenzie, Arnold Skunes, Donald Foster.



Girls Team 1953

Back row: Jean Elliott, Donna Gisvold, Mary Sather, Coach Roy Fee, Deanna Anderson, Judy Anderson, Jackie Grage.

Front row: Barbara Gowenlock, Evonne Woitzel, Jo Ann Elliott, Beverly Woitzel, Frances Peterson.



Rhythm Band

Back row: Sharon Satrom, Karen Oien, Desyl Peterson, Jon McSparron, Larry Wiger, Wesley Ecker, David Taylor, Louis Rosenau, Teacher Muriel Thompson.

Second row: Linda Flatt, Jay Buringrud, Pamela Downs, James Elliott, Bryan Jalbert, Jo Nelle Gordon, Larry Johnson, Joel Grothmann.

First row: Larry Wiger, Corrine Satrom, Helen Ann Meyers, Dorn Peterson, Beverly Stokke, Terry Meyer, Linda Wentworth, Larry Schechinger.



1954 Primary Room

Front: Timmy Johnson, Joel Grothmann, Bryan Jalbert, Pamela Downs, Virginia Gunkelman, Dorn Peterson, Beverly Stokke, James Schulstad.

Center: Duane Schechinger, Dean Oien, Patty Anderson, Curtis Satrom, Carole Stokke, Linda Daschner, Miss Muriel Thompson.

Back: Dale Ahlschwede, Carolyn Moen, JoNelle Gordon, Linda Flatt, Jimmy Elliott, Jay Buringrud, Corrine Satrom.



Kindergarten Class 1974

First Row: Chad Johnson, Jim Jones, Nichole Wischer, Karla Pratt, Darrin Foster, Tammy Goldade.

Second row: Mia Tonder, Kevin Ondracek, Tia Woitzel, Randy Scholl, Joel Bell and Richard Heller.



1963 First and Second Grades

First row: Richard Satrom, Gregory Johnston, Kevin Skunes, Holly Smith, Billie Jo Radebaugh.
 Second row: Mary Satrom, Bradley Meyer, Hal Ecker, Robert Griffin, Mrs. Cassendana Collins.
 Back row: Paul Backlund, Mark Backstrom, Ronald Lusk, Terry Lindgren, Renea Brag.



1966 First and Second Grades

First row: Lori Vinje, Melody Busch, Jane Hayworth, Tim Satrom.
 Second row: Mrs. Cassendana Collins, Eileen Ecker, Lee Gunkelman, Lee Busch, Roxanne Peterson, Becky Radebaugh.
 Back: Ken Preston, Ann Backstrom, Cheryl Christian, Charlene Roisum, Randy Brag.

1962 Fifth and Sixth Grades

Front row: John Gordon, Peggy Winterquist, John Skunes, Wallace Wentworth, Donald Oien, Vicki Winterquist, Mrs. Claire Ellenson.
 Back row: James Gunkelman, Janice Ahlschwede, David Backlund, Susan Gunkelman, Michael Humphrey, Perry Ecker.



1954 Intermediate Room

Front: Lynn Jalbert, Dian Ahlschwede, Allen Woitzel, Harold Oien, Elizabeth Jalbert, Betty Anderson.
 Center: Mrs. Evelyn Herum, Kenneth Lindsay, Bonnie Gisvold, Daryl Jalbert, Dennis Sokness, Russell Moen.
 Back: Kay McKinnon, Jim Gowenlock, Ara Peterson, Karen Weller, Douglas McKinnon, Kathleen Schulstad.



1963 Third and Fourth Grades

Front: Mrs. Mabel Rockne, Terry Anderson, Kim Anderegg, Marcia Humphrey, Jill Buringrud, Julie Gunkelman, Darcy Skunes, Mary Backstrom.
 Back: Mary Jo Anderegg, Patsy Griffin, LuAnn Ahlschwede, Janice Elliott, Thomas McSparron, Michael Backlund, Donald Lawrence, Sandra Satrom.
 Not pictured: Laurel Ahrlin.





1970 Beginner Band

Back: Cheryl Christian, Brian Belcher, Tim Miller, Tim Satrom, Dell Arneson, Lee Gunkelman.
 Front: Lori Vinje, Charlene Roisum, Cindy Winterquist, Ann Mettler, Jane Belcher.



1962 Seventh and Eighth Grades

Front row: Brenton Johnston, Mark Johnson, Wendel Meyer, Sharon Satrom, Gregory Winterquist, Karen Oien.
 Middle row: Stanley Lusk, Linda Wentworth, Desyl Peterson, Marty Johnson, Jon McSparron, Wesley Ecker, Mr. Dallas Krausch.
 Back row: Richard Smith, Larry Schechinger, Terry Meyer, Louis Rosenau, Barbara Garrett, Sandra Ahlschwede.



1954 Board of Education

John Elliott, President; John Gordon, Treasurer; Lewie Jalbert; Paul Gunkelman, Clerk; Lois Peterson, Justin Astrup, Arnold Thorsrud.



Grandin School Administration, Faculty and Students 1975



Clayton Ahrlin, Superintendent 1961-1976



Glen Howard, Custodian of Grandin School for 26 years. Retired 1970.



**Elsie Skinner
Grandin School Cook 1965-1975**



Class of 1924-1925
Back row: Miss Brethard, Teacher; Lucille Hunter, Nellie Foster, Lillian Lilleflore, Blanche Kraby, Florence Gordon.
Middle row: Ethel Hunter, Marvin Howard, Ophelia Charbenau, Miriam Fagot, Arnold Thorsrud.
Front row: Walton Burket Huey, Phil Charbenau, Glen Vantine.



Class of 1935
Front: Doris Gaustad, Margaret Thorsrud, Vivian Darling, Georgie Cormick, Margaret McDonald.
Back: Dean Ecker, Audrey Humphrey, Frances Kraby, Alice Winterquist, Henry Grothmann.
Not pictured: Carl Grothmann.



1954 High School

Front: Judy Anderson, Richard Hestbeck, Jean Elliott, Nancy Roisum, Beverly Woitzel, Ronnie Jalbert, Evonne Woitzel.

Center: Mr. Lang, Evelyn Herum, Jo Elliott, Karol Holzmagel, Arlo Benbo, Mr. Roy Fee, Superintendent. Back: Harley Moen, Deanna Anderson, Donna Gisvold, Frances Peterson, Mary Sather, Barbara Gowenlock, Jackie Grage.

Not pictured: George James.



1962 Yearbook Staff

Seated L to R: Douglas McKinnon, Mr. Terrance Olafson, Ara Peterson, Duane Schechinger.

Standing: Carole Stokke, Dale Ahlschwede, Carol Woitzel, Dennis Sokness, Karen Weller, Patricia Anderson, Kay McKinnon.



1957 High School

Back: Betty Anderson, Marlin Stokke, Dean Peterson, Harold Oien, Allan Stokke, Russell Jalbert, Robert McKinnon.

Middle: Shirley Peterson, George James, Nancy Roisum, Kathryn Margach, Lynn Jalbert, Superintendent, Roy Fee.

Front: James Gowenlock, Anita Graalum, Elizabeth Jalbert, Marjorie Fee, Donna Gisvold, Larry Gangnes, Judy Anderson.



1971 Chorus

Front row: Peggy Dullum, Becky Radebaugh, Ann Backstrom, LuAnn Barker, Hal Ecker, Brian Belcher, Kevin Weller, Tim Miller, Carla Peterson, BeLinda Preston, Cheryl Christian, Charlene Roisum.

Second row: Loree Nedrebo, Mary Jo Anderegg, Patsy Miller, David Miller, Steve Vinje, Duane Balsley, Mark Backstrom, Greg Barker, Connie Balsley, Betty Stirling, Eileen Ecker, Mrs. Gloria Pearson.

Third row: Marcia Humphrey, Julie Mulvaney, Billie Jo Radebaugh, Liz Burley, Don Zimney, David Jones, Lee Brauckmuller, Brad Meyer, Kathy Goff, LuAnn Ahlschwede, Kim Anderegg, Laurel Ahrlin.

Fourth row: Ranea Brag, Mary Backstrom, Mary Satrom, Julie Gunkelman, Mike Backlund, Michael Baringrud, Marlin Melander, Paul Backlund, Tom McSparron, Janice Elliott, Jane Porter, Sonja Lindgren, Patsy Griffin.

An Illinois paper says: "We are glad we are not a Chinaman. It is the custom of the Chinese to pay up all their debts at the new year." We wish more of our subscribers were Chinese.

GRANDIN N.D.



1974 Football Team

Front: Todd Polson, Scott Monson, Cameron Wischer, Audie Brorson, Kevin Melander, Brian McKenzie, David McSparron, Brent Christian, David Dahm.

Center: Dell Arneson, Tim Satrom, David Radebaugh, Ken Preston, Brian Barker, Dean Dullum, Randy Flesness, Joe Jones.

Back: Student Manager Tim Keckler, Coach Dale Boeddeker, Brian Belcher, Randy Brag, Scott Flesness, Jay Colwell, Kevin Weller, Mike Polson, Richard Jones, Lee Stirling, Doug Diffley.



1931 Cass County Champions

Back: Coach Harold Stewart, Grace Mauseth, Martha Ahlschwede, Roma Fagot.

Center: Anna Grothmann, Martha Grothmann, June Cormack.

Front: Merle Ecker, Abigail Murdock, Annette Thorsrud, Mirriam Fagot.



Team of '32

Margaret Thorsrud, Martha Grothmann, Anna Grothmann, Martha Ahlschwede, Abigail Murdock, Doris Gordon, Merle Ecker, Evelyn Darling.





Basketball Team 1927

Back row: Marvin Howard, Alfred Rosenau, Virgil Cruz, William Beck.
 Front row: Walton Fagot, McLain Kraby, Lloyd Howard, William Falconer.



Basketball Team 1935

Back row: John Gordon, Elliott Simenson, Henry Grothmann, Dean Ecker, Carl Grothmann.
 Front row: Maurice McDonald, Lewie Jalbert, Coach Robert Coleman, Robert McSparron, Alfred Winterquist.



1950-1951 Boys Basketball Team

Back: Ronnie Jalbert, Allen Anderson, Royal Howard, Mr. R. Johnson.
 Front: Jerry Hunter, Dick Anderson, John Conley Gowenlock, Wayne Radebaugh, Roger Sather.



1975 Tall Towers Girls Basketball Champions

Top: Kathy Jones, Tammy Satrom, Tracy Colwell.
 Middle: Vickie Zimney, Becky Peterson, Cindy Winterquist, Coach, Ryam Brantl.
 Bottom: Julie Brorson, Ann Backstrom, Cheryl Christian, Kelly Colwell, Eileen Ecker, Jackie Stimmel.



1963 Boys Basketball A Squad

L to R: Larry Keckler, Dean Oien, Tim Johnson, Duane Schechinger, Bob Durkop, Vic Pacholke, Bryan Jalbert, Gary Hildreth, Jim Elliott, Donald Graalum.
 Back: Coach, Darrell Kaldor, Dorn Peterson, Student Manager.



1965 Cass Valley Conference Track Champions
 L to R: Reynard Zimney, Donald Zimney, Ed Goff, Perry Ecker, Jim Elliott, David Backlund, Mike Humphrey, Mark Madsen, Roger Mulvaney, James Gunkelman, Coach, Darrell Kaldor. (The Eagles won the CVC Track Title nine consecutive years 1967-1976 and were State Champions in 1969 and 1970.)

The Parent Teachers Association

The Parent Teachers Association was organized in the fall of 1950. It held meetings continuously during the school year, having group meetings which were of interest to teachers, parents and in the best interest for the children.

The Parent Teachers Association continued for a number of years, and at the last meeting it was decided to continue as an inactive association although the group discontinued meetings altogether.

When the school reorganized with Argusville and Gardner in 1976 a new Parent Teachers Organization was formed.

Present officers of the PTO are Dwight Aasen, President; Geri Jalbert, High School Vice-President; Bev Dullum, Elementary Vice-President; Maureen Bjerke, Secretary-Treasurer



The Mother's Club

The Mother's Club was organized in 1951, by the mothers of the basketball players to raise money for the Athletic Fund. There were thirteen members.

Charter members were Mmes. Oscar Sather, Greer Radebaugh, Conrad Woitzel, John Elliott, Chris Anderson, Lewie Jalbert, Art Anderson, Marvin Hestbeck, Glen Howard, Erwin Biel, Earl Grage, Hallie Garrett and Ernie Moen.

Fund raising projects were selling lunches at basketball games, bake sales and sponsoring dances. The money was used to buy suits for the boys and girls basketball teams.

Later all mothers of students were asked to join the club.

The club purchased many useful items for the school which included a time clock, curtains for the stage in the new gymnasium, furnishing the kitchen with dishes, jackets for the band and a projector and tapes for classroom study besides books for the school library.

The club sponsored a teen-age club once a month and parties for the younger students.

In 1976 the club was dissolved when the school was reorganized and a Parent-Teachers Organization was formed.

A Beautiful Young Society Woman's Letter.

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1963 Mother's Club

Front Row - Esther Woitzel, Orrel Anderson, Gertie Grothmann, Donna Backlund.

2nd Row - Alice Winterquist, Inez Gunkelman, Evelyn Elliott, Johnnie Humphrey, Ruth McSparron.

3rd Row - Verna Ecker, Lois Schechinger, Donna Vinje, Lillian Rosenau, Vernice Oien.

Top Row - Helen Ahrlin, Muriel Meyer, Francis Jalbert, Pearl Weller, Mavin Ahlschwede.





Graduating Classes



1923 - First Graduate

Alice Rosenau

1924 - None

1925 - None

1926

Lynn Ferguson

1927 - None

1928 - None

1929 - None

1930

Janet Falconer
Florence Gordon
August Grothmann
Marion Hunter
Arnold Thorsrud
Glenn Vantine
Violet Winterquist

1931

June Cormack
Miriam Fagot
Roma Fagot
Grace Mauseth
Annette Thorsrud

1932

Hulda Ahlschwede
Merle Ecker
Albert Elliott
Robert Gordon
Martha Grothmann
Dunbar McSparron
Ernest Winterquist

1933

Abigail Murdock
Byron Murdock
Marion Tonman
Murrill Fagot
Anna Grothmann
John Eisenhardt
Luella Biel
Martha Ahlschwede
Violet Flatt

1934

Evelyn Darling
John Elliott
Gordon Falconer
Evelena Ford
Doris Gordon
Bill Hunter
Franklin Johnson
Herbie Olds
Tom Reid
Marion Simensen
Jack Vantine
Gerald Wells

1935

Georgia Cormack
Vivian Darling
Dean Ecker
Carl Grothmann
Henry Grothmann
Doris Gaustad
Audrey Humphrey
Frances Kraby
Margaret MacDonald
Margaret Thorsrud
Alice Winterquist

1936

Ethel Elliott
John Gordon
Marion Grothmann
Lewie Jalbert
Ruth Kneisel
Robert McSparron
Bill Pratt
Elliott Simensen

1937

Donald Elliott
Marie Hunter
Morris MacDonald
Robert Pratt
Harriett Thorsrud
Alfred Winterquist

1938

Charles Capsis
Blake Humphrey
Elsie Lindgren
Elizabeth McSparron

Ruth Pratt

Norma Scoville

1939

Lloyd Ahlschwede
Joseph Akesson
McLean Elliott
James Ford
Ralph Kraby

1940

Lois Grage
Kent Humphrey
Norma Darling

1941

Roy Ahlschwede
Helen Anderson
Alice Brag
Audrey Johnson
Margaret Johnston
Louis Stewart

1942

Lewis Barker
Lois Belcher
Marjory Cormack
Donald Gordon
Jean Johnston
Neil MacFarlane
Mary McKenzie
Ella Sedenka
Dorothy Barnum

1943

Clyde Ahlschwede
Dwain Belcher
Verna Grage
Irene Grothmann
Thomas Humphrey
Roland MacFarlane
George Pratt
Stanley Pratt
Lloyd Thompson
Duncan Gordon

1944

Betty Helgeson

1945

Phyllis Dally
Robert Ecker

Elizabeth Elliott
Elaine Grothmann
Willis Lindgren
Maxine McKenzie
Helen Metzgar

1946

Betty Lou Cormack
Robert Hunter
James Johnston
Violette Lindgren
Winnifred MacFarlane
Jeanne Pratt
Arnold Skunes

1947

Maxine Dally
Roy Howard
Oscar Lindgren
James McKenzie
Norma Skunes

1948

Donald Foster
Loren Grage
Barbara MacFarlane
Jeanne Radebaugh
Sharon Pratt

1949

Myrna Foster
Vernon Gisvold
Joyce Grage
Patty Holznagel
Wallace Lindgren
John McKenzie

1950

Gene Foster
Joan Foster
Kenneth Gisvold
Donald Lindgren
JoAnne Radebaugh

1951

Conley Gowenlock
Daryl Gowenlock

1952

Wayne Radebaugh
Evelyn Peterson
Richard Anderson

Ardith Anderson
Royal Howard
Lillian Peterson
Roger Sather

1953

No Graduates

1954

Jo Ann Elliott
Evonne Waitzel
Evelyn Herum

1955

Jean Elliott
Barbara Gowenlock
Arlo Benbo
Allen Anderson

1956

Beverly Waitzel
Karol Holznagel
Mary Sather
Frances Peterson
Richard Hestbeck
Ronald Jalbert
Daniel McCradie

1957

Judy Anderson
George James
Donna Gisvoid
Nancy Roisum

1958

Allan Stokke
Robert McKinnon
Russell Jalbert
Marjorie Fee

1959

Deane Peterson
Kathryn Margach
Marlin Stokke
Shirley Peterson
James Kutz

1960

Betty Anderson
Harold Oien, Jr.
Larry Gangnes
Anita Graalum
James Gowenlock
Elizabeth Jalbert
Lynn Jalbert

1961

Dian Ahlschwede
Daryl Jalbert
Ellen Hoveskeland
Ronald Holznagel
Barbara Kutz

1962

Ara Peterson
Karen Weller
Douglas McKinnon
Dennis Sokness
Kay McKinnon

1963

Curtis Satrom
Carole Stokke
Dean Oien
Carol Waitzel
Duane Schechinger
June Brag
Donald Graalum
Daniel Burley
Victor Pacholke
Patricia Anderson
Angela Burley

1964

Bob Durkop
Gloria Waitzel
Larry Keckler
Gary Hildreth
Donald Lockhart
Joyce Buzick
Tim Johnson

1965

Denise Ahrlin
James Elliott
Beverly Stokke
JoNelle Gordon
Dorn Peterson
Joel Grothmann
Donna Jean Zimney
Mike Madsen
Corrine Satrom
Ed Goff
Donald Brag
Bryan Jalbert
Virginia Gunkelman
Gary Lupien

1966

Sharon Satrom
James Krueger
Lynn Goff
Terry Meyer
Desyl Peterson
Louis Rosenau
Maureen Nedrebo
Don Zimney
Jon McSparron
Karen Oien
Larry Schechinger
Linda Wentworth
Wesley Ecker
Joy Madsen

1967

Wendel Meyer
Marilyn Hildreth
Mary Ellen Shirek
Ronald Brauckmuller
Ronald Jones
Stanley Lusk
Greg Winterquist
Marty Johnson
Mark Johnson
Vernon Heitzmann
Gene Krueger

Sandra Ahlschwede
Marilyn Buringrud
Wanda Buringrud
Roger Mulvaney
Brenton Johnston

1968

Eunice Pedersen
Dave Backlund
Reynard Zimney
Michael Humphrey
Perry Ecker
Jim Gunkelman

1969

Janice Ahlschwede
John D. Gordon
Elvin Gronvold
Susan Gunkelman
Charles Jones
Becky Porter
Roger Sullivan
Peggy Winterquist
Vickie Winterquist
Roy Waitzel
Larry Johnson
Donald Oien

1970

LeeAnn Anderegg
Valerie Balsley
Terry Buringrud
Debby Burley
Rich Goff
Allen Hagen
Larry Leitner
Lloyd Schechinger
Harold Stirling
Keith Weller
Gary Winterquist
Bob Zimney

1971

LuAnn Ahlschwede
Mary Jo Anderegg
Michael Backlund
Kim Colwell
Kathy Goff
Patsy Griffin
Julie Gunkelman
Donald Lawrence
Tom McSparron
Loree Nedrebo
Jane Porter
David Sullivan

1972

Laurel Ahrlin
Kim Anderegg
Mary Backstrom
LuAnn Barker
Michael Buringrud
Elizabeth Burley
Peggy Dullum
Janice Elliott
Marcia Humphrey

David Jones
Marlin Melander
Bob Stirling
Steve Vinje

1973

Renae Brag
Bette Stirling
Sonja Lindgren
Connie Balsley
Julie Mulvaney
Greg Barker
Dale Zimney
Rickie Satrom
Bob Griffin

1974

Billie Radebaugh
Carla Peterson
Duane Balsley
Paul Backlund
Mark Backstrom
Hal Ecker
Lee Brauckmuller
Brad Meyer
Dan Dullum

1975

Tim Keckler
Richard Jones
Jay Colwell
Kevin Weller
Joe Jones
Dean Lawrence
Brian Belcher
Mark Grotte
Nancy Dahm
Marcia Buringrud
BeLinda Preston
Mary Satrom
Jane Melander
Margaret Haworth

1976

Ann Backstrom
Randy Brag
Julie Brorson
Cheryl Christian
Eileen Ecker
Scott Flesness
Darlene Heitzmann
Becky Peterson
Ken Preston
Becky Radebaugh
Cameron Wischer
Vickie Zimney



Cass Valley North Approved



Reorganization Committee 1975-1976
Lillian Christian, Bonnie Nepstad, Janice Hlebechuck,
Chester Bergman, Ruth Colwell, Charlotte Woitzel,
Caroline Barker. Not pictured — Wayne Radebaugh, Beva
Dahnke, Jeanet Brorson

Reorganization - An emotional project that not only involves students in the turmoil of the past but helps make them more aware of the perplexity of politics.

On the day of the registration it was not certain whether or not there would be a high school in Grandin.

Reorganization talks continued, arguments the same as they had been the year before.

February 6, 1976, members of the Cass and Traill County Boards for School Reorganization and a capacity crowd listened to pro and con arguments at the County Hearing. The general public hearing convened for over three and half hours and was followed by a limited open session for another 90 minutes. Both Boards held separate county meetings only to come up empty handed again.

"I've been on this board for many years and I've never run into such a tough situation," commented a Traill County committee member.

The combined county boards broke up the 191.94 total sections of the three districts three ways. On Feb. 12, the two boards then approved approximately 165.71 sections of the remaining land to be reorganized into the Cass Valley North School District No. 76 and sent the plan to Bismarck.

Members of the State Board for Reorganization of School Districts struck down the proposed merger which was clouded over somewhat with unresolved complaints by several outspoken citizens.

Attempting to comply with what they called "vague state directives," members of the Cass Board narrowly approved the proposed merger March 25.



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While Cass members okayed unification of the three districts as they existed 3-2, their Traill counterparts unanimously objected to the move 4-0. Smarting somewhat from the action taken by the Cass Board, members of the Traill County Board completed work on a plan of their own that withdrew 8¾ sections of land carrying a valuation of \$114,426.

The revised plan was heard by the state for the second time April 19. Patron drives both for and against the "new" plan were conducted within all three districts and many people attended the hearing.

Consolidation of the Argusville, Gardner, and Grandin School districts into a single district was approved by the State Board April 21 in Bismarck.

In approving, state officials kept intact the approximately 194 sections of land encompassing the three districts.

A "proposal" offered by the Traill County Board was rejected as it reportedly failed to go through the proper submission channels before being presented to the State Board.

Cass Valley North officially went into existence July 1 after patrons overwhelmingly approved the reorganization of their three districts.

The public vote which needed a combined 51 percent, received a 68 percent approval: 352-160.

Argusville patrons approved of the measure by the largest margin; 154-27 (with one vote voided) for almost 85 percent, Gardner voters followed with a 61 percent approval (91-57) while Grandin patrons okayed the plan 107-76 (58 percent).

The vote culminated work that started in July 1974 - almost 18 months of continuous inner-community conflicts.



Churches



Lutheran Church - 1953

Grace Lutheran Church

Rev. Heitzmann of Hillsboro first attempted to organize a Lutheran congregation in Grandin in 1915. However, Heitzmann accepted a call to the chaplaincy in the United States army and the Christian group was soon dissolved with some of the members going to church in Hillsboro.

In June 1930, a group of Christians met at the home of August Grothmann, Sr., and organized as a church body, with the late Rev. R.T. Schuricht as counselor. The group adopted the name of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, U.A.C.

The first services were held twice monthly in the school auditorium. Later the congregation purchased a non-Lutheran church located west of town and moved it into Grandin on a fully constructed basement, which is the site of the present church.

Repairs were made on the building and the cor-

nerstone was laid. The building was dedicated at special services on August 2, 1931. A membership of 80 was recorded in the first quarterly meeting.

Services were held every other Sunday afternoon with Rev. Schuricht serving the congregation, along with his charge at St. Johns Lutheran church in Hillsboro. In 1949, the Grace congregation decided to call its own pastor and purchased a parsonage in October 1949.

Rev. Ernest Bartells accepted the call and came to Grandin to serve as Graces' first regular pastor. Other pastors to serve were Rev. Louis Becker, the late C.J. Nissen, Rev. R.E. Haltner, Rev. Roger Raebel, Rev. Fred Muenchow, the late Rev. Henry Biberdorf, Rev. Elmer Steinbach and the present pastor, Rev. Terrill Bramstedt, who has served since November 1975.

In the light of frequent calling and shortage of pastors the Grace congregation united with Trinity Lutheran church of Amenia in 1955, with the pastor serving both congregations. Due to the distance of traveling between Amenia and Grandin and for convenience it was later decided the congregation should unite with St. Johns of Hillsboro. In 1965, Grace united with St. Johns and Trinity united with St. Andrews of West Fargo.

The resolve to build a new church was made at a voters' meeting in September 1958 and a groundbreaking ceremony was held in April of 1959. The old church was sold to Wayne Jorgenson and moved to his farm southwest of Grandin. The parsonage was sold earlier and is now occupied by the Dave Blaser family. The new church was dedicated on November 15, 1959. The church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in October 1980.

The Lutheran Layman's League was organized in 1934. On February 8, 1938, The Lutheran Women's Missionary League was organized at the home of Mrs. George (Luise) Ahlschwede. The Walther League organized in 1944.

Present chairman of the congregation is Walter Ahlschwede. Elders are Orville Meyer, Henry Grothmann and Daniel Backstrom. Trustees are Carl Grothmann, Ron Woitzel and Marvin Howard. Stewards are Lloyd Weller and Allen Woitzel. Treasurer is Clyde Ahlschwede and Louis Rosenau is Secretary. Sunday School Superintendent is Marilyn Woitzel. Elmer Madsen is Head Usher.

Dale Ahlschwede, from the church, entered the ministry.



Grace Lutheran Church 1980

Lutheran Women's Missionary League of Grace Lutheran Church

The L.W.M.L. is the women's organization within a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Grace L.W.M.L. of Grandin is a unit of membership which was organized on February 8, 1938, at the home of Mrs. George (Luise) Ahlschwede. The first officers were: President - Mrs. Pearl (Holznagel) Moen; Secretary - Mrs. Alice Margach; Treasurer - Mrs. Irwin Biel. Some other members at the time of the organization were: Mrs. Luise Ahlschwede, Mrs. Luella Ahlschwede, Mrs. A.F. Biel, Mrs. Martha Flatt, Mrs. Laura Grage, Mrs. Violet Grage, Mrs. Louis Rosenau, Mrs. Clara Weber. All communicant women of the congregation are eligible to be members of the L.W.M.L.

Objectives of the League are to develop and to maintain a greater mission consciousness among the women of the congregation through mission education, mission inspiration, and mission service; to gather funds for mission projects; and to foster Bible Study among members. The unit holds regular meetings once a month. Additional Bible Study meetings during the month have also been held in the homes of members. Bible Study and Mission Education has been an important part of Grace L.W.M.L. which has helped the women of the church to grow spiritually and has equipped them to reach out in love to others through the Mission Services Projects.

Retreats, Workshops, Institutes, Seminars, and Conventions have been offered for training and spiritual growth and to plan how to spread the Kingdom of God through the uniting of gifts with other women of the L.W.M.L. Many members have attended these functions throughout the years. Mrs. George (Elsie) Skinner was the first member of Grace to attend an International Convention as a delegate. She was elected as Vice President of the North Dakota District Organizational meeting in June of 1942. July 7 and 8, 1942 was the very first International Convention held in Chicago at which Elsie Skinner was a delegate from North Dakota. Mrs. Clyde (Mavis) Ahlschwede was privileged to serve on the North Dakota District Christian Growth Committee eight years serving as chairman two of those years.

Grace L.W.M.L. has supported the District and International Mission Projects through offerings

gathered by mite boxes and other voluntary means. They have also generously supported other Mission Service areas as: Lutheran Social Services, Wheatridge, Dakota Boys Ranch, Bethesda Lutheran Home, Agencies for the Blind and Deaf, Lutheran Bible Translators, American Bible Society, World Home Bible League, the Lutheran Hour, Grafton State School Chaplaincy, Lutheran World Relief & World Hunger, and Missionaries. Service to the local congregation and community have included: Altar care - purchasing and making vestments, care of communion ware, providing altar flowers; making and displaying seasonal banners; furnish members with devotion books, Bible Study materials and Quarterlies; cleaning the church and keeping up supplies; visiting and sending cheer cards and mementos to the sick and shut in; helping at Nursing Home Church Services; prepare and serve an annual Mission Festival Dinner; serve at various church functions; serve at wedding and anniversary receptions and funerals.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the privilege of giving and expressing our gratitude to our Lord in a way that may help others through our Mission Service. We pray that our Lord will continue to bless us and keep us together as an L.W.M.L. unit which will always live by our motto "Serve the Lord with Gladness"! All praise and Glory be to God!



Presbyterian Church - 1900

The Presbyterian Church

This church had its beginning in 1882. Mrs. J.A. Anderson, one of the charter members, wrote a record of the early church. The following is her story: This organization was organized in 1882, in connection with Hendrum and Quincy. The first service was in

rooms over Clement and John's store, where they continued for some time. The ministers were all supplies. From there they moved to the school house in the year 1883. The minister was the Rev. Glenn Dinnen. Also for a while there were supplies.

From there the services were held in a hall over William Pratt's Livery Stable. The Rev. Dugan was the minister, and other supplies were there also. After leaving William Pratt's Hall the church disbanded for a while. This was in the year of 1886.

Then the Methodists organized a church and the people all attended there for some time. When the Presbyterians reorganized they held services above Mr. Duntley's hardware store. Just supplies were used there. Then a supply minister held special meetings and gathered in the old members and quite a number of the young people, of which the older part of the MacFarlane family and the older part of the Anderson family all came in new members and many others also. Then the plans for having a new church building were made. Rev. Newton was the minister, preaching in the hall for over a year before the church building was completed. This was the year 1899. Rev. Newton preached in the new church for a while. After he left, supplies filled the pulpit.

Then Rev. T.D. Whittles became pastor of the church for three years. After he left, Rev. Youngward was the minister for nine months, then supplies were used for a time, when a young man by the name of Thomason became the minister for a while. Following him, a Rev. Robertson became pastor for about two years. This is up to the year 1910. (This ends Mrs. Anderson's story.)

The charter members of the first organized church were Mrs. J.A. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McFarlane and David McSparron. When the church reorganized in 1896, Rev. F.M. Wood served as moderator. The following persons were taken in membership. John A. Anderson, Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, David McSparron, Duncan McFarlane, Mrs. Isabelle MacFarlane and by letter, Robert E. Miller, Mrs. Beatrice Miller and Mrs. Mary McKenzie

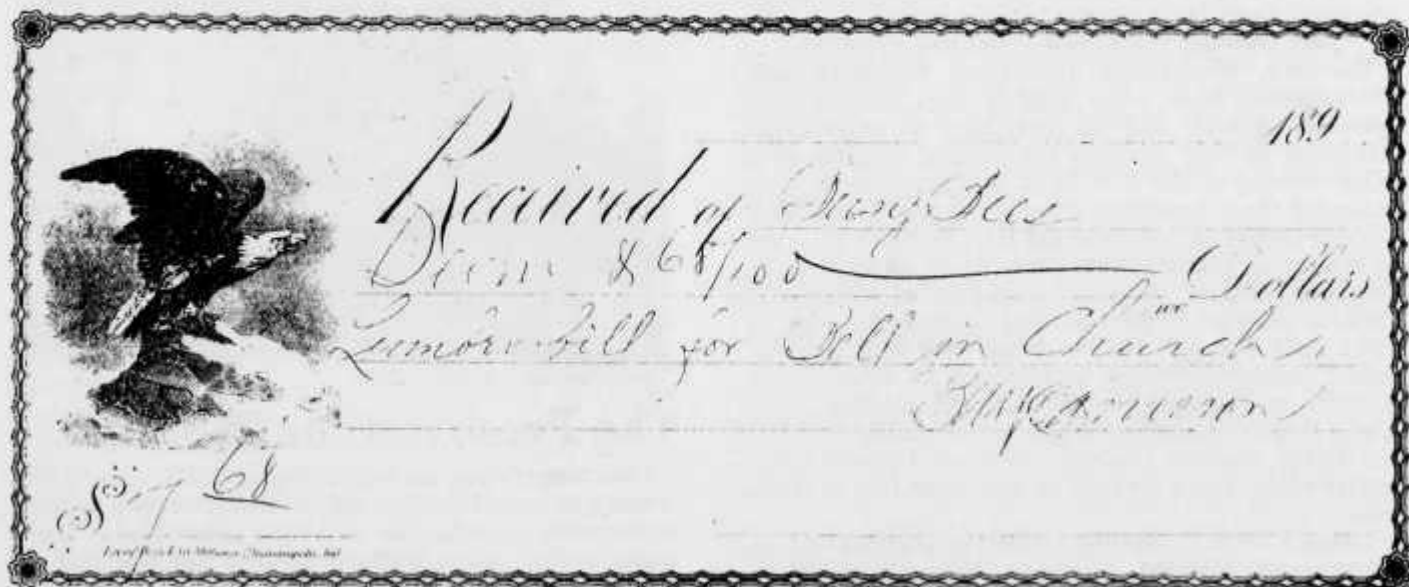
from Blanchard Presbyterian, Wm. Watson and Mrs. Wm. Watson from Fargo Presbyterian, Dr. J. Hotson, Mrs. M. Hotson and Mrs. Bessie Rintoul from Quincy church. Mrs. Ann Margach brought a letter of recommendation from Aberlemno, Scotland and was enrolled, also Dr. Fisher on his promise to secure a letter from Quincy, North Dakota.

Rev. T.D. Whittles is listed as the first minister of the new church. The following dedicated pastors served ministry in the Presbyterian church: Rev. Dinnen, Rev. Dugan, Rev. Zoll, Rev. Lang, Rev. Whittles, Rev. Jonward, Rev. Morrison, Rev. Brand, Rev. Shibli, Rev. F.H. Newton, Rev. H.D. Robertson (1917-1919), Rev. H.E. Jones (1919-21), Rev. Huey (1922-25), Rev. Sherwin, Rev. John McDonald, Rev. Robert Grey, Rev. Barnum, Rev. J.H. Moffitt, Rev. Taylor (1952-57). Rev. Taylor resigned effective January 1, 1957. Rev. E.A. Gruenick presided as moderator until Rev. R. Robert Elkin (Sept. 1957-65) accepted the call to serve the Grandin and Hendrum churches; Rev. Marvin Miller (1967-72), Harry Meyers and Rev. James Moore III (1972-73), Mr. Harry Meyers and Rev. Bob McLarry as associate pastor and Rev. Emery Roy of Fargo as active moderator (1973-75). Rev. James Rodda accepted the call for a pastor July 1, 1975.

The Sunday School was organized in May of 1897. In the same year it was voted to unite Grandin, Quincy and Hendrum churches with Rev. Alan Lang as minister.

Services were held over Duntley and Thom's store. In 1899 the new church was built on the present site. The Willing Workers placed the pulpit furniture and the bell was given by the Busy Bees, a girls organization. A very beautiful organ was installed which has since been replaced by a Hammond Electric.

The first minister of the new church was Rev. T.D. Whittles, who had Rev. Koehler as an assistant minister. Rev. Whittles married Miss Sara L. Canning of Hendrum and moved to northern Minnesota. He became interested in church work among the lumber camps and wrote several books regarding the



work and life there.

Dr. Hotson gave his house to the church for a manse, as he and his family were moving to Alberta, Canada. In 1919 the manse was sold to Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Clapp and Dr. Fisher's house was purchased. Rev. H.E. Jones was the first minister to live in the new manse, 1919-21.

During these years many changes took place: The teenage people's group, "Triangle," was organized in 1926; a modern and beautiful manse was built in 1952. In 1954, the church was remodeled with a modernized kitchen and new oil furnace. The Willing Workers became United Presbyterian Women in 1952. Contributions to the memorial fund in honor of the MacFarlane ancestors purchased organ chimes in 1967. A lightning caused a fire on September 3, 1971, which did heavy damage to the church steeple. The bell tower was taken down. The church bell is a permanent fixture alongside the church in a memorial bell stand. In 1975, the Hendrum church closed its doors. Faith United Parish was formed including Hunter, Erie and Grandin. Moderator Rev. Emery Roy of Fargo spent much time to help Faith United Parish.

In 1976, a 20 by 44 foot addition with full basement was built on the west side of the church and also a complete remodeling of the sanctuary. A carillon system was added. The work of the parish council in 1977 involved the seeking and inviting of Intern Wally Boris for the June 1977-August 1978 period. Intern Boris proved to be very good for the people and to Rev. Rodda, who worked very hard to make the three point parish a great success.

Rev. John McDonald who served from 1932-1937 had the honor of having the first wedding in the church, that of June Cormack and Arnold Slinde.

During Rev. Moffatt's ministry in Grandin, he was given a leave of absence to visit his son who was in government service in Pakistan, and he also visited his old home in Ireland and Scotland.

Of the past congregations, John Barnum and Mark Duntley have entered the ministry. At present there are 119 members, 45 in Sunday School, 29 UPW members and 10 in the Fellowship group.

Present officers of the church are: Session: J.B. Humphrey, Myrna Mettler, Erma Peterson, A.E. Peterson, M.H. Gifford and Wesley Ecker. Trustees: Lillian Christian, Margaret Foster, Marlin Stokke, Glenn Porter, and Donald Graalum. Treasurer: Dennis Peterson. Clerk of Session: Robert Mettler.



Grandin Presbyterian Church 1980



Mrs. L. J. Margach
96 years of age (1956)

United Presbyterian Women's Association

In 1899 the ladies of the community formed an association calling themselves "Willing Workers Society of Grandin." The Charter members were: Mmes. W. Clark, A.W. Elliott, John Herman, L.J. Margach, R.E. Miller, B.R. Rintoul, B. Cameron, J.L. Anderson, David Black, Wm. Fulton, Wm. Jolly, Fisher, S.J. Harvey, David Geddes, David McSparrow, McKenzie, G. Walker, W.S. Van Bergan, Wm. Curry, James T. Lockhart, Emerson, Duncan MacFarlane, Watson, C. Murphy, John Hotson and Otto Ferguson.

One of the first projects of the Willing Workers was to work and earn money to purchase the pulpit furniture in the new church built in 1898. One of the first yearly projects was an oyster supper held in December. They also paid some of the ministers salaries starting in October of 1907, in the amount of \$40.

A group of interested girls, sponsored by the Willing Workers formed an organization known as the Busy Bees. They earned money to buy a bell for the belfry. This bell is now displayed by the church. It was removed when lightning and fire damaged the church in 1971.

The Willing Workers accepted a new constitution in 1956 and in 1958 changed its name to "United Presbyterian Women's Association." The by-laws were revised in 1968 and again in 1980. There are regular UPW missionary meetings and monthly circle meetings for Bible study and fellowship. There have been several members who have served in

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Consignor	1	<i>Iron Box</i>				<i>147</i>
Connecting Line Reference	1	<i>Boxes</i>	<i>1700</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>624</i>	<i>82</i>
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RECEIVED PAYMENT

J. Weidenbach

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1. A separate freight bill must be made for each consignment.
2. Agent must not receipt this freight bill, until the time of payment, at which time the receipt and date of payment must be inserted in ink.

3. Unless claims for errors or damages are made on delivery of the consignee that none exist.
4. All claims should be presented through the carrier accompanied by original receipted freight bill.

Presbyterial offices. Mrs. John Gordon is president of the Northern Plains Presbyterial in 1981, which is all of North Dakota, Western Minnesota and a small part of Eastern Montana.

Besides UPW's ongoing mission giving, which began in 1929, they participate in Thanksgiving offering, summer medical offering and give to the Hunger Fund. The association gives an Honorary membership to a member, the money going to missions. They help support Leatta Weidenbach's work in Zambia, Africa and have supported a series of Korean orphans in the past twenty years with help from the Sunday School.

Locally the UPW gives to the Charles Hall Youth Homes in Bismarck, where junior-high Indian youngsters live. They also donate to Children's Village and Southeast Mental Health. They take part with other associations in World Day of Prayer, May Fellowship Breakfast and World Community Day.

The UPW recognizes graduates and communicant class members in the spring with a dinner and gifts and remembers third graders at Rally Day in the fall with Bibles.

There are 29 members belonging to one evening and one afternoon circle and twenty other church women available to help in work activities. These women are appropriately called Willing Workers as their predecessors were.

J. HALLIDAY,
Carpenter, Contractor and Architect...
Grandin, North Dakota.

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J. Halliday
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GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE.

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St. Thomas Catholic Church

St. Thomas Catholic Church of Grandin was built in the year 1911. Mrs. Weisbecker, mother of Mrs. Otto Ferguson, donated the building lots and Vincent P. McCoy, formerly of Grandin, was the contractor.

Members of the building committee were Thomas McCoy, J.F. McNamee, M.J. McNamee, A.C. Gretter, William Ford, and Frank Fagot.

The church was dedicated in 1912 by the late Bishop O'Reilly of Fargo.

Rev. J.V. Koelman, of Reynolds, conducted services here once a month. Other priests who served later were the Rev. Frank Myers, Rev. W.J. Proeller, and Rev. John M. Garland, who was pastor for seventeen years.

When all-weather roads and highways were constructed and a large church was built in nearby Hillsboro, the building was sold to the congregation in Argusville and moved to that town in 1951. The name was changed to St. William's Catholic Church.

When the church was located in Grandin, it was on the site of the present Agway Seed Mill.



Dedication of St. Thomas Catholic Church - 1912



Moving City Hall to the Louis Rosenau farm 1977

Homemakers and 4-H Clubs



GRANDIN HOMEMAKERS CLUB — In the front row, left to right, are Mmes. S. G. Humphrey, J. M. Elliott, R. K. Rosenau, president, R. W. Pratt, L. Rosenau and L. F. Grage, secretary-treasurer. Second row, Mms. John Elliott, L. T. Anderegg, T. B. Humphrey, J. G. McKenzie, R. D. Lockhart and E. M. Elliott.

In the back row are Mmes. Robert McSparron, George Skinner, Francis E. Foster, Blake Humphrey, A. F. Rosenau and Parke Pratt.

Not pictured are Mrs. L. Margach, a charter member, Mrs. Neil McFarlane and Mrs. William Margach. Other charter members are Mmes. L. Rosenau, R. W. Pratt, J. M. Elliott and S. G. Humphrey. The club was organized in 1927 when Miss Kathryn Lambert was the associated Cass County agent. It has been active in many community projects, has taken part in community programs, sponsored card parties for the benefit of polio, heart, Red Cross and cancer campaigns, and has donated to the Crippled Children's Home and Boys Ranch.

Its exhibitions are always included in the Homemakers exhibit at the North Dakota State Fair and the Red River Valley Fair. (1956)

Homemakers Clubs

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Charter members were Mrs. L. Margach, Mmes. L. Rosenau, R.W. Pratt, J.M. Elliott and S.G. Humphrey.

The Grandin Homemakers Club dissolved in 1978 but the remaining members get together once a year for a Christmas party.

In-Between Homemakers Club

The first meeting of the In-Between Homemakers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Woitzel on October 25, 1951. There were seven members present at this meeting at which Mrs. Marvin Howard was elected president.

The name of the club was chosen because most of its members lived between the towns of Grandin and Gardner.

Since its organization, the club has been active in all phases of homemaker work and community projects. There were sixteen members. The club was dissolved in 1965.

Star Dusters Homemaker Club

Nine young women organized the Stardusters Homemaker Club in 1955. It was an active club involved in community projects and homemaking which grew to twelve members in a short time. However, one by one the members moved to other locations and the club was left with only four members remaining in the Grandin area. Therefore, the club was dissolved a few years after it began.

Members were Muriel Meyer, Laverne Wentworth, Myrna Harrington, Patty Hunter, Carole Lindgren, Mickie Skunes, Daryl (McKenzie) Hehn, Donna Backlund, Alice Johnston, Jo Ann Radebaugh, Jean Anderson and Barbara Howard.

Sugar and Spice Homemakers Club

A new homemakers club called Sugar and Spice was organized on November 1, 1980, by a group of young women.

Its members are Nancy Winterquist, Nita Hagemeister, Dorothy Leinen, Theresa Leines, Sandy Nohr, Karen Srur, Barbara Graalum, Debbie Robertsdahl, Marilyn Woitzel, Jackie Arneson, Chris Dueker, Renea Lenz and Vallerie Steinhaus.

The club made two Centennial quilts and made a float for the Centennial and will be involved in homemaking projects.

4-H Clubs

Grandin Traill Blazers 4-H Club

Members of the Traill County 4-H clubs have the honor of belonging to a club in the county where 4-H clubs had their origin. It all started in 1904, when County Superintendent of Schools, J.C. Hetler initiated a county-wide corn-growing contest among the students. It was started to create interest in teaching agriculture and home culture. The result was a "Farmers, Teachers and Corn Grower's Institute," held at the Hillsboro Opera House on November 25-26, 1904. These programs were carried out in several states, but Hetler was the first to successfully carry it out as a county-wide program.

Grandin Traill Blazers 4-H Club was organized in the Grandin School in the winter of 1947. The club was organized as a response to a note placed on the bulletin board by Barbara MacFarlane asking anyone that was interested in starting a 4-H club to contact Barbara MacFarlane. The County Agent from Traill County, R.L. Nelson presided over the organizational meeting. Election of officers was held. Barbara MacFarlane was elected president, Richard Anderson, vice-president, Winifred MacFarlane, secretary, and Allan Anderson, treasurer. Roland MacFarlane became the Local Leader. The other charter members were Dennis Anderson, Ardith Anderson and Shirley Brag. The projects carried by the members were beef marketing, dairy, poultry and garden. The club continued the leadership of Roland MacFarlane until he was called into military service in the fall of 1950. The leadership of the club was taken over by Arthur Anderson and John Elliott. The 1951-52 club year was under the leadership of Earl Grage and Arthur Anderson. The club disbanded the following year.

The club won certificates in both Rural Safety and Rural Arts programs. Winifred MacFarlane earned a trip to the State Conservation Camp in the Rural Safety program and Barbara MacFarlane won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago on a Rural Safety award.

Grandin Hi Liners Boy's 4-H Club

This club was organized in 1959 with Gene Foster and Archie Baukol as its leaders.

Dale Ahlschwede, Jay Buringrud, Wesley Ecker, James Elliott, Joel Grothmann, Don Lockhart, Jon McSparron, Terry Meyer, Wendel Meyer, Louis Rosenau, Duane Schechinger, Larry Schechinger, Dennis Sokness, Bruce Thorsrud, Mark Thorsrud, Bryan Wiger, Larry Wiger and Willis Wiger were the charter members.

Bob Mettler replaced Archie Baukol as leader in 1963. Wesley Ecker became an associate leader in 1973.

The Hi Liners were a livestock club showing animals at Mayville, Hillsboro, Grand Forks, Valley City, Fargo, Chicago and at Plowville, USA at Buffalo, North Dakota.

The club was active in public speaking, demonstrating and livestock judging, where members were on the Traill County team, taking second place in the



state and winning a trip to Denver, Colorado.

In 1968, David Backlund won the top livestock showman award in Traill County. Other winners of this award were, Bob Griffin in 1973, Mark Backstrom in 1974, Randy Brag in 1976, David McSparron in 1977 and Brian Foster in 1978.

Families with active 4-H members in the Hi Liners Club over the twenty years it was active were Weller, Humphrey, Gunkelman, Backlund, Griffin, Backstrom, Miller, Satrom, Brag, Preston, Wischer, Arneson, Michaels, Balsley, Radebaugh, Belcher, Hestbeck, Terry, Christian, Foster, McKenzie, Mears, Hanson, Johnson, Bartholomew, Blaser, Nepstad, Rodda and Mettler, in addition to families of the charter members.

With the decrease in livestock numbers, the club became less active and disbanded in 1980.

Gene Foster received a pin and plaque for his 20 years as a 4-H leader. He served for 21 years. Robert Mettler received a pin and a certificate of award in 1977 for 15 years of service. He was a leader for 17 years. Both Gene and Bob received a belt buckle from the Community Club in 1973 in appreciation for their leadership.

The awards and achievements of this club were obtained by active 4-H members supported by very cooperative parents. The backing of the Grandin community, who supported this club 100% was also a major contributing factor to its success.



1951 4-H Basketball Team

Front Row - Denny Anderson, Wayne Radebaugh, Royal Howard, Dick Anderson, Jerry Hunter

Back Row - Art Anderson, Allen Anderson, Ronnie Jalbert, John M. Elliott, John T. Elliott, Lewie Jalbert



Planting community flowerbed.

Girls 4-H Club

The girls 4-H program was first offered in the Grandin area in 1939. Over the years the club has undergone many changes and many local women have given their time as 4-H leaders to keep the club an active one.

The Kelso Merry Maids 4-H Club was organized in Kelso Township by Constance Strand (Mrs. Tom Ostenson), Mrs. C.E. Akason and Mrs. Neil MacFarlane, Sr. There were eight charter members: President, Ella Sedenko, Vice-president, Beverly Waters, Sec-Treasurer, Winifred MacFarlane, Barbara MacFarlane, Delores Akason, Gwendolyn Akason, June Olerud and Lilas Gunkel. Rudolph L. Nelson was Traill County Agent.

Since 1972, the motto of the 4-H Club has been "To Make the Best Better."

It is interesting to note the project changes over the years. Home improvement was the county project and home furnishing articles such as laundry bags, closet curtains, pillow slips and sheets and dressing table drapes were made. Articles were exhibited and judged at a local and county Achievement Day at Hillsboro in September, which also included a hobby booth display.

The club was one of seven that participated in a conservation activity of planting trees. Members planted 285 trees including Chinese Elm, Russian Olive, Caragana and Blue Spruce, obtained at cost from the Bottineau State Forestry nursery.

The following year the membership increased to 19 members. This year the project was first year clothing, with articles as needle or scissor cases, aprons, pajamas and slippers exhibited, with Achievement Day in Mayville. The club also exhibited items at the Grand Forks Fair. Members also worked on knitting and crocheting.

In the early forties, World War II brought on changes in the club projects. The eight members of the club collected scrap paper, bought war stamps and assisted with "Victory Gardens." April 5-11 was "National 4-H Club Mobilization Week." Food production increased as 4-H clubs heeded the call to aid the war.

Members participated in Achievement Days and were awarded 45 cents for blue ribbons, 35 cents for red ribbons and 25 cents for white ribbons. Gwendolyn Akason and Vera Grage won sewing kits for outstanding achievement in the dress modeling contest.

In the fall of 1942, the club was divided into two groups with the Grandin group changing its name to the Junior Helpers Club. Mrs. Neil MacFarlane continued as leader with Mrs. Roy Lockhart.

The club joined the war effort and did extensive salvage work, collecting waste paper, rags, iron, silk hose and waste fats. The club collected 3,444 pounds of waste paper and gave \$2 to the Red Cross. The collecting of waste paper carried on through the war years. During the 1944-45 years four members attended the first 4-H camp at Sheyenne Federal Park. Cost was \$3 per member, and it was not necessary to bring their ration books along.

The following years the peace effort was of major importance. First year clothing project was carried with the suggestion light weight flour sacks bleached or dyed would make "excellent material" for a fringed scarf. Flour or feed sacks served as material for peasant-type aprons.

By the late forties, membership in the club rose to eighteen. A local Achievement Day was held in Grandin with the Traill Blazers "Ag" Club. During these years Barbara and Winifred MacFarlane were awarded Foley Foods Awards for their foods activity. The club was awarded \$12 for participating in the Occident Flour Activity.

In March of 1950, Mrs. Neil MacFarlane was honored at 4-H Achievement Institute with the 4-H Award of the Gold Cloverleaf for ten years as a 4-H leader. In 1950-51, Mrs. R.K. Rosenau and Mrs. William Margach received the Silver Clover award for five years as leaders. Others receiving the Silver award were Mavis Ahlschwede, Shirley Belcher and Marguerite Pratt in later years. Marguerite also received the Gold Cloverleaf 10-year award.

The early 50's started the home improvement project cycle. Flower arrangement and improving standards of housekeeping were studied. Block printing, bead work and craft strip braiding were added. The club studied the food category on bread and roll making and pastries. Sewing projects were more advanced and the girls received instruction on sewing machine care.



Pin Pan Pals-Installation 1974

**Bottom row: Mona McKenzie, Charlotte Pratt, Patti Backlund, Penny Bauer, Stacy Barthalomew.
Top row: Elana Ellingson, Lisa Christian, Leaders - Edna Terry, Sandy Ecker.**



"Spirit of '76"

Float in Bicentennial Parade 1976

The Grandin Jr. Helpers 4-H Club was chosen one of the outstanding 4-H Clubs in Traill County and given an award by Land O'Lakes.

In 1955, as prices began to climb, the cost of attending a 4-H camp rose to \$9. This was also the year of the first Traill County 4-H Follies.

1958-59, saw a change in the project cycle. Each of the three areas of Home Economics would now be offered only one year at a time rather than the two year cycle. Project work was divided into three age levels with books for each.

Home improvement included dishwashing and cleaning techniques, table setting, account keeping with money management and making simple household articles. Later etiquette, posture, grooming, parliamentary procedure, archery, water safety and recreational leadership were taught, along with wood finishing. Later the girls could carry extra projects as baby-sitting, knitting and handicrafts.

The first County Home Living Expo was held in 1970.

With the changing times, the girls now learned macrame, belt making, plant hangers, and wall hangings. Ann Mettler received Reserve Champion, with her bulletin board in an antique frame she had repaired and refinished, at the District Demonstration Contest in Grand Forks.

In the food area the younger girls now were learning about master mix for biscuits, muffins and upside-down cake, while the older girls worked with fondues, meat, vegetables, foreign foods, barbecuing, cake decorating, candle making and speech making.

In 1973, a younger girls 4-H Club was started by Sandy Ecker and Edna Terry, called the Pin Pan Pals. It had a membership of eight.

The two girl's clubs along with the boy's club organized Monday night square dancing sessions, with Blake Humphrey, caller. They put on a square dancing exhibit at the Hillsboro Nursing Home and the young club carried on the required projects of the club along with judging events.

The clubs now studied photography along with Community Health and horsemanship.

Cheryl Christian was chosen the outstanding 4-H girl in Traill County, the first Traill County girl to receive the honor. This same year, 1976, Cheryl was picked to represent North Dakota at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. Eileen Ecker was chosen as alternate. Cheryl represented North Dakota in the area of Home Management and Eileen in Home Furnishing.

By 1980, the blue ribbon premium money rose from \$1 to \$2, the red ribbon, 75 cents to \$1.50 and the white ribbon, 50 cents to \$1.

The girls have participated in many community projects. They have given demonstrations and skits at Community Club programs, given Christmas gifts to Grafton State School, made window displays at local stores for National 4-H week, donated to Unity Trail State 4-H Foundation fund, presented skits at the Hillsboro Nursing Home and made drapes, pillow cases and bibs for the home.

Other events the girls have taken part in are giving style shows for local Homemakers groups, sang at churches for Rural Life Sunday, carried the Child Care project, sold candy and donated \$22 to the tennis court fund, made booths at the Red River Valley Fair, made the community flower bed around the Grandin sign in the park, attended Fashion Fair in Fargo, took part in judging activities, had booth at

local Community Day, and held a craft workshop for the public.

The girls have participated in home living tour and toured Winnipeg, had a float in the Hillsboro parade for the Sugar Beet Plant dedication, made puppets for the Special Education Department of Cass County, sold lunch at farm auction, made twelve decorated cakes for the 4-H County Carnival cake walk, made foods of different nations at an international supper, had car wash and club slave month, donated \$50 to County, cared for flower beds in front of the school, placed roses in four local churches for Rural Life Sunday, hosted exchange club members from Tennessee, and made a float for the Bicentennial parade.

Much credit for the success of the girls 4-H must go to the leaders of the group who have given so much of their time and to the families of the girls for their support.



**"The Betsy Ross Sewing Bee"
Float in Grandin Days Parade 1978**



Marquerite Pratt, leader, Patti Backlund, Charlotte Pratt, Jodi Dally and Lisa Christian



4-H Parade at Mayville 1949



**1978-1979 Dinner Meeting
Patti Backlund, Claudia Pratt, Susan Moteberg, Lisa Christian, Charlotte Pratt, Alana Sund, Leader - Marquerite Pratt.**



Girls 4-H Leaders

1939-40	Nellie MacFarlane	Constance Strand	Naomi Akason
1940-41	Nellie MacFarlane	Constance Strand	Naomi Akason
1941-42	Nellie MacFarlane	Constance Strand	Naomi Akason
1942-43	Nellie MacFarlane	Ruth Lockhart	
1943-44	Nellie MacFarlane	Ruth Lockhart	
1944-45	Nellie MacFarlane	Ruth Lockhart	
1945-46	Nellie MacFarlane	Ruth Lockhart	
1946-47	Nellie MacFarlane	Ann Rosenau	Alice Margach
1947-48	Nellie MacFarlane	Ann Rosenau	Alice Margach
1948-49	Nellie MacFarlane	Ann Rosenau	Alice Margach
1949-50	Nellie MacFarlane	Ann Rosenau	Alice Margach
1950-51	Nellie MacFarlane	Ann Rosenau	Alice Margach
1951-52		Alice Hunter	Alice Margach
1952-52		Alice Hunter	
1952-54		Alice Hunter	
1954-55			Orrel Buringrud
1955-56	Orrel Anderson		Orrel Buringrud
1956-57	Orrel Anderson		Vivian Fee
1957-58	Alice Gordon		Vivian Fee
1958-59	Alice Gordon		Laverne Wentworth
1959-60	Vernice Oien		Doris Howard
1960-61	Vernice Oien		Mavis Ahlschwede
1961-62	Mickey Skunes		Mavis Ahlschwede
1962-63	Marguerite Pratt		Mavis Ahlschwede
1963-64	Imo Griffin	Evelyn Elliott	Mavis Ahlschwede
1964-65	Imo Griffin	Evelyn Elliott	Mavis Ahlschwede
1965-66	Imo Griffin	Evelyn Elliott	Mavis Ahlschwede
1966-67	Imo Griffin	Evelyn Elliott	Mavis Ahlschwede
1967-68	Lil Christian	JoAnn Radebaugh	Marguerite Pratt
1968-69	Lil Christian	Betty Miller	Marguerite Pratt
1969-70	Shirley Belcher	Verna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1970-71	Shirley Belcher	Verna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1971-72	Shirley Belcher	Verna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1972-73	Shirley Belcher	Verna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1973-74	Shirley Belcher	Myrna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1974-75	Diane Thorsrud	Myrna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1975-76	Diane Thorsrud	Myrna Ecker	Marguerite Pratt
1976-77	Diane Thorsrud	Myrna Ecker	Sandy Ecker
1977-78	Marguerite Pratt	Donna Backlund	
1978-79	Marguerite Pratt	Donna Backlund	
1979-80	Marguerite Pratt	Claudia Pratt	
1980-81	Marguerite Pratt	Claudia Pratt	



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Diamond Jubilee



Brothers of the Brush



Queen Mary Sather and attendants



John Gordon - Constable



Start of the parade



Sisters of the Swish



Rhythm band

Diamond Jubilee Parade



Model T Ford



Blacksmith "Pete" Peterson



Standard Oil wagon forty years ago



Bicentennial

Grandin Celebrates Bicentennial



Come on you guys, keep up



In the Spirit of '76



Just home'n in Grandin

Historical committee dedicates flagpole, mementoes in Grandin

Grandin's Bicentennial committee completed one of its final official acts last week as committee members and city representatives jointly dedicated a flagpole area on the west side of town near the Interstate 29 entrance.

Within the flagpole's brick marker was buried Bicentennial mementoes of the community's July 3, 1976 patriotic celebration. Included in the time capsule were:

A declaration of attendance — or a list of everybody who attended the city's Bicentennial supper; a bulletin from last year's All Faiths church service; a letter from the Grandin Homemakers inviting everybody to their group's 50th anniversary October 1, 1977; an invoice from Grandin Manufacturing;

A letter from the city auditor noting the town's population and other present day conditions of the city along with a list of city officials and members of the Bicentennial committee; money including a \$2 bill, Bicentennial silver dollar as well as a 1976 fifty cent piece, quarter, dime, nickel and penny; an 1881 Indian head penny (date of Grandin's founding); a Masonic Bicentennial emblem;

Bicentennial issues of the Hillsboro Banner and Fargo Forum; a musical program; a poster of the city's Bicentennial snowmobile races held February 1976 and; a 10 year old cigar local Bicentennial Chairman John Gordon "just felt like throwing in" to the collection.

According to Gordon, the cache was buried with the understanding it would be opened in the year 2026 when the nation celebrates its 250th birthday. Those opening instructions were included in the official minutes of a recent city council meeting.

"We wanted the time capsule opened in 50 years so somebody that was involved in the burial this year might still be around 50 years

later to remember we have to dig it up," Gordon said. "...I know I won't be alive then but Gary (Winterquist, 24 year old Bicentennial committee member) has a pretty good chance of being around," he added.

Besides Gordon and Winterquist, others participating in the dedication were committee member Joanne (Mrs. Robert) Arneson and Mayor Darrell Wischer. In addition to making the flagpole official, Wischer also

formally accepted a \$100 check from the committee for the city to place in a special Grandin Centennial fund (1981).

Other Bicentennial committee members included Parke Pratt, Mrs. Alice Margach, Lois (Mrs. Peter) Ronning and James Mears.

Total cost for the flagpole project was \$350. The flagpole is a reshaped damaged light standard formerly located at the Canadian Border customs.



Participating in the dedication of Grandin's Bicentennial flagpole area on the west side of town near I-29 were Bicentennial committee members (left to right) Joanne Arneson, John Gordon (chairman) and Gary Winterquist and Grandin Mayor Darrell Wischer.



Henry Grothmann and Peter Backlund preparing a pancake breakfast for the Bicentennial.



Westbridge Invitational Gun Club

The Westbridge Invitational Gun Club was formed by a group of men from the Grandin-Gardner area. They first got together in the fall of 1975 to shoot skeet from a coulee bridge west of Grandin. They continued meeting on a casual basis until February 1977 when they met at Lloyd and Aggie Hagen's with thirteen members to formalize their organization and elect officers. Arvid Terry was elected President; Louis Rosenau, Vice-President and Allen Hagen, Sec.-Treasurer. The following were elected to the Board of Directors: Mark Robertsdaahl, Ken Preston, Larry Goldade, Hank Grothmann, Allen Barker and Don Keller. The membership was originally limited to 25 members but has now been expanded to forty-five.

In the spring of 1977 they purchased the old town hall building for a club house and moved it to the Louis Rosenau farm west of Grandin. Numerous improvements have been made at the gun club site. They erected a throw house, purchased an electric skeet thrower, paved the firing line, installed a flag pole and bleachers which were purchased from the old Gardner school.

The Club has been active in Community affairs. During the winter of 78-79 they arranged to feed the deer and game birds in the area which were starving due to the excessive snow cover. During the summer of 1980 they sponsored a Centennial Benefit Shoot with over \$300.00 in proceeds donated to help fund the Grandin Centennial celebration.

Each year they open their facilities for live firing for the young participants of the Hunter's Safety Course which is sponsored by the Gardner American Legion.

The club house is open Sunday afternoons and special shooting events are scheduled during the season giving the members and their guests an opportunity to compete for trophies and ribbons.

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The American Legion

Whatever else war is, and it has been described in every way from one slightly profane word to countless pages of histories and novels, it is a unique and memory-stirring experience for those who were most intimately involved as members of the armed forces. From the shared experiences and the quickened feeling of kinship have sprung many organizations of ex-servicemen.

Today there is no accurate record of the total number of veterans' organizations, but among them all, none has grown so large or has exercised such wide influence as has The American Legion. None is so intimately identified with the word "veteran." Since its origin in 1919, this largest of all veterans' organizations has become an integral and accepted part of the American scene.

The American Legion was born at a caucus of the first American Expeditionary Force, March 15-17, 1919, in Paris, France. Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., assisted in planning the Paris caucus, and called to order the subsequent caucus in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 15-17, 1919. His outstanding service during these vital periods of organization won for him the affectionate title, "Father of The American Legion."

From its humble beginning, to its present day, some of its major concerns are: veterans affairs and rehabilitation, welfare of children and youth, Americanism, legislative programs and economics. Presently, The American Legion consists of 16,000 posts, and 58 departments, with the National Headquarters located in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Today, The American Legion faces some of its greatest opportunities. Likewise, it faces some of its greatest challenges, such as a growing membership, to which the establishment of new posts is a major factor, and gives The American Legion good reason to look forward to continuous useful contribution to the American way of life.

What's ahead of this giant of all veterans' organizations? The answer to that question must await future historians. But its strength and vigor assures The American Legion's capability to continue its service to community, state, and nation.

When and Where the VFW Began

"Remember the Maine," was a slogan that stirred up patriotism among Americans over 82 years ago during the Spanish-American War.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States had its beginning in September 1899, when a small group of Spanish-American war veterans gathered in Columbus, Ohio, to form an organization initially known as the American Veterans of Foreign Service. It is not surprising that because of their love of country they made patriotism the cornerstone of the organization's foundation.

In August 1913, a combined encampment of three separate veterans organizations met in Denver, Colorado, and formed the initial cadre of what was to become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. The 56 VFW Posts and several thousand members of those days has evolved today into almost 10,000 posts and approximately two million members.

Then, as is still the custom now, the VFW believes in grassroots patriotism. As an organization whose men and women have served in combat areas overseas, its members are proud to show their loyalty to and their love for America.

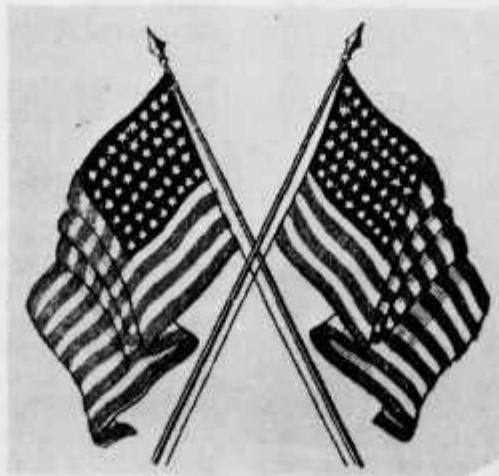
Having fought to preserve our nation, much of the VFW's efforts throughout the country in peacetime, center around the United States flag and in teaching the young people of America to show our symbol of liberty and freedom the respect and honor it so justly deserves.

(Dec. 1980 Gopher Oversea'r)

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ACK
and BOX
RAISER



A Boy can handle it





Township Histories



Bell Township

Bell Township was organized sometime before 1884. It was originally called Elm River Township.

In the spring of 1884 six landholders petitioned to have roads surveyed and built on all the section lines in the township. Supervisors then were G.H. Knight, A. Robbins, and C.E. Cory.

Early records state that each and every male inhabitant in the township was assessed one day of highway labor to be performed in the ensuing year. This was in addition to real estate and personal property taxes.

In 1895 the name was changed from Elm River Township to Bell Township. The officers, were:

Peter Madsen, Chairman

H.D. Atheston and Andre Bell, Supervisors

Joseph Moen, Clerk

James Bell, Treasurer

C.E. Cory, Assessor

G.A. Flewell, Justice of Peace

L.A. Skue and E.H. Austin, Commissioners of Conciliation

Wm. Garret, Constable

Records show there being a Justice of Peace from 1892 until the late 1940's. He issued marriage certificates and presided over civil cases involving inhabitants of Bell Township. Some of the cases recorded include:

1. Two farmers charged with stealing another farmer's seed oats.
2. Recovering delinquent bills.
3. Assault and battery "on said plaintiff by taking a milk stool and struck me over the head and took another milk stool and throwed at said plaintiff and struck on the wrist and also took a three tined fork and rund after said plaintiff and threatened to kill said plaintiff." (From the records of Geo. A. Flewell, Justice of Peace.)

Township meetings were held in the Elm River Schoolhouse #60, paying \$5 for rent. Meeting location was changed in the 1960's to the IOOF Hall in Hunter.

In the fall of 1901, a "New Era" steel elevating grater of the largest size was purchased from Austin & Western Co. of Chicago for \$1,300 plus freight. An operator was hired in 1902 at \$2.50 per day.

Other township business included requesting that a farmer stop his flowing well from filling the ditches and another farmers fields. Another farmer was ask-

ed to keep his land from blowing dirt into the ditches. One board member was asked to build an animal pound for stray animals. This was built on the G.H. Knight farm (the present Norman Griffin farm on Cass County #2.).

Several farmers graveled their own roads in the early 1930's. Today, the township gravels and maintains the roads. Each farmer is responsible for mowing the roadlines in the fall.

In the spring of 1979, there was an unusually quick thaw after a winter with a great deal of snow. The ditches and unopened culverts couldn't handle the quantities of water, resulting in a great deal of damage to roads and bridges. The bridge on the county line between section 2 in Bell and section 35 in Bohnsack was completely washed away. The approaches to two other bridges were washed out, one large culvert came to rest downstream, as well as numerous damaged locations on roads and intersections. Many farmers had to find alternative routes to their fields that summer and were very pleased when all the repairs were completed.

Present Bell Township officers are:

Donald Hansen, Chairman

Dean Ecker and Morris Melander, Supervisors

Susan Melander, Clerk

Myrna Ecker, Treasurer

Kathleen Melander, Assessor

At present, there are 51 residents in Bell Township, representing 18 families.

Grandin people and their families who reside in Bell Township at the present time are:

Bette Brix

James and Crystal Dueker - Monica & Danielle

Dean and Verna Ecker

Wesley and Myrna Ecker - Sara & Daniel

Burton and Helen Graalum

Norman and Imo Griffin

Bohnsack Township

This township was named for John Bohnsack, the first settler in the area.

In 1878 John Bohnsack, with his wife and family, moved from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to North Dakota and homesteaded land in section 14-144-51 which is the present farmstead location of Brian Bohnsack, his great-great grandson.

No organization date for the township has been found but it first consisted of East and West Bohn-

sack Townships with one board of officers. In 1917 West Bohnsack Township became Greenfield. The town hall was at Greenfield Station. Board members elected in 1886 were: Charles Bohnsack, chm. David McSparron and C.W. Preston with Philip J. Bohnsack as clerk and John Miller, treasurer with James Workman as assessor.

Duties of the town board were much the same in the early days as they are now. Records of the '80s show that they had to lay out and construct roads and that the township purchased road graders and scrapers and residents furnished horse power and labor and also erected the bridges and installed culverts where needed. The board also hired a resident to hand pick weeds, namely mustard, Canada thistle, cockleburrs, etc. for the entire township. This job usually took two or three days.

The 1886 annual meeting states that funds assessed for roads was two mills (1 general fund and 1 bridge fund). In 1980 the road levy was 18 mills. In 1886 the township needed \$525.00 to operate in 1980 it was \$8,000.00.

Some "firsts" for the township:

First child was born to Thomas Coopers in 1880. Sex not recorded.

First marriage was Mr. G. Wilson to a Miss Still in 1880.

First death - Herman Lindeman in 1883.

One of the first state senators from Traill County was R.J. Johnson of Bohnsack township - 1892.

First school was built on N.E. corner of Sec. 15-144-51 and had a six month term. Charles Wood was teacher and was paid \$40.00 per month. John Miller, Lars Johnson and Charles Bohnsack were on the Board of Education. A second school was built on the N.W. corner of Sect. 27. In 1920 these schools were consolidated and in 1921 the new building was completed on the west side of section 15. All 12 grades were offered and the school continued until 1966 when the district was dissolved and became part of the Hillsboro, Hunter and Grandin districts. A community club was also organized in 1924. Dues were 25 cents per month with meetings held monthly at the school.

First residents came into the township by way of Grandin or up the Red River to Quincy, which was a post office and landing point, then across country from there.

Early residents were:

Robert Black, John and Charles Bohnsack, D.T. Carley, Thomas Cooper, Robert and R.W. Falconer, Charles and Wm. Fleischer, James and John Garrett, E.R. and R.S. Johnson, Emil Kreuke, Herman Lindeman, Henry and John Miller, W.J. Marshall, W.F. Martin, David McSparron, Sam McNeilly, Henry Rush, Von Steinwehr Bros. Wm. Thom, G.A. Willison, James Workman and David Young.

In the early 1900's many people came from southern Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and South Dakota, purchased land in the township and settled here. The majority of present residents are descendants of this migration.

The township proceedings have been recorded by the descendants of John Bohnsack for 80 years. Namely: P.J. Bohnsack, son, 13 years: J.C. Bohnsack,

grandson, 34 years; Harold Bohnsack, great grandson, 30 years; and Brian Bohnsack, great great grandson, 3 years.

The present township board is:

Paul Ponto, chm. Garth Garrett and Ronald Porter, with Brian Bohnsack, clerk, and Bruce Bohnsack as treasurer-assessor.

Grandin residents and their families who reside in the township at the present time are:

James Armstrong
Lloyd and Vallie Griesbach - Conray, Sarah & Anna Darryl and Joyce McSparron - Lisa, Brett and Kurt Dunbar and Mildred McSparron
Axel and Auslaug Pedersen
Dennis and Geri Peterson - Beth
Glen and Grace Porter
Gene and Daphne Porter
James and Ruth Porter
Robert and Delores Porter - David
Ronald and Gloria Porter - Mark and Joel
Gerald and LaMae Radebaugh - Brett
Loren and Robin Radebaugh - Jesse and Rian



Quincy School. Raymond McCradie, Ernest Johnson, Mary Johnson, Bessie Smart.



Presbyterian Church at Quincy

Elm River Township

Among the first permanent settlers of Elm River Township was Geo. Henry Ford Johnson who came as wagonmaster of a caravan of five covered wagons from Ontario, Canada in July of 1874. They settled near the confluence of the Red and Elm Rivers in Section 26 which was originally part of Cass County. The town of Quincy which contained 10 blocks was platted January 5, 1880. It served the area as a ferry crossing of the Red River and as a steam boat and stage coach station. Much of the agricultural products of that time were loaded on barges there for shipment to Fargo.

By 1883 Quincy reportedly had a population of 202, various stores, livery stable, post office, school, and Presbyterian Church. With the coming of the railroad on the Minnesota side river traffic gave way and the town was officially vacated by October of 1900. Many buildings had been moved across the frozen river to Hendrum, Minnesota, or west to Grandin, North Dakota.

John W. Johnson, son of George and Margaret Johnson, born May 13, 1875, was the first white child born in the township.

Early settlers were: John Johnson, Clements and Johns, Geo. W. Pratt, Arne Bruce, Thos. Underwood, John D. Taylor (Doctor?), John Kennedy, Catherine Johns, Tollef Herberg, Charles Canning who had a warehouse and was the ferryboat operator, Johnathon Martyndale (Martindale), Thos. Elliott, John Weir, Rev. Bergester, C.F. Lee, Dr. Albert Millegan, H.S. Bigaman, Sanderson and McNamee,

Miss Truesdale the teacher, Nat Blackhall, James Sarsberg, and Dave Martin.

According to the Elm River Township clerks record book of 1914 the board of supervisors met on March 24, 1914. The following officers qualified: James McCradie, Justice of the Peace and Assessor, Chas. Fred Romerine and Seth Carkin, Conciliators. Alex Smart was chosen chairman. Bills were allowed and paid. Road drags were discussed and the clerk was instructed to write to road grading firms in regards to trading in old grader. During the early days the farmers did much of the road work themselves in lieu of paying road taxes. Later on tractor power was hired to pull the maintainer. In 1934 Jake McLaughlin was awarded 49 cents per mile for tractor power.

It was recommended that a man be hired to run maintainer at a wage of twenty cents per mile.

For the year ending March 9, 1915, the township had cash on hand of \$1,696.00 with expenses of \$1,358.00 leaving a balance of \$337.00. A special meeting was held on June 8, 1933, about grasshopper poison available. Township voted to buy the poison which the county would furnish at cost and people were to pick it up in Hillsboro at no cost to the township. In 1939 four bait spreaders were purchased for \$35.00 each.

December 21, 1927, the following resolution was passed: The township does not feel that the taxpayer should have to pay for keeping the roads open for automobiles during the winter season and in October of 1939 motion was made that there be no snow removal because of lack of funds.

Present board members are: Wm. Lusso, Chm., Gene Christianson and Lynn Harrington, Supervisors, Thomas Hall, Assessor, and Marvin Martinson, Clerk and Treasurer.

Grandin people who reside in Elm River Township are:

Michael and Mary Ann Gadberry - Kristine Tom and Helen Hall
Jack and Arlotte Harrington - Kimberly, Todd and Wendy
Richard and Myrna Harrington
Victor and Johanna Johnson
Arvid and Ruth Lewison - Todd and Laura
Clifford and Myrtle Lusso
William Lusso
Arnott and Elizabeth McCradie
Arnott D. and Ardyce McCradie - Rebecca and Dannette
Magnus and Ione Magnuson
Marvin and Beverly Martinson
Harley and Bonnie Scholl - Kelly and Nicki
Rayland and Bonnie Scholl - Randy, Jeff and Missy
Keith Weller

Kelso Township

Kelso Township was organized October 6, 1883. The first board of Supervisors were John Herman, G.A. Rosenkranz and Joseph Sim. George A. Falconer was Clerk.

At a meeting May 15, 1885, all Section lines were laid out to be graded as Public roads. That same month a contract was let to James Johnson to grade two miles of road for \$150 for the two miles.

On July 15, 1885, a bill in the amount of \$62.50 was paid for half of the cost of building a bridge over the Elm River on the town line between Kelso and Elm River Townships.

Land was sold in the Township in 1883 for \$25 per acre and taxes were \$20 for each Quarter Section.

June 2, 1887, a contract was let to S.E. Lanterman of Hillsboro to drive piling for a bridge on the Elm River on Bohnsack and Kelso Town line for \$22. The bridge was to be thirty feet long. The cost of the lumber for the bridge was \$76.36.

George A. Falconer was Clerk of the Township from 1883 to 1889; John W. Johnson from 1889 to 1890; L.C. Safford from 1890 to 1891; Duncan MacFarlane from 1891 to 1907; Wm. MacFarlane from 1907 to 1921; Bella MacFarlane from 1922 to 1950; Tom Reid from 1950 to 1975; Brian Dahlstrom from 1975 to the present time.

Grandin people who reside in Kelso Township are:

Ruth Anderegg
Melvin and Lavina Brag
Henry, Martha and Anna Grothmann
Donald and Patricia Lockhart - Kellie and Sam Ruth Lockhart
Neil, Roland and Winifred MacFarlane
Jon and Joy McSparron - Jason, Joshua, and Jessica
Ted and Sheila Madsen - April and Kyle
Roy and Ruth Satrom - Curtis, Richard and Sandra
Harold and Merle Stokke - Marlin
Bruce and Diane Thorsrud - Nathan and Nolan



Kinyon Township

Kinyon Township was organized about 1885 and was named for Martin Kinyon, a prominent landholder in the township. Grandin which was included in the township was platted in 1881.

Records are sketchy but in 1906 a Mr. G.A. Anderson was #1 overseer with A.S. Duntley as treasurer. Supervisors were W. Thom, D.G. Geddes and L.J. Margach with Peter Reid as clerk. J.H. Elliott was judge and Thomas Elliott assessor.

Bills allowed in 1914 for upkeep of the town included: David Jolly repairing sidewalk, \$16.20, John Garrett, repairing town hall \$60.00 and J.B. Hansen for cement crossings \$348.00.

In the early days farmers mostly did their own road work and were paid out of township funds. Bills paid for such work in 1914 ranged from a low of \$11.00 to a high of \$42.00.

In March of 1916 R.F. Gunkelman took over as treasurer, an office he held until March of 1920 at which time T.F. Clapp was elected.

In January of 1922 the township paid a bill of \$100.00 for 50 yards of gravel for Grandin School District #75.

Grandin was incorporated into a city in 1926 and from that time on elected their own officials. They continued with joint ownership of the town hall until about 1976 at which time it was disposed of. It is now located at the Rosenau farm and belongs to the Westbridge Invitational Gun Club of Grandin.

Township officers at the present time are: Donald Stirling, chm., Philip Grage, Allen Woitzel, with Louis Rosenau as clerk and Wm. Lawrence, treasurer.

Grandonites residing in the township are:

Dwight and Gloria Aasen - Michael, Corey and Brian
Clyde and Mavis Ahlschwede
Dan and Pearl Backstrom
Don and Judy Dally - Jodi and Tom
Gene and Margaret Foster - Mark, Brian and Darrin
George and Verna Haworth - Mary and Betty
Gail Jore
Allen and Bonnie Nepstad - LeRoy, Richard, Karen and Julie
Lillian Rosenau - Louis
Lester and Clarice Satrom - Tamara, Todd and Tricia
John and Martha Sund - Alana, Steven, Michael and Daniel
Allen and Joyce Woitzel - Chad and Sara
Robert White

Noble Township History

On January 17, 1882, Noble Township was established with a rural Post Office on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22 with James Pratt as the first Postmaster. On January 30, 1890, the Post Office was discontinued and the mail was distributed from Perley, Minnesota. Noble Township, Dakota Territory was named for H.W. Noble, an Erie, Pennsylvania, banker, extensive oil producer and a large land owner in Cass County.

The first annual township meeting was held on May 3, 1884, at the District 21 school house located on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26. Thomas Elliott was one of the judges of the election. It was voted that there be a tax of 2 mills on the dollar on valuation of township property, for township expenses. By 1895 a \$500 levy was voted for road and bridge and general funds and by 1975 this levy was increased to \$6,000.

Martin Schow, Melvin Holte's grandfather, together with his family were the first to settle in Noble Township on Section 24 in June of 1870. About 75 to 80 years ago every year in the month of June about 50 to 60 adults and children from Grandin would go down to the Schow farm on the Red River for their annual picnic. The main entertainment of the day was tub races on the Red River. Each man would bring his old-fashioned wash tub and paddle and race down the river. The ladies always prepared the picnic lunch. The day was the highlight of the summer. When they left they would always bid Mr. Schow a

goodbye and said they would see him in the fall. In the fall they would return to cut and prepare their wood for winter, which was hauled back to their homes. They did this all winter in all kinds of weather and roads. This was quite a different method of heating in comparison to our electric and oil heat of today.

Thomas Elliott, a judge of the first township election, owned the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5. Albert Elliott owned the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27. When he moved from this land, he lived south of Grandin for several years. James Pratt, the first postmaster, owned the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 23, that is the family of John and Bob Pratt. This is the land now farmed by Alden Rensvold. R.J. Pratt owned the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5. This farmstead is now farmed by Russell Jalbert. Across the road from Russell Jalbert in Section 8 was where the Keen family lived, who were very well known in the Grandin area. A member of the Humphrey family owned the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8. Members of the Lawrence family and of the Weller family were also early landowners in Noble Township. The individuals mentioned above were all very active in the Grandin community in the early days.

Grandin people living in Noble Township are:
Russell and Geri Jalbert - Sean, Shannon and Sommer
Don and Sylvia Holte - Brenda, Becky, Brian and Beth
Loren and Jane Grage - Grace, Doris and Bridget



L. J. Rosenau Barn



Luise Ahlschwede, 90 years old



Florence "Floss" Elliott, Grandin's oldest senior citizen who was 94 on February 23. She now resides at the Hillsboro Nursing Home.

I like to live in a little town
Where the trees meet across the street
Where you wave your hand and say "hello"
to everyone you meet.
I like to stand for a moment
Outside the grocery store
and listen to the friendly gossip
of the folks that live next door.
I like to live in a little town—
For life is interwoven
With the friends we learn to know
and we hear their joys and sorrows
as we daily come and go.
So I like to live in a little town
I care no more to roam
For every house in a little town
Is more than a house—it's a home.

—Anonymous

Grandin City Residents



Walter and Luella Ahlschwede
Gaylon and Robin Anderson - Charles and Nichole
Dell and Jackie Arneson
Robert and Joanne Arneson - Deborah and Danny
Peter and Donna Backlund - Michael and Patricia
Leo and Fern Bauer - Penny, Wendy, Jody, and
Heidi
Harvey Berg
Harold Berndt
David and Carolyn Blaser - Jeff and Todd
Irving and Lillian Christian - Cheryl, Brent, Lisa
and Kenton
Gerald and Monica Dahm - Brenda, Sharon, Julie,
Michael and JoAnn
George and Edna Daschner
John and Evelyn Elliott
Lila Gisvold
Robert Gisvold
Larry and Frances Goldade - Tammy and Lonnie
John and Alice Gordon
Donald and Barbara Graalum - Jamison and Darin
Laura Grage
Carl and Gertrude Grothmann
Miles and Melody Haaland - Myla
Dean and Nita Hagemeister - Brandon, Kerry and
Bobbi Mae
Allen Hagen
Lloyd and Agnes Hagen
Larry and LaVonne Hanson - Marlin, Jeffrey,
Keith,
Kevin, Scott and Steven
August and Esther Heller
Mildred Hestbeck
Terry and Patsy Holm
Aldon and Brenda Horn - Adam and Jennifer
Donald and Judy Houim - Micheal, Corey and
Derrick
Marvin Howard
Lewie and Francis Jalbert
Timothy and Joyce Johnson - Troy and Chad
Donald and Debra Keller
Rudy and Virginia Klimek
Carl and Nora Korup
Ryan and Dorothy Leinan

Lee and Theresa Leines - Heather
Bernie and Renae Lenz
Kenneth and Laura Lougheed - Lisa
Deloros Lusk
Michael Lusk
Elmer and Bette Madsen
Robert and Myrna Mettler - Ann and Mark
Orville and Muriel Meyer
Lyle and Shirley Moteberg - Susan, Leah and Evan
Rhoda Newman
Darryl and Sandra Nohr - Tracey
Harold and Vernice Oien
Larry Pederson
Alvin Peterson
Ernest and Ardith Preston - James
Kenneth Preston
Wayne and Jo Ann Radebaugh - David
Mark and Debbie Robertsdahl
James and Joyse Rodda - Eric, Elliott and Gus
Duane and Rose Rubash
Arcule (Terry) St. Jacques
Tim and Paula St. Michel - Tamara Hedberg
Larry and Sue Semmens
Dennis Sokness
Joesph and Viola Sokness
Douglas Spry
Jerry and Karen Srur - Krystal and Kodi
Gary and Valerie Steinhaus - Adam
Kenneth Standberg - Donald, Candice, Martin and
Nickolas
Douglas and Betsy Tate - Bethany
Ed and Mae Tate
Arvid and Edna Terry - Kip, Scott, Teresa and
Robert
Keith and Julie Thompson - Justin
Bertha Weller
Kevin Weller
Lloyd and Pearl Weller
Alfred and Alice Winterquist - Cindy
Gary and Elizabeth Winterquist - Travis, Tracy
and Heather
Gregory and Nancy Winterquist - Steven, Jamie
and Jenny
Cameron Wischer





Family Histories



Clayton J. Ahrlin Family

During the summer of 1961 I was invited to meet with the Grandin School Board. Before the evening was over I had signed a contract to begin administrative duties in Kinyon School District #75. It was the beginning of an exciting time for Helen and me that was to last fifteen years until my retirement from teaching in 1976.

My oldest, James, was beginning his first year at Concordia College, Denise became a freshman at Grandin and Laurel was starting grade two.

It didn't take long for all of us to feel at home for the people of Grandin were and are most hospitable and friendly.

Together with a working and progressive school board we did many wonderful things beginning with a full accreditation rating and maintaining it, to the building of a spacious and practical library/class room/lunch room addition.

Today our children are all teachers. Helen and I live on our farm near Galesburg. I sell insurance (hail), adjust crop-hail losses, restore old cars, hunt, fish and travel.

George F. Ahlschwede, Luise Prochnow



George F. Ahlschwede was born December 23, 1880 in Seward County, Nebraska. He married Luise Prochnow on May 6, 1908. They farmed in Nebraska until 1913 when they

moved to Grandin and purchased a farm southwest of town. In 1933 they bought the present farm two

miles south of Grandin. To this union were born ten children, six boys and four girls, namely - Erwin, born April 27, 1910, deceased Dec. 7, 1937 - Esther, born and died in Nebraska at the age of 10 months - Hulda, Mrs. Elmer Biel of Southgate, California - Martha, Mrs. Richard Odden of Benson, Minnesota - Walter - (see Walter Ahlschwede family history) - Leonard, entered the armed services in 1941. Killed in action on Saipan July 12, 1944. - Lloyd of Lakeland, Florida - Roy, Portland, Oregon, who is deceased - Clyde - (see Clyde Ahlschwede family history) - Myrtle, Mrs. Marvin Bergmann of Randolph, New Jersey.

There are nineteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. George Ahlschwede died in 1965 and Luise resides at Hillsboro Nursing Home. (1956 and updated 1980)

Clyde Ahlschwede — Mavis Ponto



Clyde Ahlschwede was born in Grandin on April 18, 1925, to his parents George and Luise Ahlschwede and has lived his entire life in Grandin Community.

He married the former Mavis Ponto from Bohnsack Township, Traill County who came to Grandin as an elementary school teacher.

They were married at Hillsboro June 19, 1948, and have lived their married life on the farm two miles south of Grandin.

They have a family of three daughters: Sandra, born July 23, 1949, is a registered nurse, married to Roger Mulvaney, formerly of Gardner, who have two children, Rory and Jenelle and are presently living in Valley City, North Dakota, where she works as a nurse in the hospital and Roger as principal of the Oriska High School; Janice, born September 5, 1951, was an elementary school teacher 5 years and is now working as a medical secretary in Pensacola, Florida, where she lives with her husband James D. Funches, who works with electronics for the Stanley Door Company; and LuAnn, born February 9, 1953, is a registered nurse working in TNI Surgery at St. Lukes Hospital, in Fargo, North Dakota. They are members of the Grace Lutheran Church of Grandin.

Walter Ahlschwede — Luella Biel

Walter Ahlschwede was born on October 10, 1916, on a farm near Grandin, North Dakota. He married Luella Biel on March 9, 1940. Luella was born at St. James, Minnesota. Two children were born to this union, Dian born June 9, 1943, and Dale on April 18, 1946. Walter farmed in the Grandin area until 1952 at which time he moved to the city of Grandin and filled the position of manager for the Grandin Co-op Oil Company until 1978.

Dian married Rodger Quist, an elementary school administrator. They have three children and live in Brighton, Colorado, where Dian works as a legal secretary.

Dale entered the ministry of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod and is located in Frankenmuth, Michigan. He married Joan Hilk and they have four daughters. (see Biel)

Ruth Anderegg

I moved from Moorhead to the farm east of Grandin in 1951, the year I married Joseph L. Anderegg. We have three children: Lee Ann Anderegg, a nurse's aid at the TNI Hospital in Fargo, Mary Jo, married to Steven Basol. She is a nurse at the Fargo Clinic. Kim, married David Jones, is a home economics teacher and lives in Fort Dix, New Jersey, at the present time.

Joe's brother, Dr. Richard L. Anderegg is married and lives at Morro Bay, California. They have two children, Richard and Judy, both married. Joe and Richards parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Anderegg are both deceased. She died in November of 1963 and he in October of 1968 at San Luis Obispo, California. Joe died September 4, 1979.

Allen F. Anderson — Jean Elliott

Allen Anderson and Jean Elliott were married in 1956 and resided in Fargo from 1957 to 1971 at which time they moved to Lake Park, Minnesota.

Allen has been employed by the Air National Guard since 1958.

They have four sons: Scott, Kevin, Douglas and Arlen. Kevin and Arlen are still at home and Scott and Douglas are married and live in the Lake Park area. Scott has one son Kelly, and Douglas has a son Jeremy. (see Elliott)

Chris Anderson — Orrel Bjerkan

Chris Anderson was born in Denmark in 1902 and came to the United States with his parents, Hans and Christine Anderson. They settled in Iowa in 1904. He immigrated to the Grandin area in 1928.

He married Orrel Bjerkan, daughter of Louis and Elva Bjerkan at Hillsboro on December 26, 1933. She was born at Plummer, Minnesota. They bought their present farm, which is three miles east and one mile south of Grandin, in 1934.

They have five children: Richard, Seattle, Washington, Dennis, Issaquah, Washington, Judy, Mrs. Donald Dally, Grandin, Betty, Mrs. Richard Hestbeck, who passed away in 1969 and Patricia Thompson, born June 15, 1945, and lives in Issaquah, Washington. Three girls were born to Leroy and Patricia. Chris Anderson died in 1964.

Orrel Anderson remarried in 1965 to Adolph Kjelmmyhr of Galesburg. They now reside at Issaquah, Washington. (1956 & update, see Dally)

Gaylon Anderson — Robin Arneson

Gaylon Anderson, son of Walter and Ella (Harrington) Anderson was born at Cooperstown, N.D., on February 9, 1953, the youngest of five children. The family moved to Halstad about 1960. Gaylon graduated from Halstad High School and from the University of Minnesota, Crookston branch, in 1973. He was Married on June 21, 1974, to Robin Arneson who is

the daughter of Raymond and Royce (Krueger) Arneson, residents of Halstad. She and her twin brother born March 25, 1954, are the youngest in a family of four. Robin graduated from Halstad High School and North Dakota State University school of nursing. She worked at the Ada Hospital for six months as a nurse and then returned to Halstad where she was a bookkeeper at Wang Oil Company.

Gaylon was employed at Wang Ford Co. in Halstad for five years before coming to Grandin where he is manager of the Grandin branch of the Northwestern State Bank of Hillsboro. Robin is city auditor. They have a son Charles born March 24, 1979, a daughter Nichole Ella was born November 24, 1980.

John A. Anderson — Margaret E. Kalles



John A. Anderson was born in Ontario, Canada, on December 22, 1854. He married Margaret E. Kalles on October 1, 1875, and two years later, in 1877, they moved to

Dakota Territory, arriving at Fargo.

The next spring he filed on a claim four miles northwest of Casselton, and lived there until 1882 when he moved his family to Grandin. He operated a blacksmith shop in the yard at his home in Grandin, which is still standing.

He also helped to organize the first school at Grandin and served as director for several years. He was one of the community leaders. He served as chairman of the town board for eighteen years, and was deputy sheriff in the Grandin district for four years.

John Anderson and James Pratt started the first carriage shop and operated it until Mr. Pratt's death when the business was sold to Louie Margach.

In the fall of 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, with their two sons and a daughter, moved to Puyallup where he lived until his death in March 1923.

Mrs. Anderson passed away in March 1940.

To them were born six girls and two boys: Jean, Mrs. Grant Stevens; Archie W., Alvina, Mrs. T.C. Atkinson; Lilly, Mrs. Chas. Blair; Mary, Mrs. A.M. Forrest; Edna, Mrs. C.M. Simmons; Margaret, and Robert B. (1956)

Robert Arneson — Joanne Hochberger

Robert Arneson was born March 19, 1939, at Cooperstown, the only son of Kenneth and Irene (Fritz) Arneson. In 1959 he married Joanne Hochberger, daughter of Hugo and Winnifred (Green) Hochberger. She was from the Cooperstown-Sutton area and was born at Cooperstown on January 28, 1941.

They lived in Cooperstown until 1964 when they moved to a farmstead belonging to Willis Wiger northwest of Grandin. In the fall of 1965 they bought the farmhouse and moved it to the present location in Grandin.

Bob has been an independent grain trucker for twenty years and Joanne is employed as bookkeeper at Grandin Co-op Oil Company. They have three children. Dell, born in 1959, trucks with his father and is married to the former Jacqueline Stimmel, daughter of Camillas and the late John Stimmel of Gardner. Deborah who was born in 1962 is attending St. Cloud State University, Minnesota. Danny, born in 1965, is still at home.

The family are members of Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin.

Dell Arneson — Jackie Stimmel

Jackie and Dell Arneson were married September 6, 1980, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin. Jackie is the daughter of Camillas (Goff) Stimmel and the late John Stimmel of Gardner, North Dakota. Dell is the son of Robert and Joanne Arneson of Grandin.

Jackie and Dell both attended Cass Valley North High School in Argusville, N.D. After graduation Dell went to work for his father and Jackie attended the Moorhead Area Vo Tec Institute. She graduated in July of 1980.

Jackie and Dell are currently making their home in Grandin.

B.W. Aylor

B.W. Aylor came to Grandin about 1916 where he managed a thoroughbred Scotch Shorthorn cattle farm one mile east and one mile north of town. It became known throughout the entire northwest for its exceptional high grade stock and at least two nationally advertised sales were held at the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Aylor moved to Mayville, North Dakota, about 1924.

(1956)

Peter and Donna Backlund

Peter and Donna Backlund and their sons, Peter David (5 yrs.) and Michael O. (2 yrs.), moved to Grandin in 1955. Peter was born and raised in Hickson, N.D. and Donna was a native of Roslyn, S.D. Paul Alan was born in 1956, and Patricia Kaye in 1963.

P. David, Michael, and Paul all attended the Grandin Public School and are graduates of NDSU. Patti graduated from C.V.N. in 1981. David is married to the former Joanne Donovan of Leeds and both are teachers in the Carrington School System. Michael is employed by Agway Inc., at Grandin and Paul is a Graduate Research Assistant in Ag. Ed. at NDSU.

Peter was an employee of R.F. Gunkelman and Sons until 1971, and is currently with Agway. He served on the local school board for seventeen years from 1961 through 1978.

Backlunds are charter members of St. Marks Lutheran Church in Gardner. St. Marks was a home Mission Church, which was organized by the American Lutheran Church in 1956.

Peter and Donna have been active Sons of Norway members since 1975, and have attended the last two International Conventions. Donna has been the Social Director at Kringen #25 in Fargo for the past two years, and recently became an employee of Kringen Klub.

Daniel Backstrom — Pearl Rensvold

Pearl and Daniel Backstrom moved to their farm in March of 1955. Pearl, the daughter of Herman and Martha (Ohnstad) Rensvold, was born and raised east of Gardner. She attended a one room rural school in Wisner township until her parents moved to Moorhead in 1944 and she graduated from Moorhead High and Moorhead State Teachers College. She taught school prior to her marriage. Daniel, the son of David and Anna (Bakken) Backstrom, was born and raised near Prosper, North Dakota. He attended school at Prosper and graduated from Mapleton High School. Pearl and Dan were married Oct. 20, 1951, and farmed at Prosper before moving to Grandin. They have three children: Mary, Mark and Ann. All of them graduated from Grandin High School. Mary was born November 13, 1954, and married Rick Halvorson of Galesburg, North Dakota, on November 28, 1975. She graduated from Mayville State College and taught school at Hope, North Dakota. Rick graduated from Galesburg High School and Valley City State College and farms at Galesburg. They have one son, Justin Lynn, born July 14, 1978. Mark was born July 5, 1956, and attended North Dakota State University and now works for Mearl Gifford of Gardner. He married Becky Peterson of Gardner, September 15, 1979, and they live in Fargo. Becky attended school in Gardner and Grandin and graduated from Wahpeton State School of Science as a L.P.N. She works for St. Luke's Hospitals in Fargo. Ann was born September 23, 1958, and graduated from Moorhead Area Vocational Technical School. She lives in Fargo and works in the office at Border States Electric in Fargo.

Joseph Bakesson — Jennie Nonthene

Joseph Bakesson, a Cass County pioneer, was born in Sweden in 1856. He came to the United States at sixteen and settled in Minnesota, where he resided six years. In 1878 he came to North Dakota. During the first two years in the state he was engineer of a steam boat on the Red River, between Fargo and Grand Forks.

In 1881 he filed on a homestead west of Grandin, North Dakota.

One of the leaders in the Republican Party in the country, he was elected representative in the state legislature from his district in 1909, holding the office two terms. Mr. Bakesson married Miss Jennie Nonthene and later moved to a farm 1½ miles west of Grandin where he built complete new buildings.

Three children were born: Norman, Barbara Jean, and Joseph. (1956)



Leo Bauer — Fern Horn



Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bauer moved to the Grandin community from Hendrum, Minnesota, in January 1964. Leo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bauer, Sr. of McIntosh, Minnesota, and Fern is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Horn of

Twin Valley, Minnesota. Leo and Fern were married on October 26, 1962.

They lived in a trailer house on the R.F. Gunkelman farm east of town until they purchased the Lyle Smith home in the northeast corner of Grandin in the fall of 1964. In the summer of 1975 they built a new home in the southeast section of town.

Leo worked for R.F. Gunkelman & Sons Co. in Grandin from 1964 to 1970 and then for the Ralston Purina Co. until 1973. In July of 1973 he bought and operated his own truck until February 1976. He then went to work for Dakota Fertilizer of Grandin where he was employed until 1978. Since May of 1978 Leo has been employed as truck driver for Gadberry, Inc., of Fargo, North Dakota.

There are four children: a daughter Penny, born December 3, 1963, a daughter Wendy, born June 10, 1966, a son Jody born March 29, 1970, and a daughter Heidi who was born December 19, 1975.

Daniel Beck — Ellen Nevin Morrison



Daniel Beck was born in Quebec, Canada, February 2, 1872. He came to the Grandin area in 1889 where he joined his brother, John, who had settled in the Dakota Territory in 1886. John farmed in the area until his death in 1950.

Daniel married Ellen Nevin Morrison of Casselton, North Dakota, on May 1,

1900. She was born October 21, 1877 in Kincardine, Ontario and came to Casselton with her parents in 1880. The Becks farmed west of Grandin until Ellen's death in 1934. Daniel died in 1938.

Their family included:

Richard who left Grandin in 1920 and has resided in Illinois since that time. He is married to Glenda Smith and is employed by the Kankakee County Highway Department. He has two sons, Donald of Tipp City, Ohio, and William of Lindenhurst, Illinois.

Edith married Earl Ford in 1926. They farmed east of Grandin until they retired to Hendrum, Minnesota. Earl died in 1971 and Edith in 1979. Their sons are Lloyd of Pleasant Hills, California, and

Leslie of Hendrum, Minnesota.

Perry farmed near Grandin until moving to Fargo in 1937. He was married to Agnes Haugen. He worked for the A.W. Crary Insurance Agency and later with W.W. Wallwork, Inc., until shortly before his death in 1962.

Helen taught school in Grandin from 1928 to 1931. She later moved to Kankakee, Illinois, and married James Robertson (deceased). Their daughters are Mrs. O.W. (Anna Merle) Smith of Amboy, Illinois, and Mrs. Charles (Marilyn) Hubele of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Helen retired from the Decatur, Illinois, school system in 1974 when she moved to Fargo, North Dakota.

William married Cleo Larson of Hillsboro, North Dakota, in 1937. They farmed near Grandin until moving to Fargo in 1961. Cleo is employed by the J.C. Penney Company and Bill's business is Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning. They had five children: Jerry, who owns Drag-In Services, Inc., of Fargo, has four children. Robert died in 1946 at the age of two and a half years. Susan Houser is manager of the Alexander House in Park River, North Dakota, and has two children. Carolyn is employed by the American Linen Supply Company of Fargo. Donald is a sales representative for Gaffaney, Inc., in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

John joined the Armed Services in 1940, serving in the United States Air Corp for twenty years. He is married to Nada Reschke. They live in Mountlake Terrace, Washington. John is a Security Officer at the Sand Point Naval Air Base near Seattle, Washington.

Lester Belcher — Blanche Sim

Lester Belcher (April 1, 1890 - June 28, 1969) was born and raised on a farm at Jacksonville, Illinois. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he went to Fargo, North Dakota, to live. He was a plumber by trade. He was active in Boy Scouts of America, the Masonic Order, and the First Baptist Church. He married Blanche Sim (September 6, 1885 - December 11, 1949) from Grandin and Fargo on June 5, 1923.

Blanche Sim Belcher was the eldest child of Joseph Sim and Maria Lockhart Sim. Joseph Sim came to the Grandin Community in 1879 and established a homestead north-east of Grandin, now in Traill County.

Lester and Blanche and their children moved to Grandin in 1928. The Belcher farm is two miles east of Grandin in Cass County.

Their children were:

1. Lois (April 19, 1924 -), married Paul F. Hammond from Lake City, Iowa, on June 3, 1944. They live in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
2. Dwain Belcher (August 30, 1925 - August 31, 1978) married Barbara Hofmann from Fargo, North Dakota, March 4, 1948.
3. Bruce Belcher (May 30, 1927 - November 22, 1973) married Shirley Helgeson from Grandin and Fargo, North Dakota, March 20, 1950.
4. A daughter, Jean, died in 1942.

All surviving children attended Grandin schools. Lois and Dwain graduated from Grandin High School. Bruce graduated from Fargo High School.

There are fourteen (14) living grandchildren and sixteen (16) great-grandchildren of Lester and Blanche.

Robert Bell - Louise Quandt

Robert Bell, the son of Levi Bell and Helen Block, was born in Hutchinson, Minnesota, on September 25, 1937. He moved with his family to Bell Township, near Hunter, in 1939, where Levi and Roy Bell farmed as a partnership until Levi's death in 1949. Levi's widow and family later moved to Hunter where she married Emil Holzkamm. Robert attended Rose Valley and Hunter schools and Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis.

Robert married Louise Quandt, daughter of Chris and Edith Quandt of Oakes, North Dakota. She was born on September 30, 1939. She attended Guelph, North Dakota, school and State School of Science at Wahpeton.

Robert and Louise have made their home on a farm on Sec. 29, Noble Township near Gardner, since their marriage on May 6, 1962. They have three sons, Robert, born May 17, 1964, is in the junior class of 1980-81. Joel, born April 23, 1968, is in the seventh grade and Kevin, born April 26, 1971, is a fourth grader, all at Cass Valley North schools.

The Bell Family is active in the Presbyterian Church at Grandin. Robert has been chief of the Gardner Fire Department, and Nobel Township supervisor. Robert and Louise have held several offices in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Lodges in Hunter.

Clarence Berg — Emma Kroshus

Clarence R. Berg was born November 4, 1900, the son of John Berg. He married Emma Kroshus, daughter of Halvor and Kristine O. Kroshus, who was born February 13, 1901. They were married at Moorhead, Minnesota, on September 30, 1924. They farmed east of Perley for two years then moved to the present farm in Traill County. The now extinct town of Quincy was located on this farm.

Clarence and Emma Berg have two children, Edmund Clayton born November 23, 1925, married Helen Marie Scheuefenberg and farms east of Hendrum; they have two sons, William Clayton and Robert Allen. William Clayton has two children, Jennifer Elaine and Theresa Marie.

Helen Delaine Berg was born August 8, 1927, is married to Vernon Petry. She lives in Fargo and is employed at the Fargo Clinic. Her husband is an inspector with the Fargo Fire Department.

David Black — Mary Jane Young

David Black was born at Greensville, Ontario, February 27, 1867, and went to Dakota Territory in 1885, settling at Quincy. He moved to Grandin about five years later.

He married Mary Jane Young November 22, 1892. To this union were born five children: Grace, Robert, Mildred, Marguerite, and Dorothy. Mr. Black died Oct. 27, 1923, and Mrs. Black died July 27, 1938. (1956)

William Black — Mary Elizabeth Johnson

Mary Elizabeth Johnson was born July 24, 1859. She was married to William Black in December, 1880.

Mr. Black had the blacksmith shop in Grandin. He moved to Ward County in 1890 where he had a large cattle ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Black moved to Oakland, California, in 1912. Mrs. Black passed away on November 17, 1915, and Mr. Black passed away in the late 30's. (1956)

Harvey Berg

Harvey Berg was born at Cummings, North Dakota, on October 27, 1917, the son of Harold and Marie Ann Martinson Berg who came to America from Norway when Harold was twenty-one years of age. The elder Berg started to work on the railroad in Hillsboro in 1908.

Harvey started to work on the railroad in 1936 and moved to Grandin with his parents in 1942. In later years he was employed by R.F. Gunkelman & Sons and the Cargill elevator. He retired in 1977. He had three brothers all deceased and four sisters living.

A.F. Biel Family

Albert (Pop) Biel was born in Minnesota in 1872. He married Ida Alvina Erdman in 1895. There were two children from this marriage, Aurel C. and Cora. Aurel now resides at Los Gatos Convalescent Hospital in Los Gatos, California. He has two daughters, Elaine and Dorothy Mae. Cora married Edwin Kohlmeyer and they farmed near Wykoff, Minnesota, where they live in retirement now. Their family consisted of four daughters and one son: Helen, Dorothy, Ruth, Dorene and Walter.

Ida Erdman Biel died in 1900. Albert Biel married Amanda Wendorf in 1901. They moved to Grandin in 1927 and farmed two miles south and three miles west of town. Previous to this time the family had lived at Ward, South Dakota, Knox, North Dakota, and St. James, Minnesota. To this union was born six children: Fred, Estella, Irwin, Elmer, Luella and Lorenz, who died at age two.

Fred married Nellie Nelson and they had three sons, Norman, Eugene, and Orval. Fred now lives at Litchfield, Minnesota.

Estella married Anton Nelson, a brother of Fred's wife. They lived for some time on a farm near Grandin. They had a family of three sons and three daughters: Earl, Leonard, Floyd, Norma, Arlene and Doris. Estella now resides in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Irwin married Gladys Moen. They lived for many years on the home place west of Grandin. They had four daughters and one son: Sharon, Marlys, Wanda, Kathy and Terry. They now live in Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Elmer married Hulda Ahlschwede from Grandin. They have two children, Dennis and Linda. They are now residents of South Gate, California.

Luella married Walter Ahlschwede of Grandin in 1940. They farmed the Golliet farm southeast of Grandin and later the Francis Foster farm west of Grandin. They now reside in Grandin. They have a

son and a daughter, Dale and Dian. Dale is a pastor at Frankenmuth, Michigan, and Dian is married to Roger Quist and lives in Brighton, Colorado.

Amanda Wendorf Biel passed away in 1941 and Albert Biel passed away on April 18, 1951. (See Ahlschwede)

David Blaser — Carolyn Donell

David Blaser was born at Mahanomen, Minnesota, the son of Adolph and Laura (Hillefland) Blaser and was married there in 1961 to Carolyn Donell, the daughter of the late Anthony Donell and his wife Francis Kusch.

The family moved to Grandin in 1966 and Dave is now manager of Gold Label Feed Company. Carolyn is employed as a cook at the Cass Valley North Grade School in Grandin.

There are three children in the family: Jeff and Todd at home and Debbie who is married to Mark Robertsdahl.

David has been a member of the city council for several years and is also the present fire chief.

Charles Bohnsack

Charles Bohnsack's parents came from Germany in 1854 to Sheyboygan, Wisconsin, and from there they moved to Austin, Minnesota.

They came to Grandin in a covered wagon and homesteaded west of town in 1879. John Bohnsack died in 1912.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bohnsack were born six children: William, Charles, Philip, Sophia, Mary, and Fredrica. (1956)

Melvin Brag — Lavina Ochsner



Melvin Brag was born January 13, 1921, son of the late Sig Brag who was born in Sweden in 1891

and Nelle Peterson Brag who was born in Iowa in 1896. He married Lavina Ochsner in 1944. She is the daughter of Dave and Freidia (Walker) Ochsner. David was born in Nebraska in 1880, his ancestors having come from Switzerland. Freidia Walker Ochsner was born in Russia in 1894. Lavina was born at Zeeland, North Dakota, May 18, 1926.

Melvin and Lavina lived near Hope, North Dakota, for five years. In 1950 they moved to the Northwest ¼ of section 27 in Buffalo Township where they lived for five years. They have farmed section 27 in Kelso Township near Grandin since 1957.

Lavina worked for R.F. Gunkelman Seed Co., for six years and for Agway Inc., for seven years. She is now disabled.

Their four children all graduating from Grandin High School are:

June who works for Data Processing in Cucamonga, California. She married Art Niemann in 1966. He works for Schlosser Forge Co., where he is a sales engineer. They have two children, Debra born July 16, 1968, and Wayne born June 14, 1970.

Donald Roy is with the U.S. Army now stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has three boys from a former marriage who live in New Jersey. They are Donald LeRoy, born January 2, 1971, Jeffrey Michael, born January 14, 1974, and David Lawrence born December 26, 1975.

Donald married Rosemary Carway June 18, 1979, at Lawton, Oklahoma. They have one daughter Cynthia Dawn, born April 16, 1980. Before entering the service Donald was training for Weaver airlines in Kansas City, Missouri. He served one year in Viet Nam and three years in Germany before going to Fort Knox.

Ranea Denise married Clinton Larson on October 22, 1977. He works for the United Postal Service as a letter carrier in East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They have one daughter Michelle Ranea, born June 22, 1979. Before her marriage Ranea went to Wahpeton State School of Science and graduated as a certified occupational therapist. She is employed at United Hospital in Grand Forks.

Melvin Randy went to Bismarck Junior College getting a degree in Agri business sales and service. He got a football scholarship for his first year. At the present time he works as grain inspector and buyer for Anheuser Busch, Inc., in Moorhead, Minnesota. Randy resides in Fargo and is not married. He is listed in "Who's Who".

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Ed Buringrud — Orrel Anderson



Ed and Orrel were married in 1941. He is the son of Nels and Martha (Berg) Buringrud and she, the daughter of Seymour and Ellen (Paulson) Anderson. They moved to Grandin from Blanchard in 1942. They lived on and later purchased the Thompson farm. In 1970 they moved into Fargo but are still involved in farming.

Their three children are Joan (Mrs. Duane Arvidson) who has five children and works as a nurse at Mankato, Minnesota. Jay, who is married and has one child is a lawyer in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Jill, a state auditor who also resides in Bismarck. (1956 updated 1980)

William Hall Butler and Idella Wilson Butler

William Hall Butler and Idella Wilson Butler came to live in Grandin nearly thirty years ago and stayed in the hotel temporarily.

They came from Cooperstown where they were in the farm implement business and established a similar business in Grandin in 1929. They retired from business and moved to Stephen, Minnesota, in 1951. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Carkins

H.L. Carkins was born on September 25, 1842, in Appleton, Maine, and moved to Grandin in 1885, settling on a farm one-half mile from Grandin.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carkins: Mrs. Lena Safford and George H. Carkins, both deceased. (1956)

Mr. W. Milton Clark — Minnie Kinyon

Mr. W. Milton Clark came to Grandin from Staten Island, New York, in 1890 in company with W.S. VanBergan and Tony VanBergan. They and Mr. "Bill" operated a general store and after the VanBergans left to go back east, Mr. Clark had a dry goods store which he ran until illness forced his retirement.

He married Minnie Kinyon, who is deceased. He went back to New York where he died. (1956)

Irving Christian — Lillian Dohlman



Irving Lowell Christian was born on August 8, 1930, on the farm homesteaded by his grandfather near Thompson, Iowa. He served in the army, stationed in California, France and Germany. After his discharge he was employed in the construction of grain elevators and feed mills.

Lillian Marie Dohlman was born in Ingham Township, Franklin County, Iowa, to John H. and Bertha (Weiner) Dohlman on November 26, 1934, the youngest of ten children. They lived on farms near Aredale and Hampton, Iowa, until her parents purchased a farm in 1946 near Hansell, Iowa. She graduated from Hansell High School in 1952 and began secretarial work in Hampton and worked in Denver, Colorado, for two years before returning to Iowa.

Irving Christian and Lillian Christian were married at Klemme, Iowa, on June 29, 1956. Irv was employed by the T.E. Ibberson Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, moving to Grandin in 1960 when the Ibberson Company was constructing the Diamond G Feed Mill (now Gold Label) for the R.F. Gunkelman & Sons. Grandin Mfg. Company was started in 1961, with Irv Christian its manager.

Irv served on the Grandin School Board for three years, was president of the Grandin Improvement Association and has served on the city council for five years.

Lillian was appointed Deputy Auditor for Grandin in 1971. In 1972 was appointed Auditor. During reorganization of the Cass Valley North School (Argusville-Gardner-Grandin) in 1975, she was appointed to the Grandin School Board and worked on the school reorganization committee as a representative from the Grandin Board. In 1976 became Clerk-Secretary of the newly reorganized Cass Valley North School District continuing working in the office at the high school in Argusville. She resigned as city Auditor on January 1, 1980.

Their four children are, Cheryl Christian, born January 17, 1958, graduated from Jamestown Col-

lege with a B.A. in nursing in 1980. Now 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lockland AFB, San Antonio, Texas. Brent Christian, born September 7, 1961, is in his 2nd year at North Dakota State University, majoring in civil engineering. Lisa Christian, born August 31, 1964, is a junior at Cass Valley North High School. Kent Christian, born June 13, 1971, a fourth grader at Cass Valley North Elementary, Grandin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Christenson

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Christenson came to Grandin, North Dakota, on January 1, 1948, as Great Northern Section Foreman.

They have four daughters: Carol Ann, who was born February 13, 1949; Sandra Jean was born April 18, 1950; Linda Marie was born May 22, 1952; and Helen Bernette, born April 16, 1955. (1956)

Thomas Clapp — Cora Payne

Thomas Clapp was born in Chardron, Ohio, in 1857. He married Cora Payne in 1878. They made their home in Ohio until 1882 when they came west and located on a farm six miles southwest of Grandin, residing there twenty-one years.

In 1903 they moved to Grandin where he operated a hardware store for many years.

Mr. Clapp died January 3, 1926.

Mrs. Clapp moved to California and passed away in 1936. (1956)

Francis Cormack — Mary Ellen Radebaugh

Francis Edward Cormack was born December 16, 1886, in Fargo, North Dakota. At the age of four years he moved with his parents to Blanchard, North Dakota, and grew to manhood there. He married Mary Ellen Radebaugh July 5, 1911. She was born in Boone, Iowa, February 8, 1890, and came to North Dakota at an early age.

In 1917 Frank and his family moved to Grandin to make their home. He was manager of the Grandin Grain and Seed Company in partnership with R.F. Gunkleman, Sr. While in Grandin the Cormacks lived in the house two doors east of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank passed away February 8, 1948, while on a vacation trip to California. Mary Ellen then moved to Fargo to be close to her daughters. She is now ninety years old and lives at Bethany Homes in Fargo.

There were five daughters in the family:

June Cormack Slinde, a registered nurse, married Arnold O. Slinde October 6, 1937. He was an accountant at the Grandin Grain and Seed Company. They lived in Grandin for five years after their marriage and then moved to Fargo. Arnold passed away July 29, 1977. There are three children in the family: Shari Denise Franklin lives in Olathe, Kansas, and has three children. She works with handicapped children in the Olathe school system. Susan Marie Dow lives in Bismarck, is a homemaker and has two children. Terry Scott is a Lutheran pastor in West Des Moines,

Iowa. He has two children.

The second child of Frank and Mary Ellen, Francis Jessie, passed away in February, 1918.

Georgia Cormack Gaffaney, a registered nurse, married Robert Gaffaney June 18, 1940. She lived in Fargo until she passed away March 23, 1963, at the age of forty-five. She had six children: Judy Mehl lives in Fargo, is a homemaker and has five children. Robert Cormack Gaffaney lives in Chicago, is an electrical engineer and has four children. Maureen was recently married to Sarhad Kanali. She lives in Seattle, Washington, and is a personnel director in a large bank. Debbie Gaffaney, a teacher, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Ann Malmberg, a registered nurse, has three children. She lives in Fargo. Kathy Gorman has one child, is an occupational therapist and lives in Columbus, Ohio.

Marjorie Cormack Lippert, a teacher, married Richard Lippert June 18, 1948, who passed away February 20, 1975. Marjorie lives in Moorhead. There are three children in her family: Mary Ann Klein, a homemaker, lives in Salt Lake City, Utah. James Lippert lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is married, has two children and works at Embers in St. Paul. Daniel Lippert resides in Moorhead and is a junior at Concordia College.

Betty Lou Cormack Robinson, a registered nurse, married Glen Robinson June 12, 1949. They live in Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. They have two children: Janice Sheetz lives in Apple Valley, Minnesota, is a homemaker with three children. Richard Robinson, a professional model recently moved to California.

William Curry

William Curry was born in Goderich, Canada. As a young man he came to Fargo, where he was married in 1888 to Elizabeth Nelson, who was born in Pembroke, Canada.

They moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they lived for several years, then returned to Grandin and settled on a farm two miles east of Grandin. After some years they moved to Fargo, then later to Athabasca, Alberta, Canada, where he homesteaded, until his death in 1925. Mrs. Curry passed away in 1926.

Four children were born to them: Earl, deceased; Gladys, Mrs. W.E. Norrington; Hazel, Mrs. H.R. Spooner; and Lois, deceased.

Mrs. Norrington and Mrs. Spooner are living in El Monte, California, a suburb of Los Angeles. (1956)

Gerald Dahm — Monica Heisler

The Dahms, Gerald and Monica, purchased the Gifford home at Grandin in 1974. They have nine children and two grandsons.

Gerald, a native of Breckenridge, Minnesota, is employed with the Burlington Northern Railroad as a signal maintainer and Monica (Heisler) a native of Esmond, North Dakota, is now employed at the Kenneth Strandberg home caring for his four children during the day.

Their children:

Nancy is employed at the Clinic as cashier, her husband Patrick Kava is with the Fergus Dodge.

They along with their son Ryan reside in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

David, who is single, is employed with the Burlington Northern Railroad on the crew at Page, North Dakota, and resides in Hillsboro.

Diane is a second year student at Mayville State College. Her husband, Devin Lusso, is employed with the Burlington Northern out of Hillsboro. They reside in the country at Hillsboro with their son Nickolas.

Brenda is a second year student at Mayville State College.

Donna is employed with Crop Hail Management in West Fargo.

Sharon and Julie both attend Cass Valley North school in Argusville, they participate in basketball, cheerleading and Pom Pon girls.

Michael and JoAnn attend CVN at Grandin and are in beginners band, basketball and have a Grit paper route.

Gerald Dahm served in the United States Air Forces.

Lott E. Dally Family



Lott Edward Dally was born in Scranton, Iowa, November 21, 1896. He immigrated with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wharry Dally, to the Grandin area, in 1904. He had nine

brothers and sisters, three brothers are still living.

In 1919 Lott married Manda Ovida Deiseth. Six children were born to them, four are still living: Jeanette, deceased 1935; Lowell K., deceased 1964; Dorothy, Mrs. Virgil Gebeke, Amenia; Charlotte, Mrs. Duane Tronson, Fargo; Evelyn, Mrs. Lloyd Bumgarner, Arthur; Donald W., Grandin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dally's two sons both served in the armed services. Lowell was in the Army for five years during World War II. Donald served four years in the Korean War.

Mr. and Mrs. Dally retired from farming and moved to Casselton in 1968.

Lott Dally passed away in 1972. Manda Dally still resides in Casselton. (1956-updated 1980)

Donald Dally Family

Donald Wharry Dally was born in Bohnsack Township. Judith E. Anderson was born at Grandin. They were married in 1958. Donald is engaged in farming and trucking. They have two children: Jodi Cheryl and Thomas Donald. (See Lott Dally and Chris Anderson Family)

Ross Dally — Inez Burley

Ross E. Dally moved to a farm west of Grandin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Dally from Greene County, Iowa, in 1904. He graduated from the Bohnsack School in Traill County.

In 1923 Mr. Dally was married to Inez Burley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burley of Gardner.

The young couple bought a farm west of Grandin and lived there until 1943 when they rented their land and moved to the Simonson house in the village of Grandin. Later they purchased the home formerly owned by Helmer Helgeson. Mr. Dally became the bulk oil dealer for Standard Oil Co., and later for the Grandin Co-op Oil Co.

Inez and Ross were active in community affairs and were members of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1953 the Dallys moved to Huntington Park, California, where Ross was employed by the city park department. Inez Dally passed away in 1960, Mr. Dally retired in 1962 and a year later married Clara (Phoebe) Hofmann. They now reside in Santa Paula, California.

Ross and Inez Dally were blessed with three children, eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Francis, their son, graduated from Bohnsack High School, served in the U.S. Navy throughout World War II, met and married a Chicago girl, Ruth Hansen. Frank and Ruth now live in Aloha, Oregon. They have four children: Scott, Susan, Greg and Joyce, and five grandchildren.

Phyliss, the eldest daughter, married Ronald King after graduation from Grandin High School and moved to the Los Angeles, California, area. They have four children: Sheila, Candy, Steven and Terrance, and two grandchildren.

The younger daughter, Maxine (Micki), also graduated from Grandin High. She married Arnold Skunes of Grandin and they farmed there. They moved to California for a time but in 1961 moved back to Grandin and are now farming at Arthur, North Dakota. They have three children: Jon, Darcy, and Kevin, and two grandchildren.

Steven Daschner — Clara Thamsten

Steven Daschner was born on September 1, 1867, at Peoria, Illinois. At the age of six months he moved with his parents to Ashkum, Illinois.

Clara Thamsten was born at Muta, Sweden and came to America with her parents at the age of four years in 1875. They were married in 1895 at Thebanse, Illinois. To this union six children were born: Walter, Irene, Frank, Mable, George and Florence, all born at Ashkum.

The Daschner family moved to the Grandin community on March 1, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Daschner celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on March 3, 1945.

Walter passed away at the age of twenty-three at Camp Custer, Michigan.

Mr. Daschner died on February 22, 1953, at the age of eighty-five. Mrs. Daschner made her home with Mr. and Mrs. George Daschner until her death in 1961 at the age of ninety-two.

Irene (Daschner) Shaffer died in 1976 and Mable (Daschner) Lindgren died in 1968.

Frank Daschner married Alma Tumblaer and resides in Seattle, Washington. He is retired.

Florence Daschner married Kermit Enney and resides in Denver, Colorado.

George Dashner — Edna Lundstrom

George and Edna Lundstrom were married at Moorhead, Minnesota, on May 31, 1934, and farmed near Grandin before moving into town. They have one daughter, Linda.

Linda married Robert Graalum in 1963 and they live in Fargo. They have a son Todd and a daughter Lisa. Todd attends North High and is active in hockey. Lisa attends Ben Franklin Jr. High. Bob works for the city of Fargo and Linda is employed at St. Lukes Hospital.

Daniel J. Downs — Elizabeth Wyer

The Daniel J. Downs farm is located 1¼ miles east of Grandin. Daniel married Elizabeth Wyer on June 18, 1945, in Inglewood, California. The following May, 1946 they moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota; and in May of 1947 they moved to their farm east of Grandin.

Pamela Ann was born September 28, 1947; Joanne Marie was born June 30, 1949; and Gregory Daniel was born June 3, 1952. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Dube

Mr. and Mrs. Theophile Dube came to Grandin in 1912. Two sons were born to this union.

Mrs. Dube died in 1940 and was preceded in death by her husband. (1956)

The Duntley Family



A.S. Duntley was born in Plymouth, Michigan, in 1860. In 1878, eighteen year old A.S. Duntley traveled from Michigan to North Dakota to file a claim south of Grandin. He

later left his land to enter in a partnership with William Thom in a hardware store. The store burned, and A.S. Duntley became postmaster of Grandin—a position he held for 39 years.

A.S. Duntley married Mary Thom of Grandin, and they had three children: Ida, Bessie and Frank. Ida later married James Elliott of Grandin, and they had five children. Bessie married Harry Taber, also of Grandin, and they had three children.

The youngest, Frank, came home from WWI and married Dorothy Elizabeth Black, daughter of David A. and Mary J. Black—long time settlers in Grandin. On July 12, 1922, the Rev. J. Huey married Frank, aged 28, to Dorothy, 18, at the Black residence.

Following their marriage, Frank and Dorothy moved to Montana, and stayed there two years. They returned to live in Grandin with their firstborn, Frank David, born in '23, and built a house in the west of town. In 1926, Dorothy Mary "Molly" was born, and in 1929, Mark Andrew was born in the hospital at Fargo.

While in Grandin, Frank Duntley owned a General Store, and worked at Grandin Grain. Dorothy was assistant postmistress to her father-in-law, A.S.

Duntley. In 1941, Frank moved his family to Selah, Washington, where they owned an apple orchard.

Now, 40 years later, Frank and Dorothy live on Vashon Island in Puget Sound. Their children all hold Master's degrees. Frank is a history teacher at Vashon Island High School, Dorothy "Molly" is a first grade teacher in Yakima, Washington, and Mark is the minister of the Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church in Seattle.

Frank married Barbara Humphrey of Yakima, Washington, and they have four children. Roberta is teaching special education in Auburn, Washington. Cindy is a C.P.A. and is working for Sears Roebuck in Seattle. David is a business major at Washington State University, class of '81. Lea is 12 years old and attending junior high at Vashon.

Mark married Agnes Woodside of Pasadena, California, and they have three children. Mark Jr., graduated from San Francisco Theological Seminary and is currently working on a Ph.D. at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California. Stephen graduated from Yale University, class of '80, and is doing clinical research at the University of Washington. Madeline is an English major, class of '83, at the University of Washington. (1956 updated 1980)

Maurice E. Ecker — Mable Parker



Maurice Elias Ecker, son of Ellsworth Ecker and Lydia Schwartz, was born at New Windsor, Maryland, on January 25, 1879. After growing up on a dairy farm he worked in the

steel mills at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling, West Virginia. In 1906 he came to Illinois to work for his brother Edgar on his farm. Hearing of the cheap land being offered for sale in North Dakota, the two brothers arrived in this state in 1909 and bought two quarters of land two miles north of Grandin.

In 1911 Maurice went back to Illinois and married Mabel Anna Parker, daughter of Henry and Emma Dean Parker of Manteno, Illinois. Mabel was born April 21, 1893.

Arriving in Traill County they lived for a time in his bachelor quarters on the old Sanford farm now owned by Warren McInnes. From there they moved to the farm now owned by the Harold Stokkes where their daughter Merle, now Mrs. Harold Stokke, was born. From 1916 to 1919 they farmed the Thorsrud farm until buying the present Ecker farm. This is located three miles west of Grandin. The Eckers had three children: Merle, Dean, living on the home farm, and Everett, who died in infancy.

After the early deaths of Mr. Ecker's brother Edgar and his wife Nettie, who was a sister of Mabel, their seven year old son Clarence was reared by the Maurice Eckers. Then in 1927 after the death of

Clarence's wife in childbirth he brought his son, Robert, to the Maurice Ecker home and they also reared him. Clarence Ecker lives in Athelstane, Wisconsin, and his son Robert resides at Jamestown, North Dakota.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Ecker left the farm and moved into Grandin where he passed away in November of 1952 and she passed away on May 10, 1975. (1956 and updated 1980)

Dean Ecker — Verna Sampel



Dean Ecker moved to his present farm, in the late teens, from the Thorsrud farm where he was born in 1917. His parents, Maurice and Mabel Parker Ecker, bought this home quarter and lived there until 1947. At this time they moved into Grandin leaving the farm to Dean and his wife, Verna. Maurice died in 1952 and Mabel in 1975. Dean attended Wahpeton State School of Science before starting to farm.

In 1945 Dean married Verna Sampel from Forest River, North Dakota. Three of her grandparents were some of the Scotch-Irish who had moved there from Ontario, Canada in the late 1870's and early 1880's. Her maternal grandmother came from Quaker ancestry, originally from Pennsylvania, and was a school teacher. Farm sites that were owned by two sets of Verna's great-grandparents are still being lived on today in Walsh County.

Dean and Verna's children: Wesley, Perry, Hal, and Eileen all attended NDSU. Perry and Hal were active members in the Farm House fraternity where Eileen was also a Little Sister.

Eileen was born in 1957 on her mother's birthday. She is a Registered Nurse, graduating in 1981 from Moorhead State U., where she received her B.S. in Nursing. She spent the summers of '79 and '80 at Bible Camp working as camp nurse for the mentally handicapped.

Hal was born in 1956. After selling cars in Fargo for two years he moved to Minneapolis. There he is working as Unit Operations Manager for Finance America.

Perry served six years in the Air National Guard including a few months in Alaska. Wesley served seven years in the Guard along with several months

at an Air Force school in Illinois.

Perry, born in 1950, was married to Sandra Nelson, of Washburn, North Dakota, in 1973, the year they graduated from SU. They farmed and raised cattle west of Grandin for six years. One Friday in March of 1979 they came back from Western North Dakota where they had leased a ranch in the badlands northwest of Fairfield. By the next Tuesday they were packed into a caravan of two pick-ups, a car, and a semi-truck load of cows. Perry's brother Wesley and his family went along and helped with the calving that spring. Sandy's father came to this country from Sweden when he was a young boy. Her maternal grandmother was an active member of "The Daughters of the American Revolution."

Wesley, born in 1948, married Myrna Franklund in 1973. They farm and live on the home farm in Bell Township. They have two children: Sara and Daniel.

Perry Ecker — Sandra Nelson



Perry Ecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ecker of Grandin, and Sandra Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson of Washburn, North Dakota, met while both attending NDSU and were married March 2, 1973. Perry received his degree in Animal Science and Sandy received hers in Home Education.

After our marriage, we lived in Grandin in a house that had belonged to Perry's grandmother, Mabel Ecker. It is located southwest of the post office. In 1976 we moved to the Rudy Rosenau farm 3½ miles west of Grandin. While we lived in the Grandin area, Perry farmed and raised herefords with his brother, Wes, while Sandy and her sister-in-law, Myrna, had an upholstery shop in Dean and Verna's basement.

In the spring of 1979, we moved to a ranch in the Badlands near Fairfield in Billings County. Ranching in the ruggedly beautiful Badlands has been quite an adventure. Perry has shot coyotes, broke horses, and we've both killed rattle snakes; while brandings, fall roundups, and calving in big pastures have given us a different dimension to the cattle business. Perry also roughnecks on an oil drilling rig and Sandy is back upholstery.

While we enjoy our new life, we fondly remember the people of Grandin and have enjoyed the visits and letters from the people "back home".

Wesley Ecker — Myrna Franklund



Wesley D. Ecker was born in 1948. After graduating from Grandin High School, he attended NDSU and began raising registered and commercial hereford cattle with his brother Perry, until Perry's move to Fairfield, North Dakota, in 1979.

In the fall of 1973, Wesley married Myrna Franklund of Wilton, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Laurence and Ruth (Thorson) Franklund. Myrna graduated from the College of Home Economics at NDSU. Myrna had an upholstery shop with Sandy Ecker for three years, until the birth of their two children, Sara Marie, born March 25, 1976, and Daniel Dean, born August 23, 1977.

The Ecker's have been farming near Argusville since 1973, and running a cow-calf operation along the Elm River, while residing on the home farm three miles west of Grandin.

Wesley and Myrna are very active in the Presbyterian Church. He is an Elder and she is on the Christian Education Committee and teaches Sunday School.

Mrs. August W. Eisenhardt

Mrs. August W. Eisenhardt was born in Germany on August 4, 1879. In April, 1913 she came to Grandin with her late husband, August, a son Karl, aged 6, and a daughter, Gretchen, aged 7. Four more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhardt: John, Fred, Doris, and August Jr., who died when he was 7 years old. They lived in Grandin the first 7 years and then moved to the farm two miles south-east of Grandin which the youngest son, Fred, now owns.

Karl married Velma Koch from Hillsboro. They have two daughters, and now live in Eugene, Oregon.

John married Miriam Fagot. They have one son and three daughters and live in Ontario, California.

Fred married Helen Warner, Halstad. They have two sons and two daughters and live in Kelso.

Doris married Wendell Heekman, Pasadena, California and has one son and one daughter and lives in Albany, Oregon.

Gretchen is now living in Chicago, Illinois.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Eisenhardt moved to Kelso, North Dakota, where she passed away. (1956)

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Elkin



In August of 1957 the Rev. Robert Elkin was called from the Farmington, Minnesota, parish to serve the Grandin - Hendrum churches. They found a nearly new manse waiting for them which had been built by the men of the church. One of the first projects was to sponsor a young

Japanese lady so that she could attend Jamestown College. The Grandin church members took up monthly offerings for her support.

In 1957 the Grandin Church observed its 75th anniversary.

In 1962 a very memorable joy came to Rev. and Mrs. Elkin when the two congregations and many friends gathered a sum of money for their fortieth wedding anniversary to send them to visit relatives they had not seen for sixty-four and fifty-four years. They flew to Switzerland to see Mrs. Elkin's sister and nephew at Schalfhausen, birthplace of Mrs. Elkin. She left there at the age of four to go with her mother to Canada. They flew then into East and West Germany, Paris and then on to London, England to see Mr. Elkin's two brothers and a sister-in-law. Mr. Elkin was born in London but had gone to a farm in Canada at the age of fifteen to regain his health.

During the first World War he joined the Canadian Ambulance Corps and saw service in France until 1919 when he was mustered out.

In 1921 he decided to enter the Gospel ministry and studied in Chicago and Omaha, Nebraska.

In 1965 at the age of seventy he resigned from the Grandin church and went to a country church in Wisconsin where he served three years.

In 1968 one of the elders of the Howard Lake church, a former three point parish Mr. Elkin had served in the forties, got them to retire there. In a few months he was asked to become visiting minister for two of the churches.

Now at the ages of eighty-six and eighty-five the Elkins are living to enjoy their two children Bob and Gladys, and ten grandchildren, each child has five, also six great-grandchildren with the seventh expected in November of 1980.

Mrs. Elkin conducts a Tuesday morning Bible study in their two bedroom apartment of a H.U.D. government complex of twenty-four apartments. Mr. Elkin still visits patients in the nursing home and at times conducts services in the chapel there. Both are in good health.

James Elliott — Mary Currie



Mary Currie Elliott was born in Toronto, Canada in 1831. She married James Elliott in 1850 in Goderich, Ontario and lived on a farm on the 10th concession near Clinton, Ontario. To this

union were born ten sons: John, Thomas, Arthur, Albert, Currie, Joseph and Adam. One son died in infancy, one aged three, and William, 22.

She moved to Dakota in 1887 with her two youngest sons, after her other sons had all settled there.

Mrs. Elliot died in 1915. (1956)

Thomas Elliott — Rebecca Pratt

Thomas Elliott was born in 1854 at Clinton, Ontario on the 10th concession. He came to Dakota Territory in 1880. He married Rebecca Pratt in 1882.

Mr. Elliott settled at what was known as Quincy, a post office east of here on the Red River. His arrival antedated the building of the railroad through this section and he often recalled trips by oxcart and by foot were made to Fargo in his first years here.

After four years spent in farming he moved to Grandin. He was manager of the Peavey Elevator for a number of years and later was manager of the Valley Lumber Yard. He passed away in 1929. Five sons and two daughters were born: James of New England, North Dakota; Harvey and Herbert, now deceased; George of Los Angeles; and one son died in infancy; Mable, Mrs. C. O. Simenson of Fargo, North Dakota; and Erma, Mrs. Livengood of Los Angeles, California. (1956)

James A. Elliott — Ida Duntley

James A. Elliott was born at Grandin, Dakota Territory in 1883. Ida Duntley was born in Grandin, Dakota Territory in 1883. They were married in Grandin, North Dakota, in 1905. In 1907 they homesteaded at New England, North Dakota.

Mr. Elliott served as Postmaster at New England from 1921 to 1933, and assistant Postmaster until he retired in 1953. He is the son of Thomas Elliott.

In the family are five children, Thirteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. (1956)



A Plowman of Hardman.
The steel is a treasure house of things
of steel, iron, brass and other metals.
And would you know, too, adding to the
efficiency of the plow of steel.
We carry all kinds of
Hardman

Joseph A. Elliott — Margaret Freeman



Joseph A. Elliott was born at Clinton, Ontario in 1871 and came to Dakota when he was sixteen. He bought a team of ponies and started a livery stable with his brother, Currie, after which he worked in the Drug Store for Doc-

tors Hotson and Fisher.

He later went to college and studied pharmacy, then returned to Grandin and purchased the drug store.

He had a drug store in Fargo in the Powers Building in 1915, and in 1924 he moved to Oakland, California, and had a drug store there.

He was married to Margaret Freeman of Quebec, Canada and to them were born three children: William, Ileen and Lorraine, all living in California. (1956)

George Albert Elliott — Clara Jane Jalbert

George Albert Elliott was born in Ontario, Canada on September 17, 1867. He emigrated to North Dakota, and married Clara Jane Jalbert on May 11, 1905. Mrs. Elliott was born on March 19, 1882, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Jalbert of Grandin, North Dakota. To this union were born three children: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Albert Louis, Galesburg, North Dakota; and Ethel, Mrs. George Brown, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Mr. Elliott died in May, 1931.

Mrs. Elliott died in June, 1945. (1956)

John H. Elliott — Mary McLean



John H. Elliott was born in Clinton, Ontario in 1852. He married Mary McLean in Goderich, Ontario in 1883. She was born in Goderich in 1854. To this union were born five children: William,

Manley, Maxwell, Wilson, who was a doctor at Park River, North Dakota, and Bessie who married J.G. McKenzie. All four of the sons are deceased.

The family came to Grandin, Dakota Territory in 1887 and he and his brother, Arthur, had a general store until 1895. John then started to farm on land purchased from the Grandin Farms. Mary McLean

Elliott passed away in 1893 and he died in 1925 leaving the farm to his son, Ernest Manley Elliott. (1956)

Arthur Elliott

Arthur Elliott was born in Clinton, Ontario in 1856, and came to Dakota about 1885. He married Sarah Hanley before coming to Grandin. He and his brother John operated a general store until 1895 when they began farming.

A few years later he worked with William Van Bergen in farm machinery. They had a branch office at Hampden, North Dakota. He was still with the International Harvester Company when he and his family moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1907.

Mr. Elliott died in 1929.

There were two children: Mayetta, Mrs. E.A. Freeman, of Downey, California, and Leonard of Toronto, Canada, where he is vice president of the I.H.C. of Canada. (1956)

Ernest Manley Elliott — Florence Taber

Ernest Manley Elliott, son of John H. Elliott, was born in Grandin April 9th, 1889. He married Florence Taber, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Webster) Taber. The elder Taber was an early day lumber dealer in Grandin. Four children were born: John T. of Grandin; Donald M., deceased; McLean of Lompac, California, who retired from the Army Air Force with the rank of Brigadier General; and Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Robert Abbot, resides in Los Cruces, New Mexico.

Manley Elliott died in 1945 and Florence at the age of 94 is living in Hillsboro. (1956 and updated 1980)

John T. Elliott — Evelyn Darling

John T. Elliott, son of Manley and grandson of John H. Elliott, married Evelyn H. Darling in 1936. She is the daughter of Albert E. and Evelyn (Kelly) Darling. Her father managed the Farmers Grain Company in Grandin, coming here from Fortuna in 1922. Both parents are deceased.

John and Evelyn have five children: JoAnn, Mrs. C. Wayne Radebaugh, of Grandin; Donna Jean, Mrs. Allen Anderson, of Lake Park, Minnesota; John M. died in 1954; Janice Kay who married Steven Vinje and resides in Corpus Cristi, Texas; and James W. who married Donna Jean Zimney and have three sons John Joseph, Darin James and Jason William.

Franklin Pierce Emery — Margaret Ann Nash

Franklin Pierce Emery was born in Pennsylvania on July 18, 1854. He moved with his family to a farm near Northwood, Iowa.

As a young man he went to Grand Forks, North Dakota, and bought grain in an elevator located on the Red River twenty miles south of that settlement.

In 1887 he married Margaret Ann Nash and came to Grandin. They made their home there until 1912 when they moved to Drummond, Montana, to engage in grain and lumber business.

They both passed away in 1927, and are survived by their daughter, Elisabeth Emery, now residing in Temple City, California. (1956)

Thomas Falconer — Barbara McKenzie



Thomas Falconer was born in Ross Shire, Scotland in 1886.

In 1907 he sailed for America, settling in Rockford, Illinois. He married Barbara McKenzie in 1909 and returned to

Scotland where they lived until 1913.

They came back to Rockford and on March 10, 1914 moved to Argusville, North Dakota, where they farmed until coming to Grandin in 1925.

They farmed three miles west and one mile north of town and later bought the farm two miles south of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Falconer are the parents of three children: Janet, Mrs. William McSparron; William and Gordon. (1956)

James Ferguson — Hattie Totman



James Ferguson was born in Pennsylvania January 10, 1851. He married Hattie Totman in 1875.

They came to Larimore, North Dakota in 1884

as members of a seventeen car immigrant wagon train. They homesteaded there and kept the farm until 1889 when they moved to Grandin where Mr. Ferguson began his grain buying business. He operated this business for twenty-seven years, after which they moved to Fargo and made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. Ferguson passed away in 1935, Mrs. Ferguson passed away in 1938.

Their children were Otto Lynn, Mrs. E.C. Anderson, and Morris, all deceased. (1956)

Otto L. Ferguson — Marguerite Weisbecker



Marguerite L. Ferguson was born in Iliou, New York, February 25, 1873; youngest of six children of Philip and Mary Weisbecker. She came to Grandin with her parents

in 1881 after having lived at Moorhead, Minnesota, and Buxton, North Dakota, for short periods of time. Mr. and Mrs. Weisbecker established a hotel in Grandin, and a wing or addition that was built on to the hotel in later years still stands on the old hotel site.

Mrs. Ferguson was married to Otto L. Ferguson January 15, 1902, and to this union was born one son, Lynn Ferguson. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson moved up on a claim near Souris, North Dakota, and were away from Grandin for one year. Then they returned to Grandin and Mr. Ferguson was in the retail store business until he retired in 1941.

Mr. Ferguson passed away on May 22, 1950. Mrs. Ferguson is also deceased. (1956 updated 1980)

Dr. Fisher — Sara Euge



Dr. Fisher was born in Ontario, Canada in 1860. He taught school at Quincy in 1880. He was graduated from a Canadian Veterinary College and came to Grandin in 1893, where he practiced and also established a drug store. He married Sara Euge in 1893.

To this union were born three children: Ralph D., Mrs. W.S. Laren, and Ruth Fisher.

Dr. Fisher moved to Hillsboro and died in 1940. (1956)

Jesse Flatt

Jesse Flatt was born in England in 1832, and came to Ontario, Canada as a young man. In 1875 he came to Moorhead, Minnesota, and his family came a year later, after which they homesteaded on a farm near Gardner, North Dakota, now owned by Gus Woitzel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Flatt were parents of a large family, but of these Joseph was the only son who lived here all his life. (1956)

Joseph Flatt — Rachel Davis



Joseph Flatt — Martha Woitzel

Joseph Flatt was married twice, first to Rachel Davis with whom he had four sons. She died in 1900. He married Martha Woitzel in 1913 and had two children, Herbert and Violet who is Mrs. Merlyn Grage, Violet left the Grandin community in 1947 and moved to Hillsboro.

Herbert Flatt — Stella Pasch

Herbert married Stella Pasch of Sabin, Minnesota, on June 2, 1946, and continued to reside in section 16

of Kinyon Township until 1955. From 1942 to 1946 Herb served in the army in the second World War. He was in Saipan and at Pearl Harbor.

There were six children in the Herb Flatt family, namely, Mrs. Jerry (Linda) Whenhoeffler, who resides in Itaska, Illinois, John, who married Lynn Davis and lives in Minneapolis, Mrs. Leon (Rena) Darnell of Detroit Lakes and James who lives at home. One son died in 1951.

The Herb Flatt family now make their home in Detroit Lakes.

Charles Fleischer — Ernstine Bohnsack



Charles Fleischer was born in Germany in 1845, settling at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, with his parents. Later they moved to Redwood Falls, Minnesota and later to Austin, Minnesota.

He married Ernstine Bohnsack April 8, 1858. To this union were born seven children: three boys and four girls: Molly, Mrs. William Barret; Anna, Mrs. Henry Miller; Clara, Mrs. Joseph McNielly, Charles, William and George.

Tillie and George are still on the homestead.

Mr. Fleischer entered the army in 1863, served two years. In 1878 he filed a homestead and tree claim six miles west, two miles north of Grandin where he moved the family in the spring of 1879.

They came by covered wagon from Austin, May 15. Mr. Fleischer stayed on the homestead for four years when he went to Montana and staked a gold claim in Helena and stayed on until he passed away February 3, 1911.

Mrs. Fleischer passed away August, 1926. (1956)

William C. Follendorf

William C. Follendorf was born in Cambria, New York, in 1875.

He came to Grandin in the late 1880's, did farm work, and was mail carrier on Route 2 out of Grandin.

He died July 14, 1944, in New York. (1956)

James Ford — Evelena Farrant



James Ford was born in Elm River on December 9, 1892, and lived on a farm at Elm River as a young man. He joined the armed forces in June, 1918.

Mr. Ford married Evelena

Farrant in 1920 and moved to Grandin in 1921 where

they lived until 1942. They then moved to Hillsboro.

To them were born two children: Evelena (Conner), Hillsboro; and a son, James Jerry, died in World War II in 1944. (1956)

George Foster — Daisy McVay



George Foster was born at Donovan, Illinois, on May 3, 1880. He married Daisy McVay April 6, 1901. They farmed for a few years in Illinois, then in Iowa and Missouri, and in 1916 they moved to Grandin, North

Dakota, where they farmed what is known as the Brown farm, two miles from Grandin. Later he left the farm to become manager of St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator Company. Now he is retired and living at Donovan.

Five children were born to them: Clyde, Francis, Roger, Herbert, and Nellie. (1956)

Francis Foster — Lucille Hunter



Francis Foster was born on March 1, 1903, in Donovan, Illinois. He lived in Iowa and Missouri before coming to Grandin with his parents in 1916. He married Lucille Hunter on De-

ember 31, 1928. To this union four children were born: Donald of Palmdale, California, who has worked for more than twenty years for the North American Air Craft Company. He has two children, a boy and a girl, both in California. Myrna married Richard Harrington and lives in the Hendrum-Halstad area, where they farm. They have two boys, one farming with his father and one boy in the U.S. Air Navy Service. A daughter, Joan Henderson lives in Victorville, California, and has three children, two boys and a girl, all living in California. Gene is living on the farm his great-grandfather homesteaded in 1900. He has three boys, one in college in Grand Forks and two going to Cass Valley North school. Francis passed away in May of 1967 with a heart condition. Three years ago Lucille sold her home in Grandin and moved to Mesa, Arizona, returning every summer to the Grandin area.

Gene Foster — Margaret Flaskerud

Gene Foster was born September 20, 1932, at Grandin, North Dakota, the son of Francis and Lucille Foster. He served in the army, graduated from college at North Dakota State University and

has farmed the family farm at Grandin since graduating.

In 1961 he married Margaret Flaskerud, daughter of Edwin and Selma Flaskerud of Fosston, Minnesota. Three children were born to them: Brian in 1962, Mark in 1963 and Darrin in 1968. Brian is now a freshman at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Mark is a senior in high school and Darrin is in the seventh grade at Cass Valley North.

William James Fulton — Jane M. Johnson

William James Fulton was born in Belfast, Ireland on February 5, 1857. He came to America in 1879 and settled in North Dakota. He married Jane M. Johnson on December 21, 1887. Miss Johnson was born in Ontario, Canada on November 2, 1865. She came to Quincy, North Dakota, with her family in the fall of 1878.

To this union were born two daughters: Charlotte Mae, and Ida, Mrs. Leslie Coleman, who now resides in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulton made their home in Grandin, where Mr. Fulton ran a livery stable, and later farmed east of Grandin. They moved to Western North Dakota in 1906 and in 1911 they moved to California.

Mr. Fulton passed away on October 20, 1917, at Grangeville, California, and Mrs. Fulton passed away on July 26, 1941, at Los Angeles, California. (1956)

Christopher Gallop — Margaret Mathews

Christopher Columbus Gallup was born at Danville, Quebec in 1856. He married Margaret Mathews of Brockville, Ontario in 1882. They took up farming two miles south of Grandin. Five children were born to them: Walter, who died in 1927; Roy, Edmonton, Alberta; Frank, Longview, Alberta; Herb, Bindloss, Alberta; and Ima, Mrs. A. Yule, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

In 1903 they moved to Medicine Hat, Alberta, in which district they engaged in ranching for many years. At Medicine Hat another son, Ralph, was born. He is at present residing in Omaha, Nebraska.

Chris Gallup retired in 1936 and died in 1944, having been predeceased by his wife in 1941. (1956)

John Garrett — Nona Andrews



John Garrett was born in Preston, Ontario in 1859. He came to Grandin when he was twenty years old. He married Nona Andrews of Fargo in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs.

Garrett farmed until 1898 when they came to Grandin and Mr. Garrett went into construction work until 1935. He passed away in 1937.

They had four sons and one daughter: Hallie of Grandin, Floyd of Halstad, Minnesota, and Harold of Hunter, who are deceased, Jack who resides in Fargo,

and Edith, Mrs. A.N. Clark, who lives at Beechy, Saskatchewan.

Hallie Garrett — Rollina Sather

Hallie Garrett was born on a farm west of Grandin, now the Arnold Radebaugh farm.

In 1898 he moved to Grandin with his parents and three brothers and sisters. He went into the Army in 1918 for eighteen months.

In November 1920, he married Rollina Sather of Halstad, Minnesota. They farmed two miles north of Grandin and also at Mayville for a time, coming back to Grandin in 1925 and Mr. Garrett worked for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons.

To this union three children were born: Betty, married Robert Parkhouse and lives in Fargo; Patsy, Mrs. Duane Hestbeck lives in West Fargo and Barbara, Mrs. Donald Graalum, lives in Grandin.

Hallie died on March 8, 1974 and Rollina died on August 9, 1975. (1956 updated 1980)

David Geddes — Agnes Thom

David G. Geddes was born in Ontario, Canada in 1857 and worked as a carpenter in Winnipeg until he came to Grandin in 1881. He homesteaded near Thompson, North Dakota, and in 1889 he moved to Grandin where he farmed two miles south of town until 1915.

He married Agnes Thom December 23, 1883. To this union were born seven children: Alfred, Jack, David, Myrtle, Mrs. Frank Boles; Isabel, Mrs. Walter Gallup; Hazel, Mrs. Paul Athey; Annie, Mrs. Ben Lisbakken.

Mrs. Geddes died in 1913.

In November, 1915, Mr. Geddes married Mrs. Ethel Jennings Berry. To this union was born one son, Donald Jennings. They moved to Greshaw, Oregon, later to Portland.

Mr. Geddes died December 31, 1943.

Mrs. Geddes died in 1954. (1956)

Arlen C. Gifford — Nora Ackerman



Arlen C. Gifford was born on October 15, 1884, in Lewis, Iowa. He married Nora Ackerman on October 7, 1908. They purchased a farm near Lewis, Iowa, which they farmed until

1921, when they came to a farm near Kelso. They lived there for twenty-four years.

In 1944, they purchased the Albert Elliott farm and Thomas Elliott house in the Village of Grandin.

They have two sons: Harvey A., who resides at Sun City, Arizona, and Mearl, who owns a farm near Gardner.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gifford are deceased. (Updated from 1956)

Mearl H. and Evelyn B. Gifford



Mearl H. Gifford was born in Lewis, Iowa, and came to North Dakota with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Gifford. He attended school in Kelso and Hillsboro, and graduated from North Dakota State University. Upon graduation he was employed as an engineer with The Elliott Company in Pennsylvania. In 1947 the family returned to North Dakota, and purchased a farm between

Gardner and Grandin. In 1957, his wife was killed in an auto accident. In 1959 he married Evelyn Sorum Silver.

Evelyn B. was born at Hillsboro. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Sorum of Amenia, North Dakota. Before her marriage to Mearl she was employed by Cass County Farm Bureau as Office Manager and served as an agent for Nodak Mutual Insurance Company.

There are four children: Arlene, Dixie Lee and Robert Gifford and William Silver. Arlene is an Accountant for the City of San Jose, California; Dixie Lee is self-employed in Insurance and Accounting, Houston, Texas; Robert is employed by Steiger Tractor, Inc., as Manager of the Computer Systems, Fargo. William is a salesman with Pat McGrath of Fargo. There are ten grandchildren.

Ralph Gisvold — Lila Kraby

Ralph Gisvold was the son of John and Anna (Groven) Gisvold and first came to Grandin in 1928. He was employed as a mechanic at Alvin Peterson's garage. He married Lila Kraby, whose parents were Ole and Lena (Davidson) Kraby, old time residents of Grandin.

Lila's father came from Norway as a young man and worked in Hillsboro at a livery stable. He many times drove the doctors on calls they made in the country. After two years he returned to Norway and brought back a bride. They continued to live in Hillsboro for a few years then moved to Grandin when Lila was two years old. He then worked on the railroad.

Ralph married Lila at Moorhead on September 14, 1928, and to this couple five children were born. Robert, in 1929, who married Beulah Depugh on July 3, 1954, and has four children: John Robert born on October 20, 1955; Rhonda Jo born on December 30, 1956; Douglas Ralph born on July 21, 1961, and Jean born on August 9, 1964. Vernon, born in 1930 is not married; Kenneth, born in 1931, married to Susan and has no children. Donna Marie, born January 22, 1939,

married Charles Nelson and has two sons: David Charles, born August 21, 1959; Randy Wayne, born February 13, 1961; Jolene Kaye, born August 25, 1963, and Jonelle Marie, born June 13, 1967. Bonnita Rae born November 2, 1942, married Gary Jacobson on January 26, 1960, and has three children: LuAnne Kay born March 28, 1961, Lynette Renee born May 4, 1964, and Bruce Gary born July 8, 1968.

Lila cooked for many years at restaurants in Fargo and Moorhead. She retired in 1976.

Larry Goldade — Frances Thomas



Larry was born August 15, 1946, in Selz, North Dakota, at the home of his parents Joseph and Magdalena (Vetter) Goldade. Frances was born November 28, 1947, at Harvey, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Mike and Julia (Burghart) Thomas, who had resided at Manfred before moving to Harvey.

Larry and Frances were married on November 14, 1966, at St. Augustines Church in Fessenden.

There are two children: Tammy who was born at Harvey on July 2, 1968, and Lonnie, born at Drayton, North Dakota, on July 24, 1970.

The Goldades moved to Grandin in 1970, where Larry is employed at Grandin Manufacturing and Frances is employed at Agway, Inc.

Larry was a member of the National Guard, is a member of the American Legion and also serves on the city council.

The family are members of St. Williams Church in Argusville.

Peter Golliet — Elizabeth Annie Logan



Peter Golliet was born on a farm near Rushford, Minnesota, March 13, 1868.

In July 1879 he came with his folks in a covered wagon to Dakota Territory where his folks located a

claim, and filed on a homestead N½ Section 22, Kinoy Township. They then returned to Minnesota for the winter, coming back to the Gardner-Grandin community in April, 1880. He worked on farms in that area until 1890, when he bought the Peter Wiser farm NW¼ Section 6 Wiser Township.

He married Elizabeth Annie Logan, June 24, 1896. To this union were born nine children, three boys and six girls: Homer P. Golliet, Casselton, North Dakota; Bly A. Golliet, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Gleyne A. Golliet, Chicago, Illinois; Naomi, Mrs. C.E. Akason, Hillboro, North Dakota; Ruth, Mrs. A.J. Abraham, Portland, Oregon; Dorothea, Mrs. T.F. Reid, Halstad, Minnesota; Geraldine, Mrs. Harold Klokstad, Souris, North Dakota; Winnifred, Mrs. A. Hulett, Minot, North Dakota; Hollis, Mrs. D.C. Haney, Portland, Oregon.

In 1902 they bought the John Williams farm, NE¼ Section Wiser Township and lived there until 1918 when they sold their farm. They rented farms near Halstad, Minnesota, for two years. Then they bought the LR Ranch near Beach in Golden Valley County in 1918 and moved out there in 1920. They disposed of the ranch in 1935 and returned to the original homestead N¼ Section 22 where they farmed for two years, then moved into Gardner where Mrs. Golliet passed away in May of 1939. Since the death of Mrs. Golliet, Mr. Golliet is spending his time with his children. (1956)

Duncan Gordon — Bella Holmes



Mr. Duncan Gordon arrived in Grandin in 1902, coming here at the age of 22, from Durnish, Kyle of Locklash, Roshire, Scotland.

He worked as a blacksmith for Robert Miller until 1904 then he purchased a blacksmith shop in Gardner

In 1909 he married Bella

Holmes in Fargo. Mrs. Gordon was born in Dun-

diven, County Derry, Ireland on June 28, 1886. She moved to Glasgow, Scotland at the age of four years, and came to Hunter in January 1909.

In 1916 they returned to Grandin, purchasing the Johnston blacksmith shop.

Mr. Gordon died August 31, 1924.

There are six children: Mrs. Florence Koehn, Grove City, Minnesota; Robert Gordon, Pasadena, California; Mrs. Doris Olds, Arcadia, California; John Gordon, Grandin, North Dakota; Donald Gordon, Long Beach, California; and Duncan Gordon, Arcadia, California; Mrs. Gordon died in 1959.

Mr. Gordon was a well known scotch bagpiper, playing the pipes in many surrounding communities. (1956 updated 1980)

John Gordon — Alice Stenjhem



John Gordon, the son of Bella and Duncan Gordon was born in Grandin on November 24, 1918. He has lived his entire life in Grandin except for three years in the United States Army. He was a member of an engineer corps and served for nineteen months on the island of Amchetka in the Aleutian chain. He is a rural mail carrier and does carpenter work.

His father, Duncan Gordon, died in August of 1924 as the result of a threshing machine unloading accident. His mother, Bella Gordon, moved to California in 1942 and died at her home there in 1959.

John married Alice Stenjhem on July 15, 1944. Alice is a native of Davenport, North Dakota, and a graduate of Moorhead State. She began her teaching career in Grandin in September of 1942. There are two children, Jo Nelle and John Duncan. Jo Nelle is employed at the T.N.I. clinic in Fargo and resides in West Fargo. John D. is part owner of Dakota Natural Foods, processors of Dakota Kid Sunflower seeds, and has his home in Fargo.

The Gordon's have two grandchildren, Stacy and James Pearson.

John Gordon is a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church of Grandin with Alice becoming a member after their marriage.



Dr. H.J. Gowenlock



Dr. H.J. Gowenlock settled in Gardner in 1904. He was considered by Grandin as their family doctor. He left our community in 1946 to go to Jamestown hospital as a resident doctor. (1956)

Ole Graalum Burton Graalum — Helen Knutson

Ole Graalum came to the Grandin vicinity from Warren, North Dakota, in 1930. He settled on the farm that Burton now farms. Burton Graalum was born at Warren, North Dakota, in 1916 and came to Grandin with his father. His mother passed away within a few months after he was born. Ole Graalum lived to a ripe old age and died in August of 1980.

Burton married Helen Knutson, daughter of Sigurd and Inga (Sokness) Knutson of West Fargo in November of 1939. They are the parents of three children: Robert of Fargo; Mrs. Stan (Anita) Trana, Fargo, and Donald of Grandin. There are six grandchildren.

Donald Graalum — Barbara Garrett

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graalum live in Grandin. Don is the son of Burton and Helen (Knutson) Graalum, born on April 12, 1944. Don graduated from Grandin High school in 1963. On November 14, 1964, Don married Barbara Garrett, daughter of Hallie and Rollina (Sather) Garrett.

The Graalums lived in Fargo for ten years following their marriage, where Don worked for Branick Manufacturing. They returned to Grandin and live in the Hallie Garrett house. Don works for the city of Fargo.

Two children were born to this union. A son, Jamison Brooks was born on December 21, 1971, and Darin Matthew was born on February 22, 1975.

George Grage — Minnie Holtorf



George Grage came to the United States from Germany when he was a very young man. He married Minnie Holtorf in Nebraska in 1894. They moved to the Grandin vicinity in 1918.

There were ten children in the family, all deceased but two, Louis, Earl, William, Mrs. Vernon (Lillian) Flatt, Mrs. Marvin (Bernice) Howard. Three died before the family came to North Dakota. Harry resides at Hunter, North Dakota, and Lois, Mrs. Francis Schechinger, resides in Fargo. (1956 and updated 1980)

Louis Grage — Grace Schutt

Louis Grage, son of George and Minnie Grage, was born in Nebraska in 1894. As a young man he moved to Iowa and came to North Dakota in 1918. He served with the 88th division in the First World War.

Mrs. Grace Schutt Grage came to North Dakota in 1919. She was the daughter of Charles and Doris Schutt and was born in Iowa in 1900. They were married in 1922 and moved to the present Grage farm in 1925. There are three children: Verna, who married Richard Brockway and resides in New Brighton, Minnesota; Jacqueline who is Mrs. Douglas Bankston and lives in Conroe, Texas, and Loren who resides on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Grage are both deceased. (1956 updated 1980)

Loren Grage — Jane Raan



Loren was born and raised at Grandin and is farming his parents farm. He served in the air force during the Korean War. Jane Raan Grage was born and raised at Page, North Dakota. She and Loren were married in October of 1973, and have three daughters, Grace Janell, Doris Ann, and Bridget Jane.

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Earl Grage — Laura Enger



I was born June 17th, 1898, at the home of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Enger, near Davenport

where my father homesteaded at the time of Chester Arthur in 1884. I am the eighth of ten children of whom seven are deceased. A brother, Oscar Enger, resides at Salem, Oregon, and a sister, Gudrun Kaiser, resides at Bethany Homes in Fargo.

I attended a rural school near Davenport in District 12 which was located near our home on land given by my father. After completing high school at Hopkins High School I attended North Dakota Agricultural College which is now North Dakota State University in Fargo and Mayville State College where I obtained a teachers certificate. I taught rural schools in Cass County for five years then taught three years in Argusville. I enjoyed as well as endured all of the rigors of rural school life, walking to school in all kinds of weather, being my own janitor, supervising playgrounds, as well as teaching and preparing my own lesson plans, recreation and programs at the wages of \$50.00 per month.

I married Earl Grage of Gardner, whose parents came from Iowa in 1918, at my parents home on October 6, 1928. We rented a farm northwest of Grandin, now owned by Fred Eisenhardt, until it was sold. We then took over a rooming house in Grandin until a farm was available near Harwood for cash rent. This was in the depression years. We harvested one truckload of grain that the cow wouldn't eat so we then sold the cow and calf.

Earl then worked on the railroad and assisted at the farms of his mother Mrs. George Grage of Grandin.

Through the Farmers Home Administration we purchased a quarter section south of Grandin.

We cared for eight children in our home that needed farm life and love and many of them still keep in touch. We adopted Joyce at the age of seven months. She now is Mrs. Joyce Garza and lives at Longmont, Colorado. We also have a foster son, Kenneth Lindsay, who owns a farmstead near Colfax, North Dakota, and is employed by Massey Ferguson Co., in Fargo. Both of these children attended the Grandin School. Joyce joined the WACS (Army Corps) after finishing high school and Kenneth attended Crookston Vocational School.

Earl, his nephew, and Kenneth, built a home in Grandin after ill health forced him to retire from farming. We sold our farm south of Grandin to Wayne Jorgenson. His son Roger now owns and farms it. I am still living in our home in the Lockhart addition to Grandin but Earl passed away of a heart attack on December 24, 1966.

I am a charter member of the Grace Lutheran Church of Grandin, a charter and 40 year member of the Happy Thought Homemakers Club of Gardner and a member of the Young at Heart Senior Citizens Club of Gardner. I spend my winters with my daughter Joyce at Longmont and am grateful for my good neighbors and friends in the Grandin Community for all these many years.

Henry J. Gretter — Magdalen Semringer

Henry Joseph Gretter, born in 1868, and Magdalen Francis Semringer, born in 1871, were married at El Paso, Illinois, on January 27, 1892. They first lived on an eight acre farm at Earl Park, Indiana. In 1909 Henry and his family settled in Bell Township, on a farm owned by his brother, John. There were seven children: Leo J., Louise M., Albert C., Clara S., Loretta G., Marie E., and Joseph H. George J., was born 1902 and died in 1904. Two children were born later, John W., and Rita M. In 1918 they bought a farm two miles south. The Henry Gretters later moved to Sheldon where Henry and sons, Joe and John, took over a garage. As this was not profitable the family moved to Wahpeton. Magdalen died in Wahpeton in 1944 and Henry in Fargo in 1959.

Gertrude Semringer, born in El Paso, Illinois, in 1877, lived with the Gretter family, going by the name of "Aunt Gertie," to family and friends. She died in Wahpeton in 1955.

Except for Leo, who had taken two years of high school in Indiana, the other children completed the grades in District 60. Joseph graduated from Casselton High School and John and Rita from Sheldon High School. Leo farmed with his father until he married Ida Mae Bordelaeau on October 21, 1919, at St. Leo's Church in Casselton. At that time he moved to the farm his father had vacated in 1918. In 1923 they moved to Fargo where Leo worked for several implement companies. Ida died in 1939. Their daughter Marian (Mrs. Frank Hoss) lived in Jamestown for twenty years. She died in 1965 leaving six children: David at Great Falls, Montana; James, Mt. Shasta, California; William, Liberty, Missouri; Anthony in the army in Germany; Chris in Fargo; Dorothy at Sacramento, California. All are married. Leo lives in Washington State having lost two wives. Daughter Janet lives in Washington; son Jack in Annapolis, Maryland, married and father of three. He lived in San Juan, Puerto Rico, for many years. Leo's son Richard was killed in an auto accident August 3, 1941. Leo married Edith Skauge, a R.N., on May 23, 1942. She attended Richard before his death. A daughter Elizabeth was born April 10, 1943. She is married to Tim Berger and lives at Everett, Washington.

Louise took the two year normal course at Sacred Heart Academy in Fargo and taught for six years. She married George Sale on August 5, 1920. (see Fred Sale History)

Al attended the A.C. in Fargo and went into the insurance business. He married Ann Hanson at Hope October 28, 1928. They had three children, all married. Barbara, living in Grand Forks; Tom, a doctor, living in Cleveland, Ohio, and Gary, a pilot, was killed in a plane crash in 1970 leaving one child.

Clara graduated from St. Johns Nursing Course in 1923. She married Dr. Reedy in 1928, lived in Casselton and Lisbon, and had three sons: Thomas, Robert and James, all living in the Seattle, Washington, area. After Dr. Reedy's death Clara moved to Seattle where she married Wm. Glass. Clara died in March of 1968 and is buried at Everett, Washington.

Loretta attended the A.C. and worked as a seamstress for several years. She married Bernard Leonard of Casselton in 1929.

Loretta has been a resident of St. Francis Home in Breckenridge, Minnesota, since her husband's death in 1969.

Marie is a resident of San Haven State School at San Haven.

Joe took an accounting course at the Science School in Wahpeton. He married Mary Bodensteiner at Walhalla on September 24, 1954, and retired from accounting work at the Grand Forks Air Base in 1973. They have two children, Gene at home and Joanne married to James Davidson in June 1977, and lives at Grand Forks.

John attended Wahpeton Science School, worked in Wahpeton, and for Edling Electric at Grand Forks and in Hillsboro. He married Marion Johnson at Grand Forks in 1966. They live in Hillsboro and are retired.

Rita worked at Wahpeton Court House and married Peter Erlandson of Wyndmere August 18, 1940. Two children, Karen (Mrs. Sam Ludington) of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, and Paul, married and living at Nampa, Idaho. Rita died November 24, 1974, and Peter January 16, 1974. Both buried in Erlandson family plot at Gardner, North Dakota.

Lloyd Griesbach — Vallie Dahlin

Lloyd Griesbach was born October 9, 1918, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Griesbach of Hunter, North Dakota. He went to the Bohnsack School and lived on the family farm until 1963. In 1963 they moved to the Harry Ludwig farm where they still live.

On November 16, 1962, he married Vallie Dahlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dahlin of Ayr, North Dakota. They have three children: twins, Anna and Conray born July 20, 1963, and Sarah, born December 4, 1964. Anna and Conray are seniors at Dakota High School at Arthur and Sarah is a sophomore there.

Lloyd and his family belong to the Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin.

Norman Griffin — Imo Jean Holland

Norman and Imo Griffin purchased and moved to what was known as the Ridgeland Farm from E.J. Prescott in March of 1952. Norman Eugene, son of Earl and Libby (Hoover) Griffin, was born September 5, 1924, at Exira, Iowa. Imo Jean, daughter of Jens and Anna (Lade) Holland, was born September 19, 1926, at Brayton, Iowa.

They had two children: Patsy Jean, born November 4, 1953, and Robert Earl, born July 6, 1955. Both attended and graduated from Grandin High School. Pat

graduated in 1971 and attended Mayville State College for four years where she graduated with a degree in elementary education in May of 1975. She married Keith Alan Hochgraber of Galesburg on August 1, 1973. They live in Galesburg where Pat teaches first grade at Clifford-Galesburg School and Keith is parts manager at Galesburg Implement. They have one son, Joshua Alan, born April 9, 1979.

Bob graduated from high school in 1973. He attended NDSU for four years majoring in Animal Science. On February 5, 1977, he was killed in an accident with a Bobcat loader. He was twenty-one years old at the time. He is buried in the Hunter Cemetery.

In 1970 Norman and Imo purchased 480 acres, known as the Twin City Farm, from Gust Johnson.

Their old house which was built in 1900 has been moved away and their new home will be built in 1981. At the end of 1981 there will be only one of the original buildings left on the place.

August Grothmann — Anna Bettermann



August Grothmann was born in Hanover, Germany, August 6, 1885. In 1889 he came to New York City and worked in grocery stores until 1903, when he came to Grandin. He received his citizenship papers

in 1906. He worked around Grandin until 1908 when he passed a civil service examination and became the first rural mail carrier out of Grandin on May 1, 1908. He continued in that position until 1948. He was also engaged in farming.

On December 8, 1908, he married Anna Bettermann in Milona, Minnesota. To that union were born nine children. William, who died at age seven; August Jr. died in 1964; Martha, Anna, Carl and Henry all of Grandin; Marion who is Mrs. Basil Walker resides at El Cerritto, California, and has three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; Irene, Mrs. Sylvester Gesell, resides at Milona, Minnesota, and has six children and five grandchildren; Elaine, Mrs. Robert Johnston of Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, has three children and one grandchild.

Anna Grothmann died September 21, 1928, and August Sr. on August 18, 1975. Both are buried in the Bohnsack Cemetery.

Martha, Henry, and Anna still reside on the place where Mr. Grothmann first settled. Carl and Henry are engaged in farming. (1956 updated 1980)

Carl Grothmann — Gertrude Gesell

Carl Grothmann was born on June 6, 1916, to August Grothmann Sr. and Anna Bettermann. He lived at home and farmed all of his life. His five sisters and two brothers are listed above.

Gertrude Gesell was born on September 6, 1917, to John Gesell and Amalia Hartfiel on a farm in Milona, Minnesota. She had five sisters and three brothers. On December 1, 1945, she married August Grothmann, Jr. They farmed and lived on the Paul Gunkelman farm for

seventeen years. Their son Joel was born November 15, 1947. He graduated in 1965 from high school and went on to college. August passed away on November 7, 1964. In 1966 Gertrude had a home built in the Lockhart Park Addition of Grandin.

Joel married Constance Beske of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on April 6, 1968. They live two miles north of Fargo. He is a carpenter and contractor and is also in real estate. There are three sons: Ross born October 26, 1972; Adam born September 16, 1975, and Mark born December 21, 1977.

Carl and Gertrude were married on February 3, 1973, and reside in Grandin. Carl is engaged in farming with his brother Henry. Both are members of Grace Lutheran Church.

Paul Gunkelman — Inez Hanson



Paul came to Grandin in 1941 and was employed by the Farmers Grain Company. He became manager of the company in 1947. The company was later named R.F. Gunkelman & Sons, Inc. In 1946 he married Inez Hanson who came to Grandin as a teacher.

The Gunkelman's first resided on their farm formerly owned by John

Greenshields. In November of 1947 they moved to their newly built home at Kinyon and Fourth Streets. They moved to Fargo in 1972 where they started their own company, Agra By-Products, Inc. They now reside at 501 Southwood Drive.

The Gunkelmans have six children. Virginia, who is Mrs. Timothy Wheeler, resides at Burnsville, Minnesota, and teaches English at Nicollet Junior High School. Tim is a salesman for Cynergraphics, Inc. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Andrea. James is married to the former Julie Ann Frederickson and lives at Kindred, North Dakota. He manages Dakota Samplers, Inc., Julie Ann is a NDSU home ec. graduate. They have one son, Benjamin. Susan, Mrs. Bernard Zimmerman, lives in Albert Lea, Minnesota. She and her husband are both engaged in teaching. Julie Rae, Mrs. Larry Leitner, resides in Fargo, North Dakota. Larry manages two Orange Julius stores and is a partner in J. & L. Distributing. Julie is a graduate of Mid-America University and has been employed at Metropolitan Federal Savings & Loan Co. They have one daughter, Susan. Lee resides at Grandin in the farm home first occupied by his parents. He works for Sun Glo, Inc., in the processing of sunflowers and manufacturing of sunflower logs. Robert is a junior at NDSU, majoring in civil engineering.

Dean Hagemeister — Nita Kosir

Dean Hagemeister, son of Leo and June (Hestbeck) Hagemeister, of Argusville, was born August 31, 1951, at Valdosta, Georgia, where his father was stationed with the Air Force. They later returned to North Dakota and farmed near Ayr. Dean graduated from Buffalo High School and attended Valley City State College. He then moved to Argusville and began work at Grandin Manufacturing in Grandin where he has been employed for the last eight years.

Nita Kosir was born to Robert and Marlys Kosir, of Tower City, North Dakota, on February 3, 1955. Her folks farm south of Tower City, where she graduated from high school.

Dean and Nita were married October 13, 1973, at Oriska, North Dakota. They have three children, a son, Brandon, two daughters Kerry and Bobbi Mae. The Hagemiesters moved to Grandin in June 1979.

Lloyd — Agnes (Aggie) Hagen

Lloyd and Agnes Hagen are the owners and operators of Grandin Recreation which is the current oldest business establishment in Grandin. Aggie has been the primary operator of the business while performing her other duties as housewife and mother. Lloyd, in addition to helping operate the Grandin Recreation, also worked for a number of years for R.F. Gunkelman & Sons and presently works for Agway Incorporated.

Agnes Hagen, the first daughter of Christian and Minnie Hamstead, spent her early years growing up on a farm thirteen miles south of Valley City, North Dakota, with her four brothers and four sisters. Her mother at the age of 87 still makes her home at Valley City.

Aggie moved to Fargo, North Dakota, as a young woman in 1935 where she met Arthur McKinnon whom she married in 1939. Arthur and Aggie McKinnon lived in Fargo where he was employed by the West Fargo Packing Plant and the Fargo Police Force until 1946 when they moved to Portland, North Dakota. On August 2, 1949, Arthur and Aggie together with their three children Robert, Douglas, and Kay moved to Grandin where they purchased the Grandin Hotel building to operate the Grandin Recreation. Arthur McKinnon died in 1950 and Aggie continued to operate the business. In 1952 Aggie married Lloyd Hagen of Hillsboro, North Dakota, and they have one son Allen. Lloyd is the son of Peter and Mathilda Hagen and he has three sisters.

Lloyd and Agnes continued to operate Grandin Recreation in the old Grandin Hotel building until a fire destroyed the bar and living quarters in June 1953. After the fire they rebuilt the business at the same location.

The children of Lloyd and Agnes Hagen are all graduates of Grandin High School and were members of Grace Lutheran Church of Grandin.

Robert McKinnon lives in Fargo and has two children, Shelby and Matthew. Douglas and his wife, Sue, live in Woodbury, Minnesota, with their three children Scott, Darcy, and Melissa. Kay McKinnon Gatzke and her husband Daniel live in Ripon, Wisconsin with their three children Christopher, Jennifer, and Anne. Allen Hagen lives at Grandin.

William Hall — Grace Marsden

William A. Hall was born at Kelso, North Dakota, in 1895, the son of Thomas Hall who was born in Ireland and Hulda Anderson, who was born in Sweden. They farmed in Kelso Township. William was left an orphan at the age of ten. He lived for a time with the Miller family in Grandin. In 1917 he married Grace Marsden, daughter of Arthur Marsden of Hendrum, Minnesota. They lived in Kelso Township until 1920 when they purchased a farm in Elm River Township.

They had three children: Thomas, married Helen Grothe, and lives in Elm River Township. Betty married Dr. Sherwood Berg and lives in Brookings, South Dakota, and Donald, married to Mildred Rask, and living in Hendrum.

In 1961 William and Grace moved to Hendrum. He passed away in 1975

Thomas Hall — Helen Grothe

Thomas Marsden Hall, son of William and Grace Hall, was born in Kelso Township in 1920. When he was three months old his parents moved to a farm in section 26 of Elm River Township where he and his wife presently reside.

On June 28, 1942, he married Helen Grothe, daughter of Charles and Agnes Grothe. She was born at Hendrum, Minnesota.

They are the parents of two daughters, Kathryn Ann, born September 4, 1943 and Debra Jane, born January 11, 1953. Kathryn married Reverend James Carpenter and resides in Bode, Iowa and has two children, Elizabeth Ann and John Thomas. Debra married Robert Trousdale and lives in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Frank Harrington — Elizabeth Johnson

Charles Harrington — Clara Knutson

Frank Harrington came to Dakota Territory from Maine in the early 1880's. He farmed for several years near Kelso, North Dakota.

He married Elizabeth Johnson in 1887. There were five children born to them: Mrs. V.M. Pike, Charles and William; two daughters passed away in infancy.

Charles Harrington married Clara Knutson of Hendrum, Minnesota in 1921. Three children were born to them: Frank, Frances, and Richard, all married. (1965)

Larry Hanson — LaVonne Linde

Larry Hanson was born on May 12, 1941 in Shevlin, Minnesota, to Louie and Ella (Hinrichs) Hanson. LaVonne was born on August 23, 1943 in Winger, Minnesota, to Morris and Pearl (Haynes) Linde.

Larry and LaVonne were united in marriage on November 24, 1962 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Shevlin, Minnesota.

They lived in the Shevlin area until September of 1963 when they moved to the Fargo-West Fargo area where Larry was employed by a sheet metal company. In June of 1974 they bought a home in Grandin where they now reside.

There are six children: Marlin, born May 8, 1963 at Shevlin, Minnesota, Jeffrey, born December 11, 1964, at Fargo, twins, Kevin and Keith, born June 6, 1967. All attend C.V.N. School. Scott, born April 29, 1976 and Steven, born November 27, 1977.

Larry is employed by a sheet metal company in Fargo and installs heating and air conditioning.

August Heller — Esther Johnsrud Woitzel



August Heller was born near Kindred, June 13, 1920, the youngest son of Christian Heller and his second wife Frieda Gustafes. The family split up after his father died and August moved to Fargo. In the spring of 1942 he entered the service in the

second World War and served in the Phillipines, in the first cavalry division and was in the initial landing of the taking of the Phillipines.

In 1946 after returning from the service he started work for Fairway Foods and was honored recently for thirty-four years of service to the company.

By a former marriage he has two children: a daughter, Cheryl, resides in Moorhead and is employed by Channel 13, a position she has held since 1966 when she graduated from business college. A son, Keith, graduated from Moorhead State and also NDSU before going to Lincoln, Nebraska to teach. In April of 1980 he accepted a teaching position in a junior college in Nagoya, Japan. He has a two year contract there. Keith is married to Felecia Meter and they have a daughter, Llyr.

On April 25, 1980 he married Esther Johnsrud Woitzel and now resides in Grandin.

Esther came to Gardner in 1935 and worked at the Reinhold Woitzel home. She was born and raised near Watford City, North Dakota, the daughter of Hilmer and Sophie (Hagen) Johnsrud who came to the United States from Norway when they were young people. In December of 1939 she married Elmer Woitzel and they continued to reside on the home place northwest of Gardner until Elmer passed away in 1977. Esther and Elmer had two children: Ronald, who married Marilyn Monger and has three children, resides on the home farm and Carol, who is married to Terry Krueger resides in Fargo. They have two boys.

In 1978 Esther built a new house in the Lockhart Park Addition of Grandin where she and August reside. While her home was being built Esther and her sisters Helen and Margaret went on a trip to Norway to visit many cousins that they had never seen.

When August retires next year they plan to travel. Both attend Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin.

John Herman — Helen Falconer

John Herman was born in Ontario, Canada, July 15, 1858. He came to Dakota Territory in 1876 and took a preemption claim about three miles northeast of Grandin. He worked in Fargo during the winter for a few years, doing different types of work, mainly cutting cord wood, which was done at the present site of St. John's Hospital.

Helen Falconer came to Dakota Territory in 1879 with her family and married John Herman in 1886 in the Johnson Hotel at Quincy, North Dakota.

To this union four children were born: Frank, Bert, who passed away in 1948; Annie in 1926, and Bessie in 1894.

John Herman passed away in 1922 and Helen Herman in 1943. (1956)

Marvin Hestbeck — Mildred Hagen

Marvin Hestbeck was born on November 30, 1911, at Arlington, South Dakota. He came to Gardner, North Dakota in 1928. Marvin married Mildred Hagen of Hillsboro, North Dakota, August 23, 1933. Mildred was born January 31, 1915. Marvin and Mildred came to Grandin in 1935. They have two sons, Duane and Richard, both living in West Fargo. Duane married Patsy Garrett of Grandin and they have four children: Diane married Tim Pacholke and has two boys Jared and Brandon; Debbie, married to Kevin Engen, has two boys, Chad and Micheal; Marvin, married Chari Olson, has one girl, Jessica Marie; Vickie is at home.

Richard married Betty Anderson in 1959. She died in 1969. He married Darlene Erickson May 19, 1973. They have five children: Lance Corporal Scott Hestbeck in the U.S. Marine Corps; Kelly Jo Hestbeck, Bismarck, North Dakota; Linda, Jan and Kari Erickson all of West Fargo.

Mildred (Molly) lives in Grandin and has been employed at the Wheel Inn Cafe since June of 1959. Marvin died in 1959.

Terry Holm — Patsy Lisburg

Terry Holm is the son of Glen Holm of Fargo and Marie Hill of Minneapolis. He was born at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

Terry moved to Grandin on November 1, 1978, and is a machinist at American Crystal Sugar Co. in Hillsboro. He married Patsy Lisburg on July 26, 1980. Patsy is the daughter of Paul and Margaret Lisburg of Argusville. She was born in Fargo. Patsy is employed at the Wheel Inn Cafe in Grandin.

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Aldon Horn — Brenda Thornton



Aldon moved with his parents from Twin Valley, Minnesota to Grandin in 1967. He married Brenda Thornton of Baker, Minnesota on November 10, 1971.

Aldon, born February 18, 1952, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Horn, who now reside at Twin Valley, Minnesota, and Brenda, born July 11, 1953, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Thornton of Baker.

Aldon worked at Ralston Purina Co. in Grandin from 1969 to 1973. He then worked at the Red River Grain Co. in West Fargo until 1974. From 1974 to 1978 he worked for Gold Label in Grandin and since then has been employed by Anheuser Busch Co. in Moorhead, Minnesota. Aldon and Brenda have two children: Adam Norman born March 3, 1974 and Jennifer Dawn born August 21, 1979.

Ole and Pearl Holznagel

We were married on October 16, 1929, and settled at Durbin, North Dakota, where Ole managed the Farmers Elevator. In 1936 we moved to Grandin where we lived for fifteen years and where Ole managed the west elevator.

We then moved to Claremont, South Dakota, where Ole worked at another elevator until he was forced to retire because of a heart condition. We then settled in Fargo where I was employed at Van Vagels Mfg. plant for two years, then in a neighborhood grocery for fourteen years. Ole passed away in 1953.

We were blessed with five children: Patty, Glenn, Karen, Karol, and Ronald. Karen drowned in our cistern in April of 1941 at the age of 3½ and son Glenn died in a car accident in 1954 at the age of 21. Patty married Robert Hunter in Grace Lutheran Church of Fargo in 1951. They have three children: Becky, Verelyn, who married Jim Johanson on December 6, 1972, and has two children, Jennifer and Travis; Jeffery Hunter married Jan Kolb, July 19, 1975, and have one son Jeremy. Jeffery Hunter resides at Gilcrest, Colorado. Karol married Herbert Dahlin and resides on a farm at Mahanomen, Minnesota. They have three children Perry, Micheal, and Coleen. Ronald married Denise Hitterdahl in 1976 and both are employed at Crystal Sugar Co. in

Moorhead and reside in Fargo. They have two children, Damien and Deidra.

While in Grandin we were members of Grace Lutheran Church. We also enjoyed our many friends and neighbors there.

William Hommerding

Mr. William Hommerding came in August 1941 to Grandin from Chicago where he had been with the largest milling company.

With Mr. Fred Wheeler, he bought the Farmer's Cop Elevator and enlarged it to the largest independent elevator at the time, and operated it until 1951, when Mr. Wheeler died and the elevator was sold to Cargill, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Hommerding established residence here in May 1942, continuing to reside in Grandin as they preferred to live in the Red River Valley.

Both are deceased. (1956)

John M. Hotson — Margaret H. McLean



John M. Hotson was born at Innerkip, Ontario on October 15, 1860.

He was graduated from the School of Medicine in 1888 and settled in the Village of Grandin, North Dakota in March 1889.

He married Margaret H. McLean from Innerkip, November 7, 1889.

To this union were born Majorie, Helen, Isabel and Jessie.

Dr. Hotson was associated with Dr. Fisher in the drug store. The family moved to Strathcona, now a part of Edmonton, Alberta, in 1901, and later in 1928 to Vancouver.

Dr. Hotson passed away in 1942 and Mrs. Hotson in 1945. (1956)

Cleve Howard — Minnie Stroh



Lloyd and Marvin Howard

Cleve and Minnie Howard moved to Grandin from Nebraska in 1915. They raised four sons: Glenn, Harold, Marvin and Lloyd.

Cleve Howard was born in Indiana in 1886 and emigrated with his family by covered wagon to Oklahoma. As a young man he moved to Nebraska where he owned a meat market. He married Minnie Stroh in 1905.

Their eldest son, Glenn, was born in 1906. He spent most of his lifetime in the Grandin community. He had one son, Royal, and a daughter, Linda. He raised five step children. Glenn passed away in 1974.

Harold was born in 1907. He married Evelyn Winterquist of Grandin in 1929 and they had one son, Roy. Harold passed away in 1952. Evelyn passed away in 1979.

Marvin was born in 1909. He married Bernice Grage in 1933. They farmed in the Gardner area for over twenty years. Marvin and Bernice raised Linda after her mother passed away. Bernice passed away in 1971.

Marvin built a home in Grandin in 1960 where he still resides. He served on the town board for ten years.

Lloyd was born in 1911. He served in the armed forces in World War II. He married Edith Hanson in 1946. She passed away in 1976. Lloyd worked for Butler Machinery Co. of Fargo until 1973. He still resides in Fargo. (1956 updated 1980)

Joseph Humphrey — Maria Young



Joseph Humphrey was born in 1859 in Cayuga, Canada.

Maria Young was born in 1856 in Sunderland and came to Grandin in 1884. They

were married in 1882. They lived in the Grandin community all their lives. To them five children were born: Bernard Humphrey, Grandin; Mrs. Harris Thom, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. G. Doekson, Grandin; Mrs. George Kris; and Grant Humphrey, Grandin. All are now deceased except Mrs. Kris who resides in Fargo.

Mr. Humphrey died in 1934 and Maria Humphrey died in 1926. (1956 updated 1980)

Thomas Humphrey — Lena Dullum



Thomas Bernard Humphrey was born in Bell Township, then known as Elm River Township, January 6, 1886, farming here all his life.

In 1913 he married Lena Dullum in Fargo,

North Dakota. One daughter and four sons were born to them: Audrey, Mrs. Herb Johnson, in 1917; Joseph Blake in 1920; Kent Burton in 1923; Thomas Bernard II in 1925, and Clifford Budd in 1926.

Thomas Bernard died in 1956. Lena Dullum Humphrey died in 1967. (1956 updated 1980)

J. Blake Humphrey — LaVynna Johnson

J. Blake Humphrey was born in Fargo, August 18, 1920, the son of T.B. and Lena Dullum Humphrey. In 1946 he married LaVynna (Johnnie) Johnson of Climax,

Minnesota. They lived in Fargo for two years then returned to his father's farm which they purchased. They also bought his Uncle Grant's farm which is the N. ½ Section 18, range 143-50.

They have two children: Michael Blake, born February 17, 1950, who married Penny Satrom on June 26, 1970. They have a daughter Keely Sue. Marcia Kay born on April 16, 1954. Both children reside in Fargo.

Blake is a part time agent for the Nodak Mutual Insurance Co., and since 1971 LaVynna has been bookkeeper for Cargill elevator in Grandin.

They are both members of the Presbyterian Church in Grandin. Blake is an Elder and LaVynna teaches in the Sunday School.

William Hunter, Sr. — Sarah Canning

William Hunter, Sr., was born in Ireland in December 1844 and came to the United States in 1867 and settled in Iowa. Mr. Hunter married Sarah Canning in October of 1875. Mrs. Hunter also came from Ireland.

They moved to Grandin in April 1901 on a farm west of Grandin which is known as the Francis Foster farm. In 1925 they moved to town.

To this union five children were born: Jane, Charles, Sam, George and Margaret. All are deceased.

Mrs. Hunter passed away August 13, 1930, and Mr. Hunter on January 28, 1927.

Sam and Jane Hunter

From December 1924 to 1941 Sam managed an oil company in Grandin. For many years they lived in a home purchased from a Mr. Lillifloren where both died of smoke inhalation in a tragic fire.

C. E. Hunter



Charles Earl Hunter was born on June 24, 1878, in Iowa. He moved to Grandin in September of 1900. He married Mary Cochran, November

23, 1909. To this union four children were born. Eunice Lucille, who married Francis Foster; Ethel Marion, who married Orville Isley; Frances Marie, who married Henry Kuchera, and William.

Mrs. Hunter passed away June 12, 1920. There are two sons by a second marriage, Tommy who passed away at the age of two and Robert.

Charles Hunter married Emma Peters June 24, 1945. Both are deceased.

William Hunter — Alice Winterquist

William Hunter, son of C.E. Hunter was born in Grandin in 1916. He married Alice Winterquist also of Grandin and they farmed in the Grandin vicinity until his death in 1953. Two children were born to this union: Gerald, who lives in Oregon and with whom Alice resides, and Fern, who lives in California.

Louis Jalbert — Elizabeth Paladeau

Louis Jalbert was born November 1, 1849 in Portland, Maine. As a young man he moved to Quebec, Canada where he was a steam engineer.

There he met and married Elizabeth Paladeau, July, 1870. To this union ten children were born: John, William, George, Arthur, Fred, Charles, Arnold, Annie, Mrs. John Weller; Jennie, Mrs. Albert Elliott; Agnes, Mrs. Fred Winterquist. All are deceased.

In 1872 they moved to North Dakota in the Grandin territory where they lived until Mr. Jalbert's death in February, 1925.

Mrs. Jalbert passed away in January, 1921.

When they moved to Grandin Territory, east of town, there was no railroad or town. They had to travel on foot to Fargo to get their supplies. Later they got a team of oxen.

Then the Village of Quincy was built. There they got their supplies as a steam boat came up the Red River from Fargo to Grand Forks. (1956)

Arnold Jalbert — Lorine Skyberg

Arnold Jalbert married Lorine Skyberg. They have three children: Lewie, Elizabeth and Daryl.

Lewie Jalbert was united in marriage to Frances Ludwig. They have four sons: Ronald, Russell, Lynn and Bryan. (1956)

Lewie Jalbert — Frances Ludwig

Lewie Jalbert was born February 16, 1917, in Noble Township to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jalbert. He married Frances Ludwig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ludwig, Hillsboro, North Dakota, on March 2, 1938.

To this union four sons were born:

Ronald, who is married to Jane Goglin, lives at Sheldon, North Dakota. They have three children, Jeffery, age 14, Jana, age 11, and Jason who is 1.

Russell (see Russell Jalbert Family)

Lynn, who married Margaret Kuehl, lives at Horace, North Dakota. They have three children, Richard, age 16, Julie, age 13, and Kory who is 8.

Bryan, who married Mary Ellen Shirek lives at Enderlin, North Dakota. They have two children, Gaynell, 13, and Jamison who is 9.

Lewie and Frances lived in Noble Township until 1967 when they moved to their present residence in Grandin.

Russell Jalbert — Geri Gilbery

Russ, the son of Lewie and Frances Ludwig Jalbert, was born September 15, 1940. He graduated from Grandin High School in 1958 and then began farming with his father. On February 3, 1967, he married Geri Gilbery of Glyndon, Minnesota. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Belle (Faye) Gilbery and has four sisters, Joan, Becky, Donna, and Avalee.

Geri is a beautician and before her marriage was employed at the Plaza Beauty Salon in Moorhead, Minnesota. From 1972 to 1975 she owned the Nu-U-Beauty Salon in Grandin.

They have three children: Sean Russell, born August 18, 1970, Shannon Gilbery, born November 4, 1973, and daughter Sommer Gail, born July 21, 1978.

In August of 1975 Russ and Geri bought and moved the Grant Humphrey house to their farm. This house was built by William Young and Joseph Humphrey in 1910 with all of the lumber purchased at Alexandria, Minnesota, and shipped to Grandin by rail. They completely remodeled the home and moved into it in July of 1976.

Fire destroyed their mobile home on January 5, 1976, so they lived elsewhere until their home was ready.

The Jalberts are both members of the Presbyterian Church. Geri has taught Sunday School.

George H. Johnson

George H. Johnson and his family came to Dakota Territory in 1870. They came from Ontario, Canada by wagon and settled at what was known as Quincy, Dakota Territory.

A son, John Johnson, was born after they settled here and was the first child born in Quincy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson had seven children: Joseph, John, Frank, Mary, Elizabeth, Clara and Florence.

They operated a hotel and store in the early days, which was also a stop for the Hudson Bay stage coach.

Grain was loaded from an elevator near the river onto river boats to be hauled to Fargo. Lumber for the first building in Quincy was floated on rafts from Fargo. Later the railroad was built from Fargo north on the Minnesota side of the river and most of the town of Quincy moved to Hendrum. Jim Johnson, brother of George, settled on a farm near Kelso. He was a building mover and moved some of the buildings from Quincy to Hendrum. (1956)

John F. Johnson — Elizabeth Jane Walker

John F. Johnson was born in Huron County, Ontario, Canada in 1855.

Elizabeth Jane Walker was born in Huron County, Ontario, Canada in 1858.

They were married in 1876 and moved to Dakota Territory in the Spring of 1878 and filed on a homestead in Kelso Township, Traill County, D.T. where they farmed until Mr. Johnson died in 1936.

Mrs. Johnson died in 1938.

They had eight children: John Robert, William, Thomas Garfield, Kathryn, Walker, G. McLain, Eva, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, and Ruth, Mrs. S.G. Humphrey.

All of the children are deceased except Mrs. J.B. (Eva) Johnson and Mrs. S. Grant (Ruth) Humphrey. (1956 updated 1980)

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John Johnson — Elizabeth Gilham



John Johnson was born in England on September 14, 1862. As a young man he came to America settling at Grandin, North Dakota. He married Elizabeth Gilham, Embledon, England in 1890.

To this union were born three children: Edward W. Johnson, Glen Burnie, Maryland; Eleanor, Mrs. Alex Henkel, Fargo, North Dakota; Doris, Mrs. Emil Roschman, Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Johnson was in the blacksmith and hardware business for twenty-eight years. The family moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 1917, there he was interested in real estate and farming.

Mrs. Johnson passed away in 1927, and Mr. Johnson in 1942. (1956)

Edward Johnston



Edward Johnston was born in Eastern Canada in 1870. He married Margaret McKinley and to this union were born four children: Florence, Golden, Alton, and Elmer.

Mr. Johnston was foreman on Grandin Farm No. 1. They homesteaded six miles northwest of Grandin in 1876.

Mrs. Johnston died in 1893.

In 1895 Mr. Johnston married Ellen McClincy. They had five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston returned to Eastern Canada in 1913. They passed away in 1940. (1956)

Marty Johnson — Violet Winterquist

Marty Johnson was born at Maddock, North Dakota, in 1910 of immigrant parents. After finishing high school, he worked on several farms before attending Dunwoodie Industrial Institute. He started working for Alvin Peterson at the Grandin Garage in 1938. On June 4th, 1939, he and Violet Winterquist were married in Elm River Township. From this union three sons were born: Tim in 1946 and twins Mark and Marty in 1949. After returning from World War II, he formed a partnership with Alvin Peterson, which continued until Alvin retired in 1964. Marty retired on December 31, 1972, and now lives at Battle Lake, Minnesota. Marty and Violet have eight grandchildren. He served as the Village Assessor, on the School Board, in the Armed Forces and as a Charter member of the Grandin Fire Department.

Timothy Johnson — Joyce Buzick

Tim Johnson was born at Grandin, North Dakota, in 1946, son of Marty Johnson and Violet Winterquist. He attended Grandin School, worked and later owned the Grandin Garage. On August 19, 1963, he and Joyce Buzick were married. Joyce is the daughter of Earl Nelson Buzick, who was deceased in 1956, and Hilda Olene Malingen still residing at Gardner, North Dakota, where Joyce was born and raised. From this union two sons were born: Troy Alan in 1964 and Chad Darin in 1968. Joyce works at Grandin Manufacturing Company.

Donald Keller — Debra Hestbeck



Donald Dale Keller was born to Anthony and Adeline (Bruckner) Keller on May 11, 1953, at Fargo, North Dakota. He is the youngest of five children. He attended

school at Fargo, graduating from Shanley in 1971. He began work at Grandin Manufacturing in 1973 and is presently employed there. He moved to Grandin in 1974.

Debra Hestbeck was born to Jake and Adeline (Ohnstad) Hestbeck on November 21, 1956, at Argusville, North Dakota. She attended school at Argusville, graduating in 1975. She is presently employed at the Northwestern State Bank of Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Don and Debbie were married at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo, North Dakota, on August 22, 1975. They are members of St. Williams Church in Argusville. They are the Youth Directors at St. Williams. Debbie also teaches CCD classes. Don is a past member of the Grandin Community and Civic Club and is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department in Grandin.

They operate a small bee-keeping business which they started in 1977.

O.C. Keen

O.C. Keen was born in Norway in 1850 and resided in the Grandin community from 1878 until his death in 1933. He was survived by four daughters and two sons. (1956)

Martin C. Kinyon



Martin C. Kinyon was born at Plymouth, Michigan, on May 30, 1842. In 1865 he was married to Lorinda Johnson. The family came to North Dakota where they homesteaded on a claim a mile and a quarter east of Grandin. They lived here until 1890

when he sold the farm and moved to Kalispell, Montana.

Mrs. Kinyon passed away in 1891.

They moved back to Michigan and farmed there until 1897 when Mr. Kinyon married Mable Baylee in 1901. They moved to Cashmere, Washington, in 1910 where Mr. Kinyon passed away on March 22, 1915.

His children were Minnie K., Mrs. W. Milton Clark, deceased; Charles E., Michigan; and Harry M., Cashmere, Washington. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Klimek

Mr. and Mrs. Klimek were married April 5, 1975 and resided in Moorhead until they came to Grandin to assist in the care of Mrs. Klimek's daughter, Mrs. Wallace Henderson who was very ill. Vera Henderson passed away in 1978. In the meantime Mr. Klimek went to work at Agway.

Carl and Nora Korup

Carl and Nora Korup retired and moved to Grandin in 1973 after living in Hillsboro for more than thirty years.

Carl, whose parents came from Denmark, was one of eight children, five boys and three girls. He was born in Hunter where his sister Carla and brother Walter still reside.

Nora's parents came from Norway. She was one of eight children, four boys and four girls. She was born in South Dakota where her eighty-five year old brother still lives.

Carl and Nora have two children, Sonja and Cordell. Sonja and her husband, Robert Loucks, reside in Alexandria, Minnesota with their three children. Cordell and his wife, Gwen, have two children and live in Fargo.

Carl and Nora spend their summers at their cottage on Lake Ida near Lake Park, Minnesota.

They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in April of 1979.



Jack Lawrence — Rossanna Hagaboam



Jack Lawrence was born in Forfarshire, Scotland in 1846 and came to this area in 1879. He homesteaded three miles south of Grandin. He married Rossanna Hagaboam, who was born in 1855, in eastern Ontario, Canada in 1881. They farmed there until 1919, then retired to Grandin until their deaths in 1926.

Alexander, born at Forfarshire February 16, 1857, came to the area with his brother, Jack, and farmed next to him. He farmed this land in Kinyon Township until he sold it in 1942 and continued to live on the farm until his death March 10, 1951.

Frank R. Lawrence, another brother born, in Scotland March 2, 1864, followed in 1883. He married Johanna Hagen, a Norwegian immigrant in 1889. They farmed southeast of Grandin until they moved to California. After two years, they moved to Alexandria, Minnesota, then moved to Hendrum. They died childless. Frank in 1954 and his wife in 1950.

Preceding Frank, William Lawrence came to this area in 1881. He, too, was born in Forfarshire in 1859. William was a well driller and worked on farms around Grandin. He married a Canadian, Isabella Logan, at Hillsboro on March 11, 1889. Eight children were born: John, Leslie, George, Florence, Donald, Helen, Mabel and Esther. Mrs. Lawrence came to Hillsboro with her parents in 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence farmed near Grandin and Gardner until 1926. Both parents died in 1940. Their children still living are: Donald and Karen, his wife, in Wisconsin; Helen (Mrs. Bill Thompson) in Jamestown, North Dakota; Mabel Fagot from Oakland, California died September 30, 1975.

Leslie Maynard Lawrence was born in Noble Township on May 24, 1898, and grew up on a farm there. Emma Louise Krumm, his wife, was born at Durbin, November 30, 1898. They were married January 3, 1923, at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Their two sons were born in Fargo; Robert Leslie on December 19, 1923 and William Alexander July 15, 1925.

Leslie purchased the farm where his uncles, John and Alexander, homesteaded in Kinyon Township, section 14, where his wife Emma still lives. Leslie passed away September 14, 1973.

Robert Lawrence graduated from Gardner High School in 1943. He married Alice Andersen, Fargo, North Dakota, on September 23, 1944, entering the army in November of that year. He served in Italy and was discharged in 1947. They have four children: Robert Henry, David Leslie, John Kenneth and Debra Jean, as well as six grandchildren. They reside in San Dimas, California where Robert is sales manager of California Hardware Company.

William Alexander Lawrence graduated from Gardner High School in 1943. He farmed in partnership with his father until Leslie's death at which time Bill continued the farming operation.

On October 6, 1951, Bill married Clarice Doreen Gustafson from Starbuck, Manitoba, Canada. She attended school there and later business college in Winnipeg. She was an auditor at the T. Eaton Co. Mail Order there.

In the fall of 1951 their new home was built by John Gordon Construction on the land homesteaded by Alexander Lawrence. A large addition was built on the home in 1974.

Two sons were born to them in Fargo. Donald William arrived on our second anniversary, October 6, 1953. His brother Dean Leslie, born December 25, 1956. Don graduated from Grandin High School in 1971, and in 1974 graduated from California Lutheran Bible School at Los Angeles. Later he attended Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he met and married his wife, Pamela Joy Larson from Hillsboro, North Dakota, on April 20, 1976. They make their home in Fargo. Don is employed at Georgia Pacific Corp. Pam is in the personnel department at Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Fargo, North Dakota.

Dean graduated from Grandin High School in May of 1975. Presently he is attending Northwestern College, Roseville, Minnesota, and during the summer and fall months is employed on the farm.

The Bill Lawrence family and Emma are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Hendrum, Minnesota. We are grateful for the many blessings the Lord has provided in the past and only in Him can we put our trust for the future. (By Mrs. Bill (Clarice) Lawrence.)

John Lee — Lena Flagstad



John Lee and Lena Flagstad came to America as young people and settled near Halstad, Minnesota. John Lee homesteaded in Beltrami, Minnesota, and Lena Flagstad worked in the

vicinity of Halstad for some time. They were married in 1887 and moved to Casselton, North Dakota, and worked on the farm known as the Dalrymple Farm No. 1. They moved to Grandin where he worked for Godfrey Knight and Colby Brothers near Grandin.

Mr. Lee worked on the railroad in Grandin for some time and then became section foreman which position he held for twenty-five years.

Mrs. Lee served as a nurse for many years while Doctor Weible was one of the local doctors.

In later years Mr. Lee was janitor of the Grandin school until his death in March 1923. To them two sons were born: Ole and Gilbert.

Mrs. Lee passed away on August 4th, 1950. One son preceded her in death. (1956)

Ryan R. Leinen Family

Ryan R. Leinen was born to Rolland and Rita Leinen of Doran, Minnesota, in 1955. Eldest of three children, he was raised on his parents farm and attended Breckenridge schools. He continued his education at the University of Minnesota-Crookston, where he received his degree in Agricultural Business Management.

Upon graduation from the University, Ryan accepted employment with Grain Terminal Association, Doran, Minnesota. After four years of service with GTA, he accepted the managerial position at Dakota Fertilizer and Chemical, Inc., in Grandin the fall of 1978.

Dorothy J. Leinen is the daughter of Mrs. Rose and the late William C. Mertes of Breckenridge, Minnesota. Born to a railroad brakeman, she was the ninth of the 14 children in the family. (eight daughters, six sons) Mrs. Leinen studied in Breckenridge schools for twelve years and then continued her studies at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minnesota. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education in the summer of 1976.

The Leinens met the following summer and were wed in Breckenridge in December of 1978.

Oscar Lindgren



Oscar Lindgren and Signe Jonsson immigrated to Hope, North Dakota, from Halsingland, Soderhamn, Sweden, in 1914 and were married the same year at Hope.

Farming in that area for 10 years, they moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota, Hillsboro Township in 1925. Eight children were born to this union; five in the Hope area and three at Hillsboro.

They are: Sigurd, Fargo; Halger, Hillsboro-Fargo; Helen (Works), San Diego; Ruth (Barrett), San Diego;

Vivian (Thompson), Los Angeles; Violette (Warner), Halstad-Fargo; Oscar Jr., Fargo; and Donald, Fargo.

The family moved to Grandin with the three youngest children, Violette, Oscar Jr., and Donald, in 1945, having purchased a farm east of Grandin, 240 acres (Section 2) and 140 acres (Section 10) in Kinyon Township. Mr. Lindgren operated a dairy cattle-small grain farm. Signe died in 1952 and is buried at Hillsboro Riverside Cemetery.

Oscar continued to operate the farm until 1974 when illness prompted his retirement. The farm is presently operated by his grandson, Gary Lindgren (Lindgren Farms).

Oscar married Anna Udd Johnson in 1955 at Hillsboro Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Anna had also immigrated from Soderhamn, Sweden and had lived in Montana and California, most recently having a home in Redding, California, where they spent their winters until Oscar became ill.

Oscar and Anna retired to Fargo in 1974-78 and are now residents of the Halstad Lutheran Memorial Home. At present, there are 23 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. (Oct. 1980)

Donald and Carole Lindgren

Donald Lindgren moved to a farm at Grandin with his parents in 1945 from Hillsboro, North Dakota. He attended seventh through twelfth grades at the Grandin School.

Donald Lindgren married Carole Foster November 10, 1951. Donald and Carole and family lived in a house on main street of Grandin from 1955 to 1965. Randy and Teresa attended the elementary school at Grandin. Donald worked at the Cargill Grain Elevator as a bookkeeper during those years.

The family moved to Fargo, North Dakota, and Donald began an insurance career with Great West Life in 1965. He is currently assistant manager of the State Branch Office.

Donald and Carole's family currently consists of three children who are as follows:

A son, Randy J. Lindgren, Patrolman, Fargo Police Department, his wife Rosita and their son John.

A daughter, Teresa L. (Mrs. Richard) Garske, Registered Nurse, St. Luke's Hospital, her husband Richard, owner Valley Manufacturing.

A son, Matthew D., age nine, student, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. V.E. (Manne) Lindgren



V.E. (Manne) Lindgren was born in Sweden in 1890 and came to Steele County, North Dakota, in 1907 at the young age of 16½.

Mrs. Lindgren, the former Marie Harveland, was born

at Pickert, North Dakota, in 1897. They were married in 1918 and farmed in the Hope, North Dakota, area

until they purchased the Fagot farm at Grandin in 1933.

She died in 1973, Manne in 1975.

There were three children: Mrs. Stanley (Elsie) Koepke, Donnelly, Minnesota; Willis and Wallace, both of Gardner, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sund and family now reside on their farm.

James Thompson Lockhart — Alice Maud Claughten



Mrs. J.T. Lockhart, Alice Maud Claughten, born in Toronto, Canada August 17, 1863, died March 1936.

Mr. J.T. Lockhart, James Thompson, born in Wood-

stock, Ontario, Canada, February 20, 1860, died April 1938.

The Lockharts came to Grandin, North Dakota, in 1887 and bought their first farm in Kelso Township.

Four years later they sold it and bought a 400 acre farm in Elm River Township. In 1914 they bought the Herman Section where they lived until their death.

James Thompson Lockhart, the forebear of the Lockharts, still residing in the Grandin and Fargo area, came to Dakota Territory, an orphan of 19 years, as a teamster for the former Joseph Simm. These two had lived in close proximity in the rural area between Woodstock and Inniskip, Ontario, Canada.

After one season preparing for a wheat crop, Joseph Simm returned to Ontario to marry a sister of J.T. Lockhart, Maria. That severe winter of 1879-80 James Thompson spent alone in a one-board shack and tended the horses of Joseph Simm which were housed in a barn. He had to shovel his way into the loft door and carry water to them that way. His supply of bread, no doubt from the ovens of Mrs. Duncan MacFarlane, hung on a nail in a Bemis bag on the wall, and because of the cold, had to be sliced with a meat saw for his meals.

J.T. followed the building of the grain elevators to the town of St. Thomas, North Dakota, and there he met his wife-to-be, Alice Maud Claughten, formerly of Toronto, Canada. Her father and two brothers had homesteaded land some distance to the west at Osna-brook, North Dakota, and when that was sold she and J.T. Lockhart came to locate on a quarter next to the Simms and farmed in the Grandin vicinity the rest of their lives. Maud died in 1936, J.T. in 1938. Ten children were born to them: Ada (Mrs. R.F. Gunkelman), Roy D., Lloyd, Ralph, Clarence, John (Jack) and his twin Isabelle, Alnetta, Charlotte and Irene. The eldest son, Roy, stayed in the farming business in the vicinity. (1956 updated 1980 - as told to Ruth by J.T., as told to Patricia by Ruth)

Roy Lockhart — Ruth MacDonald

In 1936 Roy Lockhart married Ruth MacDonald, daughter of the Reverend John MacDonald, who at the time was pastor of the Grandin Presbyterian Church. Rev. MacDonald had come to Grandin in the spring of 1932 with two sons, John Gordon, and William Maurice, and one other daughter, Margaret. The last two graduated from Grandin High School.

Roy D. and his wife, Ruth, were the parents of one son, Roy Donald Lockhart, born in 1946. He attended Grandin School and was graduated in 1964. He then attended Wahpeton State School of Science until he enlisted in the Marine Corps. In 1967 he was sent to Vietnam where he earned a Bronze Star and was meritoriously promoted in the field. He returned to the Grandin area in 1968.

Roy D. Lockhart died in 1969 at the age of 81. All of his brothers and sisters, except Charlotte and Jack are now also deceased. Ruth, his wife, lives at the family homestead which they bought in 1942. They built a new residence on the site, just north of the Elm River Bridge in 1949. (As told to Ruth by J.T., as told to Patricia by Ruth.)

R. Donald Lockhart Family

R. Donald Lockhart took over the farming operation of his father, Roy, in 1969. After serving two years in the USMC with duty in Vietnam, he returned in the fall of 1968 to assist his father, who was ill. After his father's death in 1969, he assumed the Lockhart farming operation along with his mother, Ruth.

A 1972 graduate of Moorhead State College, he married the former Patricia Miller (a 1973 graduate of Moorhead State College) in Moorhead, Minnesota, on December 22, 1973. She was a native of Moorhead and a former high school English teacher. They moved to Grandin from Clara City, Minnesota, in June 1974 and rented the former home of Wilmar Vinje from April 1974-October 1974.

Still involved in farming, in November 1974 they moved to the home of Shirley Belcher, east of Grandin, who vacated upon their rental. On November 16, 1974, their daughter Kelley Rae was born. They continued to farm, and in 1976 purchased the former Olin Chemical fertilizer plant in Grandin and converted it into a seed cleaning and elevator operation.

On December 15, 1976, their son, Samuel John was born. Ross Donald was born April 10, 1981.

Patricia Lockhart served on the Cass Valley North School board from 1976-1979. Donald Lockhart served on the Trail County Crop Improvement Board from 1979-1981. In 1979 the Lockharts built a home on the farmstead of Ruth Lockhart and presently reside there.

Lloyd B. Lockhart — Margaret Grace Muir

Maude Lockhart died in 1936 and her husband, J.T. Lockhart, died in 1938. One of their sons, Lloyd B. Lockhart, and his family lived in California, and he returned to North Dakota in 1938. He rented the family farm until 1943 when he purchased it.

Lloyd B. Lockhart married Margaret Grace Muir in Montana on March 1, 1919, and their daughter,

Irene, was born on February 26, 1920. Irene married Walt Renman of Montana after World War II on November 14, 1945. Their son, Howard, lives in Washington, D.C., and their daughter, Kathleen, lives in California.

Lloyd remained on the farm during the farm season but returned to California each winter until he passed away there in 1970.

After Lloyd's death his widow, Margaret, and daughter, Irene, both living in California, have managed the farm and have returned each year to North Dakota during the farm season.

Louis William Lusso — Margaret Matheson



Louis William Lusso was born at Three Oaks, Michigan, October 27, 1876. He came to the Grandin area as a young man July 7, 1896, as a farm laborer. Here he met Margaret Matheson who was employed on a neighboring farm. She was born June 25, 1874, at Inneskip, Ontario, Canada. They were married December 21, 1898, in Canada—returning to the Grandin area in the spring of 1899 to begin farming on their own.

Louis and Margaret had five children:

Joseph C. Lusso married to Cecelia Boeddeker farmed in the Hillsboro area until his death March 15, 1980.

Ella married to George Walters resided in Fargo.

Margaret married to Rudolph Knutson resided at Hendrum.

Louis (Clifford) married to Myrtle Starberg farmed in the Grandin area.

William A. Lusso married to Magda Skansgaard and remained farming the home farm.

Louis passed away January 6, 1960, Margaret following in death 4 years later April 2, 1964.

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William (Bill) Lusso



William (Bill) Lusso the youngest of Louis and Margaret Lusso was born on the home farm June 30, 1909. He lived and farmed with his father until Louis' death in 1960. Then Bill took over the farming operation. He married Magda Borghild Skansgaard July 17, 1962. Magda passed away December 20, 1970.

Bill has been active as Elm River Township Super-

visor for 15 years; Treasurer of Quincy Cemetery; and served as Trustee and Elder of Grandin Presbyterian Church. Retired from farming, Bill still makes his home on the original farmstead where he was born and raised.

Stamper Logsdon — Elizabeth Hayes

Stamper Logsdon was born in Louisville, Kentucky, October 30, 1863. Later he went to Morrisonville, Illinois, where he married Elizabeth A. Hayes. In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon moved to North Dakota with their five daughters: Nellie, Mrs. R.H. Hammer; Myrtle, Mrs. Samuel Oien; Alpha, Grace, Mrs. Archite Spittler, and Mary, Mrs. J.E. LeClerc. Their first home was near Kelso.

In 1914-15 Alpha taught the first four grades in the Grandin School.

In 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon and Alpha moved to a farm about two miles north of Grandin. From 1929 to 1936 Alpha taught grades seven and eight in the Grandin school.

Due to ill health, Mr. Logsdon went to Salem, Oregon, to live with his daughter, Mrs. R.W. Hammer in 1930. Mrs. Logsdon followed in December of the same year. Both have since passed away. All five daughters now live in Salem, Oregon. (1956)

Kenneth Lougheed — Laura Ekern

Ken is the son of Lloyd and Roma Lougheed who reside on a farm five miles east and two miles north of Gardner, North Dakota. He graduated from Hendrum-Perley High and North Dakota State University in 1978. He specialized in mechanical agriculture and is presently farming. Laura is the daughter of Carl, Jr., and Evelyn Ekern and was raised in Fargo. She graduated from Fargo South High School and Moorhead State University where she earned a de-

gree in elementary education in 1978. She taught school for two years.

Ken and Laura were married June 15, 1979, and are presently residing in Grandin.

They have one daughter, Lisa.

Duncan MacFarlane — Isabella Lyon



Duncan MacFarlane was born at Scone in the highlands of Perthshire, Scotland, December 9, 1838. He received his education in Perth, Scotland, after

which he served a three year apprenticeship in the grocery store business. As a young man he came to Toronto, Ontario. There he worked in a wholesale grocery establishment for several years. He then moved to Huron County, Ontario, where he had purchased a small farm.

Here he met and married Isabella Lyon. She was born in Dundee, Scotland, March 31, 1852. She had come to Canada with her parents at the age of three years. The journey to America was made by sailship and took over ten weeks in crossing the Atlantic. Duncan MacFarlane came to Dakota Territory in the summer of 1879 and purchased a farm just north of the present village of Grandin. He then went back to Canada to return in March 1880, bringing with him Mrs. MacFarlane and the family, then consisting of one girl and three boys.

That year the St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Manitoba Railway Company, surveyed their right-of-way. Grading of the roadbed was completed from Grand Forks to Fargo in the fall of 1880. Steel was laid only as far as Grandin in 1880. It was completed to Fargo in 1881.

Mrs. MacFarlane was kept busy in the early days, not only with her family duties, but also by baking bread for a number of bachelor settlers, and by boarding railway surveyors and carpenters. After preparing part of his own land for crop, Duncan with oxen broke a great deal of land for some of the homesteaders who had not yet purchased machinery, oxen or horses.

The MacFarlanes were enthusiastically interested in the organization of the first church and the first school in Grandin. When Grandin had grown into a busy little prairie town, Mr. MacFarlane started a market garden which supplied the community with fresh vegetables, potatoes and small fruit. He also found time to care for a very large garden of flowers which bloomed from spring until late fall.

Mr. MacFarlane was clerk of Kelso Township for a good many years and for a time was Treasurer of the Kelso School district. Mr. and Mrs. MacFarlane were charter members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder until his death July 20, 1907.

Mrs. MacFarlane died July 4, 1933.

In the MacFarlane family there were ten children, two girls: Jessie and Isabella, and eight boys, David,

Donald, Harry, William, James, John, Neil and Roland. William was the first child born in Kelso Township. (1956)

Neil MacFarlane — Nellie Fugate

Neil MacFarlane was born at Grandin August 30, 1890. He attended school at Grandin after which he worked about a year for the Farmers Elevator Co. He then took up station work and telegraphy at the Grandin station.

On May 3, 1912, he went as station helper to Reynolds, and May 11, 1912, was sent to relieve the agent at Cummings. On May 3, 1917 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served for two-and one-half years. On his discharge from the Navy he returned to Cummings where he remained until coming to Grandin as agent for the Great Northern Railway. Since coming to Grandin he served 22 years on the school board, about ten years as Treasurer of Kelso Township. He also served several years as President of the Grandin Community Club.

On June 28, 1923, he married Nellie Fugate at Hillsboro, North Dakota. Mrs. MacFarlane was born at Staffor, Kansas, June 23, 1892. She was graduated from high school at Aurora, Illinois. She also attended Normal School at DeKalb, Illinois, The Art Institute at Chicago, and the Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota.

Mrs. MacFarlane has taught in several schools in Traill County. She served twelve years as 4-H Club Leader. She has also been active in Ladies Aid and Mission Societies of the Church.

The MacFarlanes have two sons, Neil Jr., and Roland, both of whom have served two years in the Army. Neil, in the Philippines and Japan, and Roland in Germany. They are now engaged in farming in this community. Two daughters, Winifred, at home and Barbara.

Nellie MacFarlane died in October of 1959, Neil, Sr. in 1967 and Barbara J.M. Adsero in April of 1976.

Neil, Jr. works for Agway and engages in farming. Roland owns the Elm River Garden Center greenhouse and nursery and engages in farming. Winifred helps in the greenhouse and elsewhere. (1956 updated 1980).

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Elmer Madsen — Bette Werner



Elmer Madsen, manager of the Cargill Elevator, Grandin, was born May 31, 1920, at Starkweather, North Dakota. He married Bette Werner of Hampden, North Dakota, on August 14, 1941. Elmer served in World War II as an Army MP attached to the 8th Air Force and served from July 1942 to December 1945 in England. After his discharge he was employed by Cargill at Gluek, Minnesota. In 1948 they moved to Wolford, North Dakota, where Elmer managed the Woodworth Elevator. They moved to Rugby in 1953 where he worked as a field auditor for the Woodworth Co. In 1955 they moved to Gardner where Elmer worked for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons managing the Gardner Elevator and in 1964 they moved to Grandin where Elmer managed the Gunkelman Elevator until 1970. Since then he has managed the Cargill Elevator in Grandin.

Elmer and Bette have four children: Michael, born September 24, 1946, married Karen Oien, Grandin and lives in Phoenix, Arizona. They have two children Eric, born July 9, 1970, and Aaron, born August 31, 1972; Joy (see Jon McSparron family); Mark, born December 18, 1949, married Vicki Jeffers, Hillsboro. They live in Hillsboro with their three children: Ricky, born November 17, 1966, Kelly, born July 26, 1968, and Steven, born September 19, 1973; and Ted (see Ted Madsen family).

Ted Madsen — Sheila Harpestad

Ted William Madsen was born January 18, 1954, in Rugby, North Dakota, the youngest son of Elmer and Bette (Werner) Madsen. He lived at Rugby until 1955 when he moved with his family to Gardner, North Dakota. Ted attended grade school in Gardner until 1964 when he moved to Grandin. He continued school in Grandin until 1970 when he went to Hansen Mechanical Trade School in Fargo, graduating in 1974. During the winters of 1974-75 Ted worked for Lunde Implement Co., of Hampden, North Dakota, where he met Sheila Harpestad.

Sheila Ann Harpestad was born to Robert and Dorothy (Melland) Harpestad on March 30, 1957, at Devils Lake, North Dakota. She lived on a farm near Hampden where her father farmed. The family moved in to Hampden in 1972, where Sheila attended school and graduated in 1975.

On June 6, 1975, Ted and Sheila were married at Loma, North Dakota. They make their home at Grandin on the Ed Buringrud farm where Ted has worked and farmed with Mr. Buringrud since 1966. They have now formed a partnership. During the winter months Ted drives a semi-truck for Humphrey Farms of Grandin.

A daughter, April, was born on April 6, 1978, at St Luke's Hospital in Fargo. A son, Kyle James, was born January 18, 1981.

Magnus Magnuson — Ione Mickelson

Magnus was born in Halstad, Minnesota, in March of 1921, the son of Peder and Serina Magnuson.

The family moved to Elm River Township in 1925, living first on what is known as the Roderick Robertson farm. Later Peder also bought the former Bill McCoy farm and moved there in 1929. Magnus and Ione live on this place. Magnus has three brothers and three sisters: brothers Elmer, Norman and Sherman are all deceased. The sisters are Mrs. Kenneth (Clara) Jones of Moorhead; Mrs. Clarence (Thelma) Smerud of Cavalier, North Dakota; and Mrs. Paul (Agnes) Hviding, Hendrum, Minnesota.

In 1942 he married Ione Mickelson of Shelly, Minnesota. Magnus and Ione took over the farming operation when Peder and Serina moved in to Hendrum in 1951. They have five children: Sig, married to Linda Bergen has two children, Lisa and Troy, and farms at Georgetown, Minnesota. Earl, married Linda Anderson, lives in Fargo where he is employed by the firm of Abbott, Arne, and Schwindt. Gary, married Annette Baum has two children, Bradley and Michelle and lives in Simi Valley, California, and is employed by Continental Can Co. Tim, married Yvonne Kragness, has two children, Jason and Jeremy, lives in Hillsboro and works for Cargill, Inc., in Grandin. Connie, married John Nygaard, has one son, Aaron, and resides in Moorhead. John is employed at General Nutrition in Fargo.

All of the children attended the Elm River rural school until it closed, then finished their education in the Hendrum school.

Magnus farmed until retiring because of poor health. He served on the Elm River school board and the family are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Hendrum.

Lewis J. Margach — Anne Jolly

Lewis J. Margach was born in Scotland, September 29, 1859. He came to America when he was twenty-three years old and lived in Fargo, North Dakota. There he married Anne Jolly, also a native of Scotland, in December, 1886.

Mr. Margach was a carpenter and cabinet maker.

They moved to Grandin in 1892 where he had a carpenter shop and was Justice of the Peace for many years.

Four children were born: Isabelle, Mrs. A.T. McSparron; Anne, Mrs. R. W. Pratt; James, and William.

Mr. Margach died in 1931. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. David Mahar (Kay)

Married June 18, 1960, at Hickson, North Dakota. Dave was born and raised in the Fargo area and Kay was born and raised in Hickson, North Dakota. After our marriage in 1960 we lived in Hickson until August of 1962 when we moved to Grandin and lived on the Dan Downs farm just east of Grandin. In May 1964 we moved into the Gunkelman Company home next to the John and Alice Gordon residence and remained there until October 1970. Dave and Kay both worked for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons until they closed down in July of 1970. We moved to Fargo in October of 1970 and remained there until we built our home in Hickson in 1975. Kay is employed by the Oxbow Country Club and Dave is employed by Concord Tractor Company as Quality Control. We have two children, Kristie who is 19 and going to college at Valley City and Scott who is 18 and a senior at Kindred High School, planning to attend Valley City College after graduation. The most memorable times of our lives as a family were spent in Grandin and we still feel very much a part of the community.

Marvin Martinson — Beverly Knutson

My grandfather, Samuel E. Hovland was born May 14, 1848, in Skudesnas, Norway and came to America in 1875. In his early years Sam had been a seaman. After coming here he worked at the Grandin Farms as did many of the old timers.

Sam homesteaded the N.W. ¼ of Section 18 - 144 - 49 in 1887. This is where we now live. Later he bought the S.W. ¼ of section 7-144-49. The abstract shows it had been N.P. land, later belonging to the Dalrymples.

Sam Hovland first married about 1879 to Malena Olson who died in 1885. Later he married Inga Egan. Two girls and one boy were born to each of these marriages. My mother, Lena, was born to the second marriage in 1891.

Martin Martinson, Dad, was born in Nordraland, Norway on January 17, 1884. In May 1903 he came to Hillsboro and worked as a section hand on the railroad. He also spent three years working for Asle Ingebritson who farmed north of Hillsboro. Later he farmed in Kelso Township in partnership with Charlie Steen. Dad and Mother were married in Hillsboro in 1922. They then farmed here in Elm River Township until 1950. They moved to Hillsboro about 1948 and resided there until they passed away.

I was born to Martin and Lena Martinson in 1927, and married Beverly Knutson of Neilsville, Minnesota, in 1950. We have two children, a daughter, Kay, was born in 1953 and our son, Paul, was born in 1956. Kay teaches at Starbuck, Minnesota, and Paul is farming with me.

William A. Margach — Alice Rosenau

William A. Margach, born February 9, 1894, was a life-long Grandin resident. He attended Grandin school and Interstate Business College. During World War I he served on board ship as a Navy cook, making a number of trips between the U.S. and England.

Bill held a wide variety of jobs in the Grandin community. His occupations ranged from riding a motorcycle while a rural mail carrier to running a

barber shop and the Standard Service Station. He was also a professional painter and in 1949 became the town's Postmaster. Bill was a strong community supporter, especially involved with Grandin's early baseball team both as a player (catcher) and manager.

Alice Rosenau Margach was born February 25, 1905, on the original Rosenau farm west of Grandin. She was the first high school graduate from the new high school, attended Valley City Teacher's College and taught for several years in one room county schools in Clifford, Ridgeway and Kelso.

Bill and Alice were married May 1, 1937. Their only child, Kathryn Anne, was born January 13, 1941. During the 1940's the Margach family, like many other Grandin residents, roomed and boarded teachers during the school term. Later on, Bill's mother, Mrs. Anne Margach, also lived with them.

Following Bill's death in 1953, Alice became Grandin's Postmaster. She served in this position until she retired in 1974. Alice was noted for her strong involvement in both church and community organizations. She is also remembered for her pleasant personality always ready to listen to young and old alike. Alice passed away in 1978.

Kathryn Anne married David Vinje from Gardner in 1962. The Vinge's currently reside in Tacoma, Washington, where David is a college professor. They have two sons: William Edward (Billie) born in 1969, and Nicholas Coryle born in 1972.

Ray Mauseth



I was born at Medicine Hat, Canada December 4, 1910. My folks moved to North Dakota when I was three years old. I came to Grandin in the fall of 1917 with my parents who farmed one mile north and a half mile west of Grandin. They farmed there until the spring of 1931 when they moved to Fargo. That spring I went to Galesburg and worked on a farm.

In 1936 I went to Fargo and worked for a Maytag dealer there for twenty-five years. I was married in Fargo in 1938. I had a stepdaughter and adopted a boy. The girl is married and lives in Fargo and the boy is married and works for the Kohler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota.

I work on a farm near Galesburg and spend my winters at San Diego, California, with my dad.

brother and sister who live there. The picture of me was taken in January of 1980 aboard a cruise ship going to the Virgin Islands.

McAndrews Family



James McAndrew was born in Scotland and came to Canada as a young man to teach school.

The McAndrew family arrived in the Grandin area in the fall of 1881, coming from Huron

County, Ontario, Canada. James McAndrew (1841-1928) had been hired as the teacher at Quincy, Dakota Territory, a village on the Red River almost due east of Grandin. They purchased a farm just south of the village and the sons, John and James H., were put in charge of operating the original 100 acres. With help from the rest of the family, they gradually created one of the larger farms in the community. There were seven in the family: Mary, Margaret, John, James H., George, Annie and Alfred. Their mother, Margaret Ann (1841-1925), was always an inspiration by example to all the family in that she was very industrious and expected the same from her family.

James H. McAndrew farmed the home farm for many years and became well known as a grower of seed corn in the area. He was active in the Presbyterian Church and community affairs. He is survived by his wife; Grace of Sierra Madre, California.

John D. McAndrew farmed 1½ miles south of the home farm in Cass County. He too was active in the Presbyterian Church, was instrumental in the organization of a cooperative grain elevator in Hendrum and served on various boards in the community. His wife was Margaret Lamont of Canada. They spent their last several years in California. They raised two children: Agnes, who is now Mrs. Robert Coit of Ventura, California, and James A., who farmed from 1943 to 1973 on the Cass County farm. His wife is Doris Gage of Pasadena, California, originally. Both James and Doris carried on the tradition of close relationship with the Presbyterian Church and were active in Masonic Orders too. They have two children: James A. Jr., who is in an Optometrist in Fargo, North Dakota, and Margaret Ann who is with her parents and is a senior student at Torrey Pines High School, Solana Beach, California, where the family has lived since leaving the farm in 1973.

An annual visit to the Grandin-Hendrum community is something very important to this family. (1956 updated 1980)

Thomas and Catherine McCoy

Thomas and Catherine McCoy were both born in Eastern Canada and came to Dakota Territory in 1879.

Mr. McCoy was foreman for many years on the Grandin Farms. Afterwards they homesteaded the farm northeast of Grandin. Eleven children were born: William J., Vincent P., S.A., Alfred, Sister M. Angela, Sister M. dePazzi, Anastasia, Mrs. R.T. Cleary; Cecelia, Mrs. P.V. Dwyer; Tessie, all deceased except S.A. and Tessie. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. S.A. McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McCoy



Mr. and Mrs. S.A. McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McCoy were married at a double wedding ceremony in St. Thomas Church in Grandin in November 1917.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McCoy died within one

day of one another during the influenza epidemic of 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. S.A. McCoy have lived on a farm north of the McCoy homestead since their marriage. To them were born two children: Mrs. Leo Henn (Lucille) of Kelso, North Dakota, and Michael McCoy. All children are deceased. (1956 updated 1980)

Rev. John MacDonald



In 1932 the Rev. John MacDonald came to Grandin where he was pastor of the Grandin Presbyterian Church until 1937. The two older children, Ruth and Gordon, attended Jamestown College and the two younger children, Margaret and Mau-

rice, attended Grandin High School and graduated from there.

The MacDonalds moved to Victor, Montana, in 1938 and in 1948 the Rev. and Mrs. MacDonald retired and continued to live there.

Mrs. MacDonald died in 1953. Lieut. Wm. Maurice MacDonald was killed in Germany during World War II. Gordon is now with the state department of education at Sacramento, California. He has three children: Diane, Darrell, and Joanna. Margaret, Mrs. Alan Boyle, is now retired and lives at Walnut Creek, California; and Ruth, Mrs. Roy Lockhart, and her son Donald are engaged in farming in this vicinity. (1956 updated 1980)



Robert McCradie



Robert McCradie, Sr., was born in Ervine, Ayrshire, Scotland, April 4, 1829. He married Annie Drinnan of Hurlford Kilmarnock, Scotland, November 25, 1853.

To this union

were born three children: Margaret, James and Stewart.

Mrs. McCradie died September 1858.

Mr. McCradie married Margaret Drinnan, November 11, 1860. To this union were born three children: Annie, Fanny, and Robert.

Mr. McCradie, a carpenter, immigrated with his family to Lucknow, Ontario, Canada via Long Island, U.S.A. in 1861.

In 1878 they immigrated from Lucknow to the Dakota Territory, settling seven miles east of Grandin near Quincy—a Red River port and a stage coach stop.

Soon after the settlement was made at Quincy, Robert McCradie, Sr., and James McAndrew, Sr., began conducting Sunday School classes which later organized as a Presbyterian Church. This congregation continued as a church, (and held the distinction of being the first rural Presbyterian Church in North Dakota) until it consolidated with the Hendrum, Minnesota, Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. McCradie died at Quincy in 1911. Mr. McCradie died in 1913. (1956)

James McCradie — Isabella Arnott Forster



James McCradie was born in Ayrshire, Scotland April 21, 1856. When he was four years of age, the family immigrated to Lucknow, Ontario, Canada via L. I., New York. James received his education at Lucknow, and in 1878 he came with his parents to Dakota Territory where they settled on a farm seven miles east of Grandin. In a few years he purchased a nearby farm where he continued farming until his retirement in 1936

He married Isabella Arnott Forster of Lucknow, Ontario, December 19, 1883.

To this union were born four children: Jennie, Annie, Joseph, and Arnott.

Mrs. McCradie died December, 1935.

Jennie McCradie died October, 1935.

Joseph McCradie died July, 1936.

Mr. James McCradie died September, 1944.

Annie McCradie, a senior high school counselor, died March 8, 1966.

Arnott McCradie and family live at the McCradie farm in Elm River Township. (1956)

Arnott McCradie and Rowayn Elizabeth Connelly

Arnott McCradie married Rowayn Elizabeth Connelly of Ortonville, Minnesota, on September 25, 1936. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Gaskett and Daniel Connelly. They reside on the McCradie farm northeast of Grandin but are retired from active farming.

Mrs. McCradie has been active in genealogy research for thirty years and has traced her lineage back for many generations. She contributed to a book on her Wright ancestry and helped with the book the Lees and Kings of Virginia and North Carolina.

The McCradies have one son Arnott Daniel who was born August 1, 1938. He graduated from Grandin High School and spent one year at Moorhead State University. He then returned to Grandin to help his father with the farm. On June 10, 1963 he married Ardyce Londo of Naytahwash, Minnesota, and to this union two children were born. Danette on March 20, 1964 and Rebecca on August 23, 1965.

The Arnott Daniel McCradie family reside on a farm northeast of Grandin but he is employed by the Allis Chalmers Company as a salesman.

John McKenzie

John McKenzie was born in Forfarshire, Scotland on April 17, 1858. He came to the United States in 1879 and worked in Fargo for a few years before coming to Grandin. He worked on farms here and bought pre-emption rights on eighty acres in Kelso Township, later purchasing a farm in Kinyon Township.

In 1889 he married Mary Jolly also of Forfarshire. Four children were born to them: Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) Whittaker, Gordon. Mrs. J. Max (Jessie) Elliott, and Stuart all deceased.

Mr. McKenzie resided on the farm until 1918 when he retired and moved to California. In 1925 he married Elizabeth Currie who passed away in 1927. Mr. McKenzie died on May 8, 1929.

James Gordon McKenzie — Bessie Elliott

James Gordon McKenzie was born June 1, 1892 and died in January 1968. He spent his entire life farming in the Grandin community. In 1921 he married Bessie Elliott who was born in Grandin May 13, 1892. She presently resides at Bethany Towers Retirement homes in Fargo.

Six children were born: Mrs. James (Mary) Marsden, of Fargo, Mrs. Calvin (Maxine) Heihn, Campbell, California, twin daughters who are deceased, James Gordon Jr., who died in 1973 and John E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

James G. McKenzie Jr — Daryl Gowenlock

James G. McKenzie, Jr. lived all of his life farming in the Grandin area. He married Daryl Gowenlock in 1952 and they have five children. Mrs. Dale (Nancy) Thompson, Jamestown, North Dakota, Cathy, Fargo, James Gordon III, deceased, 1960, Brian, Fargo and

and Mrs. Jerome (Mona) Lee, Fargo.

Mr. McKenzie died in 1973 and the family moved to Fargo in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNamee

Michael and Arletta McNamee were both born in eastern Canada. They were married in Dakota Territory in 1886 and lived on the Hague and Brady farm near Halstad. They later bought a farm near Kelso.

To this union were born six children: Ethel, Mrs. William Powers; Mary, Mrs. S.A. McCoy; Josephine, Mrs. Nester Lemm; Harriet, Mrs. Alfred McCoy, deceased; and W.B. McNamee. (1956)

Samual McNeilly — Margaret Elliott

Samual McNeilly was born at Mount Morris, New York on June 17, 1853. He moved with his parents to Goderich, Ontario, Canada at the age of two and lived there until he was twenty-eight years old. He came to Dakota Territory on March 15, 1881 and was employed on the M. Kenyon farm. The same year he homesteaded on land four miles north and three and one-half miles west of Grandin.

Samual McNeilly was married to Margaret Elliott of Elliott, Dakota Territory on July 6, 1887.

To this union four children were born: David Boyd, Bessie, Samual Merritt, and Isaac.

Mrs. McNeilly passed away on January 25, 1898.

Samual McNeilly continued to farm on the land he homesteaded until he retired in 1917. He moved to Grandin, North Dakota, and lived there until his death in February, 1926. (1956)

David McSparron — Eliza Ann Cochran



David McSparron was born in Ireland in 1843. Shortly after the Civil War he was married and came to America, living for a time in Boston, Massachusetts. Later they moved to

a farm near Greene, Iowa, where most of the family was born. In 1880 they moved to North Dakota settling near Quincy, now Elm River. About four years later they homesteaded five miles northwest of Grandin where they lived until moving to California where Mrs. McSparron died.

Mrs. McSparron died in 1913 and Mr. McSparron in 1929 at Grandin. To this union were born five children: William, David, Andrew, and Archie. A daughter died in infancy. (1956)

Andrew McSparron — Jessie MacFarlane

Andrew McSparron was born near Greene, Iowa, on February 7, 1876. He moved with his parents to North Dakota in 1880 and lived on the farm five miles northwest of Grandin from about 1884 until he retired in 1943. He married Jessie MacFarlane in December 1902.

After retiring from the farm in 1943 they made their home in Hillsboro until Mrs. McSparron's death

in September, 1946. Mr. McSparron thereafter divided his time between Hillsboro and San Diego, California, until his death on November 29, 1954.

To this union were born four sons: David D., Harry L., William C., and James A. (1956)

Archie T. McSparron — Isabelle Ann Margach



Archie T. McSparron was born in Butler County, Iowa on April 12, 1879.

In 1882 he came with his parents, David and Eliza Ann McSparron and

settled west of Grandin.

He purchased the north half of section 30, range 144-50 on June 5, 1911.

On December 6, 1911, he married Isabelle Ann Margach, and to this union were born Dunbar and Robert of Grandin, and Elizabeth of Fargo.

They farmed at Grandin until their death: Mrs. McSparron passed away in 1922 and Mr. McSparron passed away in June 1950. (1956)

Dunbar McSparron — Mildred Wiger



Dunbar McSparron was born to Archie and Bella (Margach) at the farm west of Grandin on November 19, 1913, where he grew to manhood.

On June 4, 1940, he married Mildred Wiger, daughter of

Augusta (Jacobsen) Wiger. She was born at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

In 1943 they acquired the McSparron original homestead northwest of Grandin and continue to live there.

Two children bless this couple: Daryl Dunbar, born July 29, 1941, married Joyce Nordeng on April 16, 1961, who have Lisa, Brett, Kurt, and Christopher.

Daryl and family joined the farming practice in 1970. Daughter Linda Elise, born September 7, 1944, is married to J. Don Cochrane and now lives in Plover, Wisconsin. Their family consists of a daughter, Lynn, born August 18, 1969, and son, Drew James, born June 26, 1972. (1956 updated 1980)



Daryl McSparron — Joyce Nordeng



Daryl, son of Dunbar and Mildred McSparron, was raised on the family farm two miles north and two miles west of Grandin. He attended Bohnsack grade school and in 1959 graduated from high school at the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. He went on to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

In 1961 he married Joyce Nordeng of Halstad, Minnesota, also a UND student. Upon graduation in 1963 they moved to Crookston, Minnesota, where Daryl managed the Gamble Hardware and Furniture Store.

In the spring of 1970, Daryl, Joyce and family moved back to Grandin to the family farm which was jointly operated with Daryl's father.

Upon Dunbar and Mildred's retirement in the spring of 1978 Daryl took over sole operation of the farm.

In addition to being a homemaker, Joyce is employed as an interior decorator with Home Interiors and Gifts, Inc., of Dallas, Texas. Daryl's winters are spent selling and installing floor coverings.

Children in the family include: Lisa, age nineteen, an accounting major at Moorhead State University at Moorhead, Minnesota, Brett, age sixteen, and Kurt, age thirteen, both students at Hillsboro High School.

Robert M. McSparron — Ruth Harstad

Robert M. McSparron, son of A.T. and Belle McSparron, was born on August 30, 1917, at Grandin, North Dakota. He married Ruth Harstad on June 8, 1946. To this union three sons were born: Jon Robert, December 25, 1948; Thomas Jay, August 17, 1953, and David Lee, October 18, 1961. The McSparrons lived on the home farm until October 1976 when they moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota. (1956 updated 1980)

Jon R. McSparron — Joy D. Madsen

Jon R. McSparron was born December 25, 1948, at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota. He attended Grandin School and graduated in 1966. Jon graduated from UND in 1970 with a B.S. in Educa-

tion - Mathematics and Physics. Jon married Joy Madsen on June 8, 1967, at Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin.

Joy was born in Montevideo, Minnesota, on March 20, 1948, the daughter of Elmer and Bette (Werner) Madsen. Her family moved to Gardner in 1955 where she attended grade school. Joy went to Grandin High School when the high schools combined in 1962 and graduated with the Class of '66. The Madsen family moved to Grandin in 1964. Joy went on to one year of college at UND and was married in June 1967. While Jon finished his education Joy worked for a consulting engineer and at the Registrar's Office at UND.

June 1970 found the McSparrons moving to Clara City, Minnesota, where Jon taught Math for six years. While in Clara City, Jon and Joy had three children: Jason Douglas born August 14, 1970, Joshua Thomas born September 22, 1973, and Jessica Nelle born November 12, 1975. Jessica, born prematurely, spent 2 months at the University of Minnesota before coming home January 4, 1976.

The McSparrons moved to Wahpeton in August 1976 where Jon worked on a farm and in March 1977 they moved to the home farm - Robert McSparron's - where Jon helped out with farming as well as Principal and teaching Math and Computer Science at Clifford-Galesburg High School from 1977-1980. As of January 1980 Jon's father, Robert, retired and Jon is now engaged in farming.

Robert Mettler — Myrna Gilbertson

Robert Mettler was born in 1934 at Menno, South Dakota, the son of Albert and Ida Mettler. He served in the U.S. Army for two years, being stationed in Germany for eighteen months before marrying Myrna Gilbertson on January 10, 1960, at Moorhead, Minnesota. Myrna was born in Webster, South Dakota, the daughter of Oscar and Palma Gilbertson. The family moved to Grandin on November 1, 1961. Robert was employed by the Diamond "G" Feedlot until 1974 when he became bulk oil distributor for the Grandin Co-op Oil Co. Myrna is presently employed as a registered nurse at the Hillsboro Nursing Home. There are two children: Ann Larue, born October 3, 1960, is a student of nursing at Jamestown College and Mark Robert, born January 25, 1965, is a student at Cass Valley North High School in Argusville.

The family are active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grandin. Both Robert and Myrna are ruling Elders and Robert has been clerk of the session for several years. He also was a leader for the Grandin Hi-Liners 4-H club for 17 years.

Robert Metzger — Catherine Murphy

Robert E. Metzger was born in Illinois in February 1889. He married Catherine Murphy in 1914 and came to Grandin the same year. They farmed north of Grandin for four years, after which they operated a grocery store until they moved to Fargo in 1950.

Mrs. Metzger died in 1951 and Mr. Metzger died in 1953.

A daughter, Helen, Mrs. Morris Dennis, resides in Fargo. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meyer



Mr. and Mrs. Orville Meyer moved to Grandin from Fargo in June of 1948. Orville, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer, originally came from Ogema, Minnesota, and Muriel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Edwin Stende, came from Ulen, Minnesota.

They were married September 15, 1946. Orville served in the army in World War II, stationed in Japan and Korea.

On June 15, 1948, Orville started work as a bookkeeper at the Grandin Grain & Seed Company elevator, after graduating from Interstate Business College. He worked at the Fargo Post Office while attending college. When Cargill, Inc., purchased the elevator, Orville continued to work for them until October of 1952. From that time on he has been manager of Grandin Hi-Way Service.

Muriel graduated from Detroit Lakes Business College and holds a certificate of graduation from the Newspaper Institute of America and has a life-long membership in the same. She has worked the past eight years for Agway and writes for the Hillsboro Banner, as well as doing some freelance writing.

Meyers have three sons. Their oldest son, Terry, born August 26, 1948, is assistant manager of Carpet World. Terry attended Moorhead State College for a year-and-a-half and worked at Fargo Glass and Paint before joining Carpet World. He married Cheryl Manke in 1967. Cheryl works at the Fargo Clinic. They have two daughters, Heather Marie and Meredith Leigh. The Terry Meyers live in West Fargo, where they purchased a new home.

Wendel, the second son, was born on November 10, 1949. Wendel is a graduate of Moorhead State University and has almost completed his masters degree at NDSU. Wendel is employed at Fairway in Fargo, but eventually plans to complete his education in psychology and go into counseling. Wendel married Nancy Jensen of Fargo. They have a son, Aaron Blair, and a daughter, Kama Bree. They purchased a home in Fargo.

Bradley, the youngest son, was born on May 7, 1956. Bradley has a managerial position with Penn State Insurance in Fargo. Bradley is a musician and has played with the band, "The Rovers," for a

number of years. He married Noreen Alvershere, of Harlow, near Devils Lake. Noreen was graduated from NDSU and is assistant mail carrier in Wheatland, where they live, purchasing a home there.

Muriel and Orville are members of Grace Lutheran church where Muriel taught Sunday School for fifteen years and was active in the Mission League. Orville was a Sunday School Superintendent and is now a church elder.

Robert E. Miller — Beatrice Jane Falconer

Robert E. Miller was born in Polwarth, Scotland November 10, 1860. He came to Ontario, Canada in 1882, and to Grandin, North Dakota, January 1, 1884.

Beatrice Jane Falconer was born in Lucknow, Ontario June 5, 1868. She came to Quincy when she was very young.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were married December 17, 1886.

Mr. Miller owned a blacksmith shop and sold farm machinery until he moved to Alberta, Canada in 1911. On November 16, 1916, he moved to Winthrop, Washington, where he remained until his death on December 28, 1936. Mrs. Miller has lived with her daughter since his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller had four children, three girls and one boy: Catherine, Mrs. Robert Brumwell, Edmonton, Alberta; Bessie, Mrs. Jesse Ritz, deceased; Hazel, Mrs. William MacFarlane, Winthrop, Washington; and John Allan, Cashmere, Washington. (1956)

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Millar

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Millar retired to Grandin in 1948 from their farm seven miles southwest of Grandin. They built a home next to their daughter, Mrs. A.E. Peterson. Mr. Millar was born in Scotland in 1861. He passed away in 1954.

Mrs. Millar was born on a farm near Fargo in 1875.

Mrs. Millar is also deceased. (1956 updated 1980)

Andrew Morrison — Jean Forster

Jean A. Forster was born in Lucknow, Ontario July 27, 1877.

In 1896 she came to North Dakota and entered the University of North Dakota, graduating in June 1899.

She served as a teacher in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of the Grandin School until June 1902.

She was married to Andrew E. Morrison on June 25, 1902. To this union were born three children: Dr. Charlotte J. Morrison, Dr. A. Ervine Morrison, and Dr. William F. Morrison.

She later moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she has lived since 1909. (1956)

Lyle Moteberg — Shirley Jacobson

The Motebergs came to the Grandin Community in May of 1977.

Lyle was born and raised in rural Gary, Minnesota, and Shirley (Jacobson) Moteberg is from rural Fertile, Minnesota. They met at church choir practice and were married July 6, 1963. Since Lyle had one more year to serve in the Navy they lived in Califor-

nia during their first year of marriage. They then returned to cold Minnesota and lived at Fertile for two years before moving to Beltrami where they resided for the next ten years.

During this time Susan Ellen was born June 23, 1965; Leah Ann, April 22, 1967, and Evan Lyle, May 30, 1970.

Lyle is now manager of the Farmers Union Oil Company at Gardner and Shirley is part-time book-keeper there.

The family belongs to the C.L.U. Church of Gardner and Lyle is a member of the American Legion.

Cary and Mary Murdock

Cary E. Murdock was born on April 10, 1882, in Monroe County, West Virginia. He was a section foreman while in Grandin.

Mr. and Mrs. Murdock moved to Grants Pass, Oregon, in 1934. They have two children: Robert Byron, of Portland; Abigail of Grants Pass.

Mr. Murdock passed away on February 2, 1954. Mary died June 23, 1975, at Grants Pass, Oregon, at the age of 93 years. (1956 updated 1980)

Robert Byron Murdock — Doris Radebaugh



I was born in Danvers, Illinois, on October 18, 1911, the son of Cary and Mary Ellen Murdock. When I was a year and a half old my parents moved to Grandin. We lived in a large house across the street from the Presbyterian Church until

1934. On November 7, 1934, I married Doris M. Radebaugh, daughter of Charles Radebaugh.

We left North Dakota and settled in Medford, Oregon, where our two daughters were born. In 1943 we moved to Vancouver, Washington, where our son was born. I worked as a printer and followed this occupation all of my working years. In 1949 we moved to Portland, Oregon, where I had my own shop for seven years. I retired in 1975 and moved first to Redmond, Oregon, and then to Wasco, Oregon, in the fall of 1979. Our children are all married and live in the west. We have six grandchildren.

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Clarence Murphy — Mamie Weisbecher



Mamie Weisbecher was born in Ilion, New York, on October 9, 1865. In 1876 she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Weisbecher, who settled on a claim, east of Moorhead, Minnesota. She resided in Moorhead, then Hillsboro where she met and married Clarence Murphy in 1883.

She moved to Grandin in 1888 and operated a business with her mother, Mary Weisbecher. She lived in Grandin until her death on March 14, 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy had two daughters, Connie, and Alice, Mrs. Chas. Hodgson. (1956)

Howard and Grace Myers

Howard M. Myers was born and raised in Orono, Maine, and Grace Sletvold Myers was born and raised in Oakes, North Dakota. They met during World War II when they were both in the Navy and stationed in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Howard was a Pharmacist Mate and Grace was a Navy Nurse. They were married in April of 1946 in Oakes, North Dakota. They made their home in Grandin from October of 1949 to October of 1957. They had the grocery store with the lunch counter next to the Post Office. They lived above the store. Howard worked many jobs at the Post Office and Grace worked as a registered nurse at the Hillsboro Community Hospital while they lived in Grandin.

Their daughter, Helen Anne, was nine months old when they moved to Grandin and daughter, Mary, and son, Donald, were born while they lived in Grandin.

Since leaving Grandin the children have grown up. Helen worked with computers in Minneapolis for over ten years and then moved out to her 'Palace' on the side of Silver Butte Mountain near Libby, Montana. She loves the mountains. Mary got her nursing education at Fairview Hospital and University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She is presently employed in the Pediatrics Dept. at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. Donald has been going to Moorhead State University since high school and is living at home.

Howard retired from the Veterans Hospital in Fargo in May of 1978 where he had worked as a Nursing Assistant since leaving Grandin. In September of 1978 Grace had an accident injuring her right leg. She has been the operating room supervisor at St. Johns Hospital in Fargo since 1957. The accident forced her into an early retirement. They still make their home in Moorhead but spend their summers at their cottage on Lake Clitheral near Battle Lake. They feel their years in Grandin were special and still keep in touch with several of their Grandin friends.

Allen Nepstad Family



Allen and Bonnie Nepstad moved from Fargo to Grandin, North Dakota, in November of 1964. Allen, a native of Hendrum, Minnesota, the son of the late Curtis Nepstad, and Emma Nepstad, who now lives at Ada, Minnesota. Bonnie (Boit) daughter of Fred and Annie Boit lived east of Georgetown, Minnesota.

Allen became Standard Oil Bulk Agent when he moved to Grandin. The Nepstad family lived in Grandin in a trailer home until 1966.

In the spring of 1966 the Nepstad's purchased the Falconer Estate Farmstead 2 miles south of Grandin where they still live.

Allen operated a spraying service along with his bulk business until 1979.

The Nepstad's purchased the Standard Oil Business from Standard Oil in the fall of 1976 and are now doing business as the Nepstad Oil Company.

Allen and Bonnie have four children: Richard, born at Moorhead, Minnesota, on September 25, 1965; Leroy, born at Moorhead, Minnesota, on September 24, 1966; Julie, born at Hillsboro, North Dakota, on December 6, 1968; Karen, born at Hillsboro, North Dakota, on August 26, 1970.

Ralph E. Newman — Rhoda E. Freer

Ralph Newman was born September 7, 1901, at Hatton, North Dakota, the second son of John Henry and Wilhelmina (Hildebrandt) Newman. His mother's people came to America in the early days and the Hildebrandt's homesteaded in Traill County in the late 1800's. Ebenezer Newman served in the Revolutionary War from Weld, Maine. His grandson, Liberty Newman, (grandfather of Ralph) came west and was one of the founders of Stillwater, Minnesota.

Ralph was an ardent sportsman. During his school years his parents "kept the teacher" and it was his job to drive her to school in the buggy or sleigh and if necessary build the fire for her. One of his favorite tales was that if geese or other game was sighted on the way he and brother Max always hunted first then delivered the teacher.

Ralph married Rhoda Freer on March 15, 1930, and moved to Anaconda, Montana, where he was a smelterman until he retired. In 1969 we moved to the apartments in Grandin to be nearer our son-in-law and daughter, Donald and Arlene (Newman) Hansen who farm near Hunter. There are four grandchildren: Mrs. Donald (Kathleen Hansen Maker) Purser,

children in that family are Andrea and Shannon Maker and Scott and Nathan Purser. Mrs. Larry (Karen) Lindemann who has one son Allen, Kevin D. Hansen and Kelly L. Hansen.

Ralph passed away on February 10, 1972, and is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Fargo.

I was born in a sod house on the family homestead near Strool in Perkins County, South Dakota, on November 18, 1913, the third child of Parke M. and Goldie Kimmel (Key) Freer. The Freers were French Huguenots who came to America to escape religious persecution. The descendents migrated west, first to Michigan and then to Dakota Territory, stopping at Casselton before going up to the Cooperstown, Hanaford vicinity, with R.C. Cooper.

The Key family were in Virginia before the Revolutionary War and their descendents migrated to Missouri by covered wagon during the Civil War. My mother and her cousin Edith Key were adventuresome young ladies who came up to North Dakota in 1904 to teach school.

My first Grandin job was working for the Gunkelman's at the seed house. On November 4, 1972, Alice Margach hired me as part-time clerk at the post office and when she retired I became postmaster.

I am a member of the Presbyterian Church in Grandin and of several patriotic organizations.

(Editor's note: Rhoda Newman passed away May 14, 1981, at the age of 67.)

Darryl and Sandy Nohr

Darryl was born in Redding, California, on February 14, 1942, to Albert and Betty Nohr. They lived in Redding for only a short period of time and then moved to Tower City, North Dakota, where they lived until Darryl was in first grade. They then moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, where Darryl lived until we were married. Darryl graduated from Moorhead Senior High. He started working for Francis Peterson, Inc., while still in school. After graduation he continued on and is still employed there. He is now the service manager and has been for ten years. Darryl enjoys hunting and anything that concerns the outdoors. He enjoys working with wood and has built a lot of things for the house as well as for himself.

I was born in Hillsboro, North Dakota, on March 9, 1951, to Walter and Alvina Floberg. We lived in Caledonia, North Dakota, until I was four years old then we moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, but lived there for only one year and returned to Caledonia. I went to school in Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School. I then moved to Moorhead where I attended Moorhead Area Technical School and graduated from there. I started working right out of school and I am presently employed at North Dakota State University as a Clerk-Typist I.

Darryl and I met in Moorhead, Minnesota, and were married October 21, 1972, in Shelly, Minnesota. We lived in Dilworth for five years and then moved to Grandin, North Dakota, in 1977.

We have one child, Tracey Lee Nohr. She was born on April 5, 1976, in Fargo, North Dakota. Previous to her birth we lost a set of twin girls. Tracey is enrolled

in Sunday School at the United Presbyterian Church where we are members. I am currently a Sunday School teacher and also a member of the Omega Circle which I enjoy very much. I don't have many hobbies as I find that there aren't enough hours in the day as it is. In the spare time that I do have I enjoy latchworking, playing with my daughter and working outside with my flowers.

Harold and Vernice Oien



Harold and Vernice Oien were born and raised at Bowden, North Dakota. In 1943 they moved to a farm east of Grandin, and in 1948 they moved to their present home in town.

Harold works for Agway Co.,

and Vernice works for the Hospital Nursing Home in Hillsboro, North Dakota.

They have four children: Harold, Jr., lives in St. Paul and has two children, Mike and Jon. He is a lawyer for Minnesota Mutual Insurance Co. Dean lives in Garden Grove, California, has children, Jim, Edith, and Brian and works for Edison Electric. Karen lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and has two children, Eric and Aaron. She works for American Title Co. Donald is single, lives in Whittier, California, and is employed by Kodak Co.

Axel and Auslaug Pedersen

Axel and Auslaug Pedersen came to the Grandin area in 1946 from Valley City and live on the Percy Stewart farm. Axel had just been discharged from the Navy after serving three-and-one-half years in World War II.

There are four children: Daniel, who lives with his wife Marlee in Longmont, Colorado. Daniel is Senior Lab. Specialist at the IBM Company. Marlee is a Dental Assistant. Gary lives with his wife Janet and son Nicholas at Harwood, North Dakota, he is Comptroller at Dakota Paper Co. in Fargo. Janet is a trained secretary. Wayne and his wife Dianne live in Urbana, Illinois, where he is an assistant Professor and Plant Pathologist at the University of Illinois. Dianne is a Medical Technologist. Eunice and husband, Don Johnston and son Shawn, live in Fargo. Eunice teaches English at NDSU and Dan is Products Manager for the Bobcat, Melroe Division of the Clark Equipment Co.

The A.E. Peterson Family

The G.H. Peterson family moved to the Grandin area in March of 1917. The oldest son Alvin bought the Grandin Garage on October 15, 1925 and operated it until January 1, 1964, taking as a partner, Marty Johnson, after World War II.

He married Lois Millar, of Gardner, on January 11, 1941. To this union five children were born: Deane, with the New York University on Long Island, New York. Ara Colucci, a speech theapist in a suburb of Portland, Maine, Daniel, who died as an infant, Dorn, with a branch of M.A.S.A. in New York City and Desyl, an attorney in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lois was a victim of M.S. and passed away in 1973.

Dale Peterson — Erma Kylo

Dale Peterson came to Grandin from Iowa in 1917 with his father, G.H. Peterson, who had purchased a farm northwest of Grandin. Dale was the youngest of five children and the one who chose to carry on the farming.

On November 20, 1935 he married Erma Kylo, and they have one son Dennis born in 1944. Dennis went to grade school at the Bohnsack School and graduated from high school at Hunter. He graduated from NDSU with a Math Major. Dennis served for four years with the air national guard and then came back to help his father with the farming.

In 1976, Dennis married Geri Carr and they have one daughter, Renee Beth.

Dale and Erma moved to a home in Hunter and Dennis and Geri are keeping the home farm going.

The Charles Porter Family

Charles Elmer Porter, son of John C. and Arabella Porter, of Mechanicsville, Iowa, married Vida F. Freeman in 1913. In the spring of 1916 Charles and Vida and their 9 months old son, Kieth, came to North Dakota from Olin, Iowa. Charles' brother James came with them. They shipped their livestock and possessions in an Immigrant railroad car. They unloaded at Grandin and drove the livestock across the country to the homestead on the southeast quarter of section 28, in Bohnsack Township.

Charles and James' father, John C. Porter, acquired 480 acres in Bohnsack Township. The land was divided and James established his home one half mile north in the north ¼ fo section 27. Charles and Vida have four children: Keith Freeman, born in Olin, Iowa in 1915, Glen Gordon, born 1919, Ina Arlene, born 1921 and passed away in February 1963, Charles Gene William, born 1929.

The Porters retired and moved to Hillsboro in 1944. In 1958, they built a new home in Hillsboro. For seventeen years they spent the winter months in Largo, Florida, building a home there in 1952.

On Januray 1, 1963 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Vida passed away in October of 1971. Charles sold his home and resided at the Hillsboro Nursing Home where he passed away in 1976. There are ten grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Glen Porter — Grace Wiger

Glen Gordon Porter, son of Charles and Vida Freeman Porter, was married to Grace Agnes Wiger, daughter of Gerhard and Augusta (Jacobsen) Wiger, on September 6, 1941. She was born at Waubun, Minnesota. They farm one-sixteenth of a mile south of the

home place where Glen was born. Four children were blessed to this marriage: Glenda Ann, born September 22, 1942, is married to Gary Dean Smith. They live on a farm near Cummings, North Dakota and have four children, Laurie Jean, Randal Dean, Jeffrey Glen, and Aimee Lynn. Kathy Gay, born February 15, 1945 is married to Duane Keith Olson. They now reside in Las Vegas, Nevada, moving from West Fargo in 1979. They have two children, Shannon Kae and Shawn Keith. Donald Gordon, born April 21, 1947 is married to Mary Lee Dybing and lives at Harwood, North Dakota. They have two children, Angela Marie and Charles Robert. Theresa Joy, born May 3, 1949 married Gregory Radcliffe and farm near Authur, North Dakota. They have four daughters, Nichol Lynn, Monica L, Mindy Jean and Trista Marie.

The Porters farm on the same place but only one of the original buildings remains and that is the barn. A new home was built in 1951.

Charles Gene Porter — Ione Gilbertson

C. Gene Porter is the youngest son of Charles and Vida Freeman Porter and was born in 1929. On July 9, 1949, he married Ione Gilbertson, daughter of John and Josephine Gilbertson. John and Daphne started farming in Bohnsack Township in 1950. They have two daughters: Rebecca Ione who was born December 11, 1951 and married Gary Pender on April 15, 1978. They have one son Corey John Pender and reside at Alexandria, Minnesota. Jane Marie born April 18, 1953 resides in Fargo.

Keith Freeman Porter — Bernice Irene Martin

Keith Freeman Porter is the oldest child of Charles and Vida Freeman Porter. He married Bernice Irene Martin in 1934. They resided on the home farm until 1964 when they moved to Fargo and lived for four years. In 1968 they moved north of Hunter, where they resided until 1978 when they built a new home in Hunter. For several years they have spent the winters at their home in Mesa, Arizona.

They have four children all raised on the farm near Grandin: Joanne Ruth, married Harold Voje in 1954, live in Moorhead and have four children LuAnn, Darlene, Karen, and Kevin. Ronald married Gloria Lider (see Ronald Porter family), Lynn Martin married Patricia Kirkin in 1957. They have three children Lisa, Michael and Greg. They farm and reside in Hillsboro. John Charles married Ann Marie Lake. They have three children, Julie, Steven, and Jeffrey. They farm and reside in Hunter.

Ronald Keith Porter — Gloria Lider

Ronald K. and Gloria H. (Lider) Porter began farming with his parents Keith and Bernice Porter on the original Charles Porter farm after their marriage on June 14, 1959. Gloria is the daughter of Henry A. and Gina (Nelson) Lider. Although the Lidars resided in Fargo their families were pioneer homesteaders in Benson County. Ronald and Gloria have two sons: Mark Ronald born November 24, 1960, and Joel Charles born March 25, 1962.

The family has established a large Grade A. dairy set-up on their farm in section 28 of Bohnsack

Township in Traill County. Breeding with top Holstein sires in A.I. produced a quality herd. Ronald took A.I. instructions and has bred cattle for other farmers in the area.

Their dairy has a large cold free stall barn, double four herring bone milking parlours with automatic grain feeders and a thousand gallon stainless steel bulk milk cooler. The young calves are housed in the hip roof dairy barn in individual pens. In 1974 a cement stave silo was built to store silage for the herd. In 1977 a 20' by 80' Harvestore was built to hold alfalfa haylage and in 1979 another Harvestore 20' by 50' was built for high moisture feed barley. With good weather the family raises the feed supply for the milking herd of near 85 cows and young stock.

The Porters are members of the Presbyterian Church in Grandin, Ronald is a member of the Bohnsack Township board, Gloria is a member of the Happy Hour Homemakers and has taught Sunday School. Original oil paintings of farms has been her hobby project for several years. She designed the logo that was used on the Grandin Centennial belt buckles and on the letterhead.

Mark and Joel are both graduates of Dakota High School at Arthur. They have been members of Hunter Aggies 4-H club and have received many awards for their work. Both were chosen to attend the 4-H Citizenship Course in Washington, D.C. They are attending Tech. School and farming in the summer. They are the fourth generation of Porters to farm this land near Grandin.

James and Lelah Porter

James F. Porter was born at Stanwood, Iowa, March 1886. He homesteaded at Winner, South Dakota, in 1910, remaining there until 1913 when he returned to Iowa to farm with his brother, Charles.

Lelah M. Coleman was born at Numan, Iowa, in 1891. She graduated from the University of Iowa and taught High School at Plover, Iowa.

James and Lelah were married June 26, 1916, at Olin, Iowa. The couple came to this area to farm in Bohnsack Township. In 1946 they retired from farming and moved to Hillsboro.

They were members of the First Congregational Church of Hillsboro where James served as a trustee. He also served as Bohnsack Township Assessor and as a member of the Traill County AAA Committee.

The Porters had three sons: Duane, of Casa Grande, Arizona; James and Robert of rural Grandin.

James F. Porter passed away May 18, 1956, and Lelah Porter on March 19, 1969.

Robert L. Porter Family

Robert is the son of James and Lelah (Coleman) Porter. He was born at Grandin. He attended Bohnsack Consolidated and Wahpeton State School of Science. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On June 26, 1946, he married Dolores Tetzlaff, daughter of Emil and Ida Siegert Tetzlaff. She was born at Hunter and attended Hunter High School, Bohnsack Cons., and Interstate Business College. After their marriage, they began farming in Bohnsack Township where they still reside.

Bob and Dolores have two children, David and Bonnie. Both are graduates of Dakota High School and North Dakota State University. David spent five years as an Agriculturist for Holly Sugar Corp., in Wyoming and Montana and Minn-Dak Farmers Coop., in Wahpeton. He is now in partnership farming with his father. Bonnie taught school in Colorado and now works for Northwest Airlines as a reservation sales agent in Minneapolis.

Robert is a Director on the board of American Crystal Sugar Company. He was 20th District Chairman of the Democratic-NPL Party for eleven years. Delores served as clerk of the Bohnsack School for 20 years. The family are all members of the First Lutheran Church of Hunter.

James L. Pratt — Anne Miller



James L. Pratt and his wife, Anne Miller Pratt, were both born in Ireland in 1826, she in Tipperary and he in Queens

County. They were married in 1848. At that time in Ireland there was a great deal of religious strife and famine, making it very hard to make a living. For this reason the Pratt's immigrated to Ontario, Canada. Their first child was born on the ship coming over at the St. Lawrence River. They settled at Lucanand, Ontario, having eleven children of whom nine survived. They were: William, Henry, George W., Joseph W., James, Edward M., Robert J., Charles, Anne, and Rebecca. James L. Pratt came to Quincy, Dakota Territory, in 1882. He bought the east half of section 23, Noble Township, Cass County. He farmed there until he retired in the 1890's and went to live in Grandin where they died in 1903 and 1912. Most of their boys had married in Canada and preceded them to this territory.

George W. Pratt — Matilda Dempsey



George W. Pratt and Matilda Dempsey were born in Clinton, Ontario. They were married in 1873. Three children were born to them in

Canada: Susan Eva, Margaret Lily, and John Dempsey. In 1880 they immigrated to the Red River Valley. They came on an immigrant train made up of Scotch and Irish settlers from Eastern Ontario, all settled around Quincy, Grandin and Gardner. This train came as far as Staples, Minnesota, which was as far as the railroad was fit for travel. From there they had to make their way by teams. George Pratt came here with his wife, three children, a team of horses and some household goods. He had fifty dollars he had borrowed.

George Pratt took up the northwest quarter of section 24 in Kinyon Township, Cass County, by pre-emption. Finding that this would take more money than he had, he homesteaded the land instead. Grandmother and the three children lived in a small barn with the horses for most of the first year. As there were no established places near where he could get work, George Pratt walked nine miles to Quincy to work and back at night. In this way he was able to earn enough money to build a small house.

By a lot of hard work, George Pratt finally accumulated 1,760 acres of land, all adjoining the homestead except one quarter, which was down by the Red R. Three children were born after they came to North Dakota: William, James, Annie, and Robert Wesley.

The building site was moved from the west side to the north side of the homestead, as it was found to be much higher ground. Here, he erected a large barn, a machine hall, and a ten room house.

George Pratt set each of his boys up with a half section of land with one quarter clear; the other quarter they had to pay for. They all became farmers. As each of the girls married he gave them the equivalent of a quarter of land in cash.

The George Pratt's farmed until 1917 when they retired to live in Fargo. He died in 1924 and she in 1930.

William J. Pratt — Dr. Charlotte Campbell

William James Pratt received the north half of section 23, Kinyon Township. He married Dr. Charlotte Campbell in July of 1904. They farmed this land until 1919 when they moved to Gardner where he worked at the hardware business. They had one son, Parke C. Pratt. Charlotte Campbell Pratt passed away in 1927. She had been a practicing physician at Gardner, North Dakota, before her marriage. William Pratt passed away in 1941.

Parke C. Pratt — Pauline Fjelde



Parke Pratt took over the home farm in 1929 at the beginning of the depression of the dirty thirties. He married Pauline Fjelde in 1929. Economy reached a very low point in 1932 but from then on things gradually came back to normal. They never had any money but they always had plenty to eat. They even lived through the crazy year of 1936 when it stayed below zero for a month in January and February, and stayed over 100 degrees for ten days in the summer. Parke and Pauline farmed the home place from 1929 to 1971. In 1961 they moved to Grandin and built a

new home. Two children were born to them. Pauline Sharon in 1930 and Paul Douglas in 1931. Parke and Pauline passed away in 1978.

Sharon Pratt graduated from Macalester College at St. Paul, Minnesota. She married John Melcanon and they have one daughter, Terra, who graduated from the University of West Virginia with a music major. They are members of the Hutterian Society of Brothers and both are teaching in the community of Farmington, Pennsylvania.

Paul D. Pratt — Marguerite Olson



Paul D. Pratt graduated from NDSU with a degree in mechanized agriculture. He married Marguerite Olson of Towner, North Dakota, in December of 1960. She was an extension home economist at NDSU. They moved to the home farm in 1961 and have three daughters: Claudia, graduated from

C.V.N. High School in 1980 and presently attending Kansas State University at Manhattan, Kansas; Charlotte and Karla at home and attending Oak Grove Sr. and Jr. high school, Fargo, North Dakota.

Robert W. Pratt — Anne Margach



Robert W. Pratt was born on January 4, 1887, on his father's homestead. His wife, Anne Margach, was born in Fargo, North Dakota, in 1892, and they were married at Grandin in 1917. They lived on the farm and in later years spent winters in Grandin and Fargo.

Three children were born to them: William of Fargo, George of Fargo, and Jeanne, Mrs. O.R. Lindgren of Moorhead, Minnesota. (1956)

Joseph Wesley Pratt — Mary Gordon Herman



Joseph Pratt was born February 14, 1853, in Ontario, Canada. He first came to Dakota Territory in 1879 and later left for Kansas where he lived for a time. He returned to Dakota in 1882. He married Mary Gordon Herman in 1890. They had three children: Guy Wesley of Park Rapids, Minn.; Lester Gordon of Fargo and Dorothy (Mrs. Franklin

Schaeffer) of Los Angeles. (1956)

William R. Pratt

My history began on September 5, 1919, in what is known as the Black House (the northwest corner of the block across from Grandin High School.) My folks were Anne (Margach) Pratt and Robert Wesley Pratt. I have a brother George Lewis and a sister Jeanne Isabel Lindgren.

Sometime after I was born we moved to the Margach house, which was then the last house on the west end of Main Street on the south side. We lived there until September of 1926, but moved to the farm southeast of Grandin about five miles out. It was on the farm that I grew up and went to school in Gardner until my senior year. I graduated from Grandin High School in May of 1936—my last year of high school was great and seemed the right place to be because we really were always Grandin people.

I graduated from UND in 1940 and went into service in 1942. In the meantime, however, I taught school at Wolford, North Dakota, where I met Phyllis Crosby of Portal, North Dakota. Phyllis and I were married August 25, 1941, and moved to Fargo where we both taught in the Fargo Schools until I enlisted.

We returned to Grandin in January of 1946 and lived with the folks until September of that year. We had moved to Fargo later in the year to continue the Insurance business I started in January. Bob was born in September 1946, Bradley in May 1950, Gregory in March of 1952 and Douglas in March 1958. That comprises the family except for the most important members—Beverly Downham of Grand Forks who became Brads wife in 1970 and now have added a granddaughter, Sara and a grandson, Steven, for Phyllis and me to spoil.

Bob is working at the Vocational Training Center in Fargo every day, Brad is with me in business, Greg is in the meat brokerage business and Doug is in his

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So, that brings us to Lake Pelican where Phyllis and I moved three-and one-half years ago. We still drive back and forth to Fargo every day to work. I think it's great but I am afraid it gets a little lonesome for Phyllis. But that's the way it is at the moment—wondering what is coming next.

Hi to everyone.

Ernest Preston Family

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Preston moved to Grandin from Fargo in October of 1961. Ernest is the son of Omer and Eva Preston of Bemidji, Minnesota. Ardith is from East Grand Forks and is the daughter of Anton and Laura Rubash. Ernie came to Grandin to work as a truck driver for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons. At the present time he drives truck for Grandin Manufacturing Company of Grandin.

There are three children in the family: a daughter, Belinda, was born July 29, 1957; son, Kenneth, born August 7, 1958, and a son, James, born December 24, 1965.

Charles and Margaret Radebaugh



Charles H. Radebaugh was born at Coon Rapids, Iowa, January 8, 1881. He grew to manhood there and married Margaret Ann Dally of Jefferson, Iowa, on March 20, 1901. They

farmed in Iowa for three years and in 1904, immigrated to North Dakota and settled on the William Thom land five-and one-half miles west of Grandin. Charlie ran a steam threshing rig for several seasons and in 1915, moved to the home farm five miles west of Grandin where they farmed extensively.

To this union were born eight children, seven of whom are living. Greer of Detroit Lakes and Fargo, Mildred of Fargo, Arnold of Fargo and Mesa, Arizona, Irene of Fargo, Florence of Hillsboro, Doris in Washington, and Eunice of Minneapolis. A son, Lowell died in infancy.

They retired to Fargo in 1943. Margaret passed away in 1958 and Charlie in 1964. (1956 updated 1980)

L.G. Radebaugh — Esther Mae Mason

L.G. (Greer) Radebaugh, son of Charles H. and Margaret Radebaugh was born January 18, 1902, at Scranton, Iowa. He moved to Grandin, North Dakota, with his parents in 1904, grew to manhood here and started farming in 1930. He married Esther Mae Mason, September 28, 1928, at Henrietta, Oklahoma. She passed away in 1958.

Three children were born to the union. Jeanne (Mrs. Jerry Abbott), Haddonfield, New Jersey; Jo (Mrs. John Gowenlock), Lompoc, California; Wayne, farming the home farm in Bell Township, west of

Grandin. There are thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He retired from active farming in 1968 and now resides in Fargo, North Dakota.

Wayne and Jo Ann Radebaugh

C.W. (Wayne) Radebaugh, son of Greer and Esther Radebaugh, was born five miles west of Grandin on January 8, 1935. He was raised there and began farming with his father in 1952. On October 30, 1954, he married Jo Ann Elliott, daughter of John and Evelyn Elliott, who was born at Grandin on July 2, 1936. They lived on the home farm four miles west and one mile south of Grandin until 1974 when they moved to Grandin where she is Office Manager and Bookkeeper at Grandin Manufacturing Co., and he continues his farming operation.

They have three children. Billie Jo (Mrs. Mark Hayes), Grand Forks, North Dakota; Rebecca (Mrs. Gregory Barker), Gardner, North Dakota; David, a student at UND, Grand Forks and farming with his father. A grandchild, Andrew Aaron Barker was born February 23, 1980.

Arnold and Lillian Radebaugh

Arnold and Lillian Radebaugh were married February 20, 1935, and established their home on a farm five miles west and one mile south of Grandin. In 1940, they moved to the farm five miles west of Grandin and farmed until 1976 when they retired and moved to Fargo.

Arnold was born September 27, 1905, in Bohnsack Township and was educated at Bohnsack Cons. School.

Lillian Waterfall Radebaugh was born February 22, 1913, near Gardner. She attended MSTC and taught in a rural school east of Gardner. Her parents were born in England.

Arnold and Lillian have four sons. Gerald and Loren, farming the home farm, Curtis, an optometrist in Minneapolis, and C. Duane, an optometrist in Cottage Grove, Oregon. At the present time, there are six grandchildren.

They enjoy the winters in their home in Mesa, Arizona.

Gerald and LaMae Radebaugh

Gerald Radebaugh was born July 28, 1937. He attended Bohnsack school eight years and graduated from Hunter High School. He attended NDSU for two years and spent three years in the Army in Germany, returning home in 1961 to farm.

LaMae Anderson Radebaugh was born January 26, 1941. She is a graduate of Hunter High School, and is the daughter of Carol and Ella (Otteson) Anderson.

Gerry and LaMae were married May 19, 1961, and are the third generation to live on the Radebaugh farm five miles west of Grandin. They have a son, Brett, a student at NDSU.

Loren and Robin Radebaugh

Loren Radebaugh, son of Arnold and Lillian Radebaugh was born on the farm west of Grandin March 9, 1945. He graduated from Hunter High

School and attended NDSU. Loren served in the Army before and during the Vietnam War.

He married Robin Isenberg, daughter of Morris and Ethel (Moroff) Isenberg in Phoenix, Arizona, on August 9, 1975. There are two children, Jesse born in 1976 and Rian born 1980.

The Radebaugh's live on the home farm, having returned to North Dakota in 1976.

Tom Reid — Dorthea Golliet

Tom Reid, son of Ed and Louise Reid married Dorthea Golliet, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Golliet. The Reids moved here from Michigan in 1912, while the Golliet's came to Dakota Territory in 1879. Peter from Rushford, Minnesota, and Elizabeth from Toronto, Canada.

Tom and Dorthea have two girls. Susan Elizabeth is Home Economist in Campbell County, Gillette, Wyoming. She graduated from NDSU and taught Home Ec. for three years and has been in extension work since.

Bonnie Louise attended Concordia College, Moorhead. Went to New York City and worked in theater. Is now married to Daniel Copperbey a Commercial Artist. They have one son, Lucas, born November 4, 1979, and now live at Monroe, Connecticut.

Tom and Dorthea are now retired from farming but continue to live on the same land where they started to farm forty years ago.

Peter Ried — Martha J. Elliott



Peter Ried was born in Ontario, Canada on September 12, 1851.

He learned the harness maker's trade in Chatham, Ontario, later working with a brother in his shop at Jackson, Michigan.

Around 1875 he moved to Dakota Territory, working at his trade at Fargo and Minto until 1879 when he settled on his homestead one-half mile southwest of Grandin. Here he farmed until 1909 when he moved to Sawyer Co., Wisconsin. He farmed in Wisconsin until his death in 1945.

He married Martha J. Elliott of Ontario, Canada, on March 17, 1887. Mrs. Elliott died in 1921.

They had ten children: Melville, John, Bruce, Mabel, Mrs. Will Gardner; Sybil, Mrs. Victor Hurley; Winnifred, Mrs. Henry Hanson; Stell, Mrs. Maurice Parker; Amy, Mrs. Earl Teele; Dorothy, Mrs. Richard Pearce, and Esther, who died in infancy. (1956)

Palmer Roisum — Eva Marie Skinner



Palmer B. Roisum was born in Erskine, Minnesota, on September 24, 1879. In 1903 he came to Edmore, North Dakota with his family and lived there 19 years. He managed a lumber Co. in Dahlin, North Dakota, from 1922-1929. In March of 1930 he came to Grandin as manager of Thompson Yards.

He married Eva Marie Skinner on March 26, 1931, and in March of 1933 they moved to Philadelphia where he was collector for Philadelphia Coke Co.

In February 1941 they returned to Grandin and bought the grocery business from O.L. Ferguson on March 15, 1941.

A daughter, Nancy Claire, was born in Philadelphia on November 16, 1937. Nancy is married to Marvin Nelson of Cummings. There are two grandchildren, Charlene Roisum and Leslie Nelson.

Palmer died on December 1, 1976, and Eva resides at the Senior Citizens Manor in Hillsboro. (1956 updated 1980)

Peter and Lois Ronning

Peter M. Ronning and wife, Lois, were married in Fargo, North Dakota, on May 10, 1940. Peter was born and raised in the Akeley, Clarrisa Minnesota area, coming to North Dakota in the late 1920's. Lois was born and raised at Goldwin, North Dakota, coming to Fargo in the early 1930's.

We have three children: Gene living at Milton, Washington. He has two boys, and is working as a Draftsman in Seattle. James lives at Sumner, Washington, has two boys, and is a welder for a Sheet metal shop in Tacoma. Judy lives in East Moline, Illinois, has one boy and one girl. She is a homemaker and her hubby is an employee of John Deere.

We lived in the Fargo, West Fargo area till we moved to Grandin in the Spring of 1972, buying the home of Sam and Jane Hunter. Peter was in the construction work so we traveled all over the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, and parts of Wisconsin and Montana. Finishing up his working days at the Sugar Beet plant at Hillsboro, North Dakota, before retiring in June 1974.

After leaving Grandin in the spring of 1976, we moved to Sumner, Washington, where we are enjoying his retirement. On leaving Grandin we left behind many, many good friends we made in our short time we lived there.

Louis J. Rosenau Family



Mr. and Mrs. Rosenau were residents and farmers in the Grandin Community since 1885. Louis Rosenau was born May 1, 1868, in Meriden Wausau County, Minnesota, coming directly to Dakota Territory. He was employed by Rod Iron Bridge Company out of Minnesota. Mrs. Rosenau (Katharine Redeske) was born December 13, 1868, in Bangor, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. She came with her parents to Dakota Territory, near Hillsboro. At the age of seventeen she came to Grandin Hotel and worked in the Grandin Hotel which was owned by W.J. Pratt. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenau were married November 6, 1895. They took up farming and bought the present farm home in 1913. To this union were born six children—two children died in infancy. Henrietta married Adolph Zeigler in 1930, both are deceased, who have a daughter Adele who resides in Moorhead. Rudolph, married Ann Crummy in 1935 and both are deceased. Alice married William Margach in 1937, both are deceased. They have one daughter Kathryn (see Margach). Alfred married Lillian Fronk in 1936 and has one child Louis who resides on the home farm with his mother. Alfred is deceased. Louis is active and interested in community affairs.

Arcule T. St. Jacque — Lillian Olson

Arcule T. (Terry) St. Jacque is the only son of Xavier and Mary Elizabeth (Ringnette) St. Jacque, North Dakota pioneers who homesteaded in Wells County in 1882. Xavier and Mary St. Jacque are buried in St. Joseph's cemetery in Moorhead, Minnesota.

The St. Jacque children are:

Gergiana Bell who was born on October 30, 1893, the first white child in Wells County. She married Gus Hamilton and resides in Minneapolis.

Eva Leone, born April 17, 1896, married J.R. Fay and lives in Montevideo, Minnesota.

Frances, born November 4, 1897, married Leo J. Gallagher and resides in Fargo; and Terry, born at

Sykeston on March 9, 1908, and came to Fargo with his parents in 1918. He started to work for the New Day Seed Co., in 1936 and stayed until 1942 when he entered the military service. After his discharge from the army he returned to New Day Seeds and stayed until 1957.

On November 2, 1949, Terry married Lillian Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Dokken who were also North Dakota pioneers. Lillian died on June 20, 1972, and is buried in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo. In 1957 they moved to Longmont, Colorado, where he was in partnership with Pat Engstrom in the seed business. In 1965 they returned to North Dakota and moved to Grandin where he managed the bird seed business for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons for a number of years.

In 1973 he went to work as an inspector for the North Dakota grain inspection service. Terry retired in 1977 and continues to live in Grandin.

Fred Sale — Anna Baker

Fred G. Sale born at Pontiac, Illinois, December 19, 1871, married Anna P. Baker on March 6, 1894. She was born at Peru, Illinois, on September 2, 1873. They operated dairy farms in Illinois and Iowa. In 1916 their eldest son George came to North Dakota. Fred followed and traded Iowa farms for land in Kinyon Township southwest of Grandin. Things did not go well in North Dakota and they moved back to Iowa with the three youngest children but he did return each fall to thresh.

He worked at several different jobs in Iowa, saved his money, and made a modest comeback.

Fred and Anna had three children:

George Fred, born Peru, Illinois, February 1, 1895, married Louise Gretter at Grandin, August 5, 1920. They farmed for themselves and the other fellow until 1939 when they moved in to Fargo. George worked as a cab driver and as route salesman for Reed Cleaners. Since retirement George has worked at Bonanzaville, U.S.A. Louise, an alteration lady at Herbst for 29 years, passed away June 10, 1979. Fred Edward, born November 16, 1896, at Peru, Illinois, married Erma Michaelis at Gardner, on October 17, 1923. He moved to Puyallup, Washington, in 1937. They have three children: Mrs. Bill (Helen) Corbin, died in a plane crash, leaving three children. Fred Jr., has five children and lives at Puyallup, Mrs. David (Beverly) Ernst has two children and lives at Seattle.

Elmer Lawrence, born LaSalle, Illinois, April 22, 1906, married Lois Munter at Hillsboro in 1932. They have three children: Mrs. Robert (Jacqueline) Rubenow, who has four children: James, Jeret living in England, married Rachel Klevet, who is studying at Oxford.

Clarence Robert, born Waverly, Iowa, August 1, 1909, married Ruth Greiger there on September 5, 1942. They have two sons, Richard and Robert, both married, reside at Vancouver, Washington, and are retired. Pearl Anna, born Riceville, Iowa, December 13, 1915, married James W. Bruns December 18, 1923. They have six children: Myrna at home, Mrs. John (Marlene) Atchley, Jr., of Lebanon, Oregon, who has five children, Mrs. Roger (Betty) Snyder, Eugene,

Oregon, has two children: James and wife Pat of Auburn, Washington, have three children: Mrs. F. Neal (Jean) Snyder of Kent, Washington, has two children. Bruce the eldest son drowned in 1956.

Fred and Anna Sale had two sons who died in infancy. All are buried at Peru, Illinois.

Clarence Sale paid his father a nice tribute when he said, "with all his trials and tribulations Dad never complained about the turn of events". Contributed by George F. Sale.

Lester Satrom — Clarice Traynor



Lester Satrom, son of Olaf and Mina (Olstad) Satrom was originally from Page, married Clarice Traynor, daughter of Al and Ruth (Olson) Traynor of Rolette, North Dakota, in 1958 and moved to a farm near Grandin.

Oldest son, Tim, was born in 1959 and attended school in Grandin for eleven years. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1977 and from East Grand Forks Area Vocational School in Truck Mechanics in 1979. He married Debbie Beyer of Hillsboro in 1979. They have a daughter Carisa, and reside in Hillsboro. Tim farms with his father. Daughter Tammy attended school for nine years in Grandin and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1979. She is presently attending college in Denver, Colorado. Second son, Todd, was born in 1962, went to school eight years in Grandin, and graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1980. Tricia, the youngest daughter, was born in 1970 and is attending Cass Valley North Elementary School.

Roy Satrom Family

Roy's parents, Olaf and Mina (Olstad) Satrom were farmers north of Page, North Dakota. Ruth's

parents also farmed in that area.

Roy bought his farm just west of Grandin in 1943. He and Ruth were married the following year and moved here.

There are six children in the family. The boys, Curtis and Rick, are at home and farming with their father. Mr. and Mrs. Greg (Corrine) Bergee live in College Station, Texas, where Greg works in electronics. They have a daughter, Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Krueger (Sharon) live in New Orleans, Louisiana, where Gene is manager of the airport. They have four girls, Tineke, Shannon, Malanie, and Amber. Sandy Satrom is at home and helps with the dairy. Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Mary) Lime live in Caledonia, North Dakota.

The Raymond Scholl Family

Raymond Scholl was born at Washburn, McLean County, October 10, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scholl, the oldest of a family of five. He attended school at Conklin Township school and after completing his education he farmed and ranched with his father.

Mrs. Raymond Scholl, nee Arlean Schafer, was born at Underwood, North Dakota, McLean County, November 27, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Schafer, the oldest in a family of three. She attended school at Buffalo Lake Township school and Minot Teachers College. After completing her education she taught in a rural school at Washburn and at Dunn Center Public school.

On February 1, 1942, Ray and Arlean were married at Underwood, North Dakota. They lived at Washburn on the farm where Ray was born and raised. Here they grain farmed and raised purebred Angus cattle.

In March 1947 they purchased a farm ten miles northeast of Grandin, North Dakota, where they lived until January of 1978 when they purchased a new home in Halstad, Minnesota, where they now reside.

Arlean and Ray have five children: Mrs. Milton (Sandra) Bowen, Minot, North Dakota; Rayland with the North Dakota Air Guard and farming northeast of Grandin; Calvin, of Fargo, who is an assistant State entomologist; Kay, Bogota, Columbia, with Whycliffe Bible Translators, and Harley who is now on the home farm at Grandin.

The Scholls are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church at Hendrum, Minnesota. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and served on the school and township boards. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served twelve years as 4-H club leader. Both have been active in church and community affairs.

Rayland C. and Bonnie L. Scholl

Rayland C. Scholl was born in Washburn, North Dakota, August 22, 1943, to Arlean and Raymond Scholl. In 1947 the family moved to a farm near Grandin. The second oldest in a family of five children.

Rayland attended Hendrum Public School first through twelfth grades. Following high school graduation Rayland attended the N.D. State School of Forestry in Bottineau where he received an associate degree in Forestry in 1963. That summer he

smoke jumped out of Missoula, Montana. In May 1963 he received his commission in the N.D. Air National Guard and the following April went to Navigator School in Waco, Texas, for fifty-three weeks of training. Upon completion of this training he flew the back seat of the F-89 for the Guard, attended NDSU taking Agricultural Economics and farmed with his father.

Bonnie (Peterson) Scholl was born May 27, 1945, to Ardis and Marvin Peterson in Bloomington, Minnesota. Upon completion of high school she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Medical Technology and a minor in Chemistry. Following her twelve month internship at the Fargo Clinic Laboratory she passed her national Registry test and became a Registered Technologist.

Bonnie and Rayland met during her internship and were married in July of 1967 following her graduation.

In October 1967 they moved to Enid, Oklahoma, where Rayland entered pilot training at Vance A.F.B. Randolph, their first son, was born there.

Upon completion of Rayland's initial pilot training they moved to Sherman, Texas, where he received specialized training in the F-102. Jeffrey was born there.

They returned to North Dakota in 1969 and rented the John Boit home across from the firehall in Grandin. Rayland resumed farming with his father and continued to fly for the Guard.

In 1970, the year Michelle Christine was born, the Scholls bought the Joel Erickson home in Grandin. This house had originally been located in Gardner and was owned by Dr. Gowenlock. Erickson moved it from Gardner to Grandin, and in 1974 Rayland and Bonnie moved it from Grandin to the Charlie Smart farm eight miles east of Grandin which Scholls' had previously purchased and farmed.

Presently, Randy, twelve, Jeffery, eleven, and Missy, ten, attend the Halstad Public School. Rayland, a Major in the Guard, is flying the F-4 Phantom and farming. Bonnie is active in many organizations through the Halstad-Hendrum communities and is clerk of the Elm River School District. The family belongs to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Hendrum.

Harley Scholl — Bonnie Lindstrom

Harley Scholl, son of Raymond and Arlean Scholl was born at Hillsboro, North Dakota, on August 6, 1948, and grew up on the farm near Grandin. He attended school at Hendrum, Minnesota, and from there went to the School of Forestry at Bottineau, North Dakota. He completed his education at NDSU in Fargo.

On May 18, 1968, he married Bonnie Lindstrom. She was raised on a farm near Souris and was the second oldest in a family of four children. She attended school at Souris and NDSU in Fargo. Harley and Bonnie lived in Fargo for three years while he completed his education and she worked as a dental assistant. In the spring of 1971 they moved to Perley, Minnesota. While living there Harley began farming with his father Raymond and brother Rayland. He

also began raising registered hampshire hogs. In 1973 they moved to a farm two miles from Harley's home place and in 1978 moved on to the home farm when the Raymond Scholl's retired and moved in to Halstad.

They have two children, a boy, Kelly, and a daughter Nicole, who attend school at Halstad, Minnesota.

Harley and Bonnie belong to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hendrum, Minnesota. Harley also serves on the township school board and is a member of the Northern Purebred Swine Association. Both are active in church and community affairs.

Harvey and Carrie Scovill Family

Harvey and Carrie Scovill came to the Grandin area about 1910, farming northeast and later south of Grandin. Carrie Scovill returned to Indiana where she married Pete Owens. In later years making her home with Carl in South Dakota and Max in California. Their children were Ingram Burgess, Maxwell Elmer, Carl Travis and Eleanor.

Max E. Scovill (deceased November 14, 1955 at Ingelwood, California) married Rose J. Weller (aka as Rose Darling Beaudette, residing at Paradise, California.) They farmed northeast of Grandin, moving to town about 1926. At that time he did grain trucking, etc., later maintenance work. Max served in the U.S. Army in 1944 during World War II, later living in Tuscon, Arizona, and Ingelwood, California. Their children are Norma and Donald.

Donald Scovill born January 10, 1922; married Beverly Stienlie March 8, 1945, at St. Paul, Minnesota. Donald attended grade and high school in Grandin living there until he entered the service in 1944, serving with the U.S. Army during World War II in the European field. He is a charter member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 1426 of Grand Forks, North Dakota. His work has taken him to many states, in this area working on the Garrison Dam Project, Grand Forks Air Base, Missile Sites and the Mayo Brothers Clinic of Rochester, Minnesota. Beverly is in the ticket and credit management office of the Dayton Stores at Rochester. The family resides at Rochester, Minnesota. Their children are: Micheal Anthony, Debra Louise, Gregory Donald, Therese Ann and Mary Christine.

Micheal Scovill was born December 20, 1946 - married Shelia Olevason at Rochester, Minnesota, they have two sons, Bruce Maxwell and Erick Anthony. Micheal attended grade school at Revere, Minnesota; high school at Walnut Grove, Minnesota and is a graduate of St. Cloud State College at St. Cloud, Minnesota. Shelia is a homemaker, they reside at Saulk Rapids, Minnesota.

Debra Louise, born June 20, 1949, married Bruce Berg at Mankato, Minnesota. They have a daughter, Ann Marie. Debra attended grade school at Revere, Minnesota, high school at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, and is a graduate of Mankato State College of Mankato, Minnesota. She is teaching in the Elementary Education system of the West Brook Schools. Her husband Bruce is a Building Contractor. They reside at West Brook, Minnesota.

Gregory Donald, born June 13, 1952, married Gloria Nordine at Albert City, Iowa. Greg attended grade school at Revere, Minnesota, high school at Byron, Minnesota. He also attended Mankato State College at Mankato, Minnesota. He is associated with the Iowa Body and Bus Company of Albert City, Iowa. His wife Gloria, works with the company and they reside at Albert City, Iowa.

Therese Ann, born June 30, 1953, married Francis Cosgrove at Sioux City, Iowa. They have a daughter, Erin Patricia. Therese attended grade school and high school at Byron, Minnesota, also Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa. Therese is a homemaker, her husband is an attorney and a Public Defender. They reside at Nevada City, Iowa.

Mary Christine, born November 14, 1955, married Alan Johnson at Rochester, Minnesota. They have a daughter, Christina. Mary attended grade and high school at Byron, Minnesota, Rochester Jr. College and Bemidji State College, Bemidji, Minnesota. Her husband is doing graduate work for his Master's degree in early Greek History. They reside at Carl Stream, Illinois.

Norma Scovill Larson Henning, born June 7, 1920, attended grade and high school at Grandin, also attended business classes while living and working in Los Angeles, California. She was married in the Grandin Presbyterian Church, October 15, 1941, to Earl H. Larson of Hillsboro, North Dakota (deceased February, 1968). They farmed in the Hillsboro area for twenty-seven years. Following this, Norma worked as a Clerk in the Traill County Judge's office until 1974 and was married May 25, 1974, in the Community Presbyterian Church of West Fargo, North Dakota, to Leslie W. Henning (deceased July 23, 1979). Leslie was with the Cass Clay Creamery for thirty-four years. At the present time she is an employee of Bonanzaville, U.S.A., West Fargo, North Dakota and resides in West Fargo. The Earl H. Larson children are: Dennis Earl and Diane Lynn.

Dennis Earl, born June 14, 1946, married Linda Lee Andrews of Pensacola, Florida. They have a son, Dennis Earl, Jr. Dennis attended grade school in the Bloomfield School and high school in Hillsboro, North Dakota. He joined the U.S. Navy December 12, 1965, with duty aboard the U.S. Saratoga and the U.S. Lexington among others, he is now stationed at St. Marys, Georgia. His wife, Linda, works in the school system at Kingsland, Georgia, which is their current address.

Diane Lynn Larson, born January 2, 1954, attended grade and high school at Hillsboro, North Dakota, graduating in 1972 as valedictorian of that class. She attended the State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota for two years transferring to the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota, graduating Cum Laude in 1974. At the present time she is personal secretary for Al and Curt Hektner of Hektner, Lybeck and Erickson Insurance Agency of Fargo, North Dakota. She resides in West Fargo, North Dakota.

Ingram Burgess Scoville (deceased 1965) married Gretchen Grady December, 1921 (deceased 1968). They farmed on Grady homestead two miles west of Hendrum on Dakota side. Had two sons: Harvey and

Lawrence. Harvey married Grace Dwyre February, 1945, at Hawley, Minnesota. They have five children.

Richard Lawrence - graduated Hendrum High School. Attended Wahpeton State School of Science. Served with U.S. Army. Married Rachel Lenning. Two sons, Ricky and Randy. Resides in Two Harbors, Minnesota. Works at Minnesota Co-op Power Line as hiline man.

William Linton - graduated Hendrum High School. Graduated from NDSU with Masters Degree in engineering. Served with U.S. Army. Married Wanda Larson. One daughter, Amy Beth. Resides in Jamestown, North Dakota. Employed by John Deere Company.

Harvey James - graduated Hendrum High School. Graduated Detroit Lakes Area VoTech. Married Julie Ohnstad, one son, Ben. Resides in Harwood, North Dakota. Works in Fargo.

Kathryn Louise - attended Hendrum High School. Married Clayton Thurston. Two sons, Cooper and Jason. Resides in West Fargo.

Connie Sue - graduated Hendrum High School. Attended Moorhead Tech. Married Dale Cameron. Two children, Jennifer and Eric. They reside on the Grady-Scoville farmstead two miles west of Hendrum. They live on Grandin Rural Route.

Lawrence Scoville (deceased 1970) graduated Hendrum High School. Served with U.S. Navy. Worked for Seigels Clothing for 22 years. Married Lillian Iken. They have three children.

Ginny - married Ken Rogers. Two children, Todd and Erin. Resides in Fargo.

Sonia - married Ron Daniels. Two sons, Timothy and Mathew. Resides in Billings, Montana.

Jeri - One daughter, Dana. Resides in Fargo.

Harvy passed away. Grace resides in Fargo.

Carl Travis (deceased 1966) served in African and European WW II areas. Married Gladys Pike, a nurse residing in Madison, South Dakota. One son, Ronald, living in Reno, Nevada.

Eleanor - Last known residence, Kansas City, Kansas.

Joseph Sim — Maria Lockhart

Joseph Sim was born in Innerkip, Ontario, Canada in 1852. He came to the Grandin community in 1879 where he established his homestead northeast of Grandin, now Traill/County, and farmed until his death in 1921.

Joseph married Maria Lockhart of Innerkip, Ontario, in March 1884 and brought her to North Dakota to live. Mrs. Sim died in 1924.

There were six children: Blanche, Mrs. Lester Belcher; Gertrude, Mrs. John Greenshields; Lida, Mrs. L.T. Anderegg; Frances, Mrs. G.S. Hansen, Gordon, and Milton. All are deceased. (1956 updated 1980)

George W. Skinner — Elsie Diedrich

George W. Skinner was born on July 26, 1898 at Long Prairie, Minnesota. He came to North Dakota in 1906 and moved to Grandin on June 15, 1915.

He worked in the bank for three years, after which he started and operated a cream station and produce market for twenty-three years.

He was materials clerk for the Farm Home Administration for three years.

He was postmaster for nine years after which he transferred to rural carrier, a position he held until his death.

George married Elsie Diedrich of Parkers Prairie, Minnesota on June 8, 1927.

George died on November 13, 1963 and Elsie died December 29, 1975. (1956)

George W. Skinner — Elizabeth Young



George W. Skinner was born near Madison, Wisconsin on June 26, 1864.

At an early age he came with his parents to Long Prairie, Minnesota. Here he married Elizabeth Young on December 15, 1894.

Together they taught schools in Minnesota and North Dakota until their retirement, after which they made their home in Fargo, North Dakota, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To this union were born four children, one boy and three girls.

George Wesley, Alpha, Eva, and Jean.

Mr. Skinner passed away November 28, 1924. Mrs. Skinner has also passed away. (1956)

Reverend L.M. Skunes — Hannah Larson

Reverend L.M. Skunes was born December 8, 1864 in Norway. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1889. He was ordained in 1895 and married Hannah Larson on June 27, 1895 at Astoria, South Dakota.

Reverend Skunes' first charge was at Warren, Minnesota, and he subsequently served parishes at Glyndon and Perley in Minnesota, Hillsboro, North Dakota, Halstad, Minnesota and Milton, North Dakota in 1930. After serving at Milton, Reverend and Mrs. Skunes retired to a farm east of Grandin in 1941. Twelve years later they moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, where they lived with their daughter, Klara. Reverend Skunes died in August of 1955, and Mrs. Skunes died in November of 1963.

Five children were born to this union: Norval, Edwin, Klara, Harold, and Laura. They had nine grand children and 24 great-grandchildren. (1965 updated 1980)

Norval E. Skunes — Knelma Johnson

Norval E. Skunes was born at Warren, Minnesota, June 16, 1897, to Rev. and Mrs. L.M. Skunes. He attended schools at Hillsboro, North Dakota, Halstad, Minnesota, and Moorhead, Minnesota. Norval also served in the U.S. Army the last months of W.W.I. He settled on a farm east of Grandin in 1926. He married Knelma Johnson at Halstad, Minnesota, in February, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Skunes were actively involved in farming until 1964, when they retired to Fargo. Norval

continued his association with farming by helping his son Arnold at Arthur, until he became ill. In 1969, Mr. Skunes passed away. His wife, Knelma, now is a resident of the Villa Maria Center in Fargo.

A son and a daughter were born to Mr. and Mrs. Skunes. Arnold, a graduate of Grandin High School in 1946, married Micki Dally in 1950. They farmed west of Grandin until 1956, and then lived in the Los Angeles, California area for a time. They returned to Grandin in 1961. In 1964, Arnold and Micki moved to Arthur where they still farm. They have three children. Jon, their elder son, single and living in Arthur; Kevin, their younger son, married to Betty Lenssen of Litchville and also living in Arthur, are both in a partnership with their father on the family farm east of Arthur. Darcy, their daughter, is married to Michael Hostetler of Rochester, Minnesota. They live in Minneapolis and have two children.

Norma Skunes graduated from Grandin High School in 1947 and M.S.T.C. in 1949. She taught school in Clearbrook, Minnesota and Kindred, North Dakota, and in 1952 married Joe Peltier of Arthur, North Dakota. Mr. Peltier manages the elevator in Arthur and is also a State Legislator. Norma and Joe have four children; Keith, married to Cathy Lovaas of Mayville, is an elevator manager in Waseca, Minnesota. Jeffery, who lives in Fargo, divides his time between work at the elevator in Arthur and farming at Warroad, Minnesota. Suzette is a student at the University of Minnesota, and Betty Jo attends college at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

Richard Smith — Charlene Dolliver

Richard Ardyn Smith, son of Lyle E. and Myrtle Smith married Charlene Rae Dolliver on June 30, 1973. They have two children: Jerome Richard born July 7, 1975, and RaeAnne Charlene born December 21, 1978.

Richard originally came from Claire City, South Dakota. He moved to Grandin in 1961 with his parents, brother Jerome, and sister Holly. An older sister Fae Lynn was married and did not come with them. Richard lived in Grandin as well as on a farm one mile west of Grandin. He attended school in Grandin until 1964 when he moved to Fargo with his parents. He still resides in Fargo where he is employed at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Joseph Sokness

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sokness and son, Dennis came to Grandin from Marshall, Minnesota, in August of 1951, at which time Mr. Sokness took over as manager of the Cargill elevator.

In 1953 he resigned from that position and accepted the position of bookkeeper at the R.F. Gunkelman & Son's elevator where he worked until 1970. When Agway took over the elevator, Joe worked for them until his retirement in 1971.

Dennis is manager of the branch of Agra-By-Products on the farm northeast of Grandin.

Douglas Spry

I was born April 8, 1950 at White Earth, Minnesota, the fourth child in a family of eleven born to Leonard and Irene (Nestor) Spry. By nationality I am

one half German, part French, and three-sixty-fourths Chippewa Indian.

Besides having his own bees my father is a bee keeper for Johnson's Bee Farms of Calloway, Minnesota.

I graduated from Detroit Lakes High School in 1968, entered Vocational Tech school there specializing in architectural drafting.

I married Nancy Romer of Hawley, Minnesota and have two sons Jeffrey, born October 24, 1969, and Chad born December 3, 1971.

In 1970 I started to work for Hogenson Construction Co. in Minneapolis and in 1975 was asked to manage an office in Moorhead for them.

Nancy and I were divorced in 1977 and she is now living in Minneapolis with the boys.

I started to work for Grandin Manufacturing in January of 1978 and in June of 1979 I moved here.

My boys were here for the 1980 spring quarter of school and will be here each summer to stay with me and play on Grandin's Pee Wee baseball team that I coach.

For pleasure I enjoy camping, biking, hunting, fishing and all other sports. I belong to the Grandin softball team and am a member of the fire department.

Jerry and Karen Srur

Jerry Srur brought his family to Grandin in 1980. He is the elementary principal for Cass Valley North School while his wife, Karen, substitute teaches and cares for their two children Krystal, age five and Kodi who is one year old.

Jerry was born in Grand Forks, but is more a native of Superior, Wisconsin, where he attended high school and college. Karen's home is at Portland, North Dakota, but she was born at Hillsboro, North Dakota. They both enjoy the Red River Valley and intend to make it their home.

John Still Family

Like many of the other Scotch Irish families that settled in the Grandin area John Still and his wife Mary and family immigrated from Canada. They homesteaded on the northwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22 which lies two-and-one-half miles straight north of Grandin. He purchased the southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22 in 1890 from Robert Logan and in 1892 purchased the northeast quarter of section 26 from James Thompson Lockhart. John Stills lived there until they sold the farm and left Grandin in 1908.

The Stills had two sons, Elmer and Eugene and two daughters, Florence and Susie.

Elmer married Jessie Flewell and they lived in the second house east of the Presbyterian church in Grandin. They had one son Clyfford, born November 30, 1904. The following year they moved to Spokane, Washington. In 1910 Elmer Still homesteaded near Bow Island in southern Alberta. All are deceased.

Kenneth Strandberg Family

Kenny was born in Mohall, North Dakota, to George and Gertrude Strandberg who are living on a farm which Kenny's grandfather, Ole Strandberg homesteaded.

George Strandberg has a private antique collection, among which are one hundred guns, his mother's dress, a parlor furnace, and a hand operated clothes washer. His collection fills five buildings. Outside his old cookcar he flies a forty-eight star flag. This home is located six miles north of Mohall.

Kenny has three brothers and one sister. Gary the oldest is living in Illinois with his wife and three sons. His sister Oline is married to Mike Kalmbach, who is employed by the U.S. Air Force at Rapid City, South Dakota. Jim, the third eldest lives in Kansas City with his wife and two sons. Steve the youngest, his wife and daughter live in Mohall.

Kenny moved to Fargo in the fall of 1972 where he attended Hanson Mechanical Trade School. In 1973 he met Cindy Simonson of Fargo and they were married in March of 1974. Cindy is the daughter of Adrien and Sharon Simonson of Fargo. Adrien is employed at North Dakota State University as a baker. Cindy is the eldest of eight in the family. Belinda the second oldest lives in Moorhead with her three daughters. Michelle, the next oldest, is a nurse at Grand Forks and is married to Dave Thomson. Tim, the oldest boy is in the U.S. Army in Texas. Mary, Barry, Jemaly and John live at home. Kenny and Cindy moved to Oak Park Trailer Court at Harwood in the fall of 1974. They have four children; Donovan Kent, who is six, Candice Wend, four, Martin Gerald, three, and Nickolas Ross, one. During the summer of 1979 they purchased the Ed Mears home in Grandin and in March of 1980 Kenny and the four children moved in. Following a separation Kenny got a divorce in June 1980. He is employed at Fargo Tank as a welder. Donovan has started school while the other three children are at home keeping the baby sitter busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stokke and Marlin Dean Stokke



Harold Stokke was born in western North Dakota, near Noonan, the son of Norwegian immigrants. He attended school there and farmed with his father until 1940. Farming

in western North Dakota during the drought years of the "dirty thirties" was not without severe problems. Crops were hauled out, dried out and blown out and the hungry grasshoppers always on the lookout for food, ate anything and everything. They devoured onions and carrots down into the ground, tree leaves

and even the paint on the buildings. Following a year or two of severe dust and sand storms and little feed for the cattle, hay was made from Russian Thistles which abounded in that area.

In 1935, Merle Ecker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ecker of Grandin, came to Divide County and taught in a rural school. In 1939 she and Harold Stokke were married and lived at Noonan for over a year. Their first child, Allan was born in Minot. In the fall of 1940, they trucked their three registered Holsteins and a small amount of machinery to Grandin where they bought the farm two miles north of town on which Merle was born and where they still reside.

Three more children were born to the Stokkes. Marlin, who attended North Dakota State University and spent six years in the Air Force and Air Guard now carries on the farming activities and lives at home with his parents.

Carole, a graduate of St. Luke's School of Nursing is married to David Johnston of Rugby. She is a Pediatrics nurse in Fargo and has three children.

Beverly, now of Rochester, Minnesota, also a graduate of St. Luke's, is married to Lawrence Henderson of Arnegard, North Dakota. She has worked at Madonna Towers in Rochester and has three boys.

Allan, the eldest, is a graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and the University of Chicago Law School. A Criminal Attorney and Senior member of the law firm of Cohen, Stokke and Owen of Santa Ana, California, he has also co-authored a text book "Concepts of Criminal Law" for use in law schools. He has two sons and lives in Newport Beach, California.

After the children left home and Harold had milked cows for fifty years the faithful Holsteins were finally sold and the barn converted into a machine shed.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Taylor



The Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Taylor and son, David, moved to Grandin in June, 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

David is now seven years old, Janet Eileen

was born in Hillsboro in September 1953. Mr. Taylor is pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in Grandin and Hendrum, Minnesota. He is also moderator and acting pastor of the Presbyterian Churches in Galesburg and Clifford, North Dakota. (1956)

James Walker Thom — Jane McDonnel

James Walker Thom was born in Scotland in 1826 and moved with his family to Ontario, Canada in 1841.

He married Jane McDonnel of Ontario and several years later, in 1880, they came to Casselton by immigrant train, then drove to his son's home near Grandin, North Dakota.

To this union were born ten children: William, John D., Jenny, Mrs. A. Bell; Agnes, Mrs. David Geddes; Mary, Mrs. Alfred Duntley; Euphemia, Mrs. Ed Hulbert; Bessie, Mrs. William Ballock.

Mr. Thom built a general store in Grandin, the only other building being the Great Northern Section house.

Mr. Thom kept store until 1898 when the business was taken over by his son.

Mr. Thom died in 1901.

Mrs. Thom died in 1912. (1956)

The Keith Thompsons

Keith Bowen, son of Herman and Camilla (Olsen) Thompson and Julie Ann, daughter of Robert and Helen (Zimmer) Crippen, both of Fargo, North Dakota, moved to Grandin January 1977.

The Thompsons are members of the Grandin Presbyterian church.

They have two children, Jeremy Allan born August 21, 1977, deceased July 16, 1980, and Justin Gustav born February 20, 1980.

Keith is presently employed by the North Dakota Air National Guard.

Lewis Thorsrud



Lewis Thorsrud was born in Callender, Iowa, on January 5, 1880. He came to North Dakota in 1904 and began farming at Englevale, in Ransom County.

He married Anna Nash of Buxton in 1907. He also farmed at Crosby for four years and lived in Hillsboro two years before coming to the farm four miles northwest of Grandin in the spring of 1919.

To this union six children were born. They are: Alice, who passed away in infancy and is buried at Englevale, Arnold, Annette, Margaret, Mrs. George Hilstad; Harriet, Mrs. Ross Glenn, died December 22, 1980, and Eleanor, Mrs. Charles Bjornstad. There are 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren living.

Mrs. Anna Thorsrud died in April 1930, at the age of 48.

Lewis Thorsrud married Ruth Thorson, of Fingal, in 1939, and retired from active farming after 1945. At that time Arnold and his wife, Vi, bought the home farm and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thorsrud moved to Hillsboro. Of this union four children were born. They are: Ronald, Diane, (Mrs. Gillette Munter); Marilyn, (Mrs. Bernell Asheim); and Joel. There are six grandchildren of this second marriage.

Lewis Thorsrud died at Hillsboro, April 6, 1972. He was 92 years old. Mrs. Ruth Thorsrud is living in Hillsboro at the present time.

Arnold Thorsrud Family

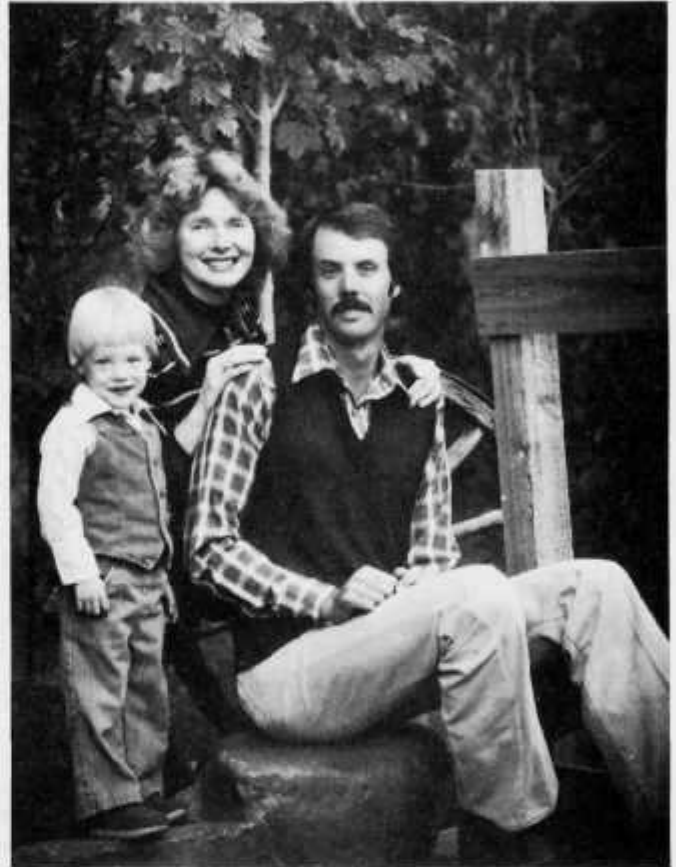


Arnold Thorsrud was born on May 30, 1911. He came to the farm near Grandin with his parents Lewis and Anna. He married Viola Ekanger from Glyndon, Minnesota, in 1940. They lived on the Percy Stuart farm until 1945 when they bought the home farm from Lewis. There were four boys in this family: David, who passed away in infancy, Bruce who

started farming the home farm in 1972, Mark, who is a lawyer living in Seattle, and Steve who is going to law school in Spokane, Washington.

Arnold Thorsrud died at the farm on July 29, 1961, at the age of fifty. Mrs. Viola Thorsrud is now living in Spokane, Washington

Bruce Thorsrud — Diane Evert



Bruce was born January 21, 1949, in Fargo. He moved to Spokane, Washington, with his mother and brothers Mark and Steve after his father passed away.

After graduation from high school in Spokane he moved back to the family farm in North Dakota. He attended Moorhead Area Vo-Technical Institute and was also a member of the Air National Guard in Fargo.

Bruce started farming the family farm the spring of 1972. He is the third generation to farm the home farm three miles west and one mile north of Grandin.

Bruce married Diane Evert from Sabin, Minnesota, on June 24, 1972. Diane is the daughter of Carl and Helen Evert of Sabin. Diane graduated from Moorhead High School and Moorhead Vo-Technical Institute. After their marriage she worked for one year at the Grandin Co-op as secretary. Diane is currently secretary for the First Presbyterian Church in Grandin.

Bruce and Diane have two sons, Nathan Arnold, born February 7, 1978, and Nolan Bruce, born January 15, 1981.

W.S. Vanbergan

W.S. VanBergan, pioneer merchant, came from New York and opened a general store. It later became known as Bill - VanBergan - and Clark and a few years later he was joined by his brother, Anthony.

Mr. Van Bergan was a born promoter and enthusiast and encouraged the early sports and general activities of the village.

Mrs. VanBergan was an accomplished musician and was instrumental in buying the beautiful organ for the new Presbyterian Church.

The VanBergans moved to Minneapolis where they spent the rest of their lives. (1956)

The Vantine Family



John G. Vantine was born August 26, 1885, in Paris, Missouri. Cora Mace Grimes was born October 24, 1887, in Kankakee, Illinois. They were married April 7, 1909, farm-

ed in Illinois for two years and moved to the Grandin Community in 1911. John came to North Dakota in a box car with his horses, farm machinery, household goods, and a nephew who wasn't supposed to be riding free, during a very cold February. John and Mace farmed in the Grandin Community for several years and later bought and operated a general store in Grandin for seventeen years. During the years on the farm they were tempted three times to leave. They tried California twice and early in 1922 the family left the farm one-half mile north of Grandin and moved to Detroit, Michigan, because John had been told that farm work was too heavy for him. However, John was never content in a large city or working for someone else. The purchase of the store in Grandin and the decision to return was made very quickly in December of 1922 with the result that the family spent Christmas Day in Union Station in Chicago waiting for a train to North Dakota. The family had become accustomed to train coaches, upper and lower berths so settling down in an apartment above the store was no problem.

John and Mace had three children: Glen Cecil, Jack Duane, and Faye Eleanore. Glen was born a mile-and-one-half northwest of Grandin, was very active in sports at Grandin High School and graduated from NDSU. He married Leola Pforr of Hamburg, North Dakota, on June 26, 1935. They have two sons, Ronald and James and six grandchildren. Both of the boys live in the Minneapolis area where Ron is a senior partner in a law firm and Jim is merchandise manager for the J.C. Penney store in Ridgedale shopping center in Minnetonka.

Jack was born in California, graduated from Grandin High School, was active in dramatics and the school paper. He married Thelma Leismsman of Bismarck on July 12, 1938. He served three-and-one-half years in the Army Air Corps during WW II as a Meteorologist. They have two sons, Liess and Bruce and two grandchildren. Liess is an Anthropologist with the North Dakota Health Planning and Develop-

ment Agency in Bismarck; Bruce is Director of Choral Music at the University of Missouri in St. Louis.

Faye Vantine was born in Grandin, attended grade school there and graduated from Bismarck High School. She graduated from the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks and on Sept. 5, 1948, married Raymond Fladland. They live in Grand Forks where Ray operates the Fladland Real Estate Co. They have three children, Paul, Peggy and Sally and two grandchildren. Paul is in partnership with his father in the real estate business, Peggy's husband is a pilot in the Air Force stationed at Minot. Sally's husband is a Building Contractor in Grand Forks.



Glen and Jack Vantine moved to Bismarck early in 1939 to open the Vantine Paint and Glass Company. At one time they operated stores at Bismarck, Mandan, Dickinson and Williston. They sold the last two stores in March 1977. Glen retired July 1, 1978, and Jack retired February 15, 1980. During their 45 years of business life they were both active in community affairs. Glen is a Past Governor of Lions International, served on the school board, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and is currently on the Bismarck Hospital Board and Chairman of First Federal Savings and Loan. Glen and Leola have a home in Mesa, Arizona, and spend part of each year there. Jack was a Park Board member for 18 years, a Past Governor of Kiwanis International and Salvation Army Board, served twice as Burleigh County Red Cross Chapter Fund Chairman. He has been a lay minister in the Presbyterian Church for 30 years and now serves as Chairman of the Kiwanis Educational Foundation.

Both Glen and Jack are ordained Elders in the Presbyterian Church and have served in positions in the Presbytery and Synod. Both have served as Commissioners to General Assembly, the Annual Convention of the Church.

John and Mace Vantine sold the store in Grandin in 1940 and became residents of Bismarck in 1941, where John worked with his sons in the Bismarck store. John died of cancer in Bismarck January 19, 1959. Mace died from a stroke October 8, 1971, in Fargo where she had lived following John's death.

Wilmar F. Vinje Family

Wilmar F. Vinje was born at Portland, North Dakota, in Steele County on March 31, 1921. He farmed with his father, then went to managing elevators. While living in the Grandin, Gardner area he worked for R.F. Gunkelman and Sons for ten years. Since then he managed an elevator at Leola, South Dakota, then he and his wife decided to manage the Mayville Motel which they did for six-and-one-half years. Wilmar is now semi-retired and works part time for Valley Ford in Mayville. He is also Insurance Representative for the Sons of Norway. He married Mrs. Frieda L. Lupien of Neche, North Dakota, in 1957. There are two children, Gary D. Lupien and Lori E. Vinje and daughter Julie.

Peter J. Wagner



Peter J. Wagner was born in 1860 in Germany. He came to Grandin in 1897 and engaged in the harness business. He passed away in 1928. (1956)

John Walker — Bella Thirsk

John Walker was born in Ontario, Canada on March 27, 1854. He married Bella Thirsk on February 8, 1882. She was born September 10th, 1855.

They moved to Dakota Territory in the summer of 1883, and Mr. Walker filed on a homestead in Kelso Township, Traill County, D.T. on October 3rd, 1883. They lived on their homestead, but later took up residence in Grandin, North Dakota, where Mr. Walker was engaged in business for many years.

John Walker died March 19, 1943, at the age of 89 and his wife Bella died January 9, 1949, at the age of 93. They had no children, but Mrs. Walker was "Auntie Walker" to all children of the village. (1956)

George Watson — Ida Hagerman



George Watson was born in Reinbeck, Iowa, on September 19, 1882. At the age of sixteen he moved with his parents to Brewster, Minnesota, and in 1918 to Grandin,

North Dakota, where he farmed south of town for twelve years.

In 1930 he opened and operated an electric shop at Belle Plaine, Minnesota, for fourteen years.

He married Ida Hagerman in 1909 at Brewster, Minnesota. To this union was born Dorothy, (Mrs. Howard Day), now deceased, and Gordon, now an

electronics employee at North American Aviation, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson and Gordon and his family now reside in Compton, California. (1956)

Mrs. Mary Weisbecher



Mrs. Mary Weisbecher was born at Loraine, New York, in 1842. In 1876 she and her husband came to Moorhead, Minnesota, where they resided until 1882. They came to Grandin Territory in 1882.

During their residence here she built and operated the Grandin Hotel, conducting it in such a manner that it became one of the most popular small city hotels in the state.

They had three children: Mayme, Mrs. Jorgurson; Marguerite, Mrs. Otto Ferguson; Libby, Mrs. W.R. Wickins, and one son, Casper, former dispatcher of Great Northern Railroad at Grand Forks.

Mrs. Weisbecher died in 1915. (1956)

Violette (Lindgren) Warner

Violette, daughter of Oscar and Signe Lindgren, attended her Senior year and graduated from Grandin High School in 1946. She attended St. Joseph's School of Nursing at St. John's Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota, and was employed for a short time at the Hillsboro Community Hospital at Hillsboro, North Dakota, before her marriage in 1948 to Earl H. Warner, Jr. (son of Earl and Hannah (Tolfson) Warner) of Hillsboro, North Dakota.

They farmed near Halstad, Minnesota, until Earl's death (at 53) in 1978. There are three living children to this union: Michael, Halstad; Rebecca (Mrs. Roger Noel), Bismarck; and Mary Beth, Minneapolis. There are six grandchildren.

At present (1980) Violette Warner resides in Fargo, North Dakota, attends Moorhead State University and maintains her farming interests in Warner Farms of Halstad, Minnesota.

Lloyd Weller Family

The Weller farm is located about four miles east of Grandin, and operated by Lloyd Weller and son, Kevin.

Lloyd Weller was married to Pearl Rudrud of Hillsboro on August 3, 1942. They have three children: Karen (Mrs. Jerry Alfson) of Hillsboro, Keith, with Cargill, Inc., Grandin and Kevin, Grandin. Three grandchildren are also included, Tammy, Kristin and Jay Alfson of Hillsboro.

In 1972, the Weller family moved into the city of Grandin but continue to farm.

Bertha Weller also lives in Grandin. She farmed a number of years, and continues to have an active interest in farming operations, although retired. Bertha is 86 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weller, Jr.

John Weller Jr. came to Traill and Cass County with his parents in 1871. They located on a farm at what is known as the east end of Traill and Cass County line east of Grandin.

John Weller Jr. lived all his life in the Grandin community. He married Annie Jalbert in 1892, and they farmed and raised their family here.

Mr. Weller passed away in 1949, was predeceased by his wife in 1926. (1956)

Fred Winterquist — Mary Agnes Jalbert



Fred Winterquist was born in Sweden on June 1, 1885, and came to the United States when he was five, traveling with his parents. When older he homesteaded in Minnesota but moved to Grandin in 1902 where he farmed. On May 25, 1909, he married Mary Agnes Jalbert who was born at Grandin on March 10, 1889.

To this union were born six children: Evelyn Lee who passed away June 7, 1979; Violet who married Marty Johnson and resides at Battle Lake, Minnesota; Ernest, Anaheim, California; Alice Hunter of Woodburn, Oregon; Alfred of Grandin and Lucille Thorson who passed away May 30, 1964. Fred died February 17, 1961 and Agnes in March of 1965.

Alfred Winterquist — Alice Wilkins

Alfred and sons are continuing the Grandin farm operations. Alfred, born in Grandin on August 17, 1917, married Alice Wilkins on May 8, 1948. She was born in Ada, Minnesota, on January 2, 1930. Born to Alfred and Alice are five children: Gregory, living in Grandin married Nancy Bartle; Peggy living at Brainard, Minnesota, married Dwight Swisher, May 28, 1977, have one son born July 11, 1980; Vicki an L.P.N. who lives in Fargo. Gary living in Grandin, married Liz Abrahamson June 9, 1973. They have three children Travis, Tracy, and Heather. Cindy of Tempe, Arizona, attends Arizona State University.



Alfred and Alice spend their winters in Mesa, Arizona, and summers at their lake cottage in Minnesota.

Gregory Winterquist — Nancy Bartle

Gregory Ray Winterquist, son of Alfred and Alice, was born March 11, 1949, in Grandin. After graduating from Grandin High School in 1967 he farmed with his father. He married Nancy Renee Bartle of Edgeley, North Dakota, daughter of Wendell and Edna (Cloke) Bartle, on December 15, 1969. They have three children: Steven Fred, born September 15, 1971; Jamie Paul, born November 22, 1974, and Jenny Rae, born December 12, 1976. Greg is still farming with his father and brother Gary in the Grandin Area.

Conrad Woitzel — Margaret Johnsrud



Conrad was born June 2, 1900, to Reinhold and Matilida Woitzel, rural Greenwood, Nebraska. He attended grade school there. In the spring of 1913 he came with his parents, brothers and sisters to rural Gardner, North Dakota, in Kinyon Township, his parents having purchased the John Dynes section of land.

He attended rural Ridgeway school and farmed. In 1928 he had a large barn built on a half section he purchased in Kinyon Township and farmed there the rest of his life. The barn was used for grain storage and dances and was known as the "Moonlight View Club".

Margaret was born November 30, 1913, to Hilmer and Sophie Johnsrud, who had immigrated from Norway to North Dakota in the early 1900's, and homesteaded in Blue Butte Township of McKenzie County, North Dakota. Margaret and her five sisters and six brothers attended rural Dodge grade school. One term there were seven of the brothers and sisters in attendance.

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On May 28, 1935, Conrad and Margaret were married at Fargo. They have two daughters and one son. Evonne was born April 24, 1936, at home. She is a graduate of Grandin High School, attended Gale Institute of Minneapolis and the University of Boulder, Colorado. She married Ronald DeVold, son of Helmer and Elsie DeVold, of Bloomington, Minnesota, at Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin, on November 24, 1962. They have two daughters, Ronda, born April 22, 1965, and Monica, born September 19, 1969. They live at Burnsville, Minnesota. Beverly was born on October 2, 1938, at home. She is a graduate of Grandin High School and attended Interstate Business College in Fargo and the University of Boulder, Colorado. She is employed at West Fargo, North Dakota, where she resides. Allen was born July 10, 1943, at Fargo. He attended grades and two years of high school at Grandin and two years of high school at Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston, Minnesota, graduating from there in 1961. (See Allen Woitzel - Joyce Svare) Conrad died after a long illness of Hodgkins disease and heart problems on May 10, 1971, and is buried at Hunter, North Dakota. Margaret moved to Hunter in October 1972 and worked at Nodak Bag Co., until the plant closed December 31, 1976.

Allen Woitzel — Joyce Svare



Allen, son of Conrad and Margaret Woitzel, was born at Fargo, North Dakota, July 10, 1943. He has lived all his life on his parents farm three miles south of Grandin, North Dakota, where he farms and raises hogs.

Allen attended grade and two years of high

school at Grandin and two years of high school at Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minnesota, graduating in 1961.

He was with the United States Marines 1963-64, getting an early discharge to take over the family farm due to his fathers illness.

Joyce, daughter of George and Signe Svare, Vergas, Minnesota, was born August 26, 1947. During grade and high school she resided with her aunt

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and uncle, Minda and Joe Redmond of rural Hunter, North Dakota, graduating from Hunter High School in 1965. Joyce has one brother and three sisters.

Allen and Joyce were married at Grace Lutheran Church, Grandin, North Dakota, on November 6, 1965. Allen and Joyce have two children: Chad, born April 16, 1971, and Sara, born August 12, 1977.

Ronald Woitzel — Marilyn Monger



Ronald Woitzel was born to Elmer and Esther Woitzel October 5, 1943, in Fargo, North Dakota. They lived on a farm in Kinyon Township.

He attended Ridgeway School, a one room country school until his 7th grade when the school closed. He then began attending school in Grandin until his junior year in high school when he transferred to Northwest School of Agriculture in Crookston, Minnesota. He graduated from there in 1961.

Ron joined the Marine Corps in January 1964. He was stationed in Okinawa and Japan. He was discharged in 1965. It was then when he began farming with his father and renting a quarter of land from his Uncle Gus.

In March of 1967 he met Marilyn Monger who was attending college at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.

Marilyn is the daughter of Orvin and Alma Monger of Alamo, North Dakota. She was born December 30, 1947, in Williston, North Dakota. Marilyn attended school in Alamo, a small town in Northwestern North Dakota. She graduated from there in 1965. In the fall of 1965 she began classes at North Dakota State University.

Ron and Marilyn were married September 23, 1967, in Williston, North Dakota. They lived in a mobile home on the family farm. Ron continued farming with his father until his fathers death in 1977. He then took over the farming operation. In 1978, Ron's mother built a new house in Grandin and moved there. Ron and Marilyn then remodeled the house on the farm along with the other farm buildings where they now live.

Ron and Marilyn Woitzel have three children, two sons and one daughter. Todd was born March 2, 1971. Troy was born October 6, 1974, and Tracy was born November 2, 1976. The boys attend school at Cass Valley North in Grandin.

The children attend Sunday School at Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin where Ron and Marilyn are members.





The Russell Family



Reconstruction of feedmill after
1960 wind storm.



Mrs. John Walker

THE REMITTANCE MAN OF GRANDIN

by B.W. Huey

English literature contains occasional and somewhat romantic reference to a personality known as "the remittance man." The term, defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as "an emigrant who is supported or assisted by remittances from home," was typically applied to the youngest son in a British titled family. The oldest son inherited his father's estate and title, other sons were designated for the army, the navy or the clergy, but the youngest son, especially if he had embarrassing habits, was shipped off to Canada or Australia where he was supported by remittances.

To a degree this definition of the remittance man described Billy Clark, proprietor over fifty years ago of a tiny men's clothing store in Grandin, North Dakota. However, there were some significant differences about Billy's situation. First of all, he was not the youngest son. He was the only son. Secondly, Billy's father wasn't a titled Englishman but a prominent doctor in Staten Island, New York. Thirdly, it wasn't Billy's conduct that caused embarrassment.

The story begins on Staten Island in the early 1900's with Billy an adventurous young man, still not settled on a career and engaged to a lovely young lady. His father, a widower, had developed quite unknown to Billy a certain unparental interest in the young lady. One day, to Billy's delight and surprise, his father offered him the prime adventure of a trip to San Francisco via Cape Horn in a sailing vessel, with return from the west coast by train. Billy jumped at the opportunity. The trip took several months. When Billy finally got home he found to no one's surprise but his own that his erstwhile fiancée was now his stepmother. His father promptly resolved the now mutual embarrassment by shipping Billy back out west.

At any rate, that's the way Billy told it when he would come to our home after church for dinner as he often did. My father and mother were also "emigrants," having come west from Pennsylvania some years before when father accepted a call from a church in North Dakota. All three of them enjoyed visiting about "home." So far as the remittances from Staten Island were concerned, Billy never mentioned them. But it was evident from the poorly-stocked shelves in his store that he must have had some additional means of support.

In the early 1920's Billy was probably fifty years of age. He still dressed in authentic (to us) Staten Island style: Prince Albert coat, gray felt hat neatly creased, stiff collar with striped tie and diamond stickpin. His appearance on the wooden sidewalks of Grandin was in unmistakable contrast to the farmers in their



30 features

Fred [unclear] 81-

Oshkosh B'Gosh overalls, purchased more likely from Montgomery Ward than from Billy. Billy was a handsome man and possibly a little vain about his appearance, a bit stout with a florid complexion, and with a full head of well-brushed white hair.

In spite of his carefully preserved Staten Island appearance, it was one of Billy's eccentricities to view himself as a sort of romantic Bret Harte-type western personality. Grandin, a quiet little farming village of several hundred souls, had been the site years before of the great bonanza wheat farms of the Grandin Brothers. There were rumors that the hull of their Red River steamboat could still be found at Quincy, an abandoned port a few miles east of town. However, Billy had apparently picked Grandin by pure chance, and to him it was the real West which he had envisaged as a boy growing up in Staten Island.

He was accepted cordially enough but somewhat at arm's length by the townsfolk. The fraternal in-group who patronized the pool hall next door to his store enjoyed telling stories about him. A favorite had to do with the occasion, soon after Billy's arrival, when the mirage of a lake appeared on the horizon west of town. Billy was persuaded that it was a real lake and full of fish. He set out on foot with his set of Abercrombie and Fitch fishing tackle, returning a few hours later a bit chastened.

Another story, told with a chuckle by Dr. Fisher the veterinarian, was of the great "run" on Billy's stock of rubber galoshes. One wet spring day a member of the pool hall gang had stopped to buy a new pair of galoshes. Unfortunately, Billy did not have his size in stock. The news soon spread. For the rest of the day, at regular half-hour intervals, potential customers came in seeking that same size. It was happily reported at the pool hall to be the biggest day of business, albeit with no actual sales, that Billy had ever had. The excitement and frustration nearly drove him through the roof.

I liked Billy. He treated me as a grown up, yet in a way he was still a boy himself. When I would stop to visit him at the store he would let me dust the glass showcase with its meager display of collar buttons, tie pins and cuff links. Sometimes he would let me fix up a window display with the likes of Big Yank blue work shirts or red suspenders. One time he showed me the gun case in his office containing four or five handsome pieces, well oiled and maintained but to my knowledge never used. It was apparent that he treasured them.

One year as a reward for my "help" in the store, Billy invited me to be his guest on a visit to the State Fair in Fargo. This was the biggest annual event in

the area and certainly the greatest treat he could possibly have offered me. For days I looked forward to the adventure. When the time arrived, Billy and I boarded the one-car "Gallopig Goose" at the depot for the ride for some twenty miles south to Fargo. On arrival, we took the street car to the fair grounds. Visions of sideshows, ferris wheel rides, horse races and spectacular grandstand events (as advertised on the colorful posters plastered on the walls of Billy Follendorf's barn next door to our home) were dancing in my head.

However, my dreams came to nothing. At that stage of his life, Billy Clark had his own notions of "adventure." After we had walked the midway long enough for him to ascertain which of the Ladies' Aid groups had the stall offering the most attractive menu, we went in to partake of the fare: fried chicken, sliced ham, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, and corn on the cob, all with second servings topped off with pumpkin pie and ice cream. Pleasantly stuffed, we adjourned to one of the benches facing the midway. I did my best to conceal my impatience as an occasional roar from the grandstand sent chills of excitement down my spine. Presently Billy took out his big Elgin watch, snapped open the hunting case and announced that time was up. We caught the next street car back to the Great Northern depot for our ride home on the "Gallopig Goose."

It took me some time to recover from my disappointment, as I had not refrained from some advance bragging to my three brothers.

A year ago, after an absence of over fifty years, I paid a nostalgic visit to Grandin. My father's church was still there, the school, our home, and the farm where at age thirteen in my last Grandin year I had achieved the dizzy heights of earning a dollar a day mowing hay. But many of the landmarks cherished in my boyhood memory were gone: Vantine's grocery store on main street, the barber shop, the pool halls, and Billy Follendorf's barn. I saw only a vacant lot where there had once stood a building bearing the proud title:

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