

by Reverend Van Der Smissen in March, of the year of 1911. She and Louis Wittmore were united in marriage in this same month and year. She was survived by her bereaved husband, a son, less than two months old, her parents, three brothers, Willie, John and Harry, and two sisters, Clara and Lizzie. Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Church with Reverend John B. Baer, officiating. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery, beside those of her neighbor, Selma Hirstein. Carrie and Selma, were victims of the same disease, namely, Consumption.

On the twenty sixth day of August, in the year of 1912, Mrs. Langenwalter or Aunt Langenwalter, passed away in the home of her son. She was ill for only a short time. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the little Family Cemetery located close to the home of the Langenwalters, on the twenty eighth. Reverend Heithaus of Lebanon, Illinois, preacher of the Black Jack Congregation, had charge of the funeral service. I went to the funeral with my son, Gustav W. and his wife Anna. The roads were very nice, and the weather was beautiful, and it was a very large funeral. This was the last burial in this Cemetery. The first six children of Jacob Baer, are buried in this Cemetery. Their ages range from one to fifteen years.

On the fifteenth day of September, in the year of 1912, my son Alfred and John Hirstein, left to go to Bluffton, Ohio to attend Central Mennonite College.

On the twenty ninth day of October, in the year of 1912, Adam Schaeffer, passed away in his home in the village of Summerfield, Illinois at the age of sixty seven years. The funeral was held in the Methodist Church, with the Reverends, Schutz and John B. Baer, officiating. Mr. Schaeffer had Consumption.

On October the thirty first, in the year of 1912, Jacob E. Ruth of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, was married a second time, to his first cousin, Augusta Krehbiel. The couple lived in Kingfisher, Oklahoma for several years. He was the manager of a Milling Company.

On December the twenty third, in the year of 1912, my son Alfred came home from Bluffton, Ohio during a vacation period over the Christmas Holidays.

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On the fifth day of January, in the year of 1913, my son Alfred left here to go back to Bluffton, Ohio, after spending this vacation period at our home.

We have had rain and slick-ice for an entire week now, nor have we had any sunshine, during that time. Everything was covered with ice.

On the eighth day of January, in the year of 1913, Louis Billmeyer passed away in Saint Louis, Missouri in the home of his son Frederick at the age of sixty nine years, two months and fourteen days. He died of pneumonia. He was born in Baden, Germany on October the twenty fifth, in the year of 1843. Survivors were a son, Frederick, a daughter, Emelie Eicher, wife of Henry Eicher of Lebanon, Illinois. One brother, two sisters and eight grand children. Reverend H. Walzer conducted the funeral services. Interment was in the Saint Peters Cemetery. The pall bearers were: Vernon and Louis Billmeyer, Harvey, Lorraine, Chauncey and Oliver Eicher.

On the twenty sixth day of January, in the year of 1913, the weather was extremely cold, accompanied by several snow storms. The snow fall was quite heavy.

On January the twenty eighth, in the year of 1913, our nephew, Jacob M. Pletscher and his wife Barbara, Nee Weber, came to visit us. They had been traveling since October and wanted to go to Oregon.

(This visit was in the year of their twenty fifth wedding anniversary and Barbara made the remark: "If every one of my relatives gives me a silver Dollar, I will be perfectly satisfied.")

On the second day of February, in the year of 1913, Mrs. Nettie Epp, Nee Harms, passed away in her home in Los Angeles. She had pneumonia. She was survived by her husband, Minnever J. Epp, one son, a daughter and an Indian girl.

On the twenty seventh day of February, we had our sale. Brother Samuel, Son Harry, and I, took care of it. Alfred was away attending College and Robert and Lulu, were getting ready to move into our home.

In the month of March, in the year of 1913, Robert started farming for himself on our farm.

On the fifteenth day of March, in the year of 1913, Uncle John Eicher passed away in Summerfield. He was eighty one years, one month and twenty two days old at the time. He was born in Bishheim, Palatinate, on the twenty first of January, in the year of 1832. He migrated to America in his twentieth year. His first home was in Niagara Falls, After a short stay there, he went west to Lee County, Iowa. He lived there for a short time and then moved to Summerfield, Illinois where, with the exception of a few years, he spent the remaining years of his life in this area.

On the twelfth of September, in the year of 1858, he and Miss Mary Ruth, were united in Holy Matrimony in the old Ruth Home, north of the Ruth School, in a double wedding ceremony. The second couple was David B. Ruth and Maria Berger. The couple made their home in Summerfield in a house they themselves had built. The couple was blest with seven children, all boys, they were named: John Edward, Henry Frederick, Jacob Albert, Peter David, Valentine Charles, David C. and Adolph E..

Adolph E. passed away at the age of three months and twenty eight days. David C. contracted a case of Typhoid Fever and passed away in Warrenton, Missouri at the age of thirty one years. He passed away six months after his mother passed away.

John Eicher was a member of the Mennonite Church, having joined in his youth, and, remained a faithful member thereof, until he passed away. About thirteen years ago, he lost his eyesight and was blind for two years before his wife, a faithful companion, passed away on September the fifteenth, in the year of 1902. John Eicher lost the sight of one eye, because he got

some lime into it, and the sight of the other because he ran a piece of wire off of the chicken fencing he was working on, into it. After his wife passed away, he went to Goessel, Kansas, and stayed in a hospital for a little while, then he returned to Summerfield, to live with Samuel Haury. After Samuel Haury passed away, he went to Highland, Illinois, where he stayed in the Catholic Hospital for a while. After that, he went to Lebanon, Illinois to live with his son Henry for a while and then went to Belleville, Illinois to spend some time in another Catholic Hospital. In the year of 1911, he returned to Summerfield and made his home with Mike Sick. While this was not exactly what he had wanted, it was close to his church, which was what he wanted most of all. His last illness was of a short duration. His lot, was a difficult one, full of misfortune, but he bore his affliction patiently. The funeral services were conducted by Reverend John B. Baer, and his earthly remains were laid to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery, beside those of his faithful wife and companion, through the years.

On Easter Sunday, the twenty third day of March, in the year of 1913, we celebrated "Lord's Supper" in Church. I was unable to go because I had a severe case of LaGrippe. Harry had a bad case too. They had a very nice Easter program in church in the evening. I was really sorry that I could not go. None of the rest of the family attended the program either.

The weather has been exceptionally cold for over a week now and we have had a lot of wind and rain in the past five days.

On March the twenty sixth, in the year of 1913, we had some severe cold weather that was accompanied by a snow storm. We had a lot of severe cold weather in the month of March, accompanied by a lot of snow.

On the eighth of May, in the year of 1913, Thomas Nathaniel Camp. passed away in Anna, Illinois at the age of fifty four years, two months and three days. He attended Public School at Lebanon, Illinois, then

graduated from McKendree College. He taught school a little while and then worked on a newspaper staff in Saint Louis, Missouri for a number of years. On the thirtieth day of December, in the year of 1888, he was married to Mary Brandt, a daughter of Uncle John and Aunt Elizabeth Brandt, Nee Baer. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He spent over eleven years of his life in the hospital at Anna, Illinois, where he was detained until he passed away on account of a mental illness. Reverend John B. Baer, had charge of the funeral services held in the Summerfield Church. Interment was in the Summerfield Cemetery. Elizabeth Baer was first married to Jacob Langenwaller, having been a widow when she married John Brandt. Mr. Camp was born on the eleventh day of March, in the year of 1859, at Troy, Illinois. He was survived by his widow and his four children: Walter, Martha, Stella A, and Eleanor. Mrs. Camp, Nee Brandt, was an active member of the Summerfield Mennonite Church.

On the eighteenth day of May, in the year of 1913, Otto P. Ruth, a son of Daniel Ruth and Anna E. Ruth, Nee Schowalter, passed away in his home in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of forty three years, three months and twenty five days. Born near Donnellson, Iowa on the twenty third day of January, in the year of 1870, he spent a little over one year of his life in that area and a little over four years in the vicinity of Summerfield, Illinois. In the spring of the year of 1875, the family moved to Kansas and made their home in the Halstead area. Otto P. spent two years of his childhood in this area, then the family moved to the Moundridge area, where he grew into manhood. In March of the year of 1905, the entire family moved west to Upland, California, After living there for about six months, Otto P. began to complain of feeling ill and the Doctor diagnosed it as spinal trouble along with a respiratory disease. He moved to Phoenix, Arizona, hoping to cure, or relieve, his respiratory trouble, but, unfortunately, his condition failed to improve.

He was able to be up and around, until the last nine weeks of his life, the period of time he spent being confined to his bed. He was survived by his bereaved widow, Mary, Nee Hallett, his parents, nine brothers and three sisters. The entire family mourn his early and untimely passing. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the cool earth, at Phoenix, Arizona. Otto P. was a book-keeper by trade.

On the seventh of June, in the year of 1913, Menno Simon Hege passed away in his home near Halstead, at the age of fifty four years, four months and fourteen days. He was born at West Point, Iowa, on the twenty third day of January, in the year of 1859. The family moved to Summerfield, Illinois when he was an infant and it was here that he spent his childhood days. He became a member of the Summerfield Mennonite Church at the age of seventeen years. In April, of the year of 1880, he moved to Kansas with his widowed mother, (Barbara Hege, Nee Lehmann) and established his home on a farm seven miles north of Halstead, Kansas. On the sixth day of August, in the year of 1882, he and Katie E. Baer, daughter of Daniel Baer and Katherine Baer, Nee Bergthold, were united in marriage, in the former home of the bride's parents in Illinois. They made their home on the farm in Garden Township until on the second of May, in the year of 1895. At noon on that fateful day, their beautiful home was destroyed by a tornado that left a trail of ruin and sorrow in this Community, but by the Divine Providence of God, this family was permitted to escape without injury. From that time on, they made their home in Halstead. Menno was one of the organizers of the Garden Township Mennonite Church, known as the "Middle Church", where he remained a faithful member until he passed away. Survivors were his widow, three sons, Charles, Bert and Daniel and a daughter, Mildred. The funeral services were held in the Mennonite Church under the direction of Reverend J. E. Amstutz. He was assisted by J. M. Oliver, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

During the year of 1927, the widow moved to Eagle Rock, California, taking Daniel and Mildred, her two youngest children, with her.

Edward D. Krehbiel passed away in the home of his mother in Reedley, California, on the fourteenth day of June, in the year of 1913, having attained the age of thirty years, four months and eighteen days.

Edward D., was the youngest son of Reverend Jacob E. Krehbiel and Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth. He was born in Summerfield, Illinois on the twenty sixth of January, in the year of 1883, baptized, and received into the Mennonite Church of Summerfield at thirteen years of age, attended McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois and graduated with good grades and two gold medals, in the year of 1905. During this same year, he went to Saint Louis, Missouri and went into business for himself. God blest his industry and energy with success until the winter of 1910, when he contracted a case of Tuberculosis. In the month of September, in the year of 1911, he moved to California, taking his mother and sister Emma with him. Here, he spent some time in a Sanitarium up in the mountains for a while where they tried every known method, in an effort to arrest the case, but it was all in vain. The funeral was held on the seventeenth, with the Reverends J. J. Kliewer and M. Horsch, officiating. Reverend Kliewer spoke in German and Reverend Horsch in English. They spoke words of comfort and condolence to the bereaved family and congregation. Survivors were: his mother, Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, two brothers, Henry J. and Daniel C. and six sisters: Emma, Lizzie, Barbara Hornburg, Susie Ringelman, Augusta Ruth and Clara. A host of relatives and friends mourned Edward's early passing, and consoled the bereaved family.

Members of this family, who preceded Edward D. in death, all of whom passed away in Summerfield, except Amalia S. Mosiman, Nee Krehbiel, who passed away at sea, on a voyage to Europe and was interred at Altona, Hamburg, Germany, are enumerated in the ensuing list.

Name:	Date of passing.
Reverend Jacob E. Krehbiel:-----	1-29-1896.
Sarah M. Krehbiel:-----	1-23-1873.
John Edward Krehbiel, the eldest:---	6-5-1874.
The eldest son, drowned in the Mill Pond.	
David E. Krehbiel:-----	11-24-1877.
Mary A. Krehbiel:-----	1-17-1898.
Amalia S. Mosiman, Nee Krehbiel:---	5-23-1905.

On the nineteenth of June, Alfred came home from Bluffton College, and went to work for Ervin Kraemer for two weeks and wherever he could find work, until September the thirteenth. He left here to go back to Bluffton College on the fifteenth day of September.

Youth Reminiscence during June in the year of 1913. From the Newton, Kansas Herald, by Henry P. Krehbiel.

From our young friend Sam J. Baer of Summerfield, Illinois, we got a scenic picture post card of our present Mennonite Church in the town of Summerfield, where the Middle District Mennonite Conference will be held this year. It is a stately building that has a tall brick bell tower alongside of it. This tower was built from the ground up, and the bricks used in building it were taken from the Old Mennonite Church that was located just south of town. Since this new Church, is built in town, instead of in the country, it will serve its aim and purpose much better.

In our reminiscence, we can recall many wonderful hours we spent in this old Church. It was built upon a hill overlooking the village of Summerfield. These recollections will never be forgotten by those of us who have lived through them, for they are a sacred part of our lives. We recall the many hours we spent together as young people attending the young peoples society meetings.

More than forty seven years have passed since our old Grandfather Schmidt, with his long silvery hair, stood in the pulpit, and preached to us. I can still see him standing there in spirit.

Here is a list of those, who have been vouchsafed by baptism: Jacob Pletscher, Little John Kraemer, D. Hirschler, Uncle Jacob Leisy, Grandfather Johannes Haury, Daniel, Christian and Jacob Baer, Gerhard and Jacob Vogt, Johannes, Jacob and Valentine Krehbiel, John Brandt, John W., David C., Henry G., Jacob E., Gerhard B., Henry (Squire), David B. and Peter Ruth and the Eichers. And, the younger people: Christ and Jacob Auernheimer, John and Jacob Kuehny, Daniel F. Risser, who later became our teacher, Daniel Haury, Jacob E. Schmitt, Jacob and Gerhard Dahlem, Abraham Stauffer and many others, who are nevertheless, held in high esteem, in our thoughts.

The ever watchful wives, Aunt Leisy, Grandmother Ruth, Aunt Dahlem, Baer, Berger, Schmitt, Bergthold, Kraemer and Hahn. In spirit, we will allow those who have gone before us, to suffuse us with testimony of incidents, that have occurred before our time, some of which, have never been recorded.

It is Sunday morning in June and we see the wives with the beautiful bouquets of roses, the men with a beautiful rose, worn in the buttonhole of the lapel of their coat, all here together, in full count with their large families. It is a friendly salute: and a greeting, that makes us want to hurry to our homes. The Sunday School, being over, we sit with our older companions, on the long benches in the front part of the church. In front of us, and, to our left, we see the strong hardy robust men with their black beards, to our right, we see the benches filled with the gay and vigorous wives and young women. Father Christian Krehbiel, is in the pulpit, in a deep bass voice, we hear the opening blessing, and the announcing of the songs to be sung. Peter Ruth, the song leader, gives us the pitch and then the powerful voices of all the members echoes throughout the entire church. Perhaps there are better singers than we were (and there are many) but for me, the singing was inspirational that revived and extolled me. As I sat there I could hear

the different voices, and could distinctly hear the voices of my children, amid all of the other voices.

The Sermons, the Sunday School, the Christmas and Easter Festivals and the companionship directly outside of the church on the big wide platform, for one half hour after the services. How brilliant, and how lifelike these wonderful events can pass before your eyes, as we bring them to our minds.

We should not bring all of these events to mind in connection with the New Church, for they remain a sacred book, bound in a perpetual indented record in the Holy Place beyond the Horizon.

Other youths will come and they will be permitted to make a place for themselves, under the influence of the precedent set forth by their early ancestors, and may they be guided and inspired thereby so their entire life may be blessed and prosperous, much like we older people have become in our little old church on the hill that at one time, overlooked the village of Summerfield, Illinois. Henry J. Krehbiel.

On the eleventh day of July, in the year of 1913, Elisa Haury, Nee Dester, Daniel Haury's second wife, passed away in Bethel Hospital in Newton, Kansas at the age of fifty four years, seven months and eight days. She was born in Lee County, Iowa on the third day of November, in the year of 1858. She was married to Daniel Haury on the fourteenth day of June, in the year of 1885. His first marriage was to Anna Strohm. The living children of the first marriage are: Carl, Richard, Edwin, Albert, Bertha and Stella. Those of the second marriage are: Ella, Irma, Laura and Paul. Samuel, of the first marriage passed away in 1906 and Mary and John, of the second marriage, preceded their mother in death. Her earthly remains lie at rest in the Halstead Cemetery. Elisa Haury, Nee Dester, was ill with Bright's Disease for many years and it kept getting worse day by day. Then she contracted a case of erysipelas and after that, she passed away in the short period of three days.

Wesley came home for his vacation in July and was here until on the third day of August, at which time he left for Little Rock, Arkansas, where he has been working for Swift and Company.

It was very hot and dry during April and May. The entire summer was so dry that we did not have a very good yield from the crops or fruit in this year. The ground was almost too dry and hard to plow.

On August the nineteenth, Mr. J. Adam of Ohio, C. A. Lehmann, Cathryn Egley and Martha Baumgartner of Berne, and Viola Welty of Fort Wayne, stopped off at Summerfield, and gave a concert in our church in the evening.

The twenty sixth Middle District Conference began in Summerfield on the tenth of October, and lasted to and including the fifteenth. Thirteen preachers and many other guests were present. It was a successful undertaking because it was so well attended. We were having some nice weather at the time which helped to insure a good attendance. Aunt Katie Von Steen came from Nebraska for the duration of the Conference and visited with us between sessions of the Conference.

A roster of the preachers who were present;  
 William Gotschall and Peter Bixel of Bluffton, Ohio.  
 Albert Schumacher of Pandora, Ohio.  
 S. Musselman of Wayland, Iowa.  
 W. M. Miller and P. P. Hilty of Iowa.  
 Preheim and Dalton of Ohio.  
 W. Grubb of Trenton, Ohio.  
 P. J. Boehr of Sterling, Indiana.  
 Regier of Fortuna, Missouri.  
 P. Schraeder of Wadsworth, Ohio.  
 S. K. Mosiman of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

On November the twenty first, in the year of 1913, Emma Hirstein and I, Mary E. Ruth, left for Nebraska to visit with our Cousin Katie Von Steen. We arrived there on Saturday evening, the twenty second. In the morning, we went to Church in town with Cousin Samuel D. Ruth and visited the Mission's Sunday School, and

in the evening we went to the Christian Church where they were holding a revival meeting. This Church has a very large pipe organ to lead the singing. Then we visited an Institution for the Feeble Minded, located just east of the Mennonite Hospital Green House. The Andrew Wiebes, a new family in town, (the wife was a sister of John Von Steen) they had not been here for very long, were visited for a little while.

On Thanksgiving Day, we went to the big Church out in the country with Helen Janson and then we went to visit the Samuel D. Ruths, located one and one half miles from Beatrice. In the evening, we attended the church services in the Presbyterian Church. Then we visited with Cousin Katie Von Steen and Ada Penner, (wife of Doctor Louis Penner) who took us to see the Von Steen Lumber, Cement and Coal Company.

We left Beatrice on the twenty ninth of November, after spending many wonderful hours with our friends and many relatives. From Beatrice we went to Horton, Kansas, then to Newton by way of Topeka. We took the interurban at Newton and went to Halstead. They were having some rainy weather, it stormed and rained for an entire week that we were there. We stayed with my sister Barbara for a week, and visited Cousin Lizzie Schowalter and her daughter Katie Schmidt. From here we went to visit with the Henry G. Ruth family, then to visit widow Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, and her cousin, Katherine Hege.

After our visit with widow Katherine Krehbiel, we returned to Newton where we visited Bethel Hospital, a wonderful Institution. We toured the entire building under the guidance of Sister Hillegonda Van Der Smissen, who showed us how nice and accessible everything was arranged. From here we went to visit with the H. Sudermans, Mary ---- and Ab. ----- and then to the Schmutzs. Then we took a train to Moundridge, to visit with brother Daniel Baer, Daniel Ruth, Anna Goebel, Christian Auernheimer, Schowalters and Jacob Schmitt, (related to my mother.).

Christian Auernheimer took us to see Tina Dahlem Ewy and Marcus and Mollie Auernheimer who lived with their brother Albert, five miles from Halstead where I stayed until Thursday. Then I went to Dave Langenwalters, and stayed there until Friday. On Sunday we visited Alida Van Der Smissen and Daniel Haurys. In the evening we went to church. On Monday evening, we went to see Barnard Krehbiels. At noon on Wednesday, we left Newton on the Sante Fe to go to Kansas City, where we took the Chicago and Alton to Saint Louis. We arrived in Saint Louis about seven in the evening and continued on to Summerfield, our starting point, arriving about ten thirty P.M. on the thirteenth day of December, in the year of 1913.

On December the twenty first, in the year of 1913, my son Alfred came home for the Christmas Holidays. He stayed here until after the first few days of the new year in 1914.

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On the fourth day of January, in the year of 1914, Alfred left here to return to Bluffton College after spending the Christmas Holidays at our home.

On the sixteenth of January, in the year of 1914, Jacob Henry Ruth passed away at the age of fifty two years, eleven months and twelve days. He was born in the old Ruth Home located east of the Ruth School on February the fourth, in the year of 1863, and happened to pass away in the same room in which he was born.

On the fifteenth day of March, in the year of 1891, he was united in marriage with a second cousin, Mary Susanna Pletscher in Summerfield, Illinois. Reverend Van Der Smissen performed the ceremony. He was a son of David B. Ruth and Maria Berger. He confessed his faith and joined the Summerfield Mennonite Church in his youth and worked very hard and diligently on the project of helping to establish the Congregation. He was active until the last few years of his life when illness prevented him from taking an active part. He suffered from Bright's Disease, a long and lingering

illness. His condition became more complicated after contracting Diabetes the last few years of his life. Surviving him were: his sorrowing widow, five sons, Walter, David, Henry, Albert and Clarence, his three sisters, Katie Von Steen, Lizzie Van Der Smissen and Lydia Krehbiel and four brothers, David, John, Henry and Samuel. Reverend John B. Baer had charge of the funeral services. It was a very large funeral for he was well known and loved by all who knew him. He was sadly missed by all. His three sisters were not here for the funeral. Katie and Lizzie had visited him on the previous summer and Lydia, was unable to make it because of the great distance of travel. His earthly remains lie at rest in the Summerfield Cemetery. The pall bearers were: David, Peter and Samuel Berger, Gustav W. and Robert Ruth and Samuel Hirstein.

On the eleventh of February, in the year of 1914, Valentine David Krehbiel and Miss Mary Maude Rupp, were united in Holy Matrimony at Moundridge, Kansas, at a point two miles south of the city. The Reverend William Galle performed the ceremony and included an address, using Revelations 21, verse 3, as his text. Mary Maude Rupp was a daughter of Christian Rupp and Anna M. Beutler. She was a school teacher. Valentine David was the youngest son of Valentine Krehbiel and Susanna Ruth. The couple made their home in Simpson, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Daniel Langenwalter passed away in Kansas on the eighth of March, in the year of 1914. He attained the age of sixty one years, ten months and three days.

He suffered from Asthma for a long time and later contracted inflammation of the lungs. He was born on Ridge Prairie, Illinois on May the fifth, in the year of 1852. In his fourteenth year, he and his mother, Elizabeth Baer Langenwalter Brandt, moved from their home on Ridge Prairie to the vicinity of Summerfield where he made his home until in the year of 1875. He moved to Kansas in the year of 1875, where he married Christina Schmutz, on the twentieth day of February,

in the year of 1876. He was survived by one daughter and nine sons, one step-sister and one step-brother. One son and one daughter preceded him in death. (The step-sister was Mary Camp, Nee Brandt, and the step-brother was John Brandt.) Daniel Langenwalter was my cousin. He was baptized and received into the church on the second day of June, in the year of 1867.

On March the fifteenth, in the year of 1914, Mrs. Ernestine Dirks, Nee Ewert, passed away in the home of her daughter in Gillespie, Illinois. She was born in Prussia on the twelfth day of August, in the year of 1840. She reached the age of seventy three years, seven months and three days. Survivors were: one son and four daughters. For the past ten years, she made her home with her youngest daughter. She was a widow for thirty seven years. She had her share of trouble and sorrow during her life on this earth. Reverend John B. Baer, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Amalia (Mollie) A. Wall, wife of G. A. Wall, passed away on the fourth day of May, in the year of 1914, while being operated on for a second time. She attained the age of forty four years, one month and nineteen days.

She was born at Summerfield, Illinois, a daughter of Henry G. Ruth and Maria Ruth, Nee Hirschler. She lived with her grandparents, the Daniel Hirschlers, for a while. She went to Kansas with the Hirschlers when she was only eleven years old. She was survived by her parents, her husband, G. A. Wall, a daughter, a son, two sisters and three brothers. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Halstead Cemetery.

During the first part of May, in the year of 1914, Mr. Peter Boehr, Missionary Student of the McCormick Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, came to Summerfield to preach in Reverend John B. Baer's place until in the first part of the month of September.

On May the seventh, in the year of 1914, Reverend David Goertz passed away in Los Angeles, California. He taught the german language in Summerfield for the

period of two years. He moved from here to Kansas to preach for the Halstead Congregation. He left there to preach for the Congregation at Bethel College. He was one of the founders of Bethel College and Bethel Hospital in Newton, Kansas. David Goertz was born in Russia and migrated to America from there.

On May the thirtieth, Decoration Day, in the year of 1914, Pastor Schutz, Reverend P. Boehr and Howland Herter, held a Memorial Service at the Cemetery.

On the first day of July, in the year of 1914, we had two inches of rain. It was the first rain we had since the seventh day of April. On that day we had a little shower. It has been very hot and dusty.

On the twentieth day of July, Wesley came home to spend a part of his vacation at our place. They were very busy and had a heavy work schedule, so he could not stay with us very long. He was here until on the twenty fifth, then he left to return to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he was working for Swift and Company. He has been working for them since the year of 1908.

On the second day of August, in the year of 1914, my son Alfred came home. He was attending College at Bluffton. They were building a new Women's Dormitory and Science Hall. Seeing a chance to make some extra money, he worked there until on the first of August.

During the month of August we had several showers and one heavy rain on the nineteenth, but it was too late to be of help to the crops in the fields.

The twenty third of August, a very beautiful day, was the wedding day of Jennie Hemmup of Chicago. She is a member of Brother Rutt's Mission located in the City of Chicago. The couple was here for a visit and told us of their experiences at the Mission.

For a period of four months in this year, we did not have any rain, so, everything dried out for lack of moisture. We finally got enough rain to replenish the moisture, but it came too late to help the grains and vegetables. Turnips came up very nice, but they were so very small, potatoes were very small too and



it was a meager crop. The wheat had a good start but the dry weather prevented a good crop. The corn came up and had a good start but wilted from the heat and lack of moisture, then a great horde of chinch bugs came and ate what little of the corn that was left.

During the first few days of September, after the return of Reverend John B. Baer, Peter Boehr and Mr. Brandt left here to go to Nemo, Oklahoma to attend a General Conference to be held in that city. It was a successful Conference because it was well attended.

On the fourteenth day of September, Wesley went to Saint Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock where he was operated on for a rupture.

On September the seventeenth, in the year of 1914, Mrs. Magdalena Otto, Nee Heer, passed away in Saint Vincent's Hospital in Saint Louis at the age of forty seven years, seven months and sixteen days. She was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The family came to Illinois when she was a youngster. Their home was near Mascoutah, Illinois. She became a member of the Mennonite Church in her youth. In the year of 1896, she and Louis Otto, were united in marriage. She was ill for a long time and lost the control of her mind toward last, worrying about the appendectomy her son Samuel had, because his appendix ruptured before they could operate. Survivors were: her husband and three children: Carrie, 16 years old, Samuel, 13 years, and Louis, 12 years. The funeral services were conducted by Reverend John B. Baer. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Mascoutah Cemetery in the family lot, on the twentieth. (Louis, the youngest son, was crippled and had a mental deficiency.)

On the eighteenth day of November, in the year of 1914, Mr. and Mrs. John Hirstein and I, Mary E. Ruth drove over to Saint Louis, to visit the Wissmers and the Henry Hornburgs and then went to Shaws Garden to see the beautiful Crysanthemums in bloom.

On November the twentieth, Thanksgiving Day, Dr. Harmon of McKendree College preached a sermon in our

church. The invocation was given by Reverend John B. Baer, and the benediction was given by Reverend Poth of the Evangelical Church.

On the twentieth of November, the earthly remains of Magdalena Otto were lain to rest in their family lot in the Mascoutah Cemetery. The weather was very nice and the roads were good.

On the twenty seventh day of November, Mrs. Camp and I, Mary E. Ruth, visited in Belleville and Saint Louis. We visited with some relatives and friends.

In the fall of this year, Wesley, and a friend of his, went into business for themselves and lost all of the money they invested in the venture. He had to go back to work and start all over again.

On the twentieth of December, in the year of 1914, Alfred came home to spend the Christmas Holidays. He was at Bluffton College attending the fall semester, having been there since the month of September.

Wesley and Eoline Funston were united in marriage in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the twenty third day of December, in the year of 1914.

On the twenty seventh day of December, in the year of 1914, Professor Lehmann of Berne, Indiana came to visit with us for a few days and then left to return to Berne, and then go to Bluffton, Ohio from there.

1915

On the third day of January, in the year of 1915, Alfred left here to go back to Bluffton, Ohio, where he was attending Bluffton College.

On February the twenty third, in the year of 1915, Mrs. N. B. Grubb, the wife of Reverend P. B. Grubb, the Pastor of the Mennonite Church of Philadelphia, was interred. She was a dear wife and lovely mother. The secret of her good life was the Love she had for her Saviour. She managed a good home. Paul said; "A Bishop is one that ruleth his house well." Interment took place in the Northwood Cemetery. Earth to earth we said, where now is the spirit fled? Home, safe in the arms of Jesus. God bless you.

On the twenty eighth day of March, in the year of 1915, a sextette, consisting of the brothers Gustav and Clarence Lehmann, Hubert and Gail Watson, Harry Kohler and Pearl Bogat, came to Summerfield and gave a concert in our church in the evening.

In March of the year of 1915, Cousin John A. Ruth and family, moved from Kansas to Reedley, California.

The months of January, February and March, of the year of 1915, were very dry, not enough snow or rain to have the proper amount of moisture in the ground.

On the sixteenth day of May, in the year of 1915, Otto J. Baer and Della Pletscher were married in the home of the bride's mother, about one half mile west of the village of Summerfield, Illinois. This was an exceptionally large house.

Reverend Johannes Hirschler, oldest son of Daniel Hirschler, passed away in Upland, California on the seventeenth of May, in the year of 1915, at the age of sixty eight years, ten months and thirteen days. He was born at Maxweiler in Upper Bavaria on the fourth of July, in the year of 1847. He came to Summerfield, Illinois at the age of nine years and lived with his grandparents, the Johann Schmitts. He, together with five brothers, graduated from College in the year of 1871. Johannes was the third member of the family to follow the ministry as a vocation in life.

He was the preacher in Franklin, Lee County, Iowa for thirteen years. In the year of 1884, he moved to Hillsboro, Kansas and preached for that Congregation for twenty three years. In the year of 1907, he went to California for his health, and settled in Upland. In 1912 and 1913, a period of two years, he traveled for the interest of a Tuberculosis Sanitarium.

Survivors were: his eight children: one brother, Jacob, six sisters, Lizzie Brandt, Barbara Schmitt, Maria (Mary) Ruth, Katherine Dettweiler, Susie Haury and Tina Ledig. One child, a sister, Anna Haury Ledig and one brother-in-law, Daniel Schmitt, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were in charge of Reverend Henry J. Krehbiel of Reedley, California and Reverend Mehl of Upland. Reverend Krehbiel's text was Saint Luke 2 verse 29 and Reverend Mehl's text was, Saint Matthew 5 verse 9.

Margaret Ruth, daughter of David Samuel Ruth and Barbara Ruth, Nee Baer, passed away in her parent's home on the third day of June, in the year of 1915, at the age of twelve years, two months and twenty eight days. Margaret was an obedient child, and a faithful attendant at Sunday School. She had faith in God and carried her suffering with resignation. She was most anxious to meet her Creator. She was the youngest of five children. She was survived by her parents, two sisters, Mary and Ella and two brothers, Herbert and Arthur. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery at Summerfield, Illinois.

None of them are such, that have no hopes.

During the month of October, in the year of 1915, Henry Beutler passed away in the hospital in Anna, Illinois at the age of forty four years. He was born week in mind and body. Reverend John B. Baer had the funeral services.

On the twenty third day of October, in the year of 1915, August Christian Eymann of Reedley, California passed away at the age of forty three years. He was ill with Tuberculosis. He was survived by his widow and nine children.

In November, of the year of 1915, Henry Wittmore passed away. He reached the age of seventy five years and eight months. He was survived by his widow, Mary Wittmore, one son, Louis and a grandson, Robert. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery. Reverend John B. Baer was in charge of the funeral services.

On the third day of December, in the year of 1915, Herman Suderman, a son of Herman Suderman and Maria Suderman, Nee Rempel, passed away in Newton, Kansas.

He was born on the fourth of October, in the year of 1848. He and his mother, came to America in the year of 1876, and made their home in Summerfield, Illinois for a little while. In the year of 1877, he and Maria Quiring were united in Holy Matrimony in Summerfield and moved to Kansas to make their home. He had quite a lot of sickness during the last nineteen years of his life. He had palsy so bad that he was helpless.

On the twentieth day of December, in the year of 1915, Willie Ewert visited with us. He came from the City of Minneapolis where he attended Dental School. He stayed with us for quite aome time. He had a case of Rheumatism at the time he was visiting us.

On the twenty third day of December, Alfred came home from Bluffton College in Ohio. He came to spend the Christmas Holidays with us. He came early in the evening and stayed until the first of January, in the year of 1916.

On the twenty fourth day of December, in the year of 1915, my son Alfred and Hazel Duffman were united in Holy Matrimony in Saint Louis, Missouri.

1916

On the first day of January, in the year of 1916, Alfred left here to return to Bluffton College after spending the Christmas Holidays with us. He took his bride, Hazel, with him.

On January the twenty sixth, in the year of 1916, Willie Ewert left to go back to Dental School in the city of Minneapolis. He stayed there for two months, and then went back to Kansas.

During the month of January, in the year of 1916, Sister Kliewer and her family went to Arizona.

On the twenty fourth day of February, in the year of 1916, my son Robert had his sale. He had been in business farming for himself since 1913. He sold all of his property, and being very lucky, he got a good price for it. After the sale, he went to Kansas City, Missouri to attend Sweeney's Auto School to study to be an Automobile Mechanic.

On the seventh day of March, in the year of 1916, we had some severe cold weather, accompanied by some severe snow storms. The weather has been pretty cold this entire winter season.

On the fifteenth day of April, in the year of 1916, Reverend Jacob S. Krehbiel passed away in his home after a brief illness at the age of fifty one years, eleven months and eight days. He confessed his faith in God and was baptized and received into the Church at the age of fifteen years. He moved to Kansas with his parents, and on the anniversary date of his birth he was united in Holy Matrimony with Katie Ringelman in Halstead, Kansas. The twenty seven years of their married life was intermingled with joy and gladness, grief and sorrow. Three sons were born to them, one of whom passed away. In the year of 1895, he, with a group of other Mennonites, made the run from El Reno for a Homestead, when that section was opened to the white settlers. He got a homestead four miles to the north of Geary, Oklahoma. Before he had lived there eight years, he was operated on for appendicitis and the Lord brought him safely through the ordeal.

On the fourth day of April, in the year of 1916, he was stricken with inflammation of the lungs. As soon as his mother heard about it, she rushed to his side and he recognized her and said that he was very glad to be able to hold her hand and hear her voice once more. He said her voice was like the sound of angels singing. Two nurses and a Doctor visited him but the special care was of no avail, pleuresy set in and he passed away in a peaceful sleep. The sound of voices like those of angels singing, became a reality.

Interment was on the eighteenth, with the services being held as open house in the City Opera House. It was a very large funeral with more than 1,000 people attending the services. Everyone who knew him, loved and respected him. He was survived by his widow, and his two sons. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the Cemetery at Geary, Oklahoma.

Jacob Samuel Krehbiel, son of Reverend Christian Krehbiel and Susanna Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, was born in Summerfield, Illinois on the seventh day of March, in the year of 1864.

On the twenty seventh of May, in the year of 1916, Robert came back from Kansas City, where he had been attending Sweeney's Auto School, and went to work in an Automobile Shop in O'Fallon, Illinois.

On the twentieth day of July, in the year of 1916, Robert and his family moved to O'Fallon, Illinois to be closer to the place where he was working. He went to work in Oliver Joseph's Garage in O'Fallon. This moved eliminated a lot of driving for him.

On the twentieth day of September, in the year of 1916, Anna Embick and Emma Rowland came to our place to pay us a visit. Anna and Emma, were the daughters of Henry (Squire) Ruth and Marie Katherine Ruth, Nee Bauchenz. Anna Embick's home was in Halstead, Kansas and Emma Rowland's home was in Little River, Kansas at the time they came to visit with us. The weather was very windy during the time that they were here.

On the eighth day of October, I went to Toledo for a visit with Alfred and Hazel. Early on Thursday, we drove to Bluffton, Ohio to attend the Conference. On Sunday the fifteenth, we had a Mission Festival which was very well attended. We also had a large crowd at the "Lord's Supper". While I was in Bluffton, I made my home with John Althaus, Hazel's sister's husband. We visited Edward Kaufmann, went through the Hall of Science and ate lunch in the Women's Dormitory. Then we drove out into the country, to visit Peter Bixel, then back to Bluffton, to visit Moses Steiner, David Bixel, Biedermans, J. Langenwalters and Gotschalls, then by car back to Toledo, where we stayed until on Sunday morning. The fare from Saint Louis to Toledo was \$6.00, and from Toledo to Saint Louis was \$4.00. I left for home on Sunday morning the twenty second, and arrived at my home, on that same evening. It was a very good trip and I enjoyed myself immensely.

In the month of December, in the year of 1916, my son Gustav W. Ruth moved onto our home farm from the farm he had been renting from Benjamin Schoene since March of the year of 1915.

1917

On the fourteenth of January, in the year of 1917, Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, the widow of Jacob E., passed away in her home in Reedley, California. She attained the age of seventy nine years, nine months and twenty one days. She was born on May the twenty third, in the year of 1837 at Eichstock, Bavaria. She was married to Jacob E. Krehbiel in Lee County, Iowa on the sixteenth day of March, in the year of 1856. In the year of 1867, they moved to Summerfield, where her husband passed away in the year of 1896. She was living in Summerfield until in the year of 1911 when they moved to Reedley, California. Survivors are two sons, six daughters, one sister and five brothers.

On the twenty fifth day of January, in the year of 1917, Susanna Krehbiel, Nee Krehbiel, passed away in Donnellson, Iowa. She attained the age of sixty nine years, eight months and sixteen days. Survivors were two daughters, Maria and Katie and Herman, her blind son. Susanna was born in Kleinschwabenhausen, Upper Bavaria, on the ninth of May, in the year of 1847.

On the eighth of February, in the year of 1917, a son was born to Wesley and Eoline Ruth, Nee Funston. They named him Wesley Warren Junior. Eoline was very ill for the first eight days, she was suffering from gastritis and inflammation of the bowels.

On the twenty seventh day of February, the pains became almost unbearable, so they called in two more Doctors for consultation, but in spite of everything they could do, Eoline passed away on this day.

Interment of Eoline Ruth, Nee Funston, was on the first of March. Robert and I went down to attend the funeral, and stayed for a few days. Eoline's brother Lynn and his wife were in Wesley's home too, so they took care of the baby for him.

Since Eoline's brother Lynn and his wife, were in Welsey's home, taking care of everything, Robert and I left for home on Sunday evening, the fourth day of March, in the year of 1917.

On the twenty second day of March, in the year of 1917, a son was born to Gustav W. Ruth and Anna Ruth, Nee Hirstein. They named him Ralph Gustav.

On the twenty second day of March, in the year of 1917, Jonathon Risser, passed away in Topeka, Kansas at the age of fifty five years, one month and twenty four days. He was survived by his widow, Sarah, and his two sons.

On April the twenty seventh, in the year of 1917, Christina Dettweiler passed away in Summerfield. She was lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery.

Christian Trost, passed away in Trenton, Illinois on the fourth day of June, in the year of 1917, at the age of seventy eight years, five months and sixteen days. He was born in the Palatinate area of Germany on the nineteenth of December, in the year of 1839. Survivors were his widow, Nee Sauter, a son Theodore and a grandson Theodore, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

On September the seventeenth, in the year of 1917, Alfred Ewert came here from Kansas, and visited with us for two weeks. Visiting his Aunts and Uncles kept him busy for a while. From here, he went to New York City to board a Steamship for England, where he will attend College on a three year scholarship, received from Wesleyan College in Winnepeg, Canada. This three year scholarship, netted him \$1,500.00.

During the latter part of October, in the year of 1917, we had a District Conference in Trenton, Ohio, but it was not very successful because it was poorly attended. Reverend Henry J. Krehbiel, and his sister Emma, stopped off here to visit with us on their way to the Conferende.

On the fourth of November, in the year of 1917, my Niece, Miss Alida M. Baer, and Christian Dettweiler, were united in Holy Matrimony.

On the twelfth of December, in the year of 1917, Emma Hirstein passed away in the home of her parents at the age of thirty years, three months and one day. She had a case of appendicitis. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery.

On December the seventeenth, in the year of 1917, Gerhard Vogt passed away in his home in Summerfield, Illinois at the age of eighty one years, six months and twenty one days. He used to be in the Furniture and Cabinet Making Business in Summerfield, Illinois a number of years ago. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery. He was related to the Ruth Family.

1918

On the nineteenth day of February, in the year of 1918, Samuel A. Hirstein and Miss Clara Stocker were united in Holy Matrimony.

In the month of March, in the year of 1918, my son Wesley was promoted to an assistant Auditor of Swift and Company.

On the second of June, in the year of 1918, brother John preached his last sermon in Summerfield. He was going to Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and from there to California. Reverends Jacob Boehr, A. C. Bechtel and Grover Soldner, preached here after that.

On the tenth of August, in the year of 1918, John Edward Ruth passed away at Beatrice, Nebraska at the age of forty nine years, five months and five days. He was born at Summerfield, Illinois on February the sixteenth, in the year of 1869, baptized and received into the Summerfield Mennonite Church at the age of fourteen years, and remained a faithful member until on the day of his passing. On the twenty eighth day of July, in the year of 1902, he and Miss Anna Marie Dueck, were united in Holy Matrimony in Saint Louis, Missouri. The couple lived in Granite City, Illinois for a number of years. A short time after his health began to fail, he, and his family moved to Beatrice, Nebraska, where he resided until he passed away.

Funeral services were in charge of the Reverends J. K. Penner of Beatrice and D. J. Brandt of Bolley, Pennsylvania. Penner, spoke in German from the text, St. Matthew 12 verse 20, and Brandt in English, from the text, Second Corinthians 4 verse 1. His earthly remains were laid to rest in the Mennonite Cemetery near Beatrice, Nebraska.

The location of the sisters and brothers, at the time of his passing, were as follows:  
 David S. Ruth, Summerfield, Illinois.  
 Samuel D. Ruth, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
 Henry A. Ruth, Adair, Oklahoma.  
 Katie Von Steen, Beatrice, Nebraska.  
 Lydia Krehbiel, Reedley, California.  
 Lizzie Van Der Smissen, Berne, Indiana.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Schowalter, born on the second day of November, in the year of 1841, passed away at Summerfield, Illinois on September the twenty third. She reached the age of seventy six years, ten months and nineteen days. Her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery.

Insertion: For the purpose of clarification.  
 Gerhard Vogt, son of Johann George Vogt and Dorothea Ruth, married Christina Dettweiler. They were blest with four children.

- (1) Christina Vogt, married Michael Wuertz.
- (2) Elizabeth Vogt, married Louis Ledig.
- (3) Jacob Vogt, married Magdalena Schowalter.
- (4) Gerhard Vogt, married Katherine Schowalter.

After Christina, Gerhard Vogt's first wife passed away, he married Christina Bechtel Schowalter, widow of Jacob Schowalter. Jacob Schowalter and Christina Bechtel, had four children too, Magdalena, Katherine, Jacob and Elizabeth. After the death of her husband, Christina and her four children migrated to America.

- (a) Magdalena Schowalter, married (3) Jacob Vogt.
- (b) Katherine Schowalter, married (4) Gerhard Vogt.
- (c) Jacob Schowalter, remained single.
- (d) Elizabeth Schowalter, remained single.

On many occasions, when this generation discussed the family relationships, Jacob and Gerhard used to say that they married their own sisters. In checking back on their relationships, you can readily see why they could make this statement. Per Albert J. Ruth.

On the twenty first day of October, in the year of 1918, Private John Hirstein, passed away in the home of his parents at Summerfield, Illinois after having been ill for ten days after he contracted influenza, that developed into pneumonia. He reached the age of twenty six years, nine months and twenty nine days. He was working for Oliver Chilled Plow Works when he received the call to serve his country. He was home on a furlough from Camp Sheridan when he became ill. He was in excellent health, and attended the funeral of Mary Reibold, and complained of being ill shortly after that. In spite of everything the Doctors tried to bring about a crisis, he failed to rally and grew weaker and weaker until he passed away. He was a son of John and Katherine, Nee Baer, Hirstein, born near Troy, Illinois, on the twenty second day of December, in the year of 1891. He came to Summerfield with his parents. He graduated from a public school, attended McKendree College, taught school for one year, went to Bluffton College and from there to the University of Illinois and graduated from there, after taking a four year course. He confessed his faith in God, was baptized and received into the church in the year of 1905, and remained a faithful member thereof until he passed away. Survivors were: his parents, one sister and three brothers. His earthly remains were laid to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery on the twenty third of December. Reverend J. P. Boehr, had charge of the funeral services in the home.

Insertion: There were no services in church or at the Cemetery because Influenza was so prevalent that it had reached the epidemic stage. In order to check contagion, the Health Department decreed that people should not congregate unnecessarily in large groups,

in an effort to arrest the spread of the disease. It had reached the point where even the War Department, during World War 1, in which we were engaged at the time, stopped the drafting of young men for a while, in an effort to keep the epidemic from spreading and to prevent as many unnecessary deaths as possible.

During the month of December, in the year of 1918, my sister Barbara Kliewer, Nee Baer, and her family, moved to Upland, California.

1919

On the thirteenth of January, in the year of 1919, Clara Hirstein, Nee Stocker, the daughter of August Stocker and Minnie Branger, passed away in her home at the age of thirty four years, eleven months and nine days. She was born in Highland, Illinois on the fourth of February, in the year of 1884. She attended Normal School and graduated from there in 1912, then taught school for a while. She was married to Samuel A. Hirstein on the nineteenth day of February, in the year of 1918. Survivors were: her bereaved husband, her parents, four sisters and seven brothers, all of whom mourn her untimely passing. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery on the sixteenth. Reverend J. P. Boehr was in charge of the funeral services.

On the twentieth of January, in the year of 1919, Barbara Ruth, Nee Baer, wife of David Ruth, passed away in her home at Summerfield, Illinois at the age of forty nine years, ten months and twenty days. She was a daughter of Jacob Baer and Anna Langenwaller, born on March the thirty first, in the year of 1869, at Black Jack, Illinois. She was united in marriage with David S. Ruth, on the fourth day of November, in the year of 1894. She was very active in the Choir, Christian Endeavor and Sewing Society and the Sunday School. Her help, and loving care, will be missed in her home and the Church. May the Lord bless her for her good work. Survivors were: her husband, David S. and four of their five children: Herbert, Mary, Ella

and Arthur. A daughter Margaret, preceded her mother in death on June the third, in the year of 1915. The funeral service was in charge of the Reverend J. P. Boehr and interment was in the Summerfield Cemetery.

On the ninth day of February, in the year of 1919, Henry (Squire) Ruth, passed away in the Old People's Home in Goessel, Kansas (called Bethesda) at the age of eighty five years and fourteen days. He was a son of Jacob Ruth and Barbara Strohm, born at Harreszell in Upper Bavaria on the twenty sixth day of January, in the year of 1834. He came to America in the year of 1851, in his seventeenth year. On the fifth day of February, in the year of 1857, he and Marie Katherine Bauchenz were united in marriage in Saint Louis. She was born in Bischeim, Palatinate on the ninth day of December, in the year of 1836. She passed away on the first day of September, in the year of 1865. Two sons and three daughters were born to them, the youngest, passed away in infancy, born on the sixteenth day of August, in the year of 1865, she passed away on the fourth day of September, of that same year.

Henry (Squire) Ruth was one of the early settlers of Summerfield. He built his own home, was a partner in the Furniture and Cabinet Making Establishment of brothers Jacob and Gerhard Vogt, and for a long time, owned and operated a lumber yard in town. He and Mr. Whittaker, built the grain elevator in town.

On the twenty ninth day of August, in the year of 1866, he married Ellen Hinds. A daughter was born to them on the first of November, in the year of 1868, and passed away on the sixteenth of June, in the year of 1869. Ellen Hinds Ruth, his second wife, passed away on June the sixteenth, in the year of 1897.

On the twenty second day of November, in the year of 1918, (Squire) Henry was taken to the Old People's Home in Goessel, Kansas. For some time prior to this date, he stayed at the home of his eldest son John W. in Perry, Oklahoma, where John's wife, Susie Dester, made a very good home for him.

He received the best of care in Bethesda for the remainder of his life. He attended church service on Sunday morning, and received his call to be taken to his heavenly home, on that same evening. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the Halstead Cemetery. Survivors were: his two sons, John W. and Henry H., two daughters, Anna Embick and Emma Rowland, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

In the month of March, in the year of 1919, Oscar Peter Ruth, came here from Geary, Oklahoma, with his son Kent. He was born on Christmas Day, in the year of 1917, and was stricken with infantile paralysis at the age of seven months, which left him lame in both legs, partly paralyzed hands and arms and, a crooked spine. Oscar sought help in the McClain's Sanitarium on Aubert Avenue in Saint Louis. After Kent had been there a week, the nurse called Oscar up and told him that Kent had contracted pneumonia and would require a trained nurse for five days, at \$5.00 a day. After that, Oscar went there and took care of Kent himself until he was well enough to come home. He visited us for several days after that, and then took Kent back to Geary with him. These were trying days for Oscar. Kent was weak and improved very slowly, then to make matters worse, he contracted a case of chicken pox. Oscar brought him back to Saint Louis and took him to the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium. Abbie came up to Saint Louis on the twenty sixth of June, and visited Kent on the twenty seventh. On the thirtieth of June, Robert and I went to Saint Louis in the car and took Abbie and Kent along home with us.

On the sixth day of June, Samuel J. Eymann passed away in Mascoutah, Illinois from a paralytic stroke. He was born in Franklin, Lee County, Iowa. He taught Ruth School for a number of years, and stayed at our home for five years. His wife, Mary Bassler, passed away seventeen years ago. Interment was in the New Memphis Cemetery. Their four children, Cora, Della, Elma and Edgar and seven grandchildren survived him.

On the third day of July, we drove to O'Fallon for a visit with Robert. Kent was resting very well.

On the eighth day of July, Abbie went back to her home in Geary. Kent is getting livelier and is quite contented, but after three years, he is still unable to walk. Oscar took him to Doctor Anton Risser for a long time but he showed no improvement. Then he took him to Dr. Low in Oklahoma City for a while and this Doctor's treatment seemed to be helping him.

On the twenty third of July, in the year of 1919, Missionary N. Buchhalter and his wife, Adah Francis, Nee Good, left to go to San Francisco, California to board a steamship to take them to the Mission Fields in India.

On August the ninth, in the year of 1919, John A. Ruth passed away in his home in Reedley, California. He reached the age of seventy two years, four months and three days. He was the son of Johannes Ruth and Elizabeth Dettweiler, born on the Ruth Homestead in Eichstock, Upper Bavaria on the sixteenth day of May, in the year of 1847. He migrated to America with his parents in the year of 1852. He and Clara A. Eymann were united in Holy Matrimony on the twenty third of November, in the year of 1870. He was survived by his widow, nine children, two brothers, Daniel and Henry and a sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Jacob L. Schowalter) of Upland, California. His earthly remains were lain to rest at Reedley, California.

On the twenty fourth day of December, in the year of 1919, we learned from Oscar that Kent was getting livelier and more contented, but was still unable to walk. Oscar had been taking him to Doctor Risser for a long time, but he showed no improvement. Lately he has been taking him to Doctor Low and since then his condition is improving little by little.

1920

On January the first, New Year's Day, in the year of 1920, Wesley and Mabel Snyder were united in Holy Matrimony in Dallas, Texas. She was born in Chicago,



Illinois on June the fourteenth, in the year of 1893. She was living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the time she was married.

On the ninth day of February, in the year of 1920, Lizzie Otto, passed away in the home of her parents near Summerfield, Illinois, at the age of twenty one years, seven months and eighteen days. She was born near Mascoutah, Illinois on the twenty second day of June, in the year of 1898. Her parents, a sister Rosa and two brothers, Henry and Adam, survived her.

On February the seventeenth, in the year of 1920, Henry Otto passed away in the home of his parents at the age of nineteen years, two months and six days. He was stricken ill with influenza on the day after the funeral of his sister Lizzie. He was survived by his parents, a sister Rosa and a brother Adam. Words of comfort and condolence were spoken by Reverend H. H. Mueller of the Mascoutah church.

On the eighteenth day of February, in the year of 1920, Christian Auernheimer passed away. He attained the age of seventy seven years and twenty six days. He was born in Mannheim, Palatinate the twenty third day of January, in the year of 1843, came to Iowa in 1863, to Summerfield in 1870, where he married Mary Pletscher, a daughter of Jacob Pletscher and Johanna Seitz. Of their twelve children, ten were living at the time he passed away, Clara, Albert, Lydia, Anna, Emma, Bertha, Frieda, Mollie, Marcus and Edward.

On the twelfth day of April, in the year of 1920, Missionary Noah Buchhalter passed away in India. He was living at Champa, Central Province. He had nerve fever. Survivors were: his widow, Adah Francis, Nee Good, who had always been his faithful helper, and an infant child. The couple left for the Mission Fields on the twenty third of July, in the year of 1919.

On April the nineteenth, in the year of 1920, Mrs. Susanna Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, passed away at Halstead, Kansas. She attained the age of seventy eight years, eleven months and three days. She was a daughter of

David Ruth and Katherine Strohm, born in Eichstock, Upper Bavaria the twenty second of April, in the year of 1840. She came to America with her parents in the year of 1852, at the age of twelve years. The family settled on the Franklin Prairie in Lee County, Iowa. She and Reverend Christian Krehbiel were married on the fourteenth day of March, in the year of 1858. The couple lived in Iowa until early in the year of 1860 when they moved to Summerfield, Illinois. They lived in Summerfield for nineteen years, and then moved to Halstead, Kansas, in the spring of the year of 1879, where he took up his duties as minister of the newly formed Congregation, a position he held for fifteen years in Summerfield. In the year of 1908, the couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, then in the following year, her husband passed away. They had been living in Halstead for forty one years. She was a widow for eleven years, and had been keeping house for her children for ten. During this last year, she visited her children. Keeping house for her children was quite a chore, but the Lord seen fit to give her the strength and fortitude to carry on. She suffered from a weak heart for five years and was confined to her bed for several weeks before the Lord called her home. Survivors were eleven of the sixteen children: John, Henry, Daniel, Christian, Paul, Edward, Lucas, Bernard, Katherine, Susie and Martha, four brothers, John W., David, Henry G., Jacob E., and Gerhard B., two sisters, Barbara Lehmann and Katherine Krehbiel. Her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Halstead Cemetery, near Halstead, Kansas.

On June the sixth, in the year of 1920, Miss Elma Schowalter passed away in her brother Paul's home in Porterville, California. She was born in Halstead on the twenty second day of June, in the year of 1890.

The family lived at Halstead, Kansas until in the year of 1904, when they moved to Upland, California, arriving there on the fifteenth day of October. Elma studied to be a nurse to help take care of the sick.

She was Librarian of McKendree College for one year. In January of the year of 1919, she contracted a case of influenza that settled in her lungs. She was confined to her bed for a year before passing away. The Reverends Henry J. Krehbiel and Mehl, were in charge of the funeral services, Krehbiel speaking in German and Mehl in English. The survivors were her parents, a brother Paul F. and a sister Edna Ruth Goertz. Her earthly remains were laid to rest on June the ninth, at Ontario, California.

In August of the year of 1920, Ella Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Soldner and I, made a trip to Berne, Indiana. We left Berne to go to Toledo, Ohio on the twenty sixth, to visit in that area for a while.

On the seventh of September, Alfred, Hazel, Helen and I, went to Buffalo to see Niagara Falls. We came back to Toledo on the steamboat. I left for home on the twelfth day of November, in the year of 1920.

On November the twenty fifth, I went to visit my son Harry in Marthasville, Missouri. I left for home on Thanksgiving Day with a sore throat and a case of Rheumatism. I did not go all the way home, I stopped off at Robert's home in Saint Louis and stayed there for quite some time before going to my home.

Barbara R. Hornburg, Nee Krehbiel, passed away in Upland, California on the eighth day of December, in the year of 1920. She reached the age of fifty seven years, eleven months and eight days. Barbara was the daughter of Reverend Jacob E. Krehbiel and Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth. She was united in marriage with Henry C. Hornburg on May the eighteenth, in the year of 1893. The couple made their home in Saint Louis, Missouri, for twenty six years. In April of the year of 1919, they moved to Upland, California where they made their home. On the way home from a visit to her sister in Reedley, Barbara suddenly suffered a heart stroke and passed away. Survivors were: her husband, two brothers, Reverend Henry J. and Daniel Krehbiel, and four sisters, Emma, Elisa, Susie and Clara. The

funeral services were in charge of the Reverends M. M. Horsch and Mehl. Horsch spoke in German, from the text, Isaiah 54 verse 10, Mehl in English, from the text, Psalm 121 verses 1 and 2. Her earthly remains were laid to rest at Upland on the eleventh.

On December the eighteenth, I returned to my home after staying at the home of my son Robert in Saint Louis, since Thanksgiving Day in November.

1921

During the month of February, in the year of 1921, I had one of my tonsils removed.

On the third of April, in the year of 1921, Anna Elisa Ruth, Nee Schowalter, passed away in her home in Upland, California at the age of seventy two years and seven months. Survivors were, her husband Daniel and thirteen of their fifteen children. Two of their daughters, Mary and Mary A. preceded their mother in death. Her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Community Cemetery at Ontario, California.

In May of the year of 1921, I had my other tonsil removed.

On September the twenty third, in the year of 1921, John H. Von Steen, passed away at Beatrice, Nebraska at the age of sixty nine years, four months and eight days. He was born at Liegstries, Germany on May the fifteenth, in the year of 1852. He came to America at the age of twenty five years. In the year of 1882, he married Miss Mary McKibben of Fishlake, Indiana. She passed away in 1893. On September the twenty second, in the year of 1895, he married Katie Ruth Hirschler at Summerfield, Illinois. The couple made their home in Beatrice, Nebraska where Mr. Von Steen operated a well established business. A day after their twenty sixth Wedding Anniversary, he was called to his final home and resting place at 12:30 A.M.. Reverend H. D. Penner had Revelations 14:13 as the funeral text and Reverend J. K. Penner, selected Revelations 21:5 for his text. Interment was in the Mennonite Cemetery at Beatrice, Nebraska.

During September, of the year of 1921, Doctor Poos of Summerfield, Illinois, performed an operation on my nose, to make it easier for me to breathe.

On the third day of November, in the year of 1921, Abraham John Ruth, passed away at Vera Cruz, Mexico. He reached the age of forty seven years, six months and twenty seven days. He was a Civil Engineer. His earthly remains were interred at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

During the month of December, in the year of 1921, I left for California, with Mrs. Mary Camp and Mrs. Pletscher. I sold my return ticket to Menno S. Baer.

1922

On January the twelfth, in the year of 1922, Peter Lauer passed away at Summerfield, Illinois at the age of seventy six years and sixteen days. He was born in Karlsruhe, Germany, on January the twenty seventh, in the year of 1845. He was united in marriage with Mrs. Anna Ruth Pletscher, widow of Jacob Pletscher. He was survived by his widow and one son, Peter, who was living in California at the time, one grandson, Oliver and one granddaughter, Celeste. The two grand children are the children of David Lauer, the son of Peter Lauer, who preceded him in death.

On the twenty ninth day of April, in the year of 1922, Jacob Leisy Schowalter passed away in his home in Upland, California. He reached the age of seventy two years, two months and four days. He was born in Friedelsheim, Palatinate, on the twenty fifth day of February, in the year of 1849. He was united in Holy Matrimony with Elizabeth Augusta Ruth, on the twenty ninth day of August, in the year of 1877, in Halstead, Kansas. He was survived by his widow, a son Paul and a daughter, Edna Ruth. His earthly remains were lain to rest in Bellevue Cemetery at Ontario, California.

On the twelfth of May, in the year of 1922, Della Ledig passed away in her mother's home in Alta Loma, California. She chose nursing as her career in life. She began to work in the San Antonio Hospital in the year of 1916, and graduated as a registered nurse in

the year of 1919. She took a job as nurse in County Hospital in Contra Cora County, Martinez, in the year of 1920, and returned to her home in November, of the year of 1921, because of her health. Her illness made an alarming headway, and she passed away in peaceful sleep, six months after she came home. The Reverends Horsch and Stone had the funeral services. Interment was in Bellevue Cemetery at Ontario, California. She attained the age of twenty four years, four months and thirteen days. Her widowed mother, a sister Edna and two brothers, Alfred and Wesley, survived her.

Daniel Ruth, a son of Johannes Ruth and Elizabeth Dettweiler, born in Eichstock, Upper Bavaria, on the twenty fourth day of May, in the year of 1841, passed away in Upland, California on the ninth of September, in the year of 1922, at the age of eighty one years, three months and sixteen days. He came to the United States with his parents, in the year of 1852. He and Anna Elisa Schowalter, were united in Holy Matrimony in Ashland, Ohio on the eighteenth of October, in the year of 1868. She was a daughter of Peter Schowalter and Marie Eymann. His earthly remains were lain to rest in Bellevue Cemetery at Ontario, California.

Susan Ruth, Nee Dester, the wife of John W. Ruth, passed away at Reedley, California on the fourteenth day of November, in the year of 1922. She reached the age of sixty years, seven months and sixteen days. She was born at Thann, Upper Bavaria, on the twenty-ninth day of March, in the year of 1862. She and John W. Ruth were united in Holy Matrimony in Summerfield on August the twenty ninth, in the year of 1894. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Van Der Smissen. Susan was the daughter of Jacob Dester and Susanna Hirschler. Her earthly remains were lain to rest at Reedley, California.

On the third day of December, in the year of 1922, Carl Glaesser, passed away at the age of eighty five years, eight months and thirteen days. Interment was in the Summerfield Cemetery.

1923

On May the seventeenth, in the year of 1923, Mary Ruth and I, Mary E. Ruth, Nee Baer, left Summerfield to go to Upland and Reedley, California for a visit. From Reedley, we went to Denver, Colorado, arriving there on the twenty seventh day of May. We stayed at my son Wesley's home while we were in Denver.

On June the ninth, in the year of 1923, Mary Ruth left Denver, Colorado by train to return to her home in Summerfield, Illinois. I, Mary E. Ruth, remained in Denver and stayed with Wesley for another month.

On the seventh of July, Joe and Mary Willhide and I, went up into the mountains on a sight-seeing tour with Wesley and Mabel. We were 10,000 feet above sea level and the weather was still very cold. It stays cold much longer up in the mountains, because of the high altitude.

On the eighth day of July, in the year of 1923, I left Wesley's home in Denver and went by train to my son Robert's home in Saint Louis, Missouri, arriving there on the ninth of July, at nine P.M.. I stayed at Robert's home until on the thirteenth, then returned to my home at Summerfield, Illinois.

On the ninth of July, in the year of 1923, Daniel Edward Eymann, the son of Daniel Theodore Eymann and Barbara A. Eymann, Nee Ruth, passed away in Reedley, California. He reached the age of forty three years, ten months and sixteen days. He was born in Iowa, in the vicinity of Donnellson, on the twenty third day of August, in the year of 1879. On May the eleventh, in the year of 1911, he and Lela Ethel Beckner, were united in marriage in Modesto, California. Survivors were his widow and a son Daniel. His earthly remains were lain to rest at Reedley, California.

On July the fourteenth, in the year of 1923, Edna Ledig and E. Blake Draper were united in marriage in Upland, California. Her parents, Henry G. Ledig and Bertha Ledig, Nee Ruth, moved to California, to make their home, in December of the year of 1894.

On the twenty ninth of July, in the year of 1923, Katherine Gehne, Nee Braundel, suffered a stroke and passed away very suddenly in Granite City, Illinois. Her earthly remains were returned to Summerfield and lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery.

On the eighth day of September, I went to Toledo, Ohio, to visit my son Alfred. My ticket was good for fifteen days, so I stayed there and came home on the twenty third. My ticket cost me \$16.50. I had a very nice time on this trip and really enjoyed myself.

On the tenth day of October, I sold my round trip ticket I bought to go to California, to Mrs. Charles Lang for \$41.50. She and Mary Ruth took the trip and I went along with them as far as Saint Louis. On the way home, I stopped off at O'Fallon to visit with my son Robert Ruth. I was unable to go to California at this time because of some unforeseen occurrence that took place to prevent me from making the trip.

On the seventeenth and eighteenth day of October, I was in Marthasville, Missouri to visit with my son Harry. I came back home on the nineteenth.

1924

Ralph Harvey Eymann of Reedley, California passed away on the fourth of February, at the age of twenty four years, eleven months and twenty three days.

On the sixth of July, in the year of 1924, David Braundel passed away at Summerfield, Illinois after a long illness. In the year of 1890, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Herbstmann. She passed away in Seattle, Washington two years before her husband. Her mother passed away in Seattle too. Two sons were born to this union, Russell and Harschell. David was the son of Jacob Braundel and Maria (Mary) Braundel, Nee Dahlem. Elizabeth Herbstmann was the daughter of Clemens Herbstmann and Angela Helmkamp. Interment of his earthly remains was in the Summerfield Cemetery.

On July the thirteenth, in the year of 1924, Maria Risser, a sister of Daniel P. Risser, passed away at Moundridge, Kansas, at the age of seventy years.

On the fourteenth day of July, in the year of 1924, Abraham Stauffer, of Saint Louis, passed away in the home of his daughter, Lydia. He attained the age of seventy eight years, six months and eleven days. His wife, Nee Haury, passed away on the sixteenth day of December, in the year of 1902. Reverend Bechtel took charge of the funeral services. Interment was in the Summerfield Cemetery. He was survived by six of his seven children: Lydia, Priscilla, Mary, Abraham, Ben and John. The youngest daughter Emma, passed away at the age of twenty one years.

On October the twenty second, in the year of 1924, Helen Ruth Krehbiel passed away very suddenly in the home of her mother Mary Eymann, Nee Franz, while she and her husband Carl and their three daughters, were visiting her in Reedley, California. She reached the age of twenty six years, nine months and twenty nine days. She was born at Moundridge, Kansas on December the twenty third, in the year of 1897, a daughter of August Christian Eymann and Mary Franz. Interment of her earthly remains was at Reedley, California. Her father passed away on September the twenty second, in the year of 1915.

On the eleventh of November, in the year of 1924, Otto Braundel, passed away at Summerfield, Illinois. He had fallen from a ladder, on the previous day and injured himself internally. Survivors were: his aged mother, Mrs. Mary (Maria) Braundel, Nee Dahlem, two brothers, William and Jacob and three sisters, Anna Eicher, Minnie Mallman and Alvina Beutler. Interment was in the Summerfield Cemetery. He was born on the ninth of March, in the year of 1874, and attained the age of fifty five years, eight months and two days.

On November the twenty first, in the year of 1924, Mrs. Maria Rupp, Nee Hoch, passed away in Upland at the age of seventh nine years, six months and twenty eight days. She was born in the Palatinate, on April the twenty third, in the year of 1845. Survivors were her husband John Rupp. Reverend Horsch had charge of

the funeral services. The text was Moses 24 verse 56 and First Corinthians 55 verse 57. Mother Rupp was a good and true Christian.

On the twenty third day of November, Dr. Hertzler of Bluffton Seminary, came to Summerfield, Illinois. He stayed until the thirteenth and gave several good lectures on "Jesus and his teaching."

On Thanksgiving Day, Reverend Krehbiel preached a sermon here, on his way home from Berne, Indiana. He was the Field Secretary of the General Conference.

On December the twenty first, in the year of 1924, Maria A. Risser, Nee Strohm, passed away in the home of her son, Dr. Arthur Risser of Blackwell, Oklahoma where she had been staying. She attained the age of seventy two years, two months and twenty six days.

She was survived by her five children: Arthur of Blackwell, Oswald of California, Thomas and Clara of Boise, Idaho, and Herbert of Mount Vernon, Iowa, and later of Salt Lake City, Utah, where he passed away in the year of 1926. Maria (Mary) A. Strohm was born on the Schwaig, in Upper Bavaria on the twenty fifth of September, in the year of 1846. She was married to Daniel Frederick Risser on the ninth of February, in the year of 1868. He was a teacher and taught school in Summerfield for a number of years. He passed away on February the fourth, in the year of 1908, and since that time, Maria made her home with her children.

1925

Edna Martha Draper, Nee Ledig, passed away in her home in Upland, California on January the sixteenth, in the year of 1925, at the age of twenty one years, two months and twenty one days. She was born on the fourteenth of August, in the year of 1903. She was in ill health, suffering from Tuberculosis, for several months. Survivors were her husband, E. Blake Draper, her mother and two brothers, Alfred and Wesley. Her earthly remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery at Ontario, California. Edna's sister, Della, succumbed to this same disease, in the year of 1922.

My son Robert and Johnny Anheuser had been in the Auto Repair Business, in O'Fallon for several years. In January, of the year of 1925, Robert quit working with Johnny and went into business for himself.

On the thirteenth day of February, in the year of 1925, my beloved sister, Lizzie K. Ewert, Nee Baer, the daughter of Christian Baer and Katherine Berger, passed away in her home in Gretna, Manitoba, Canada. She was born on Ridge Prairie on February the twenty sixth, in the year of 1859, spent a few years of her life there and then moved into the Summerfield area.

At the age of twenty four years, she and Henry H. Ewert were united in Holy Matrimony on the twentieth of August, in the year of 1882 and she was a faithful wife for forty two years. Their children were: Paul, Carl, Alfred, Willie and Elma. She took the task of raising her children while her husband was busy with his Church and School work. She was the first person to be called into this field of work in Canada. She placed her faith in God, and prayed for strength and support to carry on her work. For many years, in the cold north, she cooked for and fed the teachers and scholars in the area in which they lived. There came a time when she had to place a limit upon the amount of work she could do because she was stricken with a case of Rheumatism, causing her a lot of suffering. The many Bible passages she had learned while taking catechism instructions, were a comfort and condolence to her during her sleepless nights she had to endure on account of her illness. She went to California in an effort to get some relief, hoping the warm, sunny climate in that area would enable her to recover her health. Shortly after the beginning of the New Year, her condition grew worse after contracting Dysentery and Yellow Jaundice. Then to complicate matters, she developed Dropsy from which she never recovered. Her wish to be relieved of all her suffering, and, to be taken home to her Creator, was fulfilled at last. She attained the age of sixty five years, eleven months

and eighteen days. Her earthly remains were lain to rest at Gretna, Manitoba, Canada on the seventeenth. Funeral services were in charge of Reverend Benjamin Ewert and Reverend Jacob Hoeffner. Ewert's text, was Revelation 14:16 and Hoeffner's text was First Peter 1, verses 3 to 12. She will be remembered for a long time by the good work she had done. Four of her five children were at the funeral: Paul, Carl, Willie and Elma. Alfred did not come on account of the distance involved, he was teaching school in England. Besides her five children, she was survived by her husband, Reverend Henry H. Ewert of Gretna. Her brothers and sisters were: John, Mary, Daniel, Christian, Samuel, Katherine, Barbara and Albert.

On the fifteenth of April, in the year of 1925, Reverend Henry J. Krehbiel, his wife Lydia Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, his sister Susie Ringelman, Harold Eymann, Mr. Schmidt and a few others, left California to go to New York City and boarded an Ocean Liner to go to Europe to attend the 400th. Anniversary Celebration of the establishment of the Mennonite Denomination, to be held at Basil and Zurich, Switzerland from the thirteenth to the sixteenth days of June, inclusive, in the year of 1925. After making numerous stopovers enroute, they arrived at New York City on the twenty ninth of April, and continued their trip from there.

On the sixteenth day of June, in the year of 1925, Wesley went to Pocatello, Idaho, Butte, Montana and Salt Lake City, Utah to audit the books of Swift and Company for whom he was working. He was stationed in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a while.

On the eighth of July, in the year of 1925, Emma K. Krehbiel passed away in Reedley, California. She reached the age of sixty six years, eight months and twenty nine days. She was a daughter of the Reverend Jacob E. Krehbiel and Katherine Krehbiel, Nee Ruth, born in Lee County, Iowa on the ninth day of October, in the year of 1858. She came to Summerfield at the age of two years and grew to womanhood in this area.

From here, she went to Halstead, Kansas for a number of years. From 1897 to 1911 she made her home in the city of Saint Louis. Early in spring of the year of 1911, she, together with her mother and her brother Edward, who was suffering from Tuberculosis, went to Reedley, California to make their home.

Emma K. Krehbiel, was a member of the Summerfield Mennonite Church where her father was minister for a period of twenty nine years. She had trouble with a weak heart for a number of years. She seemed to have made a marked improvement in her condition, however, she received the final call and passed away suddenly and peacefully while reading a book. It was her wish to be taken in this manner. She was survived by her three sisters, Lizzie, Susie Ringelman and Clara and two brothers, Henry J. and Daniel. Reverend Henry J. and Susie Ringelman, were in Europe on a tour at the time of Emma's passing.

Milton Baer and Eva Amanda Trippel were united in Holy Matrimony in the home of the bride's parents on September the seventh, in the year of 1925. They were living south of Trenton, Illinois at the time.

On the fifth day of December, in the year of 1925, I, Mary E. Ruth, went to Toledo, Ohio to pay a visit to Alfred and Hazel. I stayed with them for quite a long time and visited a lot of relatives and friends during the time I was staying with them. We went to Bluffton, Ohio two times while I was in Toledo.

1926

On the seventeenth day of January, in the year of 1926, Henry Herman Ruth, son of Henry (Squire) Ruth and Marie Katherine Bauchenz, passed away at Eugene, Oregon at the age of sixty two years, two months and twenty nine days. He was born in Summerfield on the eighteenth of October, in the year of 1863. In March of the year of 1888, he and Lou Brown were united in Holy Matrimony. He was survived by his widow and two sons, Harry Brown Ruth and John B. Ruth. His earthly remains were lain to rest at Eugene, Oregon.

On the tenth of March, in the year of 1926, Henry G. Ruth, passed away in his home in Halstead, Kansas at the age of seventh eight years, eight monthd and eleven days. He was a son of Reverend David Ruth and Katherine Ruth, Nee Strohm, born in Eichstock, Upper Bavaria on the twenty seventh of June, in the year of 1847 and came to America with his parents at the age of five years in the early fall of the year of 1852. On the twenty third of July, in the year of 1870, he and Maria A. Hirschler were united in Holy Matrimony in Summerfield, Illinois. Twelve children were born to this union, five of whom, passed away very young. Maria was the daughter of Daniel Hirschler and Maria Schmidt, born in Maxweiler, Upper Bavaria on October the eighteenth, in the year of 1850. She passed away at Halstead, Kansas, on November the twelfth, in the year of 1922. The children who survived their father were: Alma, Edna L., Arnold Henry and Homer Edward. The earthly remains of Henry G. Ruth and Maria Ruth, were lain to rest in the Halstead, Cemetery.

On the eleventh day of March, in the year of 1926, Lizzie Schmitt, Nee Baer, the wife of J. E. Schmitt, passed away. She was the daughter of Daniel Baer and Katherine Baer, Nee Bergthold.

On the thirteenth of April, in the year of 1926, John Althaus passed away in Toledo, Ohio at the age of fifty years. He was survived by his widow Minnie, and four children, Ruth, Harold, Donald and Mabel.

On the sixth day of June, in the year of 1926, I, Mary E. Ruth, returned from my visit with Alfred and Hazel in Toledo, Ohio where I had been staying since the fifth day of December, in the year of 1925.

Gustav Adolph Haury passed away in Newton, Kansas on the eighteenth day of June, in the year of 1926, at the age of sixty three years, five months and three days. He was a son of Daniel Haury and Maria Haury, Nee Schmidt, born near Franklin, Lee County, Iowa on the fifteenth day of January, in the year of 1863, He and Miss Clara K. Ruth were united in Holy Matrimony

in Halstead, Kansas on June the eleventh, in the year of 1891. Clara K. was a daughter of John W. Ruth and Eliza Ruth, Nee Strohm. She was born at Summerfield, Illinois on the eleventh day of June, in the year of 1865. This union was blest with four sons: Irwin I., Gustav Adolph, Alfred C. and Emil Walter. The eldest son, Irwin I., preceded his father in death, having passed away on the twenty eighth of September, in the year of 1918, while in the service of his country.

On the ninth of July, in the year of 1926, Edwin J. Haury passed away in his home at Halstead, Kansas at the age of fifty one years, four months and five days. He was the son of Daniel Haury and Anna Haury, Nee Strohm, born near Trenton, Illinois on March the fourth, in the year of 1874. On the twenty first day of October, in the year of 1908, he and Susie Schmidt were united in marriage. Susie was born at Halstead, Kansas on the twenty first of September, in the year of 1880. She passed away there on the ninth of June, in the year of 1923. On the twenty first day of July, in the year of 1925, Edwin J. Haury married a second time, to Dora Leisy of Keokuk, Iowa. She was born in Keokuk, on the third of August, in the year of 1881. Three children were born to the first union. He was survived by his widow, Dora, his three children, one sister, four brothers and his grandfather. Reverends Bleimuth and Langenwalter, had charge of the funeral services.

Reverend Henry H. Ewert and Mrs. Katherine Amalia Krehbiel Kruse, were united in marriage in Lawrence, Kansas by Reverend H. P. Krehbiel on July the ninth, in the year of 1926. It was the second marriage for both Henry and Katherine. Katherine was the widow of Henry Otto Kruse and Henry H. Ewert's first marriage was to Lizzie Baer, a daughter of Christian Baer and Katherine Berger, who passed away on the thirteenth of February, in the year of 1925. Five children were born to this first union: Paul, Carl, Alfred, Willie and Elma. Paul and Carl are Doctors. They have their

office in British Columbia. Alfred is a teacher over in Oxford, England. Willie is a Dentist in the State of Connecticut and Elma is a teacher and a nurse, in British Columbia. Henry Otto Kruse, first husband of Katherine Amalia Krehbiel, passed away in Lawrence, Kansas on the twenty second day of September, in the year of 1922.

Jacob M. Pletscher, a son of Jacob Pletscher and Anna Pletscher, Nee Ruth, passed away at Dodge City, Kansas on the thirteenth day of July, in the year of 1926, at the age of fifty nine years, six months and sixteen days. He was born near Summerfield, Illinois on the seventeenth of December, in the year of 1866. He married Barbara (Babetta) Weber, the daughter of Peter B. Weber and Christina Weber, Nee Weber, born in Keota, Iowa, on May the fifteenth, in the year of 1869. Survivors were his widow, Barbara. His earthly remains were lain to rest at Dodge City, Kansas. His widow was interred at Santa Ana, California.

During the year of 1926, Malinda Baer, a daughter of Christian H. Baer and Katie Baer, Nee Ledig, was married to Emil Toews. Malinda was born in the home of her parents at Deer Creek, Oklahoma. Christian H. Baer and his family, moved to California in the year of 1909. He bought ten acres of land near Upland in July of the same year and bought another one hundred acres in the same area on a later date.

1927

On the twenty ninth of April, in the year of 1927, David Christian Ruth, passed away peacefully in his home in Halstead, Kansas, at the age of eighty three years, three months and twenty nine days. He was the son of Reverend David Ruth and Katherine Ruth, Nee Strohm, born in Eichstock, Upper Bavaria on December the thirtieth, in the year of 1843. He and Mary Hahn were united in marriage in Summerfield, Illinois on the twenty fifth of March, in the year of 1866. They were blest with ten children. Mary, his wife, passed away on the fifth day of June, in the year of 1888.



On the third of July, in the year of 1889, he was married a second time, to Sarah Ella Lucy. They were blest with four children. David Christian Ruth was a Carpenter, Thresherman and Inventor. He was survived by his widow, Sarah Ella, and eleven of his fourteen children, a sister Barbara and a brother Ernest. His earthly remains, along with those of his first wife, Mary, were lain to rest in the Halstead Cemetery.

On the seventh of July, in the year of 1927, John W. Ruth and Elizabeth (Elisa) Hirschler, were united in Holy Matrimony in Reedley, California. It was the second marriage for John W., his first, was to Susan Dester, who passed away on the fourteenth of November, in the year of 1922. She was the sister of Magdalena Dester, mother of Elizabeth (Elisa), who became the second wife of John W. Ruth. He was survived by his widow, Elizabeth, and two sisters: Anna Maria Embick of Halstead and Emma Amelia Rowland of Little River, Kansas, respectively. His earthly remains were lain to rest at Reedley, California.

On the twelfth day of July, in the year of 1927, Albert Walter Eicher and Georgia Lloyd, were united in Holy Matrimony by Reverend R. Rapson in the First Baptist Church, in the city of Belleville, Illinois. The couple made their home in Saint Louis. Albert W. Eicher was a Candy Salesman, by trade.

On the twenty seventh day of December, in the year of 1927, Henry Samuel Embick passed away in his home at Halstead at the age of eighty three years, eight months and twenty five days. He and Anna Maria Ruth, were united in marriage in the year of 1888. She was a daughter of Henry (Squire) Ruth and Marie Katherine Ruth, Nee Bauchenz, born in Summerfield, Illinois on the eighteenth day of November, in the year of 1859. Survivors were: his widow, Anna Maria, one son Henry Samuel, a daughter Maria (Mary) Ann and three grandchildren, Henry Conklin, Charles William and Bette Jean. His earthly remains were lain to rest in the Halstead Cemetery at Halstead, Kansas.

1928

Barbara Selma Vogt, Nee Ruth, passed away in her home near Hesston, Kansas on the fourteenth of March, in the year of 1928, at the age of fifty three years, one month and eight days. She was a daughter of John A. Ruth and Clara A. Ruth, Nee Eymann, born near the village of Summerfield, Illinois on the sixth day of February, in the year of 1875. John A. Ruth, and his Family, moved to Kansas, in the year of 1884.

She and Christian August Vogt were united in Holy Matrimony in the Garden Township Mennonite Church on the seventh of October, in the year of 1900. She was survived by her husband, eight children, one sister, Elizabeth Augusta, and one brother, Henry Benjamin. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Garden Church Cemetery, near Hesston, Kansas.

On the twenty second of June, in the year of 1928, Barbara K. Pletscher, Nee Eymann, passed away in her home near Summerfield, Illinois. She reached the age of seventy six years, nine months and three days.

She was a daughter of Christian Eymann and Agnes Krebill, born at Ashland, Ohio on the nineteenth day of September, in the year of 1851. She was united in marriage with Michael Pletscher on the fifteenth day of September, in the year of 1874. It was his second marriage. He passed away on the third day of May, in the year of 1906. She was survived by seven of their nine children: John H., Anna Harpstrite, Myrthe Baer, Adolph Benjamin, Ida Stuemky, Amanda Dagit and Della Ruth Baer. Her earthly remains were lain to rest in the Summerfield Cemetery at Summerfield, Illinois.

A daughter, Ann Lloyd, was born to Albert Walter Eicher and Georgis Eicher, Nee Lloyd, on the twenty third of October, in the year of 1928. She was born in Saint Louis, Missouri.

On the sixteenth of December, in the year of 1928, Mrs. Lou Brown Ruth, the widow of Henry Herman Ruth, passed away in her home at Eugene, Oregon at the age of fifty nine years, four months and twelve days.