







**FAMILY OF** ROBERT DAVID KREHBIEL      **ADDRESS** TRENTON MISSOURI      **NO.** 11473

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> ROBERT DAVID KREHBIEL SON OF HENRY J. KREHBIEL AND LYDIA D. RUTH	12-11-1899	TRENTON OHIO	MENNONITE	6-30-1927	HATCHERY AND FREEZER LOCKER	
<b>Mother:</b> CHRISTINE MAY SOMMER DAU. OF CHRISTIAN JACOB SOMMER AND ELIZABETH NAFFZIGER	11-24-1902	WASHINGTON ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	6-30-1927	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
114731	CAROL ANN (F)	12-9-1938	KANSAS CITY MISSOURI	METHODIST		
114732	RANDALL DAVID (M)	9-20-1947	KANSAS CITY MISSOURI			
	MARRIED AT WASHINGTON ILLINOIS					





SAMUEL DAVID RUTH-MARIE KATHERINE DUECK FAMILY

## A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE OF

SAMUEL D. RUTH

AND

MARIE KATHERINE DUECK

Samuel D. Ruth was born at Summerfield, Illinois on the twenty ninth day of March in the year of 1873 a son of David B. Ruth and Maria Berger.

He received his early schooling at Summerfield, Illinois and also attended McKendree College. He was especially talented in the fields of music and mechanical engineering and received recognition in both.

In connection with the field of engineering there were several patents granted to him, the earliest of which were in connection with the paper industry and the latest were relative to fencing for live stock.

The patents with reference to the paper industry included such devices as a paper cutter and folder, envelope and paper fastener and paper fastener. The latter was of particular interest because it did not use any staples or wires. In operation it cut a slot and tongue in the papers, folded the tongue over and under and up through the slot and creased it flat in one operation. The fact that it did not use metal in fastening papers had no significance at the time the patent was issued but during the last hostilities it came in quite handy because it saved critical metals for use in other projects. The writer has one of the hand type fasteners made according to this patent in his possession at this writing.

The major device with reference to the fencing of live stock was a specially constructed product that could easily be set up and taken down and moved from place to place, when and where it was needed. At one time when Mr. Ruth (my Uncle) was visiting with the

writer and while discussing the subject he informed me that there was quite a difference in the fencing of live stock. In the general farming areas you put up your fence and then took the live stock to it but in the sheep raising areas you took the fence to the sheep. The necessity of doing this is what prompted the design and manufacture of this special fencing.

In the music field his knowledge was not limited to the playing of only one instrument. As a youth he used to play the organ in the old Mennonite Church of Summerfield, Illinois. Some of the older members that remember him say that he could play with such feeling and expression that it aroused in full their emotions of joy or melancholy, depending on the type of music he played at that particular time.

On the sixteenth of March, 1904 he was married to Miss Marie Katherine Dueck. She was born on May the thirteenth, 1876, at West Elbing, Prussia. They were blest with three children, two daughters and a son.

The couple made their home in Beatrice, Nebraska where Mr. Ruth was in business with his brother-in-law John H. Von Steen, operating a lumber yard and a fence factory.

Mr. Ruth was a member of the Mennonite Church and a devout christian who gave much of his time to the church and community. His particular interest was in seeing the youngsters get the proper start in life, a project on which he spent a lot of his time. One of the favorite diversions of his was taking his car and gather up the youngsters and take them to Sunday School and Church.

He passed on to his eternal reward on the tenth day of June, 1930 and his remains lie buried in the Mennonite Cemetery at Beatrice, Nebraska.

His widow is still living at this writing. She is one of two of the only living members of this branch and generation of the Ruth Family through marriage.

The other is her sister Anna, widow of John E. Ruth.

June 24, 1957.

By Albert J. Ruth.









**FAMILY OF** GEORGE ELMER DREW **ADDRESS** 5 KENT ROAD, NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS **NO.** 11482

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> GEORGE ELMER DREW SON OF EARL MCKINLEY DREW AND VERA MARIE HAMILTON	3-19-1917	CARSON, IOWA	PRESBYTERIAN	9-7-1940	AIRLINE PILOT	
<b>Mother:</b> MILDRED DOROTHY RUTH DAU. OF SAMUEL DAVID RUTH AND MARIE CATHERINE DUECK	1-14-1912	BEATRICE, NEBRASKA	CONGREGATIONAL	9-7-1940	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
114821	MICHAEL GEORGE (M)	9-12-1943	PITTSBURG, KANSAS	BAPTIST		
114822	ANNA ELIZABETH (F)	6-20-1946	FLUSHING L. I. NEW YORK	BAPTIST		
	MARRIED AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA					

**FAMILY OF** JOHN DANIELS LOVERN **ADDRESS** OAKLAND CALIFORNIA **NO.** 11483

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> JOHN DANIELS LOVERN SON OF GEORGE EDWARD LOVERN AND CORINA ANN PRIGMORE	9-3-1915	PUEBLO COLORADO	PROTESTANT	1-12-1940	CLUB MANAGER	
<b>Mother:</b> ANNA MARIE AGNES RUTH DAU. OF SAMUEL DAVID RUTH AND MARIE CATHERINE DUECK	6-24-1918	BEATRICE NEBRASKA	CONGREGATIONAL	1-12-1940	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
114831	CAROL ANN (F)	6-14-1941	PUEBLO COLORADO	CONGREG.		
114832	JOHN DANIELS 2ND. (M)	4-11-1948	BERKELEY CALIFORNIA			
	MARRIED AT RATON NEW MEXICO					

HENRY ALBERT RUTH-ANNA SUSAN AUERNHEIMER FAMILY

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A SYNOPSIS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY

OF

HENRY ALBERT RUTH

Henry Albert Ruth was a son of David B. Ruth and Maria Berger. He was born at Summerfield, Illinois on the twenty ninth day of March in the year of 1875 and shared this birthday with his brother Samuel D. who was born on that same day two years earlier. He spent all of his boyhood days and grew up into manhood in this same area.

He was affiliated with the Mennonite Church and was baptized on May the eighteenth, 1890 by Reverend Jacob E. Krehbiel.

On the thirtieth of September in the year of 1900 he was joined in Holy Matrimony with Miss Anna Susan Auernheimer. The couple made their home on the farm located about four miles south east of Summerfield. This farm was purchased by his grandmother who lived there for a number of years. The house on this farm was the one in which the Mennonites held their first church services before they were organized and built a church that was located a short distance south of the village of Summerfield, Illinois.

Anna Susan Auernheimer was born on the seventh of January in the year of 1879 at Summerfield, Illinois and was raised in that area. She was a daughter of Christ Auernheimer and Marie Pletscher.

This union was blessed with two daughters, Frieda and Edith and one son, Clifford. They were all born in this same farm home and spent part of the days of their youth in this area.

Mr. Ruth served as a school director of the Ruth School for several years. It is unfortunate that we were unable to locate the records and establish the dates and length of service.

On the nineteenth of April in the year of 1916 he

and his family moved to Adair, Oklahoma where he had purchased a farm located one and one half miles west of Adair. A few years later he traded this farm for one that was located several miles east of Adair. He served on the school board of the Lone Elm School a number of years while living in this area.

Between Christmas and New Years Day, in the month of December in the year of 1922, he and his family moved to Choteau, Oklahoma where they lived until on April the twenty seventh, 1927 when they moved to a farm near Halstead, Kansas. It was here that his beloved wife passed away on the nineteenth of February in the year of 1934. Her earthly remains lie buried in the Halstead Cemetery at Halstead, Kansas.

On the twentieth day of February in the year of 1945, he and his children moved into Newton, Kansas. Here he made a home for himself and his children. It was not his privilege to enjoy it for very long for he answered the last roll call on the seventh day of October in the year of 1946. His earthly remains lie buried in the Halstead Cemetery at Halstead, Kansas.

The relationship between the families of Jacob H. and Henry Albert Ruth are rather interesting.

Jacob H. and Henry A. were brothers and they were married to Mary S. Pletscher and Anna S. Auernheimer respectively. The latter were cousins by virtue of the fact that Micheal Pletscher, father of Mary S. and Marie Pletscher, mother of Anna S. Auernheimer, were sister and brother. The offspring of these two families are cousins by virtue of their fathers and second cousins by virtue of their mothers.

Henry A. Ruth owned one of the old Victor Talking Machines that played disc records. The children have the machine in their home at Newton and it is still in good condition and is complete with the exception that the horn is missing. During the summer of 1957 my cousin visited us and we played some of the many old records we used to play when we were youngsters.

October 4, 1959.

By Edith Mollie Ruth.





**FAMILY OF** CLIFFORD HENRY RUTH      **ADDRESS** NEWTON, KANSAS      **NO.** 11493

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> CLIFFORD HENRY RUTH SON OF HENRY ALBERT RUTH AND ANNA SUSAN AUERNHEIMER	6-27-1910	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	4-22-1939	STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	
<b>Mother:</b> EDNA RATZLAFF DAU. OF JAKE RATZLAFF AND MARY EPP	7-6-1919	MEADE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	4-22-1939	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
114931	HENRY DAVID (LIVED A FEW HOURS) <sup>(M)</sup>	8-8-1951	NEWTON, KANSAS		8-8-1951	HALSTEAD, KANSAS
114932	MARY LEANN <sup>(F)</sup>	3-12-1953	NEWTON, KANSAS			
114933	WALTER JAY <sup>(M)</sup>	11-2-1956	NEWTON, KANSAS			
	MARRIED AT McPHERSON, KANSAS					

MARY RUTH-JOHN EICHER FAMILY

A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE OF

JOHN EICHER  
AND  
MARIA RUTH

John Eicher was born in Rhein Pfalz, (Palatinate) Germany, on January the twenty first in the year of 1832. He migrated to America in his twentieth year, first settling in Niagara Falls. From Niagara Falls he moved to Iowa and from there he went to Illinois and made his home in Summerfield. With the exception of a few years, he spent the balance of his life in the Summerfield area.

On the twelfth of September in the year of 1858, he and Maria Ruth and David B. Ruth and Maria Berger were married in a double wedding ceremony in the old Ruth home one quarter mile north of the Ruth School.

It was in this home that the church services were held before the first Mennonite Church was built in this area. There were ninety three people present at the ceremony, all of them Mennonites except sixteen. John Eicher was twenty six years, seven months and twenty two days old and Maria Ruth was twenty years, ten months and eighteen days old. David B. Ruth was twenty two years and eight months old. Marie Berger was twenty three years and three months old.

In May of the year of 1859, John Eicher and his bride moved into their new home in Summerfield. The home was a two story structure with four rooms and a cellar and it was built upon two lots. The two lots contained the house, a kitchen, a large shop and the garden. The two lots cost them \$200.00 and the house cost them \$1,400.00. They built the home themselves.

They employed some extra help, one for \$5.00 per month and one for \$10.00 per month. The former lived on the place while the latter lived in his own home, he also managed the general store.

This couple was blessed with seven children, all boys. Their names were; John, Henry, Jacob, Peter, Valentine, David and Adolph. Adolph died soon after his birth. David died of Typhoid Fever in the year of 1903, at the age of thirty one years. He died at Warrenton, Missouri. His earthly remains lie buried in the Summerfield Cemetery.

John Eicher lost his eyesight in the year of 1900 while working rather hard in the cold winter weather and caught a severe cold. He was blind for two years when he lost his faithful wife. She passed away on the fifteenth of September in the year of 1902. She was born at Harreszell, Bavaria on the twenty fifth of October in the year of 1837 and was a daughter of Jacob Ruth and Barbara Strohm. Her earthly remains lie buried in the Summerfield Cemetery.

John Eicher bore his affliction patiently. After his wife passed away he went to Goessels, Kansas and stayed in the Hospital for a while and then returned to Summerfield. He stayed with his son Valentine for a while and shortly after that he made his home with Samuel Haury. After Samuel Haury died, John went to Highland, Illinois where he spent some time in the Catholic Hospital and then went to Lebanon, Illinois to stay with his son Henry. A little later, he went to another Catholic Hospital in Belleville and came back to Summerfield in the year of 1911. He made his home with Mike Sick. It was not exactly what he had wanted, but it was close to the church, and that was what he wanted. His lot was a difficult one and full of misfortune. His last illness was of a very short duration.

He joined the Mennonite Church in his youth, and remained a faithful member until he passed away on the fifth of March, 1913. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John B. Baer. His earthly remains lie buried in the Summerfield Cemetery, alongside of his faithful wife.

December 5, 1960.

By Albert J. Ruth.

FAMILY OF		JOHN EICHER		ADDRESS		SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS		NO.		115	
		Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died				
<b>Father:</b>		JOHN EICHER	1-21-1832	BISCHEIM, PALATINATE	MENNONITE	9-12-1858	FARMER	3-15-1913			
<b>Mother:</b>		MARY RUTH DAU. OF JACOB RUTH AND BARBARA STROHM	10-25-1837	HARRESZELL, BAVARIA	MENNONITE	9-12-1858	HOUSEWIFE	9-15-1902			
No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks					
1151	JOHN EDWARD (M)	9-22-1859	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	11-1-1941	LEBANON, ILLINOIS					
1152	HENRY FREDERICK (M)	11-28-1861	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	11-30-1946	LEBANON, ILLINOIS					
1153	JACOB ALBERT (M)	7-10-1864	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	7-8-1944	TRENTON, ILLINOIS					
1154	PETER DAVID (M)	11-22-1866	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	2-1-1960	SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI					
1155	VALENTINE CHARLES (M)	2-8-1869	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	1-25-1938	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS					
1156	DAVID CHRISTIAN (M)	3-30-1872	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	3-30-1903	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS					
1157	ADOLPH E. (M)	7-25-1874	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS		11-22-1874	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS					
	NOTE: TWO DATES OF BIRTH ARE GIVEN FOR ADOLPH E. EICHER. 7-25 AND 7-28-1874.										
	MARRIED IN THE OLD RUTH HOME IN WHICH CHURCH SERVICES WERE HELD BEFORE THE CHURCH WAS BUILT										
	FATHER: BURIED IN THE SUMMERFIELD CEMETERY.										
	MOTHER: BURIED IN THE SUMMERFIELD CEMETERY.										

JOHN EDWARD EICHER-EMMA MALLMAN FAMILY

FAMILY OF <u>JOHN EDWARD EICHER</u>		ADDRESS <u>GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS</u>				NO. <u>1151</u>	
		Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> JOHN EDWARD EICHER SON OF JOHN EICHER AND MARY RUTH		9-22-1859	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	1-23-1886	FARMER	11-1-1941
<b>Mother:</b> EMMA MALLMAN DAU. OF WILLIAM MALLMAN AND MAGDALENA DETTWEILER		7-23-1865	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	EVANGELICAL	1-23-1886	HOUSEWIFE	3-17-1923
No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks	
11511	DORA ANNA (F)	1-5-1887	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	PRESBYTERIAN	4-12-1965	LEBANON, ILLINOIS	
11512	MABEL LYDIA (SINGLE) (F)	4-16-1890	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	PRESBYTERIAN			
11513	RUTH MAGDALENA (SINGLE) (F)	2-19-1903	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	PRESBYTERIAN			
	MABEL LYDIA IS A MILLINER						
	MARRIED IN SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS						
	BOTH PARENTS DIED IN GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS						
	THEY ARE BURIED IN COLLEGE HILL CEMETERY, LEBANON, ILLINOIS						

**FAMILY OF** FRANK ROBINSON MILLER **ADDRESS** LEBANON, ILLINOIS **NO.** 11511

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
<b>Father:</b> FRANK ROBINSON MILLER SON OF DANIEL MUELLER AND JOSEPHINE ROBINSON	5-9-1884	SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI	PRESBYTERIAN	6-19-1915	CARPENTER AND CABINET MAKER	
<b>Mother:</b> DORA ANNA EICHER DAU. OF JOHN EDWARD EICHER AND EMMA MALLMAN	1-5-1887	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	PRESBYTERIAN	6-19-1915	HOUSEWIFE	4-12-1965

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
	NO ISSUE					
	MARRIED IN GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS					
	MOTHER: BURIED IN COLLEGE HILL CEMETERY, LEBANON, ILLINOIS.					

HENRY FREDERICK EICHER-EMILY MARIE BILLMEYER FAMILY



