

CHRISTIAN ADAM KREHBIEL-ANNA LICHTI FAMILY

SYNOPSIS
OF THE LIFE OF
CHRISTIAN ADAM KREHBIEL
AND
ANNA LICHTI

Christian Adam Krehbiel was born in Moundridge, Kansas on September the seventh, 1875. He was a son of Valentine Krehbiel and Susanna Ruth.

On January the thirtieth, 1898 he was united in Holy Matrimony with Miss Anna Lichti, a daughter of Christian Lichti and Barbara Hostetler. She was born at Grenstadt, Bavaria on the fourteenth of August, 1876. At the age of eleven years she came to America with her parents who made their home in Moundridge, Kansas. She grew to womanhood in this area and was married in Moundridge, Kansas. After their marriage the couple moved to Geary, Oklahoma and lived on a farm north west of the town. Two children were born to them, Valentine and Christian.

On August the fifth, 1900 Christian Adam Krehbiel passed on to his eternal reward at Geary, Oklahoma.

In 1925 the widow moved to Upland, California and resided there most of the time with the exception of short intervals spent with her eldest son Valentine and his family in Oklahoma. She was a member of the First Mennonite Church of Upland for a long time.

Her health had been declining for many years and after suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage early in the fall, she was moved to a nursing home in nearby Claremont, California. Here she passed away to her eternal reward on the ninth of December, 1955 at the age of seventy nine years.

Her quiet and sweet disposition endeared her to all of those who knew her and her faith in God was manifested in times of sorrow and trial. Surviving her are her two sons, Valentine of Hydro, Oklahoma and Christian of Upland, California, their wives and five grand children and six great grand children.

Funeral services were conducted in the Mennonite church, with her pastor, Paul Goering, officiating. Interment followed at Bellevue Cemetery at Ontario.

The many beautiful floral offerings spoke of the love and esteem in which she was held by many.

December 20, 1956. By Albert J. Ruth.

FAMILY OF VALENTINE CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** HYDRO, OKLAHOMA **NO.** 11761

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: VALENTINE CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL SON OF CHRISTIAN ADAM KREHBIEL AND ANNA LICHTI	11-6-1898	GEARY, OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE	3-6-1924	FARMER	
Mother: MARGARET PANKRATZ DAU. OF JACOB A. PANKRATZ AND MARGARET KLASSEN	12-27-1902	HYDRO, OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE	3-6-1924	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
117611	ELMER VALENTINE (M)	1-30-1925	GEARY, OKLAHOMA	METHODIST		
117612	ELDON WAYNE (M)	5-3-1931	HYDRO, OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE		
117613	VALETA JOAN (F)	7-27-1938	HYDRO, OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE		
	MARRIED IN HYDRO, OKLAHOMA					

FAMILY OF ELMER VALENTINE KREHBIEL ADDRESS CLINTON, OKLAHOMA R.R. No.1, BOX 42 NO. 117611

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: ELMER VALENTINE KREHBIEL SON OF VALENTINE CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL AND MARGARET PANKRATZ	1-30-1925	GEARY, OKLAHOMA	METHODIST	10-3-1946	FARMER	
Mother: ELVA ELIZABETH RATZLAFF DAU. OF JACOB A. RATZLAFF AND ANNA BERGAN	9-16-1925	CLINTON, OKLAHOMA	METHODIST	10-3-1946	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1176111	ELAINA ANNA ADOPTED 6-22-1957 (F)	10-4-1951				
1176112	EDWIN CARL ADOPTED 6-22-1957 (M)	2-2-1955				
	MARRIED IN CORN, OKLAHOMA					

FAMILY OF ELDON WAYNE KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** HYDRO OKLAHOMA R.R. No. 2 **NO.** 117612

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: ELDON WAYNE KREHBIEL SON OF VALENTINE CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL AND MARGARET PANKRATZ	5-3-1931	HYDRO OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE	8-16-1952	FARMER	
Mother: ELIZABETH FERN WALKER DAU. OF BEN WALKER AND ISAL ACRE	4-6-1932	HENNESSEY OKLAHOMA	METHODIST	8-16-1952	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1176121	RANDAL WALKER (M)	8-25-1956				
	MARRIED IN HENNESSEY OKLAHOMA					

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 AND
 VIOLA ZWEIACHER

On Sunday May 31, 1925 the Krehbiel Relation and six of the Zweiacher Family motored from Geary Oklahoma to Cantonement Oklahoma and attended the Sunday morning services at the Indian Mission.

It so happened that there was a special gathering for the Indians and they all brought with them their basket dinners, our crowd, likewise, brought theirs.

Our group asked the Reverend Linscheid Family to join us and eat our dinner together.

At about 1:30 P. M. Reverend Linscheid performed the services and soon there-after we all started for home, a trip of thirty five miles, but with one more Krehbiel and one less Zweiacher in the group. I have never had reason to be sorry for the occurrence.

Viola and I took over the Farm and operated it. In July of 1925 Mother Krehbiel, Valentine, Margaret and Elmer V. took off for California in a Model "T"

Ford Roadster. We bid them all farewell and got busy with our farming.

In the fall of 1926 I acquired a very bad attack of Pleurisy, having been bothered with it since 1919 as a result of an attack of Influenza. In consultation with a Doctor, I was advised to go to a warmer climate for my health. We then left Viola's brother Adolph and his family operate the farm we had rented for a year, sold some of our livestock and bought us a 1925 Ford Coupe. In August of 1927 we started for California with our two babies, Helen and Frances, the former, sixteen and one half months old and the latter two and one half months old. We made the trip just fine with the exception of having a few rough experiences. We were sent out on the wrong road from Santa Rose and Albuquerque which was much worse than travelling through Oklahoma, but we got through just fine. At Encino, Arizona we got caught in a terrible cloud burst. Here, on account of a bridge washout we garaged the Ford and after a four hour delay boarded a train for the balance of the trip. We arrived in Upland, California about 7:00 A. M. and we walked to the Christian Lichti home which was just one block from the Sante Fe Station. Here we called my brother Valentine, and Margaret came and got us from there. A week later I returned to Encino and drove the Ford back to Upland without any trouble, not even a flat tire.

We have never moved from Upland since, though we have resided at five different street addressess. We bought our first home here in April 1928 at 428 East 11th Street and lived there for nine years. We then bought a place at 708 North Second Avenue and lived there for nine years. We sold that place and moved 100 feet East to 243 East G Street, a place which we built ourselves. We built us several new homes after that but we never moved into any of them because it seemed that there was always someone who wanted the home worse than we did, so we left them have them.

During the depression we lived on an orange grove and did grove work as there was no building of any sort being done anywhere.

While living at 243 East G Street I took a notion to take a trip to Alaska as Helen and Herman were up there. I drove a 1935 Ford Pickup to Alaska in eight days, a distance of 4004 miles. At the beginning of the trip after covering a distance of 300 miles and only a short distance from Las Vegas, I burned out a universal joint. A Mr. Jansen towed me the 38 miles to town and we arrived there at 2:00 A.M.. At 5:00 A.M. the damage was repaired and I was off on my way again. I started the trip with seven tires and got to Palmer, Alaska with four of the original seven.

I stayed at Palmer for three months, then sold my Pickup truck, packed my bags and with a back full of Pleurisy, bought a plane ticket to Portland, Oregon. We left Anchorage at 8:30 P.M. and the next morning I was in a bus at Portland, Oregon headed for Upland California. On the way I lost my Pleurisy but still had my bags. We travelled to Reno Nevada where I had the experience of seeing how some people stay up all night for the purpose of gambling. I saw numerous 14 year old boys playing the machines. The bus arrived in Reno at midnight and at 1:00 A.M. we were on our way again. By noon we were at Bishop, California and then continued on to Independance. During World War II I worked here for three months on a Japanese Camp consisting of over 700 buildings 20 x 100 and a hospital with a capacity of 400 beds. It was built by the United States Government and cost them millions of Dollars for housing the Japanese during the war. It is now all destroyed and only a few ruins remain to mark the spot upon which it stood.

The bus reached Los Angeles at 7:00 P.M. on that same evening. This was only 40 miles from home so by ten o'clock I was home to relate my experiences of the long trip to my family. That was in 1948.

In the spring of the year 1949 I started to build

our present home which took over two years before it was completed. I have been back to Oklahoma to visit relatives three times, though Viola has been back to visit her parents about every two or three years.

They are now about 84 years old and still living on the same farm where we first got acquainted, but they now have a new home in place of the old one we knew so well. In travelling our journey of life together we have had our share of joy and sorrow.

Our son was born on September 27, 1940 but lived only five days and the Lord saw fit to take him back to his eternal home in heaven. In the year of 1935 Frances had lock jaw and if it had not been for good old Doctor Henke we surely would have lost her.

That same year the whole family had their turn at almost possible death. Helen had a brain concussion due to a fall. Viola almost bled to death and I was caught on the back of the head by a falling timber and lost almost a years work. But thanks be to God, we are still all here except our son Harry Lee.

By Christian Valentine Krehbiel.
August 26, 1955.

FAMILY OF CHRISTIAN VALENTINE KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** UPLAND CALIFORNIA 504 NORTH CAMPUS **NO.** 11762

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: CHRISTIAN VALENTINE KREHBIEL SON OF CHRISTIAN ADAM KREHBIEL AND ANNA LICHTI	8-6-1900	GEARY OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE	5-31-1925	CARPENTER	
Mother: VIOLA EMMA ZWEIACHER	7-10-1904	WOOD BERNE INDIANA	MENNONITE	5-31-1925	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
117621	HELEN MARGARET (F)	4-16-1926	GEARY OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE		
117622	FRANCES LORENE (F)	6-10-1927	GEARY OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE		
117623	LARRY LEE (M)	9-27-1940	UPLAND CALIFORNIA	MENNONITE	10-2-1940	
	MARRIED AT CANTONEMENT OKLAHOMA.	INDIAN MISSION	HOME OF G. A. LINSCHIED			

FAMILY OF JOSEPH THEODORE FAULKNER **ADDRESS** UPLAND CALIFORNIA 514 NORTH CAMPUS **NO.** 117622

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: JOSEPH THEODORE FAULKNER	4-2-1926	ONTARIO CALIFORNIA	MENNONITE	1-13-1946	CARPENTER	
Mother: FRANCES LORENE KREHBIEL DAU. OF CHRISTIAN VALENTINE KREHBIEL AND VIOLA EMMA ZWEIACHER	6-10-1927	GEARY OKLAHOMA	MENNONITE	1-13-1946	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1176221	ROBERT JOSEPH (M)	5-10-1947	UPLAND CALIFORNIA			
1176222	GREGG S. (M)	6-30-1951	UPLAND CALIFORNIA			
	MARRIED IN UPLAND CALIFORNIA					

WILLIAM WALTER WELTY-MARY ELIZABETH KREHBIEL FAMILY

FAMILY OF		WILLIAM WALTER WELTY		ADDRESS		MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS		NO. 1177	
		Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died		
Father:		WILLIAM WALTER WELTY							
SON OF FREDRICK LEWIS GOTTLIEB WELTY AND ELIZABETH STIENER		1-18-1871	KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN	MENNONITE	9-15-1895	FARMER	9-12-1949		
Mother:		MARY ELIZABETH KREHBIEL							
DAU. OF VALENTINE KREHBIEL AND SUSANNA RUTH		7-30-1877	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	9-15-1895	HOUSEWIFE	8-11-1931		
No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks			
11771	ALBERT EDWARD (M)	3-28-1896	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS		6-12-1968	NEWTON, KANSAS			
11772	WALTER HENRY (M)	4-22-1898	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS						
11773	NELSON FREDRICK (M)	11-22-1901	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS		4-30-1947	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS			
11774	GERHARD MILTON (M)	4-1-1903	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	EVANG. U. B.	10-2-1966	HESSTON, KANSAS.			
11775	HARRY EARL (M)	2-3-1905	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
11776	QUINTON LEONARD (M)	2-12-1907	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
11777	HERBERT WILLIAM (M)	12-25-1908	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	11-14-1960	NATOMA, KANSAS			
11778	WILLETA MAE (F)	9-20-1910	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
11779	RALPH GILBERT (M)	8-6-1912	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
1177 11-10	KENNETH M (M)	1-30-1915	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
1177 -11	MARY ELIZABETH (F)	6-20-1917	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE					
MARRIED IN THE MENNONITE CHURCH AT MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS									
BOTH PARENTS BURIED IN THE MOUNDRIDGE CEMETERY AT MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS									

FAMILY OF ALBERT EDWARD WELTY **ADDRESS** 123 EAST 13TH STREET, NEWTON, KANSAS **NO.** 11771

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: ALBERT EDWARD WELTY SON OF WILLIAM WALTER WELTY AND MARY ELIZABETH KREHBIEL	3-28-1896	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS		10-12-1921	LABORER	6-12-1968
Mother: AMANDA M. BEUTLER DAU. OF SAM BEUTLER AND MARIE	7-20-1895	HUMBOLT, NEBRASKA		10-12-1921	HOUSEWIFE	4-24-1960

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
117711	WILLIAM MERLE (M)		NEWTON, KANSAS			NEWTON, KANSAS (AT BIRTH)
117712	ROLAND SAM (M)	10-13-1925	NEWTON, KANSAS	BAPTIST		
117713	GERALD RICHARD (M)	9-7-1927	NEWTON, KANSAS			
117714	WILMA MAE (F)	8-3-1929	NEWTON, KANSAS	BAPTIST		
117715	MARVIN DEAN (M)	8-21-1931	NEWTON, KANSAS	BAPTIST		
117716	ALBERT EDWARD JR. (M)	1-12-1934	NEWTON, KANSAS		4-21-1960	NEWTON, KANSAS
	MARRIED IN SIMPSON, CANADA.					
	FATHER: BURIED AT NEWTON, KANSAS					

FAMILY OF <u>CARL CURTIS WELTY</u>		ADDRESS <u>BURRTON, KANSAS</u>			NO. <u>117751</u>	
	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: CARL CURTIS WELTY SON OF HARRY EARL WELTY AND LEOTA MARY LYON						
	11-2-1937	NEWTON, KANSAS	EVANGELICAL U. B.	9-1-1956	TOOL AND DIE MAKER WELDER	7-14-1962
Mother: MARGARET ANN MONROE DAU. OF SANFORD ELLSWORTH MONROE AND SELMA LOUISE CLARY						
	2-26-1940	GENESE0, KANSAS	NAZARENE	9-1-1956	HOUSEWIFE	7-14-1962
No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1177511	ROBYN SHARIL (F)	4-16-1957	HUTCHINSON, KANSAS		7-14-1962	GENESE0, KANSAS
1177512	BRADLEY (M)	1959			7-14-1962	GENESE0, KANSAS
	THE ENTIRE FAMILY WAS KILLED IN A TWO CAR CRASH NEAR GENESE0, KANSAS					
	BURIAL WAS IN THE GENESE0 CEMETERY AT GENESE0, KANSAS.					
	THE FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD IN THE NAZARENE CHURCH AT LYONS					
	MARRIED IN LYONS, KANSAS					
	FATHER BURIED AT GENESE0, KANSAS					
	MOTHER BURIED AT GENESE0, KANSAS					

FAMILY OF HERBERT WILLIAM WELTY ADDRESS 421 OLD MAIN, NEWTON, KANSAS NO. 11777

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: HERBERT WILLIAM WELTY SON OF WILLIAM WALTER WELTY AND MARY ELIZABETH KREHBIEL	12-25-1908	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	6-11-1952	CONSTRUCTION	11-14-1960
Mother: DIXIE LOUISE FOX HERZET DAU. OF JAMES THOMAS FOX AND NANCY CATHERINE COLLINS	10-11-1900	SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI	PRESBYTERIAN	6-11-1952	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
	DIXIE LOUISE HERZET, NEE FOX, WAS A WIDOW					
	MARRIED IN BENTONVILLE, ARKANSAS					
	FATHER: DIED AT NATOMA, KANSAS					