

JOHN WILLIAM KREHBIEL-MARY E. KRUSE FAMILY

A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE OF

JOHN WILLIAM KREHBIEL

AND

MARY E. KRUSE

John William Krehbiel, son of Christian Krehbiel and Susanna Ruth was born the tenth of March, 1860 at Summerfield, Illinois. At the age of sixteen he emigrated to Halstead, Kansas with his parents and was the first of the Krehbiel family to go to Kansas from Summerfield, Illinois.

Shortly after his marriage to Mary E. Kruse they moved to Darlington, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and served as Superintendant of an Indian School for one year. Then they moved to Moundridge, Kansas where he operated a grain elevator for one year.

Then forming a Company with his father, Christian Krehbiel, J. W. Ruth, Daniel Haury, and his brothers Henry Peter and Christian E. Krehbiel, took control of the Moundridge Milling Company of which he became General Manager and later President, the position he held until later in life when he retired in favor of his sons. He was actively interested in Church work all of his life. He was the treasurer of the Western District Conference and of the Leisy Orphan and Aid Society for many years and also was a member of the Bethel College Board for a number of years.

July 20, 1955.

By Nelson Wendell Krehbiel.

FAMILY OF CARL CLIFFORD KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS **NO.** 16222

SECOND MARRIAGE	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: CARL CLIFFORD KREHBIEL SON OF JOHN WILLIAM KREHBIEL AND MARY KRUSE	2-7-1891	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	1-9-1931	MANAGER AND OWNER MOUNDRIDGE MILLING COMPANY	6-12-1935
Mother: EMMA DOROTHY RUPP DAU. OF CHRISTIAN W. RUPP AND FANNIE DIRKS <i>RUS em cr 051 fy</i>	2-11-1905	MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS	MENNONITE	1-9-1931	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
162224	CARL CLIFFORD (M)	5-30-1935	NEWTON, KANSAS		5-31-1935	HALSTEAD, KANSAS
	CARL CLIFFORD JUNIOR WAS BORN IN THE BETHEL HOSPITAL AT NEWTON, KANSAS. HE LIVED ONLY A DAY AND A NIGHT.					
	HE IS BURIED IN THE HALSTEAD MAUSOLEUM AT HALSTEAD, KANSAS.					
	MARRIED IN MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS					
	FATHER BURIED IN THE HALSTEAD MAUSOLEUM AT HALSTEAD, KANSAS					

A SHORT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

GERALD RICHARD KREIDER
AND
ELINOR KREHBIEL KREIDER

On October 1, 1920, I was born to Carl and Helen Krehbiel of Moundridge, Kansas. In 1922 and 1924 two sisters, Margaret and Kathryn, came to join the family. In 1924 our mother died in Reedley, California while we were there to visit her family. After that we lived with our grand-parents, John and Mary Krehbiel, in Moundridge. Shortly after our grand-mother died and when I was ten years old, my father married again to Emma Rupp of Moundridge, Kansas. My sister and I lived with them for four years when our father died suddenly. These were sad, unhappy days for all of us. I graduated from the Moundridge High School in 1938 and in the fall of that year entered Bethel College of North Newton Kansas. At that time my goal had been a career as an english teacher and so I majored in subjects leading to that end. However these plans were rather drastically altered by the apparently innocent device of a seating arrangement in the Chapel. We were seated alphabetically and I sat next to a young man named Gerald Kreider. He was interested in chemistry and science. We became friends and the next four years found us inseperable companions. We graduated from Bethel College on May 27, 1942 at ten o'clock A.M. and on that same evening at 8:00 P.M. we became husband and wife. We tucked our brand new diplomas and marriage certificate into our

luggage and departed for the City of Goshen Indiana, where Gerald's parents owned a small 20 acre farm. 1942 was a war year and Gerald, like all young men, did not know what the future would hold for him, so we planned to live on the small parental farm until he was called by the draft. We began raising chickens to be sold as broilers. We started with a small flock of 800 and gradually increased the size of the successive flocks. On March 25th, 1943 a red-faced, red-haired baby boy was born to us. To him we gave his grandfathers name, Carl. In January of 1945, six weeks after her father was drafted, Jean Elizabeth was born to us. After the war ended, we returned to our farm which we proceeded to purchase from Gerald's parents. We continued with raising chickens and also added some turkeys. In January of 1947, Richard Amos came to join our family. During the next three years three more children, Ellen Ruth, James Willard and Kathryn Margaret increased our roster of children to six. They are now a healthy, happy, normal brood of youngsters. As is the way of children and parents from time immemorial we have many happy times together plus moments when there are some problems and difficulties to be worked out and solved. In 1953 we purchased a larger farm about one half mile west of our small one. We spent a year and one half remodeling the big, old farm house and finally in April of this year (1955) we moved into it. The big home gave us increased house space and a lot more room for our family, and the increased acreage gave us the chance to expand our raising of turkeys. Several years ago Gerald turned to the raising of only turkeys, both the broilers and the heavier breeds. Now we raise around 75,000 birds each year and will undoubtedly have more in the future.

Like everyone else we lead a busy life, but it is a good, satisfying and a happy one.

July 31, 1955.

By Elinor Krehbiel Kreider

FAMILY OF GERALD RICHARD KREIDER **ADDRESS** GOSHEN INDIANA R.R. No.2 **NO.** 162221

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: GERALD RICHARD KREIDER SON OF AMOS EBERSOLE KREIDER AND STELLA ROSELLA SHOEMAKER	8-25-1920	STERLING ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	5-27-1942	POULTRY FARMER TURKEYS	
Mother: ELINOR MARY KREHBIEL DAU. OF CARL CLIFFORD KREHBIEL AND HELEN EYMANN	10-1-1920	NEWTON KANSAS	MENNONITE	5-27-1942	HOUSEWIFE	1984

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1622211	CARL ROBERT <i>ch</i> (M)	3-25-1943	GOSHEN INDIANA			
1622212	JEAN ELIZABETH <i>jr</i> (F)	1-9-1945	GOSHEN INDIANA			
1622213	RICHARD AMOS <i>ri</i> (M)	1-28-1947	GOSHEN INDIANA			
1622214	ELLEN RUTH <i>et</i> (F)	9-17-1948	ELKHART INDIANA			
1622215	JAMES WILLARD <i>jm</i> (M)	12-15-1949	ELKHART INDIANA			
1622216	KATHRYN MARGRET <i>ka</i> (F)	12-11-1950	ELKHART INDIANA			
	MARRIED IN NEWTON KANSAS					

FAMILY OF DR. LEO ROBERT GOERTZ **ADDRESS** 2510 WEST 48th. ST. KANSAS CITY 3, KANSAS **NO.** 162222

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: DR. LEO ROBERT GOERTZ <i>le</i> SON OF BRUNO ALEXANDER GOERTZ <i>087 bx</i> AND HELENA BARTEL <i>014 hl</i>	4-30-1922	HILLSBORO, KANSAS	MENNONITE	3-14-1945	DOCTOR	
Mother: MARGRET RUTH KREHBIEL DAU. OF CARL CLIFFORD KREHBIEL AND HELEN EYMANN	3-3-1922	NEWTON, KANSAS	MENNONITE	3-14-1945	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children <i>087</i>	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1622221	ROBERT KREHBIEL <i>rb (M)</i>	8-21-1947	HILLSBORO, KANSAS			
1622222	KENNETH KREHBIEL <i>ke (M)</i>	11-21-1950	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS			
1622223	HELEN MARGARET <i>hl (F)</i>	5-7-1954	SEDAN, KANSAS			
	MARRIED IN MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS					

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF THE LIFE OF

NELSON WENDELL KREHBIEL
AND
GLADYS HEASTON

Nelson Wendell Krehbiel attended grade and High School at Moundridge Kansas. Took three years at the Bethel College at North Newton, Kansas and graduated from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Married Gladys Heaston of McPherson, Kansas, who was a graduate of McPherson College and a post-graduate student of the University of Chicago.

Joined the Moundridge Milling Company in 1919 as traffic manager, became sales manager in 1924 and the President and General Manager in 1935. Sold this business in 1948 and since that time have been handling personal investments.

Was a member of the Moundridge School Board for twelve years, a member of the Bethel College Board for six years.

Daughter, Anne Krehbiel is Associate Professor of Piano at McPherson College. She has her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Piano from the University of Kansas and has studied piano privately in New York City, New York.

August 18, 1955. By Nelson Wendell Krehbiel.

FAMILY OF NELSON WENDELL KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS **NO.** 16223

Birth **Place of Birth** **Church Membership** **Date of Marriage** **Occupation** **Died**

Father: NELSON WENDELL KREHBIEL
SON OF JOHN WILLIAM KREHBIEL
AND MARY E. KRUSE 9-16-1898 MOUNDRIDGE, KANSAS MENNONITE 9-6-1922 INVESTMENTS 1982
at Moundridge

Mother: GLADYS HEASTON
DAU. OF WILLIAM CHAMLIS HEASTON
AND SUSANNAH HARNLY 9-14-1899 BLUE SPRINGS, NEBRASKA MENNONITE 9-6-1922 HOUSEWIFE

No. **Children** **Birth** **Place of Birth** **Church Membership** **Died** **Remarks**

162231 ANNE K32 7-5-1923 McPHERSON, KANSAS CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

m. Alfred E. Sauer

919ax

ANNE WAS SINGLE WHEN THIS RECORD WAS COMPILED

MARRIED IN McPHERSON, KANSAS

HENRY PETER KREHBIEL-MATHILDA EMILIE KRUSE FAMILY
FIRST MARRIAGE OF HENRY PETER KREHBIEL

A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIVES OF

HENRY PETER KREHBIEL

AND

MATILDA EMILIE KRUSE

AND

HENRY PETER KREHBIEL

AND

KATIE A. FRIESEN

Henry Peter Krehbiel was born on the thirteenth of April, 1862 in Summerfield, Illinois, the third son of Christian Krehbiel and Susanna A. Ruth.

At the age of 13 he was baptized in the Mennonite faith as a member of the Summerfield Church. At the age of 16 he went to Halstead, Kansas with his older brother, John W. and broke prairies for his father. He attended Emporia Normal and Kansas State University after which he taught school for some time. He decided to study medicine but was refused financial assistance by his father. Soon there-after he formed a company and then started in the hardware business in Halstead, Kansas.

On the twenty first of November, 1887 he married Miss Matilda Emilie Kruse. To this union two children were born, Elva A. (now Mrs. E. E. Leisy) and a son Ariel who died in infancy at Canton, Ohio.

In the year of 1892 Mr. Krehbiel felt the call to the ministry, sold his share in the hardware store, bought a farm and then moved to Oberlin, Ohio with his family and attended Oberlin Seminary from which he graduated in 1897. During this time he served the Churches at Wadsworth and Canton, Ohio and also did editorial work on a paper.

After his graduation in 1897 he moved to Canton, Ohio where he served as pastor. He became active in the Middle District Conference and helped establish Bluffton College.

In 1900 he returned to Newton, Kansas to organize and manage the Western Book and Publishing Company which published the German paper "Volksblatt" and on a later date "Der Herold". In the course of time his brother Christian E. joined him in this enterprise and in 1920 he founded the Herald Publishing Company and served as its president until in the year 1935.

He established two new Mennonite Churches, one at Burrton and one at Hutchinson, Kansas. He organized the Burrton Mennonite Church in 1906 and served as its pastor for thirty years. He was very active on

the home mission board and helped to establish the mission centers in Chicago and Los Angeles. He held many posts of responsibility in the Mennonite Church to which he gave his untiring devotion. He was the Secretary of the Middle District Conference and the Home Mission Board of the General Conference; chairman of the Peace Committee, a member of the Bethel College Board of Directors and of the Mennonite Historical Committee and also established the Mennonite Settlers Aid Society. He was deeply concerned about the plight of the Mennonites following the Russian Revolution and helped many to get to Mexico and to Washington State as well. He completed volumes I and II of a history of the Mennonite General Conference. The first volume in 1897 and the second in 1935.

The subject of peace was very dear to his heart and the question of the Conscientious Objector gave him vital concern and during the World War I he made numerous trips to Camps and also to Washington D. C. in their behalf to plead for them and for the issue of the Peace-Loving Churches. In 1937 he published "War, Peace, Amity", a book in which he stressed his belief that the World could attain peace through one source only, that of Christian Love. In the year of 1927, his research for a study of the denominations historically espousing peace, took him and his wife on a journey around the Globe. He was instrumental in the formation of an organization of the historic peace churches, and at the time of his death, was a member of the Western District Peace Committee.

Reverend Krehbiel delighted in helping others. He acted as legal advisor to churches in their disputes and to individuals as well. In his spare time he did voluminous writing along with inventing a number of things. He was also a member of the Leisy Orphan and Childrens Aid Society and of the Mennonite Charity. He had a very wide vision and a staunch unwaivering Christian faith.

Matilda Emilie Kruse was born on the seventeenth

of March, 1867 in Southern Russia. Her father was of Dutch, Danish, German origin and her mother, German-Austrian. She moved to Long Island with her parents at the age of four, then to Halstead, Kansas in 1872 where they made their home. Her father was a man of unusual skill in the carpenter trade and built many homes for the Mennonites in both Harvey and Butler Counties in Kansas as well as in parts of Oklahoma. Of the four Kruse children, three married brothers and a sister of the Krehbiel family. Without much schooling she acquired an excellent knowledge by her own efforts and in her later years was very active in Church and Club work and was rated as a delightful lecturer. She passed away on April 20, 1931 and her remains lie buried in the Cemetery at Halstead, Kansas.

Five years after the death of his wife in 1931, Reverend Krehbiel, on the twenty sixth of November, 1936, was married to Miss Katie A. Friesen who survived him. He passed away on the second of December, 1940, having attained an age of seventy eight years, seven months and nineteen days. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon December the fifth from the First Mennonite Church, Reverend J. N. Smucker officiating, being assisted by Reverends J. E. Entz, J. J. Regier and A. J. Dyck. His remains lie buried in the Halstead, Kansas Cemetery.

July 16, 1955. By Elva K. Leisy.

Katie A. Friesen was born in Berdjansk, Russia on November the thirtieth, 1886 and was baptized in the Mennonite faith.

In 1891 she came to America with her parents and was raised near Burrton, Kansas. She attended Bethel College and later taught Country School for a number of years. After she gave up teaching she worked for a publishing Company in Newton, Kansas.

The above information was supplied by Mrs. Katie A. Krehbiel, Nee Friesen, om July 20, 1955.

FAMILY OF HENRY PETER KREHBIEL **ADDRESS** NEWTON, KANSAS **NO.** 1623

FIRST MARRIAGE	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: HENRY PETER KREHBIEL SON OF CHRISTIAN KREHBIEL AND SUSANNA RUTH	4-13-1862	SUMMERFIELD, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	11-21-1886	MINISTER BUSINESS MAN EDITOR AND AUTHOR	12-2-1940
Mother: MATHILDA EMILIE KRUSE DAU. OF ADOLPH THEODORE KRUSE AND MARGARETA RUPP	3-17-1867	RUSSIA	MENNONITE	11-21-1886	HOUSEWIFE	4-20-1931

No.	Children	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
16231	ELVA AGNES <i>ex</i> (F)	12-1-1891	HALSTEAD, KANSAS	MENNONITE		
16232	ARIEL KRUSE <i>ax</i> (M)	1-18-1900	CANTON, OHIO		1-21-1900	CANTON, OHIO
	MARRIED IN HALSTEAD, KANSAS					
	BOTH PARENTS BURIED IN HALSTEAD, KANSAS					

A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIFE OF
 ERNEST ERWIN LEISY
 AND
 ELVA AGNES KREHBIEL

Ernest Erwin Leisy was born at Moundridge, Kansas on December the twenty second, 1887 a son of Emil A. Leisy and Magdalena Krebill.

He attended public school at Moundridge, Kansas, received his B.A. degree at Bethel College, Masters' degree at Harvard University and his Ph. D. degree at the University of Illinois.

His teaching career was as follows; two country schools; three years at Bethel College; five years at the University of Illinois at Urbana; four years at Illinois Wesleyan at Bloomington; Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas since 1927.

Filed: American Literature. Summer School teach-

ing; Washington State at Pullman; Duke University at Durham, N.C.; University of Colorado at Boulder; the University of Texas at Austin; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; the University of Vienna at Vienna, Austria; University of Bonn in Germany.

Because of this the Leisy family has been in most every State of the Union and in most every Capital, in Mexico and in much of Canada as well.

Writings: Many book reviews for local papers and for many learned and semi-professional magazines.

Books: American Literature, 1929; The American Historical Novel, 1950.

Editor: The scarlet Letter, 1929; Facts and Ideas, 1930; Major American Writers, 1935; Horseshoe Robinson, 1937; Voices of England and America, 1939, and Snodgrass letters of Mark Twain, 1946.

He is also a member of various professional and learned societies and has had offices from president to program chairman in several of them.

Elva Agnes Krehbiel was born in Halstead, Kansas on the twelfth of December, 1891. Moving to Oberlin, Ohio at the age of ten months, to Canton at the age of five years and to Newton, Kansas at eight years.

Attended Bethel College, received a B.A. degree at Oberlin College in 1912 and attended Kansas University for one summer term. Taught high school in Moundridge, Kansas for one year, Bethel Academy for three years and after marriage to Mr. E. E. Leisy, taught at the University of Illinois at Urbana for several semesters. At Dallas, Texas she became very active in P.T.A., Church School of the Highland Park Methodist Church and in the University Women's Club. She has served as president of various organizations and in other capacities as well. Has written travelogues which have appeared from time to time in the Mennonite Weekly Review and contributed two articles to Mennonite Life. Is called upon frequently to give lectures and travelogues.

July 20, 1955.

By Elva Agnes Krehbiel.

A SYNOPSIS OF THE LIVES OF

MELVERN KREHBIEL LEISY

MARGARET RUTH LEISY

JAMES FRANKLIN LEISY

Melvern Krehbiel Leisy attended Harvard University on a scholarship, Duke University, and received his M.D. degree in 1950 from the University of Pennsylvania.

Is now established at Altadena for four years as a general practioneer, both physician and surgeon.

Margaret Ruth Leisy received her B.A. degree at Southern Methodist University and her certificate of Social Service at Kansas University in 1949. Worked for Family Service in Dallas, Texas as a Consultant. Married John Francis Steineger in 1949. They lived in Washington D.C. where her lawyer husband was with the labor department. In the year of 1950 they moved to Frankfurt, Germany where for two years he was in the State Department as an Officer with the Public Affairs Department.

For three years they lived in the City of Munich, Germany where he as an officer has been in charge of the exchange program for Bavaria.

James Franklin Leisy received his B.A. degree at Southern Methodist in 1949. He has been the College representative for Prentiss-Hall for the North Texas area. In 1953 he transferred to New York to become editor in the fields of phylosophy, religion, fine Arts and College text books. In 1954 he transferred to Allyn and Bacon, a subsidiary of Prentiss-Hall as editor of College Text Books.

July 20, 1955.

By Elva Krehbiel Leisy.

FAMILY OF MELVERN KREHBIEL LEISY ADDRESS 1661 MORADA PLACE, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA NO. 162311

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: MELVERN KREHBIEL LEISY SON OF ERNEST ERWIN LEISY AND ELVA AGNES KREHBIEL	10-18-1922	NEWTON, KANSAS	MENNONITE	9-4-1948	DOCTOR	
Mother: PEGI HOUCK <i>mr</i> DAU. OF AUSTIN JAMES HOUCK <i>908 ax</i> AND GERTRUDE MARGARET KLINE <i>911 gt</i>	4-17-1926	HASTINGS, PENNSYLVANIA	CATHOLIC	9-4-1948	ARTIST	

No.	Children <i>20</i>	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1623111	DEREK T <i>dx (M)</i>	7-20-1952	ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA			
1623112	DAVID KURT <i>da (M)</i>	7-18-1954	ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA			
	MARRIED IN HASTINGS, PENNSYLVANIA					

FAMILY OF JOHN FRANCIS STEINEGER **ADDRESS** MUNICH GERMANY **NO.** 162312

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: JOHN FRANCIS STEINEGER SON OF JOHN FRANCIS STEINEGER AND JUNE WEAR	<i>jo</i> 9-13-1925	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	EPISCOPALIAN	12-2-1949	LAWYER VICE COUNSUL DIPLOMATIC SERVICE	
Mother: MARGARET RUTH LEISY DAU. OF ERNEST ERWIN LEISY AND ELVA AGNES KREHBIEL	2-8-1926	NEWTON, KANSAS	MENNONITE	12-2-1949	HOUSEWIFE / <i>social worker</i>	

No.	Children <i>91A</i>	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1623121	JOHN FRANCIS THE THIRD <i>jo</i> (M)	9-24-1950	FRANKFURT, GERMANY			
1623122	CYNTHIA LEIGH <i>cy</i> (F)	9-13-1952	FRANKFURT, GERMANY			
1623123	MELISSA ANNETTE <i>mx</i> (F)	7-14-1955	MUNICH, GERMANY			
	MARRIED IN DALLAS, TEXAS.					

FAMILY OF JAMES FRANKLIN LEISY **ADDRESS** 2052 EDGEWOOD DRIVE, PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA **NO.** 162313

	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Date of Marriage	Occupation	Died
Father: JAMES FRANKLIN LEISY SON OF ERNEST ERWIN LEISY AND ELVA AGNES KREHBIEL	3-21-1927	NORMAL, ILLINOIS	MENNONITE	6-8-1949	EDITOR	
Mother: EMILY RUTH McQUEEN DAU. OF M. C. McQUEEN AND IDA RAE COCKRELL (ADOPTED)	<i>em</i> 11-20-1926 <i>913 my</i> <i>903 jd</i>	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	PRESBYTERIAN	6-8-1949	HOUSEWIFE	

No.	Children <i>LD.</i>	Birth	Place of Birth	Church Membership	Died	Remarks
1623131	JAMES FRANKLIN JR. <i>jm (M)</i>	3-3-1950	DALLAS, TEXAS			
1623132	SCOT <i>st (M)</i>	3-2-1955	SYOSSET, L. I. NEW YORK			
1623133	REBECCA RUTH <i>rc (F)</i>	4-23-1956	SYOSSET, L. I. NEW YORK			
		<i>903 my</i>				
				<i>903 my</i>		

NOTE: EMILY RUTH WAS BORN TO MELVIN JAMES COLLINS AND RUTH REBECCA COCKRELL, BOTH PARENTS DIED BEFORE SHE WAS NINE YEARS OLD SO SHE ALONG WITH A BROTHER WAS ADOPTED BY HER AUNT, OR HER MOTHERS SISTER.

MARRIED IN TULSA OKLAHOMA