

**FATE, DESTINY,
NECESSITY ON
RENVILLE'S PRAIRIES
BLANCHE HEMBREE**



A four-generation picture: Alma Jensen Culver, mother; Winifred Jensen Wenker, daughter; Sandra Wenker Alexander, granddaughter; Drasan Alexander, great-granddaughter. Winifred Wenker has a twin brother, Wilber Jensen, living in Minot. At rear is the home of the late Edward Jensen of Tolley.

When Mrs. Maggie Iverson celebrated her ninety-first birthday on July 5, 1972, she was the only known surviving homesteader of Ivanhoe Township in Renville County. She has since deceased on September 8, 1972.

It was in April, 1900, that Mrs. Iverson and her husband Soren and small son Alvin moved to their homestead ten miles northeast of Donnybrook where Soren had filed in June of the year before.

Mrs. Iverson was born at Alta, Iowa, on July 5, 1881. She attended a small rural school. She remembered working for a neighbor at the age of twelve, tending the children, washing and ironing, baking bread, etc., for the sum of \$5.00 per month. She married Soren Iverson in 1898, at Alta, Iowa.

Mrs. Iverson and her son Alvin traveled to North Dakota by train with the August Haase and August Engeberg families, who had also filed on homesteads southeast of Kenmare. Mrs. Iverson always remembered the anxiety she felt when she boarded the train and found she had lost her ticket and didn't have money enough to buy another. Mrs. Haase loaned her money for the ticket. Mr. Iverson was following with a team of horses and five head of cattle. Prior to his arrival at Kenmare, Mrs. Iverson and Alvin made their home with Haase family.

Lumber was bought in Kenmare for their first shelter, a barn for animals in one end and living quarters for family in the other end. Construction of the barn depleted their finances and left them with thirty-five cents.

In the spring of 1901 they purchased a horse to replace one they had lost; then, with one borrowed from a neighbor Rasmus Miller, they hitched three horses to a walking plow. They would plow two days on Iverson's land and then two days on Miller's land. Flax was seeded but, due to lack of rainfall, little or no crop was harvested.

In the summer of 1903, the family was able to move into a three-room house. In 1904 the house was plastered to make it warmer. That was the summer their second son, Kenneth, was born. By 1906 crops had improved and the Iversons were able to buy more land.

Over the years, four more children were born to the family: Bernice, Lester, Lawrence, and Doris Margaret.

In the fall of 1921, Mr. Iverson passed away at the Tolley Hospital, having suffered a ruptured appendix. Following his death, Mrs. Iverson carried on alone guiding her family and, with help of her sons, continued farming. Today the homestead is owned and operated her by son, Lester.

In 1956 Mrs. Iverson moved to Tolley with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Weber (Bernice), and made her home there until her death. Two sons, Alvin and Lawrence, preceded her in death.



An interesting but unidentified farm, probably in the early 1900s. It was on the Mouse River north of the Park. We note the single buggy and rather ornate chimney tops.

THE HALLER TWINS

The Haller twins were born in 1850 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their parents took a homestead in Rockville, Minnesota, about

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1861. They were forced off the homestead for a short time during the Sioux uprising in 1862.

They were married at a double wedding in 1868: Magdalena to John Zeltinger, a German immigrant; and Mary to Casper Sheeler. Six children were born to John and Magdalena Zeltinger: Ignatius, Magdalena, Mary, Adam, John, and Kathryn. *G.W.P.*

In 1882, John Zeltinger died in a harvesting accident, and a short time later his daughter Magdalena and his son Adam died of diphtheria.

In 1888, Magdalena married Xavier Dahinden, a Swiss immigrant and widower with three children: Anna, Frank, and Joe. To this union another daughter was born, Lena. *THE "ZELTINGERS"*

Ignatius married Katie Ethen—ten children. Mary married Nicholas Kirsch—five children. John married Anna Dahinden—seven children. Kathryn married Jim Jenson—six children. Anna married John Zeltinger—seven children. Frank married Margaret Weber—three children. Joe married Lily Mattson—no children. Lena married Arthur Marum—three children.

Following the rutted prairie trails—living close to the land—was no new experience to both Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltinger; consequently, they were well prepared for the rigors they would meet in claiming their share of the virgin sod. They had come from a long line of this breed of men and women—always travelling west—meeting whatever hazard confronted them in their time and place.

THE JOHN ZELTINGER FAMILY

(brother of Ignatius)

Of Swiss lineage, their life was always founded on faith and home. They were married on January 11, 1904. Mr. Zeltinger had the distinction at the time of his death, on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, of being the oldest homesteader in Renville County, and had no warranty deed to his land, as it had never changed hands.

Of the many civic duties he performed—township treasurer for six or seven years; Roosevelt school board member for fourteen years, etc.—it is in the capacity of township assessor for thirty years that we remember him best.

It was John and Annie who donated an acre of land in the northeast corner of their homestead—the northwest quarter of section eight of Roosevelt Township—for a school.

Three of their children taught in this school. When it closed, the Zeltingers bought it and for a few years it was used as a granary, but by the road it still stands, as mute testimony to the days of yesteryear, as one of man's necessities.

John had lost his helpmate of these many years shortly before his death, and suddenly his life became a lonely road. And so in death as in life, they were not far apart, but their life was long and rich, sharing bounteously with friends and family their many blessings of faith and duty bestowed upon them down the road of life.

Mrs. Zeltinger, the former Annie Dahinden, joined her family here in 1902. They had come here before her, expecting to work in a hotel in Kenmare where she had learned they were paying the high wages of five dollars per week. The family objected to this plan due to rumors of its unsavory reputation. She had been working in Minnesota for two dollars per week, and from her earnings helped her father buy a thirteen-dollar plow.

She then worked for Adam Welsch, a homesteader of Norma, for a year, and for another year for the Gust Johnsons (early settlers on the Mouse River). She then joined the ranks of the Prairie Bride. Six of the seven children followed in the footsteps of their father as teachers. Joe, their oldest son, lives on the old homestead. He served in the South Pacific during the Second World War. He also served on the school board for many years.



John Zeltinger Homestead. Left to right, back row: Ig. Zeltinger, Frank Dahinden, Joe Dahinden, John Zeltinger, Anna (Dahinden) Zeltinger, Kate (Zeltinger) Jensen, Mary (Zeltinger) Kirsch; front row: Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, Lena (Dahinden) Marum, and Xavier Dahinden.

THE FAMILY OF IGNATIUS ZELTINGER

OUR G.P.



Ig. Zeltinger's Golden Anniversary, celebrated in 1946



Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltinger with back row: Agnes, Joe, Irene, and Clarence; front row: Florence, Mary, and Hazel.



Four generations: John Zeltinger, Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, Mary, and Florence.

Ignatius Zeltinger, a schoolteacher from Spring Hill, Minnesota, homesteaded in what is now Roosevelt Township in June, 1900. His younger brother, John, and a brother-in-law, Henry Ethen, who had arrived by train a month earlier to stake their claims, had disembarked at Kenmare and walked to the land which is now south of Tolley.

The three young men built several sod barns while waiting for the parents of the Zeltingers, Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, with their two sons and a daughter, and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltinger, with three children, to arrive. Coming in early November, 1900, along with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kirsch (Mary Zeltinger) and their infant son, the group brought with them a carload of supplies, several horses, a cow, and lumber for the house on Ignatius Zeltinger's claim, where all of them stayed for the first winter. (The Henry Ethen claim is now Lloyd Raap's home. John Zeltinger lived on his farm until his death in 1971. The Kirsch homestead is now farmed by Joseph and Clarence Zeltinger. The Dahinden homestead is now the home of Clem Resch. Ignatius Zeltinger lived on his farm until his death in 1952; his wife died in 1965; in June, 1946, they had celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.)

The Ignatius Zeltingers had twelve children, nine of whom were born in North Dakota. A son, Raymond, died in infancy, and a daughter, Oillie, died at the age of eleven. Their eldest son, Mathias, attended St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, and worked in a bank at Flasher, North Dakota. Later he was with the land procurement division of the Army Corps of Engineers in the construction of the Garrison Dam at Riverdale, North Dakota, and of the Oahe Dam at Pierre, South Dakota. He died at Pierre in 1962.

Frank, a farmer in the Tolley area, is married to the former Lillian Lundgren, the daughter of pioneer parents. John, after working in the oil fields in Montana, married Agnes Volk, the daughter of a pioneer family in the Sherwood area, and farmed near Sherwood. He died in 1965. Edward farmed in the Tolley area, living on the homestead, and died in 1959 at the age of forty-three. His wife was Eunice Sjoquist.

Four of Ignatius Zeltinger's daughters, following in the tradition of their father's first profession, became teachers: Lena (Mrs.

Clem Resch), who taught in rural and parochial schools in Renville, Ward, and Emmons counties; Clara (Mrs. Lee Ahmann), who taught for many years in rural schools and later in Foxholm and Carpio; Marie (Mrs. Frank Rabuse), who taught three years in rural schools; and Louise, who taught in rural schools and later at Tolley and Donnybrook High Schools, and who is presently teaching in Phoenix, Arizona. All attended Minot State College, earning standard teaching diplomas. Louise and Clara later completed degree requirements.

The daughters in the family were also interested in nursing. Anne, a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Minot, married Lloyd Owen of Sherwood, and made use of her nursing skills in the Sherwood area in the 1940s. After Mr. Owen's death, she married Lloyd Rowe, and now lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Loretta took her nursing training in Kansas City, Kansas, and is now Mrs. Paul (Bert) Shores of Mankato, Min-



Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltinger. In the back, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ethen, and Mrs. Louise Fuchs.



The Ignatius Zeltinger home, with Mrs. Edward Zeltinger in the driveway.

nesota. Louise and Marie also later became registered nurses, training in Kansas City at the same time as their youngest sister, Loretta. Marie worked in hospitals at Kansas City and at Paola, Kansas.

On January 1, 1973, the descendants of Ignatius and Katharine Ethen Zeltinger numbered thirty-eight grandchildren, seventy-five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren, spread out over twelve states.

THE BILL FUCHS FAMILY



The Joe Fuchs house, a mile east and a mile south of Tolley. Several of the William Fuchs's children were born in this house.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fuchs and children. Back row: Ida, Mamie, Arnold, Tillie, Irene, and Frances; second row: Lawrence, Mr. Fuchs, Rose, Mrs. Fuchs, Rose, and John. The two small children are Amelia and Eleanor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fuchs had a daughter Elma who fell in a boiler of hot water when she was young. She was buried in the com-

Five Generations

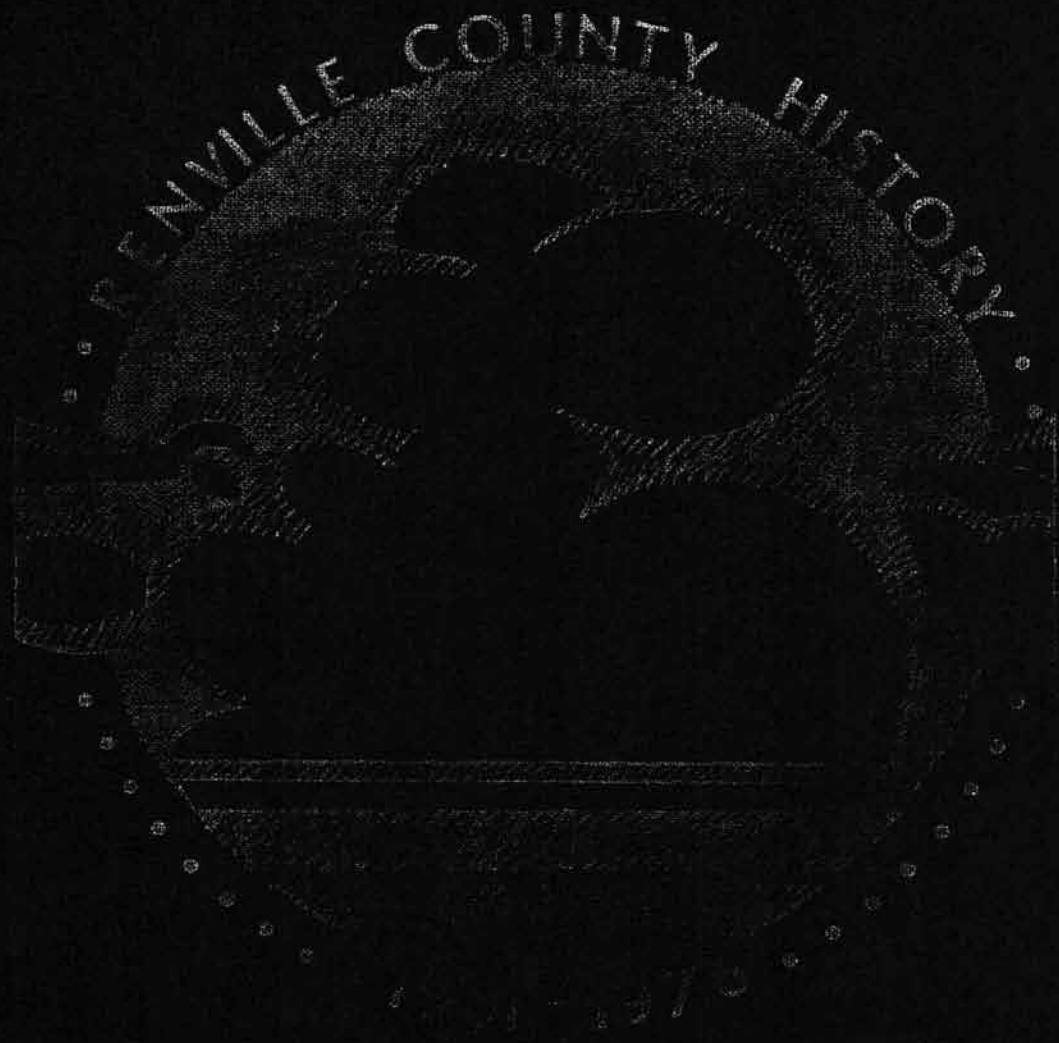
*Tony is the
son of
Jenny Zeltinger
and grandson
of Edlie
Zeltinger*



A late Easter family gathering was held on April 3rd at Duane and Mary Munders at New Salem, ND. Among those present were two new additions, twin babies, Bryn Rae and Wyatt Eugene, born on January 16, 2005 in Minot, ND. Parents are Jenny Zeltinger and Richard Bothe of Ray, ND. This gathering resulted in a five generation picture of the Marion (Vendsel) Crossman family.

Seated is Marion Crossman of Pierson, MB, formerly from Mohall, ND, holding great-great-granddaughter, Bryn Rae. Seated next to her is Marion's daughter, Mary (Zeltinger) Munder of New Salem, ND, formerly from Tolley, ND, holding her great-grandson, Wyatt Eugene. Standing is Marion's grandson, Tony Zeltinger of Minot, ND, and Marion's great-granddaughter, Jenny Zeltinger of Ray, ND.

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by White's Creamery until 1960. Then he served as deputy sheriff of Ward County until 1970. He is now retired and lives at 435 6th Street NW in Minot.

FAMILY OF IGNATIUS ZELTINGER

In the following family history, events prior to 1905 are not in the memory of the writer, but are stated as they have been told to her at various times by her parents and other relatives.

Ignatius Zeltinger (1871-1952), a school teacher from Spring Hill, Minnesota (near St. Cloud), filed on a homestead claim on what is now the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5 of Roosevelt Township in February of 1900. Ig. Zeltinger, his younger brother, John, and a brother-in-law, Henry Ethen (the latter two were unmarried), arrived by train, disembarked at Kenmare, and walked out to look at the land, which is located south of where Tolley was later built. Henry Ethen homesteaded the adjoining land NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5) and John Zeltinger homesteaded the quarter to the south of Ig. Zeltinger's (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8).

After filing their claims, the three young men went back to Minnesota, but returned in the summer to their new land. After their return, they built their claim shacks and several sod barns, dug a well, and made hay for their horses while waiting for the Zeltingers' mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, with their two sons and a daughter, and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltinger, with three children (one month to two-and-one-half-years old) to arrive. Coming in early November, 1900, along with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kirsch (Mary Zeltinger) and their infant son, William, the group brought with them a carload of supplies, several horses, cows, chickens, and lumber for the house on Ignatius Zeltinger's claim where all of them stayed for the first winter; however, while they were putting up the house, the whole group stayed at the Joseph Weber homestead, which was about a mile south on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7. The Webers had arrived that spring, but returned to St. Cloud to live about 1912.) The Dahindens homesteaded on land adjoining Joe Weber's (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7), and the Kirsch homestead adjoined John Zeltinger's on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8.

During the first years, supplies were gotten by wagon or sleigh from Kenmare (about 14 miles away). Later wheat was taken to be ground into flour at McKinney (about 6 miles away). The nearest doctor was also at Kenmare.

Nine of the twelve children were born on the homestead. One son died in infancy and a daughter, Otilie, died at the



Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltinger. They are seated and standing are seven of their children, left to right: Loretta (Mrs. Paul Shores), Lena (Mrs. Clem Resch), Edward, Mathias, Anne (Mrs. Lloyd Owen), Frank, and Louise. (June 1, 1946)

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The Ig Zeltinger farmstead about 1918. The original four-room house is seen to the left of the new house.

age of eleven. The surviving sons were Mathias, Frank, John, and Edward. Frank was the first of the children born in North Dakota. The surviving daughters were Lena, Louise, Clara, Anne, Marie and Loretta.

The original house (four rooms and a loft) housed the family until 1916, when the house which presently stands on the farm was built. It was the first farm house in the area to have indoor plumbing and hot water heating. That house is now occupied by a grandson, Jerome Zeltinger, and his family.

Ignatius and John Zeltinger bought two quarters of school land (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16) and another quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6) and farmed together — becoming known in the area as the Zeltinger brothers. At first, they farmed with horses, but in 1910, they purchased a Titan International 2545 tractor, an Oliver plow, and a New Racine grain separator. The tractor, operated by John Zeltinger, was used for breaking prairie land and plowing for the Zeltinger brothers and others; however, horses continued to be used on the farm for many years. Among the earlier years, 1915 is remembered as a particularly good crop year, when wheat made about fifteen bushels per acre. When the Zeltinger children were old enough to help with farming, Ig. and John Zeltinger divided their land and farmed separately.

Mrs. Zeltinger (1876-1965, nee Katharine Ethen) did the sewing for the family on her T. M. Roberts sewing machine. Sheets were made from unbleached muslin. After sewing, they were washed and bleached in the sun. She and her children always tended a large garden. In the fall, the garden vegetables were placed in a dirt cellar where they kept all winter. There were always crocks of sauerkraut, as well as salt pork. Potatoes were raised for sale for several years. Like most other early settlers, the Zeltingers, often with the help of their neighbors, did their own butchering. Meat for the summer was mostly smoked pork or dried beef. Home-grown chickens, turkeys, and ducks provided variety. Eggs for the winter months were packed with oats in crocks (or in a liquid called water-glass) and stored in the dirt cellar.

Ig. Zeltinger was treasurer of Roosevelt Township School District for some time and for almost forty years, was clerk of Roosevelt Township.

As the family grew up, entertainment for young people in the community was mostly at people's homes — visiting back and forth, playing whist and other card games, and dancing. Party-dances were held in various family homes, in granaries of Henry Ethen and Nicholas Kirsch, and, about 1913 and following, in Henry Ethen's new barn. Music for dancing was provided by anyone who could play a fiddle, accordion, guitar, or mouth organ. Joe Dahinden is remembered as one of the best mouth organ players and square-dance callers. In the late teens and early twenties, when there were several new barns in the community, barn dances were very popular.

Another popular pastime was baseball. In the late teens

and early twenties, a baseball diamond that was used by the community was located on Ig. Zeltinger's land, across the road from the farm buildings. Among outstanding local ball players to play there were Lyle Alexander, Myron Johnson, Guy Triplett, and a Mr. Block from Carpio who was a pitcher.

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Frank attended Tolley High School and worked on his father's farm until his marriage to Lillian Lundgren, the daughter of pioneer parents. They lived on a farm in Roosevelt Township (SE¼ of Section 8) for several years before moving to their present farm home in Ward County, about five miles southwest of Tolley. They are the parents of six children. Their son, Frank, Jr., is the present operator of the Ig. Zeltinger farm.

John (son of Ig. Zeltinger), after working in the oil fields of Montana, married Agnes Volk, daughter of a pioneer family in the Sherwood area, and farmed near Sherwood. He died in 1965 and is survived by his wife and eight children.

Edward graduated from Tolley High School and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a time. He farmed his father's land, lived in a second house on the homestead, and died in 1959 at the age of forty-three. His widow, the former Eunice Sjoquist of Tolley, and four young sons, Jerome, Gerald (Bert), Jack, and Mark, continued to reside on the farm. Jerome, who lives in the house built by his grandfather, is married to the former Mary Ellen Vendsel, and they have four children: Tony, Michael, Carl, and Rachelle. Bert, a graduate of Mayville State College, taught for two years in Grants, New Mexico, and now farms in McKinney Township. His wife is the former Jean Schroeder. Jack and Mark are students at Minot State College.

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The three occupations of farming, teaching and medical services continued to occupy the descendents of the family into the next generation. Nine of the grandchildren of Ig. Zeltinger are occupied in farming, six became teachers, five became nurses, and one, a physician. On January 1, 1973,

the descendents of Ignatius and Katharine Ethen Zeltinger numbered 38 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren, living in twelve states.

JOHN AND ANNA ZELTINGER

John Zeltinger was born July 3, 1879 and died November 25, 1971. Anna Zeltinger was born August 12, 1882 and died July 14, 1971.

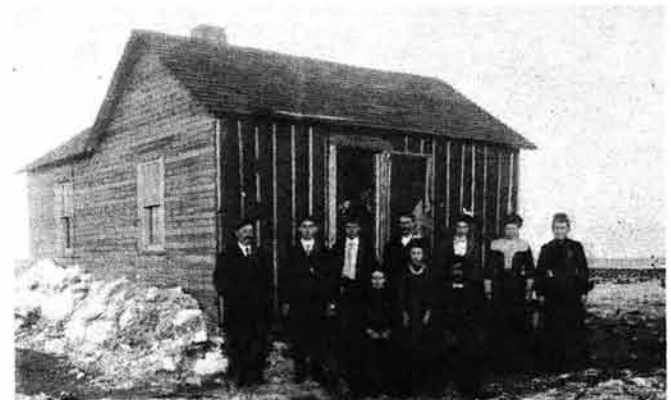
They homesteaded 2½ miles south of Tolley. They were of German descent. John's parents were both German. They were John Zeltinger of Dreis, Germany, and Magdelana Haller. Anna's father, Xavier Dahinden, was Swiss. Her mother was Anna Iten, also Swiss. Anna and John Zeltinger grew up at Rockville, not far from St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Dahinden homesteaded across the road from John Zeltinger at Tolley in 1900, but in 1912, they sold their homestead and moved to Montana.

John and Anna Zeltinger were married in Kenmare, North Dakota, by the pioneer priest, Father Wagner, January 11, 1904. They lived on the old homestead all their life. John and Anna Zeltinger were step-brother and sister because they both lost a parent and the remaining parents married. Anna Dahinden Zeltinger was six when her father, Xavier Dahinden, a Swiss emigrant, married Zeltinger's mother, Magdelana Haller Zeltinger.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltinger both had the same half-sister, Mrs. Lena Marum, a former Tolley resident who now lives in the Lutheran Home at Minot.

All of John and Anna's children attended a grade school for which John Zeltinger donated an acre of land on his homestead. Mary, Florence, and Clarence all taught in the school and when it closed, the building was subsequently purchased by Zeltinger and his sons for use as a granary. With the closing of the school, the land reverted back to his homestead.

John and Anna Zeltinger had seven children. All of the Zeltinger children have been teachers with the exception of a son, Joe, who now lives on the old homestead at Tolley. However, Joe, who attended Dickinson State, did some substitute teaching for other members of the family, all of whom got their higher education at Minot State. They also include: Mary, Mrs. John Bauer; Florence, Mrs. Joe Resch; and Clarence of Tolley; Agnes, Mrs. Martin Jochim of Inverness, Montana; Hazel, Mrs. Frank Jochim of Hingham, Montana; and Irene, Mrs. Victor Pommier of Kenmare, North Dakota. Irene was first married to Kenneth Bjork of Minot and after his death, she married Victor Pommier.



Zeltinger homestead house. Back row, left to right: Ig Zeltinger, Frank Dahinden, Joe Dahinden, John Zeltinger, Mrs. John Zeltinger, Mrs. Jim Jensen, Mary Zeltinger. Front row: Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, Lena Dahinden, Xavier Dahinden.

John Zeltinger's sister was Mary Zeltinger Kirsch. Mary and Nick Kirsch homesteaded on a quarter south of John Zeltinger. They had five children. Mary Kirsch passed away when the children were quite young. The family continued to live on the homestead with the father. The children were: Anna, Mrs. Earl O'Clair of Kenmare, deceased; William Kirsch of Tolley, deceased; Helan, Mrs. Richard Frank of Tolley, deceased; Clara, Mrs. George Backes of Florida; and Kate, Mrs. Leslie Brooks, of Spokane.

John Zeltinger proved up his homestead by living on the land and farming it for at least five years within a period of seven years as required by federal law. He had no warranty deed to the land since it had never changed hands, but only a patent which was issued March 8, 1907, and carried the signature of President Theodore Roosevelt.

About 1910, John Zeltinger turned sod with an International Titan gas tractor. He had to lift each of the six bottoms by hand. He was actively engaged in farming with his sons before he retired. Over the years, John was called upon to perform a number of civic duties. He was township treasurer for seven years, on the Roosevelt School Board for 14 years, and assessor for 30 years.

Mrs. John Zeltinger was very active in church work in connection with Altar Society of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Tolley. She played a big part in the Tolley community as midwife. She assisted in the delivery of many babies in the Tolley area. She worked with Dr. Hurd, Dr. King, Dr. Gamble, Dr. Halliday, Dr. Critchfield, Dr. Kettleson, and Dr. Itken. Among the homes that she attended were Mr. and Mrs. George Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goetch, Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilscher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zeltinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ig. Zeltinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ethen.

The smallest baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilscher. It was so very tiny, only 2 pounds. They had to construct an incubator with bottles and jugs filled with warm water. They saved the child, she became Anna Zeltinger's namesake and was known as Little Annie for many years.

There were many stories told of the hardships caused by the early blizzards in North Dakota. One in particular was told about such a blizzard and how John Zeltinger went to the school on his homestead to get the children with a stone boat. He took a horse hide along to cover the children. There was no room for the teacher, so she stayed all night in the schoolhouse. On the way home he got lost and didn't know where he was and the horses were facing the wind and didn't want to go on. He dug in the snow to see what field he was in, if it was stubble or plowed, and finally got his bearings and found the way home. The teacher was Marion Barrick. The next day they went and brought the teacher home.

CLARENCE ZELTINGER

Clarence Zeltinger, fifth child of John and Anna Zeltinger, was born on September 19, 1913. He received his teacher training at Minot State College and taught school for six years. He is now farming in Roosevelt Township where he has been a clerk for the Township for 23 years. He married Cecelia Koetter from Muskego Township in 1943 and they have six children.

Allen attended the School of Forestry at Bottineau and Mayville State. He married Barbara Titus of Powers Lake. He is now working for Blood Services in Minot.

Terence attended Minot State and graduated from the Uni-

versity of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He married Teresa Gates of Mohall. He is employed by F.D.I.C., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Debra attended Wahpeton State School of Science. She is a nurse at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Kent is a business student at the University of Grand Forks.

Kae is a student at Minot State in medical technology.

Kim is a student at Tolley Public Schools.

FLORENCE ZELTINGER

Florence, second oldest in John Zeltinger family, taught school for three years. She married Joseph J. Resch who farmed south of Tolley. Two children, Joann Marie and John Edward were born to them.

Joann was a clerk-typist for the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., before marrying Charles Cruse. They live in New Albany, Indiana. Charles is a manager at Cliff's Truck Stop in Jeffersonville, Indiana. They have two children, Priscilla Ann and Daniel.

John attended Minot State and is married and farms the home farm south of Tolley.



Mrs. Arne Arneson



Myrtle and Charles Weber



John Zeltinger family — Back row (left to right): Hazel, Joe, Irene, Clarence, Agnes. Front: Mary, Mother, Father, Florence.



Grandmother Mae Pope Raap with the families of August and Albert Raap. (1960)