

on Sept. 23, 1963. In 1963 we quit farming and purchased a Carnation Fresh Milk Distributorship and distributed fresh milk both wholesale and retail in the surrounding territory for the next 16 years. At the same time we bought the buildings and 5 acres from Morningside College and continued to live there and raise our family until 1978, when we sold the acreage and bought the Hawley house in Laurens. Tim graduated from Laurens School in 1970 and Jill, the youngest started to kindergarten and Fae went to work as a secretary in the Laurens School for 1½ years, then worked for Jolliffe & Co. for 7 years, and Mefferd Industries for 3 years and is now employed by O.K. Roofing Co. Tim began to sing and play with dance bands when he was 15 years old and traveled with bands over 5 states for the next several years. He now works for Witt Sales in Storm Lake, but still performs on weekends. Tim married Cathy Jones on Sept. 20, 1979 at the Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Cathy had a son Todd by a former marriage and they live in Storm Lake at this time. Mike attended Iowa State University for 4 years and is now employed by International Multi-Foods in Minneapolis. Jody is attending the University of Northern Iowa and will graduate next spring. Kelly attended Iowa State University for 1 year and now works for Northwest Ag. here in Laurens. Jill is a junior in high school and works part-time for Laurens Jewelry & Gift. In 1979, Bob quit the milk business and worked for M & JR Hakes until March of 1981, when he went to work as a salesman for Schultz-Bursch Biscuit Co. He travels the state of South Dakota.

JOHN HOSIER FAMILY

My grandparents were John and Ida Hosier. They lived in several other places but for some time lived in Pocahontas Co. The older children in our family knew them best.

Grandparents have an important part in most children's lives and our grandparents meant much to us. My dad's father and mother died before he was married — he was the youngest in a large family, so we only had one set of grandparents.

Going to grandma's house was so special when I was a child. She was a tasty (from scratch) cook and most of the time let us eat whatever there was available. She could cook most anything, I thought. We had Thanksgiving and Christmas with them.

Grandma drove a poky horse and he was so slow but if a storm suddenly was upon us — he could move and fast. And there were summer storms.

The most fun at grandmas was having her milk cow, Peach, follow us around the yard. Grandma would call her and she'd walk to where grandma was so she could milk her for even just a tin cup of milk.

Once at grandma's an awful event took place. I was always jumping off whatever was climbable. Well — this time it was a hen house, rather a high large one. Yelling to the little kids below to watch out, I jumped and nearly bit my tongue into halves. But no one knew until I didn't want any homemade ice cream. My tongue still has my teeth marks of that day. A dish towel was used as a bandage that day unknown to any of the grownups until later.

We enjoyed all of grandmas and grandpa's family — our aunts and uncles. They were Clarence, Earl and Jess, and Carl, my mother, May, Lydia, Milly, Dell, and Ruth Hosier. And their families and our cousins.

Grandma had a way of keeping order with anyone getting out of hand she would thump you on the head. You soon learned to behave, so you wouldn't get any 'thumps' — they — hurt!

Grandpa would not stand for anyone telling him something that wasn't true. He could look at you with eyes that knew if you weren't truthful.

I liked 'tiny bites' of grandpa's chewing tobacco and sneaked one once in awhile. My brother, Clar-

ence and I, got punished for chewing some tobacco and spitting out an upstairs window. That ended our attempts of chewing tobacco like grandpa. Spitting through the window screen was not so wise as we found out from Mom.

When our grandparents moved to Waterloo we didn't see them so often and we missed them. by Eunice Maulsby

J.O. HOSIER FAMILY



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Richard, Marie Hosier Noll, Minnie Hosier, Jesse Hosier

Jesse Oliver Hosier, son of John Wesley and Ida Olive Bartlett Hosier was born at Uptergraf, Ia. Dec. 13, 1887.

Minnie Marie, daughter of Leon and Louise Ditto Ives was born at Oxford, Ia., June 5, 1884.

Jess spent his youth in Kossuth and Blackhawk counties and after completing rural schools, he attended Morningside Academy. He worked as a hired man, tiler and house mover.

When Minnie was three, her family moved to Pocahontas Co., purchasing a farm 1½ miles south of Rolfe where the Ives family engaged in farming. Minnie attended Garfield #3 school (which her father helped build and her children also attended), and was enrolled at Rolfe High School for one term. Working as a hired girl in the neighborhood, she earned \$1.50 per week. For a time, she trimmed hats, then was employed at a bakery in Omaha where her sister Gertrude was a nurse at General Hospital.

In 1916, Jess and Minnie met at her Uncle Morris Ives, where she was the hired girl and he was tiling.

The Hosiers were married in the Leon Ives home by Rev. Earl Hosier, Jan. 1917, and farmed in the Rolfe area, then "homesteaded" at Bison, South Dakota — even living in a sod house. Drought, grasshoppers and poor health forced the family to return to Iowa and they farmed the "home place" after the death of her father in 1923.

Jess and Minnie were active in community and church affairs. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and planned the summer "chataqua" programs for summer Garfield Township meetings. They were longtime members of the Rolfe Presbyterian Church where he served as superintendent of the Jr. Department. Minnie was Sunday School pianist and teacher and active in Presbyterian Excelsior and Missionary societies. She was a member of Garfield Township Homemakers Club, American Home Study Club, Pocahontas Co. 4H Committee and Honorary 4H Member.

Both Jess and Minnie loved music and she played the piano and he sang in the choir.

Sac City was their home after 1949. They also lived at Milan, Mo. and Plover, Ia. In 1970, they entered Colonial Manor Nursing Home, Odebolt, Ia. Jess died Nov. 22, 1971.

There are two children: Marie Jessie (Mrs. Darrell J. Noll at Arthur, Ia.) born at Rolfe, April 12, 1918 and Richard LeRoy born at Bison, So. Dak., June 1, 1921 and living in Seattle, Wash.

RANEE THOMPSON HOSS

A. Edwin and Josephine Thompson's fifth child was Rancee Lena. She was born March 17, 1949 in Storm Lake, Iowa. She lived in Fonda, Storm Lake, Varina, but for most of her school years lived in Wallingford, and for awhile in Graettinger. She graduated from Spirit Lake High in May 1967.

Rancee married Richard John Hoss, July 1, 1967 at Spirit Lake, Iowa. Richard was born Feb. 15, 1945 in Howard, South Dakota to Joseph Vincent Hoss and Doris Augusta Chase.

When Richard was seventeen he joined the Marine Corps. He served in the Vietnam Crisis. Returning home in April 1967 to Spirit Lake where his family finally settled.

During their first year of marriage they lived in Spirit Lake for awhile. Richard drove a semi-truck. They then moved to Hartley where he worked on a farm. In Nov. 1967 they headed for Texas and ended up in San Antonio. While there Richard got a construction job. It was winter in Texas and it rained alot. A few weeks after living in San Antonio there was a fire and they lost everything they owned. Rancee tried to help by working as a maid in the cheap hotel where they had a small room.



Rancee, Dick, Debbie, Dawn, Dale, Dwayne

It was when the World's Fair was in San Antonio that they met Mike Miller and he offered Richard a job with the carnival working on one of his rides, the worlds largest portable roller-coaster. They left for Houston and then Corpus Christi. It was in Corpus Christi their first child, Dwayne Alan, was born May 2, 1968. They played the larger fairs. First they went to Flagstaff, Arizona then anywhere from Montana to Mexico to Ohio and back to Arizona. Rancee worked for a side show as the lady in the swordbox for awhile. Later she worked selling tickets for the rides. It was in Phoenix, their last spot before winter quarters, that Richard fell off the ride during tear down and broke his collarbone and some ribs. They had made enough money during the year to go back to Spirit Lake. Upon arrival home Rancee was informed of her brother Melvin's death.

Richard got a job with manufacturing firm. Rancee had their second son (Dale Anthony) on April 27, 1969 at Spirit Lake, Iowa. They moved to Terril where Richard worked for a farmer. (Debbie Ann) was born May 10, 1971 at Spirit Lake, Iowa. Their next move was to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Richard attended flight school and worked at a gas