

children were born to them, but sadly both were taken in death. Carrie Ann born in 1978 died at 3 months. Ryan John in 1980 and died at 4 days. Diane is employed as secretary at Nobel Manufacturing, Sac City.

Ruth the youngest of the Schoon children graduated from Poky in 1979. She attended Patricia Steven's School of Business, Omaha for one year. After graduation she was secretary to a Ft. Dodge attorney and later in 1981 became employed at North West Federal Savings, Humboldt.

Ernie and Gen are members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Pocahontas. Ernest is also a Pocahontas Volunteer Fireman. Genevieve is presently employed at the Ben Franklin Store in Pocahontas.

### ROBERT E. SCHOON FAMILY

I appeared on the scene September 5, 1927, at the home of my parents, Eimer J. and Marie Lage Schoon, long time Lincoln Township residents, and was duly named Robert E. Schoon.

I attained the usual formal education at Lincoln #5 rural school and graduated from Palmer High School.

Shortly thereafter a period of military service intervened, providing a trip to Japan for over a year. Again in 1951, at the onset of the Korean Conflict, I entered military service, being stationed in England during the latter three years of that enlistment.

While there, on October 11, 1952, Imogene A. Phillips, daughter of Anna Pascal Phillips and the late Albert J. Phillips, long time Grant Township residents, and I were married at St. James-the-less Church, Burchetts Green, Berkshire County, England. Fond memories prevail of our life style in that foreign country and the thirty day vacation touring central Europe in a 1939 model Ford Angela with left side drive. We returned to Pocahontas County in January, 1955.

The home of Robert and Imogene Schoon was established 3¼ miles north of Palmer in Section 22, Lincoln Township. The farm was productive not only in crops and cows, chickens, and pigs but also our four children — Rebecca, Deborah, Kelvin and Kendell — spent their early childhood in this secluded, safe, secure sanctuary.

The "little house on the prairie," for the above apparent reasons, became inadequate and in 1965 our family moved to a home on the farthest perimeter of southeast Pocahontas in what was then still Lincoln Township, and where we currently reside. It has been easier for me to commute to the farm than transport the children as they were all active participants in band, sports, scouting, hi-league, etc. All graduated from Pocahontas Community School and continued their education at Iowa State University, Ames.

During these years Imogene and I became involved in AMVETS and AMVETS Auxiliary. Somehow time permitted us to travel quite extensively. Imogene served as Department President in 1970-71 and is National Treasurer for 1980-81. I was Department Commander in 1974-75, and am currently serving on the Iowa Veterans Council as chairman.

The past fifteen years Imogene has worked as a secretary in an office, and I served the A.S.C.S. as township and county committeeman, attaining chairmanship of same. Six years of service to the Pocahontas County Commission of Veterans Affairs also were completed before my election to the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors in November, 1980. The ironic thing of being a member of the Board of Supervisors is that Lincoln Township is not in District Three, but I find solace in that Grant Township is, however. Our taxing district is Lincoln Center.

As "natives" of Pocahontas County we are proud to be current residents and to participate and support the activities of the community. *Submitted by Robert E. Schoon*

### RONALD AND MARLYS SCHOON

Ronald and Marlys Schoon were married on June 2, 1962, at St. John Luth. Church, Lizard Twp. near Palmer. They lived in Palmer for approximately 5 years. Ron commuted to his job in Manson at Manson Imp. Co. and Marlys to Fort Dodge. They also attended St. Paul Luth. Church in Palmer. During this time in Palmer, a daughter, Lori, was born on Feb. 10, 1964, and a son, Lynn, on Jan. 27, 1965.

In April of 1967, they moved to an acreage in Lizard Twp. 3 miles north of Manson. Remodeling of an unmodern farmhouse was done. The operation of raising cattle and hogs and some farming was begun. Oct. 3, 1967, a daughter, Lisa was born.

During the next 6 years they improved their acreage by tearing down and renovating old buildings, and building a new hog barn. Their fourth child, a daughter, Leanne, was born on July 9, 1974.

In the fall of 1979, a new home was constructed and the razing of the old house was completed in the spring of 1981.

Marlys, carrying on the role of homemaker, and Ronald, a Manson Imp. Co. employee for 23 years, continue to farm and raise livestock.

Lori, Lynn, Lisa and Leanne are students at Manson Community School, Manson, in grades 11, 10, 7 and Kdg., respectively. The Ronald Schoon family are members of St. Paul Luth. Church in Palmer. *Submitted by Marlys Schoon*

### CLARENCE AND MARY SCHOTT

My grandfather, Gabriel Schott, originally lived in Frankfort on the Main, Germany, where he worked as a stonecutter. After serving in the Franco-Prussian War (1870-1871), he came to America with his wife Louise and son Charlie and settled in Chicago, Illinois. Grandpa remembered the Great Chicago Fire in 1871 and also told about the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. They then moved to Ashton, Illinois for a short time.

In 1899 Gabriel and his family came to Pocahontas County and established a farm in Sherman Township. Louise and Gabriel had nine children. Two died in infancy. The surviving children were: Charlie, Jake, Joe, Bill (my father), Margaret, Mary, and Annie.

My father married Mary Glieden in 1908. They moved to my present home in Grant Township in 1912.

This farm was established in 1870 by Tom Carey when he built the original farm buildings. He had purchased the land from a trapper named Tinner when only a wooden cabin existed there.

Bill and Mary Schott had five children: Elmer, Laura, Lucian, Walter, and Clarence (myself). My mother died in a car accident in December, 1922, when I was less than two years old.

I then lived with Gus and Elizabeth Shryer in Pocahontas until my father married Frieda Miedel in 1925. They had six children: William, Leo, Eleanor, Elmira, Joseph, and Fritz. Leo also died in a car accident when he was a senior in high school.

I attended a small country school a mile west of the farm and later Sacred Heart School in Pocahontas. Following a tour of duty with the Navy (1943-1946), I married Mary Bunda in 1947. I purchased this farm from my dad. We continued dairying as my father had since 1923. We retired from dairying in 1977, but still maintain a grain and hog operation. We have four grown children: Delores, Arlene, Patricia, and John. John is currently involved in farming with me.

I have many memories of this farm. Some are my own, and some of my father and grandfather. In 1931 a great dust storm rolled across the land. It was so dense that we lit lamps during midday in the house to see.

I also remember my dad telling how swampy our land used to be. Muskrats were visible from the road. During spring thaws, the water covered much of the area west of the farm. The only land visible was a small knoll north of the first gateway west of us. This was then known as Devil's Island. A neighbor told grandpa that sometimes a boat was used to get to school during wet periods. The land was gradually tiled and the "swamp" disappeared.

Our farmplace has changed greatly from that original cabin that was expanded with the years. A new home is currently being built on the same site.



Robert Schoon Family  
Robert, Imogene, Kelvin, Rebecca, Kendell, Deborah Schoon  
25th Anniversary