



A Family History:



Laurent and Angele Gagner

(Gagne dit Bellavance)



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To the many people whose bloodlines connect with Laurent and Angele's

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FOREWORD

Assembling a genealogy is no easy task. Genealogists must possess a rare combination of skills, including patience, perseverance, intelligence, and — perhaps most important — the steadfast determination to see the project through to its completion. They must spend long, tiring hours in libraries, ferreting out information with the diligence of a private detective. They must spend even more hours writing letters, locating resources, and making telephone calls. Through all of these efforts, they must maintain their sense of humor and dedication, even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Although this genealogy represents the contributions and hard work of many people — for which they deserve a generous thank you — the majority of the credit goes to Sally (Gagner) Staggert, who spent over eleven years assembling this genealogy. Her role of genealogist was played well, and her years of difficult work were not in vain. For this she deserves special recognition. I'm certain that all of those who were involved in the production of this book will agree that Sally's bright optimism and never-say-die attitude kept us going, and that we are grateful for having had the opportunity to work with her. Without Sally's earnest efforts, this book would never have been written. I'm proud to say that she not only is my cousin but also is my friend.

Joan Torkildson
Editor

In Admiration
of your Determination
to impress the Nation
with this Celebration
of the Proliferation
to this Generation
of the Gagner relations
and their Inclinations
to Procreations . . .

I extend to you my Congratulations
via these Proclamations:

She deserves the best
And she's done more than the rest
Loyalty to family is her byword
Love guides her onward.
You know her by these same,
and we've spelled out her name:

it's S-A-L-L-Y

Claire (Fontaine) Kustritz

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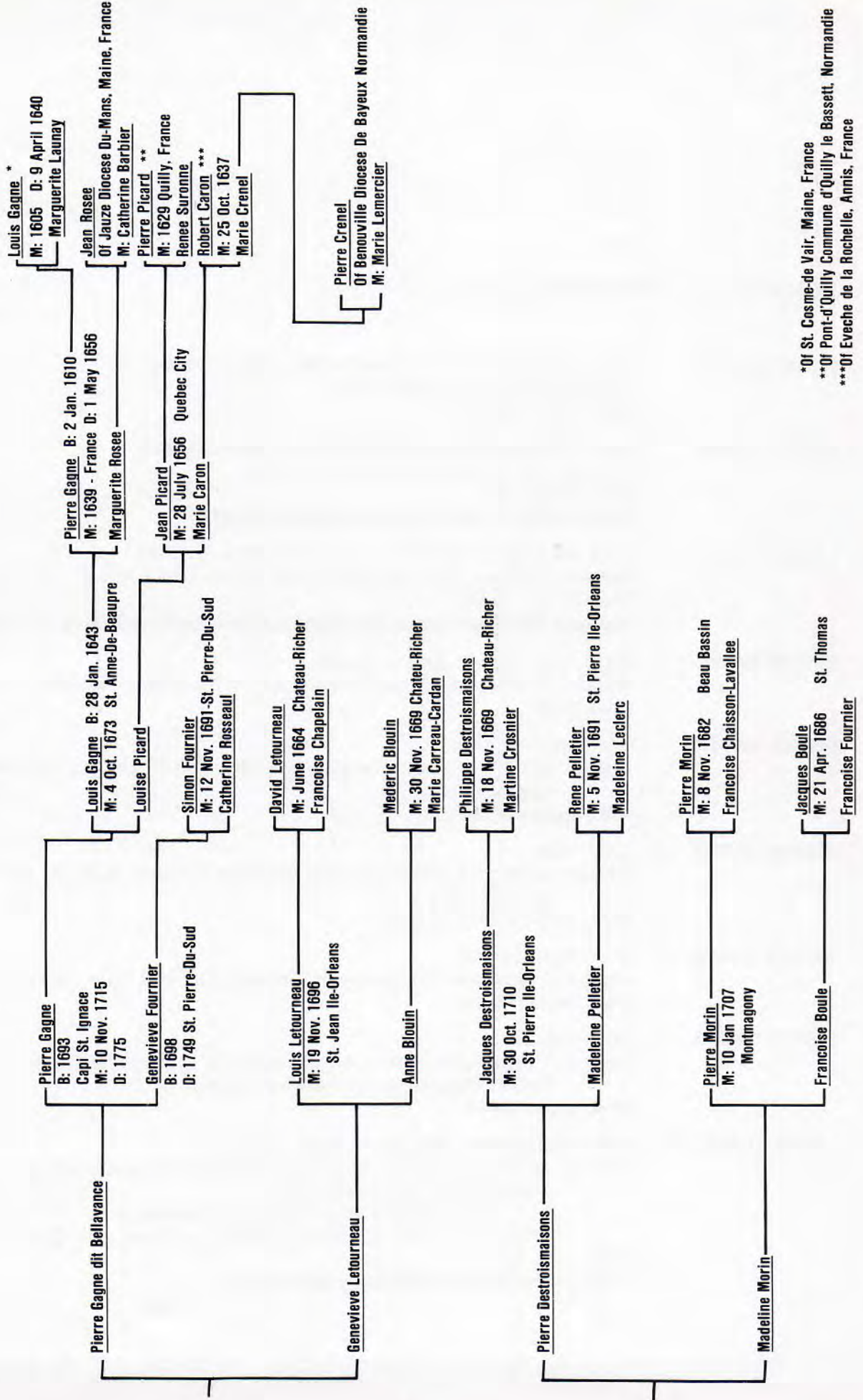
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Remember that the stories in this book are just that: stories that have been passed from generation to generation. Each succeeding generation may change or embellish part of the stories, but that is part of their oral tradition. For preservation's sake, they are written down here, but they are best when heard firsthand rather than seen in print.

My family has taught me the importance of being French and the specialness of family. No matter how distant cousins are — whether geographically or ancestrally — we will always be cousins.

Sally (Gagner) Staggert
Genealogist

PEDIGREE CHART (continued)



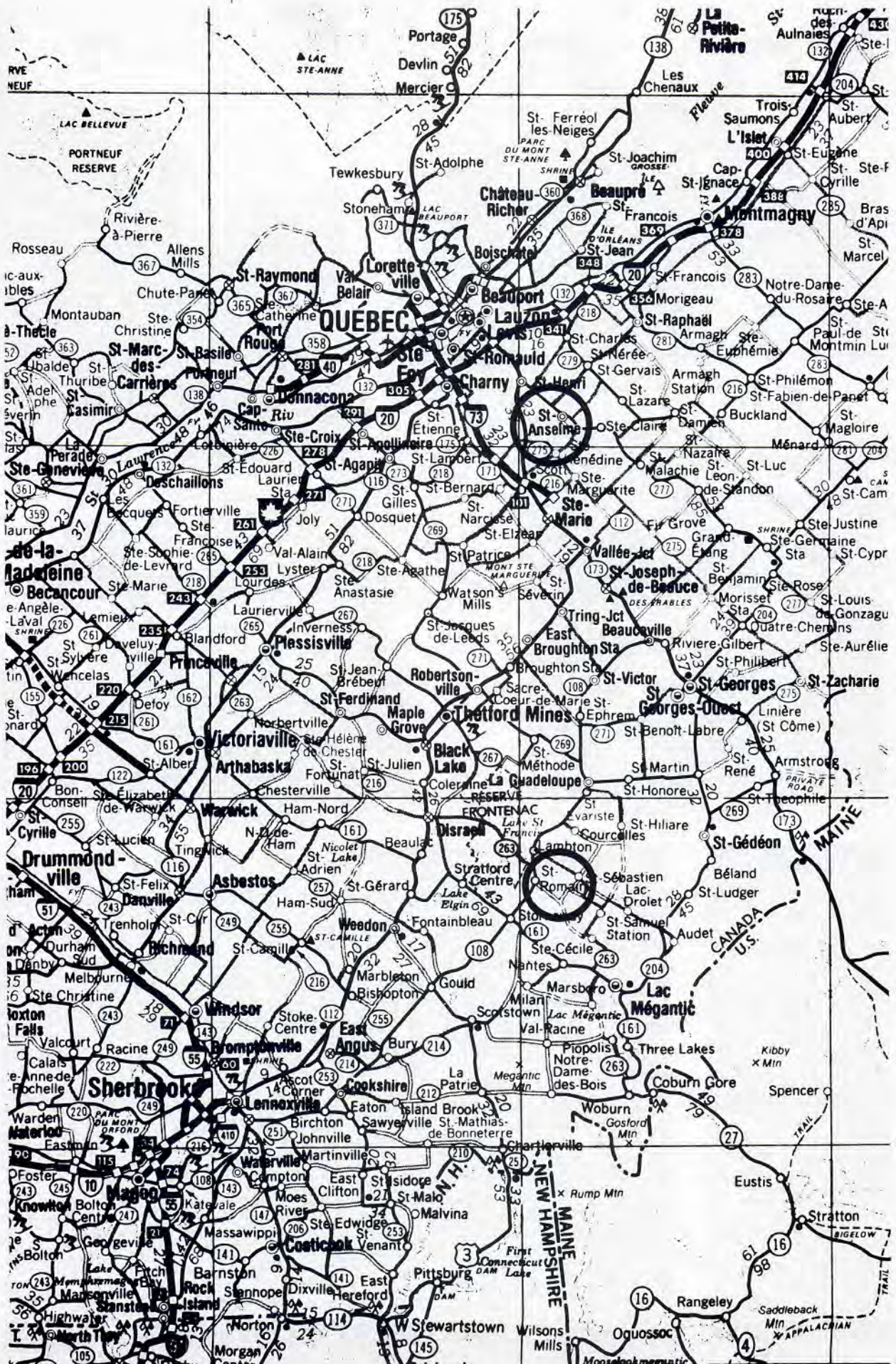
*Of St. Cosme-de Vair, Maine, France

**Of Pont-d'Quilly Commune d'Quilly le Bassett, Normandie

***Of Eveche de la Rochelle, Annis, France

GAGNE DIT BELLAVANCE DIRECT LINE

- LOUIS GAGNE Born: Date unknown. St. Cosme de Vair, Maine, France
Married: 1605 to Marguerite Launay
Died: Date unknown
- PIERRE GAGNE Born: 2 January 1610, St. Cosme de Vair, Maine, France
Married: 1639 to Marguerite Rosée in France
Died: 1 May 1656
First ancestor to come to North America (Canada)
- LOUIS GAGNE Born: 28 January 1643, St. Cosme de Vair, Maine, France
Married: 4 October 1673 to Louise Picard, St. Anne de Beaupre
Died: 24 June 1698
Voyageur with Count Frontenac. Helped build first church at St. Anne de Beaupre.
- PIERRE GAGNE Born: 1693, Cape St. Ignace, Quebec
Married: 10 November 1715 to Genevieve Fournier, Michon, Quebec
Died: 1775
- PIERRE GAGNE Born: Date unknown
Married: 20 October 1738 to Genevieve Le Tourneau, St. Laurent, Isle-Orleans,
Quebec
Died: Date unknown
- PIERRE GAGNE Born: 1739
Married: 6 February 1764 to Madeline Destroismaisons dit Picard St. Pierre,
Sud Quebec
Died: 1818, St. Henri, Quebec
- MICHEL GAGNE Born: Date unknown
Married: 7 November 1803 to Louise Sampson, St. Henri, Levis, Quebec
Died: Date unknown
- PIERRE GAGNE Born: Date unknown
Married: 27 September 1831 to Angelique Gagne, St. Anselme, Quebec
1843 to Marie Morin, St. Anselme, Quebec
Died: Date unknown
- LAURENT GAGNE Born: 18 September 1833, St. Anselme, Quebec
Married: 14 February 1860 to Angele Corriveau, St. Anselme, Quebec
Angele: Born 7 September 1835
Died 29 April 1911, Terrebonne, Minnesota
26 November 1917 to Helene Bourget, St. Joseph, Levi, Quebec
Died: 3 Feb. 1925
First to come to the United States (Minnesota)





Joseph Corriveau, Margaret Turgeon



Laurent and Angele (Corriveau) Gagner



Zephyr, Angele and Philemon Gagner



Laurent and Angele (Corriveau) Gagner



Mary Louise



Back row: (from left to right) Napolean, Octave, Amede, Achille, Philemon.
Front row: Suphrina, Laurent, Zephyr, Angele, Julie.

Gagne. One who came from Gagne (Ganne's Estate)
in France; one who farmed land for which he paid rent.

— from *Born Twice: New
Dictionary of American
Family Names* (Elsdon & Smith)

Our French-Canadian Ancestors

After tracing the family tree backward from Laurent and Angele Gagner, it became evident that almost all French-Canadians from Quebec are related. Few people lived in Quebec during the 1600s, many intermarried because of religion, language, and customs. At this time we do not know a great deal about the old Gagne families. Note that the name was originally spelled Gagne--the "r" was added sometime after the 1900s, but we do not know why. After the family came to Quebec, "dit Bellavance" was also added. Canadians gave "dit" names to themselves to distinguish themselves from other relatives. Since everyone was named after some other family member, duplicate names were common.

In French, "belle" means good or beautiful, and "avance" means to advance, to go ahead. Gagner is a French infinitive and means to gain or to win. The illiteracy rate was high at this time, and most people could not spell their names, so there is a wide range of spelling: Gashnier, Bellavance, Gagney, Gagnier, Gonji, Gonyea. Many English people kept records at this time and found no similarity between the pronunciation of the names in French and the spelling of the names in English.

Pierre Gagne, from whom the Gagner family descends, was born 2 January 1610 in St. Cosme de Vair, France, the son of Louis Gagne and Marguerite Launay. He is our first ancestor to come to Quebec (in 1663) from France. In 1639 he married Marguerite Rosee in France. They lived in St. Cosme de Vair in 1640 but had moved to Courcival by 1651. The exact date of their departure for Canada is not known, although we know that Pierre was in Quebec for the baptism of his daughter, Marguerite, on 17 September 1653. Pierre died on 1 May 1656, of what is called "slow fevers."

Pierre and Marguerite's son Louis was born 28 January 1643 in St. Cosme de Vair, and came to Canada with his parents when he was ten years old. At the time of his father's death in 1656, his mother remarried and moved out of Quebec with all the children except Louis. He was thirteen years old at that time. Through hard work, Louis acquired many properties. He was a voyageur with Count Frontenac, then Governor-General of Canada.

On 4 October 1673, Louis married Louise Picard, born in 1659. Louise was the daughter of Jean Picard and Marie Caron. When she was nine months old, she was carried off by the Iroquois, and her mother was accidentally killed during the rescue attempt. Louise was raised at St. Anne de Beaupre by paternal grandparents, Pierre Picard and Renee Suronne. She married Louis at the age of fourteen. Her dowry was 400 livres (a livre is an old French monetary unit equal to twenty sols), which had been passed on from her mother. Louis and Louise had ten children. Louis was one of the Gagnes who was instrumental in building the first church at St. Anne de Beaupre. He died 24 June 1698.

Not a great deal is known about the following generations. Louis Gagne and Louise Picard's son Pierre Gagne was born in 1693

at Cape St. Ignace, Quebec. He married Genevieve Fournier on 10 November 1715 at Michon, Quebec. Genevieve's parents were Simon Fournier and Catherine Rousseau. Genevieve was born in 1698 and died in 1749. Pierre died in 1775.

Pierre and Genevieve's son Pierre married Genevieve Le Tourneau on 20 October 1738 at St. Laurent Isle-Orleans, Quebec. They had ten children. Genevieve's parents were Louis Le Tourneau and Anne Blouin. This is the point at which we connect historically with the family of Verne Gagne.

Pierre Gagne dit Bellavance and Genevieve Le Tourneau's son Pierre was born in 1739 and died in 1818. He married Madeline Destroismaisons dit Picard on 6 February 1764, at St. Pierre Sud Quebec. Madeline was born in 1742 and died in 1812. Michel Gagne is another son of Pierre Gagne dit Bellavance and Genevieve Le Tourneau. Michel married Angelique Blais Berthier on 1 July 1771.

Pierre Gagne and Madeline Destroismaisons dit Picard's son Michel married Louise Samson on 7 November 1803 at St. Henri, Levis, Quebec. Louise's parents were Louis Samson and Genevieve Longchamp.

Michel Gagne and Angelique Blais Berthier's son Michel married Anne Carrier on 4 July 1808 at St. Henri.

Michel Gagne and Louise Samson's son Pierre married Angelique Gagne on 27 September 1831, at St. Anselme, Dorchester County, Quebec. Angelique was the daughter of Michel Gagner and Anne Le Brun dit Carrier. Pierre Gagne, son of Michel Gagne and Louise Samson, was married a second time to Marie Morin in 1843 at St. Anselme.

Laurent Gagne was the third child of Pierre Gagne and Angelique Gagne (their parents were third cousins). Our genealogy begins with Laurent Gagne and Angele Corriveau.

Laurent and Angele (Corriveau) Gagner

Laurent Gagne, the third child of Pierre Gagne and Angelique Gagne, was born on 18 September 1833 in St. Anselme, Bellechasse County, Quebec. He was baptized on the same day. Records state that Laurent was of the legitimate marriage of Pierre Gagne dit Bellavance, a cultivateur (farmer), and Angelique Gagne dit Bellavance. The baptismal sponsors were Michel Gagne dit Bellavance and Marie Bouffard, both of whom declared on the records that they were unable to sign their names.

Laurent married Angele Corriveau on 14 February 1860 at St. Anselme, Dorchester County, Quebec. Angele was born on 7 September 1835 to Joseph Corriveau and Margaret Turgeon, who were married on 14 August 1820 in St. Gervais.

Laurent and Angele came to the United States in 1883. According to oral history, they had come from St. Romain trois semaine (three weeks) en bas (below) de Quebec dan la province de Quebec (in the province). They measured the distance between Quebec and St. Romain by the time it took their horses to travel that distance, which was three weeks (trois semaine). One story we have heard is that while en route to the United States, the family hid in the cornfields to escape the Indians. The family

first settled in Lake Pleasant Township and built a log house along the river, eleven miles northeast of Terrebonne, Minnesota. In later years, they moved the house (with the aid of horses) to a location two miles south of Poplar River.

Many questions remain unanswered. We do not know why Laurent came to Minnesota, but most likely it was for the opportunities he thought were there. According to oral history, Laurent worked in the flour mills in Minneapolis and did not like it there. Laurent's son Philemon said they were heading back to Canada when they broke down in Terrebonne and decided to settle. This proved to be a wise decision, for the land in Terrebonne (which means "good earth") always yielded abundant crops for them.

Laurent's daughter Suphrina said that when they lived in Minneapolis, she learned to iron from a Chinese laundry man, and Angele took in washing for other people. Francois Gagne (brother of Michel and Pierre - see Pedigree Chart) who came to Minnesota in 1855, had a son who owned a Chinese laundry and a hotel on Nicollett Island, so no doubt this is the laundry that Suphrina spoke of. Francois did not want to be drafted during the Civil War, so he ran to Canada and periodically came back to Minnesota to visit. Perhaps one reason why our family is here is because of Francois. Laurent may have followed him back on one of his trips, and Francois' family could have found work for Laurent and his family. Laurent's son Octave often talked about fishing in "Lake Minnetonky", which gives us another clue: Most of the Gagne family farmed near Corcoran, which is not far from Lake Minnetonka. Unfortunately, there is no way to prove our theory, since the older relatives are dead and the younger generation does not know if Francois brought relatives with him when he came to Minnesota to visit.

Laurent had two brothers and four sisters:
 Henriette L. Married Francois Boulanger
 14 April 1856, Lambton, Quebec
 Octave Married Philomene Marceau
 9 July 1858, St. Romain, Quebec

(Laurent)
 Philomene Married Hubert Rosseau
 23 July 1861, Lambton, Quebec
 Delima Married Etienne Beaudoin
 23 August 1866, St. Malachie
 Second Marriage: Jacque LaTulipp
 29 October 1877, Standon
 Marie Married Louis Desire Roy
 4 February 1873, St. Malachie
 Napoleon Married Delima Ricard



Napolean Gagne

Napoleon died in 1919 in Lauretteville, Quebec
 We were fortunate to have located a more detailed family record for Laurent's brother Octave:

HUSBAND: Octave Gagne
 MARRIAGE DATE: 9 July 1858, St. Romain, Quebec
 HUSBAND'S FATHER: Pierre Gagne
 HUSBAND'S MOTHER: Angelique Gagne
 WIFE: Philomene Marceau
 WIFE'S FATHER: Paul Marceau

WIFE'S MOTHER:	Angele Demp La Pierre		
CHILDREN	WHERE MARRIED	TO WHOM	WHEN MARRIED
1. Febronia	St. Romain	Remi Campeau	12 May 1884
2. Jose	St. Romain	Malvina Arquin	9 Nov. 1986
3. Philomene	St. Romain	Hyppolite Cameron	25 Nov. 1885
4. Napoleon	St. Romain	Philomene Belanger	22 April 1895
5. Zoile	St. Romain	Flavien Belanger	22 April 1895
6. Valentine	St. Romain	Pierre Goulet	2 Jan. 1895
7. Edouard	St. Romain	Leviadie Fortier	8 June 1891
8. Louis	St. Romain	Josephine Roy	1 July 1901
9. Philemon	St. Cecile Whitton	Fabriola Gagnon	4 June 1900

Other marriages:

#4 second marriage: Philomene Fortier, 13 August 1907

#7 second marriage: Marie Arquin, 7 February 1895,

Lambton, Quebec

Angele Corriveau had four sisters and four brothers:

Margerite	Married David Filteau 14 April 1845, St. Anselme Second marriage: Philip Bouffard 4 July 1853, St. Hendine Third marriage: Louis Sanfaon 28 July 1884, St. Isadore
Francis Xavier	Married Rosalie Roy 15 October 1850, St. Anselme
Marie	Married Andre Le Pierre 17 July 1856, St. Anselme
Josette	Married John Guay 17 February 1857, St. Anselme
Edward	Married Marie Aileen Dussault 27 July 1858, St. Henri
John Baptist	Married Adele Theberge 26 July 1859, St. Marie
Archange (Angele)	Married Nestor Gagne 17 August 1864, St. Anselme
Ludger	Married Melvin Gagnon 25 February 1867, k St. Roch (Quebec City) Second marriage: Rebecca Fellion 6 November 1900, St. Bernard

Laurent and Angele had ten children: Napoleon, Laurent, Mary Louise, Octave, Amede, Achille, Suphrina, Julie, Philemon, and Zephyr. Laurent, the second child, was born in 1862 in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec. He died 17 September 1874 at the age of twelve. We do not know the cause of his death.

Angele died on 29 April 1911 and was buried at Terrebonne. She died of what was then called "dropsy" (congestive heart failure). Laurent married for the second time (when he was nearly eighty-four) to Helene Bourget on 26 November 1917 at St. Joseph, Levis, Quebec. Helene's father was Etienne Duchesneau. Laurent died 3 February 1925 at the age of ninety-one. He was buried at Lozon.

Stories

My mother, Suphrina, told me that her mother, Angele, was a frugal person, to say the least. My mother said, "Elle pouvait tondre an oeuf," meaning, "She could shear an egg for the fuzz." Angele used everything on a pig except the squeal. She used chicken feathers to make mattresses, and even cut the hair off cow tails to stuff mattresses. After Angele was done with her shearing, the cow tails looked (and felt) like clubs, which almost knocked out Laurent while he was milking the cows. From the cow hides Angele made shoes for all the children. My mother said she remembered the first time she had store-bought shoes to go to a dance.

When my mother's sister, Mary Louise, was about to marry Zephyr, my mother told him, "Why don't you take my mother and leave Mary Louise here with us?" Mary Louise always took care of the children while her mother was out helping in the fields or milking cows. Angele preferred working outdoors to doing housework.

--Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke

Suphrina learned to read by her mother's using a knitting needle to follow the words in the Bible.

We were surprised to learn that Angele smoked a pipe. She was a large woman who, according to her daughter, Suphrina, was so fat that when she sat down, the fat covered her knees. Angele was apparently fond of eating a big bowl of raspberries covered with a quart of cream. Albert Gagner said he was talking to Angele when she died. She was sitting in a rocking chair and had a tube in her stomach that drained fluid into a bottle. Albert said that the fluid would drain sometimes two quarts at a time. Angele used to wrap sheets around her legs. In about half an hour, the sheets would be soaking wet.

Albert Gagner said that after Laurent went back to Quebec, they were notified that he was dying, so Amede and perhaps Octave and Philemon went up to Quebec. When the brothers returned, they said that their father had just been drunk.

Albert said that Laurent had a long white beard. When he was sober he was quiet, but when he was drinking, he talked and told stories.

Robert Gagner said that Laurent went to play cards one night in Red Lake Falls and didn't come home. The next morning, the children went to town to look for him, because they were afraid that something had happened to him. When they got to town, the people that Laurent had played cards with said that Laurent had hopped on a bus to Canada because he was lonesome for his old friends.

from the Red Lake Falls Gazette

April 28, 1911

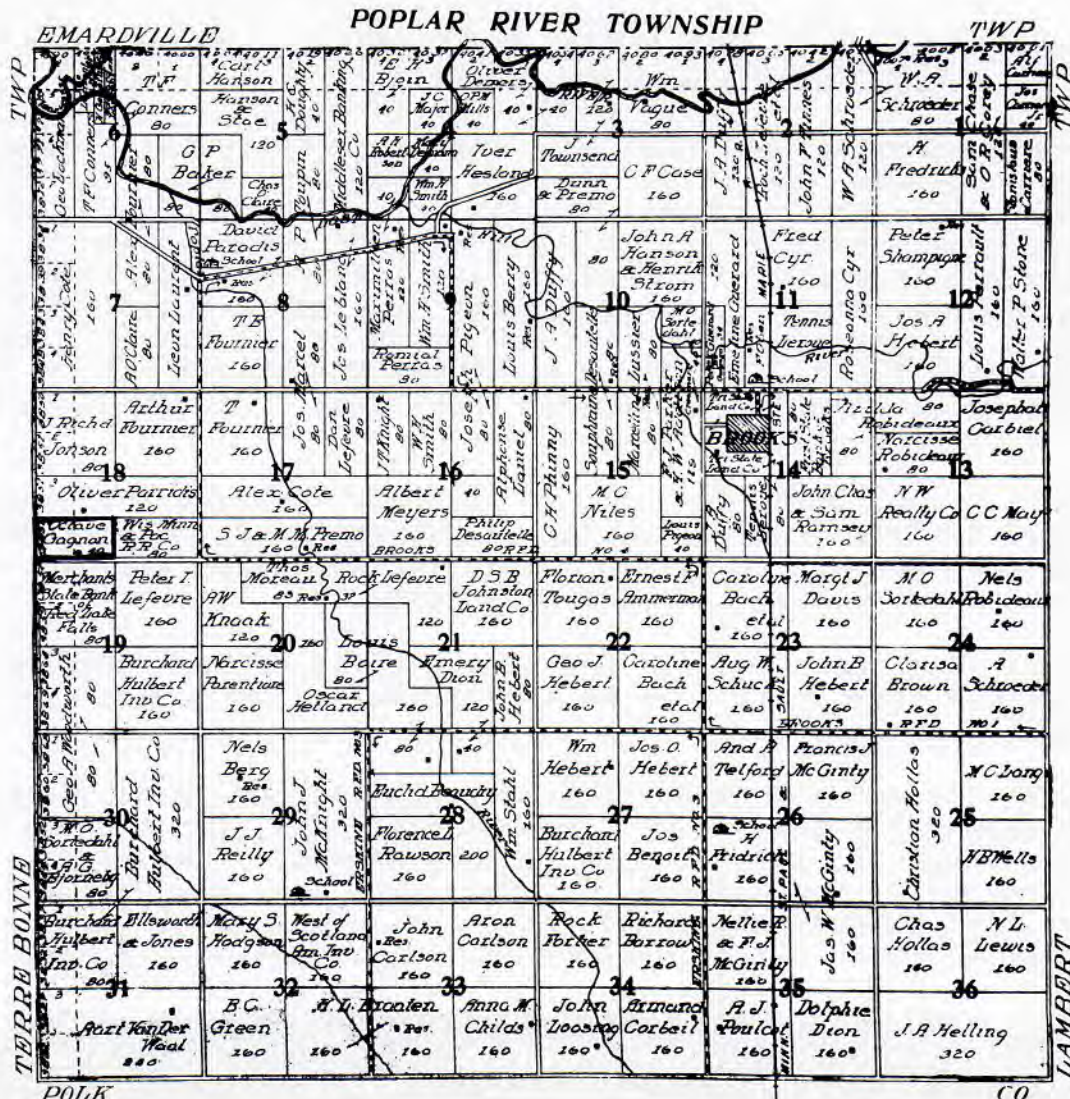
Mrs. L. Gagne is critically ill with dropsy. Her death is expected at any moment.

May 1, 1911

TERREBONNE

DEATH OF MRS GAGNE

Mrs. L. Gagne died Saturday afternoon, after a prolonged illness, at the age of seventy-five years. She was born in Canada, at St. Anselme, Quebec. The deceased was a pioneer of Terrebonne. The funeral took place last Monday at St. Anthony's Church, Rev. Fr. Veilleux officiating. The pall bearers were her six sons, Amede, Napoleon, Achille, Octave, Philomon and Zephyr. She is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Z. Fontain of Crookston and Miss Sophronce Gagne of Grand Rapids. Mrs. Bauquet Gervais, an old friend of the deceased, came from Minneapolis to see her and was there at her death. The funeral was largely attended.

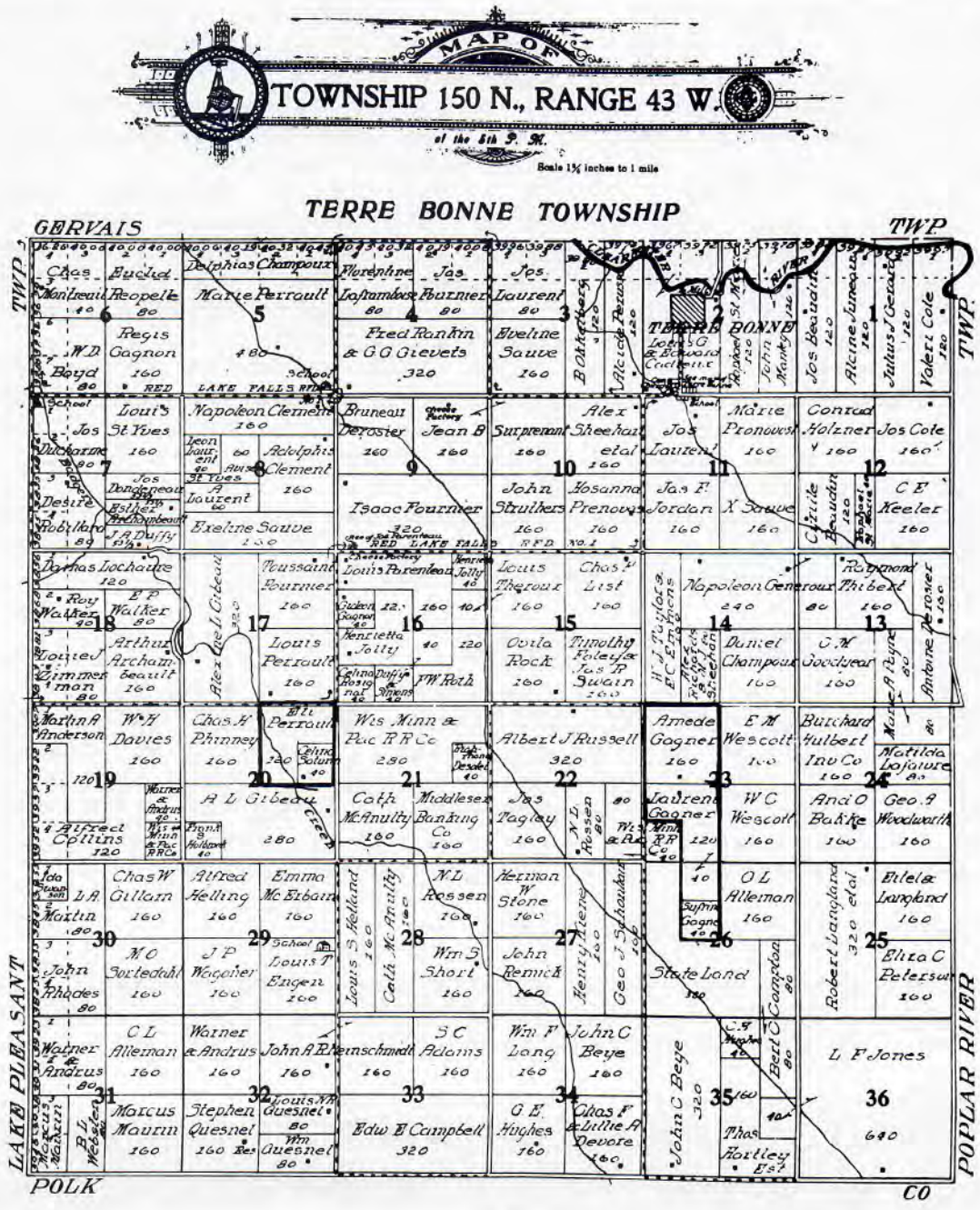


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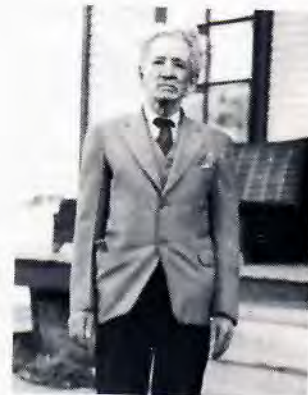
(From an article by Virgil Benoit about early settlement of Red Lake County.)

Pamphlets and advertisements describing Minnesota were circulated in the United States as well as abroad. In 1883, a group of French Canadians wrote and published at Crookston a twenty-two page pamphlet entitled "DESCRIPTION DE LA COLONIE CANADIENNE DU COMTE DE POLK, PAR UN COMITE DE CANADIENS-FRANCAIS". The pamphlet not only described Polk County but also listed twenty Canadians who were prepared to furnish information to their compatriots wishing to settle around Crookston, Carmen, Fisher, Gentilly, Red Lake Falls, Terrebonne, etc. . . The names of those from Red Lake Falls who offered to help their compatriots were: Isaie Gervais and George Labissonniere Terrebonne, etc.

Red Lake County separated from Polk County in 1896 . . . so any county records before 1896 will still be in Polk County.



Napoleon Gagner



Napoleon was the first child of Laurent and Angele Gagner. He was born in 1860--most likely in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec. The exact date and place of his birth is not certain, because the parish did not keep baptismal records until the mid-1860s. In 1883(?) Napoleon came to Minnesota with his parents and siblings. He married Nathala Massicote in 1892 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Terrebonne. Records indicate that Nathala was also called Attila (or Anshals) LaCoursiere. According to Emma Lizotte (who is a former LaCoursiere), Nathala was raised by Emma's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Desiree LaCoursiere. Emma does not know whether Nathala came from Canada, although it seems likely that she did.

Census records from 1895 show that Napoleon had a farm in Poplar River Township. In the 1910s or 1920s, he left Minnesota and went to Fishers Branch, Manitoba, which is a small fishing community north of Winnipeg on Lake Winnipeg. We do not know what he did there for a living.

Because of his curly hair, Napoleon was called "mouton" by the family, which means "sheep" in French. In stature and build, Napoleon was the smallest member of the family.

Napoleon and Nathala: descendants

Napoleon and Nathala had five children that we know of:

A. JOSEPH PIERRE NAPOLEAN was born 20 August 1893 in Poplar River. One story we have heard is that Joseph did not want to be drafted (most likely for service during World War I). He supposedly lived in an underground cave during this time, where a dog would bring him food. (The presence of human visitors would have aroused suspicion about Joseph's hiding place.)

B. MARY was born 26 January 1898.

C. JOSEPH WALTER was born 25 November 1899. Joseph lived in California, and we have been told that he married a widow with children. We have seen pictures of one child named Patricia.

D. MEDORA ("Dora") was born 6 January 1902.

E. FELIX (date of birth unknown) lived in California. He would come by motorcycle to visit his relatives in Minnesota. As far as we have been able to determine, Felix never married,

16 April 1925

Terrebonne had 23 births and 6 deaths in 1924. Poplar River had 17 births and 11 deaths.

1911 Red Lake Falls Gazette
 1910 Personal property taxes
 Laurent Gagner \$6.69
 Amede Gagner \$9.24
 Octave Gagne \$9.24

15 January 1925

Personal property taxes for 1924

	Personal prop ass value	Value of money and credits	Amt tax
Louis Gagner	\$152.00		\$ 7.42
Octave	\$398.00		\$19.42
Amede	\$425.00	\$800.00	\$28.29
Philemon	\$400.00		\$24.36

* * *

Women's suffrage was defeated in the senate by a vote of 32 to 30. There were no lengthy discussions. Senator Sageng of Otter Tail, author of the bill, made a speech in its defense. There were no opposition speeches. The senators who believe in suffrage for women are Bedford, Boyle, Benson, Cashman, Cheadle, C. F. Cooke, Dale, Denegre, Duxbury, Elwell, Froshaug, Gunderson, Hanson, Hayercraft, C. D. Johnson, V. L. Johnson, Lende, Moonan, Nelson, Odell, Olson, Putnam, Rustad, Sageng, Sangstad, Schaller, Sundberg, Thoe and Wilson. Much of the credit for the good showing made for the bill is due to Miss Mary McFadden, a well known Duluth newspaper woman.



Napolean Gagner



Felix Gagner



Walter Gagner



Napolean's Daughters



Walter Gagner (and his wife)



Patricia Gagner
(Walter's daughter)



Patricia and husband

Mary Louise (Gagner) Fontaine



Mary Louise was the third child born to Laurent and Angele Gagner. She was born 7 September 1865 in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec, and christened M. Demerise. Her godparents were Francois Boulanger (Laurent's brother-in-law) and Luce Gagne. In 1883 she came to the United States with her parents. Mary Louise married Zephyr Fontaine in Terrebonne, Minnesota, on 29 October 1887. When they were first married, Mary Louise and Zephyr likely lived in Gentilly, then moved to Terrebonne. Zephyr wanted to return to Rhode Island where his family was, so the family moved, although we do not know in what year. Uncle Philemon and Aunt Ida accompanied them. Louise (Fontaine) Gervais remembers the house was big with large windows that provided a view of the mountains on three sides. Louise said her mother did not like Rhode Island, nor did her brother Henry, who was cleaning the town streets at the time (about 1906). Henry said he was going to go back home with Uncle Philemon. Not wanting to lose her child, Mary Louise told her husband that she was taking her family back to Minnesota, with or without him. The whole family subsequently moved back to Crookston and found a home on the north end of town. Zephyr worked for the city.

The year 1896 was a disastrous one for the Fontaines in that they lost five young children: Eva, Anna, Albert, Adelard, and Philemon. The first four were stricken by diphtheria, but since Philemon died shortly after birth, the cause may have been unrelated to diphtheria.

Zephyr died on 22 March 1945, and Mary Louise died of a goiter on 23 July 1935.

Mary Louise and Zephyr Fontaine: descendants

Including the five children that died in early infancy or childhood, Mary Louise and Zephyr had twelve children.

A. HENRY JOSEPH FONTAINE was born 4 October 1888 in Gentilly, Minnesota. He married Albertine Menard on 23 November 1920 at St. Anne's Church in Crookston, Minnesota. They made their home in Crookston. Albertine died 7 December 1943 of cancer. In 1950 Henry married Alice Deschene, who died in 1965. Henry died at

the age of eighty-five on 29 December 1973 in Crookston, Minnesota. He had worked for the Northwest School of Agriculture and Experiment Station as a farm mechanic for thirty -nine years, retiring in 1949.

Henry and Albertine had seven children:

1. Beatrice, born 28 November 1921. She married Linus Mercil on 24 October 1942. Both are now retired.

Linus & Bea Mercil
11905 Cave Market Rd.
Walker, LA 70785

Beatrice and Linus had nine children:

a. Keith, born 22 August 1943. He married Paulette Paulson on 17 May 1968. Keith is a district manager for Kent Industries, and Paulette is a secretary.

Keith & Paulette Mercil
10644 Wellington Lane
Maple Grove, MN 55359

Keith and Paulette had two children:

- 1) Dayton, born 8 July 1969
- 2) Tiffany, born 5 January 1972

b. Claudia, born 3 October 1944. She married Bill McCabe on 7 February 1970. Bill died on 4 July 1979. Claudia is a flight attendant for Republic Airlines.

Claudia McCabe
112121 Haering Lane
Chaska, MN 55318

Claudia and Bill had two children:

- 1) Rochelle, born 6 November 1973
- 2) Alyssa, born 28 November 1978

c. Joetta, born 19 September 1946. She married George Kuprian on 14 September 1968. George is an assistant U.S. attorney and Joetta is a registered nurse.

Joetta & George Kuprian
2700 Vista Grand N.W., Apt. 39
Albuquerque, NM 87120

d. Rachel, born 28 March 1948. She married Art Wannlund in 1975. Art is head of the YMCA in Orange County, and Rachel is a computer analyst for ITT.

Art & Rachel Wannlund
29402 Troon
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Rachel and Art have two children:

- 1) Nathan, born 2 February 1980
- 2) Travis, born 1 November 1982

e. Lin Charles, born 26 December 1950. He married Lou Nelson on 26 August 1972. Lou is a homemaker, and Lin is an accountant.

Lin & Lou Mercil
10324 White Oak
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

Lin and Lou have six children:

- 1) Jason, born 17 May 1973
- 2) Nicki, born 5 June 1974

- 3) Dylan, born 13 June 1975
 - 4) Lori, born 29 October 1976
 - 5) Matthew, born 6 March 1980
 - 6) Gena, born 28 September 1981
- f. Yvette, born 14 September 1953. She married Benny Bergeron on 7 October 1972. Yvette is a homemaker, and Benny is an oil company leasor.
Yvette & Benny Bergeron
2023 Sierra Vista Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Yvette and Benny have twin sons:
1) Chad, born 6 April 1975
2) Grady, born 6 April 1975
- g. Renata, born 22 October 1956. She married Ronnie Marino on 1 August 1975. Renata is a homemaker, and Ronnie is a master plumber.
Ronnie & Renata Marino
14323 Locust
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Renata and Ronnie have two children:
1) Kari, born 3 September 1978
2) Jeremy, born 4 August 1981
- h. Nadine, born 30 January 1959, is an art major at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.
- i. Kevin, born 1 August 1960. He married Denise Hudson on 7 July 1984. Kevin is a parts manager, and Denise is a secretary.
Kevin & Denise Mercil
3228 Toulon, Apt. A
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

2. Virginia Ann, born 18 January 1923 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Willard F. Holman (Will) on 7 September 1957 in Las Vegas. They both worked at the Nevada Test Site in Indian Springs, Nevada. Virginia also worked in Washington, D.C. for the War Department, Signal Corps. They had no children together, but raised Will's son. Will is now retired from the Bonneville Power Administration.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Holman
1809 Sixth Street
Tillamook, OR 97141
(503) 842-2655

3. Pauline Henriett, born 12 July 1924 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married John Paul Keohen on 29 August 1945 in Crookston, Minnesota. Pauline is a homemaker, and John was vice-president of traffic for Glenddenning Motorways in GMW Motorways, Inc. He died on 4 July 1984.

Pauline Keohen
1985 Glenpaul Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55112
(612) 633-4592

Pauline and John had seven children:

- a. Joseph, born July 1947, died in early infancy.

b. Suzette Renee, born 7 September 1948 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Michael Stolarski on 27 May 1967 in New Brighton, Minnesota. Sue is employed by Walsh Title Corporation in Edina, Minnesota, and Mike owns Woodbury Autobody Shop.

Mike & Suzette Stolarski
7600 Capetown Plaza
Woodbury, MN 55825
(612) 739-5053

Suzette and Michael have one child:

1) Pammy, born 23 September 1968, is a student.

c. Katherine Ann, born 20 October 1951 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Gary Duncanson on 25 May 1973 in New Brighton, Minnesota. Kathy is a biller for American Freight Systems, and Gary owns Luther's Marine in Lino Lakes, Minnesota.

Katherine & Gary Duncanson
800 Lois Lane
Lino Lakes, MN 55014
(612) 784-3589

Katherine and Gary have two children:

1) Joey, born 16 November 1973

2) Patrick, born 24 March 1977

d. Laurie Jo, born 9 April 1954 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Keith Owens on 1 April 1971 in New Brighton, Minnesota. Laurie is a homemaker, and Keith works for Consolidated Freightways.

Keith & Laurie Owens
23580 Davenport St. N.W.
East Bethel, MN 55005
(612) 434-4086

Laurie and Keith have four children:

1) Angela, born 8 August 1971, is a student

2) Brian, born 23 January 1973, is a student

3) Keith, Jr., born 24 December 1974, is a student

4) Rebecca, born 14 April 1982

e. Mary Beth, born 1 July 1955 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Tom Reed on 22 May 1976 in New Brighton, Minnesota. Mary is a homemaker, and Tom is a mechanic for UPS in Minneapolis and also does woodworking in his home.

Tom & Mary Reed
2000 Brenner Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55113
(612) 631-1663

Mary and Tom have one child:

1) Jordan, born 17 January 1983

f. Timothy John, born 19 July 1957 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Corrine Graff on 9 June 1979 in New Brighton, Minnesota. Corrine is a homemaker, and Tim is an auto mechanic for Murphy's Service Center in St. Anthony, Minnesota.

Tim & Corrine Keohen
3069 Asbury St. N.
St. Paul, MN 55113 (612) 633-2887

Tim and Corrine have two children:

- 1) April Rae, born 28 July 1982
- 2) Ashley Elise, born 22 July 1984

g. Terence Michael, born 5 December 1958 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Peggy Haynes on 9 July 1983 in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Peggy is a homemaker, and Terry is mechanic for Firestone in Sun Ray Center in St. Paul.

Terence & Peggy Keohen
5346 Eagle St.

White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 429-2499

Terence and Peggy have two children:

- 1) Justin, born 19 October 1983
- 2) Cassandra Lee, born 14 January 1985

4. Paul, born 1926 (?) was a breach infant who died at birth.

5. Lawrence (Larry), born 11 April 1927 in Crookston, Minnesota. Served three years in the US Navy in WWII. Larry married Adeline Melhouse on 21 January 1950 in Crookston, Minnesota. Employed by Polk County since 1952 and is now Polk County Auditor.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Fontaine
183 Bessie St.

Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-2641

Larry and Adeline had eleven children:

a. Paul, born 13 January 1951. He married Becky Long. Paul is with the Bureau of Land Management, and Becky is a teachers aide. They live in North Bend, Oregon.

b. Mark, born 27 January 1953. He is a chief in the US Coast Guard and lives in Alameda, California.

Mark has two children:

- 1) Jon-Paul
- 2) Gerilyn

c. Cheryl, born 2 May 1954. She married Alan Strom, who is an iron worker.

Cheryl and Alan have four children:

- 1) Jody (10)
- 2) Stephanie (5)
- 3) Alanna (3)
- 4) Nevin (1)

d. Lynn, born 26 September 1956. She married Don Gardner, who works for Canteen. They live in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

Lynn and Don have one child:

- 1) Kenny (1)

e. Larry, Jr., born 4 April 1957. He is an assistant manager at Crookston Bean and lives at home.

f. Susan, born 22 August 1959. She married John Klopstein III, who works for Service Systems Corporation in O'Fallon, Illinois. Susan and John live in Belleville, Illinois.

Susan and John have one son:

- 1) John IV

g. Bonnie, born 8 August 1961. She married Mark Sperling, who is manager of Robertson Lumber in Karlstad, Minnesota. Bonnie and Mark have three children:

- 1) Justin (6)
- 2) Joshua (4)
- 3) Christopher

h. Steven, born 12 February 1964. Steve is in the US Navy.

i. Laurie, born 5 April 1966, is a freshman at St. Cloud State University.

j. Amy, born 2 October 1973, is a student at the Cathedral in Crookston..

k. Carrie, born 10 September 1976, is a student at the Cathedral in Crookston.

6. Irene Claire Fontaine (always called Claire), born on 5 November 1929 and baptized at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Claire went to school at St. Joseph's Academy and enjoyed playing the piano. Claire is presently attending Inver Hills Community College and earning all A's. Claire married Donald Kustritz on 18 June 1949. Don works for the State of Minnesota as a supervisor in data processing in the Department of Administration.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Kustritz
641 8th Ave. N
South St. Paul, MN 55075
(612) 455-7313

Claire and Don have twelve children:

a. Joseph Mathew, born 11 November 1951. He married Gladys Julia Bauer on 10 September 1977. Joseph is employed by the Stearns County Sheriff's Department as a deputy and jailer. Gladys is an occupational therapist at St. Cloud Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kustritz
3640 33rd Ave. S.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(612) 259-0975

Joseph and Gladys have one child:

- 1) Katherine Ann, born 28 July 1982

b. Annette Marie, born 20 December 1952. She married Steven Clayton Sobaszkievicz on 18 February 1977. Annette is a homemaker, and Steve is a carpet layer.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Sobaszkievicz
7556 Langley Ave. S.
Cottage Grove, MN
(612) 459-4940

c. John Paul, born 18 January 1954. He married Sharon MacKenzie Kauffmann on 22 April 1978. John is a stockbroker employed by Engler and Budd, and Sharon is a homemaker.

Mr. & Mrs. John Kustritz
5106 Hiawatha
Minneapolis, MN 55417
(612) 729-6060

John and Sharon have one child:

1) Ann MacKenzie, born 22 March 1981

d. Mary Claire, born 15 January 1955. Mary is employed by Amphisbaena Rare Books of Stillwater, Minnesota.

Mary Claire Kustritz

820 Myrtle

Stillwater, MN 55082

(612) 430-1869

e. James Donald, born 19 June 1956. He married Christine Maiola on 24 November 1978. James is employed by Cargill, and Christina is a homemaker.

Mr. & Mrs. James Kustritz

4047 Welcome Ave. N.

Robbinsdale, MN 55422

(612) 535-8914

James and Christine have two children:

1) Matthew Ryan, born 17 May 1979

2) Maria Lynn, born 13 June 1980

f. Jeffrey Thomas, born 6 September 1957. Jeffrey worked for First National Bank St. Paul for several years before returning to school. He is currently enrolled at the University of Minnesota as a business major.

Mr. Jeffrey Kustritz

641 8th Ave. N.

South St. Paul, MN 55075

g. Jerome Martin (Bud), born 5 September 1959. Jerome is employed by Northern States Power Company and also attends classes at the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Jerome Kustritz

KHK Fraternity

1100 4th St.

Minneapolis, MN 55414

(612) 331-2144

h. Kathleen Ann, born 29 October 1961. She married Martin Allen Willenbring on 9 December 1983. Kathleen is employed at K-mart, and Martin is a student at the Vo-Tech in electronics.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Willenbring

445 16th Ave. N.

South St. Paul, MN 55075

(612) 457-5365

Kathleen and Martin have one child:

1) Christopher Dominic, born 15 November 1984.

i. Jacques Michael, born 26 November 1962. He married Julia Kephart. Jacques is a student at the University of Minnesota and is employed by Simms Security.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacques Kustritz

5595 176 St. W.

Farmington, MN

(507) 463-7715

j. Joel Thomas, born 19 June 1966. Joel is a student at Inver Hills Community College and lives at home.

k. Karen Louise, born 10 November 1967, is a student at South St. Paul High School.

1. Jason Edward, born 1 March 1970, is a student at South St. Paul High School.

7. Monica L., born 31 July 1931 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Charles Boschert on 9 August 1952 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Chuck is a salesperson for Notions Marketing of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Boschert
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin

Monica and Charles have nine children:

a. Terrence, born 17 July 1953 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Beth Bauer on 4 September 1981. They live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Terrence and Beth have one son:

1) Joseph

b. Ann, born 9 September 1954 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Scott Nickerson on 27 September 1980. They live in Madison, Wisconsin.

Ann and Scott have one daughter:

1) Angela

c. Gail, born 3 February 1957 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She married Michael Tomko on 5 October 1980. They live in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

Gail and Michael have one son:

1) Robert

d. Gary, born 17 March 1958 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Deana Lutzou on 25 September 1983. They live in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

e. David, born 1 November 1960 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is single and lives in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

f. Mary, born 4 August 1962 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is single and lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

g. Bill, born 3 February 1964 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is single and is currently with the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.

h. Daniel, born 31 March 1965 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He is single and lives at home.

i. Michelle, born 9 March 1974 in Beaver Dam. She is a student.

B. EVA FONTAINE died of diptheria at the age of seven.

C. ANNA FONTAINE died of diptheria at the age of four.

D. ALBERT FONTAINE died of diptheria at the age of three.

E. ADELARD FONTAINE died of diptheria in early infancy.

F. PHILEMON FONTAINE died shortly after birth.

G. MARIE LOUISE FONTAINE was born on 24 October 1893 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She was baptized by Father Roy, and her baptismal sponsors were Achille Gagner and Delima Genereaux. Louise married Edgar Gervais on 17 July 1916 in Crookston. She

was a seamstress who did a lot of sewing for the rich people of Crookston. Edgar made his living as an upholsterer.

At ninety-one years old, Louise is our oldest living relative at present. She lived her married life in Crookston and lives at St. Francis Rest Home. Edgar and Louise raised Zephyr Gagner and Ida Perreault's daughter Clara. Edgar died on 19 December 1966.

H. PHILIP FONTAINE was born 1 May 1897 and was raised on a farm four miles east of Crookston. He attended country school and St. Joseph's Academy. Philip married Mabel Doucet on 5 August 1918. At that time he was working for the railroad. Philip worked for a number of years for the Crookston Dress Club. He also worked as a filling station attendant for a number of years prior to working for the municipal liquor store. He retired about 1970.

Philip and Mabel celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on 5 August 1978.

Phillip passed away 15 April 1980 from cardiac arrest and Mabel passed away from a massive stroke on 24 December 1982.

Philip and Mabel had three children:

1. Eleanor, born 16 November 1919 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married LeRoy Cournia on 1 May 1940. They farmed near Crookston until LeRoy's untimely death on 7 November 1956. Eleanor's second marriage was to LeRoy Wahouske on 11 November 1961. They were divorced in September 1976. Eleanor is now retired.

Eleanor Cournia
309 Golf Terrace Drive
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-2155

Eleanor had six children during her first marriage; and one during her second:

a. Caroline, born 21 March 1941, is divorced.

Caroline Wilson
3355 Ruffin Rd.
San Diego, CA 92123

Caroline has two children:

1) Michael, born 5 May 1966

2) Matthew, born 10 January 1970, is a student

b. Janet, born 6 March 1942. She married Brad Dybevick on 3 November 1962. They own a dress store in Worthington, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Brad Dybevick
407 Olander
Worthington, MN 56187

Janet and Brad have two children:

1) Michelle, born 8 July 1963, is a student

2) Christopher, born 5 September 1964, is a student

c. Ronald, born 7 June 1943 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Jean Hoeft on 24 November 1962 in Crookston. Ron is district sales manager for Homelite-Textron.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Cournia
213 Fathom Cove
Stafford, VA 22554 (703) 659-6001

Ronald and Jean have two children:

- 1) Jason, born 28 January 1970
- 2) Nicole, born 21 September 1972

d. Diane, born 23 September in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Raymond P. Riendeau on 20 November 1965 in Crookston. They own a construction business.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Riendeau

Rt. 4, Box 303

Portland, IN 47371

(219) 726-9095

Diane and Raymond have three children:

- 1) Renee, born 5 January 1967, is a student
- 2) Rae Ann, born 28 May 1968 is a student
- 3) Monique, born 16 October 1970, is a student

e. Michael, born 4 June 1951. He married Barbara Van Dyk on 2 September 1973. Michael owns a business that provides leadership and sales training.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cournia

6215 S.W. 171st

Aloha, OR 97005

Michael and Barbara have two children:

- 1) Jennifer, born 10 April 1979, is a student
- 2) Christina, born 18 May 1983, is in preschool

f. LeRoy John, born 8 October 1953 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Jody Kay Long on 28 June 1980 in Minneapolis. LeRoy is in the US Navy.

Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Cournia

10 Hornet

Ceiba, Puerto Rico

LeRoy and Jody have two children:

- 1) Monica, born 24 November 1982
- 2) Rachel, born 6 November 1984

g. William Jay Wahouske, born 4 July 1963. He married Marilyn Johnson on 22 June 1984. William is a farmer.

Mr. & Mrs. William Wahouske

818 Lowell

Crookston, MN 56716

2. Theresa, born 14 June 1923, drowned 1925.

3. Jim, born 15 March 1921. He is self-employed.

Jim Fontaine

14601 Wollsey Rd.

Hampton, GA 30228

I. ANNA FONTAINE was born 10 July 1898. her baptismal sponsors were Remi Fortier and Julie Gagner, and she was baptized by Father Roy.

Anna married Edward Prudhomme on 18 April 1917 in Gentilly, Minnesota. Edward died in 1964, and Anna died in the 1980's.

Anna and Edward had ten children:

1. Leonard, born 17 September 1918. He married Aldia Regimbal on 2 June 1941.

Leonard Prudhomme

R.F.D. 2

Crookston, MN 56716 (218) 281-3553

Leonard and Aldia had six children:

a. Laura Jean, born 24 February 1942. She married Wayne Bolter on 20 March 1964.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Bolter

3254 Debra Lane

Racine, WI 53403

Laura and Wayne have three children:

1) Renee, born 13 August 1965

2) Dawn, born 8 August 1966

3) Wendy, born 7 May 1973

b. Cecile Ann, born 11 May 1943. She married William Marciniak on 3 November 1962.

Cecile and William have four children:

1) Tricia, born 8 June 1964

2) Tamara, born 9 October 1965

3) Tracy, born 14 March 1967

4) Terry, born 2 January 1971

c. Carolyn Mary, born 6 February 1945. She is single and lives in California.

Carolyn Prudhomme

7520 Corbin, #4

Resida, CA

d. Marion Jane, born 6 February 1945. She married Paul Schultz on 12 October 1968.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schultz

906 Albert

Crookston, MN 56716

Marion and Paul have two children:

1) Bradley, born 26 June 1969

2) Dana, born 16 October 1970

e. Margaret Mary, born 7 September 1950. She married Jim Walz on 24 August 1968.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Walz

423 Central

Crookston, MN 56716

Margaret and Jim have three children:

1) Keith, born 11 May 1969

2) Rosemary, born 5 May 1970

3) Kevin, born 20 January 1976

f. Edwin Francis, born 5 March 1953. Edwin is single and farms in Crookston.

2. Florence, born 15 July 1920 in Gentilly, Minnesota. She married Leo Dufault in 1940. They farmed in Gentilly and now winter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Leo & Florence Dufault

18026 N. Cave Creek Rd, Space 112

R.R. 2

Phoenix, AZ 85032

Crookston, MN 56716

Florence and Leo had seven children:

a. Francis, born 1 December 1940. He married JoAnn Hince

on 19 June 1965. Francis is an electrician, and JoAnn is a homemaker and secretary.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Dufault
Route 1

Moorhead, MN 56560

Francis and JoAnn had five children:

- 1) Barbara, born 6 July 1966
- 2) Becky, born 15 January 1968
- 3) Kimberly, born 24 December 1968
- 4) Kevin, born 26 August 1970, died 6 March 1980
- 5) Jennifer, born 20 September 1971

b. Roland, born 15 November 1942. He married June Schmitz on 24 July 1964. Roland works for Sears in Phoenix, and June is a homemaker and a bank employee.

Mr. & Mrs. Roland Dufault
4176 W. Hearn

Phoenix, AZ 85023

Roland and June have three children:

- 1) Mark, born 16 May 1965
- 2) David, born 24 March 1967
- 3) Cindy, born 27 May 1970

c. Diann, born 9 January 1944. She married Bruce Bourque on 24 November 1976. Bruce is a mechanic, and Diann is a homemaker and register nurse.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bourque
2415 Brookdale Rd.

Moorhead, MN 56560

Diann and Bruce have one child:

- 1) Julie Ann, born 19 March 1980

d. Carol, born 27 March 1946. She married Leon Desplenter on 23 October 1965. Leon died on 7 October 1977. Carol married Donald Amundson on 20 January 1979. Don is a district manager for an insurance company, and Carol is a homemaker and works for Mount St. Benedict.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Amundson
601 Barret St.

Crookston, MN 56716

Carol and Leon had four children:

- 1) Diann, born 29 July 1966
- 2) Michael, born 2 August 1967
- 3) Denise, born 26 October 1968
- 4) Charlotte, born 8 June 1970

e. Monica, born 10 July 1951. She married Ronald Beauchane on 22 September 1973. Monica is a part-time bank employee, and Ronald is a carpenter.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Beauchane
Route 2

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Monica and Ronald had three children:

- 1) Ann Marie, born 27 August 1974
- 2) Justin, born 4 May 1977
- 3) Christopher, born 24 December 1982

f. Mary, born 15 August 1954. She married Bruce Rylander on 10 May 1975. Mary is a homemaker, and Bruce works for

UPS in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Rylander

105-5th Ave. N.

Crookston, MN 56716

Mary and Bruce had two children:

1) Kelly Jean, born 6 November 1977

2) Curtis Leo, born 10 May 1981

g. Beverly, born 12 October 1959. She married Dave Jung on 25 August 1980. Beverly works at Lystad's and Dave is a CPA.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Jung

2622 Cherry St.

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Beverly and Dave have one child:

1) Brian David, born 26 May 1984

3. Madeleine, born 26 January 1922. She married Francis Arnold Paul St. Michel on 27 April 1943 in Gentilly, Minnesota. "Fritz" and Madeleine are farmers and winter in Phoenix, Arizona.

Fritz & Madeleine St. Michel

Box 165A

Mentor, MN 56736

18026 N. Cave Creek Rd.

Phoenix, AZ 85032

Madeleine and Francis have five children:

a. Geraldine Marie, born 19 September 1943 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She married Dennis Thomas McGurien on 28 October 1961 in Gentilly. Dennis is a plumbing contractor.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis McGurien

609 South 4th

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Geraldine and Dennis had four children:

1) Kay Lynn, born 23 April 1962 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married John Heidrich in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on 17 June 1983. John is a journeyman.

Mr. & Mrs. John Heidrich

2501 Villa Dr., Apt. 204

Fargo, ND 58103

2) Patricia Ann, born 7 September 1963. She is a registered nurse.

Patricia McGurien

101 S. University Dr., Apt. 207

Fargo, ND 58103

3) Caryn Ann, born 25 August 1965. She is a medical secretary.

Caryn McGurien

609 S. 4th

Grand Forks, ND 58201

4) Kristine Marie, born 22 November 1970

b. Richard Paul, born 4 February 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Mary Joseph in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the 24 June 1967. Richard is a self-employed furniture refinisher.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard St. Michel
2533 Lewis Ave.
Billings, MT 59102

Richard and Mary have two children:

- 1) Curtis, born 11 December 1968 in Milwaukee
 - 2) Cherie Lynn, born 10 April 1971 in Milwaukee
- c. Raymond James, born 2 February 1948 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Suzanne Grove in Crookston on 20 July 1968. Raymond is a plant manager at Dahlgrens.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond St. Michel
Crookston, MN 56716

Raymond and Suzanne have two children:

- 1) Jason, born 5 October 1972
 - 2) Ryan, born 21 May 1976
- d. Janice Mae, born 1 March 1949 in Crookston. She married Paul Jensen on 28 October 1967. They were divorced in 1976. On 3 September 1978 she married Richard Nelson, who is self-employed.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Nelson
1612 1st Ave. N.
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Janice has three children:

- 1) Nevin, born 23 July 1968 (twin to Neal)
 - 2) Neal, born 23 July 1968 (twin to Nevin)
 - 3) Nicole (Nelson), born 26 September 1980
- e. Allen Francis, born 27 April 1953 in Crookston. He is a junior agronomist. He married Jolene Johnson in August 1974. They are divorced. Allen married Denise Johnson on 3 September 1977.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen St. Michel
201 Ash
Crookston, MN 56716

Allen had two children:

- 1) Toni, born 21 August 1976
- 2) Halie, born 6 April 1982

4. Cecilia, born in 1926, died at the age of thirteen of inflammatory rheumatism (now known as rheumatic fever).

5. Theresa Mable, born 6 December in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Willis John Longtin on 30 October 1951 in Gentilly, Minnesota. Willis died on 19 August 1972. Theresa died in March 1985 of leukemia.

Theresa and Willis had three children:

- a. Steven John, born 22 June 1953 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He is single and is stationed at the Virginia Beach Base as a base police officer.
ABH2 Steven J. Longtin
NAS Oceana Base Police Dept.
Naval Air Station Oceana
Virginia Beach, VA 23460
- b. David Clifford, born 20 October 1954 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He is single and lives with his mother.
- c. Kenneth Jerome, born 2 November 1955 in Virginia.

Minnesota. He married Lisa Marie LeBlanc in Crookston, Minnesota.

Mrs. & Mrs. Kenneth Longtin
416 Central Ave.
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-5460

Kenneth and Lisa have three children:

- 1) Sarah Marie, born 16 June 1981 in Crookston, Minnesota
- 2) Amy Theresa, born 19 November 1982 in Crookston, Minnesota, died 4 July 1983 in Grand Forks, North Dakota
- 3) Ann Christine, born 8 April 1984 in Crookston, Minnesota.

6. Dorothy, born 26 August 1928 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Francis Anthony LaCoursiere on 26 October 1948 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gentilly, Minnesota. Francis is a maintenance mechanic at Ladish Steel Corporation in Cudahy, Wisconsin. Dorothy is a counterperson at Magic Touch Dry Cleaners in South Milwaukee.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis LaCoursiere
2417 Harrison Place
S. Milwaukee, WI 53172
(414) 762-4243

Francis and Dorothy had seven children:

a. David, born 24 September 1949. He married Patricia Walsh in Crookston on 24 April 1971. David is a welder for Crookston Welding Company.

Mr. & Mrs. David LaCoursiere
435 Bridge St.
Crookston, MN 56716

David and Patricia have five children:

- 1) Christine, born 29 February 1972
- 2) Kerry, born 14 August 1973
- 3) Martin, born 12 October 1976
- 4) Matthew, born 2 February 1978
- 5) Kelly, born 15 December 1979

b. Katherine, born 11 October 1951. She married Jeffrey Ziminski on 30 September 1972 in South Milwaukee. Jeffrey is a welder, and Katherine is a bookkeeper secretary for Seman Nuclear, Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Ziminski
725 Monroe Ave.
S. Milwaukee, WI 53172

Katherine and Jeffrey have two children:

- 1) Katherine Marie, born 18 January 1973
- 2) Nicole Lynn, born 21 May 1976

c. Michael, born 21 May 1953. He married Patricia Nunn on 1 December 1979 in Frazee, Minnesota. Michael is a musician and welder and Pat is a Tupperware president and musician.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael LaCoursiere
Rt. 1, Box 101
Frazee, Mn 56544

Michael and Pat have two children:

- 1) Nathan, born 23 March 1980
- 2) Janelle, born 3 November 1981

d. Connie, born 21 May 1954. She married Philip Boivin on 12 May 1973 in South Milwaukee. Philip is an apprentice mechanic for Briggs and Stratton Company and Connie is a homemaker and mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Boivin
1215 Monroe Ave.

S. Milwaukee, WI 53172

Connie and Philip have three children:

- 1) Sherry, born 29 October 1974
- 2) Charlene, born 21 May 1976
- 3) Philip, Jr., born 8 September 1984

e. Barbara, born 30 October 1956, is a baby sitter.

Barbara LaCoursiere

1100 Marion Ave., Apt. 204

S. Milwaukee, WI 53172

Barbara has one child:

- 1) Mary Jo, born 16 August 1977

f. Laurie, born 27 September 1960, is a customer accounts clerk for the Wisconsin Electric Power Company and is also a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

g. Robert, born 19 February 1962, is a counter parts person at Arrow Oldsmobile in Milwaukee. Robert will marry Theresa Kerber on 10 August 1985 in South Milwaukee.

7. Paul Prudhomme married Evelyne Hince on 3 October 1953. He is a self-employed farmer in Gentilly.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Prudhomme

Crookston, MN 56716

Paul and Evelyne have seven children:

a. Debra Ann married Bill Peterson on 18 June 1976. He is associate professor at the University of Minnesota in Crookston, Minnesota. Debra works part-time for Glenmore in Crookston.

Debra and Bill have two children:

- 1) Amy Katherine, born 29 October 1981
- 2) Brian Charles, born 28 August 1984

b. Tim married Carrie Walker on 2 July 1977. (She is the daughter of Donna Walker Prudhomme, Larry's Prudhomme second wife). He is a certified welder at the American Crystal Beet Plant in Crookston.

Tim and Carrie have two children:

- 1) Dana Marie, born 29 1980
- 2) Andrea Denise, born 22 October 1983

c. Susan married Howard Bachland on 2 May 1981. He is a sugar boiler at the American Crystal Beet plant in Crookston.

Susan and Howard have one child:

- 1) Angela Kaye, born 13 January 1983

d. Ronald is single. He is a mill supervisor at Dahlgren and Company in Crookston.

e. Michael married Joyce Knutson on 16 July 1983. He is a

mill operator at Dahlgren and Company in Crookston. Joyce works for Montague's Flower Shop.

f. Karen married Robert Lyzewaki on 21 August 1982. He is a machinist at D and Corporated in Crookston. They have one child:

1) Brett Robert, born 19 March 1985.

g. Brenda is single and a student in high school. She was born 13 October 1967.

8. Hilaire, born 30 July 1937 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Jean Leas on 9 August 1958 in Crookston. Hilaire is a main mechanic for the Ladish Company.

Mr. & Mrs. Hilaire Prudhomme
1824 Missouri Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

-(414) 762-8556

Hilaire and Jean have five children:

a. Cheryl, born 8 February 1960. She married Jerry Ninneman in South Milwaukee on 26 April 1980. Jerry is a woodworker.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Ninneman
1726 Monroe Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Cheryl and Jerry have two children:

1) Sarah, born 26 May 1981 in South Milwaukee.

2) Bradley, born 19 February 1983 in South Milwaukee.

b. Lisa, born 19 July 1961. She married Vlada Ljubic in South Milwaukee on 1 October 1983. Vlada is in electronics communications.

Mr. & Mrs. Vlada Ljubic
1736 Milwaukee Ave., #4

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

c. Brian, born 29 July 1962, is a woodworker.

Brian Prudhomme

1601 Nicholson Ave. #P

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

d. Daniel, born 28 December 1964, is a student.

e. Dennis, born 10 February 1971, is a student.

9. Doris, married Richard Sweep. They are farmers and live in Gentilly, Minnesota on Ed and Anna Prudhomme's farm.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sweep

RR #3

Crookston, MN 56716

Doris and Richard have four children:

a. Rick, works in Fargo.

b. Jodi, college student.

c. Jill, college student.

d. Jaclyn, high school student.

10. Lawrence E. (Larry), born 10 March 1940. He is a self-employed plumber in Erskine, Minnesota. Larry married

Shirley Dillabough on 3 September 1960 in Crookston. They were divorced in 1973.

Larry and Shirley had five children:

- a. Renee, born 29 May 1961, married Rick Hoffman. Renee and Rick had one son:
 - 1) Daniel, born 1984.
- b. Sandra, born 16 April 1962.
- c. Theresa, born 4 March 1963.
 - 1) Cassie Prudhomme, born 1983.
- d. Diana, born 3 February 1964.
- e. Kimberly, born 1 March 1965.

Larry married Donna Walker on 6 September 1974 and has raised her five children:

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Prudhomme

Rt. 2, Box 162

Erskine, MN 56535

- a. Carrie, born 27 October 1957, married Tim Prudhomme (son of Paul Prudhomme).
 - 1) Dana, born 1980.
 - 2) Andrea, born 1984.
- b. Gary Walker, born 31 October 1958
 - 1) Eric, born 1982.
 - 2) Brett, born 1985.
- c. Denise Walker married a Ness on 7 April 1961.
 - 1) Dustin, born 1984.
- d. John Walker, born 6 December 1963.
- e. Jeffrey Walker, born 12 July 1967.

J. JOSEPH FONTAINE was born on 26 May 1900 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He was baptized by Father Roy. His sponsors were Octave Gagner and Pearl LeBlanc. Joe worked on a road crew with George Gagner, lived in California during World War II, and worked in the ship yards. He also worked in Red Lake Falls as a mechanic at a gas station, was a watch repairer at one time, and lived in the state of Washington for many years on a small farm. Joe's first wife was Olive Derovin, who died in Washington. In the seventies, Joe married Rose Feeney. He died on 7 April 1980 and was buried at Erskine, Minnesota.

K. ADELARD JOSEPH FONTAINE (known as A.J.) was born on 7 February 1902 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. His baptismal sponsors were Zephyr Gagner and Suphrina Gagner, his aunt and uncle. He was baptized by Father Roy. A.J. married Gladys Nelson on 1 August 1940. Leo and Ruth Gagner were best man and maid of honor, and after the wedding all four of them vacationed in California. A.J. tended bar; no one could beat his Tom and Jerry's. For many years he was a painter and wallpaper hanger. Gladys always maintained their home in Crookston was an open door for all relatives. Adelard died 23 March 1978 of heart trouble. Gladys remarried in October of 1984 to Gale Lerum.

Mr. & Mrs. Gale Lerum

403 Sheridan St.

Crookston, MN 56716

(218) 281-2750

A.J. and Gladys had three children:

1. Charles Duane, born 10 April 1943 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Katie Monville on 7 June 1965. Chuck is the director of the Boys' Home in Minot, North Dakota. Katie is a speech therapist.

Chuck & Katie Fontaine
2124 Westfield Ave.

Minot, ND 58701

Chuck and Katie have two children:

- a) Steven
- b) Jennifer

2. Linda, born 22 March 1945 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Donald LaFave on 7 May 1966. They were divorced in 1984. Linda is a theory instructor at the St. Cloud Beauty School.

Linda Fontaine
2609 Goettensway
St. Cloud, MN 56701
(612) 253-0338

Linda and Donald had two children:

- a) Shanna, born in February 1967.
- b) Brandt, born in February 1972.

3. Margaret Ann born 6 June 1947 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Siegfried Blondeel in Crookston on 15 July 1967. Together they run a wholesale nursery.

Mr. & Mrs. Siegfried Blondeel

Hwy. 19 South

Staffordville, Ontario NOJ 1Y0 Canada

(519) 866-3373

Margaret and Siegfried have one child:

- a. Trevor, born 1 June 1971 in London, Ontario.

L. LOUIS JOSEPH FONTAINE was born on 25 January 1907 in Crookston, Minnesota. He was baptized by Father Tapan in Crookston. His godparents were Napoleon Gagner and Nathala LaCoursiere. Louis married Alvia Marie Berry in Red Lake Falls on 16 August 1926. Best man was Leo Gagner, and bridesmaid was Mary Berry. Louis worked for the Minnesota Highway Department for thirty-eight years and retired in 1970. Louis and Alvia made their home in Crookston for many years, but after retirement moved to San Jose, California. In 1976, Louis and Alvia celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Fontaine

5770 Winfield Blvd.

San Jose, CA 95123

(408) 225-2077

Louis and Alvia had five children:

1. Donald, born 8 August 1927 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Carol Jean Ducharme in Terrebonne on 21 February 1950. For thirty-two years Don has been sales and member service manager for a rural electric cooperative. Carol has been a

reading teacher for fifteen years. Carol taught during her first year of marriage at the "Little Red School" east of Crookston, which Louis attended as a child.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fontaine
208 West Miller
Greenwood, WI 54437

Donald and Carol have nine children:

a. Leslie, born 15 May 1951 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He married Marta Collier in Springfield, Missouri, on 4 June 1977. Les is partner owner and general manager of two Dairy Queen stores in Springfield. Marta is a part-time counselor for the adoption department of Catholic Charities.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Fontaine
2032 S. Hampton
Springfield, MO 65807

Leslie and Marta have three children:

1) Ashley, born 21 November 1978 in Springfield, Missouri.

2) Seth, born 24 February 1981 in Springfield, Missouri.

3) Nathan, born 10 March 1983 in Springfield, Missouri.

b. Darlene, born 15 April 1952 in Menomonie, Wisconsin. She married Michael Wellner in Greenwood, Wisconsin on 14 June 1975. Darlene is a business education teacher, and Michael is a history teacher.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wellner
904 Highland
Medford, WI 54451

Darlene and Michael have two children:

1) Courtney, born 20 October 1978.

2) Brent, born 12 September 1980.

c. Gerard, born 5 September 1953 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He is married and is a dentist in private practice in Milwaukee.

Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Fontaine
3842 S. 74th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

d. Michael, born 13 December 1954 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He is an accounting manager for Agrigenetics Research Corporation.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fontaine
2902 Traceway Dr.
Madison, WI 53713

e. Mary, born 1 December 1955 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. She married Ronald Olson in Greenwood, Wisconsin on 5 June 1976. Mary is a registered nurse, and Ron is a tool and die maker in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Olson
233 McDivitt
Mukwanago, WI 53149

Mary and Ronald have two sons:

1) Kevin, born 1 December 1976 in Waukesha

2) Adam, born 7 June 1978 in Waukesha

f. James, born 20 January 1957 in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He married Susan Larkin in Winnetka, Illinois on 20 December 1980. James is an electrical engineer and senior architectural engineer at Mostec Corporation in Dallas, Texas. Susan attends the University of Texas Graduate School of Business.

Mr. & Mrs. James Fontaine
737 Warwick
Plano, TX 75023

g. Jeffrey, born 24 July 1962 in Marshfield, Wisconsin is an engineering major at the University of Wisconsin at Platteville.

h. Timothy, born 7 April 1964 in Marshfield, Wisconsin is a math major at the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point.

i. Paulette, born 5 June 1965 in Marshfield, Wisconsin is an education major at the University of Wisconsin.

2. Beverly, born 20 April 1931 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Curtis Erickson in Crookston on 23 November 1953. Curtis is employed at IBM in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Erickson
5120 Rafton Dr.
San Jose, CA 95124

Beverly and Curtis have two children:

a. Lee, born 16 April 1955. He married Mary Dickerson on 8 October 1983.

b. Janna, born 25 January 1958. She married Ed Garcia on 10 August 1979. Janna and Ed have a daughter:

1) Tara, born 9 August 1980.

3. Darlene May, born 25 November 1937, died in early childhood.

4. Robert, born 31 January 1940 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Margaret Issac in Crookston on 22 October 1960. Robert is manager of a liquor store in San Jose, and Marge works as a school crossing guard.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fontaine
190 Sprucemont Pl.
San Jose, CA 95139

Robert and Marge have two children:

a. Wendy, born 18 November 1963.

b. Chris, born 11 February 1968.

5. Richard, born 15 February 1942. He married Jean Weiland in San Jose, California, on 24 August 1963. Richard and Jean own (and Jean operates) a hair designer shop. Richard works for FMC in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fontaine
6586 Gardenoak Ct.
San Jose, CA 95120

(408) 268-2024

Richard and Jean have two children:

- a. Michelle, born 31 May 1964.
- b. Renee, born 21 July 1967.

Stories

One story we have heard is that when Joseph Fontaine was a small child, he fell into the river, and his parents thought he was dead. Just then a traveling salesman happened along and told Joseph's parents to wrap their son in some warm blankets. When Joseph got warmed up, he woke up, much to his parents' relief.

I can remember many festive occasions as a child, visiting the Gagners at Terrebonne on the various farms. I remember particularly the homemade beer and the many delicious meals served.

One particular occasion that I remember was when we were visiting the Prudhommes. It seems my older sisters and some of the Prudhomme girls thought it would be a good idea to put me in a cream can. At this particular time in life, I probably (in their minds) could easily have fit into this can. They got me in, but getting me out required much more effort. Needless to say, that was one time there was a lot of excitement at the Prudhomme farm.

--Lawrence Fontaine

Grandma Gagner (Angele) bought a doll's head for me when I was four years old. After I had cut out clothes for the doll, my mother (Mary Louise) said, "You dickens--you are going to be a dressmaker."

--Louise (Fontaine) Gervais

When Louis Fontaine was around three and a half, he was out in the garden with his mother, Mary Louise, his father, Zephyr, his sister Anna, and his Grandpa, Laurent Gagner. They were all cutting up potatoes to plant in the garden. Louis got bored and threw a potato in the direction of Grandpa Gagner, and the potato hit him directly on the head. Louis took off with Grandpa right behind him.

Louis Fontaine was around age seven when he got the desire to have a pony on the farm. His father was in the barn, smoking his pipe and working on a harness for one of the work horses. Louis came in and proceeded, once again, to beg for a pony. Zephyr was a great tease and said, "What's a pony good for? He can't pull a plow in the field." The more Louis persisted, the more his father would tease.

Louis got exasperated with his father, so he picked up a leather mitt lying on the ground and threw it at him. The mitt knocked the pipe out of Zephyr's mouth. Zephyr grabbed a strap he was working on and tanned Louis's behind. After that incident, Louis never again mentioned his wish to have a pony.

--Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke

My father, Henry, had only one year of education and could barely sign his name; yet, he was a self-taught man. He was a Jack-of-all-trades: a mechanic, electrician, and carpenter. If he didn't have the proper tools to work with, he would improvise in some way.

My father's greatest attribute was his happy disposition. He was a sensitive, gentle, patient, personable man with a great compassion for everyone. No matter how busy he was, he always had time to lend a helping hand, whenever and wherever needed. He never complained and was loved by everyone.

I remember some of the stories he told. When he was eight years old, he got a big cut on his foot as a result of walking behind a plow. His mother put a piece of salt pork on the cut to draw out the infection, and the next morning it was all right.

When he was seventeen, my father's family moved to Providence Rhode Island. The train trip took three days. They packed sandwiches to eat on the train. Dad was so fascinated by the tall buildings and was so busy looking up at them that he fell flat on his face over a curb.

The family didn't stay long in Rhode Island. Work was not very good there, so they moved back to Crookston. Dad went to work at the foundry and was there for two years. Then he went to work for the agricultural college. As a young man, I guess he had a spirit of adventure. He owned a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. After having an accident, he decided to sell it.

While he was working at the agricultural college, one of the professors--Mr. Milinar--was teaching a group of students about the mechanics of a tractor. He took the tractor apart but couldn't put it back together, so he had to call my Dad to reassemble it. Oftentimes he was called upon to fix washing machines for the professor's wives.

Another time when he was working at the A.C., he was riding on a flat hay rack with a team of horses pulling it. The team ran away with him on the hay rack, hit a hydrant and split the rack, and Dad broke his leg.

Dad also taught himself to play the violin. His favorite tune was "Over the Waves."

--Pauline (Fontaine) Keohen



Back row (l to r): Anna, Henry, Philip, Joseph, Adelard, Louise; seated (l to r): Zephyr, Louis, Mary Louise (Gagner) Fontaine



Mary Louise (Gagner) and Zepher Fontaine



(Left to right): Philip, Zephyr, Anna, Henry, Joe (seated), Mary Louise, Adelard, Louise Fontaine



Mary Louise (Gagner) Fontaine



Theresa Fontaine



Eleanor and James



Henry Fontaine



Henry and Albertine Fontaine



Henry and Alice Fontaine



Beatrice (Fontaine) and Linus Mercil



Tiffany, Paulette, Dayton and Keith Mercil



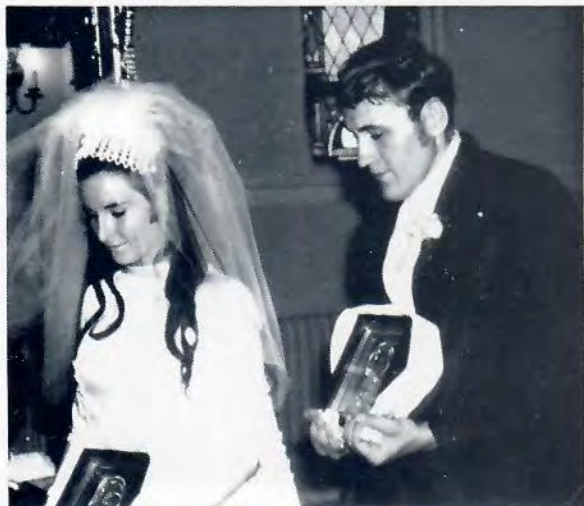
Linus and Beatrice Mercil family (l to r): Kevin, Linus, Beatrice, Keith, Renata, Joetta, Yvette, Claudia, Lin-Charles



Claudia Mercil McCabe and Alyssa Lynn



Rochelle Suzann McCabe



Joetta and George Kuprian



Virginia Fontaine



Virginia (Fontaine) and Willard Holman



John and Pauline (Fontaine) Keohen



Steven Holman family



Back row (l to r): Mike, Sue, John, Terry, Peggy, Pauline, Tim, Rene, Kathy, Mary, Tom, Laurie, Keith, Angie; front row: Pam, Keith Jr., Pat, Gary, Brian, Becky



(From l to r): Mark, Larry Sr., Larry Jr., Steve



Paul and Becky Fontaine



John-Paul and Gerilyn Fontaine



Back (l to r): Alanna, Cheryl; front: Stephanie, Nevin, Jody



Don and Lynn (Fontaine) Gardener, Kenny



John and Susan (Fontaine) Klopstein, John IV



Mark and Bonnie (Fontaine) Sperling and Christopher



Justin Sperling



Joshua Sperling



Laurie Fontaine



Amy Fontaine



Carrie Fontaine



Monica Louise Fontaine



Kathleen (Kustritz) and Marty Willenbring's wedding



Louise (Fontaine) Gervais



Edgar and Louise Gervais



Philip Fontaine



Mable (Doucet) and Philip Fontaine



Joe, Philip, Mable, Louise, Anna



Philip and Mable Fontaine
(60th Anniversary)



Brad and Jan Dybevic, Michelle and Chris



Jean, Jason, Nicole and Ron Cournia



Ray and Diane Riendeau, Renee,
Rae Ann and Monique



Michael and Barbara Cournia



Jennifer and Christina
Cournia



John and Jody Cournia, and Monica



Bill and Marilyn Wahouske



Back row (l to r): Henry, Philip; front row: Anna
Prudhomme, Paul, Doris, Dorothy, Anna Gagner,
Madeline, Fritz



Anna (Fontaine) and Ed Prudhomme



Theresa Prudhomme



Francis and Dorothy LaCoursiere, David, Katherine, Michael, Connie, Barbara, Laurie and Robert



Leonard Prudhomme



(Left to right): Cheryl, Lisa, Jean, Hilaire, Brian, Dennis and Daniel (kneeling)



Joseph Fontaine



Joe and Olive Fontaine



A.J. (Adelard) Fontaine



Adelard and Gladys (Nelson) Fontaine



Charles and Katie (Monville), Jen, Steve Fontaine



Linda Fontaine



Margaret (Fontaine) and Seigfred Blondeel, Trevor



Shanna LaFave



Brandt LaFave



Louis Fontaine



Alvia (Berry) and Louis Fontaine
(Golden Wedding Anniversary)



Donald Fontaine



From l to r: Donald, Beverly, Louis, Alvia, Robert
and Richard Fontaine



(From top): Paulette, Mary, Darlene, Don and
Carol Fontaine



(From top): Leslie, Gerard, Michael, James,
Jeffrey, Timothy, Donald and Carol Fontaine



Les and Marta Fontaine, Ashley, Seth, Nathan



Beverly (Fontaine) and Curtis Erickson



Jana (Erickson) Garcia, Lee Erickson



Wendy, Marge, Chris and Bob Fontaine



Tara Garcia and great-grandfather Louis Fontaine



Michelle, Jean, Dick and Renee Fontaine



Fontaine family

Octave Gagner



Octave Gagner was born 26 April 1867 at St. Romain, County Megantic-Compton, Quebec. He was baptized 27 April 1867 and his godparents were Octave Gagner and Francois Belanger. Octave was Laurent's brother, and Francois was his wife. It is said that the Gagner family came to Minnesota in 1881, living for two years in Minneapolis area before moving to Terrebonne. Octave said they hid in the corn fields to hide from the Indians after going to Terrebonne. He said that when they lived in Minneapolis, they would fish in "Lake Minnetonky".

Octave married Marie Rose LeBlanc on 14 April 1894 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Terrebonne. Marie Rose has always been known to the Gagner's as Purlcherrie. She was born 9 January 1876 in Stratford, Quebec. Her parents were Joseph LeBlanc and Lucie Cormier. Both Octave and Purlcherrie came to Terrebonne in 1883 with their parents. After they were married, they lived with her parents along the river until they could buy their own land. The farmhouse on Octave Gagner's farm was made of logs. The story is that Octave's father-in-law, Mr. LeBlanc, owned land with a sawmill on it along Poplar River. When the river was high, logs being sent from Duluth to the Thomas B. Walker sawmill in Crookston would leave the main stream and end up on LeBlanc's land. The house was built from those "extra logs".

Octave made his living most of the time as a farmer, except for a period when he moved to Red Lake Falls and was a blacksmith so the boys could farm and wouldn't be drafted in WWI. Octave rented his oxen to thresh with as people later rented threshing machines. He was the only one in Red Lake County to own oxen at that time. Octave was a well driller. He would use a forked branch that would drop to the ground after detecting water. That was how they knew where to drill for water.

Octave was given the gift to stop bleeding and to cure warts. He could do this not only for humans but also for animals. There were certain prayers he would have to say in order for the cures to happen. You couldn't ask for a cure; you'd have to say

"Someone is sick," or the like. It was a gift given to him from someone older than him. He gave his gift and prayers to Leo Gagner. Many relatives will show you scars on their bodies where he cured warts. He used his gift not only for the family but also for people in the community.

Octave and Purl celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in 1954. Mrs. Suphrina Theoret, sister of the groom, and Ursus LeBlanc, brother of the bride, served again as witnesses as they had done sixty years before. The bride and groom were led to the altar by their granddaughter, Joanne Spear.

The sixty-five pound wedding cake, which served 550 persons, was baked by a niece, Rose Fortier, at St. Paul and was brought on the bus from St. Paul by Rose.

Octave died 1 May 1957 in Red Lake Falls after a 7 month illness from cancer of the prostate. Octave is buried in Terrebonne. Octave teased Purl's sister by saying, "Purl is going to heaven first, she will hold the gate open for me to come in," because she would say he would go to hell because he wouldn't go to church when he was older. Purl died 7 December 1973 in Red Lake Falls. In her later years she lived at the nursing home in Red Lake Falls. She was still making quilts in her nineties.

Octave and Purl Cheri Gagner: descendants

A. GEORGE GAGNER was born 25 March 1895. He attended Poplar River school through the second grade. He helped his father work on the farm. One Sunday, George's friend George Rock invited him for dinner at his parent's home, and that is where he met George's sister, Emma. George courted Emma for two years. They were married 8 November, 1915 in Terrebonne. George and Emma lived with George's folks until a house was built on the adjoining farm. Ten men helped build the house with Ed Genereux as the carpenter. They had to haul flax straw to cover the cement so it wouldn't freeze in the basement.

George and Emma had three daughters. Emma died 28 March 1923. George was a foreman for a highway crew, which built the road by Mahnomen. He hired his relatives Adelard Fontaine, Joe Fontaine, Leo Gagner, and Ted Sauve. George worked in the lumber camps in the winter. While working on the road gang, he met Jennie Darling. They were married in 1936 in Terrebonne at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. In 1943 they moved to Torrance, California, where George worked in the shipyards. They followed

Leo Gagner back in 1945, because George needed someone to follow. He didn't want to travel on Friday the 13th because he was sure something would happen. After he returned he worked for the city of Thief River Falls. Jennie died 1 May 1954 and is buried in Terrebonne, Minnesota.

George married Ernestine Reopelle Berry in 1956. Ernestine died in 1976. Since Ernestine died, George has been looking for #4. He still dances twice a week and drives his car. George has done well with little education. He can write his name. We asked him how he could tell how to mix the dirt when he couldn't follow written directions. He said, "You tell by the feel." George kept track of his checks (money spent) by symbol--if it was for the car, he drew a car; if it was a hospital bill, he drew a bed. He could account for every penny. While this reunion was being planned, George was upset about the book because of the cost and because the reunion is being held in Minneapolis. He blames Leo Gagner for it.

George and Emma had three children:

1. Martha Marie, born 4 May 1918 on a farm by Brooks. Her mother passed away when she was five years old, in 1923. Thereafter, she was raised by her paternal grandparents along with her two younger sisters and uncles and aunts. Martha attended school in Poplar River and high school at St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston. In 1936 Martha's father remarried, and they all moved to Bemidji where she attended college for one year. She then returned to Brooks and did housework for people. She married Narcisse Desautel in 1940 and lived in Brooks on a farm until 1941. Then they moved back to Bemidji, where she had seven children. Narcisse worked for Gamble Robinson. They were divorced in 1956. After the divorce, Martha went to Bemidji State University and took business courses, which enabled her to get her present job as head bookkeeper at Corner Drug.

Martha Desautel
1001 Irving Ave.
Bemidji, MN 56601

Martha and Narcisse had seven children:

- a. Emma Jean born 27 August 1942 in Bemidji, Minnesota. She married Robert William Carter on 13 February 1961 in Bemidji. They now live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Emma Jean works for an insurance company. Bob works with computers--design work and programming. He worked on the space shuttle program.

Emma and Robert have four children:

- 1) Theresa Jean, born in Bemidji on 27 September 1961. She married Michael Johnston. Michael is an electronics technician.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Johnston
8401 Pan American Freeway
Albuquerque, NM 87113

- 2) Michelle Ann Carter, born 4 August 1962 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

- 3) Cheryl Lynn, born 3 October 1965 in Grand Forks,

North Dakota.

- 4) William (Bill) Bradley Carter, born 4 August 1973 in Barstow, California.
- b. Phillip, born 23 June 1943 in Bemidji. He married Bonnie Nelson on 13 June 1966. Philip currently works for Solar Water Heater Systems in Phoenix. He and Bonnie have two children:
 - 1) Philip, Jr, born 13 June 1967 in Augusta, Georgia.
 - 2) Matthew Kirk, born 28 June 1975 in Phoenix, Arizona.
- c. Alvena Marie, (called Marie) born 3 November 1944 in Bemidji. She currently works for Countrywide Rubber in sales. She married John Breikreutz 27 February 1965 in Bemidji. They were divorced in 1976.

Marie Breikreutz
1651 Dakota Ave.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416
(612)544-0495

Marie and John had two children:

- 1) Craig Anthony, born 4 October 1965, was captain of the football team in his senior year. Craig was rated second in the state for most interception in college football in 1984, also active in baseball.
- 2) Scott John, born 11 July 1967 is a student, baseball pitcher and a cook.
- d. Janice Anne, born 30 August 1948 in Bemidji. She married Gerald Frank Krob on 22 January 1969 in St. Paul, Minnesota. They were divorced 2 July 1975. She married Robert F. Stone on 23 January 1980 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Janice is president of Countrywide Rubber. Robert is owner of Countrywide Rubber.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Stone
2801 Westridge Rd.
Minnetonka, MN 55343
(612) 545-4413

Janice had two children.

- 1) Jerry Krob, born 16 March 1970 in Bemidji.
- 2) Jenny Krob, born 1 April 1973 in Bemidji.
- e. Darla Mae, born 20 January 1952 in Bemidji. She married Michael T. Elavsky on 26 August 1978. Since 1980, Darla has been president of Desautel Associates, which conducts seminars on leadership and self-esteem.

Darla Desautel & Michael Elavsky
1643 Hickory Hill Dr.
St. Paul, MN 55102
(612) 454-0664

- f. Mary, born 9 February 1954 in Bemidji, Minnesota, lived two and one-half hours.
- g. Denise, born 14 September 1955 in Bemidji, Minnesota, lived seven hours.

2. Bernice Marie, born 12 September 1920 in Brooks, Minnesota. She was only two and a half when her mother died. Bernice's paternal grandparents raised Bernice, her older sister, Martha, and her younger sister, Eraine, on their farm.

On 2 September 1946, Bernice married Henry (Harry) James Erickson in Fargo, North Dakota. Harry did construction work, worked in a lumber yard, and worked for Lisbon County until he retired in 1978. After the children were in school, Bernice worked for the Veterans' Home for sixteen and a half years. She retired in 1984.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Erickson
302 9th Ave. E.
Lisbon, ND 58054

Bernice and Harry have four children:

a. Darwin George, born 27 June 1947, in Fargo, North Dakota. He works for Melroe Construction Company.

Darwin Erickson
Box 274

Gwinner, ND 58040
(701) 678-2330

b. Leon John, born 16 August 1948 in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He works for Melroe Manufacturing.

Leon Erickson
908 Rose St.

Lisbon, ND 58054
(701) 683-5147

c. Kenneth James, born 8 November 1951 in Fargo, North Dakota. He married Norine Skonseng on 30 September 1972 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Erickson
Rt. 1, Jackson St.

Lisbon, ND 58054
(701) 683-4835

Kenneth and Norine have three children:

1) Heather Louise, born 13 April 1974 in Fargo, North Dakota.

2) Brenna Marie, born 8 August 1978 in Fargo.

3) Brandon James, 2 October 1979 in Fargo.

d. Darlene Ann, born 2 August 1961 in Fargo, North Dakota. She married Joel Wayne Christofferson on 30 July 1983 in Lisbon, North Dakota. Joel builds condominiums, and Darlene works in an insurance office.

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Christofferson
Box 1420

Granby, CO 80446
(303) 887-3941

3. Eraine Marie, born 26 March 1923 in Brooks, Minnesota. Three days after Eraine's birth, her mother, Emma, died. Eraine weighed only three pounds at birth. On 9 November 1946, she married Gerald Leo (Jerry) Taggart in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. They have lived in Portland, Oregon, since 1953. Jerry worked for Benz Spring Company for thirty years and retired in 1984. Eraine did keypunching and office work until 1981.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Taggart
2114 N. Winchell
Portland, OR 97217

(503)289-0857

Eraine and Jerry have four children:

a. Gayle Annet, born 9 June 1947 in Des Moines, Iowa. She married Terry Edwin Pizzuto on 22 August 1970 in Portland, Oregon.

Terry & Gayle Pizzuto
7216 SE Salmon
Portland, OR 97215
(503) 252-2030

Gayle and Terry have two children:

- 1) Gina Marie, born 25, May 1974 in Portland, Oregon.
- 2) Christopher Paul, born 22 December 1975 in Portland Oregon.

b. Patricia Ann, born 12 December in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She married Ruben Lee Yoder on 2 November 1974 in Portland, Oregon.

Ruben & Patricia Yoder
2302 N Saratoga
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 283-0602

Patricia and Ruben have three children:

- 1) Jackie Marie, born 23 December 1974 in Portland, Oregon.
- 2) Christy Lee, born 14 November 1977 in Portland, Oregon.
- 3) Stacey Lynn, born 10, November 1979 in Portland, Oregon.

c. Charlotte Joy, born 3 March 1951 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She married Kenneth Allen Hutchinson on 26 March 1977 in Portland, Oregon. They were divorced in January 1983. Charlotte Hutchinson

3276 N. Terry
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 285-9045

Charlotte and Ken had three children:

- 1) Vicki Lynn, born 23 May 1978 in Portland, Oregon.
- 2) Jennifer Joy, born 21 June 1980 in Portland, Oregon.
- 3) Kenneth Allen, born 21 June 1981 in Portland, Oregon.

d) John James, born 10 February 1954 in Portland, Oregon. John owns an auto repair shop.

John Taggart
7906 N. Delaware
Portland, OR 97217
(503) 285-6013

B. JOSEPH LOUIS GAGNER (known as Louis) was born 23 March 1897 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Marie Elodia Bergeron, known Morrance, on 3 January 1916 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Lambert, Minnesota. Louis was a farmer in Poplar River until his illness (multiple sclerosis) forced him into retirement. They moved to Red Lake Falls in 1946. Louis died 26 April 1952. Morrance and her son Dona are living together in Red Lake Falls.

Louis was known as "the man turning to stone."
Mrs. Louis Gagner
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Louis and Morrance had seven children:

1. Marie Pauline (known as Pauline), born 12 December 1916 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married Jim Hill on 10 November 1938 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. They made their living as farmers and are now retired.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hill
Box 56, Rt. 1
Livingston, WI 53554

Pauline and Jim have three children:

a. Joyce Ann, born 24 February 1942 in Platteville, Wisconsin. She married Kenneth Morgan 8 February 1969. They own and operate Morgan's Shoes in Madison, Wisconsin.

b. John, born 5 March 1947 in Thief River Falls. He married Mary Edith Cook on 30 August 1969. Divorced 1982. Married Sheila on 10 August 1982. Jack is a marketing manager for Kraft.

John and Mary have three children:

- 1) Paula Marie, born 4 May 1971.
- 2) James Stewart, born 21 August 1972.
- 3) Jeffrey David, born 9 May 1983.

c. Susan Kay, born 11 March 1952 in Platteville, Wisconsin. She married Mark Busch on 28 April 1974 in Montfort, Wisconsin. Divorced 1975. Susan is a manager of a technical support group for Cuna.

Susan Hill
958 Hemlock
Verona, WI 53593

2. Joseph Elmer (known as Elmer), born 19 March 1918 in Poplar River. He married Bernadette Paquin on 14 June 1947 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bernadette is a receptionist and homemaker, and Elmer is a retired maintenance millwright.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Gagner
1740 Manitoba Ave.
S. Milwaukee, WI 53172

Elmer and Bernadette have four children:

a. Curtis, born 8 August 1948. He is a manufacturer's representative and lives in Denver, Colorado.

b. Gerald James, born 23 March 1952. He is a maintenance millwright and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

c. Bruce Allen, born 15 December 1957. He is a maintenance millwright and lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

d. Kim Marie, born 14 December 1960. She married Peter Cucinello. Kim is an accountant, and Peter is a sales representative. They live in Chicago, Illinois.

3. Joseph Dona (known as Dona), born 21 November 1919 in Poplar River. He works as a mechanic for Thibert Garage. Dona is single and lives with his mother.

4. Marie Laura (also known as Laura), born 8 September 1921 in Poplar River. She married Vern Jolly on 29 April 1941 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. They are farmers in Brooks, Minnesota.
Mr. & Mrs. Vern Jolly
Brooks, MN 56715

Laura and Vern have three children:

a. James, born 2 July 1941 in Erskine, Minnesota. He married Joyce Ketchmark on 7 July 1962. James is a postal clerk, and Joyce is a rural carrier.

Mr. & Mrs. James Jolly
6817 Prairie Hill Rd.
S. Beloit, IL 61080
(815) 398-2937

James and Joyce have four children:

- 1) Joseph A., born 20 June 1964 in Beloit, WI.
- 2) Jerome L., born 21 July 1965 in Beloit, WI
- 3) Jeanne K., born 5 November 1968 in Beloit, WI.
- 4) Jenny L., born 1 September 1972 in Beloit, WI.

b. Thomas, born 20 November 1946. He married Karen 30 November 1970. Divorced. He works in construction in Illinois.

Thomas has one child

1. Paul, born 30 May 1976.

c. Daniel, born 24 February 1952. He owns and operates milk trucks and farms. He married Joyce Emerson on 15 December 1973. Mr. Daniel Jolly

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Daniel and Joyce have three children:

1. Jamie, born 7 December 1974. He drowned in the Clear Water River in Red Lake Falls on 2 August 1982.
2. Karleen, born 7 March 1976.
3. Kristina, born 7 February 1979.

5. Marie Mae, born 19 July 1923 in Poplar River. She died 3 October 1923 of gangrene of the tongue.

6. Joseph, born 26 August 1924, was a twin to Beatrice. He died soon after he was born.

7. Marie Beatrice (called Beatrice), born 26 August 1924 in Poplar River. She married Kemp Landford on 5 February 1948 in Terrebonne. Kemp died 19 May 1981.

Mrs. Beatrice Landford
260 Laurel St., Apt. 3
Broomfield, CO 80020
(303) 465-4032

Beatrice and Kemp had four children:

a. Kemp, Jr., born 23 October 1949. He is married and owns a car leasing business.

Mr. & Mrs. Kemp Landford
1012 Cottonwood St.
Broomfield, CO 80020

Kemp and his wife have three children:

- 1) Tony, born 19 May 1970
- 2) Todd, born 28 December 1971

- 3) Angie, born 5 March 1975
- b. Sharon Denise, born 4 April 1951. She married Eric Dahl on 30 January 1971. He is a manager of a bagel factory, and Sharon is an office secretary.
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Dahl
20459 Celtic Ave.
Chatsworth, CA 91311
Sharon and Eric have two children:
1) Jennifer, born 30 April 1977
2) Justin, born 19 May 1981
- c. Sandra, born 19 November 1964, is an office manager. She plans to marry Larry Jardin on 13 July 1985.
Sandra Landford
8834 Tapanga Canyon Blvd., Apt. 10
Canoga Park, CA 91304
- d. John, born 30 May 1966. He works full-time and is studying mechanical drafting. He lives with his mother.

C. LALIA GAGNER was born 25 April 1899 and died in approximately 1901.

D. MARIE GAGNER was born 25 December 1901 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Dona Rivard in 1922. They farmed in Brooks for three years, then moved to Terrebonne where they farmed on 280 acres. Marie died in 1952. In 1971 Dona moved to Portland, Oregon, where he lived until his death in 1981. He had been a deputy sheriff in Red Lake County for thirty years. In 1961 he married Clara Zoren, who still lives in Portland.

Marie and Dona had six children:

1. Lloyd E., born 13 April 1923 in Brooks, Minnesota. In 1944 he moved to Yakima, Washington, where he is assistant vice-president and traffic department manager for the HOP Company. He married Margaret May Polley.
Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Rivard
311 N. 28th Ave.
Yakima, WA 98902
(509) 248-3830

Lloyd and Margaret have five children:

- a. Terry Paul Rivard, born 16 March 1948 in Yakima, Washington. He was married in Yakima in 1968 and is a truck driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Terry Rivard
Union Gap, WA

Terry and his wife have three children:

- 1) Kevin, born in 1969
2) Kert, born in 1971
3) Terra, born in 1973

- b. Frances, born 25 February 1949 in Yakima, Washington. She married Benny Henle and is bartender at F.O.E. Lodge. Frances and Benny have one child:

- 1) Kirby, born 1973

- c. Carla May, born 25 April 1951 in Yakima, Washington. She married Jim Archer. Carla and Jim have two children:

- 1) Robin, born in 1972
- 2) Charles, born in 1977
- d. Maudie Fern, born 18 February 1953 in Toppenish, Washington. She married John Colton. Maudie and John have three children:
 - 1) Chris, born in 1975
 - 2) Chas, born in 1972
 - 3) Keo, born in 1975
- e. Dona Pierre, born 21 December 1961 in Yakima, Washington. He is single, and is a student in college.

2. Ralph, the second child of Marie Gagner and Don Rivard, died in a truck accident in Fargo, North Dakota.

3. Della, born 29 June 1926 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Dominique St. Pierre from Lewiston, Maine, at Ft. Lawton, Washington. When her husband retired from the army in 1964, they moved to Yakima, Washington. At present, Dominique is employed by Vista Volkswagon as used car manager. Della is employed by Safeway stores. She has been variety manager and checker for the last fifteen years.

Mr. & Mrs. D. St. Pierre
903 No. 34th Ave. #8
Yakima, Washington 98902

Della and Dominique have three children:

a. Larry born in Crookston, Minnesota on 1 May 1947. He married Leslie Lowber from Monroe, Washington in 1969. He is a lieutenant commander stationed in Virginia. Larry and Leslie have four children:

- 1) David (12).
- 2) Stephen (10).
- 3) Karen (8).
- 4) Kathyrn (6).

b. Danny, born 26 October 1950 at Ft. Lawton, Washington. He married Corinne Sauve from Yakima, Washington in 1971. Danny has been a Washington state patrolman for the past eleven years. He also has a wooden toy business that he operates during off-duty hours. They live in Vancouver, Washington. Danny and Corinne have two children:

- 1) Nicolle Marie (10).
- 2) Michael (8).

c. Theresa Marie, born 31 December 1959 in Munich, Germany. She married Daniel Owens in Yakima, Washington. He is a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. They are stationed in Michigan. Theresa is attending college to get a computer programming degree. Theresa and Daniel have one child:

- 1) Dominique Gerard (3).

4. Donald Rivard, born 26 August 1935 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He was in the Army in 1954-1956. He then moved to South Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he worked at Bucyrus-Erie Company until 1964. He then was hired as a patrolman on the South Milwaukee Police Department until August 1979. He is

currently employed by John I. Haas, Inc. as a warehouse manager. He was married to Rose Marie Walters on 6 July 1957.
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rivard
1807 Moore Rd.
Yakima, WA 98908
(509) 965-2307

Don and Rose Marie had seven children:

a. Kevin M., born 21 April, 1958 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He works as a night guard for John I. Haas, Inc. He also works for Arty's Mobile Home Service, moving and setting up mobile homes. He will be married on 13 April 1985 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Catherine Gee.
Kevin Rivard
2700 Fruitvale Blvd.
Yakima, WA 98902
(509) 248-3435

b. Debra, born 5 May 1959 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She married Michael Hafert on 5 June 1982. Deb is a secretary for the Department of Defense in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hafert
3378 S. Howell Apt. 2
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53207
(414) 744-8541

Debra and Michael have one child:

1) Janelle, born 8 January 1984.

c. Ralph, born 1 August 1960. He died on 14 March 1961 from a congenital heart defect.

d. Donald, Jr., born 18 December 1962 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is currently employed at John I. Haas, Inc. extract plant. He is an avid hunter and fisherman.

Donald Rivard, Jr.
2700 Fruitvale Blvd.
Yakima, WA 98902
(509) 248-3435

e. Pamela, born 4 March 1963 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She married Robert Betts on 26 December 1981. Pam and her family are currently residing in Seoul, Korea, U.S. Army. Pamela and Robert have two children:

1) Crystal, born 27 May 1982 in Yakima, Washington.

2) Jennifer, born 8 July 1983 in Savannah, Georgia.

f. Patricia, born 10 February 1966 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She will graduate from West Valley High School in June 1985.

g. Tracy, born 13 September 1973 in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is currently a sixth grade student at Ahtanum Valley Elementary School in Wiley City.

5. Denise, born 19 June 1939 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She is an inventory control supervisor. Denise married Chuck Copple on 20 June 1969. Chuck is a applications engineer. Denise and Chuck have four children:

a. Hal Copple, born 24 September 1960 in Seattle, Washington. He is a truck driver and lives in Nampa, Idaho

with his wife.

b. Kandi Copple Haagland, born 4 April 1963 in Seattle Washington. She is married and has one son:

1) Dean Haagland, born 8 December 1981 in Idaho.

c. Ward Wikstrom, born 18 November 1960 in Salina, Kansas. He is a journey man autobody repair and painter. He lives in Auburn, Washington.

d. Jeff Wikstrom, born 28 December 1961 in Salina, Kansas. He is a machinist and lives in Kent, Washington.

6. Rose Marie, born 25 July 1941 in Erskine, Minnesota. She married Harold Lessard; they were divorced in 1972. Rose Marie married Oliver Attewell in 1978.

Mr. & Mrs. Oliver G. Attewell
923 Blake Ave.

South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Rose and Harold had four children:

a. Marie Rose, born 7 September 1961 in South Milwaukee.

b. Tammy Lynn, born 25 May 1963. She is married and has one son:

1) Steven Wittlief, born 9 August 1981.

c. Joanne Marie, born 3 May 1966. She married Richard Bigelow 3 November 1984.

d. Alan Lee, born 9 October 1968.

E. ROBERT GAGNER was born 25 March 1903. He grew up on a farm in Poplar Township and attended school through the second grade. From that time on school was attended whenever his dad could spare him. He was from a farm-loving family, so also chose this lifestyle, raising cattle and small grains. Upon reaching young adulthood in the early 1920s, he asked a neighborhood girl to become his bride. Rose Anna Mercil and Robert were married 24 November 1924.

Robert and Rose farmed their first three years of married life on the farm just across the road from the Octave Gagner home farm.

They had twelve children:

1. Medore, born 21 August 1925, died at the age of eight months, buried in Terrebonne.

2. Mae Isabelle, born 21 November 1926 at home at the farm, west of Brooks, Minnesota. On 26 June 1948 she married Louis Wichterman at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Brooks. Mae has Taught in Silver Lake Public Schools for thirteen years. Louis drove a Red Lake Falls school bus and was the first crop duster for Red Lake County.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Wichterman

Rt. 3, Box 73

Hutchinson, MN 55350

Mae and Louis raised six children:

a. Kenneth David, born 6 April 1952 and moved to his new home on 17 April 1952. He married Julie Johnson on 14 August 1976 in Plummer, Minnesota. He is currently

employed by the City of Hutchinson as a city mechanic. His wife, Julie, is a bank teller in Citizen's State Bank in Hutchinson.

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Wichterman
833 Lewis Ave.
Hutchinson, MN 55350

Ken and Julie have two daughters:

- 1) Kari, born 23 February 1979
- 2) Kelli, born 3 June 1983

b. Jane Elizabeth, born 28 December 1955 at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Jane attended St. Cloud Business College graduating in 1976 into the profession of court reporting. Jane married Tom Hackenmueller on 20 August 1977 in Hutchinson, Minnesota. Jane is currently a homemaker and court reporter. Tom has been a farmer and now works in Fridley, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hackenmueller
Route 1, Box 63
St. Michael, MN 55376

Jane and Tom have four children:

- 1) Amy Rose, born 2 February 1979.
- 2) Pamela Mae, born 10 July 1980.
- 3) Tonya Jane, born 19 February 1983.
- 4) Matthew, born 10 September 1984.

c. Gregory Anthony, born 11 April 1959. He was added to the Wichterman family at the age of six. He joined the armed forces and served in Germany for four years in communications. He married Lisa Bishman on 20 April 1985.

d. Michael John, born 10 May 1960. He was added to the Wichterman family at the age of five, brother to Gregory. Worked as a auto body repair man for seven years before joining the special forces in the United States Army. He is stationed at Fort Story in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

e. Melissa Ann, born 8 March 1967. At the age of five weeks, she joined the family. She is now attending Hutchinson Area Vocational School studying data processing. Melissa has one son:

- 1) Phillip, born 16 November 1983.

f. Sally Jo, born 20 September 1969. At two weeks of age, she joined the Wichterman family in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Attends school in Hutchinson and hopes to operate a day-care center upon graduation.

3. Jerome Robert, born 2 June 1929. He became a diabetic at the age of eighteen months. He loved horses and animals but his asthma and allergies limited his enjoyment. He worked and learned the trade of dry cleaning at Ada Cleaners owned and operated by his uncle and aunt. He built and operated the Oklee Cleaners as long as his health permitted. He worked as a painter in Silver Bay, Minnesota for several years. He also worked as an orderly in the Crookston Hospital until his health gave out and he passed away in December 1958. He was always so ambitious, even when he didn't feel well. He always

wanted to help everyone, and his great joy was to drive beautiful cars and go traveling.

4. Freddie James, born 9 September 1931. He became a diabetic at the age of five. He graduated in 1950 and worked in the Plummer State Bank as a teller. He enjoyed this work very much but had to leave it because of his failing eyesight. He went to work at a grocery store in Oklee and eventually had to discontinue work because of increasing blindness. He attended a School for the Blind and learned to be quite self-sufficient for a time, running a popcorn stand in Rochester, Minnesota. He loved doing things for himself. He always had many friends, was very outgoing, and loved to dance. He was blind the last six years of his life and was a great inspiration to anyone who knew him. He was always happy and never complained. He passed away in May of 1960. His memory lives on.

5. Angela Marie, born 25 January 1933 in Brooks, Minnesota in a log house on a farm one mile north of Brooks. She married William L. Stone 19 September 1952 in Seaside, California, where he was in the army stationed at Fort Ord. William worked for G & K Cleaners (dry cleaners) since 1949. Angie and Bill bought three A & B Stone's Cleaners in 1972 and presently own two of those three stores. All of their girls have worked and helped their parents out.

Angie & Bill Stone
11810 Douglas Drive
Champlin, MN 55316
(612) 421-7895

Angie and Bill have five daughters:

a. Debra Roseann, born 18 February 1954 in Fort Ord, California, in an army hospital. She attended Anoka-Ramsey Community College and the University of Wisconsin in River Falls, Wisconsin for a Music Major. She married Charles DeGreeff on 28 July 1973. Divorced in 1984. She is presently employed at Miller and Schroeder Municipals, Inc., in Bloomington, Minnesota, as a trading secretary in the Trading Department. She sings in a variety music band, Cruzin', as a working hobby. She directs a women's choir in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. She has coordinated the music program at Minnetonka Community Services in Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Debra DeGreeff
1811 2nd Ave S
Anoka, MN 55303
(612) 421-2008

Debra and Chuck had two children:

- 1) Angela Dee, born 1 December 1978
 - 2) Robert William, born 12 December 1980
- b. Julie Dawn, born 11 April 1955 in Robbinsdale, Minnesota. She attended Anoka Ramsey Community College and graduated with a Associate of Arts Degree in 1975. She married Joseph Albarella on 7 June 1975. Divorced in 1981.

She then married Gregory Hennek on 16 March 1984. She has worked for Grey Advertising in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as a print production manager. Gregory is presently a store manager for Florshiem at Brookdale Shopping Center, Minnesota.

Julie and Greg Hennek
10807 Linwood Forest Dr.
Champlin, MN 55316

Julie and Greg had two children:

- 1) Ashley Stone, stillborn 5 June 1984
- 2) Mark Gregory, 28 March 1985

c. Dianna Lynn Mary, born 25 October 1957 in Robbinsdale, Minnesota, in North Memorial Hospital. She attended North Hennepin Community College in 1977 and found a job in an accounting firm on the advice of her accounting teacher. She worked at Blanski, Peter, Kronlage and Zoch for 4 years. She married Michael Lapham on 16 May 1981. There are no children as yet. She worked for two years as a business manager for Dr. Kenneth D. Salo, D.D.S., PA, and is presently working for Brook West Family Dentistry PA as a business manager. Michael Lapham is presently working for A & B Stone's Cleaners--Angela and Bill Stone's dry cleaning business. He is a sergeant for the Anoka County Park Police for Anoka County, Minnesota.

Dianna and Michael Lapham
106 Kimball Drive
Champlin, MN 55316
(612) 421-7590

d. Amanda Kaye, born 7 December 1959, in Golden Valley Medical Center. She attended 916 AVTI in White Bear Lake, Minnesota and graduated with a Fashion Merchandising Degree in 1980. She married David Rathmanner on 22 August 1981. She is presently employed by Northwestern National Life Insurance Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota as a rate analyst. David is employed by Knapp Kitchens in Andover as a sales and design representative.

David and Amanda Rathmanner
5909 Sheperd Lane
Champlin, MN 55316
(612) 427-6829

e. Patricia Ann Marie, born 9 September 1965 in Golden Valley Medical Center. She is single and is employed at A & B Stone's Cleaners, her parents dry cleaning business. She's attending North Hennepin Community College with a law enforcement major. She is also an Anoka County Park Police person for Anoka County, Anoka, Minnesota.

Patricia A. Stone
11810 Douglas Dr.
Champlin, MN 55316
(612) 421-7895

6. Mary Lou, born 30 August 1934. After graduating she worked

for her brother Jerome at Oklee Cleaners, and then in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Vernon Cyr in Brooks, Minnesota on 14 April 1956. They went into cafe business and owned Cyr's Cafe. The cafe business diminished, and Vernon went to work for Northland Chemical. His work took them to Grafton, North Dakota, where they now live. Mary Lou is a supervisor for the Foster Grandparent Program at Grafton State School. Vernon is a sales representative for the advertising corporation of Brown and Bigelow.

Vernon and Mary Lou Cyr
Rural Route
Grafton, N.D.

Mary Lou and Vern have six children:

a. Joan Marie, born 24 September 1956 in Oklee, Minnesota. She is manager for Kaneka Far West (warehouse for craft items) and has one daughter:

1) Zyra, born 23 April 1977

Joan Cyr

400 Ferndale

Eugene, OR 97404

b. Carol Ann, born 8 October 1957 in Oklee, Minnesota. She married Daniel La Haise in Grafton, North Dakota on 5 May 1978. Dan is partner owner of George LaHaise and Sons Plumbing and Heating in Grafton, North Dakota. Carol is a secretary for the loan department at First American Bank of Grafton.

Dan and Carol LaHaise
Grafton, N.D.

Carol and Dan have two children:

1) Tara Jean, born 10 May 1980

2) Elizabeth Ann, born 24 May 1981

c. Helen, born 6 September 1958 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Helen joined the U.S. Army in 1977 and served as a cook, in Germany, until 1982. She married Michael Lee on the 4 January 1983 in Fort Benning, Georgia. Michael is still serving in the U.S. Army in Hawaii. Helen is a homemaker and she and Michael have one child:

1). Leilani, born 2 September 1983 in Hawaii.

Mr. & Mrs Michael Lee

1279 Neal Ave. Apt 1

Wahiawa, HI 96786

d. Lou Ann, born 7 August 1959 in Oklee, Minnesota. She is currently a student at North Dakota State University, majoring in religion and history.

e. Robert, born 1 August 1961 in Oklee, Minnesota. He is an electrician for Rock's Electric.

Robert Cyr

Route 3 Box 66

Grafton, ND 58237

(701) 352-2680

f. David, born 29 December 1962 in Fosston, Minnesota. He presently manages a Jack & Jill Store in Langdon, North Dakota. He married Lori Sveningson on the 23 June 1984 in Mentor, Minnesota. Lori is a secretary.

Mr. & Mrs David Cyr
704 First St.
Langdon, ND 58249
(701) 356-5853

7. Rolland George, born 5 March 1937 in Brooks, Minnesota. After graduation, he worked in Silver Bay, then went into construction work, and truck driving long distance. He presently owns a plumbing and excavation, and demolishing of beaver dam business. He married Nancy Olson on 5 August 1961. Rolland and Nancy Gagner

Route 2

Mentor, MN. 56736

Rolland and Nancy have three sons:

a. Scott, born 6 March 1961 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He married Cathie Mogen on 23 February 1980 in Mentor. Scott is co-owner of B & G Construction. They are currently living in Mentor and have one son:

1) Dustin James, born 31 August 1984.

b. Mark, born 7 June 1962 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He attended Northland Vocational School, specializing in carpentry. He married Michelle Reck on 7 July 1984 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He is co-owner of B & G Construction. Mark and Michelle have a daughter:

1) Ashley Nicole, born 1 January 1985.

c. James, born 25 September 1967 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He is a student at Mentor High School and currently resides at home.

8. Barbara Ann, born 7 May 1939 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Vernon Paul LaCoursiere, the boy next door, on 27 June 1959. They made their home in Minnesota until October of 1962. When Vernon was in service, they lived in Tacoma, Washington. They then moved to Tucson, Arizona and have been looking for the Lost Dutchman's Mine. In the meantime, Vernon has been helping "Old Lee" Iacocca make Chrysler a household name. Barbara spends alot of time as a volunteer at school involved in whatever sports her three kids are in. She also owns and manages an apartment complex, where she does her own repairs most of the time.

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon LaCoursiere

800 North Bedford Drive

Tucson, AZ 85710

Barbara and Vernon have three children:

a. Anthony James, born 4 August 1965, is in college.

b. Tammy Ann, born 10 May 1967, is a senior in high school.

c. Terry Paul, born 14 November 1969, is a freshman in high school.

9. Robert Mark, born 9 August 1941 in Brooks, Minnesota. He was employed by the Brooks Cheese Factory after which he went to North Dakota and worked on the building of missile silos. He married Kathryn Marmon on 19 October 1963 in Stanley, North Dakota. They moved to Rathdrum, Idaho where he was a

lumberjack, hunting scout and is now working for the Thayer Seed and Sod Company as foreman and is a self-employed rancher. Kathy is employed as a Best Western Service employee at Cour de Alene.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gagner, Jr.
Rathdrum, ID 83858

Robert and Kathy have four children:

- a. Mike, born 20 June 1964, is a college student.
- b. Pam, born 18 April 1965, is a bank receptionist.
- c. Roxanne, born 20 July 1968, is a student.
- d. Nancy, born 7 August 1969, is a high school student.

10. Clarence Ray, born 4 July 1943 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Dianne Gunderson on 4 September 1965 in Brooks, Minnesota. Clarence was appointed Postmaster at Brooks in 1965 and promoted to Postmaster at Oklee, Minnesota in 1978. Since 1978 he has been Director of District 1 Postmasters. He is currently president of the Minnesota State Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States. He is first sergeant in the Minnesota National Guard. Dianne is a secondary education instructor. Both Dianne and Clarence are active in community and church affairs.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Gagner
P.O. Box 93

Brooks, MN 56715-0093

(218) 698-4475

Clarence and Dianne have three children:

- a. Timothy R., born 30 January 1966, is a college student at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He has one son:
 - 1) Tyler, 1985
- b. Stephanie A., born 4 January 1969, is a high school student at Pershing High in Plummer, Minnesota.
- c. Daniel J., born 13 August 1977, is an elementary school student.

11. Gabriel Michael, born 11 January 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota. After graduation in 1964 he attended the University of Minnesota--Morris. for two years. He then moved to Spokane, Washington where he went into construction work. He married Jane M. Calisceric on 12 November 1966 at Cour d'Alene, Idaho. Later divorced. He married Nancy A. Sherlock on 12 June 1971 in Spokane, Washington. Later divorced. Gabriel is known as Michael. Michael is a cement mason.

Michael Gagner
2421 N Wilbur Rd.
Spokane, WA 99206

Michael and Jane had one son:

- a. Gabriel Robert, born 16 June 1968.

Michael and Nancy had one son:

- b. William James, born 30 December 1973.

12. Ritchie Louis (Poncho), born 6 April 1950 in Crookston, Minnesota. After graduating in 1968, he attended vocational school in Thief River Falls for welding and electronics. He

married Charlene Berberich on 21 June 1975 in Brooks. Poncho has been a construction worker and is a member of Operating Engineers Local 49. His wife is a U.S. postal employee and a waitress.

Poncho and Charlene Gagner
Brooks, MN 56715

Poncho and Char have two children:

- a. Thomas, born 2 March 1975.
- b. Jenny Lee, born 2 August 1977.

F. GERTRUDE EVELYN GAGNER (called Evelyn) was born 30 April 1906 on a farm near Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Roy Joseph Desrosier on 28 May 1928 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Roy is a retired carpenter. After Roy and Evelyn were married, they lived on a farm in Terrebonne. After selling the farm, they leased the gas station in Red Lake Falls, and moved to town. In August 1947, they packed their things and, with a 1937 Ford and three children, moved to Seattle, Washington. On their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the children had a big celebration for their parents. Brothers, sister, cousins, and friends came to Seattle to celebrate, some staying for over a week. It was a wonderful reunion.

Roy and Evelyn Desrosier
933 N.W. 97th
Seattle, WA 98117
(206) 783-7693

Roy and Evelyn have three children:

1. Noella Jean, born 20 January 1932, Terrebonne. She married Bud Procter Kennedy, Jr. on 12 January 1952 in Seattle, Washington. Jean is assistant manager for Rainer Bank, Seattle.

They have one daughter:

- a. Shannon Lee, born 19 January 1955 in Seattle.
N. Jean Kennedy
307 North 74th
Seattle, WA 98103
(206) 784-8979

Shannon Kennedy
10328 N. E. 189th #4
Bothell, WA 98011
(206) 486-8007

2. Larry Joseph, born 10 October 1933, Terrebonne. He married June Ruth Andersen on 7 April 1956 in Seattle. Larry has worked for Fenpro, Inc., since June, 1956. His position is a mechanic in charge of maintaining all equipment in the shop and moving vehicles, owned by the company. Ruth is the operating manager for the Deep Sea Fisherman's Union in Seattle. The union represents the halibut crewmembers.

Larry and Ruth Desrosier
433 N. 141st

Seattle, WA 98133
(206) 362-1732

Larry and Ruth have four children:

- a. Roy Joseph , born 28 July 1965 in Seattle. He is a student at South Seattle Community College.
- b. Julie Ann, born 16 December 1966 in Seattle. She is a high school student at Ingraham High School.
- c. Marcy Lynn, born 26 January 1969 in Seattle. She is a high school student at Ingraham High School.
- d. Cindy Marie, born 14 February 1971 in Seattle. She is a student at St. Luke Parochial School.

3. Andrew George, (Gideau) born 22 August 1937 in Terrebonne. He married Marlene C. Schroeder on 27 April 1957 in Seattle. Marlene died in July 1963 of leukemia. Marlene had three children:

- a. Michael Edward, born 15 February 1958 in Seattle.
- b. Duane Lee, born 7 February 1960 in Everett, Washington. He married Cheryl Munn on 28 January 1983 in Granite Falls, Washington.
- c. Keith George, born 7 May 1962 in Everett, Washington.

Andrew married the second time to Roberta Regal. Andrew is an electrician and works out of Everett for different shops. Andrew and Roberta had one child:

- d. Laurence Andrew, born 23 May 1968 in Everett.

Andrew and Roberta divorced soon after.

Andrew married the third time to Connie Jean Pilcher VanDuren on 19 September 1970 in Granite Falls, Washington. Her two children are:

- e. Tina Marie VanDuren, born 8 April 1961, Ft. Rucker, Alabama. Tina married Randy Rosemore on 27 April 1984 in Jamestown, North Dakota.
Tina and Randy Rosemore
201 5th Ave S.E.

Jamestown, ND 58401

- f. Duane Lee VanDuren, born 7 December 1963, Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

Duane & Cheryl Desrosier

P.O. Box 172

Granite Falls, WA 98252

(206) 691-7068

Andrew & Connie Desrosier

17414 Burn Road

Granite Falls, WA 98252

(206) 691-6587

G. ARTHUR GAGNER was born the 10 January 1910 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. On 25 June 1940 he married Martha Woehle, whom he met in Bemidji. She was a friend of his niece Martha. They were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Bagley, Minnesota. Art farmed between Terrebonne and Brooks and did carpentry work. Art always has time to visit; he enjoys being around his relatives and likes to dance and read. Martha and Art are now

retired and live in Brooks.
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Gagner
Box 25
Brooks, MN 56715

Martha and Art had thirteen children:

1. Gary, born 12 July 1941. He married Mireille Bardy on 21 July 1978 in France. Mireille teaches French and Gary works for the Hennepin County Welfare Department.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gagner
2305 Chicago Ave No.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Gary & Mireille have two children:

- a. Jeremiah Claude Bardy-Gagner, born 17 June 1980.
- b. Cecelia Elizabeth Bardy-Gagner, born 30 December 1984.

2. Dale, born 29 December 1942. On 1 May 1971 he married Carol Fix. Dale works with the retarded, and Carol is a social worker. Mr. & Mrs. Dale Gagner

Route 3, Box 284
Isanti, MN 55040

Dale and Carol have two children:

- a. Dawn Terre Marie, born 11 March 1979.
- b. Joel David Joseph, born 15 April 1983.

3. Dennis, born 12 December 1943. He married Janice Brown on 15 August 1970. Dennis is an electrical engineer, and Janice is a social worker.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gagner
Route 6 Box 118
Pasco, WA 99301

Dennis and Janice have two children:

- a. Denise, born 22 March 1978.
- b. Darrin, born 1 December 1980

4. Russell, born 19 March 1945. He married JoAnn B. Skold on 11 June 1966. Russell is a carpenter contractor for R.J.G. Construction, and JoAnn is a private secretary for a Doctor.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Gagner
10250 Kerry Court
Hugo, MN 55038

Russell and JoAnn have one child:

- a. Heather, born 23 June 1976.

5. Gloria, born 8 May 1946. She married Richard Ophus on 16 October 1965. Gloria is a homemaker, and Richard is a carpenter contractor for Northside Construction.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ophus
12930 Ingersoll Ave. No.
Hugo, MN 55364
(612) 472-5338

Gloria and Richard have three children:

- a. Mark, born 3 April 1966.
- b. Tammy, born 6 March 1967

c. Wade, born 9 March 1971.

6. LaVern, born 12 October 1948. He works at Ford.
Mr. LaVern Gagner
5461. Bartlett Blvd.
Mound, MN 55364
(612) 472-5338

7. Richard, born 10 September 1949. He married Jody Johnson on 22 July 1978. Richard repairs and sells office equipment, and Jody sells Avon products.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gagner
1202 N. 15th Ave.
Princeton, MN 55371

Richard and Jody had three children:

- a. Kim, born 12 October 1977, died 6 April 1979.
- b. David, born 16 June 1980.
- c. Melissa, born 13 November 1983.

8. Katherine and Elizabeth died as premature twins.

9. Donna, born 18 July 1954. She married Steven Josephson on 13 October 1973. Donna is a secretary, and Steven is the manager of Thief River Falls Airport.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Josephson
Route 1 Box 230
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Donna and Steven have two children:

- a. Sherry, born 10 March 1974.
- b. Kelly Charles, born 21 February 1979.

10. Dominic, born 1 June 1958. He works for an electrician in Hutchinson, Minnesota.

11. Roger, born 3 January 1960. He does telephone repair in Lonsdale, Minnesota.

12. Lauren, born 23 December 1960. He is a student at the Bemidji State University.

H. BERNICE MARIE, (twin of Leonard,) was born 28 of August 1912 and died in December 1920 of influenza and diphtheria.

I. LEONARD GAGNER, born 28 August 1912 in Poplar River. He married Rebecca Paquin in Lambert, Minnesota. Leonard and family lived on and farmed the Octave Gagner farm of 160 acres, which they purchased in 1944. They purchased 320 additional acres from George Gagner and Anton Desrosier. Leonard did carpentry work until 1969 when he retired with heart trouble. Rebecca taught school in Polk and Red Lake Counties and was a substitute teacher until 1983. After 1970, they managed a motel in Crookston for three years.

Leonard and Rebecca Gagner
251 Houston
Crookston, MN 56716

18026 Cave Creek Rd
Space 16

Leonard and Rebecca raised four children:

1. Carole, born 20 December 1940 in Poplar River. She married Everett Bordenkircher on 26 August 1961 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Everett owns the Central Pro Station in Crookston, and Carol is community development director for the city of Crookston.

Everett and Carole Bordenkircher
327 Houston Ave.
Crookston, MN 56716

Carole and Everett have two children:

- a. Jill, born 6 November 1962, in Crookston.
- b. Paul, born 9 December 1966, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. Alden Landreville, (Blackie), (son of Rebecca's sister Alice Paquin and Gabriel Landreville,) born 29 November 1942. Blackie married Judy Greshl. They are divorced. He owns Old Mexico and Blackie's in St. Paul.

Blackie and Judy had two children:

- a. Alan, born 6 September 1967 in Milwaukee, is a student.
- b. Robin, born 12 January 1971 in St. Paul, is a student.

3. Margaret, born 31 January 1952 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Roy Grabanski on 9 June 1973 in Crookston. Roy is in real estate, and Margaret manages a convenience store.

Roy and Margaret Grabanski
608 S. Austin
Litchfield, MN

Margaret and Roy have three children:

- a. Michelle, born 24 October 1974
- b. Heather, born 8 June 1977
- c. Marc, born 1 October 1984

4. Joseph Fischer, born 3 January 1954 in Fargo, North Dakota. He was adopted 15 April 1959. He married Cheryl Jiskra in Bismarck, North Dakota on 9 May, 1983.

Joseph and Cheryl Fischer
1119 South 9th
Bismarck, ND

Joseph and Cheryl have one child:

- a. Joshua, born 19 January 1984

J. EMMA, (Sister Denise) was born 12 December 1913. She joined the convent 7 September 1932 at night to take the veil on the 8th. Robert and Rose Gagner took her and her folks. Her mother said it was like going to a funeral. She took her final vows on 10 August 1936, celebrated fifty years as a nun on the 23 April 1982 in Brazil, and had a Golden Jubilee on 6 June 1982 in Crookston. "On September 11, I'll start to attend classes in theology on Mount St. Benedict in preparation for my future ministry; that is I hope to be back in Brazil for a few more years, since God protected me from death on the way up to Crookston for retreat in August. I fell asleep at the wheel and

drove into the left ditch, but God took over and the car came right back on the right lane. A big semi had been following us, and it could have hit us as we came back up but, fortunately, no car or truck was near on the road at the time. The three of us in the car came out with very little injury, but it took sometime to get back to normal. I returned to Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1983."

San Paulo--February 3, 1985

My Dear Sister, Brothers, and Relatives,

Greetings to all! On this very happy day of the biggest family reunion ever, after our dear parents have gone.

It's a very big sacrifice for me not being with you at this time. The work I'm doing here is partly yours too. You too are sacrificing my presents with you, and furnish gift money for the hungry. There are many hungry in the states too, but the people help more there, like the food kitchens in all the churches etc.

I was seventy years old when I left for the mission this last time. I would be too old if I had waited, the reason why I couldn't stay another year and half for this meeting.

My health is very good--I hope you will all have a good time.

Love, Sister M. Denise.

K. FLORENCE BERNADETTE was born 24 August 1916. She married Jesse George Spear on 30 October 1939 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Their attendants were Art Gagner and Martha Woehle. When they were first married, they lived in the back apartment (three rooms) of Florence's parents, in Red Lake Falls. Jesse installed appliances for Hunt's Hardware and was also an assistant to the local mortician. Many times he was called in the middle of the night to pick up a body. After a short time, he was hired as a gandy dancer (track repairer) for the Great Northern Railroad. When WWII broke out, Jesse was drafted into the army. He was stationed in Germany and Louisiana. After he returned from the service he went back with the railroad and worked there for thirty years on the night shift. Jesse died of a heart attack on the 30 September 1971. Florence was a housewife and mother until there youngest was two years old, then she became a dental assistant for Dr. Reasland, she worked there for fourteen years. She was also a waitress for many restaurants in the area, and loved it. She claims that men are much easier to wait on than women are. Florence loves to dance and enjoys sewing and making quilts. All of Florence's boys were good athletes, specially in hockey.

Florence Spear

119 4th Ave. No.

Crookston, MN 56716

(218) 281-2582

Florence and Jesse had five children:

1. Duane David, born 15 June 1940 in Red Lake Falls. He married Virginia Rustad on 23 April 1960 in Crookston. Duane enlisted in the air force in 1959 and served for twenty-one years as an air craft, missile and helicopter technician. He was in Viet Nam twice. Duane works at Schroeder Auto Parts,

as a parts man. Virginia works as an assistant accounting officer for Polk County.

Duane & Virginia Spear
Route 2

Crookston, MN 56716

(218) 281-3254

Duane and Virginia had four children:

- a. Brenda, born 8 May 1961 in Crookston. She is a hairdresser at J.C. Penney.
- b. Michael, born 13 February 1963 in Lompoc, California, died 2 December 1963 of spinal meningitis.
- c. Renee, born 20 April 1967, in Omaha, Nebraska.
- d. Maren, born 9 July 1973 in Ogden, Utah.

2. Mark Joseph, born 30 March 1942 in Red Lake Falls. Mark enlisted in the Air Force in 1960 and served for eight years, part of that time was in Guam, where he stayed on as a civilian working for Philco Electric. Mark now works as a communications specialist, and his job takes him to all parts of the world. He married Margaret (Peggy) Poe Paul on 18 August 1969 in Honolulu, Hawaii. She works as a civil service computer operator.

Mr and Mrs Mark Spear

5133 Calle Verada

Sierra Vista,

Az. 85635

(602)459-2353

Mark and Peggy raised two of Peggy's children;

- a. Steven Paul, born 27 June 1957. He married Yvonne Lockwood in Mount Vernon, Washington. He is a production superintendent.

Mr and Mrs. Steven Paul

833 Marshall

Sedro Wooley, Washington 98284

- b. Kim Paul Harwood, born 10 May 1959. She is married and has three children:

- 1) Reese, born 25 March 1981.
- 2) Tre, born 17 May 1982.
- 3) Chanel, born 26 March 1984.

Kim Paul Harwood

1110 27th Ct, Apt 8B

Anacortes, WA 98221

3. David Robert, born 1 September 1943 in Crookston, Minnesota. David enlisted in the Air Force in 1961 and served twenty years. He was stationed in California, Okinawa, and North Dakota. He now works as an aircraft maintenance technician at Grand Forks, North Dakota, at the Air Force Base.

Mr. David Spear

Box 382

Larimore, ND 58251

(701) 343-2845

David has four daughters:

- a. Sheila, born 3 December 1964 in California. She works as a waitress at the Northland Lodge, in Crookston.
- b. Kimberly, born 11 October 1965 in California. She and husband, Keith Matthews have one daughter:
 - 1) Emily,
- c. Regina, born 2 February 1967 in California.
- d. Tracey, born 28 July 1969.

4. Joanne, born 10 December 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Gary Landreville on 27 November 1965 in Crookston. Together they own and operate the Lamplighter Lounge in New Ulm, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Landreville
 Box 215 Route 1
 New Ulm, MN 56073
 (507) 359-9811

Joanne and Gary have three sons:

- a. Mark Gabriel, born 31 October 1967.
- b. Brian Jesse, born 30 June 1969.
- c. Jay Thomas, born 31 October 1970.

5. Kay, born 2 October 1953 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Neal Johnson on 24 March 1979 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Crookston. Kay is a hairdresser and owns Kay's Kut and Kurl in East Grand Forks. Neal is a farmer.

Mr. & Mrs. Neal Johnson
 923 10th Ave S.E.
 Grand Forks, ND 56721

Kay and Neal have two sons:

- a. Nathan Jesse, born 21 January 1981 in Grand Forks.
- b. Nicholas Joseph, born 5 March 1982 in Grand Forks.

Stories

Martha told us that George sent her to school, but said she could only be a schoolteacher. Martha was so shy she couldn't even talk one-on-one let alone talk in front of a group. Her father would not let her take business courses because that was no job for a woman. She was supposed to get married even though she didn't have a boyfriend.

Another story told was that Martha wanted a class ring, but didn't have any money for one. Leonard told her if she would work in the fields, he would give her the money to buy her class ring. After working all day, Grandma Purl said that she could not have the ring--it was foolishness. She would be getting married anyhow and would have a wedding ring soon. Again, Martha didn't have a boyfriend. She said she never got her ring, and she never got paid.

The Rivard boys wrote that, they were always late for school on Fridays because they would have to go down to the creek and catch fish for their mother to cook for Friday

dinner before they went to school.

--Rivards

Octave borrowed money from a bank to buy land. This bothered Purlcherri because she didn't like to owe anyone. She saved money from selling eggs. She put the money in baking powder cans and buried them in the garden. After she had enough money to pay off the land, she dug them all up and paid off the loan.

George played the fiddle. Octave played the concertina. This family danced more than any other Gagner family. Purl would have taffy parties.

Octave would put pork fat on his bread, then laugh at the kids because they wouldn't eat it. He always drank ice water. As an old man, he liked to sit and rock and look out the window.

Sister Denise describes her dad as very kind. He liked to help others, such as married couples. He dug wells for anyone who needed one.

Purl was very strict about doing work well. She wouldn't let us go out alone. She was a good planner about keeping money to buy more farms. We couldn't spend money for an ice cream cone, but we could eat all we wanted at home by making our own. Purl was also a midwife.

I remember spring and the first radish from the garden with homemade bread, and homemade bread with brown sugar and thick cream on top. That was indeed a treat. How about the fresh cinnamon rolls?

I remember the helping to make soap in a big black kettle (cast iron). My grandmother also carded her own wool to make comforter quilts. The wool came from the sheep on the farm. My Dad's brother, Uncle Robert, sheared the sheep and the wool was washed and laid on the grass to dry. It was carded to get all the chaff and dirt out of it. The washing machine my grandmother used to wash the wool was agitated by hand. The wool was spun on the spinning wheel to make yarn so that my grandmother could knit socks, scarfs, and mittens for the family.

When I was seven, Grandpa got running water into the house. Were we ever happy. I started school at Poplar River two and one half miles from home. I recall riding in a two-seated or one-seated buggy pulled by one horse. The winter sleigh had canvas sides with front and back windows and was pulled by a Shetland pony. Shetlands were unpredictable animals but cute.

--Eraine (Gagner) Taggart

Grandpa Octave borrowed a dog from the Walton family, who lived northeast of Terrebonne, Minnesota. They wanted

to sell the dog but \$25.00 was almost a month's wages in those days, so that was out of the question. Our dog had died, the cows wouldn't come home, and it was a two-mile walk twice a day to get the cows.

This hot summer day, my Grandpa was sitting at the supper table with his shoes off, like he always did, and waiting for supper to be served. Soon Grandma called everyone to come to eat. As I was coming down the stairs to eat, I looked out the window and saw this dog yelping and barking, hanging from a rope on the outside of the barn. You see, the dog had to be tied up because he would run back home. He was tied inside the barn under an open window, and when he jumped out of the window, the rope was too short and the dog was hanging there. Seeing this, I ran downstairs and told my Grandpa the dog was hanging from the barn. The minute my Grandpa saw this, he also saw dollar signs all over and ran to the barn as fast as he could, forgetting that he was to use the front door instead of the back as Grandma had painted the back porch floor and the paint was still wet. One stocking stuck to the paint and stayed on the floor and his other sock was half off, but he just kept on running. He got there in time to save the dog.

The two hired men we had and also all the family laughed so hard, but my Grandpa didn't think it was so funny. One can just about guess what the main topic of conversation was after church services the next Sunday and several Sundays after that.

Another funny incident is when Grandma and Grandpa were living in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He got up real early on a very cold morning. He turned on the space heater and leaned back in a chair until time to light the burner. He must have fallen asleep, and when he lit the heater it burned pretty hot and started rumbling. He got scared and called Grandma to get up and get out of the house, because the stove was going to explode. She didn't see anything to get excited about, and he said, "Purl, I'm leaving whether you come or not." He ran up the street going north trying to wake someone up for help. No one gets up at five o'clock on a cold weekend.

He ran up the street saying, "Help! Help! Fire! Fire! Fire!" He didn't rouse anyone until he got to the Red Lake Falls Hotel lobby. There he stood in his fur coat over his pajamas and hollering, "Fire! Fire!"

All the people in the hotel ran down, as they thought the hotel was on fire. My Grandpa could yell very loudly. When the fire department got to his house, my Grandma was getting breakfast and everything was under control and my Grandma said, "Ha! Nothing is wrong. I don't know why he was so excited." That was another day people remembered for a long time. In fact, Grandpa made the noon news on the radio that day.

My grandpa was not one for frills and fancy things like doilies and curtains. Here are a few of his sayings:

They (meaning Grandma or anyone else that helped her) take a big piece of material, cut it up in small pieces, and then sew it together again to make a big piece (quilting). Why not sit and rest instead?

They wash clothes, hang it up to dry, and wet it again, and then iron it until it is dry.

They used to have their shoes patched when they had holes in them, and now they buy them with holes in them.

They build houses with windows in them to see out, and then they cover the windows with curtains so you can't see out.

--Eraine (Gagner) Taggart

At the age of eight years old when I started school in Red Lake Falls, Leonard and Arthur would hitch a big dog on a little covered sleigh to take me there. When we'd cross the tracks, the sleigh would invariably tip over, but no harm done--the boys would quickly turn it over again.

I couldn't go walking in the cold because of my asthma and bronchitis the effects of diphtheria.

Mother was a very good seamstress and would make all of our clothes. She would dress Florence and I the same. I remember a little yellow dress with ruffles from the waist down. In Red Lake Falls she would take us to visit neighbors in the evening. People would ask us to sing. Mother taught us all kinds of story songs and then people would have us stand on the table and sing. I can still remember how happy we were to sing, because people would give us money. We had nothing hindering us.

I lived a year with my mother's cousin, Adelaid, (Mrs. J. B. Surprenant) she took care of me like a baby, giving me massages when bathing me, having me eat raisins after school, telling me to chew them very well. I was to study French and Catechism at night besides my homework. If I didn't know my lesson I couldn't go out and watch the old couple play cards and sing for them.

Robert didn't want us to milk the cows or go to the barn at times. I understood later that he didn't want us to see when animals were born. For revenge we would tease him about his girlfriends and would peek through the floorboards when his girlfriend was home, and would make noise upstairs.

The sad part was when nearly everyone was sick with the flu in 1918. Mother and Marie were in the bed downstairs. I was five and Bernice was six and a half. I remember we gave baths to them while kneeling on the bed with a basin on a chair. We made pancakes for breakfast, but we didn't use eggs. Bernice and I both stood on the oven door to cook the pancakes. They wouldn't keep together; when Dad passed by (also sick), he said "That's the way I like pancakes." I don't remember if the pancakes were eaten.

Then Bernice and I got sick with diptheria and Bernice died in my folk's bedroom. I was transferred to the sofa. Then mother changed doctors and he said I was dying of hunger. I looked like the pictures of starving children. This new doctor had us eat everything, while the other would have us take castor oil everyday and eat oranges and oyster soup. Leonard wanted my oranges, but I said he had to take the castor oil too. I received many gifts during my sickness, but one day I asked Robert why I didn't get a gift in the mail. After butchering one day, he put a pig's tail in a small package, then in larger and larger packages. When I opened it and found the tail, I was so insulted I hid behind the door and cried. I was cured of wanting all the attention. Robert was very sad while we were quarantined because he couldn't go to the dances and so on.

George used to tell us often not to steal--not even a pin.

Louis was very strict with his children, but I didn't know him too well, except I knew he liked to dance and I'd go babysitting. Marie was very good, but had no discipline with the children. She had just spanked Lloyd, and he continued doing what she didn't want him to, and she said "Lloyd, Lloyd, you have no heart." He turned to her and said "Why yes Mom I have no heart."

We couldn't help but laugh.

We would tease Evelyn about her boyfriends.

Arthur was a good housekeeper, when mother was sick and I had to take exams in the seventh and eighth grade he even made bread, etc.

Leonard and I had many fights, throwing water through the screen door at each other, etc.

Florence never fought with anyone. She was dad's pet and he'd give her sacks of candy telling her to eat it all day all by herself, but she never would, in fact, the others were served before she ate one.

Martha, Bernice and Eraine were brought up with us and were always great pals. We had to be very kind to them, mother would say, because they had no mother. Martha didn't like to go to bed early, for lent she got that penance to go to bed at nine. George had pity on her so he built a clothes closet in her room during the evenings.
Ha! Ha!

-- Sister M. Denise

Leo Gagner took his Uncle Octave to see a doctor in Minneapolis. Uncle Octave had his head down, testing a box of chocolates because he liked only the ones with white in the middle, not the kind with chocolate in the middle. When Octave looked up from his chocolate tasting, he noticed that the telephone poles were close together and the grass was lying flat. He then looked at the speedometer. It read 100 miles an hour. Octave exclaimed, "SLOW DOWN, SLOW DOWN!!!"

One morning in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, Octave got up early and went out to turn on the oil valve for the oil stove. He went into the bathroom and forgot the oil was turned on. When he came out and remembered, he lit a match to the oil stove and it burst into flames from the excess oil. Scared, he ran down the street in his pajamas to the hotel yelling, "Fire! Fire! Fire!" The guests in the hotel thought the hotel was on fire, and they all came running out in their night clothes, thinking the hotel was on fire. When his wife Pearl, asked him why he did such a crazy thing, he was embarrassed, so he pretended by saying, "Oh, I just wanted to see what everybody looked like in their night clothes." Needless to say, everything was okay at home.

--Evelyn (Gagner) Desrosier

Jesse went deer hunting with A. J. Gladys Fontaine and Ruth and Leo Gagner. All of them, with the exception of Jesse, went to Mass. They told Jesse to stand behind the house and he would be able to shoot a deer while they were at church. When they came back from church, Jesse came up to the car and said, "Florence, ?&*%\$#@?! Why weren't you here to tell me to shoot the deer!" He proceeded to show them where the deer had stood and where he had been standing just a short way away.

When I was just a little girl Uncle Freddie was living with us. I would get up in the morning and find Uncle Freddie standing in front of the bathroom mirror. He kept his glass eyes in a cufflink box. First he would put one eye in, blink and look in the mirror. Then take the other glass eye, took in the mirror, and carefully put it in. Uncle Freddie would look in the mirror, comb his hair, then he would turn and look right at me and say, "Now I see you!" He would then chase me around the house until he caught me. It was years before I knew he couldn't see, even with his glass eyes in.

--Debra DeGreeff

He would rock his niece and sing to her and call her little tugboat. His sister asked him why he always called her tugboat. He said "Because her name is ARMADA." (Her name was really AMANDA)

He also would play tricks on his niece, Jane. He would tell her, "I see you have a new dress." He would feel her dress and say "But it has a little round collar and puffed sleeves." Then Jane would wonder if he really could see.

--Angela (Gagner) Stone



Octave, Purl Cheri, George, Louis and Lalia



Octave and Purl Cheri (LeBlanc) Gagner



Bernice and Leonard Gagner (twins)



Back: George, Louis, Arthur; front: Robert, Leonard



Back row: Marie, Evelyn; front: Florence, Emma



Octave and Purl Gagner (60th wedding anniv.)



Back row (l to r): Emma (Sr. Denise), Florence, Evelyn, Martha Desautel, Eraine Taggart, Bernice Erickson. Front row (l to r): Leonard, George, Arthur, Robert



Back row (l to r): Robert, Leonard, Louis, George, Arthur. Front row (l to r): Evelyn, Emma (Sister Denise), Purl, Octave, Marie, Florence



Emma Gagner (Sr. Denise) posing with wolves her brother killed



Sister Denise (Emma Gagner)



Emma (Rock) and George Gagner



George and Jenny (Darling) Gagner



Octave and Purl Gagner, George and Ernestine (Herbert) Gagner (1956)



Martha Desautel



Theresa and Michael Johnston



Purl, George, Martha, Emma Jean, Theresa Jean Carter



Back row (l to r): Cheryl, Robert; front row: Michelle, Emma and William Carter



Craig, Anthony, Albena Marie and Scott John Breikreutz



Darla and Michael Elavsky



Harry and Bernice (Gagner) Erickson



Harry and Bernice (Gagner) Erickson; married Sept. 2, 1946



Kenny, Darlene, Darwin, Leon, Bernice and Harry (seated)



Leon Erickson



Norine, Brandon, Heather, Brenna and Kenny Erickson



Darlene and Joel Christofferson



Gerald and Eraine Taggart



Terry and Gayle Pizzuto, Gina Marie, Christopher Paul



Patricia and Ruben Yoder, Christy Lee, Stacy Lynn, Jackie Marie



Charlotte Hutchinson, Vicki Lynn, Jennifer Joy and Kenneth Allen



John James Taggart



Louis and Marance (Bergeron) Gagner



Octave, Laurent, Pauline, Louis



Pauline (Gagner) Hill



Jim Hill



Back row (l to r): Beatrice (Gagner) Landford, Pauline (Gagner) Hill, Laura (Gagner) Jolly; front row: Dona Gagner, Elodia (Bergeron) Gagner, Elmer Gagner



Joyce and Ken Morgan



John E. Hill



Susan K. Hill



Curtis, Bruce, Bernadette, Gerald, Elmer, Kim, Peter



Dona and Marie Rivard
(Terrebonne, MN — 1921)



Dona Rivard and Marie Gagner (seated), Ted Rivard, Evelyn Gagner



Upon a personal interview with Mr. Dona Rivard we learn that he is cultivating two hundred-eighty acres of land in small grains in Terrebonne Township. Since the advent of electricity in the community, his farm has been modernized to the fullest extent, and all five of his buildings have been wired. The first electric appliances purchased by him were a refrigerator, a washing machine and an electric iron. Since then he has purchased an electric cream separator, a milking machine and has an all electric pressure water system throughout the barn and house.

Mrs. Rivard reports with zest that no words can tell the story of the time and energy she has been saved by the use of the various electrical appliances now on their farm.

Mrs. Rivard was in the process of making a cake with the use of her electric mixer when we called upon them for an interview.



Mr. and Mrs. Rivard are natives of Minnesota and were married twenty-eight years ago. They have six children. When questioned as to whether or not they would care to dispense with electricity, they replied that they would never farm again without the electrical helper.



Back row (from l to r): Dona Pierre Rivard, Carla May Archer, Lloyd E. Rivard, Maudie Fern Colton. Front row: Frances Henle, Terry P. Rivard, Margaret May Rivard



Dona and Marie Rivard, Lloyd



Marge and Lloyd Rivard



Back row (l to r): Dan, Maudie, Dave, Marge Rivard, Lloyd Rivard, Sam; second row: Benny Henle, John Colton, Dona Pierre Rivard; third row: Fran (Rivard) Henle, Kirby Henle, Keo Colton, Maudie (Rivard) Colton, Carla (Rivard) Archer, Jim Archer; front row: Chas Colton, Robin Archer, Chris Colton



Ralph and Pearl Rivard



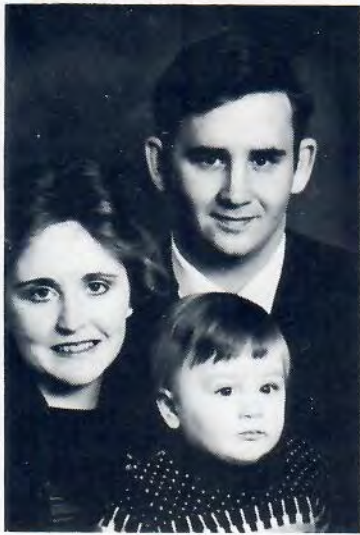
Della and Dominique St. Pierre



Larry and Leslie St. Pierre, David, Stephen, Karen and Kathryn



Danny, Corinne, Michael and Nicole Marie St. Pierre



Theresa (St. Pierre) and Daniel Owens, Dominique



Back row (l to r): Patricia, Debra, Don Jr., Kevin and Pam; front row: Don, Rose Marie, Tracy



Michael and Deb Hofert, Ganella



Bob, Crystal, Pam and Jennifer Betts



Ward Wikstran



Jeff Wikstran



Kandi (Copple) Haagland



Dean Haagland



Robert and Rose (Mercil) Gagner



Robert Gagner family (from l to r): Mary, Angie, J.R., Fred, Rose, Robert, Mike; (front row): Barbara, Rolland, Clarence, Robert Jr.



Robert and Roseanna Gagner



Back row (l to r): Rolland, Mike, Poncho, Mary Lou, Mae, Clarence, Robert Jr.; front row: Barbara, Rose, Robert, Angela



Back row (l to r): Gregory, Kenneth, Louie, Mae; front row: Sally, Michael, Jane, Melissa



Ken, Julie, Kari and Kelly Wichterman



Jane and Tom Hackenmueller, Amy, Pam, Tawnya, Mathew



Melissa Wichterman and Philip



Debra DeGreeff, Angela and William



Back row (l to r): Debra, Amanda, Patty; front row: Julie, Bill, Angie and Dianna



Gregory and Julie (Stone) Hennek



Dianna (Stone) and Michael Lapham



Amanda (Stone) and David Rathmanner



Back row (l to r): Bobby, Vernon, David; front row: Lou Anne, Carol, Mary Lou, Helen, Joan (Cyr)



Joan Cyr and Ziera



Danny and Carol (Cyr) LaHaise, Tara, Betsy



Leilani, Helen (Gagner) and Michael Lee



Lori and Dave Cyr



Rolland and Nancy Gagner, Scott, Mark, Jim



Scott and Kathy Gagner, Dustin



Michelle and Mark Gagner



Ashley Nicole Gagner (6 wks)



Back row (l to r): Tony, Tammy, Terry; front row: Vernon and Barbara (Gagner) LaCoursiere.



Clarence and Dianne Gagner, Tim, Steph, Danny



Michael Gagner, Gabe, Billy



Poncho (Ritchie), Char, Tom and Jenny Gagner



Standing (l to r): Ruth, Larry, Connie, Andrew.
Seated: Duane, Roy and Evelyn



Andrew, Jean and Larry Desrosier



Shannon Kennedy



Roy and Evelyn (50th wedding anniversary)



(From left to right:) Keith, Randy Rosemore, Tina Marie Rosemore, Duane Lee, Cheryl (Munn), Duane, Connie, Andy, Mike (seated)



Leonard and Rebecca (Paquin) Gagner
(married June 28, 1939 at Oklee)



Rebecca and Leonard Gagner (40th wedding
anniversary)



(From left to right) Carole (Gagner) Borden-
kircher, Alden Landreville, Joseph (Fischer)
Gagner, Margaret (Gagner) Grabanski



Alan Landreville



Robin Landreville



(From left to right) Jill, Everett, Carole (Gagner)
and Paul Bordenkircher



Margaret (Gagner) and Roy Grabanski, Michelle,
Heather and Marc



Arthur and Martha (Woehle) Gagner



Arthur and Martha Gagner



Dennis, Janice, Denise and Darin Gagner



JoAnn, Heather and Russel Gagner



From l to r: Wade, Mark, Gloria, Richard, Tammy



Roger Gagner



Art Gagner family. Back row (l to r): Gary holding Roger, Dennis, Gloria (Ophus), Russel, Dale; middle row: Richard, LaVerne; front: Donna (Josephson), Dominic



Back row (l to r): Dennis, Dale, Roger, Gary, Dominic, Lavern, Richard; front row: Russell, Donna, Art, Martha, Gloria, Lauren



Jesse and Florence (Gagner) Spear; (Married Oct. 30, 1939)



Front row (l to r): Kay, Jesse, Florence, Joanne; Back row: Mark, Duane, David



David, Duane, Mark, Joanne, Florence, Kay



Virginia (Rustad) and Duane Spear, Brenda, Renee, Maren



Mark and Peggy Spear, Steve, Yvonne, Kim, Reese, Chanel, Tre



Gena, David, Tracy, Sheila Spear



Gary and Joanne (Spear) Landreville, Mark, Brian, Jay



Nathan and Nicholas (Johnson)

Amede Gagner



Amede Gagner was the fifth child born to Laurent and Angele Gagner. He was born 7 July 1869 at St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec, and was baptized 11 July 1869 at the parish of St. Romain. His godparents were Hubert Rosseau and Philomene Gagne'. Philomene was Laurent's sister. Amede came to Minnesota around 1881 with his parents and siblings. They lived in the Minneapolis area for two years before moving to Terrebonne. (Amede was fourteen years old at that time.)

In 1896 Amede married Roseanna Gervais. They farmed with his father and brothers until 1903, when Amede purchased--for 300 dollars--160 acres of land adjoining his father's land. Roseanna died of the flu in December 1918. In 1926 Amede retired from farming and moved to Red Lake Falls. He married Euphrossie Fournier in 1926. Amede died in July 1952 after a two-year illness with cancer.

Amede and Roseanna Gagner: descendants

A. ANNA GAGNER was born 10 December 1898 in Terrebonne. She attended local schools and became handicapped at the age of eight from what is now known as polio. However, her handicap never kept her down, and she supported herself all her life, working at many tasks at home as well as for other people. She worked for many years in Crockston, Gentilly, and Freeport. She spent five years working for Euclid Mercil in Gentilly. Anna was also Father Paquin's housekeeper for five years while he was a priest in Terrebonne.

Although Anna's legs were paralyzed, she could scoot around on her bent legs, pushing herself with one arm. She could move fast enough to keep up with any child--from baby to teenager. Anna was sent to St. Joseph's Academy in Crockston, Minnesota, to be educated, but when her mother died, she had to return to the farm to take care of her brother Albert and her father. Anna never married. She lived on the farm for many years, helping Alice (Albert's wife) take care of the kids. Anna treated the kids as though they were her own. She also went to relatives' homes whenever family members were ill. When mothers had to go to the

hospital to have their babies, Anna was always willing to move in temporarily and lend a hand.

Anna lived out her last years in Hillcrest Nursing Home. She died in September 1984 and is buried in Terrebonne.

B. ALBERT GAGNER was born 26 June 1901, in Terrebonne. He grew up on the farm and married Alice Hebert on 31 May 1921 in Brooks, Minnesota. Alice's sister Rose Hebert and Albert's cousin Robert Gagner were witnesses. Albert and Alice farmed on Amede's farm, eventually bought it from Amede, then sold it in 1953 to their son Don. During those thirty-two years, the farm was a gathering place for relatives and friends. Children could always find a home at Albert and Alice's until things got better at home or until they could make it on their own.

Albert served on the Terrebonne Town Board for fifteen years and was county commissioner for thirteen years. He was also on the Red Lake Electric Board, the Brooks Elevator Board, and the Roosevelt School Board. Albert loved people, telling stories, and playing practical jokes. Albert's great gift to the family and to everyone who knew him was his wonderful sense of humor. He could always make people laugh.

In 1953 Albert and Alice moved to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, where they owned and operated the Lakeland Lounge and Grill (also called "Frenchy's") until 1959 when Alice retired. Albert then managed the Eagles Club in Detroit Lakes until he retired at the age of sixty-five. From that time on, he spent much time fishing, hunting, and gardening. Alice and Albert celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Detroit Lakes in 1971. Rose Hebert Setney and Robert Gagner were both there to help them celebrate. Alice died on 10 November 1975 in Fargo, North Dakota, of a chronic blood disease. She was buried in Terrebonne. After Alice's death, life for Albert was never quite the same.

All of Albert's children and most of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were at Lucy (daughter) and Ronnie Fitzgerald's home for Albert's eightieth birthday party.

Albert died on 21 April 1984 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and was buried in Terrebonne. A few weeks before he died, he developed chest pain while taking the snow tires off his pickup. He lay down for awhile, then went out to finish the job. Two days later, his son Melvin called to say that he was coming to visit. Albert told Melvin not to come because he wasn't feeling well (he explained what had happened). Mel called his sister Betty, who had seen Albert earlier that day at the bank, looking well. The next day Albert was brought to see a doctor, who put him in the hospital for treatment of a heart attack. Albert lived to see all his children, and he died as he had lived--telling jokes.

Albert and Alice had ten children. None of the boys were called by their given names. Melvin is Charlie, Hilaire is Buck, Herby is Pete or Jerome, Andrew Donald has always been called Don, and Duane is Mike.

1. Lloyd was born 29 March 1922 and died on 26 April 1923 of

infected gums. The infection occurred after a doctor had slit Lloyd's gums with a dirty knife, because Lloyd's teeth had not erupted yet.

2. Melvin (Charlie) was born 19 December 1923. He went to three area schools and graduated from the eighth grade from Roosevelt School. Melvin stayed on the farm with his parents until he was seventeen, then lived in Crookston for two years. He married Eleanor Houle in November of 1942 and was divorced in January 1964. After his marriage, Melvin worked in Hugo, then moved back to Terrebonne and Brooks. He farmed and picked up milk for the Brooks Cheese Factory, then was a truck driver for Omer Houle. In January 1946 he moved to Minneapolis and started working for Northern States Power Company, first as a truck driver, then as a foreman on pole setting. In December 1975 he had a heart attack and was put on total disability. Melvin married Mary Dahlstrom in November 1971. Mary has worked for IDS for twenty-eight years. They are looking forward to retiring at their lake home in Nisswa.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Gagner
8626 Maplebrook Circle S.
Brooklyn Park, MN
(612) 425-0309

Mary has one daughter:

a. Pat, who married Don Otten. Don works for School District 281, and Pat works for Justice Realty.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Otten
9483 Lancaster Lane
Maple Grove, MN
(612) 424-5901

Pat and Don have one daughter:

1) Kelly, born 13 August 1979.

Melvin and Eleanor had three children:

a. Joyce, born 12 February 1944. She married Bob Sevey. Bob owns Campbell and Sevey Co., and Joyce works with him.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sevey
4926 Meadville St.
Excelsior, MN 55331

Joyce and Bob have two children:

1) Tom, born 13 March 1964. He is a student at the University of Minnesota.

2) Tami, born 16 May 19??, is a high school student.

b. David (Skippy), born 4 December 1947. He married Mary Jo Johnson. David works in a sheet metal shop in Plymouth, Minnesota. Mary Jo works at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Gagner
3501 Louisiana Ave. N.
Crystal, MN 55429
(612) 536-9701

Dave and Mary Jo have one son:

1) Derek, born 14 May 1976.

c. Renee, born 23 December 1951. She is a manager of a plastics factory.

Mrs. Renee Schmalka
4933 Welcome Ave. N.
Crystal, MN 55429
(612) 533-4478

Renee has two children:

- 1) Donald, born 24 May 1972
- 2) Lisa, born 11 July 1975

3. Hilaire was born 25 January 1926, in Terrebonne. Most people call him Buck. After serving in the army, he moved to Seattle, where he met Florence Bainjalie. They were married on 26 October 1948, in Seattle. Buck is the corporate vice-president of Distribution Auto Services (abbreviated here as DAS). Buck is active in both Holy Rosary Parish and the Friend to the Handicapped program. He golfs, fishes, hunts, and does crafts.

Mr. & Mrs. Hilaire Gagner
4412 49th Ave. SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-0088

Buck and Florence have twelve children:

a. Steven, born 26 May 1950. He married Sharon Husby on 17 August 1974. He is employed as a lead man rail loader for DAS.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Gagner
13902 197th SE
Renton, WA 98056
(206) 271-2417

Steven and Sharon have two children:

- 1) Nolan, born 16 November 1978.
- 2) Lauren, born 5 September 1980

b. Cal, born 16 June 1951. He married Gail Paulson on 14 June 1974. He is a supervisor for DAS.

Mr. & Mrs. Cal Gagner
15528 206th SE
Renton, WA 98056
(206)226-8979

Cal and Gail have three children:

- 1) Allison, born 14 April 1976.
- 2) Beau, born 25 May 1979.
- 3) Monique, born 24 December 1980.

c. Michael, born 27 July 1952. He married Janis Stafford on 30 September 1972. He is a manager for DAS.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gagner
12503 St. Michel Dr.
Houston, TX 77015
(713) 450-1226

Michael and Janis have two children:

- 1) Ame, born 30 January 1975.
- 2) Shane, born 15 February 1976.

d. Robert, born 12 February 1953. He married Barbara Mies. He is a rail loader for DAS.

Mr. Robert Gagner
10010 42nd SW

Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-2965

Robert and Barbara have one child:

1) Shaun, born 13 May 1979.
e. Julie, born 27 July 1955. She married Jeffrey
MacDonald on 24 October 1980. She is a bookkeeper.
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey MacDonald

4059 39th SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 935-2963

f. Brian, born 15 May 1957. He married Doris Nelson on 27
August 1983. He is a rail loader for DAS.
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Gagner

4021 48th SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-6977

Brian and Doris have two children:

1) Charles, born 5 February 1980.
2) Jill, born 1 April 1982.
g. Alice Gagner, born 19 December 1958. She married
Christopher Lackie on 12 March 1983, and is an accessory
installer for DAS

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lackie
14041 183rd SE
Renton, WA 98056

Alice and Christopher have one child:

1) Carrie, born 25 December 1983.
h. Sue Gagner, born 21 June 1960. She is an accessory
installer for DAS.

Sue Gagner
3715 Walnut SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-55479

Sue has one daughter:

1) Shaunte, born 23 September 1978.
i. Paula, born 13 March 1962, is a hairdresser.
Ms Paula Gagner

4412 49th SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-3442

j. Glen, born 1 April 1964, is an air-conditioner
installer for an auto wholesaler.

Mr. Glen Gagner
3715 Walnut SW
Seattle, WA 98116
(206) 932-5479

k. John, born 4 March 1963, was adopted June 1972. He is
a Marine. He married Beverly Latham on 28 January 1984.
They are living in Okinawa.

l. Marianne, born 8 March 1967, is a student. She was
adopted in June 1969. She is living at home.

Miss Marianne Gagner
4412 49th SW
Seattle, WA 98116

(206) 932-0088

4. Herby (known by either Jerome or Pete) was born on 12 January 1928. He served in the navy and married Mary Arends on 25 January 1958 in Seattle, Washington. Pete is a head of quality control for DAS.

Mr. & Mrs. Herby Gagner
1059 Spruce St.
Edmonds, WA 98020

Herby and Mary have three children:

a. Wanda, born 26 November 1958, in Seattle, Washington. She married Dave Paxton, Jr., on 2 May 1980.

Wanda and Dave have one son:

- 1) John, born 20 May 1984, Seattle, Washington.
- b. Randall, born 29 June 1965, Seattle, Washington.
- c. David, born 22 May 1969, Seattle, Washington.

5. Ida Mae was born 14 January 1933 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married John Anderson (from Rushford, Minnesota) on 5 July 1955. Ida Mae works at Sears. John retired from the navy in 1973. He now works for the post office.

Mr. & Mrs. John Anderson
9811 35th Ave. SW
Seattle, WA 98126

Ida Mae and John have two children:

- a. Terri, born 4 October 1956, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- b. Todd, born 29 January 1963, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

6. Andrew Donald (Don) was born 21 September 1931 in Terrebonne. He married Merle Braaten on 18 April 1953 in Terrebonne. Don and Merle farmed Amede's original farm and additional land for many years. Their house was always open for visitors, just as Albert and Alice's had been. Don has been a county commissioner for Red Lake County. He and Merle have both been active in school and church affairs. Don and his three boys all farm together now, and Don sells used farm equipment in Mentor.

Mr. & Mrs. Don Gagner
Rt. 1, Box 139
Mentor, MN 56736

Don and Merle have seven children:

a. Debra Elaine, born 17 March 1954 in Crookston. She married Michael Andvik in Moorhead. Mike is an insurance representative for MSI Insurance. Debra is a registered nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Andvik
1225 6th St. S.
Moorhead, MN 56560

Debra and Mike have four children:

- 1) Amy Jo, born 5 October 1976.
 - 2) Heidi Lynn, born 21 June 1978.
 - 3) Amanda Marie, born 16 May 1981.
 - 4) Bradley Michael, born 8 April 1985.
- b. Vicky Lynn, born 5 July 1955, Red Lake Falls. She

married Steve Parenteau in Brooks. Steve is a carpenter in Grand Forks. Vicky is a licensed babysitter and plans on going into cosmetology in the future.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Parenteau

1815 8th Ave. N.

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Vicky and Steve have two children:

1) Jason, born 22 November 1975.

2) Eric, born 15 March 1980

c. Jackie Louise, born 28 December 1956 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married Edsel Johnson in Terrebonne. Ed is employed by Farmers Union Elevator in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Jackie is employed part-time at the Irishman Shanty in Crookston. She also sews and sells NeedleCraft.

Mr. & Mrs. Edsel Johnson

Fertile, MN 56540

Jackie and Edsel have two children:

1) Matthew, born 4 May 1978.

2) Sarah, born 20 May 1980.

d. Ronald Andrew, born 21 September 1958 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He married Denise Fredricks in Terrebonne. Ronnie farms and is a carpenter. Denise worked as bookkeeper for Villa Nursing Home in Crookston.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Gagner

Rt. 2

Mentor, MN 56736

Ronald and Denise have one child:

1) Danny, born 23 October 1982.

e. Charles Albert, born January 1962 in Red Lake Falls. He was named for his grandfather, and his grandfather called him "the lover." He married Debra Thompson in Terrebonne. Chuck farms and does some selling for a welder company. Debra does part-time work for her father's hardware store in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Gagner

Rt. 2

Brooks, MN 56715

Charles and Debra have two children:

1) Aaron, born 8 September 1981.

2) Grant, born 13 June 1983.

f. Carolyn Marie (Mush), born 28 February 1963 in Red Lake Falls. She married Owen Opheim in Mentor. Owen works for D Incorporated in Crookston, Minnesota. Carolyn was employed at Leever's Super Valu and is now babysitting.

Mr. & Mrs. Owen Opheim

Rt. 1

Mentor, MN 56736

Carolyn and Owen have two children:

1) Jeremy John, born 20 December 1983.

2) Gerad Andrew born 11 April 1985.

g. Bruce Louis, born 29 July 1964 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He married Penny Tice in Mentor. Bruce farms and attended the AVTI in East Grand Forks for Diesel Mechanic. Penny is a beautician.

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Gagner
Brooks, MN 56715

7. Mary Rose was born 8 April 1930 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Omer Violette on 19 August 1947 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. They were divorced in 1969. Mary Rose married Roger Shaffer on 11 December 1971. Roger has managed Buchanan Nursing Home since September 1977. Mary Rose has been employed at Buchanan Nursing Home since June 1973, as a nurse's aide.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Shaffer
214 N. W. 11th St.
Chisholm, MN 55719

a. Gregory Alan Violette, born 6 September 1950. He works for Hertz Corporation in Los Angeles as a regional controller and has lived in California for ten years.

Mr. Gregory Violette
2037 Hillsboro
Los Angeles, CA 90052

b. Rodney James Violette, born 9 March 1952. He has owned and operated Violette's Studio for eight years. He married Marilyn Bencit on 10 October 1979. Marilyn has owned and operated The Babar's for two years. They now reside in Alaska.

c. Daniel Leo, born 14 July 1956. He has worked for Abe Mathews in Hibbing, Minnesota for ten years as a certified welder and lay-outman. He married Luann Orton on 17 December 1983. She has worked at First National Bank in Buhl for six years.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Violette
1509 N. Dark Lake
Britt, MN 55710

d. Thomas Lee, born 26 October 1960. He works for Teleyne in Annaheim as a maintenance mechanic and has lived in California for one year.

Mr. Thomas Violette
2037 Hillsboro
Los Angeles, CA 90052

e. Colleen Mary, born 30 June 1963. She has worked for Itasca Realty in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, for one year.

Colleen Violette
415 NW Eighth Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

8. Lucy Ann was born 23 July 1935 in Terrebonne. She married Ronald E. Fitzgerald on 11 February 1956 in Moorhead, Minnesota. Lucy and "Fitz" live in Sabin, Minnesota. They owned Ronnie's Bar, an on-and-off sale liquor store, for twenty-five years and have owned Fitzgerald Construction for twenty-six years. They are still in the construction business.

Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Fitzgerald
Box 447
Sabin, MN 56580

(218) 789-7318

Lucy and Fitz have four children:

- a. Karen, born 21 July 1959 in Moorhead, Minnesota. She married Daniel Jacobson on 17 July 1982. Dan is a farmer, and Karen works at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota, in the medical education department.
- b. Mike, born 29 July 1961. He went Moorhead Tech for two years and graduated, then went to Moorhead State University, where he will graduate 24 May 1984.
- c. Frank, born 31 December 1963, is a student at Moorhead State University.
- d. Brad, born 19 August 1965, works for his father in the construction business.

9. Betty Lou was born 17 September 1936 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She grew up in Terrebonne and graduated from Mentor High School in 1954. She moved to Fargo, North Dakota and married Stanley Ackerson on 1 September 1956 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. They lived in Fargo and Minneapolis until 1960 when they moved back to Detroit Lakes.

Mr. & Mrs. Stan Ackerson

P.O. Box 475

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Betty and Stan have seven children:

- a. Cindy, born 29 September 1957. She married Darrell Engen on 11 July 1981 in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Cindy is a teacher in West Fargo, North Dakota. Darrell is a state auditor for the state of North Dakota.

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Engen

P.O. Box 475

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

- b. Sue, born 15 July 1959. She lives in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and is a legal secretary.

- c. Christle, born 30 July 1960, is a news editor.

Miss Christle Ackerson

Wheaton, MN 56296

- d. Jim, born 18 August 1961. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and works as a dairy manager for a grocery store.

- e. Patrick, born 2 December 1963. He lives in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and works as a machinist in Barnesville, Minnesota.

- f. Michelle, born 4 July 1967, is a senior in high school.

- g. Jeffrey, born 21 December 1969, is a freshman in high school.

10. Duane Larry (called Mike), was born 1 January 1939 in Mentor, Minnesota. Mike lived in and around Mentor until 1957 when he graduated from high school and decided to seek his fortune in Seattle. It was there that Mike met and married Ann Elizabeth Knight on 13 May 1961. Mike and Ann still live in Seattle with most of their children. Mike is terminal manager (Mazda) at Auto Warehousing Company, where he has worked for the last twenty-seven years. Ann is an

administrative assistant for an accounting firm.

Duane and Ann Gagner
12502 Military Rd. S.
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 248-2458

Duane and Ann have seven children:

- a. Allan David, born 4 April 1962. Allan is presently working for Auto Warehousing Company, living at home and hoping to go back to school.
- b. Karen Louise, born 24 June 1963. Karen is working for a Seattle based foreground music company as a sales/customer service assistant. She lives in Seattle.
- c. Kathleen Francis, born 4 August 1964, died 5 August 1964.
- d. Suzanne Marie, born 2 November 1965. Suzy is working as an nanny in Chappaqua, New York. She will return to Seattle in the fall to resume her education.
- e. Jeffrey Douglas, born 9 April 1968. Jeff is a junior in high school and hopes to play soccer on the school team again this year.
- f. Richard Pierre, born 18 March 1970. Rick is a freshman in high school and hopes to join Jeff in playing soccer for his school.
- g. Rebecca Jane, born 13 March 1975. Becca is in the fourth grade and enjoys soccer and gymnastics.

Stories

I remember that Uncle Amede wore a three-piece dark suit, with a white shirt and a pocket watch on a gold chain across his big belly. He always had peppermints in his pocket. He had laugh lines around his eyes and smiled alot. He liked it when us kids would come to visit him.

Uncle Amede would go up to the nuns and whisper in their ears, "Do you want a kiss?" They would get nervous, and then he would hand them a candy kiss.

Uncle Amede would pay Albert's kids with peppermints for bagging oats all day long. Uncle Octave would pay Albert's kids 50 cents for bagging oats.

Leo Gagner and Tom Gagner thought it would be alot of fun to throw Anna down the cellar through the trap door. Anna got scared and hung onto the leg of the piano until she couldn't hold on anymore. Then Tom and Leo threw her down the cellar. When she hit the bottom, she lay motionless. They grabbed her and she wouldn't move, so they got scared (thinking they had killed her) and carried her upstairs. When Anna got upstairs she laughed and laughed at them. They could have killed her then.

Leo Gagner used to pinch Anna in the "boobs" all the time to make her angry. One day while Anna was sitting at the table, Leo came up behind her and grabbed her. Anna had put stick pins in

her brassiere, sticking straight out. Leo never pinched her again.

Anna stayed with us for a few days while my mother was in the hospital having my brother Tom. She made certain that we cleaned our plates at mealtimes and did our homework. At bedtime our necks and ears were scrubbed to a bright, clean pink by her competent hands. If I or my sister Judy had trouble with our math homework, Anna sat down with us at the kitchen table and helped us with the answers. Unfortunately, the answers were not always the right ones. "But Anna--that's not the way we learned it in school!" We'd protest. "Write that down!" she'd insist. "I'm telling you the right answers!"

My sister, Patty, was three years old at that time, and Anna used to rock her to sleep, murmuring her special term of endearment, "Ma petite crotte" ("My little turd"). When Mom came home from the hospital with our new baby brother, Patty rushed over to her and said, "Mommy! Anna called me a little crotte!"
--Joan Torkildson (Gieseke)

Alice Hebert Gagner, in my loving memories of her, was Webster's definition of "lady": family oriented, pleasant, well-groomed and very talented in sewing. Hilaire says that his mother made all of the boy's suits for church and the girl's dresses and coats.

Years ago when the farmers used to help each other, especially at thrashing time, they started early in the morning. The women would cook the meals and brought them to the fields if it was too far to go with the horses. Some of the men would lie in the shade after eating. One day, while Walter Sabourin was taking a little nap, Albert got a stick, got fresh cow manure on it, then rubbed it on Walter's hands. Then he took a feather and tickled Walter's nose. The itching caused Walter to rub his nose with his manure filled hands. Needless to say, he was awakened quickly by the smell of manure on his nose. Albert was cussed out royally by Walter.

Albert's brother-in-law, Tom Dennis, had had too much to drink and had passed out in the back seat. Albert thought, "I'd better teach this guy a lesson!" He brought him to his friend the mortician and said "You've got to help me, my brother-in-law is dead in my back seat. You've got to embalm him because he lives in Fargo, and I'm not going to carry him around in my car." The mortician said, "I don't have a coffin here!" Albert said, "Then you'll have to leave him on the slab until you get one." The mortician said, "You'll have to help me get him in." Albert said, "You take his shoulders and I'll take his feet." Out to the car they went. Just as the mortician took Tom under the arms, Tom started thrashing and yelling "What's going on? Where am I?" Albert told him that he was very lucky to be alive because they were just getting ready to embalm him. Even after all this Tom still went out drinking with Albert.

Walt Setney was Albert's brother-in-law. Albert had gone to Walker to hunt with Walt. After partying the night before, Walt wasn't eager to get up in the morning. Albert asked Rose, Walt's wife, for some peanut butter. He then went into the bathroom, carefully folded a piece a toilet paper, put peanut butter on it, then went into the bedroom and put it under Walt's nose. Walt got out of bed in no time.



Albert and Raymond Paradise went to Baudette to hunt deer. They came back to Terrebonne with a bear. The story was told that the bear was chasing Paradise, and just when the bear was going to

get him, Albert shot the bear. When they got back, Albert told Father Paquin, who in turn told the story in church saying it was an act of God that Albert's good shot saved Raymond Paradise. The story spread. About five years later the story came from Baudette that the bear had been shot five days before Albert and Raymond even went to Baudette. No one knows why Raymond Paradise never told anyone what really happened.

A priest told this story on the day of Albert's funeral:
After Albert married and started farming, he went to confession. This is the conversation that took place in the confessional.
PRIEST: How long has it been since your last confession?
ALBERT: About five years.
PRIEST: Did you swear?
ALBERT: Yes.
PRIEST: How many times:
ALBERT: About two thousand.
PRIEST: Did you ever steal?
ALBERT: Yes.
PRIEST: What did you steal?
ALBERT: Hay.
PRIEST: How many loads?
ALBERT: Seventeen--Including the one I'm going to steal tonight.

As a family we all enjoyed getting away from the farm work now and then. One year we got our crop in early, took the kids out of school for the last week, packed our station wagon, and started on our way to Seattle. It was exciting for the kids to see the mountains for the first time. The boys would sit in the back and look for wild horses. We had a very nice time in Seattle.

One summer, our family and Stan Ackerson's family went to Yellowstone National Park together. The first night we rented one cabin at Medora. With fourteen kids in one cabin, we had an exciting night, we had plenty of room to sleep, but alot of racket. After that first night, we each got our own motels. It cost us around \$100 per day for gas, food, and motels for our whole family.

In 1975, we rented a motor home and took the whole family except Debbie (she had married that year) and went to New York and Washington, D.C. We toured the capital, sat in on a legislative session, we saw alot of sights in New York and alot of history in Washington, D.C.

On many weekends we took the kids fishing at Lake of the Woods, Bemidji was a fun place for the weekend, and so was Itasca in the winter with the snowcats. We will always remember and cherish the fun times we had as a family.

--Don Gagner family.

When Amede married Euphrossie Fournier in 1926 Albert planned a big shivaree (a noisy serenade to a newly married couple) for his father. First Albert convinced his father that he should not stay on the farm on his wedding night because someone would shivaree him there. Then he had his father follow him through the fields, in the dark with his headlights off. Albert led his father to Uncle Octave's, where everyone was to shivaree Uncle Amede and his new bride. At the shivaree Martha, Florence, Bernice, and Eraine had to stay upstairs because they were too young to go to the party. They watched the party through the grate upstairs eating their apples and dropping their apple cores on people's heads.

Who but Albert would go to a masquerade dressed as a woman (and sewed into his costume) and forget that sometime during the night the question might arise: Which bathroom do you use--the men's or the women's?

Albert and Leo Gagner went fishing with Edgar Gervais (Albert's uncle) but wouldn't buy him hooks to snag fish with. Instead they arranged for Edgar to meet a woman of ill repute, where he would have to go to buy the hooks. Adelard Fontaine was along then, too. He just happened to be standing between Leo and Albert as they were passing hooked fish (with lots of spawn) between themselves. Adelard bent over, and the spawn kept falling down his trousers.

Albert was called "the little man" in French and was often called upon to help deliver pigs. His hands were so small that he could easily get the piglets out.

Correspondence

Anna Gagner sent the following postcards to her parents while she was a student at St. Joseph's Academy in Crookston, Minnesota.

March 15 1914: Dear Papa and Mamma, I am going to write to let you know that I am in good health and I hope you are the same. I suppose you didn't come because the road were wet. When you come please bring my summer hat, I think thats all today. From Anna

Gagney

May 3, 1914 Dear Pa and Ma, I am going to write to let you know that we have only four more weeks of school and the program is on the 2nd of June try to come if you can but I suppose you are all busy working now. I will close for today. From Anna G.

November 16, 1914 Cher Papa et Chrie Mamma, I'm going to write a few lines to let you know that I am alright and wish you are the same. Last Sunday I wrote a letter to my Uncle Albert. I suppose Albert goes to school. I like my music very much. I think this is all for today. Your loving daughter, Anna G.

January 10, 1915 Dear Pa and Ma, I am going to write just a few words that we came to the convent all right. I think this is all for today. Your loving daughter Anna G.

November 4, 1915 Dear Papa and Mamma, I am going to write just a few words to tell you that I am well and I hope that you are all the same. Try to come for Thanksgiving day. Because we can go to Terrebonne. Louise came to see me this week. I was very glad. I can not write very long today because my card is pretty small. Good bye from your loving girl Anna Gagner answer soon.

From the Red Lake Falls Gazette

March 24, 1976

The following remedies submitted by Anna Gagner and Annie Rewertz, who live at Hillcrest Nursing Home, are tried and true cures for what ails you. There are thousands, but here are just a few of the oldtime remedies.

For earaches, fry out the lard of a skunk and use the oil for earaches; goose oil is good, too.

Infections, make a poultice of bread and milk, put in gauze bag, and wrap around infection. Works.

Chest colds, lay raw onions on a cloth on the chest, or try a good old-fashioned mustard plaster made from dry mustard and water. Rub this into a cloth. Reports are that if you kept it on long enough, it would burn and blister.

For colds, a syrup made of sugar and a few drops of turpentine cleared the system.

Warts. Many remedies are available: hide a dish rag; ask somebody to pray them away and don't thank the person who did the praying; or rub wart with a dried pea and throw the pea in back of you so you don't see where it lands on the road. Wart will disappear when pea rots; tie a string around the wart, not you, someone else. Bury the string.

Toothaches, take a broom straw and pass it through the handle of a pipe. Wipe it with cotton batting, then transfer some of the residue to a piece of cotton and stuff it in the tooth with a toothpick. Leave for a day.

Headaches, slice raw potatoes and wrap them around your head with a piece of cloth.

Hiccups, fix eyes resolutely on one object or person and hold

gaze while also holding breath--until impossible.

Baldness, cut hair short, bathe bald spot every hour, massaging with hair brush.

Moonshine:

In 1931 Albert got caught for making and selling moonshine and was sent to prison for a year. He always referred to that year as "the time I went to Graystone College." Years later, one of his grandchildren said to her father, "Why didn't you graduate from high school, when grandpa graduated from college?" She left her father speechless on that one!

After Albert's arrest in 1931 (for making moonshine), he was first sent to the Polk County Jail in Crookston, Minnesota. The prisoners had to clean up the dump. As one man from town hauled his garbage out, he recognized Albert and the others who had been caught, and kidded them for having landed in jail. Albert grabbed a half pint out of his back pocket and said, "Do you want a drink?"

Albert worked in the kitchen at the jail. His friend Paul Houle could never get enough to eat, so he asked Albert to steal something for him. Albert said, "I don't know ...if I get caught, I'm in for a lot of trouble..... but meet me by the kitchen after dark."

Paul was waiting by the kitchen as Albert had instructed. A Albert thrust a sandwich into Paul's hands and said, "Eat it fast-- I don't want to get caught!" Paul attacked the sandwich, then started to spit. Albert said, "Stop it! Just eat it fast!" Finally, Albert told Paul that he had a sliced a bar of soap to make it look like cheese and had made a sandwich out of the slices.

RED LAKE FALLS GAZETTE April 23, 1931

FEDS ARREST NINETEEN IN LIQUOR RAID

Two women are among those caught in Prohibition Roundup Thursday and Friday.

WILL BE TRIED IN MAY

Seventeen United States Officers Swoop Down on Red Lake and Polk Counties.

Prohibition enforcement agents swept through the Gentilly Terrebonne district of Minnesota Thursday in the biggest roundup ever staged in that section under the Volstead Act, says the Grand Forks Herald.

Fourteen men were arrested within two hours. the federal force of seventeen men traveling in several automobiles and timing their raids to prevent the sounding of a general warning after the first arrest. Quickly the accused were taken to Crookston and there arraigned before United States Commissioner L.S.Miller. All but one was released on bond, four for hearings Friday and the others for action at the May term of the federal court in Fergus Falls.

The number was increased from 14 reported Thursday when five more arrests were announced Friday. Arraignment of the prisoners, taken by 17 federal agents, continued throughout Thursday

afternoon and Friday morning before United States Commissioner L.S Miller in Crookston.

Two women were included among the five arrested in raids that followed a general roundup in the Gentilly Terrebonne districts Thursday. Most of the prisoners have been released under bonds to appear at the next term of federal court in Fergus Falls May 26.

Most of the men were charged with sale and possession and maintaining nuisances, while two also were charged with illegal possession of a still. Those arrested are: Philip LaChance, Lloyd Demaris, Albert Gagner, Omer Houle, John Patnode, Walter Sabourin, Albert Paradis, Paul J. Houle, Leon Fournier, Mr and Mrs. Joseph Boisvert, Mr. and Mrs. David Desrosier, Arthur Dupont, Arthur Baril, Jos. A. Patenaude, Patrick Kelly, Wm. Sebenaler and Albert Patenaude.

On being arraigned before Commissioner Miller Thursday and Friday all were bound over to the May term of the United States district court at Fergus Falls and their bonds set from \$3000 to \$5000.

The next court term at Fergus Falls is scheduled to convene May 26. Many other liquor cases are to come up at that time.

For the past two months it was learned Thursday night at Crookston, undercover men have been working in the sections of Polk and Red Lake Counties involved in Thursday's raids.

Quietly the 4 men were assembled for the raids, coming in by twos from Fargo, Duluth, and the Twin Cities, all reporting to L.T. Nelson of Detroit Lakes, Minn., the agents in charge of the drive. The undercover men directed the raids so far as locating the men sought, and information received at Crookston indicated that the raids had been pulled off in rapid-fire order and without a serious hitch.

When the men were taken to Crookston, Commissioner Miller immediately started the hearings which lasted from shortly after noon until 6 o'clock in the evening.

The raids caused excitement in Crookston and other nearby cities, for it was the first big liquor raid in that region.

RED LAKE FALLS GAZETTE May 28, 1931

COURT SENTENCES 15 DRY LAW VIOLATORS

Polk, Red Lake County Offenders Draw Prison Terms In Court Session At Fergus Falls.

Fergus Falls, Minn., May 27

The rush of guilty pleas in liquor cases in federal court came to a close here late today. Jury cases are expected to begin Thursday.

Those sentenced late today were Harry Furstenberg of Albany, for operating a distillery, five months in jail; Patrick Kelly, Polk County, sales, 18 months in Leavenworth; John Patenaude and Albert Patenaude, sale 2 years and 18 months respectively; Edward Embie of Moorhead, possession fined \$250; Leon N. Fournier of Red Lake Falls, still, six months at Lake County work farm; Nicholas Hennen, Stearns County, possession of a still, two years in Leavenworth and \$500 fine; and Leo Katzmarek, pool hall proprietor at Holdingford, sales, six months in jail.

Sentence of Albert Paradis of Red Lake County, charged with manufacture and sales, was deferred.

Several sentenced earlier in the day are; Walter Larson of Beardsley, 90 days for selling; Herman Pravitz, confectionery store employee of Moorhead \$50.00 fine for possession; Archie Dupont of Red Lake County, two years for selling; Albert Gagner of Red Lake County two years for selling; Omer Houle of Red Lake County for selling two years; Rueben Burloff of St Paul two years for operating still in Todd County; and Lloyd Desmaris of Red Lake Falls, 18 months for selling.

Philip LaChance, of Red Lake County appeared but upon recommendation of the prosecuting attorney sentence was deferred until January. Paul Houle of Red Lake County was given a sentence of 18 months. Will Sebenaler and Walter Sabourin also of Red Lake County drew 18 months each. David and Marianna Desrosier of Polk County were arraigned on a charge of having sold drinks at their home. This case was referred to the probation officer before sentence is imposed.

In the case of the United States vs A.T. Lenertz and M.H. Leatendresse both defendants pleaded guilty to a technical offense against National Banking Act. Each was given a sentence of a year and a day and a fine of \$500 each, but sentence was suspended.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING: WHEREAS

Albert Gagner pleaded guilty in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota to the sale of intoxicating liquor in violation of the National Prohibition Act, and on May twenty-seventh, 1931 was sentenced to imprisonment for two years in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas: and

Whereas the said Albert Gagner was received at the said penitentiary on June 6th, 1931 was transferred to Road Camp No.4, Fort Riley Kansas, on August eleventh, 1931, released on parole April first, 1931 and discharged therefore January fourth, 1933 and Whereas it has been made to appear to me that the said Albert Gagner, since his discharge from parole, has been conducting himself in a law abiding manner. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby grant unto said Albert Gagner a full and unconditional pardon for the purpose of restoring his civil rights. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the department of Justice to be affixed. Done in the city of Washington this twenty-ninth day of March in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty. And of the Independence of the United States the One Hundred and Sixty-fourth. Signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Albert was released from prison in April so that he could come home and plant his crops. Leo Gagner, Bill Jolly, and Felix Desautel ran Albert's farm and business while he was in prison.

The Volstead Act prohibited the manufacture, sale or transportation of "intoxicating liquors." The act was repealed in 1933 because of the difficulty of enforcement. As was true in

Albert's case, the manufacture and sale of liquor went on despite the numerous arrests.

Albert's full pardon did not take place until 1940. He wanted to run for county commissioner, but had lost his right to hold public office (as a result of his arrest). Albert had to hire an attorney to get his rights reinstated.

Some people in the area still claim today that Albert Gagner made the best moonshine in the Red Lake --Polk County area.

Meals Will Cost One Cent

Miss Margaret McMillan, London Sociologist, Tells of Feeding Needy Pupils at Bradford, England.

Chicago.—The beneficial influence derived from furnishing substantial food to the school children of England was demonstrated by Miss Margaret MacMillan, a prominent sociologist of London, who is in America investigating social conditions. Her talk was given before the Woman's City club.

"Education, valuable, of course, in all departments of life," she said, "pays the most in the kitchen. The proper distribution in diet of proteids, glutens, nitrogen, sugars, etc., can only be determined by expert physcists, and their influence on the brain capacity is most marked. In Bradford, England, we are daily giving two meals a day to over 9,000 school children.

"Everything utilized at the nine different dining halls, variously distributed throughout the city, which has a population of 200,000, is prepared in one kitchen, and sent to the different places by wagons.

"The cost is a little more than two cents per head per day, and it is a crime not to supply children, who otherwise would be without it, with nourishing foods to prepare them for their life's work. The children of today are the mainstay of our governments in

the future, and it is their right to be given every advantage to make them competent to take up the vast works which we will soon leave off."

The older children in the Bradford are taught to wait upon the smaller children, teaching them table etiquette, etc. According to Miss MacMillan, the proper handling of a knife and fork at table are as much manual training as being able properly to wield an ax.



Homely Girl a Necessity

Has Many Qualities That Make Her More Popular Than Her Beautiful Sister.

In these days the homely girl is an absolute necessity, for she is like a cooling, quieting draft.

She comforts tired workers on their return from the whirl of busy towns; she can make a humble home—or a mansion—a place of happiness.

Her simplicity is her greatest charm. She pursues neither ambition nor ideals, but confines herself to the essentially useful things of life. Man, under her benign sway, becomes again as a little child; he drops the world for a time, and revels in the delight of domesticity, and returns again to the fray like a giant refreshed.

All her arts, too, are simple, easily fathomed; she practices no deep-laid wiles; yet she is a final and all-powerful factor in human affairs. The very directness of her purpose gains her end.

The "homely girl" is seen at her best, of course, in the home, smiling happily and wearing a big apron. She

dusts and cooks with quiet enthusiasm and manages her household as if it were an important principality. Her cooking, be it whispered, is divine, and thus she claims reverent admiration from many masculine minds.

Her work seems a genuine delight to her. She toils with a merry heart, and, when the time comes for play, she disports herself with an equally simple and delightful pleasure. Artificiality shrinks from her presence.

As a wife, the "homely girl" is, let it be known, pre-eminent. She wraps her heart and soul around home and husband. No detail is too small for her ardent attention.—Philadelphia Press.

Wedding Trip with Fifty Slaves.

By the death of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Summers some time ago Missouri lost one of its pioneers. Mrs. Summers was married to James P. Summers, also a Kentuckian, when she was 17 years old. On their wedding trip they came by steamboat to Missouri, bringing with them about fifty slaves.—Kansas City Times.



Amede and Rosanna (Gervais) Gagner



Amede and Roseanna Gagner, Anna



Albert, Roseanna, Amede and Anna Gagner



Roseanna and Amede Gagner



Anna Gagner



Anna Gagner



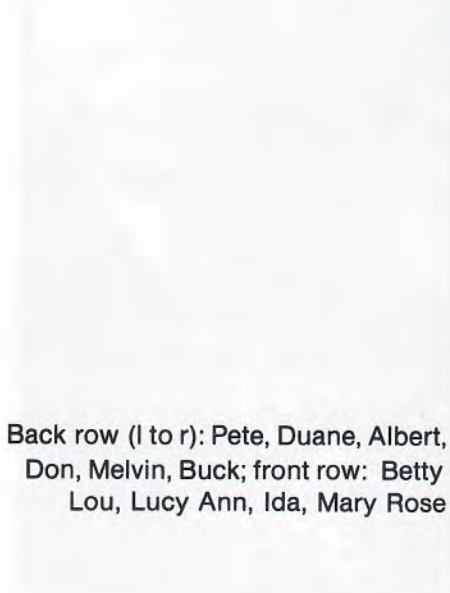
Robert Gagner, Rose Sethny, Albert Gagner, and Alice Herbert



Albert and Alice Gagner



Back row (l to r): Don, Pete, Buck, Melvin; middle: Mary Rose, Duane, Ida Mae; front: Betty Lou, Albert, Alice, Lucy Ann



Back row (l to r): Pete, Duane, Albert, Don, Melvin, Buck; front row: Betty Lou, Lucy Ann, Ida, Mary Rose





Mary and Melvin Gagner



Dave (top), Joyce, Renae, Mary, Mel



Mary Jo, Derick and Dave



Back row (l to r): Lynn, Kathy, Joyce, Tammi, Bob
front row: Jenny, Niki, Tom



Lisa, Renae, Donald



Hilaire (Buck) and Florence (Bainjalie) Gagner



Sharon (Huseby) and Steven Gagner, Nolan and Loren



Cal Gagner, Beau, Gail (Paulson), Monique, Allison



Shane, Michael and Amee



Robert and Shaun Gagner



Julie Gagner MacDonal and Jeffrey MacDonal



Charles, Brian and Jill Gagner



Christopher, Carrie and Alice (Gagner) Lackie



Shaunte Hayes, Sue Gagner



Paula Gagner



Glen Gagner



John Gagner and Beverly Latham Gagner



Marianne Gagner



(Left to right): Herby J., Mary A., David J., Wanda M., and Randall E.



Ida Mae and John Anderson, Todd, Terry



Don and Merle Gagner



Mandy, Debbie, Amy, Mike and Heidi Andvik



Steve and Vicky (Gagner) Parenteau, Jason (top) and Eric



Jacqueline (Gagner) and Edsel Johnson Jr.



Matthew Allen and Sarah Louise Johnson



Denise and Ronald Gagner



Danny Gagner



Chuck and Deb (Thompson) Gagner, Aaron and Grant



Owen and Carolyn (Gagner) Opheison



Jeremy Opheison



Penny and Bruce Gagner



Back row (l to r): Dan Violette, Tom Violette, Albert Gagner, Roger Shaffer; front row: Greg Violette, Mary Shaffer, Marilyn Violette, Rod Violette



Standing (l to r): Bradley, Michael, Dan (Jacobson), Frank; seated: Ronald and Lucy Fitzgerald, Karen (Fitzgerald) Jacobson



Stan and Betty Ackerson, Cindy Engen, Christle, Michelle, Susan, Patrick, Jeff, James Ackerson



Back row (l to r): Rick, Karen, Jeff, Alan; front row: Ann, Rebecca, Suzy, Duane (Mike)

Achille Gagner



Achille Gagner was born in 1871 at St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec, Canada. He moved to Terrebonne, Minnesota, at an early age with his parents. Achille lived in Crookston, worked as a carpenter and lumberjack, and did road construction. He married Delima Genereux in Terrebonne. They lived in Terrebonne for a number of years, then moved to a farm near Plummer, where land was broken and tilled for farming. Achille retired in Red Lake Falls and died in 1942. Delima died in 1946.

Achille and Delima Gagner: descendants

A. ROSE (GAGNER) PARADIS PAYMENT was born 28 August 1897 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She lived in Terrebonne until she was three, moved to Crookston, Minnesota for eleven years, and then moved back to Terrebonne where she married Evan Paradis and raised eleven children. Evan Paradis passed away 12 September 1942. In 1943 they moved to Red Lake Falls. In 1955, Rose married Eli Payment, who died in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota in 1974. Rose moved to Camas, Washington, in 1974 and passed away in Camas in 1979.

Rose and Evan had eleven children:

1. Florence born 23 April 1922 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Leo Lee White on 11 April 1945. Florence is a beautician, and Lee is retired.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee White

840 N. W. 4th Ave.

Camas, Washington 98607

Florence and Leo had three children:

a. Marlene L. King, born in St. Paul. She lives in Arkansas and is a homemaker with two children:

1) Cindy, married Phillip Hindall and lives in Tucson, Arizona

Phillip is in the Air Force, and Cindy is a supervisor at K-mart. They have one daughter:

a) Christina

2) Tina lives at home and is in the seventh grade.

b. Gloria Hill lives at Camas, Washington. She is

custodian at the Camas High School. Her husband works for Goodwill Industries in Vancouver, Washington.

c. Richard worked for Crown Zellerback Paper Mill, where his father worked. He was a derrick operator in the wood mill for seven years. He died in 1975. His wife, Glenda, lives in Pullman, Washington. She is going to Pullman College to be a Certified Public Accountant.

Richard and Glenda had one child:

1) Brian, fourteen, lives at home and attends school in Pullman.

2. Eraine Mae, born 8 October 1923. She married Mike Beconovich in November 1945 in Brigham City, Utah. They reside in Chisholm, Minnesota. Eraine and Mike have four children.

Eraine & Mike Beconovich

615 N. E. 5th St.

Chisholm, MN 5571

a. John (38) lives in Rosemount, Minnesota.

b. Marian (36) lives in Chisholm, Minnesota. She is married to Grey McDowell, and they have two children:

1) Deanna (14)

2) Brett (11)

c. Kathy Baker (32) lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and has a son:

1) Eric (8)

d. Mike (29) married Jana Huff on 19 December 1979. They live in Rosemount, Minnesota, and have three children.

1) Matthew (3) Sean's twin.

2) Sean (3) Matthew's twin.

3) Erin (7 months).

3. Theodore, born 24 November 1924 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Ted never married. He died in February of 1968 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

4. Agnes, born 25 July 1926 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Edmund G. Hemly on 20 September 1947. Edmund was employed by the Red Lake County Highway Department for 21 years. Edmund was a avid hunter and trapper. He passed away on 17 March 1968 in Thief River Falls. Agnes resided in Plummer, Minnesota, after Edmund's death, moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1973, and is residing there at this time. She is employed at Emerald Terrace Nursing Home in the nursing field.

Agnes Hemly

212 N. Garrison Rd.

Vancouver, WA 98664

Agnes and Edmund had six children:

a. Dean, born 8 July 1949 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He is single, attended Brown Institute (in the field of Data Processing), is now employed by the Naval Air Base in Agana, Guam, after serving fourteen years in the Army Air Force.

b. Lynda, born 8 February 1953 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She attended X-Ray Technican school in Crookston, Riverview Hospital and the University of

Minnesota, graduated in 1973. She married George Kunst on 9 December 1978 in Comfrey, Minnesota. George is employed at St. Joseph's Hospital in the Radiology Department as a C.T. technician. Lynda is employed as an X-ray technician at Vancouver Orthopedic Clinic. Lynda and George have two children:

- 1) Brian, 9 September 1981
- 2) Kari, born 29 March 1983

c. Brent, born 29 April 1955 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

He worked for construction and is now employed by Plummer Creamery, and also is an avid hunter and trapper like his father was. He married Linda Fisher on 3 October 1977 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Plummer, Minnesota. Linda is employed at Plummer State Bank. Brent and Linda have one daughter:

- 1) Lindsey, born 23 August 1984 in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

d. Debra, born 16 October 1960 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Attended Clark College for two years, also Spokane Business College. Debbie married Michael Aase from Portland, Oregon, on 19 September 1981. She and Michael reside at Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, and Debbie is also employed there.

e. Kristi, born 21 December 1961 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. She is single and attended Clark College, Vancouver School of Beauty and is now employed as a beautician.

f. Patti, born 18 June 1964, in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

She is single and attended International Air Academy, graduated in 1984 and is now employed at Continental Airlines in Denver, Colorado.

5. Oliver, born 11 March 1929 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Peggy D. Godbey. Oliver served in the navy and worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He and his wife are now retired.

Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Paradis

4290 1st Ave N.W.

Naples, FL 33940

Oliver and Peggy have six children:

a. Linda Gail, born 26 March 1947 in Virginia. She is single, and works as an office manager, and lives in Naples, Florida.

b. James Lee, born 10 April 1951 in Virginia. He is married, and his wife, Barbara, is a nurse. James is a plumber. They live in Mesquite, Texas. James has four children:

- 1) Christina, born 1974.
- 2) Nathan, born 1970.
- 3) Paul
- 4) Matt

c. Frances Virginia, born 8 August 1954 in Virginia. She is divorced, lives in Archbald, Pennsylvania, and has

three children:

- 1) Charles, born 1977.
- 2) Angela, born 1980.
- 3) Marsha, born 1981.

d. Patrick Frank, born 7 September 1958 in Japan. He is single and lives in Naples, Florida.

e. Meri Jean (twin to Teri), born 28 December 1961 in North Carolina, died in 1981 in an auto accident.

f. Teri Dean (twin to Meri), born 28 December 1961 in North Carolina, is a student.

Teri Dean Paradis
4290 1st Ave. NW
Naples, FL 33999

6. Bernard J, born 6 October 1930 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Janet Sweet in October 1954 in Camas, Washington. Bernard has been employed with Pendleton Woolen Mills in Camas, Washington for thirty years. Janet works for Children's Day Care and Pre-School in Vancouver, Washington.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Paradis

8618 Mt. Thielson
Vancouver, WA 98664

Bernard and Janet have five children:

a. Cheryl L., born July 1955 in Vancouver, Washington. She worked for the Washington State School for the Blind in Vancouver after graduating from Camas High School. She married Dan Hanson of Vancouver in August 1978. Dan is a manager for Chuck E. Cheese in Tacoma. Cheryl is currently a mother and homemaker. Cheryl and Dan have one child:

- 1) Aaron, born December 1979.

b. Lois M., born July 1956 in Vancouver, Washington. She worked with pre-school children after graduating from Camas High School. She married Chal Martin in September 1979. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy, and they are presently stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. Lois is currently a mother and homemaker.

Lois and Chal have two children:

- 1) Cheryl A., born April 1982 in Alabama.
- 2) Benjamin, born November, 1983 in Anchorage, Alaska.

c. Renee A., born April 1962 in Vancouver, Washington. She married Dale Heineck in May 1981. He was discharged from the Navy in June of 1981. They went to visit their folks in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and made their home. Dale is a boiler tender, refrigeration man for an Ore-Ida plant, and Renee is a mother and homemaker.

Renee and Dale have one child:

- 1) Amanda S., born January 1982.

d. Clayton J., born April 1963 in Vancouver, Washington. He is now stationed in Camp Pendleton, California after six months in Okinawa. He is presently single.

e. Charles A., born December 1964 in Vancouver, Washington. He is presently living at home and works for the Red Lion Thunderbird Hotel-Motel for airport transportation.

7. Roman, born 10 April 1932 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Sylvia Bruley on 3 October 1953. He is an office manager.

Mr. & Mrs. Roman Paradis
648 NW Ivy
Camas, WA 98607

Roman and Sylvia have three children:

a. Lori Anne, born 22 February 1955 in Vancouver, Washington. She married Jim Weber on 23 February 1985. Lori works for Bearings, Inc., in Portland, Oregon, and Jim is a warehouseman.

b. Russell Dean (Rusty), born 25 November 1957 in Vancouver, Washington. He married Nancy Gibbs on 25 April 1980. Rusty is a mechanic, and Nancy does pressing and alterations at a dry cleaners.

c. Cindi Marie, born 25 July 1959 in Vancouver, Washington. She married Dan Ramm on 14 February 1981. Cindi is an active reservist in the US Army, and Dan works for the post office in San Jose, California. Cindi and Dan have one son:

1) Kasey James, born 16 May 1981 in San Jose, California.

8. Lumina, born 16 July 1934 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Harry Spedding on 17 September 1955 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Harry works for Alcan Aluminum.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Spedding
R.D. Box 60A
Oswego, NY 13126

Lumina and Harry have five children:

a. Cheryl Ann, born 7 June 1956 in Oswego, New York. She married Dennis Coulter. Cheryl and Dennis have two children:

1) Jessica Rose, born 24 April 1979

2) Crystal Lynn, born 3 July 1984.

b. Michael Harry, born 7 September 1957 in Oswego, New York. He spent four years in the Navy and attended the College of Technology. His wife's name is Stephanie. Michael and Stephanie have one child:

1) Nathan, born 3 June 1979.

c. David John, born 10 May 1961 in Oswego, New York. His wife's name is Rebecca. Nathan and Rebecca have two children:

1) Cynthia Nicolle, born 7 February 1981.

2) Laura Ruth, born 9 August 1983.

d. Paul Richard, born 19 November 1963 in Oswego, New York. He is an electrical engineer.

e. Thomas Edward, born 4 November 1971 in Oswego, New York, is in seventh grade.

9. Adeline, born 21 July 1936 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Ron Terry on 7 February 1959 in Chicago. Ron died 28 August 1984 of a heart attack.

Ms. Adeline Terry

3724 Starlight
Plano, TX 75023

Adeline and Ron had three children:

- a. Steven, born 9 September 1960 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Martha Owings on 8 September 1984 in Texas. They live in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- b. Martin, born 26 October 1961 in Chicago, Illinois. He lives in Dallas, Texas.
- c. Michelle, born 28 April 1962 in Chicago, Illinois. She married and has one child:
 - 1) Michael, born 23 January 1983 in Texas.

10. Rene, born 13 May 1938 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Rene was single and passed away 17 July 1961.

11. Laurette, born 8 March 1941 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Joe Quinlan on 8 January 1964 in Chicago, Illinois. Joe is sales manager for Astrup Company, and Laurette is a word processing lead (assistant supervisor) with SAFECO Insurance Company.

Joe & Laurette Quinlan
2705 Northcrest
Plano, TX 75075

Laurette and Joe have two children:

- a. Lisa, born 12 August 1967. She will attend Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. Honor Society, Key Club and Youth for Cancer.
- b. Renee, born 10 January 1971. She is interested in all types of sports activities.

B. VICTORIA (GAGNER) SAUVE was born on 17 October 1900 in Crookston, Minnesota. She took piano lessons and attended the convent during grade school. She married Theophile Sauve on 7 January 1919. Regina Sauve (Mrs. Philip Prudhomme) and Harvey Rock were attendants. Theo worked on road construction for twenty-one years, then he and Victoria moved to a farm south of Terrebonne, where times were hard. The farm had no inside plumbing or electric lights, but many evenings were spent singing, or talking of the past and hoping for a brighter future. Theo died 26 October 1966.

Victoria Sauve
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Victoria and Theo had eleven children:

1. Lawrence, born 10 April 1921 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Evelyn LaBore in 1946. Lawrence was a welder for Borchert and Ingersoll and was in the CC camps from 1938 to 1939. Lawrence's second wife was Ann Baron. They were married 27 December 1957 in Brookings, South Dakota. Lawrence died 13 April 1983. Lawrence had three children:

- a. Janice, born 1 September 1946. She is a homemaker.

Janice Varney
5737 West Street
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 426-2987

Janice has three children:

- 1) Julie, born 15 May 1964, is a secretary.
- 2) Robert John, born 15 March 1965, is a roofer.
- 3) Rebecca Lynn, born 7 January 1971.

b. Jim Sauve, born 28 May 1948. He owns a sewer and water construction business, Sauve and Parenteau.

Mr. Jim Sauve

5920 Highway 61
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 429-8666

Jim has two children:

- 1) Brian, born 18 January 1972.
- 2) Kristin, born 26 September 1974.

c. Bonnie, born 10 December 1949. She married Michael Maggi and is a homemaker. Michael is a bartender at Mike's Pin Up Bar.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Maggi

832 East Magnolia
St. Paul, MN 55106
(612) 771-2952

- 1) Gina, born 15 September 1967.
- 2) Michelle, born 19 January 1970.

2. Isabelle, born 9 April 1922. She married Delpha Boucher 17 April 1940. Isabelle has worked at FMC in Reprographics for seventeen years. Del is a retired carpenter.

Mr. & Mrs. Del Boucher

8709 Tyler NE
Minneapolis, MN 55434
(612) 784-4752

Isabelle and Del have four children:

a. Irene, born 24 September 1941. She married Lawrence McNaughton on 5 May 1962. Lawrence died of cancer on 11 December 1975. Irene works at Norwest Bank in Minneapolis.

Irene McNaughton

8709 Tyler NE
Minneapolis, MN 55434
(612) 784-4752

b. Sharron, born 24 December 1945. She married Dennis Wendt on 23 November 1973. Sharron is a homemaker and Dennis works for Target Stores, Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wendt

2557 140th Lane
Andover, MN 55303
(612) 755-9862

Sharon and Dennis have two sons:

- 1) Daniel, born 27 May 1975.
- 2) James, born 17 June 1976.

c. Allan, born 19 September 1955. He married Nancy Lund on 20 June 1975. Nancy is a homemaker and Allan works for IBM.

Mr. & Mrs. Allan Boucher

3553 Auger Ave.
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 770-9860

Allan and Nancy have one daughter:

- 1) Angela, born 1 November 1979.
- d. Bonnie, born 28 October 1956. She lives at home and works for Osseo Honda.

3. Leona, born 26 November 1923 in Northern Minnesota. She married Elhart F. Nelson on 28 May 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. After a short illness, Leona died 17 December 1981. Leona and Elhart had one child:

a. John, born 17 August 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Brenda Byers on 20 December 1975. John and Brenda have two children:

- 1) James Michael, born 14 September 1979.
- 2) Eric Andrew, born 3 November 1981.

4. Paul, born 26 December 1926 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Laverne Mester on 3 July 1948 in Chicago. Paul has been an electrical foreman with the Chicago Transit Authority for thirty-six years. Laverne is a deputy clerk with the Dupage Circuit Court.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sauve
1967 Cheshire Lane
Wheaton, IL 60187

Paul and Laverne have three children:

a. Linda, born 17 June 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. Linda (Rundle) is the chief registrar for Wheaton North High School. Linda has two children:

- 1) Shane (12)
- 2) Karen (9)

b. Russell, born 25 February 1956 in Chicago, Illinois. He is an Illinois state trooper and lives in Bloomington.

c. Jill, born 29 April 1958 in Chicago, Illinois. She is an office manager for a chemical company. Her husband, David Heideger, is a systems programmer for Delta Air Lines. They live in Atlanta, Georgia.

5. Theresa, born 23 September 1928 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Theresa began her education in Terrebonne knowing no English--only French. She married Ralph Lussier on 27 May 1947. Theresa works at Everbrite Electric Company, and Ralph works at Bucyrus Erie.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Lussier
3804 6th Ave. S.
Milwaukee, WI 53172

Theresa and Ralph have four children:

a. Barbara Ann, born 25 April 1948. She married Gerald Van Ruden on 31 August 1968 in South Milwaukee. Gerald is chief line operator at Johnson Wax.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Van Ruden
4613 Cloverdale Drive
Racine, WI 53403

Barbara and Gerald have three children:

- 1) Lori, born 15 December 1970 in Racine, Wisconsin.
- 2) Michael, born 2 January 1973 in Racine, Wisconsin.

3) David, born 14 August 1975 in Racine, Wisconsin.
b. Duane, born 14 April 1950. He married Joy Senda on 26 June 1971. Duane works at Ladish Co. Cudahy.

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Lussier
3830 E. Fitzsimmons Road
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Duane and Joy have two children:

1) Sharisse, born 17 March 1974.

2) Kevin, born 8 October 1976.

c. Sandra, born 20 August 1955. She married Kenneth Welsher on 3 March 1979. Sandra is an emergency medical technician, and Kenneth is an electronics tester.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Welsher
4323 S. Iowa Avenue
St. Francis, WI 53207

Sandra and Kenneth have one child:

1) Jason, born 23 June 1974.

d. Lisa, born 27 August 1965, is a student at the University of LaCrosse.

6. Doris, born 15 November 1931. She married Robert Matthews on 6 January 1951 in Chicago, Illinois. Robert was in banking. He died in 1978 of multiple sclerosis.

Mrs. Doris Matthews
3018 Bernice
Lansing, IL 60438
(312) 895-8074

Doris and Robert had two children:

a. Pamela, born 3 May 1957 in Hammond, Indiana. She married Timothy Carter on 8 September 1977. Pam works for WGN Flag and Decorator Company, and Tim works for A & B Manufacturing Company. Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Carter
522-213 Place

Dyer, IN 46311
(219) 322-4926

Pamela and Timothy have two children:

1) Michelle, born 8 October 1978.

2) Jon, born 15 December 1980

b. Karen, born 5 April 1959 in Hammond, Indiana. She is a registered nurse at St. Margaret's Hospital in Chicago.

Karen Matthews
1620 Aster Ave.
Calumet City, IL 60409
(312) 891-2235

7. Erwin, born on 30 October 1933 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Donna Moran on 9 August 1958 in Mentor. Erwin is a field engineer for IBM, and Donna is a homemaker.

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Sauve
10808 Hayes Drive
Burnsville, MN 55337
(612) 890-2954

Erwin and Donna had five children:

a. Gregory, born 19 September 1959, is a librarian.

- b. Lynette, born 14 May 1961, is a secretary.
- c. Steven, born 28 September 1962 (deceased).
- d. Jeffrey, born 23 December 1964, is a student.
- e. Michael, born 23 May 1966, is a student.

8. Maurice, born on 7 April 1935 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Rosella Rolf on 3 September 1960. Maurice is a contractor.

Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Sauve
409 16th Ave. SE
St. Cloud, MN 56301
(218) 252-9870

Maurice and Rosella have two children:

- a. Renee, born 31 May 1961. She married Tim DesMarais on 20 September 1980. Renee is employed by Bankers Systems. Tim is a deputy at Stearns County Jail.

Mr. & Mrs. Tim DesMarais
72 Sherwood Manor
St. Cloud, MN 56301

- b. Connie, born 10 July 1963. She is employed at Bankers Systems and plans to marry Dave Murtley, Jr. on 27 April 1985.

9. Pauline, born 20 September 1936. She married Frank Martinek on 22 August 1959 in Chicago, Illinois. Pauline is a computer payroll clerk. Frank owns a small chair company in Wheeling, Illinois.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martinek
717 Treeview Lane
Round Lake Beach, IL 60073
(312) 546-3672

Pauline and Frank have two children:

- a. Penny, born 2 November 1962. She is a seamstress.
- b. Frank, Jr., born 6 September 1964. He is a factory worker.

10. Carol, born 22 June 1944. She married Joseph Guzek in 1972. Carol is office manager for Reliance Sports, and Joe is program assistant at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Minneapolis. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Guzek

3471 E. 78th St.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55075
(612) 455-1984

Carol and Joe have two children:

- a. Lena, born 25 April 1975.
- b. Robert, born 9 May 1973.

11. Marie Sauve died in infancy.

C. WILFRED GAGNER, was born 14 February 1909 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Alma Bruneau on 14 November 1939. Wilfred is retired, and Alma has worked for Senior Meals in Red Lake Falls since 1975.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Gagner

Route 2

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Wilfred and Alma had twelve children:

1. Ella Mae, born 12, October 1940 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She is a registered nurse and is single.

Ella Mae Gagner

949 N. 46th Place

Phoenix, AZ 85008

2. Jerome, born 24, December 1941 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Janis Montgomery in Phoenix, Arizona, on 15 April 1967. Jerome is a salesperson.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Gagner

4726 13th Ave. NW

Rochester, MN 55901

Jerome and Janis have three children:

- a. Rhonda, born 20 September 1965.

- b. Craig, born 21 October 1968.

- c. Pamela, born 24 January 1971.

3. Shirely, born 7 June 1943. She is divorced.

Ms. Shirely Slininger

409 No. 8th St.

Grand Forks, ND 58201

Shirely has four children:

- a. Cary, born 8 July

- b. Raenae, born 3 December

Raenae has a son:

- 1) Andrew

- c. Craig, born 15 September

- d. LeRoy, born 12 February

4. Janice, born 24 September 1945 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Paul J. Sherman. Jan is a dietary aide at Hillview Nursing Home, and Paul is a salesperson for A.J. Sweet, LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sherman

1218 S. 15th

LaCrosse, WI 54601

Janice and Paul have two children:

- a. Paul Jerome, born 10 April 1969 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is in tenth grade at Aquinas High School.

- b. Bradley Chad, born 2 April 1973 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, is in sixth grade at Holy Trinity School.

5. James H., born 2 June 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota. On 21 December 1974 he married Noreen Goulet in Dorothy, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. James Gagner

Box 8521

Loveland, CO 80537

6. Willard, born 25 May 1947 in Crookston, Minnesota. He is an English instructor at Kuwait University Language Center, and his wife, Nasreen Tarighat, is a math and science teacher at Universal American School in Kuwait.

Mr. & Mrs. Willard Gagner

Kuwait University
Faculty of Commerce
English Language Center
P.O. Box 5486
Safat, Kuwait

7. Louella, born 18 September 1948 in Crookston, Minnesota. She is married to Douglas Hagl. Louella is a cook at Marcoux Corner, and Douglas works for Red Lake Electric.

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Hagl
411 3rd St.

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Louella had three children:

a. Loretta (Hasby), born 18 November 1966 in Hartford, Wisconsin.

Loretta Hasby

PMS Apartments

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Loretta has one child:

1) Travis, born 13 June 1984 in Red Lake Falls.

b. Gary (Hasby), born 13 December 1967 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Gary Hasby

c/o Gordon Hasby

207 Code Ave.

Park River, ND 58270

c. Lance (Hasby), born 22 March 1974 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He attends Washington School and lives at home.

8. Kathleen, born 24 November 1951 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married Robert Hochreiter on 8 August 1975. Kathy works for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Robert works for Gopher Machine and Engineering, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hochreiter

1041 E. Geranium

St. Paul, MN 55106

Kathy and Robert have two children:

a. Rebecca Ann, born 18 July 1971 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She attends St. Casimir's Grade School in St. Paul, Minnesota.

b. Angela Jean, born 10 May 1979 in St. Paul, Minnesota. She attends kindergarten at St. Casimir's Grade School in St. Paul.

9. Sharon, born 12 February 1953 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married Mark Nelson on 11 February 1972. Sharon is in the process of putting a beauty shop in her home, and Mark is a mechanic.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nelson

Route 3, Box 123

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Sharon and Mark have three children:

a. Christine, born 25, July 1972, attends seventh grade in

Plummer, Minnesota.

b. Michael, born 18 March 1975, attends fourth grade in Plummer, Minnesota.

c. Stephanie, born 18 June 1976, attends third grade in Plummer, Minnesota.

10. Mary Lou, born 25 May 1954 Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married Donald Jackson 25 February 1978 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mary Lou works at a nursing home in Crookston, Minnesota, and Don works for Marvin Window, Warroad, Minnesota.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Jackson

Route 2, Box 89

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Mary Lou and Donald have two children:

a. Donald, born 15 June 1978 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. Nicole, born 31 August 1981 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

11. Debra, born 3 July 1959 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She is single and works for Montgomery Wards, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Debra Gagner

1074 E. York

St. Paul, MN 55106

12. Steven, born 20 October 1960 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Steven lives at home with his parents.

Mr. Steven Gagner

Route 2

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

D. EUGENE GAGNER was born 16 June 1912 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. His wife's name is Opal Irene. Eugene was a foreman at Blue Rock Bottling Company for thirty-four years. He was a deaf-mute, caused by ruptured veins in his ears when he was seven months old. Opal is also a deaf-mute, caused by typhoid fever in her childhood. Eugene died on 9 October 1982.

Mrs. Opal Gagner

3317 S.E. 150th St.

Portland, OR 97236

Eugene and Opal had two children:

1. Beverly, born 16 August 1947 in Williston, North Dakota. She married

Robert Henderson on 12 September 1964 in Glendive, Montana. They were divorced in 1984. On 13 July 1985, Beverly will marry Arlen Flynn.

Beverly Henderson

Box 607

Fairview, MT 55921

Beverly and Robert had two children:

a. Tana Marie, born 19 April 1965 in Eugene, Oregon.

b. Tony Robert, born 24 May 1968 in Portland, Oregon.

2. Ingrid Jean, born 22 August 1950 in Sidney, Montana. She married Donald Bearman, who owns an upholstery shop. Ingrid is a homemaker and mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bearman

3311 S.E. 180th St.

Portland, OR 97236

Ingrid and Donald had two children:

a. Kevin, born 9 January 1972 in Monroe, Washington.

b. Chad, born 16 July 1978 in Portland, Oregon.

E. JOSEPH GAGNER (1906-1919)

F. ALBERT GAGNER (1899-1900)

G. INFANT (died in 1903)

Stories

I was the oldest of eleven children and went to school in Terrebonne. Sometimes we lived close to school, and other times I had to walk over three miles. Winters were bad, but walking to school was a little faster when the snow hardened and we could walk across the fields right over the fence posts. Mother made me wear long winter underwear, which I hated. When I got a little older, I rolled them over my knees on the way to school and then rolled them back down again on the way back home. She never knew the difference.

Grandfather used to say he married a small girl because he didn't want a fat lady. By the time Grandmother was forty, she was as big as, if not bigger than, any of his brothers' wives.

I stayed in Red Lake Falls with Grandpa and Grandma one summer. They had a big patch of raspberries. One day while we were picking berries in the thick patch, Grandma fell in the patch and couldn't get up, although she nearly pulled off Grandpa's clothes in her efforts. Grandpa said, "Guess I'll have to get a rope and tie it on to my Model T Ford to get you out."

Another time, Grandpa and Grandma came to see us at the old Walton house in Terrebonne. They had to go down a little hill, and, at the bottom of the hill was creek. Grandpa accidentally shifted the car into reverse, and Grandma flew out of the car and landed in six inches of water. I laughed till I cried. She wasn't hurt, but she was all wet.

Grandpa got angry every Halloween night when the kids tipped his privacy over, so he moved it over just past the hole and covered the hole with a board, twigs, and grass. When the kids came to tip it over, they crashed through and fell in. Grandpa, Grandma, and I were watching from the window, and Grandpa really had his big laugh.

Florence (Paradis) White

Some of the earliest recollections I have about the Gagner

family took place in Red lake Falls.

Superstition ran rampant in my mother's mind: During bad thunderstorms, she sprinkled holy water on the four corners of the garden. You could never kill a spider, or you would be forever poor. Drop a fork and company was coming. Strangely enough, her madness lives on through me.

On warm afternoons, my Uncle Octave (Gagner) would retire to his chair in the front yard, play his accordian, and bless the warts off friends and neighbors.

I picked dandelions with Aunt Pearl (Gagner) for her savory dandelion salad. She taught me the fine art of wringing a chicken's neck and having him for dinner that night. I prefer to purchase them now at the local supermarket.

Laurette (Paradis) Quinlan

My mother, Victoria, said that there were many good cooks in Terrebonne, but no one would pass out recipes. In her younger years, a typical penance was not to dance in halls, and no absolution was given by the priest. All my mother's children learned their prayers and catechism in French.

One evening we were all on our knees, saying the rosary at Grandpa Gagner's house. Florence Paradis was leaning too far forward in a chair, so Grandpa jabbed her in the rear. She yelled, "OUCH" and the praying stopped. Grandpa got his usual scolding.

Every evening, Grandma had a little shot of brandy. She claimed it made her sleep better. My mother made all our clothes. She washed our school clothes and pressed them until late Sunday evening so that we would have fresh clothes for school on Monday.

Isabelle (Sauve) Boucher

Correspondence

(To Miss Anna Gagner)
27 April 1917, Terrebonne, Minnesota

Dear cousin, I will take pleasure in dropping a few lines to tell you we are all well and hope you are the same. So Anna (Prudhomme) is married. Well Anna I am anxious for you to come home but that will soon be here. Best regards to the sisters for me and hoping to hear from you soon. I am your cousin Victoria Gagney



Delima (Genereaux), Victoria, Rose and Achille



Achille and Delima (Gerereaux) Gagner



Achille, Delima, Wilfrid and Eugene



Achille and Delima Gagner



Back row (l to r): Agnes, Eraine, Florence, Ted, Oliver; front row: Adeline, Lumina, Roman, Bernard

Eraine (Paradis)
Beconovich and
Florence (Paradis)
White





Florence (Paradis) and Lee White



Gloria (White) Hill, Lee White, Marlene (White) King



Florence (Paradis) and Lee White



Edmund and Agnes (Paradis) Hemly Sept. 20, 1947



(From l to r): Dean, Agnes, Patti, Kristi, Debbie, Mike, Linda, Brent, Lynda and George



Back row (l to r): Frances, James, Peggy, Linda, Oliver; front row: Patrick, Meri and Teri Paradis



Bernard and Janet Paradis, Amanda



Bernard Paradis and grandson Aaron Hanson



Chal and Lois (Paradis) Martin, Cheryl, Ben



Cheryl (Paradis) and Dan Hanson



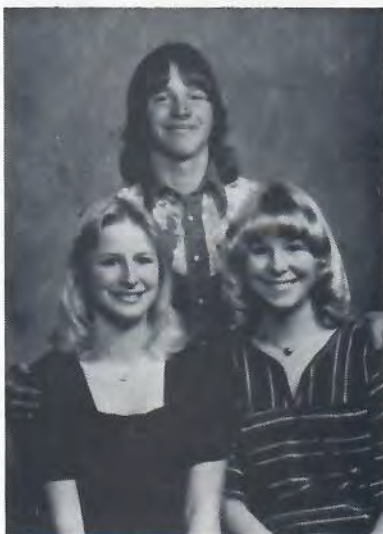
Dale and Renee (Paradis) Heineck, Amanda



Clayton Paradis



Chuck Paradis



Cindi Marie, Russell Dean and Lori Anne Smith



Lumina and Harry Spedding, Rose Paradis



Lumina (Paradis) and Harry Spedding



Cheryl and Dennis Coulter,
Jessica



Crystal and Jessica Coulter



Michael and Stephanie Spedding



David and Rebecca Spedding



Cynthia and Laura Spedding



Nathan Spedding



Paul Spedding



Thomas Spedding



Ron Terry



Martin Terry



Adeline (Paradis), Steven, Michelle and Michael
Terry



Lisa, Renee, Laurette and Joe



Theophile and Victoria (Gagner) Sauve



Victoria (holding Eugene), Rose, Wilfrid, Joseph (on right)



Theophile and Victoria (Gagner) Sauve



Theophile and Victoria Sauve, Theresa, Lawrence, Isabelle, Leona



Victoria Sauve



Maurice, Erwin, Victoria, Paul and Larry Sauve



Pauline, Doris, Theresa, Victoria, Leona, Isabelle



Victoria Sauve in-laws: Dona, Rosie, Frank Martineck, LaVerne, Ralph Lussier, Del Boucher



Del and Isabelle (Sauve) Boucher



Brian Sauve



Kristin Sauve



Paul and Laverne Sauve



John and Brenda Nelsen,
James, Eric



Linda Rundle



Karen Rundle



Shane Rundle



Russell Sauve (with a clock he built)



David and Jill Heideger



Greg and Lynette Sauve



Erwin, Jeff and Donna Sauve



Mike Sauve



Alma Gagner
and kids



Wilfrid and Alma Gagner



Wilfrid and
Alma Gagner
family



Ella Gagner



Back row (l to r): Craig, Pamela; front row: Janis, Rhonda, Jerry



Back row (l to r): Alma, Ralph and Shirley (holding LeRoy) Slininger, Wilfrid; front: Craig and Renae Slininger



Paul Sherman



Brad Sherman



Renae Slininger



Willie



Jim and Noreen Gagner



Joseph (in stroller), Nasareen and David



(Back row, l to r): Loretta, Gary; front row: Lance, Louella



Travis Hasby



Kathy, Robert, Angie, Becky and nephew Bradley



Mark and Sharon Nelson, Christine, Mike and Stephanie



Donny and Vicky Jackson



Debbie Gagner



Steven Gagner



Opal and Eugene Gagner



Beverly, Opal, Ingrid



Bev and Arlen Henderson



Tana and Tony Henderson



Don and Ingrid (Gagner) Bearman



Kevin Bearman



Chad Bearman

Suphrina (Gagner) Theoret



Suphrina was born 23 March 1873 in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec. She was the seventh child of Laurent and Angele Gagner. Suphrina is the name she used all her life, although she was christened Josephine. Her godmother was Sophronie Charest, and "Suphrina" is no doubt a variation of that name. Her godfather was Francois Roy.

Suphrina was a feminist long before the term became popular. She was an independent, strong-willed woman who freely expressed her opinions, many of which were unconventional. As a young girl living during a time when women were expected to marry at a young age, Suphrina was interested in neither marriage nor children. She claimed that it was unfair for a woman to have to stay married to the same man for fifty or more years. Her mother encouraged her daughter to become a nun, but Suphrina wanted to become a priest instead, saying that the nun's habits were too restrictive. Angele's response was that it was typical of her daughter to want to become something she couldn't be.

As a young woman, Suphrina homesteaded forty acres of land located south of her father's farm in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Her name is listed on the township map of Terrebonne for 1910, and hers is the only female name on the map. Suphrina supported herself as a seamstress for much of her life.

Despite her reservations about marriage and family, Suphrina married George Theoret on 26 December 1916, at St. Anne's Catholic church in Crookston, Minnesota, and on 29 September 1918 gave birth to a daughter, Isabelle, in Fosston, Minnesota. Suphrina and George had only one child, so perhaps this is why Suphrina was overprotective of her daughter. Even as a high school student, Isabelle was not allowed to wipe the butcher knife, since her mother was afraid that Isabelle would cut herself.

Suphrina was quite secretive about her age. During the ten-year period from 1895 through 1905, for example, she claimed on the census reports to have aged only five years.

On 11 July 1955, Suphrina died in Bayport, Minnesota, of congestive heart failure.

Suphrina and George Theoret: descendants

A. ISABELLE GIESEKE (THEORET), the only child of Suphrina and George Theoret, was born 29 September 1918, in Fosston, Minnesota. Her childhood nickname was Tootsie. Isabelle married Ralph Gieseke on 3 October 1949, at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Crookston, Minnesota. They were married by the same priest (Fr. M. Dufault) that married Isabelle's mother and father. Ruth and Leo Gagner were witnesses. After raising her family, Isabelle worked as a bookkeeper for Consolidated Lumber Company in Stillwater, Minnesota for seventeen years. She was widowed in 1981.

Isabelle Gieseke
386 N. Maine St.
Bayport, MN 55003
(612) 439-4543

Isabelle and Ralph had four children:

1. Judith Ann, born 2 November 1950, Stillwater, Minnesota. Judy is single and works as an administrative assistant for Control Data Corporation, Bloomington, Minnesota.

Judith Gieseke
9300 Cedar Ave. S. #307
Bloomington, MN 55420
(612) 884-8499

2. Joan Marie, born 14 July 1953, Stillwater, Minnesota. Joan married Steve Torkildson on 21 August 1982. She is a freelance editor, and Steve is an engineer.

Steve and Joan Torkildson
6424 Hampshire Pl.
Golden Valley, MN 55427
(612) 546-5747

3. Patricia Rose, born 16 June 1958, Stillwater, Minnesota. Pat married Mark Ferber on 5 September 1981. Pat is a graphic artist and Mark is a press operator.

Mark and Pat Ferber
1104 W. Cty. Rd. D, #324
New Brighton, MN 55112
(612) 633-2122

4. Thomas Ralph, born 21 April 1961, Stillwater, Minnesota. Tom works at Afton Plastics.

Thomas Gieseke
386 North Maine St.
Bayport, MN 55003
(612) 439-4543

Stories

My mother, Suphrina, once lived with her parents above a Chinese laundry in Minneapolis. My grandmother, Angele, took in

washing. At that time there was no indoor plumbing, and the water had to be hauled upstairs and heated. To avoid having to haul the used wash water downstairs, Angele would throw it out of the upstairs window. The owner downstairs called the police, and when the policeman arrived to tell my grandmother not to throw any more water from the upstairs window, she said in French, "Je ne comprende pas," meaning, "I don't understand." The policeman then proceeded to explain to her in French that the people downstairs did not want her to throw water out of the window. She was flabbergasted.

One night when my mother and I and a visiting aunt had just gone to bed, there was a knock on the door. When my mother went to the door, she found a cab driver standing outside. My mother asked him what he wanted, and the driver said, "There's a man in the cab that says he knows you." My mother glanced toward the cab and said, "I don't know him--take him away." The man in the cab said in French, "Suphrina, don't you know me?" My mother looked again and exclaimed, "My God--that can't be Napoleon!" She hadn't seen her brother in thirty-five years. Napoleon stayed with us for several weeks.

My father had bought a used car and didn't know how to drive, so Louis Fontaine would drive whenever we wanted to go somewhere. One day, after Louis had arrived to drive us someplace, we discovered that the car had developed a flat tire in the backyard. My mother looked at the tire in dismay and said in French, "Look at that tire--it's flat like my hind end." Louis laughed hard and said, "But Aunty, your hind end isn't flat!"

My mother liked to go to dances, but Grandma Gagner would not permit her to go. She would, however, allow her daughter to play cards at various places. Whenever my mother wanted to go to a barn dance, she would tell her mother that she was going to play cards. (I guess children lied to their parents in those days, too.) When she came home, her feet would be half frozen, so she would drag little Philemon from his warm bed into her own, so she would warm her feet on him. He would be half asleep and whining, and was reluctantly dragged into a cold bed to have his older sister warm her icy cold feet on him.

My mother married late in life and never expected to have children--until I surprised her. She was a person who did not like to tell her right age, and for a long time I wasn't sure if I was born when she was forty-four (as she told me) or forty-eight. She and my father moved to a farm in Fosston, Minnesota, after their marriage. Almost two years later, my mother thought she was going through her "change of life," and after three months she went to the doctor, who told her that she was pregnant. She said she could have killed the doctor. She was pretty disappointed to hear the news, but my father assured her that everything would be fine and he would take care of her. A doctor in Fosston was supposed to deliver her baby, but on the day that she needed him, he was drunk. My father had to call a

doctor from Crookston, and the train was held up fifteen minutes in order for the doctor to make it.

When the doctor learned how old my mother was (and she must have cut out a few years), he shook his head, which made my mother even more nervous. Her sister, Mary Louise, was there to help her. I was born on the farm's kitchen table with only six diapers to my name. My mother hadn't made many baby clothes, because she didn't expect me to live. But you all know how stubborn the French are.

When she was about twenty-five years old, my mother had to go to the dentist to have all her teeth pulled. Before the dentist pulled her teeth, he told her to go into another room and remove her corset. My mother went into the room and thought to herself, "Why do I have to take my corset off? I'll just pretend to take it off." She then sat down in the dentist's chair and was given the anesthesia. While the dentist was in the process of pulling her teeth, he noticed that she wasn't breathing properly. A light touch on her abdomen told him that she still had her corset on. He and the nurse had to cut the corset off. When my mother came to, the dentist was angry and told Suphrina that she had come within a hairsbreadth of dying.

Before I started grade school, I used to play with a neighborhood boy by the name of Snookie Wood. One day we found a big packing box by the riverbank and decided to build a little fire in it. When the packing box became engulfed in flames, I ran into the house to get a pail of water. When I came out of the house, I saw that the outhouse was on fire and the flames were reaching over the trees. Snookie just said, "Ah heck--let'er burn!"

Another neighborhood boy, Moran Romanus, was always harassing me. One day I decided to get even. I brought Moran a handful of Feen-a-Mint and asked him if he wanted some gum. He said, "Sure, and took two or three pieces. The next day I noticed that all his clothes were hanging on the clothesline. Moran said, "I don't want anymore of your old gum."

When I was six months old, our house on the farm burned down. My father saved my mother's precision Singer sewing machine, which she used for years later in her work as a seamstress. He also brought out a black leather chair, which he brought into the chicken coop so we could get out of the chilling wind. My mother sat with me in her arms while the chickens above her bombarded her head with droppings. She looked down at me while I was smiling up at her, and said to me in French, "My poor baby, you don't know the trouble that I have."

--Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke

AFTER HAVING LIVED WITH YOU FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS

French-Canadian dark-haired woman,
you who carried me in your slight womb
for over nine months,
it is a paradox to realize that I am familiar
with so little of your life.
I know only that the clay of your youth
was formed by a tolerant collection of nuns,
those black and white figures floating through your childhood,
the cloistered servants who patiently guided you
through eleven years of French lessons.

Now, over a decade later,
after working in northern Minnesota as a bookkeeper,
after marrying my father at twenty-nine,
after abandoning your work for seventeen years,
after bearing four children,
now you sit with me in your yellow kitchen
while I listen to the French that spills
from your mouth like molasses.
Your language is like poetry to me,
and I watch the distant Elysian fields
and the avenues of Paris
lighting the blue-green lamps of your eyes.

I have inherited your German love for rich foods
from you, gentle man.
Strong, seldom speaking,
your hands are worn into coarse sandpaper
from the years in the Bremerton shipyards,
from the years of carpentry and welding,
fabricating the structural parts of ships and buildings.

Your stubbornness and will are stronger
than the vanadium steel, the metallic parts
you join together with the fire of your welding torch.
Yet, I know you harbor a deeper,
more painful fire inside you--
so bright that no one can look at it directly.
Perhaps it is a sliver of steel from your past,
a fragment of metal encompassed by flesh.
Father, you are the most silent man I know.

After having lived with you for over twenty years, it is a
paradox to realize that I am familiar
with so little of your lives,
that you are familiar with so little of mine.
Tonight the metallic music of this highway
summons me toward the center of all lights.
I stir, and begin to wake from a dark and distant sleep.

--Joan (Gieseke) Torkildson
Minneapolis, 1975



Suphrina Gagner



George Theoret, Isabelle, Suphrina (Gagner) Theoret .



Ralph and Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke
October 3, 1949



Back row (l to r): Steve and Joan (Gieseke)
Torkildson, Mark Ferber, Tom Gieseke; front row:
Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke, Pat (Gieseke) Ferber,
Judy Gieseke

Julie (Gagner) Fortier



Julie Gagner was born on 28 July 1874 in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec, and was baptized on 29 July 1874. Her godparents were Flavien Marceau and Julie Fortier. She came to Minnesota with her parents in 1881, settling in Terrebonne in 1883.

Julie married Remi Fortier on 27 January 1896 in Terrebonne. They lived in Gentilly and Crookston and had eight children, one of whom (Leo #1) drowned in a well as a young child. Julie died suddenly on 16 June 1907; she was thirty-three years old. After mother's death, the children lived with their father and stepmother for a time. All of the boys in the family worked on other farms until they were able to support themselves.

Julie and Remi Fortier: descendants

A. EVA FORTIER was born 23 December 1896 in Gentilly, Minnesota. She married Zephire LaMarre on 30 October 1915 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Crookston, Minnesota. Zephire worked as a sexton at St. Anne's until 1940, when he and Eva moved to Walla Walla, Washington. Eva died on 12 April 1975, and Zephire died in 1972. Both were buried at Calvary Cemetery in Crookston. Eva and Zephire had three children:

1. Delia, born 26 March 1919 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Charles Linzer on 17 April 1979 in Lewiston, Idaho. Charles is a cook, and Delia is a licensed practical nurse.

Charles & Delia Linzer
121 S. L Street, Apt. 5
Madera, CA 93637

Delia had one child from a former marriage:

a. Tennislaus Paige, born 15 July 1933, died 26 March 1944.

2. Rosalie, born 29 June 1924 in Crookston, Minnesota. She is a waitress.

Rosalie LaMarre
447 S. 8th Ave.
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Rosalie had two sons:

a. Francis

b. Dominic

3. Delores, born 27 April 1928 in Crookston, Minnesota. She is a secretary.

Delores Saunders
4403 N.E. 124th Ave.
Vancouver, WA 98660
Delores has one son:
a. Gregory

B. LEO FORTIER (#1) was born 1897(?) and drowned in early childhood.

C. ROSE FORTIER was born 30 July 1899 in Gentilly, Minnesota. After her mother's death, she lived in Crookston. From there (at age thirteen) she went to Brainerd to work as a housekeeper. After a year in Brainerd, she worked in Duluth for about two years. At sixteen years of age, Rose worked for Leozia Rivard, father of Dona Rivard, who later became the husband of Marie Gagner. During the 1920s, she heard about a job at Munsingwear in Minneapolis. Rose worked there for about three years, then became a housekeeper for Father O'Reilley in North St. Paul--a position she held for nineteen years. Rose later worked for several prominent families in the Twin Cities area, including the Shapiros, Daytons, and Pillsburys. She also lived and worked in Los Angeles, California, for a time. In the 1960s, Rose worked for Hugh Andersen in Bayport, Minnesota, who was owner of Andersen Windows, the largest window manufacturer in the world.

After her retirement, Rose moved to Crookston, Minnesota. It was there that she became reacquainted with David Desrosier, who had been her boyfriend many years earlier. David was a widower, and he and Rose were married on 27 October 1972 and moved to Saginaw, Michigan. (2000 So. Jefferson - 48601)

Rose is a free spirit who has touched many with her generosity. She gave away dresses that she had never worn, made boxes of candy for her uncles and aunts, and made the four-tier cake for Octave and Purl Gagner's sixtieth wedding anniversary. Rose transported this cake all the way from St. Paul to Terrebonne without a catastrophe. She also made the cake for Philemon and Ida's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Rose is noted for her cleanliness and neatness, and must have been a pride and joy to those for whom she worked. Her life has been one of hard and honest work since the age of thirteen, and her talents have been much appreciated. Many of us can claim that Rose holds a special place in our hearts.

Don't know Uncle Leo
D LEO FORTIER was born 21 September 1900 in Gentilly, Minnesota. He was named after the brother who had drowned a few years earlier. Leo spent his early years in Crookston. As a young man, he worked for a variety of farmers in the area. During World War I, the government tried to draft Leo at the age of sixteen. Because his brother's baptismal records had been burnt in a fire, Leo had trouble proving who he was and how old he was. He was drafted the day that World War I ended. Later he

laughed about this incident, saying, "They came to the bottom of the barrell--I am hard of hearing and have a heart murmur." Leo spent his time in the service at the last remount station in the United States, Camp Mead, Maryland.

In 1921, Leo moved to the state of Washington and lived with a friend he had met in the service. In 1930 he moved to North St. Paul, where his sister Rose had found a job for him as a janitor for St. Peter's Church. In 1940, Leo became the caretaker for Waldorf Estate, which is now the Jesuit Retreat House. In 1941 he worked for the post office and did odd jobs. He married Charlotte Swanson on 4 September 1936 in North St. Paul. Charlotte died on 4 February 1973. Leo married Florence Champagne Fortier. They had a good life together, and both enjoyed traveling. In 1973 Leo was nominated Employee of the Year by the North St. Paul-Maplewood Chamber of Commerce. He died on 19 May 1978. The following article, reprinted from the Ramsey County Review, provides a poignant description of this special man and his life.

LEO FORTIER TOUCHED SO MANY LIVES

by JoAnn Rice
(from the Ramsey County Review)

They buried Leo Fortier Friday on a day he might have ordered. After a morning shower the sun shone brightly on the town he'd called home for nearly 50 years. Golden tulips along 7th Avenue in North St. Paul opened their petals wide in the May noon day heat.

No physician, man of letters or the clergy, the Frenchman, nicknamed "Pea Soup" by his friends, was a janitor - a custodian - a handyman, said some. Through his modest calling he touched so many lives that some of his friends referred to him as an "institution".

And he was beloved in the way we all love those people who are truly good. Upon hearing of his death May 16 a former co-worker wept unabashedly at the news. A friend took to his bed. Tears filled the eyes of grown men when they spoke of his passing. Even to die at 77 gave his friends pause.

He grew up in a northern Minnesota town, joined the Army in the Big War, World War I, and was mustered out in the early '20s. Like many soldiers before him, a wanderlust had touched him and he couldn't go back to the farm. He took to the rails, worked in the vineyards of California, camped in Yosemite, logged in the Pacific Northwest and just plain fixed things.

But there was within him the desire to settle down. Make a home, have a family. He arrived in North St. Paul about 1931, joining his brother, Albert, whose wife, Florence would eventually become his wife. But that would be 40 years later.

First there was the job as the custodian at St. Peter's Church. Then there was marriage to Charlotte. The union endured more than 40 years and they became the parents of three children.

Then there were the positions as custodian at the Post Office, Sandberg Mortuary, Little Newspaper, Heritage State Bank.

Those are the facts of biography. But why did his friends

weep? How was it that he marked their lives so?

"He always did good things for everybody," recalled his life-long friend, Tom the Barber, the affectionate name for 7th Avenue business Tom Grodziski.

"He never looked for recognition," said Bill Sandberg of the Mortuary which bears his family name. Sandberg and his brother, Paul, nominated Leo Fortier five years ago for a community honor, Employee of the Year. I'll never forget that night, "Bill Sandberg said. "Leo was all dressed up and he wept when he got the plaque." (The competition is an annual one sponsored by the North St. Paul-Maplewood Chamber of Commerce).

It was the tears which Ted Lillie of the Review recalled. "Leo cried a lot when he talked about people and their problems. He sympathized so," Lillie said. The sympathy may have had its roots in Fortier's handicap. He had been partially deaf since childhood and his hearing disability set him apart in the small northern Minnesota town.

He was not without humor. "I remember that he'd turn down his hearing aid and pretend he didn't hear," said Paul Sandberg who also recalled the custodian's delight in outdoor work. "He liked to be outside seeing things grow."

Other small things gave him pleasure. "He was so proud of the fact that he had the key to the bank ... to half the business on main street, really," said Bill Sandberg.

Further pleasure came in the last few years when he and his wife, Florence, began to travel. They had just returned from seven weeks in Sun City, spent with Tom, the Barber. Easter Dinner was spent with Grodziski, and Pearl and Ted Lillie Sr.

Leo Fortier had gardened and changed storms and screens and performed all the maintenance tasks for the Lillies for many years. "But he didn't have to do that kind of work," Mrs. Lillie observed. "He didn't need the money. Maybe that was why he was so special."

In his special way of touching all those lives, folks said "You couldn't replace him." But why would you want to. He was unique ... one of a kind.

Leo and Charlotte had three children:

1. Zoell Mary married Dennis E. McKenzie. Dennis is self-employed; he does accounting and tax work. Zoell and Dennis prayed to St. Gerard for over three years for a child. They adopted their first child, Greg, when he was four days old. Six months later, Zoell gave birth to Ronald. Zoell and Dennis were then blessed with six more children.

Zoell and Dennis McKenzie

4768 Aspen Way

Post Falls, ID 83854

(208) 773-5113

Zoell and Dennis have eight children:

- a. Gregory Gerard, born 10 October 1961.
- b. Ronald Gerard, born 28 April 1962.
- c. Sharon Rose Geralyn, born 28 August 1963.
- d. Daniel Gerard (twin to David), born 8 December 1964.

- e. David Gerard (twin to Daniel), born 8 December 1964.
- f. Stephen Gerard, born 3 December 1965.
- g. Julie Ann Geralyn, born 19 December 1966.
- h. Keith Gerard, born 6 November 1967.

2. Leo Karl, born 26 November 1944 in St. Paul. He married Joy Ostler on 10 June 1967 in Roseville, Minnesota. Leo is a production scheduler at Champion International in St. Paul.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Karl Fortier
 White Bear Lake, MN 55110
 (612) 429-3551

Leo and Joy have two children:

- a. Julie, born 20 August 1968, is a student.
- b. Timothy, born 18 October 1971, is a student.

3. William, born 14 January 1953 in North St. Paul, Minnesota. William is an auditor. He married Theresa Korbichka.

Mrs. & Mrs. William Fortier
 10206 N.E. Pierce St.
 Blaine, MN 780-2078

William has a one stepchild:

- a. Christine, born 18 October 1971.

E. VICTORIA MARIE FORTIER was born on 4 October 1902 in Gentilly, Minnesota. Her godparents were Achille Gagner and Delima Genereux. She married William H. Murman in 1926(?) and was divorced in 1950.

Because Julie Fortier died at an early age, Victoria's childhood saw her in many homes. She lived for a time with her godparents. Later, an aunt who was a nun took her to live at a convent, and there were others about which little is known.

Eventually she was married in Minneapolis, and proceeded to raise a family of eight children, mostly with a large capacity for giving love, and having faith. Contact with most of her family was minimal.

It was always a matter of great pride that the children never went hungry. As a matter of fact, it was not unusual for her to be feeding one or more extra at any meal.

The ability to cook for a large number enabled the family to summer at Prior Lake for many years, at a church camp where she served up not only food, but advise, counsel, and love as well.

A lifetime of hard work and illness has taken its' toll, and she now resides at Texas Terrace Convalescent Center in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, much loved by her family, the people of her church, and admired by those who have known her.

Still, as always, Victoria's joy is in her children, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and in her faith.

Victoria and William had eight children:

- 1. Dorothy Mae, born 5 July 1923 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Lester Foss (divorced). Her second marriage was to Clark Foss on 12 April 1948 (divorced).

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Priest River, ID 83856
(208) 448-2100

Dorothy had five children:

a. Patrick Clark Foss Merrifield, born 13 March 1950. He married Linda Sue Curl on 31 August 1975. Patrick is an electronic engineer, spent six years in the U.S. Navy, and now is a civilian in oil fields.

Dorothy married Cyrus Earl Merrifield on 22 January 1954. He served as an air force medic, 1943-1945. Dorothy now does waitressing, Earl is retired.

b. Ruth Marie, born 8 January 1955 in Newport, Washington. She married Donald D. Holbert on 4 June 1977. Ruth works for H&R Block. Donald is a glazier. They have two children:

1) Michelle Dawn, born 16 December 1979, Spokane, Washington.

2) Janette Marie, born 23 September 1983, Spokane, Washington.

c. Elizabeth Ann, born 19 December 1956, Newport, Washington. She married John Sanderson, 31 January 1975. Elizabeth is a homemaker. John has been in the U.S. Army for twelve years. They have two children:

1) Kristina Marie, born 7 April 1977, Fort Carson, Colorado.

2) Robyn Michele, born 21 July 1979, Belgium

d. Rebecca Sue, born 10 February 1959, Newport, Washington. She works with computers in Portland, Oregon.

e. David Walker, born 23 September, Newport, Washington. He is an electronic engineer, U.S. Navy, six years.

2. Marjorie Elaine, born 27 March 1927. She married Clarence Foss, 18 December 1951. Then married Rex Edgar. Marjorie is a real estate salesperson.

Rt. 1, Box 100-C
Priest River, ID 83856

12425 Patricia Drive,
Foothills
Yuma, AZ
(602) 342-9340

Marjorie had five children:

a. Marsha Lee Foss, born 18 May 1948 in Newport, Washington. She married Wayne Thompson on 13 April 1968 at Dalkenai, Washington. Marsha is a homemaker and Wayne is a technical engineer.

Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Thompson

Rt. 2, Box 310

Oldtown, ID 83822

Marsha and Wayne have three children:

1) Timothy James, born 7 November 1970.

2) Amy Rachel, born 12 October 1978.

3) Daniel Wayne, born 6 November 1979.

b. Tim Clarence Foss, born 19 December 1949, died June 1968.

c. Michael Duane Edgar, born 13 September 1952 in Newport, Washington.

Mr. Michael Edgar
P.O. Box 353 (c/o Faber)
Desmet, ID 83824

Michael is married and has three children:

- 1) Jeremy
- 2) Jason
- 3) Jessica

d. Esther Kay Edgar, born 4 January 1954 in Newport, Washington. She married Ernie Booth on 13 August 1977 in Sand Point, Idaho. She is a schoolteacher.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Booth

Box 210

Athol, ID

Esther and Ernie have two children:

- 1) Janice Marie, born 27 March 1979.
- 2) Shannon LeAnn, born 12 February 1981.

e. Vicki Lynn Edgar, born 15 January 1955 in Newport, Washington. She married Barry Baglole. Vicki is a home support worker and Barry is a school bus driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Baglole

Box 56

Kootenay Bay

Vicki and Barry have one child:

- 1) Caleb Jeffrey, born 12 April 1976.

3. Marcella Delane, born 8 August 1929 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Richard McVay, 13 February 1950 (divorced).

314-13th Ave. N.E. (2nd Floor)

Minneapolis, MN 55413

(612) 331-3424

Marcella had three children:

a. Pamela Fay, born 23 May 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Gene Johnson (divorced). One child:

- 1) Ann Marie, born 2 November 1975, San Gabriel, California.

She married Gerald Taylor on 6 October 1985. They are housing caretaker-managers, Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

b. Pauline Lee, born 13 March 1952 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married David Moen, 12 October 1973. Pauline is a clerical worker in Minneapolis, David is a manufacturing engineer. They have two children:

- 1) Christi An, born 28 December 1977, San Gabriel, California.
- 2) Michele Lee, born 30 June 1979, West Covina, California.

c. William Guy, born 1 March 1954 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Shelly Howland 6 December 1975. He works in maintenance - Superior Plating Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has two children:

- 1) Angela, born 21 May 1976, Blaine, Minnesota.
- 2) Scott B, born 17 January 1974, Blaine, Minnesota.

4. William Edward, born 3 November 1931 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Carol J. Short, 16 July 1954 (divorced). Bill served in U.S. Army 1948-1953. He is owner-operator of Bill's Appliance Service, Minnetonka, Minnesota. Carol is an office manager.

Mr. William Edward Murman
14629 Lake St. Ext.
Minnetonka, MN 55345
(612) 938-8951

William has three children:

a. Jean Marie, born 12 April 1955 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Robert A. Westerlund 27 September 1980. Jean is an independent retailer, Undercoverwear, Inc., Edina. Bob is technical operations manager, Katun Corporation, Bloomington, Minnesota.

b. SHERALYN, born 27 May 1956 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Dennis Gohl 9 May 1981. SHERALYN is a industrial energy systems technician, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dennis is manager of Drake Hydraulic, St. Paul, Minnesota. They have one child:

1) Jeremy Shane, born 23 May 1984, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

c. Ruth Lynette, born 5 July 1964 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ruth is an independent retailer, Undercoverwear, Inc., Minnetonka, Minnesota.

5. Mattie C., born 3 August 1935 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Melvin Haugberg, 11 September 1952 (divorced).

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ludford
418 2nd St. N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55413
(612) 379-3180

Mattie and Melvin had three children:

a. Lawrence Haugberg, born 19 September 1953, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Cynthia Erickson, 28 August 1982. Larry is an electronic technician for Mobile Radio & Engineering, Minneapolis. Cindy is a homemaker. They have one child:

1) Nola B., born 22 July 1984, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. Connie, born 3 August 1955, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Charles Naylor. Connie is a homemaker, Spokane, Washington. They have one child:

1) Tammy, born 26 October 1978.

c. Debra, born 16 December 1957, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Richard Trentin, 29 November 1977. Debra is in production, Fidelity File Co., Minneapolis. Richard is a dispatcher for Yellow Cab Co., Minneapolis.

Mattie married Robert Ludford on 13 January 1967. She cooks for Service Systems, Minneapolis, Robert is disabled. They had one child:

a. Robert D., born 12 June 1967 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He is a student.

6. Lucia Victoria (twin to Edward), born 3 November 1938, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married James LeTourneau 14 July 1956 (divorced).

2229-5th St. N.E.

Minneapolis, MN 55418

(612) 789-1323

Lucia is an anesthesia aide, Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis. She had four children:

a. Janet Marie, born 19 October 1957, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She has one child:

1) Allan B., born 4 January 1981, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

b. DeLaine Lucia (twin to Zephyrin), born 15 June 1959, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Richard Minor. DeLaine is a homemaker, Richard works for Auto Body Co., Minneapolis. They have one child:

1) Alicia, born 9 October 1983.

c. Zephyrin Edward (twin to DeLaine), born 15 June 1959, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Debra LeTourneau and works for Yellow Cab Company, Minneapolis.

d. Scott LeLand, born 7 July 1971, is a student.

7. Edward Raymond, born 3 November 1938, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He married Geraldine LeTourneau, November 1966 (divorced). Edward served in the U.S. Army, baker, Emrich Baking Co., Minneapolis.

Mr. Edward Raymond Murman

1225 University N.E.

Minneapolis, MN 55413

(612) 331-3391

Edward has one child:

a. Vincent Edward, born 26 October 1968, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a student.

8. Victoria Mae born 8 October 1940, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Gerald Bragge, 25 May 1957. Victoria is a homemaker.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bragge

Route 2

Princeton, MN 55371

(612) 389-4534

They have six children:

a. Susan, born 27 November 1957, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She married Douglas Swenson, 19 May 1984. Susan is a Nanny. Doug is working for a degree in physical therapy in Boston, Mass.

b. Randy, born 9 April 1960, Princeton, Minnesota. He married Carol Foss, 29 July 1979. Randy spent four years on the U.S. Navy, now civilian electrician. Carol owns a housecleaning business.

c. Patricia, born 21 March 1961, Princeton, Minnesota. She married James Hirschman, 9 December 1978. Patricia is an electronic assembler. Jim is a mechanic. They have two children:

- 1) Destinee, born 6 April 1981, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 - 2) Adam, born 26 February 1984, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
 - d. David, born 7 March 1962, Princeton, Minnesota. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy. Now electronic student.
 - e. Ricky, born 6 March 1965, Princeton, Minnesota. He is a business student, enlisted in the U.S. Army.
 - f. Michael, born 9 February 1976, Milaca, MN. He was in the U.S. Navy. Now electronic student.
- F. OCTAVE, born 4 February 1904. After his mother's death he lived at Joe Perreault's home in Terrebonne. He married Ceilia Duffy on 26 December 1929. Ceilia passed away on 5 September 1973. Octave was a carpenter.

Octave Fortier
 424 5th Ave. S.
 Crookston, MN 56716
 (218) 281-1937

Octave and Ceilia had nine children:

1. Anna Mae, born 20 October 1930. She married Raymond Strid on 18 June 1950.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Strid
 Rt. 1, Box 54
 Nielsville, MN 56568

Anna Mae and Raymond have three children:

- a. Sandra, born 14 August 1950. She married Gary Tobal on 3 May 1969.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Tobal
 Star Route
 Bonner, MT 59823

Sandra and Gary have three children:

- 1) Tracy, born 4 August 1970.
- 2) Kim, born 3 February 1973.
- 3) Kevin, born 6 June 1976.

- b. Joyce Ann, born 10 March 1953. She married Lex Herndon on 14 April 1973.

Mr. & Mrs. Lex Herndon
 2150 Tipperary Way
 Missoula, MT 59801

They have two children:

- 1) Jason, born 21 May 1975.
- 2) Holly Joy, born 30 June 1977.

- c. Lee, born 30 August 1955, is a student.

2. Bernard, born 12 November 1932. He married Joyce Patenaude on 121 November 1953. Bernard is a truck driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fortier
 6034 S. Penn Ave.
 Cudahy, WI 53110
 (509) 663-7322

Bernard and Joyce have six children:

- a. Michael Dean, born 14 October 1954.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fortier
 2218 S. 33rd
 Milwaukee, WI 53215

He and his wife, Christine, have one child:

- 1) Jennifer, born 2 April 1976.
- b. Barbara Olive, born 18 September 1955. She married Richard Hudy.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hudy
1623 East Price
St. Francis, WI 53207
Barbara and Richard have two children:
 - 1) James
 - 2) Stacy
- c. Debra Ann, born 3 June 1957. She is divorced and has one child:
Debra Fortier
5500 Trinthammer Ave., #4
Cudahy, WI 53110
 - 1) Scott
- d. Peggy Bernadette, born 10 November 1959. She is single.
Peggy Fortier
3630 S. 34th St.
Greenfield, WI 53221
- e. Ricky Joseph, born 9 May 1961.
- f. Susan Elaine, born 1 October 1965.

3. Ellen, born 17 April 1934. She married Robert Patenaude on 24 October 1953. Ellen is a nurse's aide, and Robert is a truck driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patenaude
410 4th Ave. S.
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-2392

Ellen and Robert have six children:

- a. Daniel Simon, born 16 February 1955 in Crookston, Minnesota. He married Christine Van Meter on 21 June 1975.
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Patenaude
Box 434
Perley, MN 56574
Daniel and Christine have one child:
 - 1) Holly Jean, born 5 November 1975.
- b. Kathleen, born 26 January 1959. She teaches deaf and hearing-impaired children.
Kathleen Patenaude
2205 1st St. E., Apt. 3
Bemidji, MN 56601
(218) 751-8713
- c. Douglas, born 22 August 1960
Douglas Patenaude
514 S. 5th St., Apt. 3
Grand Forks, ND 58201
- d. Karen Kay, born 10 March 1963, is a student.
Karen Patenaude
1513 Bixley Ave.
Bemidji, MN 56601
- e. David Jon, born 11 November 1964.
David Patenaude

259 Ballard
Moorhead State University
Moorhead, MN 56560
f. Karla Marie ("Wee Wee"), born 18 January 1967, lives at home.

4. Jean, born 9 August 1935. She married Howard Hanson on 19 November 1956. They are farmers.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hanson
Climax, MN

Jean and Howard have two children:

- a. Donald, born 24 January 1969.
- b. Louise, born 17 March 1971.

5. Robert, born 24 April 1941. He married Constance M. Romano.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fortier
7713 S. Rowan Rd.
Seattle, WA 98178
(206) 772-0501

Robert and Constance have one son:

- a. Craig Robert, born 16 April 1969 in Seattle, Washington.

6. Alice, born 5 September 1944. She married Donald Cummings on 1 July 1961.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cummings
419 1st Ave. N.E.
E. Grand Forks, ND 56721

Alice and Donald have three children:

- a. Keith, born 30 March 1962.
- b. Tim, born 15 May 1963.
- c. Chris

7. Rosemary, born 16 February 1946. She married Joel Riendeau on 24 April 1966. They have three children:

- a. Joanne, born 8 December 1966.
- b. Mark, born 25 May 1968.
- c. Kent, born 4 July 1971.

8. Emily, born 18 July 1948. She married Jesse Meyer.

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Meyer
925 2nd St. W.
Fargo, ND 58078

Emily and Jesse have one child:

- a. Terry

9. Patrick, born 15 January 1953. He married Barbara Jensen on 2 June 1973. Patrick is a truck driver.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Fortier
Box 144

Glydon, MN 56517

Patrick and Barbara have three children:

- a. Laurie

- b. Vicky, born 14 September 1973.
- c. Joey

G. RAYMOND FORTIER was born 8 August 1905 and died in 1960(?). He and his wife, Dorothy, adopted four children:

- 1. Jeanette
- 2. Alice
- 3. Walter
- 4. Howard (deceased)

*Bonnie's
Alvin's father*

H. ALBERT FORTIER was born 15 December 1908 in Crookston, Minnesota. Albert was an infant when his mother died. He was raised by several people, including the sisters of St. Joseph's Academy and Joe Sabourin in Terrebonne. Albert worked for A.J. Parenteau in Brooks, Minnesota, as a cheesemaker. While in Brooks, he married Florence Champagne on 8 February 1931. Albert and Florence moved to Cudahy, Wisconsin in 1936, where Albert worked as a machinist. In 1942 they moved to North St. Paul, where he worked for the Ramsey County Workhouse and St. Peter's Catholic Church. Albert died on 21 May 1971 of a heart attack. Albert and Florence had eight children:

1. Emery Lee, born 20 August 1932 in Brooks, Minnesota. He married Delores Keller on 14 February 1952 in Quincy, Washington. Emery owns an electrical business (Lee's Electric). His sons Don and Al work for him.

Mr. & Mrs. Emery Fortier
1305 3rd Ave. S.W.
Quincy, WA 98848

Emery and Delores have seven children:

a. Lee Annette, born 7 October 1954 in Ephrata, Washington. Lee is a legal secretary.

Lee Fortier
6137 N.E. 193rd Place
Seattle, WA 98155

b. Donald, born 22 August 1956 in Ephrata, Washington. Don is an electrician. He married Janet Adams on 7 November 1981 in Quincy, Washington.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fortier
Rt. 2, 2385 Trinidad Rd.
Quincy, WA 98848

Donald and Janet have two children:

1) Wade, born 25 July 1974 in Olympia, Washington.

2) Kelli, born 26 February 1984 in Quincy, Washington.

c. Albert, born 3 February 1958 in Ephrata, Washington. He is an electrician.

Albert Fortier
522 G St. S.E.
Quincy, WA 98848

d. Therese, born 1 April 1959 in Soap Lake, Washington. She is a drug store clerk. Therese married Paul Scott on 10 January 1981 in Quincy, Washington.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scott

P. O. Box 5187

George, WA 98824

Therese and Paul have one child:

1) Cassy Lynn, born 6 September 1982 in Quincy, Washington.

e. Christine, born 19 March 1962 in Quincy, Washington. She is owner of Christy's Cleaning Service.

Christine Fortier

1215 3rd Ave. S.W.

Quincy, WA 98848

f. Janine, born 26 February 1965 in Quincy, Washington. She is a bank teller. Janine will be married to Steve Evens on 29 June 1985 in Quincy, Washington.

g. John, born 23 October 1966 in Quincy, Washington. He is a student.

John Fortier

1305 3rd Ave. S.W.

Quincy, WA 98848

2. Bernita Louise (Bernie), born 17 January 1934 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Albert Olson on 21 April 1956 in White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Bernie was an R.N. who worked in St. Paul Ramsey for many years. She is now an anesthetist. In 1977, Bernine and Albert were divorced. Bernie is now married to Willie Holzer.

Mr. & Mrs. Willie Holzer

Hettinger, ND

Bernie had seven children:

a. Scott, born 10 April 1957 in St. Paul, is a student at the University of Minnesota.

b. Wende, born 15 February 1959 in St. Paul.

c. Glenn, born 11 February 1960 in St. Paul.

d. Kris, born 9 August 1961 in Wheaton, Minnesota.

e. Mark, born 27 January 1963 in St. Paul.

f. Cindi, born 24 May 1964 in St. Paul.

g. Jennie, born 20 February 1972 in St. Paul.

3. Elaine Marie, born 10 February 1935 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Onezime Varin on 9 October 1955 in North St. Paul. Elaine and Onezime work for a french fry company and love to square dance.

Mr. & Mrs. Onezime Varin

420 M Street

Quincy, WA 98848

Elaine and Onezime had six children:

a. Joy Lynn, born 4 January 1956 in Dennison, Texas.

Joy Varin

Nor Haven, Inc.

1394 Jackson St.

St. Paul, MN

b. Roy Lee, born 29 December 1957 in North St. Paul. He married Susan Kam Luen on 7 August 1984. Roy is in the navy, and he and his wife live in Japan.

c. Perry Allen, born 6 August 1959 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Perry works for Ford Motor Company. He married Debra Ward on 24 August 1984.

Mr. & Mrs. Perry Varin

570 Sandhurst

St. Paul, MN

d. Larry, born 18 December 1961 in North St. Paul. He is a student at Central Washington University and lives in Allensburg, Washington.

e. Leo, born 21 December 1964 in North St. Paul. He is a student at Wenatchee Valley College and lives at home.

f. Byron, born 19 September 1973 in North St. Paul, is a student.

4. Albine (Bonnie), born 21 January 1936 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Francis R. Turgeon on 6 June 1959 in North St. Paul. (Albert Fortier's great-grandmother was a Turgeon). Bonnie is a homemaker, and Francis is a sales manager for Funk Seeds International.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Turgeon

304 Granada Rd.

Bloomington, IL 61701

Bonnie and Francis have four children:

a. Gregory Fortier, born 12 March 1960 in Moorhead, Minnesota. He married Jill Tepper on 20 May 1984. Greg is a student at Illinois State University.

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Turgeon

1312 N. Mason

Bloomington, IL 61701

b. Michelle Renee, born 1 June 1962 in Greeley, Colorado. She is a registered nurse.

Michelle Turgeon

2036 N. Larrabee

Chicago, IL 60614

c. Douglas Fortier, born 8 February 1964 in Greeley, Colorado. He is a student at Illinois State University and lives at home.

d. Nannette Renee, born 16 July 1965 in Greeley, Colorado. She is a student at Illinois State University and lives at home.

5. Suzette, born 21 March 1938 in Cudahy, Wisconsin. She married Norbert Prudhomme on 4 August 1956 in North St. Paul. Norb works for Interior Wood Products. Sue does work for church and the Cursillo Movement.

Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Prudhomme

2644 E. 17th Ave.

North St. Paul, MN 55109

(612) 777-0480

Sue and Norb have seven children:

a. Jonathan Stewart, born 8 July 1957 in Ft. Carson, Colorado. He married Sandra Nelson on 7 July 1979 in North St. Paul. Jon and Sandy are now living in Ft. Polk, Louisiana. Jon has made the army his career. They have

two children:

- 1) Rachel Marie, born 2 August 1980 in Ft. Polk, Louisiana.
- 2) Angela Sue, born 4 September 1983 in Ft. Polk, Louisiana.

b. Brenda Sue, born 29 July 1959 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Peter Dufour in June of 1977 in South Dakota. Peter owns a commercial cleaning business, and Brenda helps with the office work.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dufour
4372 Bambi Lane
White Bear Lake, MN 55110
(612) 429-3164

Brenda and Peter have one child:

- 1) Amanda Sue, born 22 March 1982 in St. Paul.

c. Bonnie Ann, born 31 August 1960 in Crookston, Minnesota. She works at Mac's Dinette in North St. Paul.

d. Beth Ann, born 29 April 1962 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Darrell Olafson on 25 April 1981 in North St. Paul. Darrell works for Solar Plastics in St. Paul.

Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Olafson
2209 Skillman Ave. E.
North St. Paul, MN 55109
(612) 777-4064

Beth Ann and Darrell have one child:

- 1) Jennifer Lynn, born 11 June 1982 in St. Paul.

e. Beverly Kay, born 13 June 1965 in Crookston, Minnesota. Bev has a part-time job at Mac's Dinette in North St. Paul.

f. Ann Marie, born 11 March 1967 in Crookston, Minnesota. She is a student.

g. William Joseph, born 24 September 1970 in St. Paul. He is a student.

6. Byron, born 4 June 1940, died September 1942.

7. Francella, born 7 March 1942 in Brooks, Minnesota. She married Norman Patrick Butler in July of 1965 in North St. Paul. Francella has a microfilming business in her home.

Mr. & Mrs. N.P. Bulter
387 Carol Dr.
Great Falls, MT 59405

They have three children:

- a. Todd, born 22 November 1965 in St. Paul. He is in the navy.
- b. Jeff, born 28 March 1969 in Alaska. He lives at home.
- c. Lisa, born 8 Mary 1966 in Alaska. She lives at home.

8. Judith, born 25 February 1945 in St. Paul. She works for the government.

Judith Fortier
1808 Park Beach Dr.
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Stories

My mother, Suphrina, told me that Julie was called "la poulet" (the chicken) because whenever people bothered her while she was busy, she squawked like a chicken to make them leave her alone.

--Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke

Albert was a man of many talents. He loved working with wood. At the time of his first heart attack, he was making a grandfather clock that is a work of art. He made two other clocks as well--one for his doctor and one for a friend.

Albert was active in church, and the church made good use of his many talents. In 1971 the church was in the process of remodeling, so Albert had taken home the old oak railing going up to the choir. He made all his children a set of oak candle holders. He also made a set for the church, which were used for the first time at Albert's funeral mass, and are still being used today.

Albert was a good, wise, and understanding man, a wonderful example to his children. His belief in God, family, and life has been passed on to all who loved him.

--Sue (Fortier) Prudhomme

RUINING OUR WOMEN

John W. Alexander Adds His Testimony to Dr. Sargent's.

American Woman's Figure Is Becoming More Masculine in Line Every Day—Outdoor Exercises and Life Blamed.

New York.—If the American woman persists in her undue athletic sports, there will soon be little difference between the masculine and the feminine figure.

So says John W. Alexander, president of the National Academy of Design. In this he agrees with Dr. Dudley Sargent, of Harvard, who said about the same thing. Mr. Alexander, one of America's foremost portrait painters has had ample opportunity to study women of every country and clime. In his home, at 116 West Sixty-fifth street, Mr. Alexander declared that the American woman's figure is becoming more masculine in line every day.

"Just where the beauty of such unnatural development comes in, I don't

see," said the painter. "I don't see why any woman should be proud of losing that which constitutes her greatest charm, her womanly bearing and figure. But that is just what the American women of all classes seem determined to do.

"In no other country in the world do you see such masculinelike figures as the American women have. In France the woman is the personification of grace. In Germany the woman is not so graceful, perhaps, but she has that motherly bearing which gives her a loveliness that is not often found among our women. In England the stateliness and dignities of the women dissipate the slightest suggestion of the masculine.

"It has only been in the last few years that this change has been so decidedly marked among our women.

"If she continues her violent exercises and outdoor life, in a few years she will be so manlike in figure that she will look ridiculous in woman's attire.

"Up to a certain point this outdoor life and development is excellent. It gives the girl all that women of this country have been distinguished for

abroad—a free, easy carriage, and an independence in movement and action that at once inspires confidence in her ability to meet a crisis. But this point has been overstepped and she is becoming anything but interesting.

"Take for instance, a woman who plays golf to the extreme. She has developed a large, muscular waist and a large, heavy arm.

"It is not an even training of all the muscles that the women are getting today, but an overdevelopment of some one set which will, in time, make them look more or less deformed.

"Athletic work is making women flat chested, large waisted, small lipped. This is the figure of a man, and that is one reason why many artists doing work along classical lines find it difficult to secure a model."

Doctor Sargent's views, which brought out Mr. Alexander's are to the effect that the feminine type is fast becoming masculine. The change, Doctor Sargent said, has come in the last twenty years. Women in the savage state, he added, were so like men in form that it was well-nigh impossible to tell them apart. Then, as civilization progressed, their especial feminine characteristics developed. Now the tendency is back to the savage type.

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Remi and Julie (Gagner) Fortier



Victoria and Leo Fortier



Eva and Rose Fortier



Rose, Leo and Eva Fortier



Rose and Albert Fortier



Zephyr and Eva (Fortier) LaMarre



Zepher and Eva (Fortier) LaMarre



Delia, Rosalie and Doloris LaMarre



Delia LaMarre (Linzner)



Zephyr, Eva and Delores



Charles and
Delia Linzner



Delores (LaMarre) and Gregory Saunders



Rose Fortier



(From left to right) Ciel Fortier, Pearl Gagner, Dave and Rose (Fortier) Desrosier and Florence Fortier.



David and Rose (Fortier) Desrosier



Victoria Murman, Rose Desrosier



B. row: Bill, Victoria, Mattie,
F. row: Eddie, Vicky, Lucia



Victoria (Fortier) Murman



William, Marjorie, Marcella, Lucia, Mattie,
Victoria, Dorothy, Victoria, Edward



Dorothy Merrifield, Ruth and Don Holbert, Earl Merrifield



Liz Merrifield Sanderson, Dorothy Merrifield, Kristina and Victoria Murman



Marsha (Edgar) Thompson, Mike Edgar, Esther (Edgar) Booth, Rex Edgar, Marjorie Edgar, Jerry Edgar, Janet (Edgar) Howard



Wayne, Marsha, Danny, Amy, Tim Thompson



Esther, Janice, Shannon and Ernie Booth



Marjorie Edgar, Barry Baglole, Vicki Baglole, Rex Edgar



Michelle, Melissa, Gerald and Pam Taylor, Annie Johnson



Bill, Pam, Marcella and Lee



William Murman, Victoria (Fortier) Murman, Seralyn (Murman) Gohl



Robert and Jean (Murman) Westerlund, Maude Lichtenstein, Carol Murman, Seralyn (Murman) and Dennis Gohl, Ruth Murman, Victoria (Fortier) Murman, William Murman



Jeremy Gohl →



From l to r: Larry and Cindy Haugberg, Nola Haugberg, Debbie and Dick Trettin, Jessica Trettin, Mattie and Bob Ludford, Robb Ludford



Lucia LeTourneau



Janet LeTourneau and Allan



Connie, Charles and Tammy Naylor



Richard Minor



DeLaine Minor and Alicia



Scott LeTourneau



Back row (l to r): Victoria, Randy, Carol, Gerald, Susan; front row: David, Michael and Ricky



Ed and Vince Murman



Jim, Pat, Destinee → and Adam Hirschman



Octave and Cecil Fortier



Bob, Connie and Craig Fortier



Leo K. and Joy K. Fortier



Leo Fortier



Julie Fortier



Tim Fortier



Back row (l to r): Steven, Dan, Keith, Greg, Julie, Dave; front row: Ron, Zoell, Denny and Sharon



Raymond Fortier



Raymond and Dorothy Fortier



Eva Lamarre, Dorothy, Jeanette, Alice and Howard and Walter Fortier



Albert Fortier



Florence and Albert Fortier



Albert and Florence Fortier and family



Lee and Deloris Fortier family. Front row: Jeannie, Christy, Lee, Deloris, Terry and Lee Annette. Back row: Al, John, Don.



Fran and Bonnie Turgeon



(Left to right): Douglas, Michelle, Gregory, Jill, Bonnie, Fran and Nannette



Norb and Sue (Fortier) Prudhomme family. Front row: Bill, Ann, Bev. Second row: Beth, Bonnie, Brenda. Back row: Norb, Sue, Jon.



Pat and Fran (Fortier) Butler family. Front row: Lisa, Jeff. Back row: Pat, Fran, Tobb.



Judy Fortier

Philemon Gagner



PHILEMON GAGNER was born 13 July 1876. He was the ninth of Laurent and Angele Gagner. They lived in St. Romain, Megantic-Compton County, Quebec, Canada, at the time Philemon was born.

The gentle, quiet, fun-loving man we all knew and loved as Philemon, or "Philemo", was not Philemon at all because he had been christened "Anaclet"! He was baptized 14 July 1876. His godparents were Octave Fortin and Delphine Roy.

"Que Sera Sera," "Whatever Will Be, Will Be" could well have been his motto. He had the ability to take everything "in his stride", tolerant of his fellow men with a "live-and-let-live" attitude.

When Philemon was seven years old, his parents moved to Terrebonne, Minnesota. Philemon and his contemporaries pioneered this community, and it remained home for Philemon until his death on 19 May 1960.

In 1905, on 27 November, Philemon married Ida Toupin, a local girl. Ida's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Toupin, lived in Grove Park Township, Polk County, Minnesota. Ida was only nineteen years old when she and Philemon were married. Ida was a serious-minded, hard-working person. Her family was her whole life. Ida was also a midwife.

Even though life on a farm in northern Minnesota in those days was a struggle most of the time, Ida diligently sewed, cooked, knitted, canned, and did whatever was needed to keep her family fed and clothed. Ida was a wonderful cook and a terrific housekeeper. Ida's babies were all born at home.

Every spring Philemon and Ida planted a huge vegetable garden. Next to the kids, that garden was their pride and joy. Ida canned enough vegetables from that garden to last all winter.

Sometimes Ida would decide to have pheasants or some other wild fowl for dinner. Philemon would ask her how many birds she needed. If she said "three," he would take three shells for his gun and come home with three birds!

The social life of the Philemon Gagners revolved around church clubs and socials, and neighborhood events. They were experts at cards.

A deep religious faith was no small part of the legacy given

the twelve children. Of all the things Ida considered important in her life, I believe the greatest of these was to keep her children on the "straight and narrow". She and Philemon gave their children the right set of values.

Among the things that Philemon deemed of utmost importance during his lifetime were gardening, fishing, playing cards, and his long underwear--not necessarily in that order. The long Johns were a must just for the severe winters. However, Philemon believed they were also an insulation against the heat in the summer. The gardening and fishing were, of course, beneficial. However, the card playing was borderline--not fully condoned by Ida.

As with all lifetimes, there were sad times and happy times. A sad time for Philemon was when their house burned to the ground. Lawrence and Alma had been playing with matches. It was a time when the children were quite young. However, no one perished in the flames--the redeeming factor--the family was still in tact. They doggedly set up housekeeping in another building on the farm and life went on--taking the catastrophe in stride. A new house was built many years later.

A happy time was when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 4 September 1955. The very festive event was held at the church in Terrebonne. Their niece Rose Fortier, baked a many-tiered wedding cake. Their son, Theodore, was master-of-ceremonies for the occasion. The celebration started with mass in the morning and lasted all day.

Ida had been a widow six years when she passed away on 30 October 1966. At the time of her death, she had fifty-five grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

--Vivian Gagner

Philemon and Ida Gagner: descendants

A. LOUIS GAGNER was born on 25 August 1906 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He never married but worked as a farmer on the Gagner homestead until 1976, when he went to live at the nursing home in Twin Valley, Minnesota. Harvey and Mary Ann then moved to the farm. Louis was self-educated in all the farm tasks. They had milk cows and Herefords. Louis was always the mechanic who could fix the machinery.

Louis was a great help at the nursing home. In March of 1984--at the age of seventy-seven--he was elected Outstanding Patient. He was always active--working on rugmaking, putting out the flag, and helping with patients. Louis still enjoys fishing, visiting, card playing, and Bingo. Louis died 8 April 1985 of kidney failure.

B. FLORESTINE ROY (GAGNER) was born 30 January 1908. About 1925, the owner of the hotel in Red Lake came around the farms looking for people to work in the hotel. Her mother said it was alright for Florestine to go. (She was seventeen or eighteen at the time.) She met two girls while working there and they became good friends. The three decided to go to Crookston to look for jobs. They didn't find anything there, so they went to Moorhead,

and became chambermaids at the Leland Hotel.

They thought it would be more profitable picking potatoes so they quit the hotel and tried that. They lasted five days before they asked for their jobs at the hotel back. It was hard, backbreaking work, and they had to sleep in tents. Florestine worked her way from chambermaid to restaurant work. She married Hubert Joseph Roy, and they moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota to raise a family. Hubert owned the Dray Line in Grand Rapids which is now the Grand Rapids Transfer Line. He died 18 August 1962.

Florence Roy
602 Third Ave. E.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Florence and Bert had eight children:

1. James Joseph born 8 March 1929 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

2. Robert Lawrence, born 21 October 1930 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He married Margaret Jane Doyle on 4 September 1954 in Adessa, Minnesota. Robert operated the Grand Rapids Transfer Line. He died 6 January 1977 of a cerebral bleed.

Margaret Roy
204 11th Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-4373

Robert and Margaret had six children:

a. Kerry Jean, born 2 August 1955 in Grand Rapids. She married Larry Russell Brion on 4 September 1976 in Oakland, California. Kerry works at Piggly Wiggly and Larry works at Blandin Paper Mill.

Larry and Kerry Brion
524 SW 12th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Kerry and Larry have two children:

1) Jeffrey Scott, born 13 August 1976.

2) Jamie Lee, born 20 March 1982.

b. Mary Jane Roy, born 24 October 1957 in Grand Rapids. She is a checkout at a grocery store.

Mary Roy
9 Third St. SE
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

c. Kenneth Robert, born 19 October 1959, works for Grand Rapids Transfer.

d. William Hubert, born 8 July 1963, is a student at Bemidji State.

e. Steven Raymond, born 6 December 1964, is a student at Itasca Community College.

f. Gregg Lawrence, born 12 October 1969.

3. Henry Edward, born 20 February 1932 in Grand Rapids. On 16 September 1950 he married Catherine Margaret O'Neal in Hudson Falls, New York. Henry owns a DX gas station.

Henry and Catherine Roy
619 9th Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

(218) 326-2727

Henry and Catherine had nine children:

a. Pamela Marie, born 16 March 1951 in Grand Rapids. On 31 December 1983 she married Don Froid in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Don and Pamela Froid
8615 Maple Brook Parkway
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

b. Diane Margaret, born 23 November 1952 in Grand Rapids. On 28 August 1973 she married Rick Bailey in Big Fork, Minnesota. Diane is an Amway Distributor and Richard is a miner.

Richard and Diane Bailey
R.R. 1 Box 37-C
Bovey, Minnesota

Diane and Richard have two children:

1) Shawn David, born 28 July 1979.

2) Nathan Richard, born 3 September 1981.

c. Michael Henry, born 18 December 1954 in Grand Rapids. On 7 June 1974 he married Marlene Marie Crandell in Grand Rapids. Michael works for Bass Brook Township and Marlene is a dietrite aide.

Michael and Marlene Roy
P.O. Box 272
Cohasset, MN 55721

Michael and Marlene Roy have two children:

1) Heather Marie, born 26 October 1974.

2) Christopher Marvin, born 4 January 1977.

d. Rene Louise, born 24 June 1955 in Grand Rapids. On 28 August 1980 she married Thomas Henry in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Thomas and Rene Henry
Box 216

Cohasset, Minnesota 55721

e. Timothy John, born 24 October 1956 in Grand Rapids. On 10 July 1982 he married Teri Kay Hauff in Grand Rapids. Timothy delivers fuel and Teri works at River Road Market.

Timothy and Teri Roy
620 River Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Timothy had one child:

1) Tyler Melvin, born 5 September 1984.

f. Julie Ann, born 10 October 1958 in Grand Rapids. On 30 May 1981 she married Alan Lougee in Lake Hurst, New York.

Alan and Julie Lougee
609 Fifth Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

g. Joseph Thomas, born 12 December 1960.

h. Beth Susan, born 4 February 1957.

i. Adam Matthew, born 12 December 1971.

4. Gerald Raymond, born 6 April 1934 in Grand Rapids. On 27 February 1954 he married Peggy Johnson in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Gerald owns Grand Rapids Transfer.

and became chambermaids at the Leland Hotel.

They thought it would be more profitable picking potatoes so they quit the hotel and tried that. They lasted five days before they asked for their jobs at the hotel back. It was hard, backbreaking work, and they had to sleep in tents. Florestine worked her way from chambermaid to restaurant work. She married Hubert Joseph Roy, and they moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota to raise a family. Hubert owned the Dray Line in Grand Rapids which is now the Grand Rapids Transfer Line. He died 18 August 1962.

Florence Roy
602 Third Ave. E.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Florence and Bert had eight children:

1. James Joseph born 8 March 1929 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

2. Robert Lawrence, born 21 October 1930 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He married Margaret Jane Doyle on 4 September 1954 in Adessa, Minnesota. Robert operated the Grand Rapids Transfer Line. He died 6 January 1977 of a cerebral bleed.

Margaret Roy
204 11th Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-4373

Robert and Margaret had six children:

a. Kerry Jean, born 2 August 1955 in Grand Rapids. She married Larry Russell Brion on 4 September 1976 in Oakland, California. Kerry works at Piggly Wiggly and Larry works at Blandin Paper Mill.

Larry and Kerry Brion
524 SW 12th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Kerry and Larry have two children:

1) Jeffrey Scott, born 13 August 1976.

2) Jamie Lee, born 20 March 1982.

b. Mary Jane Roy, born 24 October 1957 in Grand Rapids. She is a checkout at a grocery store.

Mary Roy
9 Third St. SE
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

c. Kenneth Robert, born 19 October 1959, works for Grand Rapids Transfer.

d. William Hubert, born 8 July 1963, is a student at Bemidji State.

e. Steven Raymond, born 6 December 1964, is a student at Itasca Community College.

f. Gregg Lawrence, born 12 October 1969.

3. Henry Edward, born 20 February 1932 in Grand Rapids. On 16 September 1950 he married Catherine Margaret O'Neal in Hudson Falls, New York. Henry owns a DX gas station.

Henry and Catherine Roy
619 9th Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Gerald and Peggy Roy
820 Ninth St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-6566

Gerald and Peggy have six children:

a. Deborah Jean, born 24 October 1956 in Grand Rapids. On 25 October 1975 she married Bruce W. Cornelius in Richfield, Minnesota. Bruce works for 3M Ground Maintenance.

Bruce and Deborah Cornelius
16154 Foliage Ave.
Rosemount, MN 55068

Bruce and Deborah have two children:

- 1) Clinton Gerald, born 13 October 1980
- 2) Lindsey Marie, born 24 February 1983

b. Vicky Ann, born 18 June 1955 in Grand Rapids. On 6 September 1974 she married Michael Craig Russell in Grand Rapids. Vicky is a housewife and Michael is a carpet layer.

Michael and Vicky Russell
904 SW 14th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Vicky and Michael have one child:

- 1) Sarah Jane, born 11 June 1975

c. Randy Gerald, born 20 October 1956 in Grand Rapids. On 25 August 1979 he married Debra Anderson in Grand Rapids. Randy works for Grand Rapids Transfer and Debra is a secretary.

Randy and Debra Roy
616 NW 13th St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Randy and Debra have one child:

- 1) Ryan Gerald, born 27 March 1982.

d. Mark Raymond, born 27 September 1959 in Grand Rapids. On 22 August 1981 he married Diane Kellen in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mark and Diane Roy
909 1/2 NW Eighth St.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

e. Kathryn Frances, born 28 September 1963 in Grand Rapids. On 20 October 1984 she married Tim Wilson in Grand Rapids.

Tim and Kathryn Wilson
10374 West 58th Place #26
Arvada, CO 80004

f. James Christopher, born 14 June 1967 in Grand Rapids.

5. Larry Alphonse, born 2 October 1940 in Grand Rapids. On 15 October 1960 he married Jeanne Marie Yeshe in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Larry and Jean Roy
720 Ninth Ave. NW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-3979

Larry and Jeanne have four children:

- a. Anthony David, born 17 March 1961
- b. Brian William, born 29 May 1962
- c. Todd Alan, born 14 June 1965
- d. Lynn Marie, born 24 February 1967

6. Thomas John, born 10 July 1943 in Grand Rapids. On 20 July 1963 he married Rosemary Ellen Novak in Hibbing, Minnesota. Thomas is a jailer for Itasca County.

Thomas and Rosemary Roy
Harbor Heights Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Thomas and Rosemary have three children:

- a. Jamie Margaret, born 6 March 1965.
- b. Jill Marie, born 9 July 1969.
- c. Thomas Martin, born 12 August 1970.

7. Nancy Ann, born 27 February 1948 in Grand Rapids. On 27 June 1970 she married James Robert Arnhold in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Nancy is a teacher.

James and Nancy Arnhold
1700 Mishawaka Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-6171

Nancy and James have three children:

- a. Jennifer Jo, born 3 December 1970.
- b. Michelle Marie, born 23 July 1974.
- c. Molly Ann, born 26 August 1976.

8. Dennis Patrick, born 19 December 1949 in Grand Rapids. On 4 August 1969 he married Wendy Kay Wilson in Big Fork, Minnesota. Dennis works for Prudential Insurance.

Dennis and Wendy Roy
822 Tenth Ave. N.W.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-5408

Dennis and Wendy have three children:

- a. Benjamin Patrick, born 15 February 1970.
- b. Rebecca Kay, born 23 December 1971.
- c. Rachel Ann, born 4 June 1976.

C. THOMAS WILLIAM GAGNER was born on 21 January 1910 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He married Violet Bourgeois on 5 March 1941 at Baudette, Minnesota. After they got married they moved to a farm in Terrebonne Township, just a few miles from where Tom was born and raised. He was a dairy farmer, and he lived at the same place all his married life. Thomas died on 18 April 1980 of congestive heart failure. Vi is still on the farm with sons Mark and Gregory.

Mrs. Violet Gagner
Box 52
Mentor, MN 56736

Tom and Vi had ten children:

1. Beverly, born 14 July 1941. Beverly married William Truran on 24 September 1966 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Beverly works as an administrative assistant for a firm in Eden Prairie. William works as a drafter at Gerber Industries.

Beverly and William have two children:

- a. Jennifer, born 25 August 1971, is a student.
- b. Kathleen, born 10 August 1977, is a student.

2. Patricia, born 22 March 1943 in Crookston. Patricia married Eugene Proulx on 3 August 1963 at St. Anthony's in Terrebonne. Patricia works as a licensed practical nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul. Eugene works at Deluxe Check Printers, St. Paul.

Patricia and Eugene have three children:

- a. Jill, born 14 July 1965.
- b. Jodi, born 11 September 1969, is a student.
- c. Daniel, born 1 January 1979, is in Kindergarten.

3. Sandra, born 13 May 1944, in Crookston, Minnesota. Sandra owns a small farm in Terrebonne Township. She works at American Crystal in Crookston.

4. Sidney, born 31 October 1946, in Crookston. Sidney married Angeline Pucci on 10 May 1969 in St. Paul, Minnesota. They are now living in Forest Lake, Minnesota. Sidney works for North Star Distributors Warehouse Foods in Hopkins. Angeline is a licensed daycare mother.

Sidney and Angeline have three children:

- a. Laurie, born 26 March 1970, is a student.
- b. Ann Marie, born 15 August 1973, is a student.
- c. David, born 7 January 1975, is a student.

5. Gail, born 31 January 1950 in Crookston, Minnesota. Gail married Mark Kinderwater on 3 March 1973. They were divorced in 1980. Gail works as a part time personal care nursing attendant.

Gail has two children:

- a. Thomas Kinderwater, born 2 September 1978, is a student.
- b. Nicole Marie Coleman, born 18 December 1982.

6. Mary Jo, born 4 December 1953 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. She married David Shetler on 17 August 1974 in Terrebonne. They were divorced in 1980. She is now living in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Mary Jo has five children:

- a. Christine, born 11 January 1975, student.
- b. Kevin, born 26 April 1976, student.
- c. Craig, born 14 November 1977, student.
- d. Alicia Anderson, born 9 August 1983.
- e. Laura Anderson, born 26 October 1984.

7. Mark, born 27 April 1957 in Red Lake Falls. He lives at

home.

8. Gregory, born 31 July 1960 in Red Lake Falls. He lives at home.

9. Brian, born 4 October 1962 in Red Lake Falls. He works in Anoka, Minnesota.

10. Kenneth, born 30 March 1964 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He is a student at Bemidji State.

D. THEODORE JOSEPH GAGNER was born 22 May 1912. Ted's debut into a world as yet devoid of penicillin, plastics, and the "pill" seemed uneventful. Yet, he was destined to make his mark among his fellow men. His life touched and influenced many other lives. Although he was with us for too short a time, he made the world around him a happier place just by being there.

Ted was very proud of his French heritage. He spoke the language fluently. He was often teased about "thinking" in French but speaking in English. Phrases like "throw the bull over the fence, some hay down" were common with him. However, if he ever talked in his sleep it was in French--to my dismay because I couldn't understand a word! The air would sometimes turn "blue" with emphatic French words, such as when he would hit the wrong nail with a hammer.

When Ted was quite young the church in Terrebonne was fortunate to have him as an altar boy--a task that Ted took seriously. He felt privileged to be sent to a Catholic boy's school in St. Boniface, Canada. Only French was spoken in the classrooms there.

The six years--some high school and some college--he spent at the school were formative years. Because the rules were rigid, the headmaster strict, and the student obedient, submissive and eager to learn, these youths became young men with fine principles and high moral standards. Ted was a valuable addition to the school's hockey team. It was a sport in which he excelled.

However, the original pattern for Ted's life was altered before it could be cut out for he never became a priest.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941 accelerated marriage plans for Ted and his fiance--me. I joined him when he was stationed in Texas in June 1942 and we were married there so far away (it seemed then) from family and friends. I had been Vivian Moen, teaching in a local school.

After World War II, Ted was discharged from the army December 1945. Ted's and my home in Southeast Minneapolis was open to anyone who wished to come to the big city for employment, for schooling, for fun, or to be with a sick loved one at the nearby University Hospital. The days when there were no house guests were few and far between.

Ted's practical, down-to-earth nature was evident in the employment he selected for a livelihood. He chose not to use his college training in higher mathematics or his linguistic talents acquired as part of his training for the priesthood. Perhaps the

training was not extensive enough or employment along those lines was not available. However, the men and women at the St. Paul Ford Assembly Plant had the good fortune of having Ted as a co-worker. They all loved his sense of humor and lutefisk he brought from home to cook in the paint ovens.

Those who knew Ted would agree with me, I know, in saying he was the "good humor" man at every gathering of friends and family, the life of the party. He was the most unpretentious person I have ever known. Once, after listening to a friend boast about his own house for several minutes, Ted remarked, "Sorry we can't stay longer, but I have to go home and pound some nails in the south wall of the house before it falls down."

Although Ted had many loyal friends, his best friend was his brother Henry. They could, and would, carry on a telephone conversation that lasted for hours. They could come up with solutions for all the problems of the United Nations, the Gagner households, and the Great Republic of China.

When Ted passed away on Sunday, 11 September 1966, his family and relatives were devastated as were his friends. One dear friend was so moved by Ted's death he wrote this poem in his memory.

The very first day that I met Ted,
I felt it from the start
That he'd grow very dear to me,
A trusted friend, a brother of the heart.

Now this day I've lost my friend
For God has called him there.
What God has gained, I have lost,
A very special friend.

Ted and Vivian had two children:

1. Rochelle (Shelly) JoAnn, born 28 October 1948. She married H. Fredrick (Fred) Haiker. Shelly is a homemaker at present but once taught elementary school. Fred is a financial consultant.

Shelly and Fred Haiker
15005 Stevens Ave. S.
Burnsville, MN 55337
(612) 435-6260

Shelly and Fred have two children:

- a. Matthew Joel, born 15 July 1974
- b. Kristen Joy, born 21 January 1977

2. Timothy Alan, born 2 October 1952. He married Nancy Nichols on 15 April 1978 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Tim is vice president of Dataserv, Inc., and Nancy is a homemaker.

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Gagner
5509 River Bluff Circle
Bloomington, MN 55437
(612) 884-3439

Tim and Nancy have two children:

- a. Nicholas Theodore, born 20 May 1981.
- b. Andrew Timothy, born 12 April 1984.

E. BLANCHE BLACK (GAGNER) was born 19 December 1914, in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She attended LaBelle in Polk County through the eighth grade. She attended high school in Red Lake Falls for one year. Then went to Grand Rapids. Blanche married Arvid Black on 26 June 1939. Blanche has been a housekeeper for several wealthy families in the Grand Rapids area. Arvid was an independent contractor, architect and home builder in the area. He also dealt in some real estate and built at least one hundred homes. Arvid and Blanche are both retired and spend their winters in Texas.

Winter address:
Mr & Mrs Arvid Black
Box 50067
Alamo, Texas 78516

Summer address:
902 Fifth Street S.W.
Grand Rapids, MN. 55744
(218)326-4697

Blanche and Arvid had four children:

1. Dick, born 1 March 1936. He married Denise Carriere.
Dick is a bank manager.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Black
623 S.E. 10th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dick and Denise have two children:

a. Cheryl, born 28 December 1963. She married Rich LaLonde.

Mr. & Mrs. Rich LaLonde
623 S.E. 10th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Cheryl and Rich have one daughter:

1) Nichole, born 17 October 1983

b. Stacey, born 31 December 1966. She lives at home.

2. Janet, a twin, born 26 June 1941. She married Philip Gibeau on 1 August 1959. They are divorced.

Janet (Black) Gibeau
924 Seventh St. SE
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Janet and Philip have five children:

a. David Joseph, born 6 July 1960. He married Barbara Berg. David works as an auto mechanic.

Mr. & Mrs. David Gibeau
2525 Highway 2
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

David and Barbara have two sons:

1) Mark David, born 6 June 1981.

2) James Philip, born 22 September 1983.

b. Brian Lee, born 20 June 1962, works at Forest Products.

c. Michael Dwayne, born 20 May 1964, is a meat cutter.

d. Daniel Lee, born 7 February 1966, is in college.

e. Paul Dale, born 21 March 1968, is in high school.

3. Janice is Janet's twin. Born 26 June 1941 and married Lou Hince. The girls had a double wedding ceremony on 1 August

1959. Lou was a deputy sherriff and died suddenly on 29 November 1982.

Janice Hince

915 SW Fourth St.

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Janice and Lou had four children:

a. Gregory, born 25 December 1960. He married Terry Stolley on 1 December 1984. Greg was a good wrestler during his high school days. He is a construction worker.

Gregory and Terry Hince

1218 Seventh St. NE

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

b. Douglas, born 21 June 1962. He married Michelle Robinson on 29 July 1982.

Douglas and Michelle Hince

904 Fifth St. SW

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Douglas and Michelle have one son:

1) Jeffrey Dean, born 20 September 1983.

c. Janine, born 10 February 1965, is an accountant.

Janine Hince

P.O. Box 142

Gonvick, MN 56644

d. Tracy, born 6 December 1966, is in high school.

4. Milton, born 31 January 1946. He married Sandra Swelland on 1 December 1981.

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Black

902 Fifth St. SW

Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Sandra has one son:

a. Jason Shear, born 13 December 1970

F. MAURICE GAGNER was born 26 September 1916 in Terrebonne, Minnesota.. He went to LaBelle country school and worked in the area until 1942, when he moved to California to seek employment. Maurice never married. He enjoyed fishing and loved to watch horse racing. He was also a good cook and is remembered as being a kind man. Maurice was "Pete" to his friends. He died 3 March 1971 at his home in Loundale, California. He had been in failing health for several years. He is buried in Terrebonne Cemetery, close to where he grew up.

G. LAWRENCE LLEWELYN GAGNER was born 24 September 1918. He went to LaBelle country school in Polk County through the eighth grade. In 1936 he went to CC Camp Buckboard near Bagley, where he cut and planted trees, cleaned roadways, and did general forestry work for six months. Lawrence married Doris Gauthier on 24 September 1941. They farmed near Terrebonne, then moved to Plummer, Minnesota, where Lawrence ran a theater and did some farming. In 1950 they moved to Grand Rapids, Minnesota, where Lawrence worked in the mines as a machine operator and truck driver for Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company, until he retired with a disability in 1977.

Lawrence lived most of his life in Grand Rapids. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish for thirty-five years, and also belonged to the Knights of Columbus, Grand Rapids Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Grand Rapids Lodge of Loyal Order of Moose. Like his father, Philemon, Lawrence loved to play cards. He won trophies and played lots of cribbage after he became disabled. Lawrence loved to play Bingo and from 1983-84 was a caller for the Eagle when they had Bingo night at the Eagle Lodge in Grand Rapids. He was also a two-year chairman and officer for Bingo.

Lawrence died on 27 January 1985 at Itasca Memorial Hospital in Grand Rapids. Burial was at the Itasca Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Doris Gagner
722 5th St. W.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-4865

Lawrence and Doris had thirteen children:

1. Idella, born 23 September 1942 in Crookston, Minnesota. She works as a bartender at George's in Fridley. Idella is divorced. Idella M. Hill
1121 79th Ave. N.
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432
(612) 786-4719

Idella has three children:

- a. Mark, born 2 February 1961. He married Chris Vick on 21 August 1982. Mark is in the U.S. Air Force, and he and his wife are expecting their first child in April.
- b. Mitzi, born 16 August 1965. Mitzi is living at home, and she works as a waitress.
- c. Monica, born 16 October 1966, is a student.

2. Yvonne, born 28 January 1944 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Joe Ratai on 28 August 1967. Joe is a schoolteacher in Keewatin, Minnesota. Yvonne is a cashier at Security Drug in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Joe & Yvonne Ratai
Box 433
Keewatin, MN 55753
(218) 778-6548

Yvonne and Joe have two children:

- a. Toni, born 6 August 1968, is a student.
- b. Anna, born 10 September 1972, is a student.

3. Larry, born 16 April 1946 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He is Barbara's twin. He married Carol Sebade on 14 February 1970. Larry works at L.B. Hartz Company in Thief River Falls. Carol works as a clerk at Valley Dairy and is a homemaker and mother.

Larry & Carol Gagner
2471 N. Merryian
Thief River Falls, Mn 56701

Larry and Carol have two children:

- a. Jamie, born 9 September 1973
- b. Jennifer, born 14 May 1976

4. Barbara, born 16 April 1946 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

She is Larry's twin. She married Gerald Backman on 13 January 1968. Gerald works as an engineer and drafter for Schoell and Madson in Hopkins. Barbara has been a licensed babysitter for nine years.

Barbara & Gerald Backman
12035 26th Ave. N.
Plymouth, MN 55441
(612) 559-2352

Barbara and Gerald have four children:

- a. Tabitha, born 26 June 1968.
- b. Stacie, born 21 June 1969.
- c. Lanattee, born 23 June 1971
- d. Justin Lawrence, born 12 January 1979.

5. Dale, born 19 August 1947 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. He has worked as a welder for National Steel Pellet Company for eighteen years. Dale is divorced.

Dale Gagner, Sr.
520 2nd Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Dale has two children:

- a. Dale, Jr., born 25 July 1967, is marketing manager for Chucky Cheese Corporation, Edina, Minnesota. He lives in Apple Valley, Minnesota, with his mother and family.
- b. Cristy, born 11 May 1969, is a student at Apple Valley High. She lives in Apple Valley with her mother and family.

6. Ione, born 26 September 1948 in Crookston, Minnesota. She married Terry Beyer on 14 October 1967. Terry is a machinist for MPL Company in Grand Rapids. Ione works as a clerk at Ben Franklin in Grand Rapids.

Terry and Ione Beyer
6401 River Road
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-0937

Ione and Terry have two children:

- a. Lynn, born 11 July 1969, is a student.
- b. Brent, born 11 January 1974, is a student.

7. Debbie, born 6 November 1949 in Crookston, Minnesota. Debbie married Gary Kutina in March 1968. She was widowed 16 April 1977. Debbie works at Oulman IGA in Anoka, Minnesota, as a meatcutter and sometimes as a checkout clerk. She has worked for IGA for thirteen years.

Debbie Gagner Kutina
2902 8th Lane North
Anoka, MN 55303
(612) 427-4696

Debbie has two children:

- a. Scott, born 15 May 1968, is a student.
- b. Daren, born 2 April 1973, is a student.

8. Keith, born 14 March 1952 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Keith is single and works at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Keith Gagner
4304 Reno Road
Washington, D.C. 20008
(202) 966-8873

9. Doreen, born in 1956 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. She married Craig Caldwell on 31 July 1983 in Denver Colorado. Craig owns and operates Brooklyn's Supper Club in Denver, Colorado. Doreen is a homemaker and mother.

Doreen & Craig Caldwell
7515 S. Jasmine Court
Inglewood, CO 80112
(303) 771-5255

Doreen and Craig have one son:

- a. Andrew, born 19 February 1984.

10. Gloria, born 9 November 1957 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Gloria is single and has worked as a secretary for Ray's Cyclery for eight years. Gloria is living at home.

Gloria Gagner
722 5th St. W.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Gloria has one child:

- a. Emily Ann, born 24 March 1985

11. Fabian, born 20 January 1960 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He works as a technician for Skrudland, Inc. Fabian is divorced.

Fabian Gagner
2121 W. WN. Cannon Apt. 23
Austin, TX 78745

Fabian has one son:

- a. Joshua, born 13 April 1980, who lives with his mother in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

12. Curtis, born 22 August 1962 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Curtis is single and works at the Press, Inc., Chanhassen, Minnesota.

Curtis Gagner
9304 Nicollet Ave. S.
Bloomington, MN 55420
(612) 884-3794

13. Rodney, born 17 June 1966 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Rodney is a student at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He lives at home and works part-time at Gordy's Super Valu in Grand Rapids.

Rodney Gagner
722 Fifth Street W.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
(218) 326-4865

H. ALMA VUCKOVICH (GAGNER) was born 2 November 1920 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Peter Vuckovich on 18 October 1941 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Alma and Peter lived in Nashwauk for two years, California for five years, back to Minnesota for twelve years, then back to California for twenty-four years, where they are both retired. Peter worked on construction as a crane operator. Alma worked for seventeen years for Tylan Corporation in electronics. Peter and Alma have been traveling around the United States in their Winnebago since they retired. Both make friends easily and always have a good time.

Alma & Peter Vuckovich
8681 Katella Ave. Space 882
Stanton, CA 90680
(714) 995-4406

Alma and Peter have two children:

1. Terry J., born 22 June 1942 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He married Diane Pike on 25 May 1969 in Gilbert, Minnesota. Terry served twenty years in the army and is now a correctional officer in the city of Anchorage, Alaska. Diane works for a veterinarian. Terry and Diane have two children:

a. Todd, son of Diane by a former marriage, born 13 August 1963, adopted by Terry.

b. Toni Lee, born 1 March 1970 in Torrance, California. Both children live at home.

Terry & Diane Vuckovich

1004 W. 39th Ave.
Anchorage, AL 99503
(907) 563-6660

2. Michael, born 13 January 1945 in Richmond, California. He married Tammy Graham on 22 October 1983 in Torrance, California. Michael served two years in the Vietnam War. He and Tammy work for General Telephone Company. They have one child:

a. Nichole Ann, born 25 January 1985 in Torrance, California.

Michael & Tammy Vuckovich
4101 Carmen St.
Torrance, CA 90503
(213) 540-2604

I. HENRY JOSEPH GAGNER was born 30 December 1924 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He was a sickly child who is said to have cried until he was two years old. Henry went to grade school in Terrebonne, then high school in Red Lake Falls for two years. He then graduated from Mentor School.

Hank and Ted were the only two boys in the family to graduate

from high school. Hank was able to go to high school because he was able to receive state aid. Every morning he still had to get up early and do chores. He also worked for several farmers in the area and spent two summers working in North Dakota.

After graduation in 1943, he enlisted in the navy in March 1944, saw action in the Pacific as a yeoman, and was discharged in June 1946. He came to the Twin Cities to work at the Ford plant in St. Paul. Ted was employed there also. He and Hank were always the best of friends.

On 9 May 1949 he married Lauraine Marcotte in Red Lake Falls. Henry has been employed by Reuter, Inc., of Hopkins for thirty-four years. He started out as a machinist and through the years has learned much of the precision machining business. He has also been a tool maker. Now he's considered a mechanical engineer, quoting jobs and cutting computer tapes for all the machines.

Hank & Lauraine Gagner
2718 Hampshire Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55426

Hank and Lauraine have four children:

1. Susanne Katherine, born 26 May 1950 in Richfield, Minnesota. Sue is a graduate of St. Cloud State University. She received her Master's degree in elementary education from Millersville College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where she teaches third grade. On 31 July 1984, Sue married Glenn Brubaker in Lancaster.

Susanne and Glenn have one child:

- a. Amy, born 14 February 1985.

2. Annette Marie, born 18 January 1954. Annette was always a tiny child but full of spunk--all five feet of her. She is a registered cosmetologist but makes her living as a cabinetmaker. Annette attended Metropolitan College in Minneapolis for two years, the University of Minnesota one year, then went to Mankato State College, where she took some basic shop classes. She was then able to get into Eden Prairie Vo-Tech and is now a cabinetmaker.

Annette Gagner
2718 Hampshire Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55426

3. Joseph Henry, born 11 February 1957 in St. Louis Park. Joe is currently employed by B. Dalton Bookstores in Dinkytown as a manager. On 9 September 1984 he married Mary Beth Ast. Mary Beth is a seamstress and does costume designing for several local theaters.

Joe & Mary Beth Gagner
950 Lynde Dr., Apt. 4
Minneapolis, MN 55432

4. Denise Lauraine, born 30 September 1963 in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. She attended St. Cloud State for two years and has transferred to the University of Minnesota, where she

is studying journalism. On 3 August 1985 Denise will marry James Robert. Jim is employed by Bremson Data Systems as a field service engineer.

Denise Gagner
1936 Fremont Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

J. HARVEY GAGNER was born on 29 December 1926 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. He attended Roosevelt School. In 1952 Harvey entered the army, and in 1956 he spent time in California with his brother Maurice. On 6 July 1963, Harvey married Mary Ann (Jaeger) Erickson, a widow with eight children. Harvey has lived and farmed on the Gagner homestead all of his life, and he and Mary Ann still live and farm on the land near Mentor, Minnesota. Harvey enjoys fishing and socializing.

Harvey and Mary Ann Gagner
RR 2
Mentor, MN 56736
(218) 698-4247

Harvey and Mary Ann raised eleven children:

1. Sandy Erickson, single, Wheatridge, Colorado.
2. Terry Erickson, married with four children, Moorhead, Minnesota.
3. Mark Erickson, single, St. Paul, Minnesota.
4. Marcia Erickson, single, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
5. Joni (Erickson) Sebenaler, married with one child, Lancaster, Minnesota.
6. Steven Erickson, married, Scandia, Minnesota.
7. Tim Erickson, married with one child, Littleton, Colorado.
8. Sonia (Erickson) Foote, married with one child, Arvada, Colorado.
9. Lisa Gagner, born 9 April 1964. She is single, works as a nurse's aide, and lives in Mentor, Minnesota.
10. Philip, died at birth.
11. Desiree Gagner, born 22 August 1967. She is single and lives in Mentor, Minnesota.

K. THERESA JANE GAGNER was born 7 May 1929, in Terrebonne, Minnesota. She married Maurice Joseph LaCoursiere on 27 November 1947. Theresa is a homemaker, and Maurice is a lineman for the Rural Electric Cooperative.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice LaCoursiere
Rt. 1

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2411

Theresa and Maurice have eight children:

1. Joyce, born 24 June 1949, Crookston, Minnesota. She married Larry Desrosier on 24 October 1970 in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Joyce is a medication assistant for Ramsey County Nursing Home, and Larry is an electrician for Standard Electric.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Desrosier
1887 Dieter St.
Maplewood, MN 55109
(612) 770-5277

Joyce and Larry have two children:

- a. Justin, born 21 January 1974, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- b. Wade, born 27 June 1977, St. Paul, Minnesota.

2. Karen, born 26 May 1950, Crookston, Minnesota. She married Terry Carr on 24 April 1971, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Karen is a beautician and an homemaker, and Terry works for Syntex Agribusiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Carr
Rt. 1

Aurora, MO 65605
(417) 463-2109

Karen and Terry have three children:

- a. Jason, born 5 March 1974, Springfield, Missouri.
- b. Jared, born 29 April 1977, Springfield, Missouri.
- c. Jesse, born 24 November 1979, Springfield, Missouri.

3. Michael, born 5 August 1952, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He married Marjorie Schafer on 15 October 1982, in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Michael is a skilled laborer, and Marjorie is a homemaker.

Michael LaCoursiere & Marjorie Schafer
Rt. 2

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2319

Michael and Marjorie have two children:

- a. Saul, born 13 August 1982, Aurora, Missouri.
- b. Ivan, born 10 November 1983, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

4. Jeffrey, born 25 August 1954, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He is presently unmarried. Jeffrey has worked for the Oil Exploration Company for a number of years, and is presently working various jobs as a skilled laborer.

Jeff LaCoursiere
Rt. 1

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2411

5. Alan, born 13 November 1956, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. He married Mary Riendeau on 6 October 1979, in Gentilly, Minnesota. Alan is a machinist at Reuters, and Mary is a

homemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan LaCoursiere
2310 Cty. Rd 1
Mounds View, MN 55112
(612) 786-1251

Alan and Mary have two children:

- a. April, born 4 April 1980, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- b. Jacob, born 9 March 1984, Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

6. Steven, born 15 July 1959, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Steve is presently unmarried. He is now working in Alaska at various jobs.

Steven LaCoursiere
Rt. 1
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2411

7. Dennis, born 31 May 1961, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Dennis is presently unmarried. He is going to school in Wadena, Minnesota, for electronics technology.

Dennis LaCoursiere
Rt. 1
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 253-2411

8. Darin, born 1 May 1967, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Darin is a senior at Lafayette High School and plans on attending college.

Darin LaCoursiere
Rt. 1
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
(218) 25-2411

L. CHERIE ANN PEDERSON (GAGNER) was born 2 April 1935 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Cherie married Richard Pederson on 19 September 1953 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. Cherie works as a waitress at Kozlak's Royal Oaks, and Richard is a senior technician at Control Data Corporation.

Richard & Cherie Pederson
1224 Amble Rd.
Arden Hills, MN 55112
(612) 633-4268

Richard and Cherie have four daughters:

1. Brenda Rae Pederson, born 4 June 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. Brenda is single and works as a secretary for Control Data Corporation in Arden Hills, Minnesota.

Brenda Pederson
1224 Amble Rd.
St. Paul, MN 55112
(612) 633-4268

2. Pamela Jean Lentsch, born 13 August 1957, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Pam married John Lentsch on 23 February 1983. Pam

is a department assistant at Delmart Corporation, and John is a salesperson.

John & Pamela Lentsch

707 90th Lane

Blaine, MN 55434

(612) 780-8021

Pam and John have one son:

a. Timothy John, born 11 August 1983.

3. Kim Elizabeth Frey, born 27 August 1958, Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Kim married Donny Frey on 22 May 1982. Kim and Donnie are owners and operators of two catering trucks that service various manufacturing facilities in the Twin Cities.

Donny & Kim Frey

6917 Lamotte Dr.

Hugo, MN 55038

(612) 426-3421

4. Dawn Marie Schifsky, born 27 July 1962, Golden Valley, Minnesota. Dawn married Michael Schifsky on 19 February 1984. Dawn is a department assistant at Deluxe Check, and Mike works for the Arden Hills Village Maintenance Department.

Michael and Dawn Schifsky

1627 Knight St.

Shoreview, MN 55112

(612) 786-9267

Mike and Dawn have one son:

a. Daniel Roger, born 5 November 1984.

Stories

When I was about five years old, I was playing at Albert's in the haystack. Because it was winter, I was all bundled up in warm clothes. Diarrhea struck, and as I stood by the barn crying, Dad came to rescue me. He brought a pail of water and towels. He proceeded to clean me up. Never has a father done more for a very sad son.

I remember my godfather Albert Gagner always made Christmas special and made me feel special by giving me a bag of candy.

--Henry Gagner

I remember as a little girl crawling up on Dad's lap and promising him that he wouldn't have to rock me anymore as soon as my feet could touch the ground. I guess I must have been about twelve or thirteen when he stopped rocking me.

--Cherie Pederson (Gagner)

The thing I remember best about Philemon was his love of fishing and playing cards--not necessarily in that order. Every

chance he got, he would talk me into telling Grandma that we were going to the river fishing. On the way he would always talk me into taking him to Red Lake so he could play cards. "Pick me up on the way back from fishing" he would say. I don't think Ida ever knew how many cards games Philemon played those last years.

--Richard Pederson

Philemon liked to fish and play cards. He was hard of hearing, and sometimes we wondered if he heard only what he wanted to hear. He drove the tractor while his son Tom's girls (Bev, Pat, and Sandy) picked rocks on the home place. He was quiet and spoke French when he did speak.

Philemon always stood straight and was always thin. He played tricks on Albert Gagner's kids all the time, such as having Buck smell Philemon's snuff, which would go up Buck's nose, causing him to sneeze and sneeze. Yet Buck wouldn't learn and would keep going back for more. Philemon would also have the kids look for the moon through his coat sleeve. When the kids were looking through the sleeve, Philemon would dump water in the end of the sleeve and get the kids all wet.

Philemon would put a black hair robe over himself and crawl on his hands and knees, growing like a bear. There was a ditch between Amede and Philemon's farm. Louis, Leo, and Thomas would go to Uncle Amede's to visit with Anna and Albert, and always believed they saw a bear in the ditch.

Philemon loved to go to auctions and would buy lots of things at sales. He was a very friendly man who put Copenhagen snuff up his nose, which that would make him sneeze and open his sinuses.

Deer season 1956 was a very interesting one. I was hunting with Russ Zimple's crew of which Harvey Gagner was a long time member.

As all good crews do, we had a Friday nite pre-hunt meeting at the Zimple's. Everyone is assigned first drive/post positions, along with the normal beer, brats & B.S. session that is part of the evening.

Daylight in the swamp comes early and Harvey and I are on post of a very good drive. I had heard rumors of Harvey's rigid trigger finger but just couldn't quite believe it. Harvey was leaning on a fence post about 50 yards from me when into the clearing directly in front a nice big doe stopped broadside. Harvey was looking down the sights at her. I waited and waited for the bang which never came. He was frozen solid.

Quietly talking to him to ease off a shot seemed like an eternity until finally the shot echoed thru the woods. The doe jumped, cleared the fence across the trail, ran the ditch till out of sight. Harvey said "Damn" finally shot and missed her. I was sure that the doe had been hit so I followed the trail. Four hundred yards later, there she was--perfect heart shot.

From that point on Harvey never again had any doubts about deer hunting. But believe me friends, there is no doubt about the tale called "Buck Fever."

--R.G. Pederson

"Tom", "Thomas" or "Tommy", generous and faithful servant. He was a good provider, a devoted dairy farmer. My dad loved people. He'd talk to strangers, he loved to exercise his french and tell stories - over and over he'd tell the same stories and made people laugh. He was a sensitive man, his love of animals was incredible. He never killed any animal. He loved nature, and spent his life tilling the soil, planting the seeds and reaping the fruit for his children and animals. He was an unselfish man, never one to receive, but he gave himself. My dad thru-out the years, grew tired and weary. His heart was heavy when times were difficult with his family, troubled marriages, or off doing things of the world. He always showed his emotions. He struggled til the end. His heart so weak, so tired in his brokenness, the Lord called him home. I was there when the Lord came, the intensity of light before my dad's eyes made them sparkle and glow and my dad called to his wife, our mother and spoke his last words and was gone with the spirit of everlasting life. I named my first son Thomas, after Dad, although he only knew his grandfather one year. The examples my father left are surely a reflection in his children, all ten of us. We love and miss him.

--Gail (Gagner) Kinderwater

I am Doreen Gagner Caldwell daughter of the late Lawrence Gagner. I live in Englewood, Colorado with my husband Craig and son Andrew.

I could probably write a book of all the wonderful things I remember about my father. He was the most understanding and patient father. He was a very unselfish man and had a heart as big as our family. One very important thing I remember about my father, was when I was 16 years old, he was telling me about love and loving one man. He told me to love him for what he was and not what he could be to love a man rich or poor, that money had very little to do with love. That was a very special time for my father and I and I shall never forget it or him for as long as I shall live.

I have wonderful memories to share with my own children to tell them such wonderful things of my father and their grandfather.

Now that I've grown up I can think back on my life and see how my dad made a positive impression on me. For instance, I'll never forget the winter mornings when my dad was laid off and would cut up loaves of mom's home baked bread for us thirteen kids' school lunch. For breakfast it took a whole loaf of bread and a big pan of oatmeal just to get us started. Before we left for school, we would line up for our lunches and unfortunately our teaspoons of cod liver oil.

Since I've been so busy the last eight years, raising two boys and taking care of my own home, I realize how much I will miss my dad. For example, I will miss the times he would come down to the Twin Cities and visit us, while visiting he would help repair, paint and build things for my home. He never seemed to miss not really having time to relax. He was just more concerned helping his kids.

--Debbie Kutina

My dad was very special to me. He was always there when you needed him. When he set his mind on something, he usually got it. When I wanted a garden, I told him a small one would be fine. Well, he made one to feed the whole Gagner family instead of just six people. He was a very special person.

--Ione Beyer (Gagner)

One Easter, Larry, Dale, Ione, Debbie, and I heard that the Super Valu Store was giving colored (dyed) chicks away. Each of us, with a shoebox in our hands, walked to the store and got six each. We were so proud of them. When we got home, my mother in dismay told us that we couldn't keep them. Each of us went back, boxes in hand, crying all the way there. I guess I said, "Let's keep one and hide it in our bedroom," which I shared with my five sisters. We kept the little chick in a shoebox in the closet. We girls took turns feeding it hamburger, oatmeal, and water every two hours so it wouldn't get hungry. When we woke up the next morning, the little chick had died. We thought we could make it come alive by putting it in the oven to keep it warm. That didn't work, so we buried it in the backyard. We all said a little prayer and put a little cross on the grave. A couple of days later, I told my Dad about the little chick that had died. He told me that the hamburger had been too heavy for it.

My Dad loved animals. When he was a little boy, he had a favorite dog by the name of Slipper. My Dad was so proud of that dog; it went everywhere with him. My Dad was a very private person. He didn't talk to us kids about his childhood, what it was like to live with five sisters and seven brothers, and what it was like to grow up on the farm. I am a private person like my Dad, and it's hard to express my inner thoughts and feelings to people, such as what it was like to be a twin (brother Larry) and what it was like to be the fourth oldest of thirteen children.

--Barbara (Gagner) Backman

In October of 1982, my father and I took a little trip back to his home, Mentor, Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Plummer, Oklee, and all other areas. In our travels our first stop was in Twin Valley, Minnesota, where we visited his brother Louis. There we attended a Halloween party. Our next stop was Red Lake Falls, Minnesota, with his sister Theresa. While Dad slept, I went coon hunting on a cool, clear full-moon evening with my two cousins, Mike and Darrin. Boy, was it fun.

Next stop was Thief River Falls, Minnesota. It was Halloween and we were staying with my brother Larry and his family. That night Larry dressed up as a lady and looked just like my sister Idella. Boy, did Dad and I get a good laugh. We ended up going to the party and had a great time.

Next stop, Oklee, Minnesota, where Dad and I had a down-home country-style meal with my uncle and aunts. Then we headed for home. I will always remember the little vacation I had with my father.

In 1984 my father took ill. He lost his leg, but that never stopped him from being the hard worker he always was. He could never sit idle, so he helped me build my garage from his wheelchair. Without his know-how, I never would have finished the job. My father taught me a lot: to always be good to others, to be a good provider and to work hard. There was always food on our table. Dad passed away after he lost his other leg on 27 January 1988. I will miss him. He not only was my father but also was my very best friend.

--Dale Roger Gagner

I'm second to the oldest girl in the family. I can remember a few things about my father. He was a hard worker and a very easy-going man. I never heard him yell at us unless he really meant it. One of his favorite sayings used to be, "That crack in the ceiling is getting bigger and bigger." Whenever we were arguing with each other at a mealtime, he would always stop us to say it.

My father never refused to help you if you needed help. He was a great carpenter. I had a new addition on my home, and if it weren't for my father helping my husband with all the plans and pounding of all the nails and laying the concrete for the garage, I wouldn't be sleeping where I am today. He did beautiful work and enjoyed every minute of it. Everytime I show my new addition to my friends, I can proudly say that my dear, beloved father and my husband, Joe, did it. I also have a beautiful built-in hutch in the dining room that my father made for me. It's a beautiful piece of work.

He was also a wonderful friend to a lot of people, especially to my husband. If my husband ever had a problem with doing something in the house, he'd call my Dad and Dad always listened and helped.

I can also remember when my older sister and I were teenagers, and we couldn't go into a bar unless we were with our parents. We would go with them, and my Dad taught us how to dance. I used to love to dance the old-time waltz with him. He was light on his feet and always knew what he was doing.

Those are some of the things I remember about my father and the wonderful person and father he was.

--Yvonne Gagner Ratai

I remember my Dad's love for animals. We always had some sort of animal for a pet, whether it was a dog, a cat, a rabbit, a chicken, or a fish. You name it, we had it, even though we lived in town. One time I had a little black dog named Boots, who always loved to sleep in my Dad's work boots. My love for animals comes from my Dad. At present I've had a cat for eight years.

--Idella (Gagner) Hill



Philemon and Ida Gagner



Back row (l to r): Ted, Thomas, Louis, Florestine
Middle row: Philemon, Blance, Maurice and Ida;
Front: Alma, Lawrence and Henry



Philemon and Ida Gagner (Golden Anniversary
in Terrebonne, Minnesota — 1955



Back row (l to r): Lawrence, Thomas, Louis,
Henry; front row: Maurice, Harvey, Theodore



Theresa, Alma, Florestine, Cheri, Blanche



Philemon and Ida Gagner



Back row (l to r): Harvey, Cheri, Blanche, Ted, Florence, Theresa, Alma and Louie; front row: Lawrence, Tom, Philemon, Ida, Maurice and Henry



(From l to r): Theresa, Cherie Ann, Ida, Florence, Alma, Blanche



Philemon Gagner family



Louie Gagner



Florestine Gagner (First Communion)



Florestine Gagner (middle) wearing the dress she bought for \$3 from a lady she worked for. It took a week's wages.



Florestine and Hubert J. Roy



Back row (l to r): Larry, Jerry, Nancy, Henry, Bob;
front row: Tom, Jim, Dennis



"The Nose Gang" (Roy's) Back row (l to r): Larry,
Hank, Jerry; front row: Jim, Nancy



Florestine (Gagner) Roy



James Roy and Florestine (Gagner) Roy



Robert and Margaret Roy, William Hubert, Mary
Jane, Kerry Jean, Kenneth Robert, Steven
Raymond and Gregg Lawrence



Jeff Brion



Jamie Brion



Back row (l to r): James Roy, Mark R. Roy, Dianne (Kellin) Roy, Lindsay Cornelius, Bruce Cornelius, Deborah (Roy) Cornelius, Clinton Cornelius, Vicky (Roy) Russell, Sarah Russell, Michael Russell, Kathy (Roy) Wilson, Tim Wilson, Randy G. Roy, Debra (Anderson) Roy, Ryan G. Roy; front row: Frances Johnson, Peggy (Johnson) Roy, Gerald Roy, Florestine (Gagner) Roy



Back row (l to r): Adam, Tim and Terry Huff, Rene Roy Henry, Mike Roy, Joe Roy; middle row: Dianne Roy Baily, Julie Roy Lougee; front row: Pam Roy Froid, Katie O'Neil Roy, Hank and Beth



Lynn, Todd, Brian, Tony, Jeanne and Larry



Nancy and James Arnhold, Jennifer, Michelle, Molly



Back row (l to r): Ben, Dennis; front row: Wendy, Rachel, Becky



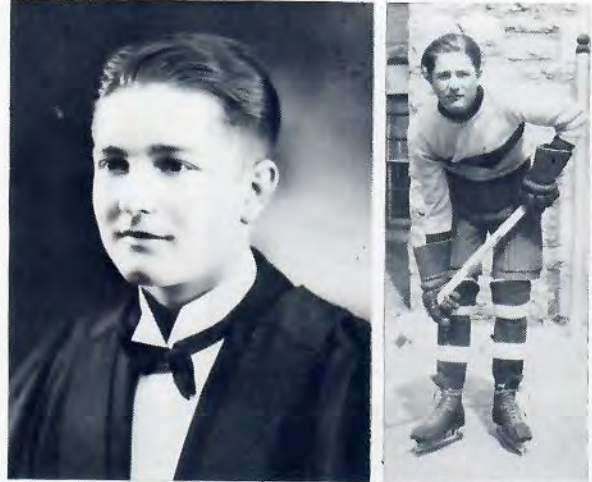
Thomas Gagner family: Thomas, Vi, Bev, Pat, Sandra, Sidney, Gail, Mary Jo, Mark, Greg, Brian, Kenneth



Pat (Gagner) and Gene Proulx, Jill, Jodi, Danny



Angie, Sidney, Ann, David and Laurie Gagner



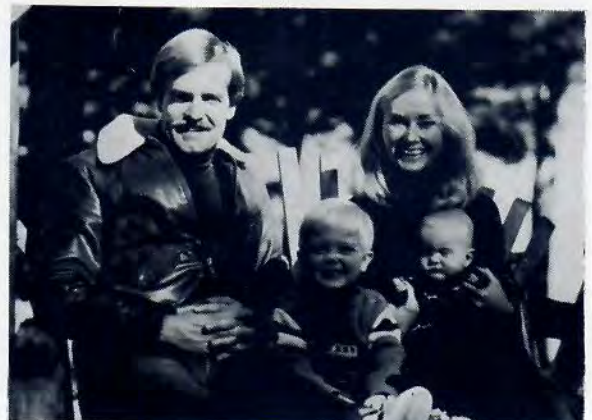
Ted Gagner (St. Boniface College)



Ted and Vivian (Moen) Gagner



Fred, Kristen, Matthew and Rochelle (Shelly) (Gagner) Haiker



Timothy and Nancy Gagner, Nicholas and Andrew



Back row (l to r): Douglas, Gregory; front row: Tracy, Janice, Janine Hince



Blanch and Arvid Black



Maurice Gagner



Maurice Gagner, Ted Gagner, Lawrence and Doris, Alma Gagner, Diane Riendeau



Lawrence and Doris Gagner
40th wedding anniversary



Back row (l to r): Fabian, Larry, Debbie, Lawrence, Idella, Barbara, Dale. Front row: Keith, Yvonne, Doreen, Doris, Rodney, Ione, Gloria, Curtis



Chris and Mark Hill



Mitzi Hill



Monica Hill



Tony Ratai



Anna Ratai



Jamie Gagner



Jennifer Gagner



Tabitha Backman



Stacie Backman



Lanattee Backman



Justin Backman



Dale Jr., Dale Sr., and Cristy Gagner



Ione (Gagner) and Terry Beyer, Brent, Lynn



Debbie (Gagner), Scott and Daren Kutina



Keith Gagner



Craig and Doreen (Gagner) Caldwell, Andrew



Fabian Gagner and son, Joshua



Alma (Gagner) and Peter Vuckovich



Terry Vuckovich, Toni Lee, Diane, Todd



Mike and Tammy Vuckovich



Henry Gagner



Henry Gagner (1944)



Henry and Lauraine Gagner
(Married May 9, 1949)



Glenn and Susanne Gagner Brubaker



(Left to right): Annette, Susanne, Lauraine, Joe,
Denise and Henry



Joseph and Mary Beth Ast
(Married Sept. 8, 1984)



Harvey Gagner



Harvey and
Mary Ann Gagner



Harvey Gagner,
Maurice LaCoursiere



Desiree Gagner



Lisa Gagner



Theresa Gagner LaCoursiere



Omer Violette, Lauraine Marcotte Gagner, Maurice, Theresa, Henry G., Mary Rose Gagner Violette



Back row (l to r): Michael, Joyce (Desrosier), Karen, Jeff; front row: Steven, Darin, Maurice, Theresa, Dennis, Alan LaCoursiere



Terry and Karen Carr, Jason, Jared and Jesse



Justin Desrosier



Wade Desrosier



Saul LaCoursiere



Ivan LaCoursiere



Alan, Mary, April and Jacob LaCoursiere



Cherie and Richard Pederson



Back row (l to r): Kim Frey, John and Pamela Lentsch, Brenda and Richard Pederson; front row: Don Frey, Cherie Pederson, Margaret Pederson, Michael and Dawn Shifsky



Daniel Shifsky and Timothy Lentsch

Zephyr Gagner



Zephyr was the tenth child of Laurent and Angele Gagner. He was born 14 June 1879 in St. Romain, Quebec, and was christened Zephirin, after his godfather Zephirin Fortin. His godmother was Philomene de Courcys.

Zephyr came with his family to Minnesota about 1883. He lived in Minneapolis for a short time before moving to Terrebonne, Minnesota, where he lived until his death in 1921. He married Ida Perreault (born July 1889 to Eli Perreault and Zoe Leduc) on 8 July 1908 in Terrebonne. Witnesses to the wedding were Philip Fontaine and Rose Gagner. Zephyr farmed with his father and brother Philemon on the home farm in Terrebonne.

One of the stories we have heard about Zephyr was that he was called "le chat," which means "the cat." He acquired this name because every night while the family was saying the rosary, Zephyr would sneak quietly upstairs to bed. The name was later acquired by his son Leo.

Zephyr had a tragic life, first losing Joseph Armand (born 3 December 1911), who died between age two and three of pneumonia, then losing his daughter Rose (born 22 March 1917) in infancy. We have been told that Ida did not have healthy babies because she moved too fast. On 28 November 1918, Zephyr's pregnant wife died of influenza. Ida acquired the disease after helping other families that were similarly afflicted (she readied the bodies for burial). Many people--mostly old people and pregnant women--died from the flu epidemic. In an effort to prevent the disease from spreading, the government discouraged all gatherings of people. Funerals, wakes, and school were not held at this time.

Zephyr was left with his children, Clara and Leo. Since he couldn't raise his daughter alone, his cousin Louise Fontaine Gervais took Clara during the week, and Clara spent weekends with her father and brother on the farm. On 7 November 1921, on the Felix Rossignol farm, Zephyr had a fatal accident. He was on the way to get his grain milled when he fell off the wagon and broke his neck. He was forty-two years old.

Life was much harder then than it is now. Leo was in school, so someone had to bring him to the road where his father was lying dead, covered up with just his boots showing. Clara was

brought to the farm after her father was placed in the coffin, but she wouldn't look at him until the next morning. Clara got Leo and together they went to see their father. Clara was six years old at the time, and Leo was twelve. No one wanted to take care of Leo after his father died, either because it was too expensive or because he was thought of as "wild," having gotten away with almost anything while living with his father. Father Bouchard, the local priest in Terrebonne, put Leo in a German seminary in Techney, Illinois. Leo stayed there for about four years. Since he did not want to become a priest in Africa, he left and went to work as a cabdriver in Chicago. He then went to Milwaukee and worked in the packing plants, always associating with Frenchmen--usually someone from Terrebonne or Red Lake Falls. Leo made his home with Albert Gagner.

Zephyr and Ida Gagner: descendants

A. LEO GAGNER was born 9 July 1909 in Terrebonne, Minnesota. His godparents were Eli Perreault and Zoe Leduc. Leo married Ruth Linnihan on 23 October 1939, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Red Lake Falls, Minnesota. Except for three years during World War II, when they lived in California, Leo and Ruth have made their home in Crookston, Minnesota. Leo has sold for Investors Diversified Services since 1937. At the age of seventy-five, he is still not retired, although the company is trying to make him retire. Leo and Ruth enjoy golfing.

Leo and Ruth Gagner

1507 Stephens Dr.

Crookston, MN 56716

(218) 281-2534

West Pike Bay

Cass Lake, MN 55883

(218) 335-8869

351 N. Meridian

Apache Jct, AZ

(602) 982-4089

Leo and Ruth have three children:

1. Sally, born 16 September 1942, Torrance, California. Sally married Bruce Staggert on 6 June 1964, in Crookston, Minnesota. Sally is a registered nurse, and Bruce owns an upholstery shop.

Bruce and Sally Staggert

11621 N. Kentucky

Champlin, MN 55316

Sally and Bruce have three children:

a. Scott, born 14 June 1966, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a college student.

b. Traci, born 31 July 1967, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She is a senior in high school.

c. Kirk, born 7 November 1969, Edina, Minnesota. He is a student.

2. Dorothy Eda, born 23 October 1943, Torrance, California. Dorothy married Michael Monahan on 24 June 1967, in Lompoc, California (they were divorced in 1984). Dorothy is an English teacher. Her nickname is Dottie.

Dorothy Gagner Jardin

1245 Faraday
Santa Ynez, CA 93460
(805) 688-2072

Dorothy and Michael had one child:

a. Matthew Monahan, born 29 April 1972, Eureka,
California. He is a student.

3. John Leo, born 15 July 1957, Crookston, Minnesota. John
taught industrial arts in Erskine, Minnesota. He now manages
a lumber department at Menards in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

John Gagner
6545 N.W. Highway 10
Ramsey, MN 55303
(612) 427-7882

B. JOSEPH ARMAND GAGNER was born 3 December 1911 and died in
early childhood of pneumonia.

C. CLARA LATENDRESSE (GAGNER) was born 21 August 1915 in
Terrebonne, Minnesota. Her godparents were Philemon and Ida
Gagner. She was raised by Louise and Edgar Gervais. On 16
October 1943 she married Leo Latendresse in Crookston, Minnesota.
He died 15 April 1944 of a ruptured appendix. On 21 September
1948 she married Leo Deschene in Crookston, Minnesota. Ruth and
Leo Gagner were witnesses at both weddings. Together Leo and
Clara farmed in Argyle, Minnesota, for many years. They are now
retired and living in Crookston.

Leo and Clara Deschene
421 S. Ash
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-4600

Leo and Clara put children together from three families and made
them into one family, yet also let the children retain their
identity with their natural families.

Leo and Clara raised seven children:

1. Marcella Gauthier, born 16 May 1935, Red Lake County,
Minnesota. Her parents were Celina Desselier and Philip
Gauthier. (Marcella is a first cousin to the Lawrence Gagner
family.) Marcella married Frank Ciekliniski on 3 October 1956,
in Argyle, Minnesota. Frank farms and is a carpenter;
Marcella is a homemaker.

Frank and Marcella Ciekliniski
Rt. 2, Box 130
Argyle, MN 56713

Frank and Marcella have four children:

a. Charlene, born 30 August 1957, Karlstad, Minnesota.
She married Valerian Kuznia, Jr., on 2 October 1976, in
Argyle, Minnesota. They are farmers.

Valerian and Charlene Kuznia
Argyle, MN 56713

Valerian and Charlene have two children:

- 1) Braden, born 24 February 1977, Warren, Minnesota.
- 2) Janessa, born 6 January 1980, Thief River Falls,

Minnesota.

b. Renee, born 5 August 1959, Karlstad, Minnesota. Renee married Joseph Kuznia on 17 October 1981. Joseph is an active member of the armed services.

c. Rodney, born 18 October 1965 (adopted), St. Paul, Minnesota.

d. Donovan, born 15 February 1968 (adopted), St. Paul, Minnesota.

2. Ann Marie Latendresse, born 14 September 1944, Crookston, Minnesota. She married John Dullea on 1 December 1944, Crookston, Minnesota. They farm in Georgetown, Minnesota.

John and Ann Marie Dullea

Perley, MN

John and Ann Marie have six children:

a. Sean, born 22 July 1974, Fargo, North Dakota.

b. Maria, born 6 December 1976, Fargo, North Dakota.

c. Elizabeth, born 9 May 1978, Ada, Minnesota.

d. Steve, born 21 September 1980, Ada, Minnesota.

e. Colleen, born 22 March 1981, Fargo, North Dakota.

f. Amy, born 3 December 1982, Fargo, North Dakota.

3. Lucille Deschene, born 28 January 1945. Her parents were Leo Deschene and Celina Desselier Gauthier. She married Donald Uhler on 4 June 1966, in Argyle, Minnesota. He is a farmer.

Donald and Lucille Uhler

Newfolden, MN

Donald and Lucille have one child:

a. Rebecca, born 23 March 1983, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

4. Rolland Deschene, born 11 June 1950, Argyle, Minnesota. He married Margaret Renstrom on 11 April 1970. They farm on his home place, and Rolland is also a mechanic.

Rolland and

Margaret Deschene

Argyle, MN 56713

Rolland and Margaret have two children:

a. Mark, born 14 September 1970, Karlstad, Minnesota.

b. Carla, born 28 August 1972, Karlstad, Minnesota.

5. Elizabeth, born 16 October 1952, Crookston, Minnesota. She married Ken Holkan on 16 September 1972. Elizabeth is a nurse.

Ken and Elizabeth Holkan

Glendo, WY

Ken and Elizabeth have one child:

a. Jeremy, born 4 June 1973, Wheatland, Wyoming.

6. Lloyd Deschene, born 15 December 1953, Crookston, Minnesota. He married Roxanne Meridith on 16 August 1976. Lloyd is a truck driver.

Lloyd and Roxanne Deschene

Douglas, WY

Lloyd and Roxanne have one child:

a. Tonya, born 26 October 1976, Douglas, Wyoming.

7. Carol Deschene, born 18 July 1956, Crookston, Minnesota. She married David Sorenson on 14 September 1979. David is a parole officer.

David and Carol Sorenson

Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

David and Carol have one child:

a. Rachel, born 28 October 1977, Crookston, Minnesota.

D. ROSE GAGNER was born 22 March 1917 and died in infancy.

Stories

When Leo was little, his mother stored apples and potatoes in a barrel in the cellar. Ida would send Leo down to the cellar to get potatoes, and while he was down there, Leo would steal an apple. His sister, Clara, would catch him and tell his mother of his wrongdoing. Leo would then get a whipping. Clara was only three years old at the time and didn't recall this story until Leo refreshed her memory in 1984.

Zephyr, Leo's father, had a Maxwell car, which was used primarily for going to church on Sundays. On Sunday Zephyr was madder than a wet hen because his brand new car wouldn't start. It was later discovered that the battery was dead--due to mischievous act committed by Tommy and Leo Gagner. Tommy and Leo had backed the car up and then had driven it forward in the garage for several hours, causing the battery to wear down. To achieve this feat, one would steer and the other would handle the accelerator.

After Leo's mother died and he was living with his father, a cook by the name of Shorty was hired. Shorty would always take a nap on the couch after lunch. One day Tommy and Leo decided that they would have some fun with Shorty. After Shorty went to sleep, Tommy and Leo got a shotgun. Since they were both too small to hold the gun, Leo rested the gun on Tommy's shoulder and fired it over Shorty's head. Shorty jumped off the couch, yelling, "I've been shot!! Police!! Fire!!"--all the while cranking on the telephone. Shortly after this episode, Shorty left the farm, saying he refused to work at a place where the kids were so wild.

--Sally Staggert (Gagner), Kirk Staggert

Zephyr's wife, Ida, was a strong-willed woman and did not like her living conditions at the time she was pregnant with Leo. Three families living in once house were too much for her, so she told Zephyr that he would have to either build another house,

move off the farm, or divide the present house. Zephyr's sister Suphrina had a log shack on the back forty that she was homesteading, so Ida cleaned it up and delivered Leo there. She did not move out of the shack until the house on the farm was divided for three families.

Albert Gagner told me that all the kids liked to go to Ida's house because she always had something planned for them. Albert said that Ida loved to dance and taught all the kids how to dance. She would always move quickly, never taking the steps down the back porch but always jumping off instead. Ida apparently had a lot of miscarriages, and some of the older relatives have told me that she did not have healthy babies because she wouldn't take care of herself.

Ruth Linnihan (Leo Gagner's wife) came to Terrebonne to teach school. The school board consisted of Albert Gagner, Roy Desrosier, and Geo Rock. During the first part of her first teaching year, she lived with the Octave Gagner family. Later on that year she lived with the Roy Desrosier (Evelyn Gagner) family, and during the last year she taught at Terrebonne, she lived with the Albert Gagner family.

Ruth met Leo while she was living with Albert and Alice Gagner. All of Albert's kids were excited, because their cousin Leo would always bring them treats when he came to visit. They all thought the "school marm" should meet cousin Leo, but after they had tried to line her up with some of their other visiting cousins, Ruth was in no hurry to meet still another cousin.

One night Ruth went to a dance at Maple Lake. Leo went to the same dance that night, having been told all about the "school marm" by the kids. Leo found Ruth there, and after dancing with her and showing her his new Desoto, she went home with him that night. I guess all those kids lined something up after all.

--Sally Staggert (Gagner)

As children, Dottie and I spent many Sundays at Albert and Alice's farm. It was always fun to go there because of all the people and the storytelling. City kids like us loved being on the farm--feeding the calves, picking eggs, and trying to play with the baby pigs. We'd get spanked for playing in the basement of the divided house with Pat and Bev (from Albert Gagner's family) and Joyce and Skippy (from Melvin Gagner's family), but we'd do it anyway.

Ruth would go out and help Alice butcher chickens in the fall. After Alice wrung the chickens' necks, they would jump around with their head hanging down. Mom would pluck the feathers. One day we went to stay at our Aunt Clara's, and she cut the head off a chicken to kill it. We thought she was terrible, but we wouldn't tell her why we were upset. We thought the only way to kill a chicken was the way Alice did it. Walking on the boards in Alice and Albert's basement was always fun. We were fascinated by all the jars of canned chickens.

Alice's Christmas tree was always special because it was

covered with angel hair. Christmas was the only time we went into the living room.

People still talk about Alice's famous rabbit pie.

Albert used to spread strawberry jelly and pure cream on bread that was still hot from the oven, and he would tease us kids because we wouldn't eat it.

--Sally Staggert (Gagner)

The flu of 1918 killed many people. No one wanted to take care of the sick people because they were afraid of catching the illness. My mother, Ida, would cook meals for the sick people and would clean them up. My mother was pregnant at the time she became ill with the flu and died. Clara and I were sitting on my mother's bed before she died, and we saw that she was gritting her teeth. My mother told me that I would have to be good and take care of my father and my sister Clara. Dad was outside, holding on to a tree and crying. My mother died on Thanksgiving Day, 28 November 1918.

--Leo Gagner

My mother continued to teach school, for a time, after she and my father were married. Dad was selling for IDS and was away from home much of the time. They rented an upstairs apartment owned by Mom's Uncle Eddie and Aunt Edna. When the war began, Dad couldn't get gas but needed his car to be able to continue selling on the road, so Mom and Dad moved first to Lincoln, Nebraska, then to Torrance, California, where Dottie and I were born. Dad worked in the shipyards, riveting on ships that were being made as icebreakers. Because it was a civil defense job, he avoided being drafted.

When Mom and Dad moved out West, they brought Grandpa and Grandma Linnihan with them, along with Mae and Marie, the twins. While they were in California, the house became a gathering place for relatives, friends, acquaintances, and people from northern Minnesota.

When the war ended, they headed back to Minnesota, along with Grandpa and Grandma Linnihan and Dad's cousin George Gagner. The trip was horrible because they couldn't find decent places to stay with so many people along. When they finally arrived in Red Lake Falls, they had trouble finding a place to stay, but finally bought a house in Crookston. We lived there for three years. Mom didn't like the house, so while Dad was back on the road selling, she sold it. When my father came home, Mom said, "We're going to have to find another house, because I sold this one." The new place was a large house on South Ash, where Dottie and I grew up.

--Sally Staggert (Gagner)

Correspondence

The following postcards were written by Leo Gagner to Anna Gagner. Leo wrote them from the seminary at Techney, Illinois, where he was sent after the death of his father, Zephyr.

12-17-23

Dear Anna,

I was not thinking about writing when I was outside. I always said I've got to write to Anna ut did not think of it in school. When I thought of it I was busy. Well send me some candy please for Christmas. Happy Christmas and New Year. Answer soon.
from Leo Gagner

May 9, 1924

Dear Anna,

I have no envelope but I will have one next time. Write soon. The wheather is fine here. I am fine. Hope you are the same.
Yours truly, Leo Gagner

Dec. 21, 1924

Dear Anna,

I wish you and your dad a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please send me some candy for Christmas. We only get it twice a year. I am feeling fine hope you are too.
Sincerely yours,
Leo Gagner

Nov. 23, 1925

Dear Anna,

Give my best regards to the whole family. Give my best regards to those who are around. Philemon tell Theodore to write. I hope you have a good turkey, take a bite for me. I am well. Hope you are all better. Answer soon.
Yours truly,
Leo Gagner

April 9, 1925

Dear Anna,

I received your letter and was pleased to receive it. Please send me some candy. Try to send it so it gets here Thursday 16, I am hungry, and you promised it to me. Answer soon.
Yours truly,
Leo Gagner

Dec. 21, 1925

Dear Anna,

You said you would send me some candy or something for Christmas. Send some to me before the 1st of Jan. I wish you and the whole family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year a pocket full of money and a belly full of beer.
From Leo Gagner

July 27, 1912

Dear Anna,

I will write you a few lines to let you no that we are all well and hope you are the same except mama she got such a bad tooth ache that she can't eat just drink we got home all night so good by from Miss Victoria Gagney

1917 - May 8

Dear Aunt Rosanna,

how are you, suppose you are coming over sunday. will you bring me some flower seed I am making the garden today. goodbye from Louise Gervais

June 22 1914

to Miss Anna Gagner

Hello Anna, how is the business I bet you are glad to be home you must be very busy. You didn't write yet I hope you can understand my card well we mite go and see you sometime. Goodby. Best regard from cousin Louise

June 28 1917

to Miss Anna Gagner

Dear Cousin Anna

How are you and everybody in Terrebonne for me I'm fine I'm so anxious to go to Terrebonne that I dream every night. I'll tell you all the news when I get to Terrebonne. keep my tales and tatling till I go down there How is Uncle & Aunt and Albert. from Rose Fortier 90 Lincoln Ave Crookston, MN c/o Remi Fortier Answer soon. Kisses to all. XOXOXO

1930 Guthrie St Miss Anna Gagner

Hello Cousins. Having a good time my its wonderful. Mountains on both sides. We are about in Salt Lake City now we have 25 minutes stop there the train is so shaky can't write.

Love to all Cousin Rose

Aug 27, 1918

Dearest Cousin,

Just a few lines to let you know that I am find and hope the same of all. I heard you were coming back to the convent. Good for you. I'm so glad of it. I seen Aunt Pearl with Florence she is better now I went at the train last night to see the boys leave. I seen wood pecker I shook hands with him and some others I will write longer next time.
from your cousin Rose Fortier

July 27, 1938

Hello Old Dears, My its all so beautiful I can hardly write about it. I had a special petition for you at the foot of St. Ann. one girl left her crutches yesterday. seen the quints my they are cute. shook hands with Mr. & Mrs. Dionne the Grandpa & Mrs. Legro's at Montreal visited St. Joseph's oratory very beautiful. I'm so happy we go to Levis this afternoon then on to Boston.

Love cousin Rose

Jan 9, 1919

Dear Anna,

I suppose you got my letter. I'll be on the train next week. If you rather come after me at Edgar let me know. Victoria is coming to Terrebonne with me on a visit. I'll drop you a card or I'll call you up when I go. I think it will be Tuesday but don't go to Mentor before I send a letter but if you need me before call up at home. We are going to town Saturday.
From Rose Fortier

POEMS BY DOROTHY GAGNER JARDIN

SHIFTING INTO FRENCH TO MY MOTHER AND FATHER

Your face lenthens, your arms begin to dance,
It's a relative on the phone. You laugh, tell
a dirty joke. Your childhood language wakes up
in your throat. You are back on the farm
with large bowls of garden vegetables, loaves
of Alice's hot bread, fresh butter.

Your business how is investing money.
The crops are good this year so your English
words--interest, dividend--are French accented.
You listen closely to say the correct encouragements,
another joke, "Mon Dieu," and you turn back
into the room answering our questions in English,
but your dark eyes are back in Terrebonne on the rich
black fields and the farm you lost along with your parents.

You have not bought land, only houses, and stock
in big corporations, but the customers you've helped
prosper have been farmers, the manure smell
still sticking on the soles of their town shoes
which you've always welcomed under your table.

And you; my German, Irish, Swedish mother always
put the coffee pot on and served your excellent
apple pie or chocolate chip cookies while the men
spoke French, which you understood, but never dared
to speak, though you always laughed when they did
and had taught their children English back in the
country school before you'd married Dad.

TO MY SISTER SALLY

You could eat your eggs runny
at eight o'clock in the morning,
slice an onion and chew it raw.
I didn't like things to touch on my plate.

You were going to grow up

and have lots of kids and animals,
sick ones with boils and broken tails.
I wanted a white apartment with a few black pillows.

You were always tall and wild,
slugging with your fists and big shoes,
calling me animal names.
I was short, sharp, and quick as a cat.

You could handle anything
but the imagined man in the basement,
fast on your heels when you got to the steps
clutching the ice cream you made me return.

We agreed on the excellence of Mom's chocolate
chip cookies and the evil of the porch light
flashed promptly at midnight.

HIS STORY

Tonight my ears ring stopping my sleep,
Who is it cries, "Get up, your house is quiet,
your eyes will adjust to the light ..

It is my father
who was an orphan.

I have inherited his ear trouble
though I do not have the tragedy:
two dead by twelve,
mother by the great flu,
three years later his father.
Something frightened the horse,
the wagon loaded with hay
leaped and broke the man.

Who wants a boy who has batched with his father?

On the long night train the ringing,
the silent crying, a borrowed suitcase
to take to Chicago, a country boy about to learn Latin.

The private do not refuse,
There is a bed for the boy and food.
The Virgin is his mother.
He shall wash his socks and fold his blanket
and answer the ringing bells. The schedule will save him.

After seven years a man who could not be
a missionary out of the seminary into a Depression.

Survival by selling. The ringing is doorbells,
the savior is success. "If you got the money honey,

then I've got the time."

When I was little and had an earache,
my father blew cigar smoke into my ear
to smother the ringing.

He's told me his orphan story a hundred times.
It rings in my ears. His story is mine.

THE SMOKING STAND

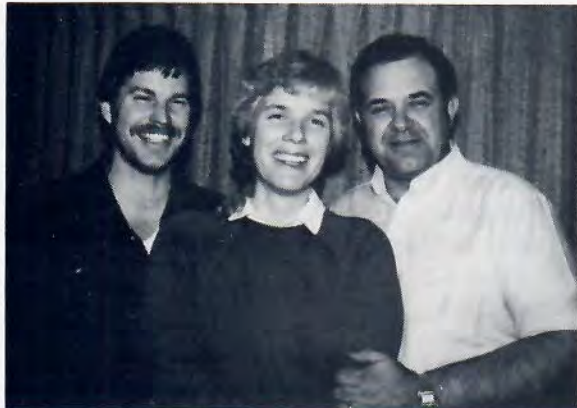
A marble globe, an embossed metal tray on a solid
steel pedestal, an expensive smoking stand
with a working lighter, a silver button to push
to expose a sunken ashtray, some mysterious gadget
to lift out and stretch to the couch where one
of us cousins squirmed as a patient being examined
or stitched up after an operation.

A removable glass ashtray with wide depressions
for Albert's cigars became a stethoscope, x-ray,
premature baby, cold and crying until wrapped
in a tiny bit of Alice's angel hair stolen from
the Christmas tree and carefully returned when we
heard our parent's cars come back from Marcoux's Corner
and drive up the gravel road to the farm.

Duane tortured us until we cast all his broken
arms and legs in plaster and strung imaginary
ropes and pulleys through lamps and under upholstered
chairs and drugged him for hours and hours because
our sides ached from giggling and tickling and cold
incisions to remove elephants and shoelaces, last
Christmas' swallowed olive pits, overshoes, and
goiters as big as pigs' heads.



Zephyr Gagner wedding, June 8, 1908. (From left to right) Rose Gagner, Zephyr Gagner, Phillip Fontaine, Eda Perreault Gagner (seated).



From l to r: John Gagner, Sally (Gagner) Staggert, and Bruce Staggert



From l to r: Tracy Staggert, Scott Staggert, Dottie (Gagner) Monahan, Kirk Staggert



Leo Gagner
age 5



Leo Gagner wedding, Oct. 23, 1939. (From left to right): Daniel Linnihan, Leo Gagner, Ruth Gagner, Clara Gagner (Deschene).



Leo Gagner



Ruth Gagner



Matthew Monahan



Clara Gagner
age 3



Clara (Gagner) and Leo Deschene



Back row (from left to right): Lucille Uhler, Roland Deschene, Carol Sorenson, Lloyd Deschene, Elizabeth Holkan, Ann Marie Dullea, Marcella Ciekliniski. Front row: Leo Deschene, Clara Deschene(Gagner).



Back row (l to r): Donovan Ciekliniski, Rodney Ciekliniski, Renee Ciekliniski Kuznia, Charlene Ciekliniski Kuznia, Carla (Rolland Deschene's daughter); second row: Mark (Rolland Deschene's son) Sean Dullea, Maria Dullea; third row: Rachel Sorenson, Steven Dullea, Elizabeth Dullea; front row: Rebecca Uhler, Amy Dullea, Colleen Dullea



Jeremy Holkan



Tonya Rae Deschene



Braden, Tyson and Jenessa Kuznia

Additional Information



Terrebonne Church: St. Anthony of Padua

Terrebonne was founded in the spring of 1879 by French-Canadians from Montreal in the province of Quebec. Father Pierre Champagne established a mission in Terrebonne in 1879 and in 1882 built a church on a ten-acre plot given by Mr. Cadieux. The cemetery was also established that year.

Father G. T. Dugal was the first resident pastor of Terrebonne in 1883. In 1917 Father P. LeFloch built a new rectory for \$3,000. Father Samuel Bouchard was pastor from 1922 to 1930. In 1923 he hired a stonecutter to cut the fieldstones for the present foundation. According to Robert Gagner, the farmers hauled the stones from the fields to the church. The stonecutter picked out the best stones and showed the men how to cut the stone by pounding a stake into the stone and hitting it with a maul. The best part of the stone was used to make the foundation. Every man had to work a certain number of hours per week on the church.

The two outdoor shrines--one in honor of the Sacred Heart and the other of the Blessed Mother and St. Bernadette--were built and donated by Father Bouchard. These shrines have been illuminated since 1957.

Father Paquin came to the Terrebonne church in 1930 and served until 1955. Anna Gagner was his housekeeper for five years. Father Paquin had a distinct personality, and many stories have been told about him. Father Louis Proulx came to the church in June of 1955 and served until 1969. The pastors that followed him were Father Henry Carriere, Father Michael Patnode, Father Larry Wieseler, Father Frank Traynor, and Father Lauren Virnig. Father Thomas Baxter and Father Patrick Creeden now serve parishes in Terrebonne, Plummer, Red Lake Falls, and Dorothy.

Robert Gagner was the bell ringer at the church for many years. When someone died, the church bell tolled seven times for

a man and six times for a woman. A man can receive all seven sacraments, while a woman can receive only six, so this accounts for the difference in the number of bell tolls.

Many people have said that the Terrebonne church was a special place for them and that when they moved away, no other church could take its place.

Church Bazaars

The parishioners furnished all the food for the bazaars. They killed chickens that they had raised and saved the wings to make dressing. Ida Gagner (Zephyr's wife) and Mrs. Mary Ann Genereux made the dressing. The food served at the bazaars was always homemade.

Before the kitchen was built at the church, the food had to be cooked at home and brought to the bazaar. The women always wore white blouses, and people came from all areas to attend the dinners. The women that were interviewed (Victoria Sauve, Mrs. Joe Theroux, Amada Robillard, Anna Gagner, Zelia Keifenheim) said that they did not have time to be on committees, but everyone worked on the bazaars. The meals were always tasty, but the women would not give out their recipes.

From the Red Lake Falls Gazette

February 19, 1925

The men of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Terrebonne will give a supper in the church basement on Monday, February 23. The supper will be cooked and served by the men to show the women that the men are just as good cooks today as they were a year ago. Everybody is cordially invited.

Every Fourth of July, the church had a dinner and a large party. Tables, chairs, and food were moved outside, and several hundred people were served.

Pew Rent

To support the church, parishioners paid pew rent. Every family was assigned one pew, and in the early days, the rent varied from \$8 to \$10 per year. According to Anna Gagner, keeping the books was easier when people paid an annual fee rather than 5 cents or 10 cents per week. Once a year, every parish published a financial report with each parishioner listed and the amount of money that they donated. Everyone wanted to look good on the report, so competition was high. In the early days, time and commodities were listed, because cash was scarce. Theophile Sauve cut and hauled wood to the parish, for example, so these services were listed on the report. The women interviewed said that finances never seemed to be a problem at the church. Victoria Sauve said, "If you want to be poor, don't give to the church."

Mass

The mass was in Latin, and the sermon was in French, because all the parishioners were French in the early days. In later

years, the sermon was in both English and French, because English-speaking people started to move into the area. During deer-hunting season, the sermon followed the mass so that the hunters could leave to go hunting.

After mass, everyone stood on the steps to talk over all the news of the week. After that, they would all go to Parenteau's store and didn't return home until 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The women were divided on the issue of English and Latin masses. Those that preferred Latin still followed the mass in English in their missals. Everyone liked the handshake of peace. All agreed that the reason the mass was changed to English was to keep the young people going to church. Most said that they like seeing the children taking part in the mass, and wished they would have had the opportunity to participate as youngsters.

Fasting

In the old days, fasting was difficult. A law of the church maintained that fasting had to be done from midnight the day of the mass until after Communion. Fasting included abstaining from both food and water. The law was subsequently changed to fasting one hour before mass. Everyone liked the change. No meat was allowed on Fridays, and fasting was observed before all Holy Days of Obligation and during Lent. If a parishioner could not fast for health reasons, he or she had to obtain permission to abstain from fasting from the priest. Everyone seems to like the way the old laws have changed.

Baptism

Babies were baptized within the first week of birth, unless they were ill. At that time, the belief was that babies who died without being baptized would go to Limbo and would never see God in heaven. Vatican II held that the concept of Limbo was man-made, not church made, and the belief is no longer adhered to.

Confirmation

The training for Confirmation was six weeks in the summer, taught by the parish priest in French. Bishop Corbett confirmed the oldest relatives. Anna Gagner said they were afraid because Bishop Corbett did not speak French, and they were all taught French. However, they all got through the questions in English and were confirmed.

Parish Census

Once a year, the priest called on every home in the parish. The mothers told the children, "Be careful what you say when Father's here." This was how the priest kept the parish census updated. Visits from the priest were always welcome. Parish priests were friends of the family, and their personal contact kept the parish going.

Confession

In the old days, parishioners had to go to Confession before

receiving Communion, so people did not receive Communion often. Anna Gagner said, "Now you don't even have to confess the little ones--venial sins--just the big ones (mortal sins)."

World War I

During World War I, a mass and celebration were held to send the soldiers off. Only one son was left per family (who was not drafted) to stay home and farm.

The Depression

The best place to be during the Depression was on the farm, because people had everything they needed to get by. There was no money, so everything was done on a trade basis. People would bring their grain to a mill and would have flour for a year.

Choir

Anyone who could sing was in the choir. A doctor from Oklee taught the parishioners how to read music.

Entertainment

The adults went from house to house to play cards. They would bring their children and bed them down anywhere they could. All liked going to dances--first in the homes. People furnished their own music by playing the concertina, fiddle, violin, and piano. Dances were later held in the dance halls in Mentor and Terrebonne. During World War I, the priest told the parishioners that dancing in the halls was a sin when everyone was dying in the war.

Influenza Epidemic--1918

Father Laurent was the priest during the influenza epidemic, and died of the disease. He told people what to do to avoid getting the flu: drink whiskey, don't go in someone's home if the flu is present, boil flax seed and drink the liquid for the bowels, drink lemon and orange juice, and add honey to it, take castor oil for the germs. People could not be buried in the church, because they didn't want crowds to gather, which would spread the flu. Funerals were held at night.

Country Schools

FROM MAE (GAGNER) WICHTERMAN

My teaching career started in 1947 in a country school west of Stephen, Minnesota. It was a great learning experience, and many things that happened are still vivid in my mind--some happy memories and some unhappy ones. I had grown up in a small community and had gone to a three-room school, so this little country school was somewhat smaller than what I was used to. My first year's wages were \$175 a month, and I paid \$45 a month for room and board.

The farms were close together near the school, and I remember the day I went for an interview that many of the neighborhood children came to the school board clerk's home to catch a glimpse

of the new teacher.

Teaching in a one-room country school, grades 1 through 8, with twenty-one students is very different from our schools today. Since all the grades were in one room, everyone watched out and helped one another. There weren't any cliques. Discipline problems were few, because there weren't so many of the same age group. The younger children looked up to the older ones, and the older ones wanted to be respected and looked up to. We always had a Phy. Ed. period when we played organized games and the little ones were always included. We chose teams at the beginning of the week when the winning team was honored.

Country school was a place to learn more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It taught how to handle responsibilities, work, and share together. Turns were taken at sweeping the floor, hauling water, washing chalkboards, clapping erasers, cleaning desks, and even sweeping out the outhouse, which was cold in winter and smelly in summer.

I distinctly remember coming to school one morning, after walking a mile against the cold wind, to a gassy, sooted school room. The oil space heater had exploded. My attendance register, which lay open on my desk, wasn't readable. We had a cleaning day before we could start anything else. Everyone went home with black faces.

The highlight of the school year was the big Christmas program we always had, with all preparation of building a stage to memorizing whole plays and songs. Everyone worked hard and shared a lot. Costumes were brought home, and students decided how the characters should be dressed. Of course, Santa always made his appearance. The last day of school, ending with a Sunday picnic so everyone could come, was always a blast with ball games, races, and prizes.

I taught in three different one-room country schools, and each day was a learning experience I would not have liked to miss. I also taught in a three-room country school, which happened to be my hometown school at Brooks, Minnesota, where I attended the eighth grade. The school eventually went up in smoke over a Halloween prank. So many memories and good times are gone but not forgotten. I also taught in a parochial school in Crookston, Minnesota, and I'm still a teacher but am in the field of special education. I have experienced many changes in the teaching profession, some good, some I'm not so sure, but we all learn by living and sharing.

From Ruth (Linnihan) Gagner

Roosevelt School District 237 was started in the fall of 1936, with children from three districts. Roosevelt School was named by the students by ballot. I was the first teacher in this district, and it was my first year of teaching. Albert Gagner hired me because I could jump over a fence, and in Albert's eyes, that made me a good candidate for handling the kids. I was seventeen years old at that time and was hired for \$50 a month during the first year. I paid \$15 a month for room and board at Roy Desrosier's home. The next year I was paid \$60 a month, and the third year \$70. These wages were the top teaching wages in

Red Lake County. At that time, the requirement for attendance was sixty days a year, but you could not pass a grade without taking a state examination.

Albert Gagner, George Rock, and Roy Desrosier were on the school board. They were new to the school board operations, too, so it was like the blind leading the blind. Erba Pouliot was superintendent of schools.

This was during the Depression, so there wasn't much money to work with. The school had a minimum number of books and no workbooks, so I had to print all the questions on the blackboard for all eight grades. The school had a large Webster's dictionary but no encyclopedias or library.

I had trouble getting the stove started in the country school. School started in late fall, so a pile of wood was dumped near the school. The wood was in big chunks--no kindling or kerosene to get the fire started. Paper was scarce also. I tried to split wood, and the axe would stick in the chunk and I couldn't get it out. Finally, I hired Lawrence Sauve for ten cents a day to start the fire. He'd get the school warm in no time. In later years, Melvin Gagner, Henry Gagner, and many others inherited the job. The mice used to come in with the wood and run along the window sills. Jerome Gagner caught them in his bare hands and would come to me with them, still alive. I almost ran out of the school.

During recess the pupils played Kick the Can and ball, using a stick for a bat and a ball made of sewn together sheepskin. One day Leo Gagner came to visit during recess and told Henry Gagner to throw the Ball at him. He did, and Leo hit the ball way out of the school yard and into a swamp. The kids couldn't find it, and they were angry that Leo had shown off.

I bought a pair of skis, and if everyone was good I'd let the kids tie the skis behind one of the horses. Two or three kids would stand on the skis and go up and down the road. When it was cold, the older ones would knit or embroider. I still have pillowcases that some of the kids embroidered for me. Father Paquin would come on Friday afternoons to teach religion. All were Catholics except for the Andersons and Eunice Flatgaard, who studied along with the rest.

Jerome Gagner and Dona Rock would play Peanut. They'd pull each other's ears until one would say "Peanut." Sometimes their faces would turn blue. The older boys played poker for peanuts. Every year we would put on a Christmas program.

All thirty-two kids were related, except for the four Andersons and Eunice Flatgaard. French was spoken fluently at school, especially on the school grounds. There was no way I could stop it. I couldn't understand it at first, but eventually could understand French pretty well. One night I told Evelyn Desrosier (I boarded with the Desrosiers) that the kids were talking dirty. I said that they were always talking about a mattress. Evelyn laughed and told me the word was "maitres," which means teacher.

One day I was teaching health and asked, "What would you do if I fainted?" One pupil answered, "I would wear your glasses!"

The group that I taught all turned out to be good citizens and

parents. They liked to have fun, and I learned a lot from them. The following are the students that I taught.

Loris Anderson	Laurel Rock	Beatrice Gagner
Harlan Anderson	Fern Rock	Eraine Gagner
Carol Anderson	Emery Lee Rock	Bernice Gagner
Marelyn Anderson	Myron Rock	Henry Gagner
Eunice Flatgaard	Elmer Rock	Harvey Gagner
Sam Genereux	Dona Rock	Theresa Gagner
Lawrence Sauve	Lester Rock	Melvin Gagner
Leona Sauve	Madonna Rock	Hilaire Gagner
Isabelle Sauve	Alice Derosier	Jerome Gagner
Paul Sauve	Margaret Desrosier	Mary Rose Gagner

*First-Grade students. None of the kids could speak English. In later years I added more students: Ida Mae Gagner, Donald Gagner.



Ruth (Linnihan)
Gagner



Donna Rock, Doris Sauve, Teresa Gagner, Mary Rose Gagner, Don Gagner, Maurice Sauve, Erwin Sauve, (?), Joan Dupont, Pauline Sauve, (?), Monica Rock, Cheri Ann Gagner, Gloria Rock, Carol Gagner — (April 20, 1943)

From Eraine (Gagner) Taggart

I remember how she (Ruth) punished the naughty kids by having them hold their heads as high as they could along the blackboard. She would draw a circle on the board where their nose was, and they had to stand with their nose in the circle the amount of time she told them to. The rest of the kids would laugh at them.

I remember when Ruth was boarding at Roy and Evelyn Desrosier's place. Roy and Evelyn were gone shopping in Thief River Falls. It was nearly dinner time, and they were not home yet, so Ruth decided to get dinner ready. She boiled as much uncooked macaroni as she intended to have for dinner, and she ended up with a dishpan full of macaroni. They never let her forget that--not even forty-eight years later.

Sometimes she would open her desk drawer, and it would have dead mice in it. The big kids knew that Ruth was scared of mice. Ruth would try to be brave and somehow get rid of them.

From the Red Lake Falls Gazette

February 19, 1925

Rural School News Terrebonne District No. 79: The best stories for last week were "My Pet" by Theodore Gagney, and "Jack Rabbit Hunting" by Albert Theroux.

16 April 1925

The pupils in the upper grade room have been writing original poems for grammar.

Whom did you see upon the tree?
 Who was as busy as a bee?
 Of course it was Robin Redbreast
 Building his dear little nest.

Theodore Gagney

15 January 1925

Sparkling world and shining sky
 Sleigh bells jingling, jingling by
 Skates that go and sleds that fly
 When it's time for Santa to go by.

Theodore Gagney

From Buck Gagner

I remember learning how to embroider at the country school. I still use the skill I learned in country school from Ruth Linnihan and make pillows for my friends and relatives.



Eleanor Fontaine, Isabelle Theoret, Martha Gagner

Milestones

First Graduations

Eleanor (Fontaine) Cournia, Isabelle (Theoret) Gieseke, and Martha (Gagner) Desautel were the first three Gagner descendants to graduate from high school. All three women graduated in 1938 from St. Joseph's Academy, Crookston, Minnesota.

Wedding Anniversaries Celebrated

Laurent Gagne and Angele Corriveau	50 years
Louise Fontaine and Edgar Gervais	50 years
Albert Gagner and Alice Hebert	50 years
Philemon Gagner and Ida Toupin	50 years
Louis Fontaine and Alvia Berry	50 years
Evelyn Gagner and Roy Desrosier	50 years
Robert Gagner and Rose Mercil	60 years
Octave Gagner and Purlcherrie LeBlanc	60 years
Philip Fontaine and Mable Doucet	60 years
Eva Fortier and Zephire LaMarre	60 years

FRENCH NICKNAMES

Napolean Gagner	le mouton	(the sheep)
Julie (Gagner)Fortier	la poulet	(the chicken)
Zephyr Gagner	le chat	(the cat)
Leo Gagner	le chat	(the cat)
Ida Gagner	la poule	(the hen)

Medical Summary 1860 — 1985

During the first twenty years of our family history, many of those who died were young children. Deaths were caused by infection, pneumonia, influenza, diphtheria, choking, accidents with horses, and so on. In later years, some deaths occurred from cancer, and those who died from this disease were mostly men: Octave, Amede, and Achille Gagner. Following these deaths, heart disease seemed to take its toll: Suphrina (Theoret) Gagner, Philemon Gagner, Albert, Leo, and Raymond Fortier, and Ted, Maurice, Tom, and Lawrence from the Philemon Gagner family.

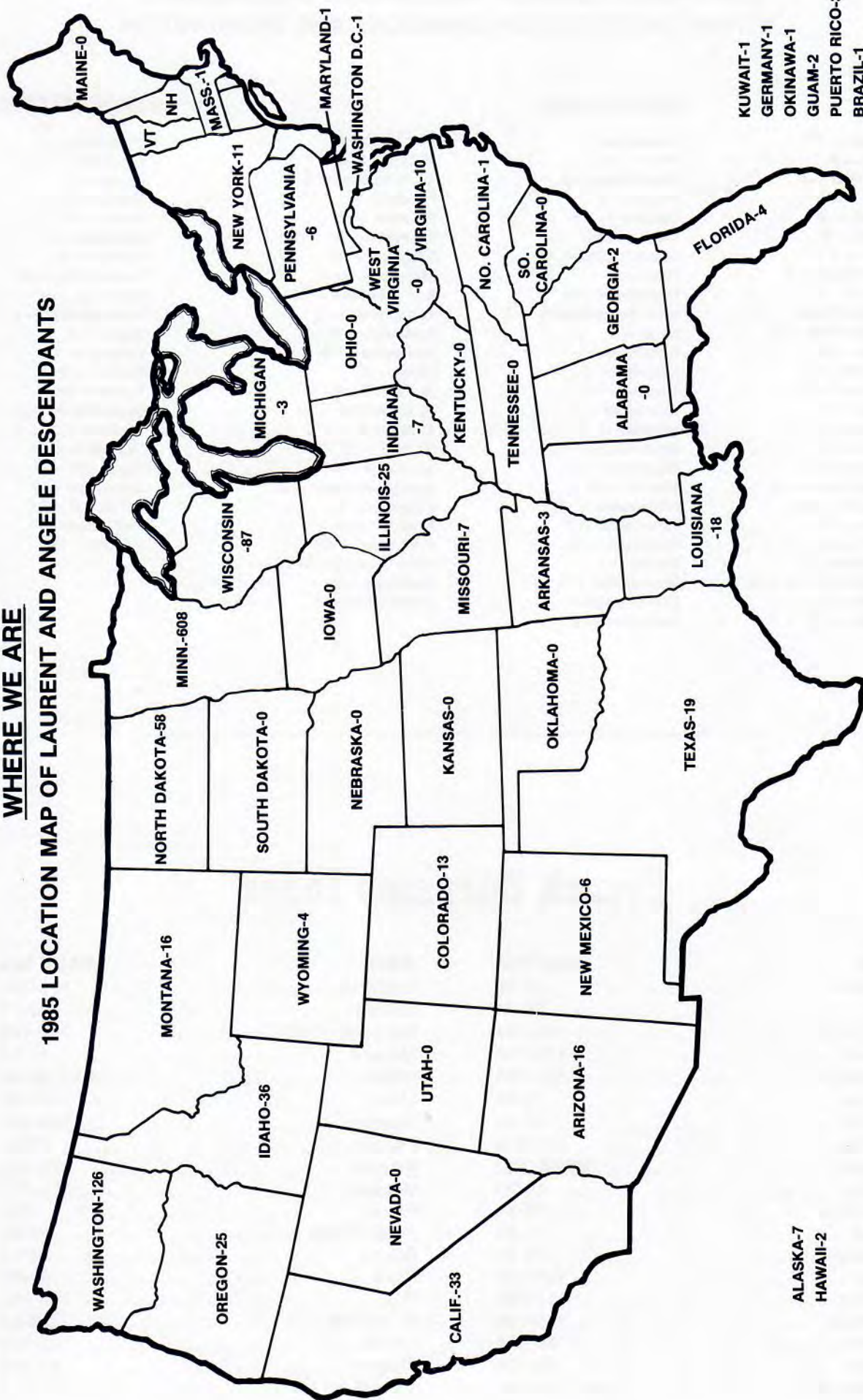
Some diseases have not been responsible for deaths but have been unpleasant for those involved. One condition evident in our family is manic-depressive psychosis, which causes cyclic behavior, depression with loss of ability to concentrate and to sleep, interspersed with periods of feeling on top of the world and not being able to distinguish reality from fantasy. Today the disease can be controlled with psychiatric drugs.

Pyloric stenosis is also evident, which is a thickening of the muscle between the stomach and the small intestine. The condition is most common in first-born males, although it can occur in any child. The symptoms are vomiting, weight loss, and constipation, progressing to projectile vomiting. The symptoms usually occur around four weeks after birth but can occur up to three months. With surgical treatment, the disability is temporary. Hearing disabilities have also afflicted many family members.

Relationship:	Children	Grandchildren	Great Grandchildren	Great-Great Grandchildren	Great Great-Great Grandchildren	Total	Deceased
Napolean	5	1	0	0	0	7	4(?)
Laurent	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Mary Louise	12	28	130	138	0	309	16
Octave	11	53	130	79	0	274	11
Amede	2	10	51	32	1	96	5
Achille	7	35	90	52	0	186	8
Julie	8	35	104	41	0	189	8
Suphrina	1	4	0	0	0	6	1
Philemon	12	58	99	16	0	186	8
Zephyr	4	10	20	2	0	37	3
Total:	62	234	624	358	1	1291	64

WHERE WE ARE

1985 LOCATION MAP OF LAURENT AND ANGELE DESCENDANTS



- KUWAIT-1
- GERMANY-1
- OKINAWA-1
- GUAM-2
- PUERTO RICO-3
- BRAZIL-1
- ONTARIO-2
- KOREA-3

ALASKA-7
HAWAII-2

**LOCATION OF LAURENT AND ANGELE DESCENDANTS
WITHIN THE STATES OF MINNESOTA AND WASHINGTON**

MINNESOTA CITIES

Andover — 1	Farmington — 1
Anoka — 7	Fertile — 3
Arden Hills — 2	Forest Lake — 4
Argyle — 10	Frazee — 3
Bayport — 2	Glyndon — 4
Bemidji — 3	Golden Valley — 1
Blaine — 4	Grand Rapids — 72
Bloomington — 5	Hugo — 7
Britt — 1	Hutchinson — 9
Brooklyn Center — 3	Inver Grove Heights — 3
Brooklyn Park — 2	Isanti — 3
Brooks — 14	Karlsted — 4
Burnsville — 8	Keewatin — 3
Champlin — 10	Lawndale — 1
Chaska — 3	Lino Lakes — 3
Chisholm — 9	Litchfield — 4
Climax — 3	Maple Grove — 5
Cohasset — 4	Maplewood — 3
Cottage Grove — 1	Mentor — 21
Crookston — 75	Minneapolis — 39
Crystal — 5	Minnetonka — 5
Detroit Lakes — 5	Moorhead — 14
East Bethel — 5	Mound — 1
East Grand Forks — 9	Moundsview — 3
Erskine — 7	New Brighton — 1
Excelsior — 3	Newfolden — 2

WASHINGTON CITIES

New Ulm — 4	Allensburg — 1
Nielsenville — 4	Anacortes — 4
North St. Paul — 4	Auburn — 1
Pearley — 8	Bothell — 1
Plummer — 2	Camas — 4
Plymouth — 5	Edmunds — 3
Princeton — 10	George — 2
Ramsey — 1	Granite Falls — 6
Red Lake Falls — 33	Kent — 2
Robbinsdale — 3	Kootenay Bay — 2
Rochester — 4	Pasco — 3
Rosemount — 8	Quincey — 10
Sabin — 5	Renton — 9
St. Cloud — 8	Seattle — 35
St. Louis Park — 6	Sedro Wooley — 1
St. Michael — 5	Spokane — 3
St. Paul — 27	Tacoma — 2
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158	Line 44 (Also in that paragraph, we omitted Debra and Richard's daughter, Jessica Trettin, born 29 July, 1982, Mpls, MN)	Debra and Richard Trentin	Debra and Richard Trettin
206	2nd from top, right-hand photo (wedding)	Maurice Gagner, Ted Gagner...	Maurice Gagner, Ted <u>Gauthier</u> ...
220-221	Correspondence were written to Anna Gagner by a variety of relatives: Miss Victoria Gagney (Victoria Sauve), Louise Gervais (Louise Fontaine), Cousin Louise (Louise Fontaine Gervais), Cousin Rose (Rose Fortier Desrosier)		
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