

The Family
of



Otto and Caroline
Holm

As Presented In 1994

To all of you "THANK-YOU" for all your help in making this ancestor book great!! A special "THANKS" to all of the committee members to help my dream come true for all of us to be together again. For all the pictures it was sure hard to decide which ones to choose from.

I have tried to get all the updates correct since 1984. If I have made a mistake please bear with me and please do correct me.

To Dan Rathje "THANK-YOU" for designing the cover, to Aunt Helen and Cousin Collin for all your hardwork in starting the family tree I hope I have done you proud.

To David, Jay and Jesse "THANKS" for your help and hanging in there when I was busy getting things put together.

God Bless each and everyone of you. I'm very proud to say that I am a member of the "Otto Holm" family.

With all my Love,

Julie Holm Hively



JOURNEY BACK TO THE HOMELAND

The summer of 1993 I was very fortunate to be able to take the trip of a lifetime to Norway and Sweden.

I was invited by my friend, Monica Fosser and her family, Father Johannes and Mother Kari, Sister Lena and Brother Thomas, from Vasvik, Norway to be a guest in their home.

Monica was an exchange student at RTR (Russell, Tyler, Ruthton) HighSchool in 1992-1993.

Vasvik is in the southeastern part of Norway. The Fosser family lives on a beautiful farm. They raise pigs and cattle. Monica's parents also work at a local prison. Johannes works as a guard and Kari works as a cook. They were very kind to take me places and show me all sorts of things. The mountains and fiords were just breathtaking.

One of the things the Fosser Family had promised to do while I was there in Norway, was to take me across the border into Sweden, and help me find my roots. With my family tree book in hand we headed for Sweden.

First of all, they took me to see a church by Svarteberg, Sweden. Svarteberg was where Olaf Anderson was born in 1815. The whole church, even the ceiling was filled with paintings and carvings. The outside of the church was under renovation, but one of the work men let us in. After leaving the church we went into the town for dinner. We had a delicious meal at a local restaurant consisting of meatballs with cranberry sauce and potatoes. I was able to use my Norwegian money to pay for my meal since it was so close to the border.

When we had finished dinner we left Svarteberg and began searching for the area where Olaf and Eva lived and raised their family before coming to America. We arrived in the general area of Heljebo. Not knowing what direction to go from there we stopped at a house where a man was sitting on the outside porch. Johannes approached the man and showed him my family tree book. He pointed us in the direction and told us if we had any other questions to stop at the yellow house at the end of the road and ask the woman who lived there. The two men were able to communicate well because of the similarities of the language. But, I was told by a Norwegian man that he like the Swedish language much better. We then stopped at the farmsite the kind man referred to and she knew the farmsite we were looking for. The family tree book said it was near Lake Bullaren. Following her directions we drove down a very narrow dirt road. At the end of the road was a very beautiful secluded farm, surrounded by trees and rocks. Johannes went to the door and asked if this was "the place" and it sure was. We had found the farm of Olaf and Evan Anderson, my great-great-great grandparents!!! It was a very exciting feeling, knowing that this was

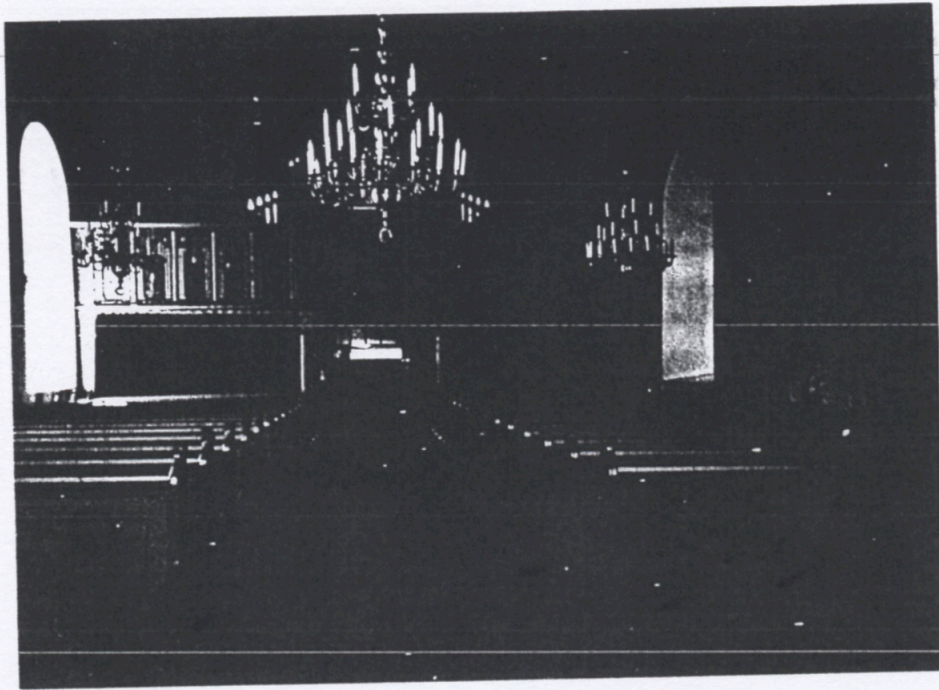
where my family had come from. The stone foundation of the old house was still there, next to the present dwelling. The only building left standing from Olaf & Eva's time, was a stone shed that they said probably stored potatoes and other foods.

We left the farm and went to look for the Moo Cemetery where Anna Maja Olafsdotter Langstrom was said to be buried. We found the cemetery and started looking for Ann Maja's grave. We asked the caretaker if he knew where it was and he then showed us to it. Anna Maja and her daughter, Matilda Langstrom's name are both on the same stone. Matilda's son Harry Langstrom's stone is beneath theirs. The caretaker said he had talked with Harry at one time. Harry died in 1980. The caretaker also told us how to find Harry's home. We found the place where Harry had last lived, which wasn't very far from the cemetery. The house was red and fairly large and we stopped on the road to take a picture of it.

My trip to Norway and Sweden was a very education experience for me. I have learned a lot about my ancestors and what kind of life they must have lived. The people were all so friendly and helpful and both countries were very beautiful.

This is one trip I will remember forever!!!

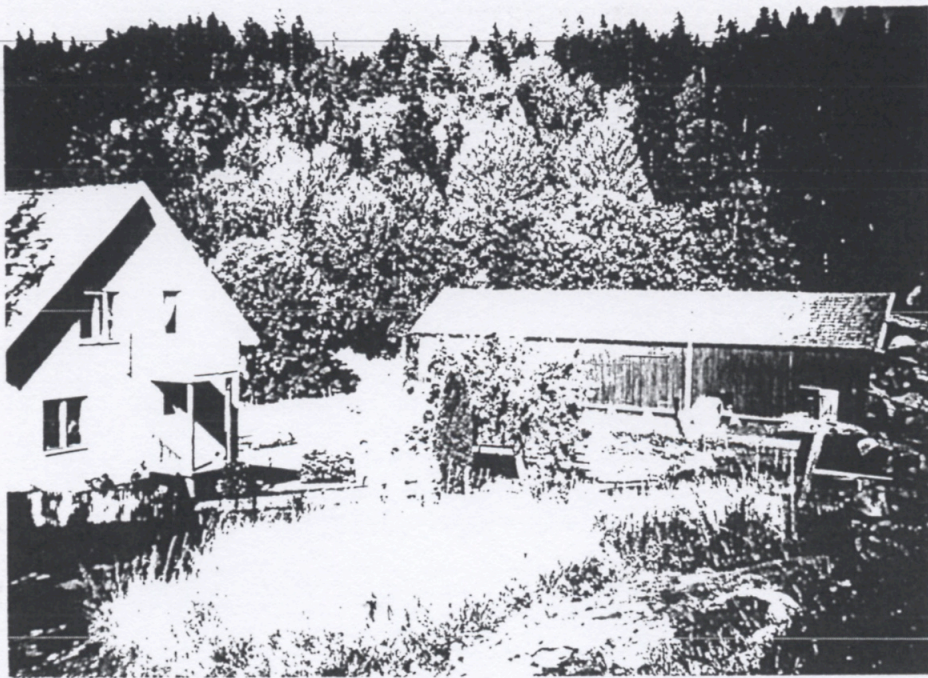
Theresa Lynn Fenicle
daughter of
Jane Hillquist Fenicle



Inside the church at Svartburg, Sweden. Svartburg was the birthplace of Olaf Anderson.



The house is the home where Harry Langstrom lived Dingle, Sweden. (The son of Mathilda Langstrom)



To the left of the house is the foundation of the home where
Olaf & Eva lived. Bohus Lan, Sweden.



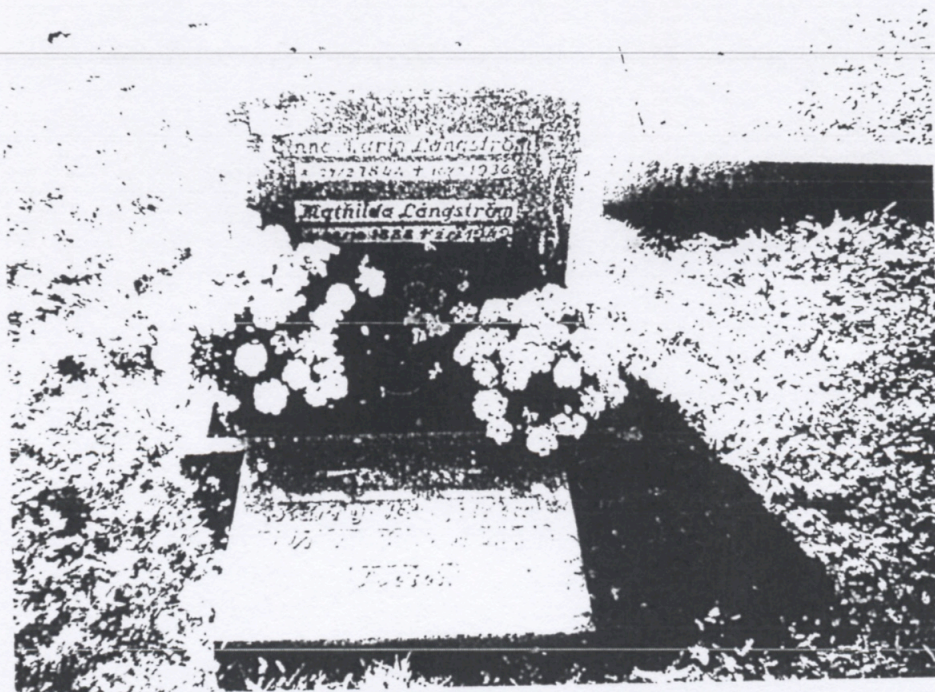
Old Foundation of the original home of Olaf & Eva Anderson.



Svarteborg, Sweden - birth place of Olaf Anderson.



Dingle, Sweden - Church & cemetery.



Gravesites of Anna Maria (Maja) Langstrom, Mathilda Langstrom
and Harry Langstrom.



Farmsite of Olaf & Eva Anderson, Bohus Lan, Sweden.

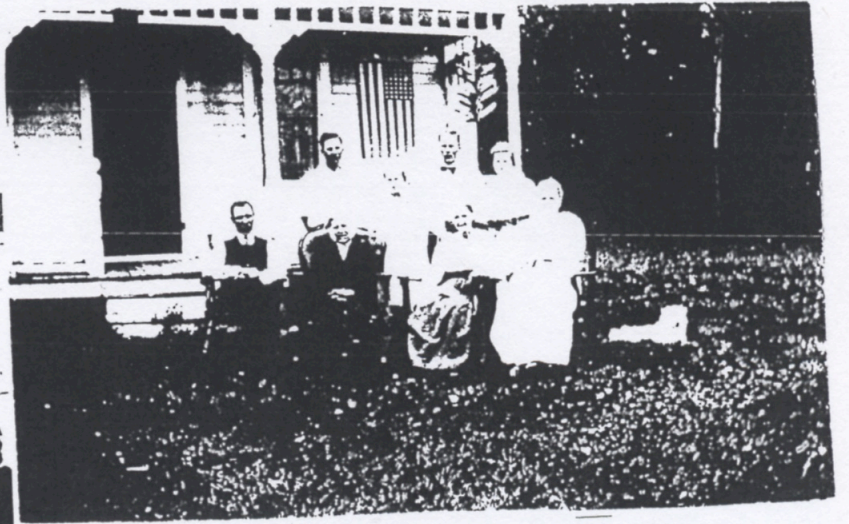
THE OTTO HOLM FAMILY

Otto Theodore Holm (Olofsson) as he is indicated in records in Sweden was born May 7, 1862, the youngest son of Olof Andersson and Eva Carolina Anderdotter at Heljebo Moo Parish, Bohus Lan, Goteborg, Sweden. The family lived on a farm near Lake Bullaren, the largest lake in Bohus Lan. At the age of twenty years, Otto came to Murray County, Minnesota in 1882. His brother, Andrew Holm had come to the United States ten years earlier in 1872. When they left Sweden, they changed their name from Olofsson to Holm. "Holm" in Swedish meant a peninsula or promontory jutting out into Long Lake Bullaren, which was their home.

Before 1887 Otto was going through the country with a stallion. At that time, that was the way, as the pioneer farmers had to have many horses for power and transportation. This was Otto's trade and he always had a love for horses. When traveling the country, he would stop for dinner at the hotel in Currie. At that time, Currie had been the county seat for Murray County, but was moved to Slayton, MN in 1886. At the hotel he met Caroline Anderson, a dining room girl, (hostess or waitress as they are referred to now). Caroline was born November 19, 1868, the daughter of Bengt and Justine Anderson, who lived on a 40 acre farm about two miles northwest of the Valhalla Resort. Caroline had immigrated with her family on October 20, 1884 from Sweden. Caroline was a charter member of the Bethany Lutheran Church. The three acre site was given to the church by Caroline's uncle, John Hobert. Caroline's grandfather and uncle, Peter and John Hobert were early settlers in Lake Sarah Township, Murray County and were among the founders of Bethany Lutheran Church, which today is the site of Bethany Cemetery.

After the accidental death of Olivia Holm in 1887, eight year old daughter of Andrew and Annie Holm, Otto took over the farm Andrew Holm was managing for Homer Whiting. This farm was located between Balaton and Garvin. Mr. Whiting and a friend came out to the farm to hunt and while they were getting their guns ready in front of the house, the gun of Mr. Whiting accidentally went off and shot little Olivia, who was standing in the kitchen window. Andrew became so upset he wouldn't work for Mr. Whiting and he begged Otto to take over the farm. Olivia is buried at Bethany Cemetery.

The Whiting farm was a big place, so Otto went and proposed to Caroline. They were married October 12, 1887. Otto had to go to New Ulm, MN to have wheat ground into flour and also for other provisions. It took him two days and Caroline was alone. On September 4, 1888, their first son, Oscar was born. Victor was born December 16, 1894. In 1892, Otto's Father and Mother, Olaf and Evan Anderson immigrated to Murray County. Olaf died a few days after arriving in Murray County. He was buried at Bethany Cemetery. Otto bought the Southeast quarter of Section 4, adjacent to Andrew's farm in 1893. This farm was



HOBERT-HOLM WEDDING

Mr. Oscar Holm and Miss Helga Hobert were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

A pretty wedding took place at the P.M. Hobert home last Wednesday afternoon when their daughter, Helga was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Oscar Holm.

Both of the young people are well known to the people of this community, both being born and raised in this immediate vicinity,. The groom being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holm, living only a few miles south of the village. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Hobert who live about six miles south of the town. The attendants Victor Holm, Miss Hilda Anderson, Hilding Hobert and Miss Irene Bjorkman of Wabasso. The Reverend L.J. Fihn of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Lake Sarah tied the nuptial knot. The bride was dressed in a beautiful white silk dress while the groom wore a blue serge suite. After congratulations the guests partook of a sumptuous lunch.

The happy young couple will go to housekeeping on the farm recently vacated by the Lyman Coyle family.

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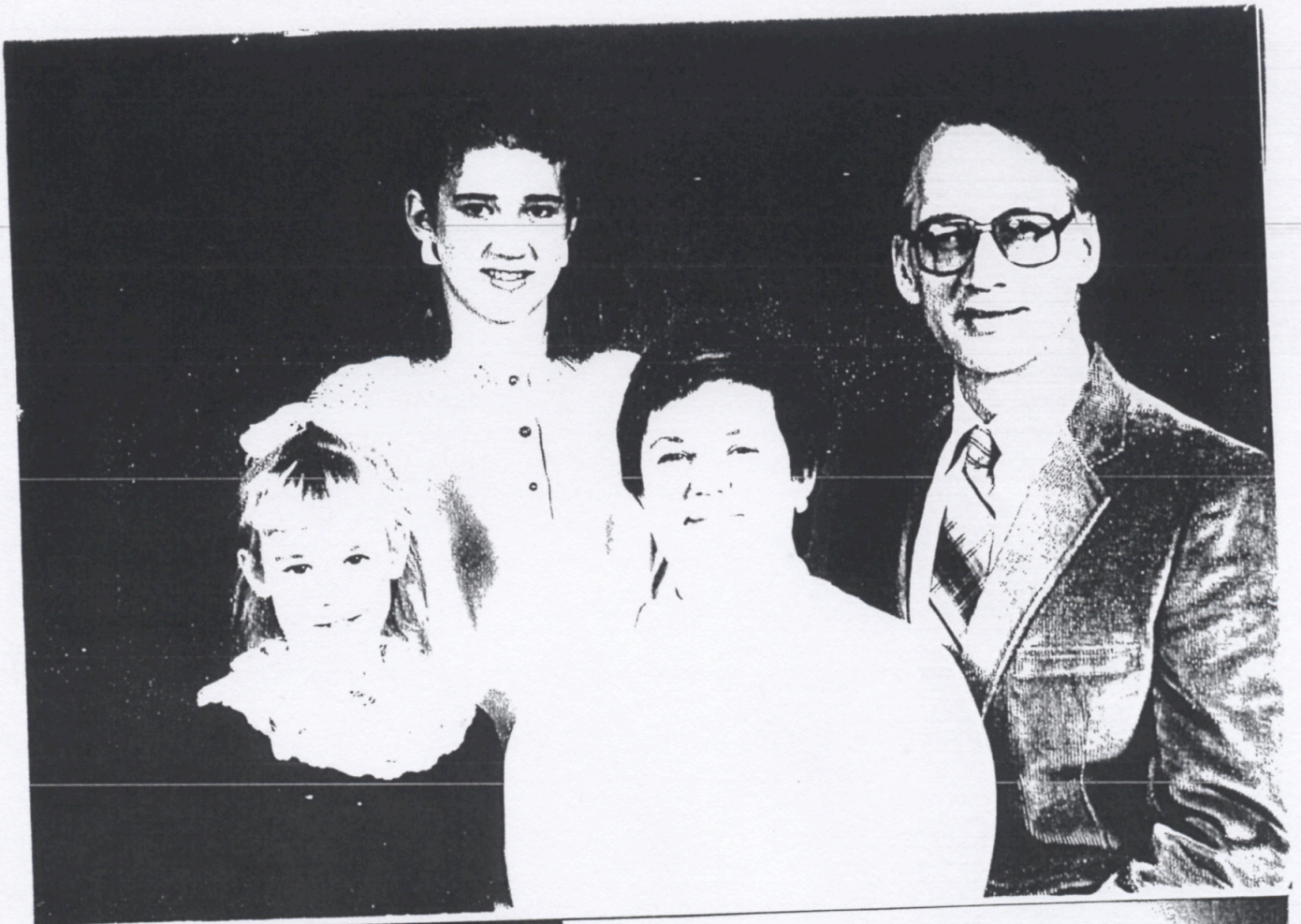
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Married: Helga Christina Hobert	b. 12/14/1893	d. 2/09/1990
1. Evelyn Helen Caroline Holm	b. 1/17/1914	
Married: David Hillquist	b. 3/14/1904	d. 3/19/1959
A. Donald David Hillquist	b. 2/05/1938	
Married: Patricia Ann Mayse	b. 6/15/1944	
1. Christina Diane Hillquist	b. 1/12/1976	
2. Kimberly Linnea Hillquist	b. 10/28/1981	
B. Carolyn Jean Hillquist	b. 12/03/1939	
Married: Orlin Lustfield	b. 6/02/1938	
1. David Orlin Lustfield	b. 12/24/1960	
Married: Katherine Ann Schrier	b. 7/18/1960	
AA. Jessica Katherine Lustfield	b. 1/15/1983	
BB. Jon David Lustfield	b. 11/01/1986	
2. Lisa Jane Lustfield	b. 11/25/1963	
Married: D. Donald Donato	b. 2/28/1947	
3. Carla Eve Lustfield	b. 9/16/1969	
AA. Samantha Ann Munson	b. 10/22/1991	
4. Staci Ann Lustfield	b. 6/01/1975	
C. Jane Ellen Hillquist	b. 11/01/1952	
Married: Dennis Fenicle	b. 2/18/1950	
1. Teresa Lynn Fenicle	b. 12/26/1974	
2. Michael Dennis Fenicle	b. 6/09/1977	
3. Elizabeth Jane Fenicle	b. 11/27/1982	
2. Elvera Emma Virginia Holm	b. 11/25/1916	
Married: Gilbert Hill	b. 9/04/1944	d. 5/12/1951
Married: William Koch	b. 9/14/1910	d. 7/09/1991
A. Mary Ellen Hill	b. 12/19/1941	
Married: Roger Julien	b. 9/10/1935	
1. Jeffrey Allen Julien	b. 6/08/1960	
2. Julie Kay Julien	b. 6/25/1963	
Married: Paul Martens	b. 8/04/1962	
AA. Joshua John Martens	b. 1/17/1984	
BB. Amber Kay Martens	b. 4/14/1987	
CC. Alicia Julia Martens	b. 5/12/1994	
3. Jay Roger Julien	b. 7/30/1969	
B. Karen Elaine Hill	b. 3/11/1946	
Married: Arthur Peterson	b. 10/01/1942	
1. Jon Randal Peterson	b. 2/12/1963	
2. Brenda Jo Peterson	b. 6/22/1966	
Married: Mark Joseph Deutz	b. 12/10/1957	
AA. Parker Steven Deutz	b. 6/26/1989	
BB. Kayla Marie Deutz	b. 12/23/1991	

3. Patrick Lee Peterson	b. 6/29/1972
C. Janet Louise Hill	b. 7/11/1950
Married: Michael Thomas Roeder	b. 7/06/1949
1. Paul William Roeder	b. 5/04/1969
2. Chad Michael Roeder	b. 6/14/1972
3. Amanda Jo Roeder	b. 5/14/1980
4. Andrew James Roeder	b. 5/10/1982
D. Laurie Ann Koch	b. 3/10/1960
Married: Ed Olsem	b. 2/06/1955
1. Benjamin Edward Olsem	b. 3/13/1988
2. Nathan William Olsem	b. 3/14/1992
3. Eleanor Ruth Marcella Holm	b. 4/21/1926
Married: Clarence Schwanebeck	b. 12/05/1923
A. Mark Clarence Schwanebeck	b. 8/19/1957







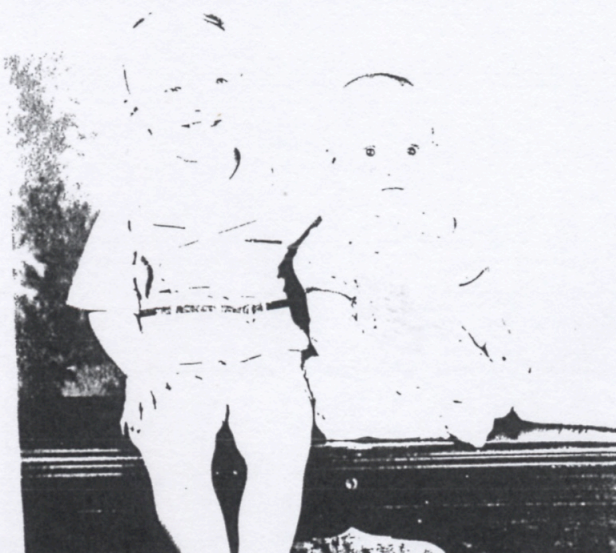
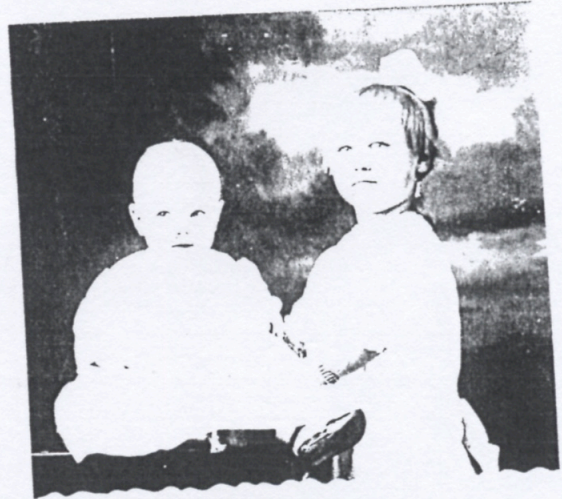


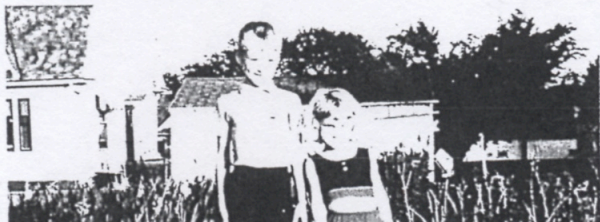
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service at the school. A representative from Tracy High School came over and personally presented the family with a plaque. Eugene's widow, Bernetta, still has the plaque along with many newspaper clippings. She married Eugene after the war was over.

"His family was given a plaque that had his name on it and the phrase 'missing in action.' A 48-star flag dominated the plaque. I can't imagine the thought that went through his mind whenever he saw that plaque in later years. Was he honored the school had been so thoughtful? He must have been so thankful the plaque was not necessary after all. It was bound to bring back so many memories."

In later years, Eugene Holm received a citation from the government.

"He always said he got a citation for going through hell," Bernetta Holm said, "He was a machine gunner in the Navy from 1938 to 1945."

The serviceman did not talk about the war very much after coming home, she said. "He said he just wanted to forget about it."

Eugene told the family that he thought his being listed as missing in action was a mistake made in the confusion following the attack.

"Eugene felt that the survivors list and the missing in action list got mixed up. He wrote a post card to his parents two days after the attack," Bernetta Holm explained.

"All he could do was sign it and date it. It was a form postcard where the sender just crossed out what didn't fit. All he had not crossed out was "I am well."

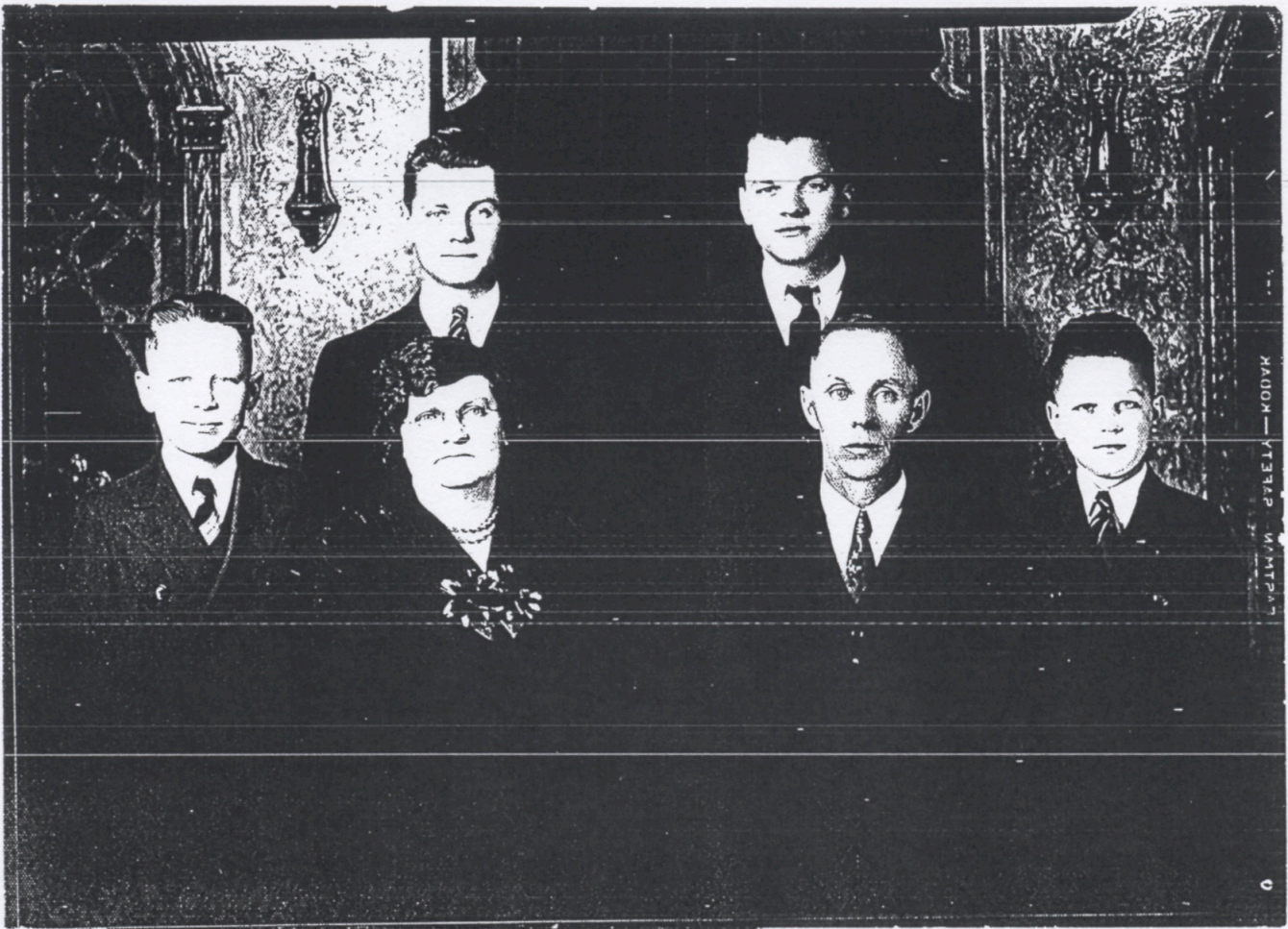
The postcard was delivered at about 5 p.m. Christmas Eve.

"What a change in the Christmas atmosphere that the postcard made for our family. I can remember the Christmas lights and the night just like it was yesterday instead of 50 years ago," remembered Bernie Holm.

A second son, LeRoy, also served on the CALIFORNIA in 1941. But he was transferred in August to a tender ship on the Eastern seaboard.

Bernetta Holm recalled, "Eugene said he and Leroy discussed being on the same ship. They had a choice at the time and Eugene was not in favor of it. He thought it would be too much for their family to lose two sons at once if they should get hit. It would also be too hard to see your own brother hurt." As it turned out, LeRoy was transferred in August when he became ill.

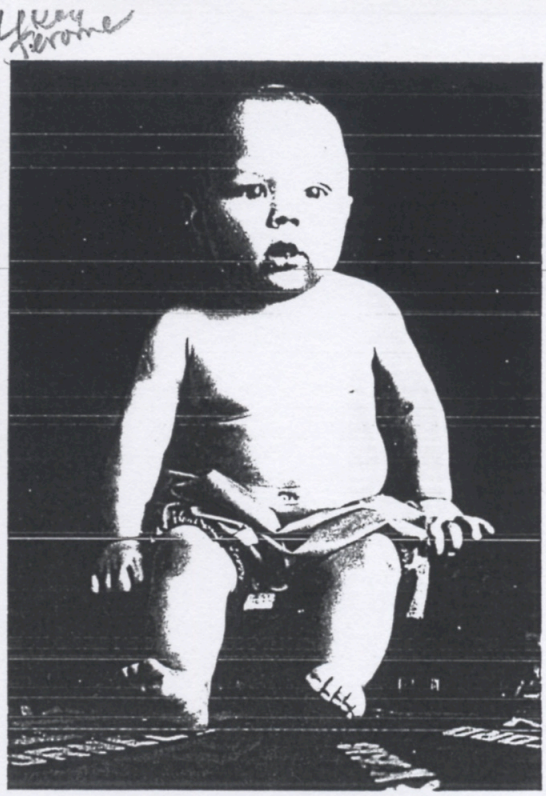
Eugene Holm died in 1975 at the age of 55. He belonged to the Survivors Association and went to meetings in Windom for years. Bernetta recently received word from the government that he will receive a posthumous survivor's medal from the Navy. Tracy Headlight Herald - December 4, 1991



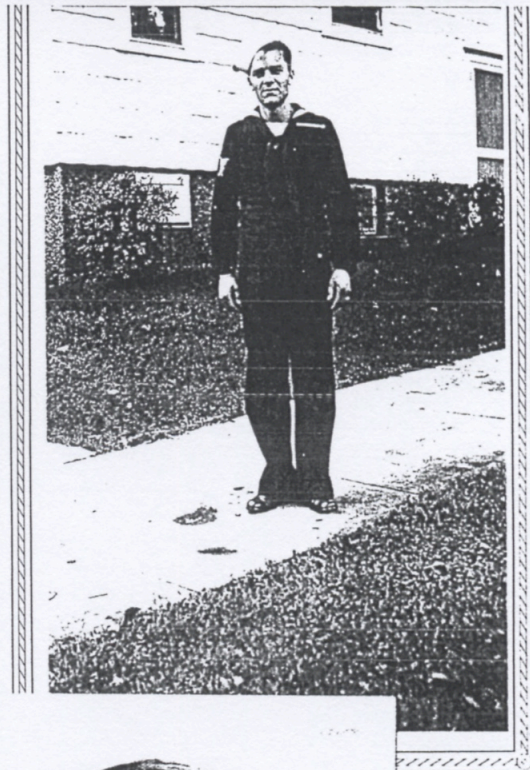
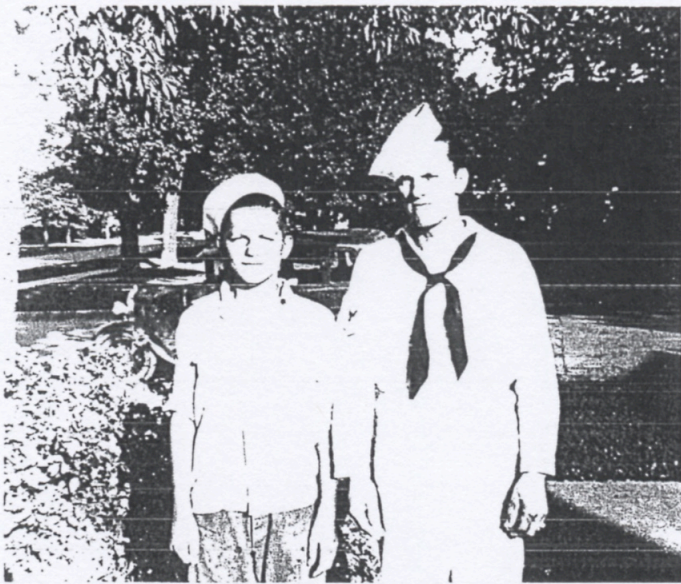
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Eugene Holm's baby picture



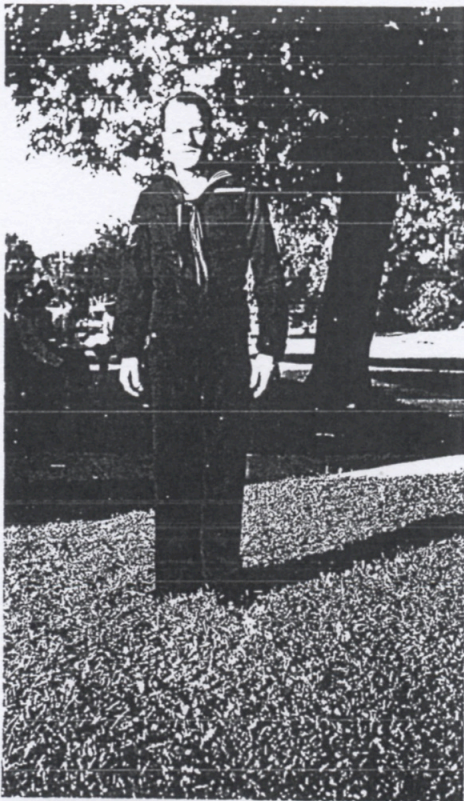
Eugene in Navy uniform

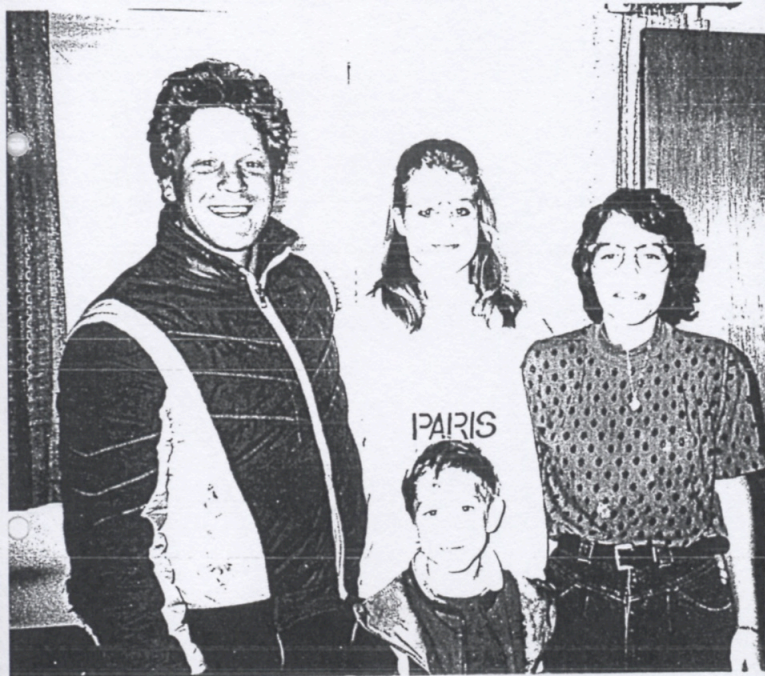
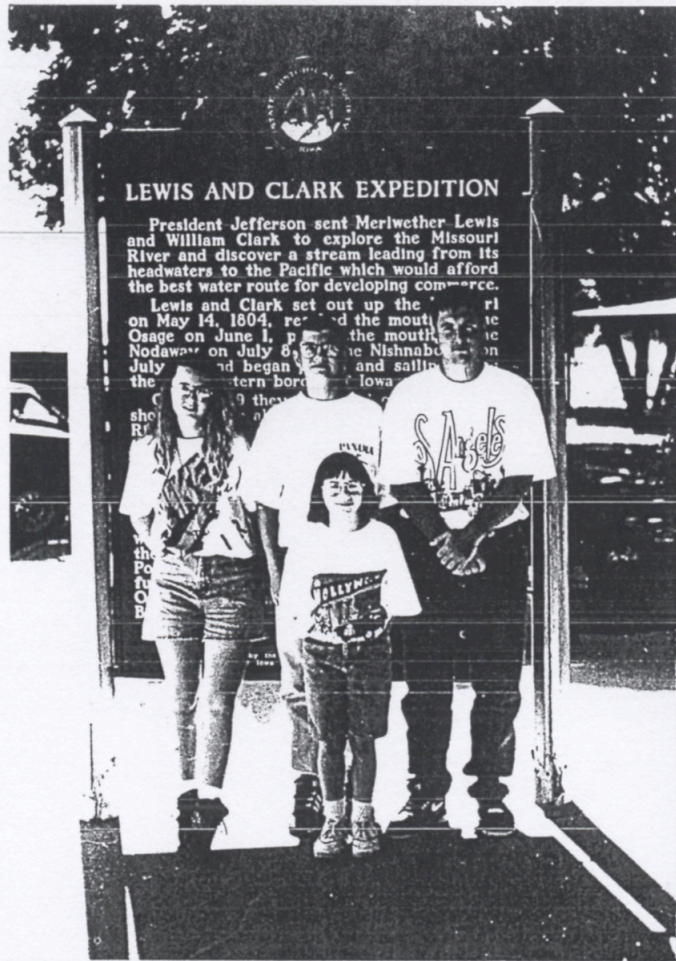


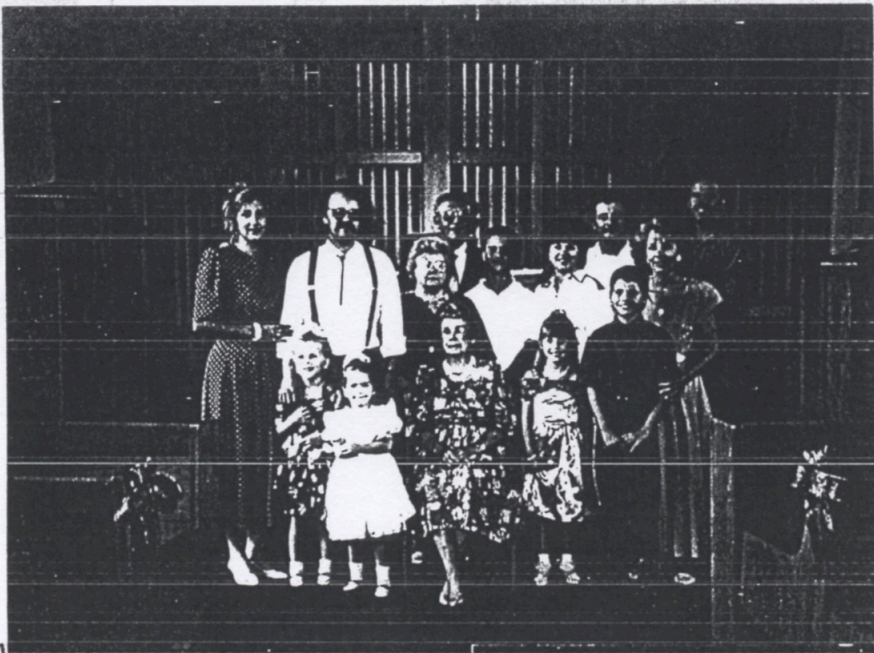
Robert Holm

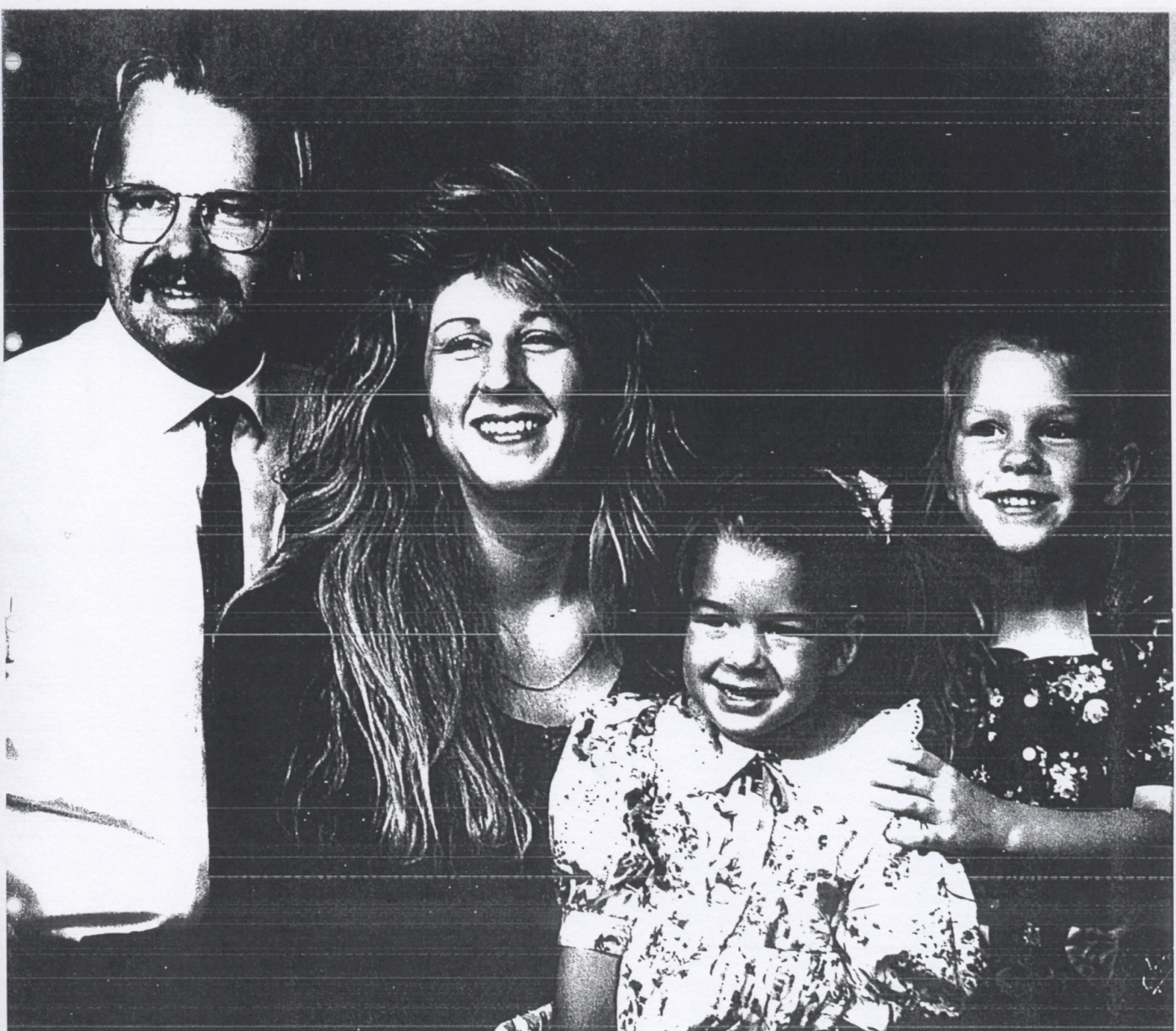


James Holm -









A little bit about the Holm family....

Barent (Barry) Holm is the son of Jerry and Doris Holm of Grants Pass, Oregon. Barry and his wife, Stef Ann, married on October 17, 1981 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Canoga Park, California. They resided in Simi Valley, California until 1992 when they moved to Boise, Idaho for a better quality of life for their children. They have two daughters, Whitney Linnea and Kayla Rose, both of whom were born on April 10—one in 1987 and one in 1989.

Barry is a commercial carpenter, steel-stud framer and drywall hanger. Stef Ann is a full time writer of historical romance novels for Pocket Books (Simon & Schuster.)

Whitney and Kayla enjoy school and activities such as Girl Scouts, playing with friends, and reading.



OWENS-HOLM WEDDING

A pretty Home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Owens when their daughter Hazel Ellen was given in marriage to Mr. Arthur Eugene Holm on Wednesday evening, May 29th. Reverend R.E. Roberts of Minneapolis officiated.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Owens and has lived in Garvin all her life. Her winning ways captured the heart of the man of her choice. She was attended by Miss Esther Nye.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holm, and is a prosperous young farmer of Lake Sarah, he is a man among men, honest and industrious. He was attended by Marion Owens, a brother of the bride.

Miss Irene Holm, sister of the groom played the wedding march.

After the ceremony the wedding party was escorted to the dining room where they partook of a scrumptious wedding supper.

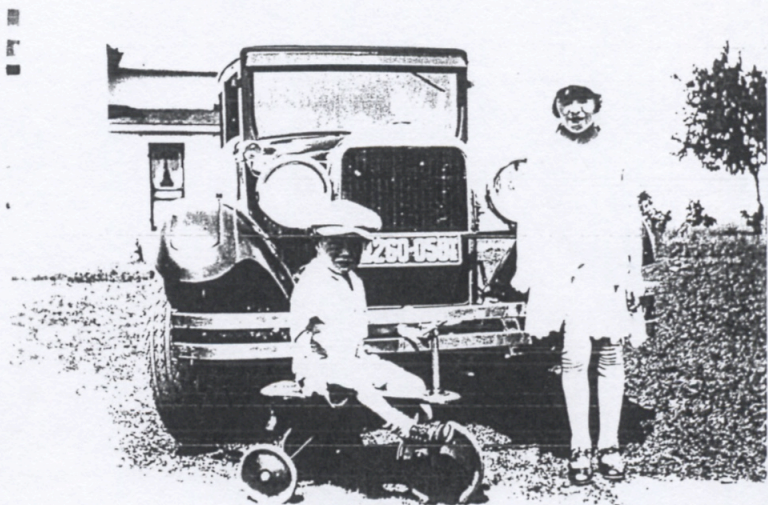
The happy couple departed for the Cities the next day where they will honeymoon after which they will return to Garvin and be home to their friends after June 10.

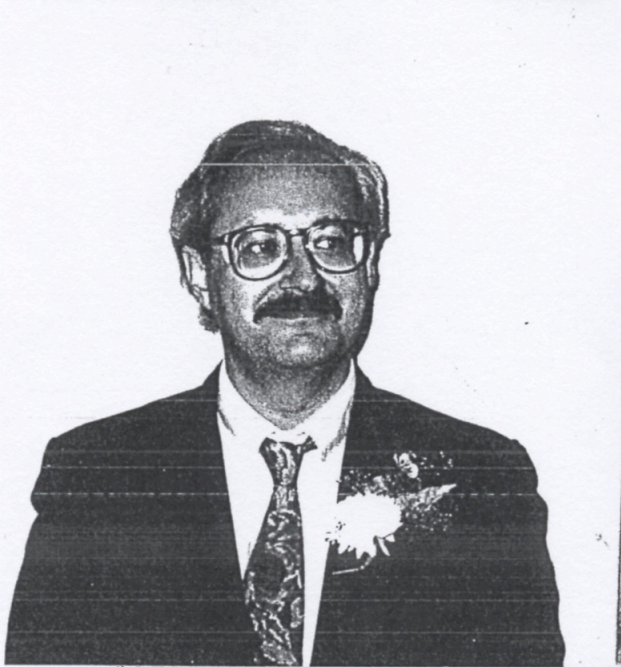
The best wishes of the many friends are extended to the newly weds.

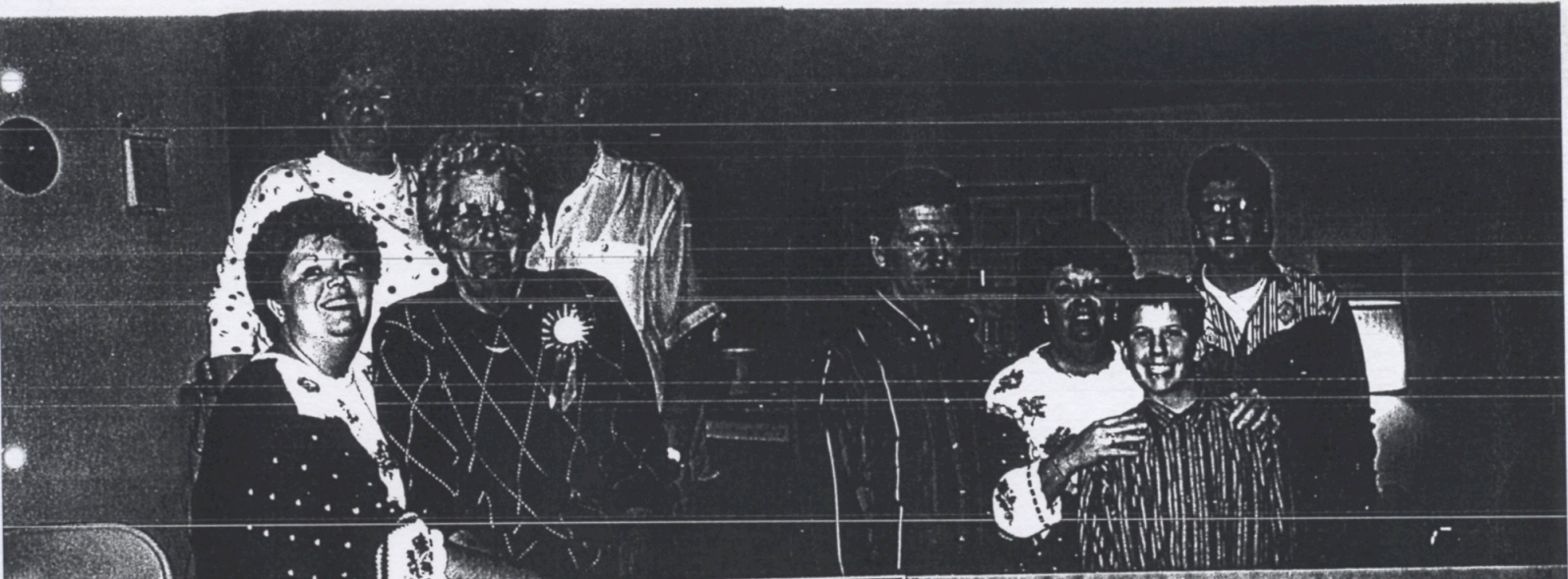
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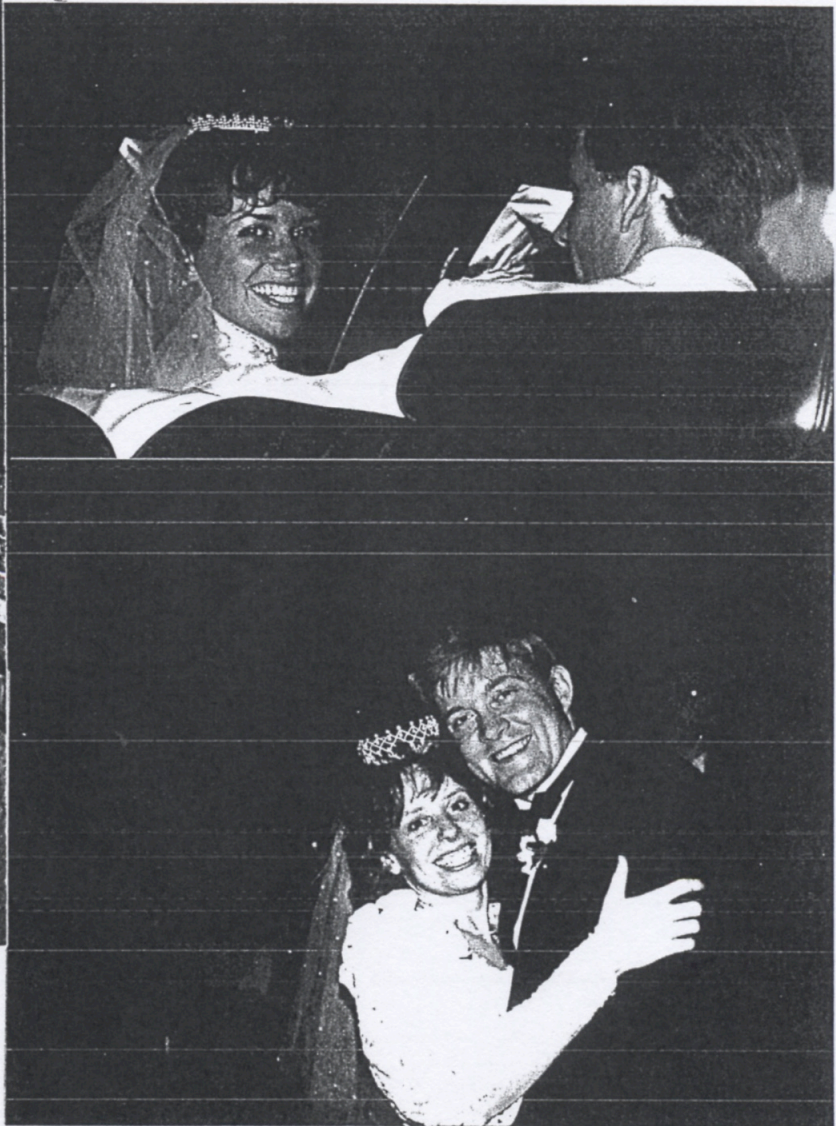
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Married: Hazel Ellen Owens	b.	3/25/1897	d.	8/08/1970
1. Helen Irene Holm	b.	2/28/1920		
Married: Eugene Stanley Hobert	b.	6/12/1916		
A. Collin Bruce Hobert	b.	3/19/1945		
B. Vicki Louise Hobert	b.	8/17/1949		
Married: Dennis Clarence Fisher	b.	4/05/1946		
1. Amy Marie Fisher	b.	6/11/1976		
2. Heidi Ann Fisher	b.	1/23/1981		
C. Debra Faye Hobert	b.	6/09/1948 10-14-1950		
Married: Robert Wayne Willard	b.	3/01/1939		
1. Brent Christopher Sabin	b.	4/18/1969		
Married: Rhonda Sue Sanders	b.	10/10/1970		
2. Jacob Joseph Sabin	b.	2/11/1972		
Married: Terri Lynn Ivy	b.	7/16/1971		
AA. Kenneth Charles Sabin	b.	7/26/1987		
BB. Tiffani Marie Sabin	b.	2/03/1992		
2. Marsden Eugene Holm	b.	3/11/1926	d.	10/02/1987
Married: Marilyn Rose Griffith	b.	11/21/1933		
A. Julie RaNae Holm	b.	11/02/1954		
Married: David Earl Hively	b.	6/06/1951		
1. Jay Peter Hively	b.	10/16/1975		
2. Jesse Lee Hively	b.	6/28/1981		
B. Becky Lou Holm	b.	11/10/1955		
C. Kenneth Eugene Holm	b.	12/27/1956		
Married: Cynthia Marie Haeckerl	b.	4/19/1957		
1. Kasey Eugene Holm	b.	3/21/1985		
2. Mitchell Andrew Holm	b.	5/13/1988		
3. Morgan Marie Holm	b.	4/15/1993		
D. Pamela Ellen Holm	b.	4/25/1959		
Married: Robert Kent Powell	b.	1/22/1949		
1. Marsden Donald Powell	b.	4/03/1988		
3. Roberta Mae Holm	b.	11/20/1930		
Married: Marvey Keith Lewis	b.	8/17/1922		
A. Keith Marvey Lewis	b.	3/18/1961		
Married: Esme Kendra Vigoe	b.	6/03/1967		
1. Hanna Glen Lewis	b.	5/13/1994		
B. Roberta Ellen Lewis	b.	5/19/1963		

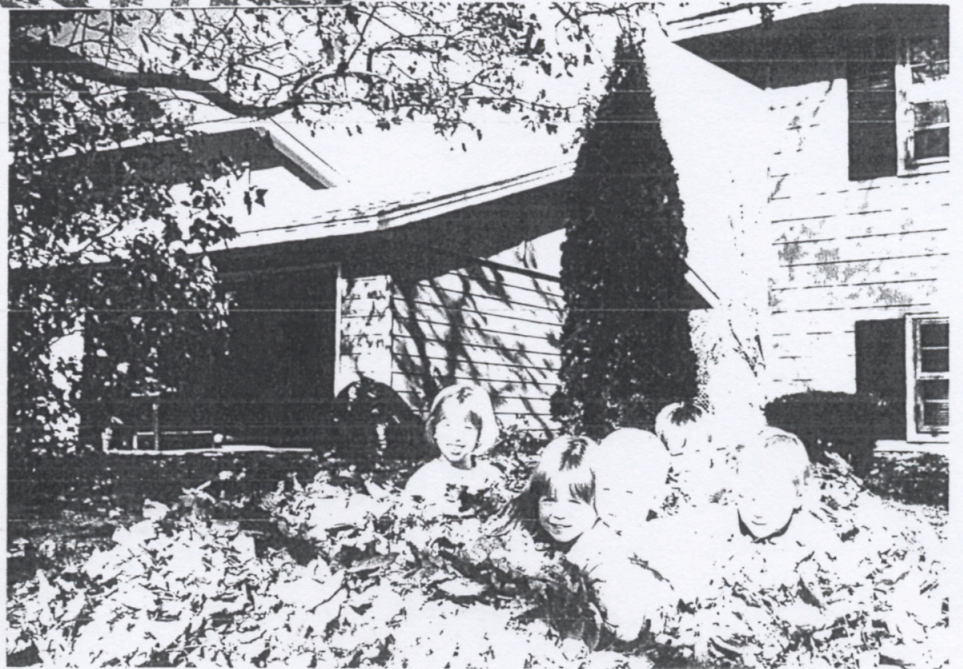
Married: Wayne Alan Harelstad	b. 9/12/1962
1. Laura Ellen Harelstad	b. 12/28/1989
2. Dana Lynn Harelstad	b. 3/14/1991
C. Marie Beth Lewis	b. 8/07/1966
Married: Jon Allen Duclos	b. 11/25/1963
1. Bethany Marie Duclos	b. 2/16/1988
2. Benjamin Anthony Duclos	b. 11/15/1990
3. Joshua Scott Duclos	b. 3/31/1992
4. LaDonna Mae Holm	b. 9/28/1932
Married: Curtis Edwin Rathje	b. 3/02/1927
A. Timothy Curtis Rathje	b. 10/18/1957
Married: Valerie Joy Hofkamp	b. 9/10/1963
1. Brendon Timothy Rathje	b. 7/01/1993
B. Daniel Edwin Rathje	b. 9/04/1962

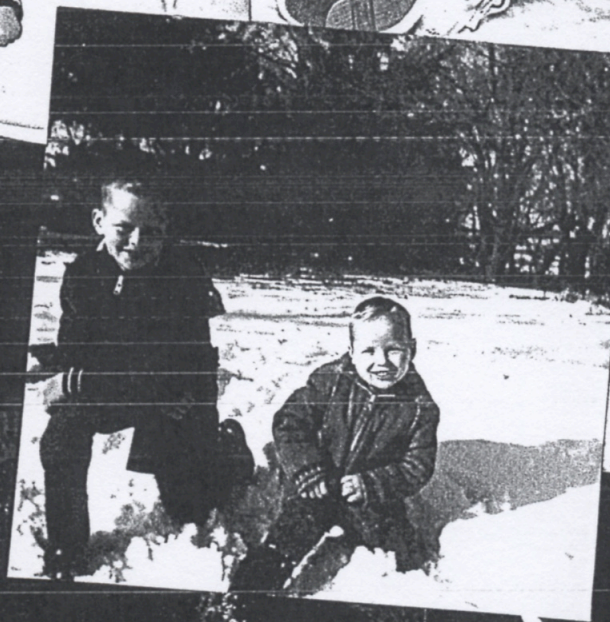
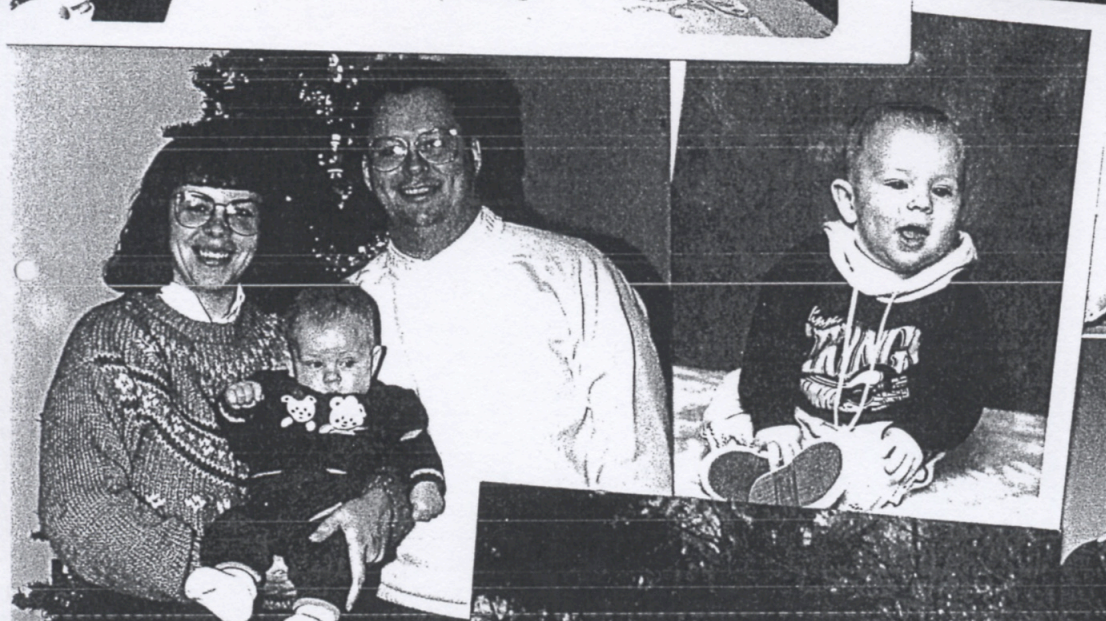












HOLM-STEVEN'S WEDDING

A wedding of interest of the people of Tracy and vicinity took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holm of this city on Wednesday, the Third of September, at four o'clock. Irene Caroline Holm, their daughter, became the bride of Beryl F. Stevens youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, also of this city. The bride's parents home was beautifully decorated.

Prior to the marriage ritual which was read by Reverend J.H. Larson of Avoca, Mrs. Larson sang "At Dawning". At the playing of the wedding march by Mrs. Ralph Jewel, the bridal party took their places at the altar which was decorated in blue and white. The attendants were Mr. Clifford Peterson as best man and while Altivene and Helen Holm, nieces of the bride, served as flower girls, and little Delores Stevens, niece of the groom, carried the rings on a white satin pillow. The ceremony closed with a solo by Mrs. Larson entitled "I love you truly." A wedding dinner was served at six o'clock to about fifty guests.

The bride wore a white satin gown trimmed in Spanish lace and net, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and babies breath. The bridesmaid was dressed in peach georgette and carried pink roses. The flower girls wore dresses of salmon pink flat crepe and carried baskets of gladiolas and sweet peas. The little ring bearer was dressed in white.

These young people are both graduates of the Tracy High School Class of 1925. Since then, the bride has been employed by the Tri-State Telephone Company. The groom is now employed at the T.H. Webbs store.

After a honeymoon trip to Sioux Falls and the twin cities, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will make their home in Tracy. Their friends extend congratulations.

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Irene Caroline Holm	b.	9/28/1906	
Married: Beryl F. Stevens	b.	9/10/1905	d. 4/03/1973
1. Constance Gloria Stevens	b.	8/07/1932	
Married: John Austin Hanson	b.	6/26/1930	
A. Steven John Hanson	b.	1/23/1958	
Married: Janine Charlotte Stave	b.	3/21/1964	
1. Matthew Steven Hanson	b.	8/19/1990	
2. Thomas Benjamin Hanson	b.	3/30/1993	
B. Susan Jean Hanson	b.	2/07/1960	
Married: Michael Wayne Vennerstrom	b.	9/25/1956	
C. Scott James Hanson	b.	10/20/1963	
Married: Lisa Dawn Franz	b.	10/01/1964	
1. Blake Matthew Hanson	b.	6/18/1990	
2. Ryan Andrew Hanson	b.	12/18/1992	
2. Marilyn Irene Steven	b.	7/14/1938	
Married: Clark Peter Messman	b.	4/11/1937	
A. Clark David Messman	b.	6/03/1960	
Married: Elizabeth Marie Rummel	b.	4/09/1962	
1. Catherine Marie Messman	b.	11/02/1990	
2. Laura Irene Messman	b.	9/06/1993	
B. Lynnette Beryl Messman	b.	4/11/1963	
Married: Gary Lee Krallman	b.	1/24/1962	
C. Daniel Peter Messman	b.	12/28/1968	
D. Christopher John Messman	b.	11/08/1970	





