

3-family reunion tradition of 45 years comes to an end

The Kinne, Kramer and Schram families met for their 46th — and final — reunion in Loomis Park Sunday.

As a special program for the final reunion, the Wilbur Schrams of Clear Lake displayed the family tree — descendants of the August Schram family.

Recalling the days of the first reunion and history of the Kinne family by others present, members were invited to the Robert Theiss home nearby for a social afternoon and business meeting.

The Kinne, Kramer and Schram reunion tradition began at the Martin Johnson home near Gowrie on Thursday, Aug. 6, 1931 by Mrs. Martin Johnson (the former Madge Kinne) and Mrs. Fred Theiss (Tillie Kramer) of Fort Dodge. The initial event was planned to honor their cousin, Miss Dena Schram of Norfolk, Neb., who was visiting Iowa relatives.

Letters were written, telephone calls made, and the first reunion was held on Aug. 9 at Oleson Park. The families also invited the August and Will Schram families, the Alvin and Henry Kramer family descendants and the Henry Miller family, bringing together pioneers and descendants of pioneers, all of whom had homesteaded near Dayton.

Later many reunions were held at Dolliver Park with more than 100 attending.

The bonds between the three families began back in 1867 when, on July 9, Fuhrman Heinrich Kinne, 45, of Roklum, Kreise of Halberstat in the Province of Saxony, Germany, applied for emigration papers to North America. He planned to emigrate with his wife and four children: Wilhelminia (Mrs. Charles Schram, Norfolk, Neb.); Heinrich Christian, Dayton; Friedrich Heinrich, Buffalo Center and Blue Earth, Minn., and Johanne (Mrs. August Kramer), Dayton, now all deceased.

The emigration permission was granted by the Royal Prussian government, and in August the family sailed from Bremen, Germany. They came ashore at Castle Garden in the New York Harbor.

From there they traveled by train to Proviso, Ill. (later stockyards were built there), and they farmed in that area. They stayed with Mrs. Kinne's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Christoph Miller, who later came to Iowa and settled on land now utilized for the Girl Scout Camp near Dayton. In 1868 the Kinnes also came to Dayton, settling on a farm now known as the Earl Blair place. The Schram family, who had settled earlier, occupied the area known as the Grabenhorst farm near the Millers.

They all lived through many hard times. There were no roads in those days, just trails across the country through the prairie grass. (Walking was a popular mode of travel, one of the pioneers noted.)

The late Charles Schram, who was a pioneer railroad engineer between Boone and further west, often recalled how the Indians had resisted the invasion of the white man by train, and piled dead buffalo on the rails to stop him.

An early history of the Kinne family was written by Mrs. Johnson and the late Mrs. Ross Shurtleff of Norfolk, Neb.

Obituary

Anna C. Carlson was born in Sjorunge, Halland, Sweden, July 27, 1859, and passed to her reward at her home in Dayton, Iowa, Monday morning of last week, November 7, 1932, at the age of 73 years, 3 months, 20 days. She was reared to young womanhood in her native land, and in the beginning of 1880, came with her parents to this country, stopping at Brooklyn, New York, one year. She was baptised and confirmed in Sweden, and shortly after her confirmation, began teaching in religious school, continuing that two years. In 1881, she was given a call to school work in Gowrie or Dayton congregations, and located permanently at Dayton, where she taught religious school in the Scandinavian school house south of Dayton, beginning in April 1881. In this parochial school, and different districts, she continued her work eleven years, also serving congregations at Grant Center, and at Coalville and Angus, Iowa, three terms from 1886 to 1888 at Grant Center. In 1890, she was united in marriage to C. G. Lind of Dayton. In 1892, the family moved to Stanton, Iowa, where they lived fifteen years. There, also, Mrs. Lind conducted the religious school two years.

For twenty-nine years she continually educated and trained other children beside her own. Her happiest moments in life were in gathering little children around her to tell about the children's best friend, Jesus. She loved her church and its services. She knew a large portion of the New Testament, and the Church Psalms, book, by heart. Always sympathetic, never fond of worldliness, her joy was Christ and salvation. The beauty of flowers impressed her, and thankfulness came to her as her friends kept her with a fresh supply. She was a loving wife and mother, and a faithful friend. She is survived by her husband, C. G. Lind, a daughter, Mrs. Esther Anderson, both of Dayton, and by a son, Theodore Lind of Rockwell City, Iowa; also by four little granddaughters. She is also survived by a brother, J. B. Carlson of Waco, Texas, two sisters, Mrs. Edward Wilson of Olivia, Texas, and Mrs. Elftina Shaw of Harecourt, Iowa, and many other relatives and friends. Two daughters and a son have preceded her in death. Her funeral was held last Thursday afternoon from the Lutheran church, her pastor, Rev. Waldo Ekeberg, in charge, and her remains were laid to rest in Dayton cemetery. She was held in high respect by all, and her happy deeds will be ever remembered.

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