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THE FOLLOWING ARE NOTATIONS USED IN
GIVING THE FAMILY HISTORY OF KINNE,
KRAMER, SCHRAM FAMILIES, AT THE
FAMILY REUNION HELD IN DOLIVER PARK,
IN AUGUST, 1938,
MRS. R. J. SHURTLEFF, NORFOLK,
NEBRASKA.

given to June Grayson
by Eliz Schram July 1976

Mrs. R. J. Shurtleff

The Kramer family.

Ferdinand Kramer, the father

Susan Anderson

August Kramer

Alvin Kramer

Emma Benedict Glanzmann

Henrietta Kramer (this girl was Henry Kinne's
sweetheart. She died of typhoid
fever when about seventeen years
old).

Henry Kramer

They lived on the river and near the farm of
the Mueller family.

-Johanna Kinne and August Kramer were married in
the summer of the first year or perhaps it was
the following year after the Kinne family arrived
in Iowa.

They lived with the Kramer family for a short time
and then lived where the August Kramer family lived
all during their residence in the country before
moving to Fort Dodge.

my
grandpa Kinne's
sister?

Mother's father's name, Henry Kinne
Mother's mother's name, Magdaline Ziehe

Henry Kinne's mother's name was Huse lived at Hadebar,
Braunschweig

Magdaline Ziehe's mother's name was Lohr lived at
Rocklum, Kreis Halberstadt Regierungs bezurg,
Magdeburg.

Mother, Minnie Kinne (Schram) born at Rocklum, November
28, 1851. *Died June 18 - 1946*

Johanna Kinne (Kramer) born at Hadeber, Braunschweig,
Germany, November 20, 1849.

Henry Kinne, born at Rocklum June 7, 1854.

Fred Kinne, born at Rocklum March 3, 1859.

By profession Mother's father was a Shieferdecker, later
he dealt in the buying and selling of feed, grain and
other produce, which trade he followed until coming to
America.

Came to America late in June, 1867.

The family of Mrs. Christoph Mueller, who was mother's
mother's sister, Johanna Ziehe, were located in Baltimore
and later to what is now known as Proviso, Ill., and the
Henry Mueller who we all know and who now lives in Iowa
and is one of our group at these family reunions was the
youngest son of this family.

*1867
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Henry Mueller's oldest brother, Fred, entered the Civil war, he having come to America before the other members of his family, and for the sum of \$200.00, which amount he obtained for entering service in someone else's stead, he made it possible for his parents to come to this country.

This family came to America on a sailing boat and located in Baltimore.

Mother's mother was not in good health and was anxious to come to America and be with her sister, Johanna Ziehe Mueller, and so mother's father and mother and the four children, together with Henry Schmidt who was the son of mother's father's sister, and a family by the name of Borchers also from Rocklum, made up the group who came to this country.

They left Rocklum and went to Bremen and sailed on the "Herman" which was a new German steamer and the trip took twelve days, two of which were spent in port in England, do not know what place it was as mother never left the boat. Cheese was unloaded there and other cargo taken on.

While living in Germany, Mrs. Kramer worked for an aunt (her mother's sister) at Dardesheim as maid. Mother worked at Highway toll house, between Rocklum and Braunschweig and which was at the intersection of Highway from Berlin to Magdeburg and the party for whom she worked was a Mr. Hartung.

The luggage consisted of clothing and bedding and was contained in two trunks.

Some few other things mother remembers as being brought from Germany was a spinning wheel, a reel or "haspel" a "heckle" a brass dipper, a wooden shoe horn.

These trunks originally had bases but the bases were not brought along.

All were sick on the boat except mother and her father. They landed at "Kesselgarten" and remained there all that night instead of going to a hotel.

They then took a train to Chicago and were met at the train by Sophie Mueller-Reichenbach and her husband and where they visited for a short time. They also visited with Fred Mueller who was located in Chicago and had a tailor shop. They then went by train to Proviso where the Muellers lived.

Henry Mueller was then about eight or nine years old.

The Mueller family moved from Proviso to Iowa and mother's father bought all the cattle and chickens, (believe three cows) and the furniture and occupied the house, living there for about two years.

Mother secured a position on a farm close to this home and also worked a couple of months in Chicago for a Mrs. Lubsch who was ill, and also worked on a dairy farm as an all around maid. One family for whom she worked was named Kamen while another was Dicken and one Fisher.

Mother saved \$200 during that time and this was turned over to her father. Her salary was \$2.50 a week. Two years, sixteen to eighteen years old.

Then went with her folks to Iowa to join up with the Mueller family who had left Proviso (two years before) and who went there because the "Gramhorst" family was there. The Gravenhorst family lived in Germany near Rocklum at Einnegstadt where Mr. Gravenhorst had a tailor shop and the elder Mueller worked for him as a tailor, thus the Gravenhorst-Mueller connection in Iowa.

The Gravenhorsts left Germany long before and were established in Iowa on the farm known as the old "Gramhorst Place". There was a log house, two rooms and one upstairs room.

Father's father's name was Ferdinand Schram and his mother's name was Henrietta Kraus and lived in Pommern, Germany near Gerfien.

Was engaged as farm or ranch foreman. Came to America about 1865 and located near Chicago where he worked for the C&N.W. Ry.

There were Charles, Minnie, John, (Hanna who died on the ship enroute to America) and William Schram, who at that time was the baby.

Charles born Dec 15 - 1860 died July 22 1911

Gus and Frank Schram were born in America. Gus was born at Elmhurst near Chicago and Frank I believe was born at Boone, Iowa.

This family came to Iowa and located at Boone where the railroad was being built.

Desiring to farm, the elder Schram bought the place where our father spent his boyhood. This was what was called "River land" and not deeded, and do not know from whom this was purchased. There was a house with two rooms and a pantry, a barn and other buildings as well as a fence on this eighty acres, and they were living there when the Kinne family came from Illinois.

The elder Mr. Mueller and Ferdinand Schram each furnished a horse to make up the team which met the Kinne family at Boone and conveyed the family to the "block" house on the Gravenhorst place.

Mrs. Schram, father's mother, often furnished foodstuffs, and especially milk and butter to the Kinne family, and these two families visited back and forth. The Schram children were younger and the young folks therefore congregated in the evenings at the Muellers, the Muellers and the Kinnes were all living together while their house was being built. Many evenings were spent at cards and the popular game at that time seemed to be "Buck".

Minnie Schram-Groner was working at Boone when the family moved to the country and she remained at Boone where she was employed as a maid for a Jewish family. She often visited at the country home however and was married there.

Charles Schram, our father, was the only Schram boy who called often at the Kinne home as John Schram was likewise employed at Boone and other places including Denver, and the other boys were too small. *(Dad's Bro)*

In 1873 on the 3rd of April at Schram's house in the country, mother and father were married by the Rev. Driescher of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

The Muellers and the Kramers and the Kinnes and the Gravenhorsts and the Heitkamps were all present at the wedding.

It was a warm day and a tent had been erected for the convenience of the crowd and the meal was served in this tent and at one long table in the house.

It was on Thursday and at about noon when the minister reached there from Fort Dodge and the ceremony was performed in a little school house, there was no church near Muellers. Farm wagons were means of transportation in those days. They had all sorts of weather that day, it was sunshiny, there were occasional snow flakes in the air and also a bit of wind, a regular April day.

Mrs. Schram, dad's mother, made the wedding cake, and was in charge of the festivities. She was a good old soul, was rather short and slight, inclined to be dark and had wavy hair. She was thrifty and good food and cakes were always to be found at their home. Because of the fact that the produce raised on the farm was abundant, but the price very low, they had little money for clothing and things about the home in the way of furniture, but always had plenty of good tasty food.

Mrs. Schram was very happy with mother. You see mother and dad lived with the Schrams and dad farmed eighty acres adjoining which he rented.

Life for Mrs. Schram was a bit easier while the folks lived there because Grandpa Schram was inclined to be abusive when intoxicated and he apparently did enjoy his liquor.

(Dad's Sister)

One day while Minnie Groner was visiting at the Schram home and mother and Minnie Groner were busy picking out a crochet pattern and learning to crochet, time passed quickly and they suddenly realized that Mother Schram had not returned from doing the daily household tasks, which included making up the beds in the bunk house-barn-where the boys slept, and the girls found her lying across one of the beds, apparently hemorrhage, and she died within the next twenty-four hours. She had fallen from farm wagon on the Sunday before and apparently had been injured. The Doctor was called but could do nothing and she died July 2nd, 1873. Mother and dad had been married about two and a half months.

Grandpa Schram was not fond of mother and mother took much abuse from him and she and dad went to her mother's aunt's house to sleep and went to Schram's daily to do the housework and work about the farm. You see William and Gus were there with the elder Schram. Frank was with Minnie Groner at Boone and John never was on the farm.

In December, 1873, two weeks before Christmas dad and mother moved to Boone, mother's father took them there and in the following spring, in March, Grandpa Schram had an auction and sold off everything and the children who were then at home went to Boone to be with Minnie Groner and Grandpa Schram went to Illinois for a while on a visit.

William and Gus were at the home in the country after their mother died, but Frank who was four years old at the time went with Minnie Groner.

Dad walked to Boone for a job. He didn't get work at once, but rented a room and said he would get a job alright, they had four chairs, a trunk, and jars of food, beans and meat and a sack of potatoes, and a wash tub.

His first job was driving mule team at Boone for a man by the name of Smith and he hauled wood, 90¢ was the amount of the first day's pay check. He had a team run away and lost that job.

His father came to visit them at Boone.

Dad's second job was for a man by the name of Hagen, he was the foreman or boss and the fellow workers called him "mushrat" because he was short and sort of sandy gray, work was engine wiper at the round house, then he became "caller" which paid a little more money and then he fired switch engine.

Dad got fired from his second job because some "Jokester" nailed the hide of a muskrat on a wheel barrow at the round house and when Mr. Hagen came and saw it, "services were no longer required".

^{Dad}
He got a job at the coal mine at Algona, but was called back to the railroad in a short time and then became fireman and then engineer from Eagle Grove to Boone, on Dayton line, they lived in Boone then for twelve years.

He laid off and took a trip to Nebraska and secured a job on the Fremont & Elkhorn & Mo. Valley railroad and moved his family there, locating in Norfolk, Nebraska, where they have resided ever since. 1985-1986

It might be of interest to note that the plot of ground upon which the church is located which was attended by various members of the Schram, Kramer and Kinne family, was a part of the land owned by mother and dad and was donated by them for church purposes.