

Portion of poem written by Madge Kinne Johnsonf or August, 1955, Reunion.

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And the Kinnes again followed them I'm here to stay.
When the Kinne's landed bag and baggage at Boone
Uncle Miller and Neighbor Schram were there to welcome them in tune
Neighbor Schram had loaned Uncle Miller a Horse
The Schrams and the Millers were friendly of course.
And the Kinnes must have become friendly too
For Minnie Kinne Married Schrman's son Charlie,
Another - Neighbor that true, who belongs in this history:
Is August Kramer who marched with Sherman to the Sea
Johanna Kinne, just as girls still do today
Fell in love with this soldier here without much delay.
They were married and always did their best
To be helpful to others, as pioneer preachers will attest.

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One thing we've been told about these pioneers
Is that they heard God's word with willing ears.
They started a congregat~~son~~ soon, in fact right away,
Because they had come to American to stay.
They met in the home and schoolhouses too,
Uncle Charilie and Aunt Minnie were married in Allen School house, I'm telling you.
Then Uncle Charlie loaned Trinity Congregation a portion of land.
Whereon if it wished, it might through all ages tand.

Old Trinity was built in the year 1878
By Karl Mandelko and Fred Knigge of Fort Dodge, carpenters first rate.
Carol Treband put the plaster on so that it never fell.
This son-in-law of Uncle Miller's must have known his business well.
These builders of course had to have a place to stay
And the Kramers took them in. Pioneers never said, "Nay".

Now that's about all the history I know linked in a row.
We've made history too since this reunion first began
For many a little boy of then, has now become a man.
Not only are they men but they've become fathers too
With little boys as big right now as the tots the first reunion knew.
Yes, many of the cousins have married and really done first rate
They've married the very one I would have chosen if I had picked their mate.
Yes, our folks marry and for them nothing but the best will do.
That's why our reunion is a happy one. To the best we can be true.
And some time when it comes my time to be laid in the earth away
I want the cousins all to know, I loved Reunion Day.
And I want to say a thank you, God, right now and here,
For letting me meet with you like this year after year.
To make this rhyme so long I know is really quite a sin
But before I close I want to say, I love you all, MY KIN.

Note from June Lind Grayson: this was my Aunt Madge, older sister of my mother,
Mrs. Emilie Kinne Lind. When I was a little girl, the Kinne, Kramer, Schram reunion was the
high point of our whole summer. I never could understand all of the relationships as a little
girls, but I had so many cousins and it was so much fun!!!! We don't have that kind of fun
anymore. And unfortunately, the reunion stopped meeting some years ago, I think.
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