



Elmer and Florence Hansen Family.

Back row, left to right: Roger, Don Erickson, Leon, Dennis Erickson, Raymond. Front row, left to right: Florence, Joann, Elmer.

Leon married Berniece Rempp, Irene; two children, Dallas and Dana. Roger married Carol Ulmer, Irene; five daughters, Sarah, Melissa, Katie, Molly and Maggie. Raymond married Stephanie Meyer, Yankton. Joann married Steve Martin, Sioux City and has a son Adam Boomgarden. Donald Erickson lives in Yankton. Dennis Erickson lives in Sioux Falls.



Elmer and Florence Hansen Family 1984. Raymond Hansen not present in picture.

In 1984 Elmer passed away and Florence continues to live on the farm place with son Leon farming it at the present time.

### Folker Hansen Family

Folker and Karen Marie Hansen were born in Sjelleand, Denmark in 1862 and 1863 respectively. They immigrated to the United States in the 1890's and applied his trade as a carpenter in various places moving to the Irene area from Beresford in 1906 and farmed on the Turkey Valley farm northwest of Irene. They had twelve children: Elise Marie (Lizzie); Peter (P.V.); Fred; Oscar (O.D.); Elmer; Esther; Joseph; Sarah; Enoch;

Arthur; David and Chester. Folker and Marie moved to Viborg in 1915 and moved back to Irene in 1925. Folker was a carpenter by trade and built many homes and barns in the area. His last project was in the 30's when he supervised the construction of the town hall which was a combination jail, fire hall and town hall. This building was torn down when the new community hall was erected. Marie died in 1938 and Folker died in 1952.

Of the twelve children in the Folker Hansen family, seven of them were part of the life in the Irene community.

Lizzie married Chris Hjerrild and they farmed northwest of Irene until 1935 when they moved to California. Four children were born to them while in the Irene area: Luverne, Helen, Lloyd and Marie. Lizzie died in 1947, Chris in 1970, Luverne in 1979, Helen in 1971 and Lloyd in 1991.

Peter V. (better known as P.V.) married Neilsene Jorgensen of Irene. He was also a carpenter and cabinet maker and worked in the Irene area until the early 1930's when they moved to Yankton. Their twin daughters Jorgine and Jeanette were very musical and gave piano lessons for many years. Jeanette died in 1957 and Jorgine in 1972. P.V. died in 1975 and Neilsene in 1973.

Oscar, remembered by most as O.D. was a rural mail carrier on route #3 until he entered the army during WWI. Upon his discharge he was appointed postmaster in Irene until 1933 when he became manager of the Cargill Grain Elevator. In 1938 he became the manager of a branch bank of the Bank of Centerville until 1939 when he left Irene to work for the State Banking Department in Pierre and later went into banking in Elk Point, South Dakota. He married Gladys Kelley of Hurley in 1918 and to this union two children were born: O. Duane Jr. and Carol. Carol married Thomas Diefendorf in 1946 and lived in Irene where Tom was the cashier of the Farmers State Bank. To this union were born: A. Edward III in 1947; Anne in 1949; John in 1952 and Alice in 1955. Tom and Carol now make their home in Sioux Falls. O. D. died in 1987, Gladys in 1978.

Elmer was also a rural carrier in Irene after serving in the army during WWI. He married Ollie Lunyymus, a music teacher in the Irene School. In the mid 30's the postal department transferred him to Madison where he died in 1976.

Esther married Oscar Burke and lived in Irene until 1925. Their daughter Eunice was born in Irene. Esther died in 1956 and Oscar in 1968.

Sarah married Peter Aggergaard Jr. They lived and farmed one fourth mile west of Irene until 1927 when they moved to Sioux Falls. Their two children Betty and Richard were born in Irene. Sarah died in 1978 and Peter in 1960.

Arthur was editor and publisher of the *Tri-County News* from the early 30's to 1938 when the family moved to Kalispell, Montana. Arthur married Myrtle Rosser of Montrose, South Dakota. Their two daughters Jacqueline and Virginia were born in Irene. Myrtle died in 1991 in Longview, Washington where Arthur still lives in a nursing home.