



THE STORY OF JOHANN (JOHN) ALBERT and  
MATHILDA BRUNS RUNGE

WEDDING DAY  
7 AUGUST 1874

The following tribute was written by Milton Garrison, Superintendent of Schools, when he compiled the HISTORY of ALMA, MISSOURI. It fits perfectly in the Concordia area also-

The German farmer was a very potent factor in the development of this community. His love for the soil made him an industrious, never-relaxing tiller. His pains-taking endurance and his thorough methods of farming increased the productiveness of the land, and thereby its value. The Germans have always been a peace-loving people and their social gatherings were well attended for a source of wholesome and refreshing amusement. They are a law-abiding people, and the criminal annals of the courts count but few German names on their pages. They have been patriotic people who, although upholding the traditions, the customs, and the language of their forefathers, are excellent citizens of whom this community has been proud.

. . . . .

The "olden days" are often said in a manner that would indicate that they were less than desirable. But a study of a compilation such as the one following brings out an entirely different feeling. You find that it is nice to go back to your roots and find guidelines to help you on your journey down the road.

In the basic facts of our family tree, you glean some feeling of the fine heritage we enjoy. However, in the study of the little sidelights, the anecdotes, and the memories handed down, you will find strong messages.

Today's society seems to say- if you feel comfortable, go ahead and do it. The etiquette as practiced by our forebears did not allow any such wishy-washy guides. There was right and there was wrong; just as white and black are simply understood.

Their God, country, family, church and schools furnished a firm foundation for them. May we, too, be strong role models for the future generations of our family.

## FOREWORD

This history was compiled as a labor of love. It has truly been an exciting journey into the past with many interesting side-roads which we also followed.

Thanks to Paul, who is my favorite editor-in-chief and chief cook and grocery shopper. Thank goodness, he learned to cook long ago at Topsy's in Concordia.

Thanks to each one of you for your help in supplying needed information, without which there would be no book. Thanks to Margielayne Kammeyer who had an excellent start on the Doris and Ernest family.

It was truly a thrill beyond description when Lambert was successful in locating the Runge home-church and probably the homeplace. His information plus the bonus of pictures is at the beginning of this book. If any more information should surface, we will be sure that each one of you who has this original, will get the added info.

In this book, the order is as follows- John's history, Mathilda's history, then their children with their full history. In the appendix we included what we hope will be of as much interest to you as it was to us.

It has been a privilege to learn to know each one of you much better. We ask your patience with the lack of expertise in typing- it's strictly "hunt & peck" here.

March 1984

Loberta and Paul



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Mrs. Loberta RUNGE  
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Dear Mrs. RUNGE:

Hallstedt is closer to Bassum, a church town, than to Beckeln. In the phone book for Bassum I find a Guenter RUNGE, Fesenfeld, D-2830 Bassum, Federal Republic of Germany;  
Albert RUNGE, Hafterweg 46, D-2830 Bassum, FRG;  
Chr. RUNGE, Barnstedter Kirchweg 21, D-2830 Bassum, FRG;  
Friedrich RUNGE, Nelkenweg 11, D-2830 Bassum, FRG;  
Fritz RUNGE, Hauptstrasse 4, D-2830 Bassum, FRG;  
Johann RUNGE, Lange Strasse 38A, D-2830 Bassum, FRG;  
Wilhelm RUNGE, Apelstedt, D-2830 Bassum, FRG.

In the phone book for Harpstedt, which includes Beckeln, among others, there is the farmer  
Wilhelm RUNGE, D-2833 Beckeln, FRG.  
He would be the most likely relative, probably on the "home farm" at Beckeln, if indeed Johann RUNGE's family were farmowners.

The church parish for Beckeln is most likely D-2833 Harpstedt. The church parish for Hallstedt is most likely Bassum. In the phone books and on my maps which usually indicate churches I find no churches in Beckeln or Hallstedt.

Thank you for your interest in my services.

Sincerely,

Ernest THODE

The above preliminary information helped Lambert find the location of RUNGE history. We are indebted to him for taking time out on a business trip to do this research. Thanks to Nita for transcribing his material which follows on next page.

Not only are we indebted to Lambert and Nita, but also to Olin-da and Lambert Frerking for arranging for the additional genea-logical info which is invaluable in this history.



Northern Germany, June 24, 1983

My first stop was in the village of Harpstedt at the Evangelischer Kirche, which I saw was labeled as Lutheran. I went inside, looked around, and found the pastor at his residence adjacent to the church. The pastor and I went to the church offices and looked at church record books, but were not able to find any references to Grandpa Runge's name or other Runge names on the list that Lindy gave me.

I then proceeded to the town of Bassum (south of Bremen) where I located the Lutheran church. The pastor, however, was in a rush and he steered me to the secretary whom I was not able to find. Later in the afternoon I talked to the groundskeeper and he took me to a large convent (Stift) where a group of women live. A lady there (Helmtrudis v. Wagner) who spoke English and worked in the church office, took me to the church offices where we looked through several books and did confirm most of the dates on the information I had from Lindy and Loberta. Seeing that it was a rather voluminous task to trace our ancestry as far back as the church records to, I told her I would leave the paper that Loberta gave me and she could research it at her leisure. The central church office in one of the neighboring towns does this type of work but their fee is 20 Deutsch Marks per hour, which she indicated as being totally too high. However, since I had been there personally she said she would do it herself for six Deutsch Marks per hour of research without going through the central church office. However, we will not receive a certificate stamped with a church seal indicating that the information is certified with respect to the central church's records. She indicated that it could easily be twenty hours of work so I told her to go ahead and do it and send me the results of her research. She also indicated that she would try to locate local people if there are any who are related and may be our second cousins. If Grandpa Runge's two brothers and sister had children and grandchildren like Grandpa Runge, it would appear that there could be some second cousins of ours living in the area.

Frau Wagner gave me information on the Bassum church which was originally formed in 856 A.D. when a small chapel was built. Later on a church was built in the 13th century. A century later it was partially destroyed by a windstorm and fire, and was rebuilt in the late 1300s. Consequently the church has two types of windows. The lower windows are of the rounded Romanesque type. The next row of windows above have the Gothic arch design. I took several photos of the exterior and also of another building called the corncrib, a brick building built in 1827. In addition, on the north side of the church is an old building which was owned by a Runge family who made alcohol out of potatoes. This business apparently is still in operation and is listed under the name of Christian Runge. However, they have since sold it to another family with a Polish sounding name.

The photos I took inside the church show various items which were reported to be quite famous. The baptismal font definitely was the one at which Grandpa Runge was baptized. The statuary of St. Victor and also other statuary were there at that time. The altar has recently been replaced. The pulpit dates to the late 1800s and probably was not there when Grandpa was a member and attended church there. Apparently this Lutheran congregation, when making the transition from Roman Catholicism, was very active in the participation of women in the church. I took a picture of a tomb of what was supposedly the first lady of the Stift who, according to Frau Wagner, was the first woman Protestant. Numerous other mentions were made of different facilities that were used by the women of that congregation. I was also shown a chair that was used by this first woman of the church.

I picked up a couple of posters showing etchings of the silver tray in the baptismal font and of a seal that is inlaid on the floor of the chancel area in front of the altar. Several of the other photographs show artifacts that were hung on the wall and undoubtedly dated to the period when the church was Roman Catholic.

I took a series of photographs from inside the building (Stift) where the women of the church lived. On the first floor the photograph shows fantastic pieces of antique furniture, and of particular interest is a stove that dates back to the 1730s. Frau Wagner of the Stift stated that undoubtedly our great grandmother Runge had spent time in that room where many times women of the congregation met. Also displayed was the crest of the King of Hanover, which is the same as the coat of arms of the present queen of England, since her relationship with Hanover began in 1817.

On the second floor of the Stift is a Great Room with crystal chandeliers, long tables and cabinets that house various crystal and dinnerware items. One photo shows crystal and wine glasses, a number of which were brought to the area by Napoleon in the late 1700s. Another of my photographs shows a large Dutch Delft stove in the corner of the Great Room. Other photographs show a bust of George, King of Hanover, and some old German Bibles, a very, very old pitcher on top of a cabinet, and artwork that was done by residents of the Stift.

In addition to the several Runge names listed on the material I had received from Loberta, I also looked in the Bassum telephone directory and found a few other Runge names. I was able to contact several of these by driving to their addresses in town and I also located a farmer near Beckeln whose name was Heinrich Runge. He happened to be a member of the Lutheran Church in Harpstedt where I obtained his name from the church records. The Wilhelm Runge that was listed as a farmer at Beckeln was no longer living there but was in an Altenheim (a nursing home) in Beckeln. I went to the Altenheim and the nurses there said he was seriously ill in the hospital and that his mind was not functioning too well, therefore I did not think it was worthwhile to try to determine

if he was related. I contacted several other people with the Runge name and explained that my grandfather came from Germany and had two brothers and at least one sister and their parents name was Ludecke Runge. The response that I got was almost always negative. One man showed me a family tree that had the Heinrich Runge name on it but he was from an area about ten miles east of Bassum so we concluded, based on the dates, etc., that he was not related. The lady from the Stift said she would try to determine if there are any of our second cousins living in the Bassum-Harpstedt-Hallstedt area.

The only present member of the Harpstedt congregation with the Runge name was the farmer Heinrich Runge whom I saw at his farm near Beckeln. He did not know if he was a descendant of Ludecke Runge.

One fact that we found out about Great Grandfather Ludecke Runge in the church records was that he died in the "Hausling," which means a small house behind the big house on the farm near Hallstedt. It did not indicate the name of the son living in the large house, who would be Grandpa Runge's brother. Apparently the custom was that the parents would live in the small house behind the large farmhouse after they retired and the son farmed the land.

I also purchased postcards that show the Great Room of the Stift set up for a dinner party which usually occurred whenever a new girl joined the organization or for other noteworthy women's functions. It was unfortunate they did not have any postcards with interior views of the church since there are some attractive features in it. Certainly this church does not have the splendor of some of the larger Catholic cathedrals, but it certainly is a beautiful structure with the red brick columns and white stucco. Frau Wagner said the chancel area originally had the blue sky above with white stars, which reminded me of the similar configuration in the chancel of St. Paul's in Concordia.

When I was looking at the Bassum telephone directory it sounded almost like a repeat of the Concordia and Lafayette County names. There were many names that I recall seeing such as Cordes, Bergman, Schnackenberg, and numerous Meyers since Meyer was the name taken by most of the people who were farmers back in the days when people often took the name of their trade. I also noticed Martens like Grandpa and Grandma Martens listed in this directory, but Frau Wagner looked in the church directory and was not able to find any records of Martens at that time.

The following pages are from Frau Wagner-



Runge, Lüdeke in Halstedt married to Margarethe Adelheid Schlüter

b. 27.5. 1811 in Halstedt

b. 12.3. 1817 in Osterbinde

m. 6. 1. 1843 in Bassum

m. 6. 1. 1843 in Bassum

+ 3.8. 1886

+

Their children:

1. Johann Albert, b.7.2. 1844 in Halstedt

m.

d.

2. Dietrich Heinrich b. 16.12. 1846 in Halstedt

m. 29.4. 1878 to Sophie Dorothee Harms

d.

3. Heinrich Albrecht b. 16.12. 1846 twin of Nr. 2

m. 21.4. 1876 to Anne Marie Stellmann

d.

4. Anne Marie b. 14.4.1848 d. 18.4. 1849

5. Johann Ernst b. 1.2. 1851 d. 30.3. 1853

6. Anne Margrethe b. 3.3. 1853 d. 22.5. 1853

7. Margrethe Adelheid b. 30.8. 1854

m. 22.1. 1875 in Harpstedt to Heinrich Dietrich Siemer

b. 23.8. 1849. They lived in

Beckstedt near Colnrade

children :

a. Heinrich Siemer b. 1890, with 93 years still living

b. Martha, now Mrs. Alfred Töllner, she is still living, but very ill. I couldn't see her.

Heinrich Siemer has a picture ( I think a photo ) of your grand-grand-father Johann Albert. I was told, that nobody could understand, that Johann Albert went to America.

↑ Runge, Johann Albert m. to Beke Margarethe Brinkmann

b. 24. 7. 1786

b. 30. 4. 1792 in Apelstedt

m. 22. 5. 1810

d. 5. 2. 1831 Halstedt d. 30. 6. 1840 Halstedt

Their children:

1. Lüdeke b. 27.5. 1811 in Halstedt

m. 6.1. 1843 to Margarethe Adelheid Schlüter b. 12.3. 1817 Osterbinde

d. 3. 8. 1886 in Halstedt. She died after him, but I couldn't find the date.

2. Johann Hermann b. 26.1. 1813

m. to Margarethe Elisabeth Ridder

He died already with 28 years in 1842 9.4. ( consumption)

3. Anne Margrethe b. 23.10. 1816

4. Beke Magdalene b. 30.8.1818

5. Johann Albert b. 11.10. 1823

Brothers and sisters of Johann Albert Runge

↓ 1. Johann Albert b. 24. 7. 1786 in Halstedt

m. 22. 5. 1810 to Beke Margarethe Brinkmann

2. Anne Cathrin b. 3.4. 1788 m. to an Iburg

3. Lüdeke b. 31. 1. 1790

4. Beke Adelheid b. 28. 10. 1791

5. Harm Heinrich b. 4. 10. 1793

6. Gesche Anne b. 27. 10. 1795

7. Johann b. 28. 4. 1797, d. 8. 5. 1798

8. Johann Friedrich b. 7. 12. 1798, d. 23. 3. 1799

9. Cathrine Marie b. 27. 8. 1800, d. 26. 6. 1827

She had had a natural son in 1826, who died soon, but she was so unhappy about her false step, that she died so early. So it is written in the church-book!

I became acquainted with

Dora Sophie Anna Harting in Twistringen, *her maiden-name* Runge

Her parents:

Friedrich Runge b. 24.9. 1887 in Beckeln, d. 7. 12. 1973 in Twistringen  
m. to Adeline (Adelheid) Diedrichs 15.5. 1914, b. 3.4. 1889 in Groß-  
d. 25. 12. 1974

Grand-parents of her:

Ringmar

Dietrich Heinrich Runge b. 16. 12. 1846 ( a twin )  
and Sophie Dorothee Harms

Grand-grand-parents:

Lüdeke Runge b. 27.5. 1811 in Halstedt  
and Margarethe Adelheid Schlüter b. 12. 3. 1817

Dora is a cousin of 4 th degree of you.

The descendants of the twin Heinrich Albrecht b. 16.12. 1846

m. 21. 4. 1876 to Anne Marie Stollmann

2. Marie Margarethe Adelheid Runge

b. 24. 12. 1877

1. Johann Hinrich Runge

b. 18. 7. 1876 m. to Marie Meyer

3. Hermann Hinrich Wilhelm Runge

b. 19. 2. 1887

To Nr. 1: Johann Hinrich Runge (Heinrich)

His Son: Heinrich Runge b. 30. 10. 1921

m. to Elli Günemann b. 7.6. 1923 in Beckeln.

(That is the family you visited in Beckeln !)

They have an only son, called: Heinrich b. 6.3. 1951, not yet  
married!



Mr. Heinrich Runge and his wife Elli were so surprised and a little afraid, when you came, that they couldn't give answer to your questions. Moreover they couldn't tell very much about her family. But the same day, when you left Bassum, they called by Telephone your Hotel Brokate in Bassum, and were told, you left already the hotel, but perhaps you would be with me. Then they called me and they told, that you have been in Beckeln with them and that they are quite sure you would be their cousin ! The family was nearly very sad, that you have gone so quickly. Therefore he wanted to see me and he came with his car to fetch me. First I went in the office of church to research for you all I could find of your ancestors. Then the nice man brought me to his wife Elli and we took lunch together. Then your nice and polite cousin brought me to Twistringen to another cousin. <sup>She</sup> ~~That~~ was a descendant of the twin Dietrich Heinrich ! But this Mrs. Harting was a little in confusion. She knew nearly nothing, only the names of their parents. The other persons I searched in the office. (Harpstedt) I was so thankful, that Mr. Runge came with his car, because

82 years! I am too old to go by foot and there is no possibility to reach Harpstedt without a car!

Now, dear Mr. Runge, I am glad and I hope you too, that I have found so much for you - (nearly a little proud ! ) -

AN INSERTED PARAGRAPH

In a November 23, 1970 issue of TIME Magazine there is a full page picture of a painting by Philipp Otto Runge entitled "Morning" (1808-10). The write-up concerning it says that it exemplifies the romantic preoccupations of 19th century Germany. Runge once wrote, "When I turn to flowers and trees it becomes clearer to me how in each plant is contained a certain human spirit, idea or feeling, and it is very clear to me that it must have originated in Paradise." He died at age 33 in 1810. With all the artists in our family, he surely is a distant cousin.

Helmtrudis v. Wagner geb. v. Ditfurth, Stift Bassum, Postfach 1367  
in 2830 Bassum.

Many kind regards and best compliments of your German family Runge in Beckeln. They hope, you will come next year with your wife! If I shall live still ?? Excuse my bad English !

Runge, Lüdke * 21.8.1728 in Gollern x 8.11.1748 + 29.10.1800	Stadtmann Johanna in Halstedt * 11.12.1722 +	Hoffmeyer Herrn Heinrich Anne Trine	Brinkmann Wilhelm * 23.11.1772 x 30.11.1756 in Herlingbraten	Wolmann Magdalene Catharina in Halstedt * 2.1.1797	Becker, Anton * 9.2.1725 x 11.5.1797 + 21.5.1806	Helmann Trine Adelheid * 4.10.1729 + 30.1.1800
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Runge, Lüdke * 2.2.1759 in Halstedt x 5.5.1766 + 23.3.1806 in Halstedt + 26.3.1806 in Bassum	Hoffmeyer, Berta Maria * 9.1.1763 in R + 9.11.1807 in Halstedt + 13.11.1807 Bassum	Brinkmann, Lüdke Loge * 22.7.1797 + 16.7.1835 + 16.7.1835	Becker Marie Elisabeth * 9.5.1782 Bassum x 22.7.1791 + 14.1.1829 + 17.1.1829
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Runge Johann Albert (Albert) * 24.7.1786 in Halstedt x 22.5.1810 + 5.2.1831 in Halstedt + 9.2.1831 in Bassum	Brinkmann, Berta Margarethe * 30.4.1792 in Halstedt x 22.5.1810 + 30.6.1840 Halstedt + 27.1840
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Runge, Lüdke * 27.5.1811 in Halstedt x 6.1.1843 in Bassum + 3.6.1886 in Halstedt + Bassum
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Runge, Johann Albert * 7.2.1844
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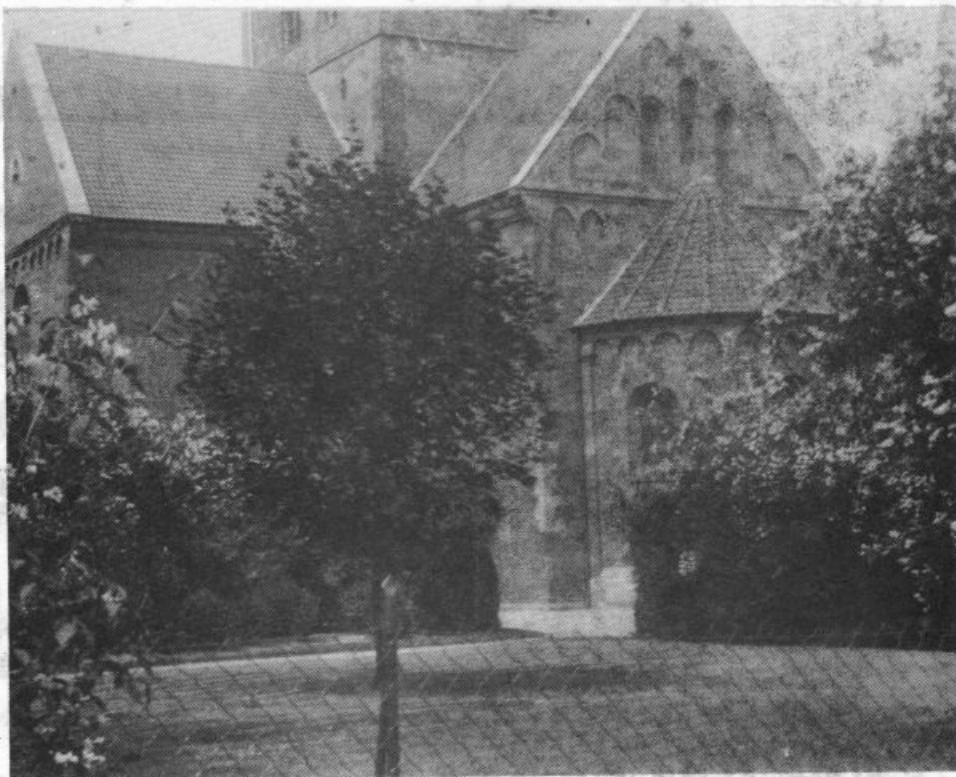
Schlüter Johann Philipp * 25.11.1746 + 24.1.1802 in Henstedt	Meyer, Anna *	Rüdebusch Harm * 27.12.1730 * 4.1.1746 * 17.4.1791 Dinhausen	Rüdebusch Adelheid * 26.1.1724 + 25.7.1795	Lindloge		Delicat
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Schlüter Johann Ernst Soldat, Taylor * 3.6.1757 * 7.12.1767 + 16.8.1826 Henstedt	Rüdebusch, Margarete * 9.5.1762 * 7.12.1767 + 15.6.1826 Elisabeth	Lindloge, Hans Nienstedt * * +	Delicat, Catharina Lüpke * * +
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Schlüter, Johann Christ * 16.8.1791 * 17.5.1816 + 16.6.1867 in Albringhausen	Lindloge, Anna Catharina widow of Johann Friedr. Lienhagen * 26.3.1786 * in 2nd marriage 27.5.1816 +
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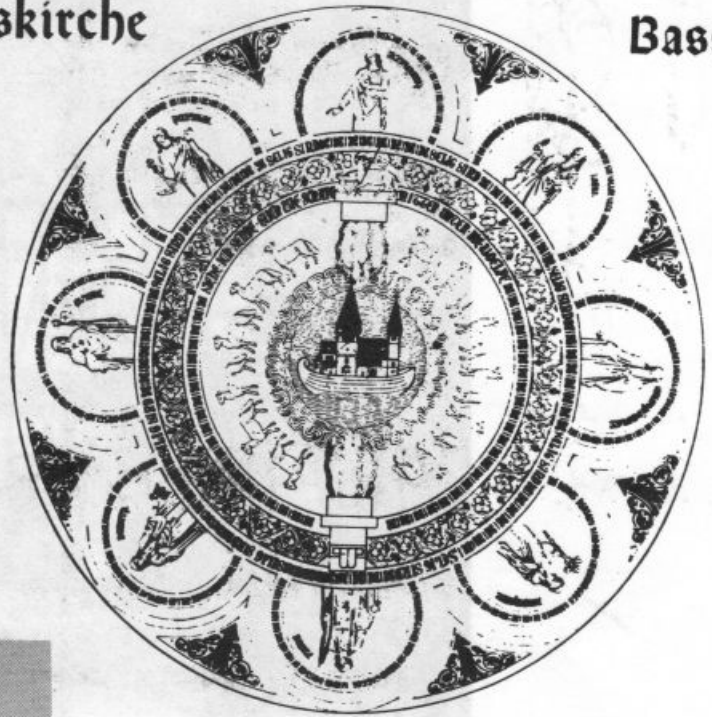
Schlüter, Margarete Adelheid * 12.3.1617 in Cierande * 6.4.1643 in Bassum +
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Here is the church which was built in the 13th century. A century later it was partially destroyed and rebuilt in the late 1300s. This is the reason for two types of windows, the lower being rounded Romanesque type and the upper have the Gothic arch design. Below is shown an entrance door.





The above insignia is inlaid in the church floor.

To the left is the baptismal font in which John A. Runge was baptized.

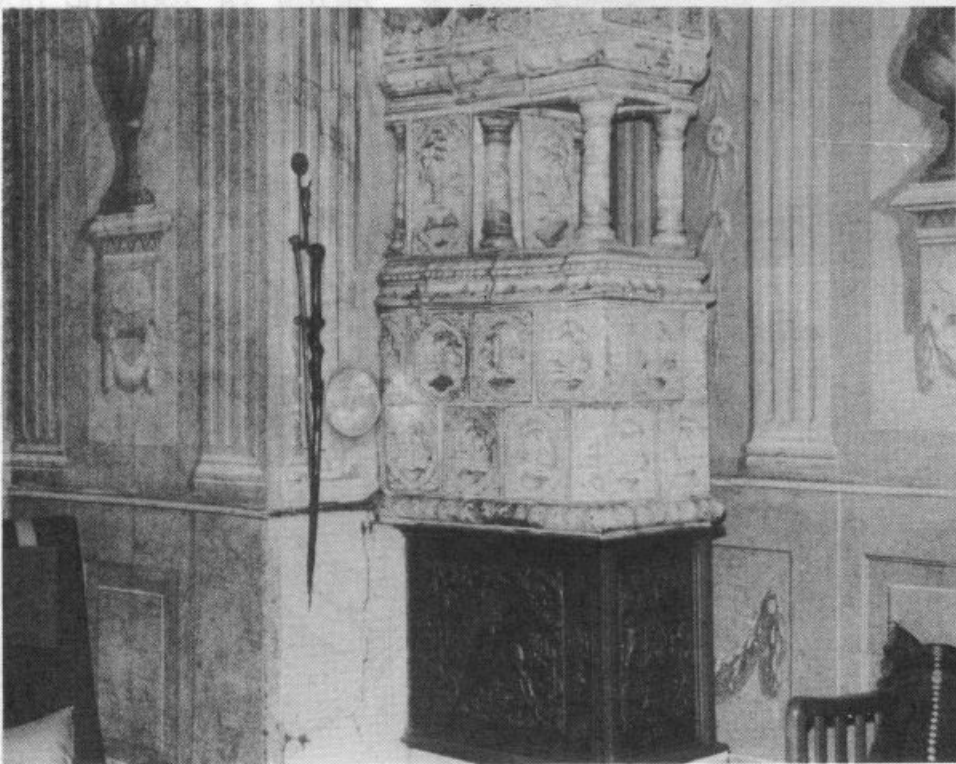


Below is looking down into the silver bowl in font.





Above you see the Stift for which this church is named. Below is the stove which dates to 1730s. It is in the room where great grandmother undoubtedly spent time when the women of the church met.

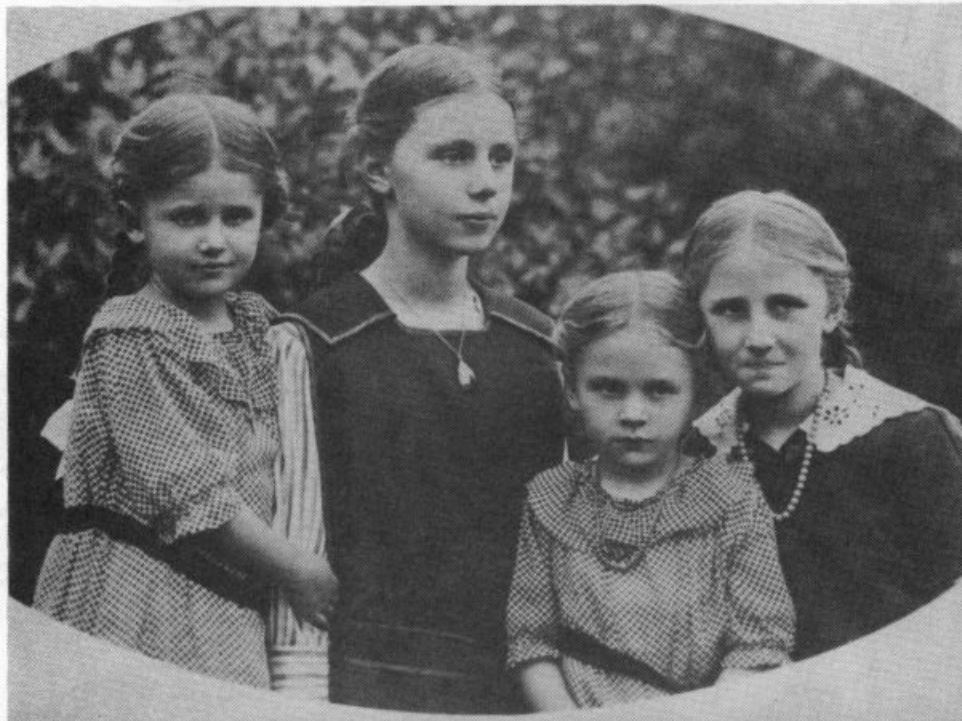






Shown above is the corncrib. Note the year in the brickwork on the front.

Below is a picture which has the following on the back- Anita, Erika, Marie Luise and Hildegard Runge, aus Deutschland. Perhaps one day we will learn where they fit into this family.

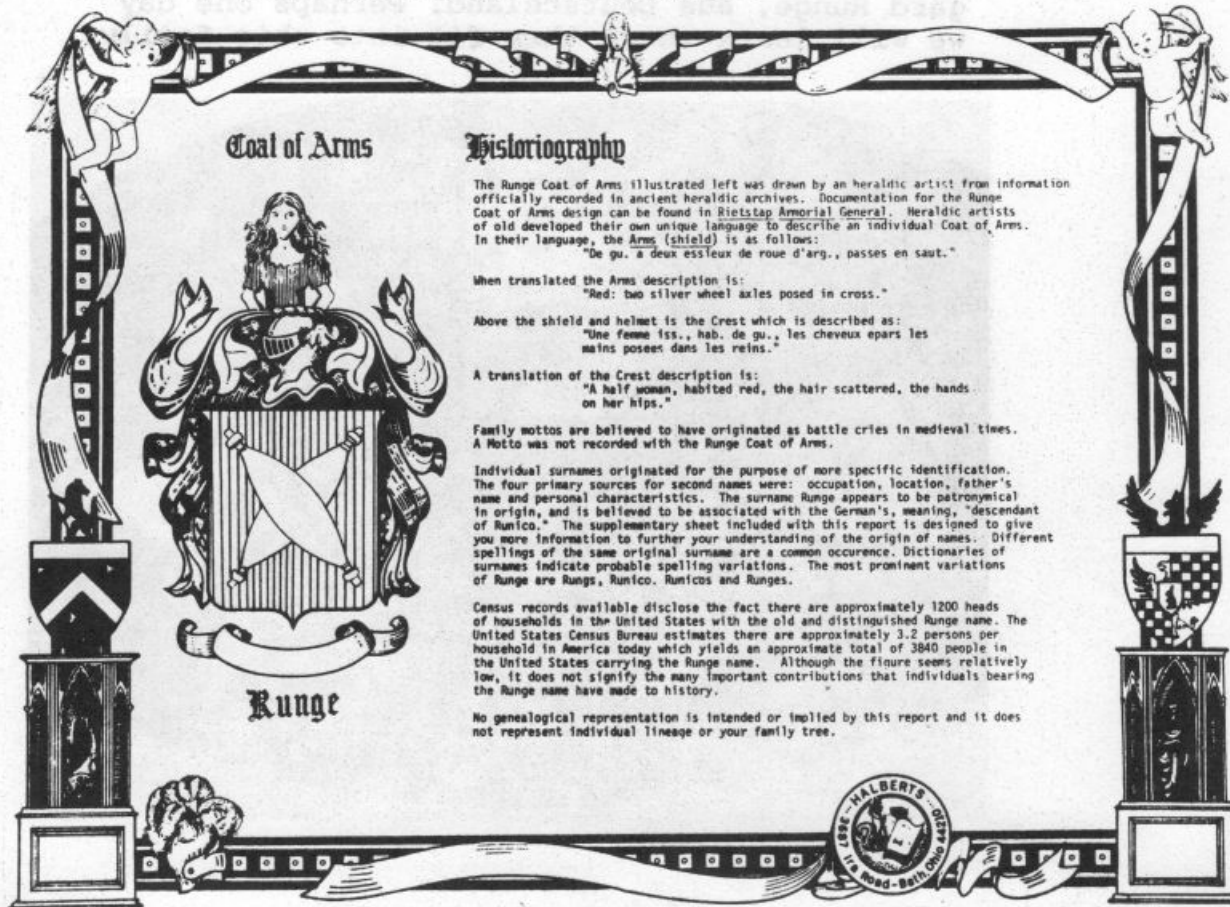


13 June  
1870 CENSUS - UNITED STATES

State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Township Freeborn P.O. Corie Call No. \_\_\_\_\_

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value - Real Estate	Value - Personal property	Birthplace	Father Foreign born	Mother Foreign born	Month born in year	Month married in year	School in Year	Can't Read or Write	Eligible to vote	Date of Enumeration
12	77	80	Brems, Henry B.	63	M	W	Farmer	\$600	MS	Hannover								
			Maria	55	F		Exp. hse.			"								
			Henry	22	M		Farmer Laborer			Mo								
			Martin	19	M		" "			"								
			Michael	15	F					"								
			Lueza, Henry	18	M		" "			Hannover								
			Morrmann, Martin	5	M					"								
*			Lunge, John	23	M		" "			"								
			Licht, Christopher	20	M		Laborer			Mo.								
20	21		Binn, William H.	27			Farmer	3000	Mo	Mo								
			Jessie	23			Exp. hse.			"								
			Anna	3 1/2						"								

The above census record for 1870 was the first record located in this county for John Runge.





# Certificate of Citizenship.



We it remembered that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1876, John A. Runge a native of the Kingdom of Hannover came into court and made application to become a citizen of the United States: and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that, more than two years ago, the said

John A. Runge made oath before the Clerk of the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, in the presence of the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that it was bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce and abjure forever all allegiance and fidelity to every foreign prince, potentate, State and sovereignty whatever, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to the Emperor of Prussia. And it being proven to the court, by the testimony of Henry Kammerer and Joseph Haberkorn citizens of the United States, who were examined on their oaths as witnesses, that the said John A. Runge has resided continuously within the United States five years, and one year at least, immediately preceding this application, in the State of Missouri; and that, during that time, he has behaved as a man of good moral character, attached to the principles of the constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same; and thereupon the said

John A. Runge made oath THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, and that he does absolutely and positively renounce and abjure ALL ALLEGIANCE AND FIDELITY TO EVERY FOREIGN PRINCE, POTENTATE, STATE AND SOVEREIGNTY WHATEVER, and particularly all allegiance and fidelity to the Emperor of Prussia; and thereupon the court admits the said John A. Runge to become a citizen of the United States.

## STATE OF MISSOURI,

COUNTY OF LAFAYETTE.

I, David J. Audrain

Clerk of the Probate Court, within and for the County of Lafayette aforesaid,

do certify the foregoing to be a true transcript of the order of said Court, touching the Naturalization of John A. Runge as the same now remains of record in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name, and affixed the Seal of said Court,

at my office, in Lexington, in Lafayette County, State of Missouri,

this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October

A. D., 1876.

David J. Audrain, Clerk.



Einiges, welche in der Schule nicht Gymnasialmäßig ge-  
treiben werden, wie: Religion, Deutsch und englische Sprache,  
Ordnung, J. h. p. etc., J. g. r. etc. zu widersteht.

Dr. F.A. Baepler allowed us to copy this part of the letter written to his father, Rev. Andrew Baepler who started St. Paul's College. This is the original call.

Sagagen selbst ist nicht, ist es ein Verbrechen  
Reich zu sein und die reichste Person zu sein, so A.  
Aber die Sache ist anders, denn es ist möglich und wird  
zuletzt die ganze Sache zu stellen ist vollständig ein  
jeder der Fälle von § 501. C. nach seiner Meinung  
zu machen.

zu gebrauchen. Gott segne, daß es dieses Köf. erwüns-  
gelter Mannes, derselben auf ihrem Briefband stehend,  
mit Freudigkeit folgen und mit einer Tugend davon abheben.

Mr. Franking.

Das in Anstehenden befindliche Mandat, füglichst, falls angezeigt  
wird, solche Befehle auszuführen, welche sich einem andern  
Befehl widersetzen, als für den die Befehl ausgeht, wird.

In Namen der Jüng. L. G. Th.  
Pöhlmann'sche Buchhandlung

Concordia, Mo  
October 31. 1883.

F. J. Bletz, ppas.  
John Runge  
Elias Dittmer  
William Cetting  
Aug. E. Brun  
Martin. Fierking.  
W. H. P. f.

## OBITUARY

### WELL-KNOWN FARMER DIED FRIDAY

John Runge died Friday at age of 86 years, 5 months, and 22 days.

Another old pioneer was called to his reward when John Runge, a well-known farmer of near this city, died Friday, August 22, 1932, at the age of 86 years, 5 months, and 22 days. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the house of mourning. The services were held in the St. Paul Lutheran Church, of which the departed was a good member for many years. Rev. F. Brust, the pastor, preached in the German language, and Professor William Schaller of St. Paul College preached in the English language. The choir and congregation sang songs of hope and faith. After a last look had been given the features of the departed, the body was taken to the Lutheran Cemetery for burial.

Six grandsons of the departed were the pallbearers, Ed Steinbrueck, Clarence Frerking, Carl Runge, Ernest Runge, Paul Runge, and Henry Runge. And six granddaughters carried the flowers, namely; Gertrude, Dorinda, Concordia, Alice, Olinda, and Louise Runge.

John Runge was born February 7, 1846\*, in Halstedt, near Beckeln, District Synke, Hanover, Germany. He was baptized in infancy, and after due instruction, was confirmed in the Christian faith. He left Germany in the year 1865 and went to England, where he worked for longer than a year. From England he came to America. For several years he was employed in Illinois, and in 1872 he came to Concordia, Missouri, then only a very small town. On August 7, 1874, he was married to Miss Mathilda Bruns. The young couple moved to a farm about a mile west of Concordia, now known as the Pine Ridge Farm, on U.S. Highway 40. The union was blessed with eight children, seven sons and one daughter. Two sons died in infancy. He is survived by his faithful help-mate and wife, five sons; Rev. Ernest Runge, Lohman; Louis, Edwin M., and Adolph of Concordia, Missouri; John M. Runge of Sylvan Grove, Kansas; and one daughter, Miss Mary Runge, at home. Besides these he leaves 26 grandchildren, one greatgrandchild, and many other relatives and friends.

John Runge was a kind husband, a loving father, and a good citizen and Christian, who loved his church in a helpful way. He was a man of straight-forward character, quiet and unassuming, earnest and dependable. He will be remembered by his family and friends as a kind man who tried to do his duty, and who was concerned about the welfare of his family. The mourners have our sympathy in their bereavement.

"Soon shall our eyes the land behold, where pain and care shall cease, 'til then we'll trust the promise sweet, in me ye shall have peace."

\*This year is different in records from Germany.



## MATHILDA'S FAMILY

Now that we have learned about Johann's or John's family connections, we will put down what was learned about Mathilda's. Unfortunately, several issues of THE CONCORDIAN were not saved for posterity which would normally have had Mathilda's father's obituary. Her mother's is included in this history.

Henry David and Maria Stuenkel Bruns were her parents. According to her obituary, they stayed in St. Louis for four years. They were indeed in St. Louis by February of 1840 because Henry D. was a witness for Conrad Stuenkel and Mary Gerberding's wedding. They were married at the Holy Ghost Church by Rev. Wall. Since the research done by Werner Krause of Concordia Institute did not find any record of a child before 1842, it is possible that they attended Holy Ghost for a time. The records of that church are on microfilm located at Eden Archives and Library in Webster Groves. The Genealogical Society of St. Louis was contacted for a person who could possibly search, but they knew of no one who could transcribe German and would be available for this task. The Concordia Institute in St. Louis has records only of Lutheran churches and this Holy Ghost later became a United Church of Christ.

The following info is from Trinity Lutheran-  
1842 #20; August Friedrich Bruns born June 1, 1842; baptized June 12, 1842. Father: Heinrich David Bruns, aus in Rübenberg, Kr. Hannover. Mother: Catherina Maria Stünkel, erste Gattin. \_\_\_ Kind (The blank spaces indicate illegible on the microfilm.) Witnesses: 1 Ferdinand Bruns, zimmerman \_\_\_ in Lafayette County, Mo.; an dessen stelle: Wilhelm \_\_\_ d.z. hier. 2 Friedrich Stünkel, arbeiter(?) in Lexington, Lafayette County, Mo.; in dessen stelle: \_\_\_ Schlüter(?) d.z. hier.

1844 #1; Louis Heinrich Bruns, born March 9, 1844; baptized March 24, 1844. Father: Heinrich Bruns. Mother: Marie, geb. Stünkel, erste Gattin. 3 Kind. (This could mean that Louis was the third child.) Witnesses: 1 Heinrich Gieseman(?) von hier 2 Edward(?) Glaus(?), hier. 3 Wilh. P. \_\_\_, hier.

In the month of August of 1842, Henry D. Bruns made a trip to Lafayette County to apply for Land Grants. A copy of one is included in this history. It is for a portion of the farm which became their home. One Grant was for a plot of land now covered by Concordia's Pape Lake. Another Grant was applied for in Clinton and was granted in 1850. These cost \$1.25 per acre in CASH.

In the summer of 1845, after the first Land Grant was received, the move to Lafayette County was made. They had two little children and one on the way. Christine was born in December. There was a log cabin on the land because Erna Foster says in her history of the Martin Bruns family, that there were still logs in a cattle loafing shed on the Riesterer farm. In 1880 census Henry D. & Maria were living in the same household with Martin & Mary, Theodore, Laura, and Edmund. Also a Fritz Stuenkel, age 21, of Hannover. This particular farm has been in the Bruns family for seven generations.



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CERTIFICATE  
No. 22718

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

WHEREAS *Heinrich D. Bruns, of Lafayette County, Missouri*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *Ceyington* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Heinrich D. Bruns*

according to the provisions of the

Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

*the South West quarter of the South East quarter, of Section Six, in Township forty eight, of Range twenty four, in the District of Indiana Subject to Sale at Ceyington, Missouri, Containing Forty acres.*

according to the official plat of the survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Heinrich D. Bruns*,

NOW KNOW YE, That the

United States of America, in consideration of the Premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *Heinrich D. Bruns*,

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Heinrich D. Bruns*,

and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *James K. Polk*,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *fourth* day of *July*, in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty five*, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Sixty *ninth*.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

*James K. Polk*  
By *P. Knox Walker*, Sec'y.  
RECORDED OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

*J. McLaughlin*

### Mathilda's family cont'd

Mathilda's father was a very industrious pioneer. He added 20 acres already in 1848 purchased from William Parker. In 1851 he purchased 143 acres for \$1850 from Christian Siever. There are old tax receipts of his which tell how much county and state tax he paid. On 140 acres in 1853 he paid \$4.85; the following year they were \$12.36 and in 1860 they had increased to \$16.80 for the same acreage.

Then our Bruns family had to live through the War Between the States. The Concordia area was truly hit hard, especially the terrible bushwhackers. Several anecdotes are in various spots in this history. In 1869 Henry D. was a charter member of Concordia Farmers Mutual Ins. Co. In 1873 the area suffered a terrible grasshopper plague.

The various Bruns families and Stuenkel families are in the appendix. All information concerning them was sorted through to determine just who were related. We knew that Maria had relatives here but were surprised to learn about Henry D.'s brother. Some of their neighbors were the Thiemanns, Dierkings, Dedekes, Schumakers, Fienes and Henkes.

In 1848 Henry Conrad Bruns was born. In 1849 Martin joined the family. Ludwig Ernst was born in 1853 and then our Mathilda in 1855. In 1861 Ludwig died of a fever but the tale has been handed down that he was so frightened of bushwhackers and ran so hard and was overheated-literally scared to death. Then in 1862 August who was in the Army died in camp in Georgetown.

Obituary - Translated by Rev. F.A. Baepler for Erna Bruns Foster.

Mrs. MARIA BRUNS was on December 24, 1884 at the age of 69 years and 10 days called out of this time into eternity, to celebrate Christmas up there with all the saved. Her mortal remains were on 25 December committed to their last resting place on St. Paul's cemetery, where Pastor Biltz conducted the funeral service. Mother Bruns suffered for years with asthma, to which in the last years other troubles were joined, which brought her end on this earth. She was born in Metel, district of Neustadt am Reubenberge, province of Hanover, Germany, and was married 8 of September 1839 to Heinrich Bruns. Two months after the wedding the young married couple emigrated to the United States to like many others, try their luck here. The first four years they lived in St. Louis, Mo. Then Father Bruns decided with his faithful helpmeet to move to Lafayette County, where already 12 German families had settled. That was forty years ago. From this happy marriage came eight children, of whom four are still living, namely; Henry, Martin, Mrs. Christina Flandermeyer and Mrs. Mathilda Runge. Mother Bruns was not only a faithful wife and loving mother, but also a believing Christian, who in the local St. Paul's congregation was a light and example. The old father told us, he had only one wish in this world, namely that he also might soon follow the mother. In that hymn stands; Only wait, soon, yes soon, slumber will also you. Honor to her memory.



PIONEERS OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY-HEINRICH D. & MARIA

Below we see Louis, Father and Mother Runge, Edwin, Mary, Grandpa Bruns, Adolph and Johnny with dog. Ernest was probably at St. Paul's College.

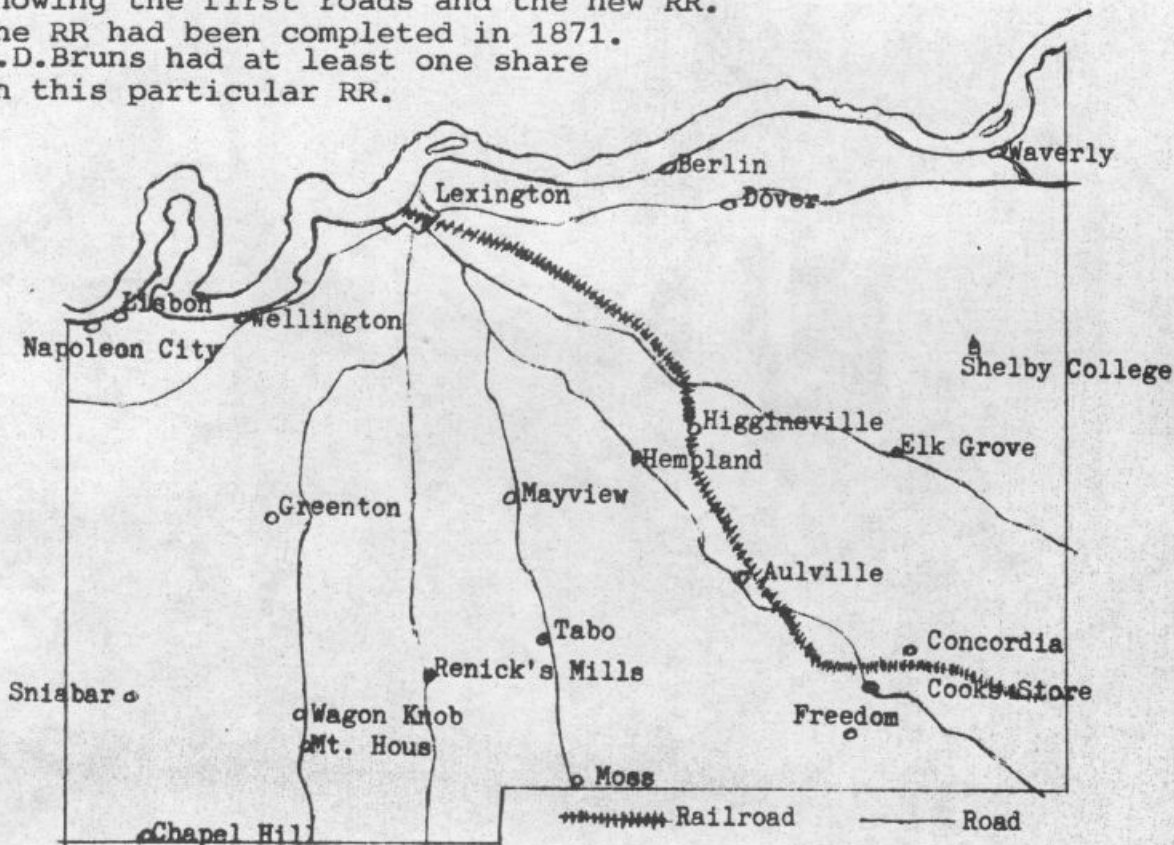


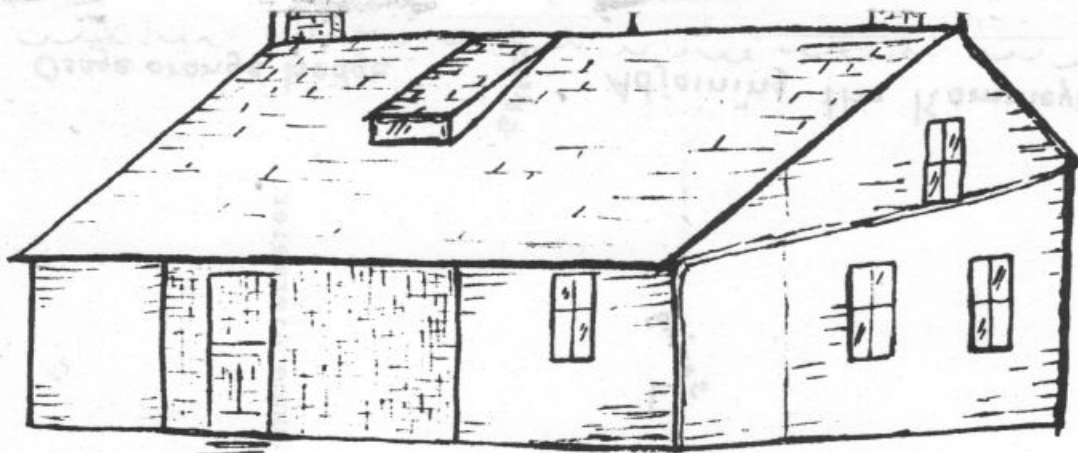


COOK'S STORE AND THE STAGE COACH LINE. A stage coach pulled by four horses came twice a week over the old stage road built in 1847 between Sedalia (or Georgetown) and Lexington and continued its service to about 1875. Sedalia for a while was the western terminus of the railroad and Lexington was an important river town. It seems that this road was state maintained and it also seems that there was a bridge over Blackwater (a bridge burned during the Civil War). Reports vary, but it seems that the coach went up one day and came back the next and probably didn't make more than two trips each way during the week. About every twelve miles there was a relay station where fresh horses were hitched up. One of these relay stations was Cook's Store, about two and a half miles west of St. Louis Street (In 1960 the Gust Holsten farm). The road ran through Dunksburg and crossed Davis Creek at Marriot's Ford, near what later became Aullville. The coach carried mail and presumably also passengers. The coming of the coach was announced by the driver blowing a large tin horn. It seems that as early as 1843 there was also a road leading from Marriot's Ford south through the town of Freedom.

This old stagecoach road would have been the road that great-grandmother Maria Stuenkel Bruns walked to go visit her son, August, who was in the Union Army and ill with pneumonia in Sedalia. Erica recalls that Aunt Mary used to tell the sad story that his long hair was cut short and then- pneumonia. He died later in Georgetown, MO of a fever, still in Army.

Below is a map copied from an 1873 Atlas showing the first roads and the new RR. The RR had been completed in 1871. H.D. Bruns had at least one share in this particular RR.



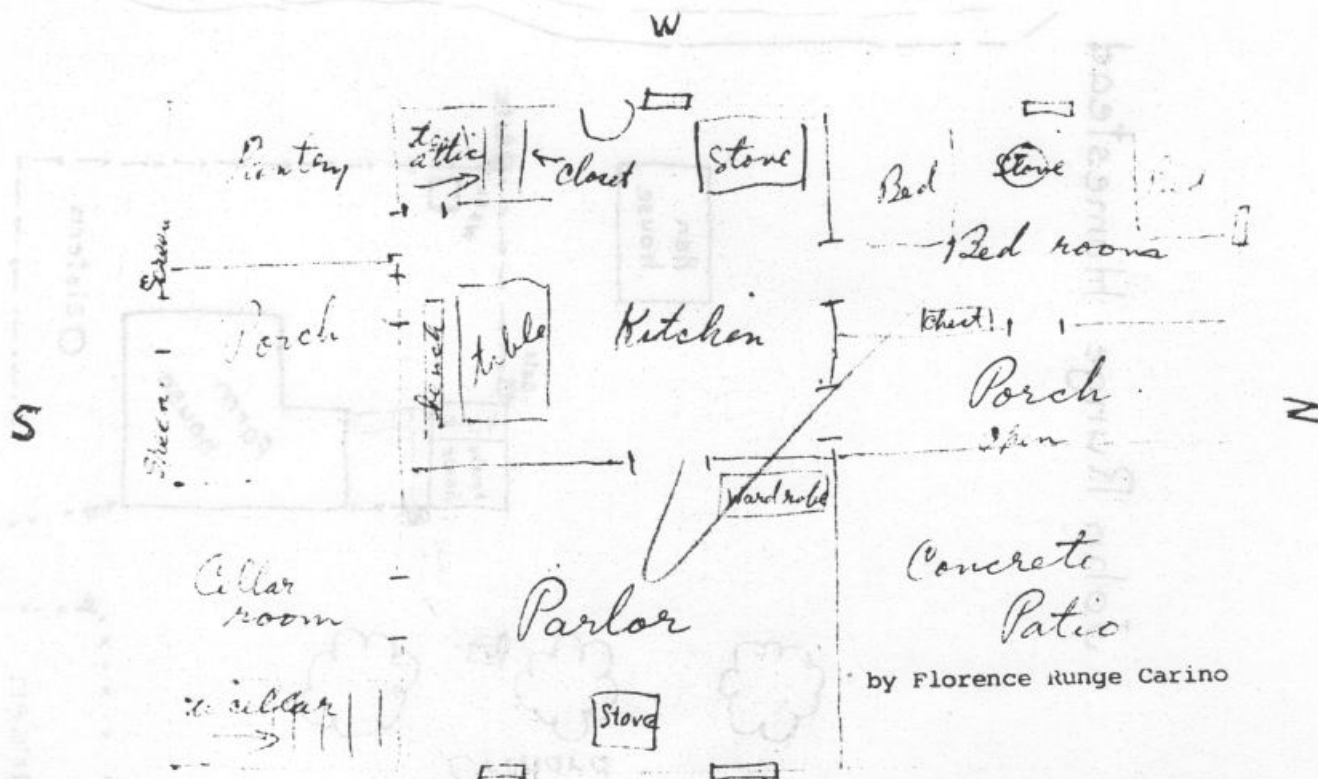


Gertrude says- I believe Grandpa & ma started out in a two-story house, two rooms up and two down. The cellar step closet, pantry and screened porch were added later. Finally the north bedroom added with a small screened porch next to it. Probably Grandpa Bruns occupied that bedroom after Grandma Bruns died.

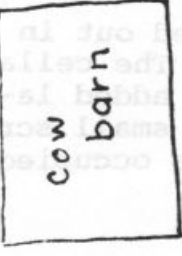
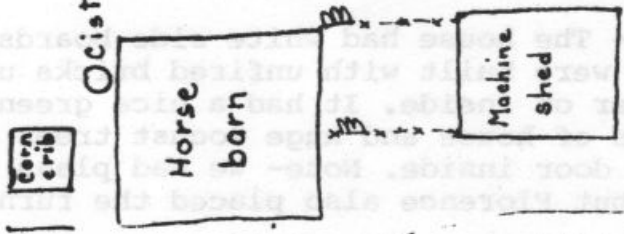
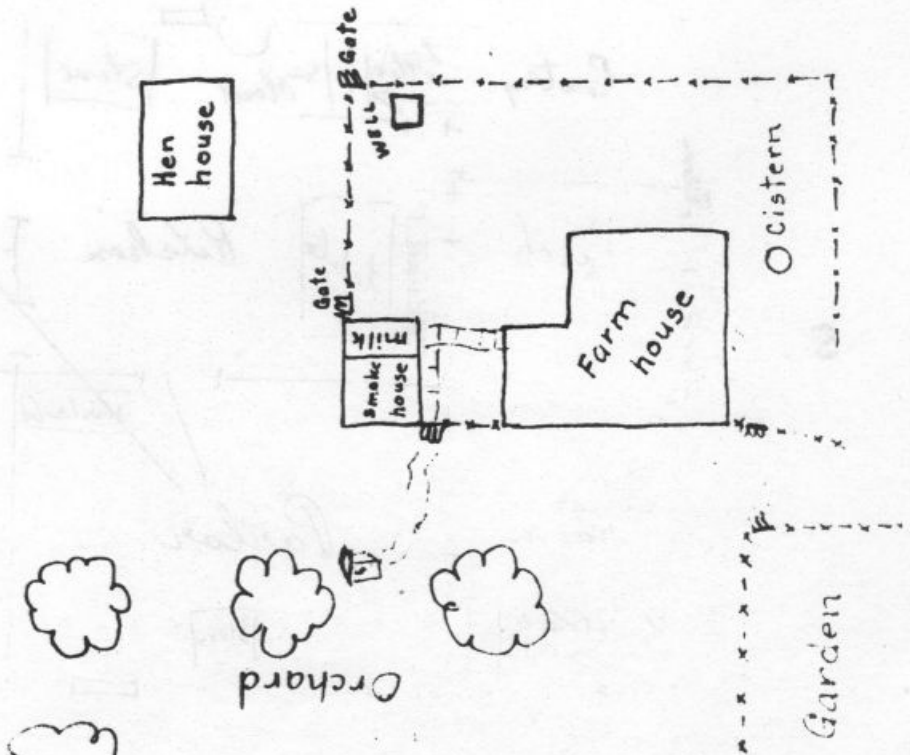
### Southeast exposure

by Gertrude Runge Niermeier

Florence says- The house had white side boards. The walls of the original part were built with unfired bricks under the side boards and had plaster on inside. It had a nice green lawn on the south and east sides of house and huge locust trees to the south. A gun hung over the door inside. Note- We had plans from both Florence and Gertrude but Florence also placed the furniture-here 'tis.



# John Runge Homestead



Adjoining the Kammeyer farm

Box

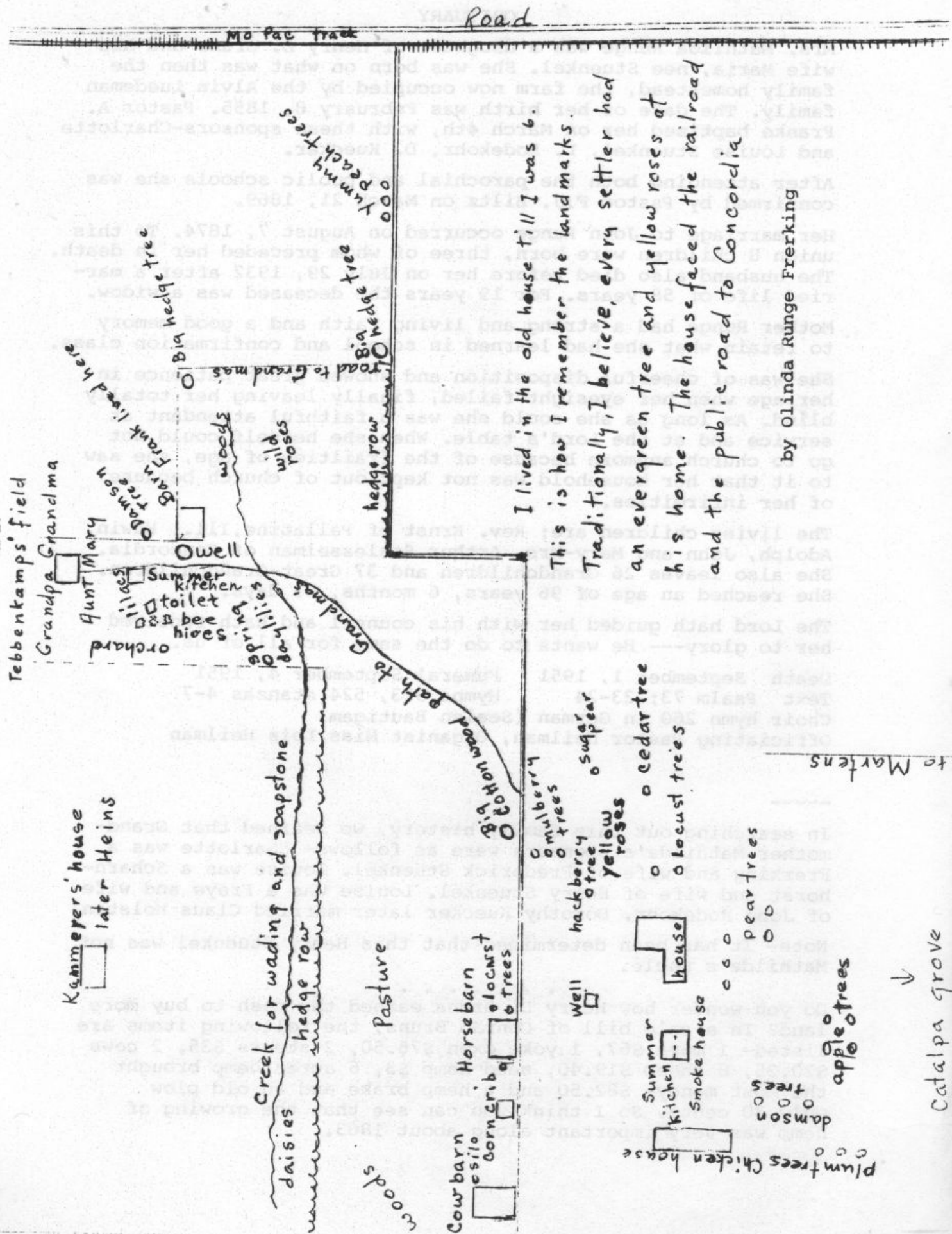
Osage orange hedge

by Gertrude Runge Niermeier

Spring

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by Olinda Runge Frerking

to Martens

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Catalpa grove

## OBITUARY

Mrs. Mathilda Runge was a daughter of Henry D. Bruns and his wife Maria, nee Stuenkel. She was born on what was then the family homestead, the farm now occupied by the Alvin Luedeman family. The date of her birth was February 8, 1855. Pastor A. Franke baptized her on March 4th, with these sponsors-Charlotte and Louise Stuenkel, L. Rodekohr, D. Kuecker.

After attending both the parochial and public schools she was confirmed by Pastor F.J. Biltz on March 21, 1869.

Her marriage to John Runge occurred on August 7, 1874. To this union 8 children were born, three of whom preceded her in death. The husband also died before her on July 29, 1932 after a married life of 58 years. For 19 years the deceased was a widow.

Mother Runge had a strong and living faith and a good memory to retain what she had learned in school and confirmation class.

She was of cheerful disposition and showed great patience in her age when her eyesight failed, finally leaving her totally blind. As long as she could she was a faithful attendant at service and at the Lord's table. When she herself could not go to church anymore because of the frailties of age, she saw to it that her household was not kept out of church because of her infirmities.

The living children are; Rev. Ernst of Pallatine, Ill., Edwin, Adolph, John and Mary-Mrs. Arthur Schlesselman of Concordia. She also leaves 26 Grandchildren and 37 Great-Grandchildren. She reached an age of 96 years, 6 months, 23 days.

The Lord hath guided her with his council and hath received her to glory--- He wants to do the same for all of us.

Death September 1, 1951      Funeral September 4, 1951  
Text Psalm 73; 23-24      Hymns 523, 524 stanzas 4-7  
Choir hymn 260 in German (Seelen Bautigam)  
Officiating Pastor Heilman, Organist Miss Lois Heilman

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In searching out this family history, we learned that Grandmother Mathilda's sponsors were as follows- Charlotte was a Frerking and wife of Frederick Stuenkel. Louise was a Scharnhorst and wife of Henry Stuenkel. Louise was a Freye and wife of John Rodekohr. Dorothy Kuecker later married Claus Holsten.

Note- It has been determined that this Henry Stuenkel was not Mathilda's uncle.

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Do you wonder how Henry D. Bruns earned the cash to buy more land? In a sale bill of Conrad Bruns, the following items are listed- 1 mare \$67, 1 yoke oxen \$76.50, 2 steers \$35, 2 cows \$20.25, 8 sheep \$19.40, seed hemp \$3, 6 acres hemp brought the most money- \$82.50 and a hemp brake and an old plow only 30 cents. So I think you can see that the growing of hemp was very important along about 1863.







JOHN and MATHILDA'S family

I Johann Albert Runge b. 7 February 1846 Halstedt, Hanover  
Germany

d. 29 July 1932 Concordia, MO

Married 7 August 1874 Concordia, MO to

I Rosetta Dina Mathilda Bruns

b. 8 February 1855 Lafayette County, MO

d. 1 September 1951 Concordia, MO

Their children:

II Ernest Runge (Rev.) m. Doris Kammeyer

Their children:

III Amalia, Infant, Johanna, Carl, Ernest, Theodora, Henry,  
Erica, Dorinda, Francis, Louise, Norman, Ortwin, Omar,  
Roland  
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II Heinrich Martin Wilhelm Runge b. 31 Jan 1877 Concordia  
d. 21 Feb 1879 "

II Infant son b. & d. 13 October 1879 Concordia

II Louis Runge m. Sophie Hartmann

Their children:

III Mathilda, Amanda, Irma, Alice

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II Edwin Runge m. Anna Kammeyer  
m. Anna Henning Haesemeyer  
Her child: Louise

Anna K's child:

III Paul

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II Adolph Runge m. Katharine Martens  
Their children:

III Omar & Ortwin (twins), Florence, Gertrude, Olinda,  
Lois, Julia, Lambert

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II Marie Runge m. Arthur Schlesselmann  
His children: Gladys, Vernon, Vera, Wilbert  
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II John Runge m. Lilly Mueller  
m. Ida Frerking

Lilly's child:

III Concordia

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The APPENDIX includes the following-

A rare document

Bruns history

Church history

Bruns Hall

Concordia history

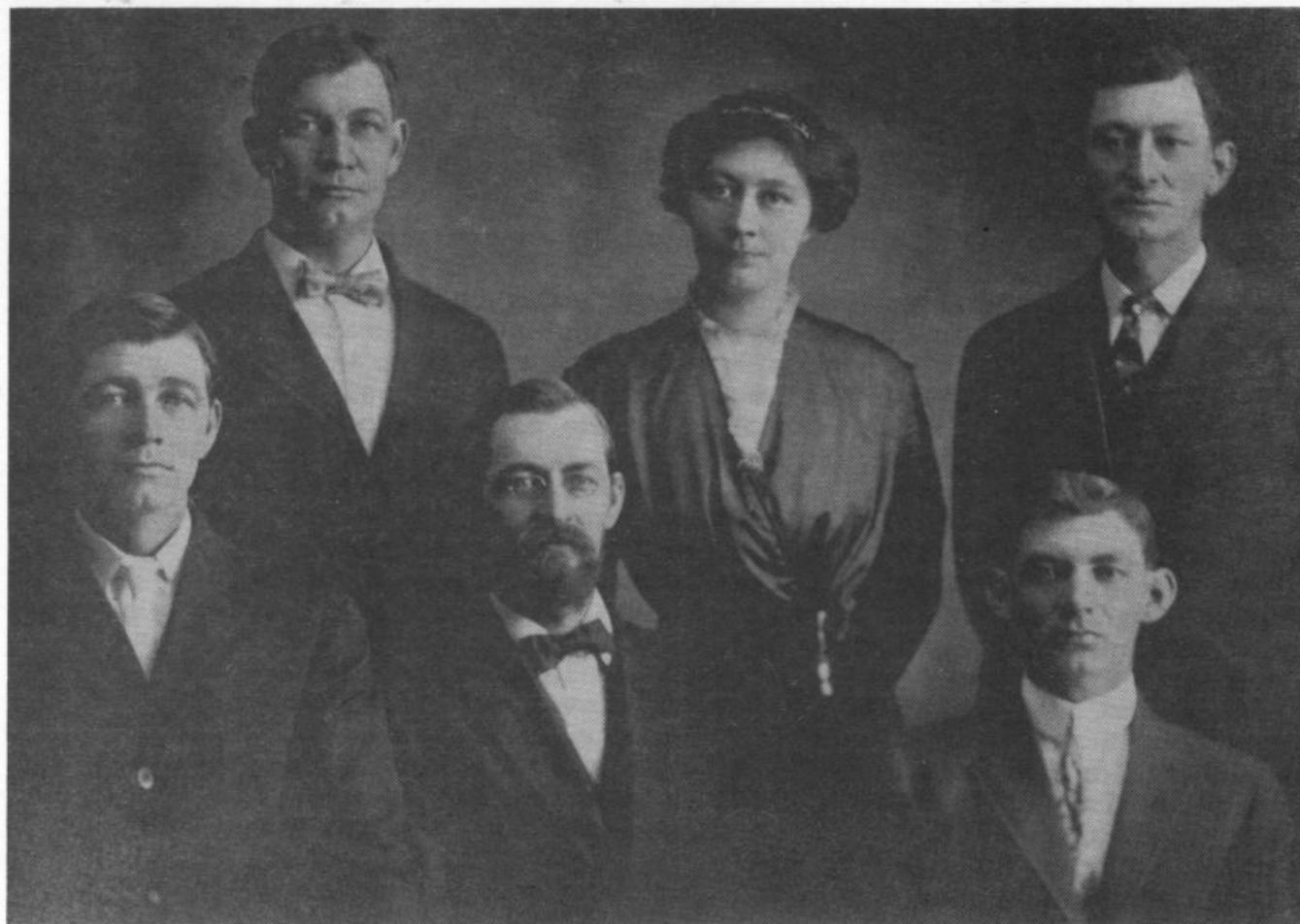
Stuenkel history

Early auto

Williams history

1914 plat

Shares



Here are John and Mathilda's children:

Front: Louis, Ernest, John; Rear: Edwin, Mary, Adolph

John and Mathilda's first child-

II Rev. Ernest Heinrich Runge b. 14 October 1875 Concordia  
 d. 14 February 1955 Blackburn  
 Married Dorothea Wilhelmine "Doris" Kammeyer 20 May 1900  
 b. 26 February 1881 Concordia  
 d. 23 September 1958 Blackburn

Children: Amalia, Infant, Johanna, Carl, Ernest, Theodora,  
 Henry, Erica, Dorinda, Francis, Louise, Norman,  
 Ortwin, Omar, Roland

Aunt Doris was the daughter of John Friedrich George and Caroline (Haesemeyer) Kammeyer. John was born at Concordia and Caroline at Emma. The Grandparents Kammeyer both came from Drakenburg in Germany and bought a farm which lay next to what later became the John Runge farm in 1874 just a very short distance west of Concordia.



Written by Erica Baepler-

Ernest Runge, born October 14, 1875. Baptized by Rev. Biltz. At St. Paul's college for 4 years. At Concordia Milwaukee for 3 years (He flunked Hebrew and had to go an extra year). Then to Concordia Seminary at St. Louis and ordained August 20, 1899 at St. Matthew's by Rev. Biltz. The community was later named Ernestville. He was instrumental in getting a rural postal route into the area (the first carrier Ernest Meyer), getting a store by advertising in DER LUTHERANER (the first storekeeper Ernest Worms)-so the name Ernestville. He also worked hard to get a telephone line out that way-even writing a poem the CONCORDIAN to put his point across. He wrote many poems for the CONCORDIAN. He always wrote poems for special occasions, and I can remember at least one in the LUTHERAN WITNESS. He married Doris Kammeyer May 20, 1900. The officiating pastor-Rev. Biltz-I feel this must be some kind of record; baptized, confirmed, ordained and married by the same man. He left Ernestville for Blackburn March 7, 1907. Left Blackburn for St. John at Lohman, MO April 3, 1927. Semi-retired 1946 and served as assistant Pastor in Palatine, IL until August, 1951 when he suffered a stroke. He was brought to Blackburn by ambulance that fall and lived his life as a semi-invalid until February, 1955. During the 45 years of his active ministry he taught school with exception of a few months in 1934 when he had a severe case of blood poisoning and a Seminary student taught for him. He served on the board of SPC as its secretary for many years. The first Wednesday of each month was a great day for the school children of Zion, because we had the afternoon off because he was going to the board meeting. Most of the time he walked to Alma and rode with Mr. Henry Rolf. SPC always had a special place in his heart. One way he showed this was by planting "gobs" of radish each spring and supplying 1 meal for the boys. He'd count them out so that there would be the same number for each student. He continued this even after going to Lohman. He was a diligent student. We always knew when he read his Greek or Hebrew Bible because he read these aloud. He could hold a baby in his arm and rock it to sleep, be reading a book and churn butter all at the same time. He often "herded" the cows between the fence and the road. He'd carry a stool and a basket of books and take one of the small children to "look after" while he did this. While at Lohman he split all the wood for cooking needs. He milked much of the time-always 1 cow often 2-carried water for them and the chickens-kept a big garden-was faithful in calling on the sick and shut-ins-made a call in each home of the congregation annually-taught school-preached on Sundays-never had a real vacation-and I can't ever remember his saying, "I don't have time, I'm so busy." As you may well guess he didn't play golf, go fishing or spend time at the lake. He had a great love and knowledge of nature. At Blackburn the railroad track was the best place to learn about plants and rocks. Long before Euel Gibbons he had taught us which plants to gather for wild greens. While he served Blackburn he never had a car. Until 1918 he had good old faithful "Florie" and a buggy for transportation. From then until 1928, when he got his first car he had to depend on others for transportation. His first car was a Model A Ford. The salesman gave him one lesson and the first time he went alone he had the instruction book on his lap and proceeded on his way. One fond remembrance was his return from "Synod" and conferences in



big cities. He'd always hit the "five and ten" and his suitcase would be a real treasure chest. There was something for everyone and each thing was just right for the person receiving it. Another delight was the spur-of-the-moment picnics to drive into the Ozarks for the day-eating our hurriedly packed lunch and enjoying the out-of-doors and scenic beauty. The thing that amazed me most when I was a little girl was that such an old man could outrun my big brothers whom I considered very good runners. For a number of years he served on the Western District Mission Board. I can't remember a time when he wasn't a Circuit Visitor. Even though he suffered from aphasia after his stroke, he continued his reading. Because there would be a chuckle now and then we were sure he understood what he read.

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From Our Files in THE CONCORDIAN April 7, 1983  
EIGHTY YEARS AGO April 9, 1903

Rev. E. Runge, pastor of the Lutheran St. Mathew church, near Simpson, herewith informs the people that the English services for the month of April will be held on the 19th instead of the 12th of this month.

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THE CONCORDIAN June 15, 1899

Accepted the Call. Richard Riesterer informs us the candidate Ernest Runge, son of Mr. John Runge and wife, of near this city, has accepted the call to St. Matthews congregation, near Simpson, to serve as minister. Mr. Runge has just returned from St. Louis, where he completed his study in theology at the Lutheran Concordia College. He is well liked by all who know him. While here during vacations he occupied the pulpit of St. Paul's Church several times. THE CONCORDIAN is glad to know he will, at least for a time, serve a congregation near home.

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THE CONCORDIAN November 26, 1983

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

Last paragraph-

The Concordia-Dunksburg telephone line has been completed. We are pleased to hear that a number of farmers are also connected. The line gives excellent satisfaction.

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Erica recalled that whenever her family was planning a visit at Grandparents Kammeyer's house, they would be cautioned not to mention "telephone" in conversation because the Kammeyers were not in favor of the idea. However, that changed when Eliese was quite ill as a young child and a doctor was urgently needed. It was not long after when a telephone was installed.

Rev. Ernest Runge

First child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Amalia Mathilda Caroline Runge

b. 5 May 1901 Ernestville, MO

m. Edward Adam Steinbrueck 27 February 1927 Blackburn, MO

b. 19 May 1888 Millstadt, IL

d. 28 November 1974 Blackburn, MO

His parents were Christian Gerhard and Caroline

(Hoffstetter) Steinbrueck of Illinois

Children: Edward, Dorris, Marjorie(TWIN), Carl(TWIN)

IV Edward Ernest Steinbrueck b. 15 November 1927 Blackburn

d. 28 November 1927 Blackburn

IV Dorris Elenore Steinbrueck b. 10 May 1932 Blackburn, MO

m. Reinhold Pieper Marxhausen 19 July 1953 Lincoln, NE

b. 13 April 1923 Vergas, MN

Children: Karl, Paul

V Karl Marxhausen b. 1 August 1855 Seward, NE

m. Janice Lynn Nelson 19 December 1982 Carrollton, MO

b. 3 November 1959 Maryville, MO

V Paul Marxhausen b. 24 November 1957 Seward, NE

m. Kim Weinhold December 1980 Seward, NE

b. 23 March 1959 Fort Wayne, IN

IV Marjorie Rose Steinbrueck (Twin) b. 18 May 1934 Blackburn

MO

m. Robert Stelloh 31 March 1956

Divorced

Children: Kathleen, Jennifer, Paul, Thomas

V Kathleen Stelloh b. 12 August 1958 Rolla, MO

V Jennifer Marie Stelloh b. 6 March 1960 Rolla, MO

V Paul Alexander Stelloh b. 6 January 1965 Saratoga, CA

d. 21 March 1983 Los Gatos, CA

V Thomas Edward Stelloh b. 22 June 1966 Saratoga, CA

d. 21 March 1983 Los Gatos, CA

IV Carl Edward Steinbrueck (Twin) b. 18 May 1934 Blackburn, MO

m. Ann Kee 18 August 1957 New Berlin, IL

b. 5 August 1934 Mapleton, IA

Children: Joyce, Roger, Rachel, Sara

V Joyce Elaine Steinbrueck b. 13 May 1958 St. Louis, MO

m. Robert Savidge September 1977

Divorced

V Roger Steinbrueck b. 18 November 1959 St. Louis, MO

V Rachel Steinbrueck b. 1 December 1963 St. Louis, MO

V Sara Steinbrueck b. 11 July 1972 St. Louis, MO

History of Amalia and Ed Steinbrueck family-

Amalia and Ed were farmers and lived in the Blackburn area. The last farm was between Blackburn and Alma on Highway 20. They retired to a home next to the City Park in Blackburn.

Dorris is a teacher, housewife, government and community activist, assistant family business landscape hobbyist. Candidate for public office in '72, '74 and again in '82 (lost three times!) Reinhold has been art Prof at CTC in Seward from 1951 thru 1983; artist-in-residence for Bankers Life NE since 1963; photographer and sculptor. Son, Karl, is an artist; cartoonist and illustrator. BFA U of NE 1979. Jan is Director of Christian Education and also an artist. Paul is a musician and in electronics. BA U of NE 1980 and Milford Tech 1984. Cottonwood Band 1973 thru 1976. Kim is in elementary education. BSEd CTC in 1981; Zion Lutheran School, Tobias, NE 1981 thru 1984. She is also a seamstress. Reinhold Marxhausen's address: 540 N. Columbia Ave, Seward, NE 68434.

Marjorie and Robert lived for a time in Rolla, MO and then moved on to CA where two more children were born. Both Paul and Tom were baptized at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Santa Clara, CA. They attended Lynnbrook High School. Paul was a veteran long distance bicyclist and Tom was a collector and refurbisher of antique telephones, radios, record players and TV sets. These young men were both killed in the same tragic auto accident.

Carl is an elementary school teacher. Graduated from Seward in 1957. Ann is a lay teacher graduating from Seward in 1966. they both teach in Webster Groves Lutheran School. Address- 522 Gray Ave, Webster Groves, MO 63119

A note from Loberta- I recall delightful visits at the Steinbrueck farm. Teddy was staying at our house part of the time she attended High School in Alma. She graciously invited me to go along to visit at her sister's house and Louise and Dorinda were already there. That time we went swimming in the creek. I still treasure a delightful paper doll that Dorinda drew just for me. When I learned that Paul Runge was a cousin to all these loving and warm-hearted people, how could I possibly go wrong in saying "I do"? I am truly happy to be counted among the Runiges.

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Second child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Infant                      b. & d. 9 September 1902 Ernestville, MO

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When talking with Carl Steinbrueck, he mentioned that his brother's name was spelled Ernst on the baptismal record and as Ernest on his birth certificate. We believe the reason for the difference is that the first is the proper German spelling and when anglicizing one adds the 'e'.



Rev. Ernest Runge

Third child of Rev. Ernest and Doris

III Johanna Magdalene Marie Runge

b. 20 August 1903 Ernestville

m. Martin Frederick Lobitz on 1 September 1946 Palatine, IL

b. 22 February 1901 Detroit Lakes, MN

d. 3 February 1952 Independence, KS

His children: Janice, Lawrence

Janice Arlene Lobitz

b. 20 April 1934 Independence, KS

m. Robert Radtke on 30 August 1958 Independence, KS

b. 7 April 1936 Oconowoc, WI

Children:

Tamara Jo Radtke b. 3 November 1959 Milwaukee, WI

m. John Pirmann 26 July 1980 Carbondale, IL

Child-Sarah Malinda b. 30 Aug 1981

Timothy Mark Radtke b. 1 Nov 1961 Iowa City, IA

Jonathan Scott Radtke b. 30 Jan 1963 Iowa City, IA

Lawrence Martin Lobitz

b. 20 January 1941 Independence, KS

m. Beverly June Sprecker 15 Aug 1964 Manhattan, KS

Child- Brice Martin Lobitz b. 6 Aug 1970 Weatherford  
Okla.

The following is an autobiography of the life of Johanna-

As most of you probably know, I was born at Ernestville, MO, which is rural Concordia, on August 20, 1903. A birth defect which old Dr. Lieser assured the parents could be fixed, and the fact that I turned blue from choking on phlegm, caused me to receive emergency baptism on the day I was born. Papa was a strong advocate of early baptism, so he practiced it on his own children. Three other children, Amalia, an infant brother who died at birth and whose body lies in St. Matthew's cemetery, and Carl were also born at Ernestville.

Time to move on. Papa accepted a call to Blackburn, MO, when I was 3½ years old. While I do not remember specifics about the move, I do have a few recollections of things which happened to me at Ernestville. One was being frightened by a black hen in our barn and the other-neighbor boys had acquired Halloween masks and donned them and came to our house. The experience nearly frightened me to death and Mamma gave the boys a piece of her mind. They were sons of Ernest Worms, the store owner, also the mail carrier and our Papa were named Ernest. That is how that crossroads area received its name, Ernestville.

In due time, after our move to Blackburn, our brother Ernest made his appearance. I remember Amalia saying that she was very happy when Papa told her that she had a baby brother. - - Then, a number of years later, when it was time for Theodora to make her appearance in the world, the parents sent me to my paternal grandparents to remain until after the new baby arrived. Unfortunately, I developed whooping cough soon after arriving at the grandparents. Grandma often said: "My chief concern was that she would not choke while here with us," Both sets of grandparents lived in the rural Concordia area and we visited often and were well acquainted with them, and also with the aunts and uncles who lived in the two houses. It was no hardship for me to remain there, even though I occasionally expressed a desire to go home. Grandmother then would explain

Johanna's story continued-

to me that it was not possible, because then I would expose the other children at home, and especially the new baby, to the cough. So I spent that Christmas at the Grandparents home.

My growing up years were spent in Blackburn, where I attended Zion Lutheran School, with our Papa as the teacher. Papa was husband, parent, preacher, teacher, and a respected man in the community. Our family continued to grow so there was always much activity around our house. After we reached the teen age stage, we joined the young people in the congregation in forming a Walther League, in which both Papa and Mama became much involved, Papa on the leadership end, Mama often preparing refreshments for the group. In fact that happened so often that once when Mama was preparing a dish our brother Henry wanted to know, "Is that for the Walther League?"

At age 16, Amalia was hired by the general store in Blackburn, Brunkhorst Bros. as a clerk. I was delegated to stay at home and help Mama with the household chores. But after a few years, I, too, would help out in the store, especially during Christmas and inventory seasons. Also, a grocery store owned by the August Reiths, often needed help, so I would be called on. Mr. Reith was the leader of the Blackburn Band and they were in demand in other towns for picnics. I would then "tend" the store. When the cashier of the Blackburn Bank had a nervous breakdown, the officers of that bank decided to install a hand-operated posting machine. Up to that time they had done all the book work by hand. Since no one knew how to operate it and I had previously learned to do posting in the bank across the street, I was asked to help out in the emergency, which I did for 6 months. Occasionally then I would work in one bank in the morning and in the other in the afternoon. That was my first experience at keeping books, which stood me in good stead many a time later in life. One summer I even cooked in the Blackburn Hotel for a month. Now and then I would help out in the telephone office, relieving the switchboard operator when she had a heavy date.

Time to move on. When the Dierker Bros. with Louis Dierker in charge, opened a store in Concordia, they looked for a clerk, and I was hired. During the two years that I worked in that store I made my home with Grandparents Kammeyer. In fact, in later years I spent many years living with Grandmother Kammeyer, and the two aunts, Clara and Eliese.

Again, time to move on. My Aunt Eliese was teaching Lutheran School at Trinity in Atchison, KS so she persuaded me to return to Atchison with her and enroll in the Atchison Business College for a Secretarial course. After completing that course, I worked at the Snowden Mize Drug Co., a wholesale Drug and Sundry establishment, as Secretary to Mr. John Douglas, head of the Sundries Dept., which job I held for a few years. But, again it was

Time to move on. Sister Amalia needed help in her home. I resigned my position, went to Blackburn and helped for a few months, and then again

Time to move on. This time I must have done what our teacher in business college advised us to do. She said, "When you go out on a job, take some good glue along, put it on your chair and stay on that job." I did stay in St. Louis for 13½ years where I served as Secretary to Dr. Lorry Meyer, Director of Publicity and Missionary Education, in the Mo. Synod office in the Concordia Publishing House building. That job gave me good training which I was later able to use as I



Johanna's story continued-

Moved on to the Northern Illinois District Office, located in the Temple Building in the down town Loop in Chicago. Here I served as Office Secretary to Dr. Martin Piehler, who was acting as Executive Secretary to the Northern District. I chose to live in Palatine where Rev. Wilbert Koester was pastor. I spent my free evenings and much time on week-ends in his study doing secretarial and clerical work, for which I was paid \$15.00 per month by the congregation. After four years in that office, I made

A Big Move, from Secretary to Household Engineer. On September 1, 1946, I was married to Martin Lobitz, then employed by Sinclair Oil Co. as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer in the Crude Marketing Div. of that company. Headquarters were located in the Sinclair

Building in Independence, Kansas. Martin, his two children and I lived happily together for 5½ years, when the Lord saw fit to take Martin from us through an auto accident. The children and I stayed on in Independence - Janice left 7 months later to enter nurses training at St. Louis Lutheran Hospital. Larry and I stayed in Independence where he was in Lutheran Elementary School and I started working in the Montgomery County Extension Office. Here I spent 10 years of enjoyable working conditions. Then,

Time to move on. Larry had completed his High School and Jr. College and decided to continue his education at Kansas State in Manhattan. His wish was that I, too, move to Manhattan which I did in early summer of 1963. Fortunately there was an opening at St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Student Center as a parish Secretary. The Church Council and Rev. Robert Rosenkoetter decided that I could fill that position, which I held until 1975 when it was time for me to retire from office work. My next move was to Gardner, KS, where sister Teddy and her family had lived for the past 19 years. Teddy persuaded me to look for a house in Gardner and since that time I have lived here. I decided on this location because it put me miles nearer to my Concordia relatives and I would be near a sister. In the meantime both children had married and had their own families, so I was more or less on my own again. Now I have spent 7 busy years in Gardner since I also became active in Redeemer Lutheran Church in Olathe, serving as financial Secretary, doing the recording of offerings on quarterly statements. Ted Parry was Finance Chairman when I moved here and his Secretary wanted out of a job, so he drafted me to take on this responsibility, which I have never regretted. Working conditions with future Finance Chairmen were pleasant and doing the recording gave me a feeling of worth in Redeemer Church. At the close of this year, 1982, I shall relinquish this job.

Life has been filled with many experiences and until the Lord calls me to MOVE ON, I hope to continue living in my comfortable 4-roomed house, doing the things which come my way, as long as I am able. It's been an interesting and varied life, for which I am most grateful.

Johanna presented this story at the Runge reunion in '82 at St. Paul's College and allowed us to reproduce.



Rev. Ernest Runge

Fourth child of Rev. Ernest and Doris

III Carl John Runge

b. 4 January 1906 Ernestville

m. Esther Loesch on 26 June 1932 Jefferson City, MO

b. 24 September 1909 Jefferson City

d. 9 July 1968 East St. Louis, IL

m. Rosalia Mary Jost on 30 June 1972 East St. Louis, IL

b. 16 April 1918 East St. Louis, IL

Carl and Esther's children: Carl, Carlene, James, John

IV Carl John Runge Jr. b. & d. 26 December 1935 Jefferson City

IV Carlene Esther Runge b. 5 December 1939 Jefferson City

m. John Paul Lukens 11 June 1966 East St. Louis, IL

b. 10 April 1941 St. Louis, MO

IV James Arthur Runge b. 5 December 1942 East St. Louis, IL

m. Patricia Clara Juenger 2 October 1964 East St. Louis

b. 11 June 1946

Child: James

V James Arthur Runge Jr. b. 25 February 1966 East St. Louis

IV John Martin Runge b. 17 December 1943 East St. Louis

m. Débra Jean Powell Martindale 26 Oct 1977 E. St. Louis

b. 6 November 1955 Travis AFB, CA

Her children: Marsha Martindale b. 22 Oct 1974 Belleville

IL

Phillip Martindale b. 23 Dec 1976 "

Rosalia kindly wrote Carl's history as follows-

Carl was a licensed electrician-Jefferson City Local. When times got so bad he was permitted to do work for Local 309-East St. Louis area. This was about 1939.

He was always active in Trinity Lutheran Church in East St. Louis. He was President of the congregation, Sunday School teacher, choir member, active in Boy Scout troop work, ball team, all-around helper at church. Carl enjoyed singing in the Southern Illinois Male Chorus.

He fell off a ladder in a school and ruptured the fluid sac in his knee. He had to have four complete replacements of the right knee and none have held and now that he has had Alzheimer's disease, he is very depressed and confused. It is hard to place a loved one in a nursing home, but when you can't care for a person 24 hours a day it is most important to see he has best of care.

I was a school-teacher in East St. Louis school district 189 for 34 years. I served as organist at Trinity-Unity Lutheran Church from 1939 until 1981. Trinity merged with St. John's (black) Lutheran and name was changed to Unity.

We have transferred our membership to Signal Hill Ev. Lutheran Church 8100 W Main in Belleville, IL less than one mile from our home. Notre Dame Hills Convalescent Center is also about one mile away. I have 35 piano students so I keep busy. Love, Rosalia

Rev. Ernest Runge

Fifth child of Rev. Ernest Runge and Doris

III Rev. Ernest Louis Runge

b. 9 September 1907 Blackburn, MO

m. Esther Bruenger 18 February 1935 Sumner, IA

b. 18 February 1915 Clay Center, KS

Children: Leo, Raymond, Ruth

IV Leo Ernest Runge

b. 12 April 1936 Waverly, IA

m. Betty Hayden 24 August 1955 Marshalltown, IA

b. 2 October 1936 Chicago, IL

Children: Brian, Gail

V Brian Ernest Runge

b. 31 March 1958 Ames, IA

m. Jill Cocciola 28 June 1980 Cedar Rapids, IA

b. 24 March 1959 Greenville, TX

V Gail Ann Runge

b. 22 November 1959 Ames, IA

m. Robert White 26 May 1979 Ames, IA

b. 3 March 1958 Ames, IA

IV Raymond Arthur Runge

b. 17 June 1937 Sumner, IA

m. Mary Jane Riese 23 June 1957 State Center, IA

b. 31 May 1936 State Center, IA

Children: David, Timothy, Steven, Mark

V David Kent Runge

b. 30 July 1958 Marshalltown, IA

m. Jody Lynn Lehne 14 November 1981 Marshalltown, IA

b. 15 April 1960 Long Branch, N.J.

Children: Matthew, Michael

VI Matthew David Runge

b. 1 March 1982 Marshalltown, IA

VI Michael Paul Runge

b. 1 October 1983 "

V Timothy Ray Runge

b. 22 May 1960 Marshalltown, IA

m. Doris Blattel Forbes 5 February 1983 Marshalltown, IA

b. 25 May 1957 Marshalltown, IA

Her child- Nicholas b. 17 Oct 1977 Marshalltown

V Steven Louis Runge

b. 16 February 1964 Marshalltown, IA

V Mark Richard Runge

b. 27 October 1966 Marshalltown, IA

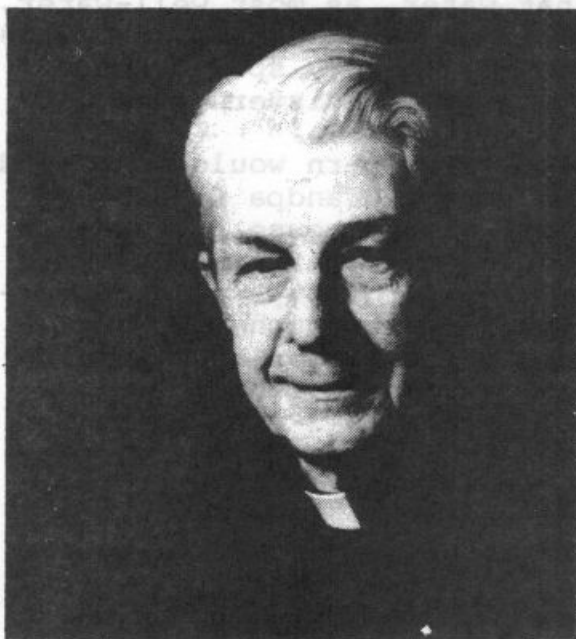
IV Ruth Marie Runge

b. 3 November 1943 Hampton, IA

Leo Runge is a video engineer at WOI-TV, IA State University at Ames. He is also a lay-member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa District West of Synod. Betty is a secretary at IA State University. They live at 3821 Quebec St., Ames, IA 50010. Brian is a ministerial student and will vicar at Lafayette, LA in campus ministry until August of 1984. Jill works in a bank. Gail is a seamstress and works in a jewelry store. Rob is a screen printer. Address: 627 28th St Apt 3, Ames, IA. Raymond has been a fireman for 22 years. They are now living at and running Arcadia Resort, RR 1 Bigfork, MN 56628. David works for the Chicago and Northwestern RR. They live at 312 W South St Marshalltown, IA 50158. Tim is City Circulation manager with MARSHALLTOWN TIMES, Dorris works in a toy store. They live at 303 N 3rd St Marshalltown. Steven cooks for a Perkins restaurant and lives in an apt above Tim and Dorris. Mark is a sophomore as of 83-84 at Deer River, MN. Ruth has been a beautician in Boulder, CO since 1965. She lives at 1176A Monroe Dr Boulder, CO 80303.

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## IDE Veteran Pastor Marks 50 Years



Rev. Ernest Runge

Rev. Ernest L. Runge graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 1933; fifty years later this event was celebrated in special services at Zion Lutheran Church in Ogden, Iowa. The fifty years of his ministry Pastor Runge spent in Iowa East.

Although he graduated in 1933, the Great Depression and its effects meant that he would not be ordained and installed as pastor of St. John congregation in Bremer County's Spring Fountain until March 1934.

In late 1939 Pastor Runge accepted the Call to St. Paul in Latimer, where he served until 1948. During his pastorate there a new church was dedicated in 1941 and a new school in 1948.

From 1948 until 1972 Runge served as pastor of Redeemer, Marshalltown. A new church building was dedicated there in 1958, and a parsonage in 1964. In 1972 Runge retired from the active ministry and now lives in Ogden.

During his ministry, Runge served the Iowa District East in a variety of positions. He was Secretary of Christian Education for the district from 1948 until 1951. He served as second vice president of the district from 1957 until 1963, and from 1963 until 1966 he was the district's first vice president.

At the 1944 convention of the Synod at Saginaw, Michigan, Runge served as chairman of the nominating committee. During the 1965 convention at Detroit he was a member of the floor committee on missions.

Four times he served as the district's pastoral delegate to conventions of the former Synodical Conference. He was a member of the board of the Lutheran Home Finding Society (now known as Lutheran Family Service of Iowa) for twelve years, six of them as chairman of the board. He also served for some years as a member of the Iowa East-West Public Relations Committee.

In 1935 Runge married Esther Bruenger. They are parents of three children: Raymond of Marshalltown; Leo of Ames; and Ruth of Colorado. There are six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Since retiring and moving to Ogden, Runge has served as vacancy pastor at Trinity, Boone; Christ, Bouton; Zion, Ogden; he was visitation pastor at Trinity, Boone; and now periodically assists in the services at Zion, Ogden.

Liturgist for the jubilee service was grandson Brian Runge, a student at Concordia, St. Louis currently on vicarage at Trinity congregation in Lafayette, Louisiana. Zion's pastor, Rev. George Krengel, was the preacher. Following the service an open house was held in Pastor Runge's honor.



## Memories from Ernest-

I have so many fond memories of the four years, my high school years, I spent with Grandpa and Grandma Runge and Aunt Mary (and here I should add Uncle Adolph and Aunt Katy and family-what delightful people all the above were!).

Grandpa and I got along so very well together and for this he deserved the credit-O, we had our "tiffs". He didn't want me to stretch my radio aerial from the barn to the house. But, after awhile, it was done anyway. He wouldn't so much as put the ear-phones on his head. However, after some months I managed to slip them on his head from behind. There was a German lecture in progress. Before he could get rid of the ear-phones he had gotten interested in the "talk". After that, he was a radio fan. Certain times of the day he'd go over to the set to listen to the time of day and to market reports, etc. At other times he'd stand in the front yard with the telescope he had brought with him from Germany and look at the clock on the spire of the Evangelical Church in Concordia. Then he would set the time on the clock on the shelf and his "key-wind" pocket watch. (He willed his pocket watch to me-an 1853 Waltham. We are proud to have it.)

Another instance when Grandpa and I clashed a bit was when Aunt Mary (everybody's favorite "Aunt") just had to have a cistern-about 1925. The only water-source, other than rain barrels, was the well near the hen house and that water, as most well-water, was so hard you almost had to chew it when taking a drink. This water was no good for washings, and in long dry spells there simply was no rain-barrel water available. A cistern just had to be dug!!

Aunt Mary, Uncle Adolph and I agreed, a cistern would be provided, and I was to dig it. So the digging began. Grandpa fussed and fumed. He didn't want the ground west of the house torn up. It would never get done anyway. Who would help me finish it? Rain barrels had served the purpose for them for fifty years of married life. Good enough all those years. "Jetzt auch noch gut genug." (Now also yet good enough) And the digger kept on digging with Uncle Adolph and Aunt Mary rooting for him.

Finally, the digging finished, Uncle Adolph, as pre-arranged came over, bricked up the inside walls of the medium-sized cistern and helped me with installing the platform above it. A pump was placed, the rains came and Aunt Mary had soft water for the purpose for which soft water is a must. Grandma was so proud of the new improvement. For a long time after that, when company came, Grandpa would "show off" the new cistern of which he was so proud. Could be that was the reason he willed me his watch.

A most delightful recall I have of Grandma revolves about her wisdom relative to the language question in the church. In her fine German she put it something like this- roughly translated- "We have to have English services, more of them. How else can we teach our younger ones about their Saviour?" She didn't have much formal schooling, but she was a very wise old saint.

A bit more on Grandpa. He handled his finances "close to his chest". It was common knowledge, however, that he was "pretty well fixed". When a mill & elevator company in Concordia was near bankruptcy, the manager in desperation visited Grandpa and put the "squeeze" on him. Finally Grandpa wrote him a check for \$3000! Aunt Mary did a burn. She waited until Grandpa was out of the house and she put in a phone call to Runge Brothers. Uncle Louie wasted no time getting over to the mill. I have no

idea what he told the manager, but it didn't take long for him to get Grandpa's check back for him. How Grandpa reacted to this, I have no idea. I don't recall Grandpa's ever talking to me about money, unless it was this that we shouldn't buy things that we didn't need. One of his sayings I remember so well, and I use it at times: "If you don't need it, it ain't no bargain". And I do remember his telling me what it cost him to put my dad through college and Seminary--\$1000 ! !

Regarding my dad's witching for water.

About 1915 we were in need of a new well at the new church in Blackburn. But where to find water? So dad takes his peachtree fork, holds it properly and walks back and forth over the general area where the drilling might be done. He marks spots where the point of his witching fork had been drawn downward. ( I can still see myself standing there bug-eyed watching his every move, and every twitch of his "divining rod".)

Finally, he had the drilling men gathered about him. "Right here" he pointed; "drill right here." He made a mark in the earth. "you'll strike water 37 feet down. There'll be four thin veins feeding water into your well." And it was so ! ! When the hole was about 45 feet deep and bright sun light was reflected down into it by mirror the four pencil-sized streams could be clearly seen. Dad didn't seem surprised. Hadn't he told 'em so?

The following is copied from CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY- The year 1924 was an important year for Concordia and for St. Paul's College. In this year the grading for "the highway" took place and it also is the year in which two new buildings Kaepfel Gymnasium and Biltz Hall, were erected on the Campus. The grading of the highway was a tremendous task when horse-power was actually supplied by horses and mules.

When the slab was completed in 1925 it became a road for the young bloods to test out the speed of their cars. This writer, (Harry Voight), remembers being invited to take a ride with Ernest Runge in his aunt Mary's new Baby Overland. The accelerator was pressed to the floor and the needle finally quivered up to forty-five miles an hour. Our faces were tense with excitement and our hearts were pounding. Sane drivers stayed within the thirties, the braver sped into the forties and some sped at fifty and sixty. The highway soon became known as "Bloody Forty."

Paul remembers his dad saying that the concrete slab poured for Highway 40 would last for a hundred years. In 1951 a new slab had to be poured.

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In an 1898 issue of THE CONCORDIAN the following was found- A Golden Jubilee celebration was held in honor of Rev. Biltz. The committee doing the planning was composed of J. Vogt, Sr., Henry Brackmann, Fritz Ehlers, Adolph Frerking, Peter Bamman, G.F. Brackmann, Adolph Bergman, John Kammeyer, John Runge, Henry Bosselmann and the secretary.

Rev. Ernest Runge

Sixth child of Rev. Ernest Runge and Doris

III Theodora Clara Runge

b. 16 December 1909 Blackburn, MO

m. Theodore Albert Parry 8 June 1941 Blackburn, MO

b. 28 May 1914 Elk River, MN

Children: Patricia, Kathleen, Paul, Cynthia

IV Patricia Fay Parry

b. 14 December 1942 Cedar Vale, KS

m. Charles Wm Rogers 29 August 1964 Detroit, MI

b. 26 September 1942 Detroit, MI

Children: Christopher, Craig

V Christopher John Rogers

b. 12 February 1965 Emporia, KS

V Craig William Rogers

b. 3 March 1966 Topeka, KS

IV Kathleen Louise Parry

b. 29 June 1945 Elgin, IL

m. Michael J. VanLandingham 10 May 1968 Olathe, KS

b. 3 November 1943 Topeka, KS

Child: John

V John Edward VanLandingham

b. 2 December 1968 Kansas City, MO

IV Paul Theodore Parry

b. 22 October 1946 Parsons, KS

m. Elizabeth June Armstrong Morris 1 Nov. 1980 Crawfords-

b. 25 December 1947 IL ville, IN

Her children: Jeffry David Morris b. 19 Mar. 1969

& Katherine Elizabeth Morris b. 20 Dec. 1971

Their child: Stephanie

V Stephanie Marie Parry

b. 17 April 1982 Crawfordsville, IN

IV Cynthia Jo Parry

b. 29 February 1952 Independence, KS

m. Stephen Bruce Fawcett 19 August 1972 Gardner, KS

b. 21 April 1947 Providence, R.I.

Divorced in 1982

Children: Kathleen, John, Thomas

V Kathleen Anne Fawcett

b. 31 October 1974 Lawrence, KS

V John Paul Fawcett

b. 14 August 1977 Lawrence, KS

V Thomas Theodore Fawcett

b. 20 September 1979 Lawrence, KS



Theodora (Teddy) met Theodore (Ted) in Concordia, MO in 1940 where both were teaching in the public school system. Ted taught science and was basketball coach. Teddy taught 4th, 5th & 6th grades and music in all grades.

Ted is a graduate of KU and before this time had taught in both Savonburg and Green, KS. (Near Chanute) Teddy is a graduate of Central MO State Teachers College, now known as Central MO University in Warrensburg, MO. She had taught at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Concordia and at Three Groves, a rural school between Alma and Waverly, MO.

After marriage, they moved to Chautauqua, KS where Ted was principal of a rural school. Teddy taught here in both grade and high school and then Patricia was born. In December 1943 Ted accepted a position at Cincinnati Ohio University to teach physics in the government ASTP program. When that was phased out, he went to Wright Aeronautical as councilor. Then "Greetings from Uncle Sam". He volunteered for the Navy and was assigned to radar school. Boot training was at Great Lakes and then to Captain Eddy's radio school in Chicago, IL.

Teddy and Patricia moved to Palatine where her parents and sister Johanna were living. Ted was able to visit now and then and Kathleen joined the family while here.

Ted was transferred to Corpus Christi, TX to continue training. His family followed after housing was found-it was extremely scarce those days. When peace was declared, Ted finished out the year teaching in Corpus Christi. Then the family returned to MO and stayed for a time with the Henry Kam-meyers. They had taken the Parrys to TX and brought them "home" again.

Ted was eager to get back to school administration and accepted a job in Galesburg and they lived in Parsons, KS. Here son, Paul, joined the family.

The next year Ted became principal in the Havana schools where they lived for 9 years. Teddy taught in Niotaze and was organist at Lutheran church in Tyro. (These places are south of Independence, KS) She had also been organist while in Cincinnati. At that same time her brother, Francis was a pastor of a negro congregation. Then Cindy was born.

As of January 1984 Ted is superintendent of schools in Gardner, KS and Teddy is a student again in Johnson Community College. Since retirement, Teddy has more time for her hobby-"art".

All four children have graduated from college. Pat lives in Overland Park and is coordinator for the activities center of Johnson Co. Library. Charlie teaches biology at Harmon H.S. Kathy lives in Shawnee and works in the credit dept, Mobil Oil. Mike is Director of Social and Rehabilitation Services of 2 counties. Paul was in Navy and trained as innkeeper and is now at Holiday Inn in Crawfordsville, IN. Cindy is trying to make a decision on a career and has been head custodian at Pinckney School in Lawrence, KS. Her ex-husband, Steve, teaches at KU. One grandson, Chris Rogers, is in college at Pittsburg, KS.

Teddy and Ted's address- 231 W Main, Gardner, KS 66030

Seventh child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Henry Edwin Runge

b. 30 January 1912 Blackburn, MO

Henry worked on farms in the Blackburn area. He served in the US Army during WWII. He is retired and living in Blackburn.

III Erica Kathrine Caroline Runge

b. 4 April 1914 Blackburn, MO

m. Rev. Frederick Adolph Baepler 1 July 1953 in  
Clarks Fork near Boonville, MO

b. 10 August 1899 Little Rock, AR

d. 18 November 1983 Concordia, MO

Child: Lydia

IV Lydia Louise Baepler

b. 3 May 1954 Clarks Fork, MO

d. 16 May 1954 "

Erica's story- I spent the following time teaching in the Detroit, MI area- 3½ years at Trinity in Mt. Clemens; 1 year at St. Philips in Detroit which was a negro congregation where I started the school; 1 year at Bethany on East Outterdrive. Then in the Chicago, IL area- 3 years at Immanuel in Palatine; 2 years at Immanuel in Elmhurst; 2 years at Immanuel in Valparaiso. I started teaching in January of 1941 when \$60.00 a month was considered good pay. In order to have art paper for the children, asked people to save letters that were blank on the back. While attending Kansas City Teachers College (it is no longer in existence) from the fall of 1937 to spring of '39. I worked for room, board and \$3.00 a week in homes in the "Country Club" area. Two summers I traveled with a Mrs. Shepherd and did the cooking and downstairs cleaning. The summer of '38 we were at Bemus Point on Chautauqua Lake in western New York state and the summer of '39 we were in La Jolla, CA. My hobbies are many. First and foremost is nature with an emphasis on birds and butterflies. In the arts my strongpoint is pottery making and flower arranging. Even though, I don't do much of it, I enjoy sketching. During my teaching years when not attending summer school, I worked as a nature counselor in girls camps in Michigan for several years. My most memorable nature activity was attending the Audubon Camp on Hog Island off the coast of Maine for two weeks in 1949.

Surely all my interest in nature must have come from walks with my father along the railroad tracks. There plants grew undisturbed. It was about the only place to pick wild flowers. The rocks, which held the ties in place, were good for beginning geology. It was here also that we gathered wild asparagus and strawberries to help feed hungry mouths.

Erica lives at 1305 Orange in Concordia, MO 64020. However mailing address is RFD 3, PH # 816-463-7688

Note- Erica and Fritz were charter members of the Lafayette County Historical Society when formed in 1960.

## Memories of Visits to the Grandparents-

One of my earliest memories is walking down the sidewalk of the "old parsonage" at Blackburn, holding Aunt Mary's hand going to a car. Whose car it was, I don't know, perhaps Uncle Louis'. I was wearing a brown corduroy coat which had been passed on to our family by a member of the parish. In turn it was passed down to the child in our family whom it would fit, regardless of sex. I was on the way to Grandma's house. This visit was to be special because I would be there over Easter. What a thrill to find Easter eggs without all of the competition I had at home. Chocolate covered bunnies! There weren't any of those at home. I returned home with a family from Blackburn just a few days before my fourth birthday. To my surprise, there was a new baby brother, Francis. This explains the visit to the grandparents at this time of year.

During the summer there was always the week or two that I would have a vacation at the grandparents. Sometimes this was with Henry or Dorinda. One vacation I remember especially, I was there alone. One night there was a big windstorm and rain. Aunt Mary got me up. Grandpa got out his devotion book and read a devotion and a prayer. When daylight came we viewed the damages. A huge black locust tree near the barn was destroyed. As I remember this tree was exceptionally large. Crab apples had blown off the tree in the front yard. Even though they were not as ripe as one would like, Aunt Mary was able to use them for something.

Whether or not that was the same summer that Grandma fell into the cellar, I don't recall, but that time I was there alone. It must have been about 1925 because I remember the age 70 being mentioned. One of Aunt Mary's habits that seemed an awful waste of time was taking a nap. That particular day I actually slept. Aunt Mary awakened me because Grandma fell into the cellar. There wasn't a thing I could do. The Dr. was called and all the uncles came. Because of her age this was considered especially serious. She was carried out of the cellar and when she regained consciousness she had suffered no ill effects. There were no broken bones and she soon was "as good as new". Now this fall was not down the steps. The cellar was under the summer kitchen where all of the cooking, canning and baking was done during the summer to keep the heat out of the house. To the left side of the stove was a trap door which led to the cellar. That was also the end of the stove where there was a door one lifted to add wood to the fire. Aunt Mary, thinking that Grandma was aware that she was opening the trap door, didn't say anything. Grandma hadn't noticed and stepped to the end of the stove to put in more wood. She fell straight down the hole, landing at the bottom of the stairs.

One event I remember attending was the 4th of July celebration in Concordia's Southside Park. What stands out is the "spectacular" fire works. They were set off so that the remains landed in the lake. It's hard to imagine a lake in the park, especially one big enough to have rowboats on it. Another event to look forward to was the Saturday night band concerts in Central Park. It was such fun to run around with cousins Florence and Irma. The best part was buying popcorn from the popcorn wagon.

Grandpa was always afraid that the girl's dresses were going to be too "bunt" (brightly colored). Once when Aunt Mary was fitting a dress she was making for cousin Tillie, Grandpa made a



comment about the color. Grandma in her indulgent tone said, "Lotsa man gevehen", (just leave her alone) and then explained that young girls wear bright colors.

Then there was that interesting toy drawer in the table in the pantry. I remember especially blocks of various geometric shapes. At home we had only cubes.

The high spot of any day, while visiting there, was taking the path through the pasture and crossing the brook to Uncle Adolph's house. Besides playing with the cousins there was that opportunity to get a drink of that good water from the deep well. Because of the unusual taste of the water from the grandparent's well, a good drink at Uncle Adolph's was a treat.

Another treat was an evening when Uncles Edwin and Louis brought a movie machine and on a sheet hung from the barn wall, we watched moving pictures.

Then in August of 1932 came the day when things would never be the same again. After Grandpa's funeral service at the homewe drove out of the yard to go to St. Paul's Church. The back door suddenly seemed empty because before this one never drove in or out without seeing Grandma and Grandpa standing there to either welcome or bid one goodbye.

by Erica Runge Baepler

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A statistic in THE CONCORDIAN dated January 4, 1900-

Ev. Luth. St. Mathew Church	
Rev. E. Runge, past., Simpson	
Number of children christened	4
" " couples married	2
" " school children	21

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THE CONCORDIAN Eighty Years Ago December 10, 1903

Although four votes were taken at the meeting of the St. Paul's congregation on Sunday afternoon, it still remains undecided where the new church shall be built.

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THE CONCORDIAN Eighty Years Ago December 24, 1903

It seems that it is time to advocate the building of a spacious hall or opera house in Concordia. Of course there is the Farmers' Bank hall, with a seating capacity of about 155, the public school, a little larger, and the town hall, but taken all in all it seems that Concordia should have a big hall.

Note- Bruns Hall must have been too small to be listed with these. History of Bruns Hall is in appendix.

Obituary from THE CONCORDIAN dated November 23, 1983

Memorial Service held for Dr. F.A. Baepler, 84

Dr. Frederick A. Baepler, 84, Concordia, died at his home Friday. A memorial service was held Monday night at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Dr. Lambert Mehl serving as preacher and the Rev. Alfred Rodewald serving as the liturgist.

Dr. Baepler was born August 10, 1899 at Little Rock, Arkansas. He was the son of the Rev. Andrew and Sophie Birkner Baepler. He was married to Erica Runge on July 1, 1953 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarks Fork. He attended Saint Paul's College High School and College and graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1921. He attended the University of Chicago in Illinois from 1922 to 1923 and received a Master's Degree. He vicared in several Lutheran congregations in northern Illinois and Wisconsin from 1922 to 1926. He was ordained into the ministry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Max, North Dakota in 1926, and served that parish and St. John Lutheran Church, Kongsberg, North Dakota.

He attended the University of Berlin in Germany in 1927 with the first group of American students in the foreign exchange program. He studied at the American School of Oriental Research, Jerusalem, for six months. He returned to the parish ministry in 1929 and served Zion Lutheran Church, Fortuna, North Dakota and Trinity in Plentywood, Montana.

He attended Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland from 1930 to 1934 and was given the doctor of philosophy degree in Semitic language.

He served as pastor of Trinity of Pymont from 1934 to 1937. He worked in the editorial department at Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis from 1937 to 1941. He became pastor of Trinity of Clarks Fork from 1941 to 1955 and at St. Matthew at Ernestville from 1955 to 1980.

He retired November 1, 1980 and moved to Concordia. He was a collector of historical memorabilia and was a member of St. Paul's College Historical Society.

Shortly before his death, Dr. Baepler completed the manuscript for "Praise for the Past - Faith for the Future", a book which recounts the 100 years of history of St. Paul's College. The book, written at the request of the College Centennial Committee and the Board of Regents, is scheduled to be printed early next year.

He is survived by his wife, Erica, of the home. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Lydia Louise, in 1954.

Dr. Baepler willed his body to scientific research.

Ninth child of Rev. Ernest Runge and Doris

III Dorinda Louise Anna Runge

b. 14 April 1916 Blackburn, MO

d. 1 April 1977 Philadelphia, PA

m. Jack Williams 4 December 1942 Kansas City, MO

b. 4 December 1910 Philadelphia, PA

Children: Guy, Rodney, Roland, Stephen, John

IV Guy Allen Williams

b. 16 February 1945 Philadelphia, PA

IV Rodney Williams

b. 19 September 1948 Philadelphia

IV Roland Williams

b. 20 August 1950 Philadelphia, PA

IV Stephen Williams

b. 22 September 1953 Philadelphia

IV John Williams

b. 23 January 1960 Philadelphia, PA

In Kansas City Dorinda worked for a while at Hallmarks, some baby-sitting and as a waitress behind the counter in a small hamburger shop. I was in the Air Force Machinist School in Kansas City and lived in the barracks. Dorinda and I were married on a Saturday morning after inspection. Our intention was to have Dorinda's father marry us. However, after the clerk in City Hall gave us our license he said, "Now if you will step into the next room I'll marry you." (He thought I was shipping out with no time to lose.) Dorinda looked at our witness who was a classmate of hers at art school and she said, "Well, I would if I were you." So we made the decision to have him perform the ceremony. By then it was 11 o'clock and I had to be back in barracks by 12. There the sergeant was in a rage—we had messed up in that morning's inspection and all were confined for that night and all day Sunday. So that's how it happened that my wedding night was spent confined to the barracks.

My occupation before retirement was being senior clerk at the Franklin Institute Science Museum and Laboratories for Research and Development. My first job was testing yarn for asbestos brake lining. Did odd jobs, gardening and caddying and then running a blueprint room at an engineering plant, (or rather, I did the running— from the printer to the developing tank to the dryer to the cutting table, round and round, all for \$9 a week.) I saw myself in the future, pot-bellied, stoop-shouldered, wearing an eyeshade and bent over a drawing board all day. I quit. Worked at a steel foundry keeping records and then to the Railroad as a trackman. Work in a section gang was the hardest I ever did but I liked it. One day when we were putting in new rails, one of the negroes taught me how to roll a spike hammer. It was an art. You took advantage of the rebound of the hammer to allow it to lift itself. If you did it properly the hammer seemed to swing itself. I stayed for two years and then one autumn day I looked out across the woods and fields, turning color, and for some unknown reason decided to quit. When I started at Franklin Institute, I found a good place and stayed for 30 years. Besides my regular work, I was able to draw cartoons for the company paper and got quite a reputation. Then there was a fencing club. We would meet on the roof each lunch hour. In-



Dorinda and Jack Williams' story-

stead of eating we fenced; French foil, Saber and Epee. It was a good way of working off the tensions of work.

None of the boys have married. Due to economic conditions, they have not landed jobs that would make it feasible. The boys are all talented in their various ways, and I hope they will in time find outlets for those talents.

Guy is living at 8016 Bingham St in Philadelphia.

Rodney and Roland both went to Community College. Rodney finished his high school courses while serving in Vietnam. He received the Air Medal, a citation, and a case of trench foot before being discharged. He is a custodian of a public school in Ocean City, New Jersey. Lives at 210 E. 15th St. Roland and Stephen are living here right now. Stephen finished his high school courses in Gardner after his Aunt Teddy and Uncle Ted invited him out. He is a guard for a security company. His ambition is to be a song writer and he really works at it. He has been the globe trotter of the family, doing a walking tour of France, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Greece. Money ran out in Greece and a paternal US Embassy sent him and friend home. John was also a custodian in Ocean City on a night shift until his health began to suffer. His doctor advised day work. He lives at 943 Central Ave. As of March 83 he was searching that day work. Some years ago Stephen was doing very good in art work being twice winner of the Art Students' Annual exhibition and the Gimbel once. Also won a scholarship but didn't tell us at the time. Hoping you have enough history of our family,

Jack Williams

Jack's address- 3528 Solly Ave Phila., PA 19136

Addendum Feb. 3, 1984- John got a nice break. He has an apprenticeship as a dental Lab Technician, an occupation that he takes to naturally, as one of his hobbies is jewelry making.

As ever, Jack W.

A family history of the Williams side can be found in the appendix.

Rev. Ernest Runge

Tenth child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge

III Rev. Francis Martin Runge

b. 1 April 1918 Blackburn, MO

d. 25 June 1960 Covington, LA

m. Ruth Marie Langrehr 8 July 1950 New York, NY

b. 20 June 1923

d. 21 August 1980 Santa Fe, NM

Children: Luther, Philip

IV Luther Mark Runge

b. 6 March 1952

m. Carmen Angelica Gonzales 2 July 1977

IV Philip Winfred Runge

b. 27 May 1954

A letter sent to Santa Fe, NM to Luther was returned stamped "Addressee unknown". Then a letter to Philip at 1893 Conejo Drive in Santa Fe did not return but also no answer. Consequently the history of this family consists of the obituary of Rev. Francis found in The Lutheran Witness as follows:

Rev. Runge Drowns in Swimming Mishap.

Rev. Francis Martin Runge, 42-year-old Southern District pastor living in Covington, LA drowned in a tragic swimming accident in the Bogue Falaya River at Covington on June 25.

Rev. Runge's 6-year-old son Philip, who was swimming with his father at the time of the accident, narrowly escaped drowning when he was rescued by a witness to the accident.

According to an account of the accident in the New Orleans

Times-Picayune, Rev. Runge and Philip were at Bogue Falaya State Park in Covington, where the minister took his son each morning to play. Witnesses said that he was carrying the boy on his shoulders in the river when he stepped into a 14-foot-deep hole. Apparently realizing that he was sinking into deep water, Rev. Runge pushed his son to the surface. Philip was rescued by Gene Wise of New Orleans, who was at the park with his parents.

Rev. Runge's body was found by a diver an hour and ten minutes after he disappeared below the surface of the water. Efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Rev. Runge was installed as pastor of Trinity, Abita Springs, LA, and Zion, Covington on April 20, 1958. He was born in Blackburn, MO on April 1, 1918, and was a graduate of St. Paul's College, Concordia, MO and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

He had served congregations in Cincinnati, Ohio and Willimantic, Connecticut. From 1945 to 1947 he was a US Army chaplain, serving in the Philippines and on Okinawa.

Rev. Runge is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Marie Langrohr, whom he married on July 8, 1950, and their two sons, Luther Mark, born March 6, 1952 and Philip Winfred, born May 27, 1954.

The funeral service was scheduled to be held at Zion Church in Covington on June 27. Rev. Paul R. Hoenk of Slidell, LA delivering the sermon. Graveside services at the Garden of Pines Cemetery in Covington, were to be conducted by District President Edgar W. Homrighausen.

Rev. Ernest Runge

Eleventh child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge

III Louise

b. 27 July 1920 Blackburn, MO

m. Norman Fischer 24 August 1941 Lohman, MO

b. 12 December 1919 Lohman, MO

Children: Noel, Joy, Mark, Miriam

IV Noel Thurston Fischer b. 6 May 1942 Russellville, MO

m. Betty Victoria Hammen 1 December 1962 Jefferson

b. 22 November 1944 City, MO

Children: Brent, Troy

V Brent Patrick Fischer b. 5 June 1968 Jefferson City

V Troy Nolan Fischer b. 9 November 1972 Jeff City

IV Joy Carol Fischer b. 17 December 1943 Russellville

m. Roger Allan Alberts 23 February 1963 Stringtown

b. 23 October 1940 Cedar City, MO MO

Children: Annette, Angela, Russel

V Annette Marie Alberts b. 29 November 1963 Cedar City, MO

V Angela Jean Alberts b. 18 August 1966 Jeff City, MO

V Russel Allan Alberts b. 20 August 1973 Holts Summit, MO

IV Mark Ernest Fischer b. 12 October 1955 Russellville, MO

d. 12 January 1975 Jefferson City, MO

IV Miriam Jewell Fischer b. 23 May 1959 Jefferson City, MO

m. Darryl Egley 23 May 1981 Lohman (Stringtown) MO

b. 6 October 1960 Fort Madison, Iowa

Louise moved with her family to Stringtown in 1927. She is still a member of St. John's Church there. She graduated from Russellville High School and then clerked in Linhardt's General Store in Lohman. Was there when this country store "sold out" ending a phase of country living. Did housework in K.C. for a short time and also served as guide to Marie Busch in Missouri Commission for Blind. Norman was born on a farm. He helped run a sawmill and threshing machines. Then switched to mechanic after Korean War. He served in US Army for a time in both WW II and Korean conflict. He is now semi-retired. Still works as a mechanic at Popp's Lawn and Garden Center in Jeff City. We lived in "Millbrook" until 58 when we moved to the "Zion" area where we are part-time farmers.

Noel is a warehouse manager and salesman for Jefferson City Distributors, a large furniture store. Betty is a bookkeeper in Jeff City. They live at 1103 Stadium Dr Jeff City, MO 65101 Joy is a part time clerk in Wal-Mart and Christian Book Store while Roger is in construction. They live in Holts Summit, MO Miriam has a B.S. from Kirksville and is a "Staff Accountant". Daryl also graduated from Kirksville and is a Math teacher in Mexico High School. They live at 705 W Monroe, Mexico, MO 65265 Zip code for Holts Summit is 65043 Louise and Norman's address- R 5 Zion Rd, Jeff City, MO 65101



Rev. Ernest Runge

Twelfth child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Norman John Alvin Runge b. 25 January 1922 Blackburn, MO

m. Victoria Stevens 10 August 1942 Kansas City, MO

b. 20 February 1924 Shawnee, OK

Children: Norma, Howard, Infant, Janice, Joel

IV Norma Jane Runge b. 9 May 1943 Shawnee, OK

m. William Chas. Bumgarner 27 November 1963 Norman, OK

b. 23 March 1943 Shawnee, OK

Children: Seth, Carmin, Myles, Vincent

V Seth Stevenson Bumgarner b. 18 August 1966 Norman, OK

V Carmin Felice Bumgarner b. 2 June 1969 Oklahoma City, OK

V Myles Harper Bumgarner b. 19 Jan. 1971 Okla. City (Adopted)

V Vincent Lanthrop Bumgarner b. 21 August 1974 Okla. City, OK

IV Howard Dean Runge b. 8 October 1946 Long Beach, CA

d. 5 August 1951 Shawnee, OK

IV Infant b. 14 March 1952 Norman, OK

d. 17 March 1952 "

IV Janice Ann Runge b. 25 May 1954 Norman, OK

m. Kim Thomas Trytten 18 July 1981 "

b. 5 April 1956 Mason City, IA

IV Joel Marvin Runge b. 10 April 1956 Norman, OK

m. Paula Teresa Roccuzzo 18 July 1980 Emporia, KS

b. 8 November 1954 Brooklyn, NY

Child: Michael

V Michael Christopher Runge b. 26 October 1982 Hammond, IN

Norman attended high school in Russellville for 2 years and graduated from Alma High School. Served in the USAF 3 yrs in WWII. Then worked at various jobs- trimming trees, aircraft work. Graduated from Oklahoma University in 1951. Operated Runge Tree Service in Norman, OK. Vickie graduated from high school in Shawnee and attended Kansas City Art Institute. She worked at Tinker AFB. Has conducted an artists workshop at Ruidoso, NM and at Colima, Mexico. She taught at OU and City of Norman Parks Program and Oscar Rose Jr College (now Rose State College). Norma Jane and William both have degrees from OU. She is active in La Leiche League and published "Mothering Your Nursing Toddler".

Janice attended OU and her BS from Wichita State. Played French horn in various symphonies. She attended Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Served as substitute teacher in Lebanon, OH area and plays horn with several groups. Kim has MA from CC of M and now is Band Director at Little Miami School near Lebanon. (This is NE of Cincinnati and school named for a nearby river.) Joel joined "Way International" and is in Way ministry in Mt. Clemens, MI. Paula and Joel both attended Way College in Emporia, KS. Proud Grandpa says that Seth graduates spring of '84 with a 4 point grade average.

Norman's address- 1105 W Symmes, Norman, OK 73071

Rev. Ernest Runge

Thirteenth child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Ortwin Alvin Runge

b. 4 September 1923 Blackburn, MO

m. Norma Fox 12 June 1949 Harper, KS

b. 31 October 1925 Harper, KS

Children: Martin, Roger, Allan, Thomas

IV Martin Curtis Runge b. 5 May 1952 Harper, KS

m. Melanie Kelly 22 May 1982 Wichita, KS

b. 21 November 1949 Kansas City, MO

Her Children: Kris Kelly b. 18 Feb. 1971 K.C.

& Bryan Kelly b. 13 July 1973 Kansas City

IV Roger Wayne Runge b. 18 November 1953 Wichita, KS

IV Allan LeRoy Runge b. 17 June 1955 Wichita, KS

IV Thomas Aaron Runge b. 25 July 1959 Wichita, KS

Ortwin and I are living at 1262 N. Glendale in Wichita. We moved to Norman, Oklahoma in 1970 but rented out this house so we still had it to return to. Ortwin is an electrician in construction work. He also loves to do gardening and house repairs.

Martin and Melanie bought an old house at 1736 Fairview also here in Wichita. Martin works at Wichita State University in charge of the green house and planting of flowers around campus. Melanie works for Kansas University Medical School in office.

Roger and Tom live in our house in Norman, OK at 1703 Cad-dell Lane 73069. Roger had been in Shreveport, LA for about 7 years and then came back to Norman to become Director of the Firehouse Art Station.

Allan lives at 1660 Lanier Place NW #305 Washington, D.C. 20009. He works at the Library of Congress in the office.

Tom works for the Shaklee Corporation at their plant outside the city of Norman.

Zip code for Wichita is 67208

One day when visiting with Eliese Kammeyer, who is named for an earlier Eliese, told this story- She could recall so clearly that when she was a young girl they always knew when it was dish-washing time up at the Runges. They would hear Mary calling, "Johnny, Johnny!". She added that Mary could have dried them three times over in the time she spent trying to find Johnny. ( As you well know it would not have have been half as much fun.)

Fourteenth child of Rev. Ernest and Doris Runge-

III Omar Henry Runge

b. 10 April 1925 Blackburn, MO

m. Geraldine Amos 16 September 1945 Jefferson City, MO

b. 12 January 1927 Jefferson City, MO

Children: Jerome, Susan

IV Jerome Kern Runge b. 21 April 1948 Jefferson City, MO

m. Donna Lee Davenport 24 August 1968 Jeff City, MO

b. 31 March 1949 Elizabeth, N.J.

Children: Dana, Janie, Robert

V Dana Lee Runge b. 21 May 1970 Jefferson City, MO

V Janie Kay Runge b. 24 May 1978 Orlando, FL

V Robert Jay Runge b. 29 May 1982 Orlando, FL

IV Susan Ann Runge

b. 13 March 1953 Jefferson City, MO

d. 20 November 1954 Jefferson City, MO

Omar was in the US Army from 1943-45 stationed in Europe and in Japan 1950-51. In Jefferson City he was owner of Runge Sash and Door. Was a partner in Roark and Runge. President of Security Window and Door. Owner and President of Float-A-Port, Inc. During Bond's first administration was Director of the Division of General Service in the office of Administration. Since moving to Orlando, he is a salesman in the Home Improvement Department of Sears, Roebuck.

Geraldine was Corrections Industries Representative while living in Jefferson City and now is a ready and willing babysitter for little Robert, a little red head. Their address is- 8406 Port Said St., Orlando, FL 32817

Jerome managed Security Window and Door for four years after Security Window and Door was sold. Then he had his own window business until moving to Florida. Now he is an installer of Home Improvement with Aluma Kraft. This company does work for Sears. Donna is Sales Administrator for Harrell's Supply Co. Their address- 3284 Pamlico St. in Orlando, FL 32817



Rev. Ernest Runge

Fifteenth child of Rev. Ernest & Doris-

III Roland Edward Runge

b. 29 July 1928 Lohman, MO

m. Joyce Sander 19 August 1950 Palatine, IL

b. 14 April 1930 Northbrook, IL

Children: David, Deborah, Denise, Deanna

IV David James Runge b. 28 January 1952 Elgin, IL

m. Janice Ann Voight 21 September 1974 Mayville, WI

b. 28 January 1955 Mayville, WI

Child: Nathaniel

V Nathaniel Roland Runge b. 27 October 1981 Fond du Lac, WI

IV Deborah Runge b. 4 October 1953 Elgin, IL

m. John Gadziala 4 September 1976 Mayville, WI

b. 19 October 1953 Ilion, NY

Child: John

V John Stanley Gadziala b. 1 January 1982 Rochester, NY

IV Denise Runge b. 25 November 1955 Elgin, IL

m. Rev. Patrick J. Bayens 10 June 1978 Mayville, WI

b. 19 September 1951 Sheboygan, WI

Children: Seth, Daniel, David

V Seth Patrick Bayens b. 14 March 1979 Racine, WI

V Daniel Martin Bayens b. 29 April 1980 Racine, WI

V David James Bayens b. 4 July 1983 Racine, WI

IV Deanna Runge b. 20 May 1960 San Diego, CA

m. Keith Adelmeyer 20 August 1982 Mayville, WI

b. 12 June 1957 Waupun, WI

Child: Anna

V Anna Denise Adelmeyer b. 11 February 1984 Fond du Lac, WI

Roland is a graduate of Coyne Electrical Institute and is an electrician employed at the State of Wisconsin U.W. Physical Plant. Joyce, CNA, is in Medical personnel pool as well as housewife. They live at 5318 Mathews Rd., Apt. 4, Middleton, WI 53562

David is Warranty manager for Mercury Marine and Janice, housewife. Address- 715 River View Dr., Mayville, WI 53050

Debbie is an RN, a graduate of Lutheran, St. Louis and John graduated from Parks College in Illinois and is a bank examiner. Address- 49 Wood St., Canandaigua, NY 14424

Denise is an RN, a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in Racine. Patrick graduated from Concordia, Seward in '73 and from Ft. Wayne in '77, ordained that April. Their address- 2804 Green St., Racine, WI 53402

Deanna is a CNA and housewife and Keith is in construction, a machine operator and a part-time farmer. Address- Rt #1, Box 310, Brownsville, WI 53006

Roland's phone is- 1-608-231-1258

John and Mathilda Runge's fourth child-

II Louis Heinrich Johann Runge

- b. 4 November 1880 Concordia, MO
- d. 16 December 1935 Concordia, MO
- m. Sophie Carolina Ida Dina Hartmann 27 May 1906 Concordia
- b. 14 June 1883 Concordia, MO
- d. 23 September 1962 Concordia, MO

Louis was baptized 28 November 1880, sponsors being-  
Heinrich L. Bruns & Johann Kammeyer

Children: Mathilda, Amanda, Irma, Alice

III Mathilda Clara (Tillie) Runge b. 11 March 1907 Concordia

Tillie worked at Farmer's Bank of Concordia from 1926 until about 1932 when it closed. She stayed with us in Springfield and went to Draughons for 13 months. Then she was a bookkeeper for Wyman Daniel Clothing Co until going to the PX at O'Reilly Hospital. When it closed she worked at Plimmer's Piece Goods Store as bookkeeper. When she retired she took a part-time job at Karchner Heating Co. as bookkeeper. She retired from that in '81 and in '82 entered a nursing home. She has Parkinson's disease and last fall broke her hip. A steel ball was put in and she has been in a wheelchair a lot since then.

Address- Maranatha Manor Home, 233 Norton Rd, Springfield, MO 65803  
Written for us by Mandy

III Amanda Emma (Mandy) Runge b. 19 August 1909 Concordia, MO

- m. Clarence Adolph (Mike) Frerking 16 Nov 1930 Concordia
- b. 25 October 1906 Concordia

Children: Ramona, Ronald, Lowell, Rosemary, Terry

IV Ramona Frerking b. 7 August 1933 Springfield, MO

- m. Robert Lee Carmack 7 October 1951 Springfield, MO
- b. 1 November 1932 Springfield, MO

Children: Gregory, Cheryl, Cynthia

V Gregory Christopher Carmack b. 20 February 1955 Oscoda, MI

V Cheryl Ann Carmack b. 11 December 1957 Oscoda, MI

- m. Dale Edward Jennings 21 October 1978 Springfield, MO
- b. 16 March 1955

V Cynthia Louise Carmack b. 11 May 1959 Springfield, MO

- m. Rondle Dean Douglas 23 May 1981 Springfield
- b. 26 July 1958

IV Ronald Ray Frerking b. 19 November 1934 Springfield, MO

- m. Mary Louise Gelsheimer 14 June 1958 Springfield, MO
- b. 6 January 1938 Springfield

Divorced 1967

- m. Patricia DeVeaux 25 November 1968 Springfield, MO

Children (Mary's): Mark, Michael

V Mark Ray Frerking b. 15 December 1960 Springfield, MO

V Michael Andrew Frerking b. 3 February 1965 Springfield, MO

IV Lowell Louis Frerking b. 30 March 1938 Springfield, MO

- m. Cleta Elaine Brundage 1 November 1959 Springfield, MO
- b. 4 September 1939 Springfield

Children: Melanie, Andrew

V Melanie Elizabeth Frerking b. 16 August 1966 Rolla, MO

V Andrew Christian Frerking b. 25 July 1969 Springfield, MO

Louis Runge

Amanda and Mike Frerking's fourth child-

IV Rosemary Ann Frerking b. 28 March 1946 Springfield, MO

IV Terry Michael Frerking b. 6 September 1953 Springfield, MO

m. Cassandra Nossaman 15 July 1974 Rogersville, MO

b. 16 February 1956 Germany

Divorced

m. Erin Waggoner 7 March 1980 Springfield, MO

b. 17 October 1958 Springfield, MO

Children(Cassandra's):Shawn,(Erin's): Jason

V Shawn Michael Frerking b. 5 March 1975 Springfield, MO

V Jason Trevor Frerking b. 19 March 1981 Springfield, MO

"Mike" got his nickname from his dad-he always called him that.

Mike worked for Producer's Creamery-later called Mid-America Dairy for 42 yrs. We supplemented income by selling eggs and raising garden. He retired in 1972. We still have our 5 acres of fruits, nuts & garden. He also has a workshop where he made most of our furniture of walnut. He also made chancel furnishings for 3 Lutheran churches-Immanuel, Trinity & Prince of Peace. Now we are enjoying retirement and good health.

Address- R#2, Box 541 Rogersville, MO 65742

Ramona's husband, Bob, calls square dances. They went to Hawaii and then to Texas via Tulsa. He calls out West every year. Ramona goes along and lists the appointments.

Ramona's address- 5647 S. West Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

Greg is in Santa Ana, CA in advertising.

Cheryl works in office at St. John's Hospital. Dale is in Security at K-Mart.

Cindy will make us greatgrandparents in April. Ron sells plastics.

Ronald had his own wholesale Heating & Air Conditioning business but sold out after having heart trouble. Is still in Springfield but talks of moving.

Ronald's address- 906 S. Weller, Springfield, MO 65803

Mark is in Los Angeles, CA studying photography & English.

Michael at SWMS and working part-time at Dillon's.

Their mother, Mary, works at Union Nat. Bank as purchasing agent.

Lowell graduated from Rolla and is an electrical engineer. He works at RTE-ASEA in Waukesha, WI. It is a Swedish firm and he spent time in Sweden to learn about the transformers they manufacture. He travels all over the US to supervise the installation in electrical substations. Elaine is a homemaker.

Melanie starts college this fall, is working part-time.

Lowell's address- 10-14 Hwy 135, Oconowoc, WI 53066

Rosemary has been teaching music, band, singing groups, for 6 yrs at Humansville, MO. She taught at Washburn & Fair Play before this. She also gives private piano & organ lessons. Plays organ at Immanuel. Address-R#1, Box 126, Aldrich, MO 65601

Terry worked for Ronald in Heating & Air Conditioning Sales for several yrs, now does installing and repairing. Erin works part-time at Famous-Barr. They live on an acreage at R#1, Box 13 Brighton, MO 65617



I Remember Grandma and Grandpa and Aunt Mary- from Mandy

There were two ways we could walk to Grandma Runge's house. We lived by the Creamery and they lived on the place which became Uncle John's later on.

When it was muddy we went on the track but had to be very careful not to go at train time. Sometimes we walked the road along the track and then crossed over. Otherwise we would go across Mr. Tebbencamp's field. Aunt Mary would walk this path to town and for this they gave Mr. Tebbencamp some of their home-grown honey.

When we would get there, Grandma would say, "Iss gaut dat du kom bis." (It's good you came.) Then she would say that I must be hungry after walking all that way and of course, I always was. I must have been about 10 years old then. We went there a lot on Sunday afternoons and Dad would tend to bees that Grandpa had. Then by some magic they produced cottage cheese, cooked cheese, or some form of cheese, butter, home-made bread, honey, preserves, etc. They had a cow then and plenty of dairy products. Also we went at noon sometimes and they'd have chicken soup. Each child wanted a giblet, liver or a boiled egg yolk in their bowl of soup.

They had a kitchen range and I wondered why Grandpa had all these folded papers- he'd light one at a time by the range fire and light his pipe. He said, "Mit ein nitnodle mut ein anfang to sparen." (With a pin you have to start saving.) Grandma also told me that one must be content with what you have.

At night they lit the kerosene lamps and one got sleepy so early. At bedtime Grandpa always read the Scriptures. They had a metal mission box in a drawer of the glass cupboard.

I also remember "Old Frank" the horse and me riding in the buggy with Aunt Mary. Once I wanted to use the whip to make Frank go faster but Aunt Mary said, "No, you must not hit him, he is going fast enough and he's a good horse." When they got a car Frank was put out to pasture until he died. I'm sure they felt like a member of the family died then.

Grandpa was sort of short on patience and Grandma would placate him. I remember some real small gooseberries we were all stemming and he thought they not worth working up. When he got impatient, Grandma would say, "Iss doch nichts. Isst nich so slim." (It is nothing, it isn't bad.)

Christmas we would get to go in the front room. The candles on the Christmas tree were real and had to be lit. It was cold in that room but we'd sing our Christmas carols. They'd have cookies cut in animal shapes and iced.

I always thought I'd want to do as much as Grandma but there was Aunt Mary in her 40's who was strong enough to keep things going. I know now that many of the good times we had there was because she was so good and so patient-she smoothed the path between the generations.

Thrift is one thing I learned from them. If you don't save on small things, you'll never accumulate anything. Also I always admired their simple lifestyle and living from the products of their place. Their home was a second home for us.

I remember that Grandpa Runge was so worried about World War I. He did not like it one bit that we had war with Germany.

Also he told me once about working in a sugar refinery in England. I loved sweets so well and he would tease me about the fact that he had walked in the sugar with boots on and shoveled the sugar with a shovel.

Also I remember the cistern and well. I asked Grandma after I was married how she made her good coffee and she said it was the well water that made it good. Once the well failed and she could not make coffee until it was ok again.

On their Golden Wedding they hired a woman to cook the meal in the summer kitchen.

They also had a pump and a "path" as it was called. For the lack of plumbing the path led past the big mulberry tree and the lilac bushes to the outdoor privy. The lilacs were such a great idea.

When Aunt Mary married and the house was rented out- it seemed like part of my childhood went with it. Of course, by then I had children of my own and we were making new memories.

by Amanda Runge Frerking

Louis & Sophie's third child-

III Irma Dorothea Runge

b. 7 January 1914 Concordia, MO

m. Henry Edwin Ramey (Ed) 7 May 1955 Longview, WA

b. 2 April 1919 Tacoma, WA

His son: David Douglas Ramey

b. 30 January 1951 Seattle, WA

Irma worked as Secretary to Superintendent, St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, MO many years. Left for California & subsequently to Tokyo, Japan during the Occupation in support of General Douglas MacArthur in the field of media and education. Last worked for NASA in California.

Ed has always resided on the West Coast. Served with US Marines WWII at Guadalcanal. Graduated USC, BS in Accounting. Holds CPA. Retired in California after many years with USAF and NASA.

David has a Master's degree in Enology from the University of California and is an Enologist residing in Healdsburg, CA.

Irma's address: P.O. Box 221861 Carmel, CA 93922

THE CONCORDIAN dated August 1, 1914-

There was a picture in an ad showing an Overland Model 79. It said there would be three styles of Studebakers in 1915. These were being sold by Deke and Runge. Same issue had a news item stating that the Runge relatives went to the Big City of Alma to catch the train for Sylvan Grove, Kansas and attend the wedding of Johnny Runge.

Louis Runge

Louis and Sophie Runge fourth child-

III Alice Anna Runge b. 10 November 1918 Concordia, MO

m. Walter Spinks Carter, Jr. 25 Jan. 1943 St. Louis  
b. 9 April 1915 Scooba, MS

Children: Bradley, Walter III, Barbara

IV Bradley Duke Carter b. 2 November 1943 Detroit, MI

m. Genevieve McFadden 9 April 1966

b. 4 March 1944 Home Cades, SC

Children: Elizabeth, Helen

V Elizabeth Duke Carter b. 4 March 1969 Starkville, MS

V Helen Tyler Carter b. 19 July 1972 Starkville, MS

IV Walter Spinks Carter III (Corky)

b. 4 May 1947 Memphis, TN

m. Julianna Bell 7 March 1969

b. 10 September 1949 Mobile, AL

Children: Jay, Walter, Bradley

V Jay Wilson Carter b. 31 October 1969 Senatobia, MS

V Walter Scott Carter b. 20 August 1972 Senatobia, MS

V Bradley Collin Carter b. 10 February 1980 Senatobia, MS

IV Barbara Ann Carter (Barbie)

b. 10 December 1951 West Point, MS

m. Kris Van Eaton 24 April 1976

b. 25 December 1947 Memphis, TN

After Daddy died in Concordia, mother and I moved to Springfield with Tillie and close to Mandy and Mike. A new world opened for me. After a year at Business College I got a job in the office of Big Smith Factory in Carthage, MO. I was truly on my own.

Then came WW II and my whole life changed. I met Walter Carter, Jr., a buck private at Camp Crowder. He was from Scooba, MS. At that time Mississippi seemed way across the world. Walter was slated for OCS- so we went to Scooba to meet his people. (He had a leave before going to OCS.) It was another world but a lovely one.

After Walter got his commission we met in St. Louis and were married. Then to Asbury Park and Long Beach, New Jersey--and then to Detroit where Walter was Payroll and Personell Officer. I took a job at General Motors (Fisher Body division) and worked until Brad was born. We were fortunate to stay in Detroit the duration of the war.

We came back to Scooba and Walter got his discharge as Capt. Carter at Camp Shelby at Hattiesburg, MS. Walter had taught math and coached football before he went to war so we went back to his school in Olive Branch, MS to take his old job. Here our second child was born.



Louis Runge

History of Alice and Walter Carter cont'd-

In 1950 an aunt of Walter's in West Point, MS asked us to move there and operate a 1500 acre farm. This was quite a change for us but we tried it. Barbara was born while we lived there. The farm was not what Walter was trained for- so back to Olive Branch and coaching football and math. Then in 1963 Walter was elected County Superintendent of Schools where he stayed until retirement in 1976. I worked as book-keeper at Home Telephone Company for about 10 years until the children finished college.

Bradley attended Mississippi State University and the University of Arkansas. Has his doctorate in I.E. and Computer Sciences. Genevieve attended Wm and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Brad is head of computer department at MS State University. They live in Starkville, MS.

Corky attended Mississippi State University and has his doctorate in School Administration. He is sales rep for Central School Supplies in Jackson, MS but live in Senatobia, MS. Julianna attended MSCW, a girls college in Columbus, MS.

Barbie attended University of Mississippi and MS Southern University and has a degree in journalism. Kris has his in accounting. Barbie is employed by Holiday Inns where she is manager of internal communications and Kris is Operations Manager for Executone of Memphis, Inc. They live in Memphis. Note- Olive Branch is not far from Memphis, TN

Alice and Walter's address- 9103 E Mason, Olive Branch, MS  
38654

Obituary from THE CONCORDIAN-

Funeral Service Here for Mrs. Sophie Runge, 78  
Mrs. Sophie Runge, 78, of Springfield, sister of E.C. Hartmann of Concordia passed away Sunday at St. John's Hospital there, following a brief illness.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. William J. Wollenburg, were held here Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 in St. Paul's Cemetery. The pallbearers were Rev. F.A. Baeppler, Vernon Schlesselman, Theodore Henning, Paul Runge, Walter Frerking and John Hartwig.

Mrs. Runge, the daughter of William and Mathilda Dierking Hartmann, was born in Concordia on June 14, 1883. Her husband, Louis Runge, died December 26, 1935. After her husband's death Mrs. Runge moved to Springfield, where she made her home with a daughter. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Tillie Runge and Mrs. Clarence Frerking, both of Springfield, Mrs. Irma Ramey of Sunnyvale, CA, and Mrs. Walter Carter of Olive Branch, MS; one brother, Edward C. Hartmann of Concordia; one sister, Mrs. John Buss of Golden, IL

Note- Her age should have been 79 in paper.

Louis Runge

THE CONCORDIAN dated January 2, 1936

CALLED HOME SUDDENLY

A Valuable Citizen Passed Away on Second Christmas Day.

At times it is very difficult to say something about a person who passes to the Great Beyond, especially when it comes to chronicle the death of a life-long friend, who was called to meet his Master just then-Louis Runge, our old friend for years, who was called home on the morning of December 26, 1935, while he was taking his morning meal. Just through with this world, the Christmas joys of the family, to rejoice in the world hereafter. Sad, but glorious indeed.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, and the St. Paul Lutheran church, of which he was a member, was filled to the last seat, to pay homage to a man who was beloved by all. The funeral service was most impressive-his pastor, the Rev. O. Heilman, preached on the century-old song "Mitten wir im Leben sind mit dem Tod umpfängen." (Media vita in morte sumus.) the two last verses are by Dr. Martin Luther. And this song was sung by the choir. Prof. A.W. Reese, of St. Paul College, preached in English on John 38, vs 9-14.

Louis Runge, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Runge, was born November 3, 1880, near Concordia. He died at the age of 55 years, 1 month, and 23 days. He was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. Biltz. He married Miss Sophie Hartman, May 27, 1906. The happy union was blessed with four children, namely Mathilda; Amanda, Mrs. Clarence Frerking, Springfield, MO; Irma and Alice at home, and one son-in-law Clarence Frerking, Springfield, MO. He leaves four brothers and one sister: Rev. Ernest Runge, Lohman, MO; John of Sylvan Grove, Kas.; Edwin, Adolph and Mary (Mrs. Arthur Schlesselmann), all of Concordia, and his aged mother and many other relatives and friends.

After the services the remains were taken to the Lutheran cemetery and laid to rest until the last trumpet shall sound for resurrection-that's our faith and belief.

The pallbearers were: George Wodrich, Harry Oetting, T.A. Bergmann, Otto Bredehoeft, Wm Stratman, and Adolph H. Frerking.

Flowers were carried by Paul Runge, Francis Runge, Olinda Runge, and Ethel Mae Hartman.

The bereaved have our deepest sympathy in their hours of sorrow.

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There was an abstract in Edwin Runge's papers concerning the Lieser Building. This is where Louis and Edwin built and operated the electrical plant for Concordia. As of '84 Nierman Equipment Company occupies the building. The first transaction was the grant of land to Conrad Stienkel (Stuenkel) in 1849. Then it went to Henry & Louise Stuenkel in 1850. Then to Gordon, Westerhouse & Detert, Uphouses, Bruders, Walkenhorsts, Rehkop, Empire Lumber Company, courthouse door, Glahn & Walkenhorst and then to Friedrich & Louisa Lieser. The price increase says they built it plus the fact it's in the face of building at the top.

John and Mathilda's fifth child-

II Edwin Martin Runge

b. 21 February 1883 Concordia, MO

d. 7 November 1972 Concordia, MO

m. Anna Melinda Dorothea Kammeyer 2 October 1910  
Concordia

b. 18 December 1888 Concordia, MO

d. 5 October 1929 Concordia, MO

Edwin's baptismal sponsors were: Heinrich  
Gieseke & Martin Bruns

m. Anna Henning Haesemeyer 24 June 1934 Concordia, MO

b. 23 August 1889 Flora (Near Alma), MO

d. 3 July 1969 Sweet Springs, MO

Her child: Louise m. Herman Eggers, Jr

2 ch- Robert, Ray

Child (Anna K's): Paul

III Paul Fritz Runge b. 9 January 1914 Concordia, MO

m. Loberta Louise Tiemann 19 February 1939 Gaines-

b. 1 July 1919 Alma, MO ville, FL

Children: Ann, Dale, Tom

IV Barbara Ann Runge b. 10 November 1939 Lexington, MO

m. David Dean Glaze 23 August 1964 Higginsville, MO

b. 29 March 1931 Winfield, KS

Children: Paul & Eric (Twins)

V Paul Spencer Glaze b. 23 June 1973 Sherman Oaks, CA

V Eric Reese Glaze b. 23 June 1973 Sherman Oaks, CA

IV Dale Elwin Runge b. 7 October 1942 Mayo, FL  
d. 2 September 1977 Higginsville, MO

m. Dorothy Hosler 14 August 1970 N. Hollywood, CA  
Separated in 1976

IV Paul Thomas Runge b. 11 November 1946 Atlanta, GA

m. Donna Mae Davis Houston 2 August 1975 Higginsville

b. 25 July 1947 Grain Valley, MO

Her children: Kelly Houston b. 10 July 1968

Kyle Houston b. 7 July 1970

Their child: Keenan

V Keenan Drew Runge b. 15 December 1976 Higginsville, MO

An interesting happening-

A number of years ago we had friends located in Germany for a time. One day a letter came from them with a picture of a RUNGE ELECTRIC store in Schwarmstedt, West Germany. They were wondering if any relation perhaps? We are still wondering.



## Paul's history-

He learned the mechanics of the printing trade under J.J. Bredehoeft at THE CONCORDIAN. After trying at several jobs in Kansas City, he came to Alma to help print THE ALMA COURIER. Loberta was working part-time as a soda "jerk" at the local Fisher's Drug Store. For some strange reason Paul had a yen for a coke (liquid in a glass) every afternoon. Soon it seemed that a job that paid more than room and board plus enough cash for a pack of cigarettes each week was needed. Ads from Alaska and Florida were answered with qualification. The ad in Florida paid off-he became editor and manager of the county "rag" in Mayo. After he settled in, he sent bus fare to Loberta, who had never set foot on a bus, train or plane. We came back to Missouri for a short time for an appendectomy for Paul and a baby for Loberta. They must have thought there were no doctors in Florida. During the stay in Florida, Paul became very active as a volunteer with Boy Scouts. Soon he was convinced that a career in that field would be wise. He was in the last class where each was required to pay his own expenses.

The first job as a professional Scouter was Pee Dee Council in Sumter, South Carolina. Salary was a guaranteed \$1700 per year. After a brief move to Marion also in S.C. there was a promotion to the Atlanta Area Council. The only house available was in a small settlement called Rex. It had a country store, a church, post office, chair factory and a flour mill which had the original paddle wheel still turned by a stream. This all lay just over the hill from where Tara was supposed to have been from Margaret Mitchel's description. The earth was truly red clay. Then a move to another interesting spot. There was a 70 acre bit of land surrounded by the city of Atlanta which had been preserved by its original owners in its natural state-no pigs or cows had ever run over it. The big house on the south end was used as a nature museum. There was a hovel on the north end needing occupants who would "do something". It was made livable and the children learned to love nature as never before. The last news of Fernbank Forest is that a beautiful new museum was built where "our house" stood.

Then the decision to start a new business was made. Paul's hobby had been model airplanes for some time. Now he wanted to have remote control in them. Much difficulty was encountered in finding parts. So an idea was born! Why not provide a mail-order service for other enthusiasts and where but in the midwest could a better location be found? After a few setbacks along the way, the world renowned (ahem) Ace Radio Control, Inc. became a reality. Home is at 1107 Main in Higginsville. Now photography, in the form of copying old and priceless family pictures, is an absorbing past time.

Tom and Donna have purchased Ace and now provide employment for at least 30 people in a town that needs work for people.

Ann and David live at 14817 Sutton St., Sherman Oaks, CA 91403. David had a business of imports in a gift line but the economic forced a closure. He now works for another company in the same sort of product. Ann is back in school learning how to be a word processor.

THE CONCORDIAN dated November 1972-

Edwin M. Runge, 89, a prominent business man and citizen here for many years, passed away early Tuesday morning at the Lutheran Nursing Home where he had been a resident since May 12, 1970.

Funeral services will be held this morning (Thursday) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 10:30 with Rev. William J. Wollenburg officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Runge was born February 21, 1883 at Concordia, the son of John and Mathilde Bruns Runge. He was married to Anna Kammeyer on October 10, 1910. She died in October, 1929. He was married to Anna Henning Haesemeyer in June, 1934, and she preceded him in death in July, 1969.

He was a life long member of St. Paul's Church, a member of the Voter's Assembly and former chairman, the mayor of Concordia from 1944 to 1954, and a member of the Concordia public school board for many years. He was in business as an electrician for 58 years until in 1966, when he broke his ankle, forcing him to retire.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Herman (Louise) Eggers of Higginsville; a son, Paul F. Runge of Higginsville; a brother John M. Runge of Concordia, and five grandchildren. Three brothers and one sister also preceded him in death.

The family received friends at the James Funeral Home from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday.

Mr. Runge's business career began October 3, 1908, when the voters of Concordia granted a franchise to him and his brother Louis Runge, to operate an electric light plant in the city. The franchise was to remain in effect for 20 years, but in 1917 the Runges sold their plant to the Warrensburg Light, Heat and Power Company which later became part of Missouri Public Service Company.

The Runges also opened an electric supply store in 1908 and it remained in continuous operation until Edwin Runge's retirement in 1966. The firm observed its fiftieth anniversary in 1958.

The Runges also operated a garage from 1909 to 1919 when they sold that business to Harry (Dick) Oetting. While the Runges operated the business they sold Fords, Buicks, Studebakers, and Chevrolets at various times. Edwin Runge continued to operate the electric store by himself after the death of Louis Runge in 1935.

Pallbearers at the funeral Thursday were Omar H. Kammeyer, Kenneth Hinck, Dr. Herbert Scholle, Melvin J. Frerking, Walter Nierman and Harold J. Flandermeyer.

THE CONCORDIAN dated March 16, 1983

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Henry Pape, Walter G. Roepe and Ed M. Runge, members of the Concordia Board of Education went to Lexington Tuesday and presented their arguments on why Concordia should have a four-year high school term.



THE CONCORDIAN dated October 1929-

Mrs. Edwin M. Runge Dead

End Came October 5 at the Lakeside Hospital, Kansas City.

It is hard to part from our beloved, but still it was ever thus and it will be so until the end of time. How well to know that those who go are at rest and their souls are among the blessed.

Mrs. Edwin Runge had been ailing for some time. On September 29, she and her husband went to Kansas City to see a specialist and on September 30 Mrs. Runge underwent a surgical operation at Lakeside Hospital. She died there on Saturday morning, October 5, at 9:00 o'clock, at an age of 40 years, 9 months and 17 days.

The body was shipped to Concordia and the funeral was held from the house of mourning on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. Services were held in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and her pastor, the Rev. F. Brust and Prof. L.W. Spitz of St. Paul's College preached consoling sermons. The Ladies' Choir of St. Paul's sang appropriate songs of the Christian faith and hope. Many were present to do the last honors to a beloved wife and a loving mother. Burial was made in Lutheran cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Fritz Schlesselmann, Henry Schlesselmann, Louis Dierker, W.A.H. Oetting, Milton Rehkop and Paul Oetting. Ten little nieces carried the flowers which now cover the grave of the departed.

Mrs. Edwin M. Runge, nee Anna Kammeyer, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kammeyer, and was born at Concordia, Mo., December 18, 1888. (Her father preceded her in death.) She attended the Lutheran parochial day school and was confirmed in the Christian faith. Here she lived her child and maiden life. On October 2, 1910, she was married to Edwin Runge, and the happy union was blessed with one son, Paul. She was a modest and kind woman, beloved by all who knew her, and most by the now bereaved husband and her son Paul.

She is survived by her husband and son, her grandmother, Mrs. Malinda Frerking, her mother and stepfather August Lohman, and one sister, Paula, Mrs. Alfred Fuchs and three brothers, Arthur Kammeyer, and Henry and Fritz Lohman, all of Concordia and many other relatives and friends.

The mourners have our heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement. Thus another devoted wife and mother and loving daughter and sister and kind and true friend has closed her eyes for the last sleep to awaken in eternity.

"Lo, the Lamb Himself now feeds On Mount Zion's pastures fair;  
From His central thrine He leads them By the living fountains  
there; Lamb and Shepherd, God Supreme, Free He gives the con-  
soling stream."

Taken from CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY-

Mr. Ed M. Runge tells that as a boy in the Hamm school, their teacher let them go to the window to see a huge drainage plow pass by pulled by forty yoke (80) of oxen by which the farmers tried to drain the Davis Bottoms.



John and Mathilda's sixth child-

II Adolph Karl Louis Runge

b. 12 February 1885 Concordia, MO

d. 12 June 1970 Concordia, MO

m. Katharine Louise (Katie) Martens 21 May 1911 Concordia

b. 4 May 1889 Concordia, MO

d. 4 February 1974 Concordia, MO

Katie was a daughter of John and Anna Bruns Martens

Children: Omar, Ortwin, Florence, Gertrude, Olinda, Lois,

Julia, Lambert

III Omar &

III Ortwin (Twins) b. & d. 26 August 1912 Concordia, MO

III Florence Mathilde Anna Runge b. 29 August 1913 Concordia

m. Melchor Dacanay Carino 30 August 1947

b. 1 January 1900 Philippines

d. 6 October 1975 Maywood, IL

Children: Katherine, Mercedes, David

IV Katherine Runge Carino b. 11 June 1949 Maywood, IL

m. Roderick O'Shields December 1971

Divorced April 1982

Children: Murali, Vrindavana, Manjari

V Murali b. 27 February 1973 Honolulu, Oahu, HI

V Vrindavana Pearl b. 16 November 1974 Santa Cruz, CA

V Manjari b. 9 April 1978 Kahuku, Oahu, HI

IV Mercedes Runge Carino b. 22 November 1950 Maywood, IL

IV David Runge Carino b. 21 September 1953 Maywood, IL

Florence's family- My home was Pine Ridge Farm, the same farm that Grandparents Runge once lived on. I worked in Kansas City, Ft. Wayne, IN, and Chicago, IL before I married Melchor. We lived at 1415 S. 19th Ave while in Maywood. I sold the house in 1978 and moved to Honolulu. I received a B.S. in Education at CMSTC in 1942. Taught high school for 4 years. After being a housewife and mother for awhile, I worked at Hines Hospital as a lab technician. Then for 12 years as a Blind Rehabilitation Therapist (teaching typing, handwriting, braille, cooking and sewing). I retired in 1978. Here in Hawaii I'm doing volunteer work for the Lutheran Philippine (Filipino) Mission, for Good Shepherd Church, for Ho'opono Blind Center and for Shelter for Abused Spouses and Children.

The children are mostly in California now. Katherine is taking care of her three little girls alone now. Mercedes is free-lancing in graphic art. David is working on a PhD in engineering at Stanford.

Florence's address: Apt B608, 1555 Pohaku St., Honolulu, HI  
96817

## Memories from Florence-

My memories of Grandma and Grandpa Runge go far back, and therefore very sketchy.

We used to celebrate Christmas three days: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Second Christmas Day, with the children's program on Christmas Eve and full church services the next two days. The evening of Second Christmas was a program by the choir and Walther League. On Christmas Eve we had our tree and gifts at home. The other two days were spent at the two Grandma's houses, alternating. Aunt Mary had a little artificial tree with candles and she would line us children up by it and we'd sing, "Ihr Kinderlein Kommet", "Gott Ist Die Liebe", and whatever else we had learned that year. Then we would open our presents.

Many Sunday dinners were held at Grandma's too, with all the relatives. We had Aunt Mary's famous chicken soup for dinner, with arguments over who would get the little bunch of egg yolks in it. There was a swing on the front porch and a pot of petunias-they were only white in those days. There were also ground cherries and everbearing strawberries and the ever-present grape vines. In the corner near the road was a bunch of hemp. One time Irma confided to me, "That's marihuana." We, even at that time, knew what marihuana was, but never heard of anyone using it.

Grandpa had his bee hives. He would put on the veil to harvest the honey. Honey was permanently on the table, and Grandpa would urge us to have some. "It's even better than candy!"

There were always the dolls-one a tin-headed boy doll and other toys to play with. Grandma baked whole wheat bread-dark and heavy, sliced thin and oh, so very good. We used to stop by every day after school with our cousins, Paula and Esther Martens, and we'd always get cookies or a snack.

One evening Mom got very sick with a terrible pain in her side and we were sent to stay overnight with Grandma. I wondered why Grandma wasn't too concerned when I told her. The next morning we had a baby sister. We had to go to school but after school we ran all the way home!

We lived in the house that had been Grandma and Grandpa's. It had a 50-foot well with wonderfully sweet water. It had a rope on a pulley with a bucket on the end. I drew up many a bucket of water from that well. It had a great slab of sandstone as a step in front of it which was also good for cracking those hard-shelled hickory nuts that grew in our woods. And I remember those yellow roses.

We always went to Grandpa's on the Fourth of July. Uncle Louie would bring ice, Pop would bring the cream for home-made ice cream, and probably Uncle Edwin brought the freezer which was cranked by hand. We ate all we could hold and when it was dark enough we had our sparklers.

I remember the old telescope that Grandpa used to read the time on the Evangelical church tower. He would set the clock-which was always fast on the down side and late on the up. Sometimes he would let us listen to his pocket watch which was kept on the shelf beside the clock. He said, "It says 'Vit Kop, Vit Kop'" (meaning a head of white hair or a tow-head).

Grandma taught me to sew with a thimble and a tiny needle (thinking small hands should have a small needle). Grandpa would show us how to peel pears from top to bottom instead of around like apples. They also had this wooden "Moeln" (I don't know how to spell it), a trough-like utensil used for peeling potatoes, or whatever while sitting in the wicker rocker by the stove.

I have a silver tea set that Grandma gave me. I never remember them using it. The silver was mostly polished off since Aunt Mary was a vigorous housekeeper.

I remember the Golden Wedding celebration. Aunt Mary had the house all cleaned and new paint on the porch. Mrs. Oelrich was hired to cook. The grandchildren sang, "Weil Ich Jesu Schaeflein Bin". We children watched the young people play round games. It was prohibition time, so the only beer they had was Budweiser near-beer, and we children were allowed to drink some because there was no alcohol in it. The photographer came to take a family picture. This was 1924, the same time that we were building the new house.

The mail box was on the other side of the railroad tracks, about a quarter mile away, where the road went over steep grade to get over the tracks.

I remember Grandpa's cow, and after it was gone, it was our job to bring a little bucket of milk to Grandpa's. We had a path thru the pasture, across the holler, under the barbed-wire fence, and thru the field to get to Grandpa's house. I remember Frank, the horse and the buggy. We played in the hay in the barn. There was a huge bunch of lilac trees, hiding the view of the outdoor toilet. And of course the summer kitchen, under which was the cellar. All the canning was done in the summer kitchen.

Aunt Mary taught me how to make tatting. Grandma did only crocheting. She knew only one or two patterns and that's what she did after she came to live with us. She made yards and yards of it. Then she would read and read. Her eyesight was failing, but she read the same stories from old copies of the "Kinderblatt" and other books over and over again. She said, "Never mind, they are always new to me."

Aunt Mary was 40 when she married Arthur Schlesselman. Grandma said she always prayed that Aunt Mary would find a husband some day. That's when Grandma came to live at our house. We celebrated her 80th birthday and Pastor Heilman had a sermonette which turned out to be a dialogue between him and Grandma.

by Florence Runge Carino



Adolph Runge

Fourth child of Adolph and Katie Runge-

III Gertrude Emilie Mary Runge

b. 17 February 1916 Concordia, MO

m. John Yount Harding 25 August 1940 Concordia, MO

b. 21 February 1913 Chilhowee, MO

Divorced July 1968

m. Henry C. Niermeier 20 June 1981 Houston, TX

b. 5 July 1913 Ludell, KS

Children (John's): John, Richard, Sylvia

IV John Runge Harding b. 14 October 1942 Sweet Springs, MO

IV Richard Louis Harding b. 11 January 1944 Concordia, MO

m. Kathleen Warwas 30 November 1968 Houston, TX

b. 7 November 1946 Cuero, TX

Children: James, Shannan

V James Richard Harding b. 31 July 1971 Houston, TX

V Shannan Harding b. 29 April 1973 Houston, TX

IV Sylvia Ann Harding b. 1 August 1946 Hot Springs, AK

m. Matthew Miertschin 29 December 1964 Houston, TX

b. 12 March 1942 San Antonio, TX

Children: Denise, Michael, David

V Denise Miertschin b. 10 May 1969 Houston, TX

V Michael Miertschin b. 4 May 1972 Houston, TX

V David Miertschin b. 30 January 1980 Houston, TX

Gertrude was a teacher and school principal for 34 years. She lived in Missouri for 26 years, California for 2 years, Arkansas for 15 years and Texas for 24 years. John Harding was a teacher and served in the US Marines. Henry is a retired teacher and editor.

Their address- 6809 Notre Dame Drive, Austin, TX 78723

John lives in Fort Worth, TX and is a painter.

Richard lives in Houston, TX and is an electrical engineer.

Sylvia's husband is a 3-M salesman, they live in Tomball, TX.

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In the CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY, we learned that Mrs. Adolph Runge was a founding member of HARMONY EXTENSION CLUB which was organized in 1940. They participated in many worthwhile activities, and raised money through bake sales and dinners at farm auctions. Beautification with flowers and shrubs around town has been one of their aims.

## My memories-

It might be interesting to know that Greatgrandpa Bruns bought or helped to buy the bell that hangs in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. Grandma told me that the sales brochure showed a bell swinging and pealing forth "COME, COME, COME". She said she was reminded of that brochure every time she heard the churchbell ring.

It was generally known that the Bushwhackers made a practice of forcing people to help them in their raids. Aunt Mary told me that on one night they came to Greatgrandpa Bruns' house. The whole family was roused and asked to wait on them. Grandma was just a young girl at that time, but she had to stand barefooted in her nightgown and hold the oil lamp for the bushwhackers while they waited for Greatgrandpa to get dressed. In the confusion and darkness of the bedroom, Greatgrandpa could not find his socks before some noise outdoors alarmed the bushwhackers and they galloped off leaving Greatgrandpa behind. Grandma said it was surely the Lord's protection that saved her father from being kidnapped.

Grandpa Runge was born in Germany. He was not drafted into Bismarck's army because one of his shoulders was slightly lower than the other. He emigrated to England and worked in a sugar mill before coming to America. He came to Concordia by way of New Orleans and the Mississippi River. He worked for Greatgrandpa Bruns as a farm hand and later married one of his daughters. As a wedding gift Grandma received the farm on which we all grew up. They built the house which was the birthplace of all their children and six in our family. Grandpa later bought the land which Cordie now owns. He was proud of that small farm because he purchased it with his own money. He built a retirement home on this mini-farm and continued farming on a much smaller scale. He had a Jersey cow, a black horse named Frank, a small flock of chickens, some bee hives in the orchard and a flourishing garden.

The rich milk from that Jersey cow was separated in the "summer kitchen" by a small hand-operated separator and then hung in the well to cool. For years Grandma churned her own butter in a wooden churn. We loved the fresh buttermilk. There was always homebaked whole wheat bread, fresh butter and honey in the comb on the table at mealtime.

Each day Grandpa walked to the mailbox across the railroad tracks to get the "Westliche Post", the only German daily newspaper published west of the Mississippi River. It was sent out from St. Louis by train early in the morning and the mailman delivered it before noon.

One of Grandma's brothers went to Oregon to seek his fortune. It seems that he borrowed money from Grandpa Runge to invest in lumber and gold stock, which, unfortunately, yielded nothing. Thereafter the relationship between the two men was strained to say the least. I remember a Mary Doblle, Dad's cousin, came to visit in Missouri at one time. I believe her son is the only remaining descendant of the Bruns family in Oregon.

## Continuing My memories-

Grandpa was a conservationist. For every tree that was cut down, another was planted. He planted a grove of catalpa trees west of the house to stem erosion. He made use of the natural springs on the farm and built cisterns to hold the rain water. I had never heard if he could "witch" for water, but Dad said that Uncle Ernest had that talent.

I remember well when the old horse, Frank, died. Dad, Uncle Edwin and Uncle Louis dug a grave down the hill from Grandma's house. I was sent up to see Grandma during that time and she gave me a marigold from her garden. When the final spadeful of earth was tossed on the grave, Dad made me put that single marigold on top. I remember I was a bit reluctant, but I complied. Dad was a bit sentimental about animals. When our faithful old dog, Shep, died, Dad put a concrete block on his grave and planted an iris bulb.

After old Frank died, Grandpa bought a beautiful "glassed-in" sedan- an Overland. Aunt Mary had to learn to drive. The car jerked and bumped along with Aunt Mary at the wheel and Grandpa and Grandma sitting high on the back seat. There must have been something faulty about that old Overland, because on one occasion when Dad had to drive it he said, "Anyone who can drive THAT car can drive ANY car."

We had sheep for a number of years. I remember gathering tufts of wool that hung on the barbed wire fence or thorn bushes. The sheep grazed the grass in the woods and gave it the neat appearance of recent mowing. Because of this, Runge's woods was a popular place for picnics and outings. In the spring of the year we gathered spring beauties, violets, Dutchman's breeches, and may-apples. Later in the year there were wild gooseberries and blackberries and then in the fall, hickory and walnuts.

Dad enjoyed evergreens and collected quite a variety of ornamental trees and shrubs. He gathered cedar seedlings and grew "Christmas trees" in rows behind the garden. He sold the trees in December which always provided our family with a kind of Christmas bonus.

by Gertrude Runge Niermeier

In CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY is listed a Max Doblle as a Mayor of Concordia from 1906 until 1918. Was he related ?

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Thanks to Olinda for sharing the copy of Certificate of Citizenship for John Runge. Also for the shares of stock owned by H.D. Bruns and John Runge which are in the appendix. She also recalled hearing that her Grandpa John had come to America via the ship, "ALVINA".



Adolph Runge

Fifth child of Adolph and Katie Runge-

III Olinda Katharine Runge

b. 24 August 1918 Concordia, MO

m. Lambert Adolph Frerking 1 June 1941 Concordia, MO

b. 10 August 1918 Concordia, MO

Lambert is a descendant of John Frerking and Eliese Kammeyer, so he is distantly related to Rev. Ernest family as well as Paul Runge and of course, Clarence and Mandy's family.

Children: Jane, Joel

IV Jane Frerking

b. 28 August 1942 Concordia, MO

m. James R. McCance 15 September 1962 Kansas City, MO

b. 12 July 1940 d. 25 October 1967

m. Stephen Richard Harrell 13 December 1970 Raytown, MO

b. 19 October 1940

IV Joel Frerking

b. 4 February 1948 Warrensburg, MO

m. Jeanette Adrian 22 May 1976 Mission, KS

b. 23 September 1947 Kansas City, MO

Children: Brandon, Jared

V Brandon Adrian Frerking

b. 16 October 1977 Cincinnati, OH

V Jared Adrian Frerking

b. 11 August 1981 Cincinnati, OH

Lindy says- I was born in the "old house" as we called the house in which Grandpa and Grandma had lived. I was the third daughter being preceded by Florence and Gertrude. I attended St. Paul's School and Concordia High School. My formal education included one year at Missouri at Columbia. During WWII I married Lambert and we lived on a farm ten miles west of Concordia owned by his Uncle Ferd Frerking. We moved to Kansas City in 1951 and lived there at 1504 East 49th Terrace, K.C., MO till 1967 when we moved to Prairie Village, KS.

From 1957 till 1979 I was employed by Spencer Chemical Co. which later became a subsidiary of Gulf Oil Company. My work was very interesting because I was directly involved with the chemical research in both plastics and agricultural chemicals development.

Our children attended Immanuel Lutheran School and Paseo High School in Kansas City. Both are graduates of Missouri University of Kansas City. Jane is employed as a testing specialist as a civilian employee of the K.C. MO Police Department. Joel is presently at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio caring for his two little boys and establishing a fine furniture refinishing business.

Lambert and I are both now retired from our jobs but manage to keep busy in conventional ways. We live at 5115 West 66th Terr. Prairie Village, KS 66208

Jane's address- 9918 North Wayne, Kansas City, MO

Joel's address- 6935 Wetheredge Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45230

Olinda's Memories- Mine run quite parallel to Florence and Gertrude's in the early years. One of the favorite songs at Christmas time at Grandma's was Uncle Louie leading us in the responsive song "Wo hin, Ihr Kinderlein, wo hin? Ihr seit ja auf der Reise?" We would reply in chorus, "Nach Bethlehem ist unsern Sinn, Wir tragen Blumen Streusse."

The chicken soup at Grandma's was never topped. It always had bits of fresh parsley from the garden floating on top. Her china had little bunches of pink roses around the edge and a golden "R" in Old English in the center. Her silver was very plain with tiny beading along the handles. A white table cloth was used every company Sunday. Remember the time everyone's piece of cocoanut pie flipped over and landed upside down on their plates? We all went into howls of laughter. I guess it was a happy family because we always had such good times.

I remember still the fragrance of the white lilacs along the garden fence and the big lavender lilac in the back yard. We played house and Indian in and out of that lilac bush. I remember the nest eggs in the barn which were milk-white blown glass placed in strategic spots to encourage the roaming, adventurous hens to lay eggs in places we could reach.

One of the staple foods on Grandma's table was cooked cheese. I think everyone will recall how tasty it was on her dark bread. She also made a cheese ball which was started with cottage cheese and compressed with her hands until it was solid, smooth and ripe. Yummy! It had a pale greenish color. While I'm thinking of good things to eat, I have to recall Aunt Sophie's veal loaf and her lebkuchen made with honey. Indescribably delicious! Aunt Annie's (Paul's mother) kitchen fascinated me. It had cabinets built along the walls. The most delicious cakes came from that kitchen.

I remember Grandpa lighting his pipe with a strip of paper folded fourfold into  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8$  or 10 inches with which he would touch the stove fire for a tiny flame. This was a "fawmpt". It saved matches.

Uncle Louie, Uncle Edwin and Pop all had Buick touring cars- very open air, leather upholstery, and fun to climb in and out of and pretend travelling when they were lined up in a row at Grandma's on a Sunday afternoon. Aunt Mary's Overland was the first sedan in the family. Pop conceded that she was the best driver in the family - to be able to drive THAT car.

We were always happy when our cousins from Blackburn came to visit. Sometimes they were allowed to stay a week or longer. When Henry came, we always played Indian. When Erica, Dinny or Louise came we made pottery from clay or sculptures from soapstone. When Ernie stayed at our house for a while, he taught us little songs like, "There was a parson in Derby" and "Casey Jones". Ernie played a ukelele.

Grandpa was an avid reader, I believe. There were always periodicals such as "Der Lutheraner", "Abendschule", and "Kinderblatt" which he would read to us by lamplight.

Adolph Runge

Sixth child of Adolph and Katie Runge-

III Lois Lillian Runge b. 24 March 1924 Concordia, MO

m. Edwin Emerson Trainor 10 March 1951 Concordia, MO

b. 23 February 1926 Kansas City, MO

Children: Amy, Leslie, Laura, Rosemary

IV Amy Trainor b. 22 February 1953 Smithville, MO

IV Leslie Edwin Trainor b. 9 June 1955 Smithville, MO

m. Barbara Ann Schmedemann 9 August 1975 Prairie Vlg, KS

b. 14 April 1954

Children: Joshua, Sarah

V Joshua David Trainor b. 30 April 1978 Clarksville, TN

V Sarah Ann Trainor b. 24 January 1982 Clarksville, TN

IV Laura Ann Trainor b. 22 March 1957 Smithville, MO

m. James Theodore Podrebarac 27 June 1981 Mission, KS

b. 19 August 1955 Kansas City, KS

IV Rosemary Trainor b. 24 December 1962 Smithville, MO

Lois writes that she is a teacher.

Amy is a nurse.

Leslie is an industrial engineer.

Laura is an occupational therapist.

Rosemary is a student at K State.

She remembers that Grandpa Runge was still chopping wood when he was in his eighties. Grandma Runge's Christmas tree always had real candles on it.

Lois's address- 5208 W. 65th Terr. Shawnee Mission, KS 66202

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Katherine nee Martens Runge is a descendant of John Henry Bruns who gave the acre of land for the first church in what later became Concordia. This John Henry died in December of 1842. His children were, according to his will, as follows: John Henry, Fredrick, William, Conrad and a daughter, Dorothea. John Henry's first wife was Christine Frerking. One of their six children was August E. Bruns who married Louisa Kueck and they had six daughters and one son. This is our "Aunt Katie's" family.



Adolph Runge

Seventh child of Adolph and Katie Runge-

III Julia Lilly Runge b. 30 June 1927 Concordia, MO

m. Clarence M. Moses, Jr. (Mike) 9 June 1951 Beloit, WI

b. 26 August 1928 Beloit, WI

Children: Beth, William, Paul, Nancy

IV Beth Ann Moses b. 27 February 1954 Cleveland, OH

m. Nick Iafigliola 16 July 1977 Parma, OH

b. 27 August 1953 Cleveland, OH

Child: Brett

V Brett James Iafigliola b. 8 June 1982 Parma, OH

IV William Robert Moses (Bill) b. 8 May 1956 Cleveland, OH

m. Elaine Ristau 28 June 1980 Parma, OH

b. 19 April 1959 Cleveland, OH

Children: Kathryn, Julie

V Kathryn Marie Moses b. 11 July 1981 Fairview Park, OH

V Julie Lynn Moses b. 26 July 1983 Fairview Park, OH

IV Paul Mark Moses b. 9 June 1960 Fairview Park, OH

m. Debra Lemke June 1984 Milwaukee, WI

b. 25 February 1961 Milwaukee, WI

IV Nancy Lee Moses b. 10 June 1968 Fairview Park, OH

Julia says she was named for Uncle John's first wife, who was her sponsor at baptism. She also says- I was a fat "good" baby and slept a lot. I was also told that I resembled Grandpa Runge because I had blonde hair and blue eyes. I protested the comparison, not because I disliked Grandpa, but because he had a beard and I certainly did not! I believe our son, Paul, looks like a Runge.

I taught in Lutheran schools for 6½ years. I recently acquired an Associate Degree as Occupational Therapy assistant. Mike is a Seward graduate and has now taught over 30 years in Lutheran schools. We met in romantic San Antonio, Texas where we both taught at the same Lutheran Elementary school. Mike and I arrived in Parma, Ohio (Cleveland suburb) August 1, 1951, where he was called as principal of Bethany Lutheran School. We are still here.

Beth is a music teacher in public school and private piano teacher. Nick is a civil engineer. Bill is an engineer at Republic Steel. He played a French horn for many years. My dad played a slide trombone in Concordia Band. Elaine is a teacher. Paul is a graduate of River Forest '83 and will teach in Valley Lutheran High School in St. Charles, IL.

Nancy attends Lutheran High West. She has red hair. My Dad said he was told his grandfather in Germany had a red beard that same auburn red!

Julia's address-7107 Brownfield Dr., Parma, OH 44129

## Memories from Julia-

I can only recall them together at Aunt Mary's, which became Uncle John's house. In those days, my dad farmed all of the land. When Grandma came to live with us she used the sewing room as her bedroom. Her favorite chair was a small wicker rocker. One of her hobbies was tatting, making miles of pillowcase lace edging for all grandchildren. She usually kept a supply of mints as a treat for the children, the kind with XXX on them.

I recall my Grandpa's death only that his body was viewed in his own parlor. Perhaps the funeral was at home, too, I can't remember.

The "old house" on our farm made a very interesting henhouse, because the walls had remnants of wallpaper. A lovely yellow rambling rose grew to the east of the house and lived and bloomed for many years, even after the old house was torn down.

Grandpa and Grandma probably planted it.

I have in my possession the brass telescope that Grandpa brought with him from Germany. Also a hump-back trunk that I believe came from Germany, too. The telescope was my father's valuable tool in sighting fires, etc., especially viewing across the Davis Creek to the north. We often romanticized Grandpa's ocean trip and how he must have felt when he sighted land.

Aunt Mary gave me some well-worn aluminum spoons from Grandma's kitchen, she said. They were made in Sidney, Ohio! I also have a square pressed glass honey-comb dish of Grandma's. Grandpa kept bees, which gave them comb honey. I remember that dish was always on the table at their house.

As everyone knows, of course, Grandma became blind in her old age but could recite long passages of Scripture and sing all the verses of "Von Himmel Hoch" from memory- a fact used to support parental urging of our children to study their memory-Work!

By Julia Runge Moses

Copied from the CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY-

Mrs. Adolph Runge relates the following story:

The bushwhackers were robbing and killing men whenever it pleased them. Old Grandmother Kammeyer saw them coming and quickly shoved her husband into an opening in the floor in front of the fireplace and closed the lid and put a rug over it and her spinning wheel and kept busy spinning yarn when the men came in and asked for the man of the house. She told them he was not in the house. So they finally left. Another incident happened in my Grandpa Bruns' house now occupied by Wilbert Riesterer west of town. They were awakened by a yelling mob. Grandpa in his excitement could not find his socks in the dark. (They had only light from oil or grease.) So Grandmother Bruns had to go out to see what they wanted. They told her to fetch some light, and she said she had to go out to the cellar first and get some lard. (Outdoor cellar.) The man who followed her had a bloody hand, and said he had just killed a man. They did not ask anymore and drove away. They were drunk.

Adolph Runge

Eighth child of Adolph and Katie Runge-

III Lambert John Runge

b. 28 September 1931 Concordia, MO

m. Juanita Veleria Fields (Nita) 27 August 1955

Kansas City, MO

b. 4 November 1934 Kansas City, KS

Children (Adopted): Alan, Karen

IV Alan Paul Runge b. 13 May 1966 Kansas City, MO

IV Karen Lyn Runge b. 5 May 1968 Kansas City, MO

Lambert is an electrical engineer and project manager at Black & Veatch Engineers-Architects.

Alan is a student at St. Paul's College High in Concordia, MO a senior in 83-84. Karen is attending same school.

Lambert and Nita's address- 9609 E. 80th Terrace, Raytown, MO 64133

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The CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY tells us of a certain respected citizen by the name of Dr. Rush. He was found to be the "fire-bug" who had started quite a number of business buildings on fire. He was brought to town, and an angry mob, many of whom were drunk, marched him down the street with a rope around his neck. The Methodist minister came out of his house and pleaded with the mob. John Runge and a Mr. Lentz attempted to interfere, but when someone in the crowd shouted, "Let's hang them too," they hastily departed. Rush was taken to Panther Creek and hanged on a locust tree.

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One time when visiting at the Schlesselman's, Aunt Mary told us that an itinerant eye-glass salesman had checked out Grandma Runge's eyes. Grandma kept telling the salesman that she couldn't see white no more. The salesman thought she must be color blind and Grandma insisted, "No, I can't see white no more." Then it dawned on Aunt Mary that she was using the German word 'weit' meaning far off or at a distance.



## Adolph Runge

Obituary- ADOLPH RUNGE, 85, Died Last Friday

Adolph Runge, 85, of Concordia, MO passed away Friday evening at the Lutheran Good Shepherd Home where he had been a resident since October 1968. Funeral services were held Monday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. E.C. Pardieck officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mr. Runge of Concordia was born February 12, 1885, the son of John and Mathilda Bruns Runge. He was married to Katherine Martens in St. Paul's Church on May 21, 1911. A retired farmer, he had lived all his life on the farm west of Concordia, until residing in the Home. He was a life long member of St. Paul's Church.

Survivors include his wife Katherine of the Good Shepherd Home; five daughters, Mrs. M.D. (Florence) Carino of Maywood, IL, Mrs. Gertrude Harding of Houston, TX, Mrs. Lambert Frerking (Olinda) of Prairie Village, KS, Mrs. Edwin (Lois) Trainor of Shawnee Mission, KS and Mrs. C.M. Moses (Julia) of Parma, Ohio, one son, Lambert Runge of Raytown; eighteen grandchildren, one great grand-daughter and two brothers, Edwin and John Runge both of Concordia, MO. He was preceded in death by twin sons in 1912, three brothers and one sister.

Pallbearers were John A. Meyer, Harvey Poese, Marvin Martens, Paul Kuecker, Paul F. Runge, and Omar Kuecker. Arrangements were by the James Funeral Home.

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THE CONCORDIAN dated Feb. 7, 1974

Services Held for Katherine Runge, 84

Mrs. Katherine L. Runge, 84, a lifelong resident of Concordia passed away Monday afternoon at the Lutheran Nursing Home where she had been a resident since March, 1970. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Alfred Rodewald officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mrs. Runge was born May 4, 1889 near Concordia, the daughter of John and Anna Bruns Martens. She was married to Adolph C. Runge at St. Paul's Church on May 21, 1911. He preceded her in death on June 13, 1970. She was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Church and a member of Ladies Aid 1912.

Survivors include one son, Lambert Runge of Raytown; five daughters, Mrs. Florence Carino, Maywood, IL, Mrs. Gertrude Harding Houston, TX, Mrs. Olinda Frerking, Prairie Village, KS, Mrs. Lois Trainor, Shawnee Mission, KS, and Mrs. Julia Moses, Parma, OH; 4 sisters, Mrs. Pauline Meyer, Mrs. Emilie Kuecker, Mrs. Martha Wodrich and Mrs. Laura Poese all of Concordia; 18 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers.

Pallbearers were Joel Frerking, Les Trainor, Ervin Martens, Steve Harrell, David Carino and Elbert Kuecker. Arrangements were by the James Funeral Home.

John and Mathilda Runge's seventh child-

II Marie Christine Wilhelmine Runge (Mary)

b. 16 July 1887 Concordia, MO

d. 14 August 1967 Concordia, MO

m. Arthur Friedrich August Schlesselman 24 October, 1934  
Concordia, MO

b. 27 June 1891 Concordia, MO

d. 1 November 1973 Concordia, MO

Obituary from THE CONCORDIAN

Services Today for Mrs. Schlesselman

Mrs. Mary Schlesselmsn, 80 years old, died Monday at the Community Hospital in Sweet Springs. Funeral services will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. Wm. J. Wollenberg officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mrs. Schlesselman was born July 16, 1887, the daughter of John and Mathilda Bruns Runge, in Concordia. She was married to Arthur F. Schlesselman on October 24, 1934. She had lived all her life in Concordia. Mrs. Schlesselman was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur F. Schlesselman, of the home; two sons, Vernon and Wilbert Schlesselman, both of Concordia; two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Dierker of Blackburn and Mrs. Paul Hemme of Sweet Springs; three brothers, Edwin, Adolph and John Runge, all of Concordia; and eight grandchildren.

Obituary from THE CONCORDIAN

Services Held for Arthur Schlesselman

Arthur F. Schlesselman, 82, passed away November 1 at Research Hospital in Kansas City, where he had been a patient for two weeks. Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Rev. Robert Carlton officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mr. Schlesselman was born at Concordia on June 27, 1891, the son of Henry and Emma Brackman Schlesselman. He was married to Louise Schlueter on April 10, 1915 at Holy Cross in Emma. She preceded him in death on February 10, 1933. He was married to Mary Runge at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on October 24, 1934. She preceded him in death on August 14, 1967. He was a farmer until his retirement in 1952. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where he had served as a trustee, elder and member of the voter's assembly.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harvey (Gladys) Dierker of Blackburn and Mrs. Paul (Vera) Hemme of Sweet Springs; two sons, Vernon H. and Wilbert A. Schlesselman, both of Concordia; two sister, Mrs. Emilie Luecht of Concordia and Mrs. William (Carrie) Blase of Hamel, Illinois; 9 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren. He was also preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. Pallbearers were Marvin Wienberg, Norman Schlueter, Herbert Dierker, Warner Wienberg, William H. Bockelman and Otto Schlueter. Arrangements were by James Funeral Home.

Mary Runge Schlesselman

Gertrude says- Sometimes I think that someone should write a very special tribute to Aunt Mary. Though she never had any natural children of her own, she was like a second mother to all of her nieces and nephews. I am sure that she left her influence on each one of us. Loberta recalls that Aunt Mary was very careful that each family had a remembrance from Grandparents Runge.

The step-children of Aunt Mary-

1. Gladys married Harvey Dierker (Deceased) of Blackburn
  - a. Connie Louise m. Clyde Miller (Farmer)  
ch- Courtney
  - b. Kenneth m. Linda Giffen  
Her ch- Kristy  
Their ch- Keith, Comrad
2. Vernon married Dorothy Nienhueser (Live on homeplace)
  - a. Karol m. Curtis Meyer (Have shop in Concordia)  
ch- Michael Edward
  - b. David m. Gaye Geren of Des Plaines, IL (Teacher)  
ch- Jennifer, Denise, Randall
  - c. Janet m. Roger Zimmerschied of La Monte (Farmer)  
ch- Brian, Ann
  - d. Kathryn m. Kenneth Frerking (Works at elevator in waverly)  
ch- Krista
  - e. Joyce (Teacher in Nebraska)
  - f. Donald (Farming on homeplace)
3. Vera married Paul Hemme (Live at Sweet Springs)
4. Wilbert married Deloras Koch of Emma (Farming near Concordia)
  - a. Jerry
  - b. John

Corde's Memory Time- Once a year in August, when young, we Runge's would travel from our farm in Kansas to see Grandparents Runge and Aunt Mary and other relatives. I never did acquire a taste for canned milk at their house but- I so loved the dark, homemade bread and summer sausage and those luscious cakes at the 4 o'clock lunch time. What fun we cousins had!

History of Bud Ostermann's family-

Parents- Ernest August JOHN Ostermann b. 1891 Ocheydan, Iowa  
& Heimke Gerdes b. 7 Jan 1892 Peoria, Illinois

JOHN'S parents were- Henry & Dorothea Mueller Ostermann  
both of Germany

Dorothea's parents and Corde's Grandparents were one and the same. So Corde and Bud are cousins of some degree.



John and Mathilda Runge's eighth child-

II Johann Martin Runge

b. 27 November 1889 Concordia, MO

d. 1 December 1981 Concordia, MO

m. Lilly Mueller 8 July 1914 Sylvan Grove, KS

b. 2 July 1891 Maurice, Iowa

d. 31 March 1934 Sylvan Grove, KS

Her parents were William and Minnie Kappey Mueller, both born in Germany.

m. Ida Frerking 25 August 1937 Concordia, MO

b. 13 December 1893 Concordia, MO

d. 15 May 1980 Concordia, MO

Child (Lilly's): Concordia

III Concordia (Corde) Martha Runge

b. 2 April 1916 Sylvan Grove, KS

m. Elmer Pape 26 October 1944 d. in WWII

m. Gerdes Laverne (Bud) Ostermann 3 May 1946 K.C., KS

b. 25 October 1918 Sylvan Grove, KS

Children: John, Marsha, Kathleen & Sharon (Twins), Thomas

IV John Gerdes Ostermann b. 5 September 1947 Kansas City, MO

m. Althea Ann Lang 14 September 1978 Meriden, KS

b. 3 August 1957 Clarksville, TN

Her parents- Wm & Betty Glisson Lang

Child: Matthew

V Matthew William Ostermann b. 18 September 1981 Topeka, KS

IV Marsha Marie Ostermann b. 2 May 1949 Kansas City, MO

m. Dr. Ralph Mingle 24 July 1981 Kansas City, KS

b. 15 January 1954 Lawrenceville, IL

His parents- Eugene & Mary Edde Mingle

IV Kathleen Ann Ostermann (Twin) b. 21 February 1952 K.C., MO

m. Michael Beckloff 2 March 1981 Kansas City, KS

b. 17 February 1956 Lawrence, KS

His parents- Dr. Gerald & LuAnn Kaiser Beckloff

IV Sharon Kay Ostermann (Twin) b. 21 February 1952 K.C., MO

IV Thomas William Ostermann b. 22 January 1955 K.C., MO

m. Pamela Summerscales 15 January 1983 Kansas City, KS

b. 15 January 1955 Harvey, IL

Her parents- George & Doris Walker Summerscales

Corde and Bud both went to schools in Sylvan Grove. Corde to college in Winfield, KS then to Warrensburg, MO then to Seward, NE and to UMKC. She taught rural school for 8 years and 26 in parochial elementary. Bud worked on farms, then to California to an aircraft plant, then to AIR CORP in WWII. Now for 35 years in loan department of Commerce Bank in Kansas City. As of October 1983 retired. These two share the same great-grand-parents.

John is an architect working in Topeka, KS for Steel Built, Inc. They live on a farm at Valley Falls, KS 66088

Marsha is an art teacher. They are located temporarily at 1222 Madison, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

John Runge

Corde's family continued-

Kathleen and Michael live at 2601 Pickwick Place, Lawrence, KS 66044. Michael is in business with his father in Beckloff Associates, a Pharmaceutical Research & Development Firm in Overland Park, KS.

Sharon lives at 6205 W. 67th Terr., Overland Park, KS 66204. She is Advertising Manager at Shawnee Journal Herald in Shawnee, KS.

Thomas is a Manufacturing Rep for BC Electronic Sales, Inc. Pamela has her own business, making braces for teeth, Ortho Lab. Her office is in their home- 9816 W 55th St., Merriam, KS 66203

Corde and Bud's address- 3604 W 48th, Shawnee Mission, KS 66205

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Obituary from THE CONCORDIAN-

John M. Runge, 92, died Tuesday at a hospital in Sweet Springs, MO. Funeral services were held Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Alfred Rodewald officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Mr. Runge was born November 27, 1889 at Concordia. He was the son of John and Mathilda Bruns Runge. He was married to Ida C. Frerking on August 25, 1937. She preceded him in death on May 15, 1980. He was a farmer all of his life, retiring in 1972. He moved from the farm to the Lutheran Good Shepherd Village at the time of his retirement. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and of the voters assembly of the church. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. G.L. Ostermann, Shawnee Mission, KS; five grandchildren; and one greatgrandson. Pallbearers were Elmer Meineke, Larry Meineke, Marvin Kappelman, W.A. Schlesselman, Vernon Schlesselman and Walter Boeschen. Arrangements were by James-Berg Funeral Home.

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Services held for Ida C. Runge. Mrs. Ida C. Runge, 86, of Concordia, died May 15 at Community Hospital, Sweet Springs. Funeral services were held Monday morning at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. William E. Zabel officiating. Burial was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Mrs. Runge was born December 13, 1893 at Concordia. She was the daughter of Henry F. and Marie Kappelman. She was married to John Runge August 24, 1937. She was a member of St. Paul's Church all of her life and was a member of Ladies Aid No. 4. She is survived by her husband, John, of the home at the Good Shepherd Village; one daughter, Mrs. G.L. Ostermann, Shawnee Mission, KS; one sister, Mrs. Florence Pape, Concordia; and five grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Elmer Meineke, Larry Meineke, Marvin Kappelman, Paul Runge, Kenneth Klinkerman and William Klingenberg, Jr. Arrangements were by James-Berg Funeral Home. The family suggests memorials may be made to St. Paul's Church.



JOHN ALBERT and MATHILDA

Below is one of the last pictures taken of John and Mathilda. On the back of this it says-  
1930 Mary, Dad, Mother, Carl





A RARE DOCUMENT

(This article is reprinted from a bulletin at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Concordia, Mo. It was written at the time of their centennial.)

Brother Edward Stuenkel brought us the following document which was found in the papers of his grandfather, Conrad Stuenkel. It is an agreement by ten Lutheran heads of families to build the first church. It was made on July 18, 1842. The church was to be 20 feet long and 18 feet wide. They agreed to work "with Hand and Team" and obligate themselves to pay 75¢ per day for every day missed "when asked to work", if not prevented by illness. This was the first church built by the settlers. The first immigrant had come in 1837 and they had up to this time met in houses. It was a "block" church built of logs and was located on the cemetery plot where the other church buildings stood later, until the present church was erected on Main Street. Henry Bruns pledged himself to give an acre of land and bequeath it, for all time, to the congregation.

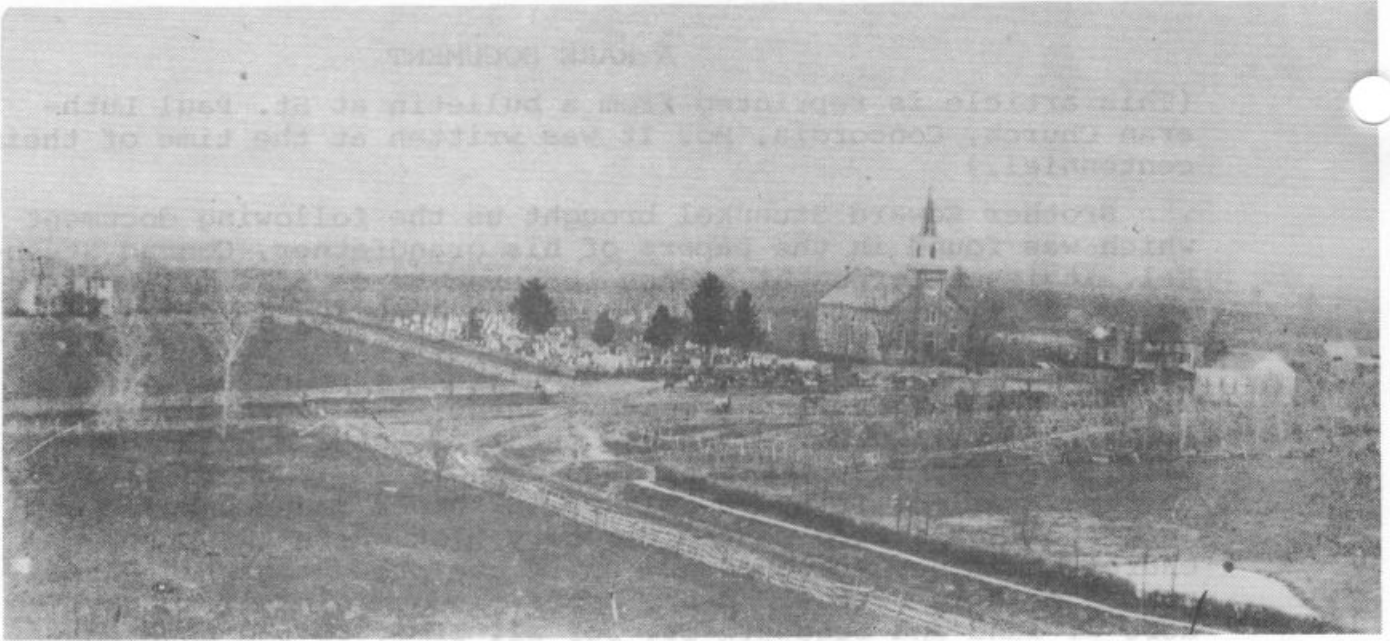
This document was signed by Christian Liever, Heinrich Rabe, Conrad Stuenkel, Heinrich Franke, H. Hartmann, H. Brackmann, Ludwig Evert, F. Frerking, Friedrich Fiene, Heinrich Bruns.

Note- Christian Liever is the German schoolteacher who held "reading services" in the various homes at first. The first ordained pastor was Rev. A.G.C. Franke who came January, 1846. Conrad Stuenkel's wife was Mary Gerberding, H. Hartmann was a son-in-law of Heinrich Bruns. H. or Heinrich Brackmann's wife was Anna Maria Gomann, they had arrived in 1841. F. or Friedrich Frerking's wife was Caroline Dieckenhorst who had arrived in 1839. This Heinrich Bruns' wife's name was Dorothea. We think her given name was Scharnhorst because in the will in which this acre of land was given a niece, Louisa Scharnhorst, was remembered. This Senior Heinrich had a son, John Henry, who married Christine Frerking.

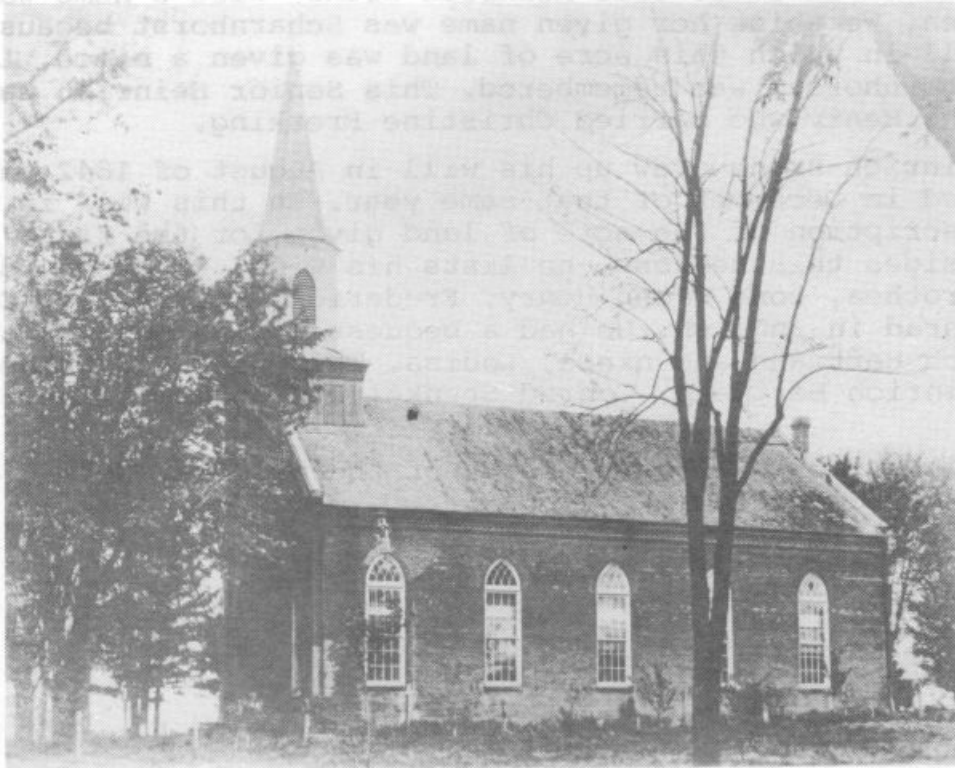
Heinrich Bruns drew up his will in August of 1842 and then died in December of that same year. In this will is the full description of the acre of land given for the first log church. Besides this bequest, he lists his wife, Dorothea, daughter, Dorothea, sons, John Henry, Frederick, William and Conrad or Conrad in English. He had a bequest to his son-in-law, Heinrich Hartmann and niece, Louisa. This will was witnessed by Heinrich Hartmann, Conrad Stuenkel and Heinrich Liever.

Another note- We have a copy of the original German document, if anyone would like a copy.

## EARLY ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



This original photograph was owned by Teacher Wukasch. The info on the back says that the school and teacherage are at the right and the parsonage is on the left. This had to be taken before 1903. The old brick church was completed in 1860. It replaced the first one made of logs. Since Cook's Store did not sell bricks and it was not practical to haul them from the distant shipping points, a Mr. Johannes of Benton County was engaged to make them near the building site. The timber required could not be sawed in the neighborhood and was hauled from Syracuse, about 60 miles southeast, then the terminus of the railroad. This is where the cemetery is now located. (Info from Concordia Centennial History.)



HISTORY of OUR TOWN  
by Edwin Runge

Before our town was founded or started here there was a store about 4 miles west of here, known as Cooks Store, Lafayette County. This was at the place where Mr. Gust Holsten now lives.

Sometime before the Civil War in the early 1860s some people built houses here where our town now is located and a Post Office was located here and one of the first postmasters was Rev. Biltz of the Lutheran Church and his residence, a log house at the place where Mr. Wm Klingenberg's barn stands now, the mail was carried here from Knobnoster by a man on horseback.

In the years of 1874 or 1875 the Railroad was built through here and so our people did not have to drive to Lexington to do their shopping as they had done in earlier years.

In 1877 the city of Concordia was incorporated. The citizens of Concordia petitioned the County Court and they made Concordia a City. Then Mr. F.C. Cook was elected as the first Mayor of our town and aldermen were also elected and a City Board formed.

From time to time it was found necessary to extend the City limits this is done by a vote of the Citizens by request of the property owner out of the limits or by need of extensions even against the will of the property owner.

In the 1890s a water plant was built which was to be used mainly for fire protection. Soon after that some of our people wanted the water into their residence or business buildings and so it was arranged that whoever wanted water connection would have to lay a pipe to connect with water mains. Some of our people had to lay their pipe several blocks to get to the City Mains.

A few years ago our city built a sewer system with 2 disposal plants and since that time the use of water has increased a lot and so the city found it necessary to drill another well, this is known as well No. 2 and is located north of the old mill property. Here is also located the filter plant and settling basin. The water from both wells is pumped over the aerator and runs down through screens and charcoal and then into the 100000 gallon settling basin. From this basin it is pumped to the tank at the top of the water tower from where the water goes to the water mains and to the users. Our water is treated with chlorine gas to help purify it and kill all bacteria.

Our caretaker Mr. Wm Meyer takes a sample of the water from 3 or 4 different faucets in our town and sends this to the State Health Dept. in Jefferson City where it is tested and a report is sent to the officials of the city to show whether the water is pure or whether it needs attention.

It is very important that our water be kept in good order so that it will pass these rigid inspections and we can say that our water has stood up under these inspections very well.

The use of water in our town has increased a lot since the Sewer System was installed and it seems now that it will not be long before we may have to drill well No. 3



## HISTORY of OUR TOWN cont'd

Talking about our water plant makes us think of the change in water prices, years ago we paid about .25 per M it now costs us .50 per M with a minimum of 1.00 per month. The rate had to be changed to meet the cost of pumping and purifying the water, we can say that we are not making a lot of money from our water system but can say we are coming out even anyway.

Another thing that has chaged a lot in our town is the lighting system. 50 years ago kerosene lamps were used all around and a little later the stores used a gasoline vapor lamp. Our streets were lit by kerosene lamps mounted on poles at the street corners. The City Marshall had to refill and clean each lamp during the day and then make another round before dark to light each one with a match and then go around in the morning to blow them out.

In 1908 our city voted to have electric light plant to light the streets and residences and business buildings and so on April 1, 1909 our city had electric light for the first time. This light plant was built by my brother Louis and myself, later this plant was sold to the Warrensburg Light and Power Company and later to the Missouri Public Service Company. Our street lighting in the business section of our town was improved a lot this year.

Another thing that has been improved a lot in the last 40 years are the streets of our town. Years ago the streets were just mud roads, and I mean MUD, this was when horses were used and known as the horse and buggy days. During the wet seasons or winter the streets would be muddy and soft so that the horses would step into mud about kneedeep and they sure could not pull much of a load on streets like that.

Now our streets are graveled and oiled so that we can drive our cars almost anywhere in any kind of weather. Also our country roads are much better than they were 40 years ago.

(This was found in Dad Runge's papers and was written during the 1950's.)

The following is copied from CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY-

In 1909 Concordia citizens had only a few automobiles and auto repair work had to be done by the people themselves. It was said that to start a garage you needed only a monkey wrench and a screwdriver. Runge Bros. started auto repairing in a barn at the back end of the lot behind the light plant. Later they built the large garage north of the light plant building. They sold cars to our people and to demonstrate the power of the car they had to drive to Hamburger Hill northwest of town, to show that the car could climb that hill in high gear. Later it was sold to Harry Oetting, who operated it for many years, as Dick's Garage.

Edwin Runge tells of the first car he and his brother bought for their business in 1910. It was a hard wheeler with a chain drive. It is said that when Dr. Lieser saw it for the first time, he remarked, "What's gettin' into dem fellers?"

## HISTORY of LIGHTS and LIGHTING in CONCORDIA

by Edwin M. Runge (from Concordia Centennial History)

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Later some gas lamps were used in the stores and houses, and that was much better than the old kerosene lamps.

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Louis Runge had been working as engineer in the Concordia Creamery for a few years. Then in 1908 the two brothers worked on an idea to get electric lighting for the city of Concordia and in the fall of 1908, the city voted to give them a franchise to build the plant and the right to build lines all over the city.

The building for the plant was at 515 Main St. There the engine and generator were installed, a 40 horse power Otto gasoline engine, single cylinder 14 x 18 in. with two fly wheels, each weighing 4750 lbs. During the winter of 1908-1909 some houses and stores were wired and also some street lights were put up. The street lights were used only during the dark of the moon and were turned off before midnight.

The plant was run for lighting only from dusk till 11 o'clock at night and in the morning from 5 till daylight. The dynamo was a 30 kilowatt 110 and 220 volt direct current machine. The price charged for the current was 17¢ per kw with a minimum charge of \$1.50 per month. Some of our people did not want to pay that in summer months so they would stop service then and come back for it in the fall. Some users turned on all the lights and when their bill ran more than the \$1.50 they kicked about the cost and some called the Runge Bros. "daylight robbers".

To operate the engine and the plant, the gasoline had to be hauled here from Sweet Springs by horses and wagon by the Standard Oil Co. The roads at the time were not paved or graveled and often during the winter it took four horses to pull it.

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Later some of our people got electric washing machines and electric irons, and then the plant had to operate on Monday and Tuesday for that service. Later some electric fans were used, and then the plant had to run for daylight service.

After operating the Concordia Light Plant for seven years the Warrensburg Light & Power Co. came and offered to sell the electric current to our plant at the edge of town or to buy the light plant and the wiring over town, and so the Runge sold out to Morrison & McCall Co., and lines were built here from Warrensburg and the system was changed to alternating current. It was agreed that the new owners would not do any wiring in the buildings in our town but take care of the current supply only.

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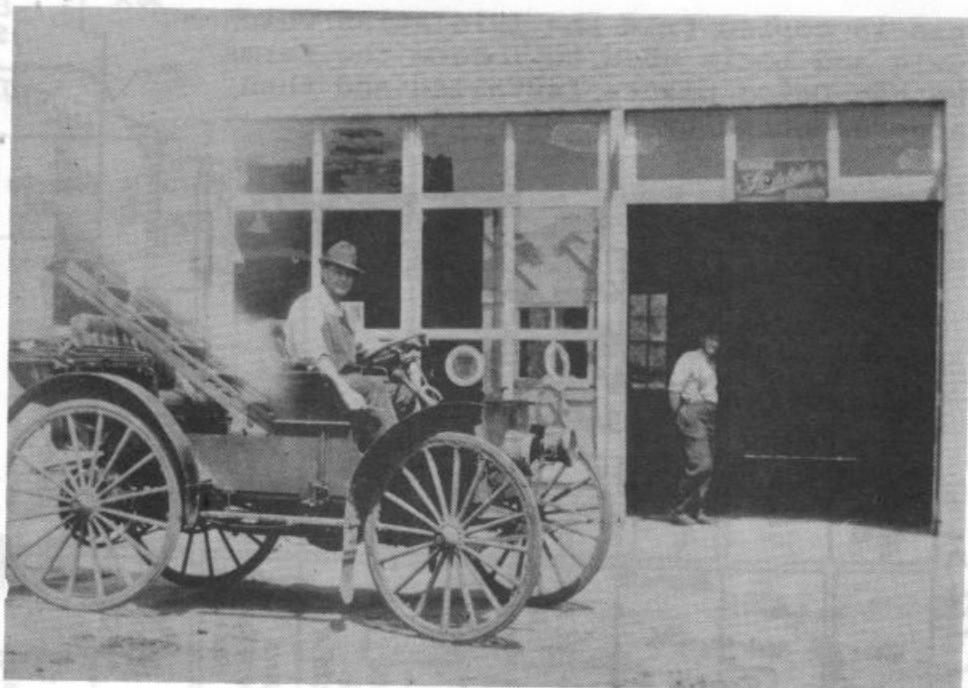
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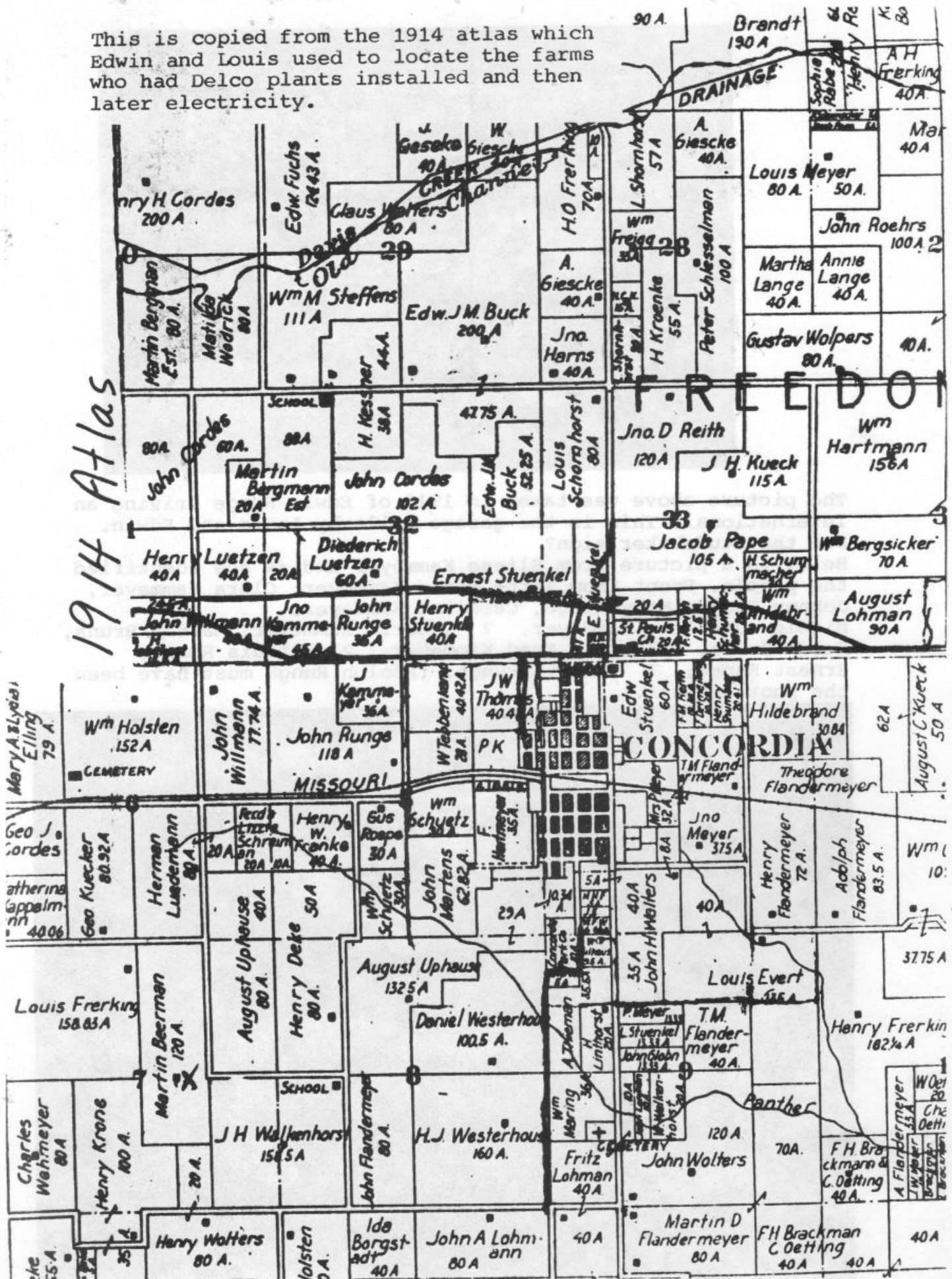
The picture above was taken in 1910 of Edwin Runge driving an International. This is the garage built by Louis and Edwin. See the Studebaker sign?

Below is a picture from Eliese Kammeyer and as she identified the people. Front from left- Marie Kammeyer, Clara Kammeyer, Johnny Runge, Mary Runge, Caroline Kammeyer. Middle row- Lena Kammeyer, ? , Doris Kammeyer, Martha Bruns, Hulda Bruns. Rear row- Fred Kammeyer, ? , Louis Runge, Ernest Runge, ? , Edwin Runge. (Adolph Runge must have been the photographer.)



This is copied from the 1914 atlas which Edwin and Louis used to locate the farms who had Delco plants installed and then later electricity.

1914 Atlas



Heinrich D. and Maria Bruns

From info which Aunt Mary passed along, we know the names of both these ancestors.

Heinrich (Henry) David Bruns parents were Juergen Heinrich & Dorothea Marie (Kuhls) Bruns of Esperke, amt Nienburg, Kingdom of Hanover, Germany. Maria's parents were Johann F.L. & Katherine (Mahler) Stuenkel of Metel, Kirch Spiel (Parish) Basse, amt Neustadt, Hanover, Germany. On the detailed map of their area, one can see that all of the parents probably attended the church in Basse and that is how Henry and Maria learned to know each other.

Heinrich D. Bruns b. 1807 Esperke  
d. 8 April 1899 Concordia, MO  
m. Maria Stuenkel 8 September 1839 Germany  
b. 13 December 1815 Metel  
d. 24 December 1884 Concordia, MO

- Children: 1. (Probably a stillborn child in St. Louis)  
2. August Friedrich Bruns b. June 1842 St. Louis, MO  
d. March 1862 Georgetown, MO  
3. Louis Heinrich Bruns b. March 1844 St. Louis, MO  
d. October 1851 Concordia, MO  
4. Christine Bruns b. 9 December 1845 Concordia, MO  
d. 14 March 1937 "  
m. Wm Flandermeyer 5 June 1866

Children: Martha m. Gus Freund 4 ch (twins)  
Lydia m. Herman Luedeman 3 ch  
Emma not m.  
Henry m. Adelia Steljes 10 ch  
Clara m. Joe Holsten 3 ch  
Adolph m. Bertha Boeschen 4 ch  
Theodor m. Meta Hinck 7 ch (twins)  
Mary m. John Wolters 5 ch  
Emilia m. Adolph Boeschen 5 ch (twins)

5. Henry Conrad Bruns b. 8 Feb 1848 Concordia, MO  
d. & bur. in Oregon  
m. Wilhelmina Lentz 1871

Children: Mary, Alvina, Ida

His biography is in 1881 History of Lafayette Co.

6. Martin C. Bruns b. 15 December 1849 Concordia  
d. 5 January 1893 "  
m. Maria Oetting 1874 "

Children: Clara d. as child

Theodore m. Mathilda Dittmer 4 ch  
Laura m. Adolph Brockriede to TX  
Edmund m. Emilie Dittmer  
Bertha & Martha not m.  
Hulda m. August Hartman no ch  
Martin L. died as young man

Details of this family can be found in library in Concordia in a booklet compiled by Erna Foster.

7. Ludwig Ernst b. 23 April 1853 Concordia, MO  
d. 23 September 1861 "

8. Rosetta Dina Mathilda Bruns b. 8 February 1855  
d. 1 September 1951 Concordia, MO  
m. Johann A. Runge 7 August 1874 Conc.  
Details of this family in this booklet

If anyone wishes more detail in the Flandermeyer family, ask Mildred (Mrs. Emil) Flandermeyer, Concordia



## Ferdinand and Charlotte Bruns

In an Oetting family history, it said in a note at the bottom of a page that William and Martin who married Marie Oetting were cousins. That sent us off on quite a search.

All the people involved in compiling that history were either dead or could not be located. Previously, the first Bruns baby, baptized in St. Paul's Church was a Heinrich Bruns born 17 March 1842, had been quite a puzzle-he did not fit into any of the families already found.

In 1850 census-

Helms, George	31	M	Germany
Charlotte	38	F	"
Henry W. Bruns	8	M	MO
John Bruns	5	M	"
Martha (Helms)	4	F	"
John (Helms)	1	M	"

Marriage records in Lexington say George Helms and Catharine (Charlotte) Bruns married 25 June 1846.

A descendant of Martha Helms who married Herman Elling gave the clue. The Henry W. in the census was none other than William H. Bruns, the Creamery man who's history is in the CONCORDIA CENTENNIAL HISTORY. William married Sophie Rodekohl and there were twelve children. Many descendants can be found in this area.

A copy of William Henry Bruns' death certificate says that his parents were Ferdinand and Charlotte Dierking Bruns, both of Germany. Then when the material came from Concordia Institute saying that the witnesses at August Friedrich's baptism were Friedrich Stuenkel and Ferdinand Bruns, carpenter, of Lafayette County, we felt quite certain that Ferdinand was indeed a brother of Henry David Bruns.

This John Bruns is still a mystery- no records about him anywhere. Whenever a John Bruns was found later on, he was a son of William H. or John Henry of the other Bruns family (See next Bruns family).

From the obituary of William H. Bruns, who died January 3, 1919, we find the following children: 3 d. in infancy; Helen, Mrs. Otto Kominski of Beatrice, Nebr. (d. in 1904); Rosa, Mrs. Julius Maring; Laura, Mrs. Henry Bamman of Concordia; Molly, Mrs. Walter Roepe of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ferd Bruns (m. Anna Ronsick) of Corder; John, Flora, Alex and Frieda of Concordia. One brother John (Helms) of Logan, N.M.; four sisters, Mrs. Herman Elling of Concordia; Mrs. Demand of Smithton; Mrs. Gieser of Hays, KS; Mrs. Lottie Schlotzhauer of Columbia. These four sisters were really half-sisters as was John Helms. His full brother was not mentioned in this obituary. The space after G in one sister's name was torn off of this copy of THE CONCORDIAN on microfilm.

This family attended the Methodist Church in Concordia and perhaps there something could be learned in records concerning our lost John Bruns.

Note- Helms girls' names were: Martha, Mary, Elizabeth & Sophia (Found in 1870 census records).

Heinrich David Bruns,  
welcher Sohn des Jürgen Heinrich  
und Maria Kuhl's in Esperke und  
der evang. Maria Kühl's wurde  
geboren zu Esperke, Kreisgrenze  
Niederstücken

Anno 1807, fünfte Tag  
des Monats October, den 9ten Octob.  
und getauft den 16ten des  
Monats.

Gelesen wird aus dem Kirchenbuch  
nach der fide parochiali  
gelesen.

Niederstücken, am 25ten Decbr. 1830.

Stellgare, Pastor

This is a copy of a certification of the fact that Heinrich David Bruns was a legitimate son of Jürgen Heinrich and Maria Kuhl's Bruns of Esperke, parish Niederstücken. He was born 9th of October, 1807 and baptized on the 16th of same month. This was copied from church records by a pastor on December 25, 1830 in Niederstücken. (Thanks to Lois Trainor for sharing this copy with us.)

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John Henry Bruns (Sr)

Even though not related, will include-

John Henry Bruns b. 1796 Germany d. 27 Dec 1842 Concordia

m. Dorothea (Scharnhorst presumably) b. 1800 Germany

She d. 1869 Concordia. m. John Dedeke 1844

Children (as found in will):

1. Dorothea m. Henry Hartmann had ch m. Freitag 1867

2. John Henry b. 1825 Germany d. 1864 by bushwhackers

m. Christine Frerking 1849 she died 1857 Concordia

m. Anna Dettmer 1858 m. Gerhard Fick 1865

Children (Christine's):

Sophia b. 1850 d. 1928 m. Louis Stuenkel had ch

August E. b. 1852 m. Louise Kueck 1876

His biography is in Young's 1910 History of Laf.CO.

Ch: Flora Roepe, Eleanora Wukasch, Rosa Jesse, Ida,

Laura, Louise, Henry

Henry William b. 1853 d. 1861 Concordia

Adolph b. 1855 m. Emma Franke

Ch: Hy, Ella, Wm, Adolph, Joseph, Flora, Fred

John b. 1857 d. 1859 Concordia

Children (Anna's):

John Herman b. 1859 m. Marie Walker to Palmer, KS

Ch: August, Carl, John, Otto, Lydia, Ernest, Wilhelm (Billy), Marie, Henry (Have full hist.)

Henry F. b. 1861 d. 1862 Concordia

Anna b. 1863 m. John Martens

Ch: Pauline Meyer, Emilie Kuecker, Hy, Katherine

Runge, Martha Woodrich, John, Laura Poesse

Line Christine b. 1864 m. Ernest Stuenkel 1886

Ch: Eleanore Schuette, Fred, Hy, Anna Oetting,

Martha, Ernest, Louis, William, Frieda

3. Frederick (Ferd) Capt. b. 1829 d. 1864 by bushwhackers

m. Louise Dedeke m. Belthasar Studle 1866 had ch

Children:

Henry Wm b. 1852

Carl (Charles) b. 1856

Friedrich Wm b. 1858 d. 1859

Caroline b. 1860

Sophia b. & d. 1962

Emilie b. 1863

In 1870 census Berta is 3 yrs old

4. William b. 1832 (Deduced from census)

Had a son who died not baptized

5. Coonrad (Conrad) b. 1838 d. 1863 by bushwhackers

m. Mary Droege 1858

Children:

Dorothea b. 1859 m. Aug Freitag 1876 had 2 ch

m. Louis Scharnhorst 1895 had ch

Mrs. Herman Kroeneke had 2 ch

If more history is needed, Virginia Schnackenberg is a descendant in Dorothea & Aug Freitag family, and she can supply.

### Another Bruns family

1870 census gives us the start of this info-

Bruns, Friedrich	54	M	Farmer	Hannover
Sophia	50	F	Kpg hse	"
Louis	23	M		MO
Sophia	22	F		"
Henry G.	19	M		"
Mathilde	17	F		"
William	15	M		"
Caroline	13	F		"
Louise	11	F		"
Dorethe	8	F		"
Berta	5	F		"

In church records, we learned that Henry D. Bruns was a sponsor to Henry G. and he married Ella Bowen in 1876  
 Sophia married Gus Schickart in 1870  
 Mathilde married John Fr. Weber 1871  
 Caroline married Henry Buesing in 1877  
 In the 1880 census, Berta is keeping house for her father.  
 Also that year, the above Louis has married Mary and has a son, Otto, 3 months old.

Here is a mystery-

There is an entry in St. Paul's Church records as follows-

Joh. Heinrich Bruns, born 22 July 1859 son of J.H. Bruns and died 4 October 1859.

The original German script was examined by Mildred Flandermeyer to see if translation was correct. It was as stated in German. The only J.H. would have been John Henry. That same year John Henry and Anna Dettmer had a child, John Herman, born in April so it just is not possible that this baby in question was theirs. So this just could be the 8th child for our Henry D. and Maria Bruns. Until Rev. Biltz came in 1860, record keeping was a bit sketchy at times, perhaps initials got mixed up.

## About BRUNS HALL

You were wondering about BRUNS HALL. It was upstairs or second floor of the building now occupied by the Western Auto Store, 711 Main Street. In those days many merchants on Main Street had their name (in blue) placed in the cement side-walk in front of their place of business. There is no vestige of these identifications left, except RUNS in front of the Western Auto. The B is covered with a new slab of cement. Maybe Paul remembers how the businesses ran at that time: Meyer, Kroencke & Holsten at the corner, then the Savings Bank, Sodemann Hardware, the Drug Store, then Bruns Saddlery Shop.

He was known far and wide of his by-word "By Golly." His youngest daughter, Louisa, married Rev. Alfred Bergt, who studied at SPC. They spent their whole life in Nebraska, mostly at Schuyler. They sired a son, Robert, who became an excellent violinist and was soloist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. We called Lulu (Louisa) Bruns "Pound." She was heavy on face powder!

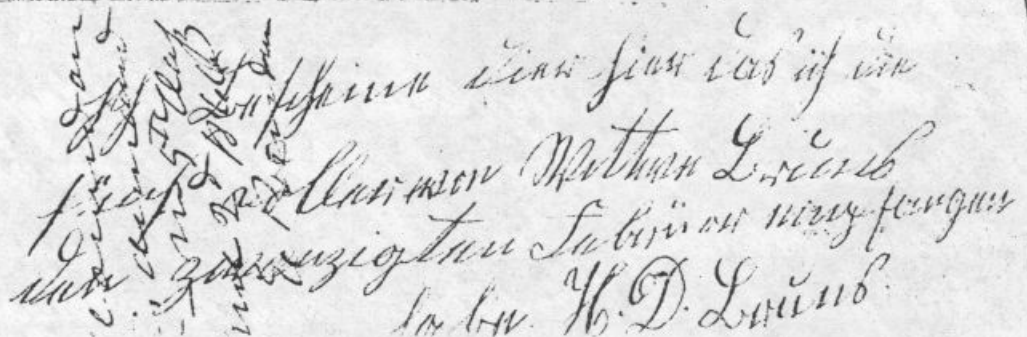
The saddleshop later became Wukasch Variety Store. The Hall was used for different purposes: receptions, etc. It was not the City Hall but town meetings were held there. Otto A. Kircheis, a music teacher, who later built his own conservatory, started in BRUNS Hall. Traveling shows performed there for it had a stage. The Bruns House is the big one in NE corner of 8th and Orange St.

By Dr. F.A. Baepler

July, 1983

Note- As Loberta searched the old CONCORDIANS for family info, she found mention of BRUNS HALL quite often. She asked Fritz if there was any connection to our Bruns. So now we know that it does not but we have some delightful memories to add to this history.

The Kircheis conservatory is still in use as a home on Main street of Concordia.



Shown here is a copy of a note for \$50.00 which H.D. Bruns had borrowed from Widow Bruns (probably Mrs. John Hy, Jr.). It was found among the papers and will of John Henry, Sr. in the Probate office in Lexington. The note had been marked "Paid in full" on June 2, 1866. Here you see the actual signature of your ancestor, in German, of course. German was translated by Johanna and Eliese Kammeyer.



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Jahr. M. & T.

# Eheliche Verbindung.

1840. Febr. 15. Im Tausch und gegen Tausch, Aufgekauft und  
und eingetrag, am fünfzehnten Februar d. 15. Febr.

A. D. 1840 / haben sich vereinigt:  
Herr Conrad Stinkel aus Meddel, Aush. Neu-  
stadt a. R., mit  
Fräulein Marie Gerberding aus Meise, Aush.  
Bisendorf, bish. aus dem Bismarck Kreis Hannover.

Vin. Zeugen waren: Herr Heinrich Bruns, &  
Herr Heinrich Bruns jun.

G. H. H. H.

St. Louis, d. 15. Febr.  
1840.

This is a copy of church record and  
also civil record of Conrad & Mary  
Stuenkel's marriage in St. Louis, MO

State of Missouri  
County of St. Louis  
I certify, that I have this day joined in  
Bonds of Matrimony Mr Conrad Stinkel, from Meddel, &  
Miss Mary Gerberding, from Meise  
Certified by me, this fifteenth day of February A.D. 1840.  
Rev. G. H. H. H. German Protestant Preacher  
Filed 3<sup>rd</sup> & Recorded 11<sup>th</sup> March 1840.

Stuenkel has been found to be spelled- Stinkle, Steinkle, Stunkel

#### A brief Stuenkel Sketch

In a German paragraph translated for Erna Bruns Foster, we learned that our MARIA was a sister to Conrad Stuenkel. He was a very well known resident in this County serving as judge of the county court for a time. A biography can be found in 1881 History of Lafayette County.

In a history written by Conrad's grandson, Edward, it was learned that Conrad had a brother, Friedrich Stuenkel.

For quite some time it could not be determined if Louis and Heinrich F. were brothers or not. In Friedrich's family, Christine had married August, son of Heinrich F. Finally, contact was made with cousins in Palmer, Kansas and things finally came together. One of their children, Leona Brueggeman, who is quite elderly now told us that her parents were not cousins and she also knew for a fact that Louis was a brother to Conrad. What made things totally confusing was that several people said that there was a brother Henry.

After more asking, we found the final piece of the puzzle. Irene Kalthoff Schulze is a descendant of the Heinrich, who is the brother of this family, but he did not come to USA. He stayed on the home farm in Germany (and paid high taxes) and then his son, also named Heinrich (Henry) of Metel came to Lafayette County and to Concordia. Perhaps some one will find the names of their parents someday in church records, at Basse probably.

Conrad D. F. Stuenkel b. 18 Dec 1811 Metel, amt Neustadt,  
Kingdom of Hanover, Germany

d. 1 Nov 1884 Concordia, MO

m. Mary Gerberding 1840 St. Louis, MO

b. 1825 Meize am Bissendorf, Germany

d. 1888 Concordia

#### Children:

Caroline b. & d. 1841 St. Louis

Dorinda b. 1842 m. Gus Freund had ch

Louis b. 1844 m. Sophia Bruns had ch

Maria & Christine (twins) b. & d. 1846 Concordia

Louise b. 1848 m. Wm Bergsieker had ch

Marie b. 1850 m. John von Glahn had ch

Adolph adopted by Bergsiekers

Katherina MARIA Stuenkel b. 1815 m. Heinrich D. Bruns  
History in detail in this booklet

Heinrich Konrad Friedrich "Fritz" Stuenkel b. 26 April 1818

d. 19 April 1874 Concordia

m. Sophie Charlotte Frerking 1846 Concordia

b. 1823 Esperke, Germany d. 1899 Concordia

#### Children:

Friedrich Heinrich b. 1847 (teacher in Detroit)

Rosetta b. 1848 d. 1868 Concordia

Carl Adolph b. 1850 m. Betti Blicknade had ch

Dietrich b. 1852 d. 1868 Concordia

Martin b. 1854 d. 1868 "

August b. 1856

Conrad Louis b. 1858 m. Emma Scheele had 3 ch  
went to Palmer, KS\*

Christine b. 1860 m. August Stunkel had 10 ch  
went to Palmer, KS\*

\*Have a complete history of family

## Continuation of brother Friedrich's family-

9th child was:

Maria (twin) b. 1863 m. Herman Lenz 2 ch, to Idaho

Ernest (twin) b. 1863 m. Line Christine Bruns

Ch: Fritz, Anna Oetting, Martha, Elanore, Henry,

Ernest, Adolph, Louis, William, Frieda

Martha b. 1867 m. Andrew Fuchs

Ludwig (Louis) Stuenkel b. 29 December 1820

d. 10 August 1864 by bushwhackers (Was Lieut. in Union)

m. Louise b. 1830 d. 1858 Concordia

m. Dorothea (or Doris) Scharnhorst 1858 She later m.

Children (Louise's): Herman Fricke

1st b. &amp; d. in 1847

Friedrich Heinrich b. 1849 m. Rosina Roepe

Ch: Clara, Ida, Edmund

Sophia b. 22 Sept 1851 d. 1881 Concordia m. Hy Buck

Ch: Rosa, Lena, Edward

Charlotte b. 1854

Doris b. 1855 d. 1870 Concordia

Children (Dorothea or Doris):

Louisa Doris b. 1859 m. Martin Bergman

Christina Marie b. 1862

Marie Louise Bertha b. 1864

Heinrich or Henry Stuenkel, Sr (no info as yet)

Henry Wilhelm Stuenkel b. 1866 Metel, Germany

d. 1904

A complete history of this family is being compiled by  
Irene Kalthoff Schulze, a decendant. Carl Kalthoff said  
their greatgrandfather was a brother to Conrad (& Maria).

Even though not a brother to MARIA, we will include-

Heinrich F. Stuenkel b. 1820 d. 1880 Concordia

m. Louise Scharnhorst b. 1827 d. 1869 Concordia

She was included in her Uncle John Henry Bruns' will.

m. Widow Maria Scheele 1870

Children (Louise's):

Eliza b. 1848 m. Hy Steljes, had ch

Henry b. 1850

Sophia b. 1852 d. 1869 Concordia of typhoid

William b. 1854 d. 1878 Concordia m. Anna Nierman

D. L. August b. 1859 d. 1930 m. Christine Stuenkel

had 10 ch to Palmer, KS (have history)

Martin b. 1860 m. Mathilda Geistfeld

Adolph b. 1863 did not marry

Christine b. 1865 m. Harms

Emilie b. 1867 m. Geistfeld

In 1870 census Emma 11 yrs old was listed here but Erna  
Stuenkel (Mrs. Clarence) in Palmer, Ks did not have her  
in the list of August's sisters and brothers.

Another Fritz Stuenkel came to the Concordia area in 1872 with  
Carl Bergmann. He was from Neustadt, am Rubenberge. We wonder  
if he is also from Metel, the Stuenkel home. He warked mostly  
for Henry D. Bruns. Married Anna Grother and both she & child  
died the next year. He spent time out in Kansas at Palmer and  
Linn. Came back to Concordia in early 1900's and died in 1932.



## FAMILY HISTORY

My mother's name was Virginia Bond Williams. She was one of five children of Joseph Parker Riley and Eliza Magi.

Joseph Riley was a master plumber. Eliza Magi was the daughter of Antonio Magi and Mary Oakley.

Antonio Magi was the son of Antonio Marie Magi.

This Antonio Marie Magi provided us with an air of mystery and romance. He and his wife, an English girl whose name I never heard, came to America from Genoa, Italy, about 1812 or 1813 in a time when Italy and all Europe was in a state of unrest because of the Napoleonic Wars. (If a person saw that TV show "The Charter-House of Parma", it would give a good idea of those times.) The romantic story my Aunt Lizzie told was that he had been a monk and she a nun and that they ran away. This I do not believe. I think it more likely that he had been designated by his family for the priesthood. Italian families usually dedicate one son to the priesthood. She, on the other hand, was probably the daughter of a merchant family. In those days the coast of Leghorn was a sort of English colony of merchants, well-to-do families, usually with a son in Oxford, while their daughters were sent to the convent schools for young ladies that Italy provided. That, I think, was the setting for the "romance". That's about the extent of my knowledge of that side of the family. I don't think they ran away for he was fairly well-to-do. In those days the English were persona non grata in Italy with Napoleon at war with England and I think they left because of that. At about that time, Nelson's fleet had to stand off the coast while the English families evacuated.

My father was Ralph Marion Williams, he was the only son of Frank Williams. (Don't know his mother's name.) Frank was born about 1848, son of a family of Virginia Williamses. His mother's name was Mary Middleton. His father was born in 1809. Frank's people were oyster fishermen down along the coast of Virginia. When he was a boy he was sent up to Philadelphia to learn the trade of barrelmaking. When the Civil War broke out, according to local history, the young boys of Philadelphia, 12 years or over, became so enthused about "joining up" that it was a constant worry to their parents, from day to day, to keep an eye on them. Frank Williams at the age of 13 jumped his apprenticeship, went up to Trenton, and enlisted under the name of "Frank Brown". He was at first the color bearer for Company R 2nd New Jersey Volunteers. At the end of the War he was a sergeant, and received his discharge, still under the name of "Frank Brown". Years later his wife had to go through a lot of red tape to get a legal paper saying, "Frank Brown is Frank Williams". When I was about 10 he took me one day for a ride up to Trenton, where we went into the State House. We walked down a long line of Company flags until we came to one which he pulled out and held up for me to see--his company flag.

by Jack Williams

MISSOURI

STATE OF

# PACIFIC RAIL ROAD COMPANY

CHARTERED IN 1840



SHARES \$100 EACH



This is to Certify that H. D. Bruns is  
entitled to One Shares of the  
Capital Stock of the **PACIFIC RAIL ROAD COMPANY** transferable  
only by the Books of the Company by Earl H. D. Bruns  
or his Attorney upon the surrender of this Certificate.

In Testimony Whereof the said Company have caused this  
Certificate to be signed by their President H. D. Bruns

(ST. LOUIS, Dec 31 1881)



*John A. Baird* Treas.

*John A. Baird* & Presd.

American Trust & Safe Co. New York

When all men by these presents, That

do hereby  
attest  
Attorney in and for the said Company to sell and transfer

the whole or any part of the within named shares with power one  
to appoint  
or more attorneys under  
Witness  
day of  
(18)

In the presence of



INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE

Shares

STATE OF OREGON, SEPT. 30, 1901

# The Monarch Gold Mining & Development Company

PORTLAND, OREGON

Capital Stock, \$250,000

Capital Stock, \$1,000,000

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

*John D. Range* is the owner of  
*One hundred* Shares of the Capital Stock of

The Monarch Gold Mining & Development Company, Fully Paid and Non-Assessable  
transferable only on the books of the Corporation by the holder  
herein person or by attorney upon surrender of this Certificate  
properly endorsed.

*Dr. William M. Howard*, the said Corporation, has caused this Certificate to be  
signed by its duly authorized officers, and to be sealed with the Seal of the Corporation  
this *6th* day of *April* A.D. *1901*

*Theo. J. Smith* *Asst. Secretary*  
*Asst. Secretary*

President

\$1.00



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# Beggs Motor Car Company

SHARES WITHOUT PAR VALUE

No. 531 4 Shares

Incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware.  
Authorized capital: Preferred Stock 50,000 shares par value \$10 each.  
Common Stock 50,000 shares without par value.

This Is To Certify That E. M. RUNGE is the owner of

FOUR fully paid and non-assessable shares without nominal or par value of the Common Stock of the

## BEGGS MOTOR CAR COMPANY

transferable in person or by his duly authorized attorney upon surrender of this certificate properly endorsed.

This certificate of Common Stock is subject to the rights of the preferred stock as provided in the articles of incorporation and by-laws and in the certificates of preferred stock, and the owner hereof takes the same subject to such preferred stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF said corporation has caused its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed and this certificate to be signed by its duly authorized officers this 1st day of March 1918 191



*E. M. Runge* President