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Reflections on Memorial Day

As I compose this newsletter article on Memorial Day, 2002, it seems I can only think of the fatefully tragic day on September 11, 2001 – or 9/11, as most of us patriotic Americans know it – which will be alive in my memory as long as I live.

The President has said he wants the nation to take a moment today to remember the men and women who died while serving their country in the military, and I can't help but think of the casualties of 9/11 as innocent fatalities of war. President Bush encourages us to put the word "memorial" back in Memorial Day, and to spend a minute paying tribute to the people who will never be forgotten in the hearts of the children, spouses and parents they left behind.

The horror that took the lives of almost 3000 people on 9/11 and began our battle against international terrorism should remind us of the unknowing sacrifice they made in finally waking up our American conscience, and should bring us closer to our God, our families, and our country during this time of war.

For those of us with military connections, this past half year has brought the realization of our serious role in defending freedom, democracy, our American lifestyle, and even the expression of our Christian faith. For those of us interested in genealogy, it reminds us of the value of family relationships, the limited time we have to rediscover and record the legacy of our forbearers, and the seemingly inadequate time we have to uncover and cultivate our own heritage. It also reminds us that Memorial Day has a painful history

built on the valiant loss and heart-breaking bereavement caused by war.

The nation officially started celebrating Memorial Day in May 1868. Originally known as Decoration Day, it was proclaimed to be a day for decorating the graves of the Civil War dead. Since then the United States has fought in seven wars, including the new War on Terrorism. In those wars more than a half a million people in American uniform have lost their lives. But can those innocent victims of 9/11 in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania, as direct targets of war, be considered less?

When Memorial Day was first observed 134 years ago, people were discouraged from having picnics and other forms of public entertainment. Supporters for Memorial Day worked hard to keep the day a solemn occasion, but over the past century it has turned mostly into a celebratory reception to summer.

While I support the veterans groups who hold fast to traditions, I'm not spending the day grieving. Today I'm gratified in the knowledge that my ancestors and my loved ones meant enough to some soldier, sailor, airman or marine that they died to keep them free. Knowing that the freedoms we treasure so much have been preserved by the price of the lives of over half a million military men and women since the Civil War should be enough to make us all want to shout loud heartfelt words of appreciation to them and to express our sincere sense of indebtedness to them. "Thank you!!"

Bob Cole
 May 27, 2002

Dobberstein Surname Queries:

I get many inquiries for information on Dobberstein surnames that are not directly related to our family line. On this page and in the free spaces on other pages I will include some of the notes I received the last couple years for your review

From: "Anita Pedde" <anitapedde@hotmail.com>
Date: Sat, 07 Apr 2001 19:24:25 -0500
Subject: A Dobberstein from Canada

My Great grandmother was Caroline Dobberstein of East Prussia. She married Christof Folwerk. Are there any people by that name in your family tree book? I would like to know if had any brothers or sisters. They had a son Friedrich. He was born on 24 April 1879 in Zetamka or Zelanka -- I can't quite make out the letters. I have an uncle in Germany who could give me more information once I know I'm on the right track. I would be very delighted and grateful for any information you could send me. If there is a link I would certainly be interested in a reunion party. There are over 100 descendents from our side of the family. Warm regards from a great-granddaughter of Caroline Dobberstein. Anita Pedde, Manitoba, Canada

From: Cmboje@aol.com
Date: Sun, 15 Apr 2001 11:38:46 EDT
Subject: [POSEN] St Martin's Lutheran church in Bartschin?

My uncle Albert Boje was born in Bartschin, Posen in 1882. In order to get married he wrote to the Lutheran church in Bartschin for a copy of his baptism papers. There is a round stamp on the paper with a small cross and the church name which appears to be St Martin's. Is there anyone who could confirm if this is the full name of the church, if the church is in Bartschin, what is the address, and how I could write to them. Thanks for any help. Regards, CmBoje@aol.com

From: "Gary Shaw"
<gshawsr@new.rr.com>
Date: Mon, 9 Jul 2001 22:28:16 -0700
Subject: Doberstein/Stroebe surnames

I just came across your website. Very nice. I see that you have my inquiry listed, which is fine. Has anyone contacted you about it? Just curious as I haven't had any comments, but I have changed servers in March and have a new e-mail address. My new address is: janshaw1@new.rr.com. Please update it. By seeing this site, it has brought back my thinking so to speak. I remember seeing an article about Stroebe Island that was in the Post Crescent, I am thinking in the 1950's that mentions the name of Dobberstein. I believe that I have a copy and will dig it out and read it. If it does mention the name, I will contact you again and then make a copy of it to send by regular mail. Janice

From: "Janice Shaw" <janshaw1@new.rr.com>
Date: Tue, 10 Jul 2001 08:30:20 -0700
Subject: Dobberstein/Stroebe

I have found the article that I looking for and the following is just a small part of it which shows the connection between Dobberstein and Stroebe. Actually the paper printed the name as Doberstein but I am almost positive that it is spelled wrong. "Mrs. Anna Stroebe, Frank's widow, also makes her home on the island, as do two of her daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Heuer and Mr and Mrs Clarence Doberstein. To make the island ownership even closer is the fact that Mrs. Anna Stroebe and Mrs. Harry Stroebe are sisters, the former Misses Nelson of Appleton." I really haven't researched this family very much, so I don't know which daughter married Clarence Dobberstein. My curiosity is up now, so I will do some searching and get back to you. Hope this is of interest to you. If you send me your snail mail address I will get this article copied and send it on to you. Thanks, Janice

(Dobberstein Queries - Continued on page 6, 12, 26)

Newsletter Statistics

Thanks once again to those who sent their family news and vital statistics for this year's newsletter. Earliest replies were received from....

- (1st) Heidi & Reid Huges of Lena, WI
- (2nd) Scott & Laura Haese of Alamogordo, NM
- (3rd) Bradley & Dawn Garcia of Middleton, WI
- (4th) Carol Colden of Kimberly, WI
- (5th) Leroy & Betty Dobberstein of Rapid City, SD

Much appreciation once again to our *Newsletter Heroes*, who generously helped defray the additional cost of sending the newsletter to their own and other families not able to attend the reunion. Thanks.

A generational breakdown of newsletter responses is shown in the chart below, along with a comparison from previous years:

2002	1st Cousins	2nd Cousins	3rd Cousins	4th Cousins	2002 Total	2001 Total	2000 Total
Families Eligible	13	66	141	11	231	229	218
Cards Sent	13	64	120	7	204	187	184
Replies Rec'd	3	23	7	1	34	42	38
Families Covered	10	28	45	5	88	90	94
Percent Covered	77%	42%	32%	45%	38%	39%	43%

John & Emma (Handschke) Dobberstein

Johannes Martin Herman Dobberstein was born on 30 Dec 1879 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. He appeared as an infant on the 1880 census with his parents in Hortonia. In 1908 he operated a 117½ acre farm in Section 32 in Hortonia. When he retired he moved to Hortonville, Wisconsin in Oct 1953. He died on 15 Jul 1969 in Manawa, Waupaca Co, Wisconsin, and was buried on 18 Jul 1969 in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. He was married to Emma Handschke (daughter of Louie and Mary Handschke) on 24 May 1905 in Caledonia Twp, Waupaca Co, Wisconsin. Emma Handschke was born on 25 Jan 1886 in Caledonia. She died on 24 Jul 1962 in New London, Wisconsin, and was buried in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. John and Emma had four children: Armand, Zeda, Leo and Hugo.

Family of **Armand & Concor- dia Dobberstein**

Leroy & Betty Dobberstein Rapid City, South Dakota

Leroy & Betty report the following confirmation and graduation:

Dannell James Davidson, son of Darrell & Leah Davidson, grandson of Leroy and Betty Dobberstein, was confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rapid City, South Dakota on May 12, 2002 and graduated from St. Paul's Lutheran School on May 23, 2002.

Leroy & Betty continue to enjoy retirement by being busy in the church serving the Lord. Leroy served a vacancy at Living Water, a new mission in Richmond, Virginia last fall. On the way back they spent a week with Donn & Beth and grandchildren, Caleb, Lydia and Aleah at Daytona Beach, Florida, where Donn serves as pastor; and spent Thanksgiving with Leroy's Mom, Cordy, helping her celebrate her 95th birthday.

Leroy is assisting with a vacancy at Apostle's, Billings, Montana. In between vacancies he does supply preaching in South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana as needed.

He also has served on the board of Great Plains Lutheran High School, Watertown, South Dakota where granddaughter Darra completed her second year.

Betty now has 20 students in her JESUS CARES class that meets weekly at a local Developmentally Dis-

abled residence. The class started with one student they knew from their earlier days in Rapid City, and has grown steadily. Betty is looking forward to Darra's cheerful assistance while she is home for the summer.

They are looking forward to the visit of Donn, Beth and grandchildren from Florida during the first nine days of June – quite a drive with 3 little ones.

Wayne & Lynn Dobberstein New London, Wisconsin

Granddaughter Aubree Hutchison married Michael Piper on 28 Jul 2001. Michael is driving a milk truck route, and Aubree is attending Lawrence University on a scholarship.

Marjorie Melso Neenah, Wisconsin

Son, Steve, accepted a call to Bethany, Manitowoc in October, 2001. His new address is Rev. Steve and Jane Melso, 3115 Meadow Lane, Manitowoc, WI 54229-3641.

Son, John, accepted a call as principal and teacher at Memorial Lutheran School in Williamston, Michigan and moved in the summer of 2001. Carole accepted a call in 2002 to start and teach pre-school at Memorial. Their new address is John and Carole Melso, 744 E. Church, Williamston, MI 48895.

Son, Mike & Deb Melso moved from Wautoma and bought a home in Appleton. Their new address is Mike and Deb Melso, 137 Gregor Ct., Appleton, WI. Mike & Deb also have a new son, Aaron David James, born June 8, 2002 in Berlin, WI. He was baptized on June 23, 2002 at Peace Lutheran Church, Wautoma.

Daughter, Chris & Joel Babinec's daughter, Emily, graduated from Luther High School in Onalaska on May 26, 2002. She was also chosen for the State all-star basketball game -- the first girl from Luther to ever play on the team. She will be attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota studying for the teaching ministry. She and her sister, Elisabeth qualified for the state track meet. Elisabeth took ninth in the 3200m and Emily won two firsts in the high and low hurdles, a second in the high jump, and a sixth in the 200m.

Matthew & Christina Dobberstein Hammond, Wisconsin

Christina wrote on behalf of her husband Matthew Scott Dobberstein, son of Dennis & Cathy Dobberstein. "I don't know when the last time was that you were updated on our family information, so here you go."

Matthew Scott Dobberstein married Christina Marie Groth on August 10, 1996 at St. John's Ev. Church in Hastings, Minnesota.

They moved into their first house at 530 Johnson Parkway, Hammond,

WI 54015 on July 1, 2001 (phone 715-796-5335).

They were blessed with their first child, a son, at 4:52 am on Nov 20, 2001, born in River Falls, Wisconsin. He weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20-1/2 in. long. His name is Jared Matthew Dobberstein.

Family of
**Zeda & Orville
Loos**

No news received from this family.

Family of
**Leo & Ruby
Dobberstein**

**Keith & Karla Dobberstein
Hortonville, Wisconsin**

Great-granddaughter Ashlyn Jennings arrived last summer. Granddaughter Keren and husband Brad both work so daughter Brenda and husband Al Ehlers have been doing their share of babysitting. Granddaughter Ruth will be a senior at Hortonville this fall and also helps spoil her niece.

Granddaughter Sydnee Dobberstein is now 3 and has 'graduated' to pre-school at daycare. She enjoys helping grandma Karla with the dishes when visiting them (often). Son Scott has completed finishing a very nice family room in the basement of their house, and wife Vicki is seeing a lot of changes at work due to the merger of AAL and Lutheran Brotherhood.

Grandson Caleb Hughes is in the swing choir at school and Keith & Karla have been enjoying many of his performances. Grandson Eli is quite a scholar and is very interested in science. Daughter Heidi recently started a new career in marketing at Carver Yachts. Husband Reid is working on a deck for their new house and the fam-

ily enjoys visits to his parents' cottage on Jungle Lake.

The whole family, including Keith's siblings and their children, had an 89th birthday party for mother Ruby. She especially enjoyed a long visit in June by sister Paula Schlotfeldt and children, Ryan, Todd & Emma. Husband Larry was unable to come due to work responsibilities.

June 11 marked Keith's 40th year at Curwood in New London. Karla continues her work at the clinic in Waupaca. Neither of them has definite retirement plans, although the subject does come up more frequently.

Another of life's passages. After the death of Karla's mom, Dorothy, in January 2001, life became increasingly difficult for her dad, Cliff Kottke. In December he joined his wife of 62 years with our Lord.

**Keren & Brad Jennings
Neenah, Wisconsin**

Since last year Keren & Brad have a new addition to the family. Ashlyn Marie Jennings was born on July 19, 2001, a fifth generation offspring (Ruby Dobberstein, Keith Dobberstein, Brenda Ehlers, and Keren). She was 8lbs 4oz and 18 inches at birth.

"She has brought us so much joy, yet keeps us very busy," Keren writes. "Right now she is almost a year old and loves crawling around and exploring new things. She loves to be with Grandpa & Grandma Ehlers and enjoys spending time with her auntie Ruth."

Keren is employed at Jacks pizza. She has worked there for almost two years. Brad works at Outlook Graphics in Neenah, and has also been there for almost two years. In their spare time they go up to Waupaca and spend time with Grandpa & Grandma Jennings and also with friends.

"Otherwise we are busy working and spending time together when we can."

**Heidi & Reid Hughes
Lena, Wisconsin**

Heidi accepted a new position as the Marketing Coordinator at Carver Yachts in Pulaski, Wisconsin. "It is a nice move up for me, with more responsibility, and a much cooler place to work."

**Paula & Larry Schlotfeldt
Kalispell, Montana**

Paula writes, "Another year has come and gone. Our lives remain much the same - good and blessed. Health is good, children are lively, busy, but happy."

Larry continues with his welding supervisor job with BNSF railroad. Paula continues working as a paralegal for the same boss for the past 13 years. Ryan was in 3rd grade at Trinity Lutheran School in Kalispell and Todd began kindergarten. Ryan started Tae Kwon Do (martial arts) last September and is very proud of himself. It's a great program and that is his 'sport'. Todd began gymnastics last winter and loves the trampoline. So they keep mom and dad running. "Princess Emma Jean Sweetwater is 3 and the life of her preschool," Paula says. "I've had two moms already tell me their sons informed them that they are marrying Emma. It's going to be a long life!"

Paula & Larry have just done their normal year of camping, chasing kids, keeping busy with school and work and enjoying their home when they can. Nothing too extraordinary.

They recently went up to Calgary, Alberta, so Paula could have laser eye surgery. It was a mini vacation for the family and they had fun at the zoo, the Calgary tower, and soaking in Radium Hot Springs. The surgery went fairly well, but they overcorrected her and now Paula says she's struggling with wearing reading glasses 50% of the time. "It's a challenge with work. I'm just hoping and praying that it

comes around and improves, as I'm not certain they would or can do another surgery to correct this problem. But at least the distance vision is better than I can ever remember."

They'll miss the reunion again, as they are headed to Wisconsin in June for a couple weeks. "Mom came down with a nasty case of shingles and we're hoping to provide some distraction. Either that or we'll drive her to distraction with the busyness of a 3, 6 and 9 year old."

"I look forward to reading everyone's reunion notes each year. Our dear historian from the past (Bernice) is now gone - so let's help keep our Dobberstein history alive."

Family of
**Hugo & Evelyn
Dobberstein**

**Hugo & Evelyn Dobberstein
Appleton, Wisconsin**

Just a few lines to let everyone know what went on with Hugo & Evelyn's family the past year.

They have been very busy trying to keep up with the family doings. The big thing was that Hugo had a rotator cuff repair done the end of November and had to go to therapy for three months afterward. Evelyn has the same problem on both shoulders but wants to wait until they come back from their trip through the Panama Canal the end of October.

**Faye & David Leatherman
Oshkosh, Wisconsin**

Faye writes, "Our summer is full again this year but we send our best wishes to everyone at the reunion. We will be celebrating Pete's 30th birthday in Minneapolis this year while the clan gathers in New London."

This year has been most difficult for their family. Tim was in a serious car accident in January that has left his left arm paralyzed. In May he had a lengthy nerve reconstruction at the Mayo Clinic. Now the family waits and prays those nerves will regenerate. "We have all learned to be patient and also thankful for everyday—sunrise and sunset. We cannot imagine how difficult this walk would have been without the love, prayers, and support of family and friends." Tim is doing well in his recovery.

Their grandson, Justin, will be 2 years old in August and is such a delight. His activity level reminds them they are moving on in life. Justin has had 2 ear surgeries this past winter but now all is in order. They see Pete, Michelle, and Justin as often as they can.

Everyone (except Justin) was recently in New York City for a long weekend, and can recognize how lives have changed since 9/11. "The losses sustained that day will resonate through history and we cannot help but be thankful for all of our blessings."

**Beth Garcia
Greendale, Wisconsin**

This is Beth's first contribution to the newsletter, and she says it is her children who encouraged her to write.

"It has been a great year for my family," Beth writes. She continues to live and work in the Milwaukee area as a nurse midwife. She loves her job even though the hours are long. Her oldest son Brad and his wife Dawn live in Madison. Dawn just accepted a new job and is very excited about it. Brad is working on his PhD in Plant Pathology at UWM. God willing he should be finished in 2-3 years.

Beth's youngest son Jason lives and works in St. Joseph, Michigan. He works for an environmental firm and likes his job. His girlfriend Casey

just graduated from the University of Louisville with her PhD in Audiology.

Beth says they try to get together as a family when possible, but it is sometimes difficult with everyone's busy schedules.

"I am visiting my parents as I write this. This fall they will be going with Faye and me on a cruise through the Panama Canal. We are so blessed to have our parents to spend time with. My family hopes to make it to the reunion next year. Unfortunately, previous plans will prevent us from attending this year. My best to all who read this."

**Bradley & Dawn Garcia
Middleton, Wisconsin**

Dawn sent the following addresses: Bradley H. Garcia II & Dawn Deprey-Garcia, 8530 Greenway Blvd, Apt 211, Middleton, WI 53562; and Jason Garcia, 2513 Willa Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

**Jan & Raymond Ross
Newton, Wisconsin**

Jan writes, "It has been a year of many 'lasts.' Matthew finished his last year of high school and graduated from Manitowoc Lutheran HS. It's been hard to watch him play his last football game, last baseball game, etc."

Matthew will be attending U-W Manitowoc Extension this fall.

John was confirmed May 12th (the perfect Mother's Day gift) and graduated June 2nd from elementary school. He will be at Manitowoc Lutheran High School next year.

In the fall, Mark will be going to school all alone for the first time as he will be in 7th grade.

Ray goes to work to pay the food bills and Jan runs a *free* bus service.

"Praise the Lord for all his blessings this past year."

Wilhelm & Couredena (Roesler) Dobberstein

Wilhelm Karl Otto Dobberstein was born on 13 Dec 1881 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. In 1901 he was employed at Riverside Fibre Company in Appleton, Wisconsin, and in 1908 operated an 80 acre farm in Section 3 in Hortonia. He retired on 22 Nov 1954 in Hortonville, Wisconsin. He died on 26 Dec 1966 in Hortonville, and was buried on 28 Dec 1966 in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. William was married to Couredena Roesler (daughter of Carl Herrman Roesler and Emelie Behling) on 21 Jun 1906 in Dale, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. **Couredena Maria Wilhelmine Roesler** was born on 20 Apr 1886 in Dale. She died on 3 Nov 1971, and was buried in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. Wilhelm and Couredena had two children: **Alvin** and a stillborn child.

Family of **Alvin & Ardys Dobberstein**

Evelyn & Dave Bromwell New London, Wisconsin

As for Evelyn & Dave, they took a vacation last fall to Branson, saw a lot of good shows, went to several dinner shows, and saw the Passion Play in Eureka Springs. Back home they went to the Crystal Grand in Wisconsin Dells and saw Lorretta Lynn and her daughters. They also went to see George Jones, and had a nice talk with his wife. They took the seniors on a trip to the New Zoo and Botanical Gardens in Green Bay. On the Saturday after the reunion they'll be going to the Crystal Grand to see Don Ho.

Over Easter they got both families together at the Senior center for a pot-luck dinner. "It's not too often we can all get together."

Evie was thinking of retiring after this year, but she thinks now she'll wait to see that the New Senior Center is dedicated and going strong. They have been so busy with planning this, along with having a 25th anniversary party for their nutrition program. Waupaca County is celebrating 25 years at all the senior centers this year. They had a party at the American Legion in New London, with music by the Behms ("Just Us Two"), door prizes and lunch. They had about 98 seniors present along with some county and city officials. "We honored all our volunteers for Volunteer Week that day."

Evie says she's glad that's all over for awhile. She will probably be planning a grand opening for the new center that will be in the old Washington Jr High. "If all goes well we could be in by the end of this year or by early next year."

Dawn's family hasn't relayed much of what they've been up to. The one good piece of news is that Dawn became engaged this last Christmas to Joe Tuchscherer. No immediate plans yet for the wedding. She said maybe next summer. He had been helping Dawn with a lot of remodeling in her home. He's a hard worker. Evelyn says she hopes Dawn brings him to a reunion so everyone can meet him.

Amber went to Branson with a friend and was going to visit one of her dad's good friends, Jerry Pansier, who played with the Planet Ranch band. Brian would sing with them when they practiced in their garage.

He now plays with Jim Owens in Branson. "We saw him last year, talked with him, and got pictures. He also sent me a tape he recorded of Brian singing a song Jerry composed."

Robin has been having a few health problems that they haven't been able to find the cause for yet. She's been to Madison several times.

Nicki lives in Appleton and has a nice boyfriend, Kim Magloski.

Evie closed her note by sharing a memory of Norm & Bernice Helterhoff. "I remember when my boys were young and their grandpa Alvin Dobberstein passed away. Norm & Bernice knew that Al & Ardys always took the boys to the Dells each summer. On that first summer after Al was gone, Norm & Bernice came and took the boys to the Dells just like Al and Ardys did. It's like they became their adopted grandparents. The boys thought a lot of them."

Dobberstein Queries – Continued from page 2

From: "Deni Dobberstein" <den_ann_2000@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2001 11:00:56 -0700
Subject: about the dobberstein family

hello, I read about the Dobberstein family reuioun. Well i wanted to know some things because i wanted to tell you guys that i am 1 of the Dobberstein's in mo ntana. I heard there are about 6 of us let. I wanted to know if we are related some how. my grandparents are don and lois dobberstein. it's pretty cool to find out there is more Dobberstein's around and it is interesting to find out there's more of us. and i want to know the history of it. Deni

Henry & Anna (Kringel) Dobberstein

Heinrich Friedrich Gustav Dobberstein was born on 11 Oct 1883 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin, was baptized on 20 Nov 1883 in the town of Hortonia, and was confirmed on 11 Apr 1897 in Hortonville. He operated an 80 acre farm in Section 33 between 1908 and 1933 in Hortonia, and retired in 1949 in New London, Wisconsin. He died on 22 Jul 1967 in the town of Little Wolf, Waupaca Co, Wisconsin, and was buried on 24 Jul 1967 in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. Henry obtained a marriage license on 19 Mar 1907, and was married to Anna Kringel (daughter of Gustav Kringel and Louisa Kluge) on 4 Apr 1907 in Black Creek, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. **Anna Henrietta Louisa Kringel** was born on 22 Oct 1884 in Dale Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin, and was confirmed on 3 Apr 1898 in Hortonville. Her name appeared on the census with her parents in 1900 in Hortonia, and worked as a housekeeper for the Hauff family between 1900 and 1905 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She died on 28 Aug 1971 in New London, and was buried on 31 Aug 1971 in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. Henry and Anna had eight children: **Gerhardt, Arthur, Lawrence, Henry, Olga, Walter, George, and Marie.**

Family of

Gary & Velma Dobberstein

Daniel & Joyce Dobberstein Taos, New Mexico

Daniel & Joyce write, “Well, it’s been a rootin’-tootin’ year for us. No longer are we sweating under the Florida palm trees, but have now taken up residence out here in the Wild Wild West—in Taos, New Mexico. Yup, we garage-saled all our extra stuff, loaded up the U-Haul, and now we’re living up here at an altitude of 7,000 feet in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo Mountains. We feel as if we’re in Shangri La.

“JJ has already done a few MindWalk gigs here in Taos, Santa Fe and Albuquerque. There is a fine reception for her kind of work. JJ is working on a book she is co-writing with dance impresario, John Henry Moore III, here in Taos. JJ also writes Chaotic Times, a newsletter about our current times, which can be accessed on www.adoberoad.net.”

Isis recently participated in the Taos Glam Trash Fashion Show, an event created to highlight the needs of increased recycling. Isis assisted in making the trophies for the event and looked fabulous in her created fashion made totally out of old Mardi Gras beads. She was a hit, and so was the entire event! Taos people are famous for showing up and supporting local functions, and this was no exception.

Fun was had by all.

Isis is becoming a tango wizard with her dance instructor (and owner of DoubleTime Dance Studio here in Taos), and the two of them will be performing at the Taos Community Auditorium on July 12 in the Taos Dance Festival. Theirs will be a most unusual and energetic fusion of Argentinian tango, swing, and just plain funk. Isis says that Tango is a harder workout than the martial arts she learned and taught in Florida.

Isis got hired on a volunteer basis at the Taos Indian Horse Ranch, a beautiful horse ranch located right on the Pueblo, a place steeped in tradition, history and a multitude of horses that Isis is just itching to get her hands on. Isis spent the last 2 and a half years being trained in English saddle bred equine work in Florida, and is now moving into the western style of horse riding and training. She’ll be working in all facets of horse care, training, guiding, teaching summer horse camps, trail riding, cook outs, and maybe even a Rodeo or two down the line. Isis will be working with Stormstar and Hoofbeats, owners of Taos Indian Horse Ranch, a wonderful married couple, and veteran horse trainers and guides into thousands of acres of pristine Indian country. JJ may be doing a little social working at the Taos Indian Horse Ranch with the groups of adolescents and teens they provide great adventures for.

“There’s so much artistic creativity in the air around here that Isis and JJ have created a company called ‘Sagedance Rose’ (Rose is Isis’ mid-

dle name). They will be creating artistic items from their acre-crop of sagebrush and shipping them (you guessed it) right back to Florida! Our dear friend Ted, with whom we worked for eight years in his retail establishments in Florida malls, will be selling Sage-dance Rose creations with that Southwest flair.

“Daniel is very busy. Still as wonderful as always. Calm, smart, loving and a miracle to us all. He travels so much of the time doing the work he loves—teaching corporate computer classes throughout the U.S. He is a much sought-after, knowledgeable, and humorous instructor. He also single handedly transformed our little Taos house into a home with much style and the southwestern look by his mastery of building and renovating. A loving husband and father, adept at whatever he puts his hand to, he is a gentle spirit in our family circle. He is a credit to Dobbersteins everywhere.

“When the snows came, Daniel and Isis quickly took to the ski slopes. Both did very well, and it appears Isis is something of a natural on skies. She really loved it. But, then, she seems to approach many things with her unique blend of grace and style. Although the first 15 years of her life were basically spent in the tropical weather of Florida, Isis took to the snow and ice here in the mountains like, well, like a fish to water. Upon seeing her first snowfall, Isis ran gleefully through the snowflakes and exclaimed, ‘If this is what it’s like here, I’m going to love it!’ What an amaz-

ing ability and acceptance she has in her approach to changing times!

"Daniel was lucky enough to get up to see the Dobberstein family this year, especially his beloved sister Doreen ('Tillie' as we know her) and his mom Velma who both had successful battles with health issues. How wonderful to be connected with family who mean so much! Doreen and Tom are threatening to come visit us in Taos next year, and we're looking forward to it very much!"

Isis spent the winter holidays on a Caribbean cruise with JJ's sister, Sally. This included various Caribbean island stops, a jeep safari on St. Lucia, a tour of the Puerto Rican Rain Forest, and an extra cool New Year's Eve party on deck their ship, *The Dawn Princess*. Isis made some friends on the cruise who have since become her email buddies.

"Both personal and global tragedies, heartaches, joys, and changes combined to make this a full and challenging year. Yet the voyage of the soul continues, and we continue to find love and fulfillment in the joy of being together and participating in life's unfolding adventures.

"We send greetings and love to all. Our contact information is: Daniel, JJ and Isis Lyman (Dobberstein), 230 Adobe Road, Taos, NM, 87571, 505-737-9395; or contact us by email at Mindwalks@hotmail.com."

Family of
**Arthur & Doris
Dobberstein**

**Janice & Ruben Borgardt
Pickett, Wisconsin**

The last two years have been quite hectic for the Borgardt family.

Early last year their son Dan was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. There were many trips to Fond du Lac for Chemotherapy treatments and he spent 60 days at Froed-

tert Hospital in Milwaukee. Much of that time was in August when he had his bone marrow transplant. His brother Jeff was his donor. The transplant was successful and Dan is well again. "Praise the Lord!" Janice exclaims. "And thanks to the many prayers of family and friends."

We were all hoping this year would be quiet and uneventful. Well, no such luck. Ruben was informed after his heart catheterization that he needed heart by-pass surgery. On April 23rd he had 5 bypasses. His recovery is going well.

Jeff moved to Mason City, Iowa in December to manage the new Fleet Farm that opened in May. He's been with Fleet Farm for 26 years.

Bill's son Bert graduated from high school on June 6. He has already enlisted in the Army, so later this month he'll begin his basic training at Ft. Knox, KY. Bill & family live in Colville, Washington.

Grandson Jeremy is working this summer at Fleet Farm. "Could there be another career Fleet man in our family??" Jeremy will be a Junior this fall.

**Darlene & Rev. Ken Gerike
Columbia, Missouri**

Darlene continues to do well with her maintenance therapy for her leukemia -- only four months to go! She is tired of being tired all the time but is thankful that the reports from the doctor are positive and optimistic.

Ken continues to keep busy at Trinity Lutheran and has been involved with establishing another mission congregation in Ashland, Missouri. The Columbia and Jefferson City Circuits have been holding Bible classes and meeting with the folks interested in starting a church in that area.

"Our family is growing!" Darlene proudly exclaims. Daughter, Kristin gave birth to a son, Corey D. Burton, on August 13, 2001. Being a single parent is a challenge for her.

Rachel married Robert (Rob) Denver Breeden on April 26, 2002, in Jefferson City, Missouri, and reside in Centertown, Missouri.

Matt has completed his first year of Grad School at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He is pursuing his Master's in Geography.

Andrew is their only "at home" child but keeps them busy with his many band activities. He will be a sophomore at one of the local high schools this fall.

"Sorry to miss the reunion," Darlene writes. "We just returned from a quick trip to Wisconsin -- the first since I was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia in October of 2000 -- but it was the only week we could get away all summer, due to treatments, weddings, youth activities, etc. It was a blessing to see the immediate family members we visited and hope to make our stay a little longer next time."

Family of
**George & Lois
Dobberstein**

**Pat & Brian Eckberg
Green Bay, Wisconsin**

Pat & Brian and Sherry & Ron went to Florida for 2 weeks the end of January. Pat & Brian drove down and then picked up Sherry & Ron at the airport. They visited Disney World and Medieval Times, rode an airboat, went to Bradenton to visit our Aunt Wilma, and went to Busch Gardens in Tampa.

In May, Pat & Brian drove down to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for a week. They drove through the mountains and went to a couple of shows.

Brian & Trish VandeHey bought Pat's house on Carole Lane in November. During the first week of May they toured the casinos in upper Michigan for about a week. The end of May they drove to Texas to visit Trish's family.

Marty & Kimberly VandeHey Greenleaf, Wisconsin

It has been a very busy year for the VandeHey clan. Dalton is 8 years old and has been in football, 4-H, Boy Scouts and soccer. He will be a 3rd grader next year.

Kristi finished kindergarten this year. She took dance through the YMCA and had a recital in spring. She now plays soccer. She has also been busy losing teeth. "Ask her to smile and you will see that this is one girl who will not be eating corn on the cob this summer."

Jackie was in preschool and is moving on to kindergarten. She was also in dance and soccer.

All three children had summer school this year (learning about basketball and math games). Dalton and Kristi earned Great America tickets for reading, and the family went there the last week in June.

Mitchell has learned to walk just recently as you can tell by the bruises on his head. He currently has more teeth than Kristi!

Marty & Kim went to Las Vegas in April. They saw some shows, lost some money and had lots of fun! It was their first vacation in years, and it was great to get away from it all.

Marty is doing well, and Kim is still working at the Neuroscience Group as a nurse.

They have nine pigs right now and Marty plans to get chickens soon.

Family of Marie & Walter Westphal

Marie & Walter Westphal New London, Wisconsin

Marie sadly reports on the death of their oldest child, Gloria Bendixen, who was 59 years old, and killed in an automobile accident on August 28, 2001. Gloria loved life, and the whole family misses her so much.

Marie writes, "So many times Gloria used to say how lucky we were

to have 11 children in our family, and would playfully try to guess who would be the first one to meet their Savior in Heaven, never thinking that it would be her."

Marie also reports she had some bad luck on October 20, 2001. She had been experiencing some minor health problems, and then slipped at home and broke her arm.

Marie & Walter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 6, 2002 at the home of Lynn & Bob Cole in Appleton.

Another happy day for them was the wedding of their son Stanley to his new wife Gretchen, who were married on May 10, 2002 at St. Peter's Church near Fremont, Wisconsin by Pastor John Brandt.

Another piece of happy news to the family was the birth of a baby girl to Jay & Mechelle Haese on May 16, 2002, the same day of her great-grandpa Westphal's birthday. She was given the name Aleaha Haven Haese.

Scott & Laura Haese Alamogordo, New Mexico



Scott & Laura's daughter Megan as a Kindergartener

Scott & Laura wish a simple hello and congratulations to Stanley & Gretchen on their marriage, and to Jay & Mechelle on their newborn daughter.



Stephen & Linda Westphal Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Linda explains her perfect job wasn't so perfect. They filled a Chapter 11 last September and closed their doors in February. She collected unemployment for a while and worked for Shallbetter Brothers Inc. in Oshkosh for about a month. Deciding that she didn't want to work for anyone anymore, Linda bought a bar in New Holstein. The name of the bar will be T-Bones Tap. It will be opening on July 1st.

Stephen and Linda went to Colorado in November to visit Steve and Kelly and helped them move on base. Steve was promoted to First Lieutenant in November.

They went to with relatives from California, Las Vegas and Arizona to Cabo San Lucas in May this year and had a fabulous time. Although she had never fished before spending three days on the high seas, Linda caught a 9-foot marlin. Steve got seasick the first day out.

Son Brian is doing well. He transferred to Oshkosh prison so he's a little closer to his job. He bought a new car this year.

Mike had a baby boy in February. His name is Jadin.

Stanley & Gretchen Westphal Appleton, Wisconsin



Stanley & Gretchen at their wedding reception.

Stanley married Gretchen Thurk at St. Peter Lutheran Church near Fremont, Wisconsin on May 10, 2002.

Lynn & Bob Cole Appleton, Wisconsin

It almost seems Bob spent more time with the Army than he spent at his job at K-C this past year. In addition to supporting repeated mobilization missions at Ft McCoy throughout the year, Bob spent seven weeks from Aug-Oct 2001 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina attending a course in personnel management. He was there when horrible events of 9/11 hit everyone by surprise. He then was called back to Ft Jackson in May this year for another six weeks in an administrative capacity, helping the instructor staff at the Adjutant General School with training development duties and serving as an Army Reserve liaison and student advisor. Future periods of active duty call up are possible but uncertain at this time.

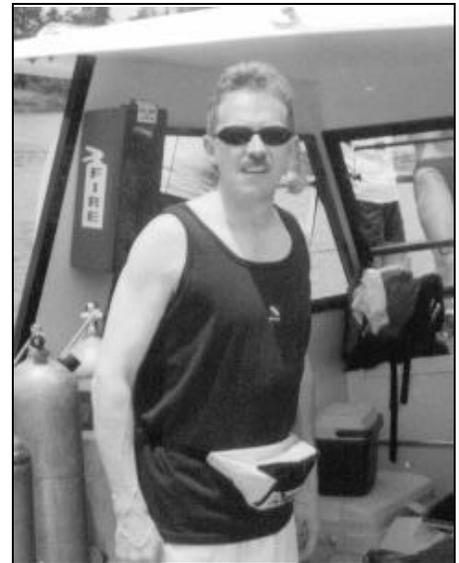
Lynn & Bob went to Florida again for a week in October 2001. Lynn's sisters Cindy and Susan flew down to join them. Lynn spent most of the week soaking up the sun at the resort, while Bob attended an aquatic environmentalism class sponsored by the YMCA as part of their annual instructor development program, and went on an unforgettable dive with the sharks and sea turtles at Epcot Center's Living Seas Aquarium.

Bob went on 8 scuba diving trips in 2001, accomplishing 20 dives, including four in the cold waters of Lake Superior in July, and four splendid ocean dives while in South Carolina. On his trip there this year he went on two dives in the Cooper River flowage near Charleston, where he found what he believes are prehistoric mammal bones and small shark teeth on the river's bottom.

In June 2002, Lynn had surgery on her right wrist to correct carpal

tunnel damage, and may need it on her left wrist next.

Daughter Jennifer (still single) is still living at home, and went with her aunt Susan, and cousins Rachel & Francine to the Seven Springs, Pennsylvania polka festival in July.



Bob Cole on one his South Carolina boat dives.

Cindy & Tom Gorges New London, Wisconsin

In memory of her sister Gloria, Cindy writes, "On August 28th our lives were forever changed with the tragic loss of our sister Gloria. She has always been such a constant presence in all our lives, and will be greatly missed by all. We will miss her kindness, her generosity, her sense of humor, the sheaphead and cribbage games, her good cooking, her unselfishness, her laughter, and most of all her smile. She took such pride at being the oldest, and always talked about all her brothers and sisters. And she was always watching out for us, and helping out wherever she could. Our family will never be the same without her."

In October, Cindy went to Florida with Susy, Lynn, Bob and Taffy to Lynn & Bob's timeshare condo in Orlando. Susy & Cindy flew down. It was Cindy's first plane trip. She loved flying and can't wait to do it again. There was just a little trepidation, as it

was only a month after the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center. By the grace of God, there were no incidents on the trip.

While there, Bob, Sue and Cindy spent one day at SeaWorld, enjoyed all the show, animals, roller coaster, and most of all, the free beer at the Budweiser house. "I think we sampled all the different kinds!"

Susy and Cindy spent much of the time either at the pool, or playing cribbage. "Gloria was supposed to take this trip with us," Cindy relates, "so we thought of her often and wished she was there."

The same week that Cindy was in Florida, Tom went duck and pheasant hunting out in South Dakota, where they, along with several friends, bought a house last year.

On June 2nd, Mandy and Cindy went to the Weidner Center to see *Cats*. It was great!

They went to Country USA again this year, and are making this their last year, as it is getting too big and too crowded. To go all out this year, they camped the whole five days so that they didn't have to drive back and forth every day.

Cindy and Mandy had a great time! It was hot, but they survived. They made a makeshift canopy out of a tarp that connected between the tent and their Surburban.

"All the shows were good," Cindy writes. "Alan Jackson is a very talented musician and I like his music. Our favorite was still Tim McGraw. Travis Tritt was also very good. Lonestar was awesome. Mark Chesnut, Joe Diffie, and Tracy Lawrence put on a show together, and all took turns on the stage and also performed together. They were absolutely hilarious at times and looked liked they were having a really good time. Martina McBride was a class act all the way, as usual."

[Cindy had written a touching poem as a memorial to her sister Gloria that I had hoped to include in this year's newsletter, but she wasn't able to send it in a format that I could read with my computer. So maybe next year...]

Carol Colden Kimberly, Wisconsin

Carol writes, "Luke and I are certified scuba divers! We completed open water dives last weekend BURRRRRR!!!!!!

Very cold but absolutely awesome, we can't wait to dive in warm water."

They plan to join Lynn & Bob Cole at their Florida timeshare resort this fall.



Bendixen, Gloria Jean



Dale

Age 59, died Tuesday, August 28, 2001 as a result of an automobile accident on Highway 10. Gloria was born August 10, 1942 in New London to Walter and Mraie (Dobberstein) Westphal. She was employed in the Graphics Arts Department of Tee Off Enterprises, New London; she was previously employed at Zwicker Knitting Mills, Appleton. Gloria was well known for her smile and forever optimistic disposition. She was a loving mother and grandmother and was a friend to many. Gloria enjoyed gardening, crafting, camping, traveling, fishing, hunting, cribbage, visiting with her friends and family and was an avid Packer fan. Survivors include her parents, her daughter, Michele (Robert) Bree, Bear Creek; her son, Mark Bendixen (Jamie Ayres), Appleton; her grandchildren: Zachariah Bendixen, Adriana Bree and Brent, Drew and Nicholas Bendixen; her step-grandchildren: Alissa and April Ayres; her special friend, Edward Herzfeldt, Dale; and his son, Greg (Gege) Herzfeldt, Dale and their children: Greg and Jon; his daughters: Robin Miller, Oshkosh and her children: Crystal and Alex; Leann Eldred, Appleton and her children: Kimberly and Amanda; her brothers and sisters: Glen Westphal, Neenah; Susan Haase, Appleton; Beverly (Harris "Wink") Winkler, Oshkosh; Stephen (Linda) Westphal, Fond du Lac; Stanley Westphal, Appleton; Lynn (Bob) Cole, Appleton; Cindy (Tom) Gorges, Readfield; Roland Westphal, Medina; Tim Westphal, Medina; and Carol Colden, Appleton. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday September 1, 2001 at ZION UNITED

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Highway 10, Dale with Rev. Virgie Davis officiating. Friends may call at the Wichmann Funeral Home, Appleton on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and again directly at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. A memorial has been established in her name.

Emil & Alma (Zirbel) Dobberstein

Emil William Carol Dobberstein was born on 16 Jul 1885 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. He died on 30 Nov 1947 in Greenville, Center Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin, and was buried on 3 Dec 1947 in Floral Hill Cemetery, New London, Wisconsin. He was married to Alma Zirbel on 20 Jun 1911. Alma Augusta Zirbel was born on 25 Apr 1889 in Sugar Bush, Wisconsin. She died on 26 Feb 1985 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was buried in Highland Memorial Park near Milwaukee. Emil and Alma had two children: Elmer and Gladys.

Family of

Elmer & Thelma Dobberstein

**Gail & Rev. Stephen Carter
St. Louis, Missouri**

Gail writes, "Hope that I'm not too late sending this information for your Dobberstein newsletter."

First, some words from Thelma Dobberstein (widow of Elmer Dobberstein): "She writes: 'I have lived the past two years in St. Louis, Missouri at 4979 Bacardi Lane, Apt. B, St. Louis, MO 63129. My phone number is: 314-846-7473. I live near my daughter, Gail and her husband, Steve. She takes me shopping, to the doctor and to pick up my medicines. I have two friends from New York who moved here to live. Once a month we get together to go to lunch or a movie or both. Then we go back to one of our homes and play cards or dominoes.

'Sorry that I can't get to the reunion this year, but I hope you have a lovely day and time with each other. We will miss both Norm and Bernice Helterhoff this year and any others that may not be there that I don't know about. Signing off for 2002 - Thelma Dobberstein.'"

Her son, Thomas, has a new address. It is: Tom Dobberstein, 155 Hidden Acres, P.O. Box 333, Fortine, Montana 59918.

As far as the news from Gail & Stephen Carter's family, on Friday, Dec. 21, 2001, Stephen led his final Christmas service for Concordia Publishing House employees at Holy Cross with the theme "Joy to the World." After 14½ years at CPH, including 6½

years as president, Stephen is retiring. Saying goodbye to co-workers who helped CPH 'resource churches' with the Gospel was not easy, but the prospect of more time with his wife Gail, children and grandchildren was appealing, and he believes the Lord has plans for continuing service on a part-time basis.

For the next year or so Stephen will be helping the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Missions with their publishing needs for missionaries and partner churches in six languages. His final act as president was to ride on the Lutheran Hour float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. Gail joined him for the festive events of that week.

Gail continues her fulfilling work as coordinator of the OASIS intergenerational tutoring program for older adults in 18 Lutheran schools in the greater St. Louis area. She also keeps busy helping her mom who lives in an apartment nearby and has had some major health problems this year.

Gail delights in spending time with her grandchildren. Jesse was born to daughter Amy and husband, Pastor Joel Schultz of Washington, Missouri on April 16, and baptized on May 6, 2001. Jonah, 6, played coach pitch baseball and is enjoying reading as a first grader. Josiah, 4, loves life and echoes Jonah. And they just announced at the family's Thanksgiving dinner in Red Bud, Illinois that baby number four is due in July.

Joel's dad, Rev. Donald Schultz, died in Feb. 2001 after a tragic fall the previous August.

Mark, Gail & Stephen's son, and Kayla, his wife, came from Mounds View, Minnesota to be with them for Thanksgiving. Brendan, 6 who had surgery on his inner ear in Oct 2001, loves kindergarten and the Cardinals.

Hailey Marie, almost 2, their only granddaughter, delights everyone with her ready smile and boundless energy.

Family of

Gladys & Harvey Hoppe

No news was received from the offspring of Gladys & Harvey Hoppe.

Dobberstein Queries - continued from page 2

From: "Blade"

<limmie@iafrica.com.na>

Date: Thu, 16 Aug 2001 20:02:41 +0200

Subject: Herman Dobberstein

I was surprise to find that there are so many of us. I am the granddaughter of Herman Dobberstein who emigrated from Germany during the 1930's to South West Africa/Namibia. He died during March 1971. He had six children, Dora, Edith, Helmuth, Peter, Dieter and Manfred. I am the daughter of Dieter. Please provide us with more information of our heritage. If I can help you with more info on the Dobbersteins in Namibia/S.A. please let me know.

Yours, Erika Dobberstein

Adeline (Dobberstein) & Martin Helterhoff

Adeline Ida Augusta Dobberstein was born on 25 Aug 1887 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. She worked as a den mother at Lawrence University's Brokow Hall in Appleton, Wisconsin. She died on 8 Dec 1962 in New London, Wisconsin, and was buried on 10 Dec 1962 in Union Cemetery in Hortonville. Adeline was married to **Martin Helterhoff** (son of Otto Helterhoff and Anna Walitz) on 12 Sep 1907 in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hortonville. **Martin Herman Ferdinand Helterhoff** was born on 27 Feb 1878 in Dale, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. He died on 19 Jul 1916. Adeline and Martin had two children: **Norman** and **Harold**.

Family of Norman & Bernice Helterhoff

**Faye Rasmussen
Middleton, Wisconsin**

Faye sent the memorial for her parents, reprinted here as she created it.

Family of Harold & Thelma Helterhoff

**Jessica & Tim Schultz
Minocqua, Wisconsin**

Jessica Schultz, Thelma Helterhoff's granddaughter, sent this year's report for the Helterhoff family's update. She says Thelma isn't capable of doing it any longer.

The year 2002 has brought two new members to the family, and one more later this year! That brings Thelma's great-grandchild count up to 23!

Emalyn Isabel Schultz was born on April 3. She is the daughter of Jessica & Tim Schultz, the granddaughter of Shyla & Mick Wiesendanger, and the great granddaughter of Thelma & Harold Helterhoff.

Nathan Jesse Chant was born on May 5, the son of David & Anne Chant, the grandson of Don & Heather Claussen, and the great grandson of Thelma & Harold Helterhoff.



Helterhoff, Norman
Otto Herman

MADISON - Grandpa Norm, age 80, died peacefully on Monday, July 15, 2001, at Wausau Manor Health Care Center, Grandpa Bun, his loving wife of 66 years, was at his side. Norman was born on Sept. 20, 1910, in the township of Dale, Outagamie County, Wis., to Martin and Adeline (Dobberstein) Helterhoff. He graduated from Hortonville High School and Oshkosh Business College. He was married to Bernice Carlson on June 15, 1935, in Unity, Wis. He worked as a banker for the Bank of Hortonville for 10 years before moving his young

family to Milwaukee, where he worked in the accounting department of Allis Chalmers for 36 years. His greatest enjoyment was his family, but he also loved sports as an active participant in his youth, and an avid baseball, basketball and football fan his whole life. He enjoyed golfing, darts, bowling and playing cards, too! Norman was a follower of Christ and an active member of various Lutheran churches, serving on church councils, ushering and counting money. Wonderful church memories include Mount Olive in Milwaukee, St. Paul's in West Allis, Riverview in Appleton, and Mount Olive in Madison. He believed in daily prayer, devotions, and lived his faith in such a way that all his family benefited. Survivors include his wife, Bernice; a daughter, Faye Rasmussen; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Gwen Lione; and his brother, Harold. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. "This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it."

Note: A memorial service celebrating the life of Norman was held on Saturday, July 21, 2001, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Madison, WI.



Of this picture, Bernice wrote:

"Up on Highest Peak, Waussu, Wis. He said, 'Don't fear, I won't let you fall' He knew - I already had fallen for him."



THE END OF AN ERA
AND THE BEGINNING
OF A HEAVENLY REUNION

What a love story... Bernice was Norman's eyes for the last 20+ years; he was her heart, and spirit and an inspiration to all their descendants for generations to come. They celebrated 66 wedding anniversaries on earth and saved the best for last..... their 67th in heaven.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Helterhoff, Bernice Mildred
Madison - Grandma Bun, age 92, died peacefully on Saturday, June 1, 2002, at Oakwood Village Health Care Center. Bernice was born on May 9, 1910, in Unity, Marathon County, Wis., to Adolph and Alma Carlson. She was valedictorian of her Unity High School class and graduated from Whitewater University with a degree in teaching. She was married to Norman Helterhoff on June 15, 1935 in Unity, Wis., in a double wedding ceremony with her brother Cace and his wife Viola. Norm and Bernice spent their first 10 years of marriage in Hortonville and then moved to Milwaukee and lived in West Allis until retirement. They then lived in Madison, Appleton, and Middleton before moving to Wausau Manor for their health needs in 1997. Bernice moved to Oakwood Village after Norman's death last summer. She was a

loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a tremendous care-giver. She was also a church socialist, a high school teacher, a seamstress, a gardener, an inventor, an artist, a plumber and a mechanic at times! She was the first Dobberstein reunion historian and few will forget her Sunday chicken dinners and hospitality for taking relatives in. Survivors include a daughter, Faye Rasmussen; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; four sisters; a daughter, Gwen Lione; and her beloved husband of 66 years, Norman. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. at MT. OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 401 N Mineral Point Rd., Madison, WI, with the Rev. Bob Boehler officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, or Oakwood Village Foundation.

"A perfect wife—who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls... Her children stand up and proclaim her blessed, her husband, too, sings her praises." Proverbs 31

On June 5th, Jacob Claussen, age 5, underwent a liver transplant at Mayo Clinic. He is already home and doing great! Jacob is the son of Jon & Amy Claussen, the grandson of Don & Heather Claussen. Jon & Amy are the one's expecting another baby later this year! Look for the update in next year's information.

Jessica's mom, Shyla, gave her the following note to pass on about grandma. "Thelma turned 89 in May and is now living in an assisted-living facility in Minocqua. It was felt this is the best place since she has fallen several times and is often confused. She still enjoys her family and looks as nice as ever!"

Ida (Dobberstein) & Edward Roesler

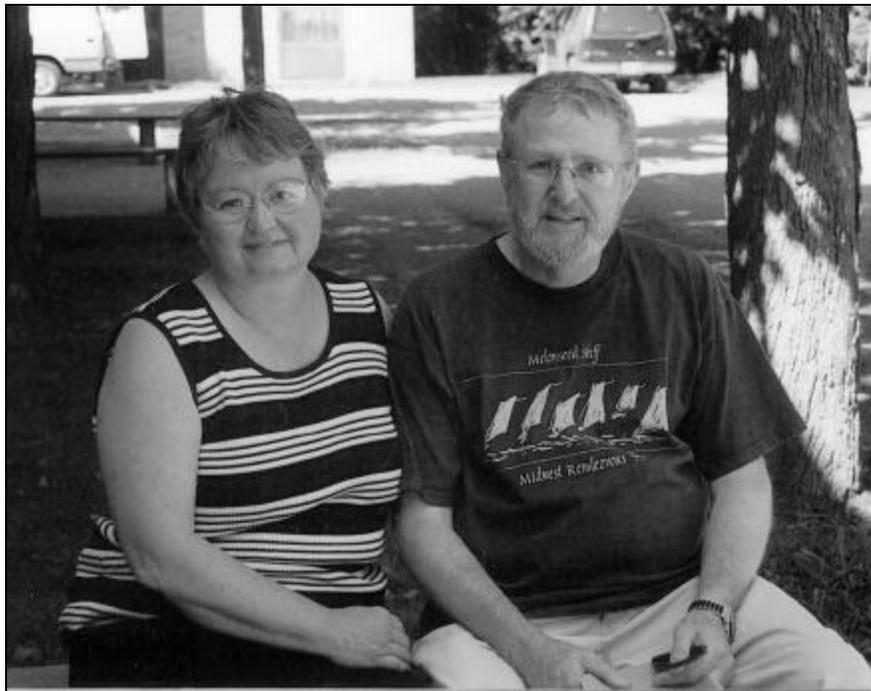
Ida Ernestina Wilhelmina Dobberstein was born on 21 Aug 1889 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. She died on 11 Jan 1981 in New London, Wisconsin, and was buried in Union Cemetery in Dale, Wisconsin. Ida was married to Edward Roesler (son of Carl Roesler and Emelie Behling) on 16 Sep 1909. Edward William Roesler was born on 14 Jul 1884 in the town of Dale. He retired in 1961, died on 10 Mar 1971, and was buried in Union Cemetery in Dale. Ida and Edward had four children: Leola, Wilma, Carl and Erdine.

Family of
Leola & William Schweppe

**Dorothy Opal
 Shoreview, Minnesota**

It is with sadness that Dorothy reports that on February 4, 2002 that her husband, Walt, passed away after battling leukemia for eight years. The wonder drug that he had taken since October 2000 suddenly stopped working in September. He still had a couple of pretty good months, even making one last trip in November to visit their grandsons in Canada. "All of us are grateful for the ten good months he had while the Geevec was working," she writes. Walt was able to make two trips to California, attend a Melonseed sailing rendezvous in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and spend a lot of quality time with their children and grandchildren.

Dorothy sent a copy of the insert (see page 16) the family put in the bulletin for Walt's memorial service.



Dorothy & Walt Opal on their 40th anniversary in September 2001

This year, Judy says her dad, Carl Roesler, retired but has been keeping very busy with his garden that he enjoys. His leg gives him some problems but he keeps active. Judy's mother keeps busy around the house too and keeps dad eating well.

This past May, Dorothy (Schweppe) Opal, Judy and Carl went to Lisle, Illinois to see Carl's sister Wilma (Roesler) Hart. They had a nice visit with Wilma and her step-daughter Jody. She sent a picture of Carl & Wilma. Aunt Wilma at 89 still walks a mile a day.

Judy also sent a picture and article of their son Josh. After being in the army for eight years he traveled home from Fairbanks, Alaska this past September. Actually he left Alaska the end of August on his Harley motorcycle and traveled back here to Wisconsin, arriving the first part of September. His wife, Brenda and son Hunter

flew to Oregon to see family, and then on here to Wisconsin. They are now living in Mishicot, and Josh is working security at the two nuclear plants in Kewaunee and Two Rivers. Brenda has a Mary Kay consultant business and Hunter keeps both of them busy at 1½ years. Judy says it's so nice to have them in the same state.

Judy & Ken's son Benjamin is a marketing director for Impact Publications in Waupaca. That keeps him very busy.

Daughter Lori has a video production company, Sassygoose Productions. She does videos for all occasions and restores old photo's. She just completed a graduation video for the Weyauwega-Fremont High School graduation class and had also done a really neat football video for them. Her son Dakota is playing a lot of baseball this summer and enjoys catching for the traveling team.

Family of
Carl & Ruth Roesler

**Judy & Ken Sasse
 Fremont, Wisconsin**

From last year's news, Judy & Ken had a new grandson, born in North Pole, Alaska. Hunter Kenneth Sasse was born to Joshua and Brenda Sasse on Dec 17, 2000.

Ken & Judy feel so blessed with their family and they enjoy their two grandsons so much.

Ken recently started tomahawk throwing and even got one for Dakota to throw. They aren't too good yet but maybe by next year they'll be ready for competition ("Just kidding!")

Judy & Ken keep busy with their large yard. Lots of lawn mowing and lots of flowers to take care of. Ken continues as a plumber at Hillshire and also enjoys helping other's who need his help.

They are so thankful for how God has blessed them and the strength and love that has been passed down from one generation to the next. "May our faith and love continue to grow and be passed down to the next generations," Judy concludes.

Joyce & Gerry Miller Waupaca, Wisconsin

There are a couple address changes in Joyce & Gerry's family. Todd & Barbie Miller live at 1659 Oakbrooke Circle, Eagan, Minnesota 55122.

Daughter Terri is now teaching kindergarten in Hollywood, California. Her address is 11319½ McCormick St, North Hollywood, CA 91601.

Their other daughter Torri is now married to Mark Pietras, and their address is 3200 S. Pinewood Creek Ct, Apt 309, New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151. Tyler is a student at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, majoring in criminal justice. He still lives at home during the summer.

That's it for this year and should update everyone's whereabouts.



Brother, Carl Roesler & sister, Wilma Hart



Josh Sasse on his ride from Alaska to Wisconsin.

Family of
**Wilma & Merle
Hart**

**Wilma Hart
Lisle, Illinois**

Wilma writes, "Seems this year is like any other in that I won't be able to join the reunion. However, will be thinking of you and wishing I were there."

She says there is nothing new with her to report, but is thankful she is still able to take her daily walks and participate in community activities where she lives.

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From: dianemscott@worldnet.att.net

Date: Mon, 20 Aug 2001 17:43:43

Subject: BWO Look-Up Request

I am searching for the descendants of Joseph Dobberstein and wife Catherine Scharbach. Joseph was the son of Joseph Dobberstein, who was born in 1823 and died in 1917 in Richfield, Wisconsin and Juliana Schoen who was born 1834 and died 1910 in Richfield. Catherine Scharbach was born 1868 in Richfield, Wisconsin and was the daughter of Sebastian Scharbach and wife Anna Maria Classen (aka Glaser). I only know of one child Sebastian born June 11, 1887. Any help would be appreciated. Thanks, Diane.

From: kmonigalku@aol.com

Date: Thu, 22 Jun 2000 11:54:16 EDT

Subject: Mannigel, Sanger, Sawall, Zech

Just wondering if you are researching Mannigel, Sanger & Sawall from the Jankendorf or Budsins area of Kreis Kolmar or Mannigel, Zech, probably Gorerke (various spellings) of Kreis Wirsitz? (Some members of the Dobberstein and Pahl families of the Jankendorf – Budsins area also married into the Mannigel family.) Sincerely, Kris (Monigal) Kurtz, Oak Creek, WI.

Sasse Sees Lots Of Nature & Wildlife On Cycle Trip From Alaska To Fremont

by Ken Hardwicke

There is a lot of nature's beauty and wildlife between Alaska and Fremont ... and Josh Sasse has seen most of it while riding the open road on his Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle.

Sasse, a 1993 graduate of W-F High School and a longtime Fremont resident, was a military policeman stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, for the past 3 1/2 years, but when he left the military with his honorable discharge, he decided to drive himself home. It may have been one of the most exhilarating experiences of his 26 years.

Sasse steered his 1995 Harley from North Pole, Alaska, to the tiny village of Fremont. When he left Alaska on Aug. 19 it was 40 degrees and frost was covering his motorcycle windshield. When he pulled up to his parents' rural Fremont farm on Sept. 2, his odometer read 3,100 miles.

Along the way, Sasse managed to see just about everything and experience the friendliness of people along the route who offered him shelter, food and lots of friendly conversation and advice.

"I averaged between 380 miles and 620 miles a day," says Sasse. "While gasoline is purchased in liters in Canada, I spent about \$500 on the trip. I only hit rain once, and that was in Canada. My bike was solid mud. There was 50 miles of road construction."

Surprisingly, Sasse said that the cheapest gasoline that he purchased in his 3,100 mile journey was \$1.69 and it was in his home state of Wisconsin. He admitted that he paid \$3 a liter in Canada.

"Some of the gas stations in the rural, mountainous areas of Canada ran on generators and shut down at 7 o'clock at night – so if you didn't get there before they closed, you had to wait until the next morning to pump gas," Sasse said.

Besides the beautiful mountains, valleys, rivers, lakes and open fields from Alaska through Canada, Sasse also saw a lot of kindness from people along his route.

"The people in the hotels in Canada were real nice," recalls former Sgt. E-5 MP (military policeman) Sasse, who was a traffic consultant investigator before he hit the open road. "The highest motel rate that I paid on the entire trip was in Spooner, Wisconsin, where the room was over \$100. My parents (Ken and Judy Sasse) rode up on their bike, along with my godfather, Verlyn, and wife Joanne Burow, to meet me in Grand Forks, North Dakota. I even had a truck driver in Canada use a laptop computer to show me a grid map on where I was and where I was going."

Besides nice people, Sasse saw lots of wildlife during his trip. Among the animals that he saw from the seat of his cycle were a black bear, a caribou, mountain goats and white-tailed deer – all of them as he drove through Canada.

"I've been fortunate because I've seen a lot of God's beauty in Alaska the past 3 1/2 years," asserts Sasse. "It was gorgeous there."

Sasse entered the Army right out of W-F High School and spent eight years in the military before deciding to select another road in his career. During his time in service, he met and married wife Brenda, and they had a son, Hunter, who is now 8 months old. Both wife and child are currently residing in Roseburg, Ore., where they were "grounded" due to the recent terrorist attack in New York and Washington, D.C. Sasse hopes to see them as soon as flights are restored.

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Right now, Sasse is living with his parents in Fremont and "looking for work." "I'd like to work in northern Wisconsin (Eagle River area), but now I'm looking in Waupaca County for work," says the energetic Sasse.

With eight years of military police experience and a sister who was a former Fremont police chief, most people would expect Sasse to seek employment in law enforcement, but that is not the case.

"I want to get out of police work because I'm sick of dealing with the criminal element," admits Sasse. "The laws today ... the lawyers can twist the system so people who do wrong can get off. If you don't collect evidence in the proper way, people get off. People in jail have rights and more benefits than the average law-abiding citizen. In Alaska, people deliberately get put in jail for the winter so they can get fed every day and keep warm."

With his longtime exposure to Alaska's natural beauty and the recent experience of his motorcycle trip, it is not surprising that Sasse hopes to get a future job working in the environment – possibly as a park ranger. He also enjoys working outdoors in the construction field.

Whatever he does, wherever he chooses to live and wherever he travels in the future, Sasse will have the memories inherent with his recent trip of a lifetime. Not many people can say they rode a motorcycle from Alaska to Fremont, Wis., and enjoyed every bump along the way, from the snow in the distant mountains to the hospitality in Haines Junction, Canada.

Walter Anton Opal was born on October 19, 1938 in Wausau, Wisconsin to Walter and Viola Opal. Walt's mother was a red-haired schoolteacher who captured the heart of a Woolworth's Store manager. Walt was proud of being his parents' favorite son. He had three sisters, Muriel, Shirley, and Marilyn.

Following high school, Walt attended Ripon College, where he completed a bachelor's degree in political science. It was here that he met Dorothy Schweppe on a blind date. They were married September 2, 1961. They started their life together in Madison, Wisconsin, where Walt completed his law degree.

Walt's university years included ROTC training. He served as first lieutenant and captain in Japan for three years. Walt returned to Wisconsin, settling in Ladysmith where he held the position of assistant district attorney, and in 1969, the family moved to Neenah Wisconsin, where Walt began his career as a bank trust officer. He completed his career at Firststar Bank in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Walt discovered one of his most abiding passions on the waters of Lake Mohawkson, Wisconsin. Being on the water, especially sailing, gave Walt great pleasure. His love of small boats grew, as did his interest in navigation. Walt joined the Power Squadron, achieving his full certificate. He served as an instructor of navigation and as the education officer for the St. Paul Power Squadron. Walt mastered the use of the sextant and one of his favorite activities included taking sites with his wife and kids at four a.m. on cold mornings on the shores of Lake Como. He liked to say he could have piloted the Exxon Valdez.

The Melonseed Skiff joined the family in October 1992. This 14-foot sailboat captivated Walt as the perfect boat for single-handed sailing. He also loved the beautiful lines and the history of the boat and described it as an American classic. He enjoyed meeting fellow "Melonheads" over the Internet and at

several Melonseed rendezvous. The time Walt spent sailing his boat (and watching video footage of Melonseeds during the winter months) brought him great pleasure. He sailed his boat on the Atlantic Ocean, on Lake Superior and on many smaller inland lakes. He loved sailing with his family and anyone else he could talk into going with him.

Walt's other great passion was his family. He took pride in his four children and he could often be heard describing his grandsons as "the most magnificent grandchildren in North America." He delighted in having the family together and especially enjoyed his trips to Canada to visit "the little honeys."

Dorothy and Walt were blessed to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this past September. During their life together they shared themselves and their home with many guests. Opening their home to visiting pastors, students and their children's friends, they provided a rich sense of family for many and experienced much joy in return. Woven throughout Walt's life was his love of God. He studied the Scriptures and applied these teachings to his life. This faith sustained him during his long battle with leukemia. He was an example to his family and friends in the way he lived and in the way he faced his death.

Walt died at home on February 4, 2002 surrounded by his family.

Memorial to Walt Opal (1938-2002)



Minutes of the 2001 Dobberstein Reunion Meeting

The 53rd Annual Herman Dobberstein family reunion was held July 8, 2001 at Hatten Park in New London, Wisconsin. The President, David Dobberstein, called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read by Erin Klement and accepted. The Treasurer's report was given by Carol Colden and accepted. The Historian's report was given by Bob Cole and accepted.

New Business included the introduction of families, discussion of raising the dues (voted to stay the same -- \$3 for single and \$6 for families), and Bob Cole's historical presentation.

New officers for the next two years were voted in as follows: President - Steve Dobberstein, Secretary - Erin Klement, Treasure - Carol Colden, Historian - Bob Cole.

Committees for the next year were nominated and approved as follows: Refreshments - Randy Dobberstein, Shelter House - Dave & Evelyn Bromwell, Volunteers for Food Committee - Steve & Mary Dobberstein, Cory & Erin Klement.

Motion made to adjourn meeting with auction to follow.

Sincerely, Erin Klement, Secretary

Edwin & Lydia (Ponto) Dobberstein

Edwin August Fredrick Dobberstein was born on 12 Aug 1895 in Hortonia Twp, Outagamie Co, Wisconsin. He worked as Superintendent of the New London Park System in New London, Wisconsin. He died on 8 Oct 1983 in New London, and was buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in New London. He was married to Lydia Ponto (daughter of Edward Ponto and Ottilia Fenske) on 11 Apr 1917 in Outagamie County, Wisconsin. Lydia Alvira Ponto was born on 15 Jul 1894 in Princeton, Green Lake Co, Wisconsin. She died on 22 Oct 1982 in New London, and was also buried at Floral Hill Cemetery. They were members of Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London. Edwin and Lydia had two children: Vernon and Leland.

Family of
Vernon & Georgianna Dobberstein

No news received from the offspring of Vernon & Georgianna Dobberstein.

Family of
Leland & Vivian Dobberstein

**Vivian Dobberstein
Shawano, Wisconsin**

Lee Dobberstein passed away quietly Sunday evening May 19, 2002. Just before he passed away, Diane, his daughter, and Vivian visited him in the afternoon. Sons, Steve & Dave, were there that evening. They prayed the Lord's Prayer out loud.

"One breath was there, the next was missing," Vivian relates. "He died without a struggle. We will always miss him. I loved him with all my heart. Jesus waited at the gates of heaven to welcome him. He's at peace with our Lord."

**Steve & Mary Dobberstein
Shawano, Wisconsin**

Greetings from the Steve Dobberstein family to all. They report a year of changes. In December 2001 Leah graduated with high honors from NWTC, Green Bay in the field of Health Business and works for the Prevea Health System in Green Bay.

Their best news is the marriage of their youngest daughter, Leah Ruth to Dave Passehl on June 15, 2002, at St. James Lutheran in Shawano. "We now have another 'son!' The wedding was awesome and the time passed much too quickly!"

Two of Steve & Mary's granddaughters, Lexi (Todd and Coleen) and Anika (Erin and Cory) were flower-girls along with Dave's niece. Erin was matron of honor and Cory best man. Todd and Coleen were also attendants so it truly was a family affair! "After all the planning and planning I think Steve got the best part as he proudly walked Leah down the aisle."

Dave & Leah have a new home just outside of Shawano. Steve & Mary are so happy that their family is all close by. Sons-in-law Dave and Cory have formed a development company and are in the process of building townhouses in Shawano.

Erin & Cory have moved into their new home/ranch. Todd & Coleen continue to live on the Wolf River, and at this time of year can really enjoy the water! "Right now the 'lights of our lives' are our three beautiful granddaughters, Lexi, Anika and Julia! We love having them around, especially when they are able to spend the night! They look forward to Grandpa Steve's popcorn. God has surely blessed us. Lexi completed 3 year-old preschool and Grandpa video-taped her closing program," Mary writes.

Steve & Mary continue to enjoy their jobs. His, the nursery, and hers, teaching.

"Losing Steve's dad was difficult for all of us. God took him Home where he is sitting in his recliner, smoking his pipe and enjoying the Packers from the 'best seat in the house!!' Thank you

Lord for all the blessings you have given us."

Steve & Mary wish all a great year.

**Erin & Cory Klement
Shawano, Wisconsin**

This August Erin & Cory will be celebrating their 5-year wedding anniversary. They are finally settled in their new house that they built last summer. They also renovated the 100+ year old barn that is on the property.

Cory is very busy with their animals. They are in the business of raising Alpacas, Llamas and Camels, and harvesting their fiber (fur), which is extremely soft and warm. They are having a great time working with their animals.

Cory is continuing his engineering business, and recently designed a new type of cement chute for a local manufacturing business. Erin is enjoying her time being at home with their girls.

Anika celebrated her 3rd birthday in April. She loves helping Daddy with the animals, swimming in her little pool, and riding her bike. Julia also celebrated a birthday in April; it was her first. She loves playing with the cats, helping Mommy with her flowers, and riding in the wagon. Julia tries hard to keep up with her sister.

Remembering Our Dobberstein Grandparents

Continuing the series of recollections begun in the 2000 Dobberstein Reunion Digest, here are four additional memories of Dobberstein grandparents. If you have other stories to tell about your Dobberstein grandparent, please feel free to write it down and send it for next year's reunion newsletter for everyone to read and enjoy.

Remembering Herman Dobberstein and John & Emma Dobberstein

My fondest memory of Great-grandpa Herman Dobberstein was his 100th birthday at his home. I was fascinated by his large 3-tier cake with 100 candles. I was very young and it was in the early 1950s.

I also recall Grandpa John Dobberstein who was glued to the big Motorola radio, engrossed in the Milwaukee baseball games. He also loves the strongest limburger cheese sandwiches which were served by Grandma Emma Dobberstein when their children came to play cards. We, as the grandchildren, came and fell asleep in the little room off the living room, but it was fun because we woke up and had a piece of tasty poppyseed cake that Grandma lovingly baked and topped with her hard work of cracking hickory nuts during the winter. It's nice to have such wonderful memories of these times.

by Diane Thede

Remembering John Dobberstein

After our marriage on June 30, 1938, Leo and I took a 2-week honeymoon trip to Yellowstone Park. We returned home to our upstairs apartment in the big house on the Dobberstein farm on Winchester Road in the town of Hortonia.

Now was the time for Leo to 'get back to work.' Father-in-law John was always an early riser and very precise on the time. When Leo was just thinking about getting up we would hear a very loud 'Thump' on the floor below us. That would be John's feet hitting the floor as he jumped out of bed. When he heard the thump, Leo, being the obedient son that he was, would

hurriedly get dressed and run down the outside steps to try to get to the barn ahead of his father. Maybe that was John's way of telling Leo that it was high time to get up and get to work.

My mother-in-law, Emma, would often times say after an argument when John came out the winner, "John is always right, even when he's wrong."

Often times I would plant early radishes and lettuce very close to the rhubarb at the end of the garden. Once I had done this when John decided to work up the rest of the garden. Not wanting the seeds to be dug up I told Gene (about 4 at the time) to go out and remind Grandpa John to work around the lettuce. Gene came back to the house saying "Grandpa can't see or hear," so that was the end of my early veggies.

by Ruby Dobberstein

Remembering John & Emma Dobberstein

Grandma Downtown is the way Keith, Gene, Noreen, Mark & Paula Dobberstein differentiated Emma Dobberstein from our other Grandma, who lived in the country.

Grandma Downtown always had a hug and a stick of Juicy Fruit or Wrigley's Spearmint gum in her pocket for our clan when she came to visit at our farm on Winchester Road in Hortonville. She also was a terrific mender and loved to mend our socks, holes in the knees, pants and other things. We kept a stack of mending for her in a specific place and it would disappear by the time she left.

She was a frequent visitor as Grandpa John was out helping Dad (Leo) in the fields. (He really liked to be out driving tractor and tilling the fields.) I always loved the sausage that Grandma made at our farm. After the sausage stuffer filled the casings, she turned the long sausage tube into links, and they were smoked in our smokehouse. I particularly loved the blood

sausage with the raisins - until the day I saw her actually make the blood sausage, and never ate it again!

Grandma liked to talk on the telephone and if I got sick at school, I would go to their house across the street from school until Mom or Dad could pick me. (Sometimes Grandpa's cigar smoke was so strong I thought twice about going there when I was sick.) I often would learn what was happening in the adult world in town by listening to Grandma's end of the phone conversations. She loved to play cards and she and Grandpa were all business when it came to playing *sheepshead*, no room for children to make errors.

Grandma was very short, and stout, but had more than enough love to share with all of her many grandchildren.

by Noreen Rossa

Remembering Henry & Anna Dobberstein

My sweetest memory of Grandpa Henry Dobberstein is of him smoking and sitting in his rocking chair on the front porch of their house in New London. He always seemed to have a gentle way about him and a kind smile.

I have more clear memories of Grandma Anna Dobberstein - the most special thing was that I was born on her birthday, October 22, so she always thought that was great (and so did I)! I also remember when we came for a visit, she always seemed to have some cookies in a tin on the stairway - I remember the orange ones with frosting were wonderful. She also grew pink impatiens in pots inside the house, and to this day I think of her when I see them blooming so cheerily. When I would stay overnight in the summertime, Grandma and I would sit on the porch swing, Grandpa sat in his rocker, and all seemed right with the world.

by Doreen Hickey

OBITUARIES

Leland E. 'Lee' Dobberstein

Leland 'Lee' Dobberstein, age 81, of the Town of Richmond, Shawano County, passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2002, in Shawano.

He was born on May 2, 1921, in Hortonville, Wis., the son of the late Edwin and Lydia (Ponto) Dobberstein. Lee was united in marriage on May 2, 1943, in New London to Vivian Arndt.

He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church of Shawano where he was on the school board for six years, Board of Elders for six years, and the Church Treasurer. Lee graduated in 1938 from New London High School. After graduation he attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls for three and one-half years, then enlisted in the United States Naval Air Corps as a Navy pilot for four and one-half years in the Aleutians and the South Pacific. Upon returning home, he returned to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and completed his education where in 1946 he received a degree in Agriculture Education and Science.

Lee became an Agricultural Instructor at New London High School, owned and operated a dairy farm, was a milk sanitarian for Neenah Milk Products, an assistant county agent for Shawano County, and a County Supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration in Jefferson, Waupaca and Shawano Counties for 21 years. Lee was an Agriculture Loan Officer for Citizens State Bank of Shawano and after retiring did contract work for the Farmers Home Administration. He was also a Director of the Farm Bureau, member and officer of the Shawano Lions, a 4-H leader, Boy Scout Leader, Secretary of Livestock Shipping, member of the



Shawano American Legion Post #117 and Golden K Kiwanis. He enjoyed traveling, feeding the birds, spending time with his family and was an avid Packer fan.

He is survived by: his wife of 59 years, Vivian; one daughter, Diane Dobberstein of Green Bay; two sons, Steven (Mary) Dobberstein, David (Shelly) Dobberstein both of Shawano; five grandchildren, Todd (Colleen) Dobberstein, Erin (Cory) Klement, Leah (fiance, David Passehl) Dobberstein, Zachery and Lydia Dobberstein, all of Shawano; three great-grandchildren, Alexis, Anika, and Julia; one sister-in-law, Georgiana Dobberstein of New London; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Brittani, and one brother, Vernon.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 22, at 11 a.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Shawano; with the Rev. Fred Zimmermann officiating. Burial will be in the Floral Hill Cemetery, New London. Friends may call on Wednesday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the services. There will be complete military services by the Shawano American Legion Post #117 at the church following the funeral service. Swedberg Funeral Home of Shawano is assisting the family.

Obituaries



Helterhoff dies

Harold Helterhoff, 83, well-known Minocqua educator and businessman, died July 23 at Howard Young Medical Center. A resident of Minocqua since 1945, he served as principal of the Minocqua School District before establishing his retail business. See page 15 for details.

Harold Helterhoff

Harold E. Helterhoff, 83, of Minocqua died Thursday, July 23, at Howard Young Medical Center, Woodruff.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1915, in Dale, son of Martin and Adeline (nee Dobberstein) Helterhoff. He graduated from Hortonville High School in 1933 and Lawrence College in Appleton in 1938 with a major in economic and a minor in education. He did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

He married the former Thelma (nee Nohr) in Appleton, on Sept. 1, 1938.

Mr. Helterhoff taught social studies and coached basketball and baseball in Randolph from 1938-43. He held the same position in Ripon from 1943-45. He then moved to Minocqua to become the principal of the Minocqua School District (elementary and high school) from 1945-47.

He established a retail business in downtown Minocqua in 1948. Helterhoffs Inc. expanded into four tourist oriented shops, including a moccasin mail order business. In 1995 he sold the downtown locations and moved the embroidery and moccasin business to its present location on Hwy. 51 South.

He was a charter member of the Minocqua Lions Club and served as club secretary and twice as president.

He served on the Lakeland Union High School Board and served as clerk for 16 years. He was also very instrumental in coordinating the Minocqua Centennial Celebration in 1988 and also participated in the establishment of the Minocqua Museum. He was the Minocqua Parking Commission chairman from its inception until 1995. He has always been interested and concerned about community affairs.

He is survived by his wife Thelma of Minocqua; four children, Heather (Don) Claussen of Prior Lake, Minn.; Hal (Jaqueline) Helterhoff of Rochester Hills, Mich.; Norman (Bonnie) Helterhoff of Knoxville, Tenn., and Shyla (Mick) Wiesendanger of Arbor Vitae; 10 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother Norman (Bernice) Helterhoff of Waunakee. He was preceded in death by his grandson Scott Wiesendanger.

Funeral services will be today, Tuesday, at 6 p.m. at the Ascension Lutheran Church. Rev. David Jensen will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. Friends may call at the church from 4-6 p.m. today.

Memorials are suggested to Minocqua Museum, American Heart Association or Dr. Kate Lakeland Hospice.

Bolger Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Harold Helterhoff's 1998 obituary notice from The Lakeland Times, Minocqua, Wisconsin (7/28/98) not previously included in the newsletter.

50 Years Ago:

Revisiting the Dobberstein Reunion as recorded in the family historian's notes from 1948-1951



Bernice (Carlson) Helterhoff (Graduation Photo)

HISTORY

OF

HERMAN DOBBERSTEIN

To have an Annual Dobberstein Reunion was conceived at a gathering or picnic at "Whispering Pines", Waupaca on July 18, 1948. Temporary officers were elected by acclamation - Leland Dobberstein, President; Mrs. Zeda Loos, Secretary; Leo Dobberstein, Treasurer; and Mrs. Bernice Helterhoff, Historian.

The next reunion to be held at Hatten's Park, New London the second Sunday in July. Each family to bring their own eating utensils, sandwiches, and a dish to pass. Coffee, ice cream and other beverages to be furnished with a committee appointed by the president in charge.

HERMAN WILL BE KNOWN AS THE FIRST GENERATION

Herman's children will be known as the SECOND GENERATION

Herman's grand children will be known as the THIRD GENERATION

Herman's great grand children will be known as the FOURTH GENERATION

Herman's great great grand children will be known as the FIFTH GENERATION

Herman's great great great grand children will be known as the SIXTH GENERATION

Your Historian
Mrs. Bernice Helterhoff
July 18, 1948

FIRST REUNION
July 17, 1949

HERMAN DOBBERSTEIN HISTORY - as reported to your Historian - covering the period of July 18, 1948 to July 17, 1949

The first Dobberstein Reunion was held at Hatten's Park, New London on July 17, 1949. All six of Grandpa Herman's living children were present: John, William, Henry, Adeline Helterhoff, Ida Roesler, and Edwin - together with their spouses. There were 11 grand children and their families, which at that time numbered 27 great grand children. There were in all a total of 60 relatives and 10 guest attending this reunion.

Each family contributed \$1.00 for refreshments and expenses. It was voted to hold our reunions at Hatten's Park, New London on the third Sunday of July each year. If a second date should be necessary, the changed date or place of meeting should be decided by the officers.

Statistics reported to your historian were as follows:

Marriages -

Gary & Velma Dobberstein, May 29, 1948 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Appleton, by Rev. Brandt. Gary is descendent of Henry.

Births -

Noreen Dobberstein born September 12, 1948 to Leo & Ruby. Leo is descendent of John.

Paul Edward Scheweppe born September 8, 1947 at Anwa, Calabar, Prov. Uyo, Nigeria, W. Africa to Rev. William & Leola Scheweppe. Leola is descendent of Ida Roesler.

Graduations -

Wayne Dobberstein, son of Armond, descendent of John, graduated from Washington High, New London, on May 26, 1948

Confirmations -

Larry Loos, son of Zeda & Orville Loos, descendent of John, confirmed on May 15, 1949 in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Town of Ellington by Rev. C. Henning.

Promotions -

Norman Helterhoff made Supervisor of Tractor Cost Department of Allis Chalmers, West Allis, in November 1948. Descendent of Adeline.

Vernon Dobberstein, employed by Borden's of New London was transferred to Lewisburg, Tenn., June 9, 1949. He moved his family there on July 6, 1949. Descendent of Edwin

Changes in Residence -

Leland & Vivian Dobberstein purchased Lee's parents from September 1948, and his parents Edwin & Lydia moved to New London on Oshkosh Street.

Henry & Anna Dobberstein retired from farming near Readfield and moved to 414 E. Wallace Street, New London. They joined the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New London. Henry joined the Men's Club, and Anna joined the Ladies Aid Society. Henry was elected Deacon for the German Services.

Your Historian
Mrs. Bernice Helterhoff
July 17, 1949

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HERMAN DOBBERSTEIN HISTORY - as reported to your Historian - covering the period of July 17, 1949 to July 16, 1950

The second Dobberstein Reunion was held at Hatten's Park, New London on July 16, 1950. There were in attendance the original 6 living children - John, William, Henry, Adeline, Ida and Edwin, with their 5 spouses - 14 grand children, 13 spouses, 34 great grand children - a total of 54 direct descendents, plus 18 spouses, 6 guests. A total of 78 people attending.

Statistics reported to your historian were as follows:

Births -

Darleen Dobberstein born January 14, 1949, to Arthur & Doris - she was baptized February 27, 1949 in the Trinity Lutheran Church, Borth, Wisconsin, by Rev. A. Walhenhauer. Arthur is descendent of Henry.

Changes in Residence -

Rev. William & Leola Schweppe built a new home in New London to call home when not in the mission field in Africa. Leola's parent, Ida & Edward Roesler will occupy the home during the Schwepes absence. Alvin & Ardys Dobberstein moved their Confectionery Store business from the old Chris Meshke Store to the Muntwyler Building, November 8, 1949 when the building was sold during the settlement of the Frank Klein Estate.

Accidents -

Stenen Dobberstein, son of Leland & Vivian, and grandson of Edwin, fell in front of back wheels of tractor while riding with his Dad - the soil was soft, so no injuries as the wheel ran over his body.

Your Historian
Mrs. Bernice Helterhoff
July 16, 1950

This was the only reunion that Grandpa Herman in his 96th year was able to attend. His direct living descendents at this date total 63 - 6 children, 18 grand children, 39 great grand children.



THIRD REUNION
July 15, 1951

HERMAN DOBBERSTEIN HISTORY - as reported to your Historian - covering the period of July 16, 1950 to July 15, 1951

The third Dobberstein Reunion was held at Hatten's Park, New London. There were in attendance the original 6 living children - John, William, Henry, Adeline, Ida and Edwin, with their 5 spouses - 17 grand children with 17 spouses - 43 great grand children. Twenty one families were represented - a total of 88 relatives. There were 9 guests, thus there were 97 people at the reunion.

Statistics reported to your historian were as follows:

Births -

Stephen Henry Westphal, born September 14, 1950 to Marie & Walter. Marie is a descendent of Henry. Stephen as baptized October 15, 1950 in the Zions Ev. Lutheran Church, Readfield.
Diane Carol Dobberstein, born November 28, 1950 to Leland & Vivian. Leland is a descendent of Edwin. Diane was baptized December 31, 1950 in Emmanuel Lutheran Church, New London, by Rev. W. Pankow.

Accidents -

Emma Dobberstein and Adeline Helterhoff were in a serious accident on November 30, 1950 while returning from a Thanksgiving visit to Adeline's son Norman's home in West Allis. John's car skidded on the icy pavement in Fond du Lac and hit another car. Emma suffered a fractured pelviis, Adeline had a broken collar bone and fractured ankle - John had only bruises. Adeline was hospitalized until Christmas Day, when she returned to her son's, Norman home in West Allis to convalesce for six weeks. Emma had to remain in the hospital until January 13, 1951.

Your Historian
Mrs. Bernice Helterhoff
July 1951



Dobberstein Family Vital Statistics

Births

BIRTHDATE	NAME	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
17 Dec 2000	Hunter Kenneth Sasse	Joshua & Brenda Sasse	Judy & Kenneth Sasse	Carl & Ruth Roesler
19 Jul 2001	Ashlyn Marie Jennings	Keren & Brad Jennings	Brenda & Allan Ehlers	Keith & Karla Dobberstein
13 Aug 2001	Corey D. Burton	Kristin Gerike & Richard Burton	Darlene & Ken Gerike	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein
20 Nov 2001	Jared Matthew Dobberstein	Matthew & Christina Dobberstein	Dennis & Cathy Dobberstein	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein
Feb 2002	Jadin Wright	Michael Westphal & Michelle Wright	Steven & Paula Westphal	Marie & Walter Westphal
3 Apr 2002	Emalyn Isabel Schultz	Jessica & Tim Schultz	Shyla & Mick Wiesendanger	Harold & Thelma Helterhoff
5 May 2002	Nathan Jesse Chant	Anna & David Chant	Heather & Donald Claussen	Harold & Thelma Helterhoff
16 May 2002	Aleaha Haven Haese	Jay & Mechelle Haese	Susan & Ellery Haese	Marie & Walter Westphal
8 Jun 2002	Aaron David James Melso	Michael & Debra Melso	Marjorie & Eric Melso	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein

Marriages

MARRIAGE DATE	NAMES	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
28 Aug 2000	Todd Miller & Barbie Kay	Joyce & Gerry Miller	Carol & Ruth Roesler	Ida & Edward Roesler
28 Jul 2001	Aubree Hutchison & Michael Piper	Kim & Richard Hutchison	Wayne & Lynn Dobberstein	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein
25 Aug 2001	Torri Miller & Mark Pietras	Joyce & Gerry Miller	Carol & Ruth Roesler	Ida & Edward Roesler
26 Apr 2002	Rachel Gerike & Robert Breeden	Darlene & Ken Gerike	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein	Henry & Anna Dobberstein
10 May 2002	Stanley Westphal & Gretchen Thurk	Marie & Walter Westphal	Henry & Anna Dobberstein	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein
15 Jun 2002	Leah Dobberstein & Dave Passehl	Steve & Mary Dobberstein	Lee & Vivian Dobberstein	Edwin & Lydia Dobberstein

Deaths

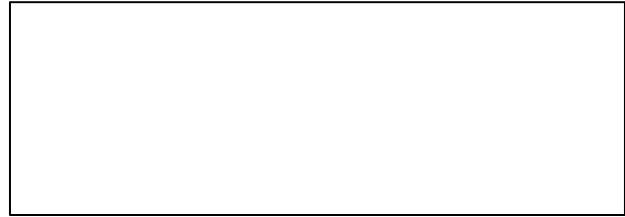
DATE OF DEATH	NAMES	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
16 Jul 2001	Norman Otto Herman Helterhoff (age 90)	Adeline & Martin Helterhoff	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein	John & Henrietta Dobberstein
28 Aug 2001	Gloria Jean Bendixen (age 59)	Marie & Walter Westphal	Henry & Anna Dobberstein	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein
4 Feb 2002	Walter Anton Opal (age 63)	Family of Leola & William Schweppe	Ida & Edward Roesler	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein
19 May 2002	Leland Edward Dobberstein (age 81)	Edwin & Lydia Dobberstein	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein	John & Henrietta Dobberstein
1 Jun 2002	Bernice Mildred Helterhoff (age 92)	Family of Adeline & Martin Helterhoff	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein	John & Henrietta Dobberstein

Some of our Dobberstein clan related by marriage also lost loved ones this past year. Beth Dobberstein (Rev. Donn Dobberstein's wife, Leroy & Betty Dobberstein's daughter-in-law) lost her 89-year-old grandmother, **Irene Josephine Zessin**, on 25 Apr 2002. Lynn Dobberstein (Wayne's wife) saw the passing of her 101-year-old grandmother, **Alvina A. Queeman**, on 20 Jan 2002. Karla Dobberstein (Keith's wife) lost both her parents, **Clifford & Dorothy Kottke**, in 2001. Her mother passed away on 13 Jan 2001, and her father died on 12 Dec 2001 at 85 year of age. Joel Schultz lost his father, **Rev. Donald Schultz**, last year in February.

With information from less than 40% of the families included in this issue of the reunion newsletter, there are no doubt a few vital statistics not included above. If you know of other births, marriages, and deaths not shown above, please write and tell me.

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Remembering Bernice Helterhoff

The past few years have seen the passing of a number of Dobberstein "first cousins," as related from their ties to this reunion's progenitor, Herman Dobberstein: Zeda Loos, George "Speed" Dobberstein, Harold Helterhoff, Arthur Dobberstein, Leola Schweppe, Norman Helterhoff, and Leland Dobberstein. We treasure the memories of their lives, each of us distinctly in the way we knew them and to the degree of our relationships with them.

While my family tie to these deceased cousins was as an in-law once removed, I feel I must take this opportunity to thank another in-law to the Dobberstein family, whose tireless, volunteer efforts and selfless, steadfast service for 27 years enabled whole generations of the offspring of Herman & Bertha Dobberstein to also get to know these cousins. Many of the second and third cousins now participating in this Dobberstein reunion might not have known them, beyond their names, be it for the accomplishments of one person. Of course I'm referring to Bernice (Carlson) Helterhoff.

As the original Dobberstein reunion historian, she assembled the news and recorded the vital statistics from the families of the Dobberstein clan faithfully for the first 27 years of the reunion's existence. During her tenure as family historian she painstakingly assembled three family-tree booklets on the descendants of Herman & Bertha Dobberstein. The completely manual effort she took to create and assemble these booklets is admirable, because she did it without the use of today's computer technology and photo-reproduction capabilities that we take so much for granted. Her skills as an educator combined with her interest in family history and enabled her talents to shine for the benefit of a family she adopted by marriage.

She was the inspiration for my effort to update the family tree, an endeavor that culminated in the *Dobberstein Registry*, published for the 50th anniversary reunion four years ago. Ten to fifteen years earlier she had encouraged me and generously had given me many of the resources she had, including copies of genealogy documents, family his-

tory papers, ancestral photos, addresses, leads and advice which became the foundation for the family history book I authored in 1998. It's gratifying for me to know that she, and many of these other cousins mentioned earlier, saw the results of her encouragement and mentorship in the form of this book.

While I pay tribute to her as one of the founders of this 54-year-old Dobberstein family reunion and memorialize her as fellow reunion historian, I feel fortunate to have known her well beyond the scope of our yearly reunion celebrations. After their retirement, when she and Norm lived for a few years in Appleton, my wife and I got to know them as fellow active members of the same church congregation. We also joyfully participated on the same couples bowling league. It was remarkable to see how well Norm could bowl with Bernice's helpful guidance, especially considering his declining eyesight. That too gave us something else in common. When my wife learned she was suffering from Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative eye disease very similar to the Macular Degeneration that Norm experienced, it gave us a shared sense of insight, camaraderie and even a little relief through the otherwise distressing prognosis of Lynn's irreversible, gradual loss of sight.

Even after they left Appleton and returned to the Madison area, we tried to make yearly visits to see them. While it was sad to witness their declining health over the past few years, we took delight in seeing they were loving companions growing old together up until Norm's death this past year. Knowing how close they were, we weren't surprised to see Bernice soon follow her husband's path to their eternal home.

In her honor I reprint the family history notes that Bernice compiled from over 50 years ago (pages 21-24), and will try to make this an annual tradition in the newsletter, space permitting; each year showing the family reunion report from 50 years earlier.

Bob Cole