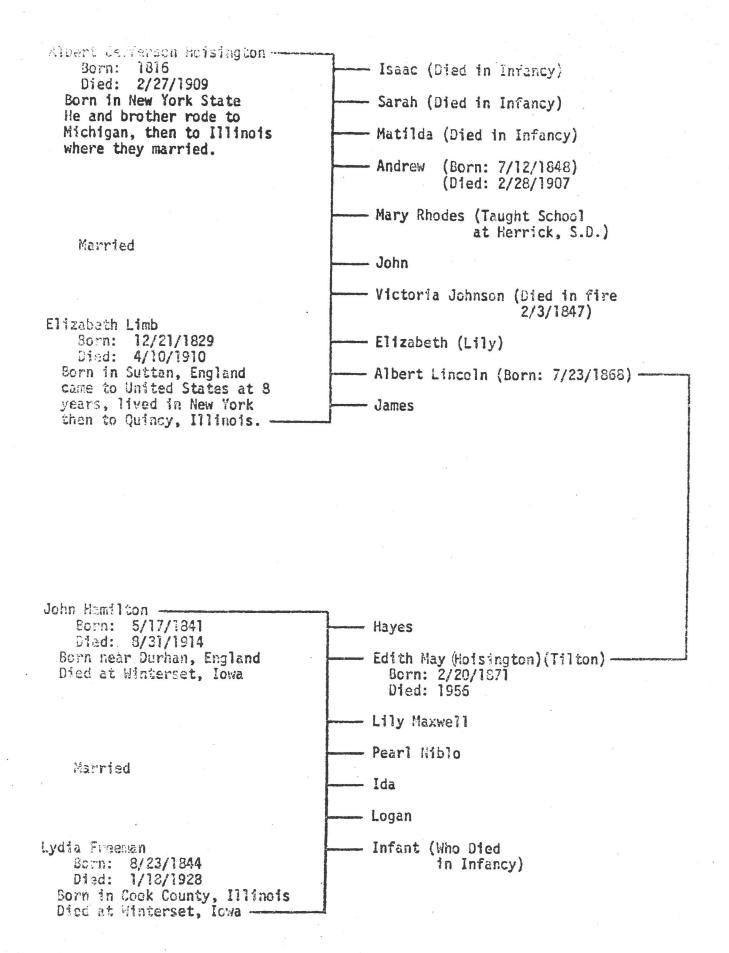
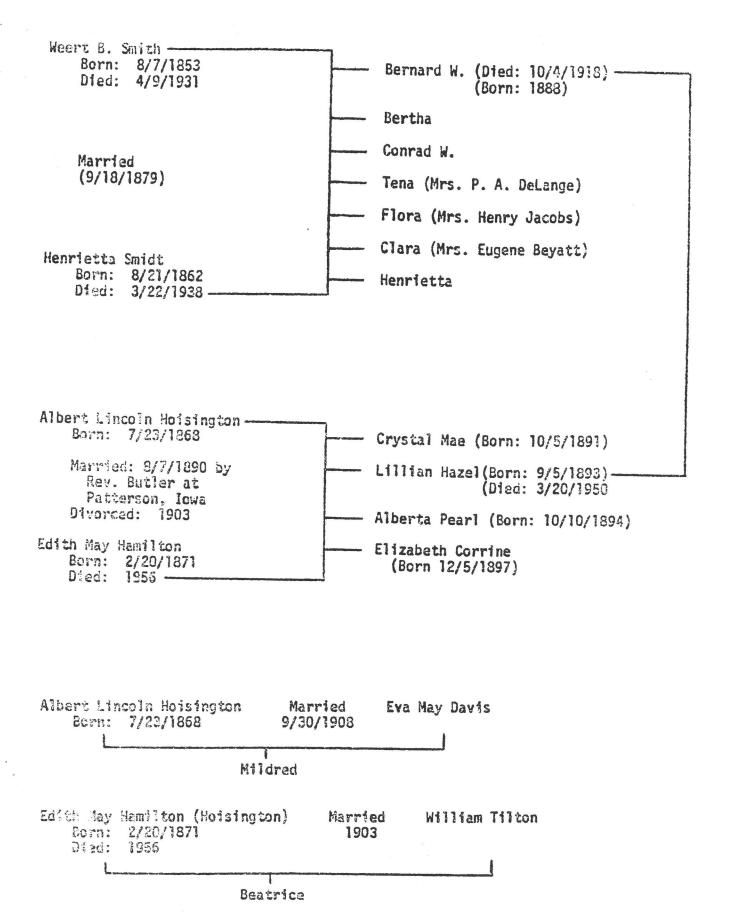
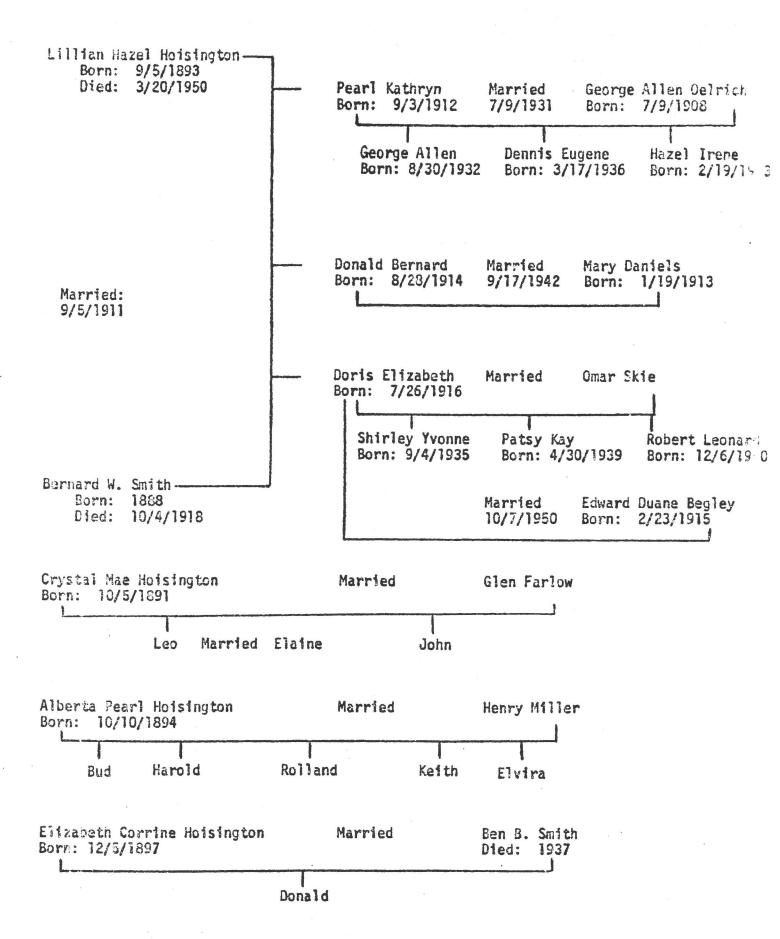
THE SMITH FAMIL

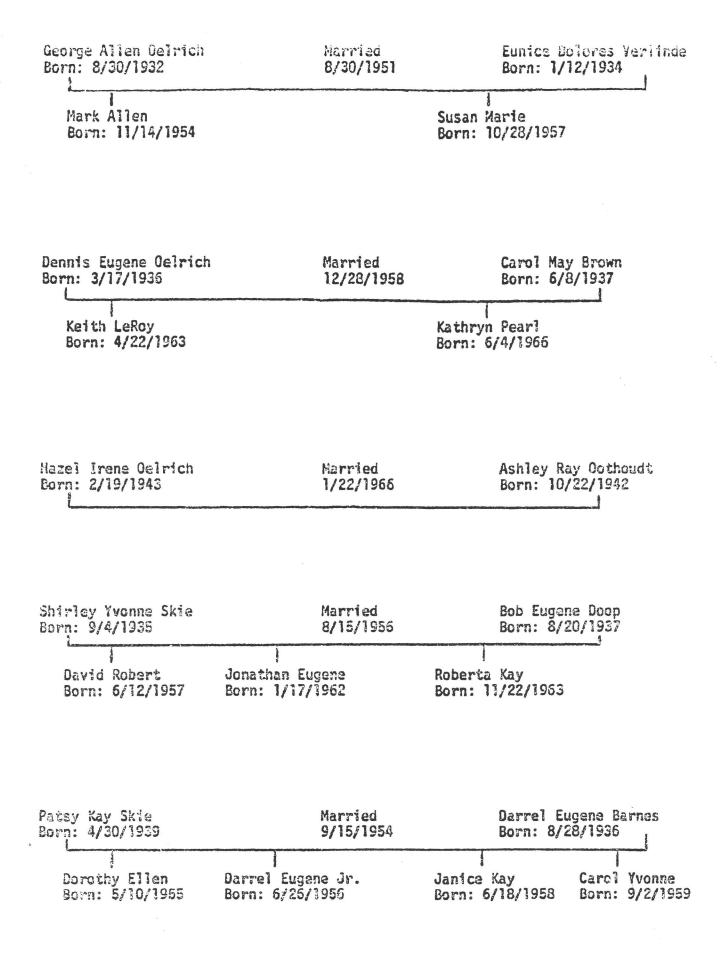
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MR. AND MRS. WEERT B. SMITH

Parents of

Bernard W. Smith



For many years Mr. and Mrs. Weert B. Smith occupied a foremost position in the developments of the Lennox community.

Mr. Smith was born August 7, 1853 at Weener, province of Hanover, Germany -- the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and Katherine Smith. He spent his early years in his native land, and in 1867 joined the ranks of immigrants to the United States, a lad of but 14, and making the trip alone. He located first at Free-port, Ill., remaining there three years and then continuing to the German settlement of Ackley, Ia., where he stayed five years. With these environments

the young man returned to his native soil in Germany and then again to America, bringing with him his parents and other members of the family. He returned with them to Grundy County, Ia., and here the family made their home.

With the influx of German emigrants in progress to Dakota territory, Mr. Smith left Icwa in 1877 and sought his future in Dakota territory. On September 18, 1879 at Finley, Turner County, he was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta Smidt, and the couple came directly to the Lennox vicinity, and subsequently watched the progress here for more than half a century.

For a few months, then, Mr. Smith worked on the railroad which was being built through here. Then for a few years he was employed in the F. W. Treat General Merchandise Store.

In 1882 he erected a small two story building on main street, and in 1885 he engaged in the hardware business. After ten years he disposed of his stock and in 1895 entered the clothing business which he conducted for many years, before selling out to his son, Conrad, who has continued the enterprise since.

In the following years Mr. Smith became prominent in civic activities here. Altogether he held differenct city offices for approximately 24 years. For nine years he was a town trustee, four years serving as president; one year as treasurer; six years as alderman, and eight years as mayor. His death created an unexpired term of one month, previous to which a petition was being circulated to re-nominate the veteran office holder.

On Saptember 18, 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Ten children were born to this union, three passing away in infancy, and two -- Bernard W. and Bertha -- passed away in October, 1918.

Mr. Smith was also a charter member of the original Lennox band which was founded in 1883. He was a member of the Masonic lodge since 1887, serving as worshipful master in 1903, and treasurer and in other offices on various

occasions. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were both charter members of the Lennox Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Smith -- nee Henrietta Smidt -- was born in Grundy County, Ia., August 21, 1862. There she spent her girlhood days, and when she was 16, in the fall of 1878, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Smidt, brought their family to Dakota territory. They homesteaded one mile south and two miles west of the present Lennox townsite, September 18, 1879.

Mr. Smith died April 9, 1937 at the age of 77 years, 8 months and 2 days. Mrs. Smith attained the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 1 day at the time of her demise, March 22, 1938.

Their five children surviving include: Conrad W. (who succeeded his father in the clothing business and has long been closely connected with the Lennox band and other organizations and civic positions here, as well as the Sioux Falls Shrine and Shrine band), Lennox; Mrs. P. A. (Tena) DeLange, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Henry (Flora) Jacobs, Lennox; Mrs. Eugene (Clara) Beyatt, Milwaukee, Wis., and Henrietta Smith (prominent as director of instrumental music in the high school here and vocal music director in the grade school), Lennox. There are nine grandchildren.

Mr. Smith's brother, Nano Smith, passed away in 1930 here, and a sister, Mrs. F. D. Smit, died in 1926.

Mrs. Smith had two sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. Andrew (Kate) Miller, Harm K., John K., and C. K. Smidt.



THE SHITH FAMILY TODAY

Donald and Mary Smith

Donald Bernard born 8-28-1914 born 1-19-1913

Anniversary 9-17-1942

Doris and Edward Begley

Doris Elizabeth born 7-26-1916 Edward Duane born 2-23-1915

Anniversary 10-7-1950

Shirley and Bob Doop

Shirley Yvonne born 9-4-1935
Bcb Eugene born 8-20-1937
David Robert born 6-12-1957
Jonathan Eugene born 1-17-1962
Roberta Kay born 11-22-1963
Anniversary 8-15-1956

Robert Skie

Robert Leonard born 12-6-1940

Patsy and Darrel Barnes

Patsy Kay born 4-30-1939
Darrel Eugene born 8-28-1936
Dorothy Ellen born 5-10-1955
Darrel Eugene Jr., born 6-26-1956
Janice Kay born 6-18-1958
Carol Yvonne born 9-2-1959
Anniversary 9-15-1954

Pearl and George Oelrich

George Allen born 7-9-1908 Pearl Kathryn born 9-3-1912 Anniversary 7-9-1931

Dennis and Carol Oelrich

Dennis Eugene born 3-17-1936 Carol May born 6-6-1937 Keith LeRoy born 4-22-1963 Kathryn Pearl born 6-4-1966 Anniversary 12-28-1958

George and Dolores Oelrich

George Allen born 8-30-1932
Eunice Dolores born 1-12-1934
Mark Allen born 11-14-1954
Susan Marie born 10-28-1957
Anniversary 8-30-1951

Hazel and Ashley Oothoudt

Hazel Irena born 2-19-1943 Ashley Ray born 10-22-1942 Anniversary 1-22-1966



CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

BIRTHDAYS BY MONTH

			HINIOM TO CIMUNIST	
	George Allen Oelrich Sr. Pearl Kathryn Oelrich Mary Smith Donald Bernard Smith	7-9-1508 9-3-1912 1-19-1913 8-28-1914	Eunice Dolores Celrich Jonathan Eugene Doop Mary Smith	1-12-1934 1-17-1962 1-19-1913
	Edward Duane Begley Doris Elizabeth Begley	2-23-1915 7-26-1916	Hazel Irene Oothoudt Edward Duane Begley	2-19-1943 2-23-1915
	George Allen Oelrich Jr. Eunice Dolores Oelrich	8-30-1932 1-12-1934	Dennis Eugene Oelrich	3-17-1936
	Shirley Yvonne Doop Dennis Eugene Oelrich Darrel Eugene Barnes Sr.	9-4-1935 3-17-1936 8-28-1936	Keith LeRoy Oelrich Patsy Kay Barnes	4-22-1963 4-30-1939
	Carol May Oelrich Bob Eugene Doop	6-8-1937 8-20-1937	Dorothy Ellen Barnes	5-10-1955
	Patsy Kay Barnes Robert Leonard Skie Ashley Ray Oothoudt Hazel Irene Oothoudt Aark Allen Oelrich Corothy Ellen Barnes Darrel Eugene Barnes Jr. David Robert Doop Susan Marie Oelrich Lanice Kay Barnes Carol Yvonne Barnes Carol Oelrich Coberta Kay Doop Catheryn Pearl Oelrich Coberta Kay	Kathryn Pearl Oelrich Carol May Oelrich David Robert Doop Janice Kay Barnes	6-4-1966 6-8-1937 6-12-1957 6-18-1958	
Da Da Da Si Ja Ca Ja Ka		5-10-1955 6-26-1956	Darrel Eugene Barnes Jr. George Allen Oelrich Sr. Doris Elizabeth Begley	6-26-1956 7-9-1908 7-25-1916
		10-28-1957 6-18-1958 9-2-1959 1-17-1952	Bob Eugene Doop Donald Bernard Smith Darrel Eugene Barnes Sr. George Allen Oelrich Jr.	8-20-1937 8-28-1914 8-28-1936 8-30-1932
		11-22-1963	Carol Yvonne Barnes Pearl Kathryn Oelrich Shirley Yvonne Doop	9-2-1959 9-3-1912 9-4-1935
			Ashley Ray Oothoudt Susan Marie Oelrich	10-22-1942 10-28-1957
			Mark Allen Oelrich Roberta Kay Doop	11-14-1954 11-22-1963
			Robert Leonard Skie	12-5-1940



ANNIVERSARIES BY MONTH

Ashley	and Hazel Oothoudt	1-22-1966
George	and Pearl Oelrich	7-9-1931
Bob and	Shirley Doop	8-15-1956
George	and Dolores Oelrich	8-30-1951
	and Patsy Barnes	9-15-1954
	and Mary Smith	9-17-1942
	and Doris Begley	10-7-1950
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