

Buus History

Anna Buus was born Dec. 16, 1869 near Shannon, Carroll Co., Ill. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hendirk Buus. On April 23, 1886 she married Al J. Miller in So. Dak. She died Mar. 3, 1901 at the age of 32 years at Lennox, So. Dak.

Hendirk Buus, father of Anna Buus, was born in 1842 at Ostfriesland, Germany. He came to America when a young man. On Dec. 6, 1868 he married Antje Fonken in Freeport, Ill. In 1870 they moved to Holland, Iowa and in 1877 they moved to Dakota Territory. They homesteaded on a farm six miles southwest of Lennox. The last four years of farming they lived northeast of Tea, So. Dak. In 1908 they took up residence in Lennox, So. Dak. Mr. Buus died in 1911. His father, also named Hendirk Buus, preceded him in death by only 8 months at the age of 100 years 3 or 5 months.

Antje Fonken, mother of Anna Buus, was born Oct. 16, 1845 at Ostfriesland, Germany. She came to America in 1863 when she was 18 years old. She worked in a hotel in Freeport, Ill. until her marriage to Hendirk Buus in 1868. She died Jan. 11, 1947 at the age of 101 years 2 months and 26 days. Mr. & Mrs. Hendirk Buus had 11 children. At the time of Antje Buus's death, she had 221 direct living descendants- 6 children, 57 grandchildren, 139 great grandchildren, 19 great, great grandchildren.

Children of Hendirk and Antje Fonken Buus

1. Anna Buus married Al J. Miller
2. John Buus married Tena Gerken
3. Hattie Buus married Joe Miller
4. Alice Buus married Walter Latreille
5. Henry Buus married Reka Macster
6. George Buus married Hannah Enkles
7. Bertha Buus, died at age of $2\frac{1}{2}$ yr.
8. Nan Buus married Minnie Busch
9. Bertha Buus married Albert Bellach
10. Ben Buus married Alice Meyers
11. Ida Buus married George Gayken. After
his death she married Albert Bellach.