

cattle. John was a very avid cattleman and continually tried to improve his herd.

They made their home there until John's death in March of 1985. Viola sold the place to Ed Socha. She now lives at Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Sandra, the oldest daughter, married Roger Phillips. They have four sons and also live at Kingfisher.

Evelyn married William Kastner, son of Fred and Edna Kastner of Winnett. They lived at Dovetail for several years. They have three daughters and two sons and live in Union City, California.

John's mother, Mary Jackson Estes, taught at the Dovetail school during the 1946-47 term. (Viola Estes)

**FISHER, Charles** According to the school census report of 1915 for District #122 of Fergus County, Charles and Anne Fisher had six children listed in the Valentine area, namely: Herman born in 1899, Florence born in 1901, John born in 1903, Hattie born in 1905, Annabelle born in 1907, and Oscar born in 1909.

**FRANKLIN, William B.** (Sec 31-19-27) William B. Franklin and wife Marsha had four children: Louis, born December 6, 1904; Grover, born September 19, 1905; Erland born June 29, 1908; and Belva, born June 9, 1910 — as listed in District #169 school census for 1917 through 1920.

The Franklins lived in a cabin with a dirt floor. They allowed the school district to build a school on their land in 1917. This school was closed about 1920. Later, in 1923, the schoolhouse was moved to the center of the district near Iversons.

**GALLAGHER, Martin** (Sec 3-17-26) Martin and Eva Gallagher came from Kansas with three of their five children. Edna and Florence stayed in Kansas. Grace (1895) married Harry Barnett (See also BARNETT). Mary Josephine married Anton Stein. After his death, she married Nicholas Hayfield. (See also HAYFIELD and STEIN) A son, Joseph (1901), also came to Montana.

**GALLOWAY, James J. M.** and Elizabeth Galloway were the parents of Mabelle (Peoples), a teacher; William; Carrie Belle (Daniels); and Geneva "Gene," an accomplished artist.

**GARRISON, Edgar O.** (Sec 19-18-28) Edgar O. Garrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Garrison, was born in 1885 in Burke County, North Carolina. He received his schooling in North Carolina. The family moved to Kansas where he met Mary E. Carrell, and in 1912 they were married in Oklahoma.

In 1915 they set out for Montana with their two little girls and Edgar's mother, Senora K. Garrison. They arrived at Roy, Montana, in March 1916. (See also CARRELL-GARRISON TRIP) They homesteaded on Dovetail Creek near the post office.

Edgar farmed on Dovetail until 1922 when the family moved to Cat Creek while he worked for Continental Oil Company (See also GARRISON — Cat Creek). He worked for the Tip O'Neil Refinery in Sunburst, too. Garrisons

moved back to Dovetail in 1930.

Edgar played the banjo and violin, and often helped play for the dances in the early days. His brothers, Olin and Joseph, spent several years living with him on Dovetail Creek and helping him with his family.

Edgar retired in 1947, and moved to Winnett with his family, where he worked part time for John Sibbert.

Mrs. Garrison died in February 1934, and Edgar died in November 1961.

The Garrisons had nine children: Lula married Robert Killham (See KILLHAM). Mary died at 14 and is buried at Winnett; Albert, veteran of World War II, lives at Winnett; Senora married Floyd Grosser and now lives near Missoula; Joe, veteran of World War II, now lives at Kevin; Grace married Claude Allen and lives at Winnett; Orval lives at Edwall, Washington; Lewis lives in Nevada; Gilbert lives at the Solf Ranch east of Winnett. (Grace Allen, daughter)

Grace Garrison (one of the schoolchildren at the time) tells this story. "When I was about eight years old, I heard the adults talking about Inez Adams Barnett shooting her husband. Barnett's place was down the river. A few days later, in late fall, I had to stay an hour after school. It was beginning to get dark when I started home, and I had about three miles to walk. I heard a car coming. I knew it was Inez's car, so I dived into the ditch, hoping she wouldn't see me.

"She stopped, however, and told me to get in, that she would take me to our turnoff. I couldn't think of a reason to tell her 'no' so I got into the car. I kept a close watch on the glove box as I wondered if she had the gun in there. She drove right past our turnoff and kept going! I was sure that I would never see my family again, but suddenly she stopped and said, 'I drove right past your turnoff, didn't I?'

"She got me out of the car and walked me up a hill. I was really shaking in my boots. When we got to the top of the hill, she pointed out a light to me and said, 'That is



Willis and Edgar Garrison "All Tuned Up"

your house over there. If you walk to the light, you will be home.'

"She turned back toward her car, and I took off running to keep her from catching me again. I did walk to the light, and it was my home, but I was still so scared I was shaking when I got there!" (See also BARNETT — Cat Creek)

**GARRISON, Willis** (Sec 30.31-19-28) Willis "Jack" Garrison came to the Dovetail area in 1916 and took up a homestead near his brother, Edgar. He was a great banjo player and helped with the music at the dances. He was a veteran of World War I. After the war, he and his family went back to North Carolina for a few years, then came back to the Harlowton area. They had three daughters — Katherine, Portia, and Ellen.

In 1935 Mr. Garrison went to Fort Harrison, near Helena, Montana, for treatment. After the earthquakes had damaged numerous buildings, the patients were moved from the fort, and he was one of the ones who were sent home. He was upset and depressed by the quakes and his own worries, and died of a self-inflicted gunshot. He is buried at the Winnett Cemetery. (Grace Allen, niece)

**GOTZINGER, John R.** Ladonna Gotzinger Mohar submitted the following information. "John R. Gotzinger was born in 1878 in Germany, and Anne Dobner was born in 1891 in Hungary. John and Anne were married in the United States in 1912. Gotzingers homesteaded in the Valentine area in 1914.

"My dad had the mail route for the area for a time. Traveling by horse and buggy, he delivered and picked up mail for Dovetail, Valentine and Roy.

"I was told our meat was mostly antelope, deer, rabbits and sage hens.

"In 1922 our family left the Valentine area and moved to Cat Creek where my Dad worked in the oil fields."

John and Anne Gotzinger had three children: Rayburn (1912), Josephine (1914) and Ladonna (1916). They went to school at Valentine and Cat Creek and graduated from Winnett High School.

John Gotzinger died in 1932 and is buried at Lewistown. Anne Gotzinger died in 1977 and is buried in Spokane, Washington. Josephine Gotzinger Reynolds died in 1981 and is buried in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rayburn Gotzinger died in 1983 and is buried in El Paso, Texas. Ladonna Mohar presently lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. (See also GOTZINGER — Cat Creek and Winnett)

**HAGEN, Paul** (Sec 33-18-26) Jeane Hagen Heller submitted the following account of her family.

"Paul Hagen was born May 27, 1885, at Cherokee, Iowa. Sadie Lind was born January 4, 1894, in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. They were married March 2, 1913.

"My parents, Paul and Sadie Hagen, came to Montana from Wisconsin in 1913. Their homestead was located about three miles south of Valentine. In the fall of 1919, they sold everything except their farm, and moved back to Wisconsin to help my dad's parents on their dairy farm. They had learned that the older brother, who had intended to return to the farm, had died in France in World War I.

"They remained in Wisconsin, where all of us children were born. In 1922 they decided to return to the homestead in Montana. Having spent most of his younger years on a dairy, my dad had a liking for that kind of farming. A year or two after he returned to the homestead, his dad had six Jersey heifers and a bull shipped to Winnett for him.

"My dad never took to horseback riding, so he hitched a ride to Winnett with a neighbor (team and wagon, of course) and walked back to his farm, accompanied by the seven calves. They all seemed content to walk the twenty-five miles with him. He kept his dairy herd until the fall of 1937 when he sold them before moving to an irrigated farm in the Fairfield, Montana, area.

"I was four when my parents moved back to the homestead. We lived in a one-room cabin, later adding an extra room. Our only means of transportation was horseback or horse-drawn wagon, until the late 1920s when my father bought his first car. As I recall, homestead days were happy ones for the most part, even though no one had much money.

*Paul Hagen homestead house (1923)  
Margaret, Jeane and Bob with  
Granddad Charles Linn*





*The Hagens — Jeane, Margaret, Sadie, Paul and Bob*

"Because of the alkali, our wells did not produce safe drinking water, so my dad put up ice during the winter from a large reservoir. We used the ice for our drinking water, also for cooking, and for keeping milk, butter, etc., cool during the summer. The entire neighborhood, as well as all of us kids, made use of our reservoir during the hot afternoons of the 1930s. It served as a swimming pool in the summer and as an ice skating rink in the winter.

"We lived three miles from school and walked or rode horseback. At times when we were quite small and there was lots of snow, my dad would walk with us breaking trail. When we got tired, he would lie down in the snow and we would sit on him to rest. One of the main concerns were the blizzards that came up suddenly. (There were no radio or TV warnings back then.)

"I have very happy memories of my childhood and high school days in Petroleum County, in spite of the 'dirty thirties' with depression, drought, grasshoppers and dust storms. I have always been grateful for the experiences I gained growing up in homestead country."

Paul and Sadie Hagen had four children: Jeane, who married Newman Heller, had three children and now lives in Oregon; Robert Hagen, who served in the Air Force in England in World War II, now lives in Great Falls and he had no children; Margaret married Jack Black after he returned as a World War II veteran and served in the South Pacific, and they have two daughters; and Tom, at age four, was killed in a runaway when he was thrown beneath the wagon and a wheel ran over him. He is buried in the Winnett Cemetery.

Paul Hagen died in 1962 and is buried at Fairfield, Montana. Sadie Hagen is still living at Fairfield and Margaret and Jack are looking after her.

**HALE, David** (Sec 14, 15-18-28) The following information was written by Pat Hale. "David Hale's parents were railroad people and had moved a good bit in the Dakotas and Montana. Dave was born in Mobridge, South Dakota.

Pat's parents were old timers in the area. Her father, Tony Weingart, and grandfather, Alexander Williamson, homesteaded 50 miles north of Winnett. (See also WEINGART and WILLIAMSON)

"The Dovetail area at Magnus Tackle's homestead (later purchased by John Jackson) was where we began ranching. In 1964 we purchased the Beckstrom place which placed us closer to town and schools.

"With the two places some 25 miles apart, many trail drives were necessary. Usually yearlings were taken north in the spring and returned during Christmas vacation so the young cowboys could help.

"While in the Winnett area, Dave was on the school board, Winnett and Chain Buttes grazing boards, ASCS, Winnett Irrigation Company and Winnett Livestock Association. He was secretary a number of years. It was during his tenure that the Livestock Association took control of the stockyards and scales.

"We remember War House Dam dry, then in flood stage and now totally dry again (1988).

"1978 and 1979 were winters we won't forget, nor will our school bus driver, Ron Olson. Yes, we had the north school bus route for eight years. The temperatures dropped, the snow piled up and the winds blew. We spent day after day plowing to hay stacks, feeding cattle and then having to do the same thing over again.

"Our cattle herd began with a few Hereford cows that we bred to Angus bulls. In the early 1970s, artificial insemination was becoming popular and many breeds from Europe were being presented in the United States through this method. Simmental was our choice, so our herd was predominantly Simmental crossbred cattle when we sold in 1982.

"At that same time we leased our place and moved to southwestern Montana.

"We lived in Petroleum County for 20 years. Our four children — Jeff, Sandy, Ray and Steve — graduated from Winnett High School. Two of them married local people. Sandy and Dana Glatz were married in 1972. Ray married Karen Kimmel in 1980.

"Two offspring still call Petroleum County home. Ray lives on the old Beckstrom place. Steve is on the Musselshell River on the former McGiboney place. Jeff and Sandy left Petroleum County — Jeff to Maryland and Sandy to Helena, Montana."

**HALLICKSON, Lewis** Lewis and Hanna Hallickson had six children listed in the school census for District #122 of Fergus County in 1915. These children were Ida (1896), Mabel (1898), Lincoln (1899), Ober (1903), Olga (1906), and Evelyn (1908). (See also HALLICKSON — Winnett)

**HANSON, Elmer N.**(Sec 19-18-27) Elmer N. Hanson, son of John and Rachel Hanson of Lake Benton, Minnesota, was born in 1899. He served in World War I and returned to Minnesota after the war.

Doris Ellen Wells was born in 1900 at Early, Iowa. Elmer and Doris were married in 1921 at Pipestone, Minnesota.



Hanson family gathering at Horse Camp. Back row L to R: Elmer, Roy, Grandpa, Dick, Jack, Bill. Front row: Virginia, Doris, Lee (Roy's son), and Grandma

They came to the "Doc" Jackson homestead near Dovetail Butte in 1934, then later moved to the B. T. Myers place just north of the Dovetail School. In 1939 they moved to the Valentine area and bought a place to raise cattle and to farm. Doris taught school at Valentine for a time. In 1950 Doris died of severe burns in a fire at the ranch home. Elmer retired and left the ranch in 1951. He moved to the Blue Creek area near Billings.

Doris and Elmer had six children. John E. "Jack" (1925) bought the ranch when his father retired. (See also HANSON, John — Winnett) Richard Irving "Dick" worked on several ranches in the area and is now the custodian at the school in Winnett. (See also HANSON, Richard — Winnett) Charles William "Bill" worked on construction for many years and now lives in Lewistown. Keith Thomas "Tom" (1939) lives in Lewistown. George Harrison "Harry" (1940) died in 1957 and is buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery. Virginia Clare married Earl Brady and ranched about five miles north of Winnett. (See BRADY, Earl — Brush Creek)

Doris died in 1950 and Elmer died in 1977. They are

buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

**HANSON, Roy E.** (Sec 26,27-20-27) Roy E. Hanson and John Matheson were partners and first settlers on the property known as the Crooked Creek Horse Camp. Both Roy and John preferred to raise horses. Roy Hanson was involved in promoting and providing livestock for rodeos all around the area.

Alice Ragland, daughter of Robert and Nellie Ragland, was born at Pinnacle, Colorado, in 1910. Roy Hanson married Alice Ragland. They had three children: Robert Hanson of Quincy, Washington; Lee Hanson of Tillamook, Washington; and Katherine Gairrett of the Blue Creek area near Billings.

Roy and Alice eventually moved to the Blue Creek area and lived there until Roy died in 1966. Alice moved to Winnett to retire and lived there until her death in 1985. (Mrs. Dick Hanson) (See also HANSON — Winnett)

**HARLAN, Margaret** (Sec 30-19-28) John and Margaret Harlan had three children listed in the District #169 school census from 1917 through 1922. They were Foster (1902), Robert (1903) and Ruth (1904).

**HARRIMER, John** John and Beulah Harrimer had two children — Charles (1908) and Nellie (1909) — as listed in the 1915 school census for District #122 of Fergus County.

**HARRIS, Nell** Neil Harris was a very old settler in the Valentine area. The Valentine Springs was on his land. Mr. Harris was a sheep rancher, and Mrs. Harris worked in the superintendent of schools' office. She gave the final examinations to the students in the eighth grade. Harris donated the timber for the Valentine Hall.

**HAUGE, Andrew** (Sec 2,3-18-27) Andrew Hauge was born near Haugesund, Norway, April 18, 1872. He came to the United States in 1909 and lived with his uncle, Ben Hill, near Piper for a few years before homesteading at Dovetail in 1914. He farmed and raised cattle there for 31 years before selling to Tony Weingart in 1946. Andrew was never married. He died January 17, 1951, and is buried at Lewistown.



Roundup time at Horse Camp. L to R: John Matheson, Tom Link, Ted Peters, James Dundom, Ray Henneman, Joe Doney, Sam Sherman, Owen Davis, Alice Hanson, Roy Hanson. Standing: Mrs. George Hamilton and Harry Dundom



*Nick Hayfield rides a bronc! 1915*

**HAYFIELD, Alfred** Alfred (Sec 32-18-26), Emil (Sec 5-17-26), Nicholas (Sec 29-18-26) and William came from Kansas and settled just south of Valentine.

Al carved a small mural of pony express riders in a sandstone ridge southwest of their homestead. It could still be found many years later. He also did wood carvings with fine and delicate details.

Alfred, Emil and William did not marry while living in Montana.

Nicholas served with the British in World War I in a heavy tank division. He was a blacksmith and also broke both saddle and work horses. He had the reputation of being quite a bronc rider in the community and men would pass the hat to gather enough money to get Nick to



*Clarence Stein holding his baby half-sister Ina Marie Gallagher with Ernest and Eugene Gallagher in 1928*

ride a bronc so they could watch!

Nicholas married Mary Josephine Gallagher Stein after her first husband died. (See also GALLAGHER and STEIN) Her son Anton "Clarence" attended the Valentine School. Nick and Mary had three children — Walter Eugene (1923), Ernest (1925) and Ina Marie (1928). The family moved to Midwest, Wyoming in 1929. After two years they went to northern Idaho to make their home. (Gene Hayfield, son)

**HEDMAN, Carl** (Sec 20.29-20-28) Carl Hedman, oldest son of John and Emma Hedman, was born in Norway in 1902. He came to Montana in 1912 with his parents and five brothers and sisters. His father, John Hedman, took up a homestead in the Blakeslee area, northwest of Teigen. (See also HEDMAN — Blakeslee)

In 1932 or 1933 Carl took over a delinquent homestead on Crooked Creek and ran horses and cattle. His brother, John, came to Crooked Creek a few years later, and they formed a partnership called "Hedman Brothers," acquiring more property as it became available, and more livestock to stock it. Their partnership lasted until they sold their places in 1960.

Carl married Mirth Kiehl in 1964. They lived in Winnett for a few years, then moved to Harlowton, and finally to Billings. Carl died in Billings in 1980.



*Carl Hedman, Andrew Tresch and Ed Trusty*

**HEDMAN, Henry** (Sec 25-21-28) Henry Hedman was the youngest son of John and Emma Hedman, and the only child to be born to them in Montana. He lived with his folks in the Blakeslee area and got his schooling in the Blakeslee and Grassrange schools.

Henry served as an aircraft maintenance man in the Navy during World War II. When he returned from the war, he bought land from Ray Henneman and the Machler brothers at the head of Soda Creek and near the Chain Buttes north of Crooked Creek and raised cattle there. He had Dave Hale build a new log house for him several years ago to replace the old house and dugout which was left from homestead days.

Henry died in 1989 and is buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

**HEDMAN, John** (Sec 26.26-20-27) John Hedman, second son of John and Emma Hedman, was born in Norway in 1907. He came to Montana in 1912 with his family who homesteaded in the Blakeslee area northwest of Teigen. (See also HEDMAN — Blakeslee)

John bought the Horse Camp on Crooked Creek and moved there. Later he formed a partnership with his brother, Carl, known as "Hedman Brothers." They raised horses and cattle. They both liked horses, and the rivalry between them really came out when it was time to brand the colts.

John was a veteran of World War II.

In April 1950 John married Margaret Umstead Baucke. She had three children — Patricia, Donna and Byron Baucke. They lived at the Sanford place and the children attended school at Dovetail. John and Margaret had one son, David.

In 1958 John bought the Dow Bowen place on the Musselshell River and they moved there, later moving to a ranch on Fords Creek in the Blakeslee area.

In 1960 John and Carl broke up their partnership and sold most of their Crooked Creek holdings. That ranch is now known as Two Crow.

John died in 1977 and is buried in the Lewistown Cemetery.

Margaret lived at Grassrange for many years and is now retired and lives at Winnett. David Hedman lives on the Fords Creek property in the Blakeslee area. (See also HEDMAN — Winnett)

Margaret Hedman submitted this story of Carl and John titled "Dividing a Herd of Horses."

"It was a cold and windy day at a camp on Crooked Creek, in the late 1950s, when the Hedman brothers, Carl and John, rounded up a beautiful bunch of mares to be divided. There were about eighty mares — some blacks, some bays, some buckskins, but mostly they were palominos. There was one special bay mare, called the Biggerstaff mare. I had observed, for several years, a sort of jealousy between Carl and John over the colts that this mare raised.

"After sorting these horses into two corrals, and dividing them by the one-two method, everybody seemed happy. The bachelor who was cooking that day yelled 'Come and get it!', meaning the food was ready.



*Biggerstaff mare, with her nose over her colt*

John motioned me not to go in and eat. I thought that was stupid, because I was hungry, but nevertheless, I did as he asked.

"'Hold this gate open and close it when I tell you,' were his instructions as he was running mares around and back and forth. I was glad when we could go to the house and eat. The crew were finishing their meal, but politely waited and enjoyed a cigarette while John and I ate.

"Back to the corrals we go, and then they had to decide who was to get which pen of mares. Carl finally said, 'How about flipping a coin?' John said, 'O.K., O, K.' The next problem was to find a coin.

"The men were all digging in their pockets and finally a nickel was found beneath a quarter inch of silt and tobacco in the glove box of a truck. The coin was flipped and Carl got the pen with the Biggerstaff mare. (We could just as well have eaten with the rest of the crew!)"

**HEDMAN, William G.** (Sec 29-20-29) William G. "Bill" Hedman, third son of John and Emma Hedman, was born in 1909 in Norway. He came to Montana with his parents in 1912 and lived on their homestead in the Blakeslee area northwest of Teigen. He received his schooling at the Blakeslee and Grassrange schools.

He served in the United States Air Force in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he came back to Montana and worked with his brothers for several years. He bought a house in Winnett for his retirement and worked part time as a ranch hand. He died in 1975.

**HILL, Benjamin** (Sec 12-18-27) "Benjamin Hill was born April 1, 1858, at Hauge, Norway. He came to the United States in 1880 and stopped at Sioux City, Iowa, where he was employed in a railroad office. He came up the Missouri River to Montana in 1886 and settled on a ranch about 3½ miles north of Piper, Montana.

"Sigrid Berge was born August 22, 1884, at Trondheim, Norway. She came to the United States in the early 1900s and worked for the Swend Holland family until she married Ben Hill. They homesteaded in the Dovetail area, probably from 1914 to 1918. They were extensively engaged in raising sheep and cattle. Hills returned to the ranch at Piper, where they had two children — Martha and Ben Jr.

Ben died in November 1920, after an appendectomy. After Ben's death, Sigrid married John Berg and they had one daughter, Eileen. (*Heritage Book of Original Fergus County*)

**HOGAN, Hattie** (Sec 8.17-18-27) Hattie came from Idaho with her nephew, Charles Earl Steele, and homesteaded adjoining Ray Marr. She later married Tom Hogan and they continued to live on her homestead until he died in the 1940s.

Tom and Hattie Hogan lived on the Alex Weingart place on Crooked Creek and took care of the livestock while Alex worked on the Valentine Dam in 1935 and 1936. Hattie was one of Janet Weingart's teachers at Valentine. She was also matron of the dormitory in Winnett for awhile.

After Tom died, Hattie leased her place to different people and lived in a little house in Valentine. She later sold her place to Torger Sikveland.

Earl graduated from Winnett High School in 1931, received his B. S. degree from the University of Oregon, and did graduate work at the University of Southern California and the University of California. He was later director of sanitation for the Ventura County Health Department. He and his wife had no children. Hattie and Earl are both deceased.

**HORNSETH, Henry** (Sec 6-18-28) Henry Hornseth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ingmar Hornseth, was born December 9, 1897, in Norway. After Mrs. Hornseth's death, Ingmar and children (Henry, Rachel and Ingrid) left Norway and moved to Lewistown in 1911. In Lewistown Ingmar remarried and four children (Louis, Marie, Ruth and Arnie) were added to the family.

In 1950 Henry bought the Johannes Jensen homestead about 1½ miles from the Dovetail Post Office. He had a house moved in and spent the next year remodeling and repairing the house. He moved into it in 1951. He lived there until his death in 1971.

Henry never married, but was a good friend to the whole community and a very special friend to all the children. They loved him whole-heartedly, because he talked to them, played with them, and taught them new and interesting games. All those children surely have a very special place in their hearts marked "Henry." (Arnie Hornseth, brother)

**HOUTS, Enoch** (Sec 25-18-25) Enoch Houts and his family lived about four miles southwest of Valentine. He had been a miner at Butte. He and his wife had several children, including daughters Evelyn (1909) and Inez (1904), and one son, Harold (1906). Inez married "Doc" Jackson, and they had several children.

**HOVE, Erik** (Sec 32-19-28) Erik Hove was a homesteader of note. His great herd of beautiful horses ranged freely on the plains. He would assert, in his characteristic Norwegian brogue, that "He was not borned yesterday." (Ida Rigg — W.T. 3-6-42)

Erik Hove ranched in the Dovetail area for about 30 years, raising sheep and horses. He died of "tick fever" in March of 1929. (See also HOVE — Winnett)

**HUGHES, Anthony** Anthony "Snowball" Hughes and wife, Mary, lived three miles west of Valentine on the Horse Shoe Bar Ranch, where he was the manager. They ran longhorn cattle.

Les Bevis remarked, "They had a lot of longhorn cattle and quite a few cowboys there at the Horse Shoe Bar. Those cattle were pretty miserable and mean characters. They ran all over the country and on our homestead too, until we finally got the fence up to keep them out."

**INGVALDSEN, Ingvald** (Sec 8, 17-18-28) Ingvald Ingvaldsen was born in 1891, came from Norway, and filed on his homestead near Dovetail. After he had proved up on it, he sold it to Swend Holland and went

back to Norway before World War I. He changed his mind, came back to the United States and went into the Army. He served in France close enough to the front to be gassed. He spent a year on the Riviera recovering, while his family and friends thought he had been killed.

He returned to Montana in 1920, but again returned to Norway. He corresponded with Jennie Holland, daughter of Swend Holland, born July 8, 1905. A romance developed and he came back to Montana. Ingvald and Jennie were married December 12, 1921.

They moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he had relatives. They had three daughters — Martha Josephine, Elaine Virginia and Beverly Jane. Jennie is in good health, living in a retirement home in Omaha. Ingvald died in 1975. (Martha Josephine Nicol, daughter)

**IRISH FAMILY** (T18-R28) Glen Irish Jr. submitted the following account. "P. J. Irish, my grandfather, brought his family from Beloit, Kansas, to Beaver Creek in Montana in 1896. My father, Glen Irish Sr., was one year old at the time and my uncle, Perry Irish, was two years old. They lived on different ranches in and around the Lewistown area until the 1920s.

"My father, Glen Irish (Sec 20), Uncle Perry (Sec 21), their sister Gladys (sec 20), and a cousin, Bill Irish (Sec 21), took out homesteads in the Dovetail area in 1917.

"My dad left the homestead and went into the Army during World War I, where he served with the U. S. Cavalry. When he returned from the Army, the Irish family moved to California for a few years in the early 1920s then moved to Washington.

"My grandfather, P. J. Irish, moved back to Montana, where he and my uncle, Bill Irish, bought the Kaaro Ranch in 1939. They lived there until the time of their deaths.

"We had a dairy farm in Washington. We moved back to Montana in the mid 1940s and settled at Fergus, Montana. My folks owned and operated the Fergus store for a few years, then moved back to the ranch until their deaths.

"My family and I live at Fergus where we are in the ranching business on my late Uncle Bob Irish's ranch. I married Esther Wright and we have five children — Dorlene, who died in 1978, Douglas, Christine, Robert, and Gary.

"My brother, Jim Irish, lives in Lewistown where he is in the real estate business; and my sister, Frances Conwell, and her husband live in California where they are retired.

"My grandfather, P. J. Irish, was born in Kansas in 1871. He married Eliza Deffinbaugh (born in Kansas in 1872) in 1893. They had six children — Perry J., Glen, Gladys, Bob, Nona, and Babe. Eliza died in 1922 and he died in 1960. They are both buried at Lewistown.

"My uncle, Perry J. Irish, (born at Beloit, Kansas, in 1894) married Patience Eldridge (1894) in 1916. They had four children — David, Lois, Patricia and Jean. Patience died in 1973, and Perry died in 1985. They are both buried at Beaver Creek.

"My father, Glen Irish (born at Beloit, Kansas, in 1886)

married my mother, Lois M. Noonan (born in Illinois in 1904) in 1925. They had three children — Glen R. (1928), Frances (1930) and James (1933). Mom died in 1973 and Dad died in 1971. They are both buried at Lewistown." (Glen Irish Jr.)

**IVERSON, Isaac** (Sec 3-18-27) Isaac Iverson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Iverson, was born February 20, 1910, in Lewistown, Montana. At the age of two he and his folks went to the homestead at Dovetail. He attended the schools around Dovetail, namely Dovetail, Carrell and Conolly. The first school was in the cabin Tom first built for his family. When more people settled the area with more children, the school in the cabin was closed and two schools, Carrell and Conolly, were opened. The Carrell School was about three miles east of Iversons on Dovetail Creek, and the Conolly School was about three miles west. Teachers were not very plentiful and, for at least one year, Zell Conolly taught four months in one school and four months in the other.

The Iversons children rode horseback and attended four months at each school, since the terms were set with one school open in the fall, and the other open in the spring. Ike attended Fergus High School and then went on to Montana State College for several quarters. He was county surveyor of Petroleum County for several years. He went into partnership with his father on the ranch.

Ruth Tripp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tripp of Flatwillow, was born December 24, 1920. She had attended the Upper Flatwillow School, then Winnett High School, and had just returned from one year at Iowa State College when she met Ike. (See also TRIPP — Flatwillow)

Ike and Ruth were married August 21, 1940, at her parents home in Winnett. After a summer-long honeymoon on the West Fork of the Bitterroot River, where Ike was hired as a surveyor on a big dam, they returned to the ranch at Dovetail to make it their home.

Tom and Ike had both sheep and cattle. The sheep were summered on the Wartzluft place and surrounding area. The Wartzluft house was the "sheep camp" for years. The sheep were trailed over to the camp in early spring before lambing, returning home in the fall. Annette usually moved to the sheep camp to cook for the lambing crew, a job that lasted for four to five weeks. Ruth stayed at the ranch to take care of the chores and the children.

For shearing, Ruth was the chief cook and bottle washer for the crew, usually about fifteen men. One year when they went over to shear, they discovered that someone had vandalized the cook stove that they had always left there. There was absolutely nothing to cook on, so Ike made a rush trip back to the ranch for something to cook on.

The only thing he could find was a two-burner kerosene camp stove. Ruth had spent the previous week baking pies and cakes for desserts for the crew, and felt very lucky to have that taken care of, because with only two small burners, it was quite a job figuring out how to cook



*Ruth and Isaac Iverson*

meat, potatoes, vegetables, and to have plenty of hot coffee ready. After that they got a propane range for cooking, and hauled it back and forth to the camp as they needed it.

Ike and his dad were very good friends and were able to work together amicably, so they had a very good partnership. After his dad died, Ike had control of the land, and ran sheep and cattle in partnership with his mother.

Ike and Ruth loved to dance, and they didn't miss many of the dances around the country. They went to the Dovetail Hops, the Valentine Stomps, and the Flatwillow Bashes. At that time all these dances were well attended by the people around the area. Sometimes the crowds would be so big that the people had to move out to make room for others to dance. Believe it or not!

Ike and Ruth had five children — Lee (3-8-1942) Anne (1-23-1944), Zell (12-24-1945), Tom (3-24-1948) and Hallie (11-21-1950).

Isaac died in April 1961 and is buried in the Tripp Family Plot at Flatwillow, as he had requested while helping Mr. Tripp with some landscaping there. Ruth later married Fuller Laugeman, of Malta, and they live in Winnett. (See also LAUGEMAN — Winnett)

Isaac Lee married Marcia Neild of Townsend. They are the third generation of Iversons to live on the homestead. (See also IVERSON, Lee) Ruth Anne married Warren Weaver, who lived with his parents on the Ray Marr place. (See also WEAVER, Warren) Rozella Marie died of leukemia in July 1964. She is buried next to Ike in the Tripp Family Cemetery at Flatwillow. Tom Harry married Maurene Carpenter of Great Falls. They live in San Diego, California, and have two children, Ryan and Jennifer. Hallie Annette married Robert Schram of Glendive. They live in Billings and have two children, Randy and Kimberlee. (Ruth Iverson Laugeman)

**IVERSON, Lee** (Sec 3-18-27) "I, Lee Iverson, am the oldest son of Isaac and Ruth Iverson. I was born in Lewistown, Montana, and have lived all my life at the ranch on Dovetail. The ranch started during homestead days with the homestead of my grandfather, Tom Iverson, in 1912. Other homesteads were added to the





Top: Lee and Marcia Iverson; Middle: Marlee and Craig; Bottom: twins, Angela and Andrea

ranch as the land became available.

"The principal livestock, in the early days, were sheep, cattle and horses. Now the Iverson Ranch is a combination of cattle and farming — raising wheat and barley, and crossbred cattle.

"I attended school at Dovetail through the eighth grade. Other families with kids in school at that time were Bus Cook, Vern Cook, Elmer Cold, and Carl Jackson, when Mae Jackson taught the Dovetail School. During the colder days of winter, each kid would bring a potato and put it on the back of the heating stove to cook until lunch time. By then it was just about right and went well as a hot addition to the usual peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

"Play Day at Winnett, when all the school kids in the county gathered together to compete in track events, was always something the kids looked forward to in the spring. Recesses, for weeks before Play Day, were spent running and jumping to improve our skills so we could bring home the ribbons.

"I went to Winnett High School and graduated, with ten other kids, in 1959. While I was in high school, I spent the school week with relatives and came home to the ranch for the weekends.

"I started college at Montana State College in the fall of 1959. My father passed away in the spring of my second year, so I came home to help Mom keep things going at the ranch, after I had promised to go back to school in the fall and finish my education. Mom moved to Winnett that fall, and the man Dad had hired to help on the ranch was kept on until I graduated and could take over. I graduated from Montana State College (now known as Montana State University) in 1963.

"In June of 1963 I married Marcia Neild at Townsend, Montana. Since that time, we have lived on the ranch at Dovetail, continuing as the third generation of Iversons living on the original homestead of Tom Iverson.

"In the later 1960s, the communities of Dovetail and Valentine decided to start running a school bus to Winnett. A few years later, the local school district was consolidated with the Winnett district. Since that time, all the kids of the Dovetail and Valentine communities have ridden the school bus to Winnett. With the coming of the school bus, there was an immediate push to get the roads upgraded so the bus could be sure to get through, so now we have a gravel road to our driveway. The winters when the roads were so clogged with snow that the only time you could use the road was when you crossed it to get to the higher ground on the other side, are now gone. Thank Goodness!

"We have four children. Craig Brian (1964) graduated from MSU and is now married and living with his wife, Leslie, at the ranch. Marlee Kay graduated from MSU in the spring of 1989, where she studied fashion merchandising. Our twins, Andrea and Angela, were born Christmas Day in 1970, and graduated from Winnett High School in 1989, where they were honor students and outstanding athletes." (Lee Iverson)

**IVERSON, Tom** (Sec 3-18-27) Torbjorn Nasen was born June 2, 1872, at Vass, Norway, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivar Tvinde Nasen. He came to America in 1897 and changed his name to Tom Iverson. He came to an uncle in Iowa, then to the Teigen Ranch in Montana, to work. The Teigens had been neighbors to the Nasens in Norway.

Annette Rutieg was born April 19, 1878, in Oslo, Norway. She and her sister, Amelia, came to America in 1905, to the Swend Holland Ranch, near Lewistown, to work. The Hollands and the Rutiegs had been close neighbors in Norway.

Tom and Annette were married November 2, 1906. After they were married, they lived on a farm five miles north of Lewistown. Tom hated farming, but liked sheep, so when he found out there was good grazing in the Dovetail area, he went to check it out in 1910. He was so impressed with the Dovetail country that he filed for a homestead there at the site of the present Iverson Ranch buildings.

He trailed a band of about 1000 sheep from the Lewistown area to his homestead at Dovetail, a trip that took at least a week. He built a one-room log cabin to live in until he had time to build a larger house for his family. In 1912, he moved his wife, Annette, and two sons — Andrew at four years old and Isaac at two years — to the homestead with a team and wagon. They all moved into the one-room cabin Tom had built.

Tom was one of the first homesteaders in the Dovetail area and ran sheep there the rest of his life. He had a big well with a large pump that he got the water from for his livestock and family.

To deliver his lambs or cattle to market meant that he



*Tom and Annette Iverson, with Andrew, Isaac and Guri Ann*

had to trail them to the railroad at Roy. These trips meant a slow pace going to Roy so that the animals didn't lose too much weight, so it took three to four days to go to Roy, but the trip home went faster. Wool was also hauled to Roy for shipment. It was hauled in large burlap bags, especially designed for the wool. The lambs and the wool were usually contracted and paid for at the loading area, but the cattle were put on the train and shipped to Chicago, where they sold for whatever that day's price happened to be.

Iversons didn't go to Winnett very often in the early days, because Tom picked up all the supplies needed on the trips to Roy with the livestock or the wool. When a trip to Roy took up most of a week, you can be sure he didn't care to make any extra trips.

It took about a week to shear the sheep in the spring. In the early days the shearing was done by the neighbors, Karl and Chris Egeland, Karl Sikveland and Kjetl Ness. They sheared by hand. After Tom acquired the Wartzluft place, the sheep were moved there early in the spring where they were lambbed out and later sheared. He hired a shepherd to take care of the band through the summer, and the sheep were brought back to the home place in late fall for the winter.

Annette was "chief cook and bottle washer" at the sheep camp, for the lambing and shearing crews. They usually had outside crews for shearing at the Wartzluft place, which was located on the edge of the Missouri Breaks. Cliff and Grant Emery and crew sheared the Iverson sheep for many years.

Tom and Annette had three children — Andrew (1908), Isaac (1910) and Guri Ann (1914).

Tom died in 1947 and Annette died in 1962. They are buried in the Lewistown City Cemetery.

Andrew Iverson married Helen Wagar, who taught the Dovetail School for two years. They lived on the Myers place for several years with their children, Louise and David. They left Dovetail and moved to the Hamilton area

where son Thomas was born. They came back to the Flatwillow area and leased the Clement Ranch, then later bought it. (See also IVERSON — Flatwillow)

Isaac Iverson married Ruth Tripp of the Flatwillow area and they remained on the Iverson Ranch. (See also IVERSON, Isaac)

Guri Ann Iverson married Clifford E. Cook and lived for a time on a place near Iversons. (Guri Iverson Cook and Ruth Iverson Laugeman) (See also COOK — Dovetail and Winnett)

**JACKSON, Carl** (Sec 26-19-27) Carl Jackson was born in Nebraska and attended school there. He came to Montana in 1913 by team and wagon with his brothers, Jim and Dennis.

Mae James, daughter of Hezekiah and Maggie James, was born in 1901. She taught at the Valentine School in the early 1920s and had 24 students in a one-room schoolhouse.

Carl and Mae were married in 1924 and moved to the homestead at Dovetail. Carl was a farming enthusiast and raised cattle which were marketed in Kansas City.

Entertainment was provided by the people of the Dovetail community. Carl used to play the violin and Mae chorded on the piano. They played cards and participated in picnics which were held almost every Sunday in the summer months. They played baseball and threw horseshoes, among other things.

In the 1930s Carl built dams which made it possible for them to have water to drink as well as to irrigate part of the crops. Carl raised a beautiful orchard which furnished fruit for them for many years. Mae taught school off and on for seventeen years to help out with the place and the family.

Carl and Mae had three children. Floyd Carl Jackson (1931) is still on the ranch. He is unmarried. Lois Ann Woodard (1932) lives at Roy and runs the grocery store there. Shirley Mae Eden (1941) lives in Billings.

Carl is deceased, and Mae now lives in a retirement home in Billings. (Mae Jackson)



*At Carl Jackson's — Adults L to R — Joe Killham, Doris Hanson, Herb Killham, Carl and Mae Jackson, Jim Jackson. Children — Lois Jackson, Floyd Jackson, Virginia Hanson, Bill Hanson*