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Dobberstein Reunion Digest

Newsletter of the Dobberstein Family Reunion Association

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Celebrating Herman's 150th Birthday

As I write this, today's date is June 9, 2003. Just another day most people might think, but to the 460-plus living offspring of the man for whom this reunion commemorates, it is also the 150th anniversary of the birth of their progenitor, Herman Dobberstein.

While this newsletter is primarily devoted to recording and preserving the family memories, important events and vital statistics of the presently living offspring of Herman Dobberstein, an important secondary function is to remember and share the heritage, culture and history of our ancestral past.

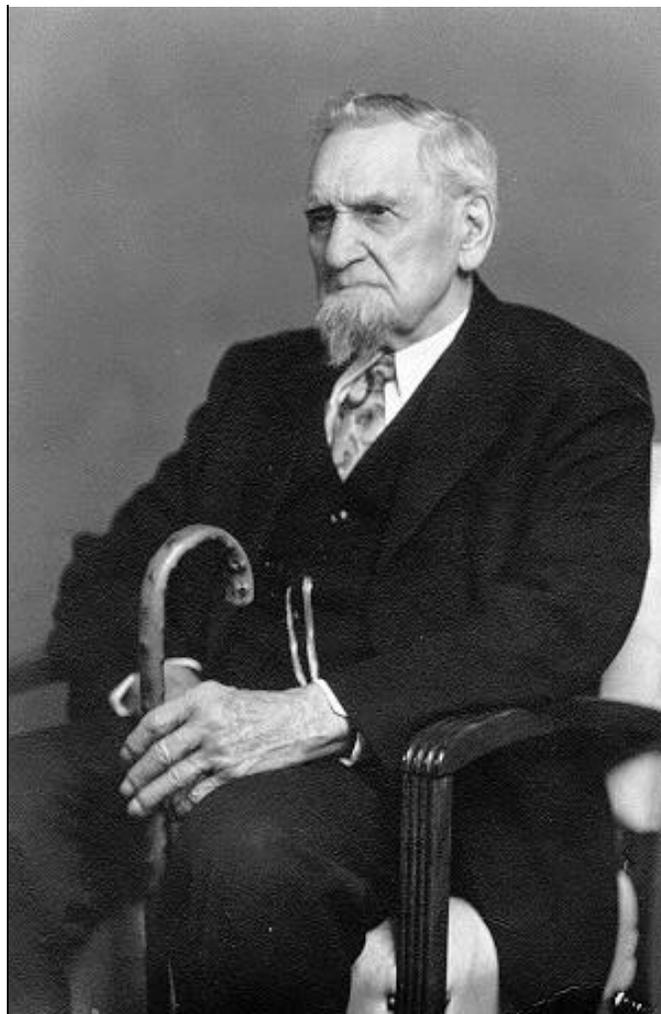
In commemorating Herman's birth 150 years ago, what I would like to do is take a look at his own ancestry; at least as much as I have researched and have recorded for posterity.

Hermann Gottlieb Dobberstein¹ was born on 9 Jun 1853 in Athansienhoff, Samoszin, Posen, Prussia.^{2,3,4,5,6} His marriage record shows his place of birth as *Samoczien, Reg. Bez. Bromberg, Prov. Posen in Preussen.*³

Parents

Johann Michael Dobberstein was born on 15 May 1819 in Athanasienhoff, Samoszin bei Kolmar, Posen, Prussia.² The actual wording in the Dobberstein Bible for Johann's record of birth is "*Johann Michael Dobberstein geboren den 15th May 1819 in Athanasienhoff bei Samoszin Cris (ed. Kreis) Kollmar.*" Johann Dobberstein and Henrietta Block were married about 1842 in Samoszin, Kolmar, Posen, Prussia.²³ John was a landowner in Germany, but decided to leave everything behind to come to this country. He immigrated on 23 Jun 1854 to New York aboard the *Western Empire* with his wife and three young children.^{20,21,22}

There were many conflicts between the Germans and the Poles during the mid-1800s. John may have felt pressure to leave Prussia because the Polish farmers in the area where they lived would no longer rent any farmland to him.²⁹ So when he was 35 years old Johann made the decision to move his young family from



Europe to the United States. His wife Henrietta was 34 by then, their oldest daughter Wilhelmina was 9, their younger daughter Pauline was 4, and their only son Hermann was just one year old. Their ship landed at the port of New York, and he and his family were among the 647 passengers who were to start a new life here in the United States. It is suspected that he took his family aboard another ship up the Hudson River in New York to Albany. From there they probably took a train or stagecoach to Buffalo, where they may have boarded a steamship that made its way through Lake Erie, Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, and finally landed at

Milwaukee.²⁰ From Milwaukee they traveled by horse and wagon to Jefferson County, an area heavily populated by other German immigrants. This is the place that would become their home.

A rather amusing story passed down as family lore is an incident that occurred one of the first evenings after the family arrived in the U.S. They complained to the hotel clerk that their room was full of bed bugs. The hotel clerk replied that the insects were American bed bugs that bit only at night.⁴

Within a short time after arriving Johann purchased a 40-acre farm in Section 21 of Township 7 North, Range 15 East in Farmington Township, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin.^{22,23} By 1859, only ten of the forty acres he owned were tillable. The rest was woods. It wasn't until his son Eduard bought the farm did the family own a full 80 acres as shown on area plat maps from that time.²⁹

Johann was a member of Emanuel Lutheran congregation in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin in 1860.²⁴ When the church was founded that year by Rev. Kienow, Johann was one of the first members, along with Beruh Lobeck and Wm. Hoehne among others. The original church structure, a log building, served as their house of worship until 1868 when a frame church was erected. This building was struck by lightning in 1913 and totally destroyed. The present red brick church building on the property, costing about \$20,000, was dedicated in 1914.⁵

Johann was naturalized on 23 Oct 1868 in Jefferson Co, Wisconsin; an official Declaration of Intention was filed that date.²⁵ He appeared in the census on 6 Jul 1870 in Farmington Township, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin, where he was described as a 51-year-old farmer.⁹ The value of his real estate recorded on the census was \$4,000, with another \$500 value in personal property. He appeared in the next census on 21 Jun 1880 in Town of Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin.²⁶ His name was recorded as "John Dobestine," and he was shown as a 61-year-old farmer.

He died on 5 Jul 1896 at 77 years old in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin. He passed away on his 80-acre homestead located near Watertown, Wisconsin. He was buried in Johnson's Creek Cemetery, Farmington, Wisconsin.²⁷

Henrietta Wilhelmina Block was born on 17 Mar 1820 in *Radszin, Samoszin bei Kolmar*, in Posen, Prussia.^{2,28} (Henrietta's date of birth is recorded in a couple source documents as 7 March 1819. The Dobberstein Bible records her *geboren den 7 Marz 1820 in Radszin bei Samoszin Creis (ed. Kreis) Kollmar*. The *'Register der Verstorbenen'* (Register of the Deceased) from Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin records "*geb. am 7 Marz 1820*

zu Radschin, Poznan." Her civil registration of death also records her date of birth as 7 Mar 1820.) Henrietta's surname is also recorded in places as "*Bloch*," which I believe is the correct and original Germanic spelling of the family name.

She appeared in the census on 7 Jul 1870 in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin. She was recorded as a 50-year-old housewife. She appeared in the next census on 21 Jun 1880 in Town of Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin.²⁶

She died on 31 May 1898 in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin.^{3,28} Her cause of death, as shown of the death certificate, is shown only as old age, with her health gradually failing for two years prior. She was buried on 2 Jun 1898 in Johnson's Creek, Farmington Township, Wisconsin.³ She was buried at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Grandparents

Mr. Dobberstein was probably born about 1785 in Prussia. Nothing is known about Johann's father. Mr. Dobberstein and Anna Sprenger were married about 1810 in Kolmar, Posen, Prussia.

Anna Sprenger²³ was born on 15 Mar 1787 in Posen, Preussen. Her surname is also recorded in secondary source documents as "von Sprenger," and her place of birth was also seen recorded as "Pommerania, Prussia."

She immigrated with her son Johann and his family to New York City, New York in 1854. On passenger documents she was listed as 50 years old.²¹ Whether that was an unintentional error or an obvious fabrication intended to fool the port authorities is not known.²⁰ She was really 67 years old at the time.

She appeared in the census on 6 Jul 1870 in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin, where she was shown as an 84-year-old living in her son Johann's household.⁹ She appeared in the next census on 21 Jun 1880 in Town of Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin, where she was shown as a 93-year-old, with relationship to head of the family listed as mother.²⁶

She died on 27 Apr 1881 in Farmington, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin at 94 years of age.³ She was buried on 29 Apr 1881 in Farmington Township, Jefferson Co, Wisconsin at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church near Johnsons Creek.^{3,29,30} Arlyn Day, in his essay entitled, *A Prussian Family*, writes that Anna "lies buried under a pine tree in the Farmington Cemetery about five miles from the home where she had lived for the previous quarter century; a weathered limestone monument marking her grave." When I visited the cemetery in 1997, her headstone was still identifiable but just barely readable.

Mr. Bloch was born about 1795 in Prussia. Nothing is known about Henrietta's father. Mr. Bloch and Miss Schwartz were married shortly before 1820.

Miss Schwartz was born about 1795 in Prussia. Nothing is known about Henrietta's mother beyond her maiden name.

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Bob Cole, Family Reunion Historian

Family News

Today's family news will become tomorrow's family history.

Descendants of

John & Emma (Handschke) Dobberstein

Family of Armand & Concordia Dobberstein

Leroy & Betty Dobberstein Rapid City, South Dakota

The Dobbersteins (Leroy and Betty) & Davidsons (daughter Leah) of the Black Hills of South Dakota enjoyed another year of God's blessings, good health and strength. Betty now has 25 special students in her Jesus' Cares class. Leroy is kept busy helping out with preaching in South Dakota and neighboring states. He has been called to serve also as retirement pastor at St. Paul's in Rapid City. Leroy and Betty spent five weeks with pastor son Donn in Port Orange, FL where they help with an evangelism program in Donn's church, Our Savior.

The Davidson grandchildren are all teenagers. Grandson Durrell graduated from Mobile Dynamics school in Meza, AZ and returned to South Dakota to apply his trade of installing security and sounds systems in homes and automobiles. Granddaughter Darra has added two horses to her company of animals. Grandson Dannell says Darra can have her horses; he will stick to his BMX biking.

Down in Florida Donn's congregation has the pleasant problem of too many people for too little room and are exploring ways to expand their facility for worship and education. Beth enjoys using her art talents by holding classes in her home for children who are being home-schooled. Caleb, Lydia and Aleah get to join in Mom's art classes.



WEDDINGS for Sept. 29, 02

Luke & Lisa Dobberstein

Sommer-Dobberstein



Lisa Sommer & Luke Dobberstein were married August 3rd, 2002 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New London.

Parents of the couple are James and Beverly Sommer, New London, and Dennis and Cathy Dobberstein, New London.

Accompanying maid of honor Tina Hoewisch were Lisa Strike, Jennifer Strike, Sara Rudolph, Tammy Nollenberg, Jessica Dobberstein and Rachel Hinz. MiKayla Melso was miniature bride and Ryan Melso was ring bearer.

Best man Mark Dobberstein was assisted by Jeff Schabo, Tim Johnson, Brian Sommer, Chad Dobberstein, John Dobberstein and Benjamin Dobberstein. Matthew Dobberstein, Mike Melso, Andy Thern, Troy Schulz & Brooks Tellock were ushers.

The bride graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee and is currently looking for a position in elementary education. Her husband is a foreman with Eggers Industries, Neenah. They live in Neenah.

Source:

<http://www.wisinfo.com/postcrescent/specialsections/weddings/092902.shtml>

Luke & Lisa Dobberstein New London, Wisconsin

Luke Dobberstein married Lisa Sommer on August 3, 2002 at Emanuel Lutheran in New London.

Our updated address is: Luke and Lisa Dobberstein, W10624 Highway W, New London, Wisconsin 54961
lisajuneus@yahoo.com.

Sharon & Wayne Dobberstein Fall Creek, Wisconsin

I'd like to bring you up on our family as a lot of changes have taken place.

Wayne and I still live in Fall Creek. We built a cabin on our property on the Chippewa Flowage using lumber and beams from our barn that we tore down.

Our daughter, Lisa, and David Schroeder have built a home outside of Watertown. David and Lisa Schroeder's email address is lisa.schroeder@care.com.

Shaun & Lori Koenig had a daughter, Jayden Alexa, born on May 20, 2003. Jayden was baptized on June 1, 2003. Shaun & Lori's email address is slkoenig@presenter.com.

Jodi & Keith Dau are moving to Denver, Colorado area and have pur-

chased a home in a suburb of Denver. Keith took a position out there with St Paul Companies, and Jodi will teach 8th grade math in Aurora. Their new address is 22098 Eastridge Trail Drive, Aurora CO 80016, jldaukoenig@yahoo.com.

Ryan Koenig and Cindy Boelhower were married on March 3, 2001 in Tampa, Florida. They've moved from Juno Beach, Florida to Riverview, Florida, which is outside of Tampa. They've purchased a home there, and at the end of June 2003 their new home address is 12831 Stand Bridge Dr, Riverview FL 33569, mrryankoenig@yahoo.com.

Family of
Zeda & Orville
Loos

Larry & Joyce Loos
Appleton, Wisconsin

Tracy Lea Loos, daughter of David & Lisa Loos, was confirmed May 4, 2003 at Trinity Ellington Lutheran Church, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Race Daniel Price, son of Daniel & Melissa price, was confirmed on May 4, 2003 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Center, Wisconsin.

Larissa Mae Wells, daughter of Mark & Debra Wells, graduated May 31, 2003 from Waco Lutheran High School in Waco, Nebraska.

Larry & Joyce Loos went to Nebraska for the dedication of a new addition in Nov 2003 to the Lutheran high school in Waco, Nebraska. Then in May of 2003 Larry, Joyce & son Bruce Loos went to Nebraska for our granddaughter Larissa's graduation from high school at the Lutheran high school in Waco, Nebraska.

This information I didn't get in for 2002, so I'm sending it now.

Michael Mark Wells, son of Mark & Debra Wells was confirmed on May 12, 2002 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Nebraska.

Travis John Price, son of Daniel & Melissa Price, graduated on May 25, 2003 from Fox Valley Lutheran High School in Appleton, Wisconsin.

Family of
Leo & Ruby
Dobberstein

Noreen & Lloyd Rossa
River Falls, Wisconsin

This past December I left my job with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to join husband, Lloyd, in retirement. While I probably will work part-time, twenty-five years as a social worker has helped me see the wisdom of making a few life changes while we can enjoy it and have our health. We sold our River Falls home last July, and since my job required me to be on the road for three weeks out of a month in south-eastern Minnesota, I did not relish the thought of another winter of snowy, icy roads. Friends and my English as a Second Language (ESL) students are missed.

So we acted on a life dream of buying a 32-foot fifth-wheel travel trailer and hitting the road for the majority of the year, and spending summer months at our Three Lakes, WI cottage. Since I believe I inherited my wanderlust and desire to see what is over the next hill from my parents, we asked my Mom, Ruby, if she would like to join us. She did not take much convincing.

We began our journey after spending Christmas with sister, Paula, and her family in Kalispell, MT, and left for Tucson, AZ, on January 2nd. We had a fairly uneventful drive down there, and kept ahead of the snowflakes in Montana, Idaho and Utah. We breathed a sigh of relief when we finally arrived at the Desert Trails RV Park about 15 miles west of Tucson. Tucson was our destination as former Milwaukeeans that have been friends for many years relocated there and we visit often.

We took in the Tucson Gem Show, Kitt's Peak Observatory, Titan Missile Site, Sabino and Madera Canyons, Tucson Botanical and Tohono Chul Gardens, Tubac Art Show, Christine Lavin Concert, and 4th Street Art Festival - to name a few of the sights.

Was a wonderful 2 1/2 months, and we even had visitors from the Northland - brother, Gene, and friend Kathy Ware. Desert Trails only had 250 RV spaces, and we made close to daily use of hiking trails in the adjacent Tucson Mountains. As winter wound down, Mom flew back to Wisconsin on March 25th and we returned via Silver City, NM, Port Aransas and Houston, TX where Lloyd's niece and family live. We then visited former neighbors in Hot Springs, AK, before arriving in time for opening walleye fishing in Three Lakes on May 2nd.

On May 24th we helped our last two students that we hosted, one from Mexico and one from Japan, celebrate their graduation with a M.S. and B.S. from the University of WI - River Falls. Another is receiving her medical degree in Guadalajara, Mexico on June 13th and we plan on helping her celebrate too.

Mother has settled back in to her home in Hortonville and celebrated her 90th Birthday with family and friends on June 21st. All of her children attended. Her spirit and zest for enjoying her family are undaunted and are an inspiration for the rest of us!

Gene's daughter, Tracy Lange and husband Tom had another child, their 4th, this last year: Brooke Lange. If Gene did not send in that info, his email address is:

Gene.Dobberstein@doc.state.wi.us.

Noreen Rossa's email address is nlrossa@nnet.net.

Family of
Hugo & Evelyn
Dobberstein

No information was received from Hugo & Evelyn's family or offspring.

People will not look forward to posterity who never look backward to their ancestors.
-Edmund Burke (1790)

Wilhelm & Couredena (Roesler) Dobberstein

Family of
**Alvin & Ardys
Dobberstein**

**Evelyn & Dave Bromwell
New London, Wisconsin**

We had a very busy 2002 and this year looks just as much. Last fall we went back to Nashville for the 77th birthday bash at the grand Ole Opry, went to the new Hall of Fame, Andrew Jackson's Heritage, saw the Tammy Wynette Story at the Puman, and saw many other good shows. On Sunday we went to the Cowboy Church in the Ernest Tubb Theater.

On the way home we went to the Derby Theater in Indiana and saw a musical of the game *Clue*. We took the seniors to Germania Hall in Menasha to a dinner show called *Forever Plaid*, and went to see two shows at the new Performing Arts in Appleton. We also saw Charlie Pride & Lorretta Lynn at the Crystal Grand in the Dells.

This year we went on vacation to New England & Cape Cod, went whale watching, visited the JFK Memorial, went on a sunset dinner cruise on Martha's Vineyard, and took a train ride.

We had Dave's granddaughter's confirmation, Wynn's son Jeremy's high school graduation from Winneconne, and on June 15th Dave had a surprise birthday party for his mother's 80th birthday.

On June 6th, Dawn married Joe Tuchsherer. They were married on the Fin & Feather cruise boat from Winneconne, and had a dinner and dance at the Darboy Club. They left for a honeymoon to Mackinac Island & Niagara Falls, and will still live in Greenville. Joe has a boy, Taylor.

Our granddaughter Nicole Dobberstein e-mailed me that she is engaged to Kim Magloski from New London. He has a little boy, Justin, 7 years old. Wedding plans are planned next year sometime for them.

Robin is doing better and is working in Kimberly. She has a nice boy

friend. Amber finished her schooling for her CAN and is looking for work. Crystal has her CNA and is working in a nursing home in Seymour. She lives in Bonduel. Nathan did real well in wrestling again this year, and went to state and nationals, and was on the Minnesota-Wisconsin team. He won lots of medals & trophies. He starts high school this fall.

Wynn has been doing a lot of hunting this past year; got his turkey, deer and bear, and went to Arkansas to hunt wild boar with a bow. He got two real nice sized boars. We get all kinds of meat to try. He has a girlfriend, Stacey, and she has a little girl, 5-year-old Brianna. Maybe he can bring them to the reunion this year.

Hopefully we'll be in our new Senior Center this fall. They're shooting for Oct 9th for a grand opening for the apartments in the Washington Center, and we're suppose to be in around the same time. We will have a lot to move from the old center after 25 years.

Well that's all for this year for now.

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN



Posted Sep. 19, 2001

This is an extract from a running list of feedback the newspaper received from online viewers since the attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. on 9-11-01. To share your feelings, [click here](#).

Reader feedback

I can't believe what is happening in our country! I want to send out my deepest sympathy to everyone that has lost a loved one in this lowdown attempt to ruin our country. The U.S.A. is one of the strongest countries around, and I am very proud to be an American and I am glad to see everyone doing everything they can to help out. I never thought anything like this would happen in my lifetime, and I hope to never see it again! — **Amber Dobberstein, Greenville, Wis.**

Source: http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/news/archive/local_1151927.shtml

Henry & Anna (Kringel) Dobberstein

Family of Gary & Velma Dobberstein

No news from the offspring of Gary & Velma Dobberstein.

Family of Arthur & Doris Dobberstein

Darlene & Rev. Ken Gerike Columbia, Missouri

News from the Columbia, MO, Gerikes. Rachel and Rob Breeden were blessed with a baby boy, Christopher Trystan, on August 5, 2002. Rachel & Rob Breeden have moved to 2301 Primrose, 4C, Columbia, MO 65202.

Matthew is completing his Master's Degree in Geography at Kansas State in Manhattan.

Ken, Darlene, Matthew, and Andrew enjoyed a quick trip to Dauphin Island, Alabama, in June. They were on the road for 4 days and the beach for two days. A side trip included a visit to Shiloh, Tennessee, site of a Civil War battle. We've visited a number of Civil War battlefields and have never seen so many cannon balls used in the memorials as we did in Shiloh!

We are looking forward to seeing family in Omro later in July.

Darlene's health continues to improve. Regaining energy and stamina is taking a long time. I plan to teach on a limited basis this fall and is looking forward to directing one of the hand bell choirs again. I no longer feel ill; I'm ready to begin participating in more activities but it is still hard to gauge just how much to commit to as I'm still dealing with fatigue.

I continue to thank and praise God for His goodness to me and pray His blessings to each of you.

Marriage of Heather Marie Dobberstein (daughter of Neal and Roxanne) to Michael Robert Oaks on September 05, 1998. Heather and Michael have two children: Drew Michael born March 24, 2000 and Josie May was born March 06, 2002.

Darlene & Ken's email addresses are mgerike@tranquility.net and revkgerike@tranquility.net.

Family of George & Lois Dobberstein

Randy & Grace Dobberstein Waupaca, Wisconsin

Here is the news from the Randy Dobberstein family for the newsletter.

Last summer our family took a 16-day road trip. We started out going through Illinois on our way to St. Louis where we spent 4 days visiting friends from our newlywed days. We also had time to catch a few museums and sights. From there we headed across Kansas towards Denver, Colorado. It took 2 days to get across. In Denver we stayed with Grace's aunt for 3 days and visited the Zoo, the Aquarium, and Invesco Stadium. We left Denver and headed for the mountains stopping in Georgetown and than spending 4 days at Estes Park YMCA camp for a family reunion with Grace's mom's family. After the reunion we headed north to spend 4 days in the Black Hills of South Dakota. We saw some of the wild fires on our trip up and were able to view Mount Rushmore under tight security by the National Guard on the fourth of July. Our favorite part was the drive on the Needles Highway and a sunset drive through Custer Park where we ended up driving our van as part of a Buffalo run-walk. They were so close that you could touch them!

Grace changed jobs in August and is now employed full-time as a Missouri Synod Lutheran teacher of grades 6, 7 & 8, at Christ Lutheran

School in West Bloomfield. We also changed our family's church membership with the new job. She loved the first year in middle school teaching, which was a big switch from pre-school, but says that she was ready for new challenges. She's looking forward to another year, only this time with daughter Lorrie in her classroom! The next best thing to home-schooling!

Randy is still employed at Sturm Foods Inc. in Manawa. With Grace's job change came new challenges for Randy as well. He coached the boys and girls basketball teams at Christ Lutheran. Luke and Lorrie were both on the teams. The highlight of the season was winning a sportsmanship trophy at a tournament in Manawa. The team lost every game but never complained and played every game with everything they had, they also lost a few key players to the flu and the girls played without any subs!

Jeanette was a sophomore this past year. Her highlights were playing on the JV basketball team and of course getting her drivers license!

Lorrie was in 5th grade and participated in soccer, volleyball, and basketball. She continued with piano lessons and was able to play in our chapel services at school a couple of times, and also compete in a music contest, play for the piano guild judge and closed the season with a recital.

Luke was in 4th grade. He played soccer and basketball. The highlight for his year was when the soccer team won the first place trophy for their division at a wet rainy soccer tournament. He also had one small surgery in April to repair something from a previous surgery.

Now that summer is here we are busy camping and already took in a trip to Great America in Illinois.

Randy & Grace's email address is rgdobberstein@charter.net.

Family of
**Marie & Walter
Westphal**

**Marie & Walter Westphal
New London, Wisconsin**

Just a few lines to let you know what's going on here at home.

I have been falling around here a lot: three times. I am getting a bit forgetful, but Dad helps me a lot. He has a good mind and helps me to remember a lot of things.

I get in touch with the kids quite often, but I sure miss Gloria and grandson Michael a lot.

We don't go away much as I can't leave Grandpa alone. We don't get to church much, but pastor comes and visits us and gives us communion once a month.

Bev & Wink's mom passed away a couple of weeks ago.

**Susan Haese
Appleton, Wisconsin**

Rachel graduated from Fox Valley Lutheran High School on May 25, 2002. She is working at Wal-Mart in Appleton.

Susan took 1st place in her age division in the Fox Cities Marathon in Sept 2001 and Sept 2002. Also took 2nd in the Green Bay Marathon on May 18, 2003.

My 4th grandchild was born May 16, 2002. Her name is Aleaha Haven, born the same day as great-grandpa Westphal's birthday.

I went to my first NASCAR race, the Daytona 500, in February 2002. Came home with a fractured hand.

Vacationed in Xatapa, Mexico with two girlfriends for a week in March. Came home with a fractured rib from falling off a banana boat. These vacations are rough.

Also had my billfold stolen at an oasis along the turnpike in Illinois on my way home from a polka fest in Pennsylvania in July 2002.

I'm still single, working at the Bee Hive, and enjoying dancing and running.

**Lynn & Bob Cole
Appleton, Wisconsin**

Exactly one year after the infamous 9-11 attack against America, Bob was reassigned to another Army Reserve unit that would mobilize him less than a month later. Although he has been stationed at Ft Bragg, NC since October 2002, he has been sent to training at Ft Jackson, SC to attend a warrant officer professional development course for four weeks on two different trips in December and January, and then to Ft Rucker, AL in March to attend the Army Warrant Officer Staff Course for another four weeks. During his time mobilized he has been able to come home once for a short visit over New Years, and Lynn was able to visit him for a week while he was in Alabama. At this point it is uncertain how long he will remain on active duty.

As busy as he has been, not all has been work. Some of the cities Bob has been able to visit during the past year on off-duty time are Atlanta, Columbus and Savanna, Georgia; Columbia, Charleston and Beaufort, South Carolina; Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington, North Carolina; Huntsville and Mobile, Alabama; Pensacola and Panama City, Florida; Seattle & Tacoma, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Richmond, Virginia; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Baltimore, Maryland; and Washington, DC.

This past year brought other big moves for the Cole family. In 2002 Lynn & Bob decided to sell their home on Bayridge Drive in Appleton after living there for the previous 8 years, and moved into their houses on Fremont & John street. Just prior to being called to active duty Bob finished most of the remodeling work he had been doing the previous year or so at John Street, and daughter Jennifer has made that her home in his absence.

It wasn't too long after Lynn moved into their Fremont Street house that she began remodeling work there too. Over the past year she had a steel fence built in the backyard for her dog, installed a new furnace, added air conditioning, replaced windows, re-

modeled the bathroom, added insulation, resided and reroofed the house. Much of the work Bob has yet to see.

Last October Lynn and Jenny spent two weeks at their Westgate Lakes resort in Orlando, FL. They were joined by Lynn's sisters Cindy & Carol and Carol's son Luke & a friend of his for one week, and by their close friends Chuck & Pam Swanson and Bob & Judy Swanson and a couple of their kids for the second week. Bob was able to visit on a 4-day pass over the mid-weekend to see both groups.

**Cindy & Tom Gorges
New London, Wisconsin**

Mandy and Cindy had a great time at Country USA last June. We got a campsite this time so that we wouldn't have to drive to Oshkosh every day for 5 days. We had a brief storm the first night, but after that it was sunny all weekend and hot, hot, hot!!! We both got nice and tan.

At about the same time, we had a new roof put on our house. The cats did not appreciate all the pounding and noise up on the roof.

On August 10th, of what would have been Gloria's 60th birthday, Susie, Bev, Lynn, Cindy and Michelle went out to celebrate the occasion for her. Carol was sick and couldn't make it. We went out to eat at "The Willows" in Appleton, then stopped at a couple bars and had a slumber party at Lynn's house. We reminisced over all the happy and funny times we spent with Gloria and spent much of the evening laughing. It was almost as if she were there with us.

Tom spent two weeks in South Dakota again duck and pheasant hunting in October. Cindy still keeps busy with her crafting and does craft shows in the fall and winter.

In January Cindy had arthroscopic surgery on her right shoulder. It had been causing her a lot of pain for several months. That was followed by two months of physical therapy to get it back in shape. It's still not 100%, but much better than it was.

We got a new 2-year old chocolate lab named Ben. Our other dog, Chip is old and suffers with arthritis, so Tom can't take him hunting anymore.

In memory of

Gloria Jean Bendixen 1942-2001



Cindy Gorges composed the poem written here shortly after her sister Gloria's death on 28 Aug 2001 for her family to commemorate her life and to remember her in passing.

Missing You

I think about you often, and I begin to cry
God took you away, and I don't understand why
I know He has a purpose for everything under the sun
I wish I had the answer, but I can't come up with one

Some days I miss you so much, I can't contain my grief
I burst into tears, until my sobs slowly cease
I tell myself I'm being selfish for wanting you here with me
Cause I know you're in the best possible place you could be

You're the very best sister anyone could have ever had
With so many happy memories, why do I feel so sad?
I know you wouldn't want me to feel the way I do
But sometimes I just can't help but feel so very blue

I want to wear a smile like you did every day
And when I think of you, I always see you that way
You were always cheerful, nothing ever got you down
You were always smiling, never with a frown

Even though you're no longer with us, your spirit's still with me
I see your smile in the flowers, I hear your laughter in the trees
I can feel your love in the warmth of the sun
And your beauty in the sunset, when the day is done

I'll try not to think of you as gone, but gone ahead
You're waiting for me there, cause I know what Jesus said
"Whoever believes in me will have everlasting life"
So I'll meet you there one day, in God's eternal light

So until that day comes, I'll keep you close to my heart
I'll love you forever, that bond will never part
I know you loved me as much as I loved you
So save a place for me, and I'll see you soon

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Posted Sep. 11, 2002
This is an extract from a Post-Crescent article under the "9-11-01 One Year Later: A Generational Marker" heading on page F-19. The full article can be viewed at http://www.wisinfo.com/postcrescent/news/911/911_5602252.shtml.

Young people say their perspective on the world has been forever altered

By Steven Hyden and Kathy Walsh Nufer, *Post-Crescent* staff writers

Sept. 11 was an instant touchstone in the lives of this country's young people, who up until then had never experienced a national tragedy on such a large scale.

While the passage of time has healed wounds to some degree, local teens continue to feel aftershocks from the terrorist attacks.

[Among the other youngsters who were had their comments recorded, the article finishes with...]

Lorrie Dobberstein, 10, of Waupaca became increasingly anxious after the terrorist attacks. "I got kind of worried it might come to Wisconsin. I prayed and it helped. I talked about it with mom and dad."

Even so, said Lorrie's mom Grace, she had a fear of fire for months afterward. "We had to leave the hall light on and

Emil & Alma (Zirbel) Dobberstein

Family of Elmer & Thelma Dobberstein

Gail & Rev. Stephen Carter
St. Louis, Missouri

Family Update: Daughter, Amy & son-in-law Pastor Joel Schultz, continue to live in nearby Washington, MO where he is associate pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Their 4th boy, Jeremiah, was born on July 5, 2002, and was baptized on July 21, 2002. He joins Jesse, 2, Josiah, 5, and Jonah, 8.

Son, Mark, & daughter-in-law Kayla, live in Mounds View, MN where Mark is an international travel agent for AAA. Their son Brendan will be 8 in Nov, and our only granddaughter, Hailey Marie, will be 3 in July.

My mother, Thelma Dobberstein, widow of Elmer, continues to live in an apartment in St. Louis, MO about 15 minutes from us. When she is healthy she gets to church and Bible class with us at Concordia Lutheran Church, Kirkwood, MO. She also participates in a Tuesday morning Bible class at church and occasionally gets together with some lady friends from their years at Concordia, Bronxville. At Thanksgiving time she enjoyed a visit from her oldest grandson, Joel Dobberstein, who works in New York City.

We continue to live in St. Louis, MO. Gail is actively involved in her 8th year of coordinating the OASIS Intergenerational Tutoring Program in 18 St. Louis area Lutheran schools and will be leading two women's retreats this fall.

Steve is retired as President of Concordia Publishing House. He recently completed an 18-month literature project with LCMS World Missions, taught a graduate course on Team Ministry in D. Min. program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and is preaching and teaching Bible class in various churches.

Family of Gladys & Harvey Hoppe

No information was received from Gladys, her children, or their offspring.



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Lasting Impressions by Dr. Stephen A. Carter

Time is most certainly a precious gift we give to children. In 1991 as our grown family arriving from St. Louis, Chicago, and Minneapolis for Thanksgiving, we heard the chilling news that Grandpa D had died. Our youngest daughter Becky, 22, suffering from a life-threatening illness stayed up most of the night to write an essay about her grandpa. Becky would die 13 months later. Time spent with her grandpa had left a lasting imprint on Becky's heart. Perhaps her thoughts can teach us all something about the value of time spent with loved ones:

My Grandpa

As Elmer Dobberstein's granddaughter, I've always known my grandpa was special. As a kid, I remember him taking my brother and sister and me bowling and patiently explaining how to "shake hands" with the head pin. He used to spend hours with my brother in the backyard playing catch and talking about baseball statistics. Grandpa was always more than willing to explain geometry proofs to my sister, and every time we saw him, he was ready to challenge one of us with a new word puzzle or math game. Grandpa showed a genuine interest in all our activities, and, whenever possible, he came to Little League baseball games, gymnastics meets, music recitals, and circus performances.

He made a point of being at our baptisms, confirmations, graduations, and more recently, family weddings. If Grandpa couldn't come to something, he always let us know he was behind us. He never forgot a birthday and always sent a special reminder of our confirmation date. For each of our 21st birthdays, Grandma and Grandpa made us a special scrapbook recapping the first two decades of our lives. Perhaps one of my most cherished memories is of Grandpa D's traditional tape-recorded interview of every family member on Thanksgiving Day.

These memories are just a few examples of how Grandpa has touched the lives of three of his grandchildren. I haven't even mentioned his five other grandkids in Washington. Or the over 300 people he sent birthday greetings to each year. Or the countless number of people he helped through his volunteer work, or the many athletes he coached over the years, or the complete strangers he touched daily with his off-the-cuff humor or his infectious smile.

I've always known Grandpa was an outstanding man, but until just recently. I thought his speciality was being a great grandfather. Yesterday. Listening to the stories of those who came to pay their respects to him, I found out he was much more than just a great grandpa. He brought a lot of joy to so many people, but amazingly, never wanted credit for what he did or claimed to be anything out of the ordinary. Grandpa was truly a humble man—a servant of others. But above all else, Grandpa lived to serve His Lord, and to give all the glory to His creator and maker. Today, as we mourn the loss of one special man, we need only to look to our Father in heaven. Grandpa would have it no other way.

(Written by Becky Carter in November, 1991, for her grandpa's funeral).

The Treasure of Time

Becky's time with her grandpa deeply influenced her faith. His own example of trust in Jesus, the Lord and Savior whose love and forgiveness saw him through good times and bad, helped Becky in her last year of life. Now as grandparents of six, Gail and I thank our children for giving us the treasure of time to spend with our grandchildren. Our hope and prayer is that our faith in Jesus will also make a lasting impression.

Dr. Stephen Carter has enjoyed a long career as pastor, professor, and president of Concordia Publishing House. Now retired and living in St. Louis, he and his wife, Gail, enjoy time spent with their children and their children's children.

Source: *Family Connection*, <http://www.lhm.org/familyconnectionnews/03.05/Lasting.htm>

Adeline (Dobberstein) & Martin Helterhoff

Family of Norman & Bernice Helterhoff

John & Julie Rasmussen Middleton, Wisconsin

I have much to report since last checking in with you! First of all, I was married to a wonderful woman named Julie Luecke on 01/05/02. On 04/04/03 we were then blessed with the birth of our son Jonah Luecke Rasmussen.

Dylan, who just completed kindergarten, has been an enthusiastic big brother and a great help. Julie continues to amaze us as she gracefully juggles her roles as wife, mother, stepmother, graduate student, and teacher. Prompted by the new addition our family, we are in the final stages of selling our little house on Clark Street in Middleton, and will be moving to our new home with a little more elbow room on 08/01/03. The new address will be 2414 Jonquil Rd, Madison, WI 53711. I hope all is well with you.

John & Debbie Dagitz Middleton, Wisconsin

Debbie & John Dagitz continue to enjoy living in Middleton, WI. John is a software engineer for Dean Health Plan. Debbie is a K-5 Educational Technology Coordinator at Sugar Creek Elementary School in Verona, WI. She is currently working 50%. Debbie loves being home with her two daughters, Madison Jane (born 10/4/98) and Isabel Faye (born 3/25/01).

Maddie loves riding her bike, playing with neighborhood friends, playing t-ball, and is excited for swim lessons. She is a fun-loving, spunky girl. Isabel loves going on the swings and playing in our inflatable pool on the deck. She can entertain herself for long period of times, and has a way of being quietly mischievous...



Madison and Isabel, children of Debbie & John Dagitz, grandchildren of Faye Rasmussen

My mom (Faye) and I are planning to bring the girls and come for part of the reunion! See you there!

Debbie shares a story that her Grandpa Norm (Norman Helterhoff) told her about on one of their breakfasts at Perkins. He was talking about the changes he'd seen in his life. He remembered the first time that electricity came to their street, in the form of a street lamp. He remembered grabbing a newspaper and going outside at night to experience reading under this bright light. What amazing changes he saw in his lifetime!



Thelma Helterhoff's memorial card (page 15)

Family of Harold & Thelma Helterhoff

Jessica & Tim Schultz Minocqua, Wisconsin

Hello everyone! We have switched to MSN, and want to let everyone know our new address: legacynorth@msn.com.

Hope this finds everybody healthy and happy, we sure are!

This past year brought a huge change to our family. Our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Thelma, passed away on December 1st. She was 89, and her death was peaceful and timely.

Several days later, on Dec 6th, her 24th great grandchild, Lydia Heather Claussen, was born. Lydia is the daughter of Jonathan & Amy Clausen, granddaughter of Heather & Don Clausen.

We miss her deeply, but her and our father's legacy is in our wonderful families.

Ida (Dobberstein) & Edward Roesler

Family of Leola & William Schweppe

**Dorothy Opal
Shoreview, Minnesota**

Our family has had a good year. I was able to spend three months of the winter in Hornepayne, Ontario with Jenny and her family. My oldest three grandsons play hockey so I spent a lot of time in ice arenas. And it's not over yet. Philip, the 8-year-old, was chosen to play on the Northern Ontario team for his age group in the Canadian national championships at Brandon, Manitoba in July. Of course I'm planning to be there!

This spring Patricia received her masters degree in nursing and will soon be taking the licensing exam for nurse practitioner. She will be practicing in the field of geriatrics.

In May Patricia and I drove to Bay City, MI for Katies Schweppe's wedding. She married Michael Anthony Hernandez on May 10, 2003 at St. John's Ev. Luth. Church in Bay City, Michigan. Paul officiated. They are making their home in Bay City. We had a good time and were glad we were able to attend.

Following are two new addresses: Reid and Jennifer Cameron, P.O. Box 778, Hornepayne, Ontario POM-1Z0, Canada; and Barbara Opal, 1640 Randolph Ave - Apt F, St. Paul, MN 55105.

Memories of Herman Dobberstein:

I remember going to visit my Great Grandpa Dobberstein at Uncle Will and Aunt Dena's in Hortonville. He had a big beard, spoke only German, and was always sitting in a chair by the front window facing the road.

**Rev. Paul & Chris Schweppe
Bay City, Michigan**

Paul and Chris Schweppe's family is maturing. The oldest, Sara, and her husband Jason Grove both work at the University of Michigan Medical Center. He is a physician's assistant and she cares for animals in the lab.

Our second oldest, Mollie, has been working for a year in Raleigh, NC for a law firm that defends migrant workers. Her major in college was Spanish.

Katie, the third, got married on May 10. Her husband is from Bay City and his name is Mike Hernandez. Katie has almost finished undergraduate work at Michigan State. Mike works at a home for juveniles.

Simon, our youngest, will be a junior at Michigan Lutheran Seminary next year.

Chris's mom passed away unexpectedly last November. Otherwise everything is fine in Bay City, MI. God has blessed our home and our congregation.

Greetings to all.

**David & Gwendolyn Schweppe
Friendswood, Texas**

Natalie and Dan Goolsby were blessed with twin boys on June 28th. Raymond David (named after his great grandfather) weighed 7# 10 ounces, and William Daniel (named after William Schweppe, great grandfather) weighed 6# 14 ounces.

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Family of Carol & Ruth Roesler

No family news was received this year from Carl & Ruth's family

Family of Wilma & Merle Hart

No information was received from Wilma this year.

Edwin & Lydia (Ponto) Dobberstein

Family of Vernon & Georgianna Dobberstein

Ann Martin Modesto, California

Sorry I missed last year.

My older son Craig and his wife Leah have had a second child. His name is Brady Hamilton Martin, born August 22, 2001. Their daughter Shelby was 3 years old on April 5 this year. Craig is still an electrical contractor in Helena, Montana. Last fall they moved into a new house, and his new address is 197 Sandpiper Loop, Helena MT 59602. Leah is still working at Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Helena.

My younger son Jonathan and his wife Chaunte are expecting a daughter the end of September. It will be their first. They are still living at 2804 Avalon in Sacramento, CA 95821, but are looking for a larger home now. Jon is a Professional Engineer and is still working as a Project Manager for an Engineering firm in Sacramento. He was written up in a professional magazine for a unique building design in the Sacramento area. Chaunte is still teaching grade school in the Sacramento area.

I'm still working at Modesto Junior College in Modesto as an administrative secretary. I have 17 years with the college now. I'm look forward to retirement in the next 3 to 5 years, hopefully. With the state in a fiscal crisis, the college system is feeling the crunch, especially community colleges like mine.

Mother's Day was spent with Jon and Chaunte at their home in Sacramento. Chaunte's Mom joined us also. In May this year I took vacation and drove up to see the kids and grandkids in Helena. I drove my camper van and took the long route through Canada, dropping down near Glacier National Park. What a pleasure it was to be with them for 8 days. The grandkids are getting so big so fast! We floated

the Smith River over the Memorial Day weekend.

It would be nice to try for a trip back to Wisconsin, possibly this fall, after school registration has ended, to see Mom and Bob, Georgia and Aaron in

New London. I won't be able to make the Reunion as July 13 is always a busy time at the college. Maybe when I retire!

Best wishes to everyone at the reunion!



Lee & Vivian's wedding picture – May 2, 1943

Family of
**Leland & Vivian
Dobberstein**

**Vivian Dobberstein
Shawano, Wisconsin**

I'm enclosing a newspaper clipping of a memorial for Lee which appeared in the Shawano Evening Leader.

It's a year ago on May 19th that Lee passed away. There isn't a day or night goes by that I don't think of him and miss him, but I know that he's in God's hands and not in a wheelchair.

I'm also staying in my home on the Wolf River. It is peaceful and restful to look out to my back yard.

My family is very supportive. Diana comes every other weekend. She has a new little West Highland terrier named Brodie. She still has Dexter, her cat. She works at Wisconsin Plastics, Inc. in Green Bay.

Steve, Dane, Shelly & Diane do my yard work. Steve built a new dock and did some improve-ments on flower beds with rocks and mulch. Dave, Shelly & Diane mow during the summer. Dave & Shelly thatched and spread fertilizer. Steve plows out my driveway in the winter, put in an automatic water sprinkling system and added decorative lights in front that go on at dusk until midnight.

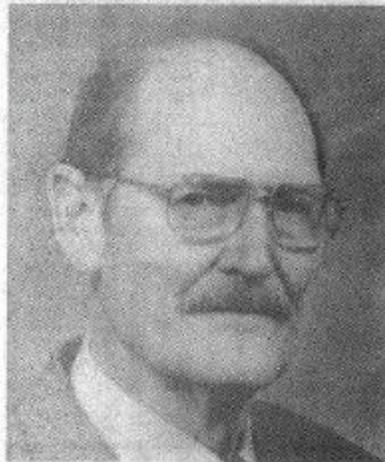
Todd takes our pontoon boat for storage and picks it up in the spring to bring it back. See how everyone pitches in? I couldn't have better children, their wives, grandchildren and great grandchildren. I love them all.

I'd like to include a little poem I read more than once a day...

*I am the place where God shines thru,
For He and I are one not two.
He wants me where and as I am,
I need not fear or fret or plan.
If I'll just be relaxed and free,
He'll carry out His plan thru me.*

For those interested in researching the history of Lee's WWII squadron, you can visit the web site at <http://www.pby.com/WebPages.nsf/ArchiveDocument.sVP43?OpenView&Start=72> to get a fascinating picture of how he and the men he flew with earned their reputation and awards. Many of the official documents shown are digital reproductions of the originals that were classified until 1983.

In Memory of
Leland E. Dobberstein



A traveler ventured forth one day
Upon a long and winding road
With faith and trust to lead the way,
With strength and will to bear his load.
And at a slow but steady pace,
In cold of storm, in warmth of sun,
He journeyed on from place to place
And gained some value from each one.
Until at least one quiet night,
He climbed a hill's soft-rounding crest
And saw afar a single light
That seemed to promise peace and rest.
And following its glow, he came
Upon the house in which it shone.
A voice inside called out his name
And told him he was truly home.

In loving Memory-
by wife, children, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren

Memorial as printed in the Shawano Leader on May 2, 2003, Lee's birthday and his & Vivian's wedding anniversary.

**Steve & Mary Dobberstein
Shawano, Wisconsin**

Greetings to Dobberstein relatives:
*Once again we come together, Happy to share our news with each other.
Time again to celebrate, Time to bring us up to date. Many things happen in one year, Important to relatives far and near.*

June 14th Steve and I celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary. This year we are vacationing in Nova Scotia, Canada. We will be attending a Ttattoo

which is a 2 hour music festival featuring bagpipes. We also will get the chance to observe Highland games which will have examples of athletic events from Scotland. We are looking forward to eating some of the same fresh seafood which we remember so well from Alaska.

Steve is very busy with landscaping and I am looking forward to a few weeks of R&R from teaching. The 29 6th graders kept me very busy!! It is always great to be able to spend time with our children and grandchildren.

Our oldest granddaughter, Lexi, (Todd & Coleen) will be in kindergarten this fall at St. James. I'm not sure if I will be able to stay in my classroom!! Anika, (Erin & Cory) completed 3-year-old preschool. She called it pretty school!! Julia, (Erin & Cory) is a beautiful example of a 2- year-old! What a treat to watch all of them grow.

Everyone tells us how fortunate we are to have our children living so close to us. Dave and Leah, our youngest daughter, celebrated their first anniversary on June 15. Leah continues working with the Prevea Health system. Dave and Cory are partners in Northern Lights Development. Todd is now working for Hometown Insurance. He is enjoying getting to know another phase of business. We wish all of you God's blessings.

He has richly blessed our family. Have a great year! Love from Mary and Steve. Some of the Dobbersteins from Shawano!

**David & Shelly Dobberstein
Shawano, Wisconsin**

This note was received too late to be included in last year's newsletter.

First of all, I'd like to apologize for this note being so late. It's been a very hectic time for all of us.

We had a daughter born to us on October 3 2001. Lydia Marie Dobberstein at Shawano Medical Center. She was named after my grandmother (Lydia Dobberstein).

We were all saddened by the loss of my father this spring. The loss has left quite a void in all of our lives, but we know he is in a better place with the Lord.

I started up a new business this spring after 9 years of working with my brother Steve. I now run an independent Lawn/Landscape Care service in the Shawano area. Steve's and my business compliment each other very well.

My wife, Shelly continues to enjoy her job with Shawano Medical Center and our son Zachery enjoys being a 5 year old, collecting bugs and playing soccer. This year Zachery will be attending kindergarten full time.

It's been a rather hectic and roller coaster ride for us this year but I guess that's what families are all about. We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion.

If this note is too late, just include it in the next year's notes.

This note was received from Dave & Shelly this year.

It's hard to believe that another year has passed by. Dave and Shelly have been busy with his lawn and landscape maintenance business.

Zachery, (age 6) just graduated from kindergarten at St. James School. Zachery enjoys riding his bike and scooter. He also loves to swim, fish, and boating. He is currently in soccer.

Lydia (age 20 months) is a busy body, always into something. She loves to play in the water and go out on the boat.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion. God bless.

*I saw Heaven today
In that lovely sunlight hour
In the smiling face of a child
Holding a simple flower.*

Grandma
Heather-Don
Hal-Jacqueline
Norman-Bonnie
Shyla-Mick

Mark-Tammy
Caleb-Gabriel-Zachary-Joshua-Ahigal
Philip-Beth
Hannah-Ely-Will-Henry
Anna-Daral
Adam-Rachel-Madeilyn-Nathan
Jonathan-Amy
Jacob-Emma-Benjamin-Baby-Bus
Holly-Joe
Heidi-Scott
Katie-Chris
Hal-J-DeeDee
Emily-Ryan
Harlan-Harmony
Jensen-Tim
Jameson-Parker-Ermalyn
Scott W.

I will miss you All Love, Grandma



*What do you think of, children,
When you fold your hands to pray?
Loving little hands of God,
Does He hear the words you say?*

*What do you see, dear children,
When your eyes look up in prayer?
All the members of Heaven
Seem to be shining there.*

*Oh, blessed little children,
When did my faith give rise?
Let my hands with yours be folded,
And we look to Him.*

Thelma Helterhoff



In loving memory of

Thelma Isabelle Helterhoff

b: May 22, 1913
d: December 1, 2002

*Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thy rest,
Jesus, I come to Thee.*

In loving memory of Thelma Isabelle Helterhoff 1913 - 2002

Minutes – 2002 Dobberstein Reunion

The 54th Annual Herman Dobberstein reunion was held July 14, 2002 at Hatten Park in New London, WI. The President-Steve Dobberstein, Dave Dobberstein filled in and called the meeting to order. The Secretary's report was read by Erin Klement and accepted. The Treasures report was read by Carol Colden and accepted. The Historian's report was given by Bob Cole and accepted.

New Business: Introduction of families; the subject of raising the dues from last year was accepted and is \$4 for single and \$7 for a family. There were also some very generous donations. A \$50 donation was given for the postage fund for the mailings given by Faye Rasmussen. Also a \$50 donation was given by Vivian Dobberstein in memory of Lee Dobberstein. Bob Cole asked those who receive e-mail if they would be interested in receiving the Global History by e-mail for a cost reduction.

Committees: Refreshments - Randy Dobberstein, Shelter House - Dave & Evelyn Bromwell, Food Committee - Diane Doberstein & Erin Klement, Paper for tables - Hugo Dobberstein.

Motion made to adjourn meeting with auction to follow.

Sincerely, Erin Klement, Secretary

The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks: We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors. They purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence.

-Samuel Adams

Dobberstein Surname Queries:

Every year I get many inquiries for information on Dobberstein surnames that may or may not be directly related to our family line. I include some of the notes I've received the last year or so for your review. I encourage you to respond if you have information that may be of help or would like additional data.

From: Art Dobberstein DobbyArt@cs.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2001 10:14:41 EDT
Subject: Hello from Florida

My name is Art Dobberstein and I was browsing around looking at Dobberstein web sites and found your scuba page. By the way, I have your Dobberstein book and think its great. I live in Naples, Florida, and go scuba diving and windsurfing. You need to come to Florida and go to the keys. That is alot of fun. I started diving about three years ago. Have seen alot of things. The last dive was off the shore here in Naples and we ran into a Manatee. He swam right to us and almost hit my dive partner. I didn't even see him because it was so cloudy. If you get to Florida, I can help you find some fun places to dive. Have you ever tried windsurfing? That's a great sport also. I'm going to Sannibel Isalnd this afternoon if the wind blows. By the way, my best friend in high school was Tom Cole. We're from Alcester, South Dakota. I'm from the Ferdinand Dobberstein clan. Would like to know what boat he came over on and where he was born as that doesn't appear to be established. If you want to get wet, let me know. I'm two hours away from Key Largo and two miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

Art Dobberstein

From: John Demarb Demarb@aol.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2003 19:30:26 EDT
Subject: information on a relative

dear sir my name is john demarb and i am looking for information on jodie faye she married robert dufay april 22 1995 if you can get back to me or tell her my e mail address so i can write to her. thank you very much

From: Deni Dobberstein den_ann_2000@hotmail.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2001 09:53:12 -0700
Subject: Dobberstein Family

Well, my dad's parents are from South Dakota. My Grampa's parents name's where I think think the dad's name was Lewis Albert and the mother is Rebbecca. The father passed away when my grampa was 16 yrs old and he had to quick school to run the ranch. He has 2 sister's name Virginia and Bonnie. They live in California. After

that When my grampa got married to Lois. They had 4 kids; 3 girls and 1 boy. 3 kids were born in South Dakota and they moved from South Dakota to Montana and they had another kid. I think they moved up here in 1946? Not sure. And they raised a ranch ever since. If you have more questions please asked

From: Kay SanMiguel ksmh@hotmail.com
To: Bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2000 16:47:12 CDT
Subject: Vande Hey

My daughter is married to Marty Vande Hey, his father was Elmer. She said you have a web site and have info on the family tree. Would it be possible to access that for Marty's children? I would like to include it in our tree.

From: LaVon C. Campbell LaVcamp@aol.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Tue, 7 Aug 2001 17:03:10 EDT
Subject: Dobberstein surname

Bob,

I have talked to you before about the Dobberstein name. I have your book and I wish I could have gotten to you before it went to press. I did find relation in the book so it was a big help. I sincerely hope there is a Volume 2 in the works as I would like to get my Dobberstein information in print. Your book was very interesting too. The history at the beginning was very well done. I love the pictures too. Did not know there were so many Dobbersteins out there. Mom thought she was the only one left. Thanks a lot for writing this book.

LaVon C. Campbell
daughter of Betty M. Dobberstein Patterson.

From: Nancy V. Podella nvpodella@cox.net
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Sat, 16 Feb 2002 13:48:58 -0800
Subject: Re: Schlueter

Hi - I am looking for info about "Louise Friedrike Schlueter" who married Carl Beilke. They lived in Dodge County, Herman Twp, WI in 1860. Do you have any knowledge of Louise and Carl? Thank you!

Nancy V. Podella
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Irvine, CA

From: marge16 marge16@bellsouth.net
To: <bobcole1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2001 15:26:11 -0500
Subject: Schlueter

Dear Sir;

Is it possible for you to forward to me the info that you have on "SCHLUETER" of Wi. from 1828. I think that this is my gggrandfather from Prussia. My father, Albert and 8 other children were from Chicago, born in the late 1800's to Otto Schlueter of Milwaukee - who was born in 1861 to Herman and Eleanora Schlueter. It may be possible that Herman & wife are the ones I am looking for. All help that you can offer to me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely;
Richard Schlueter
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From: Scott Knop sknop64@yahoo.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2003 18:07:11 -0700 (PDT)
Subject: Sluter Name

Hello Bob,

My name is Scott Knop. I have been searching the SLUTER name in Wisconsin and Illinois for many years.

My grandfather is EDWIN SLUTER.

My Ggrandfather is BEN SLUTER.

My GGgrandfather is ONO SLUTER.

I assumed the name used to be SCHLUETER. My SLUTER branch has died off since my Grandfather EDWIN had 3 daughters and his only brother HARRY had no children. I would love to share some information if we have any names in common.

Scott Knop
Mukwonago, WI

From: Rachel rachel@reinyday.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 00:05:04 -0700 (MST)
Subject: Dobberstein genealogy

Hi Bob,

Do you have information on the genealogy of Paul Dobberstein who created the Grotto of Redemption in West Bend, IA?

Thanks, Rachel

From: Mike and Tana Laudolff mlaudolff@charter.net
To: <bobcole1@juno.com>
Date: Tue, 1 Apr 2003 03:03:52 -0600
Subject: doberstein/dobberstein

Hello Bob~ As you are by know very familiar with the different types of spelling for the Doberstein name. As

your family uses the double b and my does not, it seems like these were probably two different families. I have in the last couple of years researching the DOBERSTEIN spelling. My family came over th America from Volhynia, Russia in 1903. (you might be somewhat familiar with this family, as a cousin of mine wrote to you some time past ~ James Clemans.)

Being the pack rat that I am, I have been sorting and conquering lots of paper. Usually with your's I put it onto the back burner. But today, I thought I would give this a second look. I looked over where you place your family in 1854, around the Chodzrez area of Poland/Prussia. About that time, my family of Doberstein's were in the Sompolno area with a few heading north.

Of course at this time, I am not able to pull things together, but working on this hunch, I was not be very surprise when we find the connection.

From what I am seeing: the movement of Dobersteins went in a couple of directions at around 1855. Some to America (as there is the Green bay group- Mr. Doberstein died before the move, so mrs. remarried a Manigal). Then towards Warsaw, and then into Volhynia.

I wanted to touch base, as I continue to research. Might you have more names for Hermann's family? I live in Fond du Lac so we are very close by. I did see your book at the Oshkosh library a few years back. Let me know your thoughts on this train of thought.

Thank you, Tana Laudolff

From: Steve Bailey steve@stevensue.com
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2003 17:17:56 -0600
Subject: BWO Look-Up Request:

Look in this book or resource: Dobberstein Registry: Genealogy and History of 19th Century Dobberstein Immigrants from Prussia and Their Offspring in America.

Please look for these names and dates: Dobberstein, Rudolph

Other helpful information: Married to Olinda Zenzen. Lived most of life in Peru, IL. Rudy was my grandfather, and had two daughters, Ruby and June. Any assistance in researching the history of this kind man is greatly appreciated!

From: barbara eickmeyer barbe@optonline.net
To: <bobcole1@juno.com>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2003 13:06:25 -0800 (PST)
Subject: senkel family tree

hi robert,

i found your name attached to senkel records submitted to the lds. i would like to find out more on how you came to find that information and to see if indeed your findings are connected to my family tree. would love to hear from you, thanks. barbara

From: Diane M Scott dianemscott@att.net
To: bobcole1@juno.com
Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2001 15:58:51 -0700
Subject: Re: BWO Look-Up Request: Dobberstein

Dear Bob,

Thanks for looking for me. Yes, it would have been nice for you to have a "find" for me, but I realize that doesn't always happen, but sometimes further leads can be developed. Yes, Joyce did get a hold of me. We do think that Martin Dobberstein (her ancestor) and my Joseph Dobberstein were related, but we haven't quite figured out how yet. We both think that her Martin born 1827 and my Joseph born 1823 were brothers. This 1823 Joseph was the father of my Joseph (birthdate unknown) that married my Scharbach ancestor born in 1868. The Joseph Dobberstein born 1823 was on the same ship that Martin arrived on.

Hamburg German Ship Records show: Martin, Rosalia, Julius and August arrived in Quebec, Canada from Hamburg, Germany on April 30, 1863 aboard Schiff Nr. 23, the "Washington" commanded by Captain Cahnbley. There was also Joseph, Juliane and Joseph Dobberstein on the same ship.

The first family would be: Martin Dobberstein, wife Rosalia (Gossel) Dobberstein, and children Julius and August. Joyce descends from August. She didn't have any information on Julius. The second family listed on the ship record was Joseph Dobberstein, wife Juliana (Schoen) and son Joseph who married my Catherine Scharbach in Wisconsin.

The family of Joseph Dobberstein and Juliana Schoen included:

(1) Joseph Dobberstein...birth/death unknown. Joseph married Catherine Scharbach June 8, 1886 in St. Huberts Catholic Church, Hubert Wisconsin, daughter of Sebastian Scharbach and Anna Classen. She was born October 5, 1868 in Richfield, Wisconsin. Witnesses for marriage was Peter Scharbach and Nicholas Werner. I only know of one child of theirs. Sebastian Dobberstein born June 11, 1887 in Richfield Wisconsin. Baptismal sponsors were Sebastian Scharbach and Anna Limbach. Anna Limbachs maiden name was Anna Lucia Scharbach a sister to Catherine. The Limbach family was from the Richfield Wisconsin area too. Her husband was Martin Limbach born November 1, 1855 in Richfield (son of Christian Limbach and Barbara Feider Limbach.... maybe the Limbach name will enter somewhere in your family research.

(2) Nora Wilhelmina "Minnie" Dobberstein born November 26, 1868; died 1957 in Richfield, Washington County, Wisconsin. Nora married William "Anton" Hammiller May 7, 1901 in St. Huberts Catholic Church, Hubert Wisconsin. He was born December 25, 1880 and died April 1, 1909 in Richfield Wisconsin.

Children that I know of are: Collette Julia Hammiller born March 6, 1905 in Richfield, Wisconsin; Maria Catharine Hammiller born March 28, 1908 in Richfield. She married Charles William May 7, 1949 in St. Boniface Catholic Church, Germantown, Wisconsin and Francisca

Hammiller birthdate unknown. She married Joseph E Kreuser.

(3) John Anthony Dobberstein born July 27, 1872 in Richfield, Wisconsin and died August 30, 1958 in Los Angeles, California. He married Anna Maria Kreuser June 4, 1901 in St. Huberts Catholic Church, Hubert Wisconsin, daughter of Hubert Kreuser and Elizabeth Schmitz. She was born May 22, 1884 in Richfield and died March 29, 1971 in Los Angeles, California. They had 3 children that I know of: Juliana Anna Maria Dobberstein born May 1, 1902 in Richfield Wisconsin; Elizabeth Dobberstein born September 17, 1903 in Richfield Wisconsin; Ann Dobberstein born April 17, 1905 in Los Angeles, California and died March 9, 1985 in Los Angeles. She married someone with the last name Minten.

(4) Catharina Dobberstein born January 1876 in Richfield, Wisconsin and died 1965 in Richfield. She's buried at St. Huberts Catholic Cemetery, Hubertus, Wisconsin.

That's all I have on the Dobberstein lineage. I believe that the Dobberstein/Scharbach side may have migrated to Oregon when her father, some siblings and almost all of the Scharbachs went. There was only one Scharbach male and family who stayed in Wisconsin at the time and two Scharbach females who were then married to Wolf and Piek. That would have been just before 1880 from what I've found so far. I do know that Catherine (Scharbach) Dobbersteins sister Anna and her husband Martin Limbach went to Oregon. They died in Portland, Oregon. In the late 1800's and early 1900's some of the Scharbachs moved to the San Francisco California area. I believe some of the Dobberstein, and Limbachs must have gone to California too (death records).

Around that same period (late 1800's early 1900's) my families started going to Idaho, Washington, Canada and California. There were several spelling changes on my Scharbach surname: Scharbach, Scharback, Sherback and who knows what else. I think I've seen a Dobberstein with one b dropped so far.

Okay, I've babbled on for too long. Hope this give you some new leads or at least adds something to your Dobberstein Registry book. Maybe you'll run across something for me.

Bye for now,
Diane (Scharbach) Scott

From: G. Tessmer gtessmer@attbi.com
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Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 10:40:02 -0700
Subject: Re: Louise Elisabeth Dobberstein

Hello Bob,

I will give you what I know. Louise Elisabeth (Elizabeth) Dobberstein/Doberstein married Friederich (Friedrich) Tesmer/Tessmer and had a son named Gustav(e) Adolph Tesmer/Tessmer on 19 May 1874.

Please let me know if you can make a connection.
George Tessmer

Dobberstein Family Vital Statistics

BIRTHDATE	NAME	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
24 Mar 2000	Drew Michael Oaks	Heather & Michael Oaks	Neal & Roxanne Dobberstein	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein
25 Mar 2001	Isabel Faye Dagitz	Debbie & John Dagitz	Faye & Dennis Rasmussen	Norman & Bernice Helterhoff
22 Aug 2001	Brady Hamilton Martin	Craig & Leah Martin	Ann & James Martin	Vernon & Georgianna Dobberstein
6 Mar 2002	Josie May Oaks	Heather & Michael Oaks	Neal & Roxanne Dobberstein	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein
5 Jul 2002	Jeremiah Joel Arthur Schultz	Amy & Joel Schultz	Gail & Steve Carter	Emil & Thelma Dobberstein
5 Aug 2002	Christopher Trystan Breeden	Rachel & Rob Breeden	Darlene & Ken Gerike	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein
6 Sep 2002	Brooke Nicole Lange	Tracy & Tom Lange	Gene & Sherry Dobberstein	Lee & Ruby Dobberstein
1 Dec 2002	Lydia Heather Claussen	Jonathan & Amy Claussen	Heather & Don Claussen	Harold & Thelma Helterhoff
4 Apr 2003	Jonah Luecke Rasmussen	John & Julie Rasmussen	Faye & Dennis Rasmussen	Norman & Bernice Helterhoff
20 May 2003	Jayden Alexa Koenig	Shaun & Lori Koenig	Sharon & Wayne Koenig	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein
28 Jun 2003	Raymond David Goolsby	Natalie & Dan Goolsby	David & Gwendolyn Schweppe	Leola & William Schweppe
28 Jun 2003	William Daniel Goolsby	Natalie & Dan Goolsby	David & Gwendolyn Schweppe	Leola & William Schweppe

MARRIAGE DATE	NAMES	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
5 Sep 1998	Heather Dobberstein & Michael Oaks	Neal & Roxanne Dobberstein	Arthur & Doris Dobberstein	Henry & Anna Dobberstein
3 Mar 2001	Ryan Koenig & Cindy Boelhower	Sharon & Wayne Koenig	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein	John & Emma Dobberstein
5 Jan 2002	John Rasmussen & Julie Luecke	Faye & Dennis Rasmussen	Norman & Bernice Helterhoff	Adeline & Martin Helterhoff
3 Aug 2002	Luke Dobberstein & Lisa Sommer	Dennis & Catherine Dobberstein	Armand & Concordia Dobberstein	John & Emma Dobberstein
10 May 2003	Katie Schweppe & Michael Hernandez	Paul & Chris Schweppe	Leola & William Schweppe	Ida & Edward Roesler

DATE OF DEATH	NAMES	PARENTS	GRANDPARENTS	GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
1 Dec 2002	Thelma Isabelle (Nohr) Helterhoff (age 89)	Family of Martin & Adeline Helterhoff	Herman & Bertha Dobberstein	Johann & Henrietta Dobberstein

Once again this past year some of our Dobberstein clan related by marriage lost loved ones. Catherine Dobberstein, wife of Dennis, lost her mother, **Margaret Techlin** (age 84) of Appleton on 30 Sep 2002. Lynn Dobberstein, wife of Wayne, lost her mother, **June Zuege** (82) of New London on 23 Nov 2002. Todd Dobberstein's wife, Coleen, saw the passing of her mother, **Helen Huchnerfuss** (68) of Shawano on 16 Dec 2002. Lynn Cole's husband, Bob, lost his uncle **Arthur Schoennauer** (80) of Medford, Oregon on 5 Apr 2003. **Agnes Wucki**, mother of Beverly Winkler's husband, Harris ("Wink"), passed away on 25 May 2003 at the age of 88 in Oshkosh. Chris Schweppe, wife of Paul, lost her mother, **Ruth Lentz** (83), in Nov 2002.

The total number of living offspring of Herman Dobberstein now number 467 according to my records. This number includes 11 first cousins (age range 78-97), 65 second cousins (ages 37-72), 174 third cousins (ages 1-49), 213 fourth cousins (ages 0-28), and 4 fifth cousins (ages 1-10). 204 offspring are under 18 years old. Since this newsletter normally only includes information from less than 50% of the offspring of Herman Dobberstein, I'm sure these numbers are conservative. And this year, with information from less than 30% of the families included in this issue of the reunion newsletter, there are no doubt additional vital statistics not included above. If you know of other births, marriages, and deaths not recorded here, please write and tell me.

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Newsletter Statistics

Many thanks to those who sent their family news and vital statistics for this year's newsletter. Earliest replies were received from **(1st)** Luke & Lisa Dobberstein, New London, WI; **(2nd)** Vivian Dobberstein, Shawano, WI; **(3rd)** Evelyn & Dave Bromwell, New London, WI; **(4th)** Noreen & Lloyd Rossa, River Falls, WI; and **(5th)** Susan Haese, Appleton, WI.

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

2003	1st Cousins	2nd Cousins	3rd Cousins	4th Cousins	2003 Total	2002 Total	2001 Total
Families Eligible	11	65	151	36	263	231	229
Cards Sent	11	65	142	13	231	204	187
Replies Rec'd	2	17	4	0	23	34	42
Families Covered	5	22	38	8	73	88	90
Percent Covered	45%	34%	25%	22%	28%	38%	39%

This year saw a noticeable decline in those who responded with news.

But that is only a graphical representation of the reality we've all felt for the past decade. As the total number of eligible individuals and families (18 years of age and older) continues to increase, it is inevitable they will become more distant from their roots. That, combined with the passing of first cousins who were the nucleus and foundation of this clan, will make the bonds of this reunion effort more difficult to hold together. You might find it interesting that the average age of the living 1st cousins is 86 years old, 2nd cousins is 56, 3rd cousins is 31, and 4th cousins is 10.

So whatever the future holds for this Dobberstein clan, I express my thanks once again for those who participated in this year's newsletter by sharing their family stories, news and vital statistics.

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