Rudolf Naffzger arrived aboard the ship Phoenix on September 15, 1749. On the same ship were Matthias and Peter Naffzger. The relationship between the three men is unknown. Matthias settled in Tulpehocken township, Berks County, PA, receiving a land warrant in 1751. Peter purchased land in 1754 in Berwick Township—near the present day border of Adams and York counties, PA. Just where Rudolf resided during his early years in America is unknown.

In 1767 "Rudolf Naffziger of Mannheim township" in York County bought a farm from Phillip Thomas; George Eichelberger was a witness. The farm was next to Christian Hochstatter's land. Rudolf sold the property to Adam Grever(?) six years later. Nonetheless by September, 1769 Rudolf Nasseker had bought land from Jacob Grove in Frederick County, Maryland. Exactly when he moved from Mannheim township (which is located just north of Maryland) is unknown. We do know however that Peter Noffsinger bought land in Frederick County, MD in 1760.

In 1780 Rudolf, Samuel and Matthias Notsinger assumed an assigned lease between Alexander Hawkins and the deceased Jacob Grove. On the same date Matthias and Samuel Nocthsinger sold their interest in the livestock and other real property to Rudolf. In all the above legal transactions only Rudolf signed the documents, suggesting that he must have been unmarried.

In June, 1784, Rudolf Nappsfinger, widower, married Sussanna Karn(in), the widow of the deceased Michael Karn. Witnesses to the wedding were Jacob and Conrad Blessing, George Brand, and Henrich Martin. In an estate settlement for Michael Karn, it was noted that he was "one of the people called Dunkers". Other names included in the accounts were Flink, Yost, Slipher, Grove, Pace, Nicewonger, Ackermann, Kesler, Biser, Beeler and Sneider. In 1785 Rudolf and Susanna sold the Karn farm. Sometime after they moved to Washington County, PA.

The First US Census (taken in 1790) enumerated the Ruddy Nosenger household in Washington County, Pa. with two persons. The 1800 census of East Bethlehem township again listed the household with two people. Living next to Rudolf were John and Daniel Noffsinger. Aside from these two enumerations and tax records from 1793 and 1800, no other public records were found concerning Rudolf in Washington County, Pa.

When and where Rudolf died is unknown. Rudolf's son John moved to Ohio in 1802 while the other sons remained for a period in Pennsylvania. Whether Rudolf died in Ohio or Pennsylvania has not been determined. Nor is it known what became of Rudolf's wife Susanna. This is another mystery, as much as Rudolf's relationship to Matthias (who remained in Berks County, Pennsylvania) and Peter (whose descendents moved south from Maryland into Virginia about the same period Rudolf's family moved from Frederick County).

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Ray Noftsger telephoned me to tell me to include this offer to our readers. He has organized his notes that he has collected over the years and classified them by Nafzger immigrant that came to the United States. He is willing to make copies of the notes and send them to any of our readers who makes such a request. Please be sure to include the cost of copying the notes and postage. It could save a lot of time looking for census and material in the libraries for a genealogical newcomer. Write Ray Noftzger, 950 Walnut Street, Apt. 716, Philadelphia, Pa 19187.

This issue of the news may arrive a little late for some of our readers. My apology to all of our readers. I have had a problem with my eyes and glasses. I could not begin to work on the newsletter until I received my new eyeglasses. Also, I must apologize to some who have sent letters but I have not been able to find time for an answer. It is obvious to me that my days as co-editor are numbered.

EUNICE A OLESEN OF MCMINNVILLE, OREGON WRITES

Your name was sent to me as a source for information on the Noffsinger family history. I am a descendant of the Noffsingers who moved from Pennsylvania to Virginia. Margurite Noffsinger Johnson was my great-grandmother. Margurite was the daughter of John S. Noffsinger. We aren't sure if the "S" was for Shaver or Stover. His wife was Elizabeth Trout. They moved to Missouri with seven of their children (one having died in Virginia) in the mid 1800's. This much of my lineage I'm sure of - but here on I am a bit confused. I believe John S. was a son of David or one of his brothers. Family tradition says it was David and Polly. David married Polly Stover 2 July 1799 in Bototourt County, Virginia but David's will in the same county (appraisal) 29 October 1831 fail to list John S. as an heir. If my memory is correct, however, I remember my grandmother (who was a granddaughter to John S.) telling me about "Uncle John and Aunt Mary Gish" and John Gish is listed in David's will,

I am quite positive my line is descended from Peter Nofsker, the immigrant who came to America in 1749 with brothers, Rudolph and Matthias. I believe this David mentioned above was a son of Peter.

A Noffsinger descendant living in Montana thinks Peter, the immigrant had a wife who came from Germany and was named Sophronia Wise. I have seen the immigration list of the 3 brothers and find no mention of any wives or children. In a book on our family's history by Glea Brown Richer, she names a Peter who was a son of Rudolph who married a Catherine Wise. She was a widow whose husband had started laying out the plans for the town of Fredericks, Pennsylvania. After his death and here marriage to Peter #2 they completed the plans. This Peter had children by his first who went to Ohio with their uncle. Have someone confused the two Peters?

Could you possible help me straighten all of this information out? Did David Noffsinger and Polly Stover have a son John S? If not which son of Peter did have sons with this name? Also did Peter, the immigrant go to Augusta County, Virginia in 1770 and become a large land owner? Did he die in 1783?

Editor's Note - Eunice's great-great grandfather, John S Noffsinger appears to be John Shaver Noffsinger, born in 1803, Botetourt County, Virginia. He married in

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Rudolf's son John

In September, 1775 John Nossinger-together with Matthias, Samuel, Peter and John "son of Peter"-were fined as non-enrollers in Captain Dorsey's Frederick County militia. In Pennsylvania, males between 18 and 53 years were considered eligible for the militia. Whether Maryland had a similar age requirement is unknown. If so, then all would be over 18 years.

By 1781 John and Samuel Nossinger were living in East Bethlehem township, Washington County, Pennsylvania and paying taxes. When they arrived is unknown. A year later John was listed in the militia. The earliest land deed for John is dated 1788 when he bought 296 acres from Issac Malin. Two years later in the First US Census there were eight people in the household-four males and four females.

Johannes Noffsinger and his wife Catharine (Koontz) sold 148 acres of the farm to their son Daniel in 1795. In the 1800 census John lived next to Daniel and Rudolf. In December the following year Johannes Nofziger sold the remaining acres to Abraham Knees. At the time his neighbors were David Ruble and George Baker. The sale was witnessed by John Noffsinger, Jr.

John Noffsinger moved to Jefferson township, Montgomery County, Ohio. At least one other Brethren family from Washington County, Pennsylvania moved with John-George Shidler. About the same time the families of John Cripe, John Waggoner and David Bowser from Blair County, Pennsylvania and Elder Jacob Miller, John Caylor and Abraham Kinsely of Franklin County, Virginia settled in the same township of Montgomery county. They and the Rudys, Heims, Pressels, Simmons and the Hardmanns organized the Lowere Miami Church of Brethren.

In June, 1802 "Charles" Noffsinger bought 640 acres (section 14) in Jefferson township. However the land passed immediately into John's name. Aside from this one reference of Charles, no other records mentioned his name.

John's eldest son Daniel remained in East Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. In March, 1829 Daniel and wife Lucy (Zynche) sold their farm to James Register. The next month they moved to Clay township, Knox county, Ohio. Their son Daniel Jr. settled in Hillery township, Knox county. Other sons Andrew, David and Samuel also lived in the area. Daniel Sr. died about 1844.

In 1809 John Sr. sold land in Montgomery county, Ohio to his son John and son-in-law Samuel Cripe. In 1805 John Jr married Elisabeth Simmons, the daughter of John Simmons Sr. from Botetourt County, Virginia. In 1810 the Simmons moved to Miami County, Ohio.

In 1816 John Jr. sold his land to Benjamin Bowman and followed his father-in-law to Miami County, where he died. Three of John Jr's sons (Eli, James and Absolom) eventually crossed the Ohio-Indiana border and settled in Randolph County, Indiana.

In 1815 John Sr. transferred land to his son Samuel. (Samuel is sometimes referred to in the records as Samuel Jr., in contrast to Samuel Sr. his uncle.) Samuel, son of John Sr., appears to have been married three times and lived his entire life on his farm. In 1847 Samuel donated land to Michael Myers (Moyers) and Daniel Noffsinger, his cousin and Elder of the church, for construction of a one-story, brick Brethren meeting house. The same year Samuel donated land to Absolom Caylor, John Stauffer and George Holler for the school. In 1850, after Samuel's death, his widow Mary divided the remaining property between his four heirs: Susan, Daniel, John and Henry. Samuel and Daniel were buried in Lowere Miami Cemetery-sometimes called Noffsinger or Hollar Cemetery in Jefferson township.

In 1809 John Sr. transferred land to his daughter Susan Cripe, wife of Samuel. Samuel was probably the son of Daniel Cripe Sr., brother of the Dunkard Elder John Cripe. The Cripes had moved from Blair county, Pennsylvania around the turn of the century.

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John Sr's youngest son Eli married Mary Pressel, daughter of Danile probably from Franklin County, Virginia. In 1824 John transferred land to Eli. In 1848 Eli and Mary sold their farm to Daniel Shively and moved to Wayne township, Randolph county, Indiana. Just over the Ohio border. Subsequently Eli moved his family to Bond County, Illinois where he died in 1861. Later his children are found residing in Oregon, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Indiana.

John Sr last paid a tax in Jefferson township in 1816. His name was not found in the enumerations of 1820. When he died is unknown. Where he was buried is also unknown.

Rudolf's daughter Catharine

In the Frederick county, Maryland records, two references to Catharine were found. Catharina Naphzinger was a witness with Samuel, Mathias and Peter Naphzinger at the wedding of Anna Maria Naphzinger and Johannes Neuschwanger in December, 1780. In 1784 Catarina Nosetter witnessed the wedding of John George Dengler and Anna Maria Hardin. Others in the wedding record were George Hardt, Philippina Burchhardt and Jacob, Elisabeth and Juliann Schneider. No other information was found about Catharine.

Rudolf's daughter Anne Marie

In December, 1780 Johannes Neuschwanger married Anna Maria Naphzinger at the Monacary Church in Frederick, Maryland. Witnesses were Samuel, Mathias, Peter and Catharina Naphzinger. The Neuschwangers had thirteen children; Susan Crumerine, Elisabeth, Mariah Landis, Ann, John, Salina, Jonathan, Juliann Roger, Samuel, Jacob, Daniel, Catharine Sommer and Lydia Hawkins.

Rudolf's son Matthias

Matthias paid a fine in 1775 for non-enrollment in the Frederick County, Maryland militia. In 1778 he witnessed the wedding of Christoph Hardt and Elisabeth Reichtig. In addition to Matthias were Elisabeth Hoffmann, Barbara Anthomi, Christian Sterig and Lorenz Hiem. In 1780 Matthias witnessed the marriage of his sister Anne Marie. In 1783 he leased property to his brother-in-law Johannes Neuschwanger in Frederick County.

About this time Matthias moved to near Lovettsville, Loudon County, West Virginia. Four of his children's christenings were listed in the New Jeruselum Evangelical Luthern Church book. Sometime after the last entry in 1794 Matthias and his wife (Nancy) Anne (Brill) moved to York township, Belmont County, Ohio and bought 70 acres of land. Matthias died between 1808 and 1810.

Matthias' will was written 4 March, 1808 and witnessed by Michael Atkinson and Daniel Goetz (his son-in-law). In his will he mentioned his wife Anne, eldest son John and youngest son James. Daniel Goetz and David Ruble were named as executors. In 1824 a transfer of land named Matthias' heirs the following; John, Sarah Drum, Nancy Anne Gates (Goetz), Elisabeth Smith, Lydia Drum and John Noffsinger. It may be that Matthias' widow Nancy remarried in 1817 to Samuel Stahl but additional research is needed.

Matthias' eldest son John lived in York and Washington townships of Belmont County, Ohio his entire life. His heirs settled his estate in 1849 and those mentioned were: Sarah Reeder, Mary Ring, Elisabeth Marrion, Nancy Brown, John, Matthias, Lydia Hendershoot, Jane Biddle, Catharine, Hannah Pew and Mariah.

Jacob Drum was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania and was previously married. He married Sarah Noffsinger in 1807 and they lived in Monroe county; Ohio.

Elisabeth married William Smith and they moved to Monroe County, Ohio where they lived before moving to Noble County, Ohio. William was the son of William Smith from Chester County, Pennsylvania. In 1850 the Smith's lived in Stock township, Monroe County. Living with them were Mariah (10 years old) and Sarah (19 years old) Noffsinger. Who these girls were and how they were related to the Smiths is uncertain.

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Lydia married Simon Drum and lived in Wayne township, Monroe County, Ohio. They were buried in Conner Ridge Cemetery.

The youngest son of Matthias was James. He was born in Pennsylvania and married Jane Lynn, daughter of John and Sarah Linn. The Linn family lived in Beallsville and were members of the Harmony Baptist Church. For a period the Noffsingers lived in Sunsberry township, Monroe County, Ohio. In 1838 they sold the farm to William McComas and moved to Independence Township, Washington County, Ohio.

Rudolf's son Samuel

Samuel Noffsinger paid a fine for non-enrollment in Maryland in 1775 in the militia. By 1781 he had moved to East Bethlehem township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. In 1790 he bought land from William Grooms in Green county, Pennsylvania and paid taxes for a farm in Morgan township in 1793. In 1800 he was enumerated in the Second US Census with seven people living in the household. In 1806 Samuel and wife Susan (Crumerine) sold land to Peter Heck, Issac Weaver and Issac Heaton. By 1809 Samuel was paying taxes while living in Jefferson township, Montgomery County, Ohio. Also John Noffsinger lived there.

In 1812 Samuel first purchased land from David Longhead. The same year he was an executor for the estate of Solomon Hardman. (The Hardman's had also come from Washington county, Pennsylvania and were Dunkers.) In 1816 Samuel and Susan sold land to Henry Leeds. (When Henry Leeds died in 1828, his daughter was "the deceased Catharine Noffsinger, wife of Samuel Noffsinger", son of John). In 1816 Samuel also sold land to Jacob Kaylor, who may have been a son-in-law. In 1823 Samuel transferred land to Daniel Noffsinger, the church Elder, and Samuel Noffsinger. In 1831 the later two Noffsingers relinquished their rights to a mill to Samuel Landis. Samuel Sr. died prior to 3 September 1832.

Samuel's son Samuel married Hannah Ritter, the daughter of Michael in 1821. In 1830 Samuel and Hannah sold their water rights to a mill to Samuel Landis. The following year they sold their land to Daniel Noffsinger. This is the last record found concerning Samuel. When Samuel's heirs sold the remaining property, they all resided in Defiance County, Ohio with their mother, Hannah; Mary Lingle Barbara Heck, son Samuel (and maybe daughter Elisabeth Reed).

Samuel Sr.'s other son Daniel married Mary Ritter, another daughter of Michael Ritter. Daniel Noffsinger has in the past been named a son of Peter of Washington County. This appears incorrect. In 1823 Samuel Sr. transferred land to Daniel after his marriage. Daniel lived his entire life on this property. He was Elder over the Lower Miami district for a period of time. He was buried in the Lower Miami Cemetery (Also called Noffsinger or Hollar Cemetery. Some of Daniel's heirs moved to Defiance County, Ohio.

Maybe a daughter of Samuel Sr. was Susan who married Daniel Rudy. Another daughter may have been Elisabeth, who married Daniel Schenk. But additional information must be found.

Rudolf's son Peter

The only record for Peter Noffsinger in Frederick County, Maryland was his witnessing the marriage of his sister Anne Marie's marriage in 1780. By 1790 Peter Nosinger was enumerated in the East Bethlehem township, Washington County, Pennsylvania census in a household with one child and one female. This suggests a relatively recent marriage. In 1793 Peter and Andrew Noffsinger were subscribers with 13 other men to an article of agreement with Frederick Wise, the founder of Fredericktown, Pennsylvania. This agreement was to establish the town and, among other things exclude the manufacture of liquor in the town. Shortly after this date Frederick died. By March, 1795, Peter had married his widow Catharine Wise. Throughout 1797 Peter and Catharine administered the estate of Frederick.

In 1800 Peter, a "joiner" paid a tax in Washington County, Pennsylvania. He was dead by 1810 when Catarina Naffsinger was enumerated in the census. At that time she lived between her sons Adam and John Wise. In the household with her were two females and one male. When Peter died is unknown. Continued on Page Six
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Peter's eldest child was probably Peter Jr. In March, 1810 Peter Jr. married Freni Keen in Belmont County, Ohio. In 1820 they lived in Jackson township, Monroe County, Ohio. They later moved to Perry and Washington township in Monroe County. Sometime after the 1840 the family moved to Nodoway County, Missouri, where they died.

Other probable children of Peter Sr. were William, Judith and Catharine. Judith married Robert Correll in 1819 in Jefferson county, Ohio. Catharine married Henry Coffman in 1822 in the same county. William lived in East Bethlehem township, Washington County, Pennsylvania and died prior to 1840. In 1840 his heirs settled the estate in Frederickstown with the heirs of Frederick Wise.

Rudolf's child Andrew

Andrew first appeared on the tax rolls for 1793 and 1795 in East Bethlehem township, Washington County, Pennsylvania. An Andrew Knatzer received a land warrant in Allegheny County, Maryland but it is uncertain if this is the same Andrew. In 1808 Andrew resided in Shelby county, Kentucky. The same year he moved and bought land from Peter Weaver in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, Ohio. His neighbor was David Bowman Sr. the elder of Bear Creek Church. In 1809 Andrew and Catharine sold land to Henry and Mary Hebner. In 1817 Christian and Susan Weldy bought Andrew's "of Indiana" sold their land to Peter and Susan Pfoutz. In 1830 Andrew lived in Elkart county, Indiana. By 1840 Andrew had moved to Jefferson county, Iowa, where he died in 1844.

Andrew's son Joseph married Elisabeth Sailor and lived for a period in Darke County, Ohio before moving to Elkart county, Indiana. Andrew's daughter Elisabeth married James Cloyd; another daughter Rebecca married Jacob Puterbaugh Sr., and youngest daughter Catharine married Abraham Livingood.

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LORNA SEBRING OF ALMA, MICHIGAN WRITES - DESCENDANT OF RUDOLPH

My grandmother was a Noffsinger, daughter of Enos Noffsinger and Polly Ann (Stewart)Noffsinger. We were doing research in Randolph County, Indiana and met Mrs. Mardell Edwards, quite by accident. She turned out to be a third cousin. She is the one who gave me the information on your publication.

She also suggested I send you our part of history of the Noffsinger family. I am very new at this, so I don't know all that I should about the family yet.

In the book "History of The Nafzger Family in America", when they listed my grandmother, Laura Manda Noffsinger, they have her second husband listed, not my Dad's father. My Grandfather was Jefferson Davis Potter, and her second husband was William Spangle. So by not knowing of her first husband, her sons and their families, of which I am one, are not listed.

I also have pictures from her old picture album of her brother, Daniel Leonidus Noffsinger and his family. Of my grandparents, of her sister Alice Aldora(Noffsinger) Michael and her family. Also a picture of Sarah Jane(Noffsinger) and her husband Jesse Warren. There is a picture of Enos Noffsinger, their father, in front of a store he owned.

The lineage we are from is listed on a separate sheet. I sent a letter to Leona Magnus, a daughter of Cintha Bell (Noffsinger) Robinson and it was returned - no known address. The last one we had was Troy, Ohio.

JOAN MICHAEL OF BORING, OREGON WRITES - DESCENDANT OF RUDOLPH

Thank you for the information that you sent me on the Noffsinger. I was so pleased that you were able to fill in the missing links in my family line. My family here in Oregon were delighted also. I was able to contact some of the other "cousins" and get some more family information.

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I was given the address of your paper "The Nafziger Heritage News" by a member of the Nafziger family of Boulay (France).

I am descended from the Nafzigers through my maternal grandmother whose maiden name was Elfried Nafziger. I have enclosed a family tree of that family line; the Nafzigers of the Gendersbergerhof (a farm) in the country of Bitche (France). If you are interested, I could send you photos of the family cemetery and of the house, a farmer hunting lodge of the Dukes of Lorraine that dates back to the 16th century.

As you can see from the documents, a good part of the family emigrated to the U.S. I would like, if possible, get in contact with them and get to know my possible relatives in Mexico or the United States.

Editor's Note: As you can see from the chart below, the ones listed settled in central Illinois. However, many members of the early Johannes Nafziger family came to America. It would appear that he has quite a number of relatives living in the U.S. We hope that some of them will write to him in France.

\[\text{Diagram of family tree}\]

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1829 to Elizabeth Trout (1813-1870) at Roanoke, Virginia. They moved to Cedar County, Missouri in 1856. Their children are Mary, George, Julia, Sarah, Charles, Margaret, Newton and Susan. He died in 1860. Elizabeth T is the daughter of George Trout and Mary Miller. The Gish family crosses the Nafziger family several times but it would appear that the one Eunice refers to in her letter is John C. Gish, born in 1792 and married Polly Noffsinger in 1816. She was born in 1795, Botetourt County. Their children are Abram, Lewis, Betsy, Hester, Mary Ann, Hannah, and Frances. Polly died and John married Cassie Painter. They had six other children. Then, John died and Cassie married Jacob Kinzie. They had one child named Joseph and he married Hettie Noffsinger. Polly died in 1832. Eunice is confusing the Peter Noffsinger who married Catherine Wise and Fredricks, Pa., with the Rudolph family line. Eunice is definitely a descendant of Peter who emigrated to America in 1749 but we cannot document her exact lineage. Because of the extensive use of the name John by eight of the children of Peter N (1749) we can not be sure that John Shaver Noffsinger is a son of David or a son of Joseph - both of which are sons of Peter of emigrated in 1749.

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Yellow Springs News, May 6, 1987

Lowell Nosker

Lowell Z. Nosker, 68, 1214 Livermore Street, Yellow Springs, died Saturday at Greene Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 15th, 1918 in Springfield to Charles A. and Carrie Zeihner Nosker. He attended Antioch College and was retired as a senior analyst with Dayton Press.

Among his survivors are his wife, Augusta Justice; one son, Lawrence of Yellow Springs; one daughter, Julia Nosker of Yellow Springs; one granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Yellow Springs.

There will be no visitation. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the church.

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Clara M. Martin

HOPEDALE — Clara M. Martin, 89, of Hopedale died at 12:05 a.m. yesterday (Jan. 7, 1988) at Hopedale Medical Complex.

Mrs. Martin was born Oct. 7, 1888, at Hopedale, a daughter of Andrew and Katherine Roth Nafziger. She married Elmer E. Martin on Jan. 31, 1918, at Hopedale. He preceded her in death June 26, 1979.

Survivors include two daughters, Gladys Litwiller, Delavan, and Evelyn Fanlund, Rockford; three sons, E. Donald and Arian G., both of Morton; and Vernon J., Hopedale; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Arthur W. Nafziger, Hopedale.

Four brothers and one grandson preceded her in death.

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Esther K. Vogt

HOPEDALE — Esther K. Vogt, 82, of Hannibal, Mo., who had served as a missionary with her husband in India for 40 years, died at 11:10 a.m. yesterday (Jan. 3, 1988) at Beth Haven Nursing Home, Hannibal, where she had resided for the last two years.


Surviving are two sons, Dr. Merle A. Vogt, Wallingford, Pa., and the Rev. Virgil V. Vogt, Ewanston; three daughters, Laverne R. Nafziger, Hopedale; Elva M. Miller, Molalla, Ore.; and Myra J. Danielson, Morden, Manitoba, Canada; one brother and two sisters, Amos Kulp, Elizabeth Kulp and Margaret Kulp, all of Chereaw, Colo.; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.