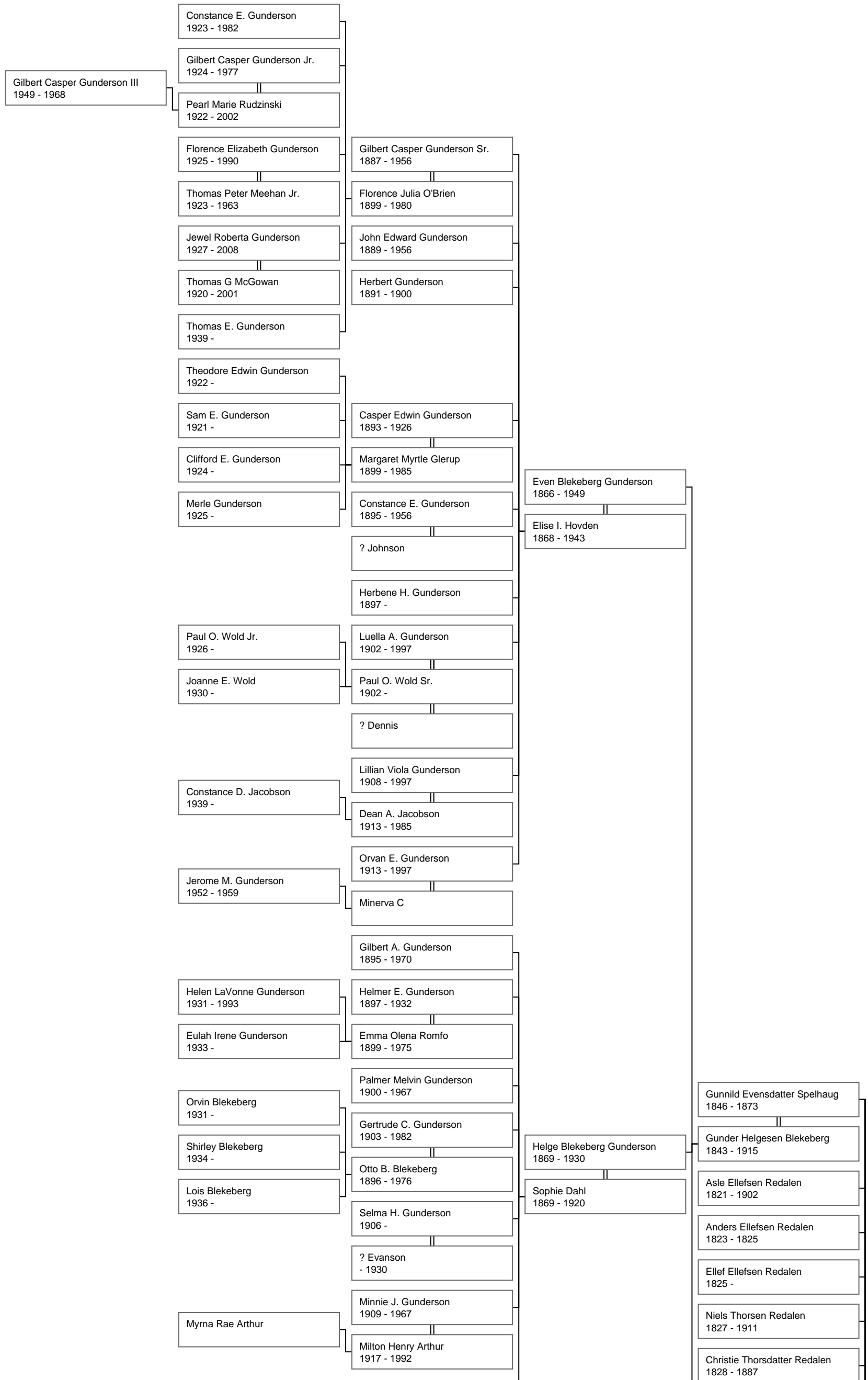
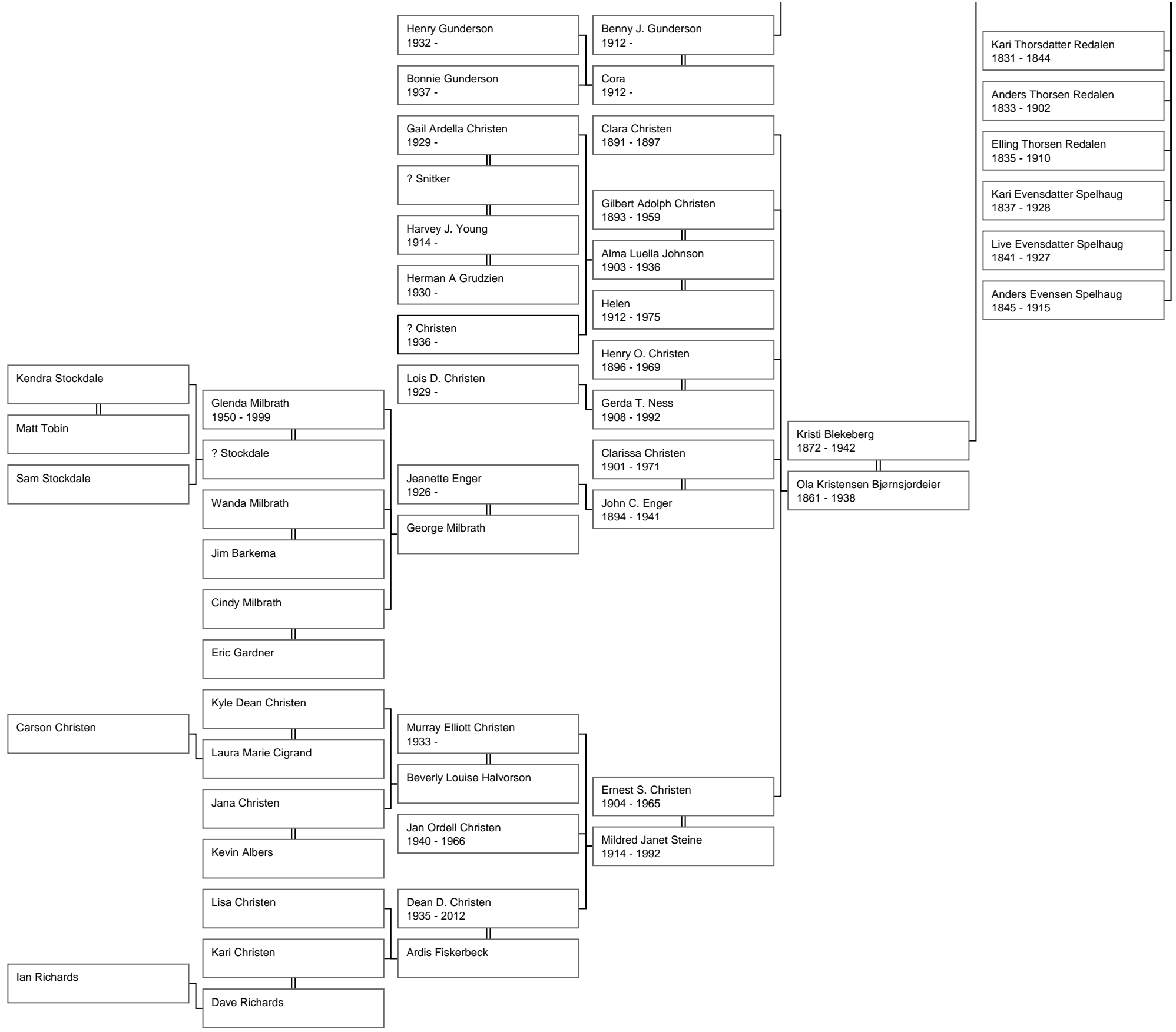


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# Descendants of Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG

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## Generation 1

1. **GUNNILD EVENS DATTER<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG<sup>1,2</sup>** was born on 05 Oct 1846<sup>1</sup>. She died on 18 Jun 1873 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>3</sup>. She married Gunder Helgesen Blekeberg (son of Helge Gundersen BLEKEBERG and Kristi Jonsatter RAEN) in Iowa. He was born on 15 Oct 1843 in Norway<sup>4</sup>. He died on 25 Oct 1915 in Winneshiek Co., IA.

More About Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG:

Emigration: 1851 in To America<sup>4</sup>

Sex: Female

Resided: Winneshiek County, Iowa<sup>5</sup>

More About Gunder Helgesen "John" BLEKEBERG:

Emigration: 1849 in To America<sup>4</sup>

Sex: Male

Also Known As: ; John

Gunder Helgesen "John" BLEKEBERG and Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG had the following children:

2. i. **EVEN BLEKEBERG<sup>2</sup> GUNDERSON<sup>4,6,7,8</sup>** (son of Gunder Helgesen "John" BLEKEBERG and Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG) was born on 28 Dec 1866 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4</sup>. He died on 17 Sep 1949<sup>4</sup>. He married Elise I. Hovden (daughter of Knudt Jonsen HOVDEN and Kari Evensdatter SPELHAUG) on 18 Jan 1887<sup>9</sup>. She was born on 12 Apr 1868 in IA<sup>10</sup>. She died on 09 Apr 1943.
3. ii. **HELGE BLEKEBERG "HENRY" GUNDERSON<sup>4,11,12</sup>** (son of Gunder Helgesen "John" BLEKEBERG and Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG) was born on 12 Jun 1869 in Madison Township, Winneshiek County, IA<sup>4</sup>. He died on 16 May 1930 in Rugby, Pierce, ND. He married Sophie Dahl on 27 Jun 1891. She was born in Jun 1869 in Norway. She died between 1920-1930.
4. iii. **KRISTI BLEKEBERG<sup>4,13,14,15</sup>** (daughter of Gunder Helgesen "John" BLEKEBERG and Gunnild Evensdatter SPELHAUG) was born on 24 Jun 1872 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4</sup>. She died on 26 Jul 1942 in Ridgeway, Winneshiek Co., IA. She married Ola Kristensen Bjørnsjordeier (son of Christin OLSEN and Anna ANDERS DATTER) on 17 Feb 1890 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4,14</sup>. He was born in May 1861 in Norway<sup>4</sup>. He died in Jan 1938.

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## Generation 2

2. **EVEN BLEKEBERG<sup>2</sup> GUNDERSON** (Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>4,6,7,8</sup> was born on 28 Dec 1866 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4</sup>. He died on 17 Sep 1949<sup>4</sup>. He married Elise I. Hovden (daughter of Knudt Jonsen HOVDEN and Kari Evensdatter SPELHAUG) on 18 Jan 1887<sup>9</sup>. She was born on 12 Apr 1868 in IA<sup>10</sup>. She died on 09 Apr 1943.

More About Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON:

Resided: 1942 in Alexandere, ND

Sex: Male

Notes for Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON:

"I had little or no experience in ranching and had in mind that Casper would take the main responsibility. So in the spring of 1917 we moved away from Rugby where we had lived for 30 years." Than in 1917 Casper got called into service, this was a blow to us. " *Posted to the internet by Thomas E. Gudnerson.*

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More About Elise I. HOVDEN:

Sex: Female

Notes for Elise I. HOVDEN:

As of 1910, Elise had bore seven children, six of who were still living (1910 census)

Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN had the following children:

5.
  - i. GILBERT CASPER<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON SR.<sup>16, 17</sup> (son of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born on 01 Jun 1887 in Ridgeway, Winneshiek Co., IA. He died on 07 Jul 1956 in Dickinson, Stark, ND. He married Florence Julia O'Brien in 1925 in Alexander, McKenzie, ND. She was born on 29 Jul 1899 in WI. She died on 10 Aug 1980 in Edina, Hennepin Co., MN.
  - ii. JOHN EDWARD GUNDERSON (son of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born on 17 Apr 1889 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND. He died after 1956.

More About John Edward GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

- iii. HERBERT GUNDERSON (son of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born about 1891. He died before 1900.

More About Herbert GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

6.
  - iv. CASPER EDWIN GUNDERSON<sup>18</sup> (son of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born on 27 Jun 1893 in Pierce Co., ND. He died on 01 Mar 1926 in Dunn County, ND<sup>19</sup>. He married MARGARET MYRTLE GLERUP. She was born in Nov 1899 in SD. She died in 1985 in Burns, Harney, OR.
  - v. CONSTANCE E. GUNDERSON (daughter of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born in Aug 1895 in ND. She died after 1956. She married ? JOHNSON.

More About Constance E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

Notes for Constance E. GUNDERSON:

Listed as CONSTANCIA E. GUNDERSON, age 15 born ND in the 1910 census

1934, 4 Oct - Age: 38 -- Alexander, McKenzie, North Dakota, USA

Then living in St. Paul left for Washington, D.C. to accept a position in loans and currency division of the U.S. Treasury Department

- vi. HERBENE H. GUNDERSON (daughter of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born in Nov 1897 in ND.

More About Herbene H. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

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Notes for Herbene H. GUNDERSON:

Listed as ARBENE A. GUNDERSON, age 15, born ND in the 1910 census

7. vii. LUELLA A. GUNDERSON (daughter of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born about 1902 in ND. She died on 26 Apr 1997. She married PAUL O. WOLD SR.. He was born about 1902 in ND. She married ? DENNIS.
  8. viii. LILLIAN VIOLA GUNDERSON (daughter of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born about Oct 1908 in ND. She died after 1997. She married DEAN A. JACOBSON. He was born on 20 Jun 1913 in ND<sup>20</sup>. He died in May 1985 in Alexander, McKenzie, ND.
  9. ix. ORVAN E. GUNDERSON<sup>21</sup> (son of Even Blekeberg GUNDERSON and Elise I. HOVDEN) was born on 30 Mar 1913 in ND. He died on 29 Apr 1997 in Mesa AZ. He married MINERVA C.
3. **HELGE BLEKEBERG<sup>2</sup> "HENRY" GUNDERSON** (Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>4, 11, 12</sup> was born on 12 Jun 1869 in Madison Township, Winneshiek County, IA<sup>4</sup>. He died on 16 May 1930 in Rugby, Pierce, ND. He married Sophie Dahl on 27 Jun 1891. She was born in Jun 1869 in Norway. She died between 1920-1930.

More About Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

Also Known As: ; Henry

More About Sophie DAHL:

Sex: Female

Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL had the following children:

- i. GILBERT A.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON (son of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born in Aug 1895 in ND. He died in Dec 1970.

More About Gilbert A. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

Notes for Gilbert A. GUNDERSON:

Listed as GILBERT GUNDERSON, 44, "brother" in home of BENNIE & CORA GUNDERSON in Pierce Co., ND (1940 U.S. Census)

10. ii. HELMER E. GUNDERSON<sup>22</sup> (son of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born on 25 Aug 1897 in ND. He died on 17 May 1932. He married Emma Olena Romfo (daughter of Hans ROMFO and KARIN) about 1928. She was born on 03 Jan 1899 in MN. She died on 22 Oct 1975 in Glendora, Los Angeles, CA.
- iii. PALMER MELVIN GUNDERSON (son of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born on 29 Mar 1900 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND. He died in Nov 1967 in Moorhead, Clay, Minnesota.

More About Palmer Melvin GUNDERSON:

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Sex: Male

Notes for Palmer Melvin GUNDERSON:

1930 census finds Palmer M. age 30 rooming with the Lerud family in Fargo, District 33

11. iv. GERTRUDE C. GUNDERSON (daughter of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born on 15 Aug 1903 in Rugby, Pierce, ND. She died in Nov 1982 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND. She married Otto B. Blekeberg (son of Peter O. BLEKEBERG and Sophia AASLAND) about 1930. He was born on 19 Sep 1896 in Decorah, IA. He died in Jan 1976 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND.
- v. SELMA H. GUNDERSON (daughter of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born about 1906 in ND. She married ? EVANSON. He died before 1930.
- More About Selma H. GUNDERSON:  
Sex: Female
12. vi. MINNIE J. GUNDERSON<sup>23</sup> (daughter of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born about 1909 in ND. She died in 1967. She married Milton Henry Arthur in 1944. He was born in 1917. He died in 1992.
13. vii. BENNY J. GUNDERSON (son of Helge Blekeberg "Henry" GUNDERSON and Sophie DAHL) was born about 1912 in ND. He married Cora between 1930-1933. She was born about 1912 in ND.
4. **KRISTI<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG** (Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>4, 13, 14, 15</sup> was born on 24 Jun 1872 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4</sup>. She died on 26 Jul 1942 in Ridgeway, Winneshiek Co., IA. She married Ola Kristensen Bjørnsjordeier (son of Christin OLSEN and Anna ANDERSDATTER) on 17 Feb 1890 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>4, 14</sup>. He was born in May 1861 in Norway<sup>4</sup>. He died in Jan 1938.

More About Kristi BLEKEBERG:

Sex: Female

Notes for Kristi BLEKEBERG:

1925 Iowa census listed Kristi's father as GUNDER BLEKEBERG (72) born Norway and her mother as GUNILD SPILHAUG (88) born Norway. Gunder died at age 72 in 1915. Gunhild Spelhaug died at age 27, 52 years prior to the 1925 census.

1900 Census, Kristie states that she's borne three children two of whom are living.

*Mason City Globe Gazette July 28, 1942*

*RIDGEWAY-Mrs. Ole Christen 70 a life long resident of Madison township, died at the Decorah hospital Sunday evening following a lingering illness Funeral services are planned for Thursday afternoon from tin home to the Madison Lutheran church. The Rev. M. B. Quill will officiate and burial will be in the cemetery adjoining the church.*

*Mrs. Christen, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gunder Blekeberg, was born in Madison township on June 24, 1872. She was united in marriage to Ole Christen on Feb. 17, 1892 and they made their*

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home on a farm in Madison township where she had lived since. Mr. Christen preceded her in death four years ago in January.

Mrs. Christen is survived by three sons, Gilbert of Madison township, Henry of Ridgeway and Ernest of Decorah, and one daughter, Mrs. Clarissa Enger of Decorah; one brother, Even Gunderson of Alexander, N Dak; four half-brothers Gilbert Amund and Nels Blekeberg of Madison township and John Blekeberg of Kit Carson, Colo. and two half sisters, Mrs. Skaveland of Michigan, N. Dak, and Mrs. Godfred Ness of White Earth, N. Dak and eight grandchildren. Besides her husband, one brother and one daughter preceded her in death.

More About Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER:

Sex: Male

Also Known As: ; Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie

Also Known As: ; Ole Christen<sup>28</sup>

Notes for Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER:

Next door (in 1925) are households of GILBERT G. & CLARA HOVDEN, JOHN G. & OLENA HOVDEN, GODFRED HENRY & ANNETTE HOVDEN, H.J. HOVDEN, & A.G.BLEKEBERG

Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG had the following children:

- i. CLARA<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN<sup>14</sup> (daughter of Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG) was born on 20 May 1891. She died on 22 Jan 1897.

More About Clara CHRISTEN:

Sex: Female

14. ii. GILBERT ADOLPH CHRISTEN<sup>24</sup> (son of Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG) was born on 10 Apr 1893 in IA. He died on 21 Aug 1959. He married (1) ALMA LUELLE JOHNSON in 1926 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>25</sup>. She was born in Apr 1903 in ND. She died on 10 Mar 1936 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>26</sup>. He married HELEN. She was born on 30 Sep 1912. She died on 20 Dec 1975 in Winneshiek Co., IA.
15. iii. HENRY O. CHRISTEN<sup>14, 27</sup> (son of Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG) was born on 09 Aug 1896 in IA. He died on 11 Jan 1969. He married Gerda T. Ness on 12 Oct 1926<sup>14</sup>. She was born in 1908 in MN. She died in 1992.
16. iv. CLARISSA CHRISTEN<sup>14</sup> (daughter of Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG) was born on 03 Apr 1901 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA. She died on 04 Mar 1971. She married John C. Enger (son of Chris ENGER and Annie PEARSON) on 05 Apr 1922. He was born about 1894 in Minnesota. He died on 31 Oct 1941.
17. v. ERNEST S. CHRISTEN<sup>14</sup> (son of Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjornsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER and Kristi BLEKEBERG) was born on 01 Oct 1904. He died on 18 Nov 1965. He married Mildred Janet Steine on 17 May 1933. She was born on 07 Feb 1914. She died on 07 Oct 1992.

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5. **GILBERT CASPER<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON SR.** (Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>16, 17</sup> was born on 01 Jun 1887 in Ridgeway, Winneshiek Co., IA. He died on 07 Jul 1956 in Dickinson, Stark, ND. He married Florence Julia O'Brien in 1925 in Alexander, McKenzie, ND. She was born on 29 Jul 1899 in WI. She died on 10 Aug 1980 in Edina, Hennepin Co., MN.

More About Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr.:  
Sex: Male

Notes for Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr.:

*1956, July 12*

*BILLINGS GAZETTE (Billings, MT) - "Dickinson Man's Rites Are Held"*

*DICKINSON, ND - Funeral services for **Gilbert Gunderson**, 69, insurance agency manager, were held in St. Patrick's Church. He died in St. Joseph's Hospital after a long illness.*

*He was born in Ridgeway, Iowa in 1887 and came to Dickinson in 1909. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, state manager of the Maccabees and a member of the local Maccabees.*

*He married **Florence O'Brien** in 1922.*

*He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mr. Thomas **Meehan** of Brentwood, Calif. and Thomas McGown of Martinez, Calif; two sons, **Gilbert Gunderson Jr.** of Los Angeles and **Tom Gunderson** of Dickinson, two brothers, John Gunderson of Dickinson and **Orvan Gunderson** of Alexander; four sisters Constance Johnson of Denver, Mr. Chester Dale of Beltsville, Md., Mrs. Dean Jacobson and Mr. Paul Wold of Alexander.*

Thomas E. Gunderson posted the following:

"A special meeting of stockholders and directors of the First State Bank was held Monday and John E. Gunderson was elected to succeed his brother Gilbert as cashier of the bank. The out going cashier has held that position since the organization of the Scandinavian American Bank, predecessor of the First Stat Bank in 1914. He is a capable banker and has built the institution from a very small bank to the largest bank in the county. Gil's many friends will be pleased to know that he does not plan on leaving Alexander. He is still director of the bank and will continue to give his attention to a portion of the bank's business."McKenzie County Chronicle

More About Florence Julia O'BRIEN:  
Sex: Female

Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN had the following children:

- i. **CONSTANCE E.<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON** (daughter of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN) was born on 20 Jul 1923 in ND. She died on 13 May 1982 in Minneapolis, MN.

More About Constance E. GUNDERSON:  
Resided: 1956 in Denver, CO  
Sex: Female

Notes for Constance E. GUNDERSON:

Photo, courtesy of Thomas E. Gunderson, refers to her as "Sister Ann"

18. ii. **GILBERT CASPER GUNDERSON JR.** (son of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN) was born on 09 Aug 1924 in WI. He died on 08 Jan 1977 in



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Los Angeles, CA. He married PEARL MARIE RUDZINSKI. She was born on 31 Oct 1922. She died on 28 Jan 2002 in Torrance, Los Angeles Co., CA.

19.   iii. FLORENCE ELIZABETH "JUDY" GUNDERSON<sup>29</sup> (daughter of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN) was born on 17 Jul 1925 in ND. She died on 28 Dec 1990 in San Francisco, CA. She married Thomas Peter Meehan Jr. in Apr 1947. He was born on 02 Sep 1923. He died on 01 Feb 1963 in Garberville, Humboldt, CA.
- iv. JEWEL ROBERTA "JUDY" GUNDERSON (daughter of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN) was born on 15 Jun 1927 in ND. She died on 01 Jan 2008 in Martinez, Contra Costa, CA. She married THOMAS G MCGOWAN. He was born on 23 Feb 1920 in CA. He died on 01 Jul 2001 in CA.

More About Jewel Roberta "Judy" GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

Also Known As: ; Judy

- v. THOMAS E. GUNDERSON (son of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Sr. and Florence Julia O'BRIEN) was born about 1939 in ND<sup>30</sup>.

More About Thomas E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

6. **CASPER EDWIN<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>18</sup> was born on 27 Jun 1893 in Pierce Co., ND. He died on 01 Mar 1926 in Dunn County, ND<sup>19</sup>. He married **MARGARET MYRTLE GLERUP**. She was born in Nov 1899 in SD. She died in 1985 in Burns, Harney, OR.

More About Casper Edwin GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

More About Margaret Myrtle GLERUP:

Sex: Female

Casper Edwin GUNDERSON and Margaret Myrtle GLERUP had the following children:

- i. THEODORE EDWIN<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON (son of Casper Edwin GUNDERSON and Margaret Myrtle GLERUP) was born on 28 Nov 1922.

More About Theodore Edwin GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

- ii. SAM E. GUNDERSON (son of Casper Edwin GUNDERSON and Margaret Myrtle GLERUP) was born about 1921.

More About Sam E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

- iii. CLIFFORD E. GUNDERSON (son of Casper Edwin GUNDERSON and Margaret Myrtle GLERUP) was born about 1924.

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More About Clifford E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

- iv. MERLE GUNDERSON (daughter of Casper Edwin GUNDERSON and Margaret Myrtle GLERUP) was born about 1925.

More About Merle GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

- 7. **LUELLA A.<sup>3</sup>GUNDERSON** (Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born about 1902 in ND. She died on 26 Apr 1997. She married **PAUL O. WOLD SR.**. He was born about 1902 in ND. She married ? **DENNIS**.

More About Luella A. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

More About Paul O. WOLD Sr.:

Sex: Male

Paul O. WOLD Sr. and Luella A. GUNDERSON had the following children:

- i. **PAUL O.<sup>4</sup>WOLD JR.** (son of Paul O. WOLD Sr. and Luella A. GUNDERSON) was born about 1926 in ND.

More About Paul O. WOLD Jr.:

Sex: Male

- ii. **JOANNE E. WOLD** (daughter of Paul O. WOLD Sr. and Luella A. GUNDERSON) was born about 1930 in ND.

More About Joanne E. WOLD:

Sex: Female

More About ? DENNIS:

Sex: Male

- 8. **LILLIAN VIOLA<sup>3</sup>GUNDERSON** (Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born about Oct 1908 in ND. She died after 1997. She married **DEAN A. JACOBSON**. He was born on 20 Jun 1913 in ND<sup>20</sup>. He died in May 1985 in Alexander, McKenzie, ND.

More About Lillian Viola GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

More About Dean A. JACOBSON:

Sex: Male

Dean A. JACOBSON and Lillian Viola GUNDERSON had the following child:

- i. **CONSTANCE D.<sup>4</sup>JACOBSON** (daughter of Dean A. JACOBSON and Lillian Viola GUNDERSON) was born about 1939.

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More About Constance D. JACOBSON:

Sex: Female

9. **ORVAN E.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>21</sup> was born on 30 Mar 1913 in ND. He died on 29 Apr 1997 in Mesa AZ. He married **MINERVA C.**

More About Orvan E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

Burial: C.E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, MT

More About Minerva C:

Sex: Female

Orvan E. GUNDERSON and Minerva C had the following child:

- i. **JEROME M.<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON** (son of Orvan E. GUNDERSON and Minerva C) was born on 23 Jun 1952 in Helena, MT. He died on 15 Dec 1959.

More About Jerome M. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

10. **HELMER E.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Helge Blekeberg<sup>2</sup> "Henry", Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>22</sup> was born on 25 Aug 1897 in ND. He died on 17 May 1932. He married Emma Olena Romfo (daughter of Hans ROMFO and KARIN) about 1928. She was born on 03 Jan 1899 in MN. She died on 22 Oct 1975 in Glendora, Los Angeles, CA.

More About Helmer E. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

More About Emma Olena ROMFO:

Sex: Female

Helmer E. GUNDERSON and Emma Olena ROMFO had the following children:

- i. **HELEN LAVONNE<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON** (daughter of Helmer E. GUNDERSON and Emma Olena ROMFO) was born on 24 Jun 1931 in ND. She died on 15 Sep 1993 in Glendora, Los Angeles, CA.

More About Helen LaVonne GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

- ii. **EULAH IRENE GUNDERSON** (daughter of Helmer E. GUNDERSON and Emma Olena ROMFO) was born about 1933 in ND.

More About Eulah Irene GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

11. **GERTRUDE C.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Helge Blekeberg<sup>2</sup> "Henry", Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born on 15 Aug 1903 in Rugby, Pierce, ND. She died in Nov 1982 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND. She married Otto B. Blekeberg (son of Peter O. BLEKEBERG and Sophia AASLAND) about 1930. He was born on 19 Sep 1896 in Decorah, IA. He died in Jan 1976 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND.

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More About Gertrude C. GUNDERSON:  
Sex: Female

More About Otto B. BLEKEBERG:  
Sex: Male

Notes for Otto B. BLEKEBERG:

Appears with wife Gertie as son-in-law in Pierce County, ND home of widowed Henry Gunderson in 1930

Otto B. BLEKEBERG and Gertrude C. GUNDERSON had the following children:

- i. ORVIN<sup>4</sup> BLEKEBERG (son of Otto B. BLEKEBERG and Gertrude C. GUNDERSON) was born about 1931 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND.

More About Orvin BLEKEBERG:  
Sex: Male

- ii. SHIRLEY BLEKEBERG (daughter of Otto B. BLEKEBERG and Gertrude C. GUNDERSON) was born about 1934 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND.

More About Shirley BLEKEBERG:  
Sex: Female

- iii. LOIS BLEKEBERG (daughter of Otto B. BLEKEBERG and Gertrude C. GUNDERSON) was born about 1936 in Rugby, Pierce Co., ND.

More About Lois BLEKEBERG:  
Sex: Female

12. **MINNIE J.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Helge Blekeberg<sup>2</sup> "Henry", Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>23</sup> was born about 1909 in ND. She died in 1967. She married Milton Henry Arthur in 1944. He was born in 1917. He died in 1992.

More About Minnie J. GUNDERSON:  
Sex: Female

More About Milton Henry "Bud" ARTHUR:  
Sex: Male  
Also Known As: ; Bud

Milton Henry "Bud" ARTHUR and Minnie J. GUNDERSON had the following child:

- i. MYRNA RAE<sup>4</sup> ARTHUR (daughter of Milton Henry "Bud" ARTHUR and Minnie J. GUNDERSON).

More About Myrna Rae ARTHUR:  
Sex: Female

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13. **BENNY J.<sup>3</sup> GUNDERSON** (Helge Blekeberg<sup>2</sup> "Henry", Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born about 1912 in ND. He married Cora between 1930-1933. She was born about 1912 in ND.

More About Benny J. GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

More About CORA:

Sex: Female

Benny J. GUNDERSON and CORA had the following children:

- i. **HENRY<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON** (son of Benny J. GUNDERSON and CORA) was born about 1932 in ND.

More About Henry GUNDERSON:

Sex: Male

- ii. **BONNIE GUNDERSON** (daughter of Benny J. GUNDERSON and CORA) was born about 1937 in ND.

More About Bonnie GUNDERSON:

Sex: Female

14. **GILBERT ADOLPH<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN** (Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>24</sup> was born on 10 Apr 1893 in IA. He died on 21 Aug 1959. He married (1) **ALMA LUELLE JOHNSON** in 1926 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>25</sup>. She was born in Apr 1903 in ND. She died on 10 Mar 1936 in Winneshiek Co., IA<sup>26</sup>. He married **HELEN**. She was born on 30 Sep 1912. She died on 20 Dec 1975 in Winneshiek Co., IA.

More About Gilbert Adolph CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Notes for Gilbert Adolph CHRISTEN:

***Decorah Man Dies Following Fall From Truck***

*DECORAH -Gilbert Christen.67, died Friday night at the Smith Memorial Hospital as a result of an internal brain injury resulting from a blow on the skull which he received when he fell out of a pick-up truck Friday morning. He was helping haul snowfence to the Decorah fair.*

*Earl Halse also fell from the truck but was not injured. Funeral arrangements are Bending at Steine funeral home.*

*Survivors include his wife, daughter by previous ' marriage, Mrs. Gail Snitker Ridgeway; brothers, Ernest Des Moines; Henry, Decorah; sister: Mrs. Clarissa Enger, Decorah.*

*Waterloo Daily Courier August 23, 1959*

More About Alma Luella JOHNSON:

Sex: Female

Gilbert Adolph CHRISTEN and Alma Luella JOHNSON had the following children:

- i. **GAIL ARDELLA<sup>4</sup> CHRISTEN<sup>31</sup>** (daughter of Gilbert Adolph CHRISTEN and Alma Luella

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JOHNSON) was born on 05 Nov 1929 in Decorah, Winneshiek Co., IA. She married ? SNITKER. She married (2) HARVEY J. YOUNG in 1961. He was born about 1914. She married (3) HERMAN A GRUDZIEN on 12 Jun 1971 in Los Angeles Co., CA<sup>32</sup>. He was born about 1930.

More About Gail Ardella CHRISTEN:

Sex: Female

- ii. ? CHRISTEN<sup>34</sup> (child of Gilbert Adolph CHRISTEN and Alma Luella JOHNSON) was born on 03 Oct 1936 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA.

More About ? CHRISTEN:

Sex: Unknown

More About HELEN:

Sex: Female

15. **HENRY O.<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN** (Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>14, 27</sup> was born on 09 Aug 1896 in IA. He died on 11 Jan 1969. He married Gerda T. Ness on 12 Oct 1926<sup>14</sup>. She was born in 1908 in MN. She died in 1992.

More About Henry O. CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Notes for Henry O. CHRISTEN:

Buried at Phelps Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., IA -- Adjacent stone to Gerda T. Christen

More About Gerda T. NESS:

Sex: Female

Notes for Gerda T. NESS:

Adjacent stone to: Henry O. Christen, Phelps Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., IA

Henry O. CHRISTEN and Gerda T. NESS had the following child:

- i. LOIS D.<sup>4</sup> CHRISTEN (daughter of Henry O. CHRISTEN and Gerda T. NESS) was born in Jun 1929 in IA.

More About Lois D. CHRISTEN:

Sex: Female

16. **CLARISSA<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN** (Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>14</sup> was born on 03 Apr 1901 in Madison Twp., Winneshiek Co., IA. She died on 04 Mar 1971. She married John C. Enger (son of Chris ENGER and Annie PEARSON) on 05 Apr 1922. He was born about 1894 in Minnesota. He died on 31 Oct 1941.

More About Clarissa CHRISTEN:

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Sex: Female

More About John C. ENGER:

Sex: Male

John C. ENGER and Clarissa CHRISTEN had the following child:

20. i. JEANETTE<sup>4</sup> ENGER<sup>35</sup> (daughter of John C. ENGER and Clarissa CHRISTEN) was born about 1926. She married GEORGE MILBRATH.

17. **ERNEST S.<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN** (Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>14</sup> was born on 01 Oct 1904. He died on 18 Nov 1965. He married Mildred Janet Steine on 17 May 1933. She was born on 07 Feb 1914. She died on 07 Oct 1992.

More About Ernest S. CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Burial: Phelps Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., IA sharing stone with wife Mildred

More About Mildred Janet STEINE:

Sex: Female

Burial: Phelps Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., IA sharing stone with husband Ernest

Ernest S. CHRISTEN and Mildred Janet STEINE had the following children:

21. i. MURRAY ELLIOTT<sup>4</sup> CHRISTEN<sup>36</sup> (son of Ernest S. CHRISTEN and Mildred Janet STEINE) was born on 20 Nov 1933 in Winneshiek Co., IA. He married Beverly Louise Halvorson (daughter of Norman O. HALVORSON) about 1958.
- ii. JAN ORDELL CHRISTEN<sup>37, 38</sup> (son of Ernest S. CHRISTEN and Mildred Janet STEINE) was born on 07 Jan 1940 in Decorah, Winneshiek Co., IA. He died on 02 Feb 1966 in San Diego, CA.

More About Jan Ordell CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Burial: Phelps Cemetery, Winneshiek Co., IA

22. iii. DEAN D. CHRISTEN (son of Ernest S. CHRISTEN and Mildred Janet STEINE) was born on 30 Nov 1935 in Decorah, Winneshiek Co., IA. He died on 13 Dec 2012 in Rochester, MN. He married Ardis Fiskerbeck on 16 Aug 1959.

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18. **GILBERT CASPER<sup>4</sup> GUNDERSON JR.** (Gilbert Casper<sup>3</sup> Sr., Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born on 09 Aug 1924 in WI. He died on 08 Jan 1977 in Los Angeles, CA. He married **PEARL MARIE RUDZINSKI**. She was born on 31 Oct 1922. She died on 28 Jan 2002 in Torrance, Los Angeles Co., CA.

More About Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Jr.:

Sex: Male

More About Pearl Marie RUDZINSKI:

Sex: Female

Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Jr. and Pearl Marie RUDZINSKI had the following child:

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- i. GILBERT CASPER<sup>5</sup> GUNDERSON III (son of Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON Jr. and Pearl Marie RUDZINSKI) was born on 22 Jan 1949. He died on 08 Feb 1968 in Los Angeles, CA.

More About Gilbert Casper GUNDERSON III:  
Sex: Male

19. FLORENCE ELIZABETH<sup>4</sup> "JUDY" GUNDERSON (Gilbert Casper<sup>3</sup> Sr., Even Blekeberg<sup>2</sup>, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>29</sup> was born on 17 Jul 1925 in ND. She died on 28 Dec 1990 in San Francisco, CA. She married Thomas Peter Meehan Jr. in Apr 1947. He was born on 02 Sep 1923. He died on 01 Feb 1963 in Garberville, Humboldt, CA.

More About Florence Elizabeth "Judy" GUNDERSON:  
Resided: 1956 in Brentwood, CA  
Burial: 03 Jan 1991 in Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA  
Sex: Female  
Also Known As: ; Judy

More About Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr.:  
Social Security Number: ; 563-24-8113  
Sex: Male  
Burial: Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA

Notes for Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr.:  
*Oakland Tribune February 5, 1963]*

#### **DIVERS SEARCH FOR LAWYER IN RIVER**

*GARBERVILLE (Humboldt County)-Volunteer skin divers today joined the sheriff's marine posse searching swollen Eel River for Thomas P. Meehan, 38. The concord attorney disappeared Friday under mysterious circumstances.*

*The search team set out from a point five miles north of here where Meehan's late model convertible was pulled from the river after it plummeted over a 100-foot cliff Friday night.*

*Authorities have checked bus and rail depots, airports, motels and hotels as well as the terrain surrounding the accident site for any trace of the missing man.*

*The patrol also is searching for a possible second car in the river, prompted by a motorist's report that a car plunged over the cliff at least a hour before Meehan's auto was last seen.*

#### **CONFLICTING REPORTS**

*Conflicting reports of witnesses\_\_ where Meehan's car was last seen at the motel where he was registered have adde3d to the baffling aspects of the case.*

*"We're really confused" acknowledged Sheriff's Lt. Raymond Carroll. "If Meehan fell in that river we may never find his body. It would be out in the ocean by now."*

*No one in the motel saw Meehan leave, but motel operator Chip Nussemaker said it was after 9 p.m. His car was discovered in the river at 10:45 p.m.*

*Lt. E\_\_ Denton of the Highway Patrol theorized Meehan could have had "an attack of some kind and left the road, which is perfectly straight at this point".*



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*He added Meehan could have escaped through a window of the submerged auto, clambered up the bank but fallen back in.*

*A set of footprints were found by searchers leading about 20 feet up the river bank from the car, but officers said he may have slipped back into the water.*

*Meanwhile, Concord Police Chief \_\_\_\_ assigned Investigator Carl Vicknair to assist the officers in Humboldt County, after Mrs. Florence Meehan requested their help in finding her husband.*

### FAMILY IN SECLUSION

*Mrs. Meehan is in seclusion in their home in Concord with the couple's four children.*

*Paul B. Herbert, a fellow employee in the State Department of Employment Appeals Bureau in San Francisco who accompanied Meehan to Eureka to refer hearings said today.*

*"I was supposed to come home with him, but he left without any explanation and without telling me.*

*"He had complained of having the flu and being depressed, and wondered if he should continue the hearings.*

*"Throughout the week, it appeared to me he was preoccupied, in a gradually advancing state of preoccupation.*

*"I was hoping Tom and I could come home together. I was concerned about him."*

*Meehan checked into the Forty Winks Motel in Redway two miles north of Garberville about 5:30 p.m. Friday.*

*A short time later, he went to a Garberville hospital, told a doctor he had the feeling he was "dead all over," and requested help, but left abruptly when asked to wait in another room.*

*[Oakland Tribune December 28, 1963]*

### **\$2 MILLION DEATH SUIT BLAMES LSD**

*A \$2 million damage suit is on file today claiming that the death of a Contra Costa County attorney was caused by doses of USD, a dangerous hallucinatory drug.*

*The suit was brought in behalf of Mrs. Florence Meehan of 3789 Juniper Drive, Concord, widow of attorney Thomas P. Meehan, 39, and the four Meehan children. The suit was filed late Friday in San Francisco Superior Court.*

*The body of Meehan, a referee for the State Department of Employment, was found in the Eel River last Feb. 20, several miles from where his car had hurtled over an embankment into the stream three weeks earlier.*

### NAME DEFENDANTS

*The suit, filed by attorney Vincent Hallinan, names as defendants Paul Herbert, identified as a court reporter for the State Department of Employment; Dr. Charles E. Haines, of the Garberville Medical Center; the hospital itself; a series of 10 John Does and the manufacturers of the drug. The suit states that in the last week of January, Meehan went to Eureka for a series of hearings accompanied by Herbert, whom it alleges, had been taking LSD for some period.*

*According to allegations in the suit, Herbert administered LSD to Meehan.*

*"It is unknown whether he did so surreptitiously, inserting it in food or drink, or by falsely and*

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*deceitfully misrepresenting to him its nature and qualities and concealing its dangerous and depressing effects," the suit states.*

#### *"UNBALANCED REASON"*

*The suit alleges that as a result of taking the drug, Meehan went into a "tremendous mental and moral depression with fearful and terrifying hallucinations to unbalance his reason and judgment and rendering him temporarily incompetent".*

*The suit further asserts that while he was in this condition, Meehan sought medical aid at the Garberville Medical Center from Dr. Haines.*

*"Dr. Haines," the suit "recognized Meehan was suffering from a disorganizing mental condition . . . and was in immediate danger of death or injury."*

*But, the suit continues, Dr. Haines "failed to give him care or treatment or place him in the hospital or take any precaution to guard him from the dangers inherent to a person in his condition."*

*Investigation at the time of the accident showed that Meehan asked hospital attendants for aid saying "I have the funny feeling I am dead."*

*The suit says that during an absence of Haines from the consulting room, Meehan disappeared. Later that night his car was found at the foot of a 75- foot embankment in the Eel River. The body was not found until Feb. 30.*

*Dr. Raines called Sheriff's officers as soon as he discovered Meehan had fled the hospital. "I told them a man had left who needed treatment," the doctor explained.*

*Meehan was prominent in fraternal and Catholic lay affairs.*

*[Daily Review March 19, 1977]*

#### *The unexplained*

*The man who felt like he was dead  
by ALLEN SPRAGGETT*

*A California attorney stembled into a motel looking dazed and distraught.*

*He had reason to be. You see, he may have been dead.*

*Crazy? Of course. But read on ...*

*About 4:45 in the afternoon of Feb. 1, 1963 a 38-year-old attorney named Thomas Meehan checked into the Forty Winks Motel at Garberville, Calif.*

*He left almost immediately, after making arrangements about a room for the night, and drove to the Garberville Hospital. He said he wanted to see a doctor because he felt there was something wrong with him.*

*To a nurse, who described him as appearing odd and distracted, Meehan said: "I feel like I'm dead,"*

*Before a doctor could examine him Meehan disappeared from the hospital.*

*He turned up back at the Forty Winks Motel. The time was approximately 8 p.m.*

*Witnesses said the attorney was acting very strangely.*

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*He asked the motel owner, Chip Nunemaker: "Do I look like I'm dead? I feel like I'm dead." Nunemaker noticed that Meehan's shoes and the lower four or five inches of his trousers were wet and muddy.*

*At about 9:30 p.m. a bellboy went to Thomas Meehan's room to tell him that a phone call to his wife in Concord, Calif, couldn't be put through because a storm had disrupted service. The bellboy said he noticed that the attorney had changed from his wet and muddy trousers into a black pair.*

*Here the story takes in eerie twist, At 10:45 p.m. police dragged a car out of the Eel River near Garberville. A trail of bloody footprints led up the river bank to the highway where they stopped abruptly.*

*The police had been alerted about the wreck by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin who said they had seen the tail lights of a speeding car on California Highway 101 suddenly vanish, apparently into the storm-swollen river. The time of the accident was about 7 p.m.*

*The car pulled from the river belonged to Thomas Meehan. But after the reported time of the accident Meehan was seen by several persons at the Forty Winks Motel. He vanished from the motel, however, leaving behind a suitcase and a pair of dripping wet trousers.*

*The mystery deepened when three weeks later, on Feb. 20, 1963, the drowned body of Thomas Meehan was found in the Eel River.*

*What happened?*

*If Thomas Meehan died in the accident he couldn't have been seen more than two hours later, could he?*

*On the other hand, the alternative theory is that he survived the accident, staggered miles to the motel clutching his suitcase, and then, for some unaccountable reason, returned to the river and drowned himself.*

*That explanation doesn't seem to make much sense.*

*And what about Meehan's weird statement, before the accident, that "I feel like I'm dead?"*

*It adds up to part of the unexplained.*

Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr. and Florence Elizabeth "Judy" GUNDERSON had the following children:

- i. ?<sup>5</sup> MEEHAN (child of Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr. and Florence Elizabeth "Judy" GUNDERSON).

More About ? MEEHAN:  
Sex: Unknown

- ii. ? MEEHAN (child of Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr. and Florence Elizabeth "Judy" GUNDERSON).

More About ? MEEHAN:  
Sex: Unknown

- iii. ? MEEHAN (child of Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr. and Florence Elizabeth "Judy"

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GUNDERSON).

More About ? MEEHAN:  
Sex: Unknown

- iv. ? MEEHAN (child of Thomas Peter MEEHAN Jr. and Florence Elizabeth "Judy" GUNDERSON).

More About ? MEEHAN:  
Sex: Unknown

20. **JEANETTE<sup>4</sup> ENGER** (Clarissa<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>35</sup> was born about 1926. She married **GEORGE MILBRATH**.

More About Jeanette ENGER:  
Sex: Female

More About George MILBRATH:  
Sex: Male

George MILBRATH and Jeanette ENGER had the following children:

23. i. **GLEND<sup>5</sup> MILBRATH** (daughter of George MILBRATH and Jeanette ENGER) was born on 05 Sep 1950 in Cresco, Howard, IA. She died on 21 Apr 1999 in Mankato, MN. She married ? STOCKDALE.
- ii. **WANDA MILBRATH** (daughter of George MILBRATH and Jeanette ENGER). She married **JIM BARKEMA**.

More About Wanda MILBRATH:  
Resided: 1999 in Muscatine, IA  
Sex: Female

- iii. **CINDY MILBRATH** (daughter of George MILBRATH and Jeanette ENGER). She married **ERIC GARDNER**.

More About Cindy MILBRATH:  
Sex: Female

21. **MURRAY ELLIOTT<sup>4</sup> CHRISTEN** (Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG)<sup>36</sup> was born on 20 Nov 1933 in Winneshiek Co., IA. He married Beverly Louise Halvorson (daughter of Norman O. HALVORSON) about 1958.

More About Murray Elliott CHRISTEN:  
Resided: 1993 in Decorah, Winneshiek Co., IA  
Sex: Male

Notes for Murray Elliott CHRISTEN:

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*DECORAH-Mr, and Mrs. Norman O. Halvorson of Decorah announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Beverly Louise, to Murray Elliott Christen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Christen of Des Moines, A late summer wedding is. planned. Miss Halverson is employed as a secretary in th Decorah Public School System, Mr. Christen is an announcer at Radio Station KDEC.here.*

*[Mason City Globe Gazette June 25, 1958]*

More About Beverly Louise HALVORSON:

Sex: Female

Murray Elliott CHRISTEN and Beverly Louise HALVORSON had the following children:

24. i. KYLE DEAN<sup>5</sup> CHRISTEN (son of Murray Elliott CHRISTEN and Beverly Louise HALVORSON)<sup>39</sup>. He married Laura Marie Cigrand (daughter of Robert CIGRAND Sr. and GRACE) on 14 Jun 1997.
- ii. JANA CHRISTEN (daughter of Murray Elliott CHRISTEN and Beverly Louise HALVORSON). She married KEVIN ALBERS.

More About Jana CHRISTEN:

Sex: Female

22. **DEAN D.<sup>4</sup> CHRISTEN** (Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born on 30 Nov 1935 in Decorah, Winneshiek Co., IA. He died on 13 Dec 2012 in Rochester, MN. He married Ardis Fiskerbeck on 16 Aug 1959.

More About Dean D. CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Notes for Dean D. CHRISTEN:

Source: *Decorah Public Opinion December 18, 2012, A-6*

***Dean D. Christen**, 77, died Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at his home in Rochester from the effects of Parkinson's disease. A memorial service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road NE, with Rev. Fred Rengstorf officiating. Visitation is at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes Tuesday, Dec. 18, between 4 and 7 p.m.; and also one hour prior to the service at the church.*

*Dean was born in Ridgeway Nov. 30, 1935, to **Ernest and J. Mildred (Steine) Christen**. He graduated from Decorah High School in 1953 and Luther College in 1957. He began his education career in Austin, Minn. Jan. 27, 1958, teaching math and science after serving in the National Guard. Dean married **Ardis Fiskerbeck** Aug. 16, 1959, in Ruthven. In 1964, Dean and his family moved to Rochester where he worked briefly as a principal and finished his math teaching career Jan. 27, 1992.*

*After retiring he enjoyed cruises with Ardis to the Mediterranean, visiting Ephesus and Israel, and traveled through the Panama Canal. He also enjoyed his family trips to Norway and Alaska, ski trips to Colorado and Montana and warmer vacations in Florida and Hawaii. He loved spending his summers on Long Lake in Park Rapids. Some of his hobbies included going to auctions, designing and making jewelry, music and woodworking.*

*Dean is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ardis; two children, Lisa Christen, of Plymouth, Minn. and Kari (Dave) Richards of Rochester; a grandson, Ian Richards, of Rochester; a brother, Elliott (Bev) Christen, of Decorah; nephew, Kyle (Laura) Christen; niece, Jana (Kevin) Albers; great-nephew,*

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*Carson Christen; and a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Bruening, of Kensington, Md.*

*Dean participated in numerous research studies related to Parkinson's. Even in death, he will continue to educate others through Mayo Family Study of Neurologic Diseases, specifically Parkinson's research, at Mayo. Memorials are suggested to Mayo Clinic Parkinson's Disease Research or a place of your choice.*

*Transcribed from a newspaper clipping submitted by Janice Sowers.*

More About Ardis FISKERBECK:

Sex: Female

Dean D. CHRISTEN and Ardis FISKERBECK had the following children:

- i. LISA<sup>5</sup> CHRISTEN (daughter of Dean D. CHRISTEN and Ardis FISKERBECK).

More About Lisa CHRISTEN:

Resided: 2012 in Plymouth, MN

Sex: Female

25. ii. KARI CHRISTEN (daughter of Dean D. CHRISTEN and Ardis FISKERBECK). She married DAVE RICHARDS.

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23. **GLENDA<sup>5</sup> MILBRATH** (Jeanette<sup>4</sup> ENGER, Clarissa<sup>3</sup> CHRISTEN, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG) was born on 05 Sep 1950 in Cresco, Howard, IA. She died on 21 Apr 1999 in Mankato, MN. She married ? **STOCKDALE**.

More About Glenda MILBRATH:

Sex: Female

Notes for Glenda MILBRATH:

*Decorah Public Opinion, Tuesday, April 27, 1999*

*Glenda Stockdale, 48, formerly of Mankato, Minn., died Wednesday, April 21, 1999, following a lengthy battle with cancer.*

*Funeral services were held Saturday, April 24, at 11 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Cresco, with the Rev. Gary K. Lee officiating and Steve Gjerde, intern. Darlene Shaw was the organist. The congregation sang "Children of the Heavenly Father," "How Great Thou Art," "Built on a Rock" and "Crown Him with Many Crowns." The Rev. Lee sang "Nearer My God to Thee." Casket bearers were Dale Vagts, Richard Amundson, James Ott, Robert Moen, Steve Moen, Troy Gardner, C.J. Barkema and Ben Barkema. Interment was at Oak Lawn Cemetery. The Lindstrom Funeral Home handled arrangements.*

**Glenda (Milbrath) Stockdale** was born Sept. 5, 1950, in Cresco, the first of three children born to **Jeanette (Enger) and George Milbrath**. She was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Cresco.

*After graduation from Cresco High School in 1968, she received her nursing degree from Rochester (Minn.) Junior College.*

*Glenda worked as a registered nurse for almost 25 years at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital in*

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*Mankato, Minn., before an early retirement in 1996. She was known as being dedicated to her profession with the labor and delivery unit of the hospital and was respected by both her patients and colleagues.*

*Glenda enjoyed her dogs, cat and birds.*

*Survivors include her parents, George and Jeanette Milbrath of Cresco; her daughter, **Kendra and Matt Tobin** of Appleton, Wis.; her son, **Sam Stockdale** of Mankato, Minn.; two sisters, **Wanda and Jim Barkema** of Muscatine, and **Cindy and Eric Gardner** of Marion, as well as many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.*

*Glenda Stockdale was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents.*

*Transcribed by an IA GenWeb Volunteer from obituaries found in the Howard-Winneshiek Genealogy Society Library, Cresco, Iowa.*

More About ? STOCKDALE:

Sex: Male

? STOCKDALE and Glenda MILBRATH had the following children:

- i. KENDRA<sup>6</sup> STOCKDALE (daughter of ? STOCKDALE and Glenda MILBRATH). She married MATT TOBIN.

More About Kendra STOCKDALE:

Resided: 1999 in Appleton, WI

Sex: Female

- ii. SAM STOCKDALE (son of ? STOCKDALE and Glenda MILBRATH).

More About Sam STOCKDALE:

Resided: 1999 in Mankato, MN

Sex: Male

24. **KYLE DEAN<sup>5</sup> CHRISTEN** (Murray Elliott<sup>4</sup>, Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG, Murray Elliott<sup>4</sup>, Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjørnsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER, Christin OLSEN)<sup>39</sup>. He married Laura Marie Cigrand (daughter of Robert CIGRAND Sr. and GRACE) on 14 Jun 1997.

More About Kyle Dean CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

Notes for Kyle Dean CHRISTEN:

*CASCADE - **Laura Marie Cigrand** and **Kyle Dean Christen**, both of Cedar Rapids, exchanged marriage vows June 14 in Cascade. The bride is the daughter of Robert Sr. and Grace Cigrand, Cascade. The bridegroom is the son of **Elliott and Beverly Christen**, Decorah.*

*The Rev. Jay R. Snell performed the noon ceremony at First Presbyterian Church. A reception followed at Cascade Legion Hall hosted by the bride's parents. Matron of honor was Tammy Moriarity, Cascade. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Cigrand, Cedar Rapids, and Jana Albers, Eldridge. Flower girl*

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was Marie Cigrand, Cascade. Best man was Jon Horsfall, Ossian. Groomsmen were Steve Cigrand, Cascade, and Kevin Albers, Eldridge. Ringbearer was **Carson Christen**, Cedar Rapids. Ushers Were Bob Cigrand Jr. and Leo Moriarity, both of Cascade. Organist was Joan Hosch. Vocalists were Randy and Bobbie Schell, and Kevin and Ann Grogan. All are from Cascade.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents June 13 at Club 528, Cascade. The bride is an R.N., certified in psychiatry, with the older adult unit at St. Luke's Hospital. The bridegroom was employed at Bartlett Electric, Decorah, for 17 years. The couple honeymooned in Missouri. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

[Cedar Rapids Gazette August 31, 1997]

More About Laura Marie CIGRAND:

Sex: Female

Kyle Dean CHRISTEN and Laura Marie CIGRAND had the following child:

- i. CARSON<sup>6</sup> CHRISTEN (son of Kyle Dean CHRISTEN and Laura Marie CIGRAND).

More About Carson CHRISTEN:

Sex: Male

25. **KARI<sup>5</sup> CHRISTEN** (Dean D.<sup>4</sup>, Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Kristi<sup>2</sup> BLEKEBERG, Gunnild Evensdatter<sup>1</sup> SPELHAUG, Dean D.<sup>4</sup>, Ernest S.<sup>3</sup>, Ola Kristensen "Ola Kristensen Bjørnsjordeie" BJØRNSJORDEIER, Christin OLSEN). She married **DAVE RICHARDS**.

More About Kari CHRISTEN:

Resided: 2012 in Rochester, MN

Sex: Female

More About Dave RICHARDS:

Sex: Male

Dave RICHARDS and Kari CHRISTEN had the following child:

- i. IAN<sup>6</sup> RICHARDS (son of Dave RICHARDS and Kari CHRISTEN).

More About Ian RICHARDS:

Sex: Male

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