Edna married Clarence Sargent of Crookston. They have four children and live at Osakis, Minnesota.

Curtis and the former Luella Hemmeng of Shelly have two sons.

The Paulsrud children were all baptized and confirmed at St. Petri’s Lutheran Church in Nielsville and attended the confirmation reunion in July of 1975. Rev. O. H. Brodl, the first minister, confirmed Julius in 1904; Orris in 1934, and came back in 1954 and baptized Orris’ daughter, Lynnette.

Cora and Julius worked hard and were active in community affairs. Perhaps the highlight of Julius’ career was acting the part of the bride in “THE WOMANLESS WEDDING,” a home talent play.

Julius passed away March 29, 1958 and is buried beside his parents in the St. Petri Cemetery. Cora is living in Nielsville and recently celebrated her eightieth birthday with all her family present!

**BERSVEND ROEN**

Bersvend Roen was born in Atnedal, Norway, October 26, 1857. Dorthe Gustu was born in Norway, January 7, 1865. They were married in Norway October 29, 1887, and came to the United States in 1890. They lived in Rugby, North Dakota, and Nielsville before coming to Beltrami county in the spring of 1898, by covered wagon, accompanied by six of their children. While enroute to their new home and during a sleet storm near Fosston, a daughter Ellen was born in the covered wagon. Mr. Roen died in Canada December 18, 1931, and is buried there. Mrs. Roen died at home near Pinewood, January 15, 1917, and is buried in Osterdalen Cemetery. Children born to them were Ole, Olga, Clara, Bennie, Charley, Anna, Ellen, Martha, Edvin, Helge, and Olaf. As of November 1975, Martha (Roen) Nielsen, Duluth, Minnesota is the only survivor. Ole Bakken was born in Norway, October 14, 1858; and Helena Bakken was also born in Norway, September 26, 1871. They were married at Hillsboro, North Dakota, in 1892. Accompanied by their three children, Hjalmer, Thora and Helga, they left their home in the Nielsville area by covered wagon for Buzzle Township, Beltrami county, in the spring of 1898. Ole passed away in June, 1904. Helena, after a few years of widowhood, married a neighbor, Halvor Tronnes, born in Norway, May 24, 1854. He arrived in the community from Minneapolis in the early 1900’s. He passed away in June 1945, and Helena in 1950. Both are buried at Pinewood-Dodge Cemetery, Pinewood.

Children born to them were: Hannah, Ottena, Bella, Ragna and Alice.

**ALFRED AND BESSIE SIMON**

Alfred was the son of Paul Simon and Ingeborg (Amundson) Simon. He was born in 1881 at Nielsville on the farm now occupied by Raymond Bratager. He was the second oldest in a family of eight children. Alfred’s parents were of the first settlers arriving in this area in 1871.

Alfred took a great deal of interest in music and was accomplished on the cornet, playing in several local bands and orchestras. One of his greatest thrills was being able to play in a mass band in Kansas City under the direction of the famous John Philip Sousa. Playing on local baseball teams also provided an outlet for his interest in that sport. As with so many others at that time, farming became his main occupation, although for a short time he tried the hardware business. His main crop was wheat but he also raised potatoes, flax, barley, oats, corn and livestock.

Alfred married Betsy (Bessie) Bramseth from Climax in about 1912, and four years later settled on a farm just a mile or two east of his parents’ home.

Alfred and Bessie had two daughters, Phyllis (now Mrs. Clarence Paulson) of Nielsville and Lucille (Mrs. Harold Sydenstricker) of Los Angeles, California.

In 1927, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona and later to Colorado Springs, Colorado, because of Alfred’s health. He died in Colorado in 1928 at age 47. Bessie and the two girls moved back to the farm in Nielsville, where she continued to farm until 1957. In spite of the Depression years she managed to send each of the girls to further schooling after high school. Phyllis attended Paul’s Academy in Minneapolis and Lucille the teacher’s training department in East Grand Forks.

Phyllis married Clarence Paulson at Nielsville in 1939 and makes her home there. They have a son, Dr. Michael Paulson of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Lucille left for California in 1942 to engage in national defense work and later worked at Security National Bank there. She met a young man from Missouri, Harold Sydenstricker. They were married and reside in Los Angeles, and own an auto parts store there. They have one daughter Lynne Ellen, now 23.

Both of Alfred and Bessie’s daughters were musically inclined, having lived in a home where music was a daily activity. Both received instruction in piano, Lucille earning her teaching certificate in piano while Phyllis concentrated on vocal. The two girls sang duets for many years in the area having been started in piano and singing by a former Climax resident, Lillie (Nelson) Knutson.

When Bessie quit farming in 1957, she moved into Nielsville and later had a mobile home directly next door to her daughter, Phyllis. There she lived during becoming ill in 1971. She had been an unusually active woman until becoming ill, was vitally interested in her church and community and genuinely loved people. She passed away in 1973 at age 88.

**PAUL AND INGEBORG SIMON**

Paul Simon was born in Telemarken, Norway, and in 1861 came to the United States. His family went to Stoughton, Wisconsin and later to Houston County, Minnesota. According to reports his brother, Henry, who came to America in 1860, served in the Civil War. With his brother Henry, he went to Polk county in 1871, being among the first settlers there. They traveled by ox team a distance of 500 miles from southern Minnesota. At first they threw up an emergency shanty and in the fall built a log house, which served as home until 1892. They then built a very fine, large house, where the family of Carl Bratager now lives. The grasshoppers took Paul’s first crop in 1872 in about two hours. Later he engaged in diversified farming and the raising of stock for which his farm was well suited.

Paul was married in 1878 to Ingeborg Amundson. Ingeborg was born in Minnesota in 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Simon had the following children: Anne, who became Mrs. Hilbert Howe, the