wife of a local schoolteacher and had two children; Clarence Howe and one who died at birth; Alfred, who married Bessie Bramseth and they had two daughters; Phyllis (Mrs. Clarence Paulson) and Lucille (Mrs. Harold Sydenstricker). Carl was single, Mary became Mrs. Adolph Lindahl and had the following children: Emery, Irvin, Allen, Irene (Mrs. Harper Jung) and Dolores (Mrs. Lloyd Norling). Palmer married Thea Romo and they had the following children: Carl, Berniece and Audrey (Mrs. Bill Letnes) Henry was single. Obert married Olga Bramseth and they had one child, Elaine (Mrs. Bob Gunlickson). Thomas was also single.

Paul Simon assisted in the organization of Vineland township; which included what is now Hubbard. Four or five years later it was divided. In 1874 he was elected county commissioner and served three years. He also was a candidate for county treasurer in 1880.

PALMER SIMON

Palmer Simon was born in Hubbard township on March 3, 1890, three and three-fourths miles northwest of Nielsville, Minnesota, on the family farm. His parents were Paul and Ingeborg Simon who were of the first settlers to come to this area in 1871. He had five brothers: Alfred, Carl, Henry, Obert, and Thomas, and two sisters, Annie (Mrs. Hilbert Howe) and Mary (Mrs. Adolph Lindahl). For a time after growing up, Palmer worked on the farm and later on was employed at one of the grocery stores in Nielsville. Some time later he went to work for his brother-in-law, Adolph Lindahl, in the hardware store in Climax.

In the year 1916, Palmer purchased a restaurant in Climax and on May 12, 1917, he married Thea Romo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Romo, who were also early settlers in the Climax vicinity. Thea and Palmer continued to operate their restaurant for about 25 years and raised a family of three daughters: Carol, Bernice, and Audrey. In about 1942, the family moved to the Seattle, Washington area, where Palmer was employed at Boeing Aircraft and where he continued for about seven years. Moving on to Bremerton, Washington, Palmer and Thea went into partnership with their daughter Carol in a hotel and beauty shop. He continued to manage the hotel up until his retirement in 1960. At that time the Simons built a new home in Bremerton, but in 1961 Palmer passed away.

Mrs. Simon continued to live in the home for about 15 years, when she sold it and bought a duplex with her daughter Bernice, in which they now live.

Bernice was married and has two sons, Paul and Steven. Audrey married Bill Letness, originally from the Red River Valley area. They have four children: Jerry, David, Larry, and a daughter, Carol.

Palmer and Thea's oldest daughter Carol is married but has no children.

SOREN C. SMITH

Soren C. Smith, son of Peder and Maren Serena Jacobson Smith, was born April 17, 1889 near Nielsville, Minnesota. On December 23, 1920, he married Anna Amundson of Erskine, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Iver and Syverina Amundson and was born March 31, 1889. They farmed four miles east of Nielsville in Hubbard township. This farm was purchased in 1945 from George Montrose of Sloan, Iowa. They resided on this farm until their death in 1956 and 1959. They and their children were all members of St. Petri Lutheran Church. They raised seven children, all presently residing in Minnesota. Sidney is married to Lillian Kjersten and they have three children, Lee, Sandy and Kellie. Norris married Marion Gunvaldson. Their children are Stewart, Mark and Timothy. Dagmar married Arnold Larson and they have six children Anita, Vickie, Jeffrey, Rosalyn, James and Donald. Arlene is married to Rolland Hamre and their six children are Steven, Valerie, Nancy, Rory, Marcia and Marla. Shirley married Hubert Anderson. Their four daughters are Barbara, Bonnie, Becky and Brenda.

Curtis' wife is the former Bonnie Gilbertson and their three sons are Michael, Mitchell and Christopher. Rose Marie is married to Richard Backen. They have five children, Debra, Jeannie, Julie, Tammie and Danny.