daughter of Ole and Caroline Bangen, in 1878. They moved to section 19 of Roome township, the present home of Ingman, Sr. and Delano Thorson, and engaged in farming. He purchased the land for $9.00 an acre. In 1897 they built a large frame house for their family of five daughters and four sons: Josephine (Mrs. Martin Larson); Christine (Mrs. John Holm); Amanda (Mrs. Carl Olson); Helge; Thilda (Mrs. Hans Hanstad); Olga (Mrs. Hans Berg); Ole, Eddie, and Ingman.

Mr. Thoreson was the first rural mail carrier paid by the government. His route was from Neby to Fisher three times a week. His salary was $340 the first year, and $375 the second year. Mr. Thoreson served as county commissioner for 16 consecutive years; as township supervisor for nine years; and as township treasurer and assessor each for four years. After 41 years they retired and moved to Crookston.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1937, with seven living children, 31 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren present.

In 1944, at the age of 79, Mrs. Thoreson passed away. Mr. Thoreson died at the age of 81 in 1945.

Their youngest son, Ingman, married Emma Eken, daughter of Hans and Leve Eken, of Buxton, North Dakota, on June 6, 1926. The Eken family had lived in the Climax area prior to moving to the Buxton area, and it was then that Ingman met Emma Eken. Following their marriage they moved to the home farm, and after the retirement of Helge H. Thoreson, they assumed the farming operation. They are the parents of five children: Ingman Thoreson, Jr.; Arlene (Mrs. Marvin Cymbaluk, of Crookston); twins — Delano and Delores (Mrs. Warren Smith, of Litchville, North Dakota); and Jo Ann (Mrs. Gerald W. Johnson, of East Grand Forks, Minnesota). There are 23 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Thoreson has been the county assessor for 30 years, and also treasurer of the Sand Hill Lutheran church for 31 years, of which they are members.

Mr. and Mrs. Thoreson built a smaller home on the farm in 1961 and retired from active farming in 1966. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 6, 1976.

Their home, also a brick structure, was built one-half mile east of the homestead. They had three sons: Noel Walter, Werner William, and Walton Herbert. The three sons have continued farming the homestead and other tracts of land which have been in the family for many years.

Warner served in the United States Army from January 1945 to April 1947. He was stationed in the Philippines with an infantry division, and arrived in Japan with the first occupation forces. He then returned to the United States on furlough, and was re-assigned to a veterinary food inspection detachment at Wels, Austria. After traveling through much of Europe, he was discharged from the army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

In 1945, while Warner was still overseas, his parents purchased a section of land in Roome township from Mr. Henry Audette, a resident of Florida. Warner assisted with the farm work during the summer months, and attended the North Dakota State University, and later Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks.

Following his marriage in 1952 to Florence Mildred Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wagner, he built a new home in the northeast quarter of section 11 of Roome township. Warner and Florence moved into the home in February of 1953.

They have three children: Rebecca Joan, Robert Warner, and Jerald William. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Fisher. Rebecca graduated from Fisher High School in 1972, and from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in August 1974. Two weeks following graduation she married Roger David Moe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Moe, of Byland township, rural East Grand Forks.

Rebecca and Roger live adjacent to his parents' farm home, where he assists his father in a sizeable cattle feed-lot operation. Rebecca is employed as a registered nurse at Riverview Hospital in Crookston.

Robert is a 1973 graduate of Fisher High School, and is presently enrolled at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.

Jerald will graduate from the Fisher High School in 1976, and plans to enroll in agricultural-related courses at the University of Minnesota Technical College at Crookston. The year 1976 marks the beginning of the second century and the fourth generation of farming for the Wentzels in the Red River Valley.

The early family history of the Warner Wentzel family, now living in Roome township, Polk County, is found in records of his grandfather, Michael Wentzel, Sr., who was born in Germany in 1836. At the age of 25 years, he journeyed to Canada, and later to Detroit, Michigan. In 1865 he moved to Reedsville, Wisconsin, where he married Henrietta Klinger. In the spring of 1875 he bought land along the north bank of the Red Lake River six miles west of Crookston and three miles east of Fisher's Landing. He first constructed a sod and log house. In 1885 he built a brick house, which still stands. They had 11 children.

One of the children, William Frederick Wentzel, Warner's father, was married to Selma Pauline Widenhoefer in 1917.

The Warner Wentzel Family.

The Milton "Mickey" Williams family began February 21, 1950, when they were married in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Fisher, Minnesota. They have lived on the same farm for twenty-five years and farmed 900 acres of beets and grain.

Milton is the son of Peter and Sella Williams of Scandinavian ancestry. Irene is the daughter of Ernest and Caroline Radi, of German descent.

We live on the farm where Milton was born. We had cows.