uating in 1970 and Reed in 1971. Both attended Moorhead State College and North Dakota State University at Fargo. Brian is farming with his father and Reed, who graduated in May, 1975, was married in July, 1975 to Sheryl Christianson, and is employed by the North Dakota Extension Department in sugar-beet research. They live in Moorhead.

In 1956, Arthur and Wilma moved to the Strande farm in Section 34 of Nesbit Township which they purchased from Wilma's father, Oscar Strande. They have lived there since, so four generations of Strandes have lived on that farm. The Tinkhams have continued to farm the Brevik land as well.

Arthur has twice served as president of Fisher Lutheran Church Council, served twelve years on the board of education of Fisher School, is presently treasurer of Nesbit Township and is secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company in Fisher.

His wife has held a number of offices in her church, as well as serving as assistant organist and director of both junior and senior choirs. For six years she served on the board of directors of the Crookston Civic Music League. She was also president of the Polk County Homemakers Council.

**HARVEY C. WAGNER**

My wife, Evelyn, and I live on a farm in Nesbit Township. Although we are just second generation owners of this farm, it covers eighty years of time. My father was born in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin. His father and mother came to this country from Germany as small children. My father, left home at the age of 18 and came to Minnesota in 1886. He came to Julius Wagner's farm, his uncle, and he worked there for six years. It became a second home for him. He worked in this area for a number of years doing farm work in the summer and cutting wood in the winter. He bought a quarter section from the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company in 1895. The papers, however, were not finalized until March, 1897. This land had been given to the Railroad Company in order to encourage them to build a line through the area. The cost of the land per acre was $8 but a man's wages at that time were only $15 to $18 per month in the summer months. During the winter, a man worked for his board and room.

My mother came to Minnesota at the age of three with her parents, who homesteaded a quarter section of land, and planted a tree claim on an adjoining quarter.

My father and mother worked hard all their lives. Seven children were born at this farm house. The first boy died at the age of one and a-half years. Another brother passed away in 1921 at the age of seventeen, leaving my two brothers and two sisters, who are Harry and Howard, both of the Fisher area and Mrs. Ernest Radi (Carrie), also of Fisher, and (Edna) Mrs. Walter Wieland of the Red Lake Falls area. We all had to work hard here on the farm, each always having his or her share to do, with milking cows, taking care of cattle, pigs, chickens, and draft horses and helping with the field work.

The only schooling each got was an eighth grade country-school education, walking or driving a horse and buggy or a cutter in the winter one and a-half miles to school. I tried to get additional schooling by attending the Fisher High School two winters, staying with my cousins, Lawrence and Lily Wagner. I was to earn my board and room by helping with the chores. I don't know if I ever did earn that, but it was a second home for me.

I remember the fall of 1933. I shoveled beets with Harold Ross for his father, August, on their first truck for $2 per day plus room and board. I was glad to get a job, as I wanted to earn some money to buy fuel for a tractor. I had borrowed this tractor from my brother-in-law, Ernest Radi, to plow a quarter section of land which I rented that fall. I rented that land for 41 years from the same owners. In 1937, our father passed away.

In 1938, we bought our second tractor. We three boys farmed with our mother, each renting some land of his own. In 1942, Howard married and that left Harry and me at home. In 1948, a dream of many years of our mother came true. We built a new house on the farm, which she enjoyed for four years. She passed away in 1952. This left the home farm to us five survivors. The next year Harry and I bought out the other three, and farmed it together.

In 1954, I married Evelyn Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weiss of the Red Lake Falls area. Her father passed away in 1948. Her mother is living in an apartment at one of her daughters in Red Lake Falls.

In 1955, we bought out Harry's interest in the home farm. After a couple of years Harry moved to Fisher. Evelyn and I have had a good life together on this farm. We've had good crops, fair and poor crops; but thanks to a merciful God, we have never had a failure! We work together, helping each other where possible, always farming what we could handle ourselves, except during harvesting. I think working together this way makes the results more appreciated and life more enjoyable. I know I have complained of too much rain, mud, dust, drought and what not, but if I lived it all over again, I am quite sure here is where I would be! A few more years and I, too, must quit and the home farm will pass on to another generation, hopefully in my immediate relationship. When we retire, we hope to travel, as we both enjoy that. Neither of us are interested in sports. So if we do some sight seeing, and help in the work of the community and the church, then I say, Life on this farm has been great!

Northland Township

Some of the early settlers in the western part of Northland Township were: Anfin Dahl who came from Norway in 1879 and settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 18; Jens Dahl came with his parents from Norway when he was four years old in 1879; John Johnson, father of Andrew and Julius came in 1880; Erick Engstrom came in 1880 and settled on North- west Quarter Section 19. John Erickson came from Sweden in 1880 and settled on Northwest Quarter Section 14, his son Ole was then four years old; daughter, Mary 1882-1973 was married to Charley Johnson. Besset Stordahl came about 1879 and settled on Northeast Quarter Section 22 where he lived out his life. Dan Johnson settled on Northeast Quarter Section 8 in 1887. A Mr. Molstad lived on Section 4. Mr. Marager lived on Section 22. He served on the town board for many years.

The east part of Northland was settled by people of Czech-Slovakian origin. Joseph Hudlerle was one of the earliest arrivals in 1878. He came by way of Wisconsin and McLeod County, Minnesota. He settled on Southwest Quarter of Section 12 and also had a tree claim on Southeast Quarter of Section 10. He passed away in 1942. George Kugel settled on Northeast Quarter Section 1. He arrived about 1879. James Kopecky arrived here 1889 by way of McLeod County and Todd County, he settled on Northeast Quarter of Section 2 in 1887. James Duchek, after several years in New York City where he worked as a baker and butcher, arrived in Northland Township in 1887 and settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 13. John Myerchin with his parents and brothers, George, Joseph and Paul, arrived 1890 and settled on Southwest Quarter of Section 1. John, Jacob and James Gust arrived 1881 from St. Paul, Minnesota. John settled on Southeast Quarter of Section 14; Jacob on Southwest Quarter Section 26; James worked on Railroad out of East Grand Forks. Karl Vaneq settled on Southeast Quarter Section 15 in 1881.

Joseph Vorlicky settled on Northeast Quarter Section 11, but later moved to Thief River Falls. Anton Kotkra settled on Southeast Quarter Section 26, with three children: Wenceslavis, Mary Frances, and Ignac.

John Honke Senior settled on Northeast Quarter Section 14,
in 1892 with his family consisting of Hannah, Jenny, John, Frank, Mary, Frances, Agnes and Lillian.

A Norwegian immigrant by the name of John Votvedt built the first store on the northwest corner of Section 18 about 1888. This was the beginning of what came to be called Northland, named after the township of that name.

A few years later a larger store was built by Hans Peterson. Later owners of the store came in about this sequence: Lew Thompson, Ole Jeving, Mr. Dahlgren, Akkim Dahl, Art and Harry Johnson and Frank Ervin. The store was destroyed by fire in 1940. The storekeepers also served as postmasters until a rural mail route out of East Grand Forks was started about 1907.

A blacksmith shop and feed mill owned by John Hoglo started about 1895 stood on northeast corner of Section 13, Esther Township. The blacksmith moved to Portland and Hall stood a short distance south from the shop. This was also destroyed by fire about 1932. A Co-op Creamery stood a short distance east from the store. This was in operation only a few years. It then stood idle for many years until it was moved away. In 1976, nothing remains of the village. The site is now used for highway curves.

JENS DAHL

My grandparents, Anfind, Anne, and their son Jens Dahl, came to this country from Northern Norway in 1897. They settled on a quarter section of land about ten miles north of what was then known as Delano, Minnesota.

My great grandparents, Jens Nikoloi and Inger Marie Pederson Dahl came to this country in 1880. They settled on the Northwest Quarter of the same section of land as my grandparents.

A store and a postoffice, known as the Northland postoffice was built on the northwest corner of their land. Northland, Minnesota was the mailing address of this corner for many years. This corner later became known as East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens Nikoloi Pederson Dahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Jens E. Dahl.

came to America 1880.

Later a creamery and a store were built. These were operated by a Farmers Co-op. This store was owned and operated by Akim and Nels Dahl for many years. This was a community gathering place for a number of years. A feedmill, blacksmith shop, and a dance hall were all added attractions. Then progress took over! All the buildings were razed to make way for the new paved highway 220. Today the city of East Grand Forks has almost extended to within five miles of this corner. This place has become a landmark! It is called Northland Corner even by our younger generation.

Jens E. Dahl and his wife, Sigrid Langhei Dahl, lived here for all their married years. They had six children. Oscar, who married June Coon; Hilda, who married Inge Ross; Julian, married Anna Schultz. They farmed north of the home place for years. Alfred married Ruth Lundeen. They also live in Portland, Oregon. Clarence married Anna Egggen. They lived on the home farm for twenty years, then they moved about five miles west to their own farm. Melvin married Josephine Throne. They live in Portland, Oregon. Elmer Dahl married Thea Helling. They lived in Fargo for twenty-five years. They moved to East Grand Forks in 1949. They had three children: Earl, who is married to Corrine Skarp, have three children. Cheryl, Steven, and Pamela. Their daughter is married to Arlo Beglund. They have five children; Michael, Debbie, Shari, and Paul. Marvin married Betty Christenson. They have two children: Janine and Bradley.

Elmer Dahl is now retired. He rents the farm to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nelson, but purchased a parcel of land and lives on the same farm today.

JOHN FLATTEN

John Flatten was born in Merager, Trondhjem, Norway, November 1865. He spent his boyhood there until the age of fifteen. After his father's death, his mother, one sister and one brother came to America in 1880. Two of the brothers had come two years earlier and settled in Esther Township, Polk County, Minnesota. The rest of the family followed and also settled in the same community. John bought 80 acres of hay meadow and put up hay and sold it for an income. This was also to become his permanent home, being located in the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Northland Township and where a grandson, Gordon Thurren and his wife, Faith, now reside. More land was bought and the home farm became 200 acres. He married Christine Moan of McIntosh, Minnesota in 1893 and they have lived on the same farm their entire life. To this union there were six children born: Clara (Mrs. Oscar Thurren); Harry, who never married and also spent his entire life in the community; Lewis, who died at the age of 7 from a bronchial disorder; Carl, who passed away in 1940, at the age of 35 years. He was a single man; Lewis, the second, was born in 1911 and was named after the brother that had died four years earlier. In 1913, a baby sister died at the age of ten days.

John Flatten owned a steam threshing rig on a partnership basis and put in many falls doing custom work, to help supplement the farm income. Mrs. Flatten died in 1947 and John 4 years later. Life was completely different in the days of 1800 and early 1900. Much hard work had to be done just to make a meager living. Wood had to be cut both for heat and cooking. Mother made a lot of the children's clothing, also the children's stockings and mittens for the entire family. Although there was not as much grain to haul as there is today, it was a slow process as one hundred bushels or less was all that could be hauled a day. It took 3 to 4 hours to go just one way to town with a team of horses and a wagon. I do believe I have lived through the most interesting and progressive time in the history of our country. As I think back when my father first came here; when oxen were being used for power; and compare this with the jet age; big tractors and combines; and all the other modern conveniences of today — truly unbelievable progress has been made! Granting there will be much more progress made, I believe this will not be as great as that made in the last 100 years. I, Lewis, lived at home with my parents and did some farming on a small scale with my brother, Harry.

I married Nettie Dallum in 1933 and for the first two years, we lived in our home on the Hemming Flatten farm near Dave Pasche now resides. To our union, five daughters were born: Joyce (Mrs. Don Lunke) now residing in Syracuse, New York with their three sons, Brent, Ronnie and Wayne. Don is employed by John Deere Company; JoAnn (Mrs. Rodney Pape) and their three boys, Richard, Daniel and Gary; Rodney farms with me on a partnership basis and has a home next to mine here on the home farm Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Northland Township, Minnesota. Estelle (Mrs. Duane Halstensgard) Fertile, Minnesota and her husband, Duane, farms and works at the beet factory in Crookston, Minnesota. They have four sons: David, Bruce, Luther and Johnathan. Carlyne (Mrs. Richard Raymond) lives in Portland, Oregon. Richard also works for John Deere Company. They have four daughters: Christie, Susan, Kathy and Cindy. Lorraine, (Mrs. George Wickstrom) lives in Durango, Colorado. George is principal at the Durango High School. They have two sons.
Scott and Craig. Nettie Flatten passed away in 1972 after a long and difficult illness. As for me, I intend to spend the rest of my days here in this community and I truly believe there is no better place on earth and no finer neighbors, and no finer people can be found anywhere!

**JACOB GUST**

One of the first settlers in the Tabor area was Jacob Gust. He, at the age of 18, and his three brothers John, Tom and James left their home in Domazlice, Czechoslovakia because of mandatory military service. They arrived in the United States in 1883, living at first in St. Paul, Minnesota for a short period of time before coming to Tabor. Jacob worked for about two years at the Keystone farm which at that time was a large farming operation. He later farmed in partnership with his brother James in Sullivan Township for about two years. Then he purchased a farm in Northland Township which he operated until 1935. In 1890 he married Anna Kovar, daughter of Frank and Anna Kovar of the Tabor area. They became parents to twelve children: Anna, Mary, Frank, William, Joe, George, Bertha, Ernest, Albert, Amos and Helen. One daughter died in infancy. Frank farmed all his life in Northland Township. William operated a hardware store in St. Thomas, North Dakota. Joe, Ernest, George and Amos all farmed in Northland Township. Albert was employed at Peoples Oil Company in East Grand Forks. Mary became Mrs. John Mack. Anna married Joe Pribula; Bertha married Frank Vasek; and Helen married Joe Genereaux.

Jacob was treasurer of Northland Township for twenty-five years and also served on the local school board of District 46, which he helped organize. He died at the age of 90 in March 1954.

In approximately 1915, a devastating hail storm occurred on July 5 which caused real hardship. There was no harvest that fall. It also killed many chickens and broke windows. At the Jacob Gust house, a piano close by a broken window was played by the large hail stones pounding on the keys.

In a typical year, harvesting was done by using a binder to cut and bundle the grain and then by using a threshing machine to separate the grain from the straw. Harvest time required a lot of patience from farmers who relied on hired threshers to operate these machines. These crews would work as many farms as possible, so some farmers’ crops were not threshed until late fall. In 1920, Jacob bought his own threshing outfit as he had considerable help from his family to operate it. This was quite a blessing as he no longer had to wait for others to do his threshing and his wife and the cooks had a much smaller crew to serve.

**JOSEPH KOPECKY**

In 1874, Joseph Kopecky and wife Anna (Miska) left their homeland, Czechoslovakia. Their destination was McLeod County in Minnesota. With them were three sons: Joseph, Frank, and James, who had completed their service in the Austrian Army. Their ancestral home was in the village of Studnice, near the city of Hlinsko, Czechoslovakia. The three sons married and lived in McLeod County for nine years. In quest of more and cheaper farm land they next settled in Todd County, where they stayed for six years. Trying to make farm land out of heavy virgin forest was not their idea of an easy life in America.

Joseph, the eldest of the brothers, journeyed to Tabor, in Polk County in the fall of 1888. The lay of the land was more to his liking so he persuaded the youngest brother, James, to move here. Frank, the other brother, returned to McLeod County, where he farmed until about 1913. He passed away in 1920.

James settled on Section 13 in Northland Township, Polk County. While in McLeod County, James married Marie Novotny. Their two oldest children were born, John and Mary. Three other children, Joseph, Emma and Frances were born in Todd County, followed by Frank, Mathilda, Rose, Albert, and Anton, who was born in Northland Township. On arriving here, they stayed at the home of Joseph Danek while their own home was being built that summer.

The father, James, passed away in 1919. The mother passed away in 1946 at the age of 92.

James Kopecky vividly remembered when in 1866, the German soldiers passed through their village on the way back from Vienna, where they brought about the capitulation of the Austrian Army.

Grandfather Joseph, with several others, journeyed to Russia about 1860 in quest of more acreage to live on. However, conditions there were not to their liking, so they came back home, and Grandfather resubmitted his trade of carpenter and casket maker, while Grandmother made baskets woven out of oak roots, which were sold in the nearby city of Hlinsko.

Mother, then Marie Novotny, recalled that when the steamship was about three days out of Hamburg, Germany, it lost or broke a propeller and was taken into Plymouth, England for repair. After a wait of many days, a replacement was brought from Hamburg and the ship continued on its way.

James Kopecky often reminisced about having to make three starts in Minnesota: First he landed on a bare piece of land with not even a fence post on it.

Mother came from Moravia, not far from where the battle of Austerlitz took place, in which Napoleon defeated the Rus-

**JOSEPH HUDERLE**

Joseph Hudere, Sr., was born in Wisconsin and came to Minnesota at an early age. For some time he lived in McLeod County where he married Katherine Zedlik. In 1878 the young couple came to Northland Township, where they homesteaded and also acquired a tree claim. The young bride took care of the home while the husband worked on the railroad which was then being built between Angus and Stephen. Through all sorts of adversity, they farmed here until she passed away in 1935 and he in 1942. About 1901, they lost their home and all their belongings. They had ten children: Joseph married Anna Kotek and farmed several places in North Dakota. He died in Minneapolis, Minnesota about 1970. Anna married Joe Adamek. They farmed in Renville County where he was killed by lightning. She later remarried and lived in Montana. Mathilda married Joseph Myerchin and farmed in North Dakota. William was married to Mary Kugel and farmed on the parents’ tree claim. Emma was married to John Skornicka, they later moved to Michigan. Albina who was married to John Pribula, lived in Esther Township. Jerry was married to Sophie Pribula, they farmed here and later moved to Bemidji, Minnesota. Mayme married William Zavora, and lived in Esther Township. Henry, the youngest of the children, lives in Bemidji, Minnesota.

4 Generations of Kopecky Family: Mrs. James Kopecky, Mrs. Emily Novak, Mrs. Emily Bizek and her daughter.
sian and Austrian armies in 1805. This was one of history’s bloodiest battles!

GEORGE KUGEL
Both George and Anna (Zejdlik) Kugel were born in Czechoslovakia. They came to America and lived in McLeod County. Later they settled on Section 1 in Northland Township. They farmed here the rest of their life. They had nine children: William, Frank, Mary, Anna, George, John, Tillie, Charley and Frances.

William died at age 18. Frank lives at Mallory, Minnesota. Mary was married to William Huderle who is deceased. Anna married Mike Pribula who died. She now lives in Ohio. George died at the age of 13. John, served in Army during World War II. He too is dead. Tillie was married to Steve Palchak. She died in 1971. Charley is married to Ella Kopecky. Frances is married to James Vonaek and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota.

JOSEPH J. MYERCHIN
Joseph J. Myerchin was born in 1879 in the country of Slovakia which was then part of the Austria Hungary Empire. His family, composed of parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Myerchin; brothers John, George, Michael and Paul; and two sisters, Anna and Mary, immigrated to the United States in 1889. The family first settled in Shamokin, Pennsylvania where the male members of the family were employed in the coal mines. The desire for owning their own land led the family to migrate to Minnesota. In 1891 John Myerchin, Sr. obtained a homestead in Section 1 of Northland Township, Polk County, Minnesota. In subsequent years the family members purchased adjacent land to the homestead.

Joseph J. Myerchin married Tillie Huderle in 1908 and farmed in Northland Township until his death in 1959. Six children were born to this union: Raymond and Margaret (both deceased); Mrs. William (Clara) Kresl, Mrs. Ralph (Mildred) Novak and Mrs. Joseph (Adelaide) Kresl and Gene Myerchin. Mrs. Joseph Myerchin is celebrating her 90th birthday this year. Mr. John Myerchin, Jr. married Dorothy Vanyo. They had four boys and six girls: John, Joseph, George and Walter; Dorothy, Marie, Julia, Emily, Lillian and Agnes.

Mr. Paul Myerchin married Helen Vanyo, they have five children: Daniel, Vincent, David and Sylvester and a daughter, Blanche. The two other brothers never married.

JACOB NOVAK
The memory of those now living goes back only to the time of the arrival of Jacob Novak and his wife at Green Bay, Wisconsin, where they lived for a few years. They also lived in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. About 1888 they settled on a farm in Tabor Township, where they lived out their lives.

Four sons were born to this couple: Matt, the second child, was born on ship crossing the Atlantic Ocean; Leopold, an adopted son, was born in Czechoslovakia; sons Jacob, Joseph, and Frank were born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Leopold farmed near Greenbush, Minnesota and Jacob farmed near Lankin, North Dakota. Joseph married Emma Kopecky in Tabor, about 1905 and also farmed near Greenbush, Minnesota. Later he operated a grocery store at Tabor and then returned to farming in Northland Township where he passed away about 1922. Matt married Mary Krava in LaCrosse. He also moved to Tabor and later farmed three miles east of Tabor until he passed away about 1937. Frank, the youngest farmed in Northland Township until he passed away about 1957. In his earlier years, he operated the well known Novak dance hall in Tabor which was built 1903. Matt and his wife, Mary, were the parents of Matt Jr. born in LaCrosse and George. Albin and Edward. Joseph and his wife, Emma, had four sons: Joseph, William, Anton, and Edwin and two daughters: Emily and Helen. Frank was married to Mary Honek and they had five sons: Frank, Jr., Emil, Robert, Ralph and Walter.

JOHN PŘIBULA
My father, John Pribula and my mother, Mary, came to the United States from Vechets, Czechoslovakia, in 1885. On their arrival they settled in Pennsylvania, and there my father worked in the coal mines. Not liking that kind of work, they decided to go West and settled in Northland Township, Polk County, in the year 1891. During the years in Pennsylvania, my father made three trips to Europe to visit his parents. A son, Paul, was born to them in Czechoslovakia. Before Paul was born, they had three children, two boys and one girl, who died.

My parents farmed many years in Northland Township and during that time six children were born to them: Joe, John, Mary, George, Mike and Julia.

JOHN THUREEN
John Thureen came to Polk County from Sweden in 1880 to work on the construction of the Great Northern Railroad in East Grand Forks. A friend of his, Ole Miller, had come from Sweden earlier and had settled north of East Grand Forks. In 1883, John began farming nearby at what is now the Ted Thureen farm in Northland Township. Anna Laffgren, whom he married also came from Sweden and at this time she worked for the Carl Lindgren family.

Some years later, John's brothers, Pete, Ole, and Thure, also came to America and settled in this community. Pete farmed at what is now the home of Mrs. Amanda Thureen; Ole settled at what is now the Orville Thureen farm; and Thure was a tailor in Grand Forks. He later moved to Wisconsin.

John was an apprentice carpenter while in Sweden and used...
this skill in the area. He built his own combined house-barn dwelling and hauled the gravel for it in wagons from the pits located east of Highway 75, a distance of thirty miles. He used a yoke of oxen to break up the prairie sod for tillable ground and raised the usual crops of oats, flax, barley, and feed.

One incident depicting the hardships during the earlier winters in this area was retold often. While traveling home from town one day, the Thureens found themselves in a blinding blizzard. So protecting themselves with the sheepskin robes, they let the oxen find the way home. And they did, right to the barn door!

In 1908, John used $500 to pay the year’s taxes and had enough money left over to build a new house for his family. In 1925 he built a new barn. He purchased his first tractor in 1915. It was a C.O.D. from Crookston and cost him $800. A three-bottom plow was an additional $300.

Joseph and Anna Vasek had been raised nine children: Hildur, Oscar, Lily, Carl, Arthur, Edith, Anna, Theodore and Henry. Hildur and Lily died at infancy. Oscar married Clara Flatten and farmed at the location of what is now the Orville Thureen farm. They had four children: Orville, Allen, Gorden and Clarice. Carl married Marie Stordahl and spent most of his life working for the Minnesota Light and Power Company at Duluth, Minnesota. They had two sons, Carroll and Ronald. Arthur married Tina Olson and lived in East Grand Forks. He operated an automotive repair shop. They had two daughters, Marlene and LeVonne. Edith married Andrew Anderson and also lived in East Grand Forks. They had no children. Anna married Dale Parker and settled in Tocoma, Washington. They had three children, Ronald, Marion, and Georgia. Theodore married Sophia Anderson and farmed the home farm. They had four children, Elaine, Barbara, Curtis, and Dennis. Henry married Jean Geddis and farmed in Northland Township until his retirement, when they moved to McIntosh, Minnesota. They had one daughter, Jeanette.

VASEK

Anna Jermasek and John Vasek were born in Hlinsko, Czechoslovakia. John was in the Army 17 years before coming to the U.S.A. They came here in 1890 and settled in the village of Tabor, Minnesota. They later moved to Farley Township and then to Northland Township in 1908.

Anna was a midwife and delivered over 1,000 babies both in Hlinsko and here in the Tabor area. John was a veterinarian and helped many farmers with cattle. John and Anna had six children; three girls born in Hlinsko and three born in the United States.

The children of John and Anna (Jermasek) Vasek are: Mary married Joseph Kovar in 1902; Nettie, single; Frances married Albert Kovar in 1902 (no children); Joseph married Mary Pribulia in 1918; Frank married Bertha Gust in 1922 and Ann Palya in 1951; and John married Albina Zherea in 1929.

The children of Mary and Joseph Kovar are: Henry married Adline Falk; William married Beatrice Berg; Anna married John Wavra; George married Cecelia Vanyo; Joseph married Anna Arnold; Albert married Dorothy Vanyo; Emily married Anton Arnold; Mary married Harold Horken and Ervin Lange; Frank married Mabel Piker; and Christine remained single.

Joseph and Mary Vasek’s children are: Martha married Leon Halloran; Millie married Ots Arnold; Elsie married Kenneth Neal; Margaret married Robert Zeiklik; William married Lucille McGrath; Frances married Arnold Braaten; Adeline married Donald Rapacz and Mel Klitzke; Lorraine married Stanley Smedsrud; Raymond is deceased; Ralph married Veronica McIntyre.

Frank and Bertha Vasek’s family consists of: Anna who married Robert Piler and Edwin Novak; Helen married Edwin Honk; Henry married Doris Dubuque; Frank married Leona Gryskiewicz; Henrietta married Daniel Myszkowski; and Baby Vasek died at birth.

John and Albina Vasek’s family consists of: Emily, who married Francis Rapacz; Albert married Janet Dargen; George married Marion Hettwert; and Mary married Leroy Barsness.