

CLYDE H. STOLTZ FAMILY HISTORY

Given By Velma Leota Weller Stoltz in 1983

Clyde Henry Stoltz was born August 15, 1912, in Ellington Township near Mallard, Iowa. He was the youngest of six children born to George and Christene (Johnson) Stoltz. He graduated from the Curlew High School in 1930 having the same initials as his. On April 2, 1932, he was united in marriage to Velma Leota Weller at the home of her parents in Curlew (now the Baptist Parsonage). She was born near Maple Hill, Iowa, April 21, 1915, the third child of Alonzo William Weller and Sylvia Moore Weller. They lived three years with his folks where Clyde and his brother, Daniel, helped their Dad farm and run a threshing machine to thresh oats.

They rented their first farm from Robert Fish between Curlew and Mallard. Both mail routes went by the farm but only got mail from Mallard. Clyde's Dad and brother, Dan, loaned him a team of horses to farm with.

During the winter of 1936 Clyde bought a team of Morgan horses on the Bert Rouse farm sale. It was the winter of the big snowstorm and everyone was snowed in. Clyde borrowed a bobsled from a neighbor, Eddie White, and went across fields to Curlew to get some coal and groceries. Dan met him in Curlew with the new little team and they exchanged horses. On the way home the little team got tired and laid down. Clyde wondered what kind of a team did he buy. But after they got rested they got up and pulled some more. They proved to be the best little team and sure hated to sell them on a farm sale in 1939.

Clyde and Velma are parents of five children: Jerome (Jerry) Herbert born August 18, 1932, lives at Fairfield, Iowa. He married Melba Jeane Hough of Mallard. Three children were born to this union: Sheila Jeane, Shirley Ilene and Jeffrey Allan. Our lord wanting some beautiful flowers for his garden took little Shirley, age nine, to His home on Christmas Eve 1972. Then April 25, 1976, Sheila, not quite 16, went to be with Shirley.

Ronald Elmer born April 30, 1936, married Karen Elaine Houge of Superior, Iowa. They also live at Fairfield, Iowa. They are parents of six daughters. Debra Corinne, Cynthia Kay, Kathleen Grace, Ronda Ann, Jodi Lanae and Jamie Jo. Debra is married to Chris Baker Davis and they have two daughters: Christie Lynn and Terri Ann. Ronda is married to Patrick Joseph Kurtz.

Jeanette Ilene was born August 4, 1940, and married James Keith Duff of Scranton, Iowa, and lives at Boone, Iowa. They are parents of Judith Jean and twin boys, John Henry and Joseph Gerald.

Stanley Clyde born May 29, 1945, and is married to Pamela Kaye Muhleka of Bennington, Neb. Their home is in Bennington.

Keith Allan born August 23, 1950, married Jacqueline Ann Wichman of Emmetsburg, Iowa. They live at Hartley, Iowa, and are the parents of Curtis Allan, Aaron Henry and Rachel Ann.

After a few years of running a grocery store, doing construction work, working for Henry Ricklefs of Ayrshire on a farm, they come back to the Stoltz farm in 1944 and farmed it till it was sold in 1970. They bought the Art Bohn home in Curlew and are enjoying their retirement.