OTTO FRANZ KRAUSE

(Written text and photographs provided by Dorothy Arlene (Krause) Hayter). Otto Franz Krause was born in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, on August 10, 1889, and was the youngest son of Adolph R. and Augusta W. (Richter) Krause who owned and operated a farm in Friberg Township near the Otter Tail River. Otto spent his early childhood in Friberg Township and was educated in the schools of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and confirmed in the German Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg Township with the class of 1903. Otto Franz Krause attended Park Region Luther College in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, between 1910 and 1913 and graduated with a degree in Commerce (Business). Following graduation Otto Krause was on the faculty at Park Region Luther College for the 1913-1914 and 1914-1915 academic years and taught shorthand and typewriting courses. Otto Franz Krause married Ragnel Lillian Fadness on June 3, 1914. Ragnel (Lillian) Fadness was born on August 12, 1895, in Fertile, Minnesota, and was the daughter of Gullick Fadness and Bertha (Erstad) Fadness both immigrants from Norway. Her parents were ranchers in north eastern Montana about 15 miles north west of present day Scobey, Montana. (A short history of Gullick and Bertha Fadness was published in: Treasured Years, Daniels County, Montana, 1976, pages 721-725). The Otto Franz Krause family lived in Minnesota and then Montana where Otto worked as a rancher and teacher. They developed a 500 acre ranch in Montana about 20 miles south of Scobey, Montana. Otto Krause raised, broke and sold horses. Initially, Otto supplied horses to the United States Army for Calvary Units. Later he supplied horses to ranches and farms of that region as, at that time, most work was done using horse power. The Otto Krause family also ran the local post office for the area. Lillian (Fadness) Krause was the post mistress and operated the post office while Otto Krause broke horses. At one time Otto Krause also purchased a stock of minks intending to raise them for their fur. Unfortunately, their smell was so bad that Lillian talked her husband, Otto Krause, into getting rid of them. Otto Franz Krause and Ragnel Lillian (Fadness) Krause had three children while operating and living on the ranch: Frances Mylla Krause born March 8, 1915; Gullick Fadness Krause born March 7, 1917; Lillian (Bunny) Ruth Krause born May 17, 1918. Their ranch house was destroyed by fire in 1922. The Krause's rebuilt the house, but unfortunately it burned down again. Because of this tragic incident the Otto Krause family moved to Wolf Point, Montana, where Otto Krause worked for the Great Northern Railroad. Later Otto acquired a distributorship with the Westland Oil Company and owned and operated oil stations in Wolf Point and Glasgow, Montana. During the late 1920's the Krause family moved to Glasgow, Montana. Otto Krause owned the distributorship for the Westland Oil Company in Glasgow, Montana, and delivered oil to Fort Peck and Nashua, Montana, and other small towns. Records indicate that the income was good form this enterprise at the time, bringing in $3,000 a week. In the late 1930's Lillian (Fadness) Krause visited her younger sister, Edith, near Darrington, Washington. Lillian fell in love with the beautiful mountain area and Otto Franz and Lillian (Fadness) Krause purchased an acreage near Darrington, Washington. They named this location Hyde Park. The Krause family built a cabin on this property and made summer trips to Hyde Park during the summer months. Otto F. Krause and Lillian (Fadness) Krause had another daughter, Dorothy Arlene Krause, born November 7, 1941, in Glasgow, Montana. In 1942, when Dorothy was a baby, they moved to Tacoma, Washington, where Otto was employed at the Navy shipyard during World War II. The Otto Krause family moved to Darrington, Washington, in 1945 and bought over 40 acres between Darrington and Arlington, Washington, on French Creek Road. They built a small farm at this location complete with a large garden and a few animals. Otto F. Krause worked as a watchman in a sawmill in Darrington, Washington. After he retired Otto Krause worked summers for the Red Salmon Packing Plant in Alaska as a cooks helper. Ragnel Lillian (Fadness) Krause died April 7, 1974, in Everett, Washington. In 1978, at the age of 89, Otto Franz Krause married an longtime family friend, Augusta Matson (Gussie). Augusta Matson was born on September 7, 1908. They lived in Poulsbo, Washington. Otto Franz Krause died on Thursday, December 5, 1984, in Mt. Vernon, Washington. The cremated remains of Otto Franz Krause and Lillian Ruth (Fadness) Krause are scattered on the property they loved and owned at French Creek. This site is marked by a monument erected by their grandson, Franz Jon Noble (Bud), as a remembrance to their lives. Augusta (Matson) Krause died May 18, 1994, in Kitsap County, Washington.
A photograph taken in 1911 of Otto Franz Krause (to the immediate right of the player holding the basketball) and his teammates of the Park Region Luther College basketball team from Fergus Falls, Minnesota. (Photograph courtesy of Bonnie Kay (Noble) Cook).

A photograph taken in 1911 of Otto Franz Krause (second row, second from the left next to the tree) and his classmates at the Park Region Luther College in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.
Lillian (Fadness) Krause pictured with her first daughter, Frances Mylla Krause. The photograph was taken about 1916. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).

The wedding photograph of Otto Franz Krause and Ragnel (Lillian) Fadness. Otto and Lillian were married on June 3, 1914, at the Friberg Immanuel Lutheran Church located near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).

A photograph taken at the Krause Ranch showing Otto Franz Krause (right) and some hired hands tying down a horse.
A photograph illustrating three generations. Shown are: Augusta W. (Richter) Krause (left), Lillian (Fadness) Krause (holding the birthday cake), and Dick (Richard Earl Noble). The photograph was taken at the Krause home in Glasgow, Montana, during the summer of 1938. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).

A 1940 photograph of Lillian (Fadness) Krause pictured with her grandson Richard Earl Noble (Dick) on the front porch of Krause residence in Glasgow, Montana. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).

A photograph of Otto Franz Krause breaking a new horse by a straw pile at the Krause Ranch.

A undated photograph of Otto Franz Krause (right) and a friend standing on ice during the winter in Montana.
A photograph of the Otto Krause family home in Glasgow, Montana. The date the photograph was taken is 1940. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).


A 1937 photograph of the Krause family showing four generations. Pictured are Augusta (Richter) Krause (front right), her son, Otto Franz Krause (back right), Otto’s daughter, Lillian Ruth (Bunny, Krause) Noble, and Bunny’s son, Richard Earl Noble (Dick). (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).

An undated postcard depicting Otto Franz Krause that was written to his older sister, Emma Selma Krause, whose residence was 314 Hillard Street, Spokane, Washington. Note was: I am sending you a peep of myself while at work in my study. Photograph thought to have been taken at Park Region Luther College in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. (Courtesy of Bonnie Kay (Noble) Cook).


Otto Franz Krause photographed with his granddaughter, Charissa Shaw. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).


A 1981 photograph illustrating Augusta (Gus) and Otto Franz Krause (center) with Otto's nephew, William John Krause (Johnny). The photo was taken at Otto Krause's home in Poulsbo, Washington. (Photo courtesy of William John Krause II).
A photograph taken during the summer of 1981 in Poulsbo, Washington. Shown in back from left to right are: Hazel Ruby (Nelson) Krause and Lillian (Krause) Noble, nickname Bunnie. In front from left to right are: Augusta Krause (Gus), William John Krause (Johnny) and Johnny's uncle, Otto Franz Krause. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).
COLLEGE WEDDING

Prof. Otto Krause and Miss Lillian Fadness, of P. R. L. C., Are Happily Married

The marriage of Prof. Otto Krause of the Park Region Luther college faculty, and Miss Lillian Fadness, one of the popular young lady students at the college, was solemnized at the Synod church in this city Wednesday, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. G. Ristad, the college principal.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion in white and green, bridal wreath and palms predominating, and the altar was banked with palms and bridal roses.

Miss Fadness was attended by Miss Millie Wissman, as maid of honor and Miss Emma Krause a sister of the groom as bridesmaid. The groomsmen were Mr. Charles Richter and Mr. Theo. Schultz.

The bride was becomingly attired in a beautiful wedding gown of white charmeuse with train, and well worn cap effect. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilacs of the valley. Miss Wissman, a college friend of the bride, played the bridal chorus from Lohengrin and Mendelsohn's wedding march.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party and thirty invited guests repaired to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Krause, on Union avenue where a wedding banquet was served and a social afternoon enjoyed. The appointments at the home were purple and white to carry out the college colors and violets, snowballs and bridal wreath were everywhere in evidence.

The couple will enjoy a wedding trip to Chicago and on their return will make their home on Union avenue. Congratulations and good wishes will be extended.

The selective service (draft) card of Otto Franz Krause illustrating his signature.
This is a little bit of history of the O.F. Krause ranch, store, and post office referred to as KAHLE. It was located on S.W. 1.4 of Section 10-TWP32 – R48E 20 miles south of Scobey, Montana.
The ranch was built up and owned and operated by Otto and Lillian Krause. Lillian Krause was the daughter of the Fadness family North West of Scobey, Montana. They had a horse ranch and run hundreds of horses in the early days. It is the writers thinking that Otto and Lillian Krause homesteaded the ranch site in 1915 for that is the year the reservation was opened for homesteading. They built a nice large bungalow type house, barn, and bunkhouse for hired help and the corrals that were needed to hold 175 head of horses. The writer worked at this ranch for a week when the regular herder was on a vacation. Mike Erdahl built a blacksmith shop at this ranch and operated it during the summer months. This shop was a necessity in the early days. The building you see beyond the blacksmith shop with the car in front of it is the homestead house on Erika Thomas homestead. The car pictured is a car owned by Carlstrud. He was her fiancé, they got married. Pete Carlstrud run an elevator. The buildings in the far background are the buildings on the Strand farm. This farm was owned and operated by Pete and Julius Strand. In the early forty's Pete sold the farm to Lynwood Hickle who now lives on the farm. Lynwood has a residence in Wolfpoint where he resides in winter.
The Krause ranch was engaged in breaking horses for work and riding to sell to farmers that needed horses. The land was being broken up for farming purposes in those early days. Those first years were trying for their was very little rain and as a result money was some thing that was scarce. Many homesteaders had left this country and as a result the country side had many empty buildings standing, the hopes for a crop had faded the people were gone.
The way they got horses broke on this ranch, a bronco was hitched to a plow with four or five broke horses then worked them for short periods to start with then each day the horse would be worked a little longer. If you didn’t the horse could be ruined for work. Another way to work them was Mr. Krause would hitch up a bronc with a broke horse to a wagon then drive to Scobey twenty miles to get mail and supplies for the store. By the time he got back the horse would have had its first lesson about work. This trip would be made in one day so that would be forty miles round trip.
The name of the cook in the bunkhouse was Barney Langer he was pretty handy in the kitchen for he had done the house work at their Minnesota farm for a number of years. His son Bernard Langer came to Montana also and worked on the Krause ranch. The Langers homesteaded 24 miles south of Scobey on now highway 13 Bernard has this homestead at this time.
Hulda Carlson and brother Arvid worked at this ranch. Hulda done house work, Arvid helped with farm work. Glenn Chenowith broke horses, John Wirts was the herder. There were many others that worked at this ranch. I never did learn the names of them. It was a busy place, there never was a dull moment around here. The Krause ranch house was destroyed by fire in 1922, this was a tragic, they rebuilt the house but before they got moved in it was destroyed by fire. After this disaster the Krause family moved to Wolfpoint. Otto worked for the G.N.R.R. for a while. They had not forgotten the ranch they had the Roske house moved down to the ranch, but they never moved back to the ranch to live again. Mr. Krause run oil stations in Wolfpoint later in Glasgow then moved out to Washington. He sold the land to Tom Christianson. Kahle P.C. was moved to the O.A. Susag farm three miles north after the disasters and remained there for a number of years. Otto and Lillian Krause had three children at the time they left the ranch, they had four children in all. Lillian has passed on, Otto is living at this writing his age is 93 I had a letter form him recently. This is March 14, 1982. Lillian Krause's brothers and sister spent some time at the ranch. They are Martin, Todd, Jean and Edith Fadness. Martin was a horse man he broke horses.

A sketch of the Otto Krause Ranch drawn by Milton Siljenberg of Wolfpoint, Montana. Details describing and explaining the sketch can found in the letter on the previous page. (Courtesy of Judith Marlien (Noble) Blanton).
An undated photograph of Otto Krause (in coveralls at right) at a new Westland Oil Company he owned in Glasgow, Montana. Note the gas pumps despite to modern appearance and layout of the station. (Photograph courtesy of Norman and Sidonna Bradow).

A 1950s photograph of the home of Otto Franz and Lillian (Fadness) Krause located near French Creek Washington. The memorial developed by Otto’s grandson, Franz Jon Noble (Bud) is located near the Krause home. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).
The published obituary of Otto Franz Krause. Date and source of publication unknown.

(Courtesy of Bonnie Kay (Noble) Cook).
FRANCES MYLLA (KRAUSE) THOMPSON

(Written text and photographs provided by Steven Dallas Thompson and Alice Diane Thompson).

Frances Mylla Krause (Suggie) was born March 8, 1915, on a ranch 20 miles south of Scobey, Montana. Francis Mylla Krause was the daughter of Otto Franz and Ragnel Lillian (Fadness) Krause. The Krause ranch house was twice destroyed by fire prompting the family to move to Wolf Point, Montana. Later, during the late 1920s, Frances Krause moved with her family to Glasgow, Montana, where she spent her childhood, continued her education, and graduated from Glasgow High School in Glasgow, Montana. Following her graduation from High School, Frances attended two years of college. Her father (Otto Krause) then insisted that she drop out of college and get a job because her brother (Gullick Krause) needed to attend college to get an education and that it was much more important for a man to get an education than a woman. Francis M. Krause also was an airplane pilot. Francis did go back to school but much later in life and took courses in computer technology. However, she never received a degree. Frances worked as a waitress and also as a colorist for photographs at a time when photographs were all originally printed in black and white. She also was employed making and painting dolls. Frances M. Krause was working as a waitress at the "fountain" when she met her future husband. William Thompson came into the fountain and ordered a drink with every type of soda flavor that she had, in the drink. Francis refused to serve this concoction saying it would kill him. Instead she served him a cup of coffee, and he liked the fact that she kept his cup full. Frances Mylla Krause married William Dallas Thompson (Bill) in Glasgow, Montana. William Dallas Thompson was the son of Larry (Shorty) and Frances Thompson of Great Falls, Montana. Following their marriage William and Frances (Krause) Thompson moved to Great Falls, Montana, and lived in the "Shack" a small house behind William Thompson's parents home. Frances's first two children (Steve and Bill) were born when she lived at this residence. Although not the address at the time, this residence would become 310 10th Avenue South West, Great Falls, Montana. She was injured during Bill Dale Thompson's birth and bedridden for several weeks at a time, during which she relied on her mother-in-law to bring her mail and to mail her correspondences to her husband during the war. Unfortunately, the mother-in-law severed contact between the two instead. When Frances recovered and was able, she moved to Seattle, Washington, to live with her parents. While on leave from the service William Thompson (Bill) visited his family during a silver frost. According to several accounts it took him more than an hour to walk a short distance to the residence to visit his family. After arriving Bill Dale (his son) hid behind Frances dress wanting to know who that man was, and when told that he was his father, did not believe the story and asked his mother to make him go away. When William Dallas Thompson returned from the war, he built a small cinder block house next door to his parents house in Great Falls, Montana. Later, the family moved into his parents house following the death of his parents.

William Dallas and Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson had four children: Steven Dallas Thompson born November 5, 1942, in Great Falls, Montana, Bill Dale Thompson born in Great Falls, Montana, Alice Diane Thompson born December 8, 1950, in Great Falls, Montana, and Brian Dean Thompson born in Great Falls, Montana.

Frances M. Krause enjoyed sewing, painting, rock hunting and learning new crafts. She did copper punching and embossing, picture coloring (coloring of black and white photos) and doll making. Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson died in her sleep at 12:15 PM, April 14, 1998, in Great Falls, Montana, following a lengthy illness with Parkinson's disease and a brain tumor. At Frances request her ashes were buried under a rose bush in the back yard of her first residence at 310 10th Avenue South West, Great Falls, Montana.
Frances Mylla Krause photographed holding a cake in Glasgow, Montana. Date of photo is 1941. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).

A photograph of Frances Mylla Krause taken about 1940. It is believed that this original black and white photograph was painted (colored) by Frances. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heaco).

Frances Mylla Krause (left) and Laraine Nelson photographed in 1939 in Glasgow, Montana. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).

Frances Mylla Krause and Bill Thompson pictured together in Glasgow, Montana, during 1941. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).

Frances Mylla Krause photographed holding a cake in Glasgow, Montana. Date of photo is 1941. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).
Frances Mylla Krause and William Dallas Thompson photographed in the early 1940s in Glasgow, Montana. (Photograph courtesy of William J. Krause II).

A photograph taken in November, 1941, in Montana, showing Frances M. (Krause) Thompson (left), and William Dale Thompson with his mother Frances Thompson and father Larry (Shorty) Thompson.

An undated color tinted photograph of Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson. This original black and white image was painted (colored) by Frances.

Frances Mylla Krause and William Dallas Thompson photographed in the early 1940s in Glasgow, Montana. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox).
A 1940s photograph taken of Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson on a windy day in Montana.

A photograph taken in 1943 showing Otto F. Krause (left) with his youngest daughter, Dorothy Arlene Krause, and his eldest daughter, Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson. Frances is holding her eldest son, Steven Dallas Thompson.

Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson holding her daughter Alice Diane Thompson. The original photograph was taken in black and white and then colored (painted) later by Frances (Krause) Thompson. Date of photograph is about 1950.

An undated photograph taken of Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson (left) walking with her sister-in-law Arlene (Romig) Krause. (Photograph courtesy of Arlene (Romig) Krause Heacox.)
A photograph of the Thompson family taken during Christmas of 1966. Pictured from left to right are: Steven Dallas Thompson, Brian Dean Thompson (with cat), Bill Dale Thompson, William Dallas Thompson (behind Frances), Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson (with dog), and Alice Diane Thompson.

An undated photograph of the extended family of Otto Franz and Lillian (Fadness) Krause. Identified are in front row from left to right are: Lillian (Fadness) Krause, unknown, unknown, Alice Diane Thompson, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown. Center from left to right: unknown, Steven Dallas Thompson, and Otto F. Krause. Back row from left to right: Bill Dale Thompson, Dorothy Krause, unknown, unknown, Brian Dean Thompson, unknown, Lillian (Bunnie Krause) Noble, unknown, unknown, unknown, Richard H. Noble, and Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson.
Steven Dallas Thompson was born November 5, 1942, in Great Falls, Montana, and was the son of Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson and William Dallas Thompson. Steven Thompson graduated from Great Falls High School, of Great Falls, Montana, in 1960. He served first in the Montana Air National Guard, and later in the California Air National Guard. After working in Bozeman and Butte Montana for the F. W. Woolworth Company, Steven moved to San Francisco, California, and worked for Macy's California for 33 years, the last twenty as a Construction Project Manager. Following that position, Steven worked for two General Contractors and was then employed as a Project Manager by CB Richard Ellis, in San Francisco, California.

Steven Dallas Thompson married Helen Lucille Thompson (who called him "Badger") and had two lovely stepdaughters, Allison Patricia Lee, who lived in New York, New York, and Alexandra Victoria Demuro, who lived in Scottsdale, Arizona. Both of their parents are gone, save his stepmother, Jean Marie Thompson, who was living in Great Falls, Montana, and to whom they saw and spoke with weekly, via the internet and web-cams. Brother Brian Dean Thompson also lived in San Francisco, and was a frequent and cherished visitor. Retirement plans included building a monolithic dome on a property near Sonora, California, in the Gold Country, and sharing time between there, and the San Francisco home, with as much travel as possible to Europe and other destinations. The last known address for Steven Dallas and Helen Lucille Thompson was San Francisco, California.
A photograph of Steven Dallas Thompson and his wife Helen Lucille Thompson. Date unknown.

BILL DALE THOMPSON

(Written text provided by William John Krause II). Bill Dale Thompson was born in Great Falls, Montana and was the second son of William Dallas and Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson. He graduated from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls, Montana. Bill Dale Thompson was the father of two children: a daughter, Amanda Joy Thompson, and a son, Erik Richard Thompson. The last known address for Bill Dale Thompson was Bozeman, Montana.

AMANDA JOY THOMPSON

(Written text provided by William John Krause II). Amanda Joy Thompson was the daughter of Bill Dale Thompson.

ERIK RICHARD THOMPSON

(Written text provided by William John Krause II). Erik Richard Thompson was the son of Bill Dale Thompson.
(Written text and photographs provided by Alice Diane Thompson). Alice Diane Thompson was born in Great Falls, Montana, on December 8, 1950, at 2:10 AM in the Deaconess Hospital of Great Falls, Montana. She was the only daughter of William Dallas and Frances Mylla (Krause) Thompson. Her early childhood was spent in Great Falls and in 1968 Diane Thompson graduated from C.M. Russell High School in Great Falls, Montana. In 1969 she moved to Los Angeles, California, to attend Atlantic Airline School. Later she worked for Western Union. Alice Diane Thompson attended Columbia Basin Community College between 1996 and 1998. Alice Diane Thompson married Albert Hong in 1973. This marriage ended in divorce in 1975. In April of 1976 Alice Diane Thompson married Bill James Pitre. This marriage ended in divorce on November 14, 1999. Alice Diane Thompson and Bill James Pitre had three children: Christopher James Pitre, born (and deceased) December 6, 1976, Michael Dallas Pitre, born January 15, 1979, in Los Angeles, California, and Jessica Louise Pitre, born September 19, 1982, in Los Angeles, California.

In 1990 the Pitre family moved to Kennewick, Washington. Following her divorce in 1999, Diane Thompson moved to Seattle, Washington, and has since that time resided in Shoreline, Everett and Marysville, Washington. Diane had several occupations during her career that mostly involved data entry for different clerical positions. Some of her more interesting jobs was that of a taxi driver and when she worked for a few years for a Chiropractor. Diane Thompson enjoyed quilting, sewing, painting, cross stitch and a host of other crafts.

The last known address for Alice Diane (Thompson) Pitre was Everett, Washington.
A family photograph taken during September of 1982 of Bill James Pitre and Alice Diane (Thompson) Pitre and their two children, Michael Dallas Pitre (left) and Jessica Louise Pitre (head turned).

A photograph taken of Jessica Louise Pitre celebrating her second birthday with her brother Michael Dallas Pitre age four.

Alice Diane Thompson photographed in 2007.