HULDA HELENE (KRAUSE) DUENOW

(Written text and photographs provided by William J. Krause II). **Hulda Helene Krause** was born in Friberg Township, Minnesota, on December 19, 1892. She was the daughter of Adolph R. and Augusta W. (Richter) Krause. Hulda grew up and was educated in the common schools of Friberg Township of rural Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Hulda Helene Krause was baptized and confirmed in the German Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg Township with the class of 1907.

Hulda Helene Krause married **Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow (Bill)** on August 28, 1912. William Fred Duenow was born on February 18, 1888, and was the son of Herman and Matilda (Zuehlsdorff) Duenow. Following their marriage they farmed in Aurdal Township, Minnesota. They retired from farming in 1961 and moved to a new residence, 325 West Cavour, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.


William Fred Duenow died on July 22, 1977. Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow died on November 18, 1985. Both are buried at the German Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery in Friberg Township, Minnesota.

The wedding party and witnesses photographed after the marriage of Hulda Helene Krause to Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow on August 28th, 1912, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pictured from left to right are Otto Franz Krause, Mathilde Duenow, Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow, Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow, Herbert Duenow and Emma Selma Krause. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

An undated photograph of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow taken with their daughters during a summer in Minnesota. Gertrude Thelma Duenow is standing next to her father, Lorna Martha Duenow is standing next to her mother. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

An undated photograph of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow taken during the winter in Minnesota. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).
Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow (left) and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow (front right) and their two daughters: Gertrude Thelma Duenow (left) and Lorna Martha Duenow (right). Date unknown. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow (second left) and their two daughters: Lorna Martha Duenow (far left) and Gertrude Thelma Duenow (far right). Date unknown. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

The extended family of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow. Seated in the front row from left to right are: William E. Miller, Cathleen Miller, Lorna Martha (Duenow) Miller, Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow, Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow, Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp, and C. Harry Knapp. Shown in the back row from left to right are: Charles Miller, Gerald W. Knapp, David Michael Knapp, Myrna (Hanson) Knapp, Gary Burton Knapp, Rosalie (Payne) Knapp, C. Gordon Knapp and Julie Kay Knapp. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).
An undated photograph of the wedding anniversary of Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow and Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow. (Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Arlene (Krause) Hayter.)

Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow pictured with her husband Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow (left) and brother, Otto Franz Krause (right) in an undated photograph. (Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Arlene (Krause) Hayter.)
A photograph of Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow and her immediate family and her brother Max Emil Krause and his family. Photograph was taken in Minnesota about 1945. Pictured in the front row from left to right are: Gary Burton Knapp, Gerald W. Knapp, Gordon C. Knapp, Augusta W. (Richter) Krause, and Shirley June Krause. Pictured in the back row from left to right are: C. Harry Knapp, Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp, Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow, Max Emil Krause, Dollie (Crick) Krause, William Fred Duenow, Lorna Martha (Duenow) Miller and William E. Miller. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

A photograph of Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow (far right) taken during June of 1966 in Minnesota. Also shown from right to left are: Hulda's husband, William Fred Duenow, Hulda's brother, Max Emil Krause, Frances Duenow and Herman Duenow. (Photograph courtesy of Lisa Brown).
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

The certificate of conformation into the Lutheran Faith of Hulda Helene Krause. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

The certificate of conformation into the Lutheran Faith of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

The marriage certificate of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow and Hulda Helene Krause. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).
A photograph of a page taken from official record book of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg Township that recorded the marriage of William Fred Duenow and Hulda Helene Krause as being August 28, 1912.

An article from the Fergus Falls Daily Journal, Wednesday, August 30, 1972, announcing the 60th wedding anniversary of William Fred Duenow and Hulda Helene (Krause)Duenow.

Funeral announcement of Wilhelm Fredrich Carl Duenow that was published in the Fergus Falls Daily Journal in 1977.
GERTRUDE THELMA (DUENOW) KNAPP LOOMER

(Written text and photographs provided by William J. Krause II and C. Gordon Knapp).

Gertrude Thelma Duenow was born March 6, 1915, on the family farm north of Fergus Falls, Minnesota. She was the daughter of William Fred and Hulda Helene (Krause) Duenow. She was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg Township with the class of 1927. Gertrude attended a country school through the eighth grade in Friberg Township. Gertrude T. Duenow received Normal Teachers Training in Education and taught at rural country schools. Gertrude Thelma Duenow married C. Harry Knapp on May 19, 1935, in Henning, Minnesota. C. Harry Knapp was born on September 30, 1908, and was the son of William Willis and Helen May (Turville) Knapp. He attended public school in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp farmed northeast of Fergus Falls, Minnesota until 1939 when they moved to a farm west of Foxhome, Minnesota, in Wilkin County. In addition to working the farm with Gertrude, Harry did custom farm-work within a 50-mile radius of their home. Harry also worked in construction and was a heavy equipment operator in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota. Harry operated the first motor patrol grader in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1927. He also helped build and operate the first snowplow in Fergus Falls. In the early 1950s Harry initiated the installation of the Fergus Falls telephone system in the Foxhome area. He retired in 1968. C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp moved to their home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1982. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Eagles, Elks, and Modern Woodmen.

C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp had three sons: C. Gordon Knapp, born April 12, 1939, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Gerald W. Knapp, born April 13, 1942, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota; and Gary Burton Knapp, born October 24, 1943, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

During the last 29 years of his life, Harry and Gertrude Knapp spent the fall and winter months in Mesa, Arizona, and traveled extensively nationally and internationally. C. Harry Knapp died on Wednesday, May 24, 1989, at his home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Burial was in the cemetery of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp then married Kenneth Loomer on October 3, 1990 in Blair, Nebraska. Kenneth Loomer was born on May 13, 1908. They lived in Arizona for a time and then in April of 1999, the couple moved to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where they made their home at Pioneer Pointe.

Kenneth Loomer died Thursday, March 23, 2000, at the Pioneer Retirement Community in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, at 88 years of age. He was buried at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church cemetery in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

The last known address for Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp was Fergus Falls, Minnesota.
A conformation photograph of Gertrude Thelma Duenow taken at the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Friberg Township. Date: 1927. (Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Arlene (Krause) Hayter).

A photograph of C. Harry Knapp taken in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Date: 1930.

A wedding photograph of C. Harry Knapp to Gertrude Thelma Duenow which took place on May 19, 1935, in Henning, Minnesota.

An undated photograph of Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp (back right), her mother Hulda Lena (Krause) Duenow (back left), and her grandmother Augusta W. (Richter) Krause (sitting). C. Gordon Knapp is standing next to his great grandmother. (Photograph courtesy of Shirley June (Krause) Walker).
An undated photograph of C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

A photograph taken of C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp's three sons. Shown are: C. Gordon Knapp (top), Gerald W. Knapp (left) and Gary Burton Knapp (right). Date: 1948. Place: Knapp Foxhome Farm, Foxhome, Minnesota.
An undated photograph of C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp. (Photograph courtesy of Cathleen (Miller) Berglund).

A photograph of C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp taken in 1985 on their 50th wedding anniversary.

A photograph of the C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp family taken in 1985 on their 50th wedding anniversary. Their three sons from left to right are: C. Gordon Knapp, Gerald W. Knapp and Gary Burton Knapp.
SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

C. Harry Knapp
Formerly Foxhome

C. Harry Knapp, 80, Fergus Falls, Minn., died Wednesday, May 24, 1989, at his home. The funeral service will be Tuesday, May 30, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, with the Rev. Jonathon Stansfield officiating. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

He was born Sept. 30, 1908, in Fergus Falls, to William Willis and Helen May (Turville) Knapp. He attended school in Fergus Falls and worked in construction work and was a heavy equipment operator in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. In 1927 he operated the first motor patrol grader in Fergus Falls. In 1928 he helped to build the first snowplow in Fergus Falls and operated it. In the early 1950s he was the initiator of the installation of the Fergus Falls telephone system in the Foxhome area. He was an original member of the Southern Red River Valley Sugar Association. He married Gertrude Duenow May 19, 1935, in Henning, Minn. They farmed northeast of Fergus Falls until 1939 when they moved to a farm west of Foxhome in Wilkin County. In addition to working the farm with his wife and sons, he did custom farmwork within a 50-mile radius of home. He retired in 1968. In 1982 he and his wife moved to their home in Fergus Falls. For the past 29 years, he spent the fall and winter months in Mesa, Ariz., and traveled extensively nationally and internationally.

He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Eagles, Elks and Modern Woodmen.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrude, two sons, C. Gordon Knapp, Foxhome; and Dr. Gary Knapp, Houston, Texas; a brother, James H. Knapp, Underwood, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gerald, in 1987, and his parents, four sisters and one brother.


An undated photograph of Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp holding C. Gordon Knapp (left) and standing next to her mother, Hulda Lena (Krause) Duenow (center). Her grandmother, Augusta W. (Richer) Krause, is standing to the right. (Photograph courtesy of Dorothy Arlene (Krause) Hayter).

An undated photograph of C. Harry and Gertrude Thelma (Duenow) Knapp with their son, Gary Burton Knapp.