

The New MANFRED NEWS

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Warm Greetings From Manfred !

A hearty welcome to everyone as the quarterly Manfred Newsletter begins its fourth year, this being a periodical devoted to recording the history of the area and also in sharing present-day activities and vision of this quaint settler's village. Thank you so much for your patience with the delay in publication of this issue.

The amazing year of 2004 is bringing much gladness to the community of Manfred as the vision – of Manfred enjoying its bright new future - is beginning to come to reality. This spring, three historic buildings received the vital gift of new roofs overhead through the work of two excellent contractors, thereby bringing a halt to the deterioration of these structures. Also internally... the Manfred Heritage Museum, through a grant from the State Historical Society of North Dakota, will be greatly blessed to have a graduate student of public history to guide the cataloging, introduce museum policy, and begin exhibit development. If you are able to visit Manfred this summer, come share together in the joy of this wonderful beginning.

In this issue, what a pleasure it is to feature the interesting story of the P. B. Anderson Family. The projects in Manfred have been greatly aided because of the many ways members of this family are helping to make a positive difference for Manfred. Together we celebrate Manfred and its history!

The Anderson and Johnson families enjoying an outing together on the James River in 1899

Photo at right:

*Taking a ride on the James River in
a homemade boat*

From left: Nennie Anderson, John Johnson holding Alvin, P.B. Anderson, Orren and Arthur Anderson. Sitting on the distant river bank on the Johnson farmstead are Malena Johnson and Anna Anderson together with daughters Gertrude, Esther, and Cora.



Photo at left:

*John Johnson and P.B. Anderson families
at the James River*

Pictured from left: P.B. Anderson, John and Malena Johnson with son Alvin, Anna Anderson with twins Gertrude and Esther, and Cora on the bank and Arthur, Orren, and Nennie in the boat. The skyline of Manfred can be seen in the background.



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In Memory

Betty Detling Froeber

June 24, 1934 – November 27, 2003

Beatrice Haugen Bender

July 8, 1919 – December 29, 2003

Berger Rodne

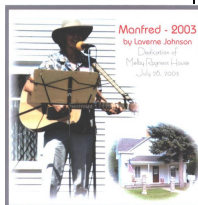
September 1, 1913 – April 22, 2004

Laverne's Manfred Song - 2003

Laverne Johnson announces that the professional recording, of the song composed and sung by her for the dedication of the Manfred Heritage Museum July 26, 2003, is available on either cassette tape or CD. It's Free with a contribution of \$10.00! If ordering by mail, add \$2.00 for packaging and postage. All profits will be donated to Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. Send mail orders to:

Laverne Johnson
2126 N. 7th St.
Bismarck, ND 58501

Jacket cover of CD →



Thank you to Laverne for contributing \$500 worth of studio time for the production of the 'Manfred Song'.

Thank you for your subscription to the Manfred Newsletter

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In memory of Berger Rodne

Thank you to Barbara Simmons for a heating unit for the basement of the Melby-Rogness House so vital for the wellbeing of the basement and for the house in general. Given in memory of her father Joel Langseth. This unit was installed by Fritz Wohl early in December 2003.

Prairie Churches of North Dakota Exhibit

On display October 2003-October 2004
Heritage Center, Bismarck, ND

The Prairie Churches Exhibit was dedicated October 25, 2003 at the Heritage Center in Bismarck. The exhibit consists of nearly 300 images detailing the history, architecture and traditions of prairie churches, and will be on display there for a year.

The Prairie Churches project developed from a study conducted by volunteers from the state's 53 counties who took pictures in 1998 of churches. Through this study it was found that North Dakota has more than 2,200 prairie churches, more per capita than any others state. Collectively, the prairie churches of North Dakota received the designation "most endangered property" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2001.

Stop and see this wonderful exhibit. Vang Lutheran Church is pictured on the panel called "Grassroots Grants," for which it received a grant of \$1,500.00 in 2002 to improve the drainage of water away from the building in order to protect the foundation.



Attending dedication of Prairie Churches Exhibit
From left: Rose Anderson, Wanda Melchert, Muriel Boyum,
Verna Bowers, Lowell Boyum, Laverne Johnson.
Not pictured: Audrey Solheim and Richard Melchert



Syttende Mai celebration sponsored by
the Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge

The lovely celebration of Norway's constitution day, May 17th, took place at the Angelic Nook in Harvey on Friday, May 14th. The fun-filled evening included a supper and a program. Attending were Christy Anderson, Delores Baltrusch, Myrtle Rogness, Elsie Martinson, Jessie Paulson, Darlene Roble, Helen Fritchie, Art and Florence Melby, Gordon and Lorraine Christianson, Pete and Rose Anderson, Ann Krause-Sons of Norway Field Representative, Wanda Melchert, Edgar and Jeanne Flick, Clarence Alvesshere, Herbert Ongstad, Peg Bell, Verna Bowers, Perry and Lauri Anderson and children Jacob, Julie, Sam.

Helping to make a difference...

Through the leading of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. with this group's restoration work on the Melby-Rogness House, other Manfred property owners are commencing to restore their properties. Included below are some recent activities. How wonderful that this tiny community can regain its dignity, and that its historic buildings have an exciting future as part of the Manfred Heritage Museum.

Should any of you have time in your travels or activities of life to help in Manfred, you will find satisfaction in making a difference for this tiny village. Your help will be much appreciated, whether your interest be such as yard care, building restoration, or cataloging the museum collections.

Roofing



David and Charles Bolin and owner Audrey Solheim during roofing project in April.



New steel roof on the service station and facial repaired.



New steel roof on the cash store and corner facial piece reattached by the Bolin Brothers during April for owners Wanda and Richard Melchert.



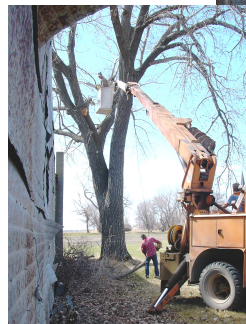
New roof nearing completion on the Johnson-Ostrem House by Greg Seidel and crew during May for owner Rod Anderson.

Tree removal



Removing tin

Much of the tin ceiling in the hotel is badly damaged, but surviving panels were removed in two sessions, one in November and the other in March by Curtis Nelson and Wanda Melchert assisted by Pam Norstedt. Pictured holding tin pieces from the dining room are Curtis with his daughter Brittany and Pam with her son Lloyd.



David, Charles, and John Bolin prepare to remove tree from north side of cash store in April using Bill Ongstad's boom truck. Another tree was also removed from west side of bank/post office.

Thanks also to Bruce Melby in cutting tree growth and cleaning up tree debris at service station. To Wesley and Esther Boese and Pete Anderson for looking after things over winter. To Wesley Boese, Verna Bowers, Pete and Rose Anderson, and Wanda Melchert for closing up museum last fall. To Bill Ongstad for use of his boom truck, and to Pete Anderson for use of his weed sprayer. To Bridgett Harkness and her family Bob and Diane Everetts, Kathy Hoornaert, Dynella Schmidt for cutting wood and for cleaning up tree debris around Manfred. To Herbert Ongstad and Jacob Anderson for cleaning up tree debris, to Herbert Ongstad for use of his pickup and to Jacob Anderson for mowing. What a difference your help is making!

MHP, Inc. and Manfred Heritage Museum News

Preservation North Dakota (PND) members met with MHP, Inc. to draft bylaws May 12th at the Anderson farm. Attending the session at left: Herbert Ongstad, Dale Bentley PND, Daryl Van Hall PND, Rose Anderson, Veronica Miller PND, Ruth Widiger, Verna Bowers, and guest JoEllen Killoran. Not pictured: Wanda Melchert.

A warm welcome to Danielle Stuckle, a graduate student in public history from NDSU, who will lead the cataloging of the collections, help develop museum policy, and start development of exhibits.



Danielle Stuckle begins work at the museum June 1st

P.B. Anderson Family History

1892-2004

Celebrating 112 years of the Anderson Farm

First Generation



1936

Peter B. and Anna Anderson
Farmer 1892-1922

Second Generation



1972

Perry A. and Lilly Anderson
Farmer 1922-1953

Third Generation



2003

Peter O. and Rose Anderson
Farmer 1953-1989

Fourth Generation



1998

Perry W. and Lauri Anderson
Farmer 1989-Present



c.1915

P.B. with horse-drawn binder



1948

Perry A. on his Ford tractor



1998

Pete by tractor-drawn swather



2001

Perry W. combining

Four generations of Andersons - A continuing heritage as stewards of the land



Located 1.5 Mile NW of Manfred
in Manfred Township
Sec 20, T 149, R 71



The Anderson Farmstead

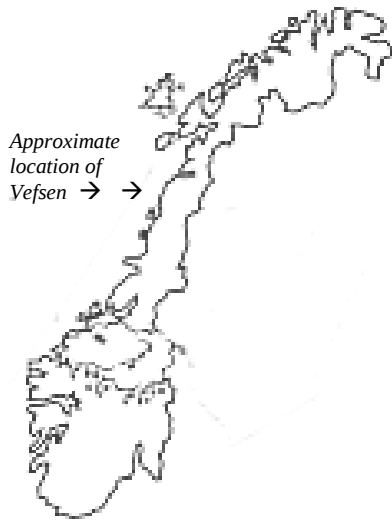
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Thank you to everyone who helped with the Anderson history. Sources include: History narratives by P. B. Anderson, the Perry Anderson Family, Dorothy Nertrost Harris, Sennev Nertrost Whipple, Diamond Jubilee-75 Years History Book of Fessenden, Harvey 75th Anniversary Book. Genealogy collection of Audrey Solheim. Photos from Perry Anderson Family, Dorothy Nertrost Harris, Leslie Johnson Collection.

Another narrative by P.B. Anderson you would enjoy reading is included in the book "The Way It Was, The North Dakota Frontier Experience, Book Two: Norwegian Homesteaders, Everett C. Albers and D. Jerome Tweton, Editors. The Grass Roots Press, Fessenden, ND 58438, 1998.



Peter B. and Anna Anderson



Vefsn, Nordland, Norway
Birthplace of P. B. and Anna

- *P. B. and Anna were born in Norway.
- *Each immigrated to Wisconsin.
- *They married in 1886 and came to Dakota, settling in Eddy County.
- *1892-First Norwegian settlers in Manfred Township, Wells County.

*Pictured from left front:
P. B. holding Matilda,
Perry seated on box,
Anna, Florence, Arthur.
Standing from left back:
Cora, Gertrude, Nennie,
Esther, Orren.*



The Peter B. and Anna Anderson Family

Norway to Wisconsin

Peter Beck (P. B.) Anderson was born December 12, 1859 in Vefsn, Norway, where he grew to manhood and received his education. He came to America in 1880 and arrived in Wisconsin that same year working in various places in general and farm labor. Most of his winters were spent working as a lumberjack in the woods. In the fall of 1885, he traveled to Dakota Territory and filed on a pre-emption and tree claim in Eddy County near the present-day town of McHenry and then returned again to Wisconsin to work that winter. On April 1, 1886 at La Crosse, Wisconsin he married Anna Dorthea Johnson daughter of Nels Jensen/Johnson. (See March 2003, page 3-11 for the Johnson family history.) Anna was born February 26, 1863 in Vefsn, Nordland, Norway, and at age six came to the United States with her parents settling near West Salem, Wisconsin, where they engaged in farming.

Eddy County

In 1886, Anna and P. B. began farming in Eddy County where P. B. built a 12' x 20' claim shanty as well as all of the furniture. With oxen and a breaking plow, he broke the prairie sod. Later a wagon was added. He seeded his first crop by hand, and one of their neighbors cut it with a binder. By saving carefully P. B. and Anna were able to buy a cow, a cook stove, a few cooking utensils, and a kerosene lamp. Their fuel was mostly from brush they gathered, as well as cow chips and hay. P. B. wrote of those years, "Had a very hard struggle to make both ends meet. We had 30 miles to the nearest market. If we were lucky enough to raise a crop, the expenses of threshing and marketing took nearly all the profit so there was nothing left. The settlement was of half a dozen families, all equally poor. By living as frugally as possible, we managed to pull through." Five children were born to them during those years: Arthur 1887, Nennie 1888, Orren 1890, and two children, Pete and Cora Aurora, who both died in infancy.

Wells County

In 1892, P. B. filed on a 160-acres homestead in Manfred Township, and in 1893 P. B., Anna, and their 3 children moved to this new homestead. Here they stayed and did very well, later purchasing adjoining land that proved successful. The Anderson farm today stands as a beautiful monument to the vision and heroic toil of these two pioneers. Seven more children were born to them in Manfred Township: Cora in May of 1893 shortly after they arrived, twins Gertrude and Esther 1895, Perry 1899, twins Florence and Frederic 1901, and Matilda 1903. Sadly, Gertrude died at age 12 and Frederic in infancy. P. B. and Anna retired in 1922 and moved to the Dr. Owen's House in Manfred where they lived out their days. This home has been blessed with occupants throughout the years, now enjoyed by Chuck and Roxie Roller. A very interesting account of P. B., based on interviews through a WPA project in the mid 1930s, is recorded in "The Way It Was, Norwegian Homesteaders" Book Two, Everett C. Albers and D. Jerome Tweton, Editors.

Coming to Wells County

By P. B. Anderson

With the coming of the Soo Line Railroad through North Dakota, the opening of new lands became available in the northwestern part of the state for settlers. In the spring of 1892, T. K. Rogne (See March 2002, page 4 for T.K. Rogne), Nels Hovey, and I struck out looking for a more convenient place to make a new start in life. Having been hampered with long distances to market, we agreed not to go more than three miles from the R.R. survey. We commenced to prospect where the survey crossed the James River near Kensal, taking notes of different quarter sections as we went along. After we got out in the center of Wells County, the settlers were very few and far apart. Where Fessenden now stands was not a house, but Bob Roberts was putting up a building there near where the fairgrounds is now located. A mile or two to the N.W., Al Bean had a claim shanty.

We continued on our land hunting trip to the western border of the county. The last settler was on the eastern bank of the Sheyenne River. West of the river, a fire had just swept the prairie so the land was black as far as we could see. We had to turn back, as there was no feed for our horses. The next night, we were quartered in William Montgomery's granary. Montgomery and Shaw had settled there three or four years before, and a post office was established called Whitby.

At this time, it was known that a R.R. station would be built at Fessenden. We figured another would be put up where the R.R. crossed the Sheyenne River, as there were sixteen miles between those two points. There necessarily would be another stop half way between. After looking over our field notes of the different descriptions taken down, Rogne and I agreed to file on Sec. 20 and 29 taking some of each section. Going back, we stopped at Sykeston and made application for filing with Webster Sanford, Clerk of Court at that time, I being the first Norwegian settler in Manfred Township.

In July that same year, Rogne, L. O. Burkum, and I came back and brought a load of lumber with us and put up a shanty 12' by 16'. We also put up about 25 tons of hay. I remember the mosquitoes were quite bad at night. After completing our haying, we went home again. Late in the fall, I came back out here again. This time, I had C. O. Roble along with me. He filed on Sec. 28. (Part of the village of Manfred is now located on his land.) At this time, the railroad graders were at work and the grade was nearly finished.

The next spring, I loaded my worldly possessions in a wagon drawn by three oxen and two cows led behind, and started out for what I expected to be the 'promised land.' The first day I was overtaken by a snowstorm, so I had to put up with a farmer about 10 miles east of New Rockford. The next day, I managed to get into New Rockford. Bright and early the next morning, left Rockford. Every low place was filled with water, so I had quite a time in coming through. Crossed the James River at John Gosses place on a bridge. Coming three or four miles west, I met a farmer who informed me that it would be impossible to cross the River at the next crossing, as there was no bridge. Stopped that night out on the prairie.

Next morning went back and recrossed the bridge at Gosses and followed the south side of the river. This was Sunday and a very beautiful day with bright sunshine. About three miles east of the claim, I was overtaken by my brother-in-law, my wife (John Johnson), and my three husky boys ranging in age from 3 to 6 years. They drove a horse and buggy. Coming out to the claim, we found the shanty was plumb full of snow. But, as we had a small tent, we were not so bad off after all. The next day we cleared the snow out, moved the shack onto a dry spot, and before night we were domiciled in our new home. This was the 21st of April 1893.

Already located here in what is Manfred Township, were four settlers – Charles Bartz, Frank Kolosky, Jesse Fincher, and William Goedecke. These families were here for about 3½ years or so before our appearance. The settlement here had been called the James River Settlement or the James River Crossing. There was a road or trail crossing the James River, just below the present Manfred Dam.

Two or three weeks after our arrival, T. K. Rogne and family came out and built their shanty about 30 rods from ours. From now on, things commenced to move very fast. In the last part of May, the rails were laid and trains commenced to run. New settlers came in thick and fast, and all land subject to homestead was gobbled up in short order. The town site of Manfred was laid out on Sec. 28, water tank put up, section house built, a lumber yard opened up, Rogne and Burkum erected and started a general store, O. M. elevator was built with R. C. Jacobson, Agent, a blacksmith shop – everything humming.

The settlers had already organized a school district, named it St. Anna, and built a school house in St. Anna Township. Both Rogne and I had children of school age. We had to be looking for better school facilities, since for us the road to the old school would be in the neighborhood of 4 miles. The school district was composed of two townships. After some wrangling, an agreement was made to divide, and for us to organize a new school district naming it Manfred. The old St. Anna school house was moved up to a place ¼ miles west of Manfred on the south side of the R.R. St. Anna built a new schoolhouse about 1 ½ miles farther south. Our first teacher was Miss Sadie Hutchinson, and the next was T. H. O'Neal.

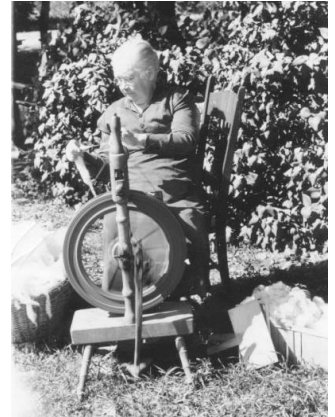
Our nearest post office was Whitby, about 7 miles distant. But in 1894, Manfred Post Office was established with T. K. Rogne Postmaster, and another store was started by Benson and Willborg. Two more grain elevators were built and put into operation. In 1905, the Manfred Farmer's Elevator Co. was organized with T. O. Roble president and P. B. Anderson secretary and manager.



P. B. Anderson with granddaughter Dorothy Ann, who was named after her grandmother Anna Dorthea

P. B. and Anna's Life at Manfred

P. B. was active in civic, political and community affairs serving as township clerk for 30 years, on the first Manfred school board, and as a Democratic precinct chairman. He was instrumental in starting the Farmer's Elevator, and served as the U.S. Weather Observer for many years. Anna was interested in all worthwhile activities, a loyal worker in the church and Ladies Aid. Her faith and sunny outlook on life were truly inspirational to all. Their 50th Wedding Anniversary Apr 5, 1935 was blessed with many well-wishers, a wonderful program, as well as a letter of congratulations from President Franklin D. Roosevelt. While tending her beloved flower garden one beautiful May morning in 1942, Anna passed on. P. B. died at his son's home in 1948. They were laid to rest in the Vang Cemetery.



Anna Dorthea Anderson sitting at the spinning wheel.

Memories of P.B. and Anna Anderson, My grandparents by Margaret Anderson

Memories of Grandpa and Grandma Anderson centered mostly around their home in Manfred. They had retired to a house in town with electricity, plumbing and central heating, conveniences we did not have on the farm. The door was always open to me and my friends who would sometimes drop in after school to visit. Grandma was a great one to talk and loved to tell us stories, whereas Grandpa was a man of few words. We usually got a cookie, and she never complained when I took my friends into the bathroom and we marveled at the wonderful toilet and take turns flushing just to see the water go down.

Grandma would bring her spinning wheel and wool to school each year to demonstrate to the children how she carded and spun wool for her knitting. She almost always wore a big apron with generous pockets where she often carried her yarn and needles. The story was told about her walking through the pasture grasses, knitting along the way to visit with Malena Johnson during their earliest days of homesteading.

Grandpa had a candy jar on the dining room buffet. It was of heavy black glass with a painted flower design. Sooner or later he would take off the cover and offer us one – almost always lemon drops or round white peppermint and pink wintergreen flavored candies. We got only one candy and it was offered only once during a visit.

Grandpa spent much time reading, and both he and Grandma loved to read in bed. I well remember the pretty little lamp on the headboard and many books, magazines, and newspapers kept on the vanity bench. Grandpa arose first in the morning, went to the basement to stoke the fire in the furnace (the house had a furnace instead of a wood-and-coal parlor stove), put the coffee on, and then bring coffee to Grandma in bed. Their home was the only one I knew that had a fireplace! Grandpa often had a fire going in it, and we kids were always intrigued by the small copper teapot that hung there. These are just a very few of the many pleasant memories. Grandpa and Grandma Anderson were very important in my life.

Another charming memory by their grandson, Orren: "When visiting with Grandpa, I would often try to sneak a hard candy from his candy bowl without making the telltale sound of the lid against the side of the dish - which would stop the attempt.

Farming years on the homestead

Inscription on back of barn photo
"This is our barn and granary and as many chickens as we could get out at the time. We have between 200 and 250 chickens, but don't know exactly."



House in Manfred



P. B. Anderson Farm in 1906

Retirement in Manfred

Anna tending her garden



Grandpa reading to grandchildren Peter, Donald, Verna, and Ruth

The Children of P.B. and Anna Anderson



From Left Standing: Orren, Nennie, Parry, Arthur

1936

From Left Seated: Matilda, Florence, P. B., Anna, Cora, Esther

Of their twelve children, four died when young

1. **Arthur** 1887-? homesteaded in Canada, living there through his life. Kincaid Saskatchewan Canada.
2. **Nennie** 1888-1961 homesteaded in Canada, living there through his life. Kincaid Saskatchewan Canada. Married Elsie. Three children: Edna, Florence, Dorothy.
3. **Orren** 1890-1976 Homesteaded in Canada, living there through his life. Kincaid Saskatchewan Canada. Married Minnie. No children.
4. **Cora** Aurora died in infancy.
5. **Pete** died in infancy.
6. **Cora** Pauline 1893-1963 (Mrs. Nels Nertrost) farmed in Manfred area. One child: Dorothy. Nels and Cora laid to rest in Vang Cemetery.
7. **Gertrude** 1895-1907, a twin died at age 12. Burial in South Cemetery.
8. **Esther** 1895-1974, a twin taught school at Minot. Burial Vang Cemetery.
9. **Perry** 1899-1982 married Lilly Rodne of Manfred - farmed homestead. Perry and Lilly laid to rest in Vang Cemetery.
10. **Florence** 1901-1966 (Mrs. William Simon), a twin lived in Fairfield, ID. Three children: Beverly, Esther, Bill.
11. **Frederic** 1901-1901, a twin died in infancy. Burial in South Cemetery.
12. **Matilda** 1903-1980 (Mrs. Nathan Burg) Lived at Chula Vista CA. One child: Pamela.

Arthur, Nennie, Orren



Arthur, Nennie, and Orren homesteaded in Canada, and are pictured here with a traveling companion as they headed north to their new land.

Cora

Has the distinction of being the first child born in Manfred Township
May 27, 1893



Nels and Cora Nertrost
Married June 29, 1916



In the photo at left, Nels and Cora pose with their daughter Dorothy and her husband Dale Harris



Cora with her class at the Nertrost School, Manfred Township
June 1912. (Please write us if you are able to make photo identification!)

The children enrolled in 1912 at the Nertrost School were Peter Broe, Ole Gladheim, Anna Hauge, Clarence Hauge, George Hauge, Leonard Hauge, Anna Melby, Clair Nelson, Harley Nelson, Lila Nelson, Mabel Nelson, Walter Nelson, Clara Solberg and Nels Solberg.



Esther

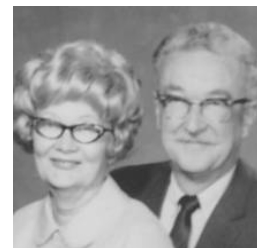


Florence



Florence and William Simon

Matilda



Above: Dr. Nathan and Matilda Burg in 1970.

At left: Nath and Matilda on their Third Anniversary
July 12, 1944

Perry and Lilly Anderson

Perry and Lilly Anderson
December 2, 1922



Perry and Lilly on the Anderson Farm 1948
The historic 1915 barn continues in useful service

Perry Anderson, son of Peter B. and Anna Anderson, was born on the Anderson farm and reared there. He married Lilly Rodne December 2, 1922, the daughter of Ole J. and Maggie Rodne. (See Dec 2002 Issue, Page 8) They took over the farming operation making their home there until retiring in 1953 and moving to Harvey. Lilly had Tuberculosis and stayed at Dunseith during the time of her illness.

Perry and Lilly were active in Fagerlund Sons of Norway Lodge and Vang Lutheran Church. Perry planted trees around Vang Cemetery, and did restoration work on the South Cemetery. He served on the cemetery board for several years and Lilly was an organist of Vang Lutheran and active in Ladies Aid serving as its president for two years. Perry was president and director of the Manfred Farmer's Elevator, as well as active in Wells County Soil Conservation District and Harvey Cooperative Creamery, a member of the Manfred School Board and a founder of the Wells County Historical Society.



*Perry and Lilly
Anderson Family*

From left back:
Donald, Verna,
Margaret, Peter

From left front:
LoAnn, Lilly,
Orren, Perry,
Ruth

Children of Perry and Lilly Anderson

1. **Margaret** married Ted Thorson. Both taught school-In 1946 Margaret taught Grades 5-8 at Manfred. Seven children: Ted, Robert, James, Leif, Erik, Thor, Ingrid. Fourteen grandchildren.
2. **Peter** married Rose Alley. Took over the farming operation. Five children: Perry, Lila, Laura, John, Peter. Eight grandchildren.
3. **Donald** married Frances Gran. Lawyer at Minot 1951-1990. Two children: Alicia and Gregory. Four grandchildren.
4. **Verna** married Charles Bowers. Taught school in MT and later worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company in FL.
5. **Ruth** married Reiner Widiger. Lived in Manfred for a time, then settled in Fessenden where Reiner was Standard Oil Agent. Four children: Carol, Ronald, Janine, Adele. Five grandchildren.
6. **LoAnn** married Wayne Dybing. LoAnn taught and Wayne was in banking. Two children: Paul and Eric. Two grandchildren.
7. **Orren** married Karen Gunkel. Orren works for Dakota Drug, Inc. One child: TyLea. Two grandchildren.

Margaret

1998



Front from left: Ingrid Thorson Koller, Theodore (Ted II), Margaret, Robert, Theodore (Ted III) Back from left: Thor, Leif, Erik, Jim

Donald

2002



Back From Left: Barry Hefner, Savanna held by Alicia (Sammy), Leigh and Greg. Front From Left: Grayson, Gage, Don, Frances, Noah.

2003

*Verna*

Verna was awarded the over all grand championship ribbon and traveling trophy for 2003 at the Wells County Fair with her knitted baby afghan.

2002

Ruth

Reiner and Ruth
together with children
Janine, Ronald, Adele

*LoAnn*

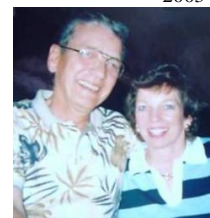
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From left Paul with his wife Lara holding Soren, LoAnn holding Berit, Wayne, and Eric.

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Orren and Karen

Peter and Rose Anderson



Peter and Rose Anderson
Married June 15, 1958



Pete and Rose Anderson Children
From left: Lila, Perry holding Peter,
John standing behind, and Laura

Sewing for Others

*Two girls on a farm with
Lots of puddles to splash in
Would rather get dirty
Than wear the right fashions.*

*How lucky we were
To have Grandma Lilly
Who'd sew matching dresses
For sister and me.*

*We'd wear them for church
Or a special occasion
They were not dresses
For farm girls to play in.*

*But farm girls grow fast
(Though we never grew tall)
Grandma's sewn dresses
Soon were too small.*

*I came home for a visit
One year in the fall
And saw several quilts
On a chair in the hall.*

*Unfolding a quilt
Brought back memories
There were remnants of dresses
That Grandma made me.*

*Each quilt told a story
Of some days long ago
Now the quilt had new purpose
To keep others warm.*

*Thank you, dear Grandma
For caring to sew
Those dresses for farm girls
And quilts for the cold.*

Peter Ole Anderson was born to Perry and Lilly Anderson on their farm west of Manfred ND. He attended grade school at Manfred and graduated from Fessenden High School, served in the Air Force and afterward returned to the farm. In 1950, began a father-son partnership in farming. They milked cows, had pigs, farmed the land with wheat, barley, oats, corn, and hay. In 1953, his parents moved to Harvey ND. In 1956, Peter sold the livestock and continued with grain farming only.

On June 15, 1958, Peter and Rose Marie Alley were married at Glenfield Lutheran Church. They have lived on the family farm since that time where they raised five children: Perry, Lila, Laura, John, Peter.

Beginning in 1969, Peter served as a substitute and later as rural mail carrier, retiring from the postal service in 1992. He served on the Manfred and Fessenden School Boards, member of the Toastmasters, Wells County Farm Bureau, served as Manfred Township treasurer, assessor and clerk, Sons of Norway president, Vang Lutheran Church treasurer and sexton, Rural Letter Carriers Association, Wells County Better Seed and Grain, and 4-H.

Peter semi-retired from farming in 1989, at which time son Perry took over. Peter's hobbies are gardening specializing in growing Buttercup squash, and enjoys farmer's market and selling 'Anderson Squash' to stores. He has also served as a plumber, and presently is an upholstery apprentice to his son. Pete and Rose are active participants of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

Rose is a member of Vang Lutheran Church and serves as Ladies Aid president, Manfred Homemaker's Club, Rural Letter Carrier Auxiliary, Sons of Norway secretary, Red Hat Society, and volunteer for St. Aloisius LTC. She began working at St Aloisius Medical Center of Harvey in 1979, and continues to work there on a part time basis.

Children of Peter and Rose Anderson



Back left: Perry, Peter Beck, John Front left: Lila, Peter, Rose, Laura

1. **Perry** married Lauri Helgerud. Present Anderson farmer. Three children: Jacob, Julie, Samuel. Live at Fessenden.
2. **Lila** married Jeff Hokanson at Vang. With Jeff's work, they have lived in Europe and USA. Two children: Benjamin and Christopher. Live at Charlotte, NC.
3. **Laura** married Brian Muscha at Vang. Laura is postmaster at Fessenden. Brian works for Harvey schools. Three children: Rebecca, Brent, Brandon. Live N of Manfred.
4. **John** is a computer programmer analyst for University of North Dakota. Lives at Grand Forks, ND.
5. **Peter** married Jacquelin Simon. Peter works for ADP, Jackie for Kraft. Live at Flower Mound, TX.

The poem, "Sewing for Others," was written by Lila J. Anderson in honor of her grandmother Lilly Anderson's 92nd birthday. In 1992, Lila also penned "To Dad on His Decision to Retire from the U. S. Postal Service." Both poems were published in the Herald-Press.

*The warmest of
greetings to everyone,
from the Andersons!*



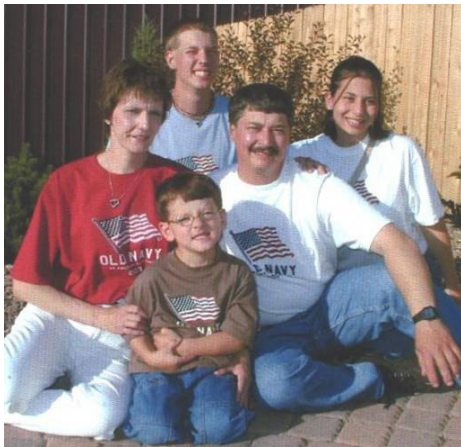
Peter and Rose during their visit to the Margaret and Ted Thorson home at Bemidji, MN

Perry W. and Lauri Anderson

Perry and Lauri Anderson
July 10, 1982

Perry William Anderson and Lauri Ann Helgerud were married at First Lutheran Church Harvey ND. They live in Fessenden. Perry attended school in Manfred ND. He graduated from Fessenden High School and Wapeton State School of Science. Perry farms the Anderson land, has the Anderson Upholstery Shop in Fessenden, and is DJ for many events in the region. He was active in Jaycees and was North Dakota state Jaycee president. He also served other offices in Jaycees and won many awards. Perry is an EMT, on the Rescue Squad, and Farm Bureau, a person of many talents. Lauri works for the Fourth Corporation in New Rockford. Perry, Lauri and family are members of First Lutheran Church of Fessenden, have generously made a difference in many ways with Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. and also in the Fessenden community. They have three children: Jacob who graduated from Fessenden High School in 2003, Julie graduates May of 2004, and Samuel in Kindergarten.

ANDERSON FARMS ANDERSON'S UPHOLSTERY CLASS 'A' MUSIC

Perry and Lauri Anderson Family

Perry and Lauri together with their children
Jacob, Julie, and Sam in front.

Four generations of Anderson families tilling the land

*Anderson Brothers
Jaycee State Presidents*

It is the first time in the North Dakota Jaycee history that brothers have served terms as state president. Perry was state president 1993-1994 and John was president 2001-2002. The brothers also received the Dennis Hamilton Memorial award for Outstanding State Vice-President, over all state vice-presidents in the United States. Perry received his award in 1992 and John in 1998.

1999



2003



Like his grandfather Perry A. Anderson, Perry W. also loves to work with wood, an example being the restoration of the west dining room wall of the Melby-Rogness House.

Heart and hand embracing the land in their care

*Each generation
thanking God
for this livelihood
they love so.*

