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Nennie Johnson, Folk Artist and Entrepreneur

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A warm welcome to *The New Manfred News*! This issue features the Nennie and Alpha Johnson Family. Of special note - all three buildings that Nennie built are part of the Manfred projects including: one of their homes, Hotel Johnson, and Johnson's Place. Also featured is the history of Alpha's parents, Anton and Johanna Skogmo. Additional information on Nennie's heritage can be found in the March 2003 issue for his brother John Johnson, and the May 2004 issue for his sister Anna Johnson Anderson. Relevant and of great delight, you will find historic news entries originating primarily from the Wells County Free Press - The Manfred News.



Photo 1908

➤ Nennie and Alpha Johnson's home 1905 to 1907 that Nennie built in 1905 ◀



➤ Nennie Johnson built the Hotel Johnson in 1906 ◀

Birth announcement dated Oct 21, 1907 on this postcard reads,
"I will announce that a Baby Girl was Born at our house Oct 20 - 07.
Mother & child doing well. N. Johnson"

Aug 11, 1905 Contractor Thompson and men have been very diligent in their work of late and Nennie Johnson's house is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished he will have a neat little cottage. ↑

Sept 9, 1905 N. Johnson is very busy nowadays with the interior of his new house. The plasters finished the first of the week.

Sept 15, 1905 N. Johnson vacated the old Fincher house and moved into his new house in the east end last Wednesday.



Photo post 1910

➤ Johnson's Place was built by Nennie in 1908 ◀



Left to right:

The young and bustling town of Manfred

Buildings on Main Street in 1908: Anderson Livery, unknown, Hotel Johnson purchased by Knut Gilbertson, Renden Blacksmith Shop, elevator, C.C. Melby Store, Drug Store, Post Office, Johnson's Place newly built, First State Bank of Manfred. Those existing today are the Hotel Johnson, Johnson's Place/Cash Store, and Bank/Post Office.

1908 - 2008 ↑

The 100th year for the Johnson's Place/Cash Store building

July 30, 1909

N. Johnson is trying his hand at building cement sidewalks. Johnson is a handy man at everything and may well beat the professionals in building sidewalks.

July 10, 1910

N. Johnson, our good-natured dispenser of soft drinks, has gone into the fox raising business as a sideline.

The New Manfred News

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Harry Weisenberger

October 3, 1941 – January 17, 2008
Husband of Sandi Vorland who is the daughter of
Herbert and Mary Vorland

Walter Fehr

January 9, 1922 – January 24, 2008
Life long resident of rural Manfred

Martha Opsal Foss Mathison

March 20, 1908 – January 30, 2008
Daughter of Ole and Annie Opsal and
Sister of Olga (Mrs. Leslie) Johnson

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded July 25, 2000. Its mission is to compile and share the history of Manfred, North Dakota and its traditional trade area, and to encourage community pride and restoration of its historic structures.

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May 15 through October 15: Tues-Sat 10-4
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*MUSEUM – Cataloging the collections
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Nennie and Alpha Johnson Family History

Nennie's Heritage



Nennie's father, Nels Johnson with one of his sons, John

← Aug 11, 1905

Nels Johnson arrived in Manfred last Thursday morning and will visit a week or two with his sons, Nennie and John. Mr. Johnson is a prosperous farmer at Downing, Wis. He is a very pleasant old gentleman to meet with and is quite enthusiastic over North Dakota and its broad, level prairies.



Nennie and Alpha Johnson on their wedding June 30, 1905

Norway

Nels Johnson, Nennie's father, originated from the Mosjøen and Ravatne areas of Nordland, Norway

Alpha's parents, Anton and Johanna Skogmo were born in the county of Nord Trøndelag



Detail map of the Mosjøen area in Nordland, Norway where Nels Johnson was born

Early in 1869, Nels and family came to America and settled near West Salem, WI. Seven children were born to them there: 2 Ole, born in 1869, fought in the Spanish American War under General Arthur MacArthur. 3 John, born in 1871, farmed at Manfred. He married Malena Johnson and they had seven children, two dying when they were young. 4 Nennie, born in 1872, was in business at Manfred. He married Alpha Skogmo and they had two children. 5 Albert and his wife had one son, but they both died as young adults from tuberculosis. 6 Dave was a policeman in Seattle and never married. 7 Dora Johnson Olson had four children. 8 Mary Johnson Gunderson had four children.

Birth order not known for Albert, Dave, Dora, Mary

Alpha's Heritage

Nov 25, 1926 →

(As recorded in the Wells County Free Press on their 50th Wedding Anniversary)

Mr. and Mrs. Skogmo have earned the respect of their friends by their quiet and unassuming life in the community and where their readiness to help any worthy movement have brought them popularity.



Alpha's parents, Anton and Johanna Skogmo

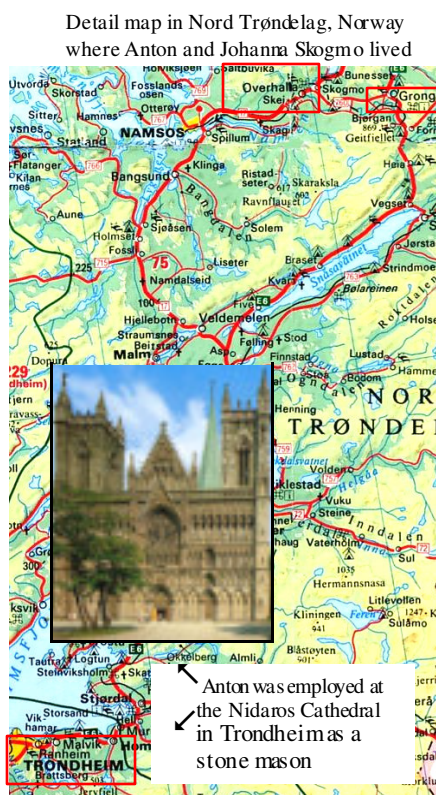
Alpha's father, Tomas 'Anton' Skogmo was born October 31, 1850 at Skogmo, Overhalla, Norway, the son of Tesman Høyer Eliassen born in 1811 at Skogmo, Norway and Anna Margrete Mentsd born September 13, 1823 at Veium, Norway. Anton had two brothers, George and John, and one sister, Anna. John was the father of Henry, Walter, Phillip, Mabel and Alice. Phillip was one of the founders of the Gamble-Skogmo Stores in America.

Alpha's mother, Johanna Andreasdotter Solum Kvittum was born April 17, 1852 in Grong, Overhalla, Norway, the daughter of Andreas and Johanna Kvittum. Johanna had one sister, Beret Marie.

Anton and Johanna were married at Grong, Norway on November 2, 1876. This municipality (originally the name of the parish) was named after the farm Grong (meaning spruce.)

Anton and Johanna made their home at Veium, Norway. Anton was employed as a mason in building an addition to the magnificent Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim, Norway, one of the finest Norman Gothic buildings in the world. The coronation ceremony of a new king or queen of Norway is held in this place.

Anton and Johanna's first two children were born in Norway: Anna on February 26, 1877, and John on January 10, 1879.



Anton was employed at the Nidaros Cathedral in Trondheim as a stone mason

Anton and Johanna Skogmo Family

The Skogmos In America

On May 8, 1879, Anton and Johanna Skogmo together with their two young children sailed for America. They settled first at **1** Whalen, MN where Anton was a cooper - a barrel maker. At that time, barrels were in great demand for shipping and storing foodstuffs. Their son George was born on August 12, 1880. Then on July 20, 1882 their son Jacob was born, but died soon after.

Later in 1882, the family moved to **2** Minneapolis, Minnesota and lived at 813 25th Avenue. Anton worked in a factory as a cooper and was one of the best barrel makers there, but the work was arduous with long hours. While at Minneapolis, three children were born to them: twins Arthur and James born September 10, 1884, but sadly died one day apart in September of 1885; and their daughter Alpha born January 10, 1886.

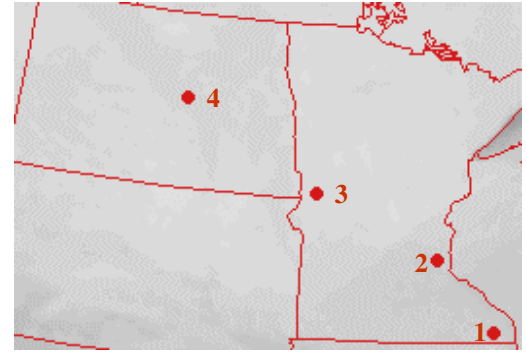
A doctor advised Anton to move out of the city and find some other type of work. The Skogmos then moved to **3** Elbow Lake, Minnesota and built the Skogmo General Store. Many evenings, Anton brought home unannounced guests and Alpha never knew how many there would be for dinner. Anton's brother, John and his wife also moved to Elbow Lake, where John worked with Anton in the store and later purchased it from Anton.

Again for reasons of health, Anton decided to change occupations and go into farming. At first, he rented a farm near Elbow Lake, Minnesota. When he had saved enough money to pay cash, he bought his own farm. Their daughter Magda was born November 30, 1888 and son Arthur on April 13, 1891.

On November 18, 1893, Johanna's mother, Johanna Kvittum died. She had come to America and was living with them. On that day of her passing, a baby girl was born to Anton and Johanna which they named Johanna in honor of the baby's grandmother. Anton and Johanna gave a parcel of their farm to the community to be used as a cemetery, and this is where Johanna Kvittum was buried. Their son Harold was born on September 20, 1895.

To take advantage of the free land under the Homestead Act and to give his children opportunity to do so, Anton moved the family to North Dakota in 1902. He bought a farm north of **4** Manfred, North Dakota and also staked a claim about fifty miles west of Manfred in McLean County. Their two oldest children, Anna and John, each staked a claim there, as well. Children settling with them at Manfred were Alpha age 16, Magda 14, Arthur 12, Johanna 9 and Harold 7. Daughter Anna settled at Fessenden and began working for T. L. Quarve at the Viking Store. Son John built a store housing the post office on his land in McLean County which came to be known as the Skogmo P.O. at Skogmo, ND. Son George was in River Falls, WI studying law.

Anton built up a fine farm at Manfred. Their grandchild, Bert Skogmo wrote, "The farm was beautifully kept. Grandpa Anton was meticulous about the care of the animals, the buildings, and the fields."



Locations in Minnesota and North Dakota where Anton and Johanna Skogmo lived

1 Whalen, MN	1879 - 1882
2 Minneapolis, MN	1882 - 1886
3 Elbow Lake, MN	1886 - 1902
4 Manfred, ND	1902 - through life

Anton died in 1928 and Johanna in 1939



The farm of Anton and Johanna Skogmo
From 1902 to around 1915 or 1916

	6	5	4	3	2	1
→	7	8	9	10	11	12
Anton and Johanna	18	17	16	15	14	13
farmed one mile	19	20	21	22	23	24
north of Manfred:	30	29	28	27	26	25
T-149, R-71, Sec-21.	31	32	33	34	35	36

Manfred Township Grid

A gathering at the Skogmo Farm, L to R:

Back: Malena (Mrs. John) Johnson, Tillie (Mrs. Ole) Johnson, Johanna (Mrs. Anton) Skogmo holding Winnifred, Alpha (Mrs. Nennie) Johnson, Magda Skogmo, Anna Johnson (Mrs. P. B.) Anderson

Middle: Children are unidentified

Seated in front: John Johnson, Ole Johnson, P.B. Anderson, Anton Skogmo, Arthur Skogmo



Upon retirement from farming, Anton and Johanna moved into Manfred

A portion of the Plat map of Manfred



Anton and Johanna Skogmo Family

Bert Skogmo wrote, "There were hardships over time to be sure, but they overcame them. Our grandparents were honest, industrious people who worked long hours. Anton was a kind man; many times he helped others in need. Grandma Johanna was gentle, patient, and soft-spoken. No one ever heard her speak a harsh word. A scrupulous housekeeper and an excellent cook, she kept the cookie jar filled with Norwegian cookies."

Remembering Christmas time at her grandparent's home, Winnie Gustafson wrote, "Grandpa would put up a grain shock on a pole for the birds on December 24th, an old country custom. Kerosene lamps were placed in the windows on Christmas Eve. One of our uncles played Santa and grandma would serve a supper of rice soup, lutefisk, lefse, boiled potatoes with melted butter and topped it all with her delicious lemon meringue pie."

Anton and Johanna had a gift for hospitality, and hosted many gatherings at their home, not only for family but also for church and community. A June 23, 1911 news entry reads, "A large number gathered in the Skogmo grove Sunday where religious services were held by Rev. Langseth. In the afternoon the minister was presented with a purse of \$166. The band rendered some nice music, a choir sang and J. T. Linn gave an address. Dinner was served under the trees and all declared it was a most delightful Sunday."

On an earlier occasion in 1906, a Vang Ladies Aid social was held at the Skogmo Farm with proceeds going toward the furnishing of the new church. Music could be heard at the farm as recorded in a June 1906 entry, "Miss Hazel Swan, of Fessenden, was at the Skogmo place last Tuesday to conduct her class in music, which meets there."

Anton and Johanna celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November 1926. Anton passed away quietly at his home on August 14, 1928 at the age of 78. It was written of him that he was one of the finest of pioneers, thrifty and industrious and of a kindly character.

Johanna lived alone for about four and one half years and then went to Minneapolis in 1932 to be with her daughter, Magda and family where she had cataract surgery. The surgery was unsuccessful, so she was blind for the rest of her life. When she returned from Minneapolis in June 1933, she lived with Nennie and Alpha the remainder of her life. In 1934, Johanna suffered a stroke. She remained cheerful, and every day, Mrs. Nels Hovey, came to visit her.

Johanna, a highly respected member of the community, passed away on January 6, 1939 at the age of 86. Pall bearers for her funeral were O. H. Rudi, R. O. Reistad, J. G. Renden, O. K. Melby, P. B. Anderson and J. C. Klev. Anton and Johanna are interred at Vang Cemetery at Manfred, ND.



The Anton and Johanna Skogmo Family

From left standing: Arthur, George, Anna, Magda, Alpha, Johanna

From left seated:

Harold, John, Anton, Johanna

Children of Anton and Johanna Skogmo

- 1 **Anna** 'Annie' (1877-1960) married Ole Bardahl (1883-1935.) Six children: Edwin, Alene, Hazel, Agnes, Synnova, Harold. Anna clerked at the Viking Store in Fessenden. Later, Ole and she lived at Elbow Lake, MN, and then at Erdahl, MN.
- 2 **John** (1878-1927) married AnnaChristina Maria 'Mary' Borchert (1876-1911) Four children: Ruth, Inez, James, Arnold. After Mary died, John married Cora Olson (1892-1928) and they had a daughter Marjorie. On his land, John built the Skogmo Store which also housed the Skogmo Post Office, Skogmo, ND.
- 3 **George** (1880-1968) married Louise Campbell (1878-1969.) They had two children: Jean and Hiram. George studied law at River Falls, WI and served as an attorney in Milwaukee, WI.
- 4 **Jacob** (1882-1882)
- 5 **Arthur** (1884-1885)
- 6 **James** (1884-1885)
- 7 **Alpha** (1886-1979) married Nennie Johnson (1873-1945.) They had two children: Harriet and Winnifred. They were active in the Manfred community. After Nennie died, Alpha moved to Greenly, CO and in 1946 married Ernest Kruse.
- 8 **Magda** 'Maggie' (1888-1984) married Harold Ingvaldson (1886-1953.) They had seven children: Helen, Harold, Welden, Roy, Paul, Dorothy, Margaret. Magda attended Valley City Normal School and taught in a one room school. Harold served as the Fessenden mayor and bank president. Around 1930, they moved to Minneapolis, MN.
- 9 **Arthur** (1890-1970) married Anne Hansen (1889-1979). They had two children: Avis and Arthur. Arthur was in the mercantile business and also served as an elevator manager. He and his family lived at Hopkins, MN.
- 10 **Johanna** (1893-1915) married Dr. William Roy Owen (1878-1925) the doctor of Manfred. Johanna and Dr. Owen married at the Ingvaldson's home in Fessenden on February 1, 1915, but sadly she died soon after on March 17 of that same year. She was buried at the cemetery near Elbow Lake, MN, which had been given to the community by her parents in 1893 where her Grandmother Johanna Kvittum was also buried.
- 11 **Harold** 'Harry' (1895-1947) married Hden Spare (1904-1990.) They had one child: Jewel. Harold attended a business college at Fargo and then entered the service in 1917 serving in France. He and his family lived at Hopkins, MN and Milwaukee, WI.

Nennie and Alpha Johnson Family

Nennie was born January 20, 1873, one of eight children, to Nels and Dorothea Johnson of West Salem, WI. A few years earlier in 1869, his parents had emigrated from Norway. Nennie grew to manhood in WI, and in 1895 he came to ND homesteading on land located between Harvey and Martin. Two of his siblings and their families had settled on farmsteads near Manfred, his sister Anna (Mrs. P. B. Anderson) and brother John. Sometime in the early 1900s, Nennie decided that in addition to his farming interests, he would start up business endeavors at Manfred in the barber business and also a pool room.

Early news entries provide interesting accounts of Nennie's endeavors: Warren A. Stickley wrote about Nennie, as well as other Manfred businesses he had visited, in the September 10, 1903 issue of the *Wells County News*: "Coming down the street we heard a brass band playing 'Washington Post March.' Following up those familiar strains, we found Nennie Johnson had an up-to-date *Graphophone in his pool room and was giving quite a concert. Nennie's place is headquarters for the boys." An entry in the June 4, 1905 issue of the *Wells County Free Press* says, "Nennie Johnson, our popular barber went to Fessenden on the train Tuesday." And a September 15, 1905 entry says, "N. Johnson has commenced serving lunches in his establishment at last, and the hungry public will appreciate the opportunity of getting a bite to eat and a cup of hot coffee."

Over the course of time, Nennie met Alpha Skogmo, and on June 30, 1905 they were married at Manfred. See photo on page 3. Alpha was born January 10, 1886 in Minnesota to Anton and Johanna Skogmo, one of eleven children three having died as infants. Her parents emigrated in 1879 from Norway, and then the family resided at Whalen, Minneapolis and Elbow Lake, MN before coming to Manfred, ND in 1902.

*Graphophone TM – a phonograph using wax records



Alpha Skogmo teaching school in 1904

News article on Nennie and Alpha's wedding in the July 7, 1905 issue of the Wells County Free Press

"The marriage of Miss Alpha J. Skogmo and Nennie Johnson, was solemnized Friday afternoon, June 30, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Skogmo. The ceremony was performed by Rev. K. K. Clarke of Fessenden and was witnessed by about 150 friends and relatives of the bridal couple.

Miss Hazel Swan played the wedding march as a prelude to the ceremony which took place in a room elaborately and tastefully decorated with green twigs and branches from the surrounding grove and a profusion of flowers and house plants. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Maggie Skogmo and Miss Lillian Haugen; while Alfred Haugen and S. P. Grane had the honors of attending the bridegroom.

At the close of the marriage ceremony, a bountiful supper was served to all after which the bridal party and guests repaired to the hall in Manfred where they tripped the light fantastic, to music rendered by the Donaldson Orchestra until the dawn of a new day. Several costly and very pretty, as well as ornamental presents were received. The young men of Manfred presented them with a large range and the *benedicts gave a fine set of furniture.

The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Skogmo, Mr. Borchart and family, the Jorgensons, and Charley Bakken and family of Skogmo McLean county, Mr. and Mrs. Shonefelt, Miss Hazel Swan, and Miss Ethel Regan of Fessenden. The Free Press joins with the many friends of the young couple in wishing them a long and happy life."

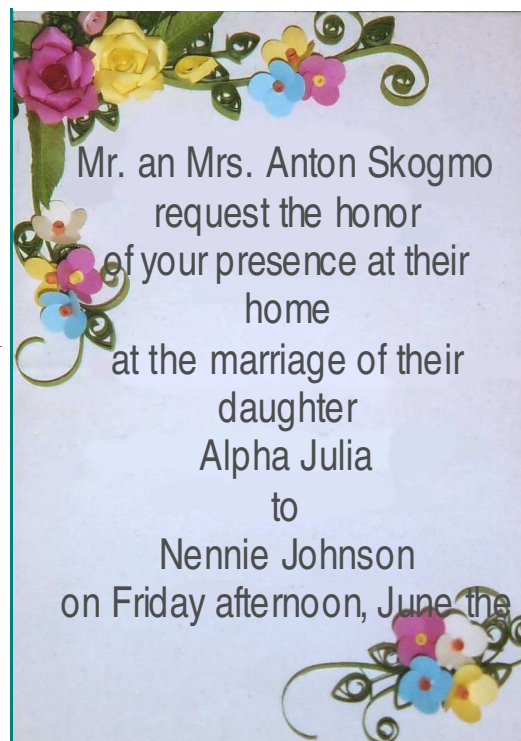
*Meaning of 'benedict' from Webster's Dictionary – a newly married man who has long been a bachelor

Pool Room

Soft Drinks, Cigars and Tobacco, Peanuts, Candy, Crackerjack and Chewing Gum.

HOT COFFEE AND SANDWICHES ALL HOURS

N. JOHNSON, Manfred, N. D.



Nennie and Alpha's Wedding Announcement decorated by their daughter Winnifred with her beautiful quilled work



Nennie and Alpha Johnson with their children, from left, Winnifred and Harriet

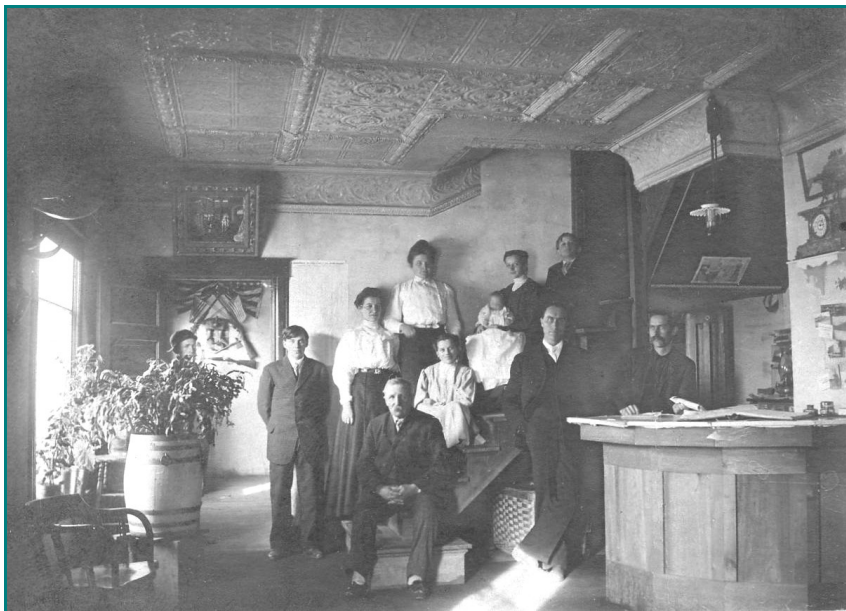
Hotel Johnson, A Need Met

Nennie and Alpha's new home in Manfred (pictured on page 1) was under construction at the time of their wedding on June 30, 1905. It's not known where they lived the first month, but by the end of July they had set up housekeeping in the Fincher farmhouse. (Part of Jessie and Julie Fincher's land was platted in 1893 for the town site of Manfred.)

In mid September 1905, Nennie and Alpha's home was ready for them to move into (known today as the Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem House and dedicated in 2006 as part of the Manfred Heritage Museum.) A November news entry reported on progress at their house, "N. Johnson has had a well sunk on his lot. Gilbert Gunderson had the contract and secured a good flow of water at a depth of 15 feet."

Even though Nennie was enjoying a thriving barber and pool room business, in 1906 he took on the task to have a hotel built in Manfred. There had been a hotel in Manfred in earlier years, but the venture was cut short when the owner died suddenly. Attempts to keep that hotel in operation had gone without apparent success, and later the building came to house other businesses. Therefore, an urgent appeal had been raised by the locals that a hotel was necessary for the wellbeing of Manfred. Nennie answered the need by taking on this important building project.

In August of 1906, construction of the hotel was completed and Nennie and Alpha moved there to oversee operations. In 1907, their house was sold to Rasmus and Margaret Jacobson. Margaret had been supervisor to over forty cooks in Oslo, Norway, and upon arrival to Manfred with her family in 1906 Nennie was able secure her as cook for the hotel. Her fine cooking became well known, adding to the popularity of the hotel as a stop off for passengers traveling by rail.



The reception room inside Hotel Johnson in 1907

Those identified include: Nennie Johnson, builder and owner of the hotel, is standing and leaning against the stairway. Alpha is sitting on the stairway behind Nennie. She is holding Harriet, and to her right is her brother Harold 'Harry'. Sitting on the stairway in front is Alpha's father Anton. Sitting on the stairway to the right behind Anton is his youngest daughter Johanna. Standing directly behind Anton is Margaret Jacobson who served as cook for the hotel dining room.

News entries for Nennie and Alpha's Hotel Johnson

June 1, 1906 Johnson is progressing finely with the erection of his hotel building despite the wet and unfavorable weather.

July 20, 1906 Hans Opdahl, who is working for N. Johnson was laid up last Saturday from a general cold

July 27, 1906 Nennie Johnson has his hotel building nearly completed and will open up for business the fore part of next month.

August 3, 1906 N. Johnson moved into his hotel building and will be ready next Monday to serve the public with the best of accommodations in the line of meals and lodging. It is a modern building that the citizens of Manfred may be proud of and should do their utmost to support and patronize. Later on in the season a lunch counter will be run in connection.

August 10, 1906 The opening dance last Friday at Johnson's new hotel was a social success. It was attended only by people of the immediate vicinity and everything went nicely as they tripped to the sweet music of Rageth's orchestra. A bountiful night dinner was served which put everyone in good humor and they had a merry game until the early part of a new day.

August 24, 1906 N. Johnson has had a cistem dug in the rear of his hotel. Mr. Allen of Fessenden did the work, but had considerable difficulty as the ground is full of water.

November 16, 1906 Nennie Johnson put a new range into his hotel kitchen this week. It is a large one with two bake ovens.

November 23, 1906 The citizens of Manfred are again able to mingle in the social circles with their hirsute appendage trimmed to the latest mode as J. B. Dingman, a tonsorial artist from Minneapolis has taken possession of the shaving department of the Hotel Johnson Annex. Mr. Dingman comes well recommended and should give entire satisfaction to the most fastidious.

November 30, 1906 N. Johnson had a turkey raffle at his place Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and a number of the boys supplied themselves with a sample of the national bird.

April 12, 1907 Landlord Johnson expects to extensively remodel and enlarge his hotel building as soon as the weather will permit.

May 31, 1907 Landlord Johnson left last Saturday evening for Minneapolis to seek medical treatment for his eyes, which have been bothering him for some time. Before returning he will also visit with his parents and younger brother at Downing, WI. S.P. Grane has charge of the hotel during Mr. Johnson's absence.

June 28, 1907 Landlord Johnson commenced Monday to treat his building to a brand new coat of paint.

December 13, 1907 We neglected last week to mention the baptismal ceremonies, which took place at the Hotel Johnson on Thanksgiving afternoon conducted by Rev. E. S. Eidesvik. Mr. and Mrs. N. Johnson's little daughter was the lady of the day and she was christened Harriet Johanna Johnson. Several friends and relatives were present for the occasion.

January 31, 1908 It seems we will lose one of our amusement halls and soft drink emporiums. We understand that Landlord Johnson and L. Tansem have closed a deal by which the former became owner of Mr. Tansem's pool table and a lot of his stock on hand.

Johnson's Place - Barber Shop and Pool Hall

Nennie had taken it upon himself to build a hotel in Manfred, which had been greatly needed. However, he was drawn to return to his former endeavors and by late fall of 1908 he built a new barber shop and pool hall across the street from the hotel naming it Johnson's Place. In addition to a barber shop and pool hall, he carried soft drinks and in 1917 added a shooting gallery. Because of his enjoyment of hunting, Nennie took a correspondence course in taxidermy. As a result, the walls of Johnson's Place became quite a gallery of his taxidermy work. Nennie's nephew, Russell Johnson, fondly recalls from his childhood, "Johnson's Place was nothing short of fabulous. Antique guns covered the entrance wall. Stuffed birds were everywhere. I was fascinated with a clock made from a buffalo skull. There were many glass cases filled with antiques, one contained arrowheads. He had an ice house in back. There were two pool tables."

Interior of Johnson's Place ↓

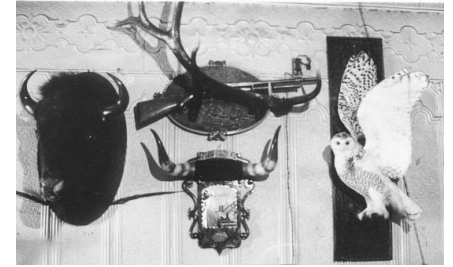
From left: soft drink counter, cue holders on wall with spittoons on floor below, pool tables, stove, with barber chair in foreground. Notice barber counter and mirror in adjacent photos to right. ↘



November 6, 1908 Nennie Johnson opened his new pool hall and barber shop, which in style and finish supasses anything along the Soo Line. The counters are made of the finest wood and of exquisite finish and design. The barber shop is equipped with everything that modern science requires for the health and convenience of its customer. With the general good humor of Mr. Johnson behind the counter and Mr. Dingman wielding the razors, it is sure to become a gathering place for amusements and business.



← Nennie playing pool - Nennie's shaving mug
↓ A wall display in Johnson's Place



Standing in front of the barber cabinet and mirror

From left: Hans Opsahl, Jacob Klev, Nennie Johnson, George Skogmo a painter from Elbow Lake (Alpha's cousin), Martin Melby



Notice that Nennie is sitting in front of right end of barber cabinet and mirror. Reflected in the mirror at right is a gun collection

Nennie and Alpha's Home on LeGrand Street and the Cash Store

In 1913, Nennie and family moved to their home, located just east of Vang Church. Their granddaughter, Judy Pohl, recalls that "behind the house was a cement pond with a fountain in the middle. In the NE corner of the property was where Nennie kept his bees. Every year, we (the Everett Family) would receive a gallon of honey from Nennie."

In 1925 Nennie turned his business into a general store, with Anton Aasand as a partner for a few years. His granddaughter Judy Pohl recalls, "Grandpa went to his store daily, and also went on Sundays or evenings if anybody needed something. His store had everything – an early super mart." In 1941, Nennie purchased the property south of his store, the C. C. Melby lots, and cleaned the property up to make a park. Nennie 'did much to beautify the town, creating parks and statues.'

News Entries for the Cash Store

February 5, 1925 Manfred is undergoing many rapid changes now days. Last Saturday the Rodney-Erickson Cash Store changed hands when Mr. Johnson and Mr. A. Aasand purchased the store.

April 9, 1925 Mr. Louis Rodne has been helping Mr. N. Johnson build an addition to his store and also installing an ice box. He intends to carry all kinds of fresh meats. (In back of the store, was a meatcutting table.)

September 28, 1933 N. Johnson of Manfred has an ad in this week's issue of the Free Press announcing the opening of a Gamble Store Agency, in addition to his regular line of groceries and dry goods in his store in Manfred. His agency will be one of many being started throughout the state by the Gamble stores, and will be a fine addition line for the people of the Manfred community.



News entries for Nennie and Alpha's home

April 25, 1913 N. Johnson has moved into his house recently purchased from S. S. Aasand.

September 11, 1914 Nennie Johnson, the barber, is making preparations for extensive waterworks system to water his orchard and garden the coming year. He will get the water supply from the river.

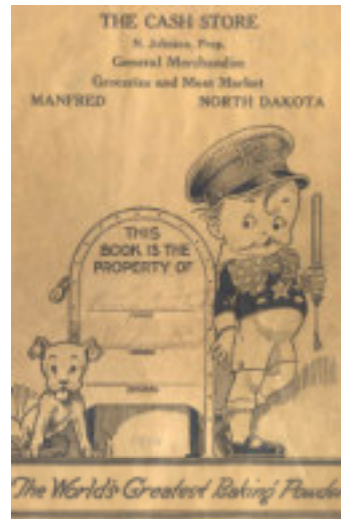
October 2, 1914 Nennie Johnson has now erected the windmill near the river for his waterworks system.

Nennie and Alpha – A Fascinating Life

Nennie and Alpha enjoyed a very pleasant life at Manfred. Many people through the years, both friends and relatives, enjoyed the warm hospitality of Nennie and Alpha. Though their house was small, there was always room for one more. They also, at times, hosted choir practice. All of the town's people came to their well for fresh water, it being the best tasting in town. In turn, the people would help Nennie with well repairs when needed.

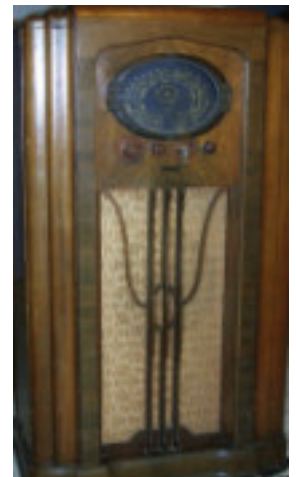
In addition to his business interests, Nennie continued to oversee farming operations of his land west of Harvey, until selling it in 1928. Nennie and Alpha were very active in Vang Lutheran Church and in Sons of Norway. Their daughters were baptized and confirmed at Vang Lutheran. Alpha often served for the Vang Lutheran Young People's Society and the Vang Ladies Aid. They enjoyed the many gatherings at the Sons of Norway Hall, and in 1930 their Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration was held there.

In 1944, Nennie sold the store to Rudolph Peterson. The name 'Peterson's Our Family Store' remains on the façade of this building. All too soon, Nennie died suddenly in his home on December 27, 1945, at the age of 72. Services were conducted at Vang Church by Rev. Erling Aarhun. He was remembered as 'an active and leading citizens of Manfred.' Nennie is laid to rest in Vang Cemetery at Manfred. In 1946, Alpha moved to Greeley, CO to be by her daughter, Harriet. She sold her belongings and house to Ed and Celia Olstad. On Feb. 5, 1949, Alpha married Ernest Kruse, born Aug. 7, 1875, and they made their home at Greeley. Ernest died June 7, 1966. Alpha died at Greeley on November 27, 1979, at the age of 93.



↑The cover of a Golden Book song book that belonged to Annie Onstad Solheim. Owner Audrey Solheim.

↓Label Nennie used for containers in his honey business. Owner Marlys Boese Piaz.



Nennie's Radio

February 28, 1924

Nennie Johnson has installed a radio and is busy tuning it. He seems more interested in listening to the radio now than doing barber work.

Owner Neil Everett



Four years after Nennie died, Alpha married Ernest Kruse

April 24, 1924 A swarm of bees, which have made their home in the Manfred Motor Company garage for the last couple years, are being removed this week by N. Johnson. According to reports, about 600 pounds of honey is being removed and the swarm captured is supposed to be the largest seen west of the Mississippi and are of more value than a Ford car. (Nennie located his hive of bees at the NE corner of the property behind his house.)

October 13, 1932 Mr. and Mrs. N. Johnson drove to Bismarck Saturday to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the State Capitol. They returned home Sunday evening.

May 25, 1933 P. B. Anderson, Jacob Klev, N. Johnson, Mernie Braget and Sam Rogness made a business trip to Bismarck on Thursday to see if our governor, Wm Langer, would fix our dam. If the dam is fixed, a truck load of fish will be planted there.

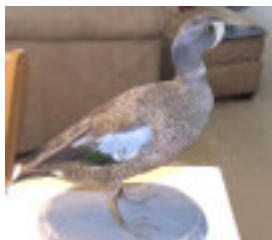
August 9, 1934 N. Johnson left Monday for Devils Lake to see President Roosevelt.

A Gallery of Nennie's Talent

Nennie carried on many hobbies in the back end of the store. He collected guns, Indian artifacts and many other things. He made a clock from a buffalo (bison) skull, chairs from the horns of bison, longhorn cattle and moose. He acquired a case full of birds and animals that he had mounted himself. He tried his hand at oil painting, carving wood, sculpture using cement, wooden toys and furniture.

Russell Johnson related that his Uncle Nennie, Jens Renden and Jacob Klev had made an ice sailboat. Russell said, "The ice sailboat could attain a speed of 100 miles an hour. One time Jacob Klev fell off, and fortunately they were well away from the bank as he whirled round and round on the ice. Apparently, they were not using seatbelts. In 1937, Russell made a sailboat using the sails from the ice sailboat.

Taxidermy



July 18, 1935 N. Johnson took his relic and bird collection to the County Fair to exhibit. A lot of comment was caused by this wonderful collection.

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The small table that the duck is set on was made by Nennie in about 1930. Owner Judy Pohl



Owner Perry Anderson

Animal Horns



This chair was crafted with Texas longhorn cattle horns and bison horns

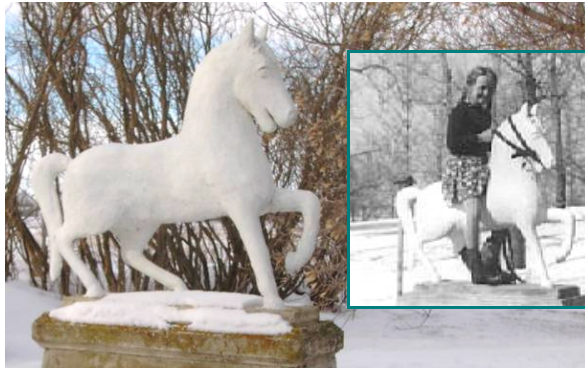
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Talents of Nennie Johnson

Sculpture



Fountain made of cement



During World War I, Nennie had crafted this horse from cement to represent Kaiser Wilhelm's horse. He had planned to place the Kaiser on the horse, but then abandoned those plans at the end of the war. *Insert.* Nennie's grandniece, Laverne Johnson, 'going for a ride' on Kaiser Wilhelm's horse.

This painting by → Nennie was offered as a raffle prize for the Sons of Norway lodge in Manfred. Gullik Lindbo won the raffle. This painting was passed onto Gullik's son Fred, and then was pass to Fred's son Floyd. The painting was donated by Floyd to Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.



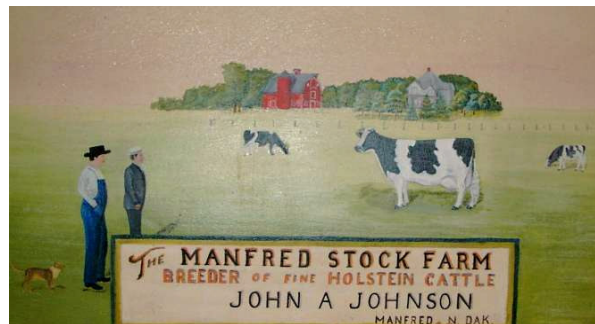
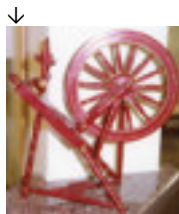
Owner MHP, Inc.

Oil Painting



Nennie Johnson

Nennie created intricate work with wood such as lacy looking shelves and miniature spinning wheels as shown in his home. Owner Jill Osborn.



Painting of the John A. Johnson Farm

At far left is John A. Johnson and to his right is the veterinarian, together viewing John's Holstein cattle. The dog's name was Gyp. In their dairy operation, the Johnsons had a contract to sell milk for Soo Line restaurants in Harvey, Portal and Enderlin for 22 years.



Owner Neil Everett

Woodworking and Carving

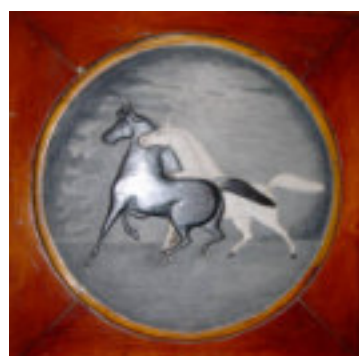


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Taken March 26, 1940, this photo shows Nennie's granddaughter Judy Everett (Pohl) rocking on her pair of rocking horses in front of Nennie and Alpha's house. Vang Church can be seen in the background. Judy remembers, "I loved my rocking horses and my sister had rocking ducks made by grandpa. Among other things, grandpa also carved photo frames and balls in a cage from one block of wood."

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The Viking ship model is located at the Wells County Museum in Fessenden, ND



Exquisite carved work on wood ↓

January 25, 1917
Nennie Johnson, our genial barber who has his shop and billiard parlor decorated with miniature designs of his handicraft, is now figuring on a new aeroplane. We hope it will be on exhibit by July 4th.



This sewing box made by Nennie is owned by MHP, Inc., and is enjoyed as one of the furnishings for the front room of the Melby-Rogness House.

Great News!

A handmade rocker, believed to have been made by Nennie, was discovered in the upstairs of the hotel last summer during restoration work. It is now in the process of restoration by Perry and Pete Anderson. We look forward to picturing it for you once it has been restored.

Inscription with Viking Ship below
"Viking ship presented by Manfred Sons of Norway in 1988. Built by Nennie Johnson and Jens Renden in 1930. This is a model of the full scale 'Viking' built by Magnus Anderson in Norway and sailed by him from Bergen to America to visit the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago." Owned by the Wells County Historical Society ↓



Nennie and Alpha Johnson's Children

➤ *Harriet and Winnifred* ◀



December 13, 1907

N. Johnson's little daughter was the lady of the day on Thanksgiving Day, christened Harriet Johanna Johnson.

Harriet

Leonard and Harriet Everett



November 11, 1939

From left: Leonard holding Jill, Judy, Wayne, Neil, and Harriet



Harriet and Winnifred in 1922 on the occasion of their Confirmation at Vang Lutheran Church of Manfred, ND. Their mother Alpha made their dresses.

May 29, 1909

The stork brought a daughter to N. Johnson's home. The young lady and her mother are doing fine.



Winnifred

Frank and Winnifred Gustafson



Frank and Winnie



Frank and Winnie's daughter Lynn

Harriet Johanna was born October 20, 1907, and Winnifred Alice 'Winnie' on May 25, 1909 in Manfred, ND, to Nennie and Alpha Johnson. They attended Manfred Grade School, and were confirmed together in 1922 at Vang Lutheran Church. Both were active in the Vang Church Young People's Society, school activities, had many friends, and enjoyed music. They graduated from Fessenden High School, Harriet in 1925 and Winnifred in 1927.

Harriet attended Valley City Teacher College, 1925-26. The next year, 1926-27, she taught at a school four miles south of Manfred. The fall of 1927, she resumed her studies at Valley City. Winnifred started college at Valley City that year, and their friend Mildred Ongstad also attended. Harriet taught four more years at Manfred: 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31 and 1931-32.

On June 1, 1932, Harriet married Joseph 'Leonard' Everett in Manfred. Leonard was born at Fargo on September 26, 1906, the son of Leroy and Rena (Skavlebo) Everett. His father died when he was too young to remember, after which he and his mother moved to a farm near Harvey. He spent most of his childhood at Harvey, and later graduated from NDAC. Harriet and Leonard first lived in Omaha, NE, and then moved to Minot, ND where he began working for Gamble Stores and with this company moved to Rapid City, SD, Greeley, CO before moving to Kimball, NE June of 1947 and purchasing the Gamble Store there. He operated this store for eleven years until his death May 28, 1958 at the age of 51. Born to them were five children: Wayne born at Omaha, NE; Judy, Neil and Jill at Minot, ND; and Ruth at Rapid City, SD. In 1960 after Ruth graduated, Harriet began teaching again: third grade for eleven years and fourth grade for one year in Kimball. She had obtained her BA of Education in 1963. She retired from teaching in 1972.

Winnifred taught at Manfred 1932-33. She then started a job at Omaha, NE where her sister lived, but was called home because her father was quite ill for a while. During that time, she helped her father in the store and also substituted at the Manfred School. Winnifred then taught three years at New Leipzig 1935-36, 1936-37, 1937-38. In 1938, she accepted a teaching position at Alberton, MT where she met Frank Gustafson. He was an engineer on the Milwaukee Railroad. Winnie and Frank were married February 15, 1941. In 1943, they adopted a baby girl, naming her Lynn Evelyn. Winnifred taught several years in Montana, and obtained her BA degree from the University of Montana at Missoula in 1966. Frank died December 6, 1973.

March 27, 1924 The Y. P. S. held Sunday evening was quite well attended and a fine program was rendered, included was an organ duet by Miss Harriet Johnson and Agnes Langseth, ...and a vocal duet by Harriet and Winnifred Johnson.

April 23, 1925 Miss Harriet and Winnifred Johnson went to Minot last Thursday with the Fessenden High school sextet.

March 4, 1926 Harriet Johnson Marion Renden and Agnes Langseth came home to sing at Mrs. Dahle's funeral.

June 29, 1929 Miss H. Johnson, Miss C. Ruud and John Schroeder closed a very successful term of school here last week.

December 22, 1932 Miss Winnifred Johnson and T. R. Nettleton and children gave a Christmas program in the school Tuesday afternoon.

March 30, 1933 T. R. Nettleton and Miss Winnifred Johnson took their school pupils to Fessenden to the music contest Monday afternoon where Manfred pupils entered the contests.

The Descendents of Nennie and Alpha Johnson

Harriet

Nennie and Alpha's daughter Harriet married Leonard Everett and they had five children:

1. Wayne was born at Omaha, Nebraska and married Christa Quies Kauffman who was born in Germany. Christa's two children are: *Derrick Kauffman married Norma Garcia-Silva and they have five children- Arianne, Javier, Chase, Brandon and Thomas. *Stephanie Kauffman married Dan Seymour and they have three children- Megan, Hannah and Nicholas. Wayne and Christa have two children: 1 Kisten married Marvin Howard and they have a son Andrew. 2 Nicole.

2. Judy was born at Minot, North Dakota and married Gary Lopez and they had four children: 1 Rick married Roxie Naffziger and they have a daughter Courtney who has a daughter Riley. Courtney married Radu Segal and they have a child Sami. 2 Lori. 3 Kelly married James Heaton and they have three children- Johanna, Julia and Jennifer. 4 Shari married Christopher Stettler and they have three children- Zachary, Matthew and Michael. Judy later married Anton 'Bob' Pohl. Bob has five children: *Chava married Richard Kantor and they have three children- Sarah married Ofer Revivo, live in Israel and have three children Yoseph, Moshe and Rivka; Hannah married Kasriel Green; Leah married Avronie 'Avi' Teitelbaum and they have two children Emunah and Dina. *Michael married Kathleen Kacmarynski and they have two children- Mark and Eric. *James married Rona Bartling Hodges and they had Nathan and Chelsea, James later married Mary Johnston Wistrom whose children are Jeremiah and Anna. *Stephen married Sonja Hansen and they have a son Wyatt. *Andrew married Beth Blakeman.

3. Neil was born at Minot, North Dakota and married Jacqueline Jenkins and they have three children: 1 Leslie married David Peters and they had two children- Candice and Kurt. Leslie later married Jim Klauss and they have two children- Kelly and Kyle. 2 Eric married Joan Kastem and they have two children- Madison and Julia. 3 Randall.

4. Jill was born at Minot, North Dakota and married Donald 'Don' Osborn and they have three children: 1 Eric married Lorelei Gorran and they have a son Ross. 2 Heidi married Douglas Schelleng and they have two children- Emily and Edward. 3 Andrea married Joe Holtman and they have two children- James and Abigail.

5. Ruth married Frank Bell and they have a daughter Rachel.

Winnifred

Winnifred married Frank Gustafson and they had a daughter Lynn.



**Harriet and Winnifred enjoying a gathering October 1997 with some of their family
in celebration of Harriet Johnson Everett's 90th Birthday**

Third Row: Neil Everett, Don Osborn, Eric Osborn, Wayne Everett, Jim Pohl, Chris Everett holding Andrew Everett, Bob Pohl, Lynn Gustafson, Steve and Sonja Pohl, Rona Pohl

Second Row: Jackie Everett, Ruth Bell, Jill Osborn, Harriet Johnson Everett, Winnifred Johnson Gustafson, Judy Pohl

First Row: Nathan Pohl, Lori Lopez, Ned Schelleng, Chelsea Pohl, Emily Schelleng, Heidi Schelleng

A Family Photo Collection



1949 at
Alberton, MT

L to R: The Everett and Gustafson Children
Back: Neil and Jill Everett
Front: Ruth, Wayne and Judy Everett,
Lynn Gustafson



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The Everett Family in
front of their house in
Kimball, NE, 1957

L to R: Neil, Jill, Wayne,
Judy, Harriet,
Ruth, Leonard



Mildred Ongstad together with
Harriet and Winnifred in 1971

← Lifelong friends

March 22, 1928

Winnifred and Harriet
Johnson and Mildred
Ongstad arrived home
last Thursday night from
Valley City to spend
a ten day vacation with
their parents.



Frank and Winnie Gustafson
together with their daughter Lynn



Harriet with her children in 1991

L to R: Harriet Johnson Everett, Wayne Everett, Judy Everett Pohl,
Neil Everett, Jill Everett Osborn, Ruth Everett Bell



The grandchildren of Nennie and Alpha visited Manfred in 2000, in conjunction with a family reunion they attended at Minot. From left above is Judy Pohl, Ruth Bell, Jill Osborn, Neil Everett and Wayne Everett gathered around the gravestone of their great grandparents, Anton and Johanna Skogmo. Four of the siblings, Judy, Jill, Neil and Wayne were baptized at Manfred.

During their stop, they were blessed with the gracious reception of Leslie Johnson and his daughter Laverne who led them in a tour of the family sites.



Russell Johnson, Nennie Johnson's nephew, is pictured with children of his brother Leslie, L to R: Dianne Aull, Marilyn Sjaastad, Laveme Johnson, Russell Johnson, and Larry Johnson. In honor of his 95th birthday, November 24, 2007, they presented Russell with a reproduction of his father John's farm, known as Riverside Farm, painted by his Uncle Nennie.

Harriet remained at Kimball, NE. She died December 14, 1999 at the age of 92, and was buried at Kimball, NE. Winnie moved to Apache Junction, AZ. She then lived with her daughter Lynn in Reno, NV. After Lynn died in 2000, Winnie was cared for by a caregiver in Lynn's home until 2001 when she moved to a rest home in Yakima, WA. Winnifred died March 8, 2002 in Yakima, WA at the age of 92, and was buried at Alberton, MT.

In celebration of the heritage of
Nennie and Alpha Johnson



Wedding gowns L to R:
Harriet Johnson Everett,
Alpha Skogmo Johnson



↑ Winnie and Lynn

↓ Harriet and Winnie



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