



Roy, Florence, Clarence, Richard, Pearl, Walton
Dorenc, Dorothy, Grandma Satter, Silvia, David
About 1925



Rebecca, Inge, Ed, Louise, Nettie, Molly, Pearl, Guy, Andrew
Ruth, Dorothy, Lois, Grandma Satter, Aunt Anne Mortenson, Violet, Gordon, Dede, Lyle, Eleanor
and Roy—about 1927

During the busy years of child raising and farming, the Satters also employed several hired men and hired girls. One of Aunt Clara's childhood memories is of a hired girl who was very heavy, and how she was sitting down to the table and missed her chair, falling to the floor, and how the hired men laughed at this. This is the only reference to hired girls. Later as the children grew up, they had plenty of help of their own in the house. They always had seasonal help with the farming, however.

When Dorothea was 63 years of age, in 1916, she was put to a very severe test of her strength and fortitude. Andrew at age of 75 suffered a stroke, that left him a semi-invalid, confined to bed and a wheelchair. He was to live this way for five years with his wife Dorothea caring for him. They lived in the town house for several years until Adelia graduated from High School. Then toward the end of his life, Andrew wanted to go back to the farm and there ended his days on Sept. 18, 1921.

Then came the days of Grandma's new house. Molly lived with her and for the next eleven years, Grandma enjoyed the convenience of a modern home and some leisure time, and a chance to really have some time for her interests, which were many.

Mrs. Skrein recently told me of a incident in the life of Dorothea during the depression 1930's. It was at the First Lutheran Church's annual meeting, due to the lack of money it was suggested that for the time being they discontinue their missionary support. Mrs. Skrein said that my Grandmother rose to her feet and said, "This should be the last thing that should be eliminated, and if it was, she would withdraw her support". As a result they did not discontinue their missionary work. Mrs. Skrein was a young woman, just moved into town, and admired Dorothea Satter very much. Now Mrs. Skrein is an old lady, and very interested in the missionary program.

Grandmother Dorothea's last illness, in my recollection her only illness, lasted five months. She became sick in the spring, and Dr. Charles Caine was called. After a time she got up and went about her business again, but she was thin and pale. She took sick again, and Dr. Olaf came and took her and Clara to Rochester, Mayo Hospital. An exploratory incision revealed an incurable tumor. This was June 29, 1933. She returned July 9th, Uncle Olaf bringing her back home in his big car. When Grandma became sick, I didn't want to believe that she was going to die. But when Olaf 's car turned in the driveway and all of us cousins started running down the road after the car, I suddenly knew she would be soon leaving us.

All the aunts came home and many of the cousins, and for the next month, my life was the most different of my life. We had cousins at the house all the time, and we became really well acquainted. During the last month, Gladys Dolven a Registered Nurse, came and cared for Grandma, as she had to have hypos.

On the morning of August 6, 1933 my folks told me that Grandma was going to die very soon, so I could go over and see her after breakfast. I ran through the cornfield and picked up her mail, and went in to see her. She seemed to be sleeping, so I just stood and waited, and then she turned and looked at me. Then she said something that has remained in my mind all these years, and one of the reasons I had for writing this history.--She said "Oh, Its you Dorothy", then she nodded and said, "So you're the one who is going to have the farm." And so it has come to be, for my time!

Grandmother Dorothea (Ellertson) Satter ended her days at her home on August 6, 1933, at 6:00 P.M. The funeral was August 9th with Rev. Reece officiating. Pallbearers were neighbors and church friends, Wm. Weers, Henry Grote, Oscar Dolven, Gust Anderson, Harry Jergenson, and Herman Morken.

In those days the bodies were returned to the home in their caskets, and went directly to church from the home. Eleven children survived her, twenty-seven grand children, and eleven great grandchildren.

There were many beautiful flowers and two songs were sung, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "God be with you till we Meet Again" by a trio, Florence Grove, Mrs. Fark, Mrs. Sorflaten (my music teacher), and Mrs. June Anderson, organist.

Grandmother was buried in the family plot beside Andrew. The plot that Lewey had insisted on eleven years before. It was way at the back of the cemetery, and no other graves were near by. Some of the family didn't like it way in the back, but Lewey said. "It's the front row. When the Lord comes, we will face to the East, and there we will be, right in front." So that's the way it is.

"So ends the days of Dorothea--But there was so much more"





Satter Sisters
Dede, Beccie, Nettie, Molly
Emma, Louise and Clara
Aug. 5, 1933



Childhood Pose
Mother Dorothea in
bedroom with shade.

*When Jesus was born, the angels sang of
peace on earth. And before he died,
Jesus said, "My peace I leave with you."
Let us take this gift of peace and keep
it always in our hearts.*

BILLY GRAHAM



Satter Children
Frt. Lewey, Olaf, Ed
Albert, Ek row the Seven
Sisters



CHILDREN OF ANDREW AND DOROTHEA SATTER

SIGNATURES OF SATTER HEIRS
Indorsements of Inheritance checks

Born February 17, 1873

Albert Stenwall

Age 75

Died May 26, 1948

Born May 26, 1875

² *Clara Krow,*

age 90

Died Nov 11, 1965

Born May 6, 1877

³ *Edwin R. Satter*

age 85

Died May 28, 1962

Born January 5, 1879

*Louise Sax.
Con. Sax*

age 83

Died May 21, 1962

Born May 16, 1881

¹ *Mrs Emma Lenartson*

Age 99

Died April 30, 1981

Born August 22, 1883

Mabel Satter

age 78

Died June 20, 1961

Mrs Annette Karlstad

age 63

Died Nov 17, 1946

Born October 24, 1887

Lewis Satter

Age 64

Died September 30, 1951

Born Sept 21, 1891

³ *Dr Olof Satter*

Age 85

Died October 8, 1976

Born March 18, 1894

³ *Rebecca Darling*

Age 85

Died December 18, 1983

Born November 27, 1899

*Adelia Gunness
(Mrs. Arthur Gunness)*

age 60

Died August 12, 1959

"TWIN"



Christopher Albert Satter
Albert Christopher Stensatter

The oldest child and first son, was born 17 Feb 1873. When this child grew to manhood he decided to retain the original Satter name of Stensatter, and also to go by his second name Albert. His name is listed in the family Bible as Christopher Albert. (This was to distinguish him from his father A. C. Satter, and A. C. Stensatter).

Albert grew to manhood in the Frammas-Morris area. On 9 Sep 1893 at the age of 20, he married Lena Satre, whose birth date was 12 May 1872. The couple was married in the original structure of the First Lutheran Church of Morris, MN. The church was decorated with wild flowers, white and yellow daises, and asters by members of the Ladies Aid. A braided rug had been made of golden rods on which the bride and groom stood during the ceremony. Clara Marie Satter was Lena's bridesmaid. A large reception and dinner was held at the farm home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Satter. It is interesting to note that at the time of Albert's marriage, his two youngest sisters, Rebecca and Adelia were not yet born.

After their marriage, they conducted a General Store at Morris for two years. They resided at St. Paul, Lead SD, and were at Banks ND, for a time, before moving to West Fargo, where they lived most of their married life. Albert was a cattle buyer.

Two sons were born to Albert and Lena. Alfred Theodore on 26 Oct 1900, and Harold Edward on 5 Jan 1906.

The couple had a long and happy life, celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on 9 Sep 1943, with Clara, Louise, Molly and Nettie, Olaf, Rebecca, and Adelia attending the celebration.

Their two sons married and lived in West Fargo. Albert and Harriet, were great outdoor minded sports people. They had a cottage at the lake, and went on camping and hunting trips. Al worked as an electrician. They had no children.

Harold and Mary had two sons, Wesley Edward and Gary Alan, and their daughter, Dolores (Dodee) is married to Bob Meyers, and they live right outside of West Fargo, on a farm.

I recently received copies of letters from my cousin Sylvia Frandsen, written by Albert Stensatter, to his sister Emma Frandsen, of Drake ND, covering the period from 4 Jan 1922 through Jul 1922. Albert was chosen to be the Executor with Samuel Siverts, for his father, Andrew C. Satter's estate. Andrew had died on 18 Sep 1921.

Emma Satter Frandsen came up with the idea of drawing sealed envelopes for each heir, with equal value of land in each one. The Morris heirs, naturally wished to have Morris land, and would draw for that separately. The Court appointed two appraisers, L. N. Hanse and John Grove. They came up with the Total value of \$102,000.00. This was no small task, with 11 heirs and Grandmother's 1/3 share, to divide. It went very smoothly, and everyone was satisfied. There was some exchanging of land, on their own, for closer location etc. Albert was very pleased that things went so well. Albert mentioned that mother Dorothea took other land than her first choice, in order to facilitate the division.

On 22 Feb 1922 everything was taken care of, except the Inheritance Tax, in the amount of \$430.12, which was Dorothea's responsibility. These letters are interesting, just like being there, and are filed in the Satter Document folder.

New information from 1888 Biography's of Pope County 917.7642, on Charles Ellertson, brother to Dorothea, is as follows: Their father's name was Ellert Carlson, and their mother's name was Runog (Olsondatter) Carlson, (Randie Olsdatter). Charles was born in the Northern part of Norway on 11 Aug 1846, (Maalselvens, Troms).

1864 His mother died in 1864, and the following year the father and family sailed for America. After a voyage of 5 weeks across the Atlantic, they landed in Quebec, Canada. They went at once to Lacross, Wisconsin, and lived there for two years. Then in 1866, they came to Langhei, Pope Co. MN, and settled Section 13. They were among the first settlers there. Their father Ellert Carlson died in 1871 (1870). This was the year Dorothea came to Morris. All the children assumed the name of Ellertson (Sons of Ellert). There were 7 children, Lars, Charles, Edward, Anna, Regina, Dorothea, and Martha, who was left in Norway with relatives as a youngster.



Albert Christopher Stensatter and Lena Satre
mar 9 Sep 1893, Morris MN

Clara Marie Satter

Born on 26 May 1875, the third child of Dorothea and Andrew, and the first surviving daughter. Clara was to be Grandmother Dorothea's close confident and helper. Through all the years until her marriage, she was beside her mother helping with the many tasks of raising this big family to come.

She was an accomplished seamstress, having much experience and also training, which was available at the time. She sewed for the family, and made herself a beautiful wedding gown. After her marriage she was again the one they counted on, at weddings and family doings. "The oldest sister", she was also with her mother Dorothea, for many days during her last illness, accompanying her to Rochester Mayo Clinic, when Uncle Olaf brought his mother in for exploratory surgery.

On 20 Dec 1905, Clara Marie married Alfred Kron, at the Framnas parsonage, Rev. Dolven officiating. To this couple were born three sons and one daughter. Richard 1906, Clarence 1907, Walton 1910, and Dorene Eunice Marie 1913.

Clara and Alfred were among the Satter's to try their luck at homesteading at Banks, ND. During the time they were living at Banks, their daughter Dorene was born. Dorothea was very anxious to see what her new granddaughter looked like. On Dorene's second birthday, Aunt Clara took a picture and sent it on a picture postcard, which was popular way to send Birthday greetings. Grandmother Dorothea and Dorene shared August as their birthday month. She wanted Grandma to see how big she was, also she mentioned that her brother Dick was disappointed in the picture, and thought that "Cutie" as they called her was much prettier than the picture. She was a pretty little girl, with big brown eyes and brown curly hair. Very much the apple of her family's eye.

Birthdays were important to the Satter's. They all seemed to have the same feelings about them. The picture of Walton was sent to Grandma and Grandpa on their birthdays Aug 22 and 25. The same expanse of prairie in the background.

By the year 1920 the Krons were back in Minnesota, farming over in the Cyrus area. There were many hardships for the people of this time, trying to carve out a place to live. The Kron's had their share. Clara and Alfred lost their youngest son, Walton at the age of seventeen, 27 Sep 1927. Two years to the month, Clara was to lose her husband Alfred, on 11 Sep 1929.

More hard years followed, Clara was now 54, her children were 23, 22, and 16. The depression came. Grandmother Satter became ill and passed away on 6 Aug 1933. After her death, the Kron's came to Framnas township again, and built a new home on the original homestead of Andrew and Dorothea's.

The picture of the Satter girls was taken the day before their Mother's death on 5 Aug 1933, "While their mother still lived". They posed the same as they did 31 years before, probably the first time since then, they had all been together. Annette, Clara, Dede, and Malena (twins in identical dresses) Rebecca, Emma and Louise.



Dorene



Walton



Richard, Alfred, Dorene, Clara, Walton



Summer of 1933



Clara and her son Clarence farmed the 80 she inherited. Richard became a plasterer, and worked in the Morris area. Dorene went to High School at Morris. It was fun to have a cousin so close by!

The first building that they built was to be a chicken house. They used it for temporary quarters, while the house was being built. I was over to their place quite a lot that summer, and Dorene and I would visit back and forth. My Dad would go over and help carpenter, and I would go along. I thought this was an exciting and fun way to live. I remember the new wood smell, and the sun streaming in the south windows, and the camping out atmosphere. This farming venture proved to be successful, and they steadily progressed through the years.

Again, Clara and her family were to have sorrow. Clara lost her only daughter, Dorene, at the age of 24, on 16 Mar 1937. Dorene became ill with the flu, and never recovered. Thus ended her short time on the land.

Mother and son continued to live and farm throughout the years. Clara enjoyed her garden and strawberries. She liked her chickens, just like her mother before her. They were her pets. She liked house plants and had some very pretty ferns. She always had lots of work to do! Then suddenly, or so it always seems, old age came upon Clara. At age 76 she retired and moved to an apartment above her son Richard's home. Clarence, now age forty-four, married a widow, Maxine Olson in 1951. To this couple were born Tom, twins Peter and Patrick, and a lovely blond daughter, Tammy. They continued to farm and prosper, and added 120 more Satter acres to their operation.

Clara eventually became unable to live alone, and moved to the Hancock nursing home "Shady Rest". Later she moved to the Minnewaska Nursing Home in Starbuck. Mother and I were in the habit of visiting her on her birthday, and the last time we had together, was on her 90th birthday. She shaking her head in amazement to think that she was that old. It didn't seem possible! We had a nice visit. She had a comfortable, pleasant room, with some of her own furniture still. She could still enjoy her food, and get around on her own power. She was to start failing soon, and died that fall on 1 Nov 1965.

Clara had nine grandchildren, one twin died in early childhood. She has in the year 1979, 16 great grandchildren.

Edwin Rudolph Satter



Edwin was the fourth child born too Andrew and Dorothea Satter. The first registered baby born in Framnas Township on 6 May 1877.

Louise Satter had a best friend, Inga Jensine Wolland Thorgrimson, and they had friendship pictures taken together. As it often turns out, Inga became Edwin's best girl friend, and on 30 Sep 1899, Edwin and Inga were married. They lived on the Satter farm, and farmed with his father Andrew.

To this couple were born five children. Pearl Adeline 22 Jun 1900, Florence Margaret 20 Jan 1902, Eleanor Ione 12 Aug 1903, Royal Edgar 7 May 1906. A baby girl born 16 Aug 1917 did not survive.

In 1906, when Pearl was six years old, the family moved to Banks ND to join four other Satter couples who homesteaded there. Tony and Louise had gone in 1903.

A harrowing experience for the Satter's and the three little girls occurred, when they had to cross the big Missouri River in a leaky boat.

The Ed Satter's continued to live at Banks and the children were growing up and being educated.

On 24 Jun 1919, Pearl Satter married Daniel Long Blocher. Dan was born 13 Mar 1890. He taught in the school system at the Banks area.

After Andrew C. Satter's death in Sep 1921, There were a number of changes made in ownership of Satter land through inheritance. Grandma Satter built her new home on the southeast line of the farm forty. Rebecca and Robert built a new home on their newly acquired forty across the road, and Ed and Inga came home to the original Satter home.



Eleanor and Pearl



Eleanor, Roy, Pearl and Florence in back of Inga and Edwin
About 1918