

Republican. The family were members of the Evangelical Association Church.

The marriage of Mr. Schmid and Miss Magdalena Duerst occurred in 1854, and by this union he became the father of ten children: Baltazar married Miss Anna Kundert; Katie is the wife of Henry Kundert; Mathias, Jr., married Miss Mary Duerst; Joshua; Lena is the wife of John Messner; Margarite married Andrew Johnson; Anna became the wife of Jacob Voegeli; John Henry married Miss Bell Arnesen; and Fannie married John Bovill.

Mrs. Schmid passed to her last resting place October 25, 1893, at the age of fifty-seven years. Matthias died in January 1915. Magdalena and Matthias are buried at the Zion Church cemetery.

### Baltazar and Anna Schmid Family

Baltazar Schmid, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Schmid was born at New Glarus, Wis., on Nov. 24, 1854. He grew up at New Glarus and in June 1874 came to Dakota Territory. In 1875, Baltz took up a homestead of his own.

On January 30, 1878, he was united in marriage to Anna Kundert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kundert, at the home of his parents. Both families had come to Dakota Territory from New Glarus, Wis.

The couple farmed the farmstead until in 1887; then they moved to the new town of Beresford where Mr. Schmidt engaged in the hardware business and later added a line of farm implements. After six years, they moved back to the farm to remain there until 1915, when they again came to town to occupy the house in which he died.

For more than 18 years Baltz held the office of city justice of the peace, a position for which he was well qualified because of serving as township justice while on the farm. He also was a charter member of the Zion Evangelical Church, and Mrs. Schmid was a charter member of the Zion Ladies Aid.

To this union three children were born: Clara (Mrs. Nels Frieberg), who died in 1924; Luella (Mrs. Earl Milliken), who died in 1937; and Wesley, who died in 1972.

Mr. and Mrs. Baltz Schmid were privileged to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. Baltz passed away at his home on Feb. 13, 1939, at the age of 84, and Anna passed away at the home of her son, Wesley, on March 26, 1941, also at the age of 84.

### Wesley and Edna Schmid Family

Wesley George Schmid, only son of Baltz and Anna Schmid, was born January 6, 1886, on the family homestead in Pleasant Township. He was baptized into the Evangelical faith and as a young man he helped Rev. Charles Zech haul lumber from Centerville by team and wagon to help build the first Zion Church which was completed in 1900. He received his education at Pleasant Valley rural school.

Wesley was married to Edna Fredericksen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Fredericksen, on December 19, 1907, at the home of her parents. She received her education in the North Star School. They farmed on the homestead their entire lives, until retiring and moving into Beresford in 1948. They were active members of their church and Wesley served as a member of the board of trustees for many years. He also was on the Pleasant Valley School board and the township board and he belonged to the Odd Fellow Lodge for over 50

years. Mrs. Schmid was active in the Zion Ladies Aid, the Adult League, Rebekah Lodge and community activities. In December 1957 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and in 1967 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

To this union five children were born: Neva (Mrs. Henry Speich); Clifford, the only son; Iona, who died in her early childhood; Bernita (Mrs. L. Grant Meeker), Trumansburg, N. Y.; and Valonta (Mrs. Dale Cleland) of rural Beresford.

Wesley died Jan. 2, 1972, at a Sioux Falls hospital and Edna died at Viborg Memorial Hospital on Aug. 16, 1978. Both are laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery, which was donated to the church by his grandfather, Mathias Schmid.



Elmer and Gertrude Schmid

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Elmer Schmid was born on Aug. 27, 1892, in Pleasant Township, near Beresford, on a farm owned by his parents, Henry and Isabel Schmid.

He was united in marriage to Gertrude Moen on June 5, 1911, and they purchased a farm in Pleasant Township (northwest quarter 3-96-50), where they lived until their deaths. Elmer passed away on Jan. 6, 1960, and Gertrude in Dec. 13, 1967. They are buried in the Zion Cemetery.

To this union were born four children: LaValis Maxwell, Delores Vaksdal, Odella Andreasky, and Glenn Harris Schmid; Glenn Harris, their only son, passed away at the age of 11.

### Rueben and Mary Schmid

Rueben, the third son of Henry and Isabell Schmid, lived in Pleasant Township his entire life, born in 1907. He attended Pleasant Valley School and belonged to the Pleasant Valley Livestock Club in its earliest years. He moved to a farm in Lincoln Township three miles north and one mile west of his home in 1927.

Rueben married Mary Ann Hanks of Mapleton, Iowa, in 1951. They had three sons: Earl, Joseph, and Lester and a daughter, Isabell. Earl Schmid resides on the south farm and has two daughters, Susan and Stacey. Joseph lives in Sioux Falls with his wife Marilyn. He drives and owns a semi-truck.

Lester married Debra Gray in 1980 at the Newton Hills Park. They have a son Matthew. They reside on the north farm.