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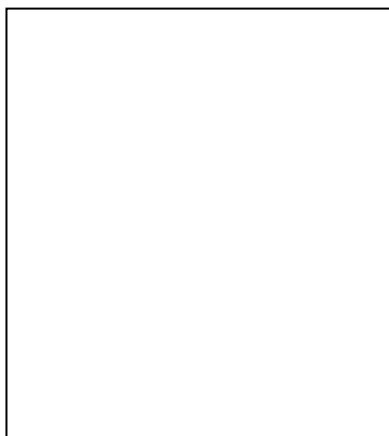
# MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

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## Greetings from Manfred!

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## Frank and Gina Mattis

Husband's Full Name: Frank Mattis

Husband's Place of Birth: Germany

Husband's Father's Name:

Husband's Mother's Name:

Husband's Siblings' Names:

Wife's Full Name: Gina Hedahl Mattis

Wife's Place of Birth: Valdres, Norway

Wife's Father's Name: Ole Sveinson Hedahl

Wife's Mother's Name: Ingrid Jorstad Hedahl

Wife's Siblings' Names: Sven, Conrad, Oscar, Clara Bullis, Emma, Edwin, Edith

Child's Name: Frank Jr.

## Frank and Gina Mattis

Frank Mattis - Obituary

He was born in Germany; at the age of six he came to the US with his parents and settled in the new Rockford area. A few years later he returned with his parents to Germany. While in Germany he was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. A short time later he returned again to the United States and settled in the Manfred and Esmond area and started farming.

On Dec 24, 1925 he married Gina Hedahl at Detroit Lakes, MN. She passed away July 9, 1953.

Frank continued to farm in the area. On June 18, 1965 he married Anna Skaar at the First Lutheran Church in Fessenden. They lived in Fessenden and in 1966 Frank retired. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, Fessenden and also the Sons of Norway.

Gina Hedahl Mattis

1891 - 1953

By Sennev Nertrøst Whipple

Mrs. Frank Mattis, a faithful member of Vang Congregation and Vang Ladies Aid, passed away July 1953 at her home in Manfred after a heroic fight against cancer.

She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hedahl who immigrated to America from

Norway in 1895. Gina was born in Valdres, Norway, August 18, 1891. As a young child she came with her parents to Manfred, ND where her father had filed on a homestead. Here the family home was established and with the exception of a few years in Fessenden she lived at home until 1946.

On December 1926, she was married to Frank Mattis at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. They had one son who passed away in 1947, a young man full of promise. Gina never fully recovered from the shock that brought about the untimely death of their only child.

In 1946, Mr. and Mrs. Mattis purchased a farm on the western border of Manfred and it was here she lived until her passing.

Her aged mother, now 90 years, survives her, as does her husband, one sister, Mrs. Harold Bullis, and four brothers, Sven, Conrad, Oscar and Edwin. One sister Edith passed away in 1932.

Gina was a rare personality. We may safely say she never had an enemy. Kind, modest, refined, spiritual, unassuming, sweet and helpful, she led a life of service to all with whom she came in contact. As a devout Christian her influence was felt by her numerous associates in Church and Aid circles.

Her home reflected her artistic and industrious nature as well as her true hospitality. A few days before her passing she asked the friends at her bedside to come again, adding, "I won't be here, but you come anyway."

In connection with Gina's home and living, an old inscription comes to mind. It describes the "Home Beautiful" and I quote: "The crown of the house is Godliness, the beauty of the house is Orderliness, and the Glory of the house is Hospitality and the blessing of the home is Contentment. These attributes were readily felt as one visited in her home.

At the last rites, the minister stated that when Gina's beautiful spirit entered the heavenly home, there was great rejoicing among the heavenly hosts.

She was laid away beside her son on July 13, 1953, in Vang Cemetery. Pastor A. B. Solberg conducted the services.