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Greetings from Manfred!

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John and Katherine Smith

Married Jan 8th 1924 in Fessenden

Husband's Full Name: John M. Smith 1894-1967

Husband's Place of Birth: Pierz Township, Minnesota

Husband's Father's Name: Joseph Smith 1851-????

Husband's Mother's Name: Josephine Ruff 1858-1925

Husband's Siblings' Names: Katerina, Michael, Albertina, Hubert, George

Wife's Full Name: Katherine Jannisch 1900-1985

Wife's Place of Birth: Manfred Township

Wife's Father's Name: Frank J. Jannisch 1863-1939

Wife's Mother's Name: Maria Kohler 1873-1928

Wife's Siblings' Names: Theresa (Mike Seil), Mary (Patrick O'Neill), Anne (Joseph Hilbert), Josephine (Anton Breyer)

Children's Names: Joseph Francis Smith (Nelda Mae Palmer), Marian Smith (Norman Nelson, Jim Skow)

Grandchildren: Helen Turner (Skow), Rebecca Jo Smith, Joseph Michael Smith, Johnathon Roy Smith, James Francis Smith

Great grandchildren from Skow line: Colleen Turner, Joseph Stead, Daniel Stead

Great grandchildren from Smith line: Kristie Mae Smith, Angela Anastasia Smith, Jacob Robert Smith

Great, Great grandchildren from Skow line: Jake

John and Katie Smith

Sometime after W.W.I John Smith, having been a private in the U.S. Army during the war, made his way to Manfred where he met and married Katherine. John and Katie then moved to Minnesota where John was a cobbler. When Katie's father Franz could no longer manage the farm (which was located not far from Manfred), they returned to help out. Son Joseph was born in 1927 and daughter Marion was born in 1929. According to Katie's diary, John suffered periodic bouts of ill health and failing eyesight and in 1947 the Jannisch farm was sold. John and Katie then built a house in Manfred, a portion of which can be seen in the photo behind them.

John died in 1967 due to renal failure and Katherine died in a nursing home in Harvey in 1985 having long suffered from dementia, or what we now know as Alzheimer's. Their son Joseph, also a veteran of W.W.II and Korea, passed away in 1977 after losing his battle with alcoholism, and their daughter Marion passed away in 1983 after losing her long battle with cancer.

The house built in Manfred was demolished after Katie's death, and all the happiness and sorrows which happened there are only a memory for just a few of us now. Even though the time we had together was short, the memories I have of visiting Manfred as a child are some of my happiest, and I am very grateful for the time we had together.

Joseph M. Smith, 2007