

The Hazel Dell Township School #5

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The one-room rural Hazel Dell #5 school, generally called the *Center School*, served the central portion of Hazel Dell Township in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, north of Council Bluffs. It was located about six miles west of Underwood and five miles east of Crescent. The district occupied Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Hazel Dell Township and consisted of hilly, partially wooded land on the backside of the loess hills.

My mother, Leona (Larson) Christiansen and her eight siblings attended the Center School around the period 1906-1937. In addition my mother taught at the Center School for two years from 1929-1931. For these two years my mother lived at home with her parents, Andrew and Maggie (Hansen) Larson.

Around the late 1940s the Center School was closed because of declining enrollments and the inability to attract teachers.

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For general information about Hazel Dell Township schools, including a diagram of school locations in Hazel Dell Township, see my report *Boomer and Hazel Dell Schools*.

For an 1875 map and a current map of Hazel Dell Township, see my report *Boomer and Hazel Dell Townships Overview*.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have further photos with identifications. My contact information is in the *Acknowledgments and Sources* section of *Boomer and Hazel Dell Schools*.



Hazel Dell #5 School c. 1930

Known Hazel Dell #5 Teachers

Abt 1910: **Ada Pagenstecher** married Paul T. Cahill, a Tennessee native.

1919-20, 1920-21 & 1921-22: **Bina Bromley**.

1924-25 & 1925-26: **Martha Currie**, never married.

1926-27: probably **Helen Heckman**, married Joe Copeland.

1927-28: **Hilda Voss**, married Bill Christians and then Lawrence Loux.

1929-30 & 1930-31: **Leona Larson**, my mother, married Alvin Christiansen.

1931-1932 and/or 1932-1933: **Helen Voss**, married Soren Sorensen.

1943-1944: **Sara Bracker**, married Beauford Carl "Bud" Billesbach.

1956-57: closed

1910-1914 Hazel Dell #5 Photo and Student List

Much of this history is built around the following two documents.

- Photo with identifications from around 1910. See the following page.
- Student list from May 1914.

I generated the following roster using these two items. "P" indicates the child is on the c. 1910 photo; "L" the child is on the 1914 list.

Heinze & Stageman Gussie Heinze (PL), Nellie Rablin/Stageman (PL)

Jensen Sanning (PL), Caleb (PL), Annie (L)

Larson Albert (PL), Edna (PL), Lillian (PL), Florence (L), Leona (L)

Leonard William (L), Francis (L)

Melton Ivy (L), Irene (L), Florence (L), Lynn (L)

Spittler Cecil (P), Ida (PL), Glen (PL), Gladys (PL), Edna (PL)

Vallier Hulda (P), David (?), Thomas (P), Florence (P)

Walsh Mary (P), Ellen (P), Bernard (P), Donald (P), Katherine (P), Agnes (P), Gerald (P)

On subsequent pages I place these students into families.



Hazel Dell #5 Students with teacher, c. 1910

(from the belongings of Lillian (Larson) Gidlund, who did the identifications)

- Back row: Ada Pagenstecher, Ellen "Nellie" Walsh, Sanning Jensen, Albert Larson, Caleb Jensen, Cecile Spittler, Hulda Vallier, Mary Walsh, Ida Spittler
- Middle Row: Glenn Spittler, Bernard Walsh, Gerald Walsh, Edna Larson, Nellie Rablin/Stageman, Gussie Heinze
- Front Row: Thomas Vallier, Donald Walsh, Lillian Gidlund, Florence Vallier, Edna Spittler, twin Walsh girls (Katherine and Agnes), Annie Jensen, Gladys Spittler



Hazel Dell #5 Students with teacher, Leona Larson, December 1930

I have no student lists from 1929-31 when my mother taught this school. I do have the above photo, which lacks identifications, but I do have a roster from the school souvenir on the next page. Can anyone help with identifications?

Back row:

unknown

unknown

Vernon Larson, Leona Larson's brother

unknown

unknown

unknown

Leona Larson, teacher

Edward Leonard Jr.

Front row:

unknown

unknown

unknown

unknown

unknown

unknown

unknown

The fifteen students listed in Leona Larson's school souvenir in 1930-1931 were:

Children of Charles T. Christensen & Laura Nelson:

- Evelyn Ruth Christensen (18 Apr 1919 – 7 May 1984), m. Everett Kenneth Bondo Nelson.
- Kenneth Myron Christensen (1 Aug 1923 – 27 Dec 2002), m. Arlene Wilma Magnussen.

Child of Frank Collins and Ida Jensen and first cousin of Maynard Jensen:

- Ivan Norman Collins (6 Oct 1922 – 30 Jul 1998, m. Ina Evelyn Belt.

Children of George W. Jensen and Sigrid Berg and first cousins of Maynard Jensen.

- Dorothy Mae Jensen (26 Jul 1923 -) m. David Lee.
- Harry William Jensen (14 Dec 1924 -) m. Betty Jean Wright.

Dorothy and Harry were the two oldest of George and Sigrid Jensen's 11 children.

- George Larsen. I don't know. This might be George Carl Larsen, the son of Harry Larsen and Agnes Hansen and the nephew of John Christian Larsen and Nellie Thorpe.

Child of Robert O. Johnson & Irene Mabel Melton:

- Ferne I. Johnson (abt 1923 -).

Children of William W. Johnson & Sophia Marie Jensen, first cousins of Victor Petersen, and second cousins of Ferne Johnson:

- Howard George Johnson (10 Jul 1918 -) m. Phyllis Ann Plath.
- Laverne Agnes Johnson (22 Sep 1923 – 17 Dec 1986) m. James Morrow.

Children of Andrew Larson & Maggie Hansen and siblings of Leona Larson, the teacher:

- Vernon Edwin Larson (18 Oct 1919 – 13 Jan 2003) m. Thelma Mae Schroder.
- Alice Elaine Larson (1 Sep 1923 – 24 Jun 1954) m. Norvin Clarence Oamek.

Children of Edward Thomas Leonard Sr. & Anna Elizabeth Sweeney:

- Edward Thomas Leonard Jr. (21 May 1919 – 11 Jul 1994) m. Rose Catherine McDonald.
- Mary Margaret Leonard (abt 1923 -) m. Ervin Edwin Eilts.

The Leonard grandparents lived on the hilltop just southwest of Andrew Larson.

Children of David Vallier & Mary Smith:

- Hannah Eileen "Eileen" Vallier (abt 1924 -) m. Albert B. Thompson. After Albert's death in France in World War II, Eileen m. John W. McCullough.
- Lynel M. Vallier (4 Jan 1922 – 4 May 2007) m. M. Irene Eckert.

The Hazel Dell Township school board in 1930-1931 consisted of:

- President: John Alexander "J. A." Hansen, who was active in the RLDS church. Daughters Leona married Lynn Handlen and Ruth married Harl Hough.
- Secretary: Hans Peter "H. P." Hansen, who was my bachelor great-uncle. His nieces said he helped them get teaching jobs during the Great Depression.
- Treasurer: George T. Ford.
- Subdistrict 5 directors were Morris Clausen and Charles T. Christensen.



Hazel Dell #5 Students on Playground Equipment, c. 1930

The Families of the 1910-1914 Hazel Dell #5 Students:

Ada Pagenstecher, the teacher (22 Apr 1889 – 17 Jun 1988), was the daughter of Louis Pagenstecher and Henrietta "Etta" Otto. She was born in Elsie, Perkins County, Nebraska and moved with her family to Council Bluffs before 1900. Between 1910 and 1913 the family moved to Omaha.

Ada married Paul Tresler Cahill in 1913 in her parents' home in Omaha. Paul Cahill, an architect, was born in Tennessee.

After marrying, Paul and Ada moved to Ohio. Subsequently they moved to Fort Worth, Texas and they both died in the Galveston, Texas area, Ada at the age of 99.

August Heinze and Ada Matilda Stageman:

August Heinze was considerably older than his wife, Ada Matilda Stageman. Ada was the daughter of John Stageman and Eliza Jane Sutherland of Council Bluffs.

The Heinze farmstead was in Section 16 about 1/4 miles north and 1/2 miles west of the Center School and may have been owned earlier by August Heinze's sister-in-law, Catharine (Eichocker) Heinze, the wife of Charles Heinze.

By 1920 August and Ada Heinze had moved to Council Bluffs, and later Ada lived in California, where she died. I don't know where August and Ada Heinze are buried.

August and Ada Heinze had only one child, August Jr., who survived infancy, but they apparently raised Ada's niece, Nellie Rablin/Stageman. August Heinze Jr. and Nellie Rablin/Stageman appear both on the c. 1910 photo and the 1914 student list.

The Heinze Children:

- **August E. "Gussie" or "Gus" Heinze** (24 Jul 1902 – 4 Mar 1991) moved to the Los Angeles area in the 1920s. He was married twice, first to Ferne and then to Ione. Gus and Ferne divorced in 1937.

Gus and Ione Heinze are buried in Lake Havasu Memorial Gardens, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

- **Nellie E. Rablin/Stageman** (4 Jun 1899 – 15 May 1966) was the daughter of Nettie Violet Stageman and her first husband, William Rablin. Nellie Rablin was sometimes known as Nellie Stageman, since her parents were divorced and Stageman was her mother's maiden name.

Nellie had an older sister, Dollie, who married Howard Smith, and a younger brother, Harry LeRoy "Roy". In 1905 Nellie was living with her father and siblings in Garner Township.

Nellie also had a half-brother, Earl Edward Rowe, and a half-sister, Nettie Rowe, by her mother's second marriage, to Charles Rowe.

Nellie's stepfather and mother, Charles and Nettie Rowe, were living in Avoca, Iowa in 1910 and 1915. I don't know what subsequently happened to them.

Nellie married Ernest Leroy Hetrick in 1916. Ernest Hetrick was the son of Charles Hetrick and Julia Moore who lived in Hazel Dell and Garner Townships.

Around 1918 the Ernest Hetrick family moved to Cherry County in north central Nebraska, returning to the Council Bluffs area around ten years later.

Ernest and Nellie Hetrick had six children.

I currently don't know where Ernest and Nellie Hetrick are buried.

Jens Christian "Kris" Jensen and Marie Kristine "Christine" Hansen:

Kris and Christine Jensen emigrated from Denmark in 1905 with their three oldest children.

Kris Jensen was the son of Jens Madsen and Bodil Marie Larsdatter. He was the last of six siblings who immigrated to western Pottawattamie County. His brother, John Jensen, was a long-term resident of the Parish school district, which was just north of the Center district.

The Jens Christian Jensen farmstead was apparently in Section 17, situated $\frac{1}{4}$ miles north, $\frac{3}{4}$ miles west and $\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of the Center School. It lay in the Oamek School district, outside the Center School district bounds, but because of road locations attendance at the Oamek School would have been difficult.

In the 1920 census Kris Jensen, his wife, and his four surviving children are all still living in the Center school district area. Later Kris and Christine may have separated and Kris lived in various locations in Hazel Dell Township, eventually working as a hired man for Oluf Larsen.

Kris and Christine Jensen are buried in St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Boomer Township.

Kris and Christine Jensen had five children, Sanning, Caleb, Annie, Carl (died in infancy) and Elmer. Sanning and Caleb Jensen appear in the c. 1910 photo and Sanning, Caleb and Annie appear on the 1914 student list.

The Jensen Children:

- **Sanning Chris Jensen** (31 Dec 1897 – 1 Jan 1979) married Julia M. Christensen, the daughter of John Christensen and Elvena Olsen. Sanning Jensen was a businessman in Neola, Iowa. At one time Sanning had a small factory producing an innovative blade for hammer mills, which were used at the time for grinding grain.

Sanning and Julia Jensen had three children.

Sanning and Julia Jensen are buried in the Neola Township Cemetery on the north edge of Neola.

- **Caleb John Jensen** (16 Mar 1900 – 5 Mar 1954) married Agnes C. Feller, the daughter of Hans Feller and Sena Nielsen. Caleb farmed in Hazel Dell Township, living on the old Andrew Jorgen Larsen farm in southern Hazel Dell Township.

Caleb and Agnes Jensen had three sons, all of whom are deceased.

Caleb and Agnes Jensen are buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Anna Bolette Marie "Annie" Jensen** (abt 1902 -) disappeared from my records after the 1920 census.

- *Carl Viggo Jensen (26 Jul 1906 – 2 Aug 1906)*
- *Elmer Oscar Jensen (19 Jun 1913 – 8 Oct 1997)*

Andrew A. Larson and Karen Margrethe "Maggie" Hansen:

Andrew Larson, the son of Niels and Maren Larsen of Hazel Dell Township, was born in Pottawattamie County, while Maggie Hansen was born in Denmark to Peter and Dorthe Hansen, who later settled in Hazel Dell.

Andrew and Maggie Larson lived on land rented from the Graham estate and raised their large family in a small house in Section 15 about a mile and a half northeast of the Center School. Around 1940 the Larson family purchased their farm and it is among the holdings of Larson descendants in 2014. However, the Andrew Larson farmstead was bulldozed around 1988.

Andrew and Maggie Larson are buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Boomer Township.

Andrew and Maggie Larson had nine children, Albert, Edna, Lillian, Florence, Leona, Ethel, Helen, Vernon and Alice. Albert, Edna and Lillian Larson appear both in the c. 1910 photo and on the 1914 student list. Florence and Leona appear only on the student list. The four youngest Larson children were too young to appear.

Four of the Larson children, Florence, Leona, Ethel and Helen, graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs and then taught in one-room rural schools until they married.

The Larson Children:

- **Albert Henry Larson** (30 May 1900 – 19 Oct 1987) remained at home and never married.

Albert Larson is buried in St. Paul's Cemetery in Boomer Township.

- **Edna Marie Larson** (4 Jul 1902 – 22 Feb 1946) married Louis Petersen of south central Neola Township. In 1939 Edna contracted tuberculosis and spent the final seven years of her life in the Oakdale Sanitarium near Iowa City. After several years Louis moved to eastern Iowa to be nearer to Edna.

Edna and Louis Petersen had three children.

Edna is buried in the Sorden Cemetery east of Keswick, Iowa. Louis is buried with his second wife, Pearl (Severn) Petersen, in Highland Cemetery in Ottawa, Kansas.

- **Lillian Dorothy Larson** (14 Nov 1904 – 16 May 1990) moved to Colorado around 1927. Lillian married Hilding Gidlund, a Swedish native who immigrated with his family to Columbus, Ohio as an infant. Lillian and Hilding moved to Denver before they married, and eventually lived in the Washington Park area of south Denver.

Hilding and Lillian Gidlund had two children.

Hilding and Lillian Gidlund are buried in Fairmount Cemetery in Denver.

- **Florence Edith Larson** (4 Dec 1906 – 24 Feb 1945) married Carl Bernard "Bernard" Larsen of Kenmare, North Dakota. Bernard and Florence Larsen lived in Kenmare until her early death from a cerebral hemorrhage.

Bernard and Florence Larsen had two children.

Bernard and Florence Larsen are buried in Lakeview Cemetery just west of Kenmare.

- **Leona Margaret Larson** (28 Jan 1909 – 15 Apr 1969) married Alvin Christiansen, the son of Jim and Minnie Christiansen of Boomer Township. Alvin and Leona lived on the Jim Christiansen farm in Boomer Township until 1948 when they moved to a farm two miles west and $\frac{3}{4}$ miles north of Avoca, Iowa

Alvin and Leona Christiansen had three children, I being the oldest.

Alvin and Leona Christiansen are buried in Graceland Cemetery on the north edge of Avoca.

- *Ethel Irene Larson* (16 Jun 1912 -)
- *Helen Ruth Larson* (19 Jul 1915 – 20 Aug 2013)
- *Vernon Edwin Larson* (18 Oct 1919 – 13 Jan 2003)
- *Alice Elaine Larson* (1 Sep 1923 – 24 Jun 1954)

Thomas W. Leonard and Rose Ann "Annie" Turner:

The Thomas Leonard farmstead was about a mile east and north of the Center School and had been established around 1877 by Thomas W. Leonard's father, Thomas Leonard, a native of Ireland. As of 2013 the Leonard farmhouse still stands and is occupied.

Rose Ann "Annie" Turner was the daughter of Edward Turner and Margaret McGee.

When they were children, Thomas W. Leonard lost his mother, Catherine Hoer, and Annie Turner lost her father. The remaining parents married. Thus Annie, the wife of Thomas W. Leonard, was also the stepsister of Thomas W. Leonard.

Thomas and Annie Leonard had six children, Mayme, Edward, James, John, William and Francis. Of the six children, Edward married and lived nearby. James and John died in childhood. Mayme, William and Francis remained at home, never married, and died in their 80s.

Thomas and Annie Leonard and all six of their children are buried in St. Columbanus Cemetery on the north edge of Weston, Iowa about four miles southeast of the Leonard farm.

The two youngest Leonard children, William and Francis appear on the 1914 student list. None of the Leonard children are on the c. 1910 photograph.

The Leonard Children:

- *Mayme E. Leonard* (24 Dec 1889 – 8 Mar 1975)
- *Edward Thomas Leonard* (5 Jan 1893 – 25 Dec 1973)
- *James Leo Leonard* (21 Feb 1894 – 11 Jun 1907)
- *John Patrick Leonard* (about 1897 – 9 Feb 1898)
- **William Leonard** (13 Feb 1899 – 13 Oct 1986).

- **Francis Leonard** (12 Feb 1901 – 30 Dec 1988), the last surviving Leonard child, lived by himself in the Thomas Leonard home after his siblings, Mayme and William, died. Francis Leonard died in a Council Bluffs hospital of injuries after he was beaten and smothered during a home invasion.

Samuel F. Melton and Emma Hartwell:

Samuel Melton was the son of John W. Melton and Evaline J. Gumm of Hardin Township. He appears to have been married to four women:

- ✦ Hannah Passmore of the Quick area in Hardin Township, ending in divorce.
- ✦ Emma Amanda Hartwell, also from the Hardin Township area.
- ✦ Maggie Porter (Harris) Spittler, ending in divorce. (See the later Spittler entry.)
- ✦ Pearl A.

Emma Hartwell was the daughter of Hiram Carlos Hartwell and Susan Amanda Pyles who are buried in the Hardin Township Cemetery. Emma (Hartwell) Melton may have died on November 5, 1918 during the influenza pandemic near the end of World War I.

I don't know where Samuel and Emma Melton lived during their years in Hazel Dell Township.

I don't know where Samuel and Emma Melton are buried. Their three daughters, Ivy, Irene and Florence, are buried in the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

Samuel F. and Emma Melton had four children, Ivy, Irene, Florence and Lynn. All four Melton children appear on the 1914 student list but none are on the early c. 1910 photograph.

The Melton Children:

- **Ivy Carol Melton** (23 Dec 1899 – 16 Jun 1994) married Arthur J. Hansen, the son of Christian Ludwig Hansen and Margarethe Katrina Jensen who lived in the Crescent area before moving to Council Bluffs.

Arthur and Ivy Hansen farmed in the Crescent area before moving to Omaha in the early 1940s.

- **Irene M. Melton** (13 Dec 1901 – 30 Jun 1995) married Robert O. Johnson, the son of William Trenton Johnson and Mary Jane Vallier of Hazel Dell Township.

Robert and Irene Johnson farmed in Hazel Dell Township southeast of Center School.

- **Florence M. Melton** (5 Oct 1903 – 1 May 1993) married David A. Nixon, the son of Ira Nixon and Lilly O'Donald who farmed in Hazel Dell Township.

David and Florence Nixon remained in Pottawattamie County.

- **Lynn D. Melton** (25 Oct 1906 – Jul 1974) married Mildred M. Hittle, a Nebraska native. Lynn and Mildred Melton had one known child and lived in Nebraska.

Lynn and Mildred Melton subsequently divorced and by 1950 Lynn Melton was living in Council Bluffs with his son, Donald. Lynn died in St. Louis, Missouri.

Phillip N. Spittler and Maggie Porter Harris:

Philip Spittler was born in the Sidney area in southwestern Iowa to Henry Spittler and Levenia Breedon. Maggie Porter Harris was born to John Thomas Harris and Rachel Caroline Porter in Smyth County, Virginia. Maggie had two brothers who married into the Gregg family, prosperous early settlers in southern Hazel Dell Township.

Around 1900 the Spittler family moved from the Sidney area to a farm owned by Amy Gregg ¼ mile north and ¼ mile west of the Center school. I believe the Spittler family remained on this farm until sometime in the late 1920s, when it was sold to Vern and Mae Springer.

Philip Spittler died in 1911, leaving Maggie with six minor children. In 1913 Maggie married Joseph Ford, a relative of the Ford family of Hazel Dell Township, and Joseph and Maggie later divorced. It appears that later Maggie had a brief marriage to Samuel Melton, an earlier neighbor of the Spittler family.

After Maggie Spittler left the Gregg farm in the late 1920s, she generally lived with her two youngest children, Johnnie Spittler and Orville Ford. Johnnie served in World War II and never married. Orville married later in life. The Spittlers were located in southern Hazel Dell Township in 1930, on the Brunow farm in south central Boomer Township in the early 1940s, on the former Loveridge Axtell place in southwest Boomer Township, and perhaps in the town of Crescent at one point.

Philip and Maggie Spittler and their son, John Henry, are buried in the Sidney Cemetery in Fremont County. Ida, Glen, and Gladys Spittler and Orville Ford are buried in the Hazel Dell Cemetery.

Philip and Maggie Spittler had seven children, Raymond (died in infancy), Cecil, Ida, Glen, Gladys, Edna and John. Maggie had one child, Orville Ford, by her later marriage to Joseph Ford. Cecil Spittler appears on the c. 1910 photograph and, Ida, Glen, Gladys and Edna Spittler appear both on this photograph and on the 1914 class list.

The Spittler Children:

- *Raymond C. Spittler (15 Aug 1895 – 1895?)*
- **Cecil Mae Spittler** (14 Sep 1896 – 12 Oct 1987) had early marriages to Harry Minds and Otto or Otho Miner Ewart. In 1929 she married John LeRoy Statser, who then died in 1940. Cecil lived in Nebraska, Missouri and South Dakota.
Cecil had three children by her marriage to Mr. Ewart and two children with John Statser.
- **Ida Marie Spittler** (13 Jan 1899 – 3 Feb 1973) married Joseph Ford, her mother's former husband, and lived in Nebraska.
Joseph and Ida Ford had five children.
- **Glen Leroy Spittler** (14 Sep 1901 – 19 May 1943) married Mary Althoss or Althoff and had three children, one of whom died in infancy. Glen Spittler was killed in a bridge construction accident on Pigeon Creek north of Council Bluffs.
- **Gladys Luella Spittler** (9 Sep 1903 – 13 Nov 1998) married Charles "Charley" Madsen, the son of James Peter Madsen and Petrina Jensen, who emigrated from Denmark to Council Bluffs before marrying.

Gladys and Charley Madsen remained in the Hazel Dell Township area and had eight children.

- **Edna Rachel Spittler** (3 Nov 1905 – 25 Sep 1985) married Hartvig "Harvey" Jorgensen, a native of Denmark. After living in Pottawattamie County for a few years, the Jorgensen family moved to the Philadelphia area.

Hartvig and Edna Jorgensen had four daughters.

- *John Henry "Johnnie" Spittler* (25 Oct 1910 – 7 Apr 1967)
- *Orville J. Ford* (26 Nov 1913 - 23 Aug 1978)

Alexander Thomas Vallier and Eliza Jane Nixon:

Alexander Vallier was born in Hazel Dell Township to Thomas Vallier and Leanna Elizabeth Shadden. Eliza Jane Nixon, also a Hazel Dell Township native, was the daughter of David Nixon and Margaret Jane Williams.

The Vallier farmstead was across the road 1/8 of a mile northeast of the Center School. The Vallier farm was established just after the Civil War by David Nixon, the son of William and Eliza (Collins) Nixon, early settlers in Hazel Dell Township.

The David Nixon farm subsequently passed to the Nixon's daughter, Eliza Jane Nixon, and her husband, Alexander Vallier.

Bonnabelle Vallier, the youngest child of Alexander and Eliza Jane Vallier, married George Lee, and George and Bonnabelle took over the farm around 1937, while Alexander and Eliza Jane retired to Council Bluffs. As of 2013 the Nixon/Vallier/Lee farm is still occupied by members of the Lee family.

Alexander and Eliza Jane Vallier are buried in the Hazel Dell Cemetery, as are all of their children except for Eva and David.

??? RAC check class list. Alexander and Eliza Vallier had nine children, namely Cora, Eva, Everett, Hulda, David, Thomas, Florence, Lula (died in infancy), and Bonnabelle. Hulda, David, Thomas and Florence Vallier appear below. All four of these children remained in western Pottawattamie County.

The Vallier Children:

- *Cora Elizabeth Vallier* (28 May 1888 – 29 Jul 1928)
- *Eva Margaret Vallier* (4 Oct 1890 – 5 Apr 1971)
- *Everett Arnold Vallier* (8 May 1893 – 25 Jul 1923)
- **Hulda May Vallier** (14 Nov 1895 – 12 Jul 1971) married Leroy "Roy" Coffelt.

Roy and Hulda Coffelt had six children.

- **David Nixon Vallier** (11 Nov 1898 – Mar 1972) married Mary Elizabeth Smith.

David and Mary Vallier had eleven children and are buried in Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Council Bluffs.

- **Thomas Alexander Vallier** (8 Jul 1901 – 8 Apr 1982) married Pearl Ione Hardy. Thomas and Pearl Vallier had five children.

- **Florence G. Vallier** (17 Dec 1904 – 10 Aug 2003) married Clarence Lee and lived in the Lime Kiln Road area just north of Council Bluffs. Clarence Lee was the son of Perry Lee and Emma Jane Green and the brother of George Lee, who married Florence's younger sister, Bonnabelle.

Clarence and Florence Lee had four children.

- *Lula Lucille Vallier* (15 Feb 1907 – 15 Feb 1907)
- *Bonnabelle Hope Vallier* (4 Oct 1908 – 30 Dec 1970)

Lawrence Walsh and Mary Agnes Burns:

Lawrence Walsh was born in Dubuque County, Iowa to Edmund and Mary Frances Walsh. Mary Agnes Burns was the daughter of Edward Burns and Bridget Lambert and was born in Pottawattamie County.

After marrying in 1891, Lawrence and Mary Agnes Walsh lived northwest of Neola in Union Township, Harrison County. By 1900 they were living in Norwalk Township and by 1910 in the Center school district in Hazel Dell Township. In 1915 they were living east of Missouri Valley in Lagrange Township, Harrison County. Between 1920 and 1922 they moved to Council Bluffs, and by 1930 were living in Omaha, where they died and were buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

I don't know where the Walsh family lived while in the Center school district. My guess is that they lived either in a second farmstead on the Leonard property or on the Leonard farmstead itself, since no Leonard children appear on the c. 1910 photo. In 1902 and still in 1913 the Leonard farm consisted of 440 acres.

None of the Walsh family remained in the Center school district area, although several spent much of their adult life in the Missouri Valley area. The second, third and fourth Walsh children, James Vincent, Mary Isadore, and Thomas, married three siblings, namely three of the children of Charles Edward O'Rourke and Catherine Bridget Martin.

The fourteen children of Lawrence and Mary Agnes Walsh were Edward Joseph, James Vincent, Mary Isadore, Thomas, Ellen Gertrude, Bernard William, John, Donald P., Katherine M., Agnes Irene, Gerald J., Frances Cecilia and Leo A. The Walsh children on the c. 1910 photo are Mary Isadore, Ellen Gertrude, Bernard William, Donald P., Katherine M., Agnes Irene and Gerald J. No Walsh children appear on the 1914 class list; evidently the Walsh family had already moved from the district.

The Walsh Children:

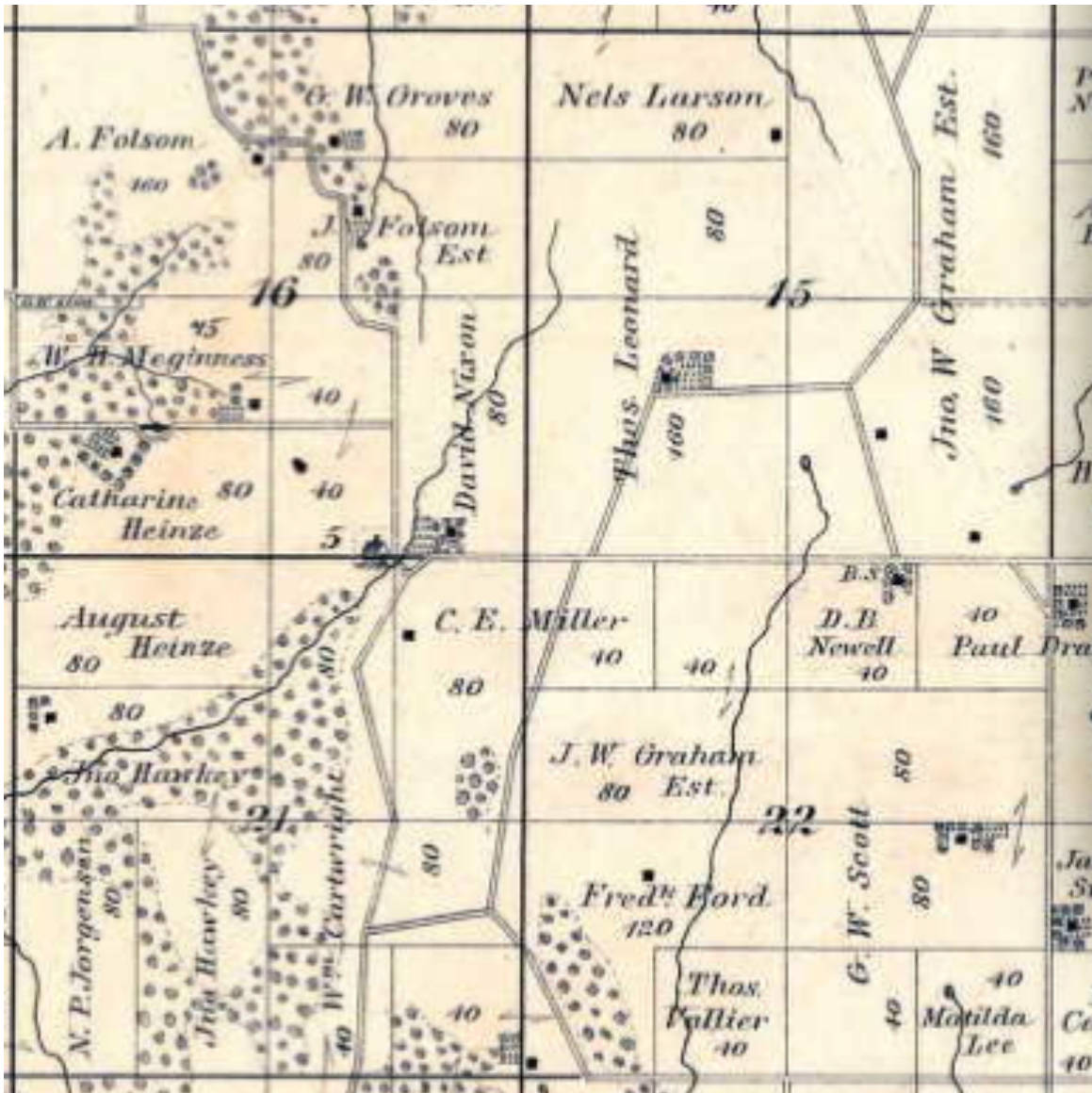
- *Edward Joseph Walsh* (2 Mar 1892 – 15 Nov 1953)
- *James Vincent Walsh* (about 5 Oct 1893 – 9 Jan 1949)
- **Mary Isadore Walsh** (15 May 1895 – 12 Sep 1975) married Charles Edward O'Rourke Jr. (8 Sep 1890 – 17 Dec 1976), the son of Charles Edward O'Rourke and Catherine Bridget Martin who lived east of Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Charles and Mary Isadore O'Rourke were living east of Missouri Valley, Iowa in 1920, 1930 and 1940. Later they lived northwest of Neola and then east of Council Bluffs. They had seven known children, one of whom evidently died in childhood.

- **Ellen Gertrude "Nell" Walsh** (16 Mar 1898 – 26 May 1972) married Clement Ambrose Tamisiea (13 Jan 1896 – 25 Dec 1990), the son of Stephen A. Tamisiea and Mary Ellen McCrickard who lived in northwestern Boomer Township.

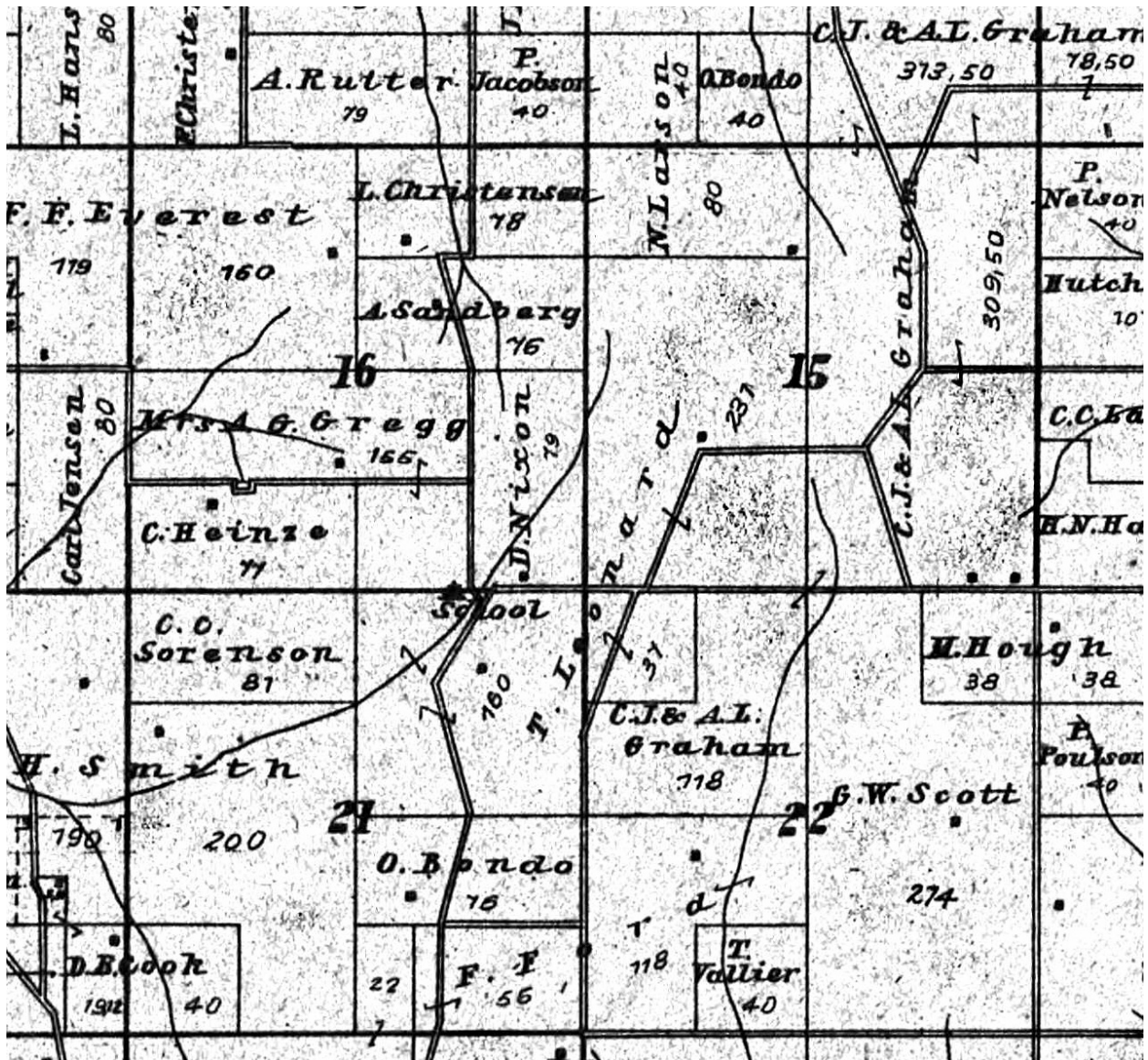
Clement and Nell Tamisiea had seven children, one of whom died in infancy. They farmed in northwestern Boomer Township before moving to Council Bluffs in the late 1930s.

- **Bernard William Walsh** (10 Jun 1899 – 8 May 1978) married Helen M. Nielsen (1 Nov 1904 – 31 Dec 1983).
- **Donald P. Walsh** (5 Jun 1902 – 29 Nov 1979) married Edith M. Taylor and subsequently married Mabel O'Hern (4 Dec 1913 – 20 Jan 1975).
- **Katherine M. Walsh** (17 Jun 1903 – 8 Jul 1998) married John F. Bauer (6 Aug 1905 – 25 Mar 1982).
- **Agnes Irene Walsh** (17 Jun 1903 – 16 Aug 1973) married Lynn Allen Griffith (1 Oct 1893 – 17 Jan 1943).
- **Gerald J. Walsh** (9 May 1905 – 1 May 1975) married Muriel Alameda Morton (2 Aug 1905 – 6 Mar 1994).
- *Frances Cecelia Walsh* (21 Feb 1907 – 19 Jun 1979)
- *Leo A. Walsh* (15 Oct 1911 - 25 May 1997)



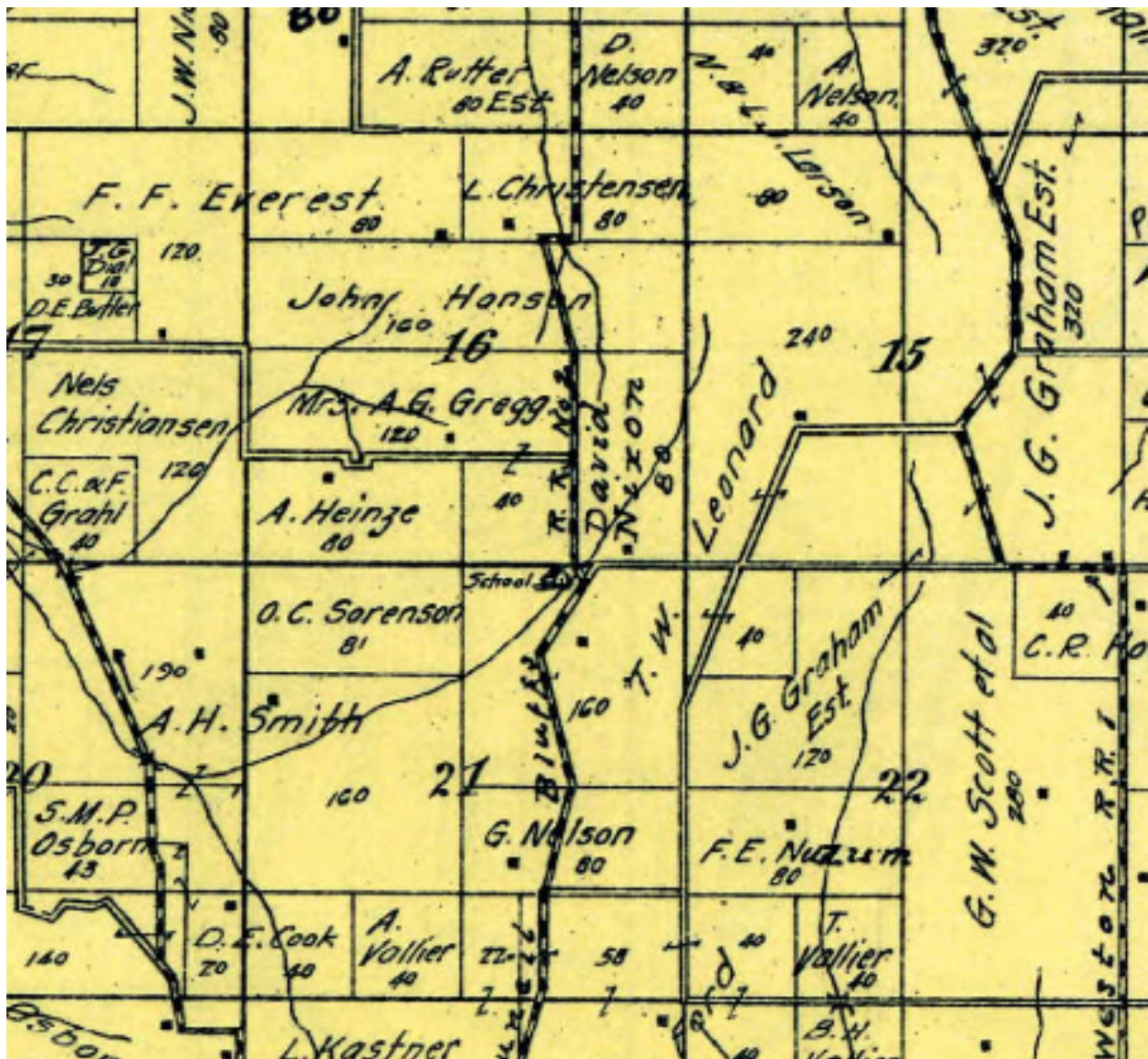
1885 Plat of Hazel Dell #5 "Center" School Subdistrict (Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Hazel Dell Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa)

From ancestry.com's **Historic Land Ownership and Reference Atlases, 1507-2000**, Jan 2014.

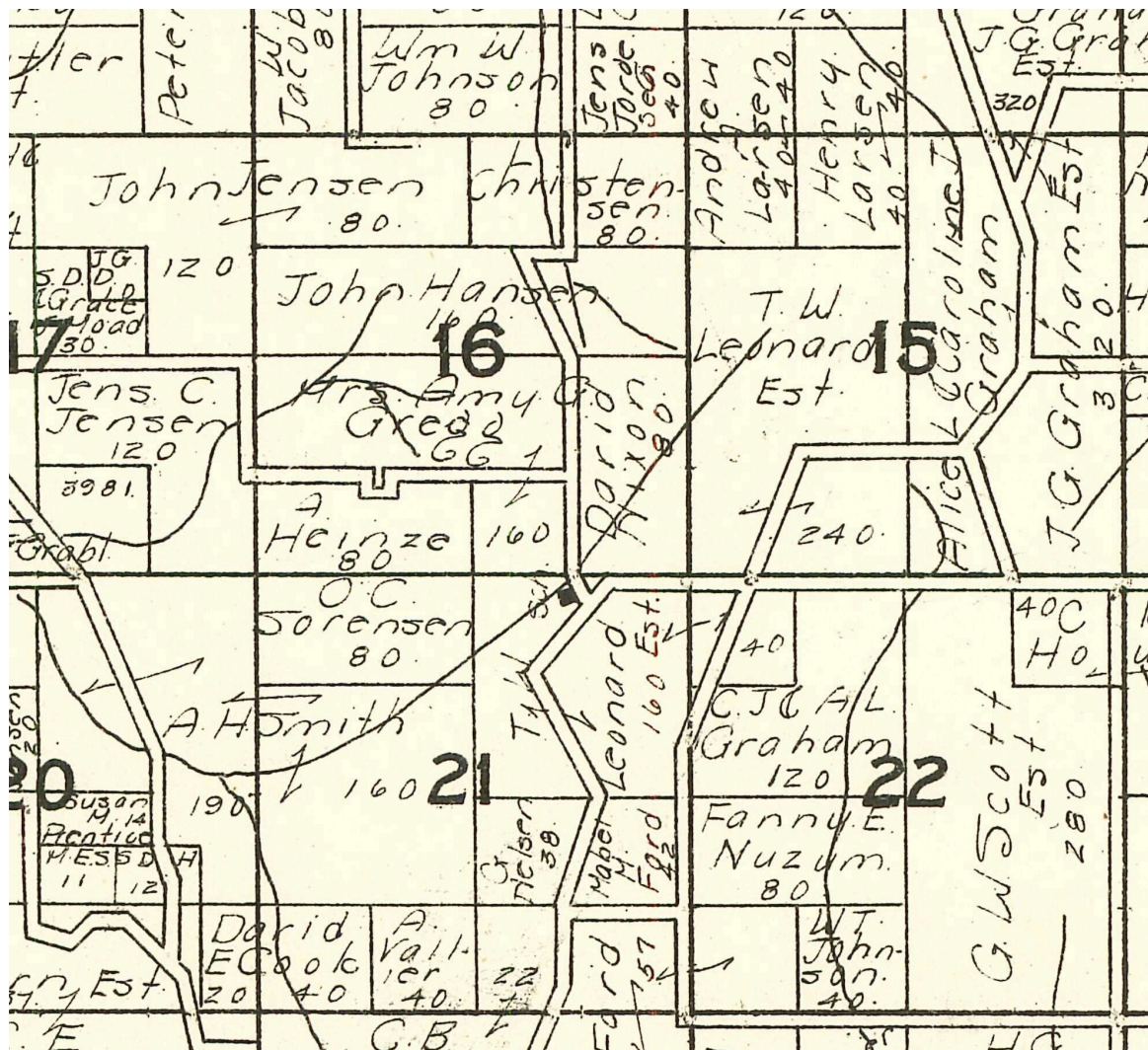


1902 Plat of Hazel Dell #5 "Center" School Subdistrict (Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22 of Hazel Dell Township, Pottawattamie County, Iowa)

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Above map taken from the 1930 W. W. Hixson *Plat Book of Pottawattamie County, Iowa*, which one can view on-line at digital.lib.uiowa.edu. Search for *Hixson Pottawattamie*. Even though this plat book was published in 1930, it appears to use the same plats as in the 1919 Anderson county atlas.