

carpenter work besides. On June 11, 1905 he was baptized by Elder Peter Balzer and became a member of the Alexanderwohl Church. In 1909 he became a charter member of the Tabor Mennonite Church. He helped build the first Tabor Church and also in 1938 when the church was enlarged. On April 24, 19__ he married Sara K. Schmidt. They lived on a farm three miles north of Walton, Kansas for 22 years. They celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in 19__. When his brother Henry laid down the deaconship in the Tabor Church, he was elected to serve in his stead. For one year and four months he served as a deacon. He also served as a trustee of the church. On July 11 he took sick of blood poisoning and on the 14th he was taken to the Bethel Hospital. His favorite song was, "Wenn ich an Ufer des Jordans steh, Heiland verlasz mich nichr." His favorite verse was "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added to you." This verse was used as he was baptized, at his wedding, at the silver wedding, and at his ordination as a deacon. On the last day he said, "Let's pray all night." He reached the age of 54 years, 1 month, 16 days. Funeral services were held on July 25 in the Tabor Church. Rev. J. J. Voth spoke in English, text - Matthew 17:8, placing emphasis on "Jesus alone." Rev. P. H. Richert, Matthew 25:21. Rev. C. Frey, 2 Samuel 1:26 "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan." Rev. C. C. Wedel served at the cemetery. He leaves to mourn his wife Sara, three sons, two daughters, three brothers, and one sister.



Abraham J. Schmidt Family

Back: Eldo, Evelyn (Mrs. Lehrman), Simon. Front: Rachel (Mrs. Goossen), Mother, Father, Arthur.