22. Family Record of Agnes' sister Margaret V. Katzlaff.

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			in Russia in L.A. Calif. married	Nov.	18	1906.	
			d. July 6, 1957. 75				John Fleming, Jr. d. July 27, 1936.

Margaretha P.R. b. Feb 7, 1876. d. July 6, 1957. 73.

Margaret b. Sept. 6, 1912.

Jacob b. June 1915.

MRS. JOHN J. FLEMING

Our beloved mother, Mrs. Margaretha Katzlaff Fleming, daughter of Bernard and Katherine Katzlaff was born on February 7, 1876, in Russia. That same year, she came to America with her parents, who settled in Nebraska. She lost her mother in early childhood. She grew up in the Jansen, Nebraska, community where she shared in the difficult pioneer struggles helping her parents to make a living by working in the homes of the various neighbors.

In 1900, she came to the realization of her lost condition and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. On November 24, 1901, she was baptized by the Rev. Isaac Wall and received into the fellowship of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Jansen, Nebraska. (She was the first one to be baptized by Rev. Wall). In her Christian walk she was ever sincere and devoted to her Savior.

She was united in marriage to our father, John J. Fleming, on November 18, 1906, and thereby assuming the great responsibility of being a mother of his seven children, of a previous marriage. Their union was blessed with four children, four sons and two daughters. Father died July 27, 1936.

In 1912, our parents moved to Dinuba, California, and have for the greater part of the time resided in that community. In 1941, mother moved to Los Angeles and later also joined the Mennonite Brethren Church there.

Mother has had to endure much illness in her life, especially so since eight years ago, when she had a major operation performed on her. Since that time she has been in much pain. In 1950, because of her weakened condition, she went to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Esther Hedrick, who had also lost her husband some time ago. During the last four months, mother's health was failing very rapidly. About two months ago we all thought she was dying, and she was happy in the thought of soon being at home with the Lord. She quoted a stanza from an old German hymn, "Wann schlägt die Stunde, O wann darf ich gehn" and stated that it was still with her soul. She, however, rallied again, but two weeks ago she became seriously ill. On the evening before her death she spoke her last words quoting from the German hymn, "Wann schlägt die Stunde, O wann darf ich gehn, Heim, ach nur heim, heim, ach nur heim." She departed from this life on July 6, 1951, at two p. m. to be personally with her Lord and Savior, whom having not seen, yet whom she loved. It was the privilege of her four children to be at her bedside when she departed to be with the Lord. She reached the age of 75 years, 4 months and 29 days. Her husband and one stepson preceded her in death.

Mother's lot has been a rather difficult one throughout life with many battles, hardships, and pain. She has passed from the battlefield of life and has joined the church triumphant in the presence of the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her departure: 2 daughters and 2 sons, Mrs. Esther Hedrick of Santa Ana, California; Mrs. Margaret Church, of Elmonte, California; John B. Fleming of Dinuba, California; and Jacob P. Fleming of Los Angeles, California; her stepchildren, Mrs. Sarah Schmeck, Miss Katie Fleming, Mrs. Emma Coons, Abe Fleming, Otto Fleming, all of Portland, Oregon; Hugo Fleming, Ontario, California; 24 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren; and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. John Buller, Jansen, Nebraska; Mary T. Ratzlaff, Mrs. P. H. Wiebe, Mrs. J. P. Fast, J. B. Ratzlaff, all of Reedley, California; Mrs. G. T. Thiessen, Orange Cove, California; H. P. Ratzlaff, Paxton, Nebraska; and Rev. Peter Ratzlaff of Juda, Wisconsin; the sisters-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Ratzlaff, Madrid, Nebraska; Mrs. Anna Ratzlaff, Reedley, California; Mrs. George Friesen, Inman, Kansas; Mrs. Peter Jost, Hillsboro, Kansas; and Mrs. John Hiebert, Bakersfield, California, and a host of relatives and friends.

We mourn not as such that have no hope, but we rejoice greatly in that the Lord has seen fit to take her to Himself and that we can say,

Not Divided

Weep for the dead, I will not
Bind my soul to grief;—
Death cannot long divide,
For is it not as though the rose,
Time climbed the garden wall
Had blossomed on the other side?
Death doth hide,
But not divide.
Thou art but on Christ's other side
Thou art with Christ and
Christ with me.
O,
In Him united still are we.

The Children

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