

## INTRODUCTION

In this book I've traced only the genealogical lines to John K. Thiessen and Nina Katrina Eitzen, my parents, and from them to my children.

For my children I've included a little bit of history; though their ancestors on my side of their family tree were all Mennonites, they know nothing about them.

Dates for births and deaths of the direct line have been verified with certified certificates whenever possible; census records, obituaries, letters, journals and ship passenger lists have also been used for verification.

On these pages, the asterisk (\*) indicates the direct line of descent through all four families to my parents. The members of a family are numbered consecutively from the oldest to the youngest. Each digit(s) in a number represents a generation and will be separated by a decimal. A person with the number of 1.2.11.3.2 indicates that he is the second child of his parents and that his parent was the third child in his family and his parent the second in the original family.

This genealogy, limited to the direct line of my parents, is the result of contributions from many family members in addition to the research which was the result of my curiosity about my family. A special "thank you" to Aunt Kate (Mrs. Herman E. Eitzen), Aunt Vivian (Mrs. Jacob F. Eitzen), Evelyn (Mrs. Arthur J. Thiessen), and Helen (Mrs. James Hall) for their help.



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