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Michael Mueller was born in Alsace Lorraine, Russia on September 8, 1880 and his wife, Katherine Schumaker, was born September 29, 1882 near Strassburg, Russia. They were married there on May 4, 1906. Their daughter, Anna, was born the following year on March 4, 1907. Later they decided to leave their homeland and come to America. They left by boat which took them six weeks to get to a Canadian seaport. From there, they came to Strasburg, North Dakota where Katherine had a sister, Mrs. Jacob Feist, living near Strasburg. They lived with them until they had saved enough money to be on their own. Michael then bought a farm of 360 acres and they moved near Dodge, North Dakota. This is where they homesteaded. The first house they lived in was a sod house and there they resided for a few years.

In 1913, both Mr. and Mrs. Miller took out their citizenship papers and they were very proud and happy to become American citizens.

While living in Dodge, Michael, Juliana, Lambert, Matthias, Katherine and Wilhelmena were born. Juliana was born 10/06/1909 and passed away in June of 1910. She is buried near Dodge, North Dakota.

On March 4, 1916, the Miller family moved to Knox, North Dakota where they purchased the farm once owned by Henry Russell. That fall, Magdalena was born on August 23, 1916 and is still living in the family home east of Knox.

Soon after the Miller family moved here, they became quite concerned about the family not getting to practice their Catholic faith so Mr. Miller contacted Rev. J. A. Theil who was pastor of the Catholic Church in Rugby, North Dakota. At that time, he came to Knox once a month and held the services in the Miller home. Soon the house became too small for services. Two marriages were performed and also many baptisms in the home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had a family of 15 children at this time. At the present time, April 21, 2002, there are only four of the children living; Magdalena, Gus, Adam and Eva. All 12 went through High School. Below is a list of family members:

Name	Born	Deceased	Home
Anna (Klein)	March 4, 1907	February 27, 1991	Walla Walla, Washington
Michael Miller	Aug. 4, 1909	August 23, 1990	Kennewick, Washington
Juliana Miller	Nov. 6, 1909	June 6, 1910	Dodge, North Dakota
Lambert Miller	March 17, 1911	May 14, 1988	Richland, Washington
Matthias Miller	June 15, 1912	February 14, 1982	Yakima, Washington
Katherine (Gaffrey)	Oct. 16, 1913	March 30, 2001	Walla Walla, Washington
Withelmena (Joe Unser)	Feb. 27, 1915	March 11, 1945	Devils Lake, North Dakota
Magdalena Miller	August 23, 1916		Knox, North Dakota
Longinius	March 7, 1918	July 21, 1919	Knox, North Dakota
Dean Miller (Evy)	October 4, 1919	May 16, 2000	Auburn, Washington
Sylvester	March 29, 1921	July 24, 1922	Knox, North Dakota
Gus Miller	May 16, 1922	August 8, 2004	Walla Walla, Washington
Rosena Miller (Norby)	June 18, 1923	April 4, 2000	Knox, North Dakota
Adam Miller	Dec. 2, 1924	July 1, 2003	Yakima, Washington
Eva Irene Miller (Ned Voeller)	January 7, 1927	September 27, 2005	Rugby, North Dakota

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were very active in church and community work. This is the history to my knowledge. Hope you all enjoy getting it. Maggie-April 21, 2002 (Dad passed away 01/17/1946 and Mom 04/11/1957)