

Sauter Family Stories
Generation 2
Eberhart and Mathilda's 10 Children
Memories from their Grandchildren

Fred (1912)

I worked for Fred on his farm part time for several summers. He was not talkative at all so evenings got pretty long and lonely. The worst job he had me do was getting into a circular grain silo as freshly harvested grain was being augered in and shoveling the grain to create more room for storage. Undoubtedly the dirtiest job I ever had to do. I came out dirty, itchy, and spitting dust. One of the farm tasks I did over the years that helped me to decide not to be a farmer, but rather to get an education so I eventually would have an office to work out of. *Vern*

My life experiences with Fred were very limited. Somehow....apparently after Minnie's death, Fred was seldom present at family gatherings. He seemed very sad. *Burt*

Fred was a very quiet, to-himself sort of person. Although he was my birth father, I really didn't know him very well. I did spend some time at his farm and remember the big red barn. *Pat*

Quiet, sad. I don't remember ever having a conversation or even exchanging more than "Hello" with Fred. He always came to family gatherings. Riskedahl's Store often has a big doll in a big see-through box for sale at Christmas. Fred brought that for Patti more than once when we got together for Christmas Day. *Linda*

An old man that wasn't often seen by my family. I do remember his Tuttle sisters going to Fred's farm and cleaning up the house and taking food out. It also seems that I remember an outside shower (I'm sure there was one inside the house as well) that was used in the summer months that was heated by the sun. *Alan*

One Saturday night Fred was in the pool hall (with all the other farmers in town) and it was getting late. Minnie walked in and said something like "It's getting late, let's go home." Fred said he wasn't ready, so Minnie said to the bartender, "OK, give me a shot of whiskey" which the bartender did. She drank it down without stopping. Minnie was not a drinker at all, but she said to the bartender, "give me another whiskey" at which Fred said, "Let's get out of here; this is going to cost too much." Minnie could handle Fred better than anyone and they got along very well. *Jim*

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I didn't really know Uncle Fred well. I do remember his farm, being there, the immaculate buildings, the yard immaculate. I remember his TRACTOR, a CATERPILLAR tractor. He was a very dedicated farmer, gifted in building things, perfectly made. *Liz*