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This man, Bathasar Schmid, was born at New Glarus, Wisc. in 1854, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Schmid. He grew up in New Glarus and, in June, 1873, came to Dakota Territory to file on the claim which was later farmed by his son, Wesley Schmid. In 1878, he was united in marriage to Anna Kundert at the home of his parents. The couple farmed the homestead until about 1888, when they moved to the new town of Beresford where Mr. Schmid engaged in the hardware business and later added a line of farm implements, one of which was the Cooper wagon. After six years, they moved back to the farm and remained there until 1915 when they again came to town to occupy the house in which he died and which remains standing today.

For more than 18 years, Baltz Schmid held the office of city justice of the peace, a position for which he was well qualified as he served as township justice while on the farm. He was a charter member and manager of the first creamery in Beresford, which began in July, 1898 and was later operated by Henry Claussen. He was an active member of several civic organizations and helped build the first Zion Evangelical Church, was an active member of the church board of trustees and also held other offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmid had three children: Wesley, who lived on the homestead; Clara (Mrs. Nels Frieberg), who died in 1924; and Luella (Mrs. Earl Milliken), who died in 1937. Bathasar Schmid died at his home from pneumonia in 1939. Mrs. Schmid lived until 1942.

This homestead still remains in the family, and is presently owned by a granddaughter of Baltz, namely, Valonta (Schmid) Cleland. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Speich, a grandson of Wesley Schmid, live on the farm at the present time.

## Henry and Isabel Schmid

Henry and Isabel Schmid were married in 1890. They had four children: Mathias (Matt) (1891-1951); Elmer (1893-1960); Joseph (1896-1896) and Rueben (1908-1977). Elmer was married to Gertrude Moen in 1911. They lived on a farm in Pleasant township, Lincoln county. They had one daughter, LaValis Maxwell (Clyde). The Maxwells had three daughters, Bonnie, Mary and Janice. Bonnie Selmeg and her husband have one son, Calvin. Mary Warren and her husband have five children, David, Steven, Dawn, Sherri and Kimberly. Janice Hill and her husband have three daughters, Kemi, Kerri and Julie. Carl and Delores reside on a farm near Canton. Carl and Delores Vaksdal had a daughter, Carol (deceased) and a son, Scot, who is farming his grandfather's, Elmer Schmid, farm. Scot has a son, Ryan. John and Odella Andredsky have a son, Jay. They reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

## Mathias and Magdalena Schmid

One of the early settlers of Lincoln county is Mathias Schmid, Sr., a native of Switzerland. He was born in 1830 and the eldest of six children. He was reared in the picturesque land of his birth, educated in the common schools and, at the age of 15, accompanied his parents to America in 1845. The family immediately settled in Green county, Wisc., where both the parents died.

Mathias grew to manhood in the Badger state and, having been bred to the life of a farmer, adopted that calling as his life's work. He was industrious and, during his more mature years, owned a farm near his father's. This land, however, he sold and, with the money he purchased a flour mill, which he operated for five years. He was married to Magdalena Duerst in 1854 at New Glarus, Wisc. Ten children were born to them: Bathasar married Anna Kundert; Katie is the wife of Henry Kundert; Mathias, Jr. married Mary Duerst; Joshua; Lena is the wife of John Messner; Margarite married Andrew Johnson; Anna married Jacob Voegeli; John Henry married Bell Annesen; and Fannie married John Bovill.