



# The Colony PENN



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## The Colony picnic—let's keep it going —Keith M. Heim

Last summer's picnic focused on the 150th anniversary of the family's arrival at Dawson. It was a resounding success, highlighting our rich heritage and renewing friendships and making new ones. This year's Penn Colony picnic, our 104th, while not as elaborate, promises to be another enjoyable event—a homecoming for attendees coming in from all points of the compass.

The date of the picnic is **Sunday, August 3**, with the preceding day involving a board meeting at 2 p.m. at the museum and preparation for Sunday's picnic. The building will be open to anyone who cares to drop by. Saturday's visitors can view displays in the museum, tour the Henry Heim house, and chat with workers over a hot cup of coffee or a cold pop (soda!).

At 5 p.m., the annual old-fashioned watermelon feed will take place on the front lawn. Visitors can devour ice cold melon and enjoy nearby guitar and piano music played by sticky fingers, making it a fun, informal warm-up for the next day's picnic. As usual, the event is open to visitors from the Dawson community.

Festivities on Sunday will begin with a breakfast at 9 a.m. at the museum followed at 11:00 by a memorial/worship service in the chapel. The much anticipated catered dinner will begin at the museum at about 12:15, followed by a business session at 1:30 and an open-mike discussion session, as well as tours of the museum and historic sites in the community.

It goes without saying that tucked into every moment of the festivities will be opportunities for visiting with friends and relatives—getting up-to-date and reminiscing about the “olden” days. This alone makes the annual Penn Colony picnic something very special.

*Come join us!*

**A reservation form is inserted in this newsletter. Please send it in NLT July 25th and mark August 3 on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you!**

**See “Taking your turn at the mike”—page 8**

## Recognition of Dan and Charol Pleiss

The Penn Colony organization, with its museum, community building, barn, newsletter, other resources, and annual festivities, would not have been possible without the tireless devotion and efforts of Charol Heim Pleiss and Dan Pleiss, our current co-president. To honor their contributions, the Board of Directors voted to name the museum/community building the “Daniel & Charol Heim Pleiss Hall.”

This summer's picnic on August 3, 2025, will include a dedication ceremony with the presentation of a plaque in Charol's and Dan's honor, along with the unveiling of new signage naming the building. We hope all of you can join us to commemorate Charol's and Dan's vital roles in creating, maintaining, and preserving our organization.

Please join us on August 3, 2025, for this special event!

## Watch for us on the tube!

Many of us who live in Nebraska enjoy a daily TV offering on local CBS called *Pure Nebraska* which features short visits to historical and cultural sites around the state. As the *Colony Penn* goes to press, a Channel 11 TV crew is scheduled to visit our museum on July 10, filming the museum and conducting a short interview highlighting our history and activities.

Features usually last five or ten minutes. At present, we have no way of knowing when the show will actually be aired. An hour-long program airs daily in the morning and a shorter program airs after the evening news. Often, shows are repeated from time to time throughout the year. All we can suggest is that you keep an eye out for it. It should give us valuable and much needed exposure statewide!



## The Colony Penn

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## Presidents' Letter



Dan Pleiss

We are soon approaching another Penn Colony reunion—August 3, 2025. Many of you will remember last year's 150th celebration. It was a Great One. This year's celebration will involve the Saturday night watermelon feed, the Sunday Memorial Service and catered meal. We hope to see many of you there.

As some of your Board members age, we are on the lookout for "younger" Penn Colony people to become more active in the management of the Penn Colony. If you are interested in devoting your talents to the Penn Colony, please contact a Board member.

Special thanks to Dick Ogle for the upgrade on the lane to the Penn Colony site and to Michelle Heim for coordinating the barn roof replacement.



Doug Brown

This year we're asking you to send a check with your picnic reservation. In the past, the Colony has had to pay for "no-shows"—those who sent reservations but did not attend. We hope you understand.



## A roof over our heads

A few years ago, we publicized a drive to raise the funds needed to restore a small barn at the museum site. The drive was a success, and the barn, which dates back about a century, was preserved.

However, time and the ravages of Nebraska weather have necessitated extensive repairs to the roof. The repairs were accomplished just this spring at a cost of \$6,455. (See page 5.) If you would like to help with the cost and restore our budget with a donation, we would be most grateful!

## DONATIONS

The following funds have been received since the last issue of the newsletter was published. Donations received after May 24, 2025, will be reported in the next newsletter. If you would prefer your donation to be listed anonymously or be unpublished, please indicate your preference.

Thanks to all who contribute in any way to support the Pennsylvania Colony.

Anonymous, Endowment Fund, \$10,000

Anonymous, \$1,500

Anonymous (through Network for Good), \$50

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Dan Pleiss, \$403.29

Douglas Brown & Gail Korell, in memory of Margaret Ruth (Heim) Brown, \$4,000

Douglas Brown & Gail Korell, in memory of Joe Heim, \$300

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Farmers National Company, for Barn Roof, \$1,000

Keith Heim, \$5,000

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Richardson County Visitors Committee, for Barn Roof, \$2,000

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Dr. William (Randy) Weber & Jeanne Collado, in memory of their father, Robert Weber, \$1,000

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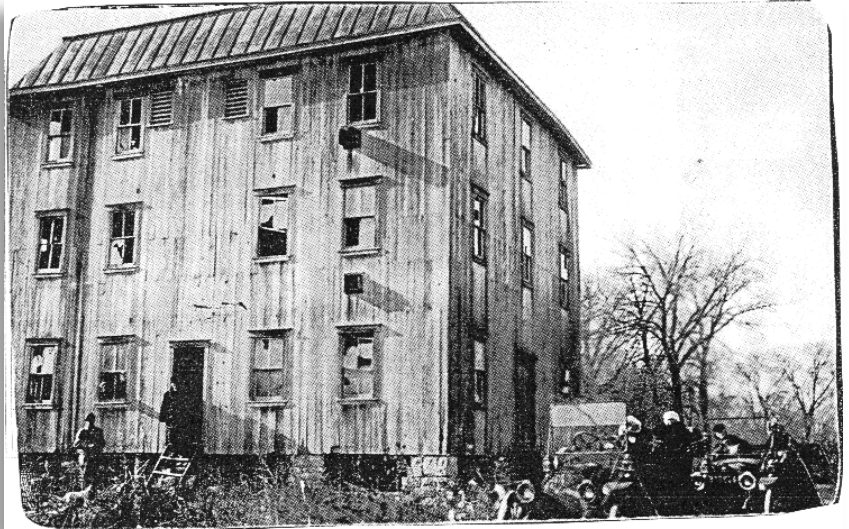


## When progress rode the rails —Keith M. Heim

Previous articles in *The Colony Penn* chronicled the rise and decline of the original river towns along the Missouri and the promise of growth and prosperity the coming of the railroads brought to Richardson County.<sup>1</sup> This article will examine the long-term growth of the town of Dawson, leaving to the next issue of the newsletter to chart its subsequent decline. **Ed.**

The beginnings of the town of Dawson can be traced to the establishment in 1867 of a grist/saw mill by Joshua Dawson on the north bank of the Nemaha River just south of the future site of the town. By the spring of 1871, the town consisted of little more than the mill, a post office, a blacksmith shop, a store, and a scattering of houses.<sup>2</sup> Local residents monitored with anticipation the westward progress of the construction of the Atchison & Nebraska Railroad, hoping that its route would follow the Nemaha through their precinct. A favorable development would virtually guarantee the survival and growth of the town. Selection of an alternate route would most likely mean its demise. Already in 1868, residents of the precinct had sought to encourage the railroad to select their route by voting bonds, and a landowner had offered a right-of-way through his land.<sup>3</sup>

**Joshua Dawson's Mill (right)**



By July of 1871, the railroad had reached Falls City and it continued on west along the Nemaha to Salem where it halted for the winter. When spring came, residents at Dawson waited anxiously for the decision as to whether the line would favor a route westward along the south fork of the river leading to Humboldt or select an alternate following the north fork toward Dawson's mill. No doubt the good news of the selection of the latter route was a cause of much celebration at the fledgling village. The decision to build the line on the north side of the river where settlement had already begun was added cause for celebration. The future of the town and the surrounding area seemed assured!

the way from Atchison, Kansas to the state capital in Lincoln. The advent of the railroad opened an isolated area to easy access to distant markets and culture. Soon, an increasing array of business ventures chose to locate in the community. In the vanguard, of course, were certain businesses that every rural area needed: blacksmiths, harness shops, a hotel, restaurants, a lumber yard, a hardware store, a bank, general stores, drug stores, doctors, etc. An occasional milliner, barber, newspaper, women's clothing, and pool hall added to the flavor of town life as did churches and schools. The blacksmith shop, post office, and store located near the mill on low ground soon found themselves hemmed in between the railroad and the winding Nemaha, which was subject to flooding. In 1872, they picked up stakes and moved to the present townsite north of the tracks.



**Dawson 1882**

Construction resumed in April of 1872 and a depot was soon built near the mill. By autumn, the line had moved on westward from Dawson and had reached all of the way to Table Rock in Pawnee County. A year later, it was possible to travel by rail all of

Despite early optimism, early growth of the town was not as meteoric as the expectations. Following Dawson's example, the nearby town of Stella voted bond issues in the early 1880s and induced the oncoming Missouri Pacific Railroad to build its line through town. As a result, about twenty-five new businesses quickly located there. Nothing succeeds like success, and residents south of Stella and east of Dawson followed suit, founding the town of Verdon. Bonds were voted, securing the town's place on the railroad.

Competition from the new towns apparently considerably diminished Dawson's trade area. Thus the census of 1890 showed Dawson with only 153 residents, lagging behind its new neighbors.<sup>4</sup> By 1910, however, Dawson had caught up with them, counting 340 residents, and a decade later, (continued on page 4)

## MEMBERS OF PENN COLONY

Below is the list of members of the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society for the fiscal year September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025. New members/renewals received since the December 2024 report are in **bold**. Please send any corrections to Dan Pleiss, president. Thanks to all our members for your support.

*Please note:* To renew your membership, or to become a new member, contact Dan. Membership dues received after June 2025 will be attributed to the next fiscal year, which begins September 1, 2025. (See masthead on page 2 for a list of membership categories and for Dan's contact information.)

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## When progress rode the rails (continued)

Dawson numbered 351 residents, about the same as Stella and Verdon. The pattern continued in the census of 1940, showing Verdon at 397, Stella at 396, and Dawson at 394.<sup>5</sup> All three seem to have reached their zenith by the time World War II broke out.



Dawson Bethel Church, 1901



St. Mary's Church, 1899

<sup>1</sup> See *The Colony Penn*, "Here Today, Gone Forever" (December 2022) and "On The Right Track" (June 2023). This article will use the name Dawson as the name of the town although its use did not receive legal sanction until 1883.

<sup>2</sup> Historical and Business Review Edition, *The Dawson Herald*, 1936.

<sup>3</sup> L.C. Edwards lists the total population of Grant precinct in 1870 at 515. *History of Richardson County*, Indianapolis, 1917, p. 303.

<sup>4</sup> It seems likely that a fire that destroyed a part of Dawson's business section that same year was a factor as well. Curiously, Edwards claims that some early residents bought up lots and held on to them, discouraging newcomers.

<sup>5</sup> Searching the Internet for census figures can turn up several conflicting figures in the same paragraph!

## With time comes change—kmh

Many of us watched with great interest and a touch of nostalgia recently when the farm north of Dawson originally owned by Jacob G. Heim was placed for sale. For a century and a half, it had been the home of four generations of the Heim family, and it was sold at auction on May 1.

It turned out that the buyer, Jim Balke, was a classmate of Michelle Heim at the local high school and for some years was in business at Dawson. He now lives at Branson, Missouri in retirement. We are told that he has a deep interest in history, and we will all watch with interest to see what the future holds for a place that will remain dear to our hearts.





## We get mail



**From Jeanne Collado's Christmas letter to Dan Pleiss; traveling from her home in Spain for her father's military service and burial in the Heim cemetery coincided with the Penn Colony reunion in August 2024:**

The reunion was held "on my great-grandparents' farm . . . we have a remarkable family organization, with several working very hard to maintain it . . . the Pennsylvania Colony Historical Society of Nebraska. They renovated my great-grandparents' farmhouse, which is now a museum open to the public, built a community building which other organizations can use as well, publish a newsletter twice a year and have an annual reunion. This year there was a meeting to discuss the future . . . as some of the ones who have done all the work for years are getting older, think 93 and 94, and need the next generation to take over. Thank you, Dan and Keith and Shirley and Michelle and Marilyn. Thanks to Doug Brown for stepping up to become co-president with Dan this year. The Society is sustained by our membership dues, grants and gifts. Few families have such an organization. The newsletter keeps me connected to my German American roots."

**And from Jeanne's brother, Dr. Randy Weber, who also made the visit to Dawson from his home in Oklahoma:**

Thank you very much for letting Jeanne and myself participate with my Dad's burial services at the reunion last summer. He was looking forward to celebrating his 100th birthday (August 8, 1924) at the time of the reunion. However, life fell short by two weeks, but in spirit he was still able to participate. Please let all of Penn Colony know we wish blessings to all.



## Filling a need

After the 150th reunion, Dan Pleiss heard feedback that Penn Colony needed to have some items for babies and young children—such as a highchair and a baby diaper-changing table.



It just so happened that an old wooden highchair was about to be thrown away due to its deteriorated condition. Dan acquired it, restored it, and donated it to Penn Colony. The chair is about 100 years old.

Don't be surprised to see a changing table come out of Dan's workshop. The Colony museum has benefitted from many of his creations—note the frames and back-lighting for the windows in the chapel.

—Photo by Dan

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## Three-men-on-a-roof

We have been telling you about our next project—a new roof for the barn. The work was completed in April. Michelle Heim and her camera captured proof as the work was being accomplished.



**Now the barn is ready to be filled with treasures! Otherwise known as Museum Artifacts.**

**Below are the newly-painted propane tanks. A task under the title, "Property Maintenance."**

**Photos by Dan Pleiss**



## In case you missed this . . .



We still have some of our souvenir **150th Celebration Souvenir Tea Towels** (2025 Reunion).

To order, please contact Dan Pleiss (see page 2 for contact information). **\$10 each; add \$5 for postage.**



## More about the Turtle Shell

The July 2024 *Colony Penn* carried the Turtle Shell Story by Marie (Heim) Fiala. Jonas (her father) carved his initials, and "1881" on the shell of a turtle when he was 13 years old in Pennsylvania. There remains the unanswered question as to the initials "E.H." on the shell. In a follow-up, we found these "E.H." possibilities in the Penn Colony genealogy records (assuming the H is for "Heim"): Elias F.

1866, Ezra 1869, Emanuel 1867, Ephraim M. 1867. And two Elizabeths who are remote possibilities, one born in 1863, the other in 1874—perhaps too young and too old to be childhood playmates!



In 1894, Jonas Heim (1868) married Ida May Emerson (1870). Their children are (from left): Ralph Waldo 1906, Linden Emerson 1896, Lora Marie 1909, and Edna May 1902.

Kent Fiala, son of Lora Marie, provided the photos.

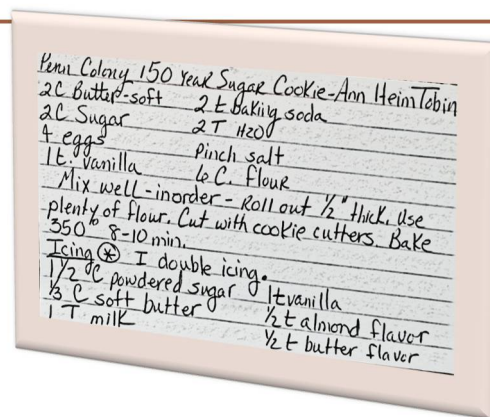
## Penn Colony 150-Year Sugar Cookie

2 C Butter – soft	2 t baking soda
2 C Sugar	2 T H <sub>2</sub> O
4 eggs	Pinch salt
1 t. vanilla	6 C flour

Mix well – in order – Roll out ½" thick. Use plenty of flour. Cut with cookie cutters. Bake 350° 8-10 min.

ICING \* I double icing.

1-½ C powdered sugar	1 t vanilla
1/3 C soft butter	½ t almond flavor
1 T milk	½ t butter flavor



Worth waiting for—Ann Heim Tobin's recipe for Sugar Cookies arrived too late for the December newsletter. Her "Penn Colony 150-Year Sugar Cookies" were popular at the reunion last year.

## The Magnet's steady pull . . . a personal view —Keith M. Heim

It is not known if our ancestors who migrated from Germany to America two centuries ago were land owners. However, most of them were weavers and dependent on the land on which they grew the flax needed for their looms. Their motivation in pulling up stakes and emigrating, besides religious persecution, was dire economic straits resulting from total crop failures. No doubt John Heim's highly favorable descriptions of opportunities for farming when he returned to Württemberg from Pennsylvania for a visit in 1817, were a major factor.

The steep, stoney hills of Pennsylvania required faith, courage and perseverance, but they provided religious freedom and sufficed for the needs of growing families. However, in the 1840's, Gottlieb Heim realized that not enough land was now available locally to provide livelihoods for his sons who would soon be establishing families. His solution was to purchase undeveloped land ten miles away on the Loyalsock Creek and move his family there. However, in another generation, his son, Jacob G. Heim, faced the recurring problem of a shortage of farmable land for his family. Glowing tales of vast tracts of fertile land on the western prairies told by a distant relative who had settled across the Missouri convinced him that the solution, once

again, was to follow the beckoning magnet of cheap land promised by the Homestead Act.

Most of his relatives and neighbors considered the move to be foolish, but in 1874, the call of the land prevailed, and he and his family of eight children headed west, arriving at Dawson in early July. In the next two decades, they were joined by thirteen families from Pennsylvania, forming what is known as the Pennsylvania Colony in Nebraska.

Although the lengthening years have transformed our country into an urban nation, attracting our descendants to cities and towns spread widely across the nation, I think there remains deep within most of us, even now, a reverence and a longing for the land. It is ingrained in our character. And I think, at least for me, that is part of what makes our museum of unusual importance, and why my annual visits with friends and family at the colony picnic are a time of nostalgia and renewal.

Be sure to read "Taking your turn at the mike", top of the last page. Your chance to "tell all" !



## June 2023 to May 2025 Penn Colony Statistics Report By Evie Heim Grubb

Please note the following with regard to this report:

- The original migrant couple is shown in **bold print**.
- The year of migration to Dawson area is shown by names where appropriate.
- The order of descendent names has the direct descendant of the preceding ancestral level listed first on the line.
- All female spouses are generally listed with their maiden name. If a female is listed as a death, and was married, the married name and maiden name are listed,

### **Jacob G. Heim (1874) and Regina Gross (1874)**

Joseph Gross Heim (1874) and Rosa Heim (1881)

Biberstine, Chad Even married Ashley Kay DeWitt Apr 15, 2023

Heim, Magdalin Gallagher, married Billy Lipari June 17, 2023

Henderson, Stephen Allan married Marina (Maryna) Tiupa Oct 15, 2023

Hillis, Isabella Joy born to Hannay Faye Merck and Eliot Renaldo Hillis Oct 20, 2023

Merck, Ava Peace born to Daniel Jordan and Danielle Christine (Modert) Merck Nov 1, 2023

### **Samuel Franklin Heim (1874) and Elizabeth Heim (1882)**

Honeyman, Elizabeth Katherine, born to Peyton Tobin Honeyman and William Honeyman August 25, 2021

Tobin, Tripp Harris, born to Samuel and Claire Tobin May 14, 2022

Stotter-Martin, Ellis Arlo born to Benjamin Martin and Erin Stotter August 10, 2023

Honeyman, Irving William, born to Peyton Tobin Honeyman and William Honeyman November 23, 2023

Heim, Joseph Edward, died October 22, 2024

Grubb, Charles Kramer married Katherine Ann Kastrup June 29, 2024

### **Jonathan W. Heim (1874) and Lousia Shafer**

Heim, Alan Arthur, died August 7, 2024

### **Johnnie Heim (1880) and Margaret Heim (1881)**

Regina D. Heim (1881) and Henry W. Heim (1874)

Carleton, Timothy married Justine Saquilayan Jun 29, 2015

Birtwistle, Anne Epley married Bryant Nankee Oct 7, 2022

Heim, Paul W. divorced from Susan Marx Feb 16, 2023

Carleton, Kathleen married Sam Miller Jul 2, 2023

Epley, Lloyd Arthur, died Sep 21, 2023

Robertson, Catie June married Cotton Blasingame Whitling March 15, 2024

Weber, Robert H., husband of Marjorie Dale Klima, died July 17, 2024

### **Rosa Heim (1881) and Joseph Gross Heim (1874)**

Heim, Magdalin Gallagher, married Billy Lipari June 17, 2023

### **John J. Heim (1882) and Rosina Heim (1882)**

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## Sadly Noted



**Billy Bruce Belden**, 104, passed away February 4, 2025. He was born January 1, 1921 to Clarke and Luella (Heim) Belden and grew up on a ranch near Buffalo, Montana. His mother was the eldest daughter of Samuel F. and Elizabeth Heim, and his father was the brother of George P. Belden.



**Glenda "Corkey" Humphreys**, 90, passed away at Olathe, Kansas, February 22, 2025. She was born October 5, 1934 at Talmage, Kansas, to Glen and Anna Margaret (Heim) Haynes, and was the granddaughter of Charles A. Heim. On February 14, 1956, she was married to John H. Humphreys. She is survived by her daughter Jane (Bob) Ledford of Olathe, Kansas, and a son Jeff (Brenda) Humphreys of Versailles, Indiana, as well as a brother, Chet Haynes of Warner

Robbins, Georgia, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Myron Richard "Dick" Klein, 85**, passed away January 3, 2023, at his home in Olathe, Kansas. He was born at Steinauer, Nebraska, October 13, 1937 to Walter and Helen (Stratton) Klein [John J. Heim family] and moved to Kansas when he was six years old. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nancy, son Matthew Klein of Overland, Kansas, and daughters Julie (Tim) Creek of Olathe, Kansas, and Sara Klein of Sanford, Florida, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren..



### **John J. Heim (1882) and Rosina Heim (1882)**

Elizabeth Heim (1882) and Samuel Franklin Heim (1874) (continued)

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### **Israel L. Heim (1882) and Gertrude Draper**

Reist, Joan M. died Nov 4, 2023

### **Mary Louisa Heim (1882) and Clarence William Stratton**

Heim, Alan Arthur, died August 7, 2024

Note: Glen Dappen, unrelated, shared that his father and uncle were born in Dawson on a farm 3 miles east of Dawson along the Big Nemaha River. His uncle, Ted Dappen, married Dorothy Wuster who was a descendant.

Note: Mark A. Roller, long time President of the Blooming Grove Historical Society died May 16, 2024, in Loyalsock Township, PA.



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## Taking your turn at the mike

—KMH

At the reunion on August 3rd, following the Sunday afternoon's business meeting, there will be an informal (!) session when picnic attendees can regale the group with their most memorable recollection of a picnic they attended in years gone by—funny or poignant—or tell family stories, or clear up long-held questions about family history and genealogy. Come, join in. It should be informative and fun!

If you'd like to participate but can't attend, send your item to me and I'll read it: rvnkh4@gmail.com or 7200 Van Dorn, #359, Lincoln, NE 68506.



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## Museum notes . . . By Barrett Young, Museum Technician

With the recent sale of the Jacob G. Heim farm, I thought I would give a few facts about it and highlight two items related to the farm in the museum collections.

Jacob G. bought the farm in 1874 from Tom Fenton, who sold him 80 acres with a good spring for water. It had a house with one room dug back into the bank and two rooms outside made of rough lumber. Included in the deal were all the growing crops—some corn, spring wheat, and a small field of sorghum cane—and a team of horses and a wagon. Later, in 1883, Jacob G. built a “bank barn.”



Watercolor painting of the home of Arthur & Lucile (Stratton) Heim by Carol (Kruesi) Kendall, Circa 1980. (Arthur Heim is the grandson of Jacob G. Heim.) Accession #:2023.0001.4.



Farmstead of Arthur W. & Lucile M. Heim. Located on N1/4, NE1/4 Sec. 15, T2N, R.14 E, Richardson County, 1 mile NE of Dawson, Nebraska. Taken from the air on 4/1/1981 looking toward the SE. Accession #:2022.0001.8