

SAMUEL & ROSINA TIETZ  
(By Dan Tietz)

Samuel Tietz (1878-1969) was born in Leipzig Bessarabia Russia. He served in the Military for the Czar for three years. He married Rosina Kraft (1884-1956) while home on leave on November 23, 1903; then he had to go fight in the Russian-Japanese War for another two years. After the war was over they started to save their rubles to go to America. In 1909, they thought they had enough and sailed away. Rosina's sixteen year old brother, Jacob Kraft, came with them. They first went to North Dakota. After working for relatives for awhile, they heard that there was some land still open in Montana. The next stop was Culbertson, Montana; where they found the land of their dreams-- a hilly, rocky half section, twelve miles Northwest of Town, that was to cause them many a backache and heartache. Not easily discouraged, they managed to eke out a living in spite of drought, hailstorms, politicians, bad markets and all other hazzards those pioneers had to face.

The closest neighbors were Jacob & Elizabeth Damm (she later became Mrs. Ed Kaschube) and Olaf & Ingeborg Nessel. They remained the best of friends the rest of their lives.

Mother often told of a time she walked over to visit Mrs. Nessel and she already had some neighbor ladies in. There was Mrs. Pat Nacey & Maude Shields (Farley) who were Irish and only spoke English - Mom spoke only German. Mrs. Bertino spoke Italian and Mrs. Nessel only spoke Norwegian; but they visited up a storm in sign language and went home as happy as if they had been to Ladies Aid.

About 1919, they heard their "old country" people came under Romanian rule and had life a lot better. When Mother's Father died there in 1931, she got an inheritance of \$75.00, which she promptly spent on her first gas powered washing machine. She felt as if she had gotten a Cadillac.

In 1941, Dad had a cerebral hemorrhage which put him in the Williston hospital for over six weeks and he was never quite the same after that. They moved to Culbertson in 1944.

They raised five children; Sam Jr., died in 1982. Jack of Glendive. Selma (Mrs. David Luft) died in 1981. Caroline (Mrs. Don Noteboom) of Fairview and Dan, still on the family farm. Three other children died at an early age.