

**George Henry and Sophia Fredericka Fienning
25th Anniversary Guestbook
November 26, 1944**

With commentary by Edith Fienning Morris



George Henry & Ricka Finning

25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GUESTS

Nov. 26, 1944

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Edward J. Von Pein	Wapeton Ohio
Leslie Turner	Richmond Ill.
Carole Turner	Richmond
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davidson	New Paris Ohio.
Barbara Davidson	New Paris, Ohio
Mrs. Emma Carley	Middletown Ohio
George Finning Jr	Richmond Indiana
Faye Louise Finning	Richmond Ind.
Eugene Frayelle	Des Plaines Ill.
Edith Finning Morris	Richmond Hts. Mo.
Frank + Edith Morris	" " "
Rosamond Davidson Finning	Channing, Texas
X Lana Sue Finning	" "
Robert H. Finning	" "
Martha J. Finning	Richmond, Indiana
Russ M. Frayelle	Des Plaines, Ill.
Edward H. Finning	Pittsburg, New York
Paul Finning	New Castle, Indiana
Cliff Youngfish	Richmond Ind.
Robert C. Youngfish	Richmond, Ind.

Name	Address
Marilyn Franelle	Des Plaines, Ill.
Sandra Franelle	Des Plaines, Ill
Daniel Finning	Richmond, Indiana
L. B. Von Lein	" "
Joan Youngfles	Richmond, Ind.
Betty Finning	Richmond, Ind.
Kelda Finning	Richmond, Ind.
Janet Finning	Richmond, Ind.
Elsie Beyer	" "
D. Sgt. Charles W. Beyer	Sp. Shelby, Mississippi
Mrs. Chas. Beyer	Richmond Indiana
Mrs. Edw. Crawford, Jr.	Richmond, Indiana
Rudolph Finning	" "
Jimmy Youngfles	Richmond, Indiana.
Jane Youngfles	" " "
Richard Finning	" " "
Veronica Finning	" " "
Jay Youngfles	" "
Mrs. Harry Nieman	Richmond, Indiana
Harry J. Nieman	" "
Charles Finning	
Elizabeth Finning	

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
K. P. Schuman	414 So 18th
Florence Schuerman	414 So 18th
Mrs. John H. Mierochner	823 So G St
Arthur Kaupen	624 So 15th
Marie Kaupen	624 So 15th
Jimmy Kaupen	624 So 15th
Coil Kaupen	600 So 15th
Philled Kaupen	600 So 15th
Ronald Kaupen	600 So 15th
Mr + Mrs Art Hebenstiet	619 1/2 2nd
Abx + Abms Eibelenhove	529 south 8 st
John K. Mierochner	823 S. G. St.
Erna Karcher	324 S. 10th St.
Ethel Turner	1007 S. 8th. St.
Stevie Turner	1007 S. 8th. St.
Martilda Kenta	1022 1/2 E Main
Qua Harris	624 Nell. Road W.
Quora B. Harris	" Lane. " "
Bess Harris	" " " " "
Kalter Beyer	711 So J Street
Lillian Beyer	111 So J St.
Jack Beyer	111 So J St
Janet Beyer	711 So J St

Festivities began on Monday, November 20th, with the arrival of Ruth, Edith and their children. Ruth and her children arrived first with Edith and the twins arriving an half hour later. A reception committee composed of the Youngflesh family, Glad, Mabel + Charles Bayer were on hand to meet the trains. All arrived home about 6⁴⁵ p.m. and after the usual greetings, etc. sat down to supper. After eating Sandra, Marilyn, Gene and the twins made a survey of the house and were especially intrigued with what they found and saw in the attic. By bed time beds were beginning to spring up everywhere. Ruth's children were especially thrilled with their "bunking quarters" on 3rd floor.

On Tuesday Charles Bayer drove over to New Paris and brought Rosemond and Lana Lee over in time to meet Bob's train which was scheduled to arrive at 3 p.m. Mother had Kässenfeffer for supper which made quite a hit. The family had now increased to 21. Gene &razelle spent the day at the grocery as "chief assistant" to Grandpa and Uncle Slick. Sandra who seemed to have a weakness for pretzels had some pennies which were beginning a hole in her pocket so she went up to the store and purchased 12 pretzels with her 9 pennies - bargain day!

Ed arrived from Plattsburg at 8⁴⁵ a.m. on Wednesday. As he had not had any breakfast yet, Edith, Ruth, Aunt Elsie, Rosemond, Mother and I sat down and ate a second breakfast with him. Chatter was really in full swing now. Aunt Mattie, Edna + Grandma Von Pein visited for a short while before noon. The Morris twins decided to go outdoors and feed the birds some bread, so their Mother bundled them up and sent them outdoors. On taking a look out the window there sat Cattie and Frank on the ground eating the bread that was intended for the birds.

In the afternoon Ruth and her children came down for the afternoon and everyone had a very enjoyable time visiting. Talking was interspersed with taffy, peanut brittle and chocolate wafers which Edith had purchased downtown. After several rounds of beer, pretzels, cake, etc. we managed to get in bed around midnite. During the evening Dick, Vera and the kids came out and we were entertained by dances and songs by Betty June and tricks of magic by none other than our genial laws.

On Thursday which was Thanksgiving Day Emma Parley arrived from Middletown. Ed invited Mary Hoerner

over for dinner. Rosemond and Bob ate Thanksgiving dinner with the Davidson's at New Paris. Late in the afternoon we all went up to Slick and Vera's where we had another delicious meal. Vera fried 5 chickens for the gang. Ed played the piano almost continuously being relieved by Esther occasionally. The evening was spent by singing, dancing, etc. Special numbers were given by Vera and Charles which were really a wow! After much laughter and a wonderful time we came home around 11³⁰.

Friday a.m. Ed, Gene, twins and I drove up to Newcastle to get Paul. He was so surprised and thrilled to see everyone. In the afternoon we celebrated Ruth and Jane's birthday up at Esther's. Mabel Kattbohm who had a birthday on that day was also present with Ruth and Karen. With the exception of Betty June and Stan arriving with a small flask of spirits of fermentic to tell Vera that Wanda had knocked over her electric sewing machine, a pleasant afternoon was had by all. Around 5 o'clock Esther served a lovely lunch and after singing Happy Birthday several times to the honored guests we started eating. Rev. Kattbohm came and ate with us also.

Later Dick came up and after getting the dishes washed up we sat around Esther's kitchen table and visited, and yes - you guessed it - beer was served for the round table conference. We came home about 9³⁰ as the kids were quite tired. Ed, Ruth and I made a big kettle of scrapple later which was quite delectable.

Saturday was spent visiting, etc. In the afternoon flowers were arriving with Sandra as spectator # 1. Uncle Ed Von Pein, George + Faye were guests for supper. Rosemond's folks came later and brought a lovely coconut cake. The men proceeded to play Sheep-head and the women bridge. Ruth prepared the turkey and stuffed it with the assistance of Rosemond and Charles G. After the last guests left at 2³⁰ we all climbed into bed - really tired but enjoying ourselves immensely.

Sunday A.M. found everyone up early. New York's Central Station could not have been much more busier than our house with everyone flying around getting ready for 10³⁰ church. Believe it or not we were all seated before the Prelude was played. All the family attended with the exception of George Jr.

who overslept. At noon 37 were present for dinner. (My law George's family has grown!) Vera made an adorable centerpiece for the table which contained a hundred silver dollars and a hundred dollar bill. A prayer composed by Edith was read by Rudy before eating. In the afternoon pictures were taken by Charles Youngblood. Numerous guests called during the afternoon (see preceding pages for guests). After supper some of the guests played cards, Ed played the piano, Uncle Ed was demonstrating his skill of being able to still kick the chandeliers, and Charles Y. and Vera again favored us with special dancing numbers. Lights finally went out at 3 a.m. with another perfect day gone by, but never to be forgotten.

Monday found Ed and Paul departing and on Tuesday morning Ruth and Edith left for their respective homes. Bob and Rosemond stayed until the following week, stopping enroute for a short visit with Edith and Vern in St. Louis.

Once again 1011 has settled down to quietude, but filled with pleasant memories that will live in all our hearts for years to come. Martha

Come Lord Jesus, be thou our Guest,
For this celebration, and these parents so blest.
Preserve their health and all which they hold dear,
Grant they may be with us for many a long year.

Teach us to love and serve Thee better each day,
Keep us with Thee, in our work and in our play.
We thank Thee for all our blessings, and each
a safe return implore,
Keep us together in Spirit, with Thee, now, and
forever more.

For Jesus sake, Amen

Written by Edith Leimring Morris