



Simon Schild's family:

Back row: _____, Emil, _____ and Fred.

Center row: _____, Simon (father), Whilemina (mother), and _____.

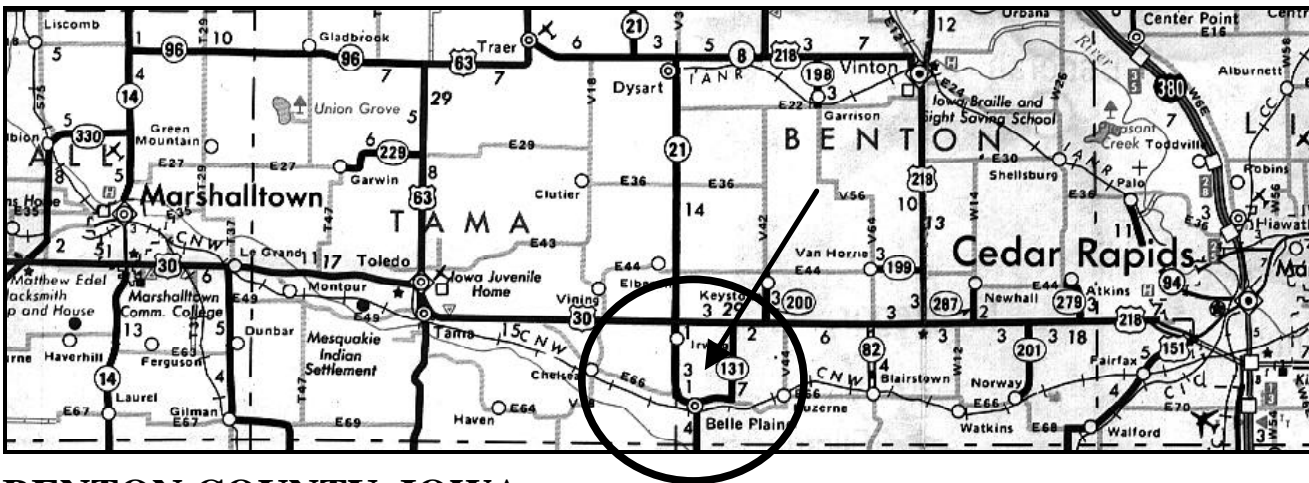
Front row: Gus and Lewis [order uncertain].



Simon Schild farm in Benton County, Iowa.



Wilson Thompson farm in Benton County, Iowa. Emma (age 13) is standing behind her parents Wilson and Sarah. Within 10 years, Sarah, Wilson and three sons died of TB. [1885?]



BENTON COUNTY, IOWA

- 1829 Simon Schild born in Germany.
- 18?? Simon Schild (1829 - 1905) married Whilemina Hillebrand (1824 - 1923)
 Farm located 3 miles straight north of Belle Plaine in Benton County, Iowa
 8 children: Emil, Bertha, Fred(1869 -1948), Caroline, Minnie, Helen, Gus and Lewis.
- 1869 Aug. 8: Wilson Thompson (1846 - 1895) marries Sarah Keck (7/7/1849* – 11/25/1886)
 Farm located near Belle Plaine in Benton County, Iowa
 7 children: Oliver (1871 - 1882), Emma(1872-1963), Charles (d. 1895),
 Martin(d. 1895), Ward (d. 1919), Minnie, Cora and Oscar.
 Emma is the shortest. Emma, Minnie and Cora all move to Western Iowa.
- 1886 Emma's mother (Sarah) dies of tuberculosis. Emma (age 13) cares for six younger siblings.
 Her father (Wilson) and three brothers (Oliver, Charles and Martin) died of the same disease.
 Before his death, Wilson bought Emma an organ to partially compensate her for her work.
- 1895 April 4: Fred Schield (1869-1948) married Emma Thompson (1872-1963) at Belle Plaine.
 By this time, 5 of the 9 members of the Wilson Thompson family had died of TB.
- 1896 #1: Rae Wilson born (June 3).
- 1897 Fred and Ward Thompson "bike" 300 miles (mud roads) to Sioux County to see cheap land.
- 1898 #2: Myrtle Wilhelmina born (Feb. 8).
- 1898 Fred bought 160 acres in **Sioux County** (Hawarden, IA).