

Chapter 7.1

John Quanz

John was born September 3, 1865 on the 13th Concession of Carrick Township. He was a son of Adam and Mary Anne (Riehl). John married Caroline Zinn in Carrick Township on March 19, 1894. Caroline was born October 12th, 1869. She was a daughter of Fred Zinn and Caroline (Kleeman) Klamen of Carrick Township.



John Quanz Family

Back Row L to R: Ervin, Harvey, Fred
Front Row L to R: John, Vera, Caroline

John suffered a severe injury when he was 42 years old (1907). He was helping cut stove wood with an engine driven "circle" saw. The saw broke in many pieces, striking John in the head and shoulders. He survived and worked hard for many years.

In 1914, John Quanz and his family from Carrick Township purchased the farm at Concession 5, Lots 17 & 18 (north one-half section) of Wallace Township from Simon Heinmiller. The Quanz family had three sons and one daughter. By the time the depression hit in the late 1920s the Quanz family had the farm paid for and were living quite comfortably. However, after the depression the home farm was carrying a substantial mortgage in an effort to help the sons hang on to farms while maintaining the home farm.

In the spring of 1938 John Quanz's daughter, Vera, and her husband, Elwyn Krotz, left their store in Harriston and moved to the home farm with their young son, Douglas. Elwyn and Vera took over the farm and the mortgage; raised two more sons, Gerald and Bernard, and provided a home for the grandparents for their remaining years.

John died November 3, 1949. Caroline died October 23, 1957. Both are buried in the 6th Line Wallace Cemetery (formerly the Evangelical Church now the United Church Cemetery).

The children of John and Caroline Quanz:

- a. Fredrick Marvin Quanz
- b. Harvey Eldon Quanz
- c. Ervin John Quanz
- d. Alvera Marguerite Quanz

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