

## STROH

Carl Stroh was born in Frank, Russia, December 22, 1863, to Christoph Stroh and Katherine Elisabeth Schafer Stroh. Frank was a settlement of Germans from Hesse, Germany, who at the request of Catherine, The Great, moved to Russia to aid that country in farming.

Carl began the immigration to America with his wife, parents, brothers and sisters when he was twenty-nine years old. The passport is stamped 27 March, 1893, at Saratov, Russia, the originating point for the trip. The route is not clear but the consulate at "Belgiqui Libou" (Belgium) signs another reference in the passport.

After reaching North America they traveled down the St. Lawrence River going to Chicago, Illinois, then on to Globeville in Denver. There Carl worked at the American Smelting and Refining Company until moving to the Milliken area in 1907. He bought a farm one-mile north of the future site of Milliken. Later the address was 23344 Weld County Road 21 3/4.

While in Frank, Saratov, Russia, Carl and Maria Dorothea Schafer were married. She was born in Frank May 2, 1865, the daughter of Henry Schafer and Katherine Margaret Fahrenbruch Schafer. Maria died March 2, 1916, at the farm home near Milliken of a sudden heart attack when she was almost fifty-one years old.

Seven children of Carl and Maria Dorothea settled in this area:

Maria Dorothy who married Charles Binder,  
Carl "Charlie" who married Rose Sauter,  
Jacob "Jake" who married Charlotte "Lottie" Uhrich,  
Henry who married Louise Bachman,  
John who married Lydia Stroh (from a different family),  
Mabel Barbara who married Tom Norton,  
Conrad who married Katherine Hoff.

Conrad was in a group of workers who came from Denver to work in the sugar beet fields on the Mayne farm. The Brush brothers who were prominent in the history of this area had owned this farm. Then Minnie Brush who married Alva J. Mayne inherited it.

Conrad Stroh and Katherine Hoff of Loveland were married December 16, 1913 in Loveland, Colorado. She, too, was from Frank, Saratov, Russia, coming to North America with her family in 1906 through Ellis Island. She was the daughter of Jacob Hoff and Maria Dorothea Trupp Hoff.

Eventually Conrad and Katherine purchased a farm from the Carl Stroh estate north of Milliken. Seven children were raised on this farm:

Conrad Raymond who married Ethel Mae Rehmer.  
Ralph Carl who was killed in action November 26, 1942, while attacking a Japanese position on the west of the Sanananda track in the Gona-Buna area of New Guinea during World War II.  
Mildred Katherine who married Dr.L.L.Anderson.  
Jacob John who died in infancy.

Marjorie Dorothy who married Les Webb,  
Frances Lucille who married Daniel Farnsworth.  
Elmer Edward (Eddie) who married Helen Marshall.

The farm was a meeting place for young people, and they were made to feel welcome and could engage in fun activities. One activity involved the swimming hole on the Thompson River, which was also used by kids from town. A footbridge across the Thompson River south of the farm home afforded access to the farm and Milliken. Many times a misstep caused a dip in the river but usually the water level was not dangerous. Bluffs on the farm offered opportunities for exploration of secret trails, digging for artifacts and just having fun. Katy's homemade bread was another attraction.

Conrad was a strong advocate of a good education. He was a member of the Milliken School Board of Education and served as president for twelve years. His name is mentioned often in old issues of the Milliken Mail as taking part in events of the town.

In 1957 Conrad and Katherine purchased a home in Milliken at 221 Josephine Avenue.

Katherine Schafer Stroh died in 1894 in Globeville (Denver) and is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colorado. Christoph Stroh died October 10, 1921 and is buried at Fort Morgan, Colorado.

Maria Dorothea Stroh died March 2, 1916 and is buried at Linn Grove, Greeley. Carl Stroh died February 28, 1940 and is buried at Linn Grove in Greeley, Colorado

Katherine Hoff Stroh died February 28, 1964 and Conrad Stroh died April 3, 1971. Both are buried at Linn Grove Cemetery, Greeley.

Elmer Edward (Eddie) Stroh and Helen Marshall were married September 14, 1945, and lived for a few months at 207 South Dorothy Avenue in Milliken. Elmer was employed at the Great Western Sugar Company and also worked on the farm for his father. They farmed in the Fairview district, then moved to the Conrad Stroh farm. The couple purchased the farms belonging to Conrad Stroh, Alex Lasnoski, and Peter Brandt (the Brush farm along Highway 257) and consolidated them into one unit. They lived there until moving to Johnstown in 1981.

Through the years Helen worked at the local post office under Postmistress Wilma Hoeft Palmateer, clerked in the Crawford Grocery store and was bookkeeper at the Gerry Potato Dock and the Onorato Auto Parts store.

Elmer (Eddie) besides farming, was interested in school administration and served on the Boards of Education of the Fairview District No. 111, Milliken District No.64, and the Re5J District. His interest in state and local irrigation water concerns lead to serving on boards of the Greeley, Loveland Irrigation Company, the Thompson Water Users Association, the Seven Lakes, and the South Platte Coalition.

Elmer and Helen had three children: Janice Edna married Jon Mauch. They have a daughter, Jennifer Lynn; Dale Edward died in infancy. Alan Keith married Ginell Kay Meier. They have a daughter Melissa Marie who married Charles Rolater, and a son Michael Cullen.

Eddie and Helen sold the farm and in December 1981 moved to Johnstown.