



# Dakota Memories Oral History Project Biography Form

Date: 07/15/2007

## Your Biography Information

Name: Mildred D. Thurn

Maiden Name (if applicable): Dockter

Mailing Address:

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Street Address:

Unavailable\*

Phone Number: Unavailable\*

E-Mail Address: Unavailable\*

Birth Date: 06/11/1931

Birth Place: Venturia, McIntosh County, North Dakota

Occupation(s) (list all occupations chronologically):

Housewife

Bismarck High School (cashier record keeper)

Religion: Lutheran (after marriage)

Reformed Church in Venturia, North Dakota (before marriage)

Schooling (list all schools attended, the dates of attendance, and note the level of education you have completed):

Venturia Public School (1937-1945)

Ashley High School (1945-1946)

Ashley High School (GED Certificate) (1970)

Clubs and Organizations (note dates of memberships and offices held):

North Dakota Food Service Association (1974-1992; newsletter editor, 1980-1982;

President elect, 1982-1983; president, 1984-1985; treasurer, 1988-1992

German from Russia Heritage Society (1992-present)

Dakota Pioneer Chapter GRHS (1992-present)

Scrapbook Historian for GRHS Dakota Pioneer Chapter (1994-present)

Active in Church Organization

RSVP Volunteer Chairperson, Gottlieb Dockter Sr. Reunion (2001-2006)

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## Your Mother's Biography Information

**Name:** Elizabeth Dockter

**Maiden Name** (if applicable): Schmierer

**Birth Date:** 07/23/1908

**Birth Place:** Wishek, North Dakota (McIntosh County)

**Occupation(s):** Homemaker

**Date of Death:** 11/01/1973

**Place of Death and Burial:** Bismarck Hospital; Wishek City Cemetery

**Her ancestor's village in Russia (Ukraine) or Bessarabia:** Klien-Neudorf , Ukraine

**Her parents' names** (include maiden name): Johann and Rosina (Thurn) Schmierer

**Her siblings' names** (include maiden names):

John Schmierer b. 02/27/1904; d. 11/15/1957

Peter Schmierer b. 05/25/1906; d. 11/12/1974

Gottlieb Schmierer b. 11/25/1909; d. 02/19/1967

Friedrich Schmierer b. 06/05/1911; d. 10/05/1975

Gottlieb Schmierer (died in infancy)

Peter Schmierer (died in infancy)

Jacob Schmierer (died in infancy)

## Your Father's Biography Information

**Name:** Edwin Dockter

**Birth Date:** 06/27/1910

**Birth Place:** Venturia, McIntosh County, North Dakota

**Occupation(s):** Farmer

**Date of Death:** 10/10/1989

**Place of Death and Burial:** Wishek, North Dakota; Wishek City Cemetery

**His ancestor's village in Russia (Ukraine) or Bessarabia:** Neudorf, Ukraine

**His parents' names** (include maiden name): Gottlieb and Christina (Vihauer) Dockter

**His siblings' names** (include maiden names):

Gottlieb Dockter b. 1890; d. 1965

Eva (Dockter) Helm b. 1896; d. 1976

Magdalena (Dockter) Haas-Schiermeister b. 1897; d. 1983

Christina (Dockter) Bauman-Aipperspach b. 1899; d. 1982

Albert Dockter b. 1901; d. 1982

Emil Dockter b. 1902; d. 1986

Julius Dockter b. 1906; d. 1976

Leapold Dockter b. 1908; d. 1988

Lea (Dockter) Pfeifle b. 1913; d. 1994

Ella (Dockter) Odenbach b. 1916

## Your Siblings' Biography Information

**Names** (include birthdates and locations, if known):

Thelma (Dockter) Bertsch b. 08/07/1932 in Venturia, North Dakota

Eleanor (Dockter) Bertsch b. 08/10/1933 in Venturia, North Dakota

Loretta (Dockter) Hoff b. 12/07/1934 in Venturia, North Dakota

Pricillia (Dockter) Hoff-Dale b. 06/18/1936 in Venturia, North Dakota; d. 08/22/1984

Dianne (Dockter) Kalberer b. 09/13/1946 in Venturia, North Dakota

## Your Spouse's Biography Information

**Name:** Herbert Thurn

**Maiden Name** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Birth Date:** 02/07/1927

**Birth Place:** Venturia, McIntosh County, North Dakota

**Wedding Date:**

03/31/1951

**Wedding Place:**

Camp Rucker, Alabama

**Occupation(s):** Farm Laborer (until 1950)

Rural Country School Teacher (1944-1950; McIntosh County)

U.S. Army (North Dakota National Guard; January 1951-August 1952)

Elementary School Teacher (Morristown, South Dakota; 1952-1953)

High School Teacher (Enderlin, North Dakota; 1955-1956)

Skelly Oil Co. (Draftsman; Bismarck, North Dakota)

Job Service of North Dakota (interviewer, counselor, program administer; 1961-1988)

**Date of Death:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Death and Burial:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Children's Biography Information

**Names** (include birthdates and locations, if known):

Clark Thurn b. 02/02/1953 in Lemmon, South Dakota

Cheryl (Thurn) Rockvov b. 10/28/1958 in Bismarck, North Dakota

Clarice (Thurn) Lancaster b. 11/08/1967 in Jamestown, North Dakota

**Does your family have their history published? If so, what is the name of the publication? How can we secure a copy of this publication?**

Gottlieb Dockter, Sr. *Ancestors and Descendents, 1615-1998* (available at the GRHS)

Gottlieb Dockter, Sr. 1832-1912

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