

347. BERNICE ADELINE<sup>10</sup> ADAMS [*Gilbert Royal*<sup>9</sup>, *Charles A.*<sup>8</sup>, *Jeremiah Sr.*<sup>7</sup>, *Selleck Sr.*<sup>6</sup>, *Phineas*<sup>5</sup>, *Isaac*<sup>4</sup>, *John*<sup>3</sup>, *Peter*<sup>2</sup>, *Henry*<sup>1</sup>], tenth child and sixth and youngest daughter of Gilbert Royal<sup>9</sup> & Margaret (Morford) Adams, was born 5 January 1897 at Munden, Republic Co., Kan.; living, 1974, at 2192 Baxter Road, S.E., Salem, Marion Co., Ore. She married, 31 July 1915\*<sup>1</sup> at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, W. Salem, CHARLES W. HOFFMAN GRABENHORST, born 21 July 1892 at Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; living, 1974, at Salem; a son of William & Eva (Haight) Grabenhorst; grandson of Henry Christian & Margaret (Lay) Grabenhorst, who with their sons and the latter's families had come to Oregon in 1902, settling at Pringle, Marion County. Charlie was named for a family friend, Charles W. Hoffman \*<sup>2</sup>, who served as the assistant librarian of the Library of Congress from 1873 to 1890, and who was also Librarian of the Supreme Court Law Library.



Charlie and Bernice Grabenhorst

Bee met Charlie at a box social held at Pringle School, where her sister Josie was teaching about 1911-12. Charlie was a farmer. He had finished 8th grade and signed up for a business college course, but did not continue with it, as he loved the outdoors and felt too shut in. He raised small fruits for the market -- gooseberries, strawberries, loganberries and youngberries; also harvested cherries, prunes, and hay and grain, on rented land. After their marriage he and Bee lived at two other farms in the same neighborhood before settling in 1926 at the present home, on part of the original Grabenhorst land bought in 1902. In addition to his own farming, Charlie was for many years a farm unit supervisor at Fairview Home. He and Bee are also in a partnership with their son Chas. Jr. on 76 acres south of the home place, on Interstate 5. Charlie has always enjoyed fishing and hunting in central and eastern Oregon, and he and Bee spent two vacations fishing at Murphy Lake, in British Columbia.

Although occasionally the annual reunion of the Gilbert Adams descendants was held at Silver Falls State Park near Salem, mostly the clan gathered at the Grabenhorst home, where the pleasant lawn and flower gardens are shaded by majestic oak and fir trees. From 25 to 30 adults and their numerous children would gather on a Sunday for a whole day of visiting and good eating.

Bee is the one of Gib's and Maggie's daughters who most resembles her mother, both in appearance and in temperament, soft-spoken and affectionate, extremely devoted to her children and grandchildren, and in turn much loved by all of her family, as well as by her neighbors. Charlie's heart is as big as the outdoors he loves, and many could tell of ways in which he has, without fanfare, helped them out in times of need.

Children of Charles W. Hoffman and Bernice Adeline<sup>10</sup> (Adams) Grabenhorst:

685. i. Charles W. Jr, b 2 Feb 1920 m 1: 1942 Margaret Jamieson  
2: 1952 Esther P. McGuire
686. ii. Henry Christian 20 July 1922 d 2 June 1974 m 1947 Laura (McGuire) Byram

\*<sup>1</sup> Polk County, Oregon, Marriage Record Book 11:77. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas D. Yarnes; witnesses were George Adams and Rosa M. Grice.

\*<sup>2</sup> Charles Hoffman's portrait is in Cornelia Strong Fassett's painting "The Electoral College in Open Session", a reproduction of which was on the cover of the November 1972 D.A.R. Magazine. The painting was bought in 1886 for \$7,500.00, and hung in the United States Capitol.