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**Leonard Baker
c. 1918**



**Leonard Albert Baker
c. 1918**



**Ethel Huckstep Baker
Tracy North
Wedding Photo
1917**



**Original Home
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
Ethel Huckstep North and Tracy North
(Two miles west of Vail)**

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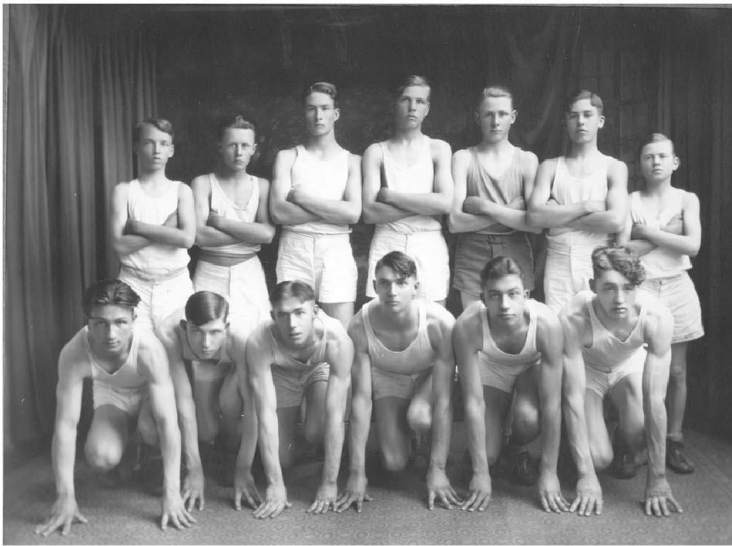


**Rundlett ice pond
Vail, Iowa
Ethel Huckstep Baker North home in distance
c. 1930**



**Vail Presbyterian Church
1938-1969
Leonard Baker Family attended**

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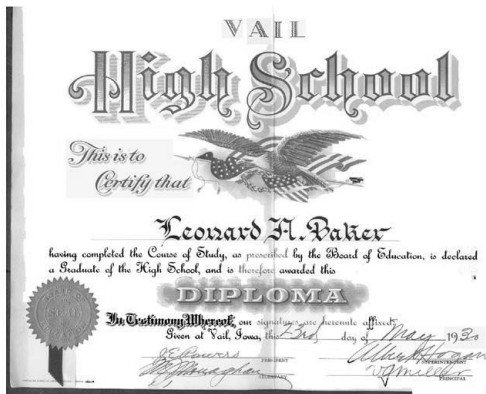
**Front: Wayne Beck, Joseph Stone, Clarence Corbett,
Leonard Baker, Robert Evans, Earl Whiteing
Vail Public High School, Vail, Iowa
1930**

CLASS OF 1930

Clair B. Watson
La Verne A. Crane
Elsie Marie Mason
Marie V. Yankey
Evelyn N. Quaintance
F. Earl Whiteing
Alice F. Brockelsby
Dorothy E. North
Joseph N. Stone
Robert W. Evans
Leonard A. Baker
L. F. Yankey

**Graduation Class
Vail Public High School
Vail, Iowa
1930**

**Leonard Baker Diploma
Vail Public High School
Vail, Iowa
1930**



Albert Hogan: Superintendent and Coach



**Fr: Merle Osterlund, Bill Beck
2nd: Wayne Beck, Leonard Baker, Clarence Corbett
3rd: Joe Rheinhart, Robert Evans, Less Starek,
Earl Whiteing, Les Crane
Vail Public High School
1930**

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Vail Public High School
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
1928

**L to R: Ferne Brockelsby, Sevilla Slechta, Loretta Lane, Florence Chamberlin,
Florence Hansen, Bernice Pieper, Bernice Algoe, Delia Bea Evans,
LaVinia North, LaVerne Crane, Helen McGinnis**

**2nd: Alice Brockelsby, Myrna Hagge, Gladys Morse, Louise Byrnes,
Evelyn Quaintance, ___ Crampton, ___, Dorthy North, Jeanette Farley,
Helen Strathman, Marie Vivian Yankey, Elsie Mason**

**3rd: ___, ___, ___, Clem Byrnes, James North,
Lawrence Whiteing, Warren Chamberlin, Bill Beck, William Schlecta**

**4th: Virgil Dozark, Mearl Osterlund, Leon Brockelsby, Les Crane, Clair Watson,
Joe Stone, Robert Evans, Lloyd Yankey, Leonard Albert Baker**

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**Leonard Albert Baker
Holding a jar of jam
Gold Hill, Oregon
c.1936**



**The home of the "Day" Family
for whom Leonard and Marie Baker
worked while in Gold Hill, Oregon
during 1936-37.**



**The house where Leonard
and Marie Baker lived
while in Gold Hill, Oregon
during 1936-37.**

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**L/R: Leonard Baker
Earl North
Allen North
Grace North
Jewell North
c 1930**

**Leonard Baker
Vail, Iowa
c 1950**

**Marie Vivian Yankey Baker
Lake Okoboji, Iowa
c 1940**



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James Mathias Clark and Celinda Eleanor Chapman North Family

**L/R: Evelyn Bingham and John Foster North
Olive Mae Dowling and Sears Robert North
Mary Eleanor Slater and Lacey Craig North
(Celinda Frances North, deceased) and John Robert Algoe
Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker and Tracy Thomas North
Anna Catherine Dobler and Frank Leslie North
Mildred Pearl Dingman and Rodney James North**

**Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
c. 1950**

**Tracy Thomas North was the step-grandfather of the author.
Tracy Thomas and Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker North lived east of Vail, Iowa
on the Rundlett Farm. The author would walk from his home to his grandparents home.
Grandmother Baker North would always welcome him with
a smile and a snack of freshly baked bread, jam or jelly, and milk.
This was true "comfort food."**

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**Leonard Baker
(Vail in Background)
Vail, Iowa
c. 1950**



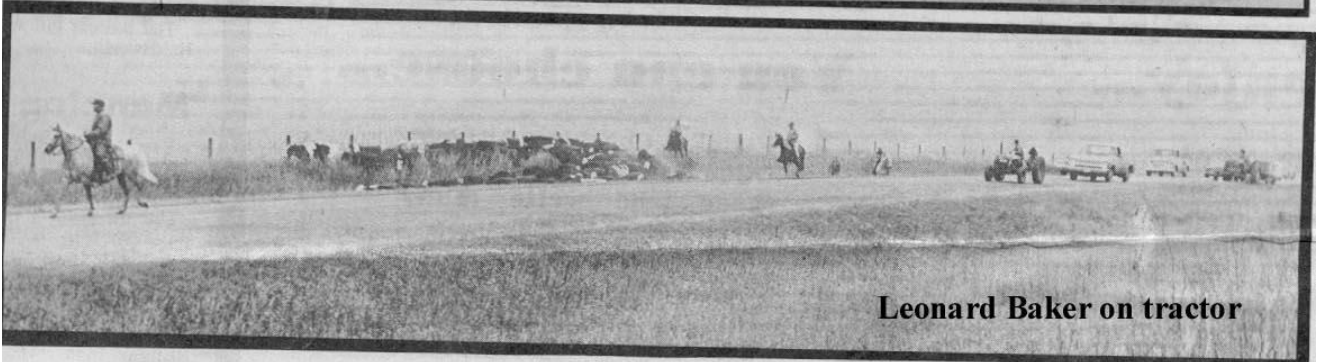
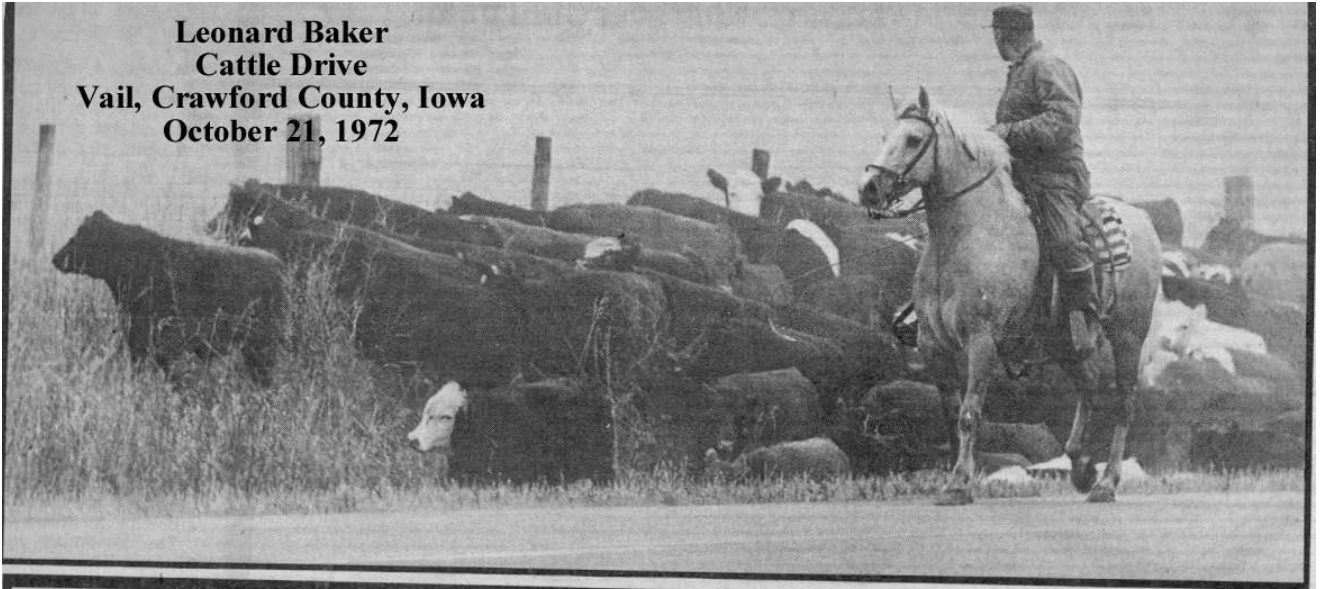
**Leonard and Marie Baker Home
(North Edge of Vail)
Vail, Crawford Co., Iowa
c. 1945**



**Leonard and Marie Baker Home
(East Edge of Vail)
Vail, Crawford Co., Iowa
c. 1970**

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Leonard Baker
Cattle Drive
Vail, Crawford County, Iowa
October 21, 1972



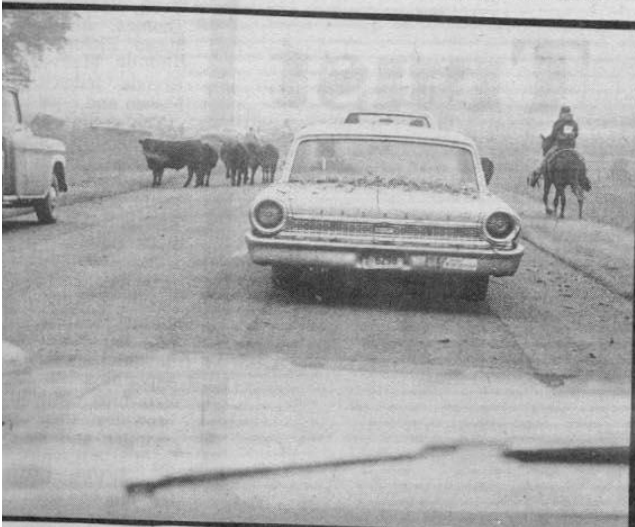
Leonard Baker on tractor

Cattle Drive!

Movement of about 175 head of cattle owned by Leonard Baker of Vail brought back prairie scenes from the days before fences

Photos by Bruce A. Binning

early this morning. The cattle were being moved from a pasture about five miles northwest of Vail to one at the edge of Vail.



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Leonard Albert Baker was born February 27, 1913 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.¹ The family moved to Sparks, Nevada and Guy Leonard Baker, his father, died on January 6, 1914.² After Guy's death Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker and son moved back to Vail, Crawford County, Iowa in January 1914 they lived with her parents near Deloit, Iowa. Ethel later kept house for Tracy North and another man on a farm two miles west of Vail. Ethel Huckstep Baker married Tracy North on June 28, 1917.³ Family tradition states that Leonard sat in his chair the night they were married because "*mother said she would be back*". Tracy North was the maternal grandson of Tracy Chapman. In 1856 Tracy Chapman was an early settler in the Mason's Grove area, Deloit, Crawford County, Iowa along with John Benjamin Hucksep, the grandfather of Ethel Amelia Huckstep Baker.

The family lived in the Vail region except for a brief time when they lived in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas. The family moved to Colby on a train taking a large steam tractor with them but the tractor broke down in the field and the farming conditions were very difficult. Tracy left the tractor in the field and moved the family back to Iowa. Leonard attended school for part of a year in Colby, Thomas County, Kansas.

The family lived in a farm house built by Dick Kenny⁴ two miles west of Vail, Iowa where the rest of the children were born. (Evelyn Grace North Abbott, b. Aug. 18, 1921; Jewell Marie North Van Dusen, b. Sept. 27, 1919; Earl Franklin North, b. May 23, 1918; Allen Thomas North, b. May 2, 1924) At that time houses had few closets because the taxes were higher for each closet in the house. In about 1928 the family moved into Vail but spent the summers on the farm. In 1930 the family moved to the "Rundlett" farm immediately west of Vail on U.S. Highway 30. There was an ice house and pond for ice making and storage on the farm. The family sold ice to the people of Vail which was cut during the winter and packed in layers in a large building. Sawdust was placed between and on top of the layers of ice to prevent melting.⁵

The 1920 Iowa Census, Crawford County, Milford Township, page 798 lists the following:

		Age	Bir.Pl.	Fr.Pl.	Bir.	Mo.Pl.	Bir
North, Tracy	Head	27	Iowa	England		England	
Ethel	Wife	31	Iowa	Illinois		Michigan	
Leonard	Son	6	Iowa	Iowa		Iowa	
Earl	Son	2	Iowa	Iowa		Iowa	
Jewell M.	Dau	7/12	Iowa	Iowa		Iowa	
Huckstep, Earl	Hired Man	17	Iowa	Iowa		Iowa	

Leonard was never adopted by Tracy North even though this Census lists his name as North. Earl Huckstep, cousin of Ethel Huckstep Baker North, was the son of James

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Bertram and Helen Elizabeth Crampton Huckstep and grandson of John Benjamin and Martha Ann Bryant Huckstep.

Leonard was five to eleven years older than the rest of the children and had to work very hard on the farm. They milked a large number of cows plus they did an extensive amount of field work on the farm. There were always extra hired men living in the family home and occasionally the men would bring pests into the house. Ethel would have to throw the bedding out of the windows and burn it. Ethel would cook for the hired men and her family.

When Tracy North died he did not direct any of his estate to Leonard. Before his marriage Leonard had been expected to do the major portion of the children's work for the family. Tracy North and his son, Allen North, were in government legal difficulties⁶ with the Vail Elevator grain storage contracts and Leonard borrowed money against his farm to cover their misuse of funds. This money was never fully repaid and in the end was lost by Leonard and Marie Baker. This event caused life-long family distress for them.

Leonard attended grade school in a one room school west of Vail called "*Sunnyside*" and graduated in 1926. He then attended the Vail Public High School in Vail, Iowa graduating in 1930 at the age of seventeen.

Leonard was a very good athlete in high school. In 1930 the Vail High School team won the Crawford County Track and Field meet that year with Denison coming in second. The Vail Observer May 21, 1930 reported that "*Baker won the 120 yard tall hurdles, the 100 yard dash, the 220 yard dash and was the anchor on the winning one mile relay*". In winning the mile relay the Observer reported that "*Baker did his segment beautifully.*"⁷ The Observer further stated:

*"It was a fine win; the boys wear their honors gracefully, with a little justifiable pride but no boasting and no conceit. It was a matter of work, earnestness and the will to win. The boys felt that the Vail businessmen were back of them for a long time. Every patron of our school affairs played a part in the winning of the meet; every business man who said an encouraging word, every cheer from the side line---they all helped lots. True, certain cows in the community waited of an evening for her pailing--but what's time to a bovine and what's milk to a winning track meet."*⁸

Vail won the meet with 52 points, Denison 47, Manilla 23, Dow City 18, Kiron 3, and Schleswig 1. Vail High School won this Coon Valley Conference track and field meet in Carroll, Iowa over several schools including Marshalltown. Leonard competed in the District track meet in Council Bluffs, Iowa and was second in the 220, fourth in the 100, and anchored the third place mile relay team. He competed at Ames, Iowa for the State track meet.⁹

Leonard was the center on the basketball team that also included Earl Whiteing, Joseph

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Stone, and Robert Evans of their senior class.

The Vail High School Baccalaureate service was May 18, 1930 in the Presbyterian Church. The sermon, entitled “*Work*”, was given by Rev. J.G. Reinhardt.¹⁰

On May 23, 1930 the graduation ceremonies were held in the Woodman opera house in Vail with Prof. Charles Bongardt of Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska delivering the address in the Woodman Hall, Vail, Iowa. Six boys and six girls were in the Vail High School graduating class of 1930. The class members were Leonard Baker, Alice Brockelsby, Robert Evans, Laverne Crane, Joseph Stone, Elsie Mason, Earl Whiteing, Dorothy North, Clair Watson, Evelyn Quaintance, Lloyd Yankey, and Marie Vivian Yankey.¹¹

“*Work*” was the theme of the times. The Great Depression of the 1930’s was just beginning. Leonard worked for Tracy North on the farm, the grain elevator and in the Conoco service station. He dated Marie Vivian Yankey while she was enrolled in the Nursing School at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska graduating on June 4, 1934.

Leonard attended Iowa State Teachers College for one summer, continued working for Tracy North and then began farming. He also drove a truck to and from Vail to Boone, Iowa to haul coal from the mines near Boone. The coal was delivered to the Vail lumberyard. Leonard drove the truck in the daytime and his step-father, Tracy North, drove at night.

Leonard wrote a letter to his half-sister, Grace North, on May 29, 1935. The letter includes the following:

“Say you have not told me how you are going to like your new sister-in-law. I think you are going to like her ok. She is a pretty good girl don’t you think so. Anyway I am satisfied and I don’t care what you think.”

I can tell you some news. Robert Whiting is going to get married Sat. He is another young man that has played his last tune. I am not a bit jealous of him for I know I am getting the best girl.” Signed: Your Onery Brother, “guess which one”¹²

A letter from Alice Yankey married to Lloyd Yankey, Marie’s brother, to Grace North on May 22, 1935 told of Leonard and Marie’s engagement party. The letter reports:

“I suppose you have heard of Marie’s and Leonard’s engagement. She gave a dinner Tuesday evening and the announcements were written on cards under a piece of cake at each ones plate. For dessert we had ice cream and nuts and strawberries. Afterwards we played cards. Marie’s ring is so pretty. It’s yellow gold with the diamond enclosed in silver mounting. I think it is similar to mine only the style is different.”¹³

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“Oh, I forgot to tell you all who were guests at Marie’s dinner. They were Opal Y. & Earl W., Robert W. and Ruth Rollins, Elsie Mason, Joe Stone, Lloyd & I, and of course Marie & Leonard made up the ten at the long table. There were four pink candles two on either end and a little green potted plant in the center. There were little pink baskets filled with peppermints & peanuts with our names written on a little place card attached to the basket.”¹⁴

On September 27, 1935 Leonard and Marie were married in the Presbyterian Church, Vail, Iowa. Reverend Emery E. Zimmerman officiated at the ceremony with Elsie Marie Mason maid of honor and Joseph Stone as best man. Both of the attendants were high school classmates of Leonard and Marie Yankey Baker. They went on their honeymoon with Joseph Stone as Leonard did not have a car. Vivian Kelly, Leonard’s geography and physiology teacher, writing in his commencement book suggested that Leonard should “*sell your car*”.

A reception was held in their home after the wedding for the immediate families of the couple. The home was described as “*the former Adam Short residence*”.¹⁵ That evening a wedding dance was held in the Woodman Hall of Vail, Iowa with Vince Gallagher and his Orchestra furnishing the music.

In 1936 during the Great Depression Marie and Leonard moved to Gold Hill, Jackson County, Oregon to work in the orchards and fields of the Rogue River valley. Their son, Phillip Leonard Baker, was born February 16, 1937 in Medford, Jackson County, Oregon.

In May of 1937 the family returned to Vail, Iowa. They lived in two different houses in the town of Vail while Leonard worked for his step-father, Tracy North, in the grain elevator, on the farm and in the Conoco Service Station. In 1940 Leonard and Marie Baker purchased a farm on the north and east edge of Vail owned by Leonard Dieter and they began farming and feeding beef cattle. The original farm was purchased on contract from the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, Nebraska in 1940 and deeded to Leonard and Marie Yankey Baker on February 2, 1945.¹⁶ An additional adjacent farm was purchased from Angela Henkenius on February 27, 1953.¹⁷

The Leonard Baker farm north of the town of Vail was the site of a brick yard that began about 1885. The brick were said to be “*as fine as any ever made in this part of the state, they are of the best shape and quality, doing great credit to the proprietors, Messrs. Mosher and Britton.*”¹⁸ The brick yard was visible at the time that the farm was purchased by Leonard Baker. The site was covered over and is now farm land.

On March 24, 1942 Sylvia Ann Baker Lochmiller was born in Denison, Crawford County, Iowa.

The total farm was 320 acres in the South 1/2 of Section 19, Township 84, Range 37 West adjacent to Vail, Crawford County, Iowa. The large two story brick farm home

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had all hard-wood floors and a coal fired hot water heating system. Leonard tiled about ninety acres of farm land adjacent to U.S. Highway 30 which became very productive farm land and he was one of the first to use commercial liquid nitrogen fertilizer on corn. Leonard feed many cattle that were bought as calves in Nebraska and Wyoming and the cattle were shipped to Omaha, Nebraska by truck or to Chicago, Illinois via the railroad to the stock yards when they were fat. Leonard would travel with the cattle to be present at the time of the sale.

Initially grain was put up in shocks and hauled by horses to the threshing machine. Large groups of men would gather and assist each other in this process of loading the grain shocks on wagons and then driving the horse teams to the threshing machine but with the introduction of the combine the threshing machine was no longer used. Phillip Baker remembers working in the straw pile created by the threshing machine. It was very dusty and dirty work to stack the straw.

Leonard and Marie enjoyed following the athletic teams attending every basketball game in which their children, Phillip and Sylvia, were involved. In the summers the family would vacation at Lake Okoboji, Iowa where Marie and Leonard would fish. Marie enjoyed fishing and was a very good fisherwoman.

Marie and Leonard Baker were members and regular attendees of the United Presbyterian Church, Vail, Iowa and held many positions in the church. The April 6, 1947 Easter church bulletin ¹⁹ lists the Church Officers as Leonard Baker, Elder, Marie Baker, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, and Marie Baker, President Ladies Aid. The Presbyterian Synod of Iowa sent Marie and Leonard as official Lay Delegates to the National Presbyterian Conference in New York City. This trip took three weeks as they traveled via Canada to New York. Leonard was also a member and officer in the Men's Council of the Presbyterian Church. He was also a member to the Building Finance Committee when the new Vail Presbyterian Church was built in 1970.

Leonard built and operated a locker plant and purchased the adjacent grocery store in Vail. He rented both to Marvin Rehbein. Leonard had purchased this store from Don Carlberg. The locker plant adjacent to the grocery store was used for meat and frozen goods storage by members of the Vail community before the widespread use of home freezers. Leonard, or his son, Phillip, or William Blair would haul cattle or hogs from local farmers to the locker plant for slaughtering. Leonard later sold the grocery store and locker plant to Marvin Rehbein. This store was called Marvin's Provisions and was later purchased and operated by Dick Blair. William Blair, brother of Dick Blair, worked many years for the Baker family. William was a lifelong friend of the family and was like a son to Leonard and brother to Phillip Leonard Baker.

He was a fifty year member of the Diamond Lodge # 422 A.F. & A.M. and was a Worthy Patron of the Olive Branch No. 205, Order of Eastern Star in Vail. In 1943 Leonard was Master of Diamond Lodge No. 422 in Vail, Iowa.²⁰

He was a member and president of the Vail Public School Board that was instrumental in

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obtaining school buses for the Vail Public Schools but school buses were a very contentious topic at the time. He was also a school board member and a major supporter for consolidation of the schools of Arcadia, Westside and Vail, Iowa to form Ar-We-Va High School. He served many years on the school boards of both high schools and was president of both boards.²¹ He was a member of the first Ar-We-Va school board.

Leonard was on the Crawford County, Iowa Selective Service Board for many years and, upon retirement, he received a letter of commendation for his service signed by President John F. Kennedy. He was also on the Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison, Iowa Board of Trustees for many years.

In 1950 Leonard Baker and Allen North, step-brother-in-law, established a confinement hog feeding operation in Vail, Iowa. This feeding operation was one of the first of its type in the area.

During their retirement years Marie and Leonard traveled extensively in a motor home and they also enjoyed visits from their families and grandchildren. Marie would always prepare huge amounts of food including several meats, salads, desserts, breads, pies, and cakes for these family meals. A typical dinner for Christmas would include cranberry-whipped cream salad, two or three Jell-O salads, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes with marshmallows, ham, turkey, chicken, rolls, nut breads, several kinds of cookies, cake, homemade ice cream and coffee. Home made ice cream with toppings of chocolate, butterscotch, and strawberries and cakes and cookies followed the meal. Marie and Leonard liked to cook Iowa beef rare and did a good deal of barbecue grilling.

Leonard had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Christmas was his favorite Holiday. He would often wrap small gifts and place the box inside another box and wrap that box. Leonard would continue this process until there was a very large package to place under the Christmas tree. The recipient would have a wonderful time unwrapping the packages. He would often just put instructions inside the inner box as to where to find the present that might then be wrapped in a totally different box. Often he would crack open English walnuts, remove the nut meat, and then he would put a dollar or five dollar bill into the walnut shell and carefully glue the shell together. These shells with the money inside would be wrapped together with other walnuts in a large box. The grand children would shake the boxes to determine what was in the box. They would have to crack all of the walnuts to find their money.

He was a very hard working man and was a neat and tidy with his farm. The corn rows were very straight and the weeds always mowed or sprayed. Initially corn was planted using planter wire with knots at regular intervals which allowed the corn seed to be dropped by the planter at exact distances. If the was done properly the corn could be cultivated with the rows and across the rows. This planting was always done by Leonard to make sure that it was accurately done. This method of planting and cultivating was done for weed and grass control before the days of herbicides.

Marie Vivian Yankey Baker died on January 26, 1986 in Clarkson Hospital, Omaha,

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Douglas County, Nebraska. Leonard did not emotionally recover from her death as he loved his wife very much and continually thought about her. His children and grandchildren gave him great joy but he did not overcome the feeling of loss after Marie died. Leonard wrote in his private file on April 29, 1986 the following:

“If one did not LOVE one so much it would not hurt so much. Marie was one special person. I realize it more every day. I do hope she knows, I am sure she does. I know that we are here but a short time, just passing through. There will be a better day when we will meet our loved ones. I am sure of this. Faith is about all there is left. I also want you to know I LOVE each and every one of my family”. ²²

Leonard Albert Baker died on March 30, 1988 in the Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison, Iowa.

The obituary of Leonard Baker is reported in the Vail Observer as follows.

“Leonard A. Baker was born February 27, 1913, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, the son of Guy and Ethel Huckstep Baker. He was raised on a farm near Vail and was graduated from the Vail High School with the Class of 1930. He attended Iowa Teachers College in Cedar Falls for one semester. Following his education and prior to his marriage he was employed in the Vail area.

On September 27, 1935 Leonard united in marriage with Marie Yankey at the Vail Presbyterian Church in Vail. To this union were born two children, Phillip and Sylvia. They made their home in Vail until 1936 when they moved to Oregon. In 1937, they returned to the Vail area where he farmed. The Baker's spent their retirement years in Vail where they had the opportunity to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in the fall of 1985. Marie died on January 26, 1986, and Leonard continued to reside at this home in Vail where he maintained an active interest in his farming operation the rest of his life.

Leonard died Wednesday morning, March 30, 1988 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison. At the time of his passing he had attained the age of 75 years, 1 month, and 3 days.

Leonard was a lifetime, active member of the United Presbyterian Church in Vail where he had served as an elder and trustee, and was currently a member of the Men's Council. In earlier years he had served as a Lay Delegate for the Sioux City Presbytery. He was a 50 year member of the Diamond Lodge #422, A.F. & A.M. in Vail, and a member of the Olive Branch No. 205, Order of Eastern Star in Vail. He had served several terms on the Vail and Ar-We-Va school boards and the Crawford County Selective Service Board. From 1973 until 1984 he was a member of the Crawford County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.

Leonard was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Marie; and one brother, Earl.

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Left to cherish his memories are his son, Dr. Phillip Baker and his wife, Betty, of Topeka, KS; his daughter, Sylvia Lochmiller, of Des Moines; four grandchildren, Barry Lochmiller and his wife Brenda of Naples, FL, Christine Lochmiller, of Storm Lake, Nancy Baker and Susan Baker of Topeka, KS; two sisters, Jewell Van Dusen of Denison and Grace Abbott and her husband Clair of Boone; one brother Allen North and his wife Emmy Lou of Vail; two sisters-in-law Mary North and Alice Yankey both of Vail; and his step-mother-in-law, Gladys Yankey of Missouri Valley. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Masonic services were held at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 1988 at the Pfannebecker Funeral Home in Denison with the Diamond Lodge #422, A.F. & A.M., Vail, conducting the service.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 1988 at the Presbyterian Church in Vail with the Rev. Harold McConnell of Rice Landing, PA, officiating. Music for the service was provided by Glenn Freese singing 'All The Way My Savior Leads Me' 'His Eye Is On The Sparrow' 'Beyond The Sunset'. Kevin Freese served as organist for the services.

Honorary pall bearers included: Wanda Truckee, Alice Hawley, Eileen Allender, Joe Stone, Clair Abbott, Dale Crane, F. Earl Whiteing, Everett Crane, Raynard Schmidt, Howard Iverson, James W. North, Irvin Slechta, Edwin Magill, Al Bauer, Jack Simonsen, and Jack Powers. Casket bearers were William Blair, Royce Noelck, Robert Hawley, Ted Hawley, Charles Ballantine, and Wesley Stoelk. Interment was in the Vail Cemetery at Vail." ²³

The children of Leonard Albert and Marie Vivian Yankey Baker were Phillip Leonard Baker and Sylvia Ann Baker Lochmiller.

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Phillip Leonard Baker, M.D.

Topeka, Kansas

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