

Looking Back

By Shirley Schaper

Robert Cole is fatally injured in silo accident

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Robert Cole, 40, of 3800 Park Avenue, Des Moines, son of Mrs. Minnie Bryant of State Center, was accidentally killed last Wednesday at his farm when an unloading device in the silo in which he was working, turned on in some manner. Mr. Cole was just leaving the silo when the accident happened and he was caught between the unloading machine and the silo.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, September 21 at the Hamilton Funeral Home in Des Moines with burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Cole was a native of Jewell. He made his home here for a few months at one time with his mother.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Kathleen, 11, his mother, Mrs. Bryant, one sister, Mrs. Dan Malloy of State Center and two half-sisters, Mrs. Richard Sandal and Miss Frances Bryant.

(Shirley's note: How ironic that this article popped up for this particular column. It's called genealogy serendipity—and let me tell you, there has been lots of that between here and Germany in the last few weeks. The Iowa Wends Study Group gathered in the Drachhausen area for a get-together with the village people and family members and to celebrate one of their festivals. The Mahlow's (Don, Judy, Jenny and myself) were a part of that group and it is a tear-jerker to meet up with distant cousins—especially in East Germany. After spending six days with the Wendish (Sorbs) people, we did some touring, and then headed to Einbeck to see Frank Garbelmann, my German "son", and Donnie's co-worker at Saur Danfoss. Remember the article of Mr. Schilling making the trip to Wenzen years ago and he stated that there were fruit trees lining the roads? And, Martin's mother, Lena Eggers Schaper, told the same story. Well, when one of my traveling partners

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