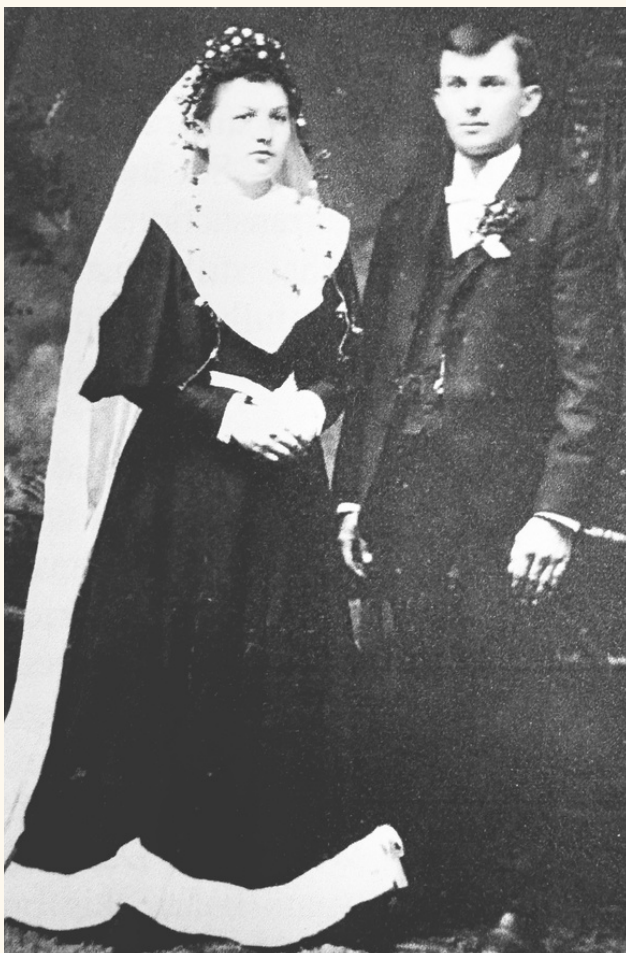


THE KUEHN FAMILY FARM

In 1907, Edward Kuehn's grandparents, Charles (Charley) Kuehn (1870-1956) and Hulda Bandt Kuehn (1878-1948), moved to Ripon and bought a small farm on the southwestern corner of the City of Ripon because they needed more room for their growing family. But by 1910, they were a family of eight. So, in 1911 they built a larger home, a two-story with cedar siding, on the property that provided more living space. The total cost of building the house was \$700, equal to about \$24,500 today.



Edward Kuehn, who was born and raised in Ripon, wrote about the history of the family farm in a 2014 book, "My Grandparent's Farm." In it he remembers his grandfather,

"I liked him because whenever we went to visit him and grandma he would show us around his little farm, how he fed the horse, the cow, the pig and the chickens all of which he seemed to enjoy showing off to us his grandchildren. I don't know if he ever had a car or truck or if he ever knew how to drive anything other than his horse...The horse and wagon was his means of transportation." – Edward

Left: Charles & Hulda Kuehn, 1894

Edward Kuehn also wrote about one particular story that is grandmother told him, about a difficult time in the family's lives,

"The story that she told was that during one such period in their lives when times were difficult there wasn't always enough food...it was late winter and about all they had left to eat from the previous years harvest was potatoes and she didn't have money to buy anything else. She told how she went to the almost empty potato bin and she was gathering the now withered remaining potatoes she picked up what she thought was a potato but it didn't feel like one...she realized it was a money pouch and inside were some coins. She told how there was no way to determine how that pouch had gotten there or to whom it belonged to as it wasn't anyone's in the family...those few coins made it possible to buy some more food to feed the family. She told us how she felt that those coins were a sign that it was her faith that had helped them through this and other difficult times in her and her family's lives." – Edward