



Summer 1913
Mama - Wanda Flath Krause
Johanna Eleanore
Bruno Adolf
Harry Herman
Gerta marie

And Then There Were Four

The pictures on the previous page were taken by Mr. Alfons Agather Sr. in their yard on Third Avenue East - one block south of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Agather had our family for Sunday dinners after church quite often and they in turn used to come out to our place to spend Sundays or Holidays. On one of these occasions Mr. Agather "knipst" the Krause Family. I don't know why Dad wasn't in one of these pictures. He wasn't camera shy. Note our clothes - Mother had sewn everything - as often was the case, Mother probably was up most of the night finishing a seam here or a buttonhole there. Bruno's little sailor suit was made out of a ladies coat. Imagine all the hours it must have taken to do all that featherstitching around the collar, down the front and along the hem of my dress, and think of the tedious ironing of all those ruffles on Gerta's pinafore! Harry's stockings are handknits made by Mother.

Harry got his first haircut about a year after this picture was taken. It doesn't show in this picture but Harry's hair was very curly and very pretty and Mother simply didn't have the heart to cut it. Harry's first haircut happened quite unexpectedly! Mother was rushing around getting the noon meal on the table for the threshers one day when, as always, each of us had to be washed and combed AND instructed to be on our very best behavior. When Mother started combing Harry's hair, Harry always the quiet one but not when it came to getting his hair combed, screamed louder than usual (his hair always snarled badly) and then and there Mother cut his hair and Harry became a BIG BOY!

Johanna E. Siegel

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