

About the Author



Dorothy Hubbard Schwieder (1933-)

Dorothy Hubbard Schwieder was born in 1933 in Presho, South Dakota, a place she still calls home. Her father was an early businessman in town. The ninth child in a family of ten children, she graduated from Presho High School in 1951 and Dakota Wesleyan University in 1955. That year she married classmate Elmer Schwieder. They had two children: Diane, born in 1958, and David, born in 1959.

In 1962, the family moved to Ames, Iowa. After receiving his Ph.D. at Iowa State University, Elmer taught in the departments of Sociology and Family Environment for over thirty years. Dorothy received her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa and was on the history faculty at Iowa State University for thirty-four years. In 1998, she was named a University Professor for exceptional contributions to the University. Among the many courses she taught at ISU, her favorites were Iowa History and the History of American Women. She has written and edited numerous books and articles on Midwestern history, with a primary focus on Iowa. These include Iowa: *The Middle Land* and *Black Diamonds: Life and Work in Iowa's Coal Mining Communities*. In 2007, she co-edited *A Sesquicentennial History of Iowa State University: Tradition and Transformation*. For some fifteen years she took part in the Iowa Humanities Speakers Bureau.

Dorothy retired from ISU in 2000 but still does historical research. Elmer died in 2005, and Dorothy continues to live in Ames. Along with her history work, she enjoys bridge, traveling, reading, and spending time with her family and with Seri, her six-year-old Sheltie. Her children live in Illinois, Diane in Normal and David in Champaign-Urbana. She has two granddaughters, Mary and Elizabeth.

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