

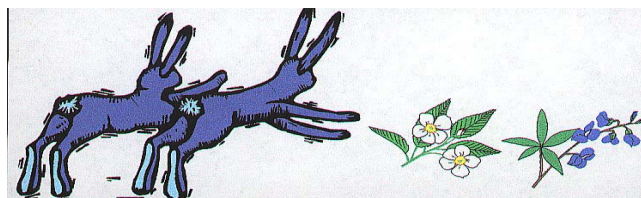
## At Granny Edie's Farm

True stories by Edith Krebs Riske

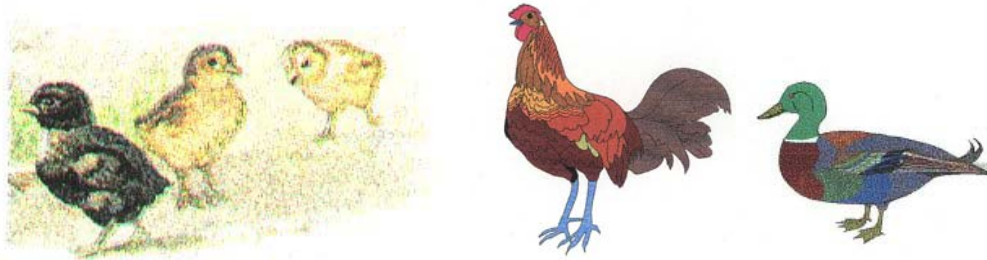
I grew up part of my young life on a farm, far, far away in a village called Konradshof. We had all kinds of animals. Every year many little animals were born. My brother had many rabbits that ran all over the farm.



Granny got married on this farm. It was so far to take our guest to church with horse and buggy and we decided to have our wedding in the empty hay barn. We decorated with green branches and flowers and also added my piano. Twin boys, three years old, were the flower kids walking ahead of Granny and her husband to be, throwing flowers down. **Guess what?** The rabbits were right behind the boys sniffing the flowers. Rabbits, rabbits every where ! **It was so funny.** It was so hard not to laugh out loud. I was looking at the rabbits and did not listen to the Pastor that married us.



I had many pigeons, beautiful brown ones with big red eyes. On the farm we had many darling little chicks, ducks and geese. I really liked the little geese they would just cuddle up to you and in their geese language speak to you. We had an incubator, that is like a big box where we put the eggs in and turned the electric on to keep the eggs warm. In a few weeks so 200 chicks and a few weeks later 20-30 ducks and geese would pop out of the eggs. That was fun to watch. Many times I had to watch the little geese in the field where they could eat the young grass. I lay in the grass watching them and soon after they had enough one by one came and cuddled up to me, telling first their geese stories. Soon we all were asleep. After getting to know them so well I hated to see them getting to the thanksgiving table.



We had 3 mama geese and one papa called gander. One time I got to close to the gander. He came after me, hitting with his wings and biting me. My Daddy came to the rescue with a big stick and got the gander away from me.



I had an enjoyable young life on the farm. Granny



Our horses



Grandpas horse



Susie and I went for a swim.



Granny milking a cow



And Granny with grandpa Herbert