



December 13, 2014

Dear American Doorstop Project,

Our fifth generation family farm homestead, established in 1886, is located in an area of Nebraska known to early pioneers as The Great American Desert because of its expansive treeless prairie grasslands east of the Rocky Mountains. Our farm is a representative doorstop in the westward migration of pioneers on the High Plains and the northward push of cattle to the end of the Texas Trail. We strive to preserve the best values, skills and artifacts of our rich agricultural past, put them to use today through restoration and education, with the anticipation of renewing hope in Faith, Family and Farm for future generations of Americans.

Our German ancestors moved westward in the late 1880's to find farm ground and landed in Keith County, Nebraska. The town of Ogallala became known as the Cowboy Capital as it was the end of the Texas Trail where cattle were brought to be shipped east or west on the railroad. Our family is representative of the farmers who began utilizing agricultural irrigation practices that would tap one of the world's largest aquifers, the Ogallala Aquifer. It is important to us that our heritage is not lost. We feel that being a part of The American Doorstop Project would serve to preserve our place in the past, present and future of this area as it fits in the agricultural narrative across the United States.

We stand with you in great anticipation on the threshold of The American Doorstop Project. We know you have been dedicated to traveling across America, making connections and collecting inventory to produce such a commemorative collection of insight, text, print, preservation and oral history for generations to come. We look forward with anticipation to the project's completion as it will coincide nicely with the sesquicentennial anniversary of Nebraska! This 150th anniversary is a success story all its own. Prairie Preservations, and our family, is glad to be walking through the door of opportunity with The American Doorstop Project!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valarie Geisert".

Valarie Geisert

Prairie Preservations

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathan Geisert".

Nathan Geisert

Geisert Farms