

ABOUT Dr. Henry W. Hoge



Dr. Henry W. Hoge, DDS, is a periodontist in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

The McIntosh Family Teaching Scholarship is the focus of his legacy gift.

His words, from his perspective, “As I understand the McIntosh history, my grandfather Sherman and grandmother Ruby sold their farm located about 5 miles North of Marengo in about 1900. They bought a house in the “old town” section of Marengo and opened a general store across the street.

My Grandmother Ruby has a teaching certificate from Ball State. She taught for several Years but retired upon the birth of a daughter, Joy and my Mother Doris born in 1919. Many of their descendants are educators today.

I was born in 1943 in New Albany, Indiana as were my sister Jane, and brother John. In 1954 my youngest sister was born. During the WWII years we lived in Marengo while my Dad was in the Air Force in Texas and Louisiana.

My Grandparents and my Mother were truly my “parents” during this difficult time, both during the war and later, when my Father commuted to Bloomington to complete his studies at I.U. Looking back, those years in Marengo were very important in learning practical skills and forming lifelong values. We also have wonderful memories of playing in the creek, “hanging out” at my grandparent’s store, and enjoying grandmother’s persimmon pudding.

After my Father received his degree, we moved to Wisconsin, and subsequently to Bloomington. Later, our family lived in Cuba and Colombia, South America. These international experiences were interesting and informative. This period and the teenage years that followed were a busy time. I’m afraid we didn’t appreciate our grandparents adequately in this latter part of our youth, nor did we show them the gratitude they deserved.

We searched for a way we could reward the efforts and sacrifices our grandparents had made. We felt that Community Foundation of Crawford County would offer a way to recognize their efforts and at the same time benefit a student in need through the McIntosh Family Teaching Scholarship.”

