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AYERS, CHARLES W.

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Charles W. Ayers was born in Northampton, England, August 7, 1844. He came to Ottawa, Canada, in 1864, where he purchased a farm. In 1866 Charles married Nancy Bingham, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Ferguson) Bingham. Andrew and Nancy (Ferguson) Bingham were natives of Scotland. Nancy (Bingham) Ayers was born January 6, 1845, in Carrick, Bruce County, Ontario. Shortly after their marriage Charles and Nancy Ayers moved to Walkerton, Canada, where they again purchased a farm. In the fall of 1870 they disposed of their property in Canada and came to Saint Paul, Minnesota. In Saint Paul they received a homestead from the federal government near Princeton, Minnesota. The journey from Saint Paul to their new home was made with an ox team. Upon their arrival Charles built a log cabin. The remainder of the winter was spent hunting and trapping. There was a large Indian encampment twenty miles from their homestead, these Indians were Chippewas and friendly. In 1878 Charles decided to move to a larger and better farm in Haven township Sherburne County.

Charles successfully farmed in Haven township until 1916 when he retired. Charles and Nancy (Bingham) Ayers then moved to Saint Cloud, where they erected a fine home at 927 Third Avenue South. Charles and Nancy (Bingham) Ayers were the parents of five children Anna, Edith, Suzy, Arthur and Guy.

Anna is married to D. M. Campbell, they live in Saint Cloud. Edith is the wife of H. Putnam also of Saint Cloud. Suzy is married to George Scherfenberg, Saint Cloud. Arthur lives in Minneapolis. Guy is a farmer near Cable, in Sherburne County.

Charles W. Ayers died February 17, 1917, he is buried in North Star Cemetery. Nancy (Bingham) Ayers makes her home with her daughter, Edith. She is ninety-one years old and in excellent health.

Interviewed: Nancy (Bingham) Ayers Date: Oct. 22, 1936 By: Walter Jernberg

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FOR THE CHARLES W. AYERS BIOGRAPHY

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