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BERG, JOHN

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John Berg was born in Shakopee, Scott County, Minnesota June 15, 1868, son of George and Anna Berg.

George and Anna Berg were natives of Germany and came to America to find a better livelihood, settling near the village of Shakopee.

In 1874 George took his family and moved to Melrose, Stearns County, Minnesota and near this town started farming. John received a small amount of educational instruction in a rural school and then helped his parents with the hard labors and routine of farm work. The original farm that the Berg family first put under cultivation was wild and the first buildings consisted of a log house and straw shed for the livestock. The only implements were a plow, a wooden harrow, and a wagon. With such crude implements of that date and only a limited number of oxen the task of breaking land was very difficult. In 1890 John left his father's farm and worked as a farm hand amongst the neighboring farmers. He was employed in this capacity until 1897 and in that year married Margaret Kraemer at Meire Grove, Stearns County.

Margaret (Kraemer) Berg was born at Meire Grove, March 5, 1877, daughter of Gottfreid and Lena Kraemer.

After his marriage John farmed near Meire Grove for several years and then purchased a farm near Melrose. He kept this land only a short time and then purchased another tract of land near Elrosa. John farmed this successfully until 1926 and then moved to the city of St. Cloud. He has since resided in this city until 1936 and at present is with his son at Sauk Centre, Minnesota.

To John and Margaret (Kraemer) Berg were born thirteen children, Gottfreid, Katherine, Clara, George, Lena, Hilda, Elizabeth, Alvina, Christian, Marie, Lester, Alphonse and Barbara.

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There are twenty-one grandchildren.

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LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
FOR THE JOHN BERG BIOGRAPHY

RECORD BOOK P PAGE 7379

Barbara Kraemer married October 19, 1897 to John P. Berg  
by W. Mahowald O. S. B.

Witnesses: George Berg

Clara Kraemer

Birth Record Book J, Page 29-Line 886

Sylvester John Berg, born June 25, 1916, son of John  
Peter Berg and Barbara Kramer,

Birth Record Book G. page 22 line 490

Stillborn, baby Berg, Born February 9-1913  
born to Katherine Kramer and John Berg.

BIRTH RECORD IN BOOK H PAGE 34 Line 1027

Mary Helen Berg, born May 14, 1914 daughter of John and Barbara  
Berg.