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Mathias Bierbun was born in 1844 in Austria Hungary, and received his schooling there. His parents were farmers and it was logical that Mathias should follow in their footsteps.

When Mathias was about twenty he married a girl (name unknown) who died after eight months of married life. Mathias remarried two years later (the name of his second wife is also unknown). To his second wife were born two children, Mathias and Elizabeth. This marriage was soon ended by the death of his second wife. A few years later Mathias again remarried to Miss Theresa Neuberger, born September 29, 1856 in Austria Hungary.

Mathias had a close friend living in Iowa, United States of America, on a farm. This friend kept writing and telling Mathias of all the money he was making on his farm, so Mathias decided to come to the United States. He left his wife in Austria and came to this country. After locating his friend he found that he was poverty stricken and not prosperous as he had written. Mathias gave his friend most of his money and left for a farm which he planned to rent. The deal was closed and he then sent for his wife. He farmed until the depression which occurred during President Cleveland's administration. Mathias had to leave the farm and he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Here he lived for a short time and then bought an eighty acre farm, located between Albany and Holdingford, in Stearns County. He farmed until 1911. He sold the farm and moved to Robinsdale, Minnesota, where he lived in retirement until his death in 1925.

Mrs. Theresa (Neuberger) Bierbun is still living in Minneapolis.

Mathias and Theresa (Neuberger) Bierbun had eight children, four died in infancy and four are living, Theresia, Mary, Joseph, and Katherine (Mrs. Peter Fettig). There were thirty grandchildren, nineteen are living, and eleven great grandchildren.

Interviewed: Mrs. Katherine (Bierbun)
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