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One of our native sons of an early pioneer family is Ferdinand Bisenius, who was born January 18, 1861 in Saint Cloud township, Stearns County, son of William and Susanna (Kirsh) Bisenius, both of Trier, Germany, who came to America in 1853 and settled in Illinois. Three years later, in 1856, the family moved to Minnesota, and homesteaded some land on the Pleasant Lake road in Stearns County which William Bisenius improved and farmed until 1886, when he discontinued farming and moved to Saint Cloud, Minnesota, to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Lambert, where he lived until his death on June 12, 1899. Mrs. Susanna (Kirsh) Bisenius died in 1874.

Ferdinand Bisenius received his early childhood training and education in the rural country school. Mr. John Waltz was his instructor, and after completing his school days Ferdinand worked on his father's farm until he reached the age of twenty-three, then he was married and settled on a farm near his fathers. This farm, Ferdinand Bisenius operated for seven years. He came to Saint Cloud and started to work for Gruber and Company, General Contractors, for this company he worked twenty years. Then Mr. Bisenius worked for Frank Lorenzer, in the cement business, constructing sidewalks and curbing. He worked for Mr. Lorenzer about four years. In the fall of 1922 Mr. Bisenius retired to take care of his interests in his farm and home on 12th Avenue and St. Germain Street, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

In 1884 Ferdinand Bisenius was married to Gertrude Undersander, daughter of Michael and Gretchen Undersander. Michael Undersander was a pioneer, coming to Saint Joseph from Delaware, in 1855. Michael Undersander died in April, 1910 and his wife, Gretchen, died in September, 1910.

Mrs. Gertrude (Undersander) Bisenius was born in Saint Joseph, September 2, 1859.

To Ferdinand and Gertrude (Undersander) Bisenius was born one daughter, Christine, who died in infancy.

Interviewed: Ferdinand Bisenius
Date: May 27, 1936
By: N. P. Kruchten

FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 9, 1860 by -- C. Grandelmeyer

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Michael Undersander

Age 32

Sex

Male

Occupation

Carpenter

Born

Baden

Christian Undersander

Age 33

Sex

Female

Born

Prussia

John Undersander

Age 3

Sex

Male

Born

Minnesota

Getrude Undersander

Age 10 Mo.

Sex

Female

Born

Minnesota

FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 21, 1860--by C. Grandelmeyer

Post Office: St. Cloud

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Line 9

William Bisenius

Age 31

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Prussia

Line 10

Susan Bisinius

Age 26

Sex

Female

Born

Holland

Line 11

Margaret Bisenius

Age 2

Sex

Female

Born

Minnesota

Line 12

Mary Bisenius

Age 1

Sex

Female

Born

Minnesota

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE FERDINAND BISENIUS BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 39

Ferdinand Bisenius and Gertrude Undersander

Married November 9, 1882

By: Rev. Clemens Steuck O. S. B.

Witnesses: John Undersander Mary Bisenius and Cuchinn Undersander

DEATH RECORD BOOK A PAGE 189 LINE 9

Crescentia Bisenius Died February 13, 1889

Age 5 years 1 month

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 189 LINE 1

Michael Undersander Died April 28, 1910

Born January 4, 1829

Age 81 years 3 months and 24 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 218 LINE 3

Crecentia Undersander Died September 30, 1910

Born March 2, 1827

Age 83 years 6 months

Mother's maiden name Mary Wurtz