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BLOOD, ALLEN

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Allen Blood was born October 7, 1862 at St. Cloud.

His father settled there on a homestead in 1858. His father was Samuel Blood, and he served three years in the Civil War in Company I of Minnesota regiment. He drilled at Fort Ripley and was sent west with Sibley's army to drive out the Sioux Indians who were making so much trouble in Southern Minnesota, they caught them at Sioux River and brought them back to Mankato. There were over three hundred man and women in the tribe. Two of the Indians were convicted and President Lincoln ordered thirty-eight of them to be hung. The elder Blood witnessed the hanging.

During the time the Indians around St. Cloud were making trouble for the settlers, his mother was afraid of them. One day four of them came to her home. (Allen was a baby laying in his cradle) and one of the Indians had a spear that they used for spearing muskrats. He would make motions that he was going to kill this baby with the spear and today he still has scars on his body where the spear pricked him. The mother was frantic and finally the other Indians made him stop. They left taking everything she had in the house to eat along with them. After that his mother took him and went back to Ohio to live with her parents 'till the war was over. When it was over, his father came and brought them back home. Allen was only four years old but he still remembers his trip back home. They came on a steamboat up the Mississippi river to St. Cloud. He remembers hearing his father playing an accordian on the boat-trip.

Mr. Blood took after his father as a musician. He played the violin and of late has won several prizes in the old fiddler's contest.

He was married to Mary Ann Oakes in 1886. They lived at Holden's Ford 'till 1902; then came to Crow Wing County and settled on a homestead, section 11, -township 136, range 26.

When he came to Pery Lake, he and his son had an orchestra and used to play for all the dances in that part of the county. He helped to organize the town of Perry Lake and to build the first school-house in that town. At that time there was only the Olander children and his own to go to school. He was town clerk for fifteen years and was also one of the Trustees for a number of years. He helped to build the roads and develop, He recalls the Cleveland depression as being much than the depression of today. At that time they received no Federal aid and got little or nothing for their farm produce.

When he forst came to this county he worked in the woods about

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Kemberly in the winter and drove logs in the spring from Fiberming Brook to Rice river then on to the Mississippi. Then he went to Dagget Brook and drove lobs for many years from there to the Mississippi.

His children are: Lenora, Eva, Louise, Pearl, Emaline, Myrtle, Patricia and Edward and Aaron.

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ALLEN BLOOD BIOGRAPHY

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C. A. Blood and Mary Ann Oaks

Married March 2, 1886

By: J. W. Haugran

Witnesses: W. A. Blood and Chas. Colwell