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BORCHERS, LUDWIG

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Ludwig Borchers was born in July, 1826 in Germany. In 1858 he came to this country settling first in Madison, Wisconsin, where he worked on the railroad for three years.

He then came in 1861 to Melrose where he took a homestead. When they arrived here they first made a little garden, then they began building a house, living in a covered wagon until it was completed.

The trip from Wisconsin was made by ox carts, as there were no railroads. The St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad, (now the Great Northern) having been built in 1871.

The crops were good the first few years, until in August, 1873 when the grasshoppers came and devoured every green thing in the fields.

They cut their grain with sickles, raked into piles with hand rakes, and bound it into bundles by hand with wisps of straw. John Fravel had a threshing machine operated by horsepower, and he did the threshing for the people.

There were quite a few Indians around, but they were very friendly and caused little trouble. Mule Trains and Red River Carts came through on their way to St. Cloud with furs, usually stopping by some small stream at Melrose to water their mules.

In 1858 Ludwig Borchers married Gertrude Schliet and they had five children: Lena (Brochers) Klapprich was born in 1858. She had fifteen children they are: Gertrude, Ann, Timothy, Nicholas, Ben, and Hilda. Nine children are dead.

Mary (Borchers) Trisco, was born November 17, 1862.

Christine (Borchers) Albers, was born in 1867 and has eight children:

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Ann, Edward, Lena, Leo, Henry, and Molly. Two children are dead.

Joe Borchers was born February 8, 1870, is unmarried and lives at Melrose.

Anne Borchers, was born November 4, 1860, was married September 24, 1878 to Mike Hiltner, they have no children of their own but adopted one. Mike Hiltner died August 11, 1933.

Ludwig Borchers, the person who had this biography died in 1887, his wife Gertrude (Schlict) Brochers died February 4, 1904.

Interviewed: Anne (Borchers) Hiltner
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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK F, PAGE 137

MICHEAL HILTNER and Anna Borches

Married at New Munich, Sept. 24, 1878

By: Rev. Cornelius Wittmann, O. S. B.

Witnesses: John T. Vogh and Mary Borches

DEATH RECORD, BOOK A, PAGE 158, LINE 1

Ludwig Borches, died February 2, 1887

Age 61 years

DEATH RECORD, BOOK 1904, A-13, Page 202

Anna Gertrude Borchers born in Germany

November 19, 1923

Died February 6, 1904

Age 80 years, 2 months, 17 days

DEATH RECORD, BOOK Z, PAGE 16, LINE 433

Mike Hiltner born in Ohio, Nov. 4, 1854

Son of Mike Hiltner

Died August 11, 1933

Age 78 years, 9 months, 7 days

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