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BROWN, CHARLES

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Charles Brown was born at St. Johns Quebec, Canada, on October 12, 1843. When he was six years of age his parents located at St. Paul where he grew to manhood.

On February 27, 1864 Charles Brown enlisted in Company I Ninth Minnesota Voluntary Infantry and served during the balance of the war. On June 12, 1864 he was captured at the Battle of Guntown, Mississippi, and imprisoned for nine months. He was discharged from St. Paul, July 12, 1864 after incarceration in four southern prisons.

After the war Charles Brown took a farm, near Sauk Centre, by Military Bounty. He engaged in farming until his marriage in 1875.

On August 28, 1875 Charles Brown was married to Mathilda Mohre who was born at Henderson, Sibley County, Minnesota on December 4, 1857. Immediately after their marriage Charles Brown engaged in the grocery business in St. Paul. In 1885 they disposed of their business at St. Paul and returned to Sauk Centre where he opened a grocery store and remained in that business until 1908 when Charles Brown opened the Railroad Lunch room and for many years the G. N. stopped in Sauk Centre for the noon day lunches. Charles Brown operated the lunch room for twenty-five years. He retired from active business in 1927.

Five children were born to Charles and Mathilda (Mohre) Brown, namely Charles A., who was born September 8, 1876; Annie L., who was born September 18, 1877, is married to Harry Hamilton; Edward R., was born October 28, 1879; Edna I. was born May 28, 1882 and married George Butler; Leslie J., was born on March 8, 1885.

Charles A. Brown came to Sauk Centre with his parents when he was about ten years old. He attended grade and high school at Sauk Centre and

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and as a young man entered the employ of the railroad. He was stationed at Mandan, North Dakota where he was in the train service of the Northern Pacific for twenty years. Following this term of service he moved to Waco, Texas where he was in the employ of the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad. He married Anna Mayer at Waco, Texas in 1920.

Charles A. Brown died on May 16, 1935.

The Charles Brown family were affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

Charles Brown died on August 31, 1935 and Mathilda (Mohre) Brown died August 17, 1933.

Interviewed: Anna (Brown) Hamilton  
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