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BRUNS, HENRY

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Henry Bruns was born in Osnabruck, Province of Hanover, Kingdom of Prussia, Germany, in 1836.

As a youth he received a good education and served one term of enlistment in the German Army.

In 1857 Henry was married to Martha Eliers in Osnabruck, Germany.

Shortly after their marriage Henry and Martha (Eliers) Bruns came to the United States. Upon their arrival they went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Henry was employed until 1861.

In May 1861 they came to St. Paul, Minnesota Henry secured a homestead in Saint Augusta township, Stearns County. The journey from St. Paul was made with an ox team. Henry, upon his arrival, constructed a log cabin, and he was assisted by a half breed Indian named Big Stone. They were often visited by friendly Indians who would beg for food. As a farmer Henry proved successful for within 10 years he had 120 acres under cultivation. Henry continued on this farm until his death in 1907. Martha (Eliers) Bruns died in 1905. Both are buried in the Saint Augusta Cemetery.

Henry and Martha (Eliers) Bruns were the parents of five daughters Bernadine, Catherine, Mary, Anna, and Elizabeth.

Bernadine is the wife of Joseph Kaening they live at St. Augusta. Catherine is married to Anton Fischer also of St. Augusta. Mary is dead. Anna is the wife of Joseph Fischer of St. Cloud, Elizabeth at present lives in Duluth, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Catherine(Bruns) Fischer
Date: December 29, 1936
Interviewed by: Walter Jernberg

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HENRY BRUNS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Anna Bruns	Sept. 29, 1872	St. Augusta	Henry Bruns	
2. Bernhard Bruns	May 1, 1878	" "	" "	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Helena Bruns		A	87	30	
2. Helena Bruns		A	337	7	

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 237 LINE 2

Henry Bruns Born March 18, 1837 in Prussia

Died February 24, 1907

Age 70 years 11 months and 24 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1905 A 15 PAGE 160 LINE 1

Helena Bruns Born in 1839 in Germany

Daughter of Siegfried Eilers and Katherine Meyer

Died May 12, 1905

Age 66 years

BRUNS, HENRY

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION

Birth of Henry Bruns, March 18, 1837, is correct as stated in the legal record.

CORRECTION:

Spelling of the name Helena M. Eilers is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. Catherine (Bruns) Fischer
Date: November 15, 1937
By: Walter Jernberg