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BUCHHOLZ, HENRY

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Henry Buchholz was born May 1, 1859, in Dudenghausen, Germany, the son of John Henry and Maria (Backhaus) Buchholz.

He received a common school education in Germany, and as a young man assisted his parents with the work on their farm and also worked as a farm hand on neighboring farms.

In the year 1879, when he neared the age of twenty-one, at which age he would be forced to serve in the German Military Service, he decided to leave his native land and come to America. In that same year he boarded a ship bound for America, as the son of another German immigrant family and after being on board, made the voyage as a stow-a-way, in company with several other friends.

After landing at New York, he at once came west to Stearns County, with his friends who were relatives of a Mr. Ahman, who had previously migrated here from Germany and resided on a farm near Richmond. Here he found employment on neighboring farms.

On November 21, 1883, Henry Buchholz was united in marriage to Anna Mary Rolfes in the Catholic Church at Farming. Reverend Pancratius O. S. B. performing the ceremony. The attendants were Elizabeth Dingman and Herman Rolfes.

Anna Mary Rolfes was born March 25, 1856, on a farm near Jefferson City, Missouri, the daughter of Rudolph and Anna (Dulle) Rolfes, who operated a small farm in Coll County, Missouri.

After losing her parents through death, at an early age, she came to Stearns County, where she made her home with an uncle, Henry Rolfes, who migrated here in 1856, and operated a hotel and relay station for the stage coach line in Farming township. Here she remained until the time of her marriage.

After their marriage the couple made their home on a farm which they rented and later purchased a 160 acre tract of wild land in Munson township, section five. Through hard work and good management, they soon cleared a large part of the land, and most of the land was devoted to the raising of wheat. Later, however, they gradually turned from wheat raising to dairying. Today the farm is devoted mostly to dairying, as very little grain is grown for marketing purposes.

At the time of his death, Henry Buchholz, had developed his wilderness farm, into a modern dairy farm that left his life's work well done. He died October 2, 1919 and burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at Richmond.

His wife, Anna Mary (Rolfes) Buchholz despite her advanced age of eighty-one, enjoys the best of health and is still very active.

Henry and Anna Mary (Rolfes) Buchholz, are the parents of five children.

Anna, born October 23, 1884, married Mike Nordman, and they reside on a farm in Munson township.

Theresia, born June 5, 1888, married George Bercheid and they reside on a farm in Krain township.

William, born January 19, 1890, married Elizabeth Kunstleben and they operate the home place.

Elizabeth, born June 24, 1892, married Joseph Bercheid and they reside on a farm in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Margaret, born August 13, 1895, married Joseph Kunstleben and they reside at Melrose.

There are also 28 living grandchildren and three great grand children

Interviewed: Anna Mary (Rolfes) Buchholz
Date: October 25, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt

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Interviewed in German

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HENRY BUCHHOLZ BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Anna Mary Bucholz	Oct. 26, 1884	Farming	Henry Bucholz	
2. William Bucholz	Jan. 19, 1890	Munson	" "	30
3. Mary D. Bucholz	July 24, 1892	"	" "	29
4. Maria M. Bucholz	Aug. 13, 1895	"	" "	34

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary Rolfes		A	599	4	
2. " "	33	B	188	36	
3. " "	32	(1892)B2	169	2	
4. " "	33	(1895)B5	193	29	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 325

Henry Bucholz and Maria Rolfes

Married at Farming, November 21, 1883

By: Rev. P. Pankratius O. S. B.

Witnesses: Herman Rolfes and Elise Dingmann

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK U. PAGE 11032

Mike Nordmann and Anna Bucholz

Married at Farming, October 5, 1909

By: Rev. Meinrad Seiferman

Witnesses: Joseph Nordmann, Theresia Bucholz, William Bucholz, and Maria Nordmann

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK X, PAGE 13297

George Berscheid and Theresia Bucholz

Married at Richmond, October 5, 1915

By: Rev. Gregory Steil O. S. B.

Witnesses: Charles A. Willenbring and Margeretha Bucholz

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 13717

Joseph Kunstleben and Margaretha Bucholz

Married at Roscoe, October 4th, 1916

By: Rev. P. Adalbert Unruhe O. S. B.

Witnesses: Anthony Rolfes and Theresia Kunstleben

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK X. PAGE 13054

Joseph P. Berscheid and Elizabeth Bucholz

Married at Richmond, April 20, 1915

By: Rev. Bide Magenberger

Witnesses: George Berscheid and Theresia Bucholz

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 16 LINE 430

Henry Bucholz, Born in Germany, May 1, 1859

Son of Henry Bucholz and Charlotte Backleans

Died October 2, 1919

Age 60 years 5 months and 1 day

BUCHHOLZ, HENRY

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

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of name, Anna Mary Rolfes, is correct as listed in biography.

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of name Margaret is correct as stated in biography.

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of name Buchholz is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

Birth of Anna Buchholz October 23, 1884, is correct as stated in biography.

AFFIRMED:

Birth of Elizabeth Buchholz June 24, 1892 is correct as stated in biography.

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of names Anna, Elizabeth and Margaret are correct as listed in biography.

Reinterviewed: Anna Mary (Rolfes) Buchholz
Date: January 13, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt

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Rolfus, Henry (Rolfes, Henry)	Age 49
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Hanover

Rolfus, Tracy	Age 36
Sex	Female
Born	Hanover