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Daniel Buckley was born January 15, 1835, near Huntley, Canada where he resided until about thirty years of age. During his youth he worked on a farm and in the pineries until 1870, when he came on a prospecting trip through Minnesota to the Red River Valley returning to Canada the same season. The next year he again visited Minnesota and located a claim in section thirty-four, Sauk Centre Township about two and one-half miles from Sauk Centre, on which he remained until his death and which is still in the Buckley family, and is now occupied by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Plant. He was employed in the pineries several winters after taking his claim and one of his bosses made it possible for him to clear his land by furnishing him two team of oxen in exchange for his winters work.

Daniel Buckley built a one room log shanty on his claim and sent for his parents who were living in Ireland. They made their home with him until their death. His father lived to be one hundred and five years and eleven months old.

On January 3, 1881 Daniel Buckley was united in marriage to Mary M. Chisholm, by a beloved friend of the family, Arch bishop Ireland, at the home of the bride in Minneapolis.

Mary M. Chisholm was born July 25, 1864 at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her parents had come from Ireland.

Daniel Buckley constructed the first mill dam at Sauk Centre. When this dam was torn out and replaced last year, (1935) the contractor said that he could not put in a stronger dam with all his modern tools and machinery than Daniel Buckley had constructed fifty-five years previously with only a broad-axe.

Daniel Buckley was also influential in building the first Irish Catholic Church at Sauk Centre. The German Catholic Church had been

built and the congregation consisted of thirty German and thirteen Irish families. The thirty Germans thought the thirteen Irish should pay as much as the Germans so the Irish withdrew and built their own little church. They assembled the building materials and had a church raising. Daniel Buckley donated the bell and the thirteen builders had their names engraved inside it. This church burned and the new church, "Our Lady of the Angels," was built on the same site. Before there was any Catholic church at Sauk Centre the Buckleys went to New Munich to attend services, a distance of at least twenty-five miles.

Daniel and Mary Buckley were the parents of five girls: Mae, Libby, Tessie, Jessie and Agnes. They adopted a nephew, James Buckley and a grandchild, Valores Cross, besides giving a home to six orphan children who are: George Yarno; James Draper; John Benison; John Smith; and Alice McClennen. His home and his heart were always open to the needy, the friendless, the orphan and his helping hand was always ready to help any who needed assistance.

Daniel Buckley died January 6, 1914 of paralysis. He is survived by his widow, three daughters and fifteen grandchildren.

Interviewed: Agnes (Buckley) Plant
Date: September 30, 1936
By: Dorothy Hansmann

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE DANIEL BUCKELY BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Buckley	June 25, 1885	Sauk Centre	Daniel Buckley	
2. Mari Buckley	Jan. 10, 1888	Sauk Centre	Daniel Buckley	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remark</u>
1. Mary Chisholm		B	38	29	
2. Mary Chisholm		B	130	22	