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CAMPBELL, JOHN B.

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John Campbell was born in 1847 in Big Bras d'Or, Nova Scotia, son of Donald and Annie (McDonald) Campbell, who were farmers in that territory. Donald Campbell was born in Scotland and his wife, Annie, was born on a boat while her parents were on their way over to this North America.

John left home when eighteen years old and did quite a bit of traveling. On one of his trips he passed through Saint Cloud, this was about 1880, he with sixteen other men, were on their way to Winnipeg to construct the first bridge across the Red River. They were traveling from Manitoba and the Saint Paul and Manitoba Railway (now the Great Northern) was the only railroad connecting the two places. This was before the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, on which actual construction had just begun. Before they completed the bridge, trains crossed on the ice of the river.

In 1883 John was married to Mary E. Brown, born 1863 in England. To them were born Matilda, Mrs. Mac McKinnen of Canada; Blanche, Mrs. Barney Bachman of Saint Cloud; George, of California; Donald, of Chicago; Frederick, of California; William, deceased; Walter, of California; Arehibald, of Chicago; Mary, Mrs. William Koch of Indiana; Nellie, Mrs. Howard Brown, of Vancouver, British Columbia.

In 1887 the Campbells moved to Sauk Rapids where John worked in a stone cutting plant, they worked out in the open, at that time no sheds were used. John drove a team of eight horses to Waite Park to get stone for the plant.

A few years later John went to Rockville and cut the first stone ever to be cut in the Clark Quarry. At that time they had no derrick.

In 1925 John and his wife went to California to live with one of their sons. There Mary E. (Brown) Campbell died in 1929. John returned

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to Saint Cloud in 1930 to live with a daughter, Mrs. Blanche (Campbell) Backman. John now makes his home at Saint Raphael's Home, in Saint Cloud.

There are sixteen grandchildren.

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