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CANFIELD, JOHN HENRY

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John Canfield was born in Merriam township, St. Louis county, New York on October 10, 1846. He was the son of Doctor Abram and Caroline (Van Linder) Canfield.

When John was seven years old he went with his parents to Hastings, Minnesota. From there they moved to Poplar Grove and then to Eureka, Minnesota where John received most of his schooling.

John Canfield enlisted on March 16, 1864 in Company K. Eighth Minnesota Regiment of the Civil War. He ran away from home when only eighteen years old to enlist in the war. He took part in the Indian campaign. He was mustered out on July 11, 1865 at Charlotte, North Carolina and discharged on July 31 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

Shortly after the war John came to Sauk Centre.

On April 28, 1870, John Canfield married Rosetta Anna Richards in Sauk Centre. She was the daughter of William and Mary Martha (Fitch) Richards. She was born on April 22, 1850, in Mount Healthy, Indiana.

Three children were born to John and Rosetta (Richards) Canfield. They are: Llewellyn W. of Sauk Centre; Iris P. (Mrs. Iris Betz of Sauk Centre; and Nina who died when five years of age.

John Canfield was a farmer for many years. He was a town clerk and school officer. He was a county commissioner for twelve years. He was a Republican.

John and Rosetta (Richards) Canfield were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Canfield lived continuously in Sauk Centre until his death, with the exception of seven years spent in North Dakota.

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He had moved back to Minnesota in the fall of 1924. He died on March 10, 1925 and is buried in Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Rosetta (Richards) Canfield died on March 17, 1930. She is buried with her husband, John Canfield, in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Interviewed: Mrs. Iris (Canfield) Betz
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN HENRY CANFIELD BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Lewellyn Canfield	June 14, 1874	Sauk Centre	Henry Canfield	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Rosetta Canfield		A	163	22	

MARRIAGE RECORD B. PAGE 435

John Canfield and Rosetta Richard

Married at Sauk Centre, April 28, 1870

By: Rev. O. H, Elmer

Witnesses: R. A. Caswell and N. H. Caswell

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 224 LINE 2

Abram Canfield Born in New Jersey April 28, 1822

Died October 7, 1909

Age 87 years 5 months and 9 days