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CHISHOLM, ALEXANDER *Reed*

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Alexander Chisholm was born in Paynesville, Minnesota on March 29, 1861. He is the third child of Daniel and Marietta (Reed) Chisholm.

Daniel Chisholm was born in Nova Scotai in 1834. He came from his native country to Beaver Dam, Dodge county, Wisconsin in 1847 where he lived for twelve years. In 1859, at the age of twenty-five, he came to Paynesville township, Stearns county, Minnesota. He took a claim in section 8, where he and his family lived until driven away by the Indians in 1862. During the Indian uprising he moved his family to Saint Cloud remaining about one year. In 1863 he returned to his farm in Paynesville.

In the spring of 1864 Daniel Chisholm enlisted in the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, but after six months he was discharged & returned to Paynesville

Shortly after his return from the Civil War Daniel took a homestead in section 21, where he lived until his death.

Daniel Chisholm was married on November 25, 1855 to Marietta Reed. Marietta was the daughter of Lyman and Harriett (Brundridge) Reed. Marietta was born in 1837.

Lyman, father of Marietta, was born in Vermont in 1809. December 7, 1834 he married Harriett Brundridge who was born in New York in 1817. Lyman and Harriett (Brundridge) Reed came to Paynesville, Stearns County, Minnesota in 1860 and settled in section seven. Their four children were Marietta, wife of Daniel Chisholm; Francis; Joseph I.; and Elvenah.

Daniel and Marietta (Reed) Chishomm were the parents of seven children, William, Harriett, Alexander, George, Archibald, Franklin, and Edith.

Alexander Chisholm spent most of his boyhood in Paynesville on the farm with his parents. Their first home was situated on the bank of the Crow River, and latter they lived on a farm near beautiful Lake Koronis.

Alexander recalls that this lake was surrounded by cedar trees about three feet thick. He says there were so many ducks, geese and fish all year that all they had to do was kill as many as they needed. Alexander recalls the time his father went hunting before breakfast and returned with three deer.

After reaching manhood Alexander Chisholm left the home farm and engaged in the moving business which he still conducts.

In September 7, 1886 he was married to Mary Josephine Leer by Reverend Booth at Willmar, Minnesota.

Alexander and Mary Josephine (Leer) Chisholm have four children, Esttela, who died in 1930; Hattie (Chisholm) Kunkel, now living in Carrington, North Dakota; Emmeth, who lives in Arnegard, North Dakota; and Frank, who is at home with his parents at 1021 Sixth Avenue South.

Interviewed: Alexander Chisholm  
Date: July 31, 1936  
By: Gilbert Bunt

FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 3, 1860 -- by C. Grandelmeyer

Post Office -- Paynesville

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Line 25

Lyman Reed	Age 52
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Birth Place	Vermont

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Harriett Reed	Age 43
Sex	Female
Born	New York

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Francis E. Reed	Age 19
Sex	Female
Birth Place	New York

Line 28

Joseph Reed	Age 13
Sex	Male
Birth Place	New York

Line 29

Elvenah Reed	Age 11
Sex	Female
Birth Place	New York

FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on July 2, 1860 -- by C. Grandelmeyer

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Daniel Chisholm	Age 26
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Birth Place	Nova Scotia

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Marietta Chisholm	Age 23
Sex	Female
Birth Place	New York

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William Chisholm	Age 2
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Wisconsin

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Harriett Chisholm	Age 2 months
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Minnesota



FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ALEXANDER CHISHOLM BIOGRAPHY

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