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CHRISTEN, FREDERICK

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Frederick Christen was born January 14, 1846 in Canton, Bern Switzerland son of Jacob and Rose(Durich) Christen, pioneers of Albany township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

Jacob and Rose(Durich) Christen were born in Switzerland and were married there. In the year 1850, they migrated to America with their family. The trip west across the Atlantic was made on a sailing vessel. After landing at New York they at once immigrated west to Ohio. There they settled on a farm, where they lived for six years and then moved to Watertown, Wisconsin. After several years in Wisconsin, the Civil War broke out and three sons of Jacob Christen, Jacob Junror, John and Fred enlisted in the army.

Frederick Christen enlisted from Jefferson County, Wisconsin and mustered into United States service at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin September 4, 1864 as a private of Company K 3rd regiment Wisconsin Col. Infantry under Capt. Alex Hoskins and Col. George W. Stevenson to serve one year or during the war.

The Regiment was assigned to the 2 Brigade 1 Division 20 corp. Army of the Cumberland. While in the service Frederick Christen took part in the battles of Harrisons Plantation Csa.

December 9, 1864. Argyle Island and Buzzards Plantation Ga. December 11-21, 1864.

Robertsville, S. C. January 29, 1865, Averasbaro, S. C. March 15-16, 1865. Bentonville S. C. March 19-21, 1865 and marched with Sherman to the sea and participated in the Grand Review at Washington D. C..

On June 9, 1865, at the close of the war he was honorably discharged from the army at Washington, D. C. and returned to his home in Wis. Immediately after the war, a neighbor of the Christens, Joseph Platz, left with his family for Minnesota and filed on a homestead in the town

of Albany. Mr. Platz after his arrival there was favorably impressed with the country and persuaded Jacob Christen to take up land there. In the year 1867, Jacob Christen and another neighbor, Frank Gilk also decided to migrate to Minnesota and file on homesteads. The trip from Wisconsin to Two River Settlement(now the Village) of Albany was made by oxen for some distance, but due to the hot weather the oxen gave out, and so they loaded the oxen and wagons on a ferry and continued the trip to St. Paul, from where the trip was again resumed with the oxen. When they reached St. Cloud, several members of the families had to walk ahead to inquire about the way. Reaching their destination several miles south of Two River Settlement, They erected temporary shelters to serve as their houses. Later on the few settlers held logging been and helped one another erect log homes. When the sons of Jacob Christen became of age they also filed on neighboring homesteads.

Frederick Christen, who heads this biography purchased a tract of land south of the village and later also filed on a homestead three miles south of Albany. On May 25, 1870 Frederick Christen married Mary Manaker, the only child of Joseph and Theresia Manaker, pioneer settlers of Albany township. She was born March 17, 1848.

The marriage was performed by Nathan Bormes, City Justice at St. Cloud with Mary and Herman Schneider as witnesses.

After the marriage the couple made their home on the homestead. As early pioneers they had to endure many hardships in developing the wilderness homestead into a tillable state that would provide a comfortable livelihood for the family. After the farm became productive new and modern buildings were erected and in later years the farm was considered one of the finest in the community.

Frederick and Mary (Manaker) Christen are the parents of eight Children.

George born March 13, 1871 married Magdaline Habiger now deceased and until 1937 resided on a farm south of Albany. At present he lives in retirement in the village of Albany, George and Magdaline (Habiger) Christen are the parents of eight children, Ida, now Sister Viola O. S. F. is stationed at Breckenridge, Minnesota, Agnes now Sister Agnes O. S. F. is stationed at Superior, Wisconsin.

Veronica now Mrs. John Reber of Albany, Mary Mrs. Joseph Haberman of Albany, George Junior of Albany. Ludwina is Mrs. Joseph Reber of Albany, Aurelia and Adeline. Mrs. George Christen died February 11, 1936.

Magdalene born September 14, 1872 is Mrs. Carl Rettenmeier of Albany. Joseph born February 24, 1875 at Albany. Fred W. born December 7, 1877 married Frances Bier and they reside at Albany. They have three children Loretta, Margaret and Marion.

Mary F. Born July 14, 1880

Andrew Born July 3, 1883

Walter born October 30, 1885 and Anthony born March 8, 1889 all at Albany, Minnesota

Interviewed: Miss Mary Christen
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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.

Correction:

Marriage of Frederick and Mary (Maneker) Christen is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed: Miss Mary Christen

Date: June 18, 1938

By: Walter Haupt.

LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR THE
BIGRAPHY OF CHRISTEN FREDERICKS

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK U Page 10810

Fred W. Christen and Frances Bier, married at Albany
Jan. 19-1909

By: Rev. A Staub O. S. B.

Joseph Bier
: Witnesses
Monica Christen

DEATH RECORD BOOK X PAGE 12 line 350

Fred Christen, born in Switzerland, Jan. 14, 1846 son of
Jacob Christen, died June 9, 1931 age 85 years 400. 25 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1900 A 10 Page 83

Mary Christen, born in Farming, Minnesota Aug 9-1848 died
Aug. 26-1900 age 52 years 15 days,

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK C page 449

Frederick Christen and Mary Mannechor, married at St. Cloud
May 26-1870, By Nathan F. Barnes City Justice.
Witnesses: Herman Schneider, Mary Schneider

LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE FOR
THE BIOGRAPHY OF FREDERICK CHRISTEN.

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 0 page 7257

George Christen and Magdalena Habiger, married at Albany
May 11-1897

By: Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier, O.S. B.

Micheal Winter
Frank J. Meier : Witnesses

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 0 Page 6764

Carl Rettenmaier and Lena Christen, married at Albany

July 9-1895, by Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier

George Christen
Michael Winter : Witnesses

Book	page	line	name	date of birth	place of birth	father's name	age
			Christen			Christen	
a	263	30	J. C.	9-20-1877	Farming	Frederick	
A	541	18	Andrew	6-3-1883	"	"	
B	15	32	Walter	10-30-1885	"	"	

Mother's name
Mannechor

Mary

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