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COYLE, JAMES FRANCIS

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James F. Coyle was born at St. Ignasius, Iowa, on December 6, 1859 of Irish parents. He married Bridget Broderick February 25, 1884 at Dory, Iowa.

Bridget (Broderick) Coyle was born at Deerfield, Wisconsin February 22, 1860 of Irish parents.

James F. and Bridget (Broderick) Coyle had five children: Daniel J. who was born May 8, 1885 now lives in Winnepeg, Canada, where he is a contractor. John Leroy who was born February 10, 1887 now lives in Saint Paul and is a chef. Earl Francis was born June 13, 1888 and makes his home in Spokane, Washington. He also is a chef. Kathryn R. was born November 7, 1892. She married S. P. Hansen and lives in Sauk Centre. Herbert was born May 11, 1895. He is a chef and lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

James F. Coyle's father was a contractor and built the Great Northern railroad from Saint Paul to Forest City, North Dakota. He had his camp where Saint Joe, Stearns County, Minnesota is now located.

James F. Coyle took a claim in Potters County, North Dakota and lived there long enough to prove up on it. It was the first claim to have final proof on it in Potter County. The claim was forty-five miles from the nearest railroad and five miles from the nearest neighbor. While he was "proving up" on his claim James F. Poetter, raised blooded cattle which he sold in and around Sauk Centre. After he had his final proofs he removed to Sauk Centre and located on a farm north of the town on Sauk Lake, which is now known as the "Christie farm."

James F. Coyle organized the first creamery in Sauk Centre and was its' president for many years. When the first creamery burned he got the business men of Sauk Centre to donate enough money to rebuild the creamery.

James F. Coyle served as Alderman for four years.

The entire Coyle family are still living. There are fourteen grandchildren.

Interviewed: Bridget (Broderick) Coyle
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