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CREMERS, JOHN JOSEPH

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John J. Cremers was born June 11, 1868 at Limburg, Holland son of Joseph and Mary (Beckers) Cremers native farmers of Holland.

When John was two years old his parents came to the United States, and settled near Colone, Minnesota. John and Thomas the two eldest were born in Holland and Peter, Henry, Anton, Hubert, Elizabeth, Katherine and Mathilda were born in this country. All are living except Henry.

The Joseph Cremers family lived on a farm near Colone for seven years and then moved to St. Anthony, Stearns County, Minnesota, where they bought eighty acres of land for \$3.00 an acre. By adding land gradually they soon were the possessors of a fine large farm. While living on this farm, John received his schooling in a tiny log school house 18 feet long and 14 feet wide, school was in session four months out of the year. John says, "Anybody who could read, write and figure taught school in those days and I forgot what I had learned from one term to another."

During this time Albany, a short distance away, was a settlement of two buildings and thousands of red oak stumps. St. Anthony was then known as Krain town, later they acquired a post-office, and the name was changed to Gates, and still later it received the present name of St. Anthony (Located seven miles north of Albany.)

When John grew into a young man he went to Freeport, Minnesota and became engaged in building and construction. He bid on the contract for construction of the Catholic Church to be built in Freeport and was awarded the contract. He also built many of the leading business places including the Borgerding Lumber Yard. After twenty years in Freeport John moved to Ward Springs, here he began business on a large scale,

operating a cream station, the post office, a general store, elevator and feed mill.

While living in Ward Springs John bought the first automobile to make an appearance in that territory. It was a 1910 or 1911 model Buick four cylinder and was capable of the very "high speed", of twenty-five miles per hour in low gear. John bought it in St. Paul, for \$300.00 it was a used model.

On January 7, 1892 John married Anna Blume, born March 20, 1874 in Holland. To this union were born three sons: Joseph, born February 24, 1893; Garhard, born July 24, 1894; and Lambert A., born April 1, 1903.

About 1915 his wife Anna (Blume) Cremers died, on July 31, 1917, he married Katherina Fladung, who was born October 20, 1890 at Albany, daughter of John and Theresa (Laumber) Fladung. They were married at St. Joseph, Minnesota.

To John and Katherina (Fladung) Cremers was born one child, Elmer, born October 12, 1921.

In 1918 they came to St. Cloud but remained here for only six years returning to Albany where John became engaged in the Hardware business, which he still owns. He remained there for eight years and returned to St. Cloud to retire.

At the time of this interview John resided with his wife, Katherina (Fladung) Cremers and son, Elmer, at 101 Twenty-second avenue North. There were seven grandchildren, six are living.

Interviewed: John J. Cremers
Date: September 28, 1936
By: Virgil Chirhart

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN JOSEPH CREMERS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Joseph Cremers	Feb. 24, 1893	Krain Twp.	John Cremers	
2. Gerhard Cremers	July 23, 1894	" "	" "	
3. Alauis Albert Cremers	Apr. 1, 1903	" "	" "	36
4. Elmer Cremers	Oct. 12, 1921	Stearns Co.	" "	52

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna Blume		(1893)B3	112	3	
2. " "		(1894)B4	106	4	1st marriage
3. " "	29	(1903)B13	159	1	
4. Katherine Fladung	32	0	11	403	2nd marriage

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John Cremers and Anna Blume

Married at Krain Township, January 7, 1893

By: Rev. Cyril Zupan, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Bernard Blume and Kate Cremers

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 14142

John J. Cremers and Katie Fladung

Married at St. Joseph, July 31st, 1917

By: Rev. Ludger Ehrens

Witnesses: Joseph Cremers and Elis Fladung

CREMERS, JOHN JOSEPH

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.

AFFIRMED:

Name of child, Lambert A., is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

Name Katherina Fladung is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMATIONS taken from letter received from
John J. Cremers