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DEERING, CHRIST

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Christ Deering, a cement contractor of Saint Cloud, was born February 10, 1876 in Saxon, Germany, son of Jacob and Magdalena (Schmitt) Deering. At the age of sixteen, in company with his younger brother, George he came to America. They came at once to Saint Augusta township, Stearns County, where an aunt Mrs. J. Vought resided.

Shortly after, Christ found employment in the Hess Brick Yards his wages were \$26.00 per month, and George, his brother, attended school. In 1894 Christ engaged in carpenter work in Saint Cloud with Henry Kaeter, with whom he worked until 1901 when Christ engaged in the Cement business, a business he has followed since. Among the jobs Christ has worked on can be numbered the Pan Motor Company buildings, the Saint Cloud Orphanage, Technical High School, State Teacher's College, Convent and Bank at Pierz, Minnesota, and Bridge work in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, also numerous private constructions in Saint Cloud.

Christ Deering was married October 17, 1899 to Helen Bunt of Saint Cloud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bunt. They were married at the Cathedral Church in Saint Cloud, by Father Jones. Christ and Helen (Bunt) Deering were the parents of nine children, Pearl, married to Dr. Julius Adams of Saint Cloud; Ervin, a mail carrier, also married and living in Saint Cloud; Harold and Myron also married and living in Saint Cloud; Evelyn, married to Charles Nathe, of Saint Cloud; Gilbert and Willard are married and living in Saint Cloud; Marceline and Robert are at home.

Mr. Christ Deering is still active in the cement business and enjoys a large patronage. His brother George Deering is subscription manager for the Saint Cloud Daily Times Journal in whose employ he has been for many years.

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