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DETERS, FERDINAND

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Ferdinand Deters was born in Oldenburg, Germany on February 12, 1859. His parents brought him to the United States at the age of three years, and they settled in Stearns County, near Meire Grove in 1862.

In 1879 Ferdinand Deters and Helen Behres were united in marriage. Father Meinolph performed the ceremony in the Catholic church at Richmond, Minnesota. Five children were born to this union: Henry Deters; Mary (Deters) Theirs; Anna (Deters) Sieben; Helen (Deters) Larson; and Fred Deters. There are thirteen grandchildren.

Ferdinand Deters was a pioneer in the raising and breeding of thoroughbred horses. He also engaged in the saloon business at Osakis for a few years and retired and moved to Sauk Centre in 1899, where he died on March 10, 1918.

Helen (Behres) Deters was born at Richmond, Minnesota, on May 4, 1860. She grew to young woman hood and attended the rural school near Richmond. The only neighbor of the Behres family was the Korte family. Indians often visited the families and asked for food. Mrs. Behres had to be very careful, when giving food to a group of Indians, lest one receive a slightly larger portion, which made the others so angry they sometimes started a fight. The Indians were particularly fond of bread.

When Helen Behres was nineteen years of age she became the bride of Ferdinand Deters. The young couple took a homestead near Elrosa, Stearns County, Minnesota. After several years they removed to Meire Grove and engaged in farming a few years, and then they sold out and engaged in the saloon business at Osakis, Todd County. They sold their business in Osakis and again engaged in farming, this time near West Union, until 1899

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when they moved to Sauk Centre where Helen(Behres) Deters died on
December 6, 1934.

Interviewed: Anna (Deters) Sieben
Date: May 29, 1937
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE FERDINAND DETERS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Henry Deters	Apr. 3, 1882	St. Cloud	Ferdinand Deters	
2. Mary Deters	Sept. 5, 1883	" "	" "	
3. Anna Deters	Mar. 13, 1885	" "	" "	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Lena Deters		A	497	13	
" "		A	547	3	
" "		B	19	8	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK G. PAGE 84

Ferdinand Deters and Helena Behres

Married at Richmond, March 1st, 1881

By: Rev. P. Anselm Lauther

Witnesses: Jos. Wieber and Helena Hoeman

DEATH RECORD BOOK K. PAGE 22 LINE 708

Ferdinand Deters, Born in Germany February 12, 1859

Son of Henry Deters and unknown

Died March 10, 1918

Age 59 years 29 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1 PAGE 25 LINE 666

Helena Deters Born in Richmond, Minn. May 4, 1860

Daughter of Peter Behres

Died December 6, 1934

Age 74 years 7 months and 2 days