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DONATH, GUSTAVE

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Gustave Donath was born in Zion Township, Stearns County, Minnesota, May 30, 1869. He was a son of Julius and Christina (Kruger) Donath.

Julius and Christina (Kruger) Donath were both born in Germany. After they were married, they came to America and made their home in Zion township, which also was the birthplace of their three children, who are: Amelia, Gustave, and Fred. They attended the Zion country school.

Amelia was born August 21, 1867. She married August Schmidt and they had five children, they are: Laura, Fred, Lydia, Edward, and Herbert. Amelia (Donath) Schmidt passed away March 31, 1923 and she was laid to rest in the Ebenezer Cemetery which is located in Eden Lake township. August Schmidt died June 16, 1932, and he was buried beside his wife.

Fred was born June 13, 1877. Farming was his occupation. He passed away on August 19, 1930 and was buried in the Zion Cemetery.

Gustave Donath married Gustie Gedosch, daughter of Fred and Amelia (Schroeder) Gedosch on September 8, 1898. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend J. Graeben, pastor of the Zion Evangelical Church.

Fred and Amelia (Schroeder) Gedosch lived on a farm in Zion township where their six children, Tillie, Gustie, Amelia, Emma, Fred, and Gustave were born. They all attended the Zion country school.

After their marriage, Gustave and Gustie (Gedosch) Donath lived in Paynesville township and also in Eden Lake township. Their two daughters, Elsie, and Viola were born in Paynesville township.

Elsie Donath was born January 10, 1900. She passed away, following an operation, on May 1, 1937, and was laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery.

Viola Donath was born March 12, 1904. She was married to Arthur Baumann on November 23, 1922. Shortly after their marriage, Arthur took sick and passed away on August 8, 1923. He was buried in the Ebenezer Cemetery. On June 26, 1929, Viola (Donath) Baumann married Ervin Boehl. They are the parents of two children; Wesley and Florence.

Gustave Donath's occupation was farming. He followed this work until they moved into the village of Paynesville in 1912 where he bought a home.

Gustave passed away January 19, 1923. He was laid to rest in the Zion Cemetery.

Gustie (Gedosch) Donath is now living with her daughter, Viola (Donath) Boehl and family, in Paynesville.

The Donath family faith is that of the Evangelical Church.

Interviewed: Gustie (Gedosch) Donath and Viola (Donath)
(Baumann) Boehl
Date: July 22, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

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DONATH, GUSTAV

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:

Name, Emelia, Donath, is correct as stated in the legal record.

CORRECTION:

Date of death of Emelia Donath, March 31, 1922, is correct as stated in the legal records.

CORRECTION:

Name Augusta Gedosch, is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED:

Date of marriage of Gustave Donath to Augusta Gedosch, September 8, 1898 is correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Viola (Donath) (Baumann)Boehl
Date: December 29, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm