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DRETZ, MARTIN

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Martin Dretz an early resident of Minnesota, was born November 5, 1855 in West Prussia, Germany son of Jacob and Elizabeth Dretz. Martin Dretz received his early childhood education in the rural schools of Germany, and after completing school at the age of sixteen he started to work in a furniture factory and learned the cabinet making trade.

In the year of 1880, when Martin Dretz was 25 years old, he came to America, and went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he got employment in a furniture factory. After working for this factory over 15 years Martin Dretz decided to come to Minnesota, and in 1895 he settled on a farm in Stearns County and operated this farm until 1924 when he moved to St. Cloud, Minnesota and retired.

Martin Dretz was married in Poland, Germany in November 1879 to Anna Schiklinski a daughter of Frank and Frances Schiklinski who also were natives of Poland, they never came to America.

To Martin and Anna (Schiklinski) Dretz were born seven children: Rose, Mrs. Victor Kapenschinski, died in August 1936. Frank and Martin Dretz employed by the Great Northern Railway, St. Cloud, Minnesota Stanley Dretz died in 1934. Ellen, Mrs. John Bukowski of St. Cloud, Minnesota. Barbara, Mrs. Anton Schulma of St. Joseph, Minnesota, Francis, Sister O. S. B. at the present in England. Anna (Schiklinski) Dretz died in 1924 and was buried in Ivanhoe, Minnesota. Martin Dretz lives at 518-11 Avenue North St. Cloud, Minnesota.

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