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ENDERLE, FRANK

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Frank Enderle was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, November 20, 1868, son of Lawrence and Crysenthia (Trautman) Enderle. His parents were natives of Germany and came to St. Cloud about 1865. Lawrence Enderle was prominent in the affairs of early St. Cloud and established a brewery at the site of the present Cathedral school playgrounds. In connection with this brewery there was a beer garden where everyone came to spend their leisure hours and on Sundays a band played. Everyone sang good old German songs and there was card games and bowling. Such was the pioneer spirit and there was never need to police these happy gatherings as of the present day. Everyone enjoyed themselves for a few nickels and dimes and all returned home in the evening about nine p. m. vowing that they would again meet there on Sunday next. Peter Martini was judged the best singer among the younger men.

Another incident in connection with the brewery concerned a great number of Indians that stopped there one day. Everyone was afraid of them so Lawrence Enderle went down to several merchants and they brought the Indians bologne, bread, and coffee. This seemed to satisfy them and after smoking a peace pipe they traveled on. The reason for giving them coffee instead of beer is well known by all as to what happens to the red man when he once sips the drugs of alcohol.

Frank Enderle attended the Sister school which originally stood on the present postoffice site. Later he graduated from both the Union and State Normal Schools. After he graduated he worked as a grocery clerk for James A. Boyd and also for Benson Brothers. The Benson Brothers sold their stock to Mr. Ahman, and Frank continued to work in the same store under the new management. After several years with Ahman

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Brothers, Frank established a store of his own on St. Germain Street. For twenty-five years he operated successfully and then retired from active business. The store building is now occupied by the Scott Stores, Inc., but is owned by Frank Enderle and bears his name.

Frank Enderle was married to Tracy Findler who died in 1921. There were no children.

Frank Enderle was remarried June 4, 1926 to Esther Trabaunt in St. Paul, Minnesota. There are no children of this union.

Frank Enderle is one of the pioneers of St. Cloud, having spent his entire life in this city. His memory is very good and he recalls many buildings such as the Broker home, which is now the parish of the Cathedral Clergy. Mr. Broker sold this home to Bishop Seidenbush and it became the Clergy's domicile from that time on. John Wilson was also a great donor of property. He gave most of the property to St. Mary's and Cathedral Parish. It was his object (as he told Frank) to promote christianity in this city.

Frank also states "The site of the present Cathedral school was formerly occupied by a log house. Mr. Brizinski lived there and this log house was later moved to Fourth Avenue and First Street South where it now constitutes the main portion of the house that occupies that corner.

"Another interesting event was the building of the original Cathedral Spires. Carl Leonard was the one that built them and always before ascending the ladder he came to the Enderle brewery and drank two gallons of beer."

"The passenger depot was located where the J. F. Anderson Lumber Company now stands. Business was so good on the Railways that Tom I. Cullen erected a lunch room. Later a new building was built and is now known as the Flatiron Building."

"We always had our picnic where the St. Benedicts Hospital now stands. The woods was so dense there and over looked the river, that it was a nice cool place in the summer."

"The slaughter house for the butchers of the city was located wherethe pumping station now stands. This wasn't very far from the ferry landing and the tenement house stood right in front of the Ferry Dock." I was also one of the volunteer firemen belonging to Hose Co. No. 2. There was no water works then and every so many feet there would be holes dug in the ground. When there was a fire we always stuck the hose into the nearest hole and pumped away."

Frank Enderle is now retired and lives at 502 Third Street North in St. Cloud.

This is the statement made by Frank Enderle and is what he believes of this property as well as many other older citizens of St. Cloud.

Interviewed: Frank Enderle
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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK T. PAGE 1077

Frank Enderle and Theresa Schindler

Married at St. Cloud, November 4th, 1908

By: Rev. Leo Gans

Witnesses: Crescentia Enderle and Henry J. Enderle

DEATH RECORD BOOK L. PAGE 6 LINE 152

Theresia M. Enderle born in Minnesota, November 16, 1869

Daughter of Vincent Schindler and Margareth Newman

Died November 23, 1919

Age 50 years 7 days.