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FERDINANSON, PETER H.

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Peter H. Ferdinanson was born in Denmark, December 28, 1861 son of John and Anna Ferdinanson. He received his education in the public schools of Denmark and then secured a job as a gardener. Peter held this position until 1881 when he left for America. He arrived in St. Cloud the same year and started working as a carpenter. For four years Peter worked at the carpenter trade in that city. In 1885 he left St. Cloud and returned to Denmark intending to reside there. After several months in Denmark Peter was dissatisfied and returned to America, again establishing a residence in St. Cloud. Peter again resumed the carpenter trade and found it very promising and successful. In 1894 Peter was injured in his work and was permanently disabled. His death occurred in 1912.

Peter Ferdinanson married Marie Louise Johnson at St. Cloud, June 2, 1888.

Marie Louise Johnson was born in Vermland, Sweden March 19, 1868, daughter of John and Louisa (Erickson) Johnson. She attended the Church school in Sweden and was confirmed by Rev. G. A. Wahlquist. Marie (Johnson) Ferdinanson came to America in 1885 and settled in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Previous to her marriage here, Marie was employed at the St. Cloud Laundry which, incidentally now stands on the same location as it did then. To Peter and Marie (Johnson) Ferdinanson were born seven children, two deceased, Louisa and Charlotte M. The living are James L. Edward F. Anna Sophia, Alma F. and Carl Erick.

Mrs. Ferdinanson states, "When we were first married my husband purchased a lot in East St. Cloud. He took me over to see this lot and I thought it was terrible to have a lot so far away from town. There

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were no streets and only trees and hazel brush all around. Nevertheless we erected a home here with no neighbors and now the house and lot constitute the corner of 4th avenue and 2nd street North East. That's the way St. Cloud looked to me fifty years ago."

Interviewed: Marie(Johnson)Ferdinanson
Date: December 1, 1936
Interviewed by: Dean Nelson

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FOR THE PETER H. FERDINANSON BIOGRAPHY

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Peter Hanson Ferdinantsen and Maria Johnson

Married at St. Cloud, June 2, 1888

By: Rev. J. T. Krogstrod

Witnesses: Gust Johnson and Caroline Mikelson