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FIENHAGE, FRANK

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Frank Fienhage was born February 9, 1867 in Oldenburg, Germany, the son of Henry and Mina (Bundt) Fienhage.

Henry and Mina (Bundt) Fienhage were born in Oldenburg, Germany. They were married there and lived on a small farm.

To this union only one child a boy named Frank was born, the subject of this biography.

Frank went to school eight years, four years of grade schooling and four years of higher education. They were very strict in school and any pupil missing or being absent had to have a good excuse or pay a fine.

Frank after his school years helped his dad on the farm . They owned a few cows and with these cows they did their plowing and planting. They did the same line of farming in those days as they do now in this country, only on a smaller scale.

Frank's father had to train for military service one month each year. That was required in Germany of the men.

In the year 1883 he came to America with his folks. They came across the ocean with a steamboat and were on the ocean fourteen days.

They first landed in Baltimore and then came to St. Cloud by train, where they took a team to Richmond. Shortly after arriving they purchased a farm three miles west of Richmond. They purchased 160 acres and in latter years they owned 400 acres as times became more prosperous.

Frank made his home with his folks until the year 1890 when he married Catherine Schefers/

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December 1890 he managed the farm himself, his folks making their home with him until their death.

Frank Fienhage and Catherine Schefers were married in Richmond by Father Ignantz.

To this union two girls were born, Wilhelmina Margaret born September 16, 1893. Maria Theresa born June 5, 1898.

Frank and family lived on the farm till the year 1918 when her two daughters were married. Frank divided his land with his two son-in-laws, Paul Bragelman and Henry Hemmish.

Frank purchased a home and retired in the village of Richmond. He was a very prosperous farmer and a very well liked citizen.

Frank was supervisor in the town of Munson for nine years. He has been president of the State Bank of Richmond for eleven years, the office he still holds at this writing.

Catherine (Schefers) Fienhage was born June 16, 1867 in Richmond, Minnesota, and died January 21, 1937. She is buried in the St. Peter and Paul Catholic cemetery at Richmond.

Frank at the age of 71 is still in good health and very active.

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