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FRANKE, ALOIS

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Alois Franke was born July 16, 1855 in Kronstorf, Austria, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Franke. Alois was one of a family of six children, all of Alois' schooling was received in Austria. At the age of twelve Alois helped his father in his grocery store.

When nineteen years of age, in 1874, Alois was married to Anna Schmitt. To them were born five children in Austria, Alois, Anna, Otto, Ida, and Elizabeth.

In 1878 Alois and Anna (Schmitt) Franke and family came to America coming direct to Saint Cloud, Stearns County, Minnesota. The reason for selecting Saint Cloud as a stopping place was , Mrs. Franke had a cousin there. They were very disappointed upon their arrival, there were no roads and times were very bad. They lived on a farm for two weeks and then bought a building on St. Germain Street and Tenth Avenue, where he operated a grocery store. He was in this business for twenty-eight years.

Four children were born in Saint Cloud Helen, Martha, Gerhart, and Arthur. Helen is married and lives in Minneapolis, she is married to Mr. Joseph Betzel. Martha is also married and lives in Minneapolis, she is married to Mr. Frank Kalscheuer . Gerhart is at home. Arthur is also at home, as is Alois, Anna is married to Gerhart Zierten Saint Cloud. Otto died in 1902, Ida and Elizabeth both died in Austria.

Mr. Alois Franke continued in the grocery business until 1916 when he retired. His death occurred on May 9, 1925. Mrs. Alois Franke makes her home with her two sons Arthur and Alois.

Interviewed: Mrs. Anna Franke
By: Walter Jernberg
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FOR THE ALOIS FRANKE BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Martha Franke	May 31, 1895	St. Cloud	Alois Franke	39
2. Arthur Franke	Oct 14, 1903	St. Cloud	Alois Franke	48

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna Franke	34	(1895)B5	271	26	
2. Anna Franke	42	(1903)B13	8	3	7th child

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Alois Franke Died May 9, 1925
Born July 16, 1855 in Germany
Son of John Franke and Caroline Liedwig
Age 69 years 9 months and 26 days