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FREDRICK, JACOB

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Jacob Fredrick was born March 22, 1829 in Orange County, New York and lived there until he was twenty-two years of age, when he commenced farming independently. After five years he decided to try his fortune in another state and came to Minnesota. He remained for a short time in Scott County and later located on a farm in Rockford township, Wright County, which was his home for seven years, 1856 to 1863.

When the Civil War started, Jacob Fredrick enlisted in the Fourth Vol. Minnesota Inf., Co. E and served seven months. On his return in 1868, he filed on a homestead in Ashley township where he lived until 1908.

On December 19, 1850, Jacob Fredrick was married to Mary Jane Smith, who was born in Orange County, New York on February 2, 1832, where she remained until her marriage to Jacob Frederick.

Eleven children were born to Jacob and Mary Jane (Smith) Fredrick, namely: Harriet, who married C. Oliver Hoffman; Samuel W.; Charles C.; Jacob R.; Edward A.; Monroe C.; Bert; Ida (Mrs. R. J. Luke); Catherine (Mrs. B. E. Doty); Carrie (Mrs. W. J. Bush).

The Indians were always peaceable after the Jacob Fredrich family settled here, but nevertheless the settlers did not trust them and the Indians seemed to enjoy frightening the white settlers. One day Harriet Fredrich was left to care for one of her young sisters while her father and brothers were putting up hay and her mother was out picking berries. Suddenly three Indians came to the cabin and walked in without an invitation. They sat on the floor and displayed their knives and guns and had frightened the wits from the young

girl. She kept the baby near her and tried to think of some means of escape without arousing the Indians. Finally Jacob Fredrick came home with a load of hay and the Indians got up and left without a word or sign to him.

Mary Jane (Smith) Fredrick died on Marcy 16, 1908 and Jacob Fredrick died January 17, 1917.

Interviewed: Harriet (Fredrick) Hoffman
By: Dorothy Hansmann
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COURT RECORDS FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE JACOB FREDRICK BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK C, Page 428

Cornelius O. Hoffman and Harriet C. Fredrick

Married at Sauk Centre, Minn., June 23, 1870

By: Reverend O. H. Elmer

Witnesses: Thomas W. Hoffman and Kate E. Cooper

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK H. Page 126

Robert J. Luke and Ida Fredrick

Married at Ashley, January 25, 1883

By: Reverend J. S. Coy

Witnesses: James Watt and Vitus Smith

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK L, Page 5058

William J. Bush and Carrie B. Fredrick

Married at Ashley, March 20, 1895

By: Reverend Chas. W. Lawson

Witnesses: Mary S. Hoffman and Howard Bush

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK O, Page 6681

Barto E. Doty and Katie E. Frederick

Married at Ashley, March 20, 1895

By: Reverend Chas. W. Lawson

Witnesses: Anna E. Hoffman and Ralph L. Doty

DEATH RECORD, BOOK B, Page 273, Line 3

Mary Jane Frederick, born in New York

February 2, 1832.

Father's Name (Smith) Mother's Name (Mary Smith)

Mary Jane Frederick died March 10, 1908.

Age: 76 years, 1 month, 8 days.

DEATH RECORD, BOOK J, Page 19, Line 482

Jacob S. Frederick, born in New York

March 22, 1829

Son of Jacob F. Frederick, mother unknown.

Died January 17, 1917

Age: 87 years, 9 months, 25 days.

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