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GANS, HUBERT

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Hubert Gans was born at St. Joseph-Stearns County, Minnesota, October 27, 1866, son of Mathias and Eva (Pung) Gans. Mathias and Eva Gans were natives of Trier, Rhineland, Germany and came to America in 1865.

In 1872 Hubert was brought to St. Cloud by his parents and Mathias Gans made this city his residence due to his election as County Treasurer at that time.

Hubert attended the grade school of St. Mary's that was located on our 1938 postoffice site and his first teacher was Mr. Kaiser of St. Cloud.

After completing his grade school training Hubert attended St. John's University for one year. After receiving this additional education Hubert secured employment on the Great Northern Railway as fireman and held this job for four years. In 1889 he gave up his railroad work and opened a printing shop in St. Cloud and has been in business on this same location to date (January 13, 1938).

To Hubert and Eva (Pung) Gans were born ten children- Alfred deceased; Roma, Blanche, Mary Ann, Leander, Robert, Regina, Elizabeth and Eva. There are five grandchildren.

Hubert Gans has been a foremost figure in the music circle of St. Cloud and is now entering his 41st years of continuous service as organist for the Cathedral Church of St. Cloud. Mr. Gans lays claim to the longest consecutive engagement of any organist in the state. He was also instrumental in band instructions in the early St. Cloud brass bands and served 23 years in this capacity.

Interviewed: Hubert Gans
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