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Servatius Gau came to Saint Cloud when six years old. He was born at Calvary, Fon-du-Lac, Wisconsin on May 12, 1851. His father and mother, Peter and Anna Catherine Gau, came from Germany. They settled in the township of Spring Hill in 1859 then known as Stony Brook. Shortly afterwards a spring was discovered on Mr. Schoenborn's property and the township was renamed Spring Hill.

Servatius Gau married Appolonia Dietrich of Saint Martin. Father Ignatius performed the ceremony at Pierz, Minnesota. Her father and mother were Crist and Catherina (Bancrott) Dietrich. Appolonia Dietrich was born January 9, 1863. Servatius and Appolonia Gau lived in Saint Cloud for one year then went back to Spring Hill on the old homestead. He improved the land and kept buying different sections nearby. He found horses could not stand the work, so he bought oxen to use for the heavy work. The last quarter of land was bought for \$5,000. That year he had over fifteen hundred bushels of flax.

Mr. Gau was also a carpenter, he built all his own buildings and he also helped build the old Cathedral in Saint Cloud. He traveled extensively through the southern states and Canada. He lived for a period of three years in Blue Earth, Minnesota, then to North Dakota where he lived from 1899 until 1924.

Four children live in Alberta, Canada, John P., married Mary Terrahe they have two children; Michael, married Margaret Meyer, they have four children; Anna Mary, married George Hengel, they have a restaurant in Alberta, Canada where they live with their four children; John, also is married and lives in Canada; Margaret, is married to Frank Michles, they live on the old homestead and have eleven children; Anton lives in North Dakota.

Mrs. Appolonia (Dietrich) Gau died July 1918 and was buried in

GAU, SERVATIUS

File No. _____

Calio, North Dakota. Servitius Gau and one sister of Mrs. Gau, Mrs. Mary Brethack, of Elrosa, were her survivors.

Interviewed: Mr. Servatius Gau
Date: May 27, 1936
By: Mrs. Tresa Gruber

FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on June 30, 1860 -- by C. Grandelmeyer

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Line 23

Peter E. Gau

Age 41

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Birth Place

Prussia

Line 24

Anna C. Gau

Age 37

Sex

Female

Birth Place

Prussia

Line 25

Anna M. Gau

Age 14

Sex

Female

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Line 26

Joseph Gau

Age 12

Sex

Male

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Line 27

Servatus Gau

Age 9

Sex

Male

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Line 28

Harman Gau

Age 7

Sex

Male

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Line 29

Peter Gau Jr.

Age 6

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Sex

Male

Line 30

Margret Gau

Age 4

Sex

Female

Birth Place

Wisconsin

Line 31

Mathias Gau

Age 2

Sex

Male

Birth Place

Wisconsin

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE SERVATUS GAU BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Joseph Gau	Feb. 6, 1883	Spring Hill	Servatus Gau	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Appolonia Gau		A	579	8	

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Servatus Gau and Appolonia Didrich

Married at Rich Prairie, November 27, 1879

By: Rev. P. Ignatius Wesselius

Witnesses: Jos. Gau and Katherine Gross