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GIESKE, BERNARD

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Bernard Gieske was born October 28, 1850 in Neuenkirchen, Oldenburg, Germany. In 1881 he came to this country alone settling first in St. Louis, Missouri where he lived for fifteen years. In St. Louis he hauled flour for a flour mill. After he had saved enough money he bought a team for himself and then he delivered for a Wholesale Grocery Company. In 1893 he came to Minnesota and lived with a brother at New Munich, Stearns County. During this time he looked around the country to see where he could locate. In 1895 he made a trip to Germany to visit friends, and in 1896 he returned and bought a farm in Melrose township, Stearns County.

The main crop was wheat. Just enough oats and corn ^{were} raised to supply their own needs.

Bernard Gieske was married January 12, 1897 to Mary Otte, who was born March 2, 1878. They were married in the St. Boniface Church at Melrose. The ceremony was performed by Father Bernard Richter. The witnesses were Henry Weklage, Catherine Whipkey, Bernard Otte and Agnes Renneker.

Bernard and Mary (Otte) Gieske had six children: Regina Gieske, was born April 29, 1898, is married to Bernard Von Wahlde, and has six children: Elsie, Marie, Clarence, Irene, Joseph and Rita. They live at New Munich, Minnesota.

Joseph Gieske, was born December 4, 1903 is married to Catherine Althouse and they have four children: Valentine, Jacob, Dorene, and Joan. They live at Melrose, Minnesota.

Christine Gieske, was born April 17, 1905, is married to Herman Klumpke and has two children: Robert and Florence. They also live in

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Melrose.

Bernard Gieske, was born November 4, 1908 and is at home.

Mary, was born November 28, 1912, is married to Joseph Kluempke and has one son David. They live in Melrose.

Bernard Gieske was Secretary for a Fire Insurance Company for twenty-five years. For the past fifteen years he has been an agent for the Minnesota Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and the North Star Insurance Company.

Bernard and Mary (Otte) Gieske are still living on their farm in Melrose.

Interviewed: Bernard Gieske
Date: June 17, 1937
By: Ann Kramer

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Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

AFFIRMED: BIRTH OF JOSEPH GIESKE 1903 is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED: Birth of Mary Gieske November 28, 1912 is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION: Birth of Bernard Gieske March 14, 1908 is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed: Bernard Gieske
Date: September 12, 1908
By: Ann Kramer

TAKEN FROM THE LEGAL RECORDS OF THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE BERNARD GIESKE BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 12, Page 22284

Joseph G. Kluempke and Mary A. Gieske
Married at Melrose, June 10, 1935
By: Rev. Aloysius J. Kraemer
Witnesses: T. H. Kluempke & Dolores K. Otto

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 6, Page 18627

Joseph H. Gieske and Catherina Althaus
Married at Melrose, May 10, 1927
By: Rev. Jos Willenbrink
Witnesses: Ben Gieske, Jr. & Frances Althaus

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 4, Page 17204

Herman G. Kluempke and Christine M. Gieske
Married at Melrose, June 3, 1924
By: Rev. Jos. Willenbrink
Witnesses: William Gieske & Clara Kluempke

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK Y, PAGE 13686

Ben Von Wahlde and Regina Gieske
Married at Melrose, Sept. 12, 1916
By: Rev. B. Richter
Witnesses: William Gieske and Clara Von Wahlde

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK O, PAGE 7199

Bernard Giesecke and Mary Otto
Married at Melrose, Jan. 12, 1897
By: Rev. Bernard Richter
Witnesses: Henry Welage and Katie Wuebkers

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