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GRAVE, CASPER M.

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Casper M. Grave was born February 29, 1860, in Husum, Oldenburg, Germany, the son of Max and Anna Maria (Diers) Grave.

Casper received his first schooling in the school at Buehren, Germany, and later attended the agriculture school at Neise. After completing his schooling, he found employment on his brother's farm, August Grave, and after five years there decided to come to America, because it was hard to find employment in Germany.

In the year 1895, Casper left his native land and at once came to Stearns County, Minnesota where a cousin, Clemence Meyer resided on a farm.

After a short stay there, he attended a business college at Sauk Centre for four years, working on farms during the summer months. Having completed his studies he was employed as a teacher in the county for fifteen years.

On August 19, 1902, Casper M. Grave married Katherine Jonas, in the Catholic church at St. Martin. Rev, Martin Schmitt performing the ceremony. The attendants were Nicholas Jonas and Mary Hannigen.

Katherine Jonas was born September 7, 1872, in Farming township, the daughter of Mathias and Katherine (Stephani) Jonas. She attended the district school there and was at home until the time of her marriage.

After the marriage Casper Grave, continued his teaching and they were forced to move wherever he changed districts.

In 1912, they purchased a farm in Avon township, and it has been their home since.

During the first few years on this place Mr. Grave continued teaching, but later devoted his full time to his farm. Through hard work and good management, he soon progressed and replaced the old log buildings with a set of new and modern buildings. Today the farm is one of the finest dairy farms of the community.

Due to old age Mr. Grave was forced to retire and the farm today is operated by his sons Alvin and Gilbert.

Casper M. and Katherine (Jones) Grave are the parents of four children.

Rose, born December 17, 1903, at home.

Emma, born May 19, 1905, married William Kleve of Freeport and they reside at Minneapolis where he is employed at the Moline Implement Co. They are the parents of four children, Richard, Floy, Kenneth and Vernon.

Alvin, born March 19, 1907 and Gilbert, born January 11, 1910, are operators of the home farm.

Interviewed: Casper M. Grave  
By: Walter B. Haupt  
Date: September 28, 1937

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE CASPER M. GRAVE BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Rosa Grave	Dec. 17, 1903	Spring Hill	Max Grave	43
2. Emma Grave	May 19, 1905	Farming	" "	45
3. Alvin Grave	Mar. 19, 1907	"	" "	47
4. Gilbert Grave	Jan. 11, 1910	"	" "	49

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Katy Jonas	31	(1903)B13	401	7	1st child
2. " "	32	(1905)B15	88	4	2nd "
3. " "	34	C	268	4	3rd "
4. " "	37	D	20	1	4th "

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Casper M. Grave Book and Catherine Jonas

Married at St. Martin, August 19, 1902

By: Rev. Martin Schmitt, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Nicholas Jonas and Mary Hanneken



GRAVE, MAX

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:

Spelling of name Katherine is correct as stated in biography.

Reinterviewed: Miss Rose Grave  
Date: January 14, 1937  
By: Walter B. Haupt