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GRUBER, ANDREW

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Andrew Gruber was born in Canton, Switzerland, October 26, 1858, the son of Andrew and Katherine (Schanutt) Gruber. He came to America, with his brother, John, in 1880, and located in Prairie DuSac, Wisconsin. Andrew was a bricklayer by trade, a trade he had learned in Switzerland.

In 1882 he came to St. Cloud, Minnesota and shortly after his arrival bought a livery stable from Martin Mutschler located on Ninth Avenue North, between St. Germain and First Street North. In 1887 with Frank Porwoll as partner he engaged in building and contracting. The business was known as Gruber and Company, Cement Contractors.

Andrew Gruber married Elizabeth Looman, who was born in Holland, April 15, 1860, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Looman of Holland. She came to America with her parents when she was two years old, they settled in Cologne. In 1878, after the death of her parents, she came to St. Cloud.

The marriage of Andrew Gruber and Elizabeth Looman took place in the Assumption Church at St. Paul, Minnesota on October 11, 1884.

To Andrew and Elizabeth (Looman) Gruber nine child were born. Joseph, born in 1885, married Alma Ziebol. They have three daughters. Minnie, born in 1887, married Ralph C. Peabody. They have nine children and live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Agnes, born in 1889. Frank, born in 1891, married Amelda Murphy and they have three children. Susan, born in 1893, is married to Sidney Merriman. Safah, born in 1895, married Fred Caster. They have three children and live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Carl, born in 1897, married Irene Scharenbroich. They have seven children.

Clem, born in 1899, married Tresa Schroeder and they have two children. Marcella, born in 1903. There are five great grandchildren.

Andrew Gruber was Treasurer of the school board, Trustee of the Immaculate Conception Church, and belonged to the St. Joseph Society. His death occurred October 12, 1927.

Mrs. Gruber was a member of the St. Ann's Sodality, Holy Rosary and St. Margafet's societies. Mrs. Gruber died May 7, 1937.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gruber are buried in Calvary Cemetery.

Interviewed: Marcella and Agnes Gruber
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By: Tresa Gruber

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COURT RECORDS FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE
FOR THE ANDREW BRUBER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK T, Page 10158

Joseph J. Gruber and Alma Ziebol

Married at St. Cloud, May 22, 1907

By Reverend Alfred Mayer

Witnesses: Harry Ziebol and Wilhelmina Gruber.

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK T, Page 10542

Ralph C. Peabody and Minnie K. Gruber

Married at Sauk Centre, May 20th, 1908

By Reverend W. A. Morse, Municipal Judge

Witnesses: J. A. Johnson and B. Van Camp

MARRIAGE RECORD, Book Y, Page 13780

Frederick W. Kaster and Sarah Bruber

Married at St. Cloud, October 11, 1916

By Reverend Hildebrand Eickhoff

Witnesses: Joseph Kaster and Sue Gruber

MARRIAGE RECORD, Book 2, Page 16379

Clemens Gruber and Theresa Schroeder

Married at St. Cloud, June 26, 1922

By Reverend Jvander Boer

Witnesses: Ray Schendzelos and Mrs. Ray
Schendzelos

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK 9, Page 20458

Sidney T. Merryman and Susan Gruber

Married at St. Cloud, Feb. 5, 1931

By Reverend Luke Fink, O.S.B.

Witnesses: Marcella Gruber
Loe N. Mieng

DEATH RECORD, BOOK T, Page 8, Line 183

Andrew Gruber, born in Switzerland
October 23, 1858

Died October 12, 1927

Age: 68 years, 11 months, 19 days.

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