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HAMANN, JOHN JUNIOR

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John Hamann Junior was born on July 21, 1864, in Nagelburg, Schivierine, Germany.

John Hamann Junior is the son of John Senior and Mary (Tamm) Hamann.

At the age of seventeen years and nine months, three months prior to the time he was to enter the forced military service in Germany, John Hamann Junior left his native land in company with Henry Tamm, who was returning to America after a visit with his folks in Germany. Previous to this, Mr. Tamm had been employed in the State of Montana as a miner for about ten years.

The trip across the Atlantic was made on a steamship and took twelve days. After arriving at New York, they immediately came west to Stearns County, where Mr. Tamm filed on a homestead.

Since the trip was financed by Mr. Tamm, John Hamann Junior was obliged to work for him on the homestead to repay him. After three years in the employment of Henry Tamm he left and worked for some time for the railroad and also in a logging camp, until he had enough money to purchase a forty acre tract of land. This land was located in section 9, town of Farming.

In the year 1886, John Senior and Mary (Tamm) Hamann the parents of John Junior also migrated to America and made their home with him in the 15 x 20 log cabin which he had erected on the 40 acre farm. After a year here, the father died leaving the mother in the care of the son.

On October 18, 1888, John Hamann Junior was united in marriage to Johanna (Burmeister) in the Farming Lutheran Church. The Rev. Von Brandt performing the ceremony.

Johanna was born 1871, in Retzburg, Germany.

During the first years on the farm they had to endure many hardships, because only a few acres of the land could be cleared and prepared for cultivation a year, which was their only source of income. During the interview Mr. Hamann remarked, "There were times that we had to live on potatoes for weeks at a time because I did not have money to buy flour and other necessities. The first team of oxen I bought for well broken animals, ran away the first time I hitched them to a wagon and ran into the woods where they became so entangled in the trees, that I had to cut down several of the trees to get them out. After some time however, I was able to break them and was able to use them for grubbing and cultivating."

When asked how farming conditions were better in Germany. Mr. Hamann further remarked, "In Germany I was employed on a large experimental farm, here the cattle received the best of care and feed. When I arrived in America, I noticed how the cattle were badly neglected, instead of being put in a barn in the winter time, they were left to find feed and shelter at a straw pile."

The experience Mr. Hamann received in Germany proved very beneficial to him in America. After a few years he bought more land from year to year until he had 240 acres. The old log buildings were replaced with modern buildings and equipment. In later years he become one of the most successful dairy farmers of the township.

In 1931, the farm was taken over by the two sons, Robert and Albert and John Hamann Junior purchased a 29 acre farm near the village of Albany, where he lives in retirement. This place is operated by the son, Emil.

Mrs. Johanna (Burmeister) Hamann died September 16, 1930 at the St. Cloud hospital.

John and Johanna (Burmeister) Hamann are the parents of fifteen children:

John, born September 28, 1889, married Clara Shultz.

Robert, born May 29, 1891, operates the farm in Farming township.

Marie, born February 12, 1892, married Otto Salrowsky. They operate a farm in Albany. They have 10 children.

Ella, born January 28, 1894, married Henry Eggert. They operate a farm in Krain Township. They have five children.

Ewald, born December 29, 1896, married Mrs. Bertha Krantz. She died in 1936 in Libby, Montana.

Albert, born February 13, 1899, on home farm in Farming township.

Walter, born January 18, 1900, married Tillie Richter. They operate a farm in St. Martin township. They have one child.

Herbert, born April 28, 1903, married Ester Eggert. They reside in Libby, Montana. They have three children.

Paul, born June 3, 1905, married Olivia Schlueter. They reside in St. Cloud where he is employed at the Veterans Hospital. They have one child.

Matha, born September 17, 1906 married August Bauer. They operate a farm in Farming township. They have three children.

Friede, born May 25, 1909, married Dan Lenke. They operate a farm in Farming township.

Emil, born April 17, 1911, married Elenore Mauritz. They operate the farm near Albany. They have one child.

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Edna, born June 1, 1912 married Albert Schlueter. They operate a farm south of Albany. They have two children.

Werner, born October 28, 1914, employed at Fair Haven, Minnesota.

Raymond, born April 29, 1917, is at present employed on the Hamann farm near Farming.

Interviewed: John Hamann
Date: May 17, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN HAMANN JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Hamann	Sept. 15, 1889	Township of Farming	John Hamann	26
2. Rubert "	May 29, 1891	" " "	" "	27
3. Maria "	Feb. 24, 1893	" " "	" "	29
4. Ella "	Jan 27, 1895	" " "	" "	31
5. Ewald "	Jan. 8, 1897	" " "	" "	33
6. Albert "	Feb. 13, 1899	" " "	" "	34
7. Paul "	June 3, 1905	" " "	" "	42
8. Meta "	Sept. 17, 1906	" " "	" "	42
9. Otto Emil "	Apr. 17, 1911	" " "	" "	45
10. Elizabeth "	May 17, 1912	" " "	" "	48
11. Raymond H. "	Apr. 8, 1917	" " "	" "	52

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Hanna Hamann	19	B	170	12	
2. Johanna Hamann	21	(1891)B1	24	9	
3. " "	22	(1893)B3	70	7	
4. " "	25	(1895)B5	70	21	
5. " "	27	(1897)B7	99	1	
6. " "	28	(1899)B9	129	2	
7. " "	30	(1905)B15	93	1	9th child
8. " "	36	C	53	2	
9. " "	40	E	16	5	12th child
10. " "	36	F	16	9	13th child
11. " "	40	K	18	708	15th child

FOR THE JOHN HAMANN JUNIOR BIOGRAPHY (CON'T)

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK K. PAGE 192

John Hamann and Johanna Tamm

Married at Farming, November 23, 1888

By: Rev. Johanes Von Brandt

Witnesses: Henry Hamann and Anna L emke

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 168 LINE 15

Mary Hamann Died December 6, 1888

Daughter of Ludwig and Mary Hamann of Germany

Age 56 years 8 months

DEATH RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 7 LINE 160

Johanna Hamann Born in Germany January 23, 1873

Died August 16, 1930

Age 57 years 6 months and 23 days

RECORD BOOK OF DEEDS 59 PAGE 170

Number of Record 3338. Contract # 4391.

John S. Kennedy and James A. Roosevelt to

John Haman the north west quarter of the North East quarter of Section nine (9) township one hundred twenty four (124) north of Range thirty one(31) West of the principal meridian. Forty (40) acres more or less.

Consideration of two hundred dollars (\$200.00.)

Dated December 5th, 1887.