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HANAUER, JOSEPH W.

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Joseph W. Hanauer was born January 14, 1866, in Bolenried, Bavaria, Germany, the son of Joseph and Josephine (Soller) Hanauer pioneer settlers of Albany township.

Joseph Senior and his wife were born in Germany and were married there. In Germany they resided on a small farm and Joseph Senior followed the occupation of a cooper and manufacturer of Charcoal. After several years at that work he realized that he had no chance to improve his station in life there, and having heard of the opportunities existing in America at that time, decided to migrate there.

In the year 1876, he brought his family to America on the Steamer Doughna and after landing at New York, they at once came west to Albany, Minnesota and the family made their home in a small shanty in the Village. After a short time here he purchased a tract of railroad land a mile and a half west of Albany, and erected a set of log buildings on the place, and the family made their home there. Since the land was covered with timber, which had to be cut before the land could be put under cultivation, the income they derived from the land was too small to feed and clothe the family and so Mr. Hanauer went to work for the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba railroad, now the Great Northern, and the work of clearing was done during his spare time and with the help of the children.

Several years later when the farm needed all his attention he retired from the railroad. At the time of his retirement he had converted his wilderness homestead into a productive farm which would provide a comfortable livelihood for him in his old age.

Joseph Senior Hanauer died in January 31, 1924 and his wife Josephine (Soller) Hanauer preceded him, she died in August 27, 1900. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Albany.

Joseph Senior and Josephine (Soller) Hanauer are the parents of eight children: Anna, Mrs. Joseph Trager; Wolfgang, John, Mary, Mrs. Mueller of Sacramento, California; Catherine, Mrs. Frank Gustbach of Devil's Lake, North Dakota; Margaret, Mrs. Ed. Libel of Sauk Centre; Michael of Sauk Centre; and Joseph W.

Joseph W. received a common school education in Germany and as a young lad assisted his father with the work on the farm in Germany. After he came to America he helped to clear the land on his father's farm and later found employment on the railroad.

Not satisfied with doing common labor Mr. Hanauer went to St. Joseph where he learned the blacksmith and wagon-maker's trade in the shop of Math Rader.

After five years there, and having mastered the trade, he came to Albany and purchased the Anton Wedl Wagon Shop, and also worked at the blacksmith trade. Some of the wagons Mr. Hanauer made forty years ago are still in use on the surrounding farms. A wagon with a double box sold for \$45.00 in those days.

In later years, when the automobile made its appearance he built a large garage on the site of the wagon shop. While his sons operated the garage, he continued as a blacksmith and welder.

Several years later he sold this building and erected a larger and more modern garage a block east of the old building.

Joseph W. Hanauer married Barbara Capser at St. Joseph on November 6, 1894. Joseph W. and Barbara (Capser) Hanauer are the parents of six children: Ben, Albert, Flora, Mrs. George Fisher; Esaline, Mrs. Arthur Kutzman; Olivia, Mrs. Ralph Nett; Euladia, Mrs. John Willenstein.

Interviewed: Joseph W. Hanauer
Date: July 7, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOSEPH W. HANAUER BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. John B. Hanauer	Nov. 6, 1895	Albany	Joseph Hanauer	26
2. Clara E. Hanauer	Apr. 3, 1897	"	" "	27
3. Albert J. Hanauer	Aug. 7, 1899	"	" "	28

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Barbara	22	(1895)B5	6	2	
2. "	24	(1897)B7	2	4	
3. "	24	(1899)B9	16	3	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 595

Joseph Hanauer and Barbara Capser

Married at St. Joseph, November 6, 1894

By: Rev. Ludger Ahrens, O. S. B.

Witnesses: John Capser and Maggie Hanauer
John Lauermann and Anna Kapser

DEATH RECORD BOOK Q. PAGE 18 LINE 463

Joseph Hanover, Born in Germany, November 27, 1840

Son of Wolfgang Hanover, mother unknown

Died January 31, 1924

Age 83 years 2 months and 4 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1900 A10 PAGE 7

Josephie Hanauer, Born in Bavaria, July 10, 1839

Daughter of Andreas Soller and Anna Schoen

Age 61 years 1 month and 17 days

Died August 27, 1900

HANAUER, JOSEPH W.

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 Josephine is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

Names of children of Joseph W. Hanauer are correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Joseph Hanauer
Date: December 6, 1937
By: Walter B. Haupt