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HANSEN, NICHOLAS SENIOR

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Nicholas Hansen was born in Prussia, Germany, December 6, 1835, and came alone to America at the age of fourteen. He come over in a sail boat, the wind drove them back to England twice and six months had passed when he landed in Maryland. For a time he lived in Illinois where he was employed at railroad work. He came to Stearns county in 1855 and settled in Wakefield township. He built a log house, 16 by 20, with a cellar, and with his ox team, he started to break the land for successful farming. When the Civil War broke out he went to Rockville and enlisted. Being the first to enlist from that place he received a gold watch which he kept treasured until his death. He enlisted in Company G. Nineth Minnesota Infantry. He served for four years and at one time was wounded in battle. Nicholas Hansen Senior, and Mr. Kirst were the only survivors of their regiment.

After the war he returned to his farm. He built a large frame house to replace the log house, and also other buildings.

Nicholas Hansen married Rosena Bahner in 1881, she was the daughter of Peter Bahner, the pioneer of Jacobs' Prairie, Wakefield township, Stearns County.

Peter Bahner came from Prussia, Germany and first settled in Missouri then to Jacobs Prairie. Mrs. Bahner lived to be ninety years old.

Nicholas Hansen was a Democrat in politics, served the Wakefield township for fifteen years as chairman and county commissioner for one term. He had a part in building the St. James Church on Jacobs Prairie and was a devout Catholic.

To Nicholas and Rosena(Bahner) Hansen eight children were born, Theresia married Peter Taufen, they had eleven children one deceased and they also adopted one. Martha, married John Leither, they have eight children and live on a farm in Jacobs' Prairie. Katherine, married John Meinz, who

operates a blacksmith shop in Rockville, Minnesota, they have two children. Helen, married John Bridius, they have seven children and live in Buckman. Mary, married Mike Mienz, they have one child. Mike Mienz is employed at the Wenner Hardware Store at Cold Spring, Minnesota. John, married Anna Crever they had five children. After Anna Crever's death John married Mary Sands, they had eleven children and live on the old Hansen homestead. Joseph married Rose Leither they had two children after the death of his wife he married Martha Pallansch and had two children by the second marriage. He operates a Hardware Store in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Elisabeth, married John Rau is employed by the city of St. Cloud and they have one child Marie.

Nicholas Senior Hansen died January 2, 1910 at the age of seventy-five. His wife died in 1884 at the age of forty.

Interviewed: Mrs. Elizabeth (Hansen) Rau
Date: August 28, 1936
By: Tresa Gruber

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| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| John P. Banner (John P. Bahner) | Age 55 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Born | Prussia |
| Cathern Banner | Age 45 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Prussia |
| Theresea Banner | Age 18 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Prussia |
| Theodore Banner | Age 16 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Laborer |
| Born | Prussia |
| Rosena Banner | Age 14 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Prussia |
| Daniel Banner | Age 12 |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | Prussia |
| Aluisius Banner | Age 10 |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | Prussia |
| Martha Banner | Age 6 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Missouri |

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Ellen Banner

Age 2

Sex

Female

Born

Missouri

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| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Michael Hanson (Michael Hansen) | Age 30 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Born | Prussia |
| Nicholas Hanson | Age 26 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Born | Prussia |

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE NICHOLAS HANSEN SENIOR BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. John Hansen | Mar. 3, 1879 | Wakefield | Nicholas Hansen | |
| 2. Elizabeth " | July 26, 1882 | " | " " | |
| 3. Nicholas " | Oct. 29, 1884 | " | " " | |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Rosena | | A | 381 | 7 | |
| 2. " | | A | 531 | 1 | |
| 3. " | | B | 8 | 13 | |

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 87

Nicholas Hansen and Rosina Baehner

Married at St. Joseph, April 12, 1866

By: Rev. Anschor Frauendorfer

Witnesses: Peter Duber and August Dueber

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 129 LINE 8

Rosina Hansen Died November 9, 1884

Age 38 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 91 LINE 1

Nicholaus Hansen Born in Germany, September 2, 1834

Died January 21, 1910

Age 75 years 4 months and 19 days

HANSON, NICHOLAS

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

CORRECTION:

Birth of Nicholas Hansen, on September 2, 1834, is correct as stated in the legal record.

CORRECTION:

Date of death of Nicholas Hansen, January 21, 1910, is correct as stated in legal record.

CORRECTION:

Date of marriage of Nicholas Hansen and Rosena Bahner on April 12, 1866 is correct as stated in the legal record.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. E. (Hansen) Rau
Date: December 1, 1937
By: Tresa Gruber