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HARREN, HENRY B.

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Henry B. Harren was born October 12, 1882, on a farm in Rockville Township.

Henry B. Harren is the son of Joseph and Magdalena (Bauer) Harren, pioneer settlers of Stearns County.

Joseph Harren was born in Hanover, Germany, August 15, 1819. He acquired the education of the average German youth, and when a young man sought a home in the new world and migrated to America in the year 1853. The trip was made on a sailing vessel and consumed considerable time. During the voyage, an epidemic of cholera broke out and nearly half of the crew and passengers died. After landing in New Orleans, he came by steamboat up the Mississippi River to St. Louis, Missouri at which place he stayed about a year. In those early days, traveling, where possible, was on river boats, and for a time, Joseph Harren took employment on a steamboat plying on the Ohio river between St. Louis and Cincinnati, Ohio. A year later he came to Dubuque, Iowa. Coming from a family that had been reared on the farm in Germany, he looked for a location along that line, and the country west of Dubuque offering a good opportunity for agricultural purposes, he purchased fifty-five acres on the site where the town of New Vienne, now stands, twenty-two miles west of Dubuque.

In 1857, he disposed of this tract of land and came to Stearns County, where he took a claim in section 25, township of Rockville, and obtained some adjoining land in section 30, in the town of St. Augusta. On this place he erected a log house and barn, and started the working of clearing the land, which at that time was covered with timber.

After two years he married Magdalena Bauer, daughter of Peter Bauer.

Magdalena Bauer was born in Prussia, Germany in 1839, and came to America with her parents in the fifties, and settled on a farm in Rockville township.

The community being made up, chiefly of German Catholics, a thrifty Catholic congregation soon sprung up, that of St. Wendel, in the founding and maintaining of which Joseph Harren took a prominent part, having for years been one of the officers of the congregation as well as one of the school district, which was organized as District 36 of Stearns County in 1861.

An especially exciting time was experienced in 1862, the time of the Sioux Indian outbreak, when that tribe devastated a part of Minnesota. Although the savages did not extend their hostilities as far as Stearns County, excitement ran high, and rumors of approaching hordes caused the settlers to abandon their homes for a short time and take refuge in a fortification that had been erected at St. Cloud. Among the refugees that gathered in that fortification for a few days were also members of the Harren family, then consisting of the parents and two children, Gollhard and Peter,

As early pioneers Joseph Harren and his wife endured many hardships in establishing a home that would provide for them a comfortable livelihood and give their children an education.

Joseph Harren died July 30, 1904 and his wife Magdalena (Bauer) Harren died October 15, 1906. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Luxemburg.

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Joseph and Magdalena (Bauer) Harren are the parents of fourteen children: Peter, Gollhard, John, Anna, Michael, Christine, Joseph and Lucy, now deceased, Bernard, a farmer; Margaret, is Mrs. Paul Koshiol, of St. Cloud; Gertrude is Mrs. John Heid of St. Cloud; Christ a blacksmith at Alexandria, North Dakota; Herman a shoemaker at Van Hook, North Dakota and Henry B.

Henry B. grew up on his father's farm, attended county schools and was thirteen years old when he began his apprenticeship at the printers trade in a shop at Melrose. Later for eighteen years, he engaged in farming, but then returned to printing and in 1920, acquired the Albany Enterprise. He has made this a valuable institution of the county, has built up a circulation of 800 subscribers, and also has a modern plant well equipped for commercial printing. The Albany Enterprise was founded in 1910 and is issued weekly, published on Thursday.

Henry B. Harren married Mary Krier on October 12, 1909, at Pearl Lake, Minnesota.

Mary Krier was born on a farm near Pearl Lake, Minnesota, December 23, 1887, the daughter of Nicholas and Catherine (Finneman) Krier. She attended the district school there and was at home until the time of her marriage.

Henry and Mary (Krier) Harren are the parents of twelve children: Arthur, married Rosmond Pratschner and they reside in Albany, where he is employed as assistant postmaster. George, Theresa, Victoria, Alois, Lucas Estella, Henry, Bernadette, Nicholas David and Austin.

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The family are active members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Harren is a member of the St. Joseph's Society and also a member of both State and National Editorieal associations.

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Joseph Herren (Joseph Harren)

Age 40

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Hanover

Lora Herren

Age 18

Sex

Female

Born

Prussia

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HENRY B. HARREN BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Arthur J. Harren	Sept. 18, 1910	Rockville	Henry Harren	27
2. George Harren	Jan. 20, 1912	"	Henry Harren	29
3. Baby Harren	July 8, 1913	"	Henry Harren	30
4. Baby Harren	Dec. 23, 1914	"	Henry Harren	30
5. Aloyius Harren	July 27, 1916	"	Henry Harren	33
6. Nicholas Harren	July 13, 1920	Albany	Henry Harren	43
7. David Harren	June 30, 1928	"	Henry Harren	45
8. Augustine Harren	Nov. 3, 1930	"	Henry Harren	48
9. Henry Harren	Oct. 12, 1882	Rockville	Joseph	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary Krier	22	D	57	2	
2. Mary Krier	24	F	45	4	
3. Mary Krier	26	G	30	855	Female
4. Mary Krier	26	H	29	826	Female
5. Mary Krier	28	J	39	1292	
6. Mary Krier	38	T	17	607	
7. Mary Krier	40	V	16	594	
8. Mary Krier	42	X	18	632	
9. Magdalena		A	513	7	Father's birth

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Henry Harren and Mary Krier

Married at Pearl Lake, October 12, 1909

By: Rev. Henry Leuthner

Witnesses: Herman G. Harren and Clara Krier