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HART, WILLIAM

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William Hart was born in St. Cloud, Stearns County, Minnesota, June 26, 1874, son of Edward and Anna (Hall) (Pinkney) Hart.

Edward Hart was a native of Michigan and came to Minnesota about 1857. He was born in Michigan in 1842 and spent his days in Michigan on his father's farm. In St. Cloud Edward Hart homesteaded a small plot of land near southwest St. Cloud and it was at that time that John Pinkney also homesteaded next to Ed Hart's plot. The two became fast friends and when the Civil War broke out they enlisted in the services of the Northern Army. Their first assignment was to quiet an Indian uprising near Mankato. The chief's name was Little Crow. This chief was causing so much trouble that the soldiers were forced to do actual battle and capture him. Later he was hung with 37 other braves to make an example to the Indians that all soldiers were not in the south fighting. Shortly after this incident Ed. Hart and John Pinkney were sent south where they were engaged in the battle of Tupeloo, Tennessee and John Pinkney was killed in this battle. At the termination of the war Edward Hart was given a letter to notify Mrs. Pinkney of her husband's death and this eventually led to the acquaintance and marriage of Edward Hart and Anna (Hall) Pinkney on October 10, 1866.

Edward Hart worked both homesteads and was very successful, retiring in 1885 in the City of St. Cloud. In this city he built their first home in the block at 602 Nineth Avenue South, which is still standing and occupied.

To Edward Hart and Anna (Hall) (Pinkney) Hart were born five children: Alto, deceased; William Hart, Senior; Mary (Hart) McWilliams; Emma (Hart) Barrett, and Charles Hart.

William Hart, Senior who heads this biography attended school in St. Cloud. After receiving an education he worked as an apprentice to the painting trade. He liked this trade and decided to follow it and became one of St. Cloud's early painters.

William Hart, Senior married Anna Jernberg on March 16, 1901 in St. Cloud, Minnesota

Anna (Jernberg) Hart was born in Vernland, Sweden, March 10, 1880, daughter of Carl and Caroline (Dahlwitz) Jernberg. She came to St. Cloud in 1886 with her parents and has resided here since that date.

To William, Senior and Anna (Jernberg) Hart were born four children: Mildred (Hart) DeWare; Leslie and William, Junior., and

Both William and Anna Hart are living and reside at 1001 Seventh Avenue South in St. Cloud.

William who spent his boyhood days here recalls the old ferry landings below the 1938 George Magnuson home and the winding road that led down to the ferry enabling the horses to pull a load up the steep river banks. One reason for this memory is the good fishing spot that was supposed to be the ferry landing when the ferry wasn't docked.

Then there were days in the late summer when William and his friends could wade clear across the river and had to be very careful because of the swift current--and still other days when his father

would take the boys down to watch an old river steamboat come in and dock. As a young boy, Mr. Hart used to fish in Lake George and stated that fishing was very good.

St. Cloud has grown and changed a great deal and William Hart can readily compare these changes recalling the city as it was during his boyhood.

Interviewed: William, Sr. and Anna Hart
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By: Dean Nelson

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