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Mary J. Hengel. Born August 5, 1871, in Rockville Township, Stearns County, Minnesota, on her father's farm, part of which extended to the South shore of Grand Lake. Daughter of Nicholas B. Weber and Josephine (Heintz) Weber.

Geneological Record and Brief Family History.

Her father, Nicholas. B. Weber, was born August 8, 1831, Maesdorf, Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Europe. He left Luxemburg when about 19 years old, and worked for a while around Rheims, France, and then for some years in Paris, and came to the United States about 1855. His parents, Peter Weber and Barbara (Bieren) Weber, and brothers and sisters soon followed him to the U. S., and the family settled in Illinois in what is now Chicago. Nicholas. B. Weber made several trips to Stearns County and about 1858 he and his parents and brothers and sisters definitely located in this county. The father, Peter Weber, acquired a land warrant for 160 acres issued in favor of Daniel Two Guns Warrior Captain Pollard's Company Seneca Volunteers War 1812 and located it on the Northwest quarter of Section 32, near Grand Lake, Rockville Township. Later U. S. Patent was issued to him (as Pierre Weber) for said land. Nicholas B. Weber had previously selected this land for himself, but at the request of the father let him have it, and Nicholas then selected, and later got deed to, 160 acres of railroad grant land in the adjoining Section 33.

Peter Weber continuously resided on his said land after he located thereon, as aforesaid. His name appears as one of the contributors on the subscription list for the erection of St. Wendelin's church, at Luxemburg, in the adjoining Township of St. Augusta, dated April 11, 1859. (Two of the brothers of Nicholas--Claus and Michael--served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Two of his sisters-- Anna (wife

of Joseph Volz) and Katharina (wife of Wolfgang Eich) commenced to live in St. Cloud soon after coming to this county and spent the rest of their lives there. One brother--Henry--spent the rest of his working years on the land homesteaded by the father Peter. The mother of Nicholas, Barbara (Bieren)Weber, died in the early years after the family came to Stearns County. She was first buried in the Catholic Cemetery near what are now the Osseo tracks in St. Cloud, and upon the discontinuance of this cemetery, her remains were removed to Calvary Cemetery at St. Cloud, and rest there now on the Wolfgang Eich lot, with those of her daughter Katharina and other descendants. Peter Weber (born in 1804) died at his homestead in Rockville Township in 1888. He was first buried at the old St. Nicholas Church Cemetery, in the adjoining Township of Luxemburg, but later when Holy Cross Catholic Church was organized to Pearl Lake, about 2 miles from the old homestead, his remains were moved to the cemetery there, where they as well as those of his son Henry and other descendants are now buried.

Nicholas B. Weber did not immediately take up active farming on his land, and at various times he was engaged in driving wagons and carts on the Red River Trail out of St. Cloud to Fort Abercrombie. In 1863-64 in partnership with his brother-in-law Joseph Volz, he operated near St. Cloud, in the Section adjoining that in which Calvary cemetery is located, a brick factory, probably the first or at least the first of substantial output, at St. Cloud. From this plant bricks were furnished for, among other buildings, St. Mary's Catholic Church at St. Cloud, (destroyed by fire 1920) Stearns County Court House (torn down in 1919 to make way for present building) and the building still standing on the Mississippi River bank on St. Germain Street,

St. Cloud, in which is now located the Tschumperlin Funeral Home. In 1864 he was married to Katherine Heintz at St. Mary's Church, St. Cloud. About 1865 he began active farming on his land in Rockville Township and to live there with his family. After having borne him four children (two of whom grew to adult life in this county- Nickolas K. Weber, now living in St. Cloud, and Peter J. Weber, who died in Montana). The first wife Katherine died. She was and is buried in St. Wendelin Church Cemetery, Luxemburg, this county, on land which was part of her father's homestead. Later, in 1870 at St. Wendelin's Church, Luxemburg, Nicholas B. Weber was married to Josephine Heintz, sister of his first wife. He and his family continued on the farm. He had increased the extent thereof by acquiring more land, located on the South shore of Grand Lake. In 1892 he sold his original farm land, and retired from farming operations, and in 1900 he sold his land on Grand Lake, most of the lake Frontage of which was later sold to various people for summer homes. Following retirement from the farm in 1892, he and his wife resided for various periods at Rockville Village and in St. Cloud, and lived for a year in North Dakota. The life of Nicholas B. Weber was rich in experiences of pioneer times in this county and along the routes of his travels but space does not permit recording any of them here. He died May 4, 1920, nearly 89 years of age. Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church (bricks for which he had manufactured) and was buried in Calvary Cemetery, close by his former brick plant site. His wife, Josephine, who had survived him, died on Sept. 16, 1932, at St. Cloud, and was buried beside her husband in Calvary Cemetery. Joseph Weber, a son of Nicholas B. and Josephine Weber, who had grown to manhood at the family home, in Rockville Township and had been married and lived on his father's Grand Lake land, preceded his parents in death in 1911,

and is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery at Pearl Lake, near his boyhood home.

Josephine Heintz Weber, above mentioned, was born in Wisconsin in 1853. Her parents, Peter Heintz and Margaretha (Tell) Heintz, natives of Luxemburg, Europe (the native town of Peter being Linchen, Luxemburg) came to the United States, in the eighteen forties, and pushed steadily westward. Josephine (Heintz) Weber came to St. Cloud and Stearns County with her parents as a small child, probably as early as 1854 or 1855 and certainly not later than 1856. It appears that there were only three houses in St. Cloud when the family came here. The family stayed at St. Cloud a short time and then went Southwest of St. Cloud to some land in St. Cloud Township or St. Augusta Township near the Lommel and Kraus claims. After some period of residence and some farming at the last mentioned place, Peter Heintz took his family a few miles farther South to the present site of the hamlet of Luxemburg, St. Augusta Township, and here he and his family made their home for several years. The records in the register of deeds' office disclose that on that July 24, 1858 Peter Heintz located military land warrant (pre-emption claim) on 160 acres in Sections 19 and 20, St. Augusta Township, embracing, among other land, all of the land on which the St. Wendelin's Church property (with the exception of a small addition to the cemetery later acquired) is now located at Luxemburg. The tradition in his family, supported by various people now living, and recollections of his own statements, is that he donated the original church land for St. Wendelin's Church and Cemetery. Before patent was issued by the Government for this land he sold his 160-acre claim in various parts to various people, but apparently subject to some understanding as to the previous donation, for it appears that the grantee to the previously donated church land recognized the previous donation.

and perfected legal title by giving deed to the church authorities. It appears that there were church activities on this land before Peter Heintz could have perfected his title and before he first sold any part of it, thus tending to bear out the tradition in his family, that he, the original settler upon this land, set it apart and donated it for church purposes, although another actually conveyed legal title. His name appears as one of the contributors on the above mentioned subscription list for the erection of St. Wendelin's Church, dated April 11, 1859. By reason of the donation of the land, he was permitted to propose a name for the Church. He chose St. Wendelin, patron saint of shepherds. Peter Heintz was a shepherd back in his native Luxemburg, Europe. While at Luxemburg, Peter Heintz and his family, including the daughter Josephine, saw quite a lot of Sioux and Chippewa Indians. Margaretha Heintz, mother of Josephine, in time learned to talk some of the Indian languages. During the Civil War period Peter Heintz and his family moved from Luxemburg to near New London, in the adjoining County of Kandiyohi. There they were at the time of the Indian uprising. At that time they came to St. Cloud with other refugees. The daughter Josephine was old enough to well remember various incidents of that uprising, and related some in later life. The father, Peter Heintz, then entered the Army in a Company at St. Cloud and served for sometime in detachments protecting settlers against Indians. During this time his family lived in St. Cloud. Some years after the Civil War, Peter Heintz, always inclined to the pioneer life, with his family (but not the daughter Josephine, who had been married to Nicholas B. Weber, as aforesaid), pushed still farther West, to Flandreau, South Dakota. There old age overtook him and his wife, there they died at advanced ages, and there they are buried.

HENGEL, MARY J.

Mary J. Hengel, as a girl attended the district school in Section 34 of Rockville Township, known as the Mill River School, first to be built in that township. For a short period she also attended the parochial school at St. Wendelin's Church, Luxemburg. In 1886-87 she attended St. Benedicts Academy, St. Joseph, Minnesota, and in 1892 she returned there for a further term, for music instruction.

On January 30, 1894, while residing with her parents in St. Cloud, Mary J. (Weber) Hengel, subject of this sketch, was married to Peter Hengel, of Rockville, at the Cathedral, St. Cloud, by Rev. Father Meier. Thereafter she resided with her husband and children at Rockville Village for some years, then at Roscoe, this county, for about a year, and since 1919 (about a year after her husband's death in North Dakota) back in St. Cloud. For about a year following her husband's death Mary J. Hengel was acting postmaster at Anamoose, North Dakota. She now resides at her home at 1302 St. Germain St., St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Peter Hengel was born Sept. 19, 1865, and was raised on his father's homestead on the Sauk River about a mile West of the Village of Rockville in Rockville Township. After attending district school in the township, he attended what was then known as the State Normal School at St. Cloud. Later he taught in the country schools of Stearns County, including a school in Rockville Township, and later still he was a general merchant (in various partnerships), grain buyer, and Postmaster at Rockville. He was a grain buyer at Roscoe for about a year. Not long thereafter he moved to North Dakota with his wife and children, and he died there May 14, 1918 while Postmaster at Anamoose, North Dakota.

Peter Hengel was a son of Mathias Hengel and Gertrude (Bauer)

Hengel. Mathias Hengel was born at Niederanabel, Luxemburg, Europe, in 1830 and came to the United States in early manhood. He came to Rockville Township in the eighteen fifties and was an original settler there and located on a 160-acre tract of land in Section 18, on Sauk River, Rockville Township, under a military land warrant which he had acquired. In due time he procured U.S. Patent to this land, and later acquired other land in the vicinity. About 1859, while resident on his homestead he married Gertrude Bauer of the same township. He later became interested in various properties at Rockville Village, and he and his brother-in-law, Paul Theisen caused to be erected the store building at Rockville in which Peter Hengel, as a member of the original part of various partnerships, for some years operated a general merchandise store, being the original part of the present store of Weisman Brothers. He retired from his farm in 1898, and moved to St. Cloud, where he died in 1901. He was buried at Cold Spring, at the Catholic Church in which village he and his family had worshipped during the latter years of his residence on the farm. His wife, Gertrude Hengel died in St. Cloud in 1908, and was also buried in the Cold Spring Cemetery.

The parents of Mathias Hengel, Nicholas Hengel and ~~Barbara~~ ^{Barbara} Hengel, had lived with their son Mathias on his farm in Rockville during the early years of his residence there and until the time of their deaths there. Their remains are interred in St. James Cemetery at near-by Jacobs Prairie.

Gertrude (Bauer) Hengel, above mentioned, was the daughter of Gothard Bauer and Margaretha Bauer. She came to Rockville Township as a child with her parents in the eighteen fifties. The family was among the earliest settlers in the county and township. Gothard Bauer

located upon, and in due time procured U.S. Patent to, 160 acres in Sections 34 and 35, and here a home was established and the children grew up. The first school held in the township was taught in their said home. Gothard Bauer was born in 1807 and died in 1873. Margretha Bauer was born in 1812 and died in 1867. Both were buried in St. Wendelin's Cemetery, Luxemburg.

CHILDREN:

The following are the names, with respective dates and places of birth, present occupations and addresses of the children born to Peter Hengel and Mary J. Hengel:

Marcus Hengel, born February 4, 1895, at St. Cloud, Minnesota,
Lawyer, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Arthur M. Hengel, born June 28, 1896, at St. Cloud, Minn., Executive
Secretary, St. Paul Typographical Union, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Roman A. Hengel, born March 21, 1898, at Rockville, Minn., Money
Order Clerk, Post Office, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Paul P. Hengel, born July 2, 1900 at Rockville, Minn., Buyer, Sears,
Roebuck & Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Clarence Hengel, Born April 11, 1903 at Anamoose, N.D., Lawyer,
Winona, Minnesota.

Margaret C. Hengel, Born November 27, 1909, at Anamoose, N.D.,
Teacher, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

There is one grandchild: Arthur M. Hengel, Jr., St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Nicholas Hengel

Age 71

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Luxemburg

Barbara Hengel

Age 67

Sex

Female

Occupation

Born

Holland

Mathias Hengel

Age 26

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Luxemburg

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| Peter Waber (Peter Weber) | Age 52 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Born | Luxemburg |

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| Barbara Waber | Age 70 |
| Sex | Female |
| Occupation | _____ |
| Born | Luxemburg |

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|----------------|--------------|
| Nicholas Waber | Age 21 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farm Laborer |
| Born | Luxemburg |

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| Henry Waber | Age 17 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farm Laborer |
| Born | Luxemburg |

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| Michael Waber | Age 15 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | _____ |
| Born | Luxemburg |

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| Peter Hienz (Peter Heintz) | Age 40 |
| Sex | Male |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Born | Luxemburg |
| Margret Hienz | Age 41 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Luxemburg |
| Catherine Hienz | Age 13 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Wisconsin |
| Josephine Hienz | Age 9 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Wisconsin |
| William Hienz | Age 7 |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | Wisconsin |
| Lora Hienz | Age 5 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Wisconsin |
| Mary Hienz | Age 3 |
| Sex | Female |
| Born | Minnesota |
| Paul Hienz | Age 5 months |
| Sex | Male |
| Born | Minnesota |

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE MARY J. HENGEL BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Markus Hengel | Feb. 4, 1895 | Rockville | Peter Hengel | 29 |
| 2. Arthur Hengel | June 28, 1896 | " | " " | 31 |
| 3. Roman Hengel | Mar. 21, 1898 | " | " " | 32 |
| 4. Paul Peter " | July 2, 1900 | " | " " | 34 |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Mary Hengel | 23 | (1895)B5 | 232 | 2 | |
| 2. " " | 26 | (1896)B6 | 262 | 2 | |
| 3. " " | 27 | (1898)B8 | 277 | 1 | |
| 4. " " | 29 | (1900)B10 | 294 | 7 | |

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Peter Hengel and Mary Weber

Married at St. Cloud January 30, 1894

By: Rev. J. J. Mayer

Witnesses: N. K. Weber and Mary Volz