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HOFFMAN, NICHOLAUS

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Nicholaus Hoffman was born in Ohio August 1, 1848, the son of Nicholaus and Elizabeth Hoffman, Sr., who were natives of Luxemburg. They came to America in 1857 and settled on a homestead one-half mile east of St. Joseph township, Stearns County, section 10 and 15. Nicholaus was one of seven children. Margeret Hoffman, the oldest child was born in Luxemburg. Nicholaus, Anna, Barbara and Edward were born in Ohio, and Mary and Mathias were born on the Hoffman homestead in St. Joseph, Minnesota.

Nicholaus Hoffman Jr. married Christina Plazek who was born in Poland in 1860. Christina Plazek came to America in 1868 with a cousin, her father had died and her mother was left destitute with three small children. Christina was the oldest. Christina was married in 1879. For a time Nicholaus and Christina (Plazek) Hoffman lived on a farm in Collegeville. Immediately after their marriage they sent for Mrs. Plazek, who was still in Poland, she sailed for America and stayed with her daughter and son-in-law until her death in 1891.

To Nicholaus and Christina (Plazek) Hoffman six children were born: Theresa who was born in Collegeville; Mathias married Selma Hedberg, they have one child. Mathias is employed as an Insurance Agent in Minneapolis; Margeret married George Branley, they have five children and live in Madison, Wisconsin, where George is employed; Fredric married Florence Stegerwald, they have nine children and also live in Madison, Wisconsin; Celestine married Albert Appert, they have two children, Albert Appert is employed by the Daniel Furniture Store at St. Cloud; Edward married Margeret Soebe and is cashier at the

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Express Office, they have three children.

Nicholaus Hoffman worked for the Great Northern Railway Company until he was 74 years old, He built a home on 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ Avenue North, later he sold this home and built one on 23rd Avenue North, which still belongs to the Hoffman family.

Mr. Nicholaus Hoffman died in 1923 and Mrs. Christina (Plazek) Hoffman in 1935, they are both buried in the Calvary Cemetery.

Interviewed: Theresa Hoffman
Date: December 12, 1936
By: Tresa Gruber

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FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

Enumerated on June 15, 1860, by C. Grandelmeyer

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Nicholas Hoffman	Age 42
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Birth Place	Luxenburg
Elizabeth Hoffman	Age 40
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Luxenburg
Margret Hoffman	Age 14
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Luxenburg
Nicholas Hoffman	Age 11
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Ohio
Anna Hoffman	Age 1
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Ohio
Barbara Hoffman	Age 7
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Ohio
Edward Hoffman	Age 5
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Ohio

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Mary Hoffman

Age 2

Sex

Female

Birth Place

Minnesota

Mathias Hoffman

Age 1 Mo.

Sex

Male

Birth Place

Minnesota

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE NICHOLAUS HOFFMAN BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Thresa Hoffman	July 9, 1881	Avon	Nicholas Hoffman	
2. Mathias "	Dec. 12, 1882	"	" "	
3. Anna "	May 10, 1885	"	" "	
4. Baby "	Feb. 15, 1899	"	" "	50

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Christine Platz		A	433	9	1st child
2. " "		A	481	14	2nd child
3. " "		B	36	8	
4. " "	37	(1899)B9	317	10	

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Nicholas Hoffman and Christine Platz

Married at St. Joseph June 15, 1880

By: Rev. Staub O. S. B.

Witnesses: Mathias Hoffman and Nicholas and Elizabeth Thiesen

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N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 10

N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 15

Township 124 North Range 29 West

Dates September 1, 1860

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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:

Marriage of Nicholas Hoffman and Christine Platz on June 15, 1880, is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed:	Trera Hoffman
Date:	November 30, 1937
By:	Trasa Gruber