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IRISH, ABNER

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Abner Irish was born in the town of Lake George, New York on February 28, 1837 the third child born to Jonathan and Eliza Irish. He lived in New York until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the 22nd regiment of New York volunteers. He was the first man to enlist on the call for volunteers, and as such received a prize offered by a private citizen of the town for the first enlistment. He served in the army of the Potomac two years, after which he was mustered out.

In 1864 Abner Irish moved to Minnesota, his brother, Sydney Abner Irish, having been located in the state several years. He took a pre-emption claim and afterwards homesteading it, retaining the claim until his death and living on it for 40 years.

In 1886 he was married to Rose Spencer. Five children were the fruit of this union, Louis J.; Carrie, who died May 2, 1905, Hattie E., who died September 8, 1875; Margaret, and Carl A.

Abner Irish united with the Congregational Church in 1893. He became a member of the Masonic Order about 1865 and was also a member of the Grand Army of Republic. Abner Irish died at Sauk Centre on February 8, 1909.

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ABNER IRISH BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Caroline Irish	Mar. 16, 1871	Sauk Centre	Abner Irish	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Rose Spencer		A	49	5	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 205

Abner Irish and Rose L. Spencer

Married At Sauk Centre , July 8, 1868

By: L. W. Evans

Witnesses: Mrs. L. N. Evans and L Kells

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 43 LINE 3

Abner Irish Born in New York February 28, 1837

Son of Johnaton Irish and Elizabeth Cole.

Died February 8, 1909

Age 71 years 11 months and 8 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK A PAGE 39 LINE 20

Harriet E. Irish Born December 20, 1872 in Sauk Centre

Daughter of Abner Irish and Rose Spencer

Died September 8, 1875

Age 2 years 8 months and 19 days

IRISH, ABNER

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Abner Irish was born February 28, 1837, in Warren county, New York. He was the son of Jonathan and Eliza Irish.

He served through the Civil War and on May 24, 1864, reached Minnesota. He lived for many years in Sauk Centre. He was a farmer, carpenter, and contractor.

Abner Irish was one of the eight supervisors of Sauk Centre. He was a justice of the peace. He was a member of the Board of Education.

Abner Irish helped to establish the first Presbyterian church of Sauk Centre by hewing the timbers used to build it. This church later became the first Congregational church of Sauk Centre, and Abner was a faithful member at the time of his death.

Abner Irish was married to Rose Spencer. They had five children: Louis J., a member of the city council in 1914; Carrie who died May 2, 1905; Hattie E., who died September 8, 1875, Margaret who was a graduate nurse in 1914, and Carl A., a prosperous rancher in North Dakota in 1914.

Louis J. Irish, a son, married Myra E. Clifford on June 25, 1902 and had one daughter Edna Elizith in 1914.

Carl A. Irish, a son, married Jennie M. Gray, on December 26, 1900. They had four children: Margaret M., Carleton G., Arelyn D., and Marvin S. Irish. They also adopted Harry M. Shepard, a nephew of Mrs. Irish, at the age of thirteen months, and Helen R., adopted on March 8, 1895, at the age of three months.

Abner Irish died February 8, 1909.

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2. Harriet Irish	Dec. 20, 1872	" "	Abner Irish	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Rose Spencer		A	49	5	
2. Rose Spencer		A	87	400	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 205

Abner Irish and Rose L. Spencer

Married at Sauk Centre, July 8, 1868

By: Rev. D. W. Evans

Witnesses: Mrs. D. W. Evans and L. Kells

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK R. PAGE 8703

Louis J. Irish and Myra E. Clifford

Married at Sauk Centre, June 25, 1902

By: Rev. G. Ernest Smith

Witnesses: Mrs. C. C. Tobeg and O. W. Boobar

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Q. PAGE 8268

Carl A. Irish and Jennie M. Gray

Married at St. John's Church, December 26, 1900

By: Rev. J. F. Hamilton

Witnesses: James Leslie Gray and Mary J. Wesson

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FOR THE ABNER IRISH BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 55 LINE 5

Sidney A. Rish, Born in New York, June 22, 1833

Son of Johneason Irish and Eliza Cole

Died April 2, 1912

Age 78 years 9 months and 12 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 43 LINE 3

Abner Irish, Born in New York, February 28, 1837

Son of Johanton Irish and Eliza Cole

Died February 8, 1909

Age 71 years 11 months and 8 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 39 LINE 20

Harriet E. Irish Died September 8, 1875

Daughter of Abner and Rose Irish

Age 2 years 8 months and 19 days