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JANSSEN, BERNARD (ALSO KNOWN AS BARNEY)

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Bernard Janssen was born September 16, 1854, in Bauerschaft, Langerich, Germany.

Bernard Janssen is the son of Bernard Johann and Maria Anna (Hellman) Janssen, now deceased.

Bernard Johann and Maria Anna (Hellman) Janssen were born in Germany, the former of whom was born November 7, 1824 and the latter October 30, 1825. After their marriage the couple made their home on a small farm, as a means of making the livelihood for the family.

Five children were born to Bernard Johann and Maria Anna (Hellman) Janssen. Caroline, August, Theresa, Maria and Bernard.

Caroline and August are dead. Theresa married August Kuper in Germany and after his death she came to America, where she made her home until her death.

Maria, is Mrs. Nicholas Evens of Farming township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

Bernard, who heads this sketch, received a common school education in Germany and as a young man found employment as a farm hand on neighboring farms.

In the year 1880, Bernard Junior married Maria Anna Koester. The latter who was born August 22, 1855, in Langerich, Germany.

After the marriage, the couple made their home on a farm in Germany. While thus engaged, they conceived the idea of going to America.

In the year 1882, the couple in company with his sister, Maria, left their native land and set sail for America. After landing in New York they at once came west to Stearns County, where an uncle Bernard Hellman

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who had migrated here several years earlier, resided on a farm near Farming, and was employed on his farm.

After a year here, his parents also came to America accompanied by the son August and daughter Caroline.

For several years both father and son were employed as laborers here, and then each purchased an 80 acre tract of land from Bernard Hellman and the two through years of hard work cleared and grubbed the greater part of the land and erected a set of buildings on the place.

After the death of Bernard Johann Janssen, his son took over his eighty acres and operated it as one farm.

During the first years, wheat was the chief crop on the farm. Prices at that time were low. Wheat brought 35 cents a bushel while eggs were six cents a dozen and butter eight cents a pound.

In later years Bernard Janssen gradually changed from wheat farming to dairying.

In 1921, Bernard Janssen, retired from farming and the place was taken over by the son Joseph. At the age of 83, Bernard Janssen still makes his home on the farm and enjoys the best of health and is still very active. His wife, Maria Anna Janssen died December 23, 1933, and burial was made in the Catholic Cemetery at Farming. His father Bernard Johann Janssen died December 2, 1912 and his mother Maria Anna (Hellman) Janssen died November 23, 1920. Both are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Farming.

Bernard and Maria Anna (Koester) Janssen are the parents of eight children:

Benedict, died at International Falls, Minnesota in 1907.

Henry, died in infancy.

Clara, is married to Barney Fischer and they reside at St. Cloud, where he is employed.

August, born July 20, 1886, married Elizabeth Hagemeier, and they operate a farm in Munson township.

Herman, born July 12, 1888, married Helena Rolfes on October 29, 1912, and they reside on a farm in Farming township.

Theresea born August 28, 1890, married Michael Heinen and they reside on a farm near Northame, Minnesota.

Aloys, born August 1, 1892 married Christine Rauch, June 10, 1919 and they reside on a farm in Farming township.

Joseph, born July 5, 1894, a world war veteran, married Mary Dericks and they operate the home farm.

Christine, married John Kiehl, a world war veteran on October 28, 1924, and they reside on a farm in Farming township.

There are thirty-four grandchildren.

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE BERNARD JANSSEN BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. August H. Janssen	July 20, 1886	Farming	Barney Janssen	
2. Herman B. "	July 12, 1888	"	" "	34
3. Margret T. "	Aug. 28, 1890	"	" "	36
4. Alois C. "	Aug. 1, 1892	"	" "	40
5. Barney Joseph "	July 5, 1894	"	" "	40

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary A.		B	47	30	
2. Mary A.	33	B	109	7	
3. Mary A.	35	B	178	34	
4. Mary A.	36	(1892)B2	66	20	
5. Mary A.	39	(1894)B4	69	20	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 4 PAGE 17500

John B. Kuhl and Christine C. Janssen

Married at Farming, October 28, 1924

By: Rev. Augustine Brockmeyer

Witnesses: Henry Janssen and Mary Kuhl

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 2 PAGE 15836

Joseph Janssen and Mary Dericks

Married at St. Martin, May 24, 1921

By: Rev. Eugene Woerdehoff, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Philip Dericks and Christine Janssen

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Z. PAGE 14739

Alois C. Janssen and Christina Rausch

Married at St. Martin, June 10, 1919

By: Rev. P. Adalbert O. S. B.

Witnesses: Joseph Janssen and Josephine Wenner

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 13882

Micheal Heinen and Theresia Janssen

Married at Farming, February 6, 1917

By: Rev. Philip Bahner, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Alois C. Janssen and Katherine Heinen

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 12126

Herman Janssen and Helen Rolfes

Married at Farming, October 29, 1912

By: Rev. Philip Bahner, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Lizzie Rolfes, Alois Janssen, Theresia Janssen, and Anthony
Rolfes

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 12676

Bernard Fischer and Mary Clara Janssen

Married at Farming, May 12, 1914

By: Rev. Philip Bahner, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Alois Janssen, Barney Wessels, Lizzie Fischer, and Theresia
Janssen

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 12659

August Janssen and Elizabeth Hagemeier

Married at Farming, April 27, 1914

By: Rev. Gregory Steil, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Eugen Hagemeier, Alois Janssen, Pauline Hagemeier, Theresia
Janssen

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DEATH RECORD BOOK Z. PAGE 12 LINE 324

Maria Anna Janssen, Born in Germany, August 22, 1855

Daughter of H. Henry Koester and Theresia Schroeder

Died December 23, 1933

Age 78 years 4 months and 1 day

DEATH RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 5 LINE 117

Mary Anna Janssen, Born in Germany, October 30, 1825

Daughter of Heinrich Gerhard and Margaretha Aleid

Died November 23, 1920

Age 95 years 1 month

DEATH RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 15 LINE 5

Bernard Janssen, Born in Germany, November 7, 1824

Son of Johan Herm B. Janssen and Anna Mae Buers

Died December 2, 1912

Age 88 years 1 month and 25 days