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HOUGHTON, CHARLES

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Charles Houghton was born in Davenport, Iowa, on May 15, 1870. He was the son of Moses and Elizabeth Houghton. When he was eight years old, his mother died and he with his father and brothers, moved to Newton, Iowa where he grew to manhood.

Here they operated a dairy business. From the time he was eight years and on he had to get up at three o'clock in the morning to milk cows for the early morning delivery. Then he had to help deliver. They had a wagon and horses. The driver rang a hand bell and the housewives came out with their pan. They took as much milk as they wanted out of the large milk cans. They received only three or four cents a quart for their milk. After the delivery he would go home to bed to rest up before continuing with the day's work. The family still has this old bell that he used on the milk wagon.

On July 17, 1901, Mr. Houghton married Lillian Mathies at Marne, Iowa. She was the daughter of Wilson and Juliannis (Barnes) Mathies. Lillian (Mathies) Houghton was born in Marne, Iowa.

Shortly after their marriage they moved to Morris, Minnesota where Charles was engaged in the real estate business with his brother. In April, 1902, they came to Sauk Centre. Here Mr. Houghton engaged in real estate and farming on a large scale.

Charles and Lillian (Mathies) Houghton have two children. They are Olga Lillian, who teaches school at Fulda, Minnesota; and Charles Russel who lives with his mother.

Mr. Houghton owned a great deal of property. He owned several houses in Sauk Centre and many large farms in Sauk Centre township.

Mr. Charles Houghton died May 18, 1931, and was buried in the Greenwood Cemetery. Rev. J. D. Butler officiated at the funeral.

Interviewed: Mrs. Charles Houghton
Date: September 14, 1936
By: Melba Peterson
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE CHARLES HOUGHTON BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Baby Houghton	September 23, 1902	Sauk Centre	Charles Houghton	32

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. A. L. Mathies	24	(1902)B12	382		

DEATH RECORD BOOK X PAGE 20 LINE 597

Charles Houghton Died May 18, 1931

Born May 15, 1869 in Iowa

Son of Moses Houghton

Age 61 years 3 days

HOUGHTON, CHARLES

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION: CORRECTION:

The birth of Charles Houghton is correct as stated in the legal records, May 15, 1869.

CORRECTION:

Charles and Lillian (Mathias) Houghton had two children: Olga Lillian, who teaches school at Annandale, Minnesota; and Charles Russel, who lives with his sister.

ADDITION:

Lillian (Mathias) Houghton died on June 21, 1937. She was born on January 8, 1878. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery beside her husband.

Interviewed: Olga Houghton
Date: October 1, 1937
BY: Melba Peterson