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Kaeter, John Henry

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John Henry Kaeter was born in St. Cloud, Stearns County, Minnesota, July 7, 1864, son of Herman and Mary Kaeter. Herman and Mary Kaeter were natives of Germany and came to America about 1862.

John attended grade school in District 47, southwest of St. Cloud. Later he finished his grade school education at the Franklin school in St. Cloud. Two of his schoolmates were Peter Juneman and Jacob Hohlman. After receiving his education John worked in the brick yard south of St. Cloud and later as an apprentice to the carpenter trade under George Hanson.

On May 4, 1886 John Henry Kaeter married Mary Messman at St. Augusta. Father Boniface officiated.

Mary Messman was born in Stearns County, daughter of Bernard and Anna Messman. Shortly after this marriage John started farming near St. Cloud. He farmed until 1920 when he retired in St. Cloud.

In 1888 Mary (Messman) Kaeter died and on July 9, 1889 John Henry Kaeter married Lena Schleper at Richmond, Stearns County. Rev. Igr. Wessling officiated.

To John H. and Lena (Schlepers) Kaeter were born five children, 2 deceased. The living are: John H. Junior, Andrew and Alphonse.

John Henry Kaeter remembers when his father's homestead included McKinley place south of our present city. He also recalls the old St. Mary's school and church and remarks that he was baptized at St. Mary's by Rev. Stukenkemper. The school district #47 was quite a ways from the city proper then because the children from the present southern portion of our city were sent there in preference to the distance to the city schools.

This gives us an idea of how far out of town the Kaeter homestead was on McKinley place south.

Reviewed: J. H. Kaeter  
By: Dean Nelson  
Date: February 1, 1938

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN HENRY KAETER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK K, PAGE 385

Henry Kaeter and Lena Schleper, married at Richmond, July 9, 1889

By Reverend Ign. Wessling

Witnesses: Bern Kaeter and Carolina Messman

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I, Page 504

Henry Kaeter and Mary Messman

Married: St. Augusta, May 4, 1886

By: Reverend Boniface Moll, O.S.B.

Witnesses: John Kaeter and Caroline Messman

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BIRTH RECORD

| <u>1. Name H.</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. John H.        | April 24, 1890       | St. Augusta           | John Henry           |            |
| 2. Wm. Henry      | July 3, 1895         | St. Augusta           | John Henry           |            |
| 3. Anna C.        | May 23, 1898         | St. Augusta           | John Henry           |            |
| 4. Andrew         | July 2, 1899         | St. Augusta           | John Henry           |            |
| 5. A. Gerhard     | Nov. 22, 1903        | St. Augusta           | John Henry           |            |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Helena            |            | B           | 194         | 6           |                |
| 2. Magdalena         |            | B5          | 244         | 1           |                |
| 3. Helena            | 27         | B8          | 286         | 6           |                |
| 4. Helena            | 35         | B9          | 308         | 1           |                |
| 5. Helena            | 39         | B13         | 327         | 1           |                |