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JENKINS, JAMES L.

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James L. Jenkins was born at Windsor, New York, on December 2, 1846. He grew to young manhood in his native community and in 1864, when he was seventeen years old, enlisted for service in the Civil War, becoming a member of Company H., 120th N. Y. Volunteers.

In the spring of 1866 he came to Stearns county and took a Civil War Soldier's homestead four and one half miles east of Sauk Centre. He remained there until 1877, when he moved his family to Sauk Centre.

On March 7, 1870 James L. Jenkins, was united in marriage by L. L. West, Justice of the Peace, to Caroline Eliza Spencer, a daughter of Dinna and Julia Spencer. She was born in Jefferson, Ashtabula county, Ohio on September 9, 1843. Her parents came west in 1864 and settled on a homestead about eight miles east of Sauk Centre and Caroline Eliza Spencer spent the remainder of her life in Sauk Centre and vicinity.

Five children were born to James L. and Caroline Eliza (Spencer) Jenkins, namely: Fred H., Jessie, Charles G., Adelbert, and Carrie May.

James L. Jenkins was a stone mason by trade and worked at this trade after moving to Sauk Centre. He served as Alderman for his ward from 1910-1914. He was a charter member of B. R. Palmer post, G. A. R. and held every office within the gift of the post several times. At the time of his death, on July 20, 1930, he was commander of the post.

Caroline Eliza (Spencer) Jenkins died at Sauk Centre on March 16, 1923. She was a member of the Women's Relief Crops and Order of Macabees. She was affiliated with the Methodist church.

Interviewed: Frank Bunker  
Date: June 21, 1937  
By: Dorothy Hansmann

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
FOR THE JAMES L. JENKINS BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u>           | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Fred Henry Jenkins | Feb. 4, 1872         | Melrose               | James Jenkins        |            |
| 2. Jessie Jenkins     | July 6, 1873         | "                     | James Jenkins        |            |
| 3. Charles D. Jenkins | Feb. 24, 1876        | "                     | James Jenkins        |            |
| 4. Baby Jenkins       | Aug. 28, 1884        | "                     | James Jenkins        |            |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Carrie Jenkins    |            | A           | 75          | 19          |                |
| 2. Carrie Jenkins    |            | A           | 115         | 8           |                |
| 3. Carrie Jenkins    |            | A           | 231         | 20          |                |
| 4. Caroline E. "     |            | B           | 7           | 4           | Female         |

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK D. PAGE 57

James H. Jenkins and Carrie E. Spencer

Married at Melrose, March 7, 1871

By: L. L. West, Justice of the Peace

Witnesses: Henry Coe and Wm. B. Whitney

DEATH RECORD BOOK W. PAGE 27 LINE 579

James H. Jenkins, Born in New York, December 2, 1846

Son of Chas. H. Jenkins and Mary Whitney

Died July 20, 1930

Age 83 years 7 months and 18 days



DEATH RECORD BOOK P. PAGE 22 LINE 544

Caroline E. Jenkins, Born in Ohio, September 9, 1852

Daughter of D. Spencer and Julia Peck

Died March 16, 1923

Age 70 years 6 months and 7 days