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JOHNSON, CHARLES J.

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Charles J. Johnson was born in Stockholm, Sweden, July 18, 1850, son of John and Josephine Johnson. He received his education in the schools of Stockholm and then began working at odd jobs. During this time Charles had ambitions to become a stone cutter so he worked as an apprentice to that trade. At the termination of his apprenticeship he secured a position in Southern Norway not far from Stockhom.

At this place he met and married Josephine (maiden name ^{unknown}) on March 28, 1881. Josephine (maiden name ^{unknown}) Johnson was born in Norway December 20, 1861 and spent her early life there up to the time of her marriage.

Immediately after his marriage Charles and his bride started for America. They landed in New York and came directly to Minnesota arriving in this state in July, 1881 and settling in Saint Cloud.

Charles secured a job in the granite sheds and was an employee of the granite business until 1901. He then retired and resides now in East Saint Cloud. During his years of employment in the granite trade Charles erected a substantial home in East Saint Cloud at 212 Riverside North East where he and his wife now reside. Charles was known as one of the finest paying cutters in this territory.

To Charles and Josephine Johnson were born nine children, Josephine, Charles, Henry, Edward, George, Harry, Berta, Walter, and Clifford.

There are ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Charles recalls that Saint Cloud was quite a city at that time, but mostly on the west side of the river. There were only a few scattered residences on the East Side and when he erected his home it seemed as if he lived all alone in the woods.

Interviewed: Miss Josephine Johnson
By: Dean Nelson
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