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JOHNSON, JOHN

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John Johnson was one of the pioneers of Sauk Centre. He came here when there were yet traces of wild Western life in the little village that was springing up on the shores of Sauk Lake.

He was born in one of the southern provinces of Sweden on February 17, 1833. He passed his youth and early manhood on his father's estate, one third of which he inherited at his father's death. He was soon seized with the emigration fever, and in the spring of 1869, disposed of his property and headed for Quebec in a rickety old vessel that seemed determined to find the bottom of the Atlantic. It was a hazardous trip and it was a surprise to both passengers and crew when the historic Canadian town was at last sighted. The long tedious journey was ended in Sauk Centre on June 6, 1869.

A homestead was found at the head of the lake and here the family lived for about one year.

In October, 1870, he moved to Sauk Centre, and with the exception of two years spent in Minneapolis, this was his residence until his death on June 12, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had eight children. He died from pneumonia. His funeral was from the Methodist Church.

Taken from the Sauk Centre Herald, June 20,
1889

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN JOHNSON BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 192 LINE 23

✓ John ^{Johnson} Died June 13, 1889 in Sauk Centre, Minnesota

Age 56 years 3 months and 26 days

JOHNSON, JOHN

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:

The death of John Johnson, June 13, 1889, is correct as stated in the legal records.