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JONAS, ANTON

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Anton Jonas was born August 26, 1866, in Harrisbach, Calolenz, Germany.

Anton Jonas is the son of Mathias and Catherine (Stephanie) Jonas, pioneer settlers of Farming township, now deceased.

Mathias and Catherine (Stephanie) Jonas were born in Germany and were married there. In Germany, Mathias Jonas followed the occupation of a farmer and shepherd.

In about the year 1850, Joseph Jonas, a brother of Mathias migrated to America, and settled on a farm near Collegeville, Minnesota. After several years in America he became confident of the opportunities the new country held in store for a man who was willing to work that he induced his brother Mathias to also settle here.

Mathias Jonas migrated to America in the year 1876, with his family. After landing in New York, the family immediately came west by rail as far as East St. Cloud, where the road terminated. At that time there was no bridge across the Mississippi River and so they crossed on a ferry boat. From St. Cloud they continued their trip to Collegeville on a stage coach.

The first year in America, the Jonas family made their home with the Joseph Jonas family ^{and} Mathias found employment on neighboring farms. The following year he filed on a homestead in Farming township section 18 and 19. The land at that time was covered with timber, and the work of clearing and preparing the land for cultivation was slow ~~work~~, only about three acres were ready for cultivation the first year.

Oxen were used to break and cultivate the land. Since there were no harvesters, the grain and hay were cut by hand with a scythe.

The nearest mill during the first two years while the family lived on the homestead, was at St. Cloud, and so Mr. Jonas was required to make the trip with oxen, the trip usually consuming three days. Later on a mill was erected at Cold Spring.

During the first years the family endured many hardships, but from year to year more land was cleared and they soon derived a substantial income from their products making it possible for them to purchase modern machinery, and erect new modern buildings.

Mathias and Catherine (Stephanie) Jonas are the parents of seven children.

Anna Maria, married Michael Klein and they resided on a farm near Sauk Centre, both are now deceased.

Maria Ann, married Bernard Hannigan and they resided on a farm in Farming township. Both are now deceased.

John, married Mary Koppy, now deceased, and he resides on a farm in St. Martin township.

Mary, married Nicholas Barbeln, now deceased, and she resides on a farm in St. Martin township.

Catherine, married Max Grave and they reside on a farm in Albany township.

Anton who heads this sketch was one year and six months of age when he was brought to America by his parents. He attended the district school until he was fourteen years of age, his first teacher was Casper Closterman.

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After completing his schooling, he assisted his father with the work on the farm until the time of his marriage, when he took over the place.

Anton Jonas was married on January 8, 1895, to Mary Ohmann. Father Conrad O. S. B. performed the ceremony. The attendants were John Jonas, Mary Ohmann, Andrew Ohmann and Catherine Jonas.

Mary Ohmann was born August 15, 1873, at Albany, the daughter of Mathias and Maria (Kosick) Ohmann pioneer settlers of Albany township.

After their marriage Anton and Mary (Ohmann) Jonas took over the home farm, which they operated until September 1, 1936, when they retired to the Village of Albany.

During the time they resided on the farm, Anton Jonas served as treasurer of the district school for many years, and was also interested in the affairs of the community.

Mathias Jonas died in June 1903 and his wife preceded him in death several years. Both are buried in the Catholic cemetery at St. Martin.

Anton and Mary (Ohmann) Jonas are the parents of fifteen children.

John, born November 2, 1895, died in infancy.

Gertrude, born November 3, 1896, died at the age of seven years.

Mathias, born March 28, 1898, died at the age of ten.

Agnes, born January 20, 1900, married James Rausch, and they reside in the village of Albany. Mr. Rausch is a mechanic.

Frank, born August 16, 1901, married Alma Heinen, and they reside in Albany. Mr. Jonas is in the oil business.

Peter, born April 5, 1903, married Othilia Winter and they reside at Freeport where he is in the oil business.

Albert, born October 12, 1904, married Maria Thelen and they

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reside in Paynesville, where he is employed as a road patrolman for the Minnesota Highway Department.

Alvina, born February 25, 1906, is Mrs. Math Rausch of St. Martin. Mr. Rausch operates a store there.

Annie, born April 13, 1907, is Mrs. Albert Schwagel of St. Martin.

Mary Ann, born October 23, 1909, is employed at St. Cloud.

Magdalene, born June 23, 1911, is Mrs. Henry Buettner, and they reside on a farm near Lake Henry.

Hildegard, born June 4, 1913, is employed at St. Martin.

Nicholas, born May 2, 1915 is employed at Albany.

Bridget, born January 20, 1917, is employed at St. Cloud.

Mathilda, born March 29, 1918, at home.

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FOR THE ANTON JONAS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. John Jonas	Nov. 2, 1895	Farming	Anton Jonas	29
2. Gertrude Jonas	Nov. 4, 1896	"	" "	32
3. Math Jonas	Mar. 27, 1898	"	" "	31
4. Agnes Marie "	Jan. 21, 1900	"	" "	33
5. Frank Jonas	Aug. 16, 1901	"	" "	35
6. Peter Jonas	Apr. 6, 1903	"	" "	37
7. Albert Jonas	Oct. 11, 1904	"	" "	37
8. Maria Anna "	Oct. 23, 1909	Richmond	" "	43
9. Magdalena "	June 23, 1911	Richmond	" "	45
10. Hildegard "	June 4, 1913	Farming	" "	46
11. Nicholas "	May 16, 1915	"	" "	47
12. Brigitta "	Jan. 20, 1917	"	" "	50

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary Ohmann	22	(1895)B5	76	9	
2. Mary Ohmann	25	1896 B6	99	3	
3. Mary Ohmann	23	1898 B8	105	2	
4. Mary Ohmann	29	1900 B10	113	2	
5. Mary Ohmann	26	1901 B11	95	1	
6. Mary Ohmann	30	1903 B13	107	3	
7. Mary Ohmann	30	1904 B14	92	1	
8. Mary Ohmann	36	C	568	4	
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10. Mary Ohmann	40	G	14	147	
11. Mary Ohmann	41	I	14	272	
12. Mary Ohmann	43	K	18	703	

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK O. PAGE 6649

Anton Jonas and Mary Ohmann

Married at Albany, January 8, 1895

By: Rev. Conrad Glatzmaier O. S.B.

Witnesses: Andrew Ohmann and Johanna Jonas

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1903 A 12 PAGE 61 LINE 1

Gertrude Jonas, Born, November 3, 1896

Died May 17, 1903

Age 6 years 5 months and 14 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 298 LINE 3

Math Jonas, Born March 27, 1898

Died June 13, 1908

Age 10 years 2 months and 16 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1895 A 5 Page 45 Line 9

John Jonas, Died in Town of Farming, December 6, 1895

Son of Anton and Mary Jonas

Age 1 month and 4 days