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KINSELLA, STEPHEN

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Stephen Kinsella was born in County Karlow, Ireland, December 1, 1840. He came to Canada with his parents in 1847 where he grew to manhood. June 17, 1863 he was married to Mary Neville. The ceremony was preformed Renfrew County, Canada by Father Bouvier.

Stephen and Mary Kinsella moved to the United States shortly after their marriage, settling first in Michigan and later in Wisconsin. They came to Minnesota and Ashley Township in 1884.

While driving thru Sauk Centre in 1882, Stephen Kinsella attended the first service held in "Our Lady of the Angels Church," he attended the last service held in the structure Christmas morning 1924, before it was destroyed by fire. He attended the first service held in the basement of the new structure and he was the first person over whose remains Solemm High Mass was said in the Church.

Stephen Kinsella never had the advantage of school education but he was a continous student with a splendid memory. He took a prominent part in shaping the affairs of Ashley township. And was honored by his neighbors with many offices of public trust.

Stephen and Mary (Neville) Kinsella retired from the farm and moved to Sauk Centre in 1916 where Stephen Kinsella died on September 13, 1925.

The children of Stephen and Mary (Neville) Kinsella are: John of St. Cloud, Robert B., James C., Thomas H., Stephen., Frank., Margaret (Kinsella) Becwar of Havre, Montana, Mrs. Julia (Kinsella) Brown of Sauk Centre, Mrs. Katherine (Kinsella) Collins who died September 15, 1920, Mrs. Al. Smith (Nellie), Elizabeth (Kinsella) Collins; Anna (Kinsella) Collins.

and Edward Kinsella
Interviewed: Mary (Krebsbach) Kinsella
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FOR THE STEPHEN KINSELLA BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Francis M. Kinsella	Oct. 20, 1888	Twp. of Ashley	Stephen	46

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary	41	B	105	100	

DEATH RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 20 LINE 545

Catherine Collins Born in Canada April 9, 1864

Daughter of Stephen Kinsella and Mary Neville

Died September 15, 1920

Age 56 years 5 months and 6 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK R. PAGE 20 LINE 599

Stephen Kinsella Born in Ireland December 1, 1840

Son of John Kinsella and Mary McCray

Died September 13, 1925

Age 84 years 9 months and 12 days