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KLEIN, PETER

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Peter Klein was born in the province of Rhine, Prussia on December 18, 1835. The family came to the United States in 1842 and located in Outagamie County, Wisconsin. He lived with his parents until 1862 when he began to farm for himself on an adjoining farm. In 1866 he moved to Stearns County, Minnesota and located on a farm in St. Martin township for two years and then removed to a farm four miles south of Sauk Centre.

In 1862 Peter Klein was united in marriage to Mary Anna Miller. She died June 27, 1877 during a scarlet fever epidemic. Four of the children of Peter and Mary Anna (Miller) Klein died at the same time and a three months old baby died a few weeks later. The two surviving children of Peter and Mary A. (Miller) Klein are Mathias and Katherine (Klein) Orth.

For his second wife Peter Klein married Dorothea Fresdrehe, in 1878.

Dorothea Fresdrehe, was born in Zeil, Germany, September 17, 1834. Because of the death of her parents in Germany she came to America about 1872. She came directly to Stearns County and was married to Peter Klein in 1878.

Peter Klein retired from farming and moved to Sauk Centre in 1909 where he was killed by a train on June 10, 1909.

Dorothea (Fresdrehe) Klein died in Sauk Centre April 17, 1929. She was a Catholic and a member of St. Paul's church as long as she lived in this country.

Interviewed: Katherine (Klein) Orth
Date: April 22, 1937
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE
FOR THE PETER KLEIN BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 121

Peter Klein and Dora Friedrichs

Married at Meire Grove, July 16, 1878

By: Rev. Pankratius O. S. B.

Witnesses: Nic Rauch and Marg. Rauch

DEATH RECORD BOOK V. PAGE 26 LINE 558

Mrs. Dorothy Kline, Born in Germany, September 17, 1834

Died April 27, 1929

Age 94 years 7 months and 12 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 46 LINE 3

Peter Klein, Born in Germany, January 1835

Son of Mike and Gertrude Klein

Died June 14, 1909

Age 74 years 17 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 53 LINE 18

Annie M. Klein, Died June 7, 1877

Daughter of Peter and Catherine Miller

Age 35 years 11 months