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Herman Kloeppers was born in Saint Cloud February 4, 1868 son of Henry Kloeppers and Katherine (Hunt) Kloeppers, native born Germans. In the Henry Kloeppers family there were six children: Katherine; William; Herman; Mary; Joseph; one girl died in infancy. Henry, the father was a moulder by trade.

Herman first attended the Saint Mary school, which was located on the present (1936) Post Office site in Saint Cloud, Minnesota, and for three years he attended the Franklin school.

After completing school Herman went to work for Reider and Yaeger, a firm of Saint Cloud contractors. The wage for common labor at that time was \$1.50 per day.

Herman is still living in the old home located at 1771 Saint Germain Street. His father bought six acres of land on this site for \$100.00 per acre. Saint Germain Street was merely a trail which crossed the prairie. The west end of Saint Germain Street and vicinity was a total prairie dotted with mud puddles and small holes,

The summers were pleasant with plenty of rain, however, the winters were very severe. Sometimes there were seven or eight feet of snow in the streets and the temperature fell far below the zero mark.

Henry Kloeppers, father of Herman, died December 25, 1899 and his wife, Katherine (Hunt) Kloeppers, mother of Herman, died October 14, 1916. Of the family of six children, Herman and Katherine, now Mrs. Math Leisen, are the only two living.

Herman never married.

Interviewed: Herman Kloeppers
Date: August 5, 1936
By: Virgil Chirhart

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HERMAN KLOEPPER BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1899 A-9 PAGE 171 LINE 2

Henry Kloepper, Died December 25, 1899

Son of Henry Kloepper

Age 83 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK F. PAGE 4 LINE 65

Katherine Kloepper, Died July 8, 1913

Born December 6, 1860 in Ohio

Age 52 years 7 months and 2 days

(Editor's Note: Katherine, sister of Herman)

KLOEPPER, HERMAN

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:

Spelling of name **Kloepper** is correct as stated in the legal record.

Information for corrections and affirmations taken from letter from Mrs. Mary (Kloepper) Leisen, sister of Herman.