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KNEDEL, CARL

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Carl Knedel was born in Carlshof, Gollnow Province, Pommern, Germany on November 21, 1862, the son of August and Wilhelmina (Zander) Knedel.

August and Wilhelmina were both born and raised in Germany. They had several children who died in infancy. Carl is the only living child. Carl Knedel received his education in Germany where he also learned the shoemaker's trade. To learn this trade, at that time, one had to be an apprentice for four years. You received your board and room and a small amount of money. Occasionally, they earned extra money, this was earned when their employer would give them work to do on Sundays. They received tips at times. Carl worked for about a year at the shoemaker trade in Berlin.

In 1885 Carl left Germany and came to America. He came over on a steam boat and the crossing took three weeks to complete. The biggest difficulty in crossing was the rough water, and the boat did not have a large enough load. There was only a half of load of cargo and so the boat was not deep enough in the water. When the stern of the boat was out of the water, the engine would run too fast, so therefore it had to be run at half speed. The boat landed at Castle Garden, New York. From there, Carl, took the train to St. Louis, Missouri. Unfortunately, Carl became ill in St. Louis and was compelled to stay there for a year. Leaving St. Louis, he went to St. Paul that he met Henrietta Schultz whom he later married.

On June 6, 1887 at St. Paul, Minnesota Carl Knedel was united in

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marriage to Henrietta Schultz, daughter of Ludwig and Christine (Rehwinkle) Schultz, Henrietta came to America in the spring of 1887 a year before her parents came.

Ludwig and Christine Schultz, were born and raised and also were married in Germany. They were the parents of five children who are: Ferdinand, August, Herman, Minnie and Henrietta. They came to America in 1888, and settled in Paynesville township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

Ludwig and Christine (Rehwinkle) Schultz are both buried in the Zion cemetery.

After their marriage, Carl and Henrietta (Schultz) Knedel lived in St. Paul until the year 1888 when they moved to Paynesville township, Stearns county, Minnesota. Carl farmed for several years and in 1890 he moved to Roscoe, Minnesota where he opened up a shoe-repairing shop which he operated until 1891 when he moved to Paynesville (North town) and started a shoe repairing shop there.

Meanwhile he had been writing to his parents in Germany and had been telling them all about this wonderful country, persuading them to come over too. In 1899, Carl's parents did come to America and settled in Paynesville township. They ^{died} here and are buried in the Paynesville cemetery.

For several years, Carl worked on the Great Northern Railroad. Carl and Henrietta (Schultz) Knedel are the parents of five children who are: Otto, Henry and three other children died in infancy. Otto Knedel was born June 22, 1888 in Paynesville township. In June 1924 he married Clara Grundt. They have four children, they are: Patricia, Janet,

Venita, and Paul. Otto Knedel is employed as a Depot Agent for the Great Northern Railroad, at Hewitt, Minnesota.

Henry Knedel was born November 14, 1899. He is married and has two children a daughter, Margaret, and a son Charles. Henry is employed as ticket agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad at Brainerd, Minnesota.

Carl and Henrietta (Schultz) Knedel live at their home in North town, which is located two miles north of Paynesville.

Interviewed: Carl and Henrietta (Schultz) Knedel
Date: July 27, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm

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TAKEN FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT House
FOR THE CARL KNEDEL BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1898 A 8 PAGE 110 LINE 2

Wilhelmina Knedel Died April 23, 1898

Daughter of J. Zander

Age 64 years 1 month and 18 days.

DEATH RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 38 LINE 3

Ludwig Schultz, Born in Germany, September 15, 1830

Died September 20, 1912

Age 82 years 5 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 16 LINE 243

Christina Schultz, Born in Germany, September 21, 1833

Father's name Rahwinkel

Died November 21, 1915

Age 82 years 2 months

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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.

AFFIRMED: Name, Christina (Rehwinkle) Schultz is correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. August Schultz
Date: December 28, 1937
By: Clarence Chisholm