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KNOPS, ANTON

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Anton Knops, son of Peter and Helen(Bomgarto) Knops, was born November 18, 1869 in Montfort, Holland. When he was twelve years old he came to this country with his parents. They settled first on a farm in Craintown, Minnesota. As the land was densely covered with trees, they had to clear a space big enough to build a house. Their first house was made of logs. As they had no shingles they used boards, and often in winter when it snowed, the snow would come through the cracks.

Anton Knops attended school only three months in this country to learn the English and German language. When he was thirteen years old he had to go out working to get something to eat. The first winter they lived mostly on potatoes. His mother made coffee from burnt peas and barley.

When Anton Knops was twenty seven years old, in 1896, he married Anna Marie Weber, who was born October 16, 1875 in Mount Calvery, Wisconsin. Then they lived for two years on a farm. In 1898 they moved to Melrose when Anton worked on the section for the Great Northern Railroad as a laborer. In 1911 he was promoted to section foreman and on February 10, 1933 he retired.

Anton and Anna Marie (Weber) Knops had ten children: Gertrude was born in Craintown on November 7, 1897 and is married to Fay Basil. They live at Minneapolis.

John was born in Melrose on July 10, 1899, and he died on December 18, 1909.

Hubert was born in Melrose on July 29, 1901, is married to Augusta Martini and has four children. Herlette, Betty Jane, Caroline

and Barbara Jean. They live at St. Cloud

Peter was born in Melrose on June 30, 1903, is married and has one son Jerry. They live at Minneapolis.

Christ was born in Melrose on December 25, 1905, and he works in a factory in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Michael was born in Melrose on December 11, 1907, and he works in the Northwestern Upholstery factory in Minneapolis.

Marie was born in Melrose on July 1, 1910 and died July 8, 1910.

Helen was born in Melrose on September 10, 1911, is married to Jack Johnson and they live at Minneapolis.

Caroline was born in Melrose on July 4, 1914, and she works in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Joseph was born in Melrose on April 12, 1917, and is at home.

Anton Knops and his wife Anna Marie (Weber) Knops are still living in Melrose.

Interviewed: Anton Knops
Date: July 30, 1937
By: Ann Kramer

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE ANTON KNOPS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Peter Knops	June 30, 1903	Melrose	Anton Knops	
2. Christ W. Knops	Dec. 25, 1905	"	" "	35
3. Michael	Dec. 11, 1907	"	" "	36
4. Mary Ann	July 1, 1910	"	" "	39
5. Hellen	Sept 10, 1911	"	" "	40
6. Baby	July 4, 1914	"	" "	43
7. Joseph	Apr. 12, 1917	"	" "	47

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Anna Weber		(1903)B13	200	7	
2. " "	30	(1905)B15	190	9	
3. " "	31	C	333	5	
4. " "	34	D	41	4	
5. " "	35	E	31	1	
6. " "	38	H	24	603	Female
7. " "	42	K	27	1052	

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK 5 PAGE 18006

Hubert Knops and Augusta Martini

Married at St. Cloud, November 18, 1925

By: Rev. Luke Fink O. S. B.

Witnesses: Caroline Martini and Peter Knops

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 488 LINE 3

John Knops, Born in Melrose, July 10, 1899

Son of Anton Knops and Anna Weber

Died December 18, 1909

Age 10 years 5 months and 8 days