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John W. Koop was born at Dersum, Germany on the 6th of February, 1855. He lived with his parents, William and Susan Koop, until he was sixteen years of age, after which he was employed on the neighboring farms until 1873, when he came to America. He settled in Saint Joseph township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

John W. Koop received employment with John Henry Linneman, one of the first settlers of Saint Joseph, soon after his arrival in Stearns County Minnesota. John W. first drove a team, then was engineer and assistant in the Linnemann flour mill.

John W. Koop was married on the 11th of July, 1878 to Regena Linnemann of Saint Joseph, Minnesota. Regena was the daughter of John Henry and Margaret (DeHahan) Linnemann. John Henry was born in Hanover, Germany on August 11, 1825 and Margaret (DeHahan) was born December 23, 1833. John and Margaret were married about 1853 in Lafayette, Indiana. In 1854 John and his wife started for Stearns County, Minnesota. They took a boat from Illinois to Saint Paul and from that city came to Saint Joseph by ox team, arriving in September, 1854. They settled in Section Three, about a mile and one-half north of the 1936 location of the village of Saint Joseph. John Henry erected a log house and later a log store which was a great convenience to the early settlers. This log store was a primitive building with no floor, only stocked with the bare necessities. Later he opened his log house as an inn for the accommodation of travelers. He also kept the barns at which the stage horses were sheltered. In 1862 John Henry Linnemann erected a mill on the 1936 site of the village of Saint Joseph, where he first used a windmill for power and when the wind failed a horse was used. Later he installed an engine. The mill had three run of stones and a capacity of about thirty barrels daily. Mr. J. H. Linnemann conducted this mill

for about twenty-two years.

John Henry and Margaret (DeHahan) Linnemann were the parents of eleven children, Anna C.; Jennie A.; Mary M.; Regena M.; Joseph M.; Rebecca M.; Henry W.; Nicholas L.; Herman J.; Margaret B.; and Alphonse M. John Henry Linnemann married, for his second wife, Angeline Kraemer on November 7, 1885.

Regena M. Linnemann, the first wife of John W. Koop, subject of this sketch, died in July, 1879 just one year after her marriage.

John W. Koop married, for his second wife, Mary A. Loso, on October 4, 1881. Mary A. is the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Fiedler) Loso.

Peter Loso was born in Prussia, Germany, February 25, 1824 and came to America as a young man. After working in various places in the United States, he came to Stearns County, Minnesota in 1854. He took a claim in Saint Joseph township, in Sections Nine and Ten. Later upon part of his land the village of Saint Joseph was platted. Peter Loso took an active part and interest in the growth and development of the village. He built a flouring mill and operated a saw mill, and later erected the Washington house which was the first hotel in the village. Peter conducted this hotel until his death on October 27, 1877. Peter Loso married Margaret Fiedler. Margaret was the daughter of two of Stearns County's earliest pioneers, Martin and Margaret Fiedler.

Peter and Margaret (Fiedler) Loso were the parents of ten children, Margaret; Martin; Mary; Michael; Katherine; Frank; Peter; three died in infancy.

Shortly after their marriage John W. and Mary A. (Loso) Koop moved to Brainerd, Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

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in February, 1910. Fred married Vivian Ware, he died in July, 1926. Earl, of Brainerd, Minnesota, married Nellie Canfield, and has four children, Robert, Richard, James, and Margaret Mary. Harry lives in Crosby, Minnesota, he married Annabelle Taylor and they have two children, John and Harold. Arthur of Brainerd, Minnesota, married Matilda Newgard, they have four children, Mary Ellen, William, Gwendolyn, Lorraine. Lamont late of Brainerd, Minnesota, married Loretta Dombrowske. They had one child, Lamont Koop died in an accident on October 22, 1936. Daniel of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, married Dona Peterson. Edward of Brainerd, Minnesota, married Madge Vogel, they have two children, Betty Mae and Thomas. Marie of Saint Cloud, married Milton Mahlum and they have four children, John, Mary, Jean, and Breta. Lorraine married Dr. Mario Fischer, they live in Duluth and have one child, Robert.

Interviewed: Daniel Koop
Date: September 9, 1936
By: Mr. Gilbert Bunt

Additional Information:

Vol. II, Pg. 800, 801 Mitchell's Stearns
County History
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Age 34

Sex

Male

Occupation

Merchant

Born

Hanover

Margret Linnemann

Age 26

Sex

Female

Born

Holland

Anna C. Linnemann

Age 6

Sex

Female

Born

Indiana

Johanna A. Linnemann

Age 4

Sex

Female

Born

Minnesota

Mary M. Linnemann

Age 2

Sex

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Born

Minnesota

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Age 2 Mo.

Sex

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Occupation

Farmer

Born

Bavaria

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Sex

Female

Born

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Constance Fiedler

Age 15

Sex

Male

Occupation

Laborer

Born

Bavaria

Stephen Fiedler

Age 11

Sex

Male

Born

Ohio

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