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KOST, JOHN

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John Kost was born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 1856, the son of Clemens and Theresia (Schaiber) Kost. They came to Stearns County about November 1860 where John was reared on a farm. Later He drove oxen which freighted goods between St. Cloud and Winnepeg.

In 1882 he went to Richmond, Minnesota where he served as village constable for twenty-five years and marshal for twenty years.

John Kost married Anna Kesler on February 5th, 1880 at Richmond, Minnesota, the ceremony was performed by Rev. P. Anselm O. S. B.

Anna (Kesler) Kost was born in Chillicothe, Ohio in 1857 the daughter of Frank and Cecilia (Reihle) Kesler of Baden, Germany.

To John and Anna (Kesler) Kost seven children were born, Edward, living in California; Paul, Frank who died November 8, 1882; Clara died May 8, 1912; Ben living in Chicago; Lydia married to Ben Engelhard and Stella is married to Max Davidson. Both Lydia and Stella are living at St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Mrs. Anna (Kesler) Kost died August 15, 1921 and is buried in the Richmond cemetery.

John Kost died October 29, 1927 and is also buried at Richmond, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Lydia (Kost) Engelhard
Interviewed by: Tresa Gruber
Date Interviewed: March 6, 1938

Publication Granted

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN KOST BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Benedict Kost | Jan. 15, 1884 | Munson | John Kost | |
| 2. Leonard E. " | June 20, 1886 | " | " " | |
| 3. Elitha Kost | June 20, 1889 | " | " " | |
| 4. Estella Kost | Mar. 19, 1899 | " | " " | 43 |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Anna Kesler | | A | 619 | 1 | |
| 2. Anna Kesler | | B | 57 | 26 | |
| 3. Anna Kesler | | B | 153 | 32 | |
| 4. Anna Kesler | 42 | B9 (1899 | 284 | 2 | |

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK F. PAGE394

John Kost and Anna Kesler

Married at Richmond, February 5th, 1880

By: Rev. P. Anselm O. S. B.

Witnesses: Clement Kost and Babello Kesler

DEATH RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 40 LINE 3

Clar a Kost, Died May 8, 1912

Age 18 years 6 months

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 100 LINE 32

Franz R. Kost, Died November 8, 1882

Age 21 days

Son of John and Anna Kost

DEATH RECORD BOOK T. PAGE 8 LINE 192

John Kost, Born in Pennsylvania, April 29, 1857

Son of Clem. Kost and Theresia Schréber

Died October 29, 1927

Age 70 yrs. 6 months

DEATH RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 16 LINE 419

Anna Kost, Born in Ohio in 1857

Daughter of Frank Kesler and Cecelia Reihle

Died August 15, 1921

Age 64 yrs

KOST, JOHN

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: Birth of John Kost born in 1857 is correct as stated in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. Ben Engelhard
Date: July 1, 1938
By: Tresa Gruber