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KROPP, CHARLES (ALSO KNOWN AS CARL)

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Charles Kropp was born in Steinheim, Westphalia, Germany, in 1854, the son of Anton and Caroline Kropp. After learning the bricklaying trade and after serving his time in the German army he came to America in the year 1883.

His brother, John Kropp, came to America in 1882 to visit his friends, the Hunstingers, with a view of staying if he found conditions satisfactory. Jobs were not numerous but living was cheap, so he wrote to his folks in Germany to come to America.

There were six children in the Kropp family. Charles immediately set sail and arriving in St. Cloud, went into partnership with his brother John, the company known as Kropp Brothers, Builders and Contractors.

Their first big job was the Gridly Hotel in East St. Cloud among others were the Catholic church at Cold Spring, The Catholic church at Meiers Grove, the Mc Cormick building on 6th Avenue North, The Tileston Mill near the dam(since destroyed by fire). The nurses home of the St. Raphaels Hospital, also the St. Raphaels Hospital now the old folks home. The Mc Clure Block; part of the St. Benedicts' Academy, the Washington School, The Congregational church at Alexandria, which up to its destruction by fire in 1936 was a splendid monument to the builders. The Church at Jacobs Prarie and Eden Valley, the Cathedral grade school, part of the main building of the Teachers College and many residence to numerous to mention.

In 1887 Charles married Frances Muring, daughter of Marcus and Mary (Lauer) Maurin of Cold Spring, Minnesota.

To Charles and Frances (Maurin) Kropp, five children were born Marcus who lives in Washington, Hilda (Kropp) Kapriva at Harden Montana; Carl (deceased); Gyzela (Kropp) Friedman Minneapolis; and Erhart of Minneapolis.

Charles Kropp is still enjoying good health and is now living in Minneapolis. Mrs Frances (Maurin) Kropp is dead.

Interviewed: John Steinworth
Date September 2, 1936
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE CHARLES KROPP BIOGRAPHY

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Father's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1. Baby Kropp | Apr. 14, 1900 | St. Cloud | Carl Kropp | 45 |
| 2. Marcus Kropp | Apr. 4, 1892 | " " | " " | 37 |
| 3. Baby Kropp | Jan. 14, 1894 | " " | " " | 39 |

| <u>Mother's Name</u> | <u>Age</u> | <u>Book</u> | <u>Page</u> | <u>Line</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Frances Kropp | 35 | (1900)B10 | 320 | 7 | Female |
| 2. " " | 27 | (1892)B2 | 231 | 13 | Male |
| 3. " " | 29 | (1894)B4 | 247 | 21 | Female |

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Carl Kropp and Frances Maurin

Married at Cold Spring September 14, 1887

By: Rev. Ludger Ehrens O. S. B.

Witnesses: B. Lamersen and Louise Maurin

Peter Maurin and Telly Maurin

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Carl Kropp Jr. Born 1903 in St. Cloud

Son of Carl and Frances Kropp

Died April 18, 1904

Age 9 months