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LEY, JOHN HUBERT

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John Hubert Ley was born in Melrose, Minnesota February 2, 1873 son of Hubert and Cecilia (Odore) Ley. At the age of two years John Ley's parents moved to St. Joseph, Minnesota where John attended school.

In 1883 they moved to St. Cloud and Mr. Ley took up a business course and upon graduation worked in the office of Tileston Milling Company. The Tileston Milling Company used to be located by the channel between the present site of the two Northern States Power Company's generating plants.

After several years with the Tilestone Company he worked as a collector for the German American bank in St. Cloud and then took a position with the Pettybone Directory Company. He helped compile Directories for this company for eight years and then established his own Directory Company. At the same time he was manager of Dubuque Iowa Directory until it was non-existant. He published directorys of St. Cloud, Brainerd, Fergus Falls, Willmar, Alexandria, Breckenridge, Wapheton, Bemidji, and Aberdeen, South Dakota, until 1925 when he sold his business to R. L. Polk and Company.

Since that time he has lived in retirement in St. Cloud and taking various recreational tours to California and Florida.

Mr. Ley married Ethel Ehrlich in 1908 at Perham, Minnesota. Miss Ehrlich was born in Perham and met Mr. Ley during his establishment of various city directories.

Mrs. Ley died in 1930 and since that time John has been devoting his time to good works in the city of St. Cloud.

He gives his services to various needy families and the use of his car to the Poor Clare Nuns of Sauk Rapids.

He states, "The only interest that is left for me is the possible

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help I can be to the ones that are in need. As I am alone and have no children I fully enjoy living and doing good deeds and it keeps me busy every day."

Mr. Ley is very respected and will surely be well remembered by those who are the object of his deserving services.

Interviewed: John H. Ley
Date: June 5, 1936
By: Dean Nelson

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN HUBERT LEY BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. John Ley	Feb. 2, 1873	Melrose		

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Cecelia Oder		A	115		