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Nicholas Libert was born in Grand Duchee of Luxemburg, 1854, son of Eucarius and Margaret Libert. Mr. Libert attended school there and then came to America. He came to Minnesota and looked over prospects for business and the next year returned to Luxemburg. He then helped his parents farm and they saved their money and several years later the entire family came to the United States. They settled in St. Cloud where Nicholas labored at odd jobs until he established the Libert Hardware om 7th avenue South. In 1888 he built the store which now stands and is managed and owned by his son Paul. Mr. Nicholas Libert died January 4, 1918.

In 1887 he married Margaret Brauch at St. Mary's Church. Father Severin officiating. To this union has been born eight children. Two are dead, Cynthia and Rosalin, and six are living, there are: Paul, Mary, Clathilda, Anne, Margaret, John and Nicholas. There are three grandchildren.

Miss Brauch was born at Luxemburg, Minnesota, July 11, 1862, daughter of Paul and Mary (Arensdorf) Brauch. Miss Brauch's parents were natives of Grand Duchee of Luxemburg and came to Minnesota from there in 1858. They settled in Luxemburg, Minnesota and farmed there during the remainder of their life. Miss Brauch attended school at Luxemburg and stated, "I could read English very well but could not understand one single thing I read. It was not until later years that I found out for myself just what the meaning of all those English words were." After My school at Luxemburg I came to St. Cloud and went to the Sister's school. While attending this school a peculiar incident happened. One day several pupils were taken quite ill. No one gave it any attention and so for several days other pupils and some of the Sisters became ill. Then we were told to go home for a week until

they found out what the trouble was. It finally turned out to be smallpox and because of our ignorance of the disease quite a few pupils died and also two or three of the sisters."

"After graduation from the Sister's school, I attended the Normal School and then went back to help my folks on the farm. We worked very hard in those days and really enjoyed it all. Take the present for example. Everyone is complaining of mosquitoes and cold, but why should they? Back on the farm in the early days we never had any screens or storm windows. Sometimes in the winter we would wake up in the morning and there would be frost and ice on the blankets and covers around our head. We never had any idea what diptheria was either. One winter there were many children sick in our neighborhood and naturally we always went to visit them. In a short time there were seven deaths and many seriously ill, but still we didn't know what was wrong. We never found out until the next spring just what the sickness was, and we were among the sick ones all the time."

Mrs. Libert lives at 405- 9th avenue South. She is still very industrious and always does her own baking of bread and pastry, "Because" she says, "you can never buy home made bread."

Interviewed: Mrs. Margaret Libert  
Date: May 28, 1936  
By: Dean Nelson



TAKEN FROM THE CENSUS RECORDS OF 1860

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Paul Brauch

Age 27

Sex

Male

Occupation

Farmer

Born

Luxemburg

Mary Brauch

Age 23

Sex

Female

Occupation

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Born

Luxemburg

LIBERT, NICHOLAS

Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in legal records of the Stearns County Court House.

CORRECTION:

The birth of Nicholas Libert, January 11, 1853 is correct as stated in the legal records.

AFFIRMED:

The father of Nicholas Libert, (Icharius German) Eucarues English, Carl Libert is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION:

The name of Mary Schmitt is correct as stated in the legal records.

Reinterviewed: Raul and Mrs. Mary Libert  
Date: November 19, 1937  
By: Dean Nelson

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE NICHOLAS LIBERT BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. John Libert	Sept. 15, 1892	St. Cloud	Nicholas Libert	38
2. Baby Libert	Mar. 15, 1899	" "	" "	46
3. Baby Libert	Nov. 10, 1901	" "	" "	48
4. Baby Libert	Apr. 5, 1904	" "	" "	51

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Maggie Brauch	29	(1892)B2	238	19	
2. Maggie Brauch	36	(1899)B9	318	13	Female
3. Margaret Brauch	37	(1901)B11	308	8	Female
4. Margaret Brauch	41	(1904)B14	330	5	Male

DEATH RECORD BOOK K. PAGE 13 LINE 390

Nicholas Libert Born in Germany January 11, 1853

Son of Carl Libert and Mary Schmitt

Died in St. Cloud, January 4, 1918

Age 64 years 11 months and 24 days