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MAIHS, JOHN

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John Maihs was born in West Prussia, Germany, May 7, 1861, son of Martin and Anna Maihs.

Martin Maihs was a farmer in West Prussia and John received his knowledge on the farm and in the country school. John worked on the farm until 1881 and then decided to come to America. He left for New York City and arriving there spent one month in that city. He then went to Missouri and then came directly to Saint Cloud. Arriving in Saint Cloud, John Maihs secured employment as a blacksmith. He purchased two lots in east Saint Cloud on the 1936 location of Third Avenue North East and about Third Street. He then proceeded to erect a home. There were no streets at that time and only two homes near his lot. One home was a block away and the timber was so heavy that from his location he couldn't see the other structure. Several years later the streets were opened up with a team of horses and a plow to designate where they would eventually be. John worked hard to clear his land and promote the growth of a beautiful lawn. He says that he never had any idea that some day there would be as many residences near by as there now are.

John worked as a blacksmith during his entire life in Saint Cloud, being employed a greater share of the time by the granite companies of Saint Cloud. At present he is retired, living at 323 Third Avenue North East with his wife Annie (Laedersch) Maihs.

John Maihs married Annie Laedersch at Saint Paul July 3, 1886. Annie (Laedersch) Maihs was born in Bern, Switzerland, July 3, 1862, daughter of Frank and Ahnie Laedersch. She attended school for nine years in Bern and then helped her mother. In 1883 she left Switzerland with an uncle and aunt and came to America, arriving in New York the same year. From that city they went to Saint Paul where Anna met and married John Maihs.

To John and Anna (Laedersch) Maihs was born one child, Martha.

Interviewed: John Maihs  
By: Dean Nelson

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FOR THE JOHN NAIHS BIOGRAPHY

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