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John M. Majerus was born October 9, 1857 in Luxemburg Germany, and received his schooling there completing about seven or eight grades.

After finishing grade school he went to work as an apprentice for a cabinet maker from whom he learned the trade.

At the age of twenty-seven years he set sail for this country and was on the ocean for thirteen days. He came over with the intention of visiting his sister near Chicago. He spent one year in Chicago and liked it in America, so well that he made up his mind to stay.

Hearing about the beautiful state of Minnesota, he took a train for the central part and his journey ended in Saint Cloud.

He arrived in Saint Cloud April 29, 1886 just a few weeks after the cyclone which had done such severe damage.

Being a skilled cabinet maker and carpenter he was able to secure employment immediately and started work in a sash and door factory owned and operated by F. H. Damm. The plant was located on Fifth Avenue South near the 1936 location of the Street Car barns. The surrounding land, now the south side of Saint Cloud was a prairie with only a very few scattered houses.

Two years after his arrival here he met Miss Catherine Hanks, a native of Luxemburg Germany. She was born there on August 18, 1858 and came to America in 1888 for a visit with her brothers, who lived in Saint Cloud.

John M. Majerus and Catherine Hanks were married October 9, 1888 at the Cathedral church by Father Stemper. After the wedding they went into house keeping in a rented home. Later they built themselves a home at 601 Ninth Avenue South and at present are living there.

They had nine children, three of them are dead.

The living are, Emil; Christine; Victorine; Caroline; Lawrence;

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and Leo. The dead are John, who died at the age of ten years; Edward, who died in infancy; and Leo, who died five years ago at the age of thirty years.

They have two grandchildren.

Interviewed: John Majerus
Date: June 3, 1936
By: Virgil Chirhart

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN M. MAJERUS BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Emilé D. Majerus	Aug. 16, 1890	St. Cloud	John M. Majerius	33
2. Baby Majerus	June 4, 1898	" "	" " "	41
3. Baby Majerus	May 18, 1904	" "	" " "	40

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Katherine	31	(B)	199	10	
2. Christine	40	(1898)B8	305	1	
3. Catherine	46	(1904)B14	333	2	8th child

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John Majerus and Catherine Hunkes

Married at St. Cloud, October 9th, 1888

By: Rev. F. X. Aug. Stempel

Witnesses: Nick Colles and Suzie E. Colles