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Hans Christe Mathiasen was born in Muirn, Denmark, October 17, 1864, son of Lars and Anna (Larson) Mathiasen. Hans received his early schooling in Denmark and at the age of seven was brought to America by his parents. Lars Mathiasen settled in Alden, Freeport County, Minnesota and started farming. Here Hans received additional schooling up to what was considered the third reader.

After receiving this much education it was time for Hans to start working so he began by helping his father on the farm. After several years he worked at home part time and did odd jobs for the neighboring communities and farmers.

Hans C. Mathiasen married Margaret Swensen at Alden on September 6, 1891. Margaret (Swensen) Mathiasen was born in Shalin, Denmark November 13, 1872, daughter of Henry and Carrie (Hansen) Swensen. She received her early education in Denmark and came to America with her parents in 1881. Henry Swensen settled in Alden, Freeport County and established a farm there. At this town, Alden, Margaret spent her life previous to her marriage.

After his marriage Hans Mathiasen moved to Iowa where he established a clothing business. He managed this for several years and then went to North Dakota where he bought and sold grain. After several years in North Dakota he returned to Minnesota and settled in Saint Cloud. Hans was associated with several business institutions in Saint Cloud and in the last few years managed a cafe in East Saint Cloud. He is now retired and lives at his home on East Saint Germain Street.

To Hans and Margaret (Swensen) Mathiasen were born seven children, Gertrude (Mathiasen) McComb; Alma (Mathiasen) Benowitz; Marie; Margaret (Mathiasen) Freiderich; Aren; Alfred; and LeRoy. There are eighteen grandchildren.

Interviewed: Hans C. Mathiasen
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