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Michael N. Meyer was born December 14, 1857, in Morscholz, Kries Merzig, Germany, the son of Nicholas and Catherine (Gross) Meyer. When twenty-three years old he came to America and stayed with an uncle, Peter Gross on a farm near Luxenburg, Stearns County, Minnesota.

Michael Meyer married Margaret Loesch daughter of Nicholas and Anna (Maus) Loesch from Germany.

Margaret (Loesch) Meyer was born November 23, 1864 in Maine Prairie Township.

Nicholas and Anna Loesch came to Maine Prairie and settled on a farm in section three. Here he erected a log cabin and with a yoke of oxen and a cow started farming. Only candles were used, these were made from tallow and had to be kept in a cool place. The Indians were numerous but peaceful, nevertheless, when evening came the mothers with their children went to a home in Luxemburg while the fathers stood guard over the crops. Nicholas Loesch was drafted into the Civil War, he walked all the way to Minneapolis, on the way at night he slept in a hollowed out log. He finally got some one to take his place for which he paid \$300. Many years were required to repay the debt. Mrs. Meyer related about the first train coming to Saint Cloud in 1866, they went to meet Father Seidenbusch, who was on the train. The train was just a huge coach more like our present day box car. Dr. Brigham Sr. was the doctor in Saint Cloud at this time and Mike Majerius had the store where Fandels Store now stands.

Their amusements in those days were what was known as a Yankee Picnic, everybody attended and for 10¢ had a perfectly grand time.

To Michael and Margaret (Loesch) Meyer thirteen children were born. Anna, born 1884, married Henry Wilkes, they have one child and live on a farm in Maine Prairie. Catherine, born 1886, married John Mehren they

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have thirteen children and one grand child. Mr. Hiemenz has a grocery store on Seventh Avenue South. Henry, born in 1889, married Matilda Benarski, they have four children and live on a farm in Little Falls. Madelin, born in 1890, married Henry Henzmeyer, they have six children, he has a grocery store in Luxemburg, Minnesota. Theresa, born in 1892, is a stenographer at Zapp's State Bank Saint Cloud. Margaret, born in 1892, was employed as timber clerk in Forest Service for Local Union No. 237, she was also Secretary- treasurer, she died September 27, 1930. Anton, born 1897, lives in California. Michael, born in 1899, married Mary Meyer, they have three children and live on the old homestead in Pierz. Peter, born in 1902, married Julia Stump, and lives on a farm in Hillman, Minnesota. Robert, born in 1904, also lives on a farm in Hillman, Minnesota. Hildagard, born in 1906, is employed at the Zapp's State Bank in Saint Cloud, and Loretta, married Edward Wayman, they have one child, and they live in Chicago where Mr. Wayman is a chiropractor.

Michael Meyer died July 16, 1932.

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