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MILKE, WILLIAM

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Among the early settlers of Stearns County is William Milke, who was born in Pummer, Germany, on May 5, 1853, a son of Christian and Mary Milke who also were natives of Germany.

William Milke received his early education in the rural schools of Pummer, Germany up to the usual age of sixteen and then he worked for his father who operated a small farm in the vicinity of Pummer, Germany.

When William Milke was about thirty years old, the people in his country were talking about America, telling what a rich country it was and that the wages were so high that everybody just coined money. In 1883 William Milke came to America and came directly to St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he worked at different odd jobs for a few years. He was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company on the section for a number of years then he worked in the Great Northern shops in Waite Park where he was employed up to a week before his death.

William Milke died from an acute attack of appendicitis June 20, 1897, and was buried in the North Star Cemtery of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

William Milke was married on March 7, 1885 in the German Luthern Church of St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Amelia Feabealkorn. The marriage was performed by the Reverend Schmidt, who lost his life the following year in the cyclone that swept through the northwest part of St. Cloud, Minn.

Amelia Feabealkorn was a daughter of Micheal and Louise Feabealkorn natives of Schoenfelt, Germany, where Amelia was born February 28, 1861.

Amelia Feabealkorn received her childhood education in the rural schools of Brantenburg, Germany where her parents lived before coming to America. In 1884 the Feabealkorn family came to America and settled in St. Cloud, Minnesota. In a few years Micheal Feabealkorn bought a farm in Fair Haven township, Stearns County, and operated this farm until his death.

Micheal Feabealkorn died August 21, 1932 at the age of eighty-five years.

Louise Feabealkorn died July 26, 1912 at the age of seventy-five years.

Both parents of Mrs. Amelia (Feabealkorn) Milke were buried in the Fair Cemetery.

To William and Amelia (Feabealkorn) Milke were born three children: Anna, who is Mrs. August Haift, of Kimball, Minnesota; Edith, who is Mrs. Leonard Spaulding, of Waite Park, Minnesota; and William Milke Jr. of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Amelia (Feabealkorn) Milke was married the second time on September 19, 1911 to Godfred Farhanholtz who was a native of Germany and came to America and settled in St. Cloud, Minnesota, where he was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company in Waite Park.

In 1914 Godfred Farhanholtz lost a leg in an accident so he had to resign from his position. In 1915 he moved on a farm in St. Cloud township which he operated for four years. He then returned to St. Cloud, living in the family home on 1019 Fifth Street North, where Godfred died February 28, 1934. He was buried in the North Star Cemetery of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: Mrs. Amelia (Feabealkorn)(Milke)Farhanholtz  
Date: September 14, 1936  
By: N. P. Kruchten

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE WILLIAM MILKE BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Wm. R. Mielke	Nov. 15, 1887	St. Cloud	Wm. Mielke	

  

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Amelia		B	95	97	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I. PAGE 238

William Milke and Amley Fiebecorn

Married at St. Cloud, March 7th, 1885

By: Rev. G. J. Schmidt

Witnesses: Ernst Beucter and Heinrich Fahrenthok

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1896 A-6 PAGE 148

William Mielke, Died June 20, 1896

Son of Frederick Mielke and Maria Ladewich

Age not given

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1. PAGE 4 LINE 112

Godfried Fahrenholtz, Born in Germany

December 16, 1849

Son of John Fahrenholtz

Died April 28, 1934

Age 84 years 4 months and 12 days

MIELKE, WILLIAM

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

CORRECTION:

The spelling of the name Fahrantholz is correct as neither stated in the legal records or biography.

Reinterviewed: Mrs. Amelia Fahrantholz  
Date: January 11, 1938  
By: Dean Nelson