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MILLER, JOHN

John Miller, son of John Martin and Mary Catherine (Kohist) Miller was born June 1, 1861, in Zion Township. John Miller's parents came to this country from Germany in 1860 and bought a farm in Zion Township. As there were no buildings on this farm they lived with neighbors until they had a log house built. Then they started farming with a pair of oxen and two cows. At that time only a few settlers resided there.

The chief crops were wheat and oats. Just enough corn and potatoes was raised to supply their own needs.

The grain was cut with a cradle first few years, then it was cut with a reaper. Threshing was done with a horsepower threshing machine.

The wheat had to be hauled by oxen to St. Cloud, a trip that usually took two and three days.

The first complete crop failure occurred in the year 1875, due to the grasshopper scourge of that year. The first year they took half of the crops, but the second year they destroyed everything in the fields. After completing their destruction they all left.

The following year proved to be one of the best years before or after the grasshopper scourge. All crops of grain and grass yielded abundantly.

John Miller was married September 25, 1885 to Bertha Ruphrick in the St. Martin's Church at St. Martin. The ceremony was performed by Father Luthker. The attendants were Christopher Kolb and Margaret Miller.

John and Bertha (Ruphrick) Miller had three children: Frances was born on August 9, 1886, is married to Francis Weymann and has seven children: Bertha, Alma, Francis, Clara, Rose, Zita and Hedwig. They live on a farm in Spring Hill, Minnesota.

Mary was born September 22, 1888, and she works in Freeport, Minnesota.

Catherine was born November 16, 1890, and she joined the St. Benedict's convent at St. Joseph, Minnesota.

Bertha(Ruphrick) Miller died July 10, 1892 and is buried at St. Martin.

On October 22, 1902, John Miller married Margaret Kueffler, and they had six children: Bertha was born August 30, 1903, is married to Ludwig Roehol and has seven children. They live in Melrose, Stearns County.

Marcella, was born August 21, 1905, is married to Herman Whitener and has seven children. They live on a farm in Freeport.

Erwin was born April 7, 1908, is married to Rose Drouot and has five children. They live in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Arthur was born March 21, 1910, and he died May 13, 1910. He is buried at St. Martin.

Esther was born August 28, 1911, is married to John Nortmann and has three children: Armella, Arnold and James. They live in Melrose Stearns County.

Martha was born April 14, 1914, is married to Anthony Bartell and has three children. They live in Avon, Minnesota.

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK I. PAGE 359

John Miller and Bertha Ruprecht

Married at St. Martin, September 22, 1885

By: Rev. Placidus Wingerter, O. S. B.

Witnesses: Paul Ruprecht and Margareta Miller

DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 240 LINE 3

Arthur John Miller, Born March 21, 1910

Son of John Miller and Margaret Kueffler

Died May 13, 1910

Age 1 month and 23 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1893 A-3 PAGE 192

Bertha Miller, Died July 10, 1893

Daughter of Joseph and Frances Ruprecht

Age 32 years 8 months and 10 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK U. PAGE 25 LINE 577

Mrs. Margaret Miller, Born in Germany, September 1, 1873

Daughter of Nicholas Kueffler and Annie Marie Rethrat

Died August 26, 1928

Age 54 years 11 months and 25 days

MILLER, JOHN

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:

Birth of Francis Miller, August 7, 1886 is correct as stated in the legal record.

CORRECTION:

Birth of Mary Miller September 25, 1888 is corrected on both biography and legal record.

CORRECTION:

Birth of Erwin Miller April 17, 1908 is correct as stated in legal records.

AFFIRMED:

Death of Bertha Miller July 10, 1892 is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION:

Spelling of name Ruprecht is correct as stated in the legal record.

CORRECTION:

Date of marriage of John Miller, September 22, 1885, is correct as stated in the legal record.

Reinterviewed: John Miller
Date: December 21, 1937
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