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MONTHY, LOUIS

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Louis Monthy, a substantial farmer of Buckman, Morrison County, Minnesota, was born October 6, 1855 in Wisconsin, son of John and Minnie Monthy. John Monthy, father of Louis, came to Buckman and settled on a farm during the years of the Civil War. He was called to serve and was killed in the Civil War. In 1864, Minnie Monthy, mother of Louis, married Mr. Henry Green. They endured many hardships, and in 1874 they were completely wiped out by grass hoppers, and money was very scarce. They had to drive to Royalton or Rice for provisions. This trip took a whole day. There were many Indians, but they were friendly, and the family often had dinner with them. The surrounding country was all wilderness, and there were but very few houses.

For a time Louis Monthy worked as a farm hand. Later he secured a hundred and sixty acres for which he paid \$600. As years passed he prospered and he was married to Mary Koop daughter of John and Mary Koop, by Rev. Campbell in 1881.

Mary Koop's parents came from Germany and were among the first settlers in St. Augusta Township.

They had eight children. Six are living. Rose and Herman are at home; Minnie married Diedrich Gowman. They live on a farm and have six children. Frank, is married, and is a mechanic in Colorado. Catherine married William Schaum, and they have two children. William Schaum works for the city of Saint Cloud. Elizabeth married William McGaren. He is a plumber. They have two children. Ida married Victor Goerger, who is a stone cutter. They have four children.

Louis and Mary (Koop) Monthy lived on their farm twenty-two years and then sold it for \$5,000, he then bought the Frenches' farm and lived there for six years. They bought their present home at 903- Ninth Avenue South. They were active members of the German Luthern church.

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Mrs. Mary (Koop) Monthy died in June 1921 and was buried in the North Star Cemetery.

Interviewed: Mr. Louis Monthy
Date: June 5, 1936
By: Tresa Gruber

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE LOUIS MONTHY BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 5 LINE 102

Mary A. Monthey Born in Minnesota May 13, 1853

Daughter of John Kopp and Mary Wagner

Died June 7th, 1921

Age 68 years 24 days