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MUNTIFERING, FREDERICK

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Frederick Muntifering was born in Hanover, Germany November 5, 1855, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Kenning) Muntifering, natives of Germany. In the Muntifering family there were five children: Barney, Herman, Henry, Katherine, and Frederick.

Frederick attended grade school in the local school of his home town. After finishing school he worked at common labor about town. When he reached the age of twenty years he was compelled to serve three years in the German Army, where he held the position of a drummer in the regimental band.

When Frederick reached the age of twenty-six years he came to America with his parents and sister, his brothers having sailed for America some years before.

Upon arriving in the United States they promptly traveled to Cincinnati, Ohio where the other boys were employed in a tannery. Frederick and his father got work there and stayed for about two years. About 1883 the Muntifering family came to Minnesota and bought a farm in Benton County. Here Frederick lived and worked until 1890.

June 3, 1890 Frederick was married to Bernadine (Brinkmann) Muntifering, born June 3, 1866 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the daughter of Bernard and Katherine (Varjahan) Brinkmann native Germans. They came to this country when in their early twenties.

After the marriage the young couple moved to St. Cloud, where Frederick got work at the car shops and freight yard. Here he worked until 1900, then moved to a farm located near Calvary Hill, where they lived and farmed for ten years.

About 1911 they moved to Cincinnati, Ohio but remained only one year, and then returned to St. Cloud where they have lived since. Frederick was

forced to retire because of ill health.

To Frederick and Bernadine (Brinkmann) Muntifering were born nine children: Bernard, born February 25, 1891, lives in Sioux City, Iowa; Katherine, born June 21, 1893, now Mrs. Thomas Blissenbach, lives in Waite Park, Minnesota; Henry, born September 29, 1895, lives in Cannon Falls, Minnesota; Raymond, born September 6, 1897, lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Alfred, born August 24, 1899, lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Alma, born June 18, 1902, lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Herman, born February 27, 1907, now Mrs. Math Root, lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota; Hildegard, born April 6, 1912, lives in St. Cloud. There are twenty-seven grandchildren.

Interviewed: Frederick Muntifering
Date: September 16, 1936
By: Virgil Chirhart

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FOR THE FREDERICK MUNTEFERING BIOGRAPHY

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MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK M, PAGE 23

Fritz Muntefering and Dinna Brinkmann
Married at St. Cloud June 3, 1890
By: Jos. H. Brinkmann
per Gregory Steil, O. S. B.
Witnesses: Catherina Brinkmann
Bernard Storkamp
Henry Brinkmann
Magdalena Kuehn

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NO CENSUS RECORD.

MUNTIFERING, FREDERICK

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

Affirmed: Names of children, Bernard, Katherine, Henry, Raymond, Alfred, Alma, Herman, Hildegard and Elinor are correct as stated in the biography.

Correction: Elinor married Math Root. Corrected by second interview.

Reinterviewed: Fred Muntifering

Date: March 27, 1938

By: Tresa Gruber