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OPITZ, HERMAN SENIOR

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Herman Opitz Senior was born in the province of Saxon, Germany January 2, 1856. Herman Senior obtained a grade school education in his native land, and a thorough knowledge of farming.

In 1880 Herman Senior came to America and came directly to St. Cloud, where he roomed and boarded for awhile with a Mrs. Krantz. For several years Herman Senior was employed as a laborer. In 1886 Herman accepted employment working for the Great Northern Railway where he was steadily employed until about 1900, when he was forced to retire due to injuries received while working.

Herman Opitz Senior was married November 29, 1885, to Amelia Preiss, daughter of Gottlieb and Carolina (Will) Preiss in St. Cloud, by Rev. J. Lange.

Amelia (Preiss) Opitz was born January 2, 1856, in Germany, she came to America when three years of age with her parents.

Herman Senior and Amelia (Preiss) Opitz are the parents of the following children: Herman Jr., George H., Anna M., Clara M., Pauline and Minnie E.

Herman Junior, born in 1887, lives in St. Cloud.

George H., born October 2, 1889, lives in St. Cloud.

Anna M., born February 11, 1892, is dead.

Clara M., born February 21, 1894, is (Mrs William Sagl) of St. Cloud.

Pauline, born December 14, 1896, is dead.

Minnie E. born December 14, 1896, is also dead.

Amelia (Preiss) Opitz died December 4, 1901, and Herman Senior

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died October 5, 1936, both are buried in Calvary Cemetery in St. Cloud.

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FOR THE HERMAN OPITZ SENIOR BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Geo. Henry Opitz	Oct. 2, 1889	St. Cloud	Herman Opitz	33
2. Anna Mary "	Feb. 11, 1892	" "		35
3. Clara Mary "	Feb. 21, 1894	" "		38
4. Pauline "	Dec. 14, 1896	" "		39
5. Minnie E. "	Dec. 14, 1896	" "		39

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Amelia Friess	27	B	162	35	
2. " "	30	(1892)B2	228	6	
3. " "	32	(1894)B4	248	13	
4. " "	34	(1896)B6	327	12	
5. " "	34	(1896)B6	327	13	Twins

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Herman Opitz and Amelia Preiss

Married at St. Cloud, November 29, 1885

By: Rev. J. Lange

Witnesses: August Preiss and Emma Macko

DEATH RECORD BOOK 3 PAGE 9 LINE 254

Herman Opitz Senior, Born in Germany, January 2, 1856

Son of Gust Opitz

Died October 5, 1936

Age 80 years 8 months and 3 days

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Eruslina Opitz, Born January 2, 1856

Daughter of Gottlieb Preiss and Carolina Will

Died December 4th, 1901

Editor's Note:

This woman is the same as Amelia Preiss mentioned in the biography, wife of Herman Opitz.