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PETTY, HEZIKIAH C.

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Hezikiah Clark Petty was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, on September 23, 1846, son of John and Deliah Petty. He attended the public schools of Shelbyville and worked as a farm laborer. His early life was one of hard work. His parents insisted that he take violin lessons.

On August 16, 1865 Hezikiah Petty married Sarah M. Coleman at Shelbyville.

Sarah M. Coleman was born in Shelbyville on June 20, 1848 daughter of William and Sally (Tindall) Coleman. William and Sally (Tindall) Coleman were natives of Delaware, with their family histories dating back to the fifteenth century in England.

Immediately after their marriage Hezikiah and Sarah (Coleman) Petty left by ox team for Minnesota. The journey was long and perilous and only the determined pioneer spirit kept the Pettys ploding onward. They arrived in St. Cloud, Minnesota in early January 1866 and stayed at the Marvin homestead two miles South of that city. Mrs. ^MElizabeth Marvin was a sister of Hezikiah and had preceded him to Minnesota two years before.

During the stay at the Marvin place the first year, Hezikiah and Sarah's first child was born, Arminta M. on October 14, 1866.

The next year Hezikiah took a homestead at Maine Prairie and began clearing the land and erected a log cabin. On this homestead there were three more children born, Eva, on October 15, 1868, Lemmual, on April 18, 1872, and Roy August 30, 1882.

Hezikiah's homestead was located at Maine Prairie about one and one fourth mile east of the site which afterwards held the cheese factory, the blockhouse, and the general store of Maine Prairie.

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He was one of the early pioneers in this section, and his land adjoined Fair Haven township.

During the early years of hard work for existence, the violin lessons, so forcibly learned, were of good stead. Hezikiah began playing for old time dances and enjoyed it as much as the tired, hard-shipped, worn pioneer who sought this kind of recreation occasionally.

In later years this form of recreation played an important part in the life to Hezikiah and he not only reveled in it, but basked in the laurels of recognition. He received several prizes at theatrical contests and was awarded a radio contract by the American Legion at the age of eighty years.

Hezikiah farmed his homestead profitable until 1918 and then retired from active life, in the village of Kimball.

Sarah (Coleman) Petty died in 1916 and Hezikiah died April 11, 1932.

There are eleven grandchildren and twenty-five greatgrandchildren.

Interviewed: Arminta(Petty) Mumford
Date: May 4, 1936
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FOR THE HEZIKIAH C. PETTY BIOGRAPHY

DEATH RECORD BOOK J. PAGE 13 LINE 335

Sarah M. Petty Born in Indiana June 20, 1848

Daughter of William Coleman and Sarah Tindall

Died July 8, 1917

Age 69 years 18 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK Y. PAGE 15 LINE 395

H. C. Petty, Born in Indiana, September 23, 1846

Son of John Petty

Died April 11, 1932

Age 85 years 6 months and 19days

PETTY, HEZIKIAH CLARK

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

CORRECTION:

Date of death of Sarah M. Petty, July 8, 1917, is correct as stated in the legal record.

Reinterviewed: Arminta (Petty) Munford
Date: September, 1937
By: Marjory D. Carter