

St. Cloud State University

## The Repository at St. Cloud State

---

WPA Biographic Summaries

University Archives

---

11-10-1936

### Piplow, August George (1865 - 1914)

Virgil Chirhart

Follow this and additional works at: <https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/wpabio>

---

#### Recommended Citation

Chirhart, Virgil, "Piplow, August George (1865 - 1914)" (1936). *WPA Biographic Summaries*. 1003.  
<https://repository.stcloudstate.edu/wpabio/1003>

This Interview is brought to you for free and open access by the University Archives at The Repository at St. Cloud State. It has been accepted for inclusion in WPA Biographic Summaries by an authorized administrator of The Repository at St. Cloud State. For more information, please contact [tdsteman@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:tdsteman@stcloudstate.edu).

PIPLOW, AUGUST GEORGE

File No. B-1042

August George Piplow was born in the month of September, 1865 in Germany, son of George Piplow, a native farmer of Germany. In the George Piplow family were six children, August and five girls, Emma, Elizabeth, Bertha, and one girl, name unknown, age eleven, died aboard ship while enroute to this country, she was buried at sea. Another girl lives some place in Iowa, her name and whereabouts are not known.

George Piplow settled on a farm in the state of Illinois, but a few years later moved to a farm in Iowa.

While living in Illinois August was married in 1881 to Katherine Schmidt. She was born April 29, 1865 in Germany, and came to this country with another girl, when about fourteen or fifteen years old. Katherine secured work in Illinois, and there met and married August Piplow.

The young couple left Illinois with August's father, George, and lived on a farm in Iowa for a number of years.

About 1897 August moved to Minnesota and settled in Saint Cloud where he did odd jobs for a while, but soon took a job as caretaker of a farm owned by Peter Martin and located near Mahew Lake.

Two years later August left the farm and returned to Saint Cloud. There he died May 17, 1914. His wife, Katherine (Schmidt) Piplow is now making her home at Saint Joseph's home for the aged.

To August and Katherine (Schmidt) Piplow were born two daughters. Clara (Mrs. Harvey Jackson) born October 25, 1895, is living in Saint Cloud. Louise (Mrs. A. T. Nash) born March 25, 1887, is also living in Saint Cloud. There are three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Interviewed: Mrs. Clara (Piplow) Jackson  
Date: November 10, 1936  
By: Virgil Chirhart