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PORWOLL, FRANK

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Frank Porwoll was born in Germany April 30, 1854. When he was twenty-six years of age he came with his parents and three brothers and three sisters to America and settled in Saint Wendel township. Frank Porwoll came to Saint Cloud in 1883, he was a bricklayer by trade. He helped to build the Old Cathedral, and also the Normal School. He, with Mr. Andrew Griber and Mr. Nuerenburg, started a livery stable, and in 1887 they went into the cement business, which is known now as Gruber and Porwoll.

In 1884 Frank Porwoll married Anna Gamroth, who was born in Germany July 26, 1867. They were married in Saint Mary's church by Father Severin Gross. They had twelve children. Paul, married Frances Sakery, and has five children. Anna, married Joe Krafty, and has six children. Susan, married Harry Hertz, and has three children, they live in Saint Paul, Minnesota. Marie, married Alfred Martin, they have one child and live in Massachusetts. John, is still home and has taken over his father's business. Madaline, married Ralph Howard, they live in Saint Paul. Roman, married Ruth Barthelemy, and they have two children. Evelyn, married Clarence Kerr. Dorothy, lives in Saint Paul and is not married. Loyd, married Dorothy Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porwoll built a home on 17th Avenue North when first married, and later they built a home on 16th and 4th Street North. At present they own five homes located on 16 and 17th Avenue North.

Mr. Porwoll died December 18, 1931 and was buried from the Saint John Cantius Church in Calvary Cemetery.

Interviewed: Mrs. Frank Porwoll
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