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QUICKSTAD, CHRISTIAN

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Christian Quickstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nub Quickstad of Norway, was born September 22, 1856. He received a common school education in Norway and in 1878 came to America stopped for a time in Michigan and later came to Saint Cloud.

He married Bertha Mae Dalberg of Toten, Norway, who was the daughter of John and Caren Dalberg, born February 7, 1858. Bertha Mae received her education in Norway, and came over with her parents in 1878. They landed in New York, the voyage took three weeks. They came on to Saint Cloud and stayed with a relative, Mrs. Edward Mayburg. Bertha Mae later made her home with H. Z. Mitchell, who taught her the English language.

Christian N. Quickstad and Bertha Mae Dalberg were married January 6, 1881 by a Luthern minister. Mr. and Mrs. John Hedlund attended them at the wedding.

After their marriage they lived one year in Minneapolis. Later Christian worked for Mr. Hussy N. Thursdale as interior decorator. He decorated the Saint Joseph Church and the college at Saint Joseph, also the State Reformatory and the Theatres of Saint Cloud. He did some very fine stencil work, for which he was noted. Mr. Quickstad with Mr. Hassel had a wall paper and paint shop directly across from the Saint Cloud Public Library.

John and Caren Dalberg, Mrs. Quickstad's mother and father, with one daughter went back to Norway in 1881.

Christian and Bertha Mae (Dalberg) Quickstad had four children. Alma E., born January 17, 1884, was principal at Waite Park at the time of her death in September 8, 1904. Carol Nicoline, born July 1, 1886, married Mr. Wesley B. Thurman. Mr. Thurman is a Professor of Science at the Saint Cloud Teachers College. Nathaniel J., married

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Margaret Bicking, he is the Sup. of Schools at Royal Oak, Michigan. Nathaniel was born October 12, 1888. Natalie Charlotte, born August 6, 1898, married William McLeod. Natalie C. (Quickstad) McLeod is a teacher of music in Detroit, Michigan and William McLeod is supervisor of the Wilson Oil Company.

Mr. Christian Quickstad helped organize the Salem Luthern Church, and was their choir leader for eighteen years, he also taught a Sunday School class. Bertha M. (Dalberg) Quickstad was a charter member of the Bethlehem Luthern church, and also belonged to the Degree of Honor. She died December 19, 1927. Christian Quickstad died December 27, 1901. They were both buried in the North Star Cemetery. Wesley B. and Carol N. (Quickstad) Thurman are living in the old Quickstad home on 727 Fifth Avenue South.

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