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RAU, PETER

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Peter Rau was born in Tilzen on the Rine, Germany, April 13, 1846, the son of John Rau.

Peter Rau married Catherine Koles who was born December 25, 1853 in Prussia, Germany. When four years of age she came with her parents to America and settled on a farm in Collegeville.

Peter and Catherine (Kolles) had ten children: Angeline, married Peter Sauer, they live on a farm in Maine Prairie, Minnesota and have two children. Elizabeth, married J. B. Himsl, who is an attorney at law in St. Cloud, they have five children. Anna, married Joe Fridrich, who is a guard at the Reformatory, they have three children. Peter married Mary Krag, they live at Tacoma, Washington, where he is railroad inspector. John married Elizabeth Hansen, they have one child, Marie. Mathias married Clara Bidinger, they have three children, and live at Morton, Minnesota. Mary married Simon Meyer, they have four children, Simon Meyer operates a farm in St. Wendel township. Joseph married Sophia Janker, they have two children, Joseph is employed at the Melrose Granite quarry. Applonia and Angeline are deceased.

Mrs. Rau is still enjoying good health at the age of eighty-three years. Peter Rau died November 6, 1910.

Interviewed: Mrs. John Rau (Elizabeth Hansen)
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