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REICHERT, SEBASTIAN

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Sebastian Reichert was born on July 10, 1830 in Baden, Germany. He came to America as a lad of eight years with his father. His mother died in Germany. Upon his arrival in America Sebastian, and his father came to Saint Paul, Minnesota where his father died a short while later, Sebastian then lived with friends of his father's. At the age of thirteen years, Sebastian learned the bakers trade, a trade of which he soon became master.

At the age of twenty he was married to Dorothy Strickman, of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

In 1854 Sebastian hearing tales of Saint Cloud in Stearns County decided to move there. So Sebastian and his wife took a steamboat up the Mississippi River to Saint Cloud. After his arrival in Saint Cloud, Sebastian bought a lot on the corner of Fifth Avenue and First Street North from John L. Wilson, Mr. Wilson gave Sebastian one lot free. He then built a home on this property and worked at odd jobs until 1856. He opened a bakery shop in Saint Cloud in 1856. It was located on Fifth Avenue North on the South West corner of First Street. This was the only bakery north of Saint Paul at that time.

To Sebastian and Dorothy (Strickman) Reichert were born nine children. They were all born in Saint Cloud. Henry the eldest drowned in the Mississippi River when he was seven years old. Henry was the first white child to be born in the then new town of Saint Cloud. Joseph, who as a young man left to go west and died in Idaho, his family did not learn of his death until three years after. Frank, was employed by the city of Saint Cloud for many years in the street department, until his death in 1935. Mary, was married to Peter Blattner of Saint Cloud, she died in 1911. Sebastian Jr., who never married, lived on a farm at Sauk Rapids, Minnesota until his death in 1916. Gasper, made his home with his brother, Sebastian, on his farm. Casper died in 1916. Thresa

died as an infant. Josephine, died at the age of twelve years. Anna married Frank Weiman, she is seventy-four years of age and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Joseph Koshiol in Saint Cloud. Frank Weiman was a Street Commissioner, and police man in Saint Cloud for many years.

Mrs. Anna (Reichert) Weiman says, "When my father, Sebastian Reichert, had his bakery in Saint Cloud he used to bake hard tack for the Indians. They used to come after it in bands of ten or twelve, and would bring pelts of fur to trade with him in exchange for the hard tack. One day while the Indians were in the bakery, one of them picked up my small brother, Joseph, and put him under his blanket, a woman customer, who was in the store, noticed what the Indian had done and told my father, the Indian then put Joseph down and strode out. I can remember the coming of the railroad, and how we used to put pins on the track so the train would flatten them for us."

"Mary Edelbrock, Kate Schaefer, and I used to take the ferry across the river, and then walk to Sauk Rapids. We went to a log church, the priests name was Father Minoff."

"It is remarkable how Saint Cloud has grown from old log shacks to big fine buildings, and I am proud my father helped to make it a big fine city. My father served on the city council, at that time a body of twelve members."

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Sebastian Richard	Age 34
Sex	Male
Occupation	Baker
Birth Place	Baden

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Dorada Richard	Age 28
Sex	Female
Birth Place	Hanover

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Henry Richard	Age 5
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Maryland

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Joseph Richard	Age 3
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Minnesota

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Frank Richard	Age 1
Sex	Male
Birth Place	Minnesota