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Carl Richter was born November 10, 1825, at Schanicorn, Germany. As a young man he learned the harness maker trade in Germany at which trade he worked as a means of earning his livelihood there.

He was married to Henrietta Schoen and after a few years of married life the couple decided to leave their native land and migrate to America, the land of opportunity.

In the year 1862, they set sail on the sailing vessel "Roland" and after a trip of eight weeks, during which time they encountered many storms, they landed at Baltimore, Maryland. From there they came at once to Wisconsin where Carl purchased a forty acre farm, between Watertown and Jefferson, Wisconsin, which he operated until 1874. A brother, Rhinard, at that time was living on a homestead near Albany, Minnesota, having filed on it a few years before. Taking advantage of the cheap land available in Minnesota, Carl Richter disposed of his farm in Wisconsin and loaded his family and personnel into a covered wagon and after a trip of several weeks arrived at Albany, where his brother Rhinard Richter, was homesteading. Here he purchases a 160 acre tract of land, a farmer homestead in section 18.

Very little land had been cleared when Carl Richter brought his family there, and the buildings were all of log construction. Through years of hard work and the help of his family the wilderness farm was put into a tillable state. Wheat was the chief crop for many years. Later on, due to low prices and poor production, Carl Richter gradually turned to dairying.

At the time of his retirement, due to old age, when the farm was taken over and later purchased by the son, Gustave, he left his life's work well done.

Carl Richter died several years after his retirement and his wife died October 7, 1917, both are buried in the old Evangelical Ebenezer cemetery, located about four miles west of Albany.

Carl and Henrietta (Schoen) Richter are the parents of ten children, three of whom died prior to coming to America.

Adolph, born May 2, 1854, died February 27, 1932.

Edward, born July 17, 1858, married Fredericka Hohensee, the daughter of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina (Yost) Hohensee. The marriage took place at St. Cloud, Minnesota, March 28, 1888. The witnesses were: J. M. Sullivan and H. D. Jones.

After their marriage they made their home on a farm north of Albany for three years. Next he found employment on the Great Northern Railway and for six years resided at Moorehead, North Dakota. When the Soo Line Railroad was built through Albany, the family returned and he was employed as section foreman for the Soo Line for fourteen years. After his retirement in 1922, the family made their home on the old Richter farm. Here he died.

Edward and Fredericka (Hohensee) Richter are the parents of six children:

Edwin, born March 19, 1896, died at the age of five years.

Roland, born November 16, 1906, at home.

Ida, Mrs. Henry Spencer of Cass Lake, Minnesota.

Elise, Mrs. Frank Kappes of San Mateo, California.

Sofia, died at the age of twenty four.

Dorothy, Mrs. John Wrevoda of Albany.

Gustave, who furnished the information for this sketch, was born March 24, 1861, and spent his life on the home farm.

Agnes, is Mrs. August Koeneman of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Helen, is Mrs. Frank Schellin of Mason, Wisconsin.

Maria, died at an early age.

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LEGAL RECORDS TAKEN FROM THE STEARNS COUNTY COURTHOUSE FOR
THE CARL RICHTER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK H, PAGE 141

August Koenemann and Agnes Richter
Married at Freeport, March 28, 1883
By: Frank Benolken, Justice of the Peace
Witnesses: Henriette Moar and Gustave Koenemann

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK K, PAGE 32

Edward Richter and Friederika Hohensee
Married at St. Cloud, March 28, 1888
By: L. A. Evans, Justice of the Peace
Witnesses: H. E. Jones and J. M. Sullivan

DEATH RECORD, BOOK Y, PAGE 9, Line 246

Adolph Gustave Richter, born in Germany
May 2, 1854, son of August Richter and Hennrietta Schoen
Died February 27, 1932
Age 77 years, 9 months, 25 days

DEATH RECORD, BOOK J, PAGE 7, Line 189

Hennetta Christina Richter, born in West Prussia
January 22, 1832, daughter of Carl Schoen and Christina
Bock, died October 10, 1917.
Age 84 years, 8 months, 20 days

MARRIAGE RECORD, BOOK X, PAGE 12979

Frank W. Schellin and Helen Richter
Married at Albany, November 25, 1914
By Rev. H. M. Awiszus
Witnesses: Gustave Richter and A Schillin
Caroline Hodel and Emma Koenemann

No Census Records