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RICHTER, JOHN P.

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John P. Richter a native son of Stearns County, Saint Cloud, Minnesota was born April 3, 1860, a son of John and Elizabeth Richter.

John and Elizabeth Richter were natives of the Rhineland in Germany and came to America in the 1850's when for a short time they resided in Illinois, and then came to Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

John P. Richter attended the Saint Mary's Parochial school for a few years, the school was located at the 1936 site of the Saint Cloud Post Office. His first teacher was Mr. Habel who Mr. Richter recalls very well. In 1868 the Richter family moved onto a farm south of St. Cloud, near Saint Augusta, and John attended the rural school in District #3 which was organized that year, his father was one of the first school officers. After completing his school years John P. Richter worked on his fathers farm until he was twenty-five years old.

John P. Richter was married in Saint Mary's Catholic Church on January 29, 1884 to Catherine Hartmann, who was a daughter of Ferdinand and Margurette Hartmann.

Ferdinand and Margurette Hartmann were natives of Germany and came to America in the early 1850's and came directly to Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Stearns County. They settled on a tract of land described as North East one-fourth of Section twenty-nine of Township one hundred and twenty-four, Range twenty-eight West, where Catherine was born July 26, 1865.

Catherine Hartmann attended school in the old school house just south west of the city limits of Saint Cloud, District 47, and after completing school she helped on her parent's farm until her marriage to John P. Richter. The marriage of John P. Richter to Catherine Hartmann was performed by Reverend Father Severin Gross, pastor of the Saint Mary's Catholic Church of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

After their marriage John P. Richter worked for his father on the farm for two years then came to Saint Cloud, Minnesota and started to do trucking around Saint Cloud, Minnesota for several years. He was employed by the Great Northern Railway Company in Waite Park, Minnesota for over twenty years.

To John P. and Catherine (Hartmann) Richter were born seventeen children: Ferdinand, died in infancy; Philip, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Mary, now Mrs. Micheal Rein, of Saint Cloud; Carl, died in 1929; Leo, resides in Saint Cloud, Minnesota; William, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Frederick, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Lorretta, Mrs. James Adams, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Margurette, Mrs. Edward Wegler, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Peter, and Nicholas of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Mathilda, Mrs. Frank Stockinger, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Emil, and Andrew of Saint Cloud, Minnesota; Margurette, died in 1920; Alma, died in infancy; Micheal, of Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Ferdinand Hartmann, father of Mrs. Richter, died in 1902 and Margurette Hartmann, her mother, died in 1899. Both parents were buried in the family lot in Calvary Cemetery Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

John Richter Sr. died in 1912 at the age of seventy-five and Elizabeth Richter died in 1929 at the age of ninety-seven and both were buried in Calvary Cemetery.

John P. and Catherine (Hartmann) Richter Jr. are living in their retiring age at their family home at 523 Tenth Avenue North, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

Interviewed: John P. Richter
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John Richter	Age 34
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Luxenburg
Elizabeth Richter	Age 30
Sex	Female
Born	Luxenburg
Anna Richter	Age 4
Sex	Female
Born	Illinois
Philip Richter	Age 3
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota
Henry Richter	Age 2
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota
Joseph Richter	4 Months
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota
Philip Richter	Age 36
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Luxenburg

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Ferdinan Hartman	Age 31
Sex	Male
Occupation	Farmer
Born	Wittenburg
Margret Hartman	Age 25
Sex	Female
Born	Bavaria
Karnigan Hartman	Age 5
Sex	Female
Born	Minnesota
Philip Hartman	Age 2
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota
William Hartman	6 Months
Sex	Male
Born	Minnesota