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Will Rooney was born October 29, 1863 at Ottawa, Canada. His parents were John Rooney and Mary (McCoo) Rooney. John and Mary (McCoo) Rooney were born in Ireland. They were the parents of the following children: Michael; James; John; Hugh; Patrick; Tom; Will; Mary Anna; Catherine; Sarah; and Liza.

John and Mary (McCoo) Rooney came to Minnesota in 1866 and homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres of land in Raymond township, which is now occupied by Will Rooney. His farm machinery consisted of a breaking plow and a cradle.

Will Rooney was married to Helene Riedel on April 5, 1889. Her parents were Peter and Mathilda (Shultz) Riedel. Helene Riedel was born in Germany June 7, 1877. They were married in St. Antony's Catholic Church at Padua by Father Welp.

To this union were born twelve children who are: Edmund J., born March 4, 1900; Joseph D., born October 12, 1901; Felix J. born October 16, 1902; Walter E., born July 29, 1904; Mary Helena, born May 3, 1906; Agnes Mathilda, born September 2, 1908; Emmet W., born June 19, 1910; Leo A., born May 10, 1912; Robert G., born August 23, 1914; Howard A., born August 13, 1916; Leonard J., born March 19, 1918; Catherine Marvel, born April 29, 1920. There are thirteen grandchildren. The boys are all farming in Raymond township except Emmett who is a bookkeeper.

Will Rooney has been a member of the school board for forty-five years.

From a wilderness of hazel brush and oak trees the Rooneys, in two generations, have built one of the nicest and most modern farm homes in the township. During the first years Will Rooney walked from his home to St. Cloud, a distance of at least fifty miles, for supplies such as flour, sugar, coffee and salt.

The Rooney family is of the Catholic faith.

Interviewed: Will Rooney Date: September 15, 1936 By: Dorothy Hansmann

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE WILL ROONEY BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Edmond Rooney	Mar. 4, 1900	Twp. of Raymond	W. E. Rooney	36
2. Joseph D. "	Oct. 12, 1901	" " "	" " "	37
3. Felix J. "	Oct. 16, 1902	" " "	" " "	38
4. Edward "	July 30, 1904	" " "	" " "	40
5. Mary Helen "	May 3, 1906	" " "	" " "	42
6. Agnes M. "	Sept. 2, 1908	" " "	" " "	45
7. Emmett W. "	June 18, 1910	" " "	" " "	47
8. Leo Anthony "	May 10, 1912	" " "	" " "	49
9. Robert Geo "	Aug. 22, 1914	" " "	" " "	50
10. Harold A. "	Aug. 13, 1916	" " "	" " "	52
11. Lenord J. "	Mar. 19, 1918	" " "	" " "	56
12. Catherine M. "	Apr. 29, 1920	" " "	" " "	57

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Helena Riedel	22	(1903)B13	306	1	
2. " "	23	(1903)B13	308	1	
3. " "	24	(1903)B13	312	2	
4. " "	26	(1904)B14	234	1	
5. " "	28	C	126	1	
6. " "	31	C	515	5	
7. " "	33	D	54	2	
8. " "	35	F	42	3	
9. " "	39	H	28	776	
10. Lena "	40	J	37	1209	

11.	Helena Riedel	41	L	20	776
12.	" "	43	N	33	1265

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William Rooney and Helena Riedel

Married at Raymond, April 5, 1899

By: Rev. Francis Welp

Witnesses: Chas. J. Rooney and Miss Mary Riedel

ROONEY, WILL

Second interview to correct or affirm information in biography as compared to information as listed in the Stearns County Court House.

AFFIRMED:

Name is Walter Edward Rooney.

AFFIRMED:

Birthday of Walter Edward Rooney, July 29, 1904, is correct as stated in the biography.

Reinterviewed: Walter E. Rooney
By: Dorothy Hansmann
Date: November 17, 1937