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ROTHSTEIN, HILARIUS

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Hilarius Rothstein was born on January 14, 1878 in the township of Eden Lake.

Hilarius Rothstein is the son of Christian and Maria (Kinzer) Rothstein, now deceased.

Christian Rothstein was born on January 4, 1843, in Weisbaum, Trier, Germany. At the age of eight he came to America with his parents. The trip across the Atlantic was made on a sailing vessel and they landed in New York. From there they immediately came west to Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, where they rented a farm, which they operated for about ten years.

In 1861 they left Wisconsin and came to Minnesota, to take up a homestead. The trip was made with oxen to St. Joseph, where they remained for a few months and then settled on a homestead near Richmond. Here, Christian, with the help of his sons erected a log house and barn, and cleared several acres of land the first spring.

Indians were numerous at that time. One day while Christian Rothstein was in the field, several of the neighboring settlers drove up with their oxen and told him the Indians were coming and so he and his family immediately joined them. When they arrived at Richmond, they were met by Father Cornelious who told them to take refuge in the church there, and if the Indians would come he would go out and make peace with them. This the settlers consented to do, but the Indians failed to show up. The next day they received word from Roscoe that the Indians had followed a settler to his home there and burned his house, but they did no harm to the family. After several raids of this kind the Indians were forced farther west, although some remained they were friendly and did not do

much harm, only occasionally helping themselves to the settlers crops.

Christian Rothstein remained at home until his marriage to Maria Kinzer, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Klein) Kenzer of Richmond.

After their marriage, Christian Rothstein took up a homestead in Munson township. This homestead he sold a few years later for \$800.00 and then bought another tract of land for \$1000.00 in Eden Lake township. This place he and his family improved and it continued to be their home for twenty years. As the children were now able to manage the place alone, he purchased another farm two miles west of Richmond, where he then moved. The son Hilarius continued to operated the farm in Eden Lake township.

Christian Rothstein and his wife remained on this farm until 1912 when they retired and moved to the village of Richmond. Here they resided until their deaths.

Christian Rothstein died March 25, 1918. His wife, Maria, died June 24, 1931. Both were buried in the cemetery at Richmond.

Christian and Maria (Kenzer) Rothstein are the parents of thirteen children.

Elizabeth, is Mrs. Math Schmidt of Cold Spring. Mary, is Mrs. Joseph Becker of Richmond. Peter, died January 1937. Hilarius, who heads this biography. Susan, is Mrs. John Wilhelm of Richmond. Jacob, married Lucy Weisman of Rockville, and they reside on a farm near Richmond. Peter J., married Christine Utch of St. Martin. They reside in Richmond where they operate a store. Margaret, married William Brick of Grey Eagle and they reside on a farm north of Grey Eagle. John, is at Richmond.

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Applonia, now deceased, was Mrs. Brick of Grey Eagle. Three children died in infancy.

Hilarius Rothstein attended school in Eden Lake township, for two years. His teacher was Peter Nohner. He was at home until he took over the management of the farm in Eden Lake for his father.

In 1902 he decided to see the country and so made a trip through several states and for some time was employed in Denver, Colorado. In the fall of that year he again returned home.

On November 8, 1902, Hilarius Rothstein was married to Elizabeth Wilhelm, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Marthaler) Wilhelm. Father Bonaventure Hansen O. S. B. performed the ceremony. The attendants were Jacob and Susan Rothstein and Frank and Catherine Wilhelm.

After their marriage they moved on the farm owned by his father, and which he had formerly operated. On this place they farmed for one year. In the fall of 1903 they moved on a farm near Richmond where they farmed for three years. In 1906 they moved on a farm three miles north of Roscoe on which they operated also for three years. In 1909 they bought a farm one mile east of Roscoe on which they farmed for twenty years, and then rented the farm and bought a home in Melrose, where they reside at present.

Hilarius and Elizabeth (Wilhelm) Rothstein are the parents of two children. Aurelia, married Math Kotschevar and they reside at Richmond. Marcella, is Mrs. Walter Haupt of Albany. They have five children, Walter Junior, Joan, James, Mary Lou, and Jean Carol.

Interviewed: Hilarius Rothstein
Interviewer: Walter B. Haupt
Date: April 12, 1937

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE HILARIUS ROTHSTEIN BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. William Rothstein (known as Hilarius Rothstein)	June 14, 1878	Twp. Eden Lake	Christian Rothstein	
2. Mary Rothstein	Nov. 11, 1903	Twp. of Munson	Hilarius Rothstein	24
3. Katy Marcella "	July 11, 1905	" " "	" "	27

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Mary Rothstein		A	307	32	
2. Elizabeth Wilhelm	22	(1903)B13	213	3	1st child
3. " "	22	(1905)B15	208	4	2nd child

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK R. PAGE 8820

Hilarius Rothstein and Elizabeth Wilhelm

Married at Richmond, November 18, 1902

By: Rev. Bonaventure Hansen O. S. B.

Witnesses: Jacob Rothstein and H. Wilhlem, Frank Wilhelm and Susan Rothstein

DEATH RECORD BOOK X. PAGE 18 LINE 521

Maria Rothstein Born in Illinois December 18, 1854

Daughter of Nick Kinzer and Elizabeth Klein

Died June 24, 1931

Age 76 years 7 months and 6 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK K. PAGE 12 LINE 360

Christian Rothstein, Born in Germany, January 25, 1843

Died March 25, 1918

Age 75 years 5 months

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

CORRECTION:

Marriage of Hilarius and Elizabeth (Wilhelm) Rothstein should read November 18, 1902, as listed in legal record in the court house.

CORRECTION:

Birth of Christian Rothstein should read January 25, 1843, as listed in legal records in the court house.

AFFIRMED:

Names of daughter of Hilarius Rothstein should remain as in biography Aurelia and Marcella.