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One of our pioneer and native sons of Minnesota, and early settlers of Stearns County is Robert Saller, better known to his many friends as "Bob" the Plasterer and Contractor.

Robert Saller was a son of Edward and Sophie Saller both natives of Saxton and Hanover Germany. Mr. Saller's father and mother came from Germany across the great Atlantic on a sail boat in the early 1840's and settled in Dayton, Ohio. They lived at Dayton for eleven years. About 1852 they moved to Red Wing, Minnesota where Robert Saller was born August fifth, 1865. After a few years they moved to Manterville, Minnesota; where both parents resided until their death.

Robert Saller received his education in the country and public schools of Manterville. He came to St. Cloud on April 17, 1886. The following month of May 1886, Mr. Saller started to work for Kropp Brothers, General Contractors, of this city. With the firm of Kropp Brothers, he was employed for ten years. In 1896 he started as a Building Contractor, giving employment to many people of the different trades that go with the general contracting business. This business Mr. Saller followed until five years ago when he retired in 1931.

Robert Saller was married September thirteen, 1893 in the Presbyterian Church of St. Cloud by Reverend E. V. Campbell to Mary Huber, daughter of Jacob G. Huber and Anna M. Huber, both natives of the old country. Mr. Huber's home was in Switzerland and Mrs. Huber came from Messkierch, Germany. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huber came to America from the continent over the Atlantic by sail boat and were married by the ship's Captain. They settled

in St. Cloud in the early part of 1857. Mrs. Mary (Huber) Saller was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, January 18th, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saller have two children, Harold C. Saller contractor of St. Cloud, and Mrs. Charles J. Jones of Tracey, California. There are four grandchildren, Ronald M., Betty Helen, Norma Jeanne, and Marjorie Gertrude Saller, all of St. Cloud.

In 1894, Mr. Saller states, there was a slight depression existing in his line of work. The Great Northern Railway moved their Round House to Melrose, Minnesota, this making work in Melrose so he had to work in that town for a few years. When he returned to St. Cloud business was much better.

In 1895, Mr. Saller built his family home at 220-7th Avenue South, St. Cloud, Minnesota, where Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saller are now living.

Interviewed: Robert Saller

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