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SCHAEFER, PETER R.

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Among the early pioneers born in Saint Cloud, we find Peter R. Schaefer, born January 19, 1865, son of George and Margaret (Klein) Schaefer, who, in 1860 came to Saint Cloud from Ohio, and shortly after opened a hotel which was called the Schaefer House.

Peter attended school in Saint Cloud, completing the grades and then attending the State Normal school here for three years. Shortly after his graduation from the Normal school, Peter took over the management of the Pacific Hotel located on what is now Sixth Avenue and First Street South.

In 1896 Peter bought a half interest in the Rosenberger Book store continuing the partnership of Rosenberger and Schaefer until 1901, when Peter bought the interests of Mr. Rosenberger, and became sole owner.

Peter Schaefer continued in this business until his death January 19, 1915, Mrs. Schaefer died one week later, a son Lawrence has continued this business since.

Peter R. Schaefer was married to Estelle McGeorge about 1890, they were the parents of eight children: Lawrence; Rena; Arthur; Walter; Vincent; Norbert; Lucille; and Robert, who died in 1909.

Interviewed: Mrs. & Mr. L. Schaefer
Mr. Charles Metzroth
Date: September 9, 1936
By: Walter Jernberg

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FOR THE PETER R. SCHAEFER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK J. PAGE 74

Peter Schaefer and Estella McGeorge

Married at St. Cloud September 21, 1886

By: Rev. F. X. Aug Stemper

Witnesses: Peter F. Miller and Emma L. Schaefer

DEATH RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 18 LINE 283

Peter R. Schaefer Born in Minnesota Mar. 28, 1866

Son of Geo M. Schaefer and Margareth Klein

Died Jan. 19, 1915