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SCHEIBEL, MIKE

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Mike Scheibel was born on January 25, 1868, in Bavaria, Germany.

Mike Scheibel is the son of Andrew and Sophia (Beyer) Scheibel, who lived on a farm three miles east of Albany, which is now known as the Wertin farm.

Andrew and Sophia (Beyer) Scheibel were born in Bavaria, Germany and were married there. In Germany they operated a small farm. During the German Franco War, Andrew Scheibel served in the German Army, where he endured many hardships, which impaired his health and in later years developed into consumption from which he died after a few years in America.

In the year 1868, when Mike Scheibel was nine months old, his parents migrated to America, after selling their property in Germany and at once came to Stearns County, where the father, Andrew Scheibel, bought a claim three miles east from where the village of Albany now stands. This claim had been deserted a short time before, by a settler, who was unable to induce his wife to live in the then wild country.

When the Scheibel family arrived on the claim, they at once erected a small shack, in which they lived during the first winter, because the log cabin, which had been erected on the place was unfinished. The next spring, however, Andrew Scheibel completed it and it served as their home for many years.

Since the family possessed a small sum of money, which they received for their property in Germany, they were able to buy a team of oxen, a wagon, and a few other nexessary farm tools. For these he had to pay a large price due to the fact that he did not know the value of American money.

The first crops consisted of wheat, potatoes and turnips. As it was impossible to grub the land before seeding, the first spring wheat was sown around the stumps and at harvest time it was cut with a cradle. The first threshing was done in a small shed, the floor of which was made by tamping clay until it was hard and smooth, and when dry, the bundles were laid on the floor and beaten with a flail until the grain was separated from the straw.

Indians were numerous in Stearns County during the first years that the Scheibel family lived on the farm. During the interview, Mr. Scheibel remarked, " The only trouble the Indians caused us was, whenever they were in the neighborhood the oxen would become almost impossible to manage, this was due to the fact that the oxen objected to the smoky smell of the Indians which he could detect when they were a mile distant. Often a band of Indian would come to the house to beg, but they were always friendly. Their favorite dish was milk and bread and as we always had plenty on hand mother would give them their fill and then they usually rewarded her with a piece of smoked venison. Whenever they camped near our farm, my brothers and I often went to visit with them and played with the children, and, if the squaw was in good humor, she would give us candy which they made by cooking maple syrup until it became hard. At one time I also received a pair of beaded moccasins."

Deer were plentiful, and in the winter after a heavy snow they would follow a load of hay, eating whatever would be scratched off the load by the trees, and come up to the house. Andrew Scheibel was able to supply the family with plenty of venison until, the deer were slaughtered

off by commercial hunters who hauled them out by loads and sold them to the government and large construction companies.

During the first years the Scheibel family attended church at New Munich. The next year church services were held in the Schwinghammer home and a little later the settlers erected a log building which served as a church and school.

At the age of seven Mike Scheibel started school and was able to attend until he was twelve. His teacher was Mike Walz.

Andrew Scheibel, father of Mike, died when Mike was nine years of age and so he had to assist his brothers with the farm work at an early age, and continued to work on the farm until it was taken over by a brother and the family moved to the village of Albany.

On November 24, 1890, Mike Scheibel was united in marriage to Christine Sailer.

Christine Sailer was born in Germany and came to America at the age of twelve, and made her home with the Joseph Meyer family for about five years and then was employed at St. Cloud until her marriage.

After the marriage the couple rented a farm near St. Martin where they resided for four years and then, moved on the home farm for a short time with the intentions of buying it, but soon found out that there was a mortgage on the place, which he was not told about at the time he moved and so he bought an 80 acre farm five miles north of the village of Albany. Here through hard work and good management he was able to buy more land and at present the farm consists of 200 acres, and also a fine set of modern buildings.

In the year 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Scheibel retired and moved to the village of Albany where they reside at present, both are enjoying good health. The farm at that time was taken over by the son, Andrew.

Mike and Christine (Sailar) Scheibel are the parents of twelve children. Rose, Andrew, Christopher, Frances, Cecelia, Christine, Susanna, Catherine, Mike, Sophia, Joseph and Herman.

Rose, born November 24, 1891, married John Meyers and reside on a farm near Ramey, Minnesota. They have four children.

Andrew, born July 1, 1893 married Christine Katzner and they operate the home farm. They have two children.

Christopher, born September 2, 1895, married Angeline Koppy, they have four children, and reside on a farm near Ramey, Minnesota.

Frances, born April 24, 1897, married Carl Wichert an engineer on the railroad and they reside at St. Paul. They have one child.

Cecelia, born October 11, 1899 is employed at St. Paul.

Christine, born November 11, 1900, married Walter Eiden and they reside on a farm near Holdingford. They have eight children.

Susanna, born February 28, 1892 died in infancy.

Catherine, born April 8, 1903, married Lawrence McAlphine of St. Paul, where he is employed as a cook in a hotel. They have two children.

Mike Junior, born August 8, 1905, married Thresa Koppy, and reside on a farm three miles north of Albany. They have two children.

Sophia, born March 2, 1908 is employed at St. Cloud.

Joseph, born January 25, 1911, died when he was 18 months old.

Herman, born November 16, 1913 is employed at St. Cloud.

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FOR THE MIKE SCHEIBEL BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Rose Scheibel	Jan. 11, 1892	Twp. of Zion	Michael Scheibel	24
2. Christ "	Sept 2, 1895	Albany	" "	29
3. Frandiska "	Apr. 11, 1897	Krain	" "	30
4. Cecelia "	Oct. 11, 1898	"	" "	32
5. Christina "	Nov. 12, 1900	"	" "	33
6. Kate "	May 8, 1903	"	" "	36
7. Mike "	Aug. 8, 1905	"	" "	38
8. Sophie "	Mar. 2, 1908	"	" "	41
9. Hermon "	Nov. 16, 1913	"	" "	46

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<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Christine Seiler	20	(1892)B2	315	7	
2. " "	21	(1895)B5	4	33	
3. " "	25	(1897)B7	144	1	
4. " "	23	(1898)B8	169	1	
5. " "	30	(1900)B10	176	2	
6. " "	32	(1903)B13	161	1	
7. " "	34	(1905)B15	146	1	9th child
8. " "	37	C	490	1	
9. " "	42	G	27	713	

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MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 121

Michael Scheibel and Christina Seiler

Married at St. Martin, November 24, 1890

By: Rev. Paulin Wiesner O. S. B.

Witnesses: Wenzel Fischer and Cath. Johnes.

DEATH RECORD BOOK 1893 A 3 PAGE 3 LINE 9

Sophia Scheibel Died June 12, 1893

Age 67 years

DEATH RECORD BOOK A. PAGE 49 LINE 12

Andrew Scheibel Died October 17, 1877

Age 79 years 11 months and 17 days

DEATH RECORD BOOK E. PAGE 22 LINE 6

Joseph Scheibel Born January 25, 1912

Son of Mike Scheibel and Kate Seiler

Died September 25, 1912

Age 8 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:

Birth of Rose Scheibel should read December 11, 1891, not as listed in legal records, but affirmed by Mike Scheibel.

AFFIRMED:

Birth of Frances born April 24, 1897

Birth of Cecelia born October 11, 1899

Birth of Christine born November 11, 1900

Birth of Joseph born January 25, 1911 and died September 25, 1912, age 18 months.

CORRECTION:

Spelling of name Sailer

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