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SCHLEPPENBACH, JOHN

FILE NO. B 1176

John Schleppenbach was born December 21, 1862 in Dettersdorf Maehren, Bohemia in Austria, now known as Czeckoslovakia.

He received a common school education there and as a young man was employed as a laborer on the neighboring farms.

In the year 1881, he came to America with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Bier, and at once came west to Albany, Stearns County, Minnesota. During the first few years here, he was employed by Ferdinand Bier, who purchased a farm near Albany, after their arrival here, and also worked on neighboring farms. Not satisfied with working for others and with an ambition to own his own place he purchased an 80 acre of wild land, about four miles south of the village of Albany.

On January 31, 1892, he married Johanna Rakotz, daughter of Frank and Mary (Strack) Rakoz was born December 21, 1871, on a farm near Richmond, Minnesota. She attended school in Krain township, her teacher was Mike Gares.

After their marriage the couple erected a small house on the eighty acre land which he had purchased. Mrs. Schleppenbach assisting her husband in digging the basement for the home and also in its erection. When the home was completed, they started the work of clearing the land, which at that time was covered with timber.

Three years of hard work and good management, during which time they endured many hardships, they added to their original tract until their farm consisted of 200 acres.

In the year 1910, John Schleppenbach decided to replace the old home with a larger and modern house. In April of that year, while **returning** to the farm with the last load of lumber to be used in the construction of the house, he was injured when the load upset and he died April 20, 1910. Burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at Albany.

After the death of her husband, Johanna (Rakoz) Schleppenbach carried on the work of managing and working the farm, with the help of her children.

In 1925, the farm was taken over by the son Frank, and Mrs. Schleppenbach retired and moved to the Village of Albany where she resides at present.

John and Johanna (Rakoz) Schleppenbach are the parents of seven children:

Francis, born July 24, 1894, married Christ Fuchs and they reside in Albany where he operates a blacksmith shop. They have six children.

John, born May 8, 1896, is employed at Albany.

Frank, born January 29, 1898, married Anna Meyer and they reside on the home place. They have five children.

Hannah, born August 29, 1900, is Mrs. Oliver Lunde, through a second marriage. They reside at Hayfield, Minnesota, where they operate a cafe. She is the mother of two children.

Francis, born September 29, 1902, is Mrs. J. J. Fox, a painter and decorator of Los Angeles, California. They have three children.

Ferdinand, born September 27, 1907, married Dorothy Grossman and they reside at St. Paul, where he is employed.

Joseph, born March 13, 1909, married Anna Nieland and they reside at Albany where he is employed. They are the parents of three children.

Interviewed: Mrs. Johanna (Rakoz) Schleppenbach
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By: Walter B. Haupt

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DEATH RECORD BOOK C. PAGE 74 LINE 43

John Schleppenbach, Born in Austria , January 14, 1863

Died April 18, 1910

Age 47 years 5 months and 16 days

FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE JOHN SCHLEPPENBACH BIOGRAPHY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1. Christ Schleppenbach	July 24, 1895	Albany	John Schleppenbach	28
2. John "	May 13, 1897	"	" "	31
3. Francis J. "	Jan. 29, 1899	"	" "	34
4. Johanna F. "	Aug. 31, 1901	"	" "	42
5. Francis "	Oct. 4, 1903	"	" "	37
6. Ferdinand "	Sept 27, 1907	"	" "	42
7. Joseph "	Mar. 13, 1909	"	" "	44
8. Johana Ragotz	Dec. 21, 1871		Frank Ragotz	

<u>Mother's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Book</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. Johanna	22	(1895)B5	5	2	
2. "	25	(1897)B7	3	2	
3. "	27	(1899)B9	2	3	
4. "	36	(1901)B11	7	1	
5. "	27	(1903)B13	41	1	
6. "	36	C	206	4	
7. "	35	C	511	6	
8. Mary Strack		A	73	28	

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK N. PAGE 116

John Schleppenbach and Johanna Rakoz

Married at Krain Township, January 31, 1893

By: Rev. Ign. Loger

Witnesses: Frank Rakoz and Victoria Bier

SCHLEPPENBACH, JOHN

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

AFFIRMED:

Spelling of name Rakoz, is correct as stated in the biography.

AFFIRMED:

Birth of John Schleppenbach, is December 21, 1862, is correct as stated in the biography.

CORRECTION:

The following is a correct list of names and birth dates of children of John Schleppenbach:

Christine, Born July 24, 1895

John born May 8, 1897

Frank, born January 29, 1899

Johanna, born August 29, 1901

Frances, born September 29, 1903

Ferdinand, born September 27, 1905

Joseph, born March 13, 1909

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